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Bridge to remain closed through summer

Road construction continues on 14th Street

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While many have been eagerly waiting for the reopening of the 14th Street bridge near Charles Boulevard, their wait will have to continue until the end of the summer.

"We're hoping the bridge will be finished in August," said Thomas Tysinger, director of the Greenville Public Works Department.

Construction on the bridge has been going on for months. While it has been frustrating for many, it has not been without necessity. According to Tysinger, the bridge had to be replaced due to a federal and state law, enforced by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, which requires all bridges in North Carolina to be inspected every two years. The sufficiency

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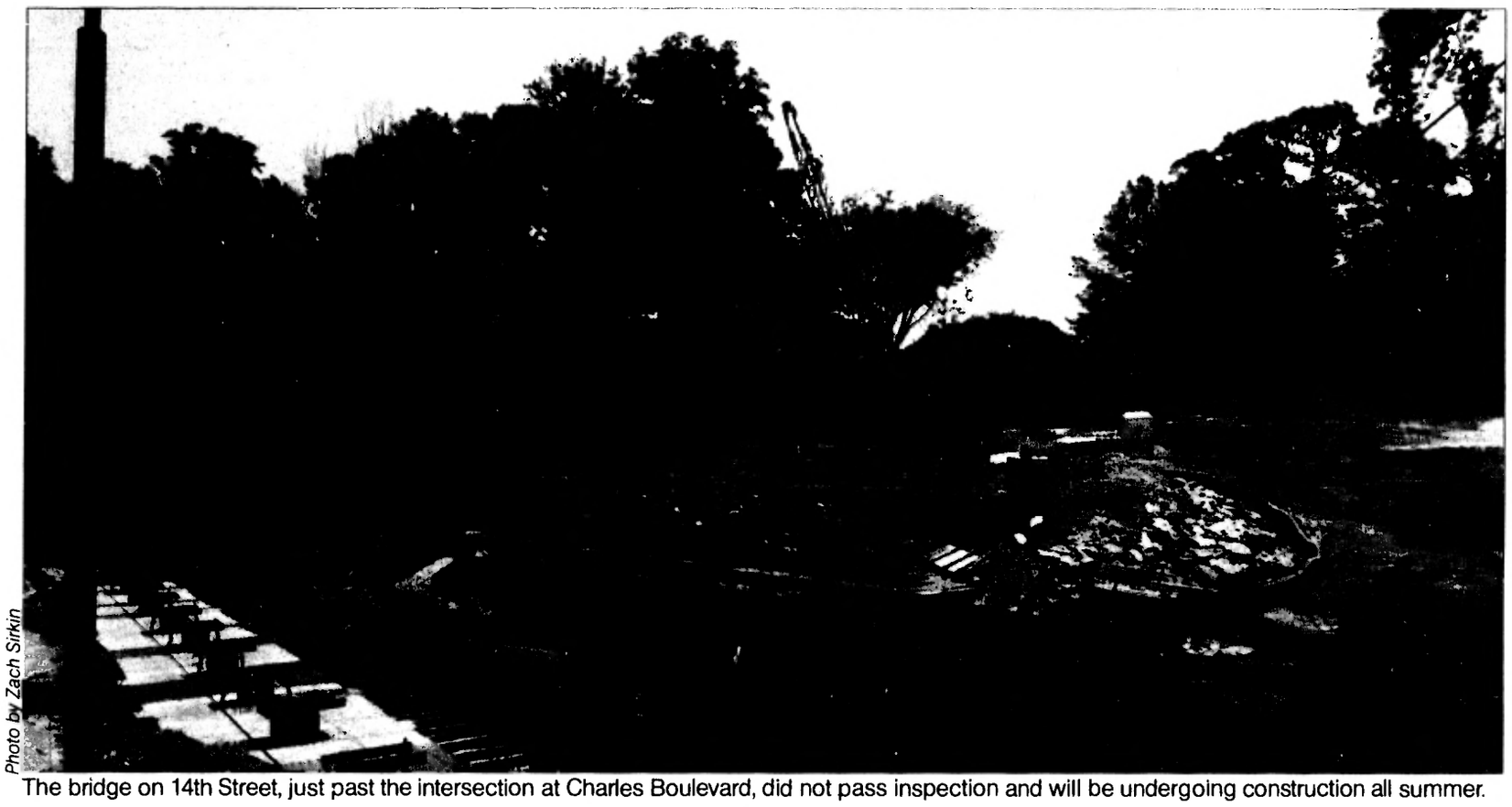

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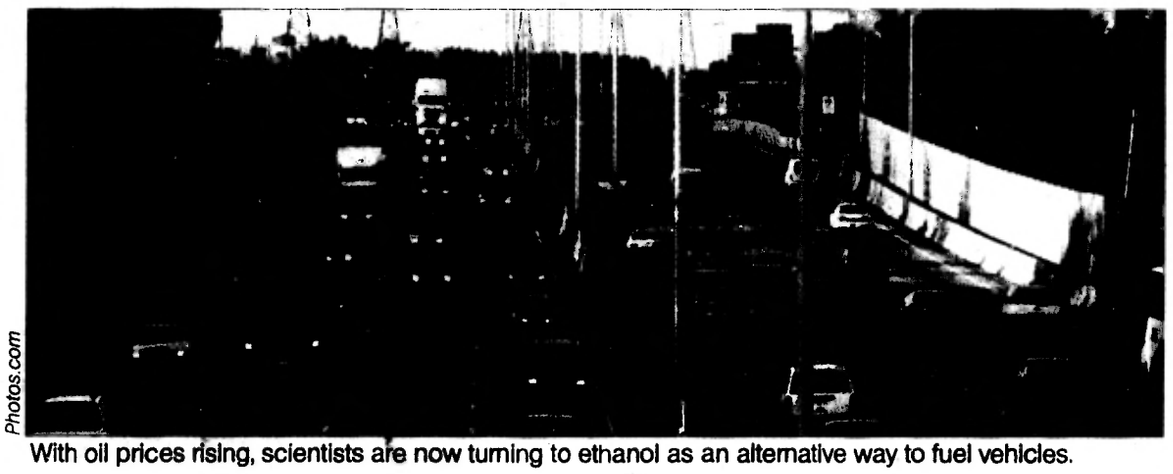
The bridge on 14th Street, just past the intersection at Charles Boulevard, did not pass inspection and will be undergoing construction all summer.



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With oil prices rising, scientists are now turning to ethanol as an alternative way to fuel vehicles.

Will Ethanol make gas cheaper?

Exploring alternative fuels such as Ethanol

LEE SCHWARZ
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As oil prices continue to soar and with no end in sight to the surging prices, many companies are looking to ethanol as a means of combating oil prices.

Ethanol is essentially alcohol that is fermented from corn. Corn is ground into a very fine powder then mixed with water and sugar before the yeast ferments creating ethanol. A small amount of gas is then added to make it undrinkable because the resulting mixture is about 10% alcohol, which is about twice as powerful as most U.S. domestic beers.

Because corn is needed in the process, demand for corn is expected to rise 34 percent in the next year. When factoring the extra demand and the effect of the drought in Texas and Oklahoma, corn prices are steadily rising. However, the new demand should also encourage others to grow more corn as another use for corn has been found.

Right now the United States

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SGA convenes for first time during summer

SGA accessible to student body year-round

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The SGA has decided to have eligible congressmen meet during the summer to serve the student body during the summer sessions.

According to Ben Wyche, speaker of the congress, any congressman that has the desire to participate and is enrolled in summer sessions is eligible.

Eligibility also depends on whether or not the student served as a congressman during the fall and spring semesters.

In the past, general assembly elections were held in the fall. They are now held in the spring and all congressmen that were elected will be able to participate in summer congress.

The purpose for having SGA available to students during the summer is to be accessible to the student body for emergency summer issues, according to Wyche.

Three main goals have been set for the summer by SGA. These goals include approving annual funding that was recommended by the appropriations committee in the spring, clearly defining the funding board and clarifying the funding manual.

According to Wyche, in the past the funding board allowed umbrella organizations such as the Graduate Student Advisory Council or the four Greek branches to ask for an amount of money to fund the group.

After looking closer at the funding board, SGA decided that it needed more clarity, according Wyche.

