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EUC to undergo major renovation

Bob Boyer
News Editor

The Elliott University Center (EUC), a hub of campus activity since 1953, will soon receive a

major face-lift. A committee comprised of students, faculty and staff has recommended the renovation, known as the Elliott Renewal Project, after completing a study on the needs of the university community. Architects are now drawing up plans for the renovation, which is slated to begin this fall.

The first phase of the project consists of the construction of a new Student Commons area. This addition will extend the EUC across what is now Forest Street. The Student Com-

mons will house a new bookstore, dining facilities and public space. It is scheduled to open January, 2001.

The second, and final, phase of the project will renovate the existing section of the EUC. This phase will begin immediately after the addition is completed. The old section will be closed and completely renovated. The entire project should be completed by June, 2002.

The renovation is expected to cost between \$23 million and \$25 million. Funding will come from a combination of private contributions, auxiliary funds and a proposed increase in student fees.

Under the committee's proposal, the student facilities fee will be increased to \$120 per

year, beginning spring semester 2001. Half the increase (\$60) would be charged for the spring semester, and the other half would be charged in the fall.

Students enrolled beyond 2001 will share the project's cost until the loan is paid in full. This increase in student fees will underwrite approximately 60% of the cost. Auxiliary fees and private contributions will provide the remaining 40%.

The study was conducted during the 1997-98 school year and involved individual passer-by interviews and focus groups, as well as input from key faculty members, student groups and staff. Three other planning attempts—in 1984, 1988 and 1991—were

unsuccessful.

The committee cited numerous reasons for the renewal project. Among the reasons listed were:

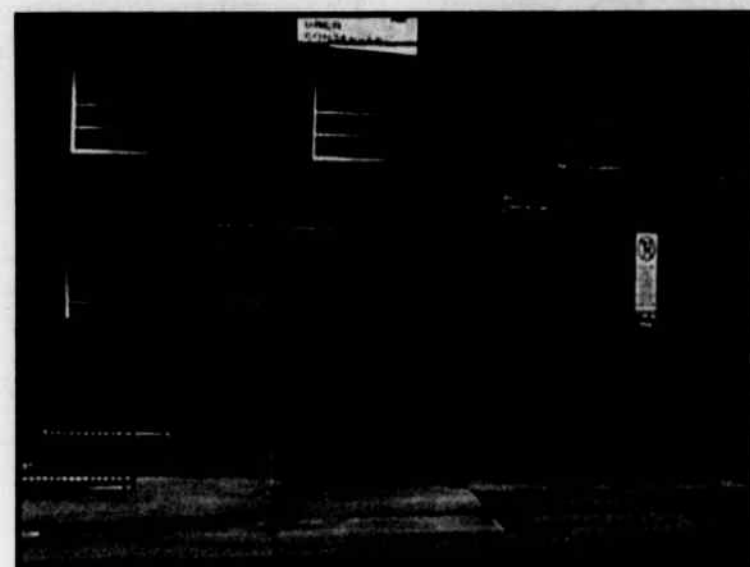
Lack of adequate space for student groups and organizations.

Antiquated and inefficient heating and cooling systems.

Limited disability access.

Outdated and unattractive building decor.

The renovation is expected to serve the needs of the UNCG community well into the 21st century. Those who have questions or comments regarding the Elliott Renewal Project should contact the Office of Student Affairs, 149 Mossman Building, or e-mail them to elliottrenewal@uncg.edu.



Clare Britt/THE CAROLINIAN

The Elliott renewal project is one of the hot topics on campus lately. Expected to cost between \$23 and \$25 million the project is expected to be finished in 2002.

Restrictions eased, but water woes continues

Bob Boyer
News Editor

Only one percent of the world's water supply is both suitable and available for human use. In Greensboro, not enough of that one percent is in city reservoirs, in spite of recent rains. However, the downpours have allowed city officials to ease water restrictions from stage three to stage two of the city's five-stage water conservation ordinance. According to water department official Herb Williams, Stage two, unlike Stage three, allows for the watering of vegetation with a hand-held hose. It is still unlawful to wash cars, buildings, or streets, or to use automatic sprinkler systems.

Under the Stage two restrictions, there is a goal to reduce water consumption by 25 percent. UNCG water restrictions parallel city guidelines. In addition, the university has taken several steps to help reduce consumption. These efforts include:

Installing water-conserving shower heads in Residence Halls and athletic facilities.

Planting drought tolerant grasses and plants.

Retro-fitting older plumbing with water-conserving parts and installing water-conserving toilets on new construction.

Prompt repair of leaking fixtures.

Dining hall resurrections on the number of dishes used.

For UNCG to reach water conservation goals, individual students, faculty and staff

will need to practice conservation efforts. Here are some easy ways to conserve water:

Take shorter showers. Each additional five minutes of showering per day equals 75 gallons per week.

Use the wastebasket instead of toilets for trash.

Store drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run to get a cool glass of water.

Turn the water off when you lather up during a shower, brush your teeth, or wash your face.

Turn faucets completely off. A faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second wastes 2700 gallons of water per year.

Fill dishwashers and clotheswashers to capacity.

