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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fitness day

ECU employees will participate in a one or two mile walk as part of the ECU Employee Health and Fitness Day. The program begins at noon today at the Student Recreation Center.

### Open house

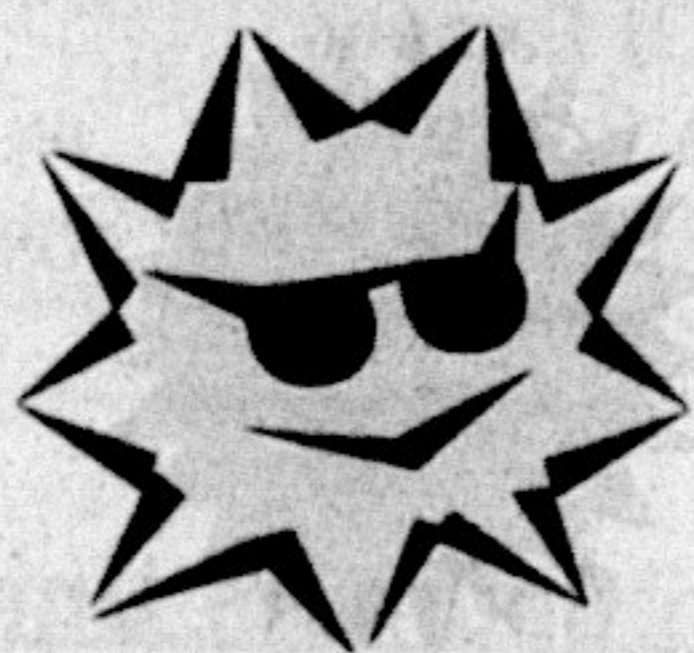
ECU and the Division of Continuing Studies will conduct the Open House to provide information on non-traditional classes to adults who may be juggling family and work schedules. The open house will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, June 10, in Mendenhall Student Center (MSC). For more information call 328-4696 or 800-328-6567.

### Organization fair

The Freshman Orientation Organization Fair, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will be held in the Multipurpose Room of MSC on June 12, 15, 26 and 29, and July 6, 13 and 18.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

Sunny, high of 80°  
and a low of 60°



## ONLINE SURVEY

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**Do you think ECU should adopt a fire safety policy?**

RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you think the bond proposal should pass?

22% Yes 77% No

## Tyler sparks fire legislation



On Sunday, May 12th 1996, a fire erupted at UNC-Chapel Hill's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house. (photo courtesy of the Herald Sun)

### ECU takes safety precautions in dorms, sororities, fraternities

Carolyn Herold  
NEWS EDITOR

Colleges and universities across the United States are awaiting Congress' approval of two proposals regarding campus fire safety. ECU is attempting to stay ahead of the game with its plan to install sprinkler systems in every residence hall.

Currently at ECU, Jarvis Hall is the only residence hall that has a sprinkler system. In the department of housing's master plan, one residence hall will be renovated every two to three years; sprinkler systems will be installed at that time.

"The sprinkler systems will be phased in as renovations go under way and as money is available," said Phil Lewis, assistant director of environmental health and safety.

The next hall up for renovation will be Jones Hall. Fire alarm systems are being upgraded over the summer, at a rate of two to three each year. Fleming Hall was upgraded last year, Tyler Hall this year and Cotton Hall is scheduled for next year.

Covers will be installed on each individual fire alarm to minimize false alarms. Fire extinguisher cabinets are also being installed to prevent vandalism.

There have been an estimated 1,800 fires in residence halls, and fraternity and sorority houses in the United States during any given year between 1980 and 1997. These fires involved one death, 69 injuries and \$8.1 million of property damage. The leading causes of residence hall fires include arson, suspected arson, cooking, smoking and electrical fires/overloaded outlets.

In 1996, a fire erupted at the Phi Gamma Delta house at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The fire killed five juniors and injured three others. This tragedy sparked fierce lobbying to change laws regarding fire safety in residence halls and fraternity and sorority houses.

According to the Chapel Hill Fire Chief, the house did not have a sprinkler system, which would have saved lives. With a sprinkler system the fire might have been contained in the basement of the building, where it started. The system would have notified residents and the fire department of the danger.

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# Special Olympics kicks off in Raleigh

Missie Thompson  
STAFF WRITER

The Special Olympics will kick off in Raleigh, N.C. on June 2-4. Raleigh was the host of the summer games that cover the six different areas that make up the 18 different sports. Events will take place at local parks and North Carolina State University. Over 1,500 athletes competed at the games.

The athletes that are competing in the summer games competed at a local level

previously and are now competing at the state level, (according to Amy

Johnson). Year round training is offered by the Special Olympics to those who

have mental retardation. The opening ceremony was held on June 2. The Flame of Hope was carried into the opening ceremony by law

enforcement to light the cauldron. The flame will be carried in different

areas of the state in May. "The best way to support the games is to come out and cheer on the athletes," Johnson says.

All participants of the Special Olympics have coaches who have trained them for at least eight weeks. The six different events of the Special Olympics include Aquatics, Athletics, Gymnastics, Powerlifting, Softball and Volleyball. Aquatics is one of the

most popular sports and, within the last ten years, has added competition in the 800 meter and 1600 meter event. Athletics, which is better known as track and field, had its first



A participant in the Special Olympics takes a break in between events. (photo from World Wide Web)

competitions in 1970. Gymnastics became an official game in 1983. Powerlifting was first held in Charlotte, NC. In 1983 Softball made its arrival as a Special Olympics game. Over 30 different counties compete in the Volleyball event.

Many different people are involved in the North Carolina Special Olympics. It goes beyond the athletes extending to volunteers, sports officials, event organizers, coaches and several others. The Special Olympics does have some new partners including Alltel, Sun Alliance, Royal, Fallons Creative Flowers, PBM Graphics, Kerr Drug and many more.

The Special Olympics are the highest levels of competition in North Carolina. According to Johnson, the Special Olympics are also held at a national level. They are conducted every four years; the next one being held in

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## CRIME SCENE

May 31

**Found Property**—A staff member reported finding a light fixture that was taken from the Chancellor's residence on May 25. He advised that it was found in a pile of trash on 4th Street. The light fixture had been replaced so it was returned to the grounds department.

**Controlled Substance Violation**—A student reported a controlled substance violation in a room at Cotten Hall. The student in violation was issued a state citation and Campus Appearance Ticket for possession of marijuana.

June 2

**Provisional DWI**—A student was arrested on a provisional DWI charge.

**Expired Registration**—A non-student was issued a state citation for operating a vehicle with an expired registration.

**Careless and Reckless Driving**—A non-student was issued a state citation for careless and reckless driving after an officer observed

him spinning tires and driving at a high rate of speed in the Harrington Field parking lot.

**No Operator's License**—A non-student was issued a state citation for no operator's license after an officer observed him driving on College Hill Drive.

June 3

**Attempted Breaking and Entering of a Coin Operated Device, Damage To Property**—An officer discovered that two drink machines, located at the Mendenhall bus stop, were damaged by unknown persons. Suspects were unable to gain entry to them.

June 4

**Expired Registration**—A non-student was issued a state citation for having expired registration after an officer observed him operating his vehicle on 10th Street adjacent to campus.

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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

Student wins contest for dirtiest room

Boston (U-Wire)—For most of this quarter, freshman Regina Pawlewicz has been a good student in the class "Introduction to Political Science," a requirement for criminal justice majors. She wrote an essay, took the midterm and the weekly quizzes and read *The New York Times* just about every day as professor William Miles requires.

But now all that studious activity has ended and she's been cutting class. She plans to go to the last one on Thursday but she has no intention of taking the final.

And why should she? She has an "A" for the course, all because she wrote a letter to *The Times* and it was published.

For about 10 years, Miles has begun this introductory class with a challenge: Get a letter published by the most prestigious newspaper in the country and he'll award you with the most prestigious grade possible.

"So as to stimulate interest in the letter-to-the-editor section I threw out this challenge and not once, in all these years of teaching, not one student got a letter published," Miles said.

He saw that streak end this month, with freshman commu-

nications major Geren Horsley's entry about an AIDS article that ran in *The Times* on Monday, May 15. Two days later, Pawlewicz's letter about the same subject was published.

Arria Wright joined the group when she saw her name in print in the letters section under the headline "A Lot of Harry Potter" last Tuesday. Wright made her letter personal, saying that she has a 12-year-old sister who reads the popular Potter books, and noted that not many children will be able to finish reading the new hefty volumes, which will be 600 pages.

"I started getting frustrated. I sent letters in six times," said Wright.

When she finally got a letter published, Wright continued going to class, despite her "A," because she enjoys the weekly political debates about subjects like abortion and capital punishment. She has become used to heading the paper every day because of Miles' challenge.

"It made me read it more. I read all the articles to find something I was interested in," she said.

After six tries writing about six subjects, the project gave Wright

bragging rights with her name in a national newspaper.

"My whole family bought *The New York Times* that day," she said.

In an effort to encourage active reading and strong writing, Miles has offered this exercise to the class, which totals more than 100 students, he said.

"I want students to see how non-journalists have an input into the news-making world," he said.

Pawlewicz took on a serious subject and voiced her outrage that researchers skipped over a person who could have helped them find a cure for AIDS. For six years, they ignored Erich Karl Fuchs, a man who seemed to be immune to the virus even though he had unprotected sex with men who had AIDS.

At first, Pawlewicz said, she had the "A" in mind when writing the letter, but then she got into what she was discussing. Her work paid off.

"I was extremely surprised," she said. "I didn't think I would get it published."

With finals week looming, she's glad she has one less class to worry about.

ADA, Ohio (AP)—With beer bottles, books and pizza boxes littering all corners of his apartment, it's no wonder John Anderson's home was chosen messiest college apartment in America.

But it's not the kind of place you'd expect to find an environmental studies major.

Anderson, a junior at Ohio Northern University, claims he's not the messy one.

"At least three or four people stay at my place every night," he said in an application sent into the contest.

"Everyone thinks they can throw trash everywhere. I am the only one that ever cleans up the place, but I can't handle their mess so I decided to let it go until someone else cleans it up, which doesn't happen."

Anderson, 21, a native of Dover, entered the contest sponsored by an Internet apartment search company at the urging of his friends.

He said he hadn't seen the living room floor in his one-bedroom apartment since Christmas. So far, the filth has claimed one victim.

