

BLUE MONDAY PG. 7

Staying active can beat that beginning-of-the-week depression



PIRATES DROP FINAL HOME GAME PG. 9

George Mason bests ECU 72-65



TODAY'S WEATHER

Sunny, high of 66° and a low of 48°



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000

16 days to go until Spring Break

NEWS BRIEFS

Education Career Day

Education Career Day will take place from 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Feb. 25, in Mendenhall. School systems from throughout the state will be present to answer questions, give out applications and receive resumes. All Education-related majors (speech language, school social workers, school psychology) may attend. Interviews are optional, but may be set-up between 12-3 p.m.

Spelling bee fund-raiser

The Tenth Annual Corporate Spelling Bee, a fund-raiser to benefit Literacy Volunteers of America-Pitt County, will take place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Plaza Mall. Three-person teams from area companies, schools and organizations will compete in spelling contests for a trophy. The Bee is sponsored by *The Daily Reflector* and will feature past team winners and area celebrity judges. Chancellor Eakin will serve as the emcee. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

Lecture

A lecture, "Exploring the Plight of the African American in the New Millennium," featuring Taffye Benson Clayton, will take place at 6 p.m. tonight at the Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center located in the Bloxton House. The public is invited to attend.

Baseball

ECU plays Radford at Harrington Field at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, and Sunday, Feb. 27.

Tribute to Motown

In celebration of Black History Month, musicians at the School of Music will offer "A Tribute to Motown," at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, in the Fletcher Building Recital Hall. The concert is free.

Lady Pirates

The Lady Pirates will play George Mason Sun. Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

Family Fare

"Caddie Woodlawn," a play about a high-spirited tomboy who helps keep the peace between settlers and the Dakota Indians, is scheduled to be performed at 2 p.m., in Wright Auditorium. The production is part of the ECU Family Fare Series. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. All tickets at the door are \$9. Contact: Central Ticket Office, Mendenhall Student Center, 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Local author

Farmville native Lorraine Johnson Coleman, who wrote the novel "Just Plain Folks", will visit Greenville on March 2. Coleman will host a reading of some of her other works at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the Greenville Museum of Art. A reception and a public question and answer session will follow.

ONLINE SURVEY

Vote online at tec.ecu.edu

Are you in favor of no longer using social security numbers as student ID numbers?

Do you think S.C. should be able to fly the Confederate flag over a state building?

78% Yes 21% No

Vice Chancellor decides to remain at ECU

Ringeisen drops out of ISU presidential search

Angela Harné
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Richard Ringeisen, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, stepped out of the running for the Indiana State University (ISU) presidency.

The ISU presidential selection process began this last fall when Ringeisen was nominated with over 100 other candidates.

"Usually when I get a nomination I look into it," Ringeisen said. "If it is interesting enough, then I will consider it, like in this incident."

Ringeisen said the main reason he considered the ISU nomination was because grew up in Indiana. He later decided that he was not ready to leave Greenville and ECU. He said the decision to resign from the running was a mutual decision made by ISU

and himself.

"I decided that I truly like ECU," Ringeisen said. "I am not ready to leave during what I believe is the most exciting time of history for our university."

According to Ringeisen, he chose to stay because ECU is undergoing significant changes.

"We are the leading university in information technology, our advising is getting better, we are trying to increase merit scholarships for students, we are trying to keep kids in school, and we are growing in quantity, quality and honors," Ringeisen said. "Plus, we are not done."

Dr. Gary R. Lowe, interim assistant to the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs said he is very pleased with Ringeisen's decision.

"I have been working with him since he came to the university," Lowe said. "He has worked hard since he began here, and has accomplished a lot. I feel Ringeisen does a great job inter-

acting with the deans and doing what is right for the faculty. He's a good man to work with, he is very accessible and, in my opinion, he's down-to-earth."

Dr. Dave Watkins, special assistant to the vice chancellor of Academic Affairs for information technology, said he is thrilled Ringeisen decided to stay at the university.

"I am very happy and jumping for joy over his decision to stay," Watkins said. "Ringeisen has done a lot of good things for the university, especially for my area. He started the initiative for information technology. I would have hated to see him go."

Chancellor Eakin is out of town this week on business and could not be contacted for comment.

According to Ringeisen, during the process the selection is narrowed down through interviews, references and resumes. By January, three candidates were left in the running; himself, Sam

C. Kirkpatrick, president at University of Texas at San Antonio and Dr. Lloyd W. Benjamin III, vice president of academic affairs at Valdosta State University. Benjamin taught art for six years at ECU before going to Valdosta.

Ringeisen said once it was down to three candidates, they each had to go through a three day period of interviews to decide if they truly wanted the position.

"I decided ECU is a good place," Ringeisen said.

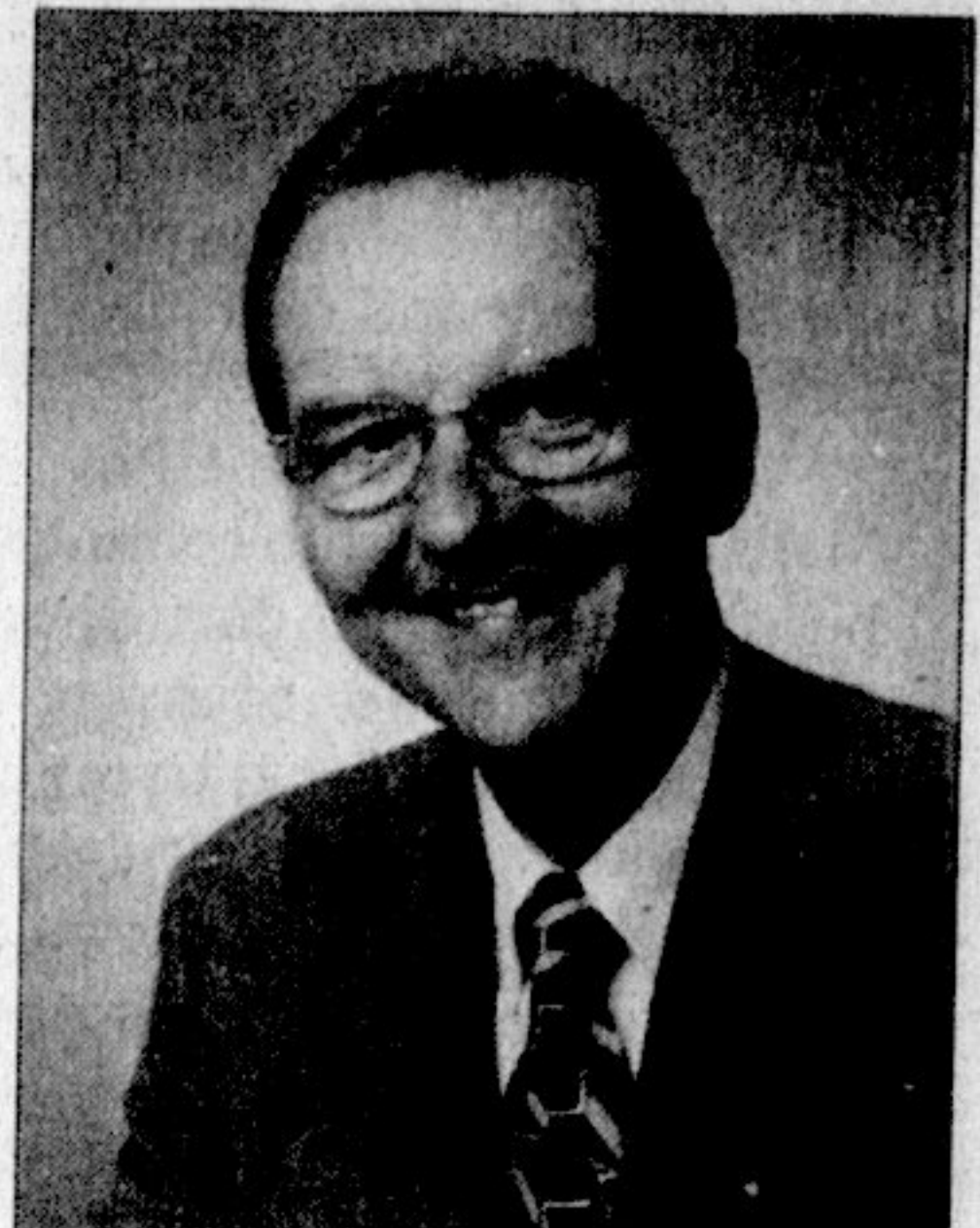
His wife, Carolyn Ringeisen told *The Daily Reflector* that they love the community and the people in it.

According to Teresa Exline, director of public affairs for ISU their Board of Trustees offered the position to Benjamin on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Ringeisen came to in ECU during the summer of 1996. Previously, he was the head of the mathematical sciences department at Clemson, and also the

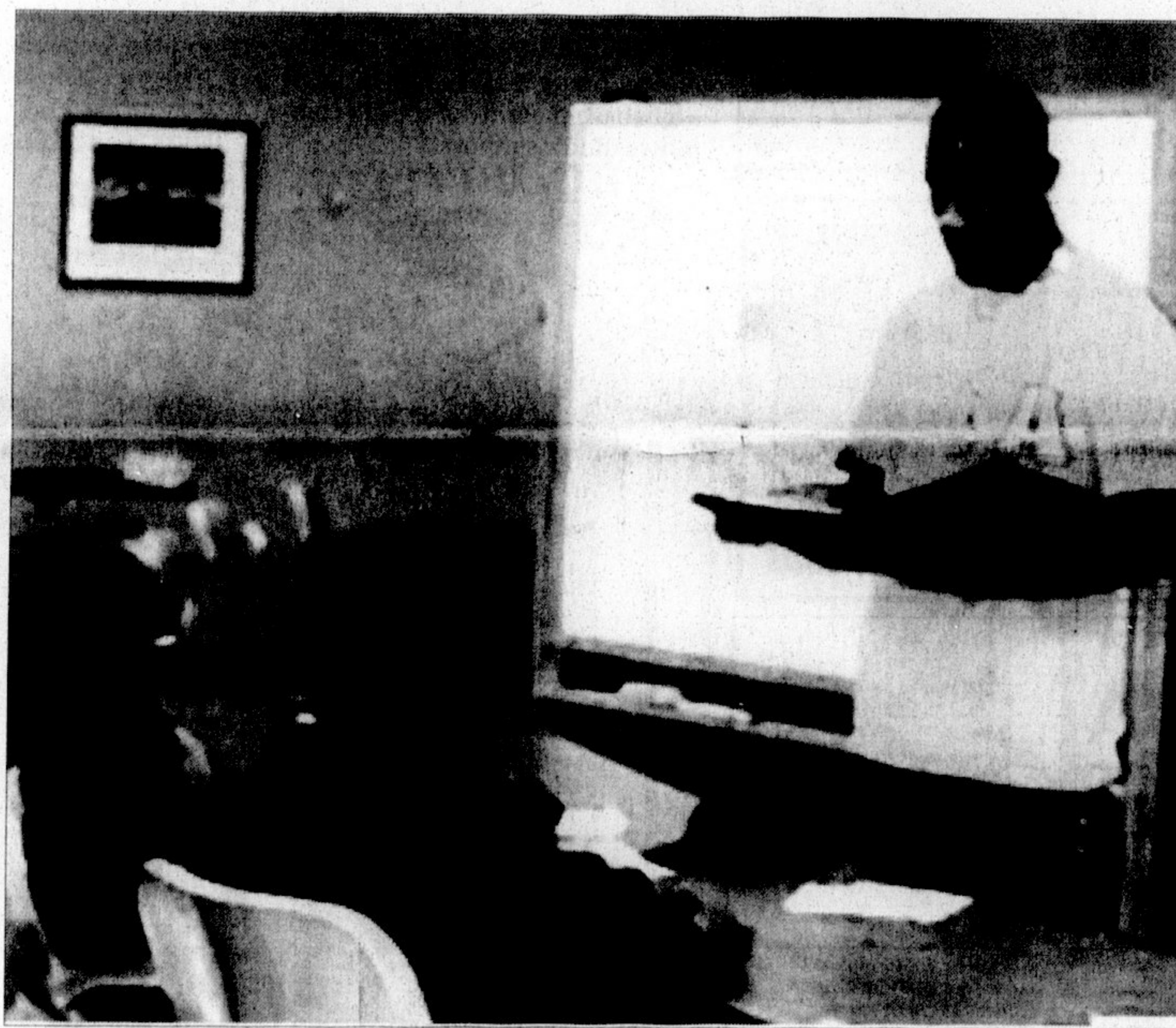
Dean of Sciences at Old Dominion.

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Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Richard Ringeisen, has been a member of the ECU faculty since 1996. He was a candidate for the presidency of Indiana State University but chose to remain at ECU. (file photo)

Planting the seeds of success



In celebration of Black History Month, Tre Nunley of the Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, reads a book about inventions and contributions of African-Americans to children in the Safe Haven Weed and Seed Program. After the story, members of Alpha Phi Alpha showed the children a movie. (photo by Terra Steinbeiser)

GA survey evaluates student satisfaction at ECU

Sophomores required to take poll before registering for Fall 2000

Terra Steinbeiser
NEWS EDITOR

ECU, in collaboration with the UNC system, is conducting a survey of all sophomores to evaluate the university's overall effectiveness in academics and campus services.

Garry Barnes, vice president of the General Administration's Program Assessment and Public Service, said the sophomore survey is especially important because it polls students at a crucial time in their academic career.

"The survey polls students about issues they are facing as they finish their general education requirements and begin taking classes for their specific majors," Barnes said.

The Office of Planning and Institutional Research at each university is responsible for administering the surveys to students. In past years, the survey has been conducted over the phone or via the mail, but this year students will respond online. Completion of the survey is required before a sophomore can register for the next semester's classes.

"A flag is placed on every sophomore's ID number that will not allow them to register," said Rob-

ert Thompson, director of the Office of Planning and Institutional Research. "Once it's in the system that they've taken the survey, the flag is removed and they can register like normal."

The sophomore survey is one of a set of surveys conducted by the UNC General Administration (GA) to compare student satisfaction across the public-university system. Students are also polled at freshman orientation, the end of their senior year and one year after graduation.

"Every campus is required to have an institution-effectiveness plan and this survey is designed to help individual campuses assess their needs," Barnes said. "The survey also plays a role in determining who gets money for programs when schools make their performance-program budgeting requests to the Board of Governors."

Although Social Security numbers are required to keep track of who has completed the survey, all published results are kept confidential.

"I wish we could find a better way to do these surveys that are less intrusive, but that is a problem we're still facing," Thompson said.

If you are a sophomore who has completed 45-60 credit hours, 30 of which are from ECU, the easiest way to complete the survey is to go to the following Web site: http://intranet.ecu.edu/student/sophomore_survey.cfm

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New state law taxes Internet purchases

Records audited to check for compliance

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STAFF WRITER

The 1999 state income tax form now includes a new consumer use tax on all goods purchased over the Internet since January of last year.

The consumer use tax is the first of its kind. It requires citizens to pay a 6 percent tax on the total amount of money spent for goods from the Internet.

The North Carolina General Assembly put this law in action by directing the Department of Revenue to start collecting the tax. The law recently became a national issue after other states adopted it.

Citizens must gather all receipts from online purchases and calculate exactly how much additional sales tax is owed. The Department of Revenue will audit credit records to check for compliance.

After concern grew among business owners who fear they are losing revenue to e-commerce, the General Assembly implemented the law. However, e-commerce makes up only one quarter of the nation's economic growth.

Several students and staff members who have used the Internet for shopping said they feel the tax is unreasonable.

"How am I supposed to remember everything I bought on the Internet?" freshman Genevieve Daly said. "Not everybody keeps their receipts. It doesn't seem fair, it's like a violation of privacy."

Senior Marcus Perry agreed.

"I don't believe they should cut taxes, but I believe this tax is ridiculous because it's a double tax," he said. "We're not taking from merchants because we are buying from merchants on the Internet. It's like saying you took from Wal-Mart because you bought something from Kmart."

Gail Munde, associate director of Joyner Library, said that she understands wanting to support local merchants,

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Gail Munde
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
JOYNER LIBRARY

but does not feel that the consumer use tax is the way to do it. "I don't understand why you should punish people that occasionally purchase items off the Internet," Munde said. "If the additional tax went back into the local business economy then maybe I wouldn't mind paying it."

Congress and the Clinton Administration are working with the World Trade Organization to forswear e-commerce taxes on a global scale.

According to Charles Fuller, director for North Carolina Citizens for a Sound Economy (NCCSE), a U.S. Commission, chaired by Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore, is now trying to carve out a long-term policy on Internet taxation. Despite the fact that the consumer use tax is already in effect, Internet taxation is a relatively new issue with an uncertain future.

"We need to unleash the full potential of the high-tech economy for consumers by breaking down obsolete government barriers," Fuller said.

Fuller has found support from other government officials such as presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain. McCain just signed a bill extending a federal ban on Internet taxing indefinitely.

The Associated Press quotes Wake County Commissioner Betty Mangum, concerned about the effect of e-commerce on municipal budgets, saying "I think that's a joke because who's going to put it down? I'm not."

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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

Duke University—For the second time in a week, Associate Dean of Judicial Affairs Kacie Wallace suspended a Greek organization pending investigations of excessive drinking. As of last Friday morning, Phi Kappa Psi cannot participate in any fraternity activity, social or otherwise.

The official investigation of Phi Psi, to be announced today in a press release, will begin early this week. Although the group was allowed to issue bids Sunday, it was required to tell pledges about its judicial status.

Phi Psi's suspension is linked to the investigation of Pi Beta Phi sorority—a group under scrutiny for allegations that it has repeatedly created atmospheres encouraging alcohol abuse.

Following charges that women were forced to drink and walk home in the snow from Pi Phi's bid night, the sorority participated in a Feb. 4 "Catholic Schoolgirls" mixer with Phi Psi that allegedly involved some of the same risky behavior.

"I do know that EMS and serious medical issues were involved on that particular night," said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Sue Wasiolek. "It was the correlation of that evidence between medical needs and that party which led ... to these suspensions."

Trinity senior and Phi Psi President Kevin Marchetti declined to comment on the allegations, but said he was conducting an internal investigation of the questioned mixer.

"I'm investigating, trying to figure out exactly what went on," Marchetti said. "We're working with the university to resolve this as quickly and thoroughly as possible. This is not an ordinary, everyday event for us."

Wallace added that Phi Psi's judicial record contributed to the suspension. The fraternity has been on social suspension for the last two semesters and was on probation this semester.

Meanwhile, Wallace spent the weekend interviewing Pi Phi members and talking with the sorority's national representatives. She expects to decide whether to bring formal charges against the sorority by mid-week.

"I thought it was better for us to issue a press release about the facts rather than having people running around [campus]," Wallace said, discussing the announcements of the Pi Phi and Phi Psi suspensions via press release—a method rarely used to address Greek life. "It's better for us to get information out there ... than have people make assumptions."

She added that much of local media attention has focused incorrectly on hazing questions.

University of Wisconsin—According to a recent study, pulling an all-nighter may have more benefits than many students believe.

The study, done by researchers at the University of California, suggests that more of the brain actually begins functioning after sleep deprivation. Contrary to expectations, researchers found that after 35 hours without sleep, the pre-frontal cortex of the brain becomes more active. The pre-frontal cortex aids in short-term memory functions, compensating for the effects of sleep loss. However, some local experts warned against the findings of the study.

"Mental abilities are impaired by sleep restriction," said Steve Weber of the UW Hospital Sleep Disorder Clinic. "Performance is affected beyond 48 hours."

Many UW-Madison students also find the results of the study hard to believe.

"I hear you go crazy after 72 hours," said sophomore Kenzie Riesselman. "I believe that your mind starts moving in other directions when you don't have enough energy."

Other students saw the study as an intriguing insight into the realms of the mind.

"I think the study makes sense," said senior Gretchen Chojnacki. "The body always has ways of overcoming struggles."

According to the study, the region of the brain known as the parietal lobe, which collates information, becomes more active after a lack of sleep. This compensation is more effective when dealing with language rather than mathematical problems. Many UW students are forced to experience dreaded all-nighters. Regardless of how mysteriously their bodies function, everyone seems to have a way to combat the nighttime sleepiness.

"As a landscape architecture student, it's almost expected to have a few sleepless nights," Riesselman said. "I drink coffee and listen to music."

Pulling the occasional all-nighter is not unhealthy, Weber said. However, the repetition of constant all-nighters can be hard on the body.

"Repeated episodes of no sleep during a week will affect irritability and nastiness," he said. "This can affect quality of life."

Although drinking plenty of coffee may seem like the answer to staying awake after a long night, caffeine is not something that should replace sleep, Weber said.

"When studying for exams, take a catnap of 20-30 minutes rather than boosting yourself with stimulants," he said. "It's better to compensate with sleep than coffee or Mountain Dew."

No alcohol for U.S. troops in Manilla

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—More than 700 U.S. troops who arrived in Manila Tuesday will be forbidden from drinking alcohol and entering bars during breaks in military exercises with Philippine troops, a U.S. commander said.

The strict rules apparently are in reaction to concerns raised by Philippine critics that the large-scale joint exercises the first in five years will bring increased prostitution and crimes by U.S. troops.

The landing ship USS McHenry arrived in Manila Tuesday from Okinawa, Japan, carrying 788 personnel who will take part in naval exercises at a Philippine marine base in Cavite province, south of Manila.

"When they do get off they've got a few ground rules to follow," said the ship's commander, Richard Landolt.

"They can't consume any alcohol, they can't go in any bars, ev-

eryone will be back on board by midnight and the buddy system is mandatory," Landolt said.

Left-wing groups have held a variety of protests against the resumption of large-scale military exercises. At one time, protesters burned women's underwear bearing the words "prostitution," "AIDS" and "crime" in front of the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

Military ties with the United States remain a highly sensitive topic more than seven years after the last U.S. base was closed by the Philippine government, ending nearly a century of heavy U.S. military presence.

More than 2,300 American personnel and a similar number of Filipinos are taking part in the month-long land, air and sea exercises, which end March 3.

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Maneuvering over abortion bill scuttled

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)—Five of the six Democrats on the Health and Welfare Committee were out of the room Friday on various errands, so supporters of an abortion bill sensed their opportunity.

Rep. Thomas DePoy, R-Rutland, asked to take up the bill, which would require a minor's parents to be notified 48 hours before she had an abortion.

But he didn't get very far. The one remaining Democrat, Rep. Mark Woodward of Johnson, said it was inappropriate to try to ram through a bill that a majority of the full committee didn't support.

So Woodward got up and left the room, too, leaving the Republicans one vote shy of the quorum needed to take action.

"That isn't the way we operate in that committee," Woodward said. "I've never seen it happen in my six years here."

But it may be one of the few ways to force action on the bill, which has been pending for more than year. Its fate has been a political drama since almost the day the committee was appointed last year.

The five Republicans on the

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CRIME SCENE

Feb. 21

Auto Accident—A staff member reported that he struck a student's vehicle while backing into a parking space east of Scott Hall.

Fugitive Warrant—A student was arrested during a traffic stop after it was found that he was wanted by a Maryland County Sheriff's Department for robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Harassing Phone Calls—A student in Tyler Hall reported receiving multiple harassing calls within the last two weeks.

Feb. 22

Hit and Run—A student reported that his vehicle was struck while parked in the lot south of Mendenhall.

Larceny—A student reported that his bike was stolen from the rack northwest of Umstead Hall.

Possession of Stolen Property—A student was arrested after officers saw him riding a bike that had been reported stolen earlier that day.

Simple Assault—A student reported that he was assaulted by another student during a dispute in the Carol Belk Building. The victim declined prosecution, but a campus appearance ticket was issued.

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WELCOME TO MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER

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TROOPS *from page 2*

U.S. military officials have promised American soldiers will behave, but Philippine officials are taking their own precautions.

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado has said U.S. troops will be encouraged to play sports during breaks in the exercises "to keep their testosterone levels down." Officials of Angeles city, the site of the former U.S. Clark Air Base where some exercises will be held, recently advised nightclubs to stock up on condoms to prevent

a rise in sexually transmitted diseases.

The United States suspended major military exercises in the Philippines in December 1996 after Manila closed a loophole shielding U.S. military personnel from prosecution for crimes committed in the country.

Last May, the Philippine Senate approved the resumption of large-scale exercises, granting the United States jurisdiction over crimes committed by American personnel while on duty in the Philippines.

Florida's governor, Cabinet approve affirmative action overhaul

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Florida's state government Tuesday became the first to voluntarily ban race and gender preferences in college admissions, part of the governor's "One Florida" plan to end affirmative action.

Gov. Jeb Bush and the independently elected Cabinet voted 4-2 to stop considering race and gender as factors in admission. The plan instead promises that students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class and complete a college preparatory curriculum will get into at least one of the 10 state universities.

Another portion of the plan, which did not require Cabinet approval, prohibits consideration of

race and gender in the awarding of state contracts by departments that report to the governor. Such agencies include the departments of Veterans Affairs and Transportation.

The plan also streamlines the application process for state contracts and encourages businesses owned by women and minorities to enter bids.

"By September, what you will see is an increased number of African-Americans and Hispanics attending the State University System," he said.