The third goal was chosen because the funding manual has been revised

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2006 ECU/Loessin Summer Theatre

Individual ticket sales begin June 1. Please see ECUARTS.com to purchase tickets or call 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Summer season tickets are available now.

"Guys and Dolls"

June 27-July 1

A Musical Fable of Broadway and based on a story and characters of Damon Runyon, this funny and romantic comedy-considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy-soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces us to a cast of vivid characters. Everything works out in the end, thanks to the machinations of Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling's hilarious, fast-paced book and Frank Loesser's bright, brassy, immortal score, which takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City.

"The Fantasticks"

July 11-15

The original production opened on May 3, 1960 at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village where it's still playing after 15,000 performances making The Fantasticks is the longest-running musical in the world! At the heart of its breathtaking poetry and subtle sophistication is a purity and simplicity that results in a timeless fable of love that manages to be nostalgic and universal at the same time. The Fantasticks is an intimate show that engages the audience's imagination and showcases a strong ensemble cast.

"Footloose: the musical"

July 25-29

One of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory now bursts onto the live stage. When Ren and his mother move from Chicago to a small farming town, Ren is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. What he isn't prepared for are the rigorous local laws, including a ban on dancing. The ban is the brainchild of a preacher determined to exercise the control over the town youth that he cannot command in his own home.To the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar-nominated top 40 score (the soundtrack album reached number one on the Billboard charts and has sold over 15 million copies!) to which new, dynamic songs have been added, Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind.

Enron executives Lay and Skilling found guilty

What happens now for convicted Enron executives?

LEE SCHWARZ
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Former Enron Chief Executive Officers Ken Lay and Jeffrey Skilling have just been convicted of 29 counts of fraud, conspiracy, and insider trading. The trial lasted four months and the jury deliberated for six days.

"I firmly believe I am innocent of the charges against me, as I have said from day one," Lay said after being informed of his conviction.

"If I were a CEO today, I would say it sends a very dangerous message. It basically makes an innocent act criminal."

The convictions carry a maximum penalty of 165 years of imprisonment for Lay and 185 years for Skilling.

"This brings closure for some people," said former Enron employee Chris Jones.

The actions of Lay, Skilling and former Enron C.F.O. Andrew Falstow, who is already serving a prison term for his role, destroyed $2.1 billion in stock market value and cost 5,600 jobs at a time when the stock and job markets were already suspect.

"I wanted very, very badly to believe what they were saying, very much so," said juror Wendy Vaughan. However, it was not enough.

"To say that you didn't know what was going on in your own company is not the right thing," said juror Freddy Delgado.

"The ones that lost their security or their retirement nothing that happened today is going to bring that back for them. They're not going to get their retirement money or their security back," said government prosecutor Sean Berkowitz.

Skilling and Lay took home approximately $375 million in compensation and insider trading moves.

The 2005 movie *Fun with Dick and Jane* was based on a man who lost his job in a similar situation to Enron and the movie even mentions the name Enron at the end. The movie had a solution for the former employees who lost their life savings and retirement in that Dick, played by Jim Carey, tricked the former C.E.O., played by Alec Baldwin and whom has been said by some to resemble Jeffrey Skilling, into funding the company's bankrupt pension plan thereby giving hope to thousands.

Would jail time or financial restitution do more to right the wrongs of these executives?

Enron's collapse had a significant affect on the U.S. economy. It was about four months after the 9/11 terrorist attacks when Enron declared Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The U.S. economy was already reeling from the bursting of the tech bubble. The job market was getting rougher and the United States was at war with the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Not only did Enron declare bankruptcy but it was also learned that Enron's auditor accounting firm Arthur Andersen had obstructed justice by shredding documents pertaining to Enron's massive offshore holdings and subsidiaries, which produced the losses that Enron was forced to hide.

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The former Enron CEOs face 165-185 years in jail for their crimes.

Arthur Andersen was once one of the Big Five accounting firms in the United States with 85,000 employees. Its connection with Enron destroyed the company and it now has 200 employees mostly in Chicago. The massive loss of jobs made the job market for accountants very tough particularly for ones who graduated in the following years. Since then Congress enacted legislation called the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 in order to make corporate executives more accountable.

In a very crafty move, Berkshire Hathaway Chairman Warren Buffett, the world's second richest man behind Bill Gates, bought a lot of Enron's assets for mere pennies on the dollar.

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produces about 4 billion gallons of ethanol per year and in the next seven years that amount should double. Considering that the United States consumed 140 billion gallons of gasoline last year, it seems that ethanol production must be significantly increased in order to lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil and to stretch the life of fossil fuels. Currently, U.S. cars are running on gasoline that is 10 percent ethanol. In the Midwest there are as stations which sell E85 which is about 85 percent ethanol.

Ethanol is renewable, burns cleaner and can be made domestically, but it has its disadvantages, such as transportation, because it cannot travel via pipeline like oil because of ethanol's tendency to pick up impurities along the way. Also ethanol is not quite as potent as gasoline, which will mean less efficient fuel economy.

There has been an argument that the delivery of ethanol would be less efficient because of the amount of fossil fuels required to deliver it. However that argument is being refuted with Energy Scientist Michael Wang saying, "The energy used for each unit of ethanol produced has been reduced by about half."

Generally it takes about 50 percent more fossil fuel to deliver oil then it does ethanol. Despite the lower transportation costs ethanol is actually raising prices right now due to a high demand and an infrastructure that is not yet able to make sufficient quantities of ethanol to meet such demand. A basic knowledge of economics tells one that when supply increases then the price should fall if demand holds constant. While U.S. demand for gasoline is increasing, it is likely that ethanol production should increase at a faster rate.

Right now, Brazil is far ahead of the United States in terms of converting from a gasoline society to an ethanol one. Brazil uses sugarcane instead of corn to make ethanol. Flex cars, which can run on ethanol alone, are ever present.

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Bridge *from page 1*

rating of the 14th Street bridge was not adequate enough to pass and warranted more than simple maintenance. It had to be replaced.

Tysinger also said that more road work should be expected in the next two or three years. Roads that are to be worked on in the future include 10th Street, where they want to add turning lanes and sidewalks to Portertown Road.

In the immediate future, expect construction on Fire Tower Road near Memorial Drive, around Pitt Community College and Corey Road in the fall around September or October.

Tysinger hopes that people will continue to be patient with the construction efforts.

"With inconveniences from construction the roads become less congested and travel will be easier," he said.

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several times over the years but some of the points were still unclear and needed further revisions, said Wyche.

"The funding manual should be a detailed process from beginning to end and provide a formula for SGA to determine how much funding each organization is allowed," Wyche said.

Issues came up this year that doesn't match the funding manual's purpose and made it necessary to revise it more, according to Wyche.

Although congressmen felt that a summer SGA was needed in the past to provide better representation for decisions, this is the first time that congressmen will be active in the summer.

"Summer congress replaces the need for executive branch to serve as emergency legislative branch," said Wyche.

Summer congress will last from the Monday of the first week of summer session one to the last Monday of the summer session two.

The congressmen will meet once a week to work towards accomplishing their three main goals. Meetings will be held every Monday at 5:15 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center, room 212.

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Cyber graffiti: Gangs go online

(KRT) — With a few clicks on his laptop, Naperville, Ill., Detective Rich Wistocki is staring at a man who appears to be smoking marijuana. He clicks again, and there's another picture of the 22-year-old, nearly hidden under a large pile of what looks like bags of marijuana leaves.

"Look at this. How stupid is this?" Wistocki says as he prints out the photo and saves a "screen grab" to his computer.

"These guys put this out there, thinking that nobody's watching. That it's only their friends, but they are wrong."

Wistocki, who works in the department's Internet crimes unit, has seen hundreds of photographs like these: Guys pointing guns, spraying graffiti, flashing gang signs or handfuls of money. Law enforcement says it's all a part of a growing trend of gangs pushing thug life on the Internet. A search for gang sites will turn up links to anti-gang sites started by law enforcement or anti-crime organizations. Other sites claim to be academic, presenting the real story behind Chicago's gangs. The more you click, however, the more likely the site you enter belongs to someone purporting to be a gang member. And it's likely a police officer is looking at it, too.