Anderson had to throw out his math book "because it was soaked in an unknown liquid."

The mess, though, proved to be profitable. Anderson won \$10,000.

"College is really the last time you can really get away with being a slob," said Bob Orr, contest coordinator for apartments.com, which sponsored the contest.

Anderson's mother, Charlotte, said she and her husband couldn't be prouder.

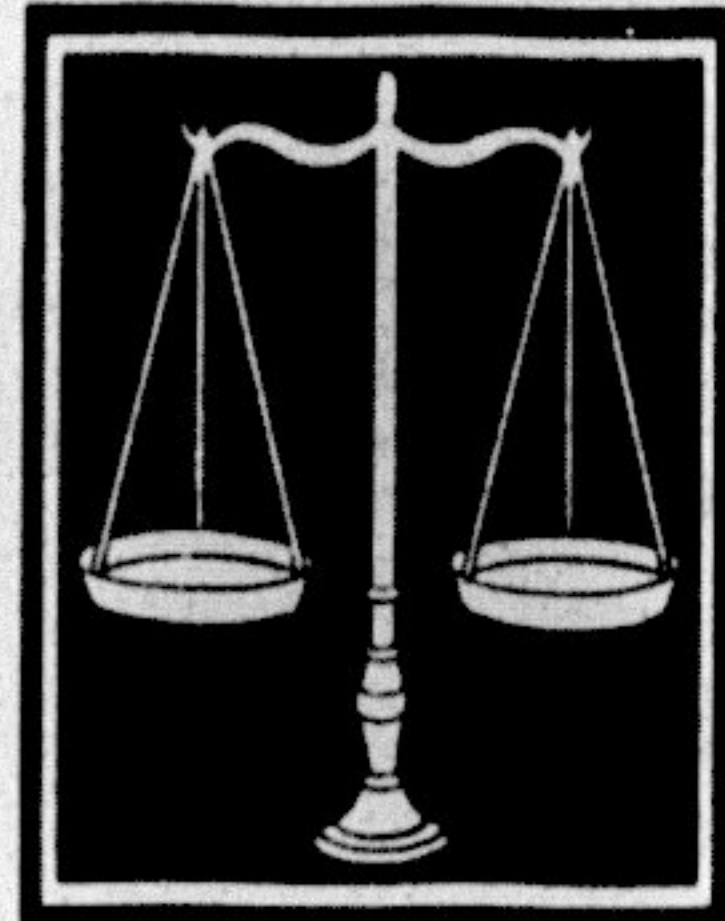
"We are just so proud that we've spent over \$80,000 for his education to this point, and this is what he comes up with," she said.

She said that as a child he often covered his bedroom floor and bed with toys to the point where no one could not walk through the room.

"It was not dirty, dirty. It was just things," Mrs. Anderson said. "I saw the pictures for the contest, and he did not live like that at home. He just had junk around."

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## FIRES *from page 1*

All residence halls already have alarm systems that automatically alert the fire department in the event of a fire.

"The alarm systems protect people," said Mark Kimball, assistant director of Facilities Services-Residence. "The sprinklers protect property. We are looking at life safety as our main focus."

Even though ECU's fraternities and sororities currently do not have the sprinkler system, some of them do have the alarm system that automatically warns the fire department. According to Laura Sweet, assistant dean of Student Life, five of ECU's fraternity houses have the alarm system.

"All sorority houses have the system or are in the process of getting it," Sweet said.

Sweet also said that there is funding available for the alarm systems. The instant-alert fire alarm systems exceed current Greenville fire safety codes.

Legislation was passed for all University of North Carolina residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses to be retrofitted with sprinkler sys-

tems by the year 2001. As of April 2000, 17 out of 36 fraternity and sorority houses at UNC-CH have been fitted with the keeping track of this information.

The residence halls and houses at ECU have an annual systems check, monthly fire extinguisher checks and evacuation drills that are usually established within the first two weeks of each semester. The drills test evacuation times and fire alarm activation.

Resident Advisers also hold monthly meetings in which they go over fire safety with the residents.

"Each floor of the residence halls houses one to three Resident Advisers. They run drills and safety in their meetings with students," Kimball said.

One complaint in the past about fire alarms is that they have not been loud enough.

"[The alarm] will wake you up," Kimball said. "I guarantee it. These new alarms are so loud, it will be difficult to stay in the dorms during an evacuation."

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## Teacher admits sharing marijuana with students

MESA, Ariz. (AP)—A popular Mesa junior high school teacher has admitted to police that she invited students to her townhouse in the waning days of the school year so they could smoke marijuana.

Eva Kovacs, 35, told police that she drove students from Kino Junior High School to her home four times and gave them marijuana so they could get high.

For providing the drug to her students, Kovacs faces two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Police could only cite Kovacs with the misdemeanors, said Mesa police Sgt. Earle Lloyd, because they did not have any physical evidence of the drug use.

"Just the fact that she admitted to giving it to kids is not reason enough to charge her with possession of drugs," Lloyd told the Tribune, a newspaper serving the suburban Phoenix area.

The parent who first called police about Kovacs said he was devastated to learn about her pot parties with students.

"As a parent, I expect these people to be role models," said Mike Health, whose son was at Kovacs' house but did not smoke marijuana. "Our confidence in the teaching profession has been somewhat betrayed by her."

Police and school officials learned of the pot-smoking students on the last day of

school. School officials said they could take little action against Kovacs because they had decided earlier this spring not to renew her contract.

Administrators at the Mesa Unified School District referred Kovacs' case to the Arizona Department of Education, which could revoke her teaching certificate.

Kovacs worked part time at the school two years, where she taught several drama classes and an English course.

A boy who smoked pot with Kovacs told police he first went to her home after a May 12 school dance. Kovacs drove some students home, the boy said, but brought him to her house in the 2300 block of East University Drive.

The two smoked from a bong in her living room, he told police. She drove the student home after about 30 minutes.

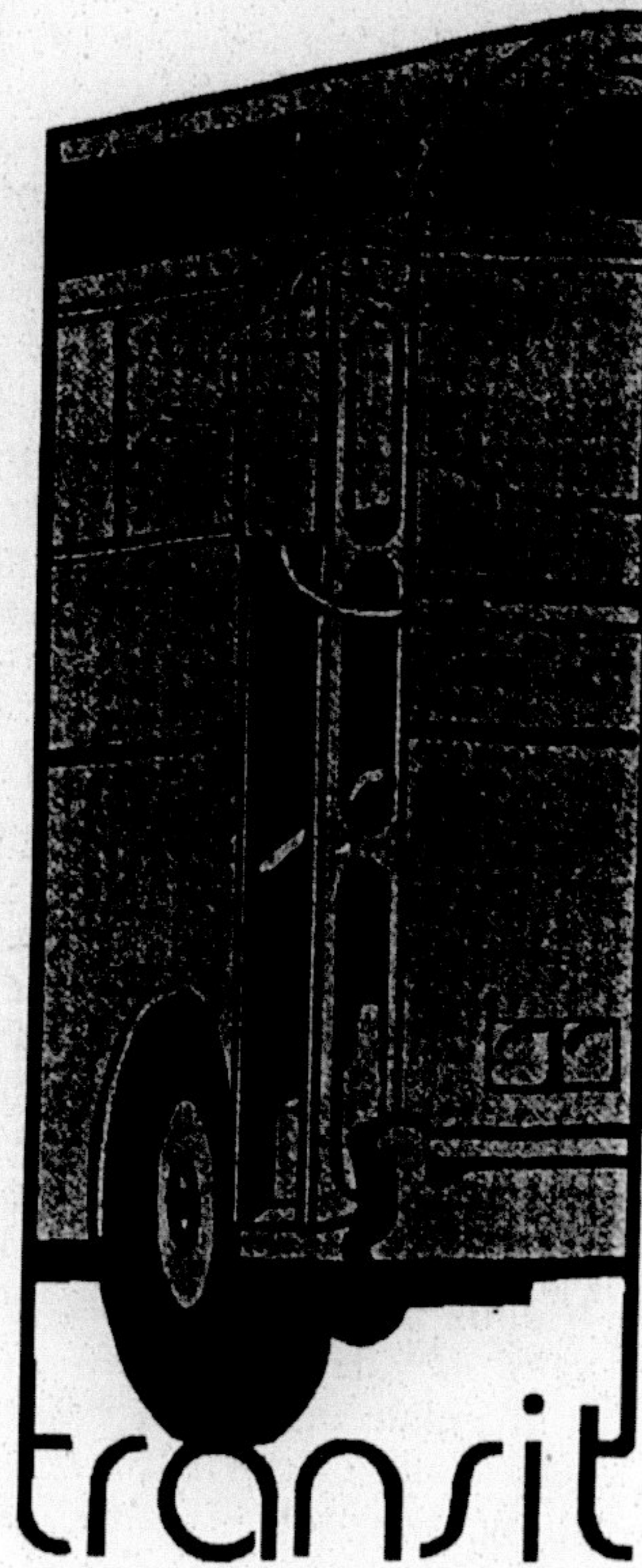
That student said Kovacs had previously told him he was "hot" and she would like to have sex with him but she "couldn't mess with me until I was 18." Nothing sexual ever happened between her and students, teens told police.

Kovacs also talked with students about their sex lives. A boy told police Kovacs and other students made verbal bets on when a couple who dated would first have sex.

Kovacs left the state shortly after the last day of school, so police were not able to inter-

view her until this week. A detective spoke with her Wednesday night, Lloyd said, when she admitted to smoking marijuana.

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OUR VIEW

Chris Sachs

IN MY OPINION

Going from bad to diverse

We're not saying we condone disobeying fire safety regulations, but we understand.

The residence halls on this campus are notorious for their constant ejecting of students due to trigger-happy fire alarms. As a result, most residents would much rather stay and see what happens between Nikki and Victor than tromp out into the elements just to stand around for the umpteenth time that week. We're not saying we condone disobeying fire safety regulations, but we understand.

So for whatever reason these fire 'drills' drive girls out of the building in their bath towels at 7 a.m., it has to be stopped. If it's steam that sets them off, fix the ventilation. If it's people pulling pranks, knock it off. Because at the rate these things go off, by the time a real fire happens no one will pay attention.