Similar bans on affirmative action are already in force in Texas by federal court order and in California and Washington state under a referendum vote.

The changes in Florida, which take effect immediately, were approved last week by the Board of Regents, the governing body of the state's public universities.

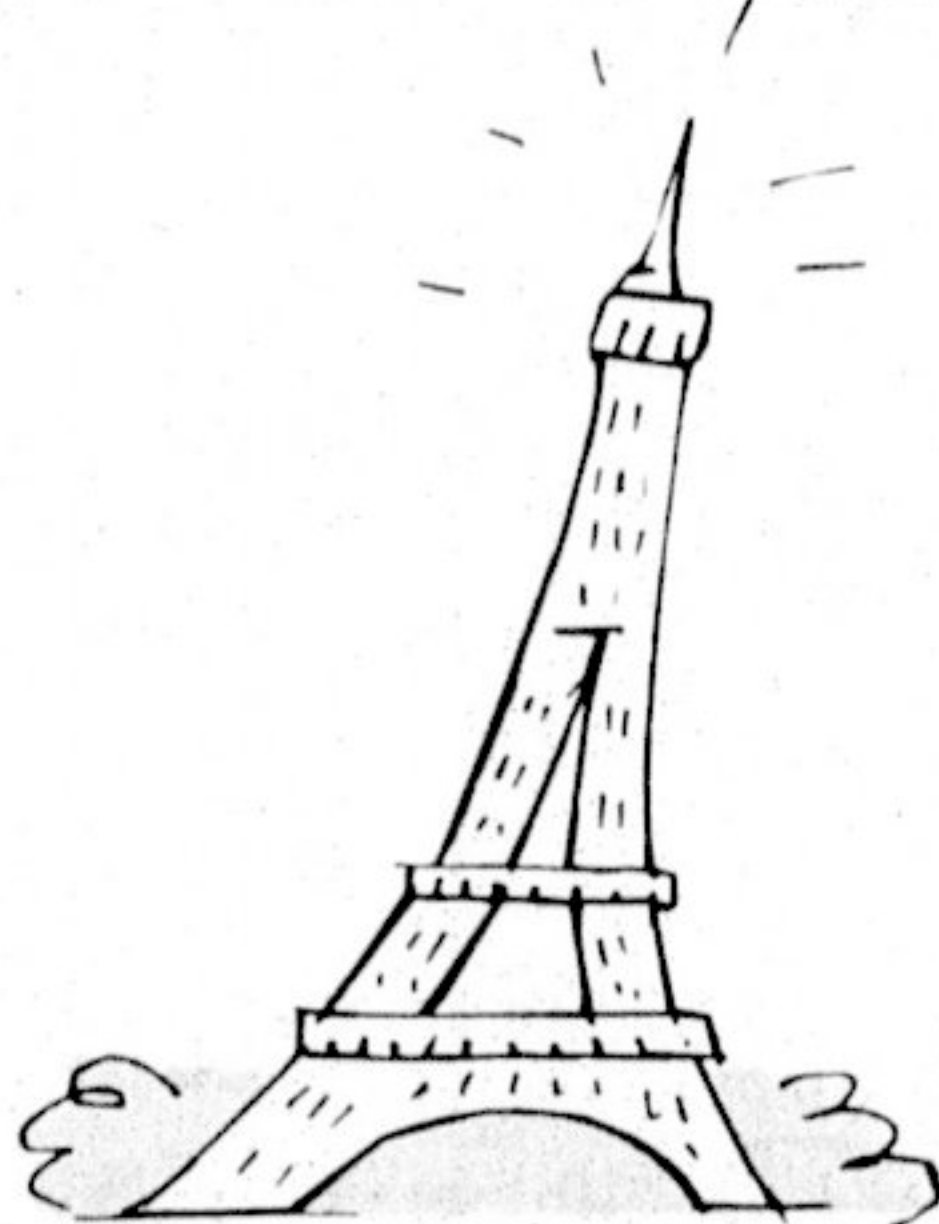
"Students will know they were admitted not because of their race or gender, but because of their academic performance," said Chancellor Adam Herbert.

Opponents of the plan promised to keep fighting. Several provisions still require legislative approval, including adding \$20 million in financial aid for college students, and other funds to make sure high school sophomores can take preparatory college entrance exams.

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BILL *from page 2*

Health and Welfare Committee support the bill and want it to be fully debated in committee and forwarded to the full House. They say it's less an abortion bill, than a bill guaranteeing parents a voice in medical decisions involving their daughters.

"It just says you've got to tell your parents if you're under-age," DePoy said.

The six Democrats on the panel oppose it and see no reason to send a bill to the floor with a recommendation to defeat it, as advocates have suggested. They argue that there may be legitimate reasons that a girl doesn't want to talk to her parents, such as family abuse.

"It's a fact that we don't live in an Ozzie and Harriet world anymore," said Committee Chairman Paul Poirier, D-Barre.

So the two sides have been in a stalemate. DePoy decided Friday to try to break it.

"I wasn't pulling any tricks," DePoy said. "When you're in the minority, you've got to do what you've got to do."

Here's what happened Friday.

Poirier and Vice Chairwoman Ann Pugh, D-South Burlington, happened to be in a meeting with Gov. Howard Dean on an unrelated subject.

Three other Democrats were outside the meeting on other business as the hour wore on toward lunch. So, with just the five Republicans and Democrat Woodward in the meeting, DePoy moved to take up the pa-

rental notification bill.

Sensing a political maneuver, Woodward told his GOP colleagues he would have no part of it and left.

"I was just trying to bring it up, get it on the table," DePoy said, who did not answer directly when asked whether he was trying to force a vote while opponents were away.

Poirier, a staunch opponent of the bill and also a veteran of the political gamesmanship that frequently goes on in the Statehouse, later appeared to be amused by the maneuver and described it as clever. He didn't argue DePoy's right to try the tactic.

"We operate by the rules around here," he said.

Poirier remains firmly against the bill and he says taking it to the full House, where he's convinced it would fail, would probably waste an entire day of precious legislative time.

He also has no plans to take up the bill in committee. Opponents are free to try other maneuvers, such as trying to tack the bill on another piece of legislation as an amendment or asking the full House to yank it out of Health and Welfare, he said.

But until that happens, Poirier said, it will stay where it's at because that's the way the committee system works.

"Why don't I bring all eighty-five bills in my committee to a vote on the floor of the House?" he asked rhetorically. "I run a fair committee."

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FEB. 29 AT 4 P.M. AND 7:30 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE

Join Grant Foster as he explores ancient Greece and travels through its picturesque Mediterranean beaches in his film *Greece and its Aegean Islands*. You can add an optional tantalizer to this excursion by purchasing a ticket for the theme dinner. Get your film tickets for free at the Central Ticket Office by showing your valid ECU One Card. Dinner tickets may be purchased for \$12 using either your meal plan, declining balance, or cash and must be reserved by today.

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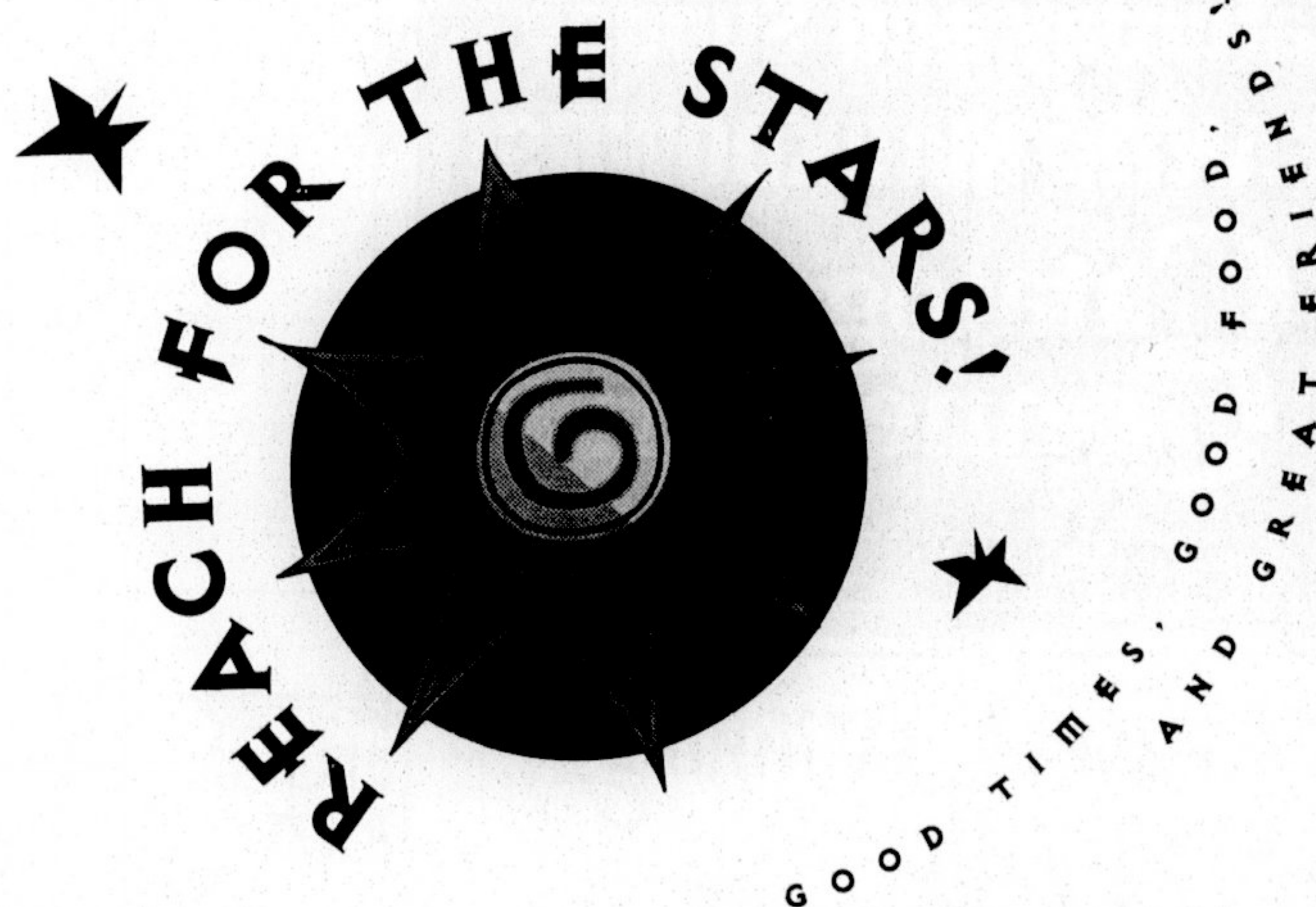
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Phony, realistic-looking guns trouble police

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—The gun left at the scene looked real to Henry Lee.

The state's public safety commissioner one of the nation's top forensic experts saw the gun while investigating the fatal shooting last year of Aquan Salmon by a city police officer.

When he tested it in his lab, though, he said he was shocked to find the gun was just a cigarette lighter.

"I said, 'Wow, this is so real,'"

Lee said last week. "When we compared it with a real gun, it had all the same detail and design—the trigger, the trigger guard, grip, barrel."

Police say phony guns come in all shapes and sizes and are prevalent across the country, despite laws banning looklike firearms for more than a decade in Connecticut and other states.

In many cases, such as the Salmon shooting, police have killed or seriously injured people after mistaking fake guns for real ones.

"We see them frequently," said Hartford police spokesman Sgt. Neil Dryfe. "It's of grave concern to us as law enforcement officers, not just here but across the country. When you take into account factors like darkness and officers seeing them for only a split second, they're almost indistinguishable."

The prosecutor who cleared Hartford Officer Robert Allan of wrongdoing Wednesday in the death of Salmon, a 14-year-old mugging suspect, said Allan also would

have been justified under state law if he had shot the teen's friend, who was holding the fake gun. Allan did not shoot that boy, Ellis Thomas, but seconds later, shot Salmon when he made a sudden threatening gesture, State's Attorney Kevin T. Kane found.

Hartford police do not keep statistics on facsimile guns confiscated from the street. But police say they encounter them all the time and some youths admit they are carried as a status symbol.

In 1988, Connecticut enacted a law prohibiting the sale, carrying or brandishing of real-looking toy guns or other products, such as cigarette lighters, made to look like firearms. The Class B misdemeanor is punishable by fines, not jail time.

Connecticut and at least a dozen other states and cities enacted laws in the late 1980s in response to several highly publicized police shootings, some fatal, involving kids with toy guns. But the laws have had mixed success.

In 1995 in Ventura, Calif., a man was shot and killed by an officer after the man held a fake gun to the head of his robbery victim.

In December, more than 100 stores in San Francisco were found to be selling toy guns despite a citywide ban on their sale.

In September, police in Fresno, Calif., critically injured a man who brandished a cigarette lighter that looked like a gun during a domestic dispute.

State needs more English teachers

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina can expect to see the number of students who do not speak English continue to grow, along with the number of languages they speak, state school officials say.

While large numbers of Hispanic students are attending schools in some areas, the state is also drawing students who speak Korean, Chinese and eastern European languages that are not common here.

"Up until very recently, this state has been the least ethnically diverse state in the United States," Charles Coble of the Uni-

versity of North Carolina told the Joint Legislative Committee on Education Oversight Monday. "But that is changing. We hear the plea for more teachers, but where do they need them and what do they need to do?"

"We can expect to deal with diverse languages," said Fran Hoch of the state Department of Public Instruction. "When you have unrest in the world, you see people fleeing that country and ending up in America."

"We are getting children from Kosovo now. We had students who spoke Arabic during the Gulf War," she said.

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State Sen. Kendrick Meek, one of two black Democrats who staged a 25-hour sit-in in the lieutenant governor's office last month to protest One Florida, warned he would amend the bills to make sure they don't pass.

"I'm convinced this is no time to dismantle policies that seek to protect minorities and women," said Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson, one of the Cabinet members who voted against the ban

Tuesday. "The One Florida initiative is creating two Floridas that divide people by racial lines."

Senate officials expect 50 buses carrying as many as 2,200 protesters to descend on Tallahassee on March 7, the first day of the legislative session. The date also was chosen in part because it is the 35th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march in Selma, Ala.

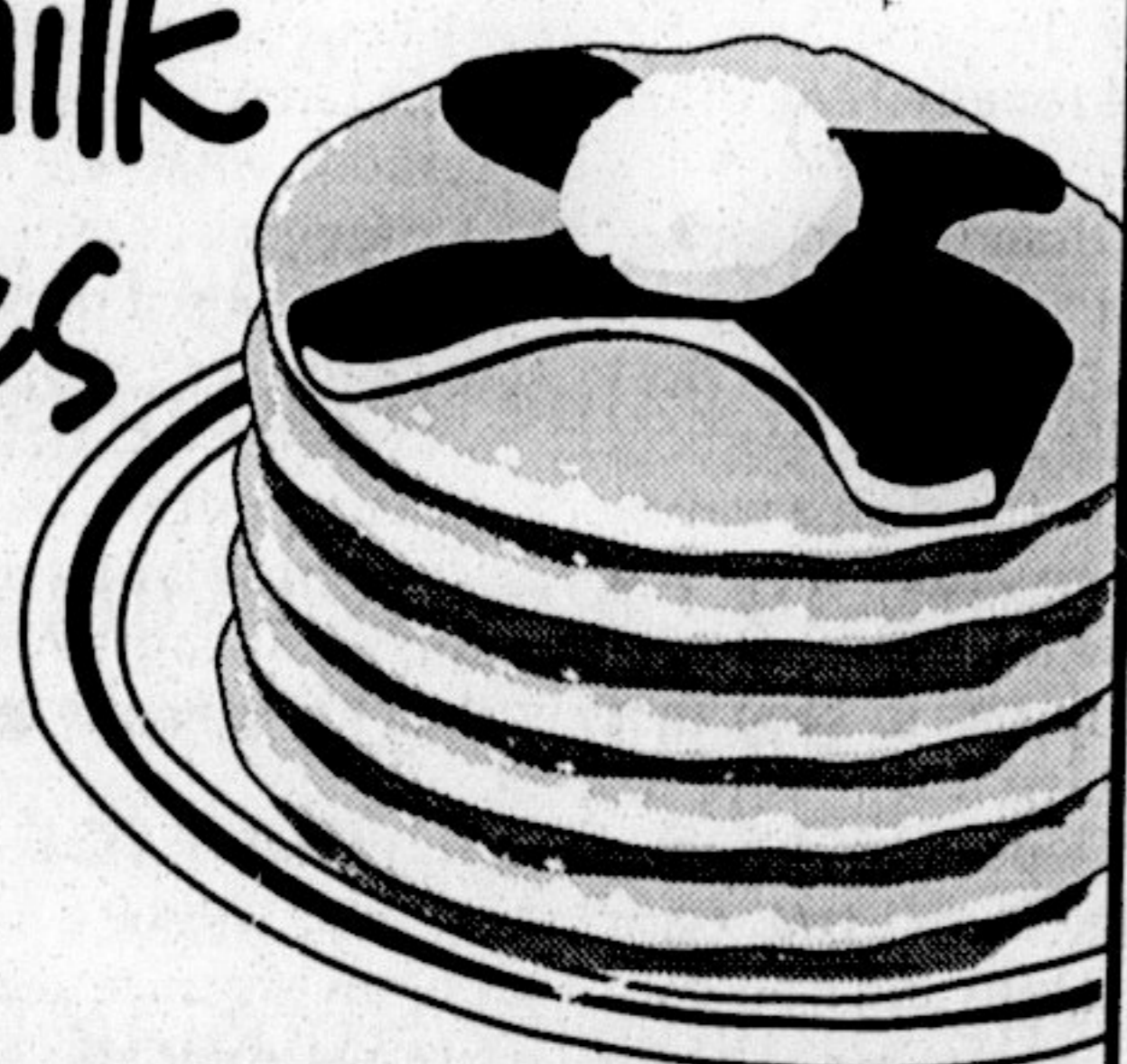
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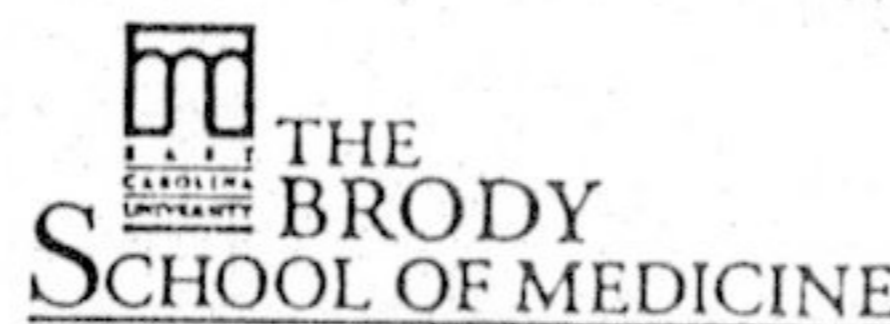
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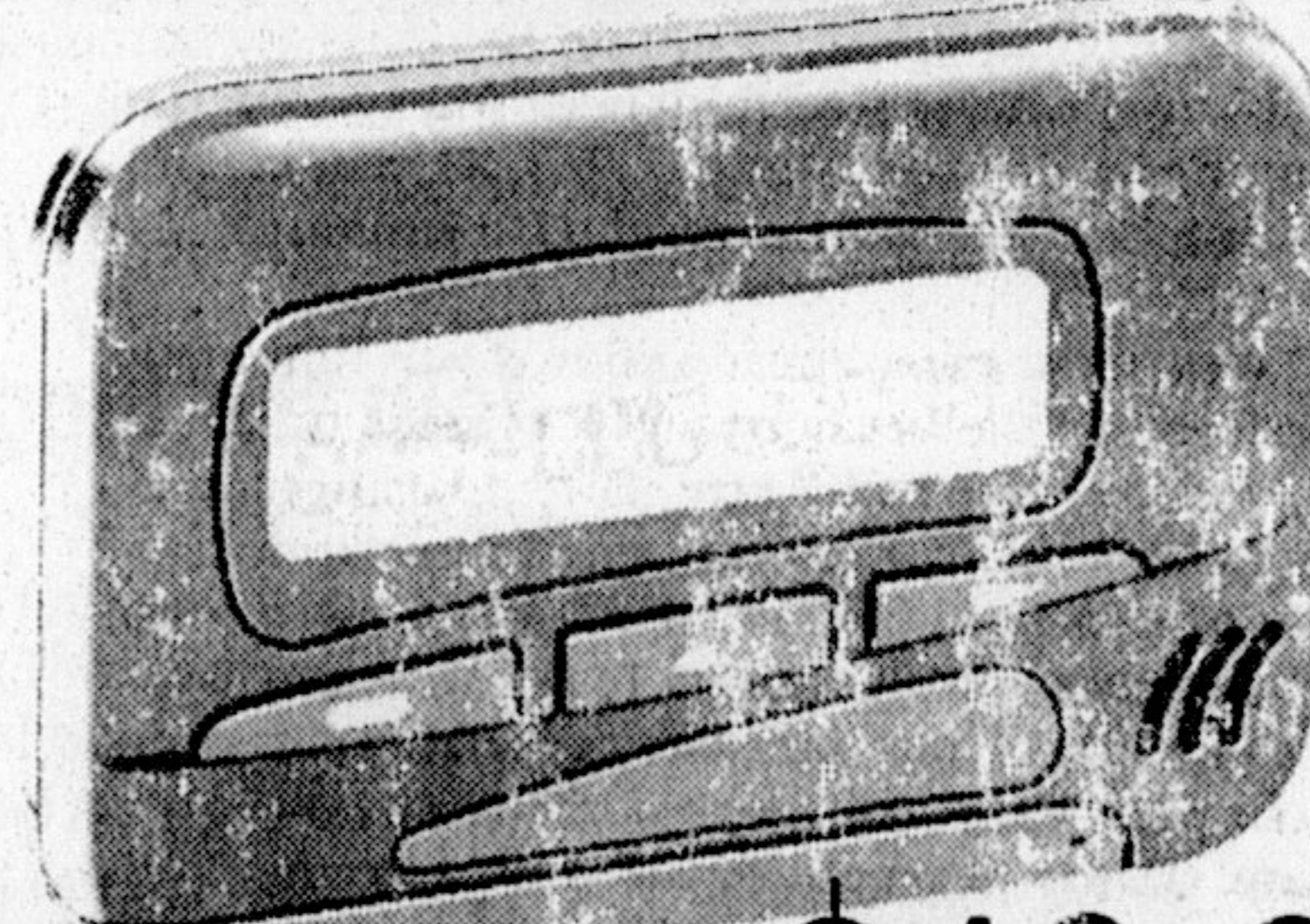
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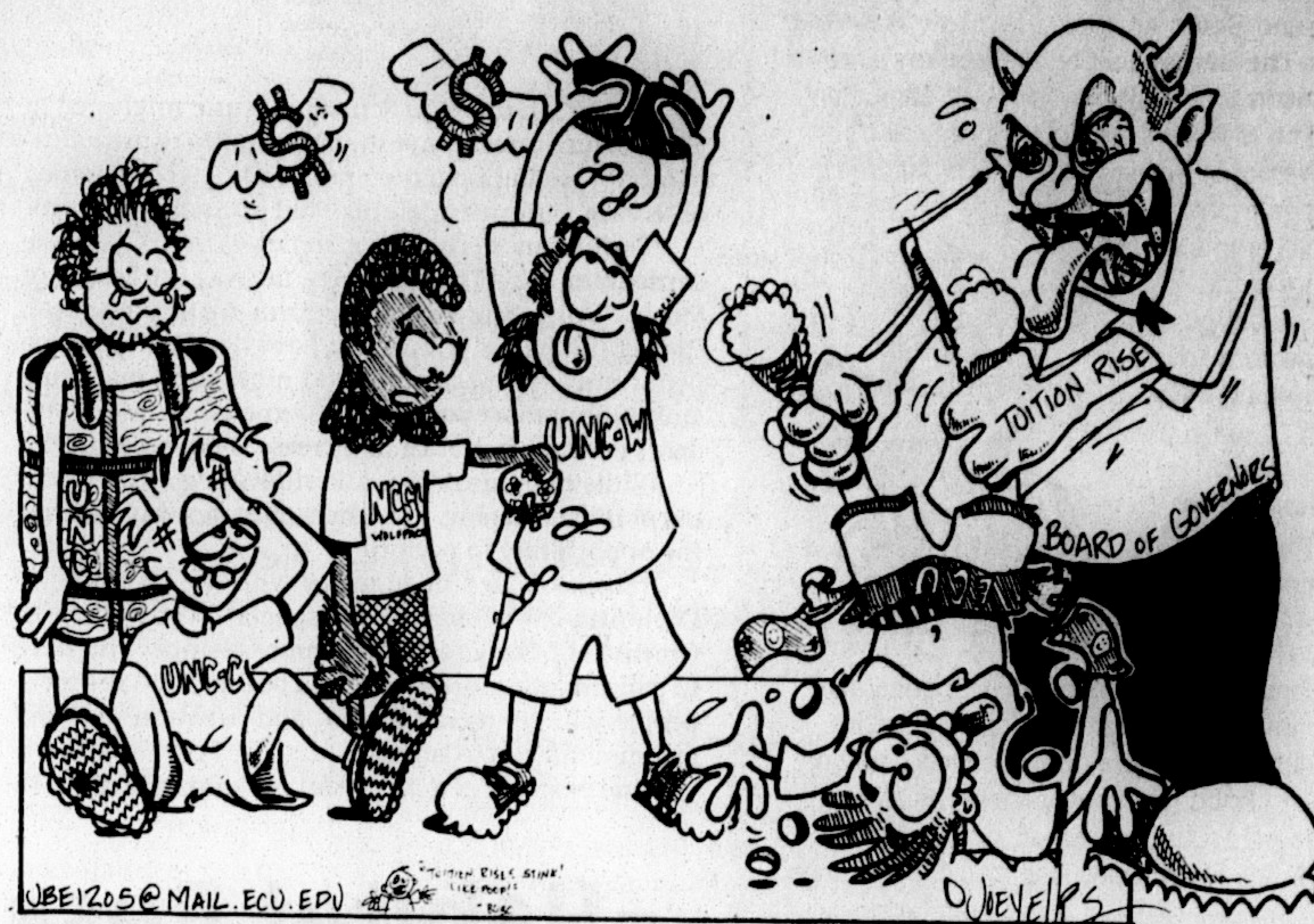
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OUR VIEW

Officials say that they fear
that local merchants are
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commerce. Last time we
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New technology can always be counted on to bring about social, legal and political changes, but sometimes it doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

The State Department of Revenue obviously wants to get in on all the money they see being made on the Internet and have thus come up with what is known as a consumer-use tax. On your 1999 state income tax form you have to report how much money you spent on items purchased outside of North Carolina, including things off the Internet and out of catalogues, and pay the standard six percent sales tax on it. The state has actually found a way to make money off of goods made and sold in other states.