West Chicago Police Cmdr. Bruce Malkin teaches about gangs around the country and surfs the Internet searching for gang sites almost daily. He keeps a cache of Web sites, though he discourages the public from visiting them. He thinks some gangs use tracking devices, called "cookies," on their sites to track down site visitors' personal information. (Malkin and other officers use Internet addresses that bounce trackers to bogus names.)

Malkin, like several of the detectives interviewed, said most of what he finds he uses to educate himself about gangs in his area. Although a lot of the chatter is cryptic, Malkin said that with close monitoring and gang know-how, police can learn a lot. "You'd be surprised the amount of information they'll put out on the Web," Malkin said.

Some sites detail a gang's history and boundaries and feature pictures of graffiti with which members have tagged their turf. The sites honor dead gang members with guest books and music and vow vengeance against the killers. Many also feature chat rooms and bulletin boards where postings range from favorite albums to vulgarity-laden proclamations of gang dominance or rival gang bashing.

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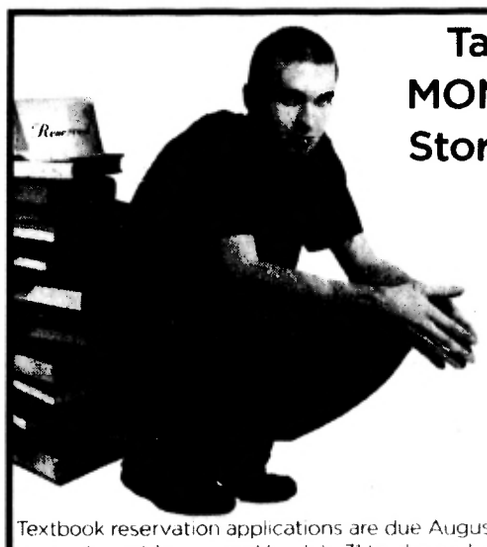
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In My Opinion

Conservatism: the only right way to government

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In my last column, I offered up my opinion on what's wrong with America, so this week, I'll focus on solutions rather than problems.

Small government, low taxes, a strong national defense and personal responsibility are all principles of conservatism, which is the only right way to effective government.

For too long, America has built a culture of dependence– dependence on the government for welfare checks, unemployment benefits and social security. These aren't jobs for the government. Small government is the right way. I truly believe that the best government is that which governs the least, and a government which governs the least doesn't provide socialistic programs for its citizens. If people need to save up for retirement, the government should tax them less, allowing them to save more. I have no choice but to pay Social Security on every paycheck I receive, but that still doesn't stop me from putting away five percent of each paycheck into a savings account. It's not that much now, but it adds up. Between the paycheck I receive for my job and the pebbles that *TEC* pays me for this column I barely make enough to pay rent, food and loan payments, but I get by and I save. When I retire, I'll still accept my Social Security check, if the program still exists and isn't bankrupt, because I paid the dues, but I won't depend on it. I'll have my savings to provide a comfortable life in my golden years. I don't believe that everyone is as far seeing and plans as well as I do, but it is not the job of the government to save and plan your future for you.

Take a look at your next paycheck and pay close attention to how much is drawn for Social Security. Couldn't you invest that money better? While you're at it, take a look at your year-to-date tax totals and think about this: Most Americans will work until May 1 to pay the taxes that are taken out of their paychecks automatically. As a college student working a part time job, nearly 15 percent of my gross income yearly is paid in taxes, and at the end of the year, I may get two percent of that back. President Bush is not the perfect conservative, I'll be the first to admit that, but at least he's got half the idea. The conservative way is low taxes and small government, but Bush has actually grown the government since he took office. His tax cuts have stimulated growth and made our economy stronger, but because our government has grown and continues to grow, our national debt continues to grow. You want a small national debt, get a small government.

With a small government, taxes would be lower than you can even imagine. With more of your paycheck going in your pocket, you'd have the opportunity to save up for retirement, pay for better health insurance for your family and live a much more comfortable life.

But there's one area of government that we can't pinch pennies on and that's the national defense. A strong national defense is also the right way to government and that means domestic as well as foreign policies. People always point to Sept. 11 as a major failure of the Bush Administration, well chew on this. The terrorists who orchestrated the 9/11 attacks entered this country as early as 1993, the first year of the Clinton Administration. Over Clinton's eight years leading this country, he cut defense spending and halted a great deal of domestic programs in an effort to save money and support his big government agenda. Clinton was a man of the people, he wanted to provide health care on a large scale, but in order to do that he had to cut defense and other security spending to make an effort at it. He made it difficult for our government institutions to protect this country. If Clinton ran as aggressive of a "domestic wiretapping" policy as Bush does, we very well may have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks.

For too long, we've been pampered by a government who has allowed people to think they have absolute freedom from government infringement on their lives, but it isn't so. Laws like the PATRIOT Act aren't wrong, they're very important for the safety of our country.

Finally, it is the government's job to push personal responsibility. You are responsible for your actions. Choose not to wear a condom and get your girlfriend pregnant? Congratulations, you've now have two lives that will depend on you: a kid and a mother. Didn't make your boyfriend wear a condom and got pregnant? Congratulations, you now have a kid, be sure to raise him or her with a sense of personal responsibility. Don't say, "He got me pregnant and I want an abortion!" It takes two to tango.

This isn't the end all, be all of conservatism, because there's much more to this plan for government than I was able to list here, but it's a start. If our government follows the idea of small government, low taxes, strong defense and personal responsibility for its citizens, our government would be more efficient and our citizens in much better shape than they are today.

Pirate Rants

To the ranter who has overloaded his/her/its e-mail account on One-Stop: Check your "sent items" folder. A copy of every e-mail that you've ever sent resides in that folder and takes up space. Once you delete those and then delete them from your deleted items folder you should be good to go. You can thank me publicly in an upcoming rant.

Have you ever stopped to think and forgot to start again? I mean really... it's possible isn't it?

I'm tired of you looking in my window and watching me change. Always coming over and asking for help with things. You know who you are.

My landlord waits one or two weeks into the month to cash my check every month... why is it when I give him the check with a deposit pending for me he cashes it right away thus... I go into the red? Call it irony, but now I am broke.

Classes are over and he could have said something if he'd really wanted to. He didn't. It's time to move on.

Is it wrong that I feel like stuffing a sock into my roommate's mouth every time she's asleep? She snores like my dad!

I've discovered the secret to leading a fulfilling life: just say "screw it" before anything, then whatever happens, happens.

Guys: if you like a girl just say so! If she doesn't like you back, she'll still be flattered and won't think any differently of you. If she does, then there ya go!

Why do people insist on my swearing as much as they do? I have no need for it. Just because you're emotionally constipated and unable to express yourself through words doesn't mean I have to be, thank you very much.

How long of a look constitutes a "meaningful gaze"?

Who else misses the Walgreen's commercials about the "place called Perfect"? They need to get those back!

Is it wrong to compare my roommate to Malibu Barbie?

Why is the post office so frickin' far away from every residence hall on campus?!

As a girl, I've never understood the need for thongs. I've honestly never felt the desire to have a wedgie all day.

The hundreds and hundreds of dollars spent, the constant exposure to bad music, the insurmountable levels of stress, the countless sleepless nights; I love being an art major.

I'm sending in a Pirate Rant because I'm emotionally not ready to face the day yet.

Who else feels old when they see TV shows about "comeback stars" and you remember those people when they made it big the first time?

Can we bring "the bomb" back? What about "fly"?

TEC doesn't print enough Pirate Rants!

I don't know what it is about Taco Bell, but is has the best food at 1 a.m.

I love summer break cause I missed my mommy.

I'm addicted to the strawberry yogurt smoothies at the REC.

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Big & Rich: Free pairs of tickets to readers

Read carefully country music fans

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Well ladies and gents, I have to dubious honor of trying to effectively herald the arrival of one of the biggest country music attractions around, Big & Rich. Their lyric/song title, "Save a horse, ride a cowboy," is a big indication that their upcoming show is sure to please.

Anyone who can have that much fun writing music which transfers into a musical sound like Big & Rich has got to put on one great live show. Oh, did I mention that Big & Rich will be playing on June 3 to an undoubtedly stoked crowd at the Carolina Crossroads? Did I also forget to mention that *TEC* is giving away two free tickets to eight lucky people? Oops, sorry about that.