Residents, don't ignore the drills, either. Get your lazy selves up out of bed and go stand outside with everyone else, because you may be sick of the drills, but sometimes the alarms go off for a reason.

I recently had the opportunity to overhear a person talking about the South and the North, and it reminded me just how much I hate this argument. In hopes to end this never-ending debate I shall now give my 2 cents. However, I must speak the truth. And if you are offended in any way ... well, too bad.

I am really upset that the debate and name calling between the North and the South is still prevalent in our society. People act like it's the Civil War all over again. I cannot think of a more bankrupt argument and one that may never go away. I hope to make a few points that can maybe put this geographical saber-rattling to bed.

I feel qualified as a mediator for this argument because I have lived in both the North and the South for equal periods of time. To start off, the South has a courteous and friendly reputation. Southerners are proud of this stereotype. But that is all it is—a stereotype. Southerners are only courteous and friendly to other white Southerners.

The South has never been known to be too courteous to Blacks, or any ethnic group as far I have seen. Sure, they may not all be racist but I have heard 'good 'ol boys' tell me Black and homosexual jokes more than ever before in my life down here.

People describe Northerners as rude, pushy people who talk too fast. That may be so, but we Americans are a product of where we were raised. Southerners are considered slower-paced, some may say, but have you been to Atlanta recently? How about Nashville, Columbia, Dallas or Raleigh? They are very busy. The people in those areas move quickly, talk fast and will bump you on the streets without a second thought. Being fast and rude is not a Northern thing; it's a population thing.

Now I have found small sleepy Southern towns terrified of change. They are ignorant of the ways outside their small town and so they are afraid of what they don't understand. I have heard too many Southerners say that they don't want to live outside their small town or they don't want to experience new cultures. "I was born here, raised here and I'm gonna die here." How sick and pitiful and close-minded is that?

I don't meet small country folk who want to try Indian food for dinner. I don't see old Southern families going out to cultural festivals in the nearest big city. I definitely don't see young Southern cowboy wannabees lining up to go see the latest Spike Lee opus.

Now that happens up North too, but not nearly as much as the South—not by a long shot. Not even close! Go to Harvard Square in Boston, or New York City, or Seattle or any large northern city. You will see many, many people of different ethnic backgrounds all talking and dating and interacting and keeping open-minds. There is a true melting pot and the people are very tolerant of others that are different. But God forbid you be an interracial couple who goes shopping or out to eat dinner in Farmville or Mayberry.

To close, I have lived in the North and I have lived in the South. Both have advantages and both have problems. Northerners: Quit making fun of the Southerners. Southerners: Take down your useless Dixie flag and disregard the Mason-Dixon Line. Quit harping about the Civil War and stop acting like it happened last month. All that old-time stuff is meaningless now and only helps keep this country separate. So please, you morons, see that there is no South or North. There is just America.

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Faisal Lodhi

IN MY OPINION

Microsoft break-up doesn't compute

The Justice Department for the United States seems to think that it would be in the best interest of the general public to break up the giant software company Microsoft. Their case involves the violation of a number of anti-trust laws and unethical business practices. While it may seem to some that breaking up Microsoft is a good idea, I believe that leaving it alone would be much better for the consumer.

Microsoft has already shown that it can more than meet consumer demands. Its application software, Windows Operating System and its Web browsers keep surprising us with their capabilities. There is no doubt that Microsoft is not holding anything back because of a lack of enough competition.

The event that triggered this case started with the integration of the Microsoft Internet Explorer to Windows '98. While this might not be good news for Netscape, Microsoft's business practices aren't exactly unfair. It makes a lot of sense for a company to promote its products; this is just what Microsoft did. If this is an illegal or immoral business practice, then every successful business is guilty of this charge.

The case really took off on April 3, when Judge Jackson, the presiding judge in this case, came to the conclusion that Microsoft has maintained a monopoly power over personal computer operating systems by anti-competitive means and has at-

tempted to monopolize the Web browser market. The attorneys representing the government then submitted a plan to break the company into two.

Jackson didn't seem to think this was enough and has asked that a new plan be brought forth to split the company three ways, even though no one is in favor of it. It seems that Jackson has absolutely no knowledge of the software industry. I believe he is not fit to handle this case.

What will happen next? Microsoft will appeal Jackson's decision. From an economical point of view, analysts say that these three new companies will be worth 10-15 percent less than the Microsoft of today. Shares of the stock have already fallen since the announcement of this new plan. This could drive up the cost of the software rather than reduce it, which was the purpose of splitting up the company in the first place.

The split will benefit only a very small number of people—those who are in competition with Microsoft—and it will hurt the vast majority, especially the consumer. The economy cannot possibly be better off with two or more Microsofts, and the shareholders have a lot to lose if this were to happen. It will also drive costs up, which would in turn drive prices up. It is apparent that the breaking up of Microsoft would be a big mistake. I just wish that someone would tell Judge Jackson.

Leslie Griffin

IN MY OPINION

Greenville drivers take it slow

What is the deal with people that can't drive in Greenville? When I moved here a few months ago, I was told by friends of mine to watch out when it rained because people are afraid to drive in it around here. At the time I laughed, but I know now that it is true!

If you are ever caught on Greenville Boulevard when it rains you'd better be careful. There will inevitably be some fool in front of you going 5 mph and someone next to you going 6 mph. Come on people! It's only rain! You can go the speed limit!

And don't even get me started on the people who sit at a green light and chow down on their burger or women who put on their lip-

stick. Let's not also forget those people who forget to turn their signals off after they make a turn 20 minutes beforehand, or those who never use one at all! I get so frustrated driving in this town. I honestly think the Department of Motor Vehicles put out a sign that said: "ALL IDIOTS: Free license today, no test or intelligence required."

Granted, I know that not everyone here is a bad driver. However, driving is not a rocket science, and if you can't do it, get off the road!

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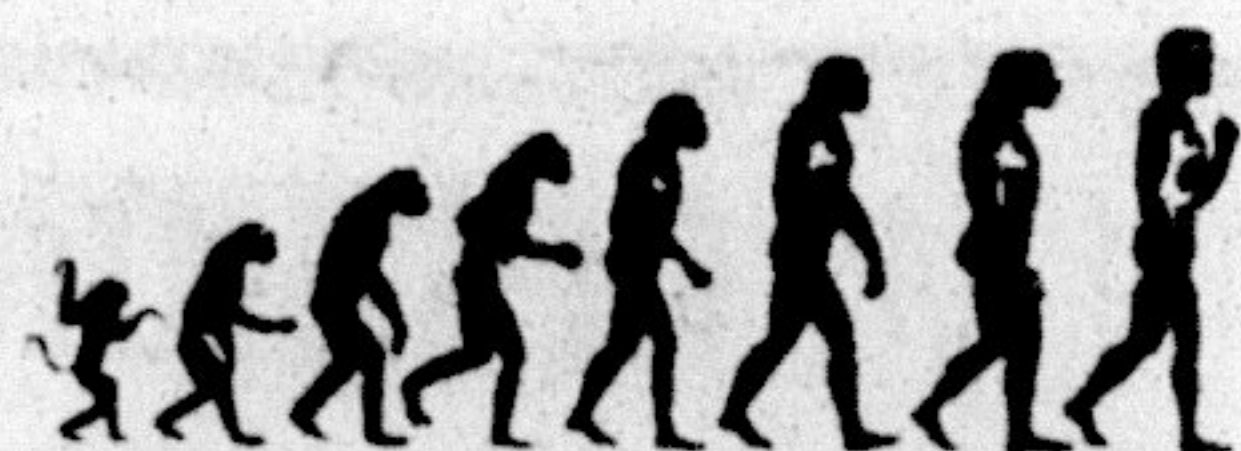
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## ONLY HUMAN

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP)—A Baltimore man was hospitalized with a broken tail bone after falling from a hotel balcony in Ocean City.

Joseph Chromo, 22, fell from the fifth floor of the Holiday Inn on 67th Street at about 8:30 Thursday night, police said. Shrubbery broke his fall. Witnesses told police that Chromo, who graduated from Johns Hopkins University last month, had been climbing horizontally from balcony to balcony earlier in the evening. Friends told police Chromo had been drinking.

He was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center where he was reported in satisfactory condition Friday.

Police also found a small amount of marijuana in the room Chromo shared with Christopher Jones, 23, of Baltimore. Jones was charged with possession of marijuana and released on personal recognizance.

POWELL, Wyo. (AP)—A man accused of smashing a pickup truck into a church after he was told to put out a cigarette will undergo psychiatric testing at the Wyoming State Hospital.

Kenneth Wiley, 47, faces one count of knowingly defacing property and nine charges of attempting to cause bodily injury with a deadly weapon. Witnesses said Wiley walked into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints following a baptismal ceremony April 10 with a lit cigarette. After he refused repeated requests to extinguish it, church members pushed him outside and locked the doors.

He attempted several times to enter again, then rammed the church with his pickup, witnesses said. The truck crashed through two sets of doors and wound up in a gymnasium against a cinder block wall. Wiley suffered minor facial cuts. No one else was injured. The mental evaluation, requested May 26 by public defender G. Mark Garrison, will put Wiley's preliminary hearing on hold.

## the wheels on the bus go round and 'round

*Drivers  
deserve recognition*

Emily Little  
FEATURES EDITOR

You probably never pay attention to senior planning major Matthew Winslow. You may have thanked him every now and then, may have told him where you lived on occasion, but you usually never struck up a conversation, even though he's been driving this campus around for nearly six years.

Winslow is a university bus driver. He and his co-workers shuffle around between ECU's 20 currently functioning buses, cleaning up after messy students, answering the same questions of confused freshmen and trying to keep that black smoke coming out of the '80s era bus under control. And if he gets even one speeding ticket in his own vehicles, they stand to lose their jobs.

It's an occupation we rarely notice, even though \$41 out of our student fees went straight to the transit system this year. A healthy handful of that money pays for new buses. This year, for instance, the university purchased three new ones, and will purchase two more in the coming months. Most of the buses in use today are 10 to 12 years old.

"They're constantly in need of repair of one kind or another," said Scott Alford, ECU's transit adviser.

Most of the new buses will include such features as climate control and more accessible wheelchair ramps.

"That's not bells and whistles," Alford said. "That's current technology."

The changes are just fine with Winslow, who says that driving a bus is actually very simple.