Officials say that they fear that local merchants are losing business to e-commerce. Last time we checked, competition between businesses was one of the pillars of capitalism. Besides, there are Internet merchants and catalog companies based in North Carolina who have buyers within the state pay sales tax at the time the item is purchased. Are they being taxed twice for the same purchase? Not to mention, these in-state companies are undoubtedly selling things to people out-of-state, so our local merchants are benefiting from this e-commerce.

Seriously, if they think this consumer use tax is reasonable, what will they think of next? An extra tax on food purchased in a drive-through at a fast-food restaurant? Chances are, if you go through the drive-through, you'll be eating in your car and not at one of the tables in their dining room. They pay people to clean those tables you know, and if they're paying people to clean tables that no one is eating at, then they are losing money. A bill proposing a drive-through tax would never be passed because it is completely ludicrous. Unfortunately, it seems that for some reason when it comes to the Internet, politicians and legislators feel the need to push the limits and see how far people will let them go.

OPINION COLUMN

I'm just happy to be here; here's why

Patrick McMahon
OPINION COLUMNIST

This entire column is going to be about how happy I am right now. Do you want to know why I am happy? Well, let me tell you why. I'm happy because the sun is shining. I'm happy because Emily surprised me Sunday night with four daisies. (Call me a fairy but I am a sucker for daisies.) She has a tendency of surprising me, and trust me, the gesture made my cheeks hurt from smiling so much.

I'm happy because my sister is graduating (on time) in May and because I'm so damn proud of what she has accomplished. I love ya', Katie. Good luck and best wishes for your new life outside of college. May your life be as rewarding as the time, patience and love you have so graciously given me over the years. Oh, the places you'll go! (Gratuitous exclamation point inserted for dramatic effect.)

I'm happy because school is going so well. I'm happy because I have wonderful professors, especially Professor Raynor in the English department. I'm happy because I had the pleasure of being in Dr. Day's physics class last semester and Dr. Mangum's political science class my freshman year. I'm happy because I attend ECU. I'm happy because I live on the Hill and always have a parking spot when I need one (sorry). I am happy that ECU is as diverse as it is.

I am happy because my family is healthy and Pap (yes, I call my grandfather "Pap") has recovered fully from eye surgery. I am happy my roommate's father's

accident wasn't any worse than what it was.

I'm happy because I love my work. I am happy that people are actually reading the Fountainhead now. (Trust me, check out today's issue.) I am happy because this weekend was the first quiet one I've had in three years—even though my car was towed from Georgetown Apartments.

I am happy because I LOVE ALL OF YOU PEOPLE. I am happy because the nightmares about Travis' death have stopped. I am happy because last Saturday I went to my first ECU baseball game of the year and it was warm. I am happy because Jeff Gordon didn't win the Daytona 500. Second to last but not second place.

I'm happy because I found an old Willie Nelson album in my grandma's house. I am happy because I got glasses over Christmas break and for the first time in 20 years, I can read something more than ten feet away. I am happy because I am happy, not sad.

For the longest time a lot of things went wrong for me and now it seems like things are finally falling into place. I am happy that God has blessed me so much. I am happy because of the friends that I have.

And last but not least, I am happy that you read my column all the way through. Seeing my column read by all of you people makes me feel somewhat special. Thank you all.

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OPINION COLUMN

Who's the man?—Alan Keyes

Mark Larado
OPINION COLUMNIST

I know what you're thinking, "Mark, aren't you running for president already? Then why are you supporting the Republican candidate nominee Alan Keyes?"

Well, as you may already know, I was running for president on the Free Pony and Ice Cream ticket with my running mate Ol' Dirty Bastard. Unfortunately, our political party ran into some inner turmoil that split our party in half, involving that famous, well-debated issue, which will stick in the American psyche until the end of time: sprinkles vs. syrup. Besides, even if our party didn't collapse, I don't think my running mate, ODB, will get out of jail in time for the Nov. 2 vote.

So now that I'm out of the running, like any other failed politician, I must chose the candidate that best represents the ideals of my former campaign. This is in the hope that my supporters, all three of them (myself included), will switch their allegiance and back this candidate's bid for the presidency. The candidate that best represents my ideals is Alan Keyes. Because, just like my campaign and I, he has NO CHANCE IN HELL TO WIN!

But the whole point of this article is that YOU can help support his campaign so that he will at least come

within 10 points of second during any one of next week's primaries. By coming in close to second, maybe just maybe, the other two Republican candidates will actually acknowledge that Keyes is in fact in the race.

So, why should you support a man like Alan Keyes? For one thing, Alan Keyes has no political experience. I, for one, am for a president who has no experience. That way, if anything bad happens, like an accidental nuclear launch, Alan Keyes can always rely on his inexperience to give a just reason for his actions—much like the cook burning some hamburgers at McDonald's on his first day because he didn't know how long to fry them.

Also, most people don't know this, but Alan Keyes has super powers. He has the ability to use telepathy to call the creatures in the deep blue sea to aid him whenever he is in grave danger. He also has an invisible plane and a secret fortress made out of ice around the North Pole.

But Alan Keyes' greatest qualifications is that he is the half-brother of Shaft. You have a country that has an enormous national debt, you have cities growing in crime, and "Beverly Hills, 90210" is going off the air. Who are you going to call? You call Alan Keyes, because he's one bad mother—shut your mouth.

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OPINION COLUMN

Who watches this stuff?

Chris Sachs
OPINION COLUMNIST

Did you all see the show on television last week called "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-millionaire?" Well I didn't, but I did read about it and saw a blurb on CNN. I am so thankful I did not waste time watching something so awful and boring. But that is not where the problem lies; the problem lies in the fact that about 15 million other people did. Now I know television was scraping the bottom of the ratings barrel with "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" and "2, 1," but with this new ridiculous concept television has shown that if you lift the barrel...

It boggles the imagination what modern-day Americans will watch on television these days, and it is even worse what Hollywood has come up with recently. Here are a bunch of television writers—earning hundreds of thousands of dollars a year—sitting around a table thinking of new and bizarre concept shows that average Americans will drool over, watching with Rain Man loyalty. And the sad fact is that people are watching.

In fact, they are watching in record numbers and talking about these shows with child-like enthusiasm the next day at work. "Did you see 'Who Wants to Sleep With a Baboon?' last night? It was amazing! I thought I was going to cry when she won..." I would love to line up all 40 million of the lobotomy patients and re-enact a massive Three Stooges-like slapfest. How about a show called "Who Has No Dignity or Self-Respect?"

Now I don't want to be oh-holier-than-thou about television because I am known to crash on the couch every now and then with a box of Chinese food and a glass of bourbon, watching a goofy movie or a dumb sitcom. But it is not routine for me and I don't get into them enough to hold discussion groups or debate sessions the next day. Everyone needs to be a vegetable in front of the TV every now and again. It shows that we don't have to be so serious and pragmatic all the time; that we can just let our hair down.

There are people who watch this garbage every night, and many who video tape shows so that they

don't miss what happened while they were out doing something that was probably more important. Has television become so important to us that people actually record shows while they are not home? Has television seized the moral high ground?

Has television become our new worship altar? Every night people lay down their prayer rugs in front of the boob tube and give worship—for up to six hours a night. Churches and volunteer organizations would give their right arm to have people as committed. People have replaced memorizing scripture with Frito-Lay commercials and cut back on reading intelligent books so they can find out who won a million bucks by answering, "What goes with lima beans in succotash? A.) Beets B.) Corn C.) Jim Beam D.) All the above." That was actual question! (Not actual answers, though.)

I saw on the news that the stupid woman and the rich loser slept in different cabins on the honeymoon cruise, have not kissed since the first night and he is now seeking an annulment. So it was a match made in Hell, and you all fell for it. Women all over the world sighed with the silly fantasy of being swept away by a rich and dashing jet-setter, but they have forgotten all the values that make women as wonderful as they are: the need for passion, true and lasting love, a real soul connection. But nowadays the concept is old-fashioned and a woman will get on national television and show millions of people that she has no concept of love and wants to marry a bank account. The guy could look like he came in third place in a hatchet fight, but if he's rich, he's set. Now that's shallow.

Heck, I can't talk too much, for years I have been looking for some rich, old sea hag with a weak heart that I can marry, and wait for her to kick the bucket so I can fly away with my 18-year-old mistress. But, hey, I'm a man, I know I have no morals and I am comfortable with that. Plus, I have not been able to find a woman like that in Greenville. (If you know of one please e-mail me.) Until then, stop watching these shows, and if you are going to watch TV for hours on end, watch PBS and donate some money. You might learn something and save your soul, too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Please pardon the following rant, but there are a few things I must get off my chest.

First of all is the issue of Social Security Numbers being used as student ID numbers. According to Federal Law, any time you are asked for your Social Security Number, you must be provided with a Privacy Act of 1974 statement—because by law the Social Security Number is not supposed to be used for anything other than Social Security purposes.

The importance of this is more than the security of your academic records—many companies make money by selling information they have collected into dossiers keyed to your SSN. They're called credit reports. If someone has your SSN, they can use it in such a way as to ruin your credit rating, and there's not much you can do about it. Oh sure, you can write a letter explaining the situation, and the company has to keep that letter in your file, but do you believe it will have an actual impact on the decision of the persons checking your file? If you do, I have a bridge to sell you. Cash only, and in small bills please—used bills and non-convictive serial numbers preferred.

I know it's another number to memorize if we change to a random number, but who cares? Is it all that hard to remember another? I mean, we remember phone numbers, right? And why must it be a number? Why can't it be by name? Do we really want to be reduced to numbers?

Okay, so your last name is Smith, and there are seven billion Smiths on campus. Big deal. Do you all have the exact same name? For the ones who do, you just look at the birth date. If there are enough of y'all that have the exact same name and birth date, well maybe you should all get together and form your own country or something.

I just generally think it's a bad idea to assist in our own dehumanization.

Michael Ruff

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Dorcus Brule's column "Professors shouldn't enforce attendance policies."

We are being forced to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Dorcas A. Brule due to the fact she pays tuition and, therefore, owns the school. Curiously, we have no recollection of Ms. Brule other than her name being in the computer.

She rarely attended classes and knows almost nothing about what was discussed during classtime. We had numerous group projects, but (in accordance to her self-imposed non-attendance policy) she was unable to receive participation credit.

It would be difficult to recommend her for a management position because she does not believe employees need to be at work to get paid. It would be equally difficult to recommend her as an employee due to her supreme arrogance and contempt for superiors.

A professor knows when they have a superior student who will be a valuable and dedicated contributor to an organization. Ms. Brule is unlikely to be one of those candidates.

Marc Krein
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FEATURES BRIEFS

Monkeying around

Capuchin

Capuchins are found in the tropical forests of Central and South America. The name is derived from the cap of dark hair on the monkey's crown, which resembles the cowl worn by a Capuchin monk. The monkeys are active by day and go about in troops, mainly in the tops of tall trees, feeding on fruits and small animals. Members of the troop may sound an alarm call to warn of an approaching enemy.

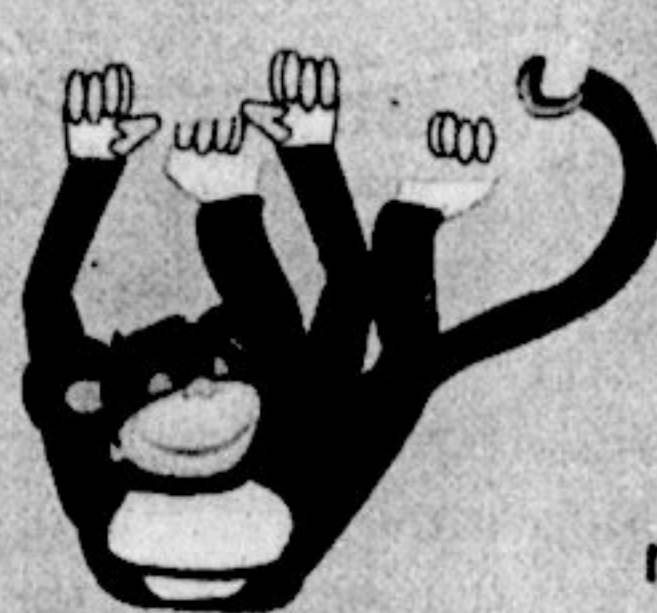


Chimpanzee

Chimpanzees are the animals that are closely related (physically and genetically) to humans. Two species of chimpanzees exist: the common chimpanzee, which is found in dense jungle and more open wooded savanna and the bonobo (commonly known as pygmy) who are only found in a small region of thick jungle in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

in Central Africa.

Chimpanzees form loosely organized bands of two to 80 individuals on fairly large home ranges, where the animals remain for years. Males never migrate. Except between mother and



young, little permanency exists in individual relationships. Members of a band cooperate in hunting and sharing food. On finding a food source, they hoot, scream and slap logs to attract others. A constant interplay occurs between adults, and all members of the group groom one another. Both species of chimpanzee are listed as endangered species in the wild by the World Conservation Union.

Gibbon

Gibbon is a common name for any of the small anthropoid apes found in the subequatorial forests of India, Indochina and the Malay Archipelago. Its most notable characteristic is its long arms, by which it swings from tree to tree with great agility, using its hands as hooks rather than grasping the limbs. The gibbon is the only anthropoid ape to walk on its hind limbs only, usually raising its arms for balance. They are usually quiet during the day but commonly howl at sunrise and in the late afternoon.

Guenon

A common name for a genus of tree monkeys of Africa, Guenons are widely found in the warmer, forested regions. The guenon is a slender monkey that has long arms and legs and a long, straight tail. It has a round head with a short face, large cheek pouches and well-developed whiskers and beard. About 17 species of guenons have been identified; the individual species vary primarily in the coloration and markings of their fur.

Lemur

Latin for the word nocturnal spirits, Lemurs make up five closely related families within the primate order. Lemurs are confined to the island of Madagascar off the east coast of Africa. Except for the indri, all lemurs have long tails, but the tail is never prehensile—it cannot be wrapped around branches and used as an extra grip. Lemur diets consist primarily of flowers, leaves and fruit. Like the rest of the primates, lemurs display a wide variety of social structures. Some lemurs live in family groups of a mated pair and their young, but other species live in matriarchal groups where the females dominate the males.

Macaque

Macaques, also known as the rhesus monkeys, live in a great variety of habitats, primarily in Asia. They are much used in medical research and are found throughout India and into north-eastern China, Indochina, and Nepal. The crab-eating macaque lives in mangrove swamps, forests and urban areas in southeastern Asia. These primates have cheek pouches into which they can cram a great deal of food. Macaques live in troops of varying sizes, in which both males and females have dominance orders. When females are busy with newborns, the males take charge.



ECU School of Music emphasizes performance

Joe Schlatter
STAFF WRITER

Students in the ECU School of Music interested in performance careers have the opportunity to learn firsthand how to improve their performing techniques by observing performers familiar and accessible to them. "Performance is an integral part of the ECU music curriculum," said Dr. Brad Foley, dean of the School of Music. "All music majors perform while in school. During the junior year, if you have decided to pursue performing you begin to spend more time practicing and gaining more performance experience. Many students perform freelance to increase their exposure." While two-thirds of music students go into teaching or music therapy, the others must actively seek out the opportunity to perform. "Some of our students play with the Community Orchestra in Wilson or for special events here in Greenville," Foley said. "The more chances you have to perform, the more at ease you become and the more people will get to know you, and mention you and recommend you to others."

One example of a successful performance career to



Cassatt String Quartet instructs students while in residence at the School of Music. (file photo)

which quartet members assisted music students, performed at local schools and helped raise awareness of chamber music as a whole.

"Within the university, we work with student composers, reading music they've written for string quartet, give them comments and suggestions on how to improve their work," Mikkelsen said.

The School of Music has been wonderfully flexible with my performance schedule. I'm fortunate that my students are highly motivated but sometimes it's nice if they see me in the halls and can ask a question instead of waiting a week to see me."

Other professors on the faculty are accomplished performers in their own right. Ara Gregorian teamed with Paul Tardif on violin and piano respectively, to round out the performance of the Cassatt String Quartet on Saturday night. With many of their own students in attendance, the professors were able to show their stuff outside of the classroom.

Dr. Foley said performance opportunities like Mikkelsen's are available but the students have to be resourceful in their methods and actively seek them out.

"Sometimes you have to do things you've never thought of," Foley said. "Freelance performances for churches and schools are some of the best ways to get

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Habitat Resale Store has NEW LOOK

Student paints mural for new store location

Cory Phoenix
AD DESIGNER

The Habitat for Humanity Resale Store sells everything from tables to futons, refrigerators to microwaves. The most striking feature of this store is not the wide variety of items on the shelves, but rather the mural on the wall by ECU student Mary Hale.

The Habitat for Humanity Resale Store sells used items to anyone who needs them. The money generated from the sales is used to help Habitat for Humanity build houses for Pitt County families in need.

Volunteers are the primary source of workers for the store. One volunteer went beyond the normal tasks that were expected. Senior Mary Hale has recently finished painting a mural on the center wall of the new Resale Store, located at 402 W. 10th St., that can be seen from the road.

The mural can be described as an image of the Earth in space with added emphasis on the state of North Carolina and Pitt County in its center. Around the planet is a ring of alternating Habitat for Humanity symbols and brightly colored houses. A more detailed description can only be made by the viewer's own eyes.

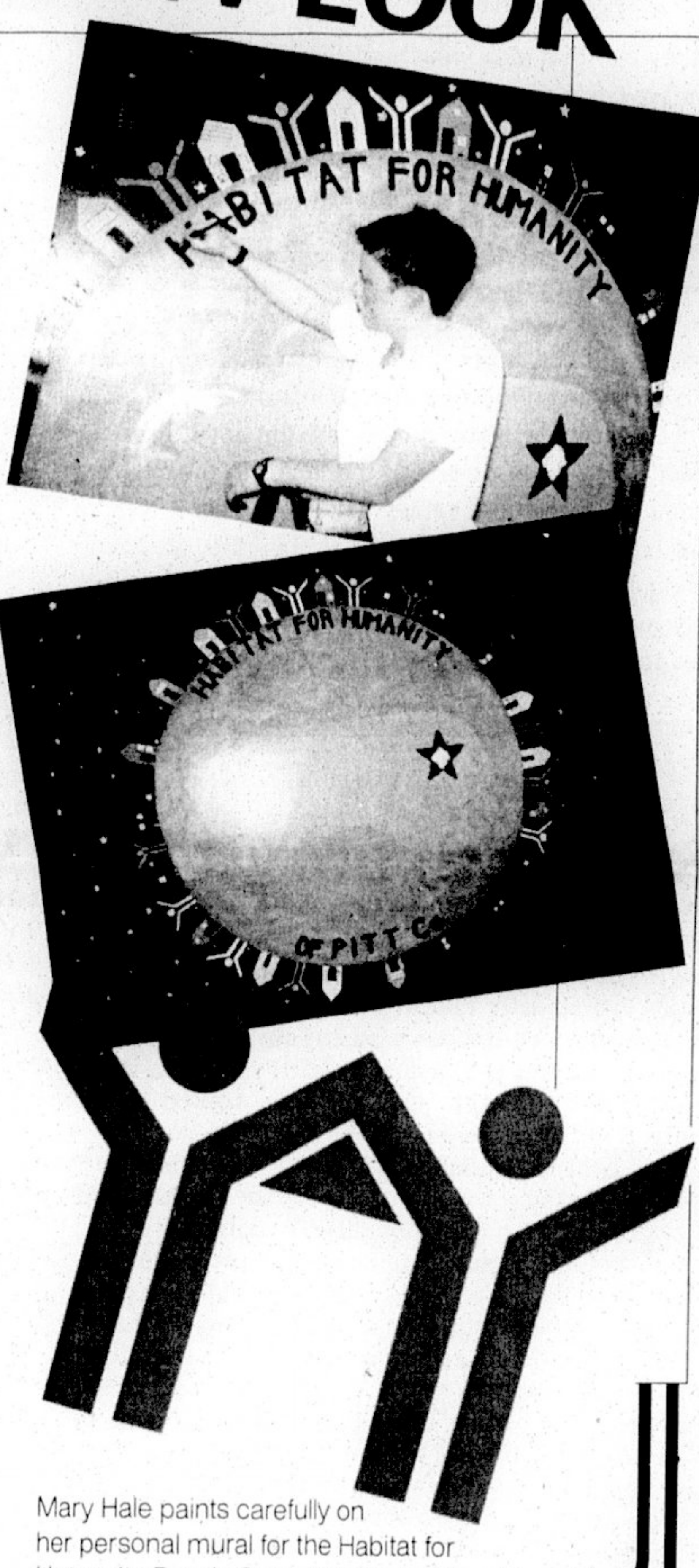
Hale, an exercise and sports science major, has been painting since she was six years old. She has never taken any formal art classes, but at age six she won a drawing contest designing an advertisement for a car dealership.

"My dad got me started drawing," Hale said. "When I was a kid, he used to draw 'Peanuts' characters all over my bedroom walls to decorate the room. The man can draw."

Other members of Hale's family influenced her artistic career as well.

"My grandmother gave me my first paints, and my dad built me an apple easel," Hale said. "With all the right tools, I was off and running."

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Mary Hale paints carefully on her personal mural for the Habitat for Humanity Resale Store. (photos by Cory Phoenix)

Students keep audience pumped during games

Pep band lends enthusiasm to basketball fans

Kristen Monte
FEATURES WRITER

It is Saturday night and you are sitting in the stands of Minges Coliseum. The Pirates basketball team is battling it out with Virginia Commonwealth University. Who keeps the fans in the game, rooting for our Pirates? The basketball pep band.

"We get the crowd going by being loud and obnoxious," said band member, Erin Warner. "It helps the team feel like they have support."

The pep band consists of about 40 members, which are divided into two smaller bands. The full band plays at the men's games and the two smaller bands rotate playing at the women's games. The band is made up of a mix of music majors, Marching Pirates and any other student who wants to play music and get involved in a school activity.

The rehearsal schedule is light, requiring practice only three or four times a season, which lasts from January until March. Their schedule depends on the basketball teams schedules. The pep band plays at all home games and at the CAA Conference Tournament in Richmond, Va.

"They could play four games a week one week and then have off for the next week and a half," said band director Christopher Knighten.

The pep band has pumped up the Pirate crowd, with a 7-5 home record for the men's team and a 6-5 home record for the women's team. As the season comes to an end, many fans enjoy the entertainment that the

Pep Band provides.

"They keep the fans hyped up during the game," said Carrie Dombroff, sophomore. "Even if we lose,



Band members begin a wave for the team. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

the band keeps everyone's spirit up."

What makes the pep band different from the Marching Pirates? The Marching Pirates provide pre-game and half-time shows for 15,000 to 30,000 people, where as the pep band provides entertainment during time-outs and pre and post-game.

"They provide entertainment at the games for the spectators and fans," Knighten said. The crowds are smaller than at the football games, but they create the spirit of the college atmosphere."

NOTCH ABOVE THE NORM



Alex Albright

English Department

Alex Albright was born in Graham, NC, a small town outside of Gastonia. Graham, according to Albright, is a town where "things you didn't realize before seem nice once you leave." Perhaps Albright's remark parallels the decorum in his office: clippings, some framed and some yellow with age, hang from his office wall—the remembrance of the past leading to realization.

Albright graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill as an undergraduate in 1972, double majoring in journalism and English. He then received a master of fine arts degree in creative writing at UNC-Greensboro.

"I moved around a lot trying to figure out what it is I wanted to do," Albright said.

Albright worked in public relations, retail books for eight years and taught public school in New Orleans. In 1981 he became lecturer at ECU, teaching composition and American literature courses. He began teaching creative non-fiction classes in the 90's.