Cowboy Troy, the world's only 6-foot, 5-inch black rapping cowboy, will join Big & Rich at their June 3 show in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Proceeds from this event, which is the first in a series of "Carolina Crossroads and Randy Parton Presents" concerts, will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

This may be a shock to many but I do like the country sound and most of the time, the message behind what these types of artists are talking about. I truly admire the band and their unique and unconventional approach to their song writing and musical exploration.

Don't be fooled, however, by the outward appearance of these guys as carefree vagabonds, instead open your mind to something new before labeling.

Sure these guys have anthem songs like "Save a horse, ride a cowboy" and "Coming to your City," which are seemingly insouciant in nature and overall design, but they also have a song called "8th of November." This is a heartfelt homage to a remarkable man who actually gave "Big Kenny"' his top hat.

Honestly, I really dig the song, which is a graceful adaptation of words that could only be expressed in one's own artistic creation and cautiously tempered by that one's soul. You don't hear too often people praising or giving thanks to anyone in their music, not unless it involves heartache or sorrow.

Okay, enough of my opinion, so how does this contest work?

Students, faculty and staff who would like to enter to win tickets should log on to theeeastcarolinian.com and click on Features on the right side of the Web site, click on this article and use the link at the bottom to go to the contest page, www.tec.ecu.edu/bigandrich/. Fill in your name, ECU e-mail and the keyword "Big & Rich". Eight winners will be randomly selected from the entries. The contest ends at midnight on Thursday, June 1 and all of the winners will be notified Friday, June 2 either by phone or e-mail depending on their preference.

Gates at Carolina Crossroads will open at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 with acts such as Jason Aldean, Danielle Peck and Southern Draw performing before Cowboy Troy and Big & Rich start at 8 p.m. Winners can pick up their free tickets at The East Carolinian office, located at the corner of Evans and Third Street in the Self Help Building, suite 100 F, anytime before 7 p.m. on Friday.

Carolina Crossroads is located off of I-95 at exit 171 in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. From Greenville, take US-13/NC-11 North to US-64 West, merge onto US-64 W via the ramp on the left. Take US-64 W to I-95 North toward Richmond. Take I-95 N to Exit 171 (NC-125) toward Roanoke Rapids. Turn Right onto NC-125. Turn Left onto Wallace Fork Road and follow the signs for Carolina Crossroads.

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This show promises to be extremely entertaining for many and euphoric for some. I'm outwardly excited to be attending this event and particularly look forward to going to my first country music concert.

If you are not fortunate enough to win free tickets through *TEC*, you may be able to purchase any remaining tickets for $35, $40 and $50 from www.carolinacrossroads.com, www.etix.com or by calling 1-800-514-ETIX.

Keep reading *TEC* for more giveaways throughout the summer as we continue our quest to entertain and inform the ECU students, faculty and staff.

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Staff photo

Do they live here or not? With a successful "pool hopper," you never know.

Sun burnt bandits

Inside the scheming of summer's most notorious con artists

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Nothing is more refreshing than lying by the pool enjoying a crisp cold Zima and listening to the sweet sounds of Sugar Ray during a Greenville summer.

While others slave away at their $7.00 per hour jobs or stress out over the grueling pressures of summer school, there stands alone a rare breed that spends their time hunting for the ultimate cement oasis. Armed with stolen hotel towels and Styrofoam coolers, they saunter in aloof and unassuming. They are pool crashers.

Pool crashers take on different forms. The most noticeable is the pack of girls who flood into their destination of choice and steal all of the chairs from the residents, forcing them onto the hard ground with little more than a towel. Always with their big sunglasses in tow, their shades serve the purpose of not only creating an image of an insect with a girl's body, but also masking the true identity of these renegades. Normally these girls are those who have just finished their first year of school and do not realize that the SRC pool is only open to summer school students.

Another species of pool crashers are the good ol' boys who know that they are going to graduate in seven years and have no need for summer school, let alone a job. They normally all inhabit the same dwelling or at least the same block. Each day they pile into whomever's SUV has the most gas and arrive at the pool blaring AC/DC and smoking Marlboro lights.

Sunbathers looking for a relaxing Tuesday after a hard morning of class will not achieve a zen-like state with these boys running around. However, being so harmless and clearly looking to have fun, it is only the truly salty individual that will attempt to have them removed from the premises.

There is a dark breed of pool crashers that one should avoid at all costs ... unless you have Britney Spears taste in men. These are the dirty old men that have been known to wreak havoc on the residents of Riverpointe. One such tenant was brave enough to tell her story.

"They walk in with their receding hair lines and camouflage coolers," said dance major Lauren Pegram. "I just want to walk up to them and ask 'what is your day job?' and 'why are you hitting on jailbait?'"

Most pools are strict enough to not allow any bum off the street to come into their pools. These types of crashers are really more likely to be encountered only if one frequents hotel pools.

The typical crashers are actually the average ECU students who live in houses or apartment complexes without pools and are merely seek-

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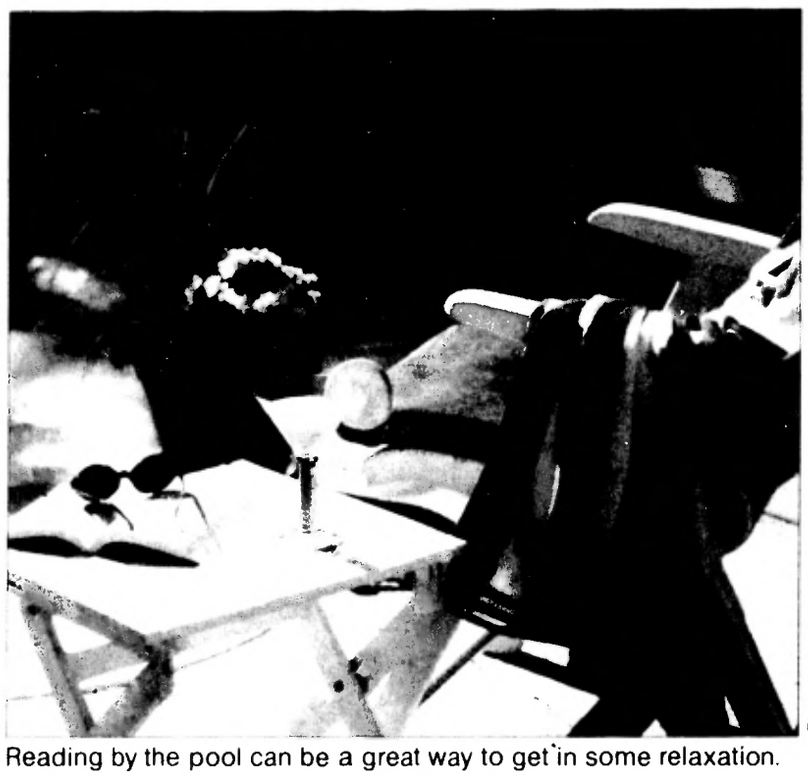
Fit in some reading



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Reading by the pool can be a great way to get in some relaxation.

Make good use of your time by the pool

SARAH CAMPBELL
SENIOR WRITER

Temperatures are on the rise, which means you'll want to spend plenty of time cooling down in the water. Whether you are heading to an area pool or a more exotic locale such as the beach, you'll need some reading material to douse your boredom while you catch some rays.

The obvious choice for reading material is, of course, novel. I suggest actually reading those books you bought years ago, but never got around to reading or checking out the best-seller listings.

If you're still lost, visit amazon.com, where you can read a synopsis, excerpts and reviews before purchasing. You can also utilize a search engine to find lists of popular classic novels or a listing of novels by your favorite writer.

If you are looking for a bit of light reading, your best bet is skimming a magazine or newspaper for interesting articles. Both will give you a chance to catch up on celebrity gossip, political issues and economic concerns, as well as endless other topics that you never knew interested you.

Weekly magazines such as *People*, *Life & Style* and *In Touch* are the perfect way to keep up with everything going on in Hollywood, and at around $1.59 an issue you'll never be behind on your gossip again.