"Anyone can be a bus driver," he said. "You've seen some of the people who drive a bus."

The major annoyances, he says, are the students who constantly ask where the bus goes and the repetition of driving the same route over and over.

"I'll pay attention and all that stuff," he said. "But most of the time its like autopilot."

Winslow prefers for passengers to talk to him while he drives. Otherwise the boredom can be a little overwhelming. Besides, he's got quite a few stories to tell after six years of driving students from one place to another.

For instance, one afternoon he was sideswiped by a little old lady who tried to drive straight into the bus when she failed to notice that she'd hit it. He's cleaned up after sick students on the "drunk bus," aka the Pirate Ride. He overhears conversations and sees all that goes on in his rearview mirror. And he's perfectly willing to chat about it, assuming you express an interest.

Of course that doesn't go for all bus drivers. Some may prefer to drive in silence, just as some may prefer to drive the same route every day.

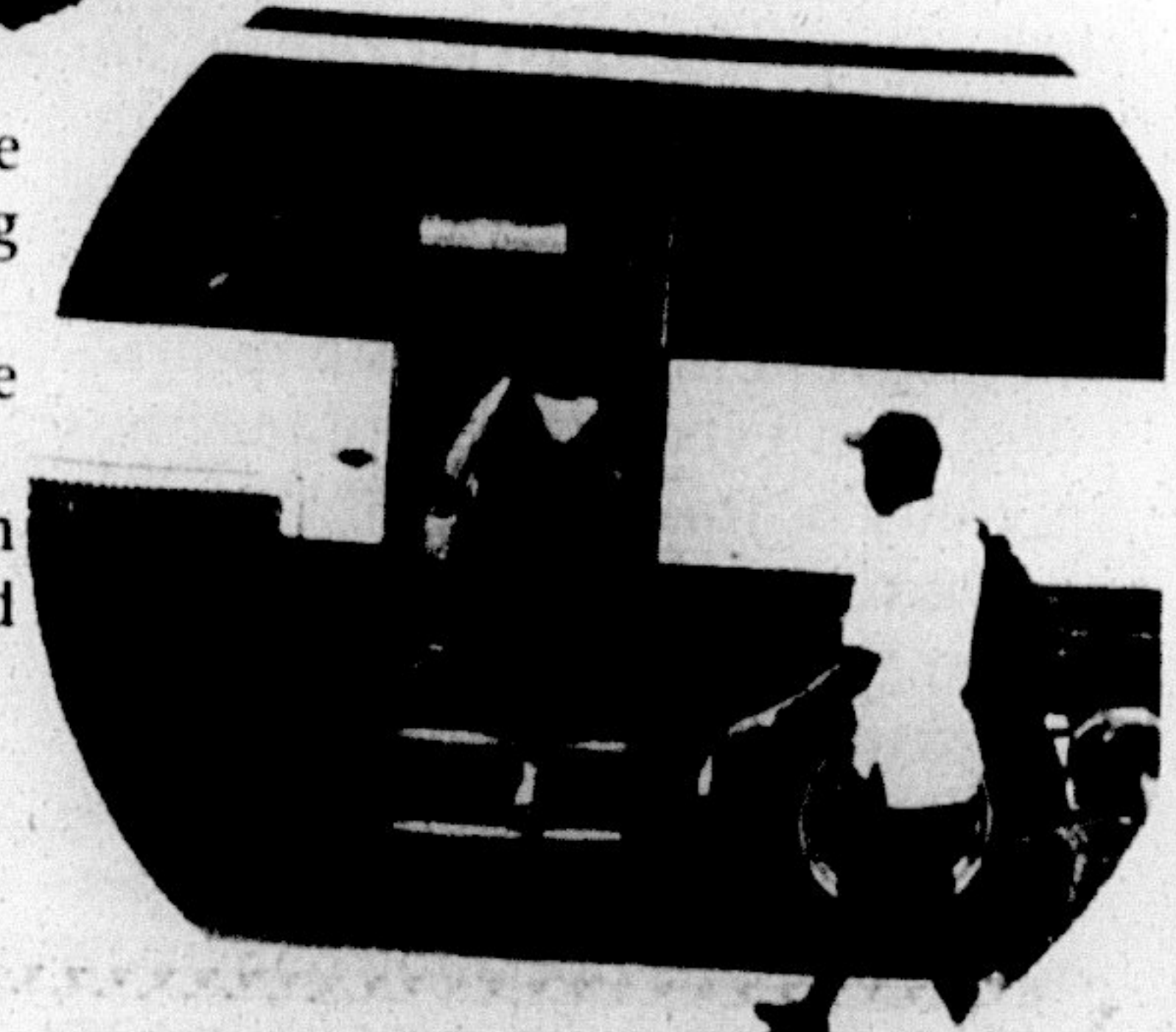
But Winslow likes it when people acknowledge the driver as they step on the bus. It gives him something to smile about while he watches for smoke from the tailpipe, leaky transmission fluid or little old ladies with kamikaze cars. It even makes him inclined to do favors.

"I'll drop you off anywhere you want to be as long as you're nice to me," Winslow said.

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Junior Kevin Blount says that employment from the transit authority as a driver is one of the highest paying jobs for students on campus (top photo). Junior Heather Vaughan's bus ride adventure comes to an end (middle photo) as junior Suzanne Cluth, (bottom photo) begins hers. (photos by Emily Richardson)



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## PICK OF THE WEEK: Mission: Impossible 2



Emily Little  
FEATURES EDITOR

Ethan Hunt is back, but this time the buffed-up Tom Cruise brought along more face masks, more hair, and more importantly, John Woo. That's a hell of a combination, and it's a hell of a movie.

It starts off a little slow. In the same amount of time the first *Mission: Impossible* took to show the audience four mysterious deaths, a blown-up car and an exploding fish tank, this one gives us a mildly interesting plane crash, some very surreal car chasing and a chopped off pinky finger. That may sound like the same thing, but it's not nearly as interesting when sandwiched between a long look at Cruises muscle-heavy free climb up a rocky mountain face, and a handful of longing looks at a beautiful young thief. It's especially disappointing when neither of those is riddled with intrigue the way the lulls in the first movie are.

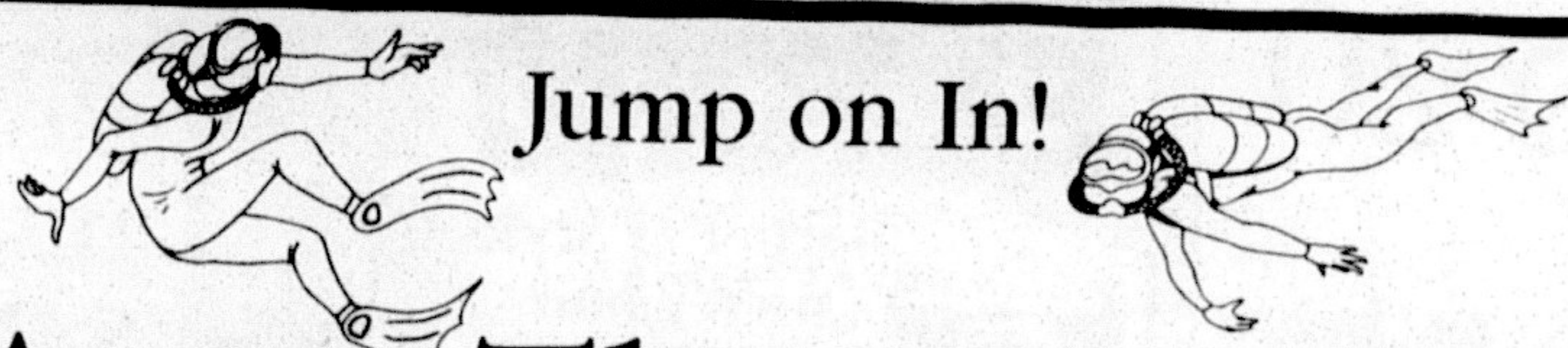
The other problem is that the love story develops a little too fast. Ethan Hunt is never in any danger of becoming James Bond; all it takes to make him swoon is a rough and tumble in a bathtub and a handful of moving violations. That element seems particularly lacking when the whole plot hinges on the affection between the two main characters.

However, when the love story does build up its a nice change from the expected emotional vacuum were used to seeing in spies on film. The characters actually have personality, and you can really see the love they have for each other.

Just when you think this may be a drama about a spy and his woman, *Mission: Impossible 2* suddenly comes into its own. Explosions everywhere. There are gunfights, grenades, hand-to-hand combats, even a chase that includes motorcycles, MAC trucks and SUVs. People are yanking off fake faces all over the place. And what John Woo movie would be complete without the doves, cooing as they fly in slow-motion through an old warehouse? It may just render you speechless in amazement.

There is definitely some good stuff here. When Ethan actually stops in the middle of a fight to slip on his cool new sunglasses, you know it's on. This is definitely a film worth seeing on the big screen with big sound. One suggestion to double you entertainment, though: Right when Cruise is at his coolest, whizzing around Sydney on his motorcycle with his leather jacket flowing behind him, just for a minute, remember him as a scrawny boy in his underwear, dancing around in the living room in *Risky Business*.