Rinse fruits and vegetables in a pan filled with water.

Thaw meat overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on the microwave.

Stage two water restrictions will remain in effect at least through the first week of February. City officials may reduce the restrictions to Stage one if water levels continue to increase. Officials estimate Greensboro currently has a 130 day supply of water on hand. Stage one encourages voluntary conservation measures but does not contain mandatory restrictions.

For Stage one to go into effect, officials stress that Greensboro residents continue to comply with current water restriction ordinances. With continued wise water use, residents may avoid future restrictions.

Are You Eligible for Education Tax Credits?

Staff Reports

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (TRA97) contains provisions for two new education tax credits, the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Learning Credit. The intent of these tax credits is to enhance educational opportunities by making higher education more affordable through tax benefits.

The Hope Scholarship ap-

plies to the first two years of college (or other eligible post-secondary training). Taxpayers will be eligible for a tax credit of \$1,500. The credit will be available on a per-student basis for net tuition and fees paid for college enrollment after December 31, 1997. The credit will be phased out for joint filers between \$80,000 and \$100,000 of income, and for single filers between \$40,000

and \$50,000. The credit can be claimed in two taxable years with respect to any individual enrolled on at least a half-time basis for any portion of the year.

The Lifetime Learning Credit picks up where the Hope Scholarship leaves off. For those beyond the first two years of college, or taking classes part-time to improve or upgrade their job skills, the

family will receive a 20% tax credit for the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002, and for the first \$10,000 thereafter.

The credit is available for net tuition and fees paid for post-secondary enrollment after June 30, 1998. The credit is available on a per-taxpayer (family) basis, and is phased out at the same income levels as the Hope Scholarship.

Incarceration too harsh for females

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE (AP) - Female offenders in North Carolina should receive alternative punishments and training rather than traditional incarceration to deter future crimes, a UNC-Charlotte researcher says.

Pauline Brennan, a professor in the university's Department of Criminal Justice, compiled and analyzed national and state female imprisonment statistics. Incarceration does little to stop future offenses or help inmates adjust to life's responsibilities once released, Brennan says.

"In many cases, these women are not violent and do not pose a safety threat to the public," says Brennan, adding it would be better served by equipping these women with life skills outside of jail.

The number of females in prisons and jails has tripled over the past ten years while the number of men have doubled, according to U.S. Justice Department. The number of women in state and federal institutions rose 6.2 percent nationwide during 1997 to a year-end total of 79,624.

Brennan suggests alterna-

tives such as community residential facilities and day-reporting centers. When combined with drug counseling and job-and-parenting-skills training, she said these programs would be cheaper and more positive for the women.

The study found the typical female offender to be a young mother of dependent children, often the victim of physical abuse. They usually have less than a high school education, few job skills and alcohol or drug addictions.

The increase in female incarceration are a result of recent law changes regarding drug offenses, stricter sentencing and mandatory sentencing, she said. North Carolina, like many other states, only have one prison for women. Sooner or later, she says, more prisons will have to be built.

"At some point, states will have to decide where to invest their resources regarding female offenders," says Brennan, who has been at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte since 1997.

Brennan's study was funded through the Foundation for the Carolinas and by Summit House, an alternative incarceration program.

Killed intruder later identified as UNCC area rapist

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE (AP) - A knife-wielding intruder fatally shot by his intended victim in November was responsible for raping four other women in their apartments near UNC Charlotte last year, police say.

DNA and other evidence conclusively proves that Adrian Rodricka Cathey, 26, was responsible for the attacks, according to tests conducted at the State Bureau of Investigation's crime lab.

"There is no doubt in their minds," said Investigator Terry Brandon of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

But police warned women to continue taking commonsense

steps to ensure their safety. Two more sexual assaults near the University of North Carolina at Charlotte remain unsolved, investigators said.

Tests from those assaults show Cathey was not the assailant.

"As a single female, I'm relieved, but that's only four of the six solved," said Susan Cox, a criminal justice graduate student at UNCC. "There is still someone out there and I'm afraid females are going to let their guard down."

In all four cases to which Cathey has been linked, police say he forced his way into the women's apartments.

The attacks and subsequent

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publicity created an upswell of public concern in and around the campus.

But early on the morning of Nov. 16, Cathey was shot to death. A woman told officers she shot an intruder who entered her apartment through a sliding-glass door

and assaulted her with a knife.

The district attorney's office has since cleared the woman who shot Cathey of any wrongdoing, listing the death as "justifiable homicide."

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Our Opinion

For freshmen it may freak you out, but for upperclassmen it's just part of the back to school routine. What is it that we are speaking of? The beginning of a new semester. You are all worked up worrying about whether or not your classes will be canceled, your financial aid was applied, will there be somewhere to park your car, and to your surprise something else is added to your list of worries.

You are probably wondering what else could possibly happen. Well, this semester many students chose to have their books prepackaged and as an added convenience they were now able to place orders over the web. Now normally this is a great stress reliever to know your books are waiting for you to pick up, but as some students found out it was just one more thing to be stressed about.