What exactly "creative non-fiction" is has caused much debate. Personal essays, lyrical essays, memoirs, brief "shorts"—shorter, condensed pieces and certain kinds of journalism—all these are examples. As Albright sees it, creative non-fiction enables writers to express themselves without remaining objective.

"Traditional journalism holds to the notion of staying objective, while creative non-fiction holds to the notion that remaining objective is impossible," Albright said.

As writer and teacher, Albright preaches end-

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Monday morning blues affect students every day

Resulting stress
can be felt 24/7

Dorcas A. Brule
STAFF WRITER

Monday morning blues are a personal enigma. A select few relish the opportunity to start a new week, but many others suffer from feelings of dread when the alarm clock sounds early Monday.

Senior Natatera Heggie is one student that doesn't like to hear her alarm ring on Monday mornings.

"On Monday morning I wish I could sleep in more," Heggie said. "I feel like I run out of time. [Mondays were hard] especially when I was a freshman; I had a lot of 8 a.m. classes. I was late to class every single day, every Monday especially."

Natatera said that she doesn't have the time to party, so the classic ECU party mode is not part of the problem.

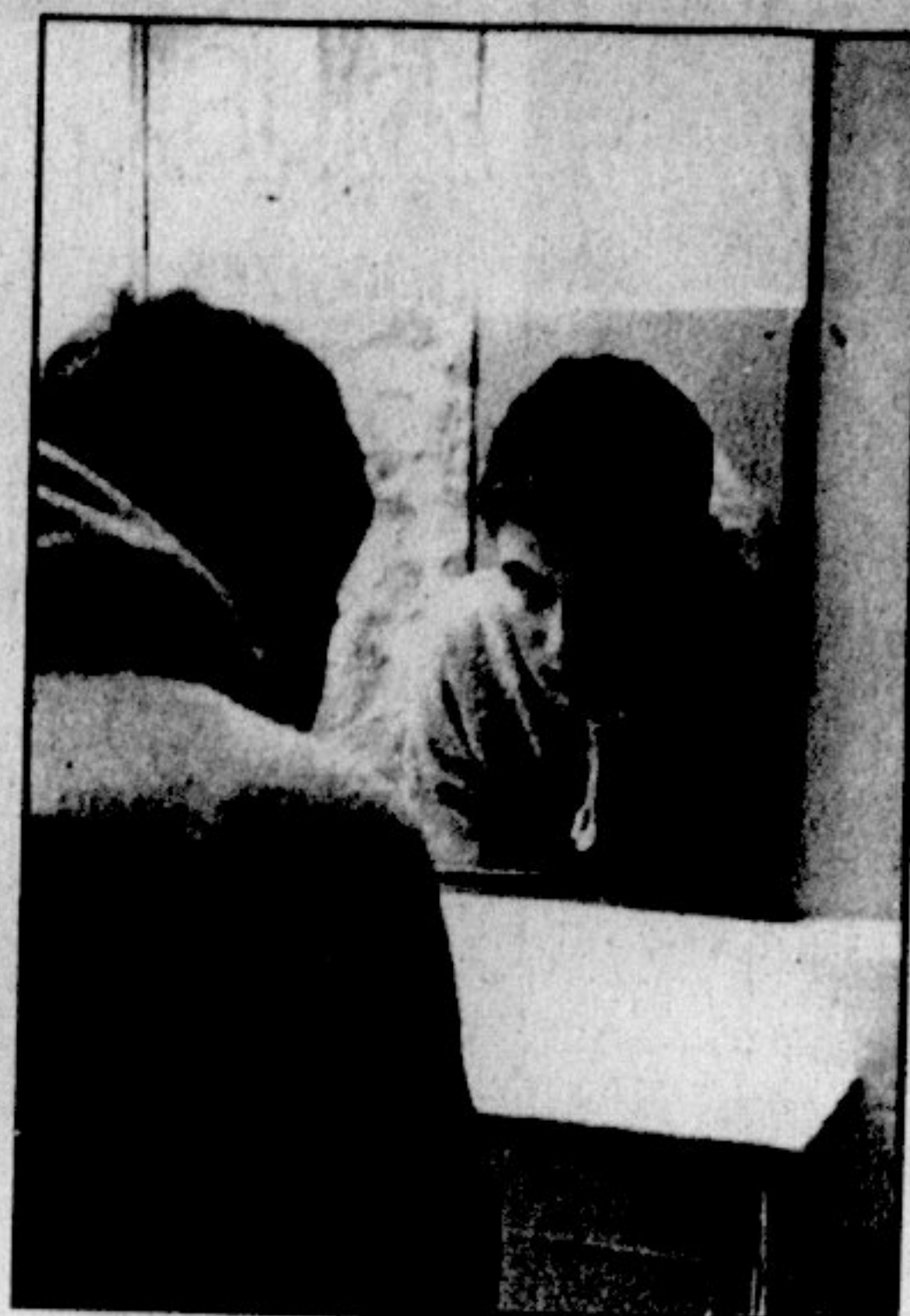
"I work a lot ... I wish I could party on the weekends!" Heggie said. "And I wish I could sleep more."

There are always exceptions to the rule, and not all students feel like they are being robbed when Monday morning rolls around.

"The past two Mondays have felt like Fridays to me, so I've really enjoyed them," said senior Krystal Lynch. "The reason too, is because I used to take dance classes which were Monday through Thursday, so when Monday would roll around I'd be like 'Oh, gosh, time to pull the hair back and get all sweaty.' It was a hassle even though I loved dancing, but it was an extra irritant."

"But this semester I don't have any dance classes, so I feel more free. Plus, I don't work on Mondays so that helps out a lot too."

According to Richard D. Ringeisen, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, there is no real way of knowing trends in attendance



Freshman Tony Angelico awakes, hits the snooze and still makes it in time for his Monday morning class (photos by Elisabeth Gamble)

levels at ECU because there is no central collection point for such data since the faculty is not required to take attendance. Although there is no accurate record of Monday morning attendance students notice a marked drop in attendance in most of their classes.

"I know I loathe to wake up to attend class on Monday mornings, and on those occasions that I do, I've noticed that I'm not alone in my feeling," said senior Heather Dail. "Half of the class seems to be always missing."

There are conflicting beliefs among the scientific community regarding the legitimacy of Monday morning blues, but most therapists agree that Monday morning blues are a real phenomenon.

"Many people resent the sudden loss of autonomy," said psychotherapist Frances Wilks, author of *Intelligent Emotion*. "The weekend goes by and with it all the assumed freedom of relaxation and comfort. Monday yields a time where one has to put on their various hats that they wear for the outer world. Many dislike this loss of freedom."

Whether the scientific community embraces the idea or not, most students and many workers say its existence every Sunday night-Monday morning. If you were hoping

Beating Monday Morning Blues

- Make goals for the week ahead. Don't dread it, plan for it.
- Do something active on Sundays, versus sitting around waiting for Monday to come.
- Plan a favorite activity for Monday.
- Get up early. Don't let the alarm clock be your enemy, perhaps take this time to stretch out for the coming week, or spend some time soaking in a tub before you start your day.
- Don't look at the week as something to "get through." Try to enjoy the whole week, rather than wait for the weekend.

that the blues would end once you get into the work force, think again. Lisa Proctor, assistant director of marketing for Business Services, reports that her blues have only gotten worse since graduation.

"On Sunday nights about 7 p.m. or so the dread sets in," Proctor said

"I would say [the blues] were less when I was a student and are worse after a holiday, particularly an extended one like Christmas."

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Dear Marjorie

Dear Marjorie,
I am having serious family troubles. My parents fight constantly, most of the time it is over money and my older sister's reckless behavior, and it is beginning to affect the atmosphere of the entire house. Everybody walks around, either scared to say anything because they don't want their head bit off or sulky because it just happened. I still live at home, and these family squabbles are getting in the way of my school work. Do you have any advice?
—Family Feud

Dear Family Feud,
As long as you are not the cause of the problem, there is really nothing that you can do about it. Your parents have probably been through a lot of rough patches if they have been married for any length of time, and this is probably just another one of those. Did you consider the fact that your sister is probably as big an issue as your parents? Because of her actions, she is piling fuel on the fire. It might be a good idea to talk to her and point out how much she is affecting everyone's life. If she still cares about your well being, which most siblings do, she will at least try to hide her irresponsibility.
Until you move out, you are at the mercy of your parent's moods and whims. The best thing that you can do is lay low for a while and be that exemplary child that they always dreamed you were. Maybe your good behavior will shine brilliantly next to your sister's and they will let up on you.

Dear Marjorie,
My girlfriend is acting really strange lately. We used to talk about everything, but she seems distant a lot lately. She is applying for grad school because she graduates in May, and I don't even know the schools that she has applied to or if she is going. Aren't these things that you should share with the one you love? We have been together for two years, and I feel just as separate as I did when we first started dating.
—Far and Away

Dear Far and Away,
I understand that you feel a loss because your girlfriend has separated herself from you, but did you ever consider that it may not be intentional. When I have things that are going by too quickly, I tend to close up and just take care of what needs to be done and no more. Just because she has other things on her mind doesn't mean she doesn't care, it just means that she has other things on her mind. If she truly doesn't want you to be a part of her life anymore, you'll know. Until that fateful day comes, just be patient and let her work things out herself.

If you have questions, queries or complaints, Marjorie can be contacted at marjorie@studentmedia.ecu.edu

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noticed.
The role of professor and performer is a benefit for everyone involved. Though she feels the need to help students perfect their playing and performance technique, Mikkelsen said her teaching helps her performance as well.
"The experiences I've had I can pass on to my students but the teaching reminds me of what I should be doing at any given moment while performing," Mikkelsen said.
And just when a professor is convinced their students don't believe what they are say-

ing, someone else steps in.
"My students hear me say stuff all the time, but when they hear another member of the quartet, someone they may not know say it, the lesson is reinforced," Mikkelsen said.
After all the hours of practicing, all the recitals and performances, ECU music students have an opportunity to see what their professors can do and that might be the best lesson of all.

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Hale modestly describes her style as similar to "Caribbean beach-style paintings" with vibrant colors and distinct shapes.
"I don't want people to have to work too hard to understand my paintings," Hale said. "I want them to be easy for anyone to appreciate."
Before she began work on her mural, Hale got involved in Habitat for Humanity because of the destruction and devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd.
"I felt really bad for all the flood victims," Hale said. "At first, I wanted to get involved with building houses, but I got working in the Resale Store, and I feel I'm doing just as much good for people here."
Hale volunteers at the Resale Store Monday through Friday of every week. She and her family donate frequently to the store and she helps sell the donated items. She also paints murals and chests of drawers, toy boxes and anything else that needs a little added

color to be sold in the store.
"I am so grateful for volunteers like Mary and all the others," said Suzanne McGuinn, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County. Although Hale plans to obtain a degree in physical therapy, and maybe one day becoming a chiropractor, she promises "never to stop drawing and painting."
"I would drop everything for my art if I could," Hale said. "I know [drawing and painting] will always be a hobby for me. Right now, I just look forward to decorating my own house and my children's bedroom one day."
She plans to paint more walls for the Resale Store, and hopes that this mural will help get her name out so that she can continue painting for people.
"Now I feel like an artist," Hale said looking up at the finished mural.

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less revision, noting "technique can be applied to what students write and creative writing is not writing what you want." If anything, he wants students leaving with an open, yet editorial, mind. In all good writing, according to Albright, revision is necessary; it fine tunes the writer's vision.
Not everyone in Albright's workshops will become writers; however, according to Albright, the important thing is that students

leave with an understanding that "technique is something that can be learned". The vision of Albright, thus, is one preaching control yet still granting one freedom to roam his or her's imagination. According to Albright's goal, the student's final work is a portrayal—a way of understanding him or herself or others in the world—fine tuned through a controlled eye.

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Boaz goat auction caters to those with hunger for goat meat

BOAZ, Ala. (AP)—One at a time, the goats scramble onto the wire-enclosed stage in a renovated chicken house. About 100 men and women watch, waiting to call out their bids, from green plastic chairs on a floor of crushed gravel.
"\$55 ... \$60 ... \$125." The auctioneer rattles off bids, varying with the type and size of animal, with machine-gun speed.

As new goats are pushed onto the stage with protesting "baaaaaas," their owners sometimes stand and wave papers documenting the goats' lineage.
Welcome to the Alabama Goat Auction, where an average of about 300 goats are auctioned on the first and third Saturdays of each month to help feed a growing demand for goat meat around the United States.

A few lucky goats will end up as breeding stock on goat farms, but many are destined for dinner tables. Goat meat is growing in popularity in the United States as the nation's Hispanic, Jewish and Muslim populations swell.
"Goat is consumed by more people in the world than beef," said David G. Summers, owner of the auction house.

Summers said he started the Alabama Goat Auction, located in his father's old chicken house off Alabama 168, in April 1998 after he saw the need to provide a market place for goat farmers from North Alabama, south-central Tennessee, northwest Georgia and northeastern Mississippi.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pirates lose final home game to GMU



Patriots come out on top 72-65

Kyle Barnes
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's basketball team played host to the George Mason Patriots in their last home game of the season on Monday night. The Pirates fell to the Patriots, 72-65.

The game was the final home game for the Pirates seniors, including Neil Punt.

"It's tough to get ready to play when you know it's your last time," Punt said.

The last time these two teams played, George Mason came out on top 75-66, although ECU's Garrett Blackwelder lead all scorers with a career high of 30 points.

In the first 10 minutes of play, the game saw without much action from either side.

George Mason's full-court defense held the Pirates to only six points, and propelled the Patriots to an early 17-6 lead.

However, ECU's sophomore Brandon Hawkins' perimeter shooting got the Pirates back to tie the game 21-21. The two teams traded baskets for the rest of the period and ECU would take a 32-27 lead into halftime. Scoring threat Garrett Blackwelder was only one for eight from the field.



ECU's Garrett Blackwelder looks for a teammate against George Mason, Monday night. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

The second half began similar to the end of the first, with both teams getting high percentage shots from the players in the paint. The 6-foot-7-inch junior, George Evans, was a force for the Patriots. Leading the CAA in field goal percentage, blocked shots and rebounds, Evans has owned the paint all year.

Two more three pointers from Brandon Hawkins, gave the Pirates a commanding eight-point lead, and it seemed as though the momentum was in their favor.

The Patriots answered with a run of their own, and with 10 minutes left, the score was knotted at 49-49.

Then, with more help from the inside game of Evans and strong perimeter play by the guards, the Patriots went on a 19-2 run which lasted six minutes, snatching the momentum back in their favor.

"During the run we were in full throttle, pressuring every shot, pass and in bounds, but most importantly keeping East Carolina from accomplishing their game plan," said Jim Larranaga, George Mason head coach.

ECU freshman Travis Holcomb-Faye added on seven points in the last two minutes for the Pirates, but it wasn't enough.

"They made a lot of big plays when they had to, and we had plenty of open looks that just were not falling," said Bill Herrion, ECU head coach.

ECU plays their last regular season game at arch rival UNC-Wilmington on Saturday, Feb. 26.

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Panthers let go of Barrow

In an effort to cut spending, the Carolina Panthers released their leading tackler, Michael Barrow.

This move was a result of Panthers' signing defensive end Chuck Smith. Smith's five-year, \$21 million contract pushed Carolina over the NFL's 2000 salary cap. Cutting Barrow from the team allowed the Panthers to shave about \$2.9 million from their salary cap figure.

"These are always uncomfortable and sometimes bewildering," coach George Seifert said. "But it's a business decision, I guess you could say, just as some players choose to go to different clubs and so forth."

This is part of a long-range cap decision not just affecting this year but the future as well."

Asa Ellbring, leader on and off court

Tennis player looks toward future

Ryan Downey
STAFF WRITER

Students who attend ECU come from all over the country. Others come here from countries all over the world. One such student is senior women's tennis star Asa Ellbring.

Ellbring, whose first name is pronounced "Alsa" is from Sweden. She is here playing tennis while working toward her degree in decision sciences with a concentration in management information systems.

Ellbring went to school for nine years in Sweden, the last four of which she attended what is called the Gymnasium. This is a college prep school which derives its name from the idea that one must exercise the mind, as

Kamthe). She had the best record on the team last year. More importantly she is a student first. In order to make grades work along with athletics you have got to be disciplined, and that's what Asa is."

Tennis is considered an individual sport in Sweden so she learned the doubles game after coming to America. To be named an all-conference doubles performer is a very impressive feat, especially under the circumstances.

"Asa is very hard working," said team captain Meredith Spears. "She comes in and does the work. She's very dedicated and has the best GPA on the team. She puts forth a great effort on and off the court."

Living away from home is not a new experience for Ellbring. While attending the Gymnasium she lived in an apartment because the school was not in the town where she lived.

"I think living away from home at a young age helped me get ready for when I got to college," Ellbring said. "Being in a different country and seeing another culture opens your mind. It allows you to see all of the positives and negatives of the culture."

While she did eventually play tennis full-time, she had other athletic interests. She played soccer, swam and did gymnastics.

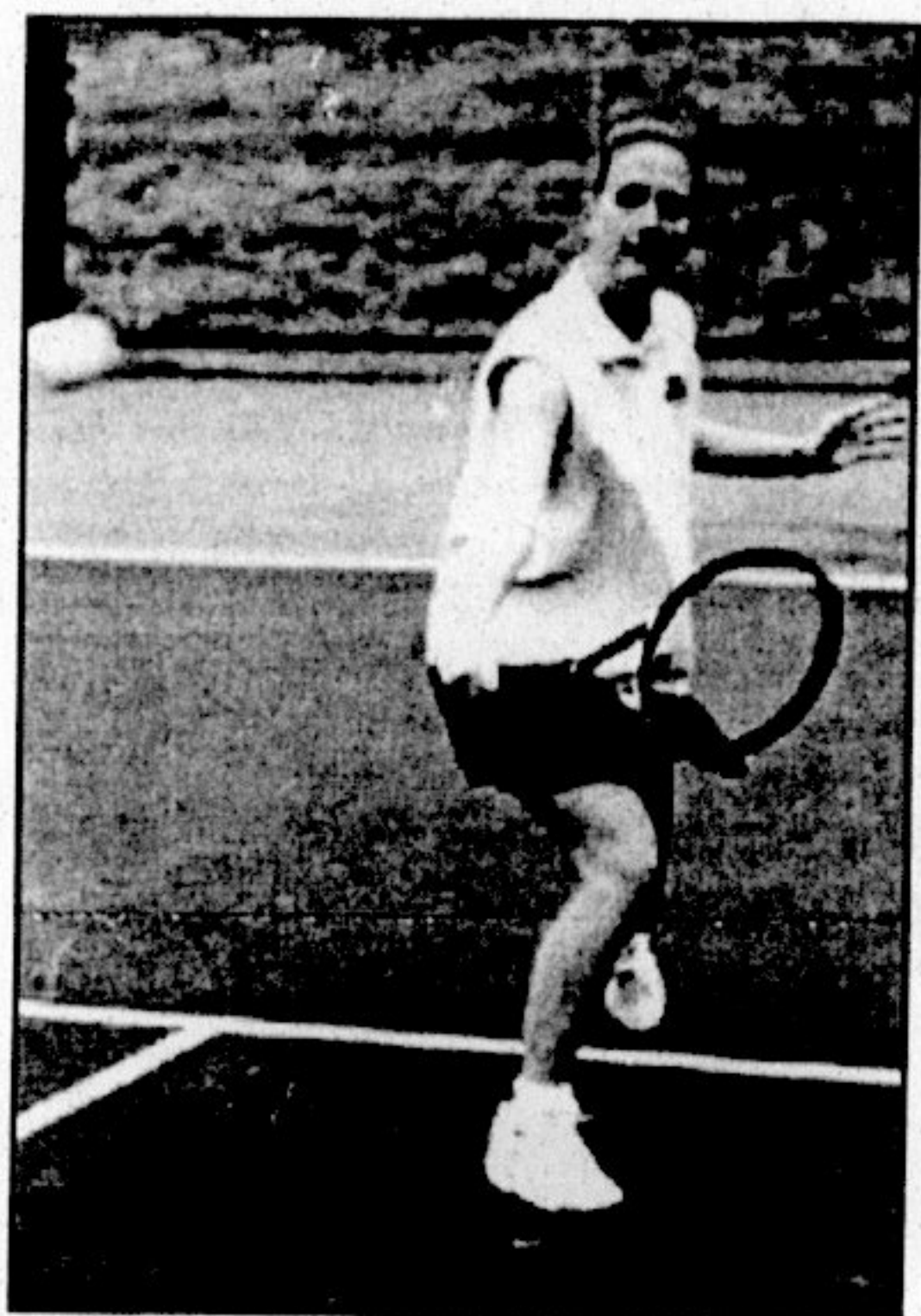
Throughout her time in Sweden her family was always there for support and advice.

"My parents have always been there for me, but they never forced me to do anything," Ellbring said. "They allowed me to grow into an independent person."

With a 3.85 grade point average, Ellbring chose management information systems as her minor because it is something that she can apply in the workplace when she returns to Sweden. As far as academics and the future, Ellbring has figured it out for herself; letting her studies slide while participating in sports has never entered her mind.

"I don't see myself as only an athlete," Ellbring said. "I am also a student. If you come out here for four years and don't get a degree then what was it for? While tennis is what got me here there is life after tennis, and I have to prepare for it."

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Ellbring has provided the tennis team with senior leadership. (file photo)

McSorley's apology will not help

Marty McSorley, Boston defenseman, was indefinitely suspended by the NHL on Tuesday because of the uncalled for blow he inflicted on Vancouver's Donald Brashear. The NHL has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday to determine whether or not McSorley should be punished further and how long the suspension should last. Not only is the NHL leading an investigation but so are the Canadian police.

McSorley publicly apologized and tried to rationalize his behavior.

"I apologized to Donald Brashear and all the fans who had to watch that," McSorley said. "I embarrassed my hockey team. ... I got way too carried away. It was a real dumb play."

"I'm still in shock at what I did. I have to come to terms with what I did. There's no excuse. It was so stupid, I can't believe I did it."

Brashear suffered a concussion due to the attack, but luckily no broken bones.

Strawberry tests positive again

Darryl Strawberry is in the hot spot again. Strawberry reported to spring training this week, but it is uncertain how long he will stay at the camp as his most recent drug test returned positive for cocaine.

"I'd just like to say I'm not running and hiding," Strawberry said. "You guys know I've always been forward. I came here today because this is where I feel I want to be. I really can't comment on anything right now."

Strawberry has had a long history of substance abuse with two drug-related suspensions in 1995 and 1999. Still, the Yankees stand behind him.

"Obviously, just as far as showing up, he said it all," said Joe Torre, Yankee's manager. "He doesn't want to be running away or hiding. It's a problem we have to deal with. ... He's one of the Yankees and we're here to support him. I know the players are concerned. He'll get dressed, and he'll work out. And until we know otherwise, that's the way it will be."

OPINION COLUMN

Pirate fans need to be patient with basketball program

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

I have heard them. I have heard them on campus, around town and even in classes. I have heard weary Pirate fans calling for the ousting of head basketball coach, Bill Herrion.

For fans of ECU basketball, this season has been a rough one. The team has stumbled to a 10-15 record overall and a 5-9 record in conference play. In the eyes of many fans the blame for the Pirates lackluster season rests solely at the feet of first-year head coach, Bill Herrion.

Last April, ECU introduced the former Drexel coach as the new leader of the Pirate basketball program. In the 10 months that he has been on the job he has gone from being a savior in the eyes of many fans to leaving a bad taste in their mouths.

To these fans I say this: before you try to run Herrion out of town consider these facts. Herrion came into this season with roughly the same team that went 13-14 last season.

The team that has taken the floor is not Herrion's team, they were not recruited by him and he has only

known them for less than a year. Everybody on the team, with the exception of freshman guard, Travis Holcomb-Faye, are holdovers from the Joe Dooley era. Essentially, Herrion has been trying to implement his style of basketball on someone else's team.

It also didn't help when, arguably, the team's best player and CAA player of the year candidate, Evaldas Jocy, was hampered early on with a series of injuries and was unable to contribute at the level he had last season. Then, before the Pirates began the bulk of their conference schedule, another injury side-lined the senior for the remainder of the year.

However, the most troubling aspect of the current rumblings against Herrion is the lack of patience shown by these fans.

Herrion hasn't even had one full season as head coach of the Pirates and already people are calling for his job. Is this how you want this program run? This "win now" attitude is not necessary in college sports.

So, my advice to Pirate fans antsy to see Herrion out as coach, is to be patient. Give him a chance to get

Underclassmen shine at GMU Invitational

Coaches give veterans week off

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

With most of their competitors qualified for their season ending meets, the ECU track teams rested their veteran talent and took their underclassmen to the GMU Invitational in Fairfax, Va., this weekend.

While the more decorated athletes were in Greenville, the younger competitors were showcased. Youngsters such as Demiko Picott, Toshima Dabbs and Frankie Green stole the show.

Picott, a freshman, took home two top five finishes in the sprint events. She won the 200 and finished fourth in the 60 meter dash. Teammate, Dabbs finished second in the long jump and the 400 meters. Also taking home a win was thrower, Crystal Frye. Frye won the shot put with a toss of 46-foot-2 1/2-inches. Also contributing to the strong throwing performances was Margaret Clayton who placed second in the weight throw.