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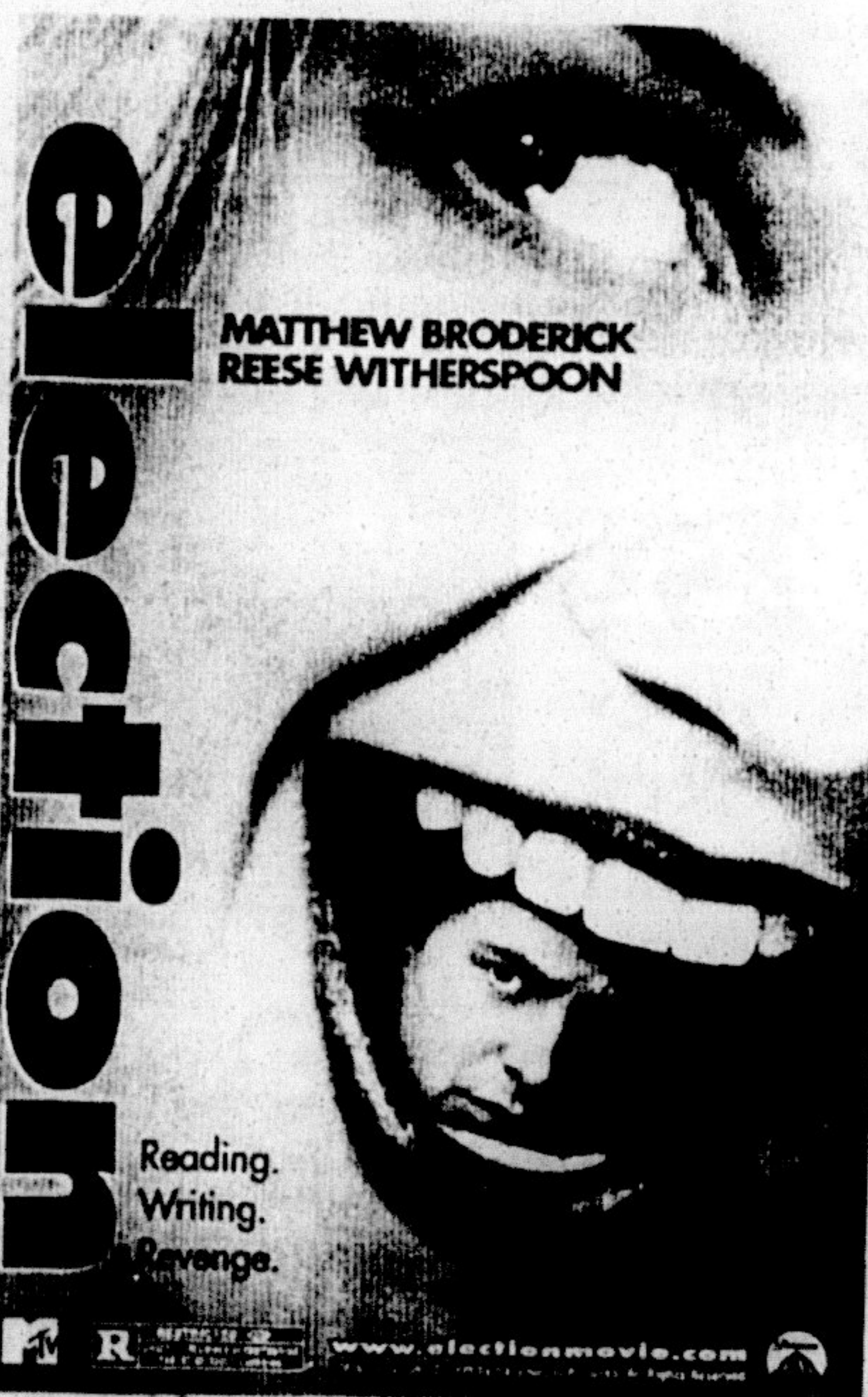


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## 60 Minutes founder lashes out

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Hewitt, founder of the TV news program *60 Minutes*, lashed out at a former colleague for *The Insider* movie, saying he wouldn't allow Lowell Bergman "within a hundred miles of a newsroom."

Hewitt, who has kept largely silent about the movie that depicts a dark episode in *60 Minutes* history, chose a speech before a conference of investigative reporters and editors on Saturday to talk about it.

The movie, which drew strong reviews last fall but was a disappointment at the box office last fall, depicts *60 Minutes*, and Hewitt, caving to pressure from CBS lawyers and not airing a whistleblowing report from an ex-tobacco executive. The full report eventually aired.

Bergman was portrayed by actor Al Pacino as a crusading *60 Minutes* segment producer who arranged ex-tobacco executive Jeffrey Wigand's interview, then quit when CBS initially would not air it.

Hewitt criticized the film, and

Bergman, for taking artistic license with the story. In reality, Bergman kept working for CBS after the episode, he said.

"When a journalist who professes to be dedicated to the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth conspires with a screenwriter to concoct a movie about himself that portrays him, by name, saying things he never said and doing things he never did, that is not a journalist I would allow within a hundred miles of a newsroom," Hewitt said.

Bergman, who now works for PBS's *Frontline*, said that he didn't have control over the script.

"He's entitled to his opinion," Bergman said. "He didn't seem to have any problem and in fact on many occasions praised my work and its accuracy and the subjects I chose to cover for 16 years."

Hewitt said that Bergman had asked *60 Minutes* correspondent Mike Wallace to intercede to get him more work at CBS after the Wigand episode. Bergman said that was not true.

Contrary to Bergman's asser-

tion, *60 Minutes* was not afraid to talk about corporate censorship, Hewitt said. But Bergman said that this came only after outside pressure was applied.

*60 Minutes* is not afraid to take on big institutions or report negatively on things in which CBS has a corporate interest, Hewitt said. He cited a report about bribery at a Winter Olympics that CBS broadcast and a Wallace story about defects in the Ford Pinto, even though Ford was a major CBS advertiser.

"Anyone who has watched *60 Minutes*, let alone worked for *60 Minutes*, knows that is foolishness," he said.

Hewitt also criticized the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism for holding a seminar on *The Insider*. Bergman said Hewitt was invited to attend and noted that he wasn't offered an opportunity to rebut Hewitt before the investigative reporters.

## Billboard Hot 100: Top 20

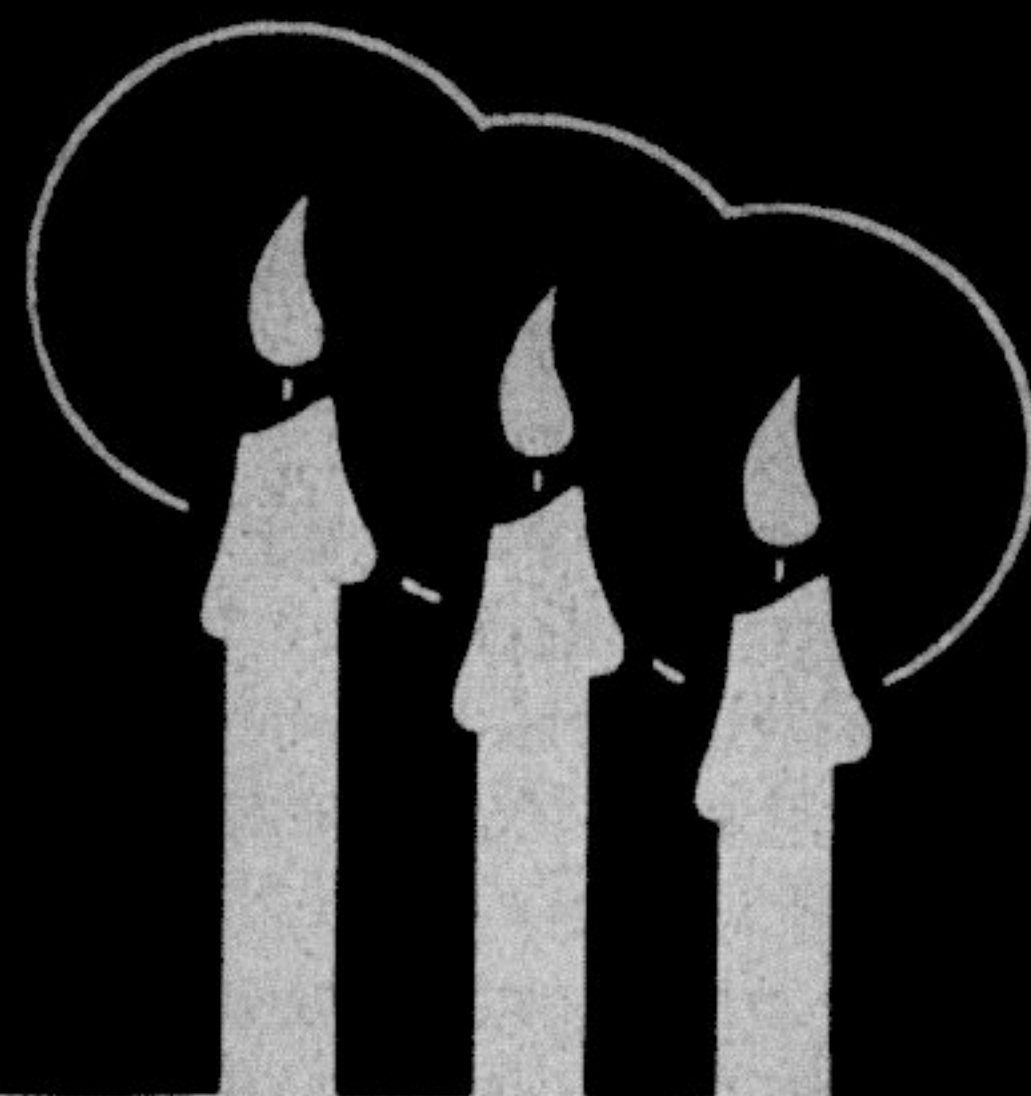
1. "Maria Maria," Santana
2. "You Sang To Me," Marc Anthony.
3. "Thong Song," Sisqo.
4. "Breathe," Faith Hill.
5. "Be With You," Enrique Iglesias.
6. "Try Again," Aaliyah.
7. "The Real Slim Shady," Eminem.
8. "Everything You Want," Vertical Horizon.
9. "Oops! I Did It Again," Britney Spears.
10. "I Try," Macy Gray.
11. "He Wasn't Man Enough," Toni Braxton.
12. "I Wanna Know," Joe.
13. "Higher," Creed.
14. "Say My Name," Destiny's Child.
15. "There You Go," Pink.
16. "Otherside," Red Hot Chili Peppers.
17. "I Turn To You," Christina Aguilera.
18. "Bent," matchbox twenty.
19. "It's Gonna Be Me," 'N Sync.
20. "Bye Bye Bye," 'N Sync.

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## Theaters add luxury to entice audiences

FRAMINGHAM, Massachusetts (AP) - Forget stale popcorn and watered-down soda. Forget broken seats, tiny screens and bad speakers.

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Everything from full dinners to Ferris wheel rides now are being offered to lure consumers, who are faced with an increasing number of options to going to the movies.

More than a century after well-dressed theatergoers crowded to see the first moving picture, a night at some theaters has returned to what it once was: an event.

"It used to be that you could pay 25 cents and get more than just a feature-length movie for your money," said Terrance Demas, director of the League of Historic American Theaters in Baltimore. "With TV, that somehow got lost. Now, that's what people want again."