Monthly magazines such as *Glamour*, *Self* and *Cosmopolitan* offer women an overview of important health issues, beauty tips and tips for living a better life. Men can turn to *Men's Health* for ways to stay in shape, *Sports Illustrated* for the latest happenings in the world of athletics or *GQ* for tips on personal style.

Studying may be the last thing you feel like doing this summer, but doing it poolside makes it seem all the more bearable. Break out your books and head to the pool for an afternoon of tanning and reading. Before you know it you'll be done with your assigned reading and acing your classes

No matter what your pick reading material is the perfect compliment to your summer festivities. By the end of the summer you should be all caught up on whatever type of reading you've been craving.

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Poolside Suggestions

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ing liquid exhilaration.

I was lucky to spend some time in the trenches with some of the most successful crashers. There names have been changed to protect their anonymity. "Bobby," a long time ECU student and crasher, gave me some excellent advice for a victorious crash.

"Make sure to know which pools require passes," said "Bobby," "and always make sure to have copies of them lying around."

Greenville native "Peter" also advises making friends with the property manager.

"I lived at Pirate's Cove for a while and always got along really well with the lady in the office. Even when I moved out I'd still come by the pool and she would come and say hey but never ask me to leave."

The main thing to remember about crashing pools is inevitably you will get caught. Keep your cool and do not make a scene. There is always a new complex opening somewhere and that is a new chance to soak up the sun for free.

The key is to act like you live there and to never park too close to the pool- it is more believable to look like you are walking from your building.

The most important thing and the golden rule to live by is never leave a fellow crasher behind.

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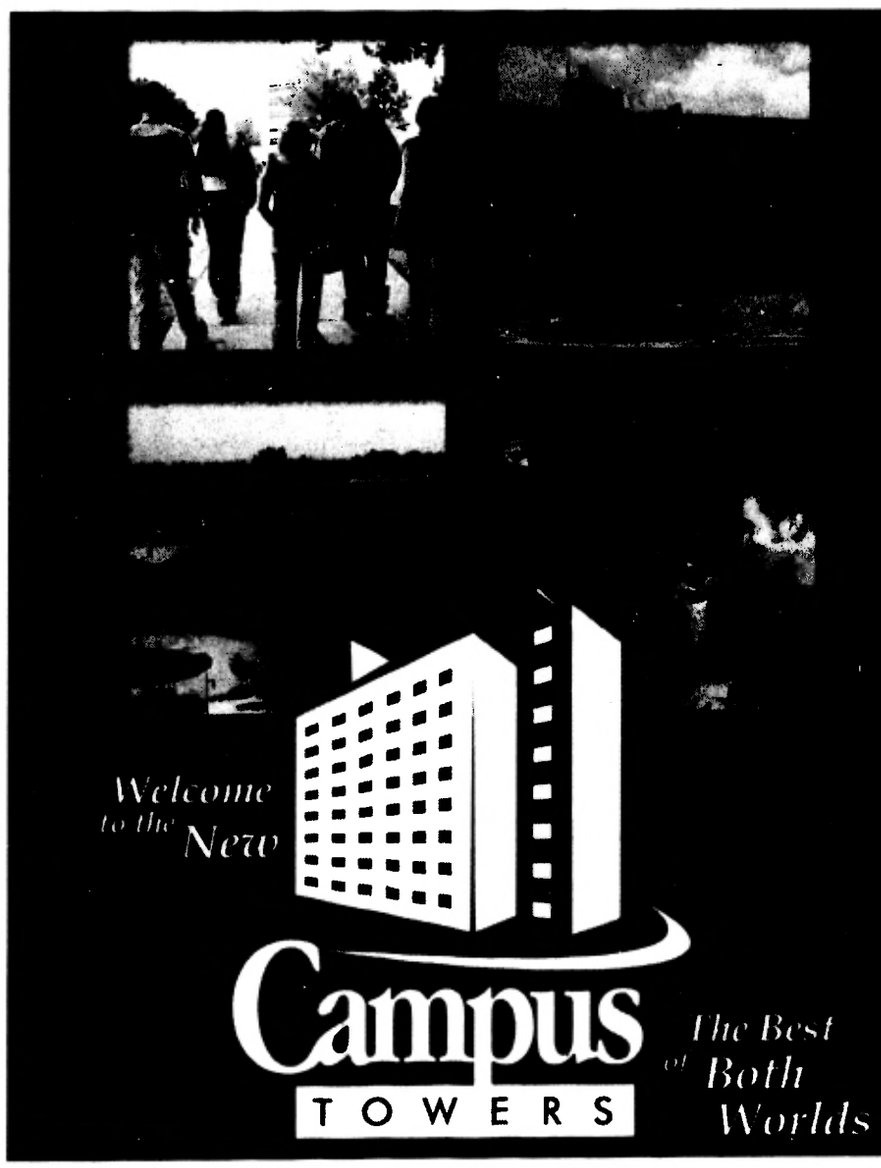

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'The Justus League' coming to Greenville

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Located off of Fifth Street, Red Rooster is where Justus League will play.

A show you definitely will not want to miss

ZACH STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

Wipe off your Nike SB Dunks, bleach a white tee and prepare to get loose. Cesar Comanche, the founding father of NC hip-hop aficionados The Justus League, will be snatching the mic at the Red Rooster on June 2. Backing the artist will be local rhyme slayers, Supastition and the Artistic Anarchists.

Comanche founded the North Cakalaka's crew of rap bandits with producer 9th Wonder in the early 90s. The rest is history. The League has spread like a virus, invading the hip-hop genome with groups like A.W.A.Y. Team and critically acclaimed Little Brother (who slayed the 2005 set at ECU's Barefoot on the Mall.) The 9th Wonder has gone on to become one of the most beseeched producers in hip-hop, laying numerous tracks for the likes of Jay-Z and backpack rapper Murs.

While Comanche has not achieved the commercial success of his fellow crew, he continues to release albums rooted in the essence of rap's classic era. Combining the intellect of De La Soul with the no nonsense attitude of Gang Starr, he brings an aura that's not to be reckoned with. Comanche even received praise from legendary producer DJ Premier on his last LP. Premier summed up the ordeal with one simple statement, "Finally beats and rhymes on a record without all that phony rappin sh**!!!"

Supastition will be opening for the NC hip-hop staple, but don't sleep on his lesser-known style. The MC recently dropped a track with flow master Royce the 5'9, who went toe-to-toe with Eminem on a few of those classic freestyles laid back in the 90s. Hailing from the same Greenville slums as Petey Pablo, Supastition grinds Pablo's lyrics into gibberish that sound more remedial than his washed-up name.

Verbal darts like "I'm unbelievable like porn stars getting date raped/ This rap game has a lot of fakes, a lot of liars/ You couldn't shoot outside if you were Damon Stoudamire," spit with the poignancy of nonpareils like Big L.

The night also draws in the local Artistic Anarchists. Crafting style from early Queensbridge records, the Anarchists' anthem, "I love the 80s" pays homage to the grittiness of Cormega's *The Realness*. Other tracks throw in traces of pre Lil' Jon crunk, before all the lavish diamond-crusted goblets, back when groups like Memphis champs Three 6 Mafia were crafting the bounce.

Supastition's track, "Hate My Face" inquires, "Will I live up to the hype is what cats is asking." Who knows? Check out the Red Rooster on June 2 and decide for yourself.