Students were surprised to find out that many orders sent via this website were not received by the bookstore. And further more the book store failed to notify students that these orders may have not been received. Now this is not being written to attack the bookstore, because they are normally pretty good about providing good service. But we would just like to offer a few suggestions to help im-

prove this great idea. By placing notices around campus, in campus mail boxes, on voice mail, or even in *The Carolinian* students would have been notified ahead of time that they may need to reorder their books.

Another suggestion is to add a confirmation feature similar to the one on UNC Genie. This would confirm that the order submitted was or wasn't successfully sent to the bookstore. Students could also view or adjust their order up until a certain cut off date. It is just a common courtesy that would prepare students, and it would tremendously cut down on students giving bookstore employees a piece of their mind.

These are just a few suggestions. *The Carolinian* is very familiar with situations that occur when your operation relies heavily on computers, and we understand that things happen. All we ask is that you notify students if a problem occurred.

As with anything new it takes time to work out all of the bugs, and after a while we will wonder what we ever did without it. So all we ask for is a compromise, we will be patient and polite during this period and the bookstore will give us forewarning of any problems we might encounter.

A letter to the Editor

Katherine Shelton
Guest Columnist

December 18, 1998 Editor, I have been a resident and worked on and off in the UNCG area for approximately 20 some years. I have watched the campus grow in leaps and bounds with some positive results and some negative results. Over the years many of the students have become friends of mine and all in all the students are a great group of people. However, this is one area that the growth of the campus has been a real problem to those who live in the immediate area. That problem has been a real problem to those who live in the immediate area. That problem is TRASH.

Each and every day as I leave to go to work I have to pick up trash from my yard and the street in front of my house and then again in the evening it has to be picked up once again. I'm not talking about a napkin here and a cup there I'm talking about ashtrays emptied out, food con-

tainers from more than one meal, cigarette packs, beer cans and the list goes on and on.

I have spoken to the city on numerous occasions about bringing more trash cans to the area, especially the Tate St. area, so the trash can be dropped in a container before entering our neighborhood. This was unsuccessful.

I have also contacted the campus Environmental Services and again without success. So where does one go from here? The only answer I have left is that the school have a mandatory class that each student must take on "Appropriate ways to dispose of YOUR trash" 101.

Littering is not only disrespectful it's also illegal, but we all know you probably won't get caught. So I am pleading to that part of you that knows right from wrong, good from bad, respect from disrespect and asking that you become more aware of the part you play in adding to this problem or helping solve it. Do the right thing!

**Do you have an opinion that just has to be heard?
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Financial Aid pounces on students once again

Jasmine Corbett
Opinions Editor

And the winners of once again getting the run-around by Financial Aid are practically everyone at this wonderful University! It never fails, and this is not an exaggerated statement. You can turn in every piece of information, call the Financial Aid Office every single day before you leave for break, but you are still not completely immune to the possibility of your classes being dropped because of some mistake they made.

A friend of mine had her classes dropped, but in this case, it was not the fault of financial aid. When she was telling me what happened, I asked her how did the school inform her that her classes were dropped. She told me that they sent her two forms: a blue one with her balance on it and a white one with her registration window. It was at this moment that I panicked, because I remembered seeing

the same forms on my kitchen table. I talked to my mom about it and she said that I had nothing to worry about because my balance said zero, and she even called the Cashiers Office earlier that week to make sure it was correct.

However, my mother decided to call again, just to confirm that what she was told was accurate. When she called back to the Cashiers Office, they said that my classes had been dropped, but they didn't know why. Now how can they tell me one thing one day and then two days later suddenly everything changed? The Cashiers Office referred my mom to Financial Aid, and of course they tried to refer my mom back to the Cashiers Office and so on.

Now I don't know about you, but calling long distance about something as frustrating as this is already a pain, but when they try to continuously give you the run-around, well it's just not acceptable. My mom stayed on the phone for an hour and a half before they finally told her what happened. My classes were

dropped because of parking tickets!

That has got to be the stupidest thing I have ever heard. Knowing from previous experience, anything such as parking tickets, health center visits or any type of medicine is automatically deducted from the money you get back from your student loans. So my question is, why did they cancel my classes this time for something that has never been a problem before? Well, after about another thirty minutes and a lot of regretted verbal expressions (my mom did apologize later), they made sure I had my classes back.

Everyone makes a mistake from time to time, but when it happens all of the time, it causes many unnecessary problems. I don't know if Financial Aid doesn't have its records straight, or if it is some cruel joke that they must play on the students every semester. All I can say is that for those of you who survived the wrath of the Financial Aid Office, the semester isn't over.

Abortion, when is it right or wrong to kill

Brandi Leigh Fox
Columnist

Abortion is either right or wrong. On one hand, it can save lives. On the other, it can take them. For the sake of argument, let us say that abortion is wrong. About 1.6 million abortions are performed each year in the United States. One may ask: why do these women get pregnant when they do not wish to go through with the pregnancy? Do these women not have knowledge or access to contraceptive methods? There are so many questions and yet so few answers. But are there exceptions to the rule?

Over 8,000 abortions are performed everyday in the US. Large portions of these abortions occur among young single women. Abortion is considered a surgical procedure; however, it is rarely treated as one. Abortion has generally been available under certain conditions that vary from highly restrictive to less restrictive, depending on cultural, religious or economic influences. The abortion itself can be performed in many different ways. The vacuum method is the most commonly used. Another method is the saline solution method where a solution of salt and water is put into the egg and terminates the pregnancy. In later-term pregnancies, surgical procedures are used to remove the fetus. So is this murder? According to

the Christian and pro-life groups it is.

Although it is an unborn fetus to many, it is still a human life, given to them by God. "It is not the women's body, it is God, so it should be God that makes the decision whether the baby lives or dies," said Maggie Pitman of the Mississippi Pro-Life Coalition. So what does the Bible say about abortion? Although the Bible never directly addresses the issue, several references provide biblical insight. One reference comes from Jeremiah 1:4: "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you my spokesman to the world." This conveys the theory that you are a human life from the moment you are conceived. Thus, killing the unborn is murder.

Murder is a strong word, but that's actually what it is, the taking of a life. This causes one to wonder if murder or abortion should be allowed in some cases. Imagine, if you will, a thirteen-year old girl who has been molested and raped by her father. Now imagine that thirteen-year old girl finding out that she was pregnant. Would abortion be so wrong then? Now picture a twenty-eight-year old mother and wife told that having this baby would cause her to lose her life. She would not only be dying but she would leave behind her children. Her only option is abortion. Could you accuse her of murder?

According to Pat McLendon, babies born from incest have a

likelier chance of severe birth defects and mental retardation. That is not the only reason why you should consider incest not being an ethical justification for abortion. One out of every three girls is sexually abused before she is eighteen; one fourth of those are cases of incest. Five thousand pregnancies due to incest occur every year in the US. Also, think of all the emotional damage the mother would go through. Being pregnant by someone in your family is more horrible than many of us can imagine! The mother would be ridiculed and made fun of, for something that she had no control over. Could you look into this young girl's teary eyes and tell her she had to have this baby that was conceived under horrific circumstances?

In the case of risking your own life for your unborn child, the same question still stands. Does this justify an abortion? Some might say that the mother should not have gotten pregnant in the first place. However, high-risk pregnancies are not always foreseen. It is not our place to tell her that she must die and her children must be orphaned so that an unborn baby can live.

I hope this has made you think a little bit, about when our beliefs go too far. It may not even be in the case of abortion. I believe that we must look at every case individually before we criticize others for doing the "wrong thing."

Opinions Page

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Thanks for reading *The Carolinian*

Acting Company performs "Twelfth Night"

Staff Report

Shakespeare's beloved comedy "Twelfth Night" will be performed by The Acting Company in Aycock Auditorium at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5.

One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, "Twelfth Night" is a story of love triangles, mistaken identities and trickery. The play will be performed by The Acting Company, which is based at New York's Julliard School and features recent Julliard graduates.

The performance is part of the University Concert and Lecture Series.

Tickets cost \$19, \$15 and \$12, depending on seat location. They are available

through the University Box Office and Arts Information Center (336-334-4849) with locations in Elliott University Center and Taylor Building lobby. Hours are weekdays from noon-5 p.m.

The play is directed by Penny Metropulos, associate artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and artistic associate of The Acting Company, and features original music by Kim D. Sherman.

"Twelfth Night" revolves around Viola of Messaline who is rescued from a shipwreck and brought to the shores of Illyria while her twin brother, Sebastian, is thought drowned. In order to be near Orsino, the Duke of Illyria, Viola disguises herself as a male page named Cesario. The

story takes an interesting turn when Orsino falls in love with Olivia, who falls in love with Cesario, who is really Viola. To complicate things further, Viola falls in love with Orsino.

Called "the hope of the American theater" by Angela Lansbury, The Acting Company is America's only nationally-touring classical repertory theater. The company has performed in Aycock Auditorium many times since its founding in 1972 by the late John Houseman and Margot Harley, the company's current producing director.

Houseman called The Acting Company "the accomplishment of which I am most proud."

The company boasts Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Kline as a founding

member. "Four years in The Acting Company is like being in the theater for 20," Kline said about his membership in the group.

The company tours smaller cities, towns and rural communities as a way of reaching people who have few opportunities to experience live theater. They present productions of classic and contemporary plays in order to build a national audience for theater. Since 1972, The Acting Company has traveled over 500,000 miles through 47 states and nine other countries, performing for more than 2 million people.

The company has won several Obie Awards, the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award and two Tony Award nominations.



Hope Blister, minimalist success

Jennifer Osborne
Senior Writer

After participating in the This Mortal Coil project, Ivo Watts-Russell found himself eager to create again, saying, "I got to the point of missing having one specific project on my mind."

Idea in hand and band name in mind (The Hope Blister), he set out to create an album of covers under the title ...smile's ok. Musicians Audrey Riley (cello), Chris Tombling and Leo Payne (violin), Sue Dench (viola), Laurence O'Keefe (bass), Ritchie Thomas (saxophone and drums), and vocalist Louise Rutkowski were recruited, and in 12 days the album's eight tracks were recorded.

Ivo recalls, "In the studio,

the music took its own course. All I knew was, I wanted things to pretty much revolve around the bass guitar and some strings. Collaborating with producer John Fryer, he did just that- giving life to a polished final product of ultra-minimal, melancholy tracks.

...smile's ok's first song is "Dagger," a Neil Halstead (Slowdive, Mojave3) cover. Starting with the sound of waves breaking on the shore, the song develops into a quiet tale in the style of PJ Harvey's heroines.

The second track, "Only Human" by Heidi Berry, delivers more of the same material- an acoustic lamentation about being unable to open up to another person. Due to the nature of the music, more of the same follows.

"Outer Skin," a Chris Knox cover, reads, "Quite alone as is usual/ Locked in life with a friend I've known for a thousand years," while "Sweet Unknown" relates the emotions of one abandoned by their lover.

First recorded by the Icelandic band Slow Blow, "Is Jesus Your Pal" is yet another mellow track with almost Gregorian vocals. About a dying person's last words of wisdom, the song is full of enigmatic lyrics: "If you open your eyes/ Take a look at this maze/ Could you fake your reflection, child?" and "If you reach for more/ You'll find nothin' but sorrow/ 'Cause knowledge is hollow/ And pride is hard to swallow."

The most famous of the ...smile's ok covers is Brian Eno's "Spider and I." Set to

strings, the song concludes with a light sprinkling of industrial staples- drum machine, keyboards, all-things-distorted, etc.- in their faintest forms.

As for who might enjoy ...smile's ok, fans of outstanding vocalists should revel in the sound of Rutkowski's voice- similar to that of Paula Cole and Tori Amos.

Followers of the less-is-more movement will appreciate the drone-like quality the entire album is soaked in, and will most likely be pleased with the up-coming, mail order only disc recorded during the ...smile's ok sessions.

As for future Hope Blister albums, Ivo says, "I still have the hope of much, much sparser recordings somewhere in the future."

Free Lee Abbott reading February 4

Author Lee K. Abbott will read from his fiction at the Faculty Center on the UNCG campus on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m.

The reading is free and open to the public.

Books of the author's work will be on sale before and after the reading. The author will sign books at the reception immediately following. The reading is sponsored by the Master of Fine Arts Writing Program (336-334-5459) in the UNCG Department of English.

Abbott is the author of six short story collections: "Wet Places at Noon," "Living After Midnight," "Dreams of Distant Lives," "Strangers in Paradise," "Love is the Crooked Thing," and "The Heart Never Fits Its Wanting." His work has appeared in The Georgia Review, Story, The Kenyon Review, The Atlantic, Harpers and the Best American Short Stories. Abbott lives in Ohio and is a professor of English and the director of the MFA Writing Program at Ohio University.

STOMP



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Kelly Corkin sells merchandise to fans at Stomp Shows. A student at UNCG purchases a T-shirt before the show at Aycock Auditorium Saturday January 23.

NOW PLAYING

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| A Simple Plan | Life is Beautiful |
| Shakespeare in Love | Stepmom |
| At First Sight | Patch Adams |
| A Civil Action | The Prince of Egypt |
| Virus | You've Got Mail |
| Thin Red Line | In Dreams |
| Walking Dead Devine | Gloria |
| Verbal Abuse | The Faculty |

African American History Month Schedule

Information on events is available by contacting the Office of Multicultural Affairs in Elliott University Center (EUC) at 334-5090. Dates, events and topics will be as follows

- January 25** - noon, Joyner Lounge, EUC, a brown-bag luncheon discussion: "The History of America's Definition of Racial Identity." The conference theme is "The Legacy of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings."
- February 4** - 3:30 p.m., Joyner Lounge, EUC, "Beloved."
- February 5** - 7 p.m., Jarrell Lecture Hall, Jackson Library, "Beloved."
- February 8** - noon, Joyner Lounge, EUC, a brown-bag lunch discussion of the movie, "Beloved."
- February 8** - 7 p.m., Ferguson Building, Room 100, Dr. Robert Harms of Yale University will discuss "The Voyage of the Diligent in 1731-1732: Reflections on World Systems and the Banality of Evil."
- February 10** - 7 p.m., Ashby Parlor, Mary Foust Hall, "A Long Walk Home."
- February 12** - 3:30 p.m., Eberhart Building, Room 284, Dr. Richie Zweigenhaft will discuss "Diversity in the Power Elite: Have Women and Minorities Reached the Top?"
- February 17** - 8 p.m., Cone Ballroom, EUC, African-American Fashion show.
- February 19-20** - EUC, campus locations, the

Annual Open House for prospective and admitted African-American high schools students.

- February 20** - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Cone Ballroom, EUC, African American Cultural Festival.
- February 23** - TBA, Cone Ballroom, EUC, "Monologues on Black Life."
- February 24** - 7:30 p.m., Hart Recital Hall, UNCG School of Music, the EastWind Quintet will perform "Miniatures" by William Grant Still.
- TBA (date, time and location)** - African American Music Celebration.
- March 8** - noon, Joyner Lounge, EUC, a brown-bag luncheon discussion, "Booker T. Washington."
- March 15** - noon, Joyner Lounge, EUC, a brown-bag luncheon discussion, "Master/Slave Women Relationships: Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs."
- March 20** - 2 p.m., Curry Auditorium, "Most Valuable Player: The Jackie Robinson Story." Tickets: adults \$5, students \$4;
- March 22** - 4 p.m., Phillips/Alexander, EUC, round table discussion, "Value and Evidence of DNA and Oral History."
- March 25** - 7 p.m., Alexander, EUC, "Sally Hemmings and Thomas Jefferson." The CACE will conclude with an address by author Annette Gordon-Reed, who will speak on her controversial book, "Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings: An American Controversy."

Life after Michael leaves

Bubba Richards
Staff Writer

Now that the NBA lockout is officially over, a lot of the nation is wondering what reaction that the fans will have once the season finally begins in February. First of all, there will only be fifty games, which should definitely make the season more interesting because teams are going to have to start strong or they might not be able to make the playoffs as if they could in an 82 game season. Then there are some teams like the Bulls, who are pretty much getting rid of all their big money players and big name players so that they will have the most money freed up to try to rebuild the franchise at the end of this season. In other words, the Chicago Bulls are pulling a Florida Marlins gimmick where they are pretty much taking the season off and not trying to contend for the Eastern Conference title.

Thus, the NBA begins Life after Michael. How will the NBA respond to life after Michael? Well, first of all, there will actually be competition that there wasn't before. A team like the New Jersey Nets has a possibility of going

to the third round of the playoffs, and a team like the New York Knicks may actually win the Eastern Conference title. This also means that Mr. Malone may get his ring after all, now that he doesn't have to beat the Bulls in the Finals; mainly M.J.

For the NBA, Jordan's retirement means that there is no obvious team that will win the title this year and that there will actually be contenders that you can't count out of shocking the rest of the NBA world by knocking off a number 1 seed in the playoffs. In fact the NBA will do just fine.

But what about the fans? Are the fans just going to come back to watch their respective teams like there was no lockout at all? Does the NBA think that the fans are just going to forget about the 32 games that we are not going to see this year? Do fans even care that there is going to be an NBA season at all? I don't think so! There are the true hard-core fans that will still show up, but for the rest of the nation, I think we are all really fed up with the whole lockout deal. We hear Kenny Anderson complaining about how he is going to have to get

rid of one of his 4 Lexus's because he is going broke. Well, you know, I wish I had that problem. We have people in this country working forty hours a week at \$5.15 an hour and Kevin Garnett will make approximately \$82,000 a game this year. Do fans have a role model in the NBA like we once did with Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and Michael Jordan?

Fans are fed up and very disappointed over the players union not wanting a hard salary cap. Does anyone know what this cap does? Lets put it like this. Serge Zwikker, an ex-Carolina basketball player that could barely start in college because he was so bad will now make about \$400,000 a year in the NBA while he is handing out cups of water to Hakeem Olajowan and Scottie Pippen when they come off the court for a timeout.

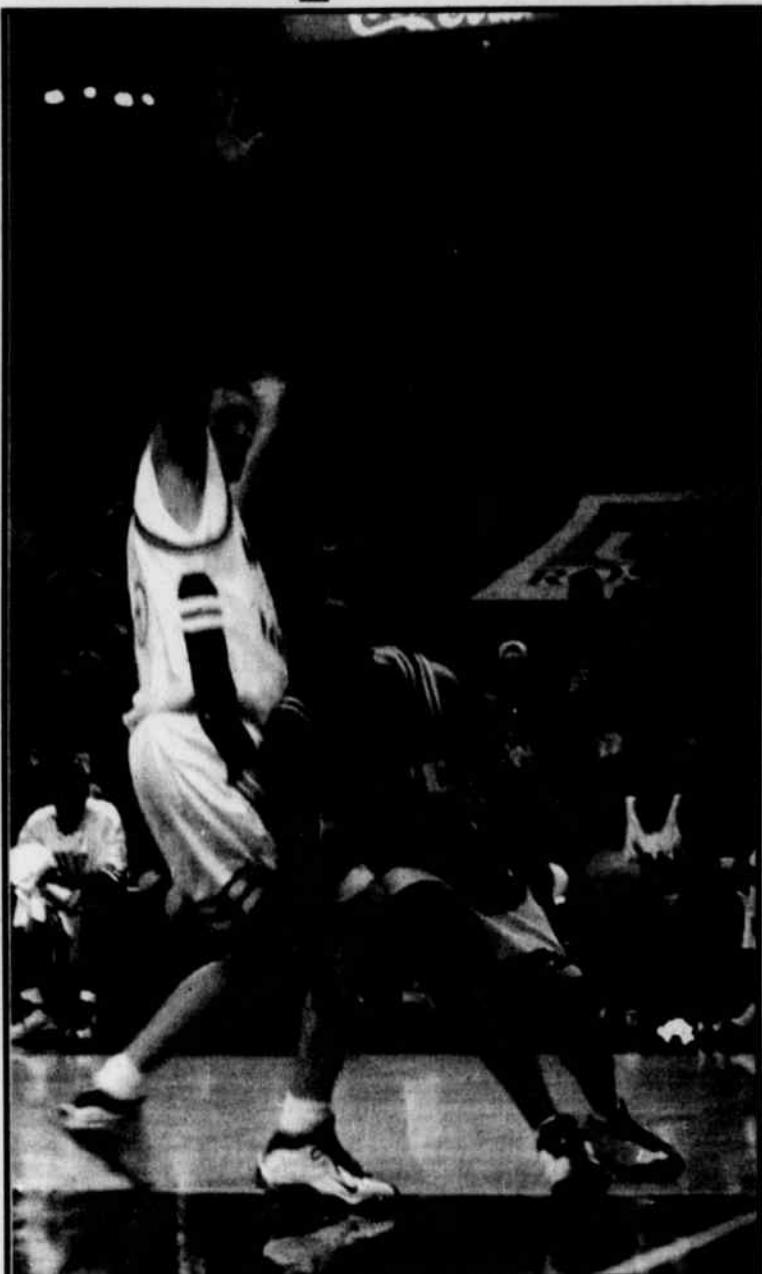
Instead of being able to sign rookies for \$100M dollar contracts, they will only be able to sign \$35M dollar contracts. Man, that is such a large loss to only be able to make around \$7M dollars a year. Most players go broke with paychecks like that.

Without Michael Jor-

dan playing basketball this year, this season and I feel the next few to come will be meaningless for the fans that pay \$1500 for season tickets to see the Charlotte Hornets or any other team. When there was a strike in baseball during the early 90's, it took until last season for Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa to finally bring fans back to baseball by breaking the Home Run record that had stood for over the past half of the century. It is going to take a lot of healing for the fans to just forgive the NBA for what we have endured over the past 7 and a half months. In fact, without M.J. playing, things are not going to be as exciting and interesting for a while until a new star steps up, whether that be Grant Hill, Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan, Keith Van Horn, or someone who has not yet entered the NBA yet to get the fans back.

I do not feel that the ratings of this season will be anything like they have been the past 3 years. In fact, don't be surprised to see Michael come back in a year or two to save the NBA. Some one has to step up. Unfortunately for David Stern and the NBA, there will only be one M.J.

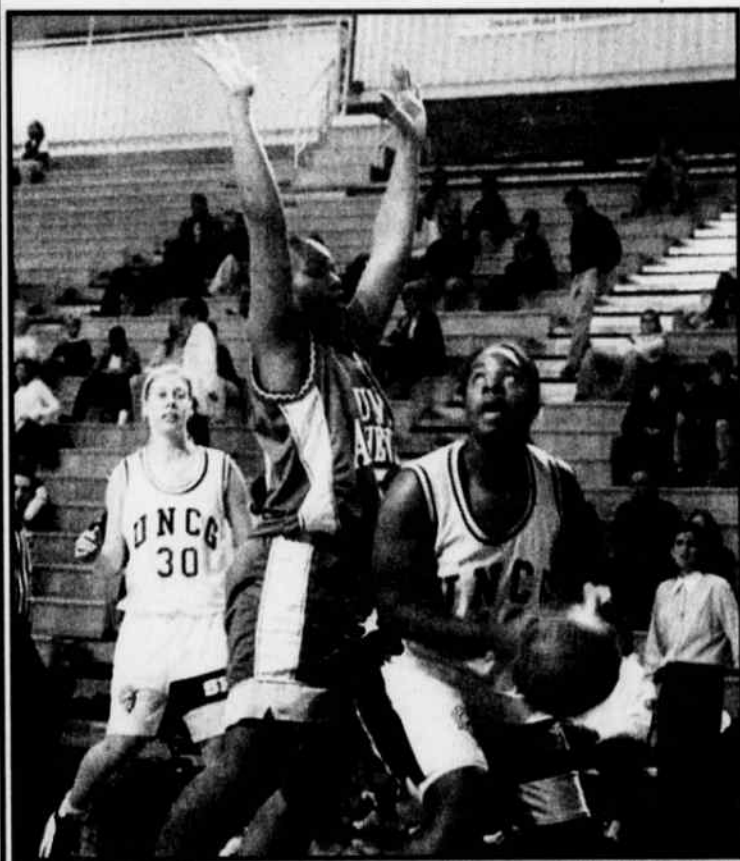
Go Spartans!



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Be sure to support the Men's basketball team as they take on Chattanooga this Saturday, and Appalachian State on Monday. Both games start at 7:30 right here on campus in the HHP building.

Still Going Strong



Robyn Hayes/THE CAROLINIAN

The UNCG Women's basketball team goes to Charleston today.

Super Bowl Tempting for Gamblers

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP)— For compulsive gamblers, this is a dangerous time.

The Super Bowl represents a way to win back the money lost on all those bad bets made during the season. And that's why, experts say, the big game is so tempting and the consequences can be so dire.

"This is a very stressful time," said Pat Fowler, executive director of the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling. "Not just for the gambler, but people living with them. It's extremely stressful and a sometimes abusive time for family members." The council's New Jersey chapter estimates that at least \$85 million will be wagered legally on the Denver Broncos or Atlanta Falcons when they meet in Miami on Jan. 31. Another \$4 billion will be bet illegally through bookies, office pools and between friends. For compulsive gamblers — with the game hyped nearly everywhere and office betting pools almost mandatory — trying to

stay on the wagon is not easy.

"Here I am trying to remain abstinent and here comes a pal at the office, asking, 'Where's your money for the pool? You can't be the only one in the office who doesn't participate,'" Fowler said of the typical gambler. "Their futures, their families are being threatened by being in this environment."

The council has found that many women who get hooked on gambling become initiated by the office betting pool at Super Bowl time or during the Final Four college basketball tournament. Tom Talley, a reformed gambler and counselor in St. Petersburg, said his business always picks up immediately after the Super Bowl. The game often is seen as a panacea by the problem bettor. "We get more calls after Super Bowl than any other time of the year," Talley said. "This is the last hurrah. Some people are going to put it all on the last game. And that's when the calls start coming in because you are going to lose. All compulsive gamblers do."

The days leading to the Su-

per Bowl offer an opportunity for authorities to uncover gambling rings. Police in Broward County, just north of Miami, confiscated \$93,000 this week and arrested seven people from four bookmaking sites. One Orlando man knows how devastating gambling can be. He would wager anywhere between \$25,000 to \$50,000 a week. Eventually, his life came crashing down. "You alienate the people closest to you," said Paul, who spoke only on condition his surname was not used. "Your money is controlled by your betting. You hold back money that you might use to improve your financial situation. It takes over your whole life. It's like a drug. You don't care about your family or anything. You just want to get a bet down."

Greed is not on the problem gambler's mind. Paul, who had won fortunes only to lose them, said he craved the excitement. When he won, he said, he felt like "a big shot."

Those unwilling to accept their problem can bottom out at this time of year. "If you don't get treatment you are going to get in jail or committing suicide," said Ed Looney, who runs the Trenton, N.J., chapter of the council. Compulsive sports gambling is increasing, he said, thanks partly to the proliferation of Internet betting sites. "We had a 22-year old kid call three months ago. He had maxed out his father's credit card at \$18,000 gambling on sports on the Internet," Looney said. "His mom called crying on telephone, asking: 'Is this legal? Can I get my money back?'"

Talley was flying this week to Michigan to counsel a problem gambler who had embezzled from the family business and pilfered his retirement and children's college funds.

"I can testify that life is great after quitting gambling," said Talley, who had to take a second mortgage to repay his debt after kicking the habit.

"Gamblers are very talented people, they average an IQ of 120 or better. They just have this horrible disease."

Upcoming Athletic Events

Women's Basketball

January 26 at Charleston
January 30 at Western Carolina

Men's Basketball

January 30 Chattanooga, 7:30

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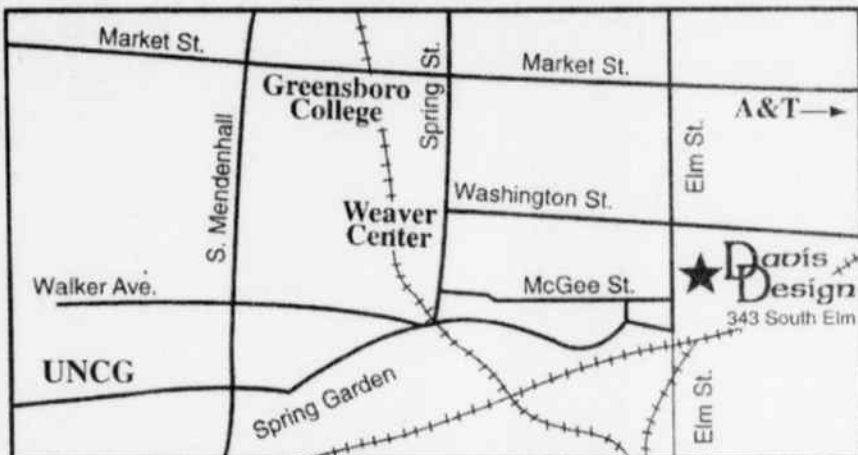
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| THU | 1/28/99 | New York Rangers | 7:00 PM |
| WED | 2/3/99 | New Jersey Devils | 7:00 PM |
| SAT | 2/6/99 | Florida Panthers | 7:00 PM |
| THU | 2/18/99 | Washington Capitals | 7:00 PM |
| SUN | 2/21/99 | New York Islanders | 5:00 PM |
| WED | 3/3/99 | Boston Bruins | 7:00 PM |
| MON | 3/8/99 | Buffalo Sabres | 7:00 PM |
| WED | 3/10/99 | Pittsburgh Penguins | 7:00 PM |
| FRI | 3/12/99 | Calgary Flames | 7:00 PM |
| WED | 3/24/99 | New York Islanders | 7:00 PM |
| FRI | 3/26/99 | Toronto Maple Leafs | 7:00 PM |
| SUN | 3/28/99 | Tampa Bay Lightning | 1:30 PM |
| TUE | 4/6/99 | New Jersey Devils | 7:00 PM |
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