In 1999, U.S. theaters took in nearly \$7 billion in ticket sales, up more than \$1 billion from the previous year, according to the National Association of Theater Owners.

But with the rapid growth of new media and home entertainment systems, theater owners are concerned those numbers could start to drop if they don't offer their patrons more than just popcorn and a movie.

In San Francisco, Sony recently opened a 15-screen Metreon Theater in a massive marketplace, complete with restaurants, an amusement

park, a children's museum, Sony stores and four IMAX theaters that show multidimensional films.

Resort Theaters of America is planning to open about 500 theaters at resorts in California, Utah and Colorado that will offer gourmet coffee, chocolates and pastries in the lobby, a supervised playroom for children, and a digital screen show before the movie begins.

And in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Maryland, General Cinemas has opened Premium Cinemas, where patrons can have dinner - anything from oven-roasted scrod to chocolate mousse cake - and see a movie under the same roof.

At Framingham's Premium Cinema, reservations are recommended and no one under 21 is allowed.

Patrons can dine just outside the cinema. A full bar is set up for drinks, and slow eaters can take their plates into the theater. Waiters also offer table service inside the auditorium for late orders, dessert and coffee.

For the show, moviegoers sit in leather lounge chairs with ample leg room behind private tables. Popcorn is free and waiting at each reserved seat.

"I'm sick of being in a crowded theater with kids kicking me and screaming in my ear," said Michael Kelly, 26, of Marlborough, before a recent showing of Mission: Impossible II. "For me, just a chance to have a drink and watch a movie without kids around is worth it."

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# 4x400 relay team takes seventh at NCAAs

*Pirates overcome weather,  
poor lanes to earn trip to finals*

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR



The ECU 4x400 meter relay squad celebrates after earning a spot in the finals Thursday night. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

For the ECU men's 4x400 meter relay squad, being dealt a bad hand is nothing new. The team has dealt with injuries and a season spent under stormy skies.

At the 2000 NCAA Track and Field Championships it was no different. The team of sophomore Lawrence Ward, senior Darrick Ingram, junior James Alexander and senior Damon Davis, would again face poor lane assignments and rain delays yet they managed to put it all behind them and run the best time in school history on the biggest stage of collegiate track and field.

The Pirates entered Thursday's semifinal as the lowest ranked team. This meant that they would be running from lane eight on the outside.

"It's a tough seed," said Head Men's Track Coach Bill Carson "It's hard because you're running and setting the pace for the other people."

The team did not let a tough lane assignment slow them. The team finished second in the heat behind Arkansas and ran the fastest time in school history, 3:03.23.

Ward ran the opening leg in 45.7 seconds.

Ingram, who ran in the semifinals of the open 400 earlier in the night, ran the second leg in 45.6 seconds.

"He did great running back to back in less than an hour and 30 minutes," Davis said. "The only thing about Darrick is that he's very confident in his ability and confident in us, I'm glad to have him on the team."

In the third leg Alexander kept the pressure on Arkansas and gained separation from third place Southern Cal.

"The key to the relay was James Alexander," Carson said. "He ran 45.7. James hasn't run 45 since his freshman year. He did that in Texas. We've been working hard on James improving his methods of running the quarter. He's had talent all along, he just didn't run it right. He came out and relaxed this 100 here, got into the curve, turned it on and was strong coming down there. He brought that into Damon very strong."

Davis ran the anchor leg in 45.8 seconds and cemented ECU's spot in the finals and made sure that he and Ingram had one more race as Pirates.

The Pirates faced their first obstacle in Saturday's finals before the race even begun.

Less than half an hour before the race was scheduled to begin the meet

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## Ingram fails to make finals

*Runner places fourth in preliminaries*

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

ECU's Darrick Ingram headed into the 2000 Outdoor Track and Field Championships with a chance to distinguish himself from the talented 4x400 relay squad which he was a part of.

The senior competed in the open 400 semifinals less than two hours before he was due to compete in the 4x400 meter relay.

Ingram placed fourth in the second heat with a time of 46.13.

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## Pirate Notes

### Place in history

With their seventh place finish, school record and automatic berth in the finals, the 2000 4x400 meter relay squad now sits firmly atop the list of great 1600 meter relay squads at ECU.

"We're the best," said senior Darrick Ingram. "We've got the best time, we've got the 4x4 record, we're the best 4x4 team that's ever been at East Carolina."

The team broke its own school record in the semifinals with their time of 3:03.23.

### Home track advantage

The lack of meets held in Greenville has spawned a feeling among ECU's elite runners of familiarity with Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium, site of the NC ACC championships.

"What make it so great is that Duke is like home for us," said senior Damon Davis. "Because we really don't have a home track. To do it at Duke, in our last season for me and Ingram, it's awesome, because it's like home."

The Pirates visited Durham earlier in the season at the Duke

### Invitational

"We're running here in front of the home people," said Head Men's Track Coach Bill Carson. "It was very important for us to, as the youngmen say, 'represent'."

### Everybody's All-American

With his trip to the finals Darrick Ingram joined a pretty exclusive club. Ingram is one of only two 400 meter runners to earn four All-American honors.

"It feels great," Ingram said. "It's been a long hard four years, but it seems short though. I feel great that I got four All-Americans and I feel pretty good about my stay here at school."

### Familiar face

In the semifinals of the 400 meters, N.C. State's Ivone Dozier placed sixth in his heat in a time of 46.61. Before he donned the red and white of N.C. State, Dozier spent two years in the ECU track program under Carson.

"He hasn't run as fast since he left us," Carson said.

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# Softball ends season with 60 wins

*Kee picks up 200th coaching victory*

Ryan Downey  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU softball team topped off a great '99-2000 campaign with a 2-1 victory over Dartmouth in the ECAC title game at George Mason last month.

ECU had a fantastic year setting a record of 60 wins in a season.

Denise Reagan pitched a complete game pushing her record to 26-8 on the season in the win.

Despite their strong season, the Pirates were not given an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

All season long the team was keyed by superior play from seniors Denise Reagan and Amekea McDougald.

"I would say the over all squad did a wonderful job. They exceeded my expectations as well as their own," said Head Coach Tracy Kee. "I would say that not one individual did it all The biggest surprise was that at different times a different individual would step up for us."

This season, as well, featured



Despite their record setting season, the ECU softball team was not given an NCAA bid. (file photo)

body," said Kee.

Coach Kee was able to pick up her 200th coaching victory this season (her fourth). In four years

who won over 20 games this season (26) will be missed and replaced in the regular rotation by a freshman. Her leadership and

different then her past three," said Kee. "I think next year losing Reagan will put a lot of pressure on the freshman coming in."

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was halted for nearly ninety minutes due to threatening weather. The delay pushed the starting time of the finals back from 9:15 p.m. to 10:50 p.m.

"When it started raining and they postponed the meet, my head got all messed up," Ward said. "I couldn't get loose again for the race, I just tied up bad and didn't run that well."

Ward's lead off leg of 46.4 seconds left the Pirates near the back of the eight-team field, and caused Ingram and the rest of the Pirates to try and make up ground.

"When you don't get your lead off leg into position then you're not running your race," Carson said. "(Ingram) had to go because after that hand off we're in sixth or seventh position and we're chasing. (Ingram) ran much too hard."

Ingram's attempt to put the Pirates back in front nearly paid off. Coming down the back stretch, Ingram had moved up as high as third. However, in the final 100 meters Ingram fell back into sixth.

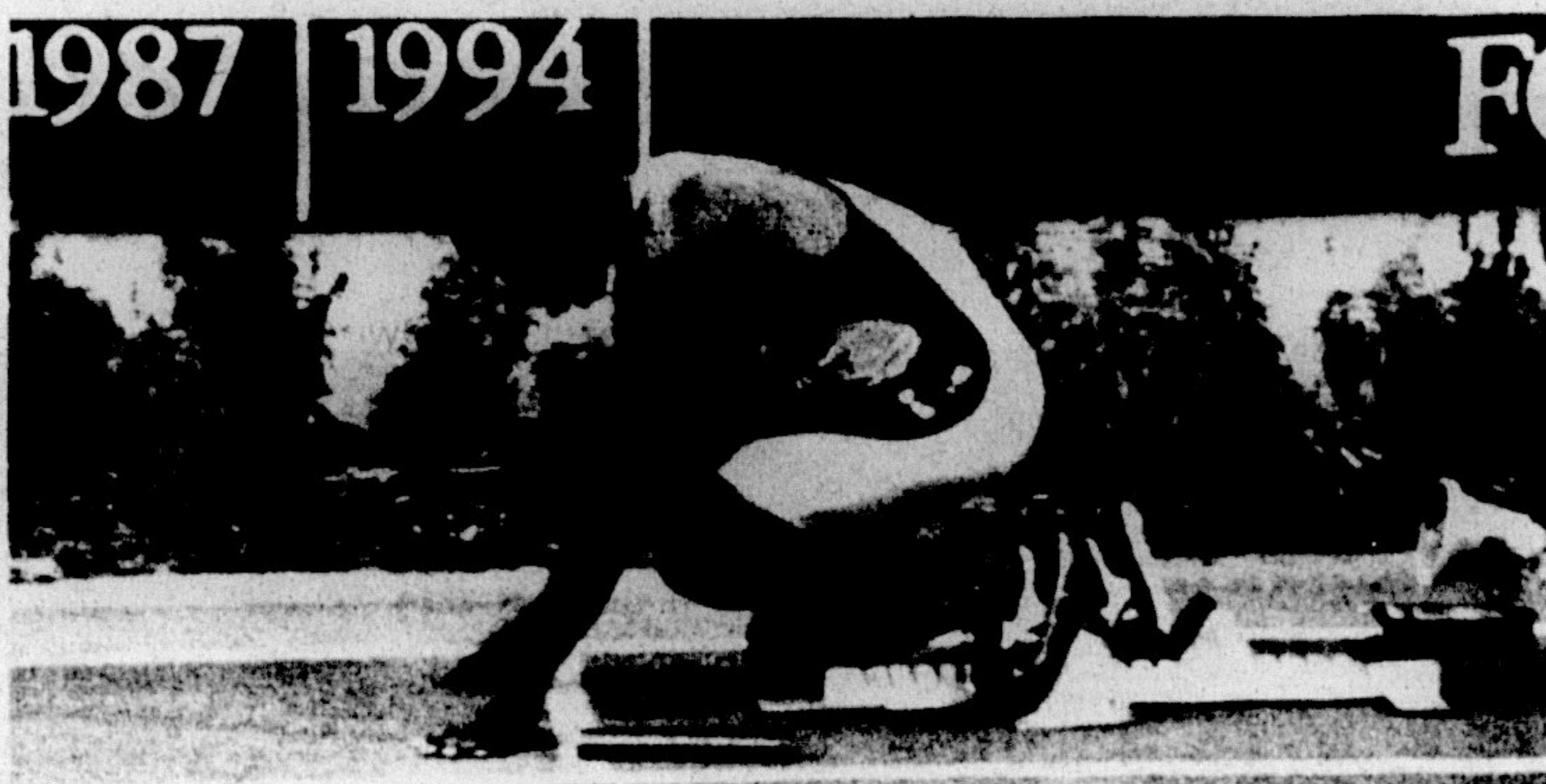
"I got out too hard in the first 200 (meters), I died coming home," Ingram said.