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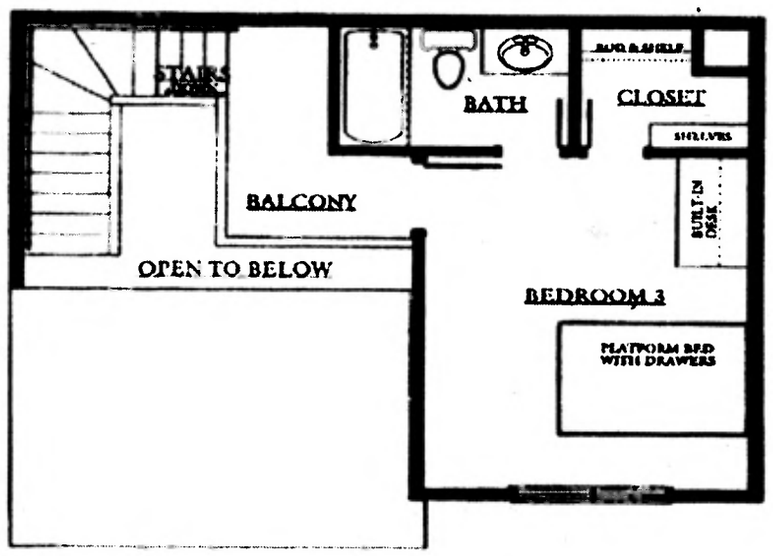

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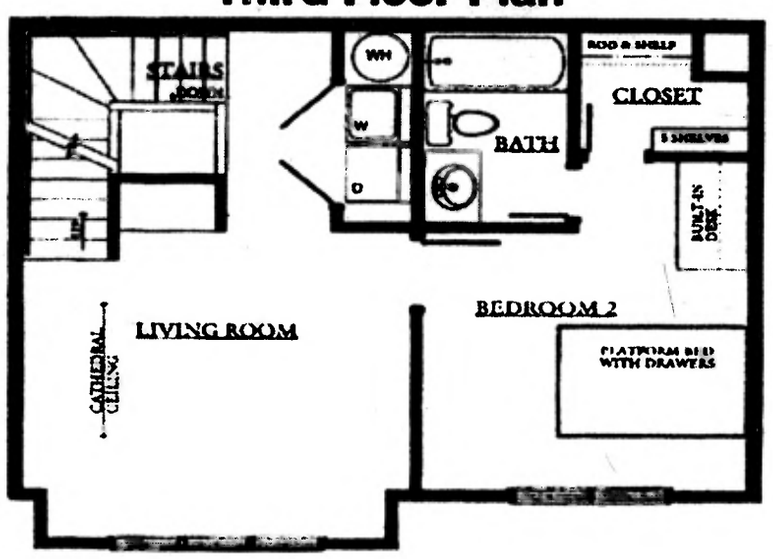

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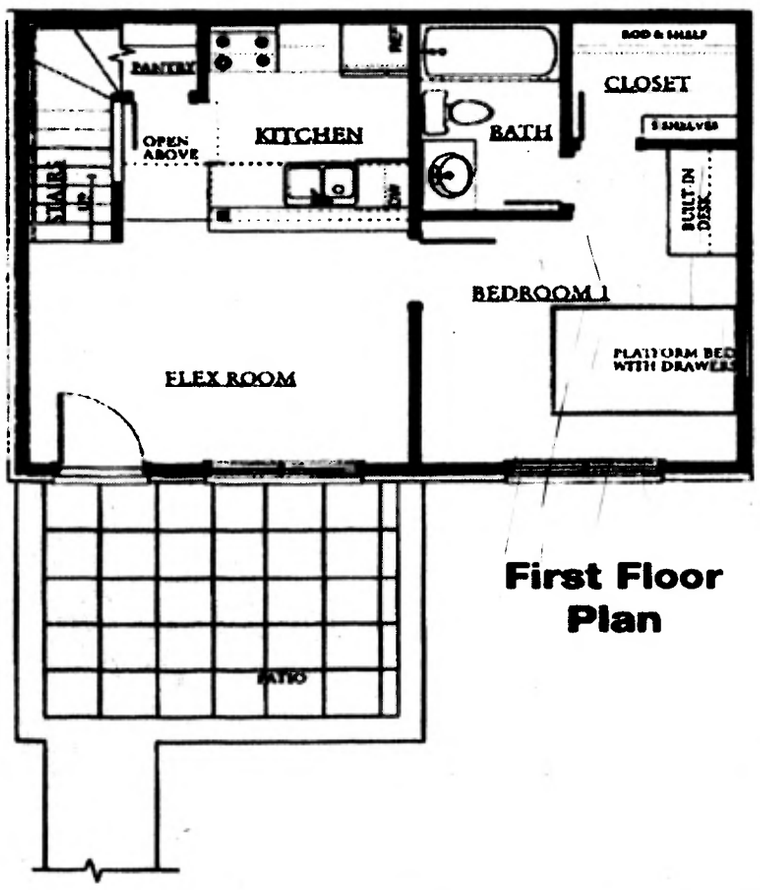

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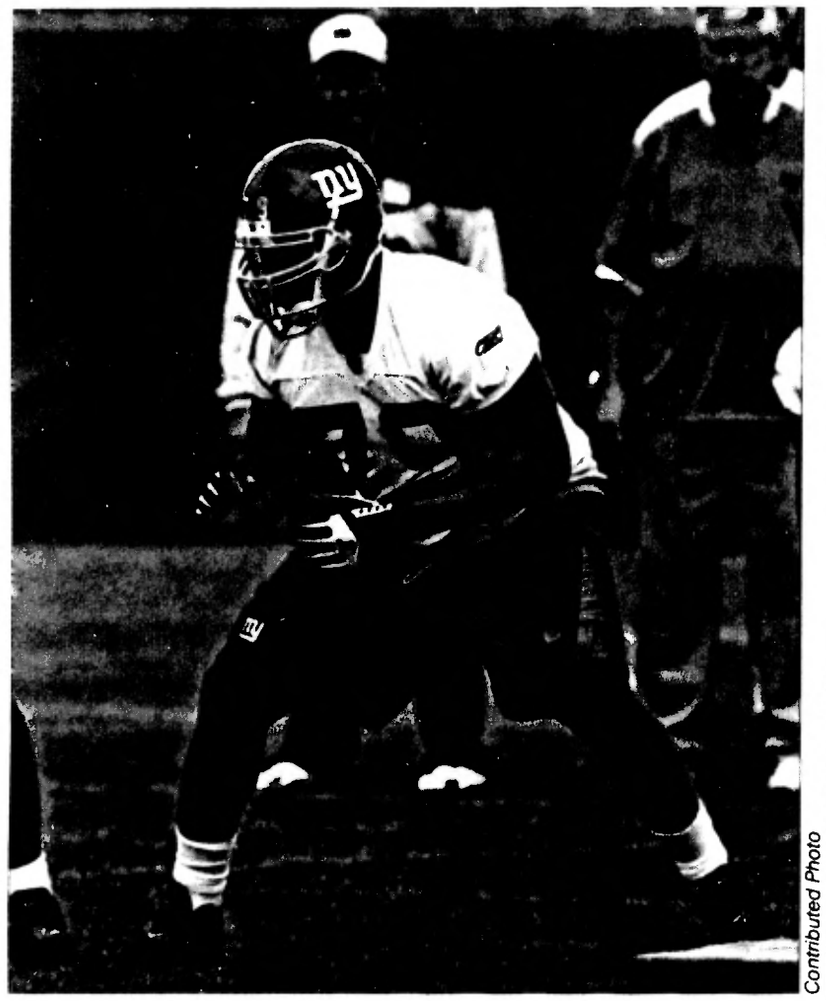

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Guy Whimper stands poised as a rookie in Giants' mini-camp.

Living the dream

Three former Pirates prepare for NFL training camps

RON CLEMENTS
SENIOR WRITER

Guy Whimper sat on his couch, baby girl in hand and waited for his named to be called. When his name was finally announced, Whimper's world would take a severe turn north.

Whimper was drafted in the fourth round of this year's NFL draft by the New York Giants with the 129th overall pick. Whimper said he was a little disappointed about not being drafted on the first day, but his agent, Ethan Lock, told him to be ready early on day two of the draft.

GUY WHIMPER

"My agent called me and said we didn't go where we planned on going and he told me to be ready Sunday morning and he was right," Whimper said.

Whimper had been getting calls from a few teams, but when the second day began, he had a notion the Giants would be his new team.

"I had a feeling I was gonna go to New York anyway because it was the last visit I took before draft and it went well," Whimper said. "Atlanta had called me. They said they were going to try to get me in fifth round, but the Giants called 30 minutes after that. I'm glad I'm going to New York."

Whimper, a 6-5, 305-pound offensive tackle, is excited about the opportunity to block for Tiki Barber and Eli Manning.

"I actually got a chance to talk to Eli when I went up there," Whimper said. "It's going to be a fun experience."

At least Whimper will see a familiar face when camp starts. Former ECU player Damane Duckett will square off against Whimper in Giants practices.