"Overall, I am very pleased and excited with the performances of the younger athletes, including Demiko Picott and Toshima Dabbs," said Matt Munson, women's track head coach. "We also did an outstanding job in the throws today with Crystal Frye and Margaret Clayton each moving up in the ECAC rankings."

The men rested many of their sprinters in order get ready for the nationals next month. Their younger runners traveled to Virginia to compete.

Among those at the meet was freshman Frankie Green.

"The guy that looked the best was Frankie Green," said Head Coach Bill Carson. "He ran well and he's learning."

Green placed fifth in the 400. The fact that Green placed high at the meet was made more impressive by the fact that Green had no experience running indoors before this season.

"It felt good to get fourth," Green said. Behind Green, teammates Terry Speller, Darren Tuitt and George Chavis also placed in the 400. Speller placed seventh while Tuitt and Chavis placed 12th and 13th respectively.

Also placing in the top 10 was Anthony Sherrard. Sherrard placed fifth in the 200 and earned a ninth place finish in the 60 meter dash. Darius Chisolm got seventh in the 200 meters.

Also competing at the meet were the ECU distance runners. For the women, Abby Hayes got an ECAC qualifying mark in the 3,000 meter run. For the men, Justin England placed fourth in the mile run with a time of 4:18.30. Teammate, Brian Beil placed sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:57.03.

This writer can be contacted at sports@studentmedia.ecu.edu.

Results from GMU College Invitational

Women			
Demiko Picott	200 meters	1st	26.03
Demiko Picott	60 meters	4th	7.87
Crystal Frye	shot put	1st	46' 2 1/2"
Toshima Dabbs	400 meters	2nd	57.38
Toshima Dabbs	long jump	2nd	19' 4 3/4"
Margaret Clayton	weight throw	2nd	46' 2 1/2"
Abby Hayes	3,000 meters	3rd	10:01.80
Marshari Williams	60m high hurdles	6th	9.03
Men			
Anthony Sherrard	200 meters	5th	23.58
Anthony Sherrard	60 meters	9th	7.28
Frankie Green	400 meters	5th	49.6
Terry Speller	400 meters	7th	51.03
Darius Chisolm	200 meters	7th	23.70
James Fisher	60 meter hurdles	10th	8.74
Darius Chisolm	60 meters	11th	7.34
Darren Tuitt	400 meters	12th	51.56
George Chavis	400 meters	13th	51.74
Justin England	mile run	4th	4:18.30
David Balon	mile run	15th	4:38.11
Brian Beil	800 meters	9th	1:57.03
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McSorley suspended for savage hit

NEW YORK (AP)—Marty McSorley is waiting to find out how long he will be banished for his brutal stick attack of Donald Brashear. After that, he might have to answer to Vancouver police.

The Boston enforcer was suspended indefinitely Tuesday, one day after McSorley swung his stick with both hands against the side of Brashear's head in the Bruins' 5-2 defeat to the Canucks. Brashear was knocked out and bloodied as a result.

A hearing was scheduled today at the NHL office to determine how long the suspension will last and what further action, if any, will be taken against McSorley.

"I apologize to Donald Brashear and all the fans who had to watch that," McSorley said Monday. "I embarrassed my hockey team. ... I got way too carried away. It was a real dumb play.

"I'm still in shock at what I did. I have to come to terms with what I did. There's no excuse. It was so stupid, I can't believe I did it."

Brashear, who serves a similar role as McSorley for the Canucks, was diagnosed with a concussion after he fell backward, striking his head against the ice as his helmet came off. His body twitched and blood came from his nose.

The forward, released Tuesday from a Vancouver hospital, came to GM Place to meet with team trainers. He later told the Vancouver Province he didn't remember the hit, but has seen replays.

"I saw it after," Brashear said of the hit. "It looked worse than it was. It looked like I was dying. I wasn't dying, but it's a concussion. There are no bones broken. That was the main concern. Still, I have bad headaches and my face is swollen."

The Canucks said that Brashear will be out of action at least 2-3 weeks.

With only 2.7 seconds remaining Monday night, and the Canucks ahead 5-2, McSorley skated up—out of Brashear's view—and connected against Brashear's right temple.

"It's disgusting, terrible, absolutely disgusting," Vancouver right wing Todd Bertuzzi said. "That does not need to be in the game of hockey. I've never seen anything like that in my life."

Police, who fielded numerous phone calls from upset fans, are investigating and said they will consult with the NHL.

"We have a situation here where it would appear, or that it's been alleged, that there was a fairly vicious attack by one person on another," said constable Anne Drennan, a spokeswoman for the Vancouver police.

She said police have not yet interviewed Brashear or McSorley and don't know how long any investigation will take. The findings will be sent to a prosecutor, who will decide whether to file charges.

Canucks General Manager Brian Burke, once the NHL's chief disciplinarian, said the police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police should stay out.

"Leave this stuff on the ice; leave it to the National Hockey League," Burke told Vancouver radio station CKNW. "We don't need the Vancouver police department or the RCMP involved in this."

Referee Brad Watson restored order after the hit sparked a melee, and declared the game over with time still on the clock.

"We couldn't believe what we saw and didn't know what to do," Canucks left wing Brad May said. "It was crazy out there. I will have no respect for that guy ever again. Anybody who has ever had respect for him should lose it."

"He's our big brother out there," May said of Brashear. "He sticks up for our team, he's the toughest in the league. To get hit like that, it's just uncalled for."

McSorley, who received a match penalty for attempt to injure, has lasted 17 years in the league because of his ability to fight and protect his more skilled teammates. He has been suspended at least five other times in his professional career.

"It's a shocker," Boston captain Ray Bourque said. "I've never been a part of anything like that or witnessed anything like that. There is no way to justify it."

The longest suspension the NHL has ever imposed for an on-ice hit was a 21-game banishment given to Washington's Dale Hunter for a blindside check of the New York Islanders' Pierre Turgeon after a goal in a 1993 playoff game.

McSorley is best known for serving as Wayne Gretzky's protector with the Edmonton Oilers and then with Los Angeles as the two were traded together in one of hockey's biggest deals.



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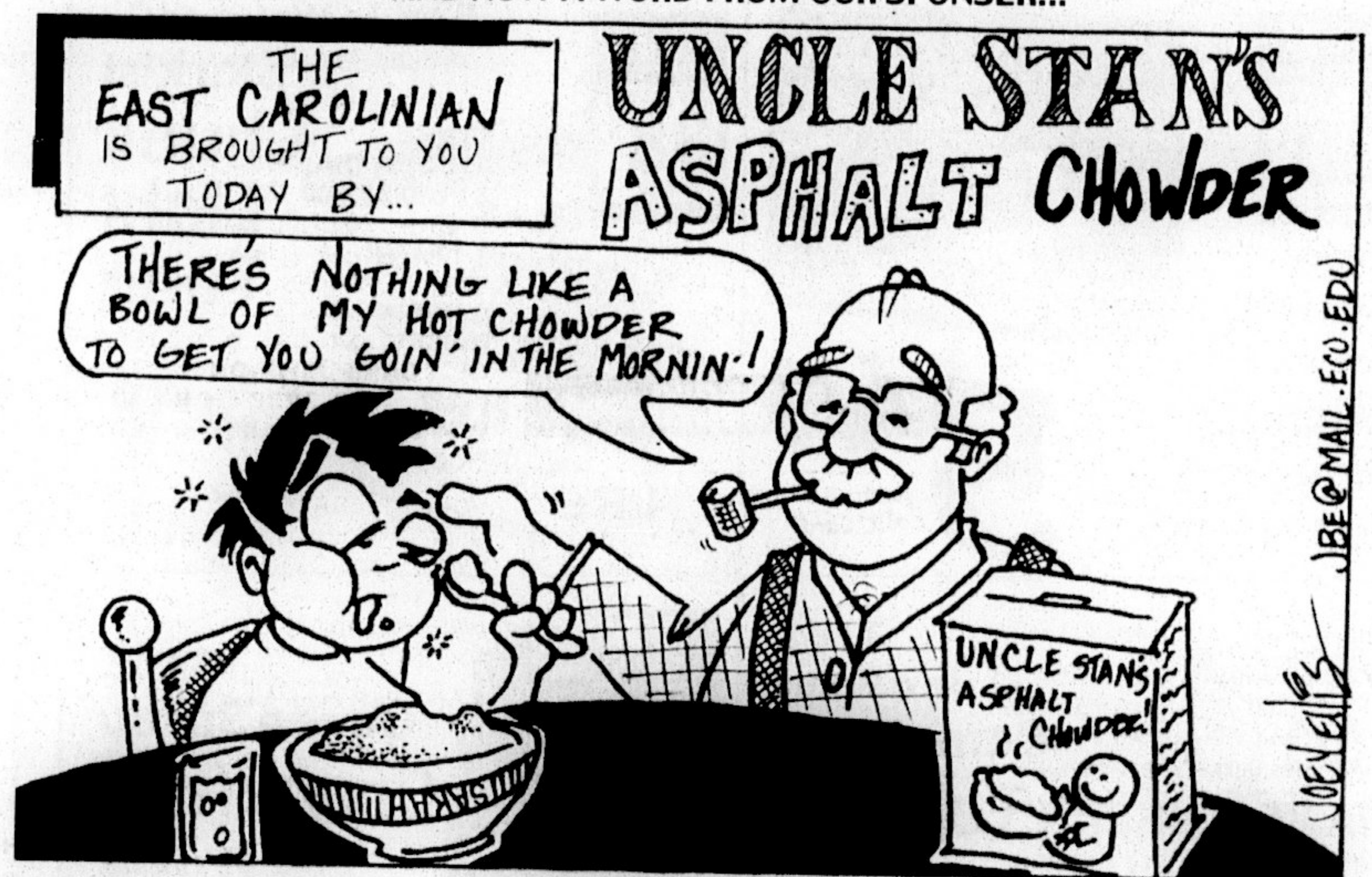
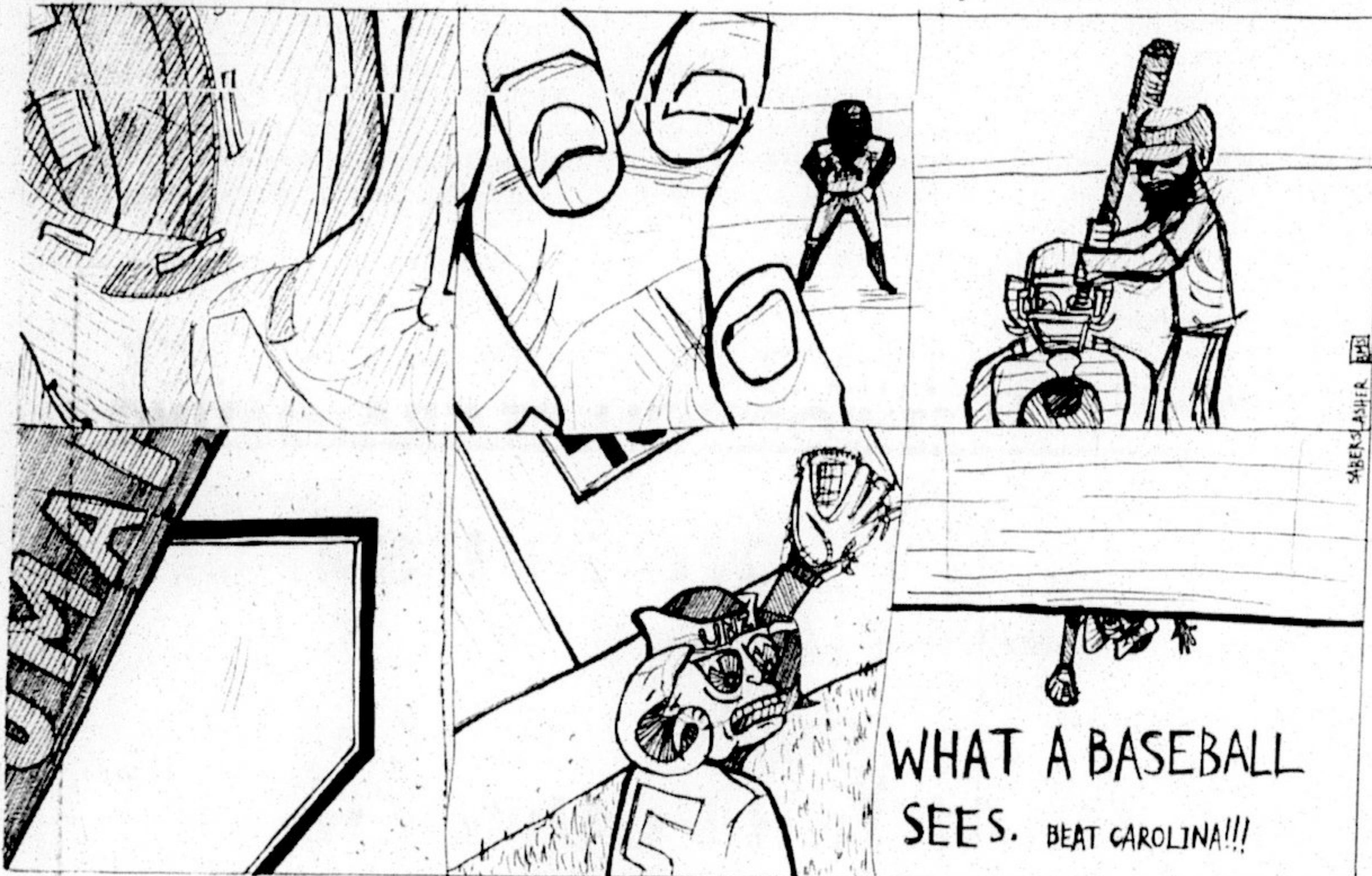
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TO THE sisters of Alpha Phi and Alpha Omicron Pi: hope you're having a great semester! Love your sister sorority, Pi Delta.

PI KAPPA Alpha, Thanks for the social Saturday- especially the BAND! Love, Alpha Delta Pi.

PHI KAPPA Tau, Friday's Hee-Haw social was so much fun! We loved dancing in the Hay! Can't wait until the next social. Love, Alpha Phi

HEY OMICRON class! Pledge Olympics was a blast. Balls, paper, and "shoot the moon". Hope to do it again real soon. Love the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

SIG PI thank you for the cookout we had a great time. Love the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

TAU KAPPA Epsilon last Thursday's social was a blast. Thank you, lets do it again soon. Love, Alpha Phi

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FOUNTAIN HEAD

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the strip club experience

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Where the boys are...

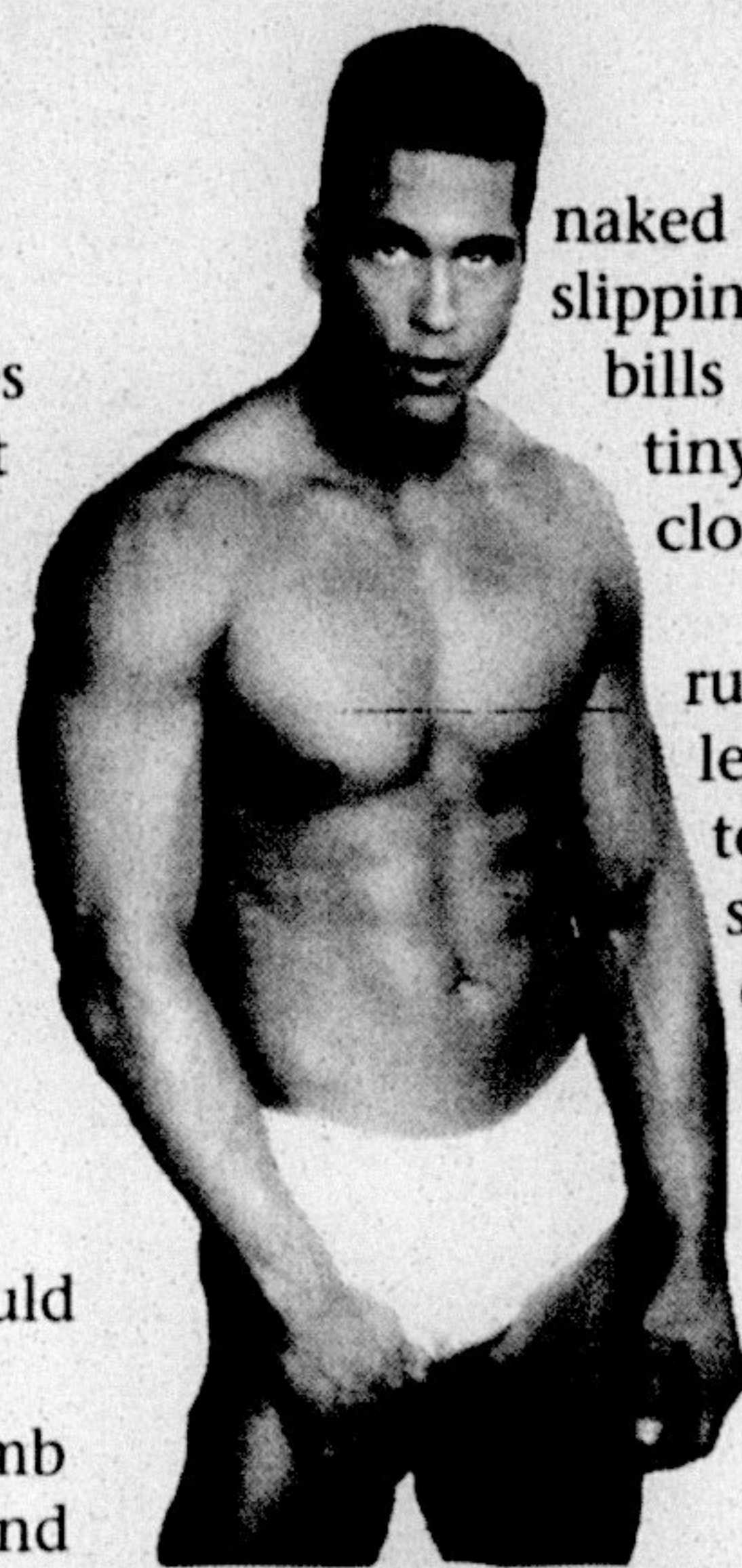
Emily Little
FH Editor

With grand introduction, they swagger out on the stage with a pelvic thrust that sends the women screaming and the men running for cover. They throw off their shades and rip away their velcroed pants, leaving the family jewels hidden only by a g-string and the will of the gods.

These guys are not Drew Carey. They're male strippers, the real thing, unashamed to bare it all

before an anticipating public.

The thing that makes male strippers so different from the female kind, aside from the obvious anatomical differences and the fact that they're harder to find, is the attitude of the crowd they play to. For most of the girls, it's not so much about sex as it is about a night out with friends, doing something they could never do with their boy-friends, going out on a limb by jumping up on stage and grinding with a mostly



naked man and slipping dollar bills into his tiny piece of cloth.

The rules are less strict, too. Male strippers often touch the women

in the audience, and many of them don't mind being touched back. Sometimes they even pick out a date from the crowd. Only with the really big shows do bouncers hold back overly eager women with wandering hands. Still, no one ever gets thrown out, and there's no champagne room to worry about. It's a show, pure and simple, and one worth catching for anyone who likes to look at toned naked men.

calling all male strippers

Almost every night of the week, lusty men can hop on over to the Silver Bullet or Pure Gold or The Body Shop or Thee Dollhouse or any other hub of naked dancing women waiting to have money stuffed down their undies. But, have you ever tried to find a male strip show? They float from town to town on the momentum of word of mouth, never on a regular schedule.

It's not as if we girls don't have money to spend. When the Men of Playgirl came to Club Venus last year to do a free show, well over 200 girls crammed in around the stage to watch four guys take it all off, all the while dishing money out to the bartender and stuffing it down g-strings as fast as they could whip it out of their wallets. So there is a demand. And there is money out there to be made from the industry.

So why don't we have more male strippers in Greenville? The ratio at this university is ridiculously heavy on the women, so shouldn't the entertainment industry cater more to our needs? The only place you can count on seeing them at all is not even geared toward women. I like an exposed bottom as much as the next girl, and the next girl likes it a lot, judging by how much she screams when she sees one pop out from beneath rip-away jeans. Trust me. We want to see them.

I'm not so naive as to think a strip club with only male dancers would go over big here. At the risk of sounding like an extreme female chauvinist, I will say that women tend to have other things to do than go to a bar and watch nude men dance during the week. Most men probably have other things to do as well, they just don't. What I'm asking for is a weekly showing. Every Friday or Saturday, or both, give us a stage for the men. After all, there are three strip clubs in this area, open almost every night of the week. The least you can do is give us one stage from one club one night. Is that really so hard?

The boys got to go see women dance. We girls undertook a grueling search for male dancers to gawk at. It's a tragedy, really, for all parties involved. We want to see naked men. Give us naked men.

Fortunately, this Friday night the Silver Bullet is apparently putting forth an effort to meet our needs by having their own male strip show. It's a start. It's a little happiness in this world of fully-clothed people. I, for one, am glad to know that someone is thinking of us by giving us naked men. I just wish they'd think of us more often.

This writer can be contacted at fountainhead@studentmedia.ecu.edu.

FH Interview: ROCKO

Rocko is built, tattooed and tanned. He works a regular job during the day and dances about three nights a week for extra cash. He performs around the Southeast and lives in Charlotte.

FH: How did you start?

R: I entered a contest and won.

FH: Were you nervous the first time you worked?

R: No, I was drunk.

FH: What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you while working?

R: I fell down and broke my ankle.

FH: How does the income earned compare to other jobs?

R: It's a lot more.

FH: Do you enjoy doing what you're doing?

R: Sometimes.

FH: Does your family know what you are doing?

R: Yes.

FH: How do they feel about it?

R: They don't like it. They got over it though.

FH: Do you plan on doing this for long?

R: I've been doing it for three years. I think this will be my last season.

FH: Do you have any kids?

R: No.

FH: What is the worst type of customer?

R: People who just stand there and don't give me any money. They tell me I look good but don't give me anything.

FH: What does your job description include?

R: Stripping, dancing. In some states we can't wear G-strings. Some states let us dance naked.

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Patrick insists we run this quote. Blame him.

"Take back the weed, take back the cocaine baby. Take back the pills, take back the whiskey, too. Don't need it now, your love was all I was after. I'll make it now, I can get off on you."

- taken from a love song by the immortals, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings

above: me the woman

clockwise boys enjoy Raven light era; nothing leather. (p Richardson)

FH

"Di old and two year. She has daughter with her.

A night at the Bullet

Patrick McMahon
Entertainment Editor

We're off to see some strippers, some wonderful g-strings and bras, fa-la-tee-da, dee-tee-da-do-bee, oh what wonderful things she does!

Just as little Dorothy went off to see the Wizard, my co-workers and I ventured out to The Silver Bullet last Thursday night to find out just what kinds of things these "ladies of the night" could do. Let me just start out by saying that I love my job in every way humanly possible. I get promo CDs from record labels to listen to, I get press access to live events and I get assigned stories like this one. Not too shabby.

In the beginning, I thought that this would be the greatest assignment of them all, better than anything I had previously done. Well, I was right and I was wrong at the same time. I think I enjoyed myself, but I'm not sure. There were too many things that happened that night that brought our whole experience down. But I'll try to recall the events in the best possible way so that you can experience (or not experience) what I did.

Our night started out innocently enough with sports editor Stephen Schramm and staff writer Robert Schwartz arriving on time and geared up ready to



go. We loaded into my black limo, er, Corolla, and made the trip out to the boondocks to find this place. It is literally way out in the middle of nowhere between Farmville and Greenville off Highway 13, a.k.a. Dickinson Avenue. Anyone that has ever been to Garry's Skin Gra-fix knows just how far out the Bullet is.