Alexander's leg was similar to that of Ingram. The junior came out fast and got the Pirates as high as fourth before again falling back into sixth.

"They got us up in there except when you make the hand off. Your last 20 meters are slow," Carson said. "By the time we came out of there, we kept coming out fifth, sixth or seventh."

On the anchor leg, Davis was unable to gain ground on the leaders and spent much of his lap in sixth. Davis was only caught at the line by Georgia Tech and the Pirates finished seventh.

"We weren't running our best times," Davis said. "The thing is that we can still be thankful that we made it here, and that we made it to the finals. We're still All-Americans."



Lawrence Ward gets set for the semifinals of the 4x400 meter relay. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

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"I'm not mad about the time but I feel I should have run a better time," Ingram said. "46.13, it's not a great time. I was looking for 45.7 or lower so I could get on in to the Olympic Trials. I'll take 46.13 and work on that."

Ingram's heat featured eventual 400 meter national champion Avarad Moncur from Auburn. Despite Moncur's presence Ingram's heat proved to be the slowest of the three.

"I ran good, I just got out too slow but I had a great finish," Ingram said. "I feel that if I got out fast I would have qualified for the finals."

Like the 4x400 relay team, Ingram

was stuck in lane eight.

"Lane eight is never a good lane because you never have anybody to run off of, everybody runs off of you."

"That's the tough thing about the nationals, it's the luck of the draw with the lanes," said Head Coach Bill Carson. "They draw them out of a hat, so it's luck of the draw."

This was Ingram's second appearance in the 400 meters at the NCAA Championships Ingram also competed in the event in 1998.

"Two years ago we ran in Buffalo, N.Y. It was about 40 degrees, here it's about 80 degrees so the weather is a good change."

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## FOR RENT

**RESPONSIBLE MALE** or female roommate needed to share spacious house and gardens. \$225 per month and one share of utilities. Very affordable and secure location. Must see to appreciate. Contact Dana at 830-8828.

**ECU AREA** two bedroom duplex off-street parking, window air, ceiling fans, pets OK \$375. Three bedroom w/central heat/air, w/d hookup, pets OK \$550. 830-9502

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**REMODELED TWO** bedroom units available at Wildwood Villas starting at \$500 per month. Available June 1. No pets. Call Chip, 355-0664 or 561-6196.

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## ROOMMATE WANTED

**WALK TO ECU** 1,2,3,4 or 5 Bedrms. (no flooding), available June, July, or August. Call 321-4712 leave message.

**FEMALE. SHARE** three bedroom home with two female students. Campus three blocks. Prefer graduate student. Central air, ceiling fans, washer, dryer. \$250.00 plus utilities. (703) 680-1676.

**FEMALE ROOMMATE** needed. Non-smoking, studious for Aug. 1 to May 31 2001. \$250 rent plus 1/3 utilities. Private phone line, washer and dryer. Call 931-9467. No pets, 3 bedroom, 3 bath condo.

**ROOMMATE NEEDED** starting July. Two blocks from campus, three blocks from downtown. \$200 month plus 1/3 utilities. Non smoker preferred. Call 752-5885 or 717-0348.

**2 CLEAN** responsible females needed ASAP. \$250/month plus 1/3 cable, electric, phone. \$200 deposit. Some pets OK w/ deposit. 3 blocks from campus. Big house; garage, yard. Call 758-7249.

**M/F ROOMMATES** needed Dockside Apts. starting Aug. 1 \$283 + 1/3 utilities. Call 329-1403, ASAP

## HELP WANTED

**EXPERIENCED BABYSITTERS** available days, evenings, and weekends. Reasonable rates. References available. Own transportation. Children of all ages. Call Jennifer at 329-1326 or Julie at 353-6707.

**WANTED: COLLEGE** student to keep and transport (2) 9 year old's to local day camps and other activities. Call day, 355-6423, night 353-6101 or 756-6981.

**CHRISTIAN NURSERY** workers needed Sunday mornings 9:15-12:15. Additional hours available. Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. 510 S. Washington St. Apply at church office. Office hours - 8 am- 12 noon, and 1:30 - 5pm.

**KIDSONE AND** KidsOne Too in Farmville, has openings for part time Preschool and after school teachers. Applicants must have training or experience in early childhood or related field. Please call 753-4866.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at a non-profit kennel for homeless dogs. Possible pay for weekend help. Please call 329-0118 or visit our website <http://members.aol.com/stjudekennels>

## HELP WANTED

**SUMMER JOBS!** The Greenville Recreation and Parks Department is continuing to hire for their upcoming summer programs. A variety of positions are available with the Athletics' Division to include: Camp Supervisor and Camp Counselors for the Sports Mini-Camps, Baseball coaches, Skate park staff and softball league scorekeepers. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 329-4550 Monday-Friday after 2 pm.

**COMPETITIVE HOURS!** Great pay! Bowen cleaners is seeking dependable and dedicated individuals to fill part-time positions as customer service representatives. Qualified individuals must have a positive and quality conscious attitude, sales personality, and basic computer skills. Part-time hours: 3p.m. to 7 p.m. M-F; 8 a.m. to 5p.m. (every other weekend). Applications will be accepted at the Bells Fork location.

**HELP WANTED:** small company located walking distance from shipping department (average 3 hours per day). Some heavy lifting involved. \$5.50/hour. Call 830-5577.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ATTENTION GRADUATING** seniors. Jefferson Pilot Life Insurance Co. is seeking career-minded individuals to sell and service existing policy owners and to open new accounts. \$1600-\$2600/mo. guaranteed during training. Prior sales experience a plus, but not required. Full benefits. Mon-Fri. 8:30a.m.-5p.m. (252) 756-8711.

**DO YOU** need a good job? The ECU Telefund is hiring students to contact alumni and parents for the ECU Annual Fund. \$5.50 hour plus bonuses. Make your own schedule. If interested call 328-4212, M-Th between the hours of 3-6pm.

**CASHIER WANTED.** Weekends only. Fun job. Must be dependable. Apply in person at Big Splatt Paintball Park. Sat. or Sun. only. Located on Old Pactolus Hwy off US264.

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Available at Pax apartments. Directly across from the ECU Recreation Center. Only \$280 per month. Call Pitt Property Management 758-1921.

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Summer Pool Memberships available  
**\$100 with ECU/PCC I.D.**

**Don't Sweat It!**  
1 or 2 bedrooms available, 1 bath, range, refrigerator, free water/sewer, patio/balcony, washer/dryer hookups, laundry facility  
**Wesley Commons South**  
5 blocks from campus, ECU bus services  
All properties have 24 hr. emergency maintenance. Pets allowed with fee. Call 758-1921

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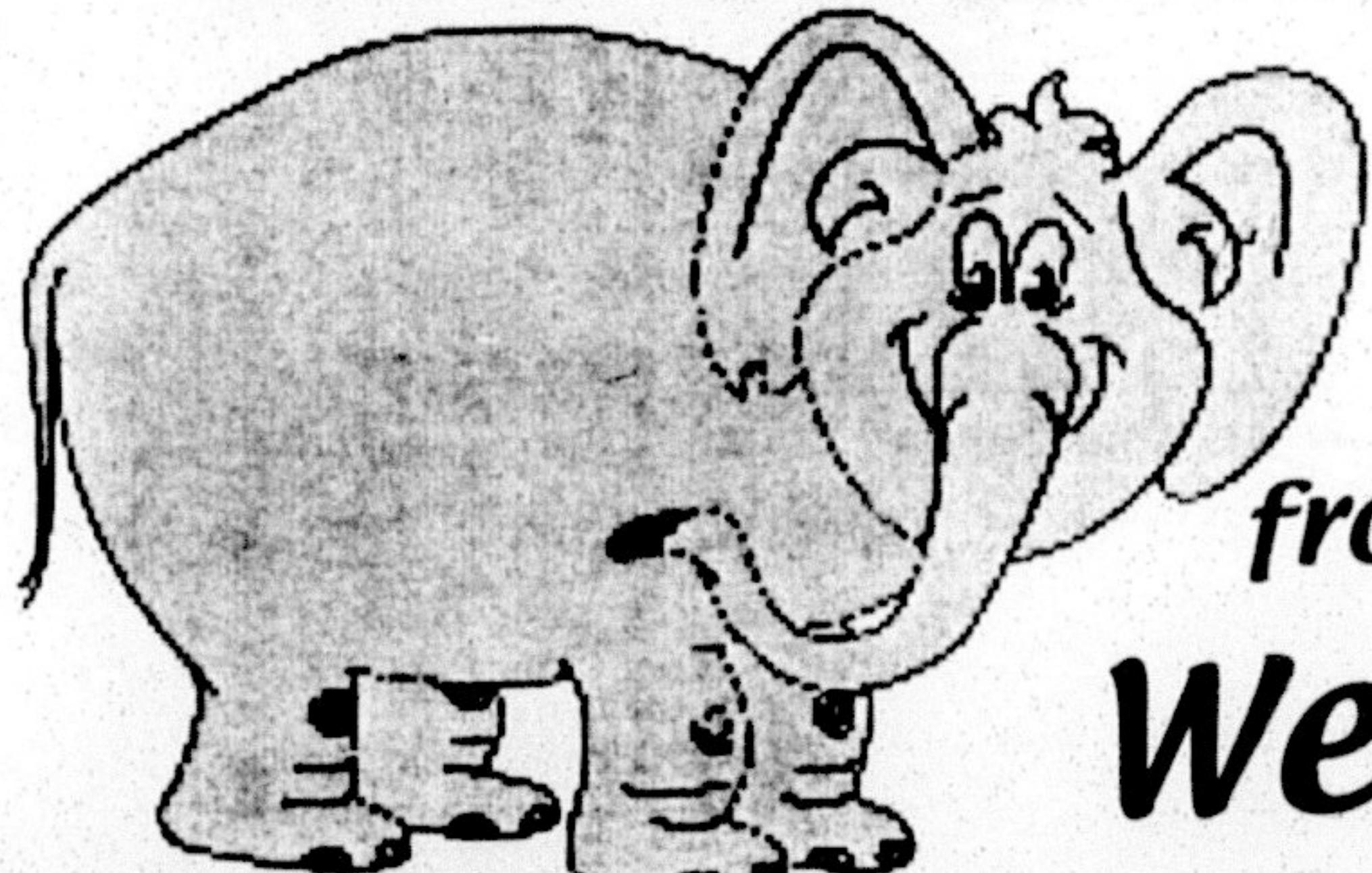
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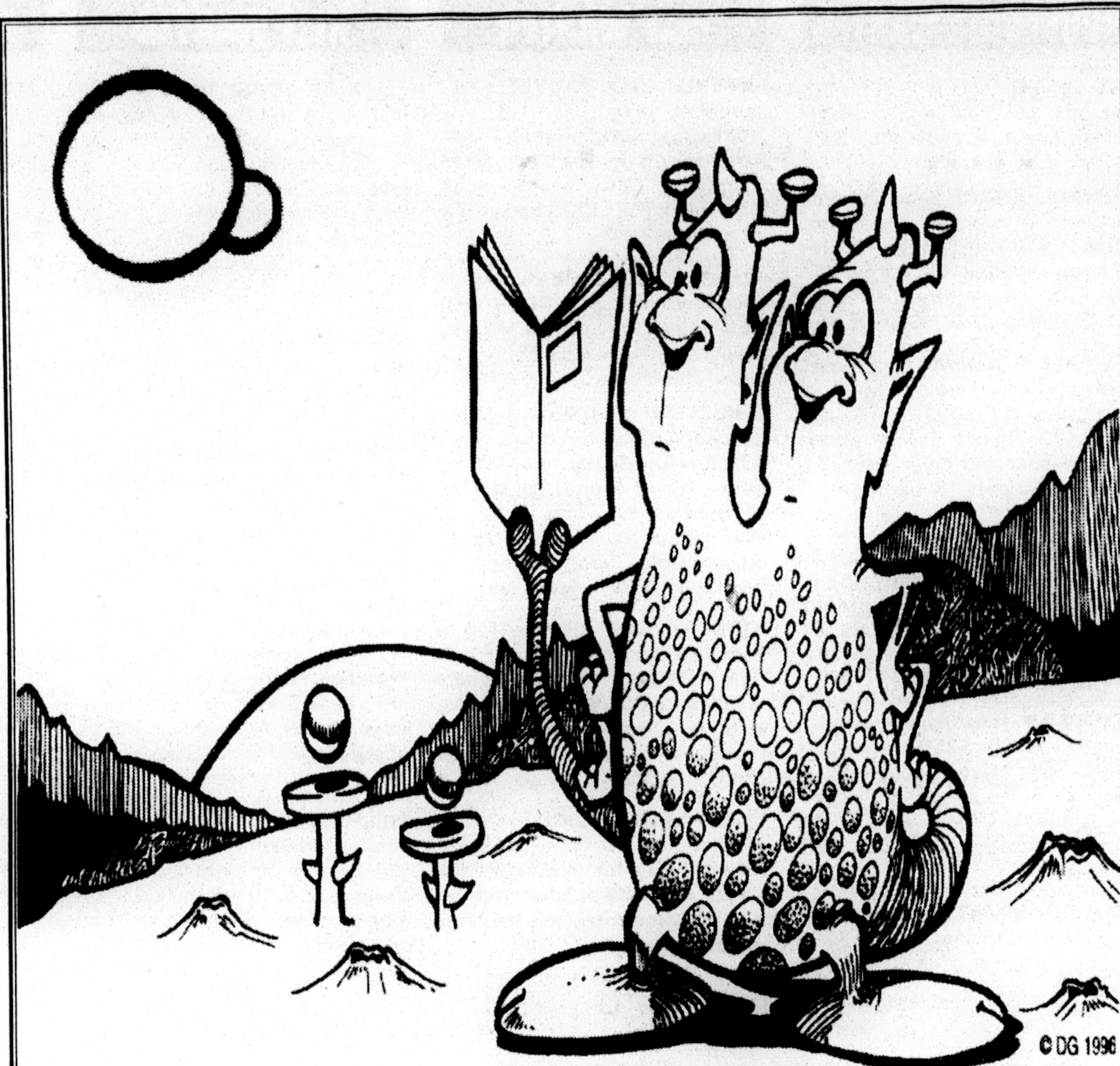
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**Good luck Betty from the Student Media. We'll miss you!**



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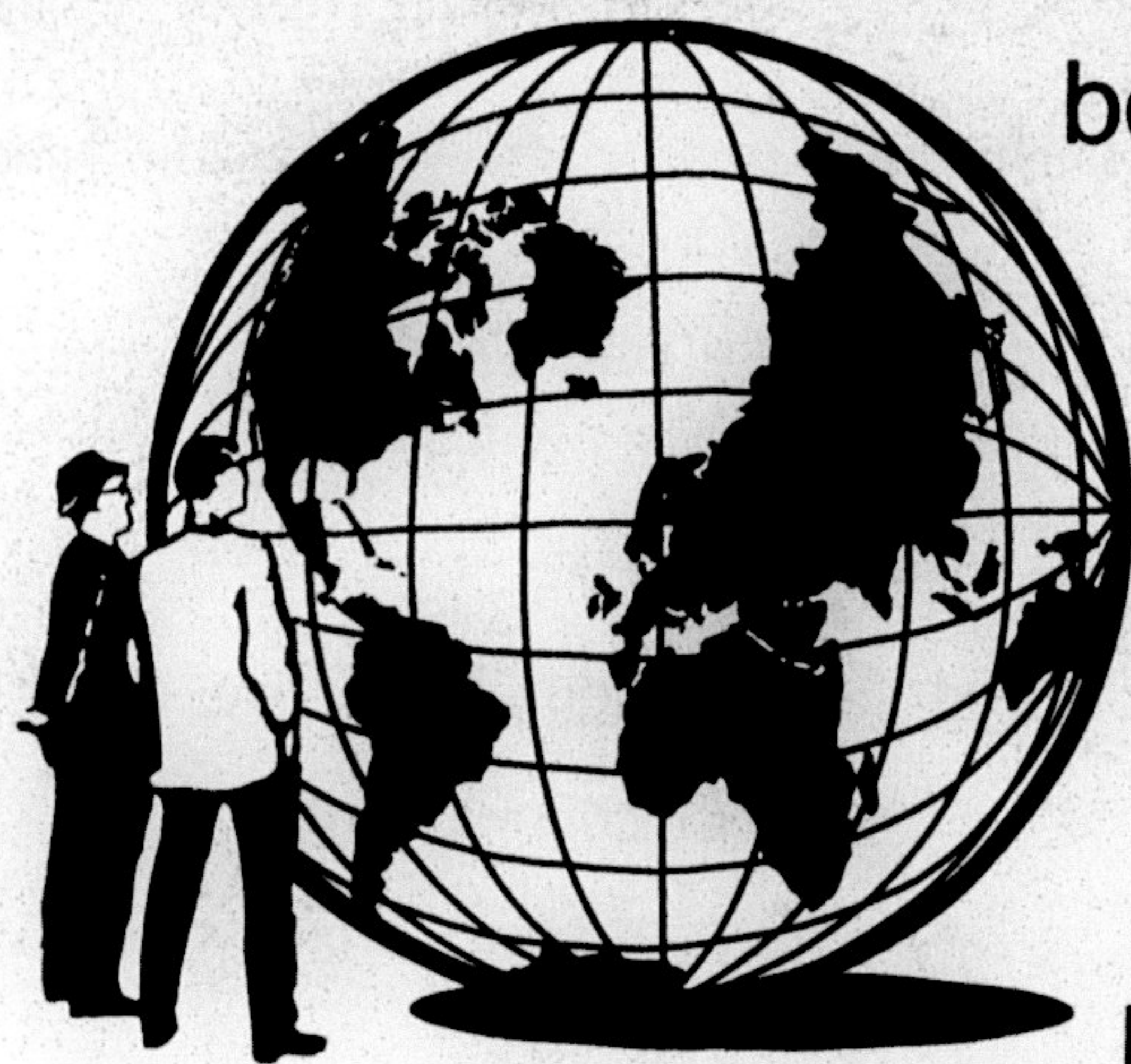
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## ATTENTION RETURNING STUDENTS



Planning to live off campus? If so, you can eliminate at least one long line by arranging your utility service in advance. By planning ahead, you can save valuable time -- and possibly money. These options are available:

### Option A: No Deposit Required

At your parents' request, your utility service may be put in their name. Just pick up a "Request for Utility Service" application from the University Housing Office in Jones Hall; at Greenville Utilities' Main Office, 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive; or at GUC Express, our satellite office located at 509 S.E. Greenville Blvd.

Have your parents complete the application (which must be notarized) and mail it to GUC, P.O. Box 1847, Greenville, N.C. 27835-1847, att: Customer Service.

Remember to attach a "letter of credit" from your parents' power company.

### Option B: Deposit Required

If you wish to have the utility service put in your name, a deposit will be required. Residential deposits are as follows:

Water only	\$25
Electric only	\$100
Electric & water	\$125
Electric, water & gas	\$175
Electric & gas	\$150

You can save time by mailing the deposit in advance. Be sure to include your name, where service will be required, when service is to be cut on and a phone number where we may reach you prior to your arrival at the service address.

The service charge of \$20.00 for electric and water, and/or \$30.00 for gas will be on your first bill. GUC requires you to be home when natural gas is cut on. While we do not require you to be home when electric or water service is cut on, it is your responsibility to ensure that all electrical appliances and water faucets are OFF during the cut on procedure.

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