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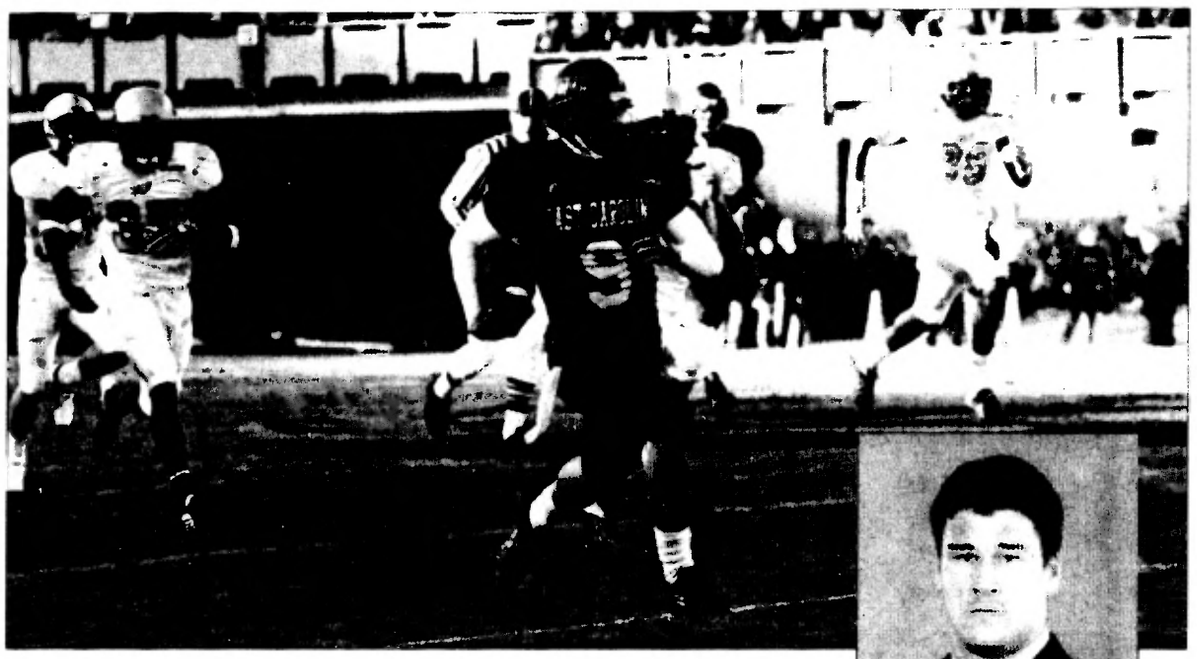
Baker signs on with Steelers



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Zach Baker hopes to earn a roster spot for the Pittsburg Steelers .

Zach Baker's football journey has been anything but predictable. The former JUCO transfer now has a temporary home, one of which he wants to solidify.

Baker felt he had a "50/50 shot" at being drafted. It didn't happen, but he is embracing his opportunity with the Steelers, one of several teams that showed an interest in the 6-2, 212-pound Baker.

"I was hoping to get drafted, but that didn't happen," Baker said. "I was a little disappointed, but I feel like I am in the best situation for me right now. I'm going to a great team."

That's easy to say, considering the Steelers are the reigning Super Bowl Champions. The Steelers called Baker during 7th round of draft and told him that they weren't going to take a safety with their last pick, but were interested in signing him. They worked out the terms over the phone and then Pittsburgh mailed the two-year contract to Baker for him to sign and return, which he gladly did. Although he had a few NFL suitors, in the end Baker chose the Steelers because he felt it was his best opportunity to make a team.

"They have the biggest need at that position," Baker said.

ZACH BAKER

"They only have three safeties on the roster. It seemed like they'd be the best fit."

Born near San Francisco and raised in Arizona, Baker was a 49ers fan growing up, but his team loyalties have now changed.

"I'm a Steelers man now," Baker said. "My focus right now is on staying in shape and on the Steelers 100 percent."

Moore tries to answer critics

Chris Moore has been proving himself throughout his entire football career. After going undrafted, Moore prides himself, once again, in silencing the doubters.

The Havelock native, whose agent told him not to watch the draft, said he was disappointed to not be drafted and found out about his new team on his way home from church. He said his agent worked out a three-year deal with the Saints and his focus now is to just make the team.

"I got a lot to prove," Moore said of himself, Whimper and Baker. "It hurt me to see other players get drafted, but everything happens for a reason. [New Orleans] was the only team that

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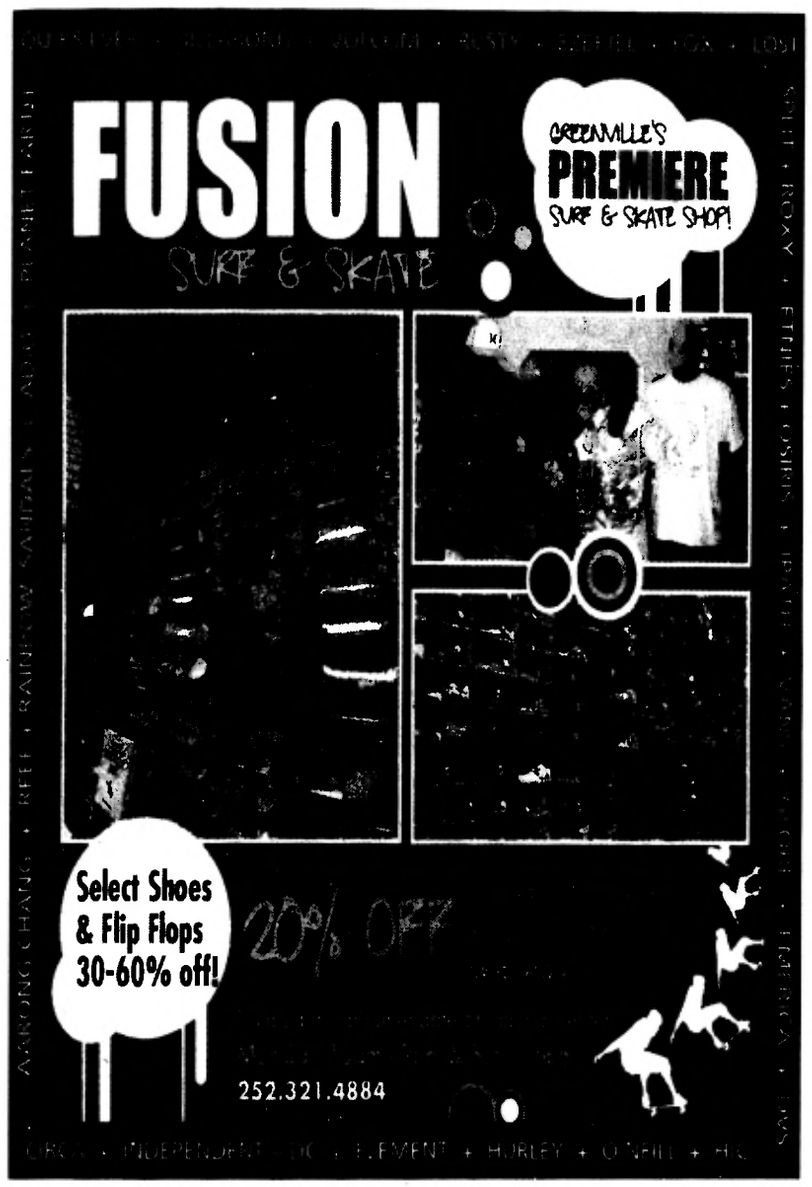
Chris Moore will need to use the same determination he had at ECU to earn a roster spot with the New Orleans Saints.



Sabres 2, Hurricanes 1, OT

(AP) — Briere scored a power-play goal 4:22 into overtime and the Sabres forced a deciding game in the Eastern Conference final with a 2-1 win over the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

J.P. Dumont also scored for Buffalo and rookie Ryan Miller stopped 25 shots.

Bret Hedican got the Hurricanes to overtime, scoring with 3:53 left in regulation.

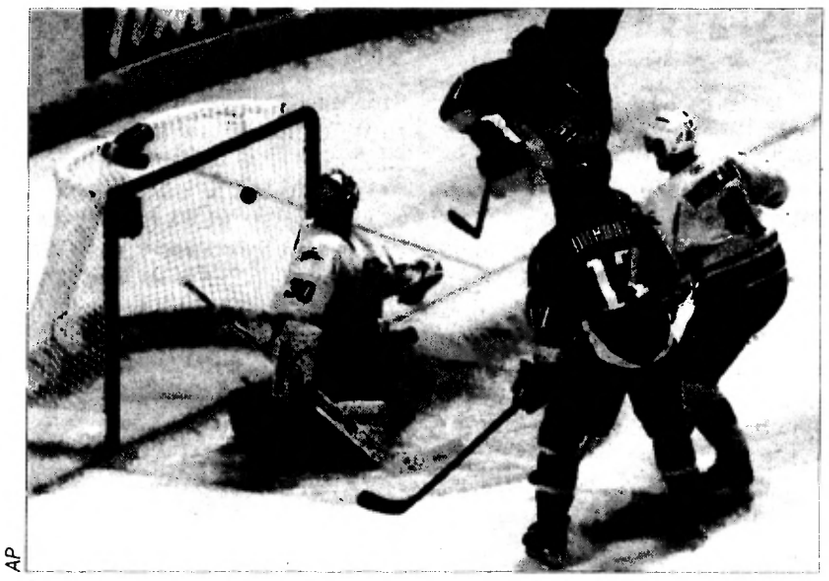
Game 7 will be at Raleigh, N.C., on Thursday with the winner advancing to play Edmonton in the Stanley Cup final, which will open at Buffalo or Carolina on Monday.

The Sabres scored on their first shot on net in overtime and with Carolina's Doug Weight off for boarding.

After failing to generate much in the first 1:40 of the power play, the Sabres attempted one final rush and got a break when Carolina's Justin Williams stumbled inside his own blue line.

Buffalo's Derek Roy got to the loose puck and fed Rory Fitzpatrick at the right point, who quickly passed across to Briere at the top of the left circle.

Briere patiently waited for an opening before snapping a shot that hit Cam Ward's glove and then fluttered in behind the goaltender for his eighth goal of the postseason and second in overtime.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Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward misses the winning shot on goal.

It marked only the fifth time the Sabres have forced a Game 7 when trailing a series 3-2. Carolina had previously won all four Game 6's when up 3-2.

Tuesday's game also was a reversal of Carolina's 4-3 overtime win on Sunday when Cory Stillman scored with Dumont in the penalty box for hooking.

Dumont can now stop kicking himself for his miscue. His goal, converting Briere's rebound from the slot five minutes in, ended an eight-game scoring drought.

Miller also rebounded, playing his best game of the series after he had allowed 15 goals on 109 shots in Buffalo's previous four games.

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gave me a call. I'm happy to just have an opportunity to play in the NFL and with a team that's on the rise; with Reggie Bush, Drew Brees and Deuce McAllister. That's a good chance to prove to myself, with a chance to hit Reggie Bush. He's an incredible athlete, but he's human."

The Giants, Saints, and Steelers all held their first mini-camp May 13-15 and Moore was anxious to prove himself.

"I'm ready," the 2005 Conference USA first-team selection said. "I've been like the underdog my whole life. I put numbers up in high school and I only got one scholarship offer. I'm glad it happened this way because it makes me hungrier to go out and prove myself."

With that chip cemented on his shoulder, Moore put up outstanding numbers with the Pirates. The 6-foot, 235-pound linebacker led C-USA in tackles in 2004 and was third in the conference in 2005 while leading C-USA in tackles for a loss.

Moore lands with a Saints team that has a dire need for linebackers. The Saints signed free agents Scott Fujita away from Dallas and Anthony Simmons from Seattle in the offseason. Moore believes those signings can help him find a roster spot as well.

"They've been in the league and I feel like I can learn so much from them," Moore said. "I'm just gonna be humble and be quiet. I'm gonna study everything they do and try to do the same."

Moore is anxious to go to New Orleans, a city with its team returning home in 2006 for the first time since Hurricane Katrina, and ready to make a difference, on and off the field.

"Folks down there, they went through a lot of stuff," Moore said. "I don't just want to help the team out, but the community as well."

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Adam Witter signs contract with Giants

(SID) — East Carolina senior Adam Witter signed a free agent contract with the San Francisco Giants Monday evening head coach Billy Godwin announced.

Witter led the Pirates in home runs (14), runs scored (44) and walks (41), while ranking second in RBI (42), total bases (118) and slugging percentage (.544) on his way to second-team All-Conference USA honors. He became the fourth Pirate to wear the honorary No. 23 jersey, which is awarded annually to a deserving player who best displays the hustle, determination and desire that made former Pirate skipper Keith LeClair a great coach and player.

"I'm real excited to get the opportunity to play professional baseball," said Witter. "This is something that every ball player dreams of doing and I look forward to the new experience and the chance to take my game to the highest level possible.

The Chambersburg, Pa. native finished his career with 29 home runs, tying fellow senior Jake Smith for 12th on ECU's all-time charts, had 102 RBI, 159 hits and a .285 average while helping the Pirates to three consecutive NCAA Regional appearances and one Super Regional berth. During his sophomore season he played in 28 games as ECU's top utility player and was member of the 2004 squad that claimed the Conference USA regular season title, won a school record 51 games and was ranked nationally by Baseball America (No. 8), USA Today/ESPN Coaches (No. 9), NCBWA (No. 10) and Collegiate Baseball (No. 13).

As a fifth-year senior, Witter was able to sign a free agent contract as a catcher prior to the 2006 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, which will be held on June 6. He will report to Scottsdale, Ariz., the extended Spring Training site for the Giants on Wednesday May 31.

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Whimper said he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I'm glad I'm going somewhere where I know at least one player," Whimper said. "We were friends in college. When he found out, he sent me a text message, saying, 'I'm going to whoop your butt everyday.'"

Whimper's versatility and incredible combine workout are what got him picked in the middle of the draft. When he came out of Havelock, he started at defensive end under former ECU Head Coach Steve Logan. Logan's successor, John Thompson then moved him to tight end. He kept getting bigger, so Skip Holtz moved him inside to right tackle and that proved to be the right move for Whimper's blossoming NFL career.

"The move to tackle helped me out a lot," Whimper said. "It showed that I was athletic and diversified."

That athleticism and versatility was on display for all 32 NFL teams at the NFL combine, held in Indianapolis every year. Whimper recorded the second-fastest time in the 40-yard dash among offensive linemen and had one of faster times for the three-cone drill. Had it not been for that impressive workout, Whimper may have gone unnoticed.

"It helped me out a lot because the coaches really didn't have a lot of tape at offensive tackle," Whimper said. "I just showed them that I can play this position and I can be a good player. My mindset is just making the team right now. Just playing one year (at tackle), they'll take that into consideration. I just gotta learn on the run and do what I can do to help the team."

Giants General Manager Ernie Accorsi said the Giants want to try Whimper at left tackle, a position he played only once in college.

"He is a little raw but he is a great athlete," Accorsi said in an April 30 interview with NFL.com.

"And the reason we picked him was strictly because we think he can be a left tackle because of his athletic ability."

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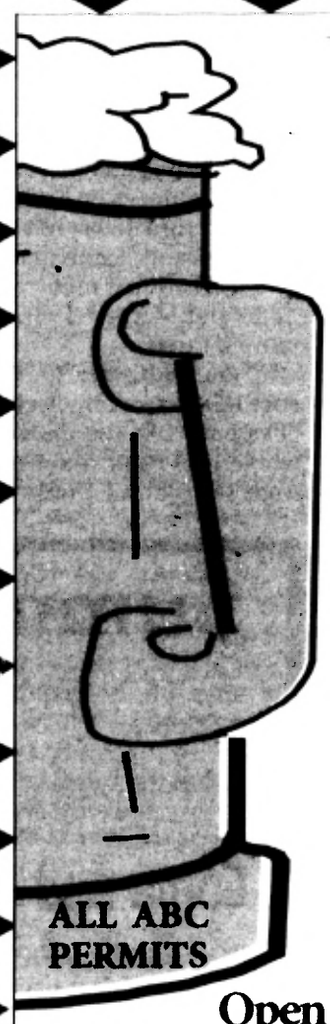
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