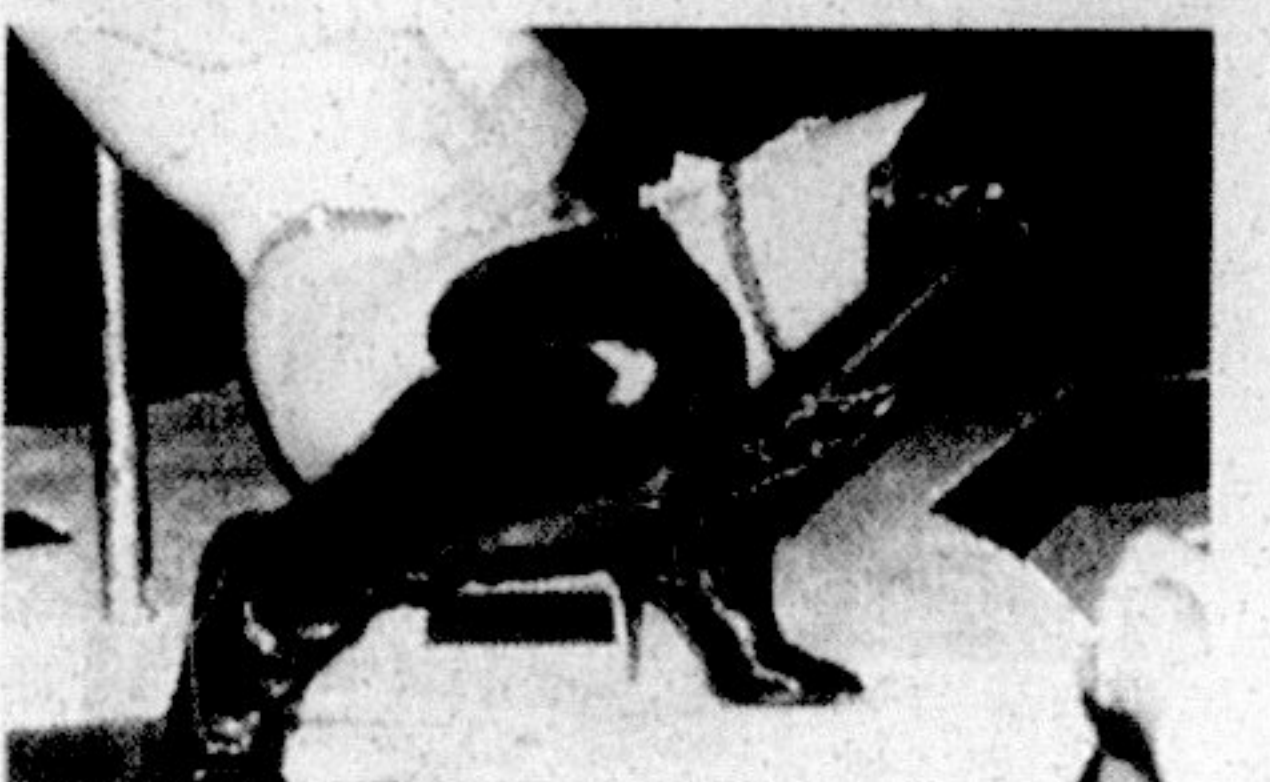
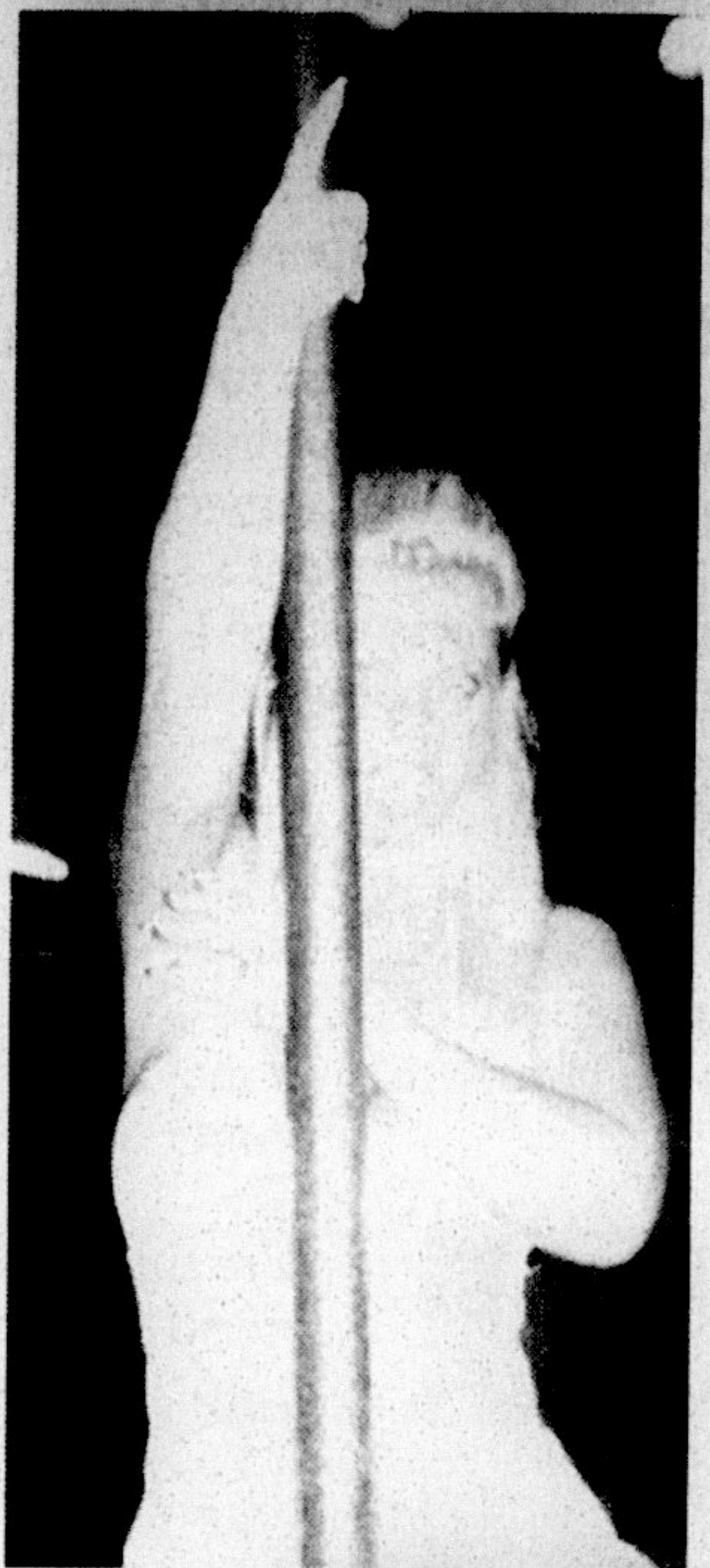
Just down the road we see it. From the parking lot the building looks like nothing more than a small two-story barn. From the inside, however, you realize that there is much, much more space. We get out of the car and walk in to pay the cover charge. Eight dollars?! Are you frickin' kidding me? OK, OK, I'll pay it. My editor would kill me if I didn't write this story anyway.



Immediately upon entering we are greeted with heavy smoke and a heavy woman asking us if we are interested in getting a lap dance.

"Hey there, sugar. You want a little dance from me, baby?" Um, no thanks Ms. Gigantor. We just got here and are trying to scope out the place.

see *Bullet*, pg. 6



above: money belt; pay the woman, already.

clockwise from right: the boys enjoy themselves; Raven lights up the camera; nothing beats black leather. (photos by Emily Richardson)

FH Interview: DIXIE

"Dixie" is 22 years old and has completed two years of college study. She has a two-year-old daughter, who travels with her.

FH: How did you start dancing?

Dixie: I was 18 and needed money for school and I saw an ad in the paper so I just went out there and applied. The owners were looking for new, young dancers and I fit the bill so they gave me the job.

FH: Were you nervous

the first time you worked?

Dixie: Oh, hell yeah. The guys kinda freaked me out at first but I had faith in the bouncers. They really helped me through it. The other dancers were great, too. They told me some things I could do and I really calmed down a lot. I'm a natural performer so once I got on stage it was nothing.

FH: Why did you choose this profession?

Dixie: The money. I can make \$600 dollars a night at some of the more popular clubs and \$200 at some of the others. It's crazy how much money there is. Once, these two guys just got into a money throwing fight, seeing who would put the most money down. Next thing I know there is \$4,000

just laying there. The dancing doesn't make me feel dirty at all. I enjoy it.

FH: What is the most embarrassing thing to ever happen to you when you worked?

Dixie: Oh my God, I was giving this one

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Things to do in Greenville when you're sober

Massage and Bodywork Therapy

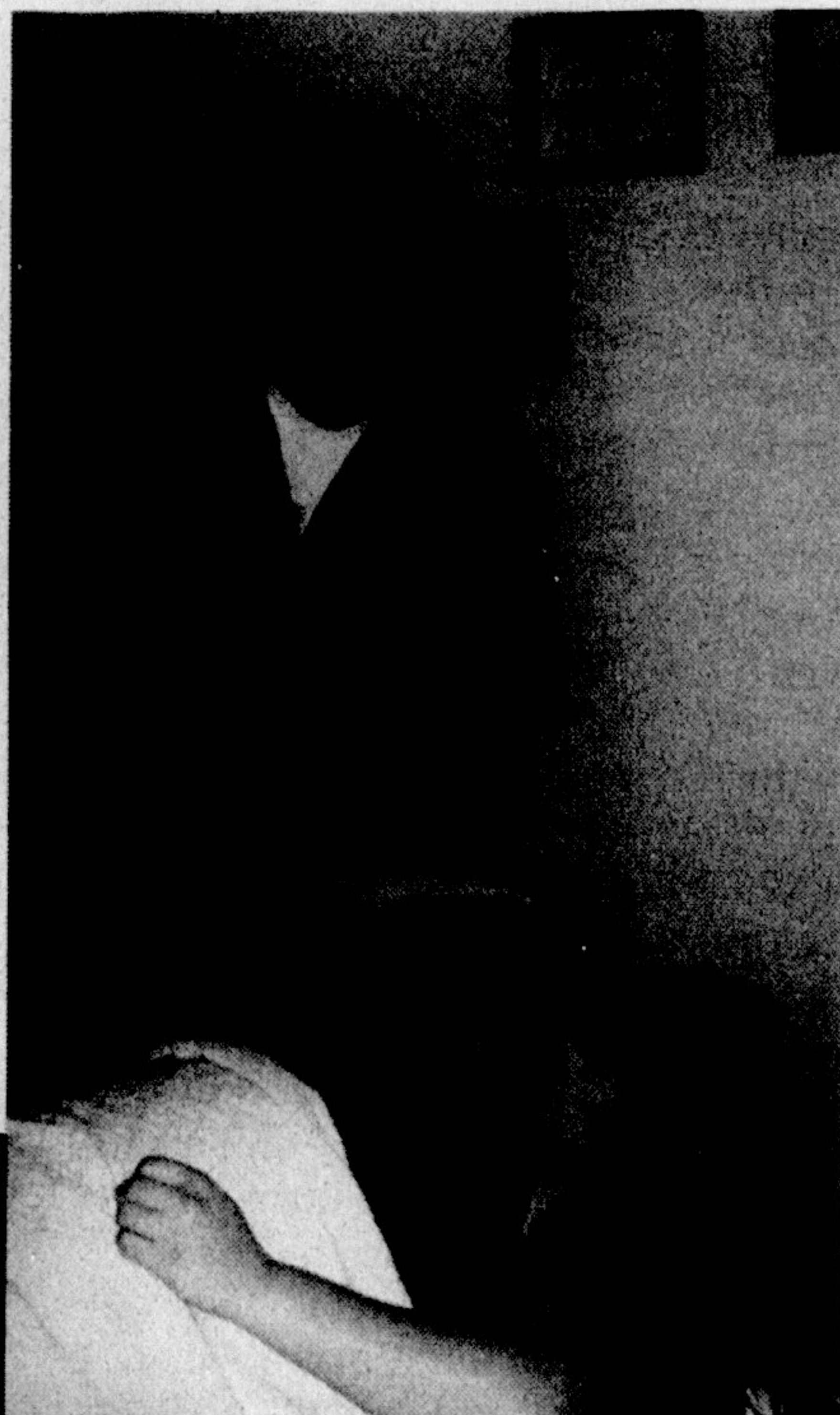
Emily Little
Fountainhead Editor

This morning your alarm never went off so you got to work late and your boss ripped you a new one, but not before you discovered your cat has the kitty flu and you accidentally got signed up to work an extra shift at your other job, during the only remaining time you had to study for the huge test you have tomorrow in the same class where you have two more days to write a 12-page term paper on a subject you

me talk about that in the paper.

I'm talking about massage therapy, and not the kind where your significant other crushes your collar bone and rips out chunks of skin with ice-pick sharp fingernails. This is the real thing—professional, certified and trained to make you forget about all that stuff from this morning.

Last week, I sacrificed some invaluable time to see what a massage was like so I could come back and tell



lay down, pulling the blanket over me so none of my girly parts showed. Mia was doing the same down the hall in Mark's office. Mia, however, doesn't have nudity issues. She's European.

The whole thing is very professional. Despite my nudity issues, I never felt uncomfortable for a minute. Shelly

and the heater on and the lotion and the smell of a fresh spring rain in the air, not to mention the hands working the kinks out of your overly-stressed body, you'll probably drop into that higher state of being where your two jobs and upcoming term paper no longer have any meaning.

When you go to get a massage, have your homework done and get someone to pick you up when it's over. On the way home I almost ran a stoplight because I was so relaxed it didn't occur to me that it was there. Mia was so relaxed she looked like a Jamaican guitar player.

Doing homework is a major bummer when you're this calm, so plan to take a bubble bath or go straight to bed.

Take some friends and spend

some time forgetting about all that crap you have to do. It will make it easier to go back to work after you've had that hour to have someone else remove the physical signs of stress. Half-hour sessions are \$30, hour sessions are \$50 and an hour-and-a-half costs \$75. It's so much more worth it than spending the same amount on that hoochie-momma tank top you've been saving up for to wear the next night you get drunk, go downtown and indulge in that sickening smoke smell. Don't get drunk this weekend—get relaxed. For more information, call Human Nature at 215-0405 or Heavenly Hands at 413-0802.

never exposed or touched any objectionable part of my body. In fact, licensed massage therapists follow a strict code of ethics. You never have to worry as long as you go to a trained therapist. Personally, I was too busy lowering my shoulders and collapsing into a pile of useless mush on the table to be concerned about anything.

That is, until the photographer set off a flash in my face. If you go to get a massage, I suggest you do not bring your resident photo editor. She was a major buzzkill, especially when I was on my stomach and she stuck her head under the table to make faces at me.

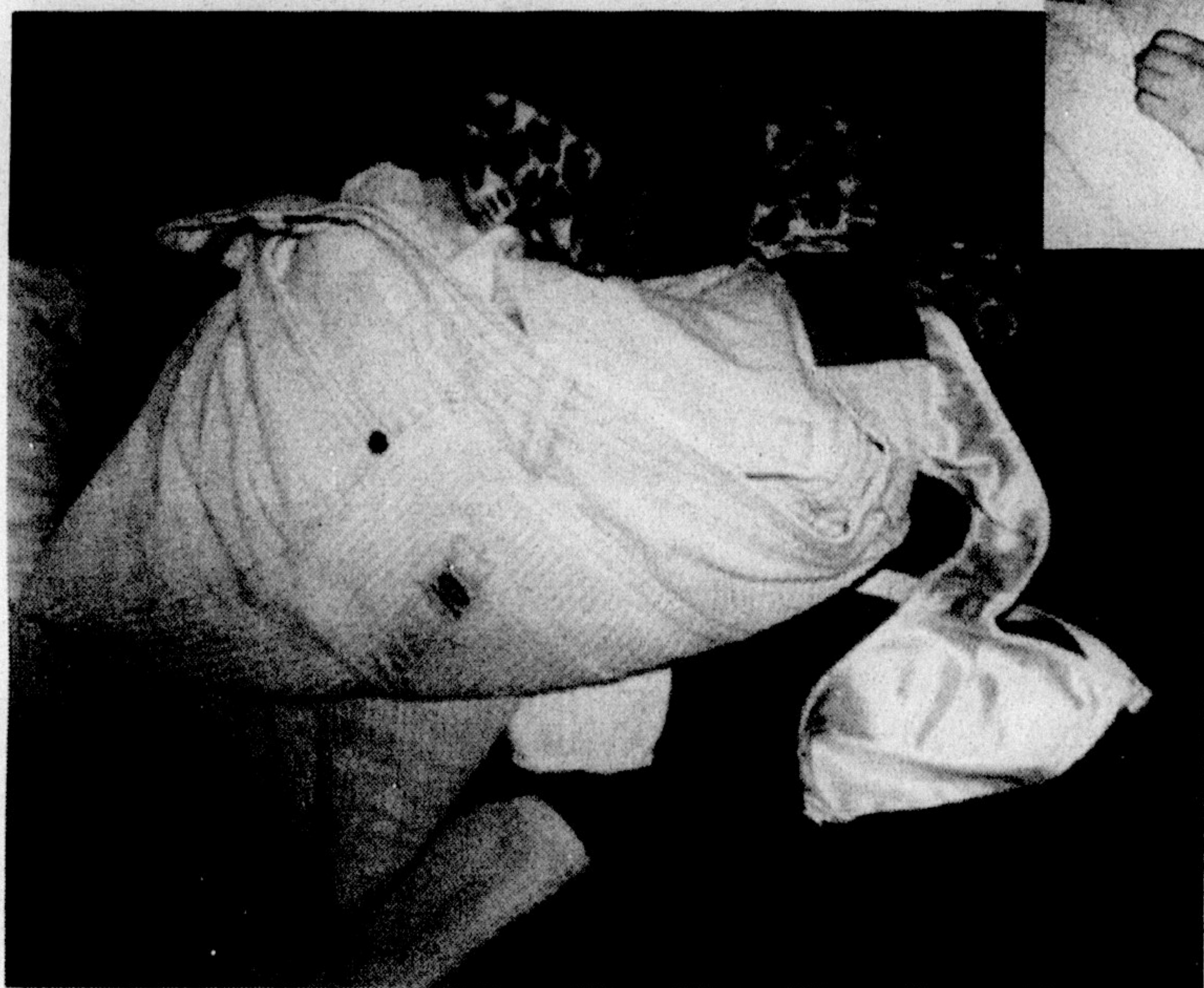
Me All Night Long" at the Melissa Etheridge concert and your head never quite settled back into its proper place after you gave yourself whiplash; kind of like that Barbie doll whose neck you broke that time you brushed her hair too hard. In fact, you should bring Barbie along if

you go. If they can help you, maybe they can help her get her spinal cord back. Massage really does have some great health benefits, after all. Doctors recommend Shelly and Mark to patients all the time.

I stripped down to my skivvies alone in Shelly's massage room while she waited outside. By skivvies I mean my bottom only, because I have nudity issues and feel uncomfortable without that stretch of cloth that serves no distinguishably important purpose. I climbed onto the table and

you. I took my friend Mia for a second opinion because she had been through a really rough day. Now don't you wish you were my friend too?

Mark Fulcher and Shelly Wynn, owners of Human Nature and Heavenly Hands, respectively, were waiting for us in their shared office off Cromwell Drive. We filled out some medical forms and detailed the source of our many aches and pains—you know, stuff like the time you decided it would be funny to headbang to "You Shook



(clockwise from left): Yes, that is my bra; Mia passed out with Mark's help; Shelly's hands on my exposed back. (photos by Emily Richardson)

haven't had time to research.

Know what you need? Eight fingers and two thumbs covered with scented lotion, rubbing up your spine and down your legs, yanking your shoulders down from your ears and back next to your arms where they belong. You need birds chirping in the air and water running and pan flutes in a warm room where you lay naked on a table. No, not the doctor's office. That would be a cold room. And not that other place, either. They won't let

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Housing Guide

March 22, 2000



A guide to finding an apartment on- and off-campus housing in Greenville

Watch for these things when renting

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Looking for an apartment? You might want to start now and there are things you should know. Many students start hunting for apartments for the fall as early as spring break.

In addition to luxuries like

swimming pools, dishwashers and microwaves there are other matters you should consider before signing a lease.

Check the apartment's construction, appliances, electrical outlets, lighting, window and door locks, and the general cleanliness and parking.

All these things should be

considered in addition to the general reputation of the landlord for making repairs in a timely manner and for returning security deposits at the end of the lease.

Once you decide on an apartment, you should carefully review the lease.

If you do not understand a provision or do not agree with it, have someone explain it or advise you how to rewrite it in terms agreeable to you and the landlord.

If the landlord makes promises regarding repairs that will be made before you move in or shortly thereafter,

get those promises in writing, along with a date they will be completed.

If you have roommates, everybody should sign the lease.

Remember that the lease is a binding contract. If the term of the lease is for one year, you are bound to its terms for one year.

Choose your roommates carefully. You could be paying their rent if they decide to move out.

Every roommate signing the lease is legally obligated for the full amount of the rent if another roommate fails to

pay. Roommates should have a written agreement with each other, stating who pays what. If a utility is billed in your name, you are responsible for the entire bill and must ask for reimbursement from your roommates.

Can you afford it? It is highly advisable to check your budget before signing the lease.

If you have problems, there are specific laws and/or ordinances that may provide help for you. Check out the local or state laws which may apply in the university or city library.

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Get neighbors to reduce the noise

CORA JORDAN

It's 2 in the morning. You're lying in bed trying to sleep because you have a big meeting tomorrow morning. You feel a pounding sensation in your head.

At first, you think it's a headache. But then you realize that it's music blasting from your neighbor's stereo, rattling your windows.

Before you pound on the neighbor's door and yell something you'll regret, try some more constructive alternatives.

1. TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOR

Your first step is to talk to your neighbor and try to resolve your differences in person. It's hard to believe, but sometimes neighbors are not aware that they are causing a disturbance. Even if you're ready to punch somebody out, try a little sugar instead.

2. GET A COPY OF YOUR LOCAL ORDINANCE

Your next step is to get a copy of your local noise laws. Most cities and counties have ordinances that control the times, types and loudness of noise.

You can look up your local ordinance at city hall or the public library. Make at two copies, one for you and one for your neighbor.

3. WARN YOUR NEIGHBOR IN WRITING

If things don't improve, ask your neighbor again — this time in writing — to quiet down. Don't make threats, but state that if the situation doesn't improve you'll be forced to notify the authorities. Enclose a copy of the noise ordinance. Keep a copy of your letter; you'll need it if, as a last resort, you later sue your neighbor.

4. SUGGEST MEDIATION

Most cities offer free or low-cost mediation services, which means they provide an impartial mediator who will sit down with you and your neighbor and try to help you resolve your differences.

Just call the mediation service; someone there will contact the neighbor and suggest mediation. (These people are very good at convincing others to give it a chance.)

5. CALL THE POLICE

If you have done all of the above and your neighbor has responded by turning up the volume, call the police (or the Animal Control officer if the problem is a barking dog). Try to get the police to come while the noise is occurring.

Of course, you can call the police on a noisy neighbor the first time the music gets too loud for your taste. But the police will be more sympathetic to your situation if they see you have tried to solve the problem on your own.

6. SUE FOR NUISANCE

If all else fails, you can get your neighbor's attention — and maybe some money — by suing in small claims court.

You can sue your neighbor for nuisance if your neighbor's noise unreasonably interferes with your enjoyment of your property. In the lawsuit, you ask for money to compensate you for the interference with your right to peacefully enjoy your home.

Small claims court is easy and inexpensive, and you don't need a lawyer. You will need to show the following:

- There is excessive and disturbing noise.
- Your enjoyment of your property is diminished.
- You have asked the person to stop the noise (your letter should be enough to prove this).

To prove your case, you can use police reports, witness testimonies, recordings, your own testimony and the testimony of neighbors or others.

If you're in an apartment, noisy neighbors are always bad news. But when you share walls with the insensitive neighbor, the problem is especially vexing. The good news for renters is that, in addition to all your other options, you have built-in allies in the battle to keep your apartment livable: your lease

or rental agreement and your landlord.

Standard leases and rental agreements contain clauses that entitle you to "quiet enjoyment" of your home.

A neighbor who is blasting the stereo in an unreasonable manner is probably violating the lease or rental agreement and can be evicted.

If you warn your neighbor about the noise in writing, in your letter, tell the neighbor that the next complaint will be to the landlord or neighborhood association if the noise continues.

If warning your neighbor doesn't work, go to your landlord. Most tenants don't like to complain to the landlord or manager about unreasonable noise. But other neighbors are probably bothered by the noise too.

Get together with them and complain to the landlord as a group. It's easier and you might get faster results. Most landlords don't want arguments between tenants. Your landlord will probably tell the noisy tenant to pipe down or face eviction.

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When a landlord can enter your property

Nolo Press Editors

Here are answers to frequently asked questions on a landlord's right to entry.

1. Does my landlord have the right to enter my apartment whenever he or she wants?

It depends on the state. In all states, a landlord or manager may enter rented premises while the tenant is living there without advance notice in the case of emergency, such as a fire or serious water leak.

And, of course, a landlord may enter when a tenant gives permission. Beyond that, laws in many states guarantee tenants reasonable privacy rights against intrusions.

2. What are examples of situations when a landlord may enter, but only after giving the tenant reasonable notice?

Typically, a landlord has

the right to enter rented premises after giving tenants reasonable notice in order to make needed repairs (or assess the need for them) and to show the property to prospective new tenants or purchasers. In addition, a landlord may enter rented premises in instances when the tenant moves out without notifying the landlord or by court order. A landlord may not enter just to check up on the tenant.

3. Assuming it is not an emergency, but the landlord has a valid reason to enter—for example, to make repairs—what kind of notice is required?

States typically require landlords to provide a specific amount of notice (usually 24 hours) before entering.

In some states, landlords must provide a reasonable amount of notice, legally presumed to be 24 hours. Land-

lords can usually enter on shorter notice if it is impracticable to provide the required amount of notice.

4. May a landlord enter a rental unit any time of day, as long as he's given the required amount of notice?

No. In most instances—except emergencies, abandonment and invitation by tenant—states allow a landlord to enter only at reasonable times, without setting specific hours and days. Some states require that landlords may enter only during normal business hours.

5. What are the landlord's options if a tenant refuses to allow entry even when a landlord has given adequate notice and has a valid reason to enter?

A landlord should not force entry except when there is a true emergency, such as a fire or gas leak. However, if a tenant is repeatedly unreasonable in denying the landlord access, the landlord can legally enter anyway, during reasonable times, provided he does so in a peace-

ful manner. However, in no case should the landlord enter if the tenant is present and saying "stay out."

If a landlord has a serious conflict over access with an otherwise satisfactory tenant, a sensible first step is to meet with the tenant to see if the problem can be resolved.

If these attempts at compromise don't work, a landlord can usually evict the tenant for violating the lease or rental agreement, assuming it contains an appropriate right-of-entry provision.

6. What should a tenant do if a landlord repeatedly violates her privacy rights by entering the rental unit with no good reason and/or advance notice?

As a first step, the tenant will usually first meet with the landlord to ask for assurance that this conduct won't be repeated. If this doesn't work, the tenant (depending on the state) may be able to simply move out, claiming that the landlord's repeated violation of her privacy amounts to a "constructive eviction." Finally, if the landlord's con-

duct seriously interferes with the tenant's peace of mind, the tenant may have grounds for a successful lawsuit, asking for damages. Typically, a tenant will file suit in small claims court without a lawyer. For details on small claims court procedures, see *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court* (National or California Edition), by Ralph Warner (Nolo Press).

7. How can I find out the specific laws on privacy in my state?

Find your state's statutes at the public library.

If possible, look for the larger annotated version which will also contain brief notes as to key court decisions. Look in the index under Landlord-Tenant and then for the subheading Privacy. You may also be able to get information from a local apartment association or tenants' rights group.

Your state Attorney General's Office or Consumer Protection Agency can also provide advice.

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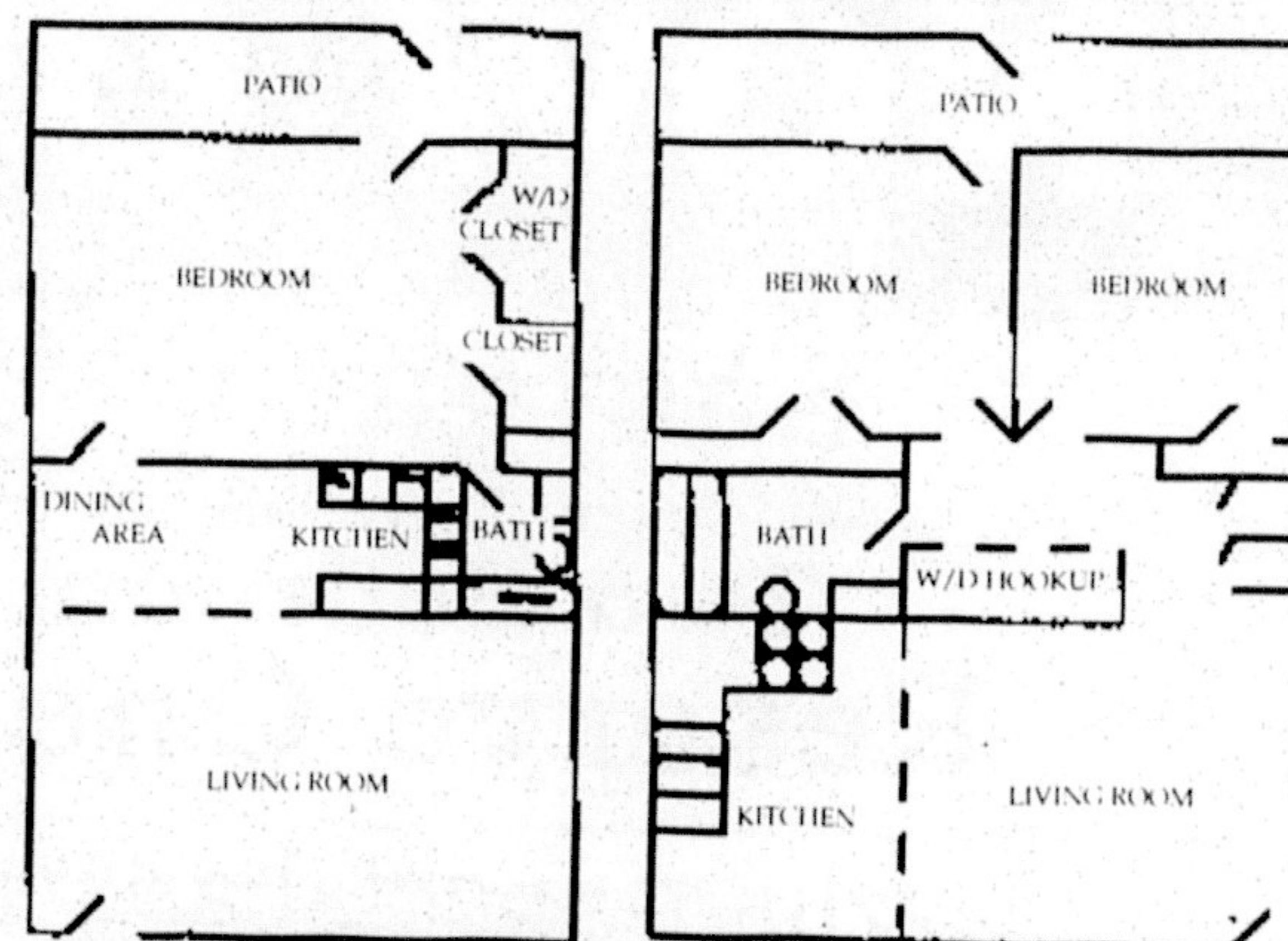


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Work on being a caring roommate

A successful relationship with your roommate begins with you. Having a good roommate is often as easy as simply being a good roommate.

Perhaps the best advice ever given to roommates can be summed up in just one word: communicate. Share your feelings, your habits, your attitudes, your ideas, your moods, and your backgrounds.

Remember that living in close quarters with a person you do not yet know is somewhat frightening and in some cases very challenging. You are presented with the opportunity to build a relationship based on mutual respect, appreciation for individual differences, and the commitment to discuss the day-to-day issues and problems that arise in any relationship.

There is no such thing as a "perfect roommate" or a

roommate who is a carbon copy of you. Roommates are always different in some ways. Celebrate those differences, and don't forget that you don't have to be best friends in order to be successful roommates.

In order to reduce potential friction and unexpected (and disappointing) surprises, sit down with your roommate(s) during your first several days together and discuss some of the following issues:

- Your family.
- How you'd like to arrange the room.
- Your hometown.
- What property you're willing to share.
- Your high school activities.
- Your normal study habits.
- How much sleep you need.
- How neat/clean you'd like the room to be.

• Considerations when guests visit the room.

• Times when guests are not preferred.

• Your weekend activity preferences.

• Your interests and activities.

If ever you feel yourself in an unacceptable position of not being able to study, sleep or get along with your roommate or others, let a residence hall staff member know immediately. If you live off campus, contact the Counseling Center for suggestions on how to deal with the problem.

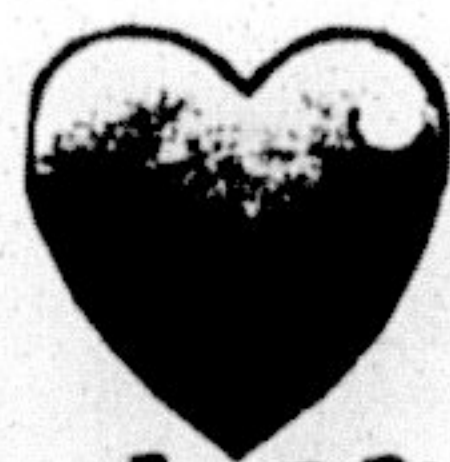
A successful relationship sometimes just hinges on using your head and not placing temptation in the way. Here are some other tips:

- Always lock your residence hall room door when you are out of your room or sleeping.
- Keep all small items of value out of sight.
- Engrave your social security number on all personal belongings.
- Do not lend your room key to anyone!
- Do not prop open exterior residence hall doors.

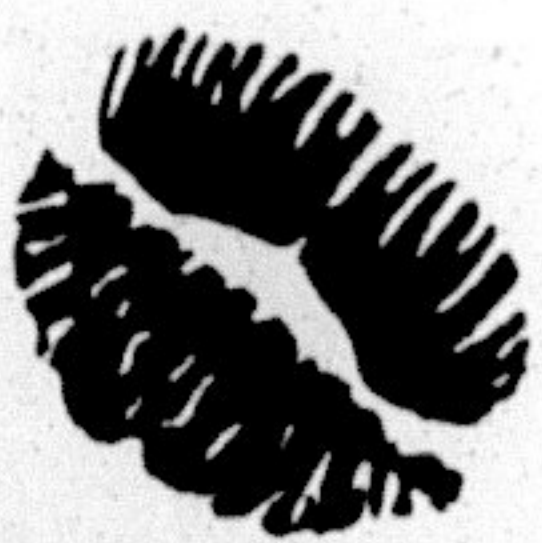
Be a good neighbor

As members of a community, we all have responsibilities to our neighbors. It is important to foster good relations with one another in order to maintain and enhance the quality of life and safety of the neighborhoods we share. To be a good neighbor, keep the following in mind:

- While you may view your residency as temporary, be considerate of the fact that many of your neighbors have chosen their homes as their primary residence.
- As a courtesy, you should notify your neighbors if you plan to have a party. Give them your phone number and ask them to contact you first if there are any problems during the party.
- If you have a party, remember that the Greenville and the surrounding areas have strict regulations regarding noise levels and the consumption of alcohol, it is your responsibility to be familiar and comply with these regulations.
- If you have a yard and porch take care of them.
- Be considerate of your parking habits - do not take up two spaces with one car.
- Report any suspicious behavior to the police. Watch and listen for unusual things such as loud noises or strange people loitering around.
- Consider involving yourself in neighborhood events such as meetings, crime watch prevention groups or community service.



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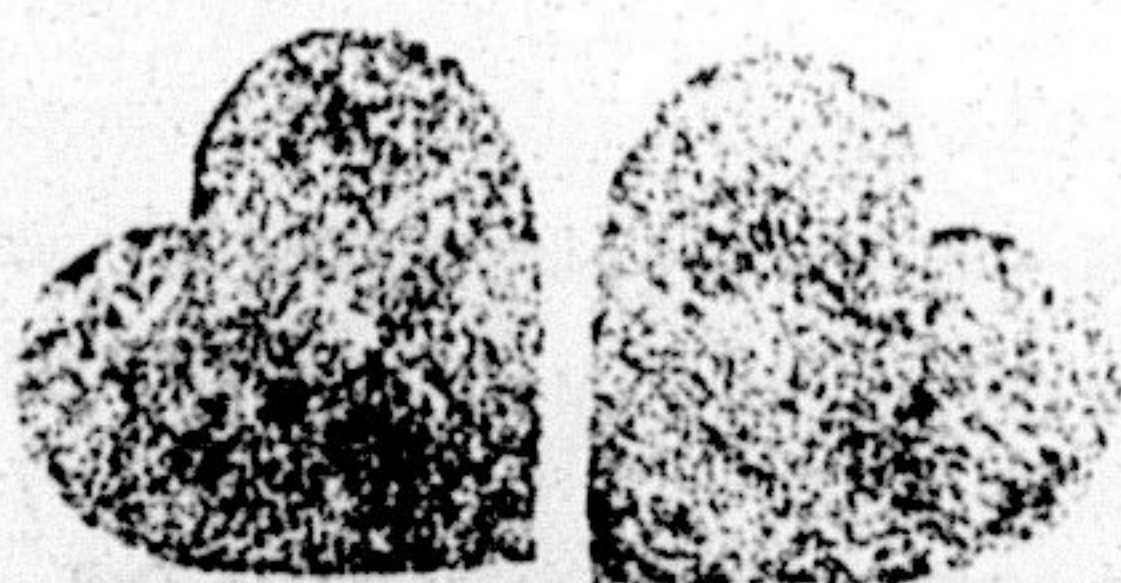
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How to Beat Bugs

MARCIE GEFFNER

Few problems in apartment living are as miserable as an infestation of insects or rodents. Fortunately, there are actions that tenants and owners can take to eliminate nasty intruders that may make an unwanted appearance.

The most common bug problem in the United States is the German Cockroach. Second on the list of likely intruders is the Argentine Ant, and rounding out the top three is the rodent (e.g., mice and rat) category.

Tactics for getting rid of pests vary depending on the type of intruder that needs to be wiped out. Cockroaches generally are the most difficult problem.

"Some apartments just have cockroaches in all the units. They're in the walls. They're in the cracks and crevices. They go from unit to unit due to common plumbing and common access points," says Michael Lawton, vice president of sales and

marketing for Western Exterminator in Irvine, California, and a certified etymologist.

The cockroaches produce miniature egg capsules containing tiny transparent roaches. The capsules are inconspicuous. Consequently, you may be taking cockroaches with you even when you believe you're leaving them behind.

Lawton says roach motels are a good first step in eliminating cockroaches because they'll reveal where the cockroaches are living in the building. Cockroach baits and Boric Acid dust also work well if they're strategically placed in the building.

Ants usually enter an apartment unit because they've located a food source. Then they recruit an army of worker ants from the colony and establish a trail from their home to yours. To eliminate this problem follow the trail back to the nest and aim an insecticide spray at the ants.

Mice and rats generally enter buildings through

openings too small to attract much human notice. "Mice and rats get in underneath front and side doors, through pipes through vents that aren't screened. Make sure all the vents are covered and the pipes are sealed or caulked," suggests Lawton.

If amateur remedies aren't up to the task of eliminating a pest problem, it's best to call a professional exterminator. That's usually arranged by the building owner or manager, not the individual tenant. Many apartment buildings are serviced routinely under a standing contract.

Eliminating insects and rodents isn't optional for building owners because these types of problems present serious health hazards for residents. Tenants who don't get any action should contact the local health department for help.

Apartment-hunters should look for a well-maintained building because that's the first line of defense. Also, ask the manager whether the building is regularly serviced by a pest control company.

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Follow These Rules to Get Along

MARCIE GEFFNER

Most tenants want to be on good terms with the people who own and manage the apartment building they call home. Having a good relationship with the landlord means your needs, concerns and legitimate complaints will be met with all due attention and action.

A successful landlord-tenant relationship starts with communication, goodwill and respect on both sides. Beyond that, here are some tips and suggestions:

1. Pay your rent on time. This point may seem self-evident, but managers say some tenants don't seem to understand the connection between on-time rent payments and the owner's ability to manage the property.

2. Be patient about non-emergency repairs. Give your landlord some slack in getting things fixed, especially if parts are needed to complete the repairs.

3. Get permission for do-it-yourself repairs. Making minor repairs on your own may seem helpful, but some managers frown on these efforts.

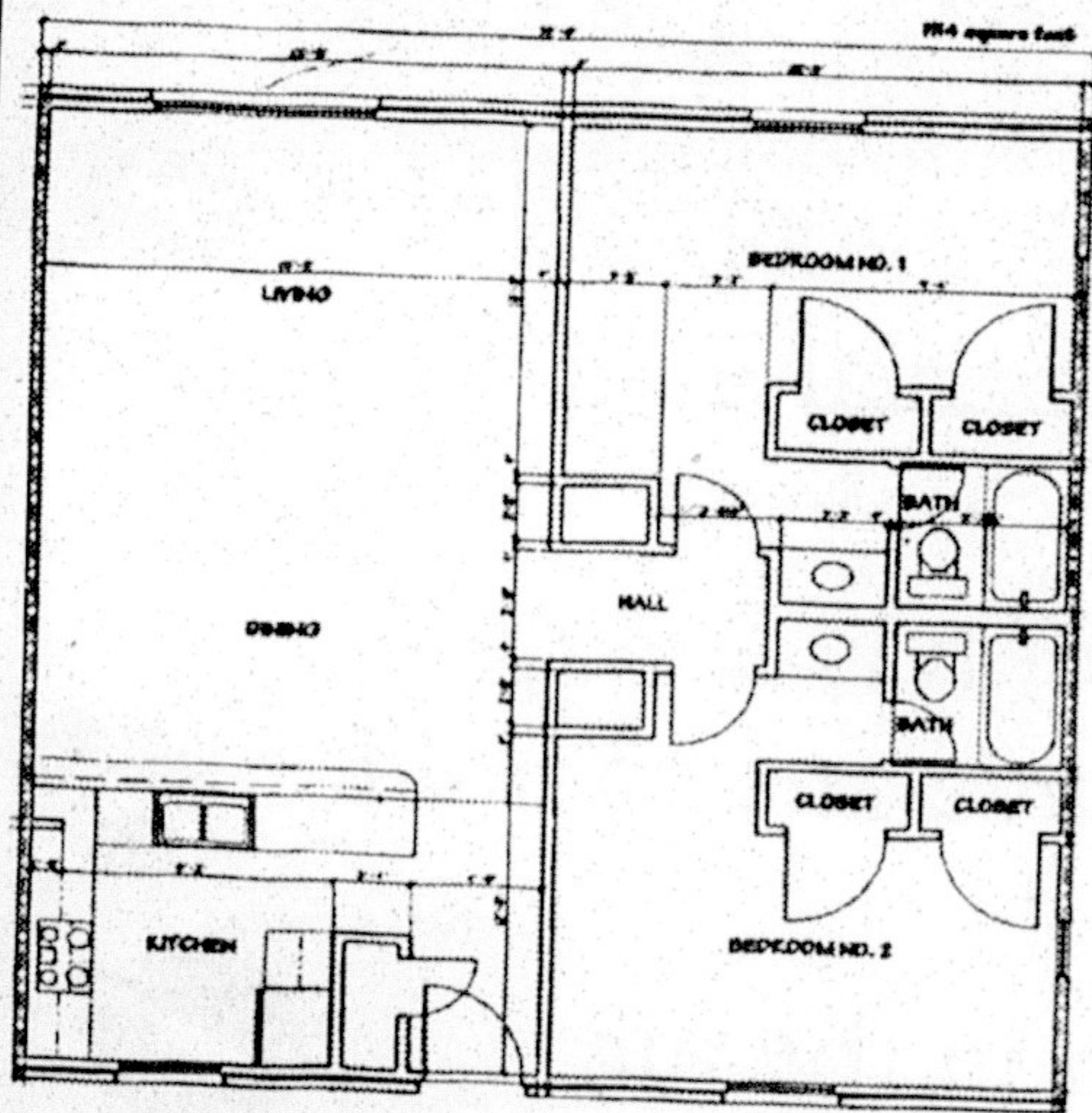
4. Be a considerate neighbor. Residents who interfere with their neighbors' quiet enjoyment create trouble and aggravation for the manager.

5. Read your lease agreement. A signed lease agreement isn't just a piece of paper. It's actually a legal document. agreed-upon rent for the entire 12 months, even if you decide to move out of the apartment during that time. Both the landlord and the tenant are bound to the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.

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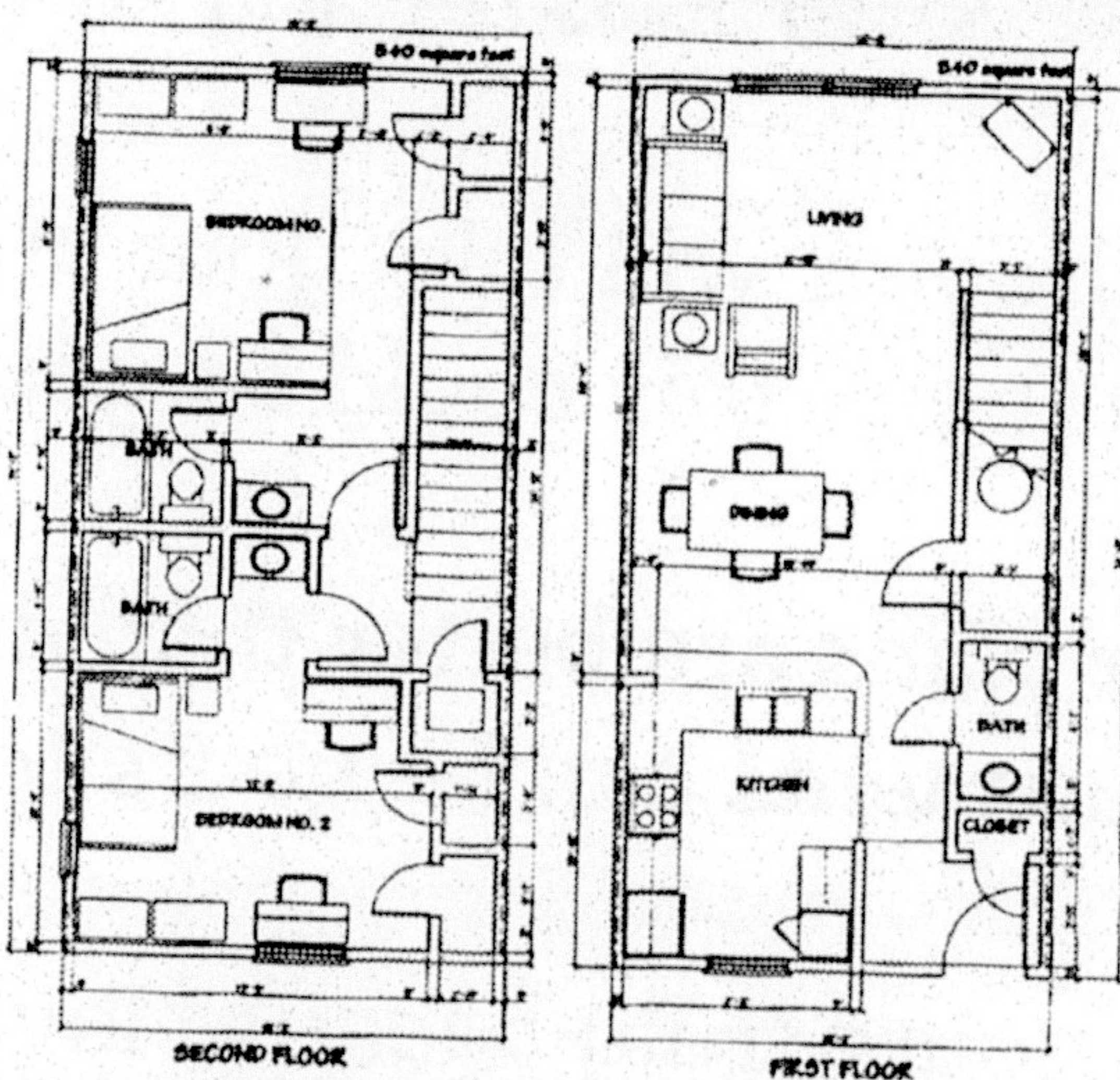
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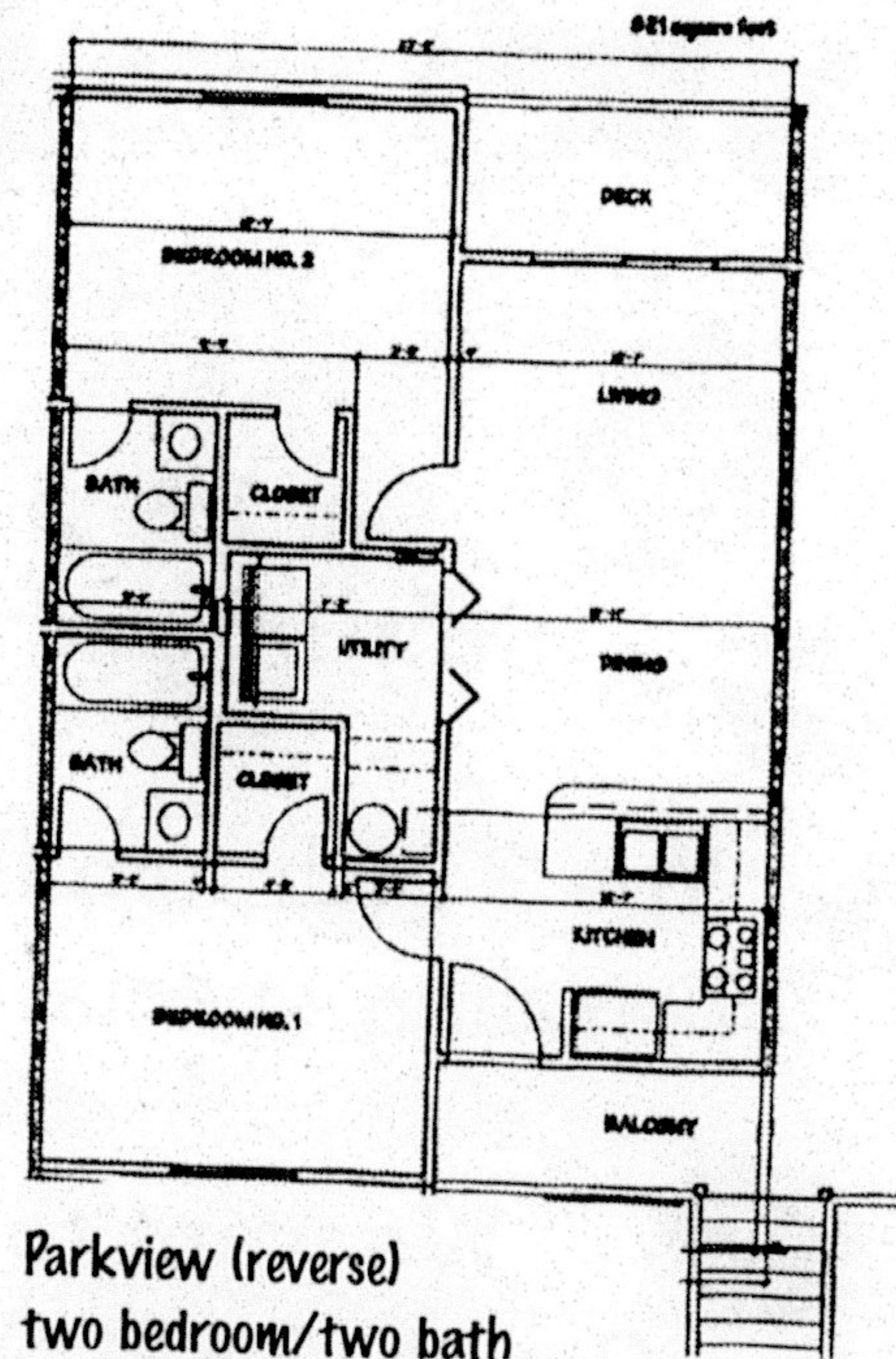
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How to avoid costly roommate problems

MAUREEN GERRITY WHEELER
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

It's one thing to have your landlord turn out to be a creep or crook. The damage is much harder to foresee and can be worse economically and psychologically when a former friend betrays you.

About one-third of landlord tenant cases involve a roommate who — for whatever reason — decides to move out of rental housing before the lease is over.

PRIMARY LEASE LIABILITY

Each individual who signs the lease (which is an express enforceable contract) is liable not only for his "share," but for the entire rent, should other signers default. Translated into dollars, you are obligating yourself for \$400 per month if you sign for that amount of rent, even if three other parties sign the same lease. You are promising that any or all who sign will pay.

CONTRACT AMONG ROOMMATES

Using the same example, when four persons sign, they are acknowledging the contract between and among themselves to contribute their share: \$100 per month. The promise to share the rental obligations is also a legally enforceable contract.

Promises among roommates do not have to be in writing to be enforceable in a court of law.

RELATIONSHIP OF THE TWO CONTRACTS

Definite promises, bargained for, understood and given in exchange for something (for instance, housing or the like promise of another roommate) are the heels of any contract. The landlord in my example can rely on the promises of four people or any one of them. The roommates rely upon each other. If rent from one party is late, for example, the entire amount

will ordinarily be considered late. If a fee is charged, it will be assessed against all parties. It is the obligation of the roommates, based on their promises to each other, to see that the appropriate individual is held responsible. Likewise, if one person causes damage, the deduction will be withheld from all. The former roommates need to decide who among them should suffer the consequences.

MYTH OF MITIGATION

An obligation to pay \$400 a month is also an obligation to pay \$4800 per year. Most leases include a clause holding the tenant responsible for the landlord's legal fees in the event of the breach of contract. This being the case, the four prospective roommates who are focused on coming up with \$100 per month should also realize that each is exposing himself to at least \$5000 of legal liability.

MYTH OF LEASE BREAKING

Anyone who suddenly presents the theory that his apartment was "UN inhabitable" after getting into prob-

lems paying rent has a huge creditability problem. Certainly when the residence is not up to the city's housing code — and cannot or is not brought up to these standards in a reasonable time — the "implied warranty of habitability" is broken.

If the place is destroyed by fire or a tornado blows the roof off, the lease can be considered broken. The law and standard lease clauses give the landlord the option to repair. Finally, minor breaches by the landlord are remedied with rent abatement (decrease) rather than voiding the entire lease.

CONSEQUENCES OF SKIPPING ON ROOMMATES

If you cop out, the landlord will probably not initially focus on getting the rent from you. Your former roommates will be stuck with the bill. Your obligation doesn't end because you're not living there.

The abandoned roommates relied on your promise to share rent when they signed the lease. You are therefore liable to them for any damage they suffer due to your broken promise.

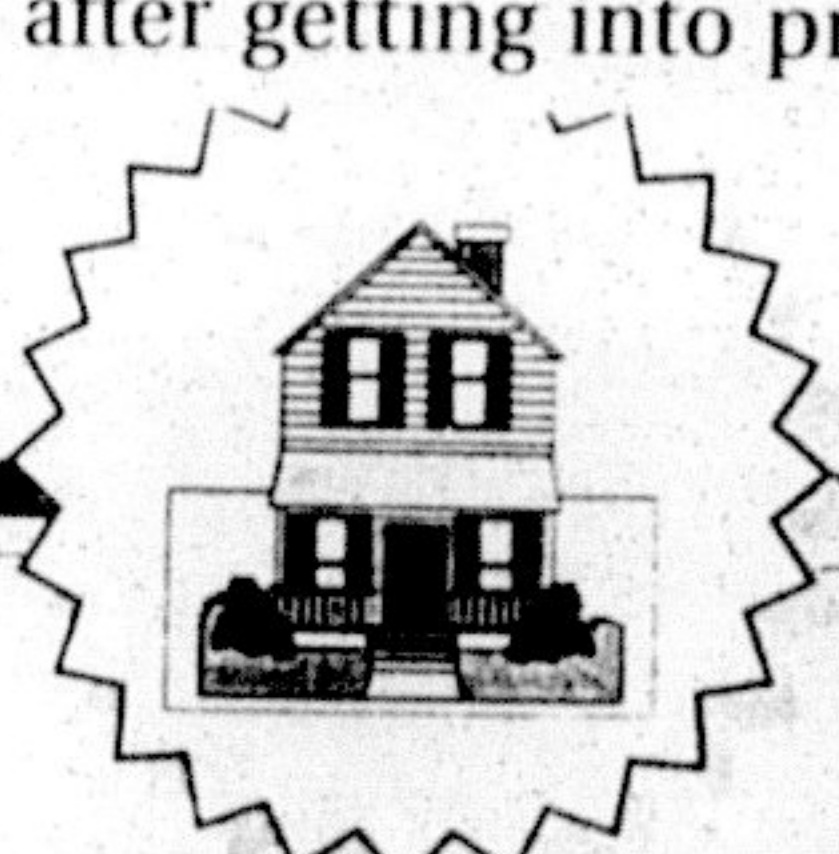
SUBLETTING OPTION

The individual who breaches the obligation to his fellow roommates—whether for good or nasty reasons—must make every effort to lower their damages. They, however, are under no legal obligation to accept just any new roommate. The landlord usually has reserved the right to approve of any new tenant and can be expected to charge a fee. Often it is futile to search for a substitute roommate, at least until a new semester is about to begin.

SOLUTIONS

The only realistic solution to a roommate dispute is to negotiate a settlement. Mediation is an excellent resource, but the only sure approach is prevention.

If you are looking forward to your first experience renting off-campus housing, please keep these facts in mind. Selection of roommates is as important as checking out the landlord or landlady's reputation. The skipper is often out-of-state or a dead-beat and there's not much the law can do.



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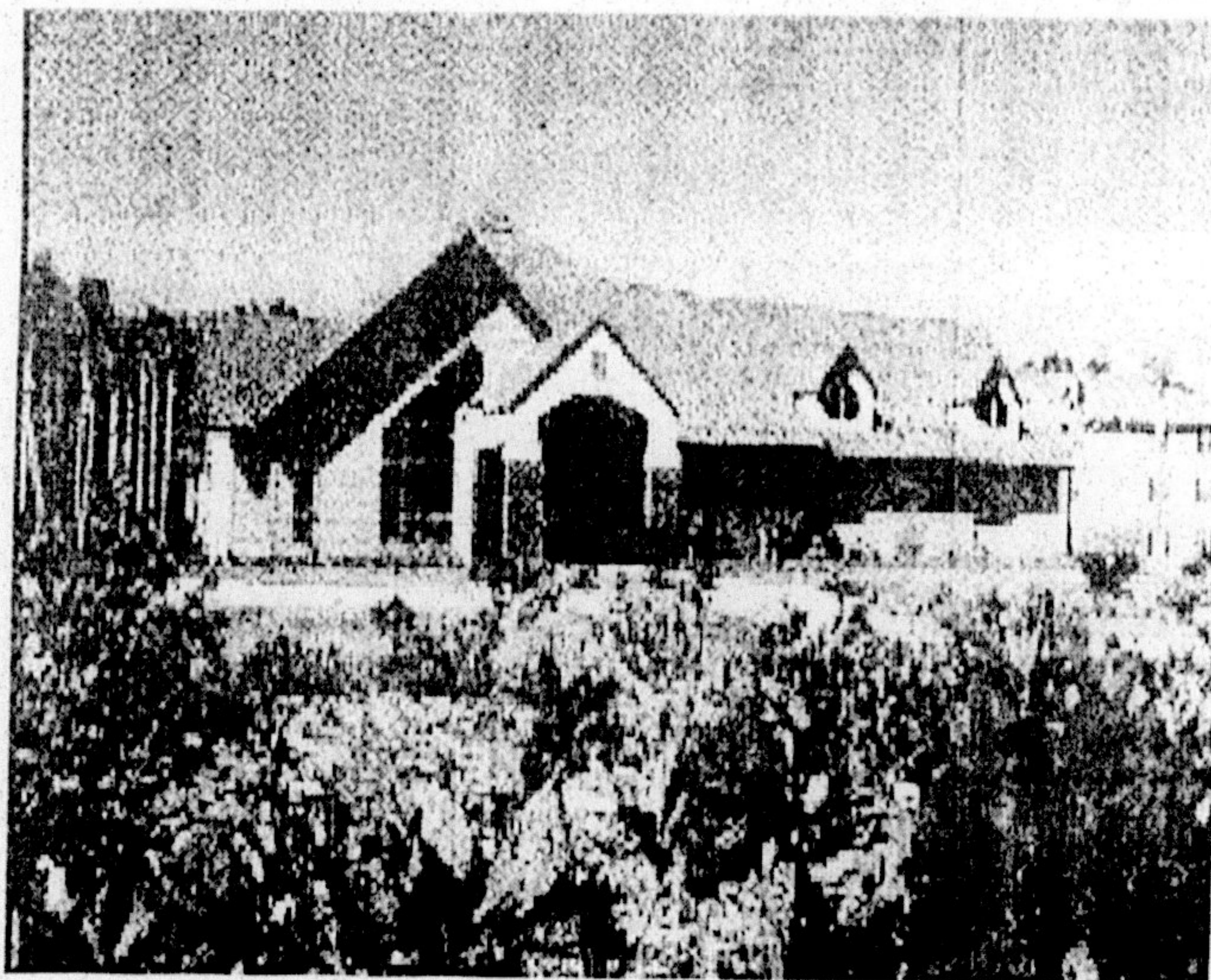
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cd review

Ryan Kennemur
Senior Writer

A Tribe Called Quest "Anthology"

Okay, it's on. I have been a fan of the Tribe ever since I was in middle school. I remember the songs "Scenario" and "Buggin' Out" coming over the speakers in my friend's mom's car, dancing in my seat, then being reminded by the people in the car next to me that I am very, very white. With this new "greatest hits" disc, all five Tribe CD's are represented. I can sit back and listen to all my favorite joints in the comfort (not to mention privacy) of my own home. Yeah, boyeeee!



Derailers "Full Western Dress"

Yeeeeee-haaaa!!! For the past few years, country music has been pretty crappy. In the wake of such artists as Bryan White, Shania Twain and Toby Keith, country music has been losing its identity and being played on the Top 40 stations, right in the middle of Korn and Mandy Moore. Thank God for the Derailers, who on their new disc prove that true honky-tonk music is alive and well in the hearts of some people. Check out the video for "The Right Place," which proves that not even CMT can deny the appeal of an actual country song.



Snapcase "Designs for Automation"

If you're into hardcore punk music such as Avail, Youth of Today and such, then you may be missing out on a similar (and arguably) better band. Snapcase is the product of Victory Records and their last album "Lookingglass Self" should be present in every hardcore fan's collection. This new disc continues where the latter left off, spewing out enough punk riffs and back beats to make even the most timid person break out their black magic marker and don an "X" on their hands.



Steps "Step One"

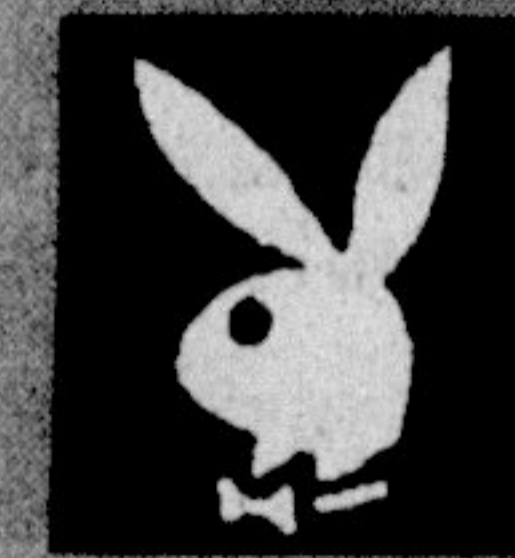
Ever since the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Blur,

Oasis and perhaps Pulp started up years and years ago, everything to come out of Her Majesty's Island has been way below par. Steps is no exception. This quintet gives itself Spice-Girlish nicknames, spends about five minutes on lyrics per song, and even covers the BeeGees. This is British bubble gum pop at its finest, which is to say that it is terrible. I'd rather watch the Backstreet Boys, 'N Sync and Miss Spears talk about dogs for two hours before I'd listen to this CD again. I gotta hand it to Britain, though. Whenever a band ... er ... group like this forms and gains popularity, the Queen just sends them over here. Pretty slick, Queenie.



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PLAYBOY to seek out ECU girls



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Baring it all for art

A look into figure drawing class

Robbie Schwartz
Senior Writer

When freshman art students first enter Studio 201 or 203, they don't know what to expect. A high wall stands in front of the door, preventing casual observers from looking inside the studio. On the other side of this wall is an introduction to the simplicity, grace and artistic possibilities inherent in the nude human body.

Nude modeling is used to teach the basics of figure drawing and portrait drawing in beginning and advanced classes in the art department.

For most people, modeling nude is not an option. For a few, it is not as difficult as imagined.

"The first time that I did it, I didn't really experience any apprehension," said one male model, who wished to remain anonymous. "I had taken a class like that before. It involves a professional attitude. You just don't let yourself get hung up on it."

Sitting, standing or reclining in front of a group of peers naked, the models must do something to pass the time.

"I usually think about what I have to get done that day for school and otherwise," the male model said. "Sometimes I recite music lyrics in my head or just do some thinking in general. I've even fallen asleep a couple of times."

Art students must act in a mature manner and show respect for the model to get

their work done. Nudity becomes a matter of course, and soon both the class and model are able to work together comfortably.

"Often the teacher is walking around and talking to you about your work," said art major Alissa Johnston. "You are constantly working, so you really don't sit there and think about it."

"There is an initial shock that first time you sit down," said Elizabeth Browning, another art major. "But you realize that you are there to do work, and from that point on it is just like it's a part of your job. It's all about being professional and not acting like a child."

The final product often shows both the beauty that lies on the outside as well as on the inside. Art majors agree that these classes teach students the appreciation and professionalism involved in the creative process of art.

"We've all seen a naked person before," said art major Sue Smith. "Seeing the human body this way is inspiration."

These models receive pay checks from money set aside in a self-help budget



designed to help students financially. They are paid \$6.75 an hour for portrait modeling, and \$7.75 for full-body modeling.

There are some restrictions. The model must be a full-time, dependable ECU student who is able to meet classes as scheduled. The student may work a maximum of 20 hours per week,

but cannot be receiving other work-study funding.

To receive more information about becoming a model, please contact Michael Voors in Room 215-A of the Jenkins Building, or call at 328-1304.

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"All right muffin-boy, you just let me know whenever you are ready and I'll come running." More like if you come over here again I'm running out of this place.

The dancer on stage was pretty cute and actually had some skills, dancing-wise. Her name, I came to find out, was Dakota. She was pretty cute, although she had one of those big poofy hairstyles that brought to mind the '80s hair band Warrant. She also had a couple of tattoos that looked pretty good on her back. Even though she could dance really well she did this annoying walking thing that got on my nerves. She would take two steps, then rock back and forth and her back leg would then take two more and repeat. If this was supposed to be sexy then I'm Buddy Hackett.

The next stripper made everybody's jaws drop. Raven, the epitome of natural (yeah, they were real) beauty came out to some good ol' Van Halen and ripped the place up. Literally, in a matter of seconds, Raven earned about \$30, and the money

kept pouring in. Hell, if I had a set of breasts I would shake them too for that kind of money. In minutes, her garter was filled with money. This woman was bottom-line the best performer out there. She was simply outstanding.

In all, the dancers were pretty with one or two exceptions, but each one did the job they were paid to do. The crowd was pretty laid back with no one yelling out to the dancers and being rude. The barkeep was really nice and the bouncers were cool as long as you were.

If you're looking for the king of all strip bars, go to the Thee Dollhouse in Raleigh. If you're looking for the king's illegitimate brother tied up in a castle's dungeon, then go to The Silver Bullet. It's not that the women there are ugly, it's just the one or two ugly ones that take away from the group. They're the ones with hail damage on their legs and waists who look like they got into a barbed-wire death match and lost. If you like that sort of thing, be my guest. If not, then I'll see you at Thee Dollhouse.

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woman a lap dance and she just went nuts. The club had a separate area for lap dances so I took her back there and as soon as I started to dance her hands were all over me. I told her "no touching" but she wouldn't listen. I finally had to stop the dance because of some of the things this woman was doing.

FH: Does your family know what you are doing?

Dixie: Yeah, they know, but they realize I'm an adult and can do what I feel is right for myself. They don't like it much but hey, what can they do, you know?

FH: Do you plan on doing this for long?

Dixie: I hope not. I have a pretty good amount of money saved up right now and when Daisy, my daughter, is ready to start school then I'm going to stop. She means the world to me so I want to spend as much time with her as possible.

FH: Have you ever done anything other than dancing in the adult profession?

Dixie: I did one movie when I was 19 but hated it so much that I've never done anything other than dancing since then.

FH: What is the worst type of customer?

Dixie: The ass**** who won't take no for an answer at the end of the night. Thank God no one has ever followed me home.

FH: What does your job description include?

Dixie: Stage dancing, lap dancing, bachelor parties and divorce parties. In one instance I actually danced at a guy's bachelor party, and then about a year-and-a-half later danced at his divorce party, too.

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O Canada!

Land to the north provides great travel experience

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I love to travel. Trouble is, (or like so many of my close friends tell me) it is always to the same place. My theory: When you get a favorite, why change? You may be disappointed somewhere else and wish you were where you wanted to go all along. And, there are some places that are just worth seeing over and over again. If you're still looking for a place to go over Spring Break, I highly recommended this one.

There is a little suburb just north of the United States called British Columbia that gives me the quick fix and puts my mind back in focus. Lost you yet? No, Canada is not really a suburb of the United States and to all you Canadians, I am just kidding.

British Columbia is a province on the western side of Canada, just north of Washington state. Surely there are other ways to get to Canada, but I always fly into Seattle to save a few bucks. From there I either drive up to Vancouver or take a ferry ride to Vancouver Island. I recommend you visit both places.

The first time I flew into Seattle was quite an adventure. I flew stand-by and I stood by for a very, very long time. Counting the time change, the trip took 38 hours. I learned from my mistake and for my second trip I checked out a Web site called priceline.com. I bid \$200 on a round-trip ticket. It's a great place to look for cheap tickets if you're on a budget. Even William Shatner thinks so.

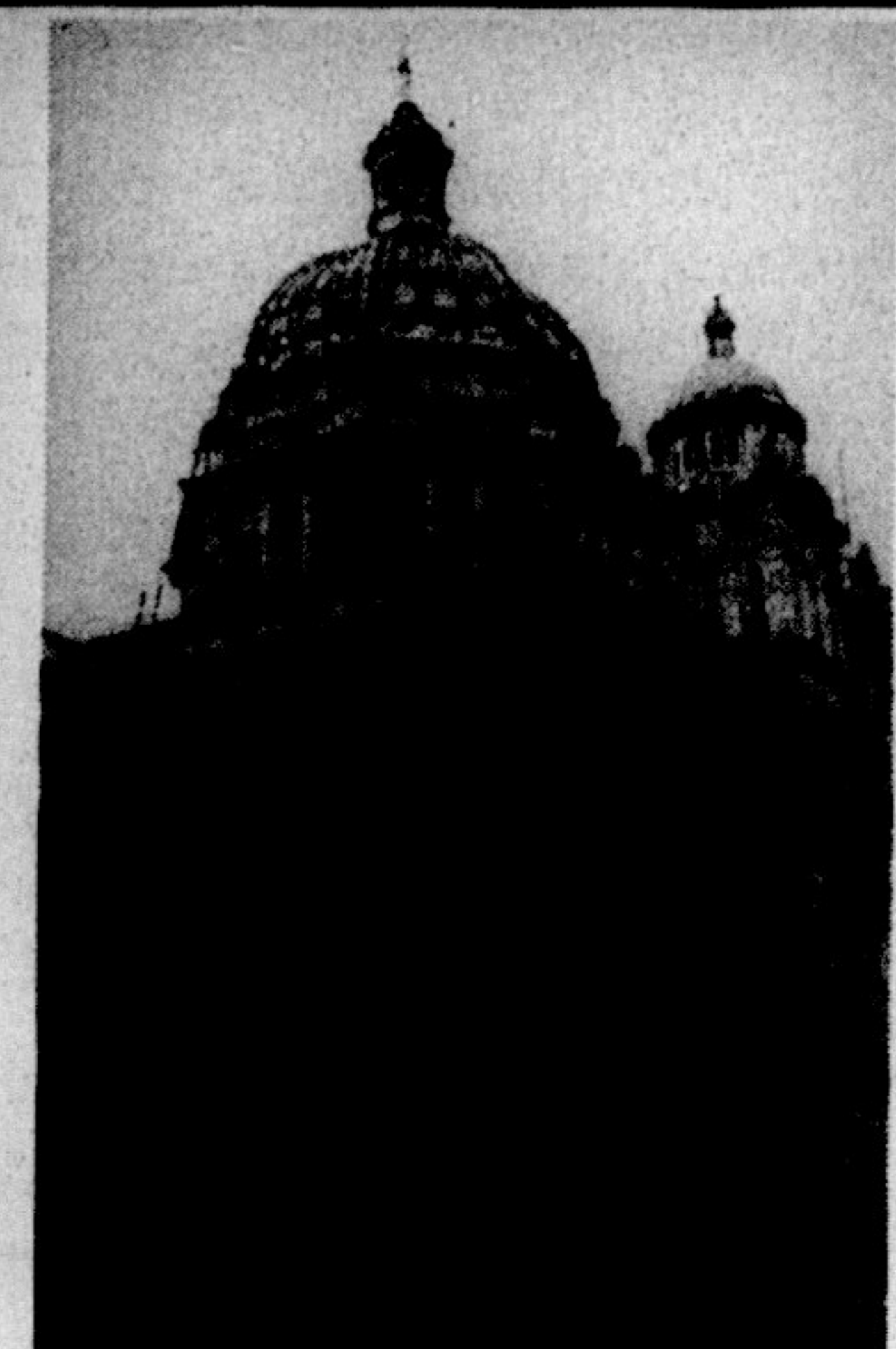
It is about a three-hour drive from Seattle to Vancouver. Fortunately, I met a friend and stayed with her in a community outside of Port Moody,



(top) Goldstream Waterfall at Goldstream Provincial Park, 5 kilometers outside of Victoria. (bottom) Campbell River, located 3.5 hours north of Victoria. (photos by Emily Richardson and Leah Driemel)

called Belle Carra, just outside of Vancouver. I was surrounded by mountains. Just outside the front door a path lead to Indian Arm Bay off the Pacific Ocean. This setting was

perfect for reading one of my Oprah Winfrey Book Club novels and taking deep relaxing breaths, something I never do while I am in Greenville.



The whole province of British Columbia is great for hiking and mountain biking. A few hours north of Vancouver is a place called Whistler Mountain Resort, perfect for skiing and snowboarding.

Vancouver reminds me of a small-scale New York City with different-colored money and crosswalks where people actually stop. When I was walking around the downtown of Victoria, (the capital of British Columbia located on Vancouver island) thinking about a tourist baseball cap and sailing trinket key chain I wanted to find, I stopped on a corner of an intersection (no I was not in black boots and fishnet pantyhose) to wait for the light to change before crossing. All the cars suddenly halted. The light was still green and they stopped! They were idling there for a long time because I thought they were plotting to run down the American when I trustingly crossed. Anyhow, Canadians are very polite drivers. They also do not carry guns since gun possession is illegal in Canada.

One more tip. If you



(top photo) The inner harbor in Victoria is home to beautiful boats; (above left) My dear friend Leah Driemel checks the price of vegetables in China Town; (above right) The Parliament Building on Government Street; (bottom) Seals are not an uncommon sight in the waters of British Columbia. (all photos by Emily Richardson)

do decide to go to Canada, do not, under any circumstances, joke with the border patrol. When they ask you if you are carrying any drugs or weapons, do not ask them if an AK 47 counts. They will not laugh. In fact, they will be so unimpressed they will strip the interior of your car. So, you have been warned. I think a job requirement for the border patrol is a lack of sense of humor. Save your time and keep your rental car deposit.

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