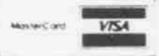


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Omnibus

Up front:

5 Friends Behind the Iron Curtain Managing editor Jon Rust found more than just red flags and onion domes when he visited the Soviet Union; he found a whole nation of people as diverse as they were friendly. Go with him as he flies halfway around the world in pursuit of cultural enlightenment.

3 Dream On If you've ever wanted to see Spam in a rubber room (and who hasn't?), the best "Nightmare on Elm Street" ripoff movie of the season, "Bad Dreams," is the movie for you. Joe Bob also reveals the inside story behind Texas' fifth greatest tourist attraction, the Texas Rangers.

4 God Bless Elvis If you can't make their show tonight at the Brewery in Raleigh, don't miss staff writer Beth Tripp's talk with Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper. Find out about Mojo's refreshing angles on Jesse Jackson, George Bush, Michael J. Fox and more. It's *Bo-day-shus!*

4 Nancy Reagan Would Be Proud Sunday night, Stevie Ray Vaughan and his band, Double Trouble, rocked Memorial Hall with some of the finest live blues and jazz available on this planet. Staff writer Rhys Williams notes Vaughan's influence on American jazz, his stellar Hendrix-ish guitar solos and his recent rehabilitation from drugs and alcohol.

8 Take a Field Trip Or a road trip. This week staff writer Karen Entriken asserts that going to Myrtle Beach is a necessary part of your college education. It's got to be better than finals.

8 Staying On Track Unfortunately, our offtracks reviewer Randy Bullock strayed too far off the track this week, but staff writer John Sherer is still on track with his review of local band Thin White Rope's *In the Spanish Cave*.

9 Running Amok Alas, this is Elizabeth Ellen's last edition of her Random Thoughts column. She's an about-to-graduate senior who intends to continue her relentless pursuit of truth, eccentricity and a master's degree. Find out why she's against street theater grants, and her hypothesis about the possibility of a dual solar system.

10 Fare Ye Well Classes are over today — Can you say PARTY boys and girls? We knew that you could. Of course, Week's Fare will probably be useless to all of you because you're planning to do nothing but study, study, study. Yeah, right. Good luck with those 'zams!

10 Girls on Film And boys too, but I guess Duran Duran wouldn't know anything about that, now would they? Not to worry, this week's movie listing has it all covered — from foreign gems to Hollywood dregs. If it's playing in Chapel Hill, we've got it.

11 Avoidance Viewing In this week's episode of The Tube, Assistant Editor Jenny Livingston offers some pointers for those of you determined to find something to do besides studying this week. Remote control not included.

11 Beer and Whiffle Ball Those are just two of staff writer Beth Tripp's suggestions for creative study breaks. This week's graffiti hopes to keep you from climbing the walls. Write on them instead.

This is Omni's last issue of the semester. So save it. Do you think you can entertain yourself next week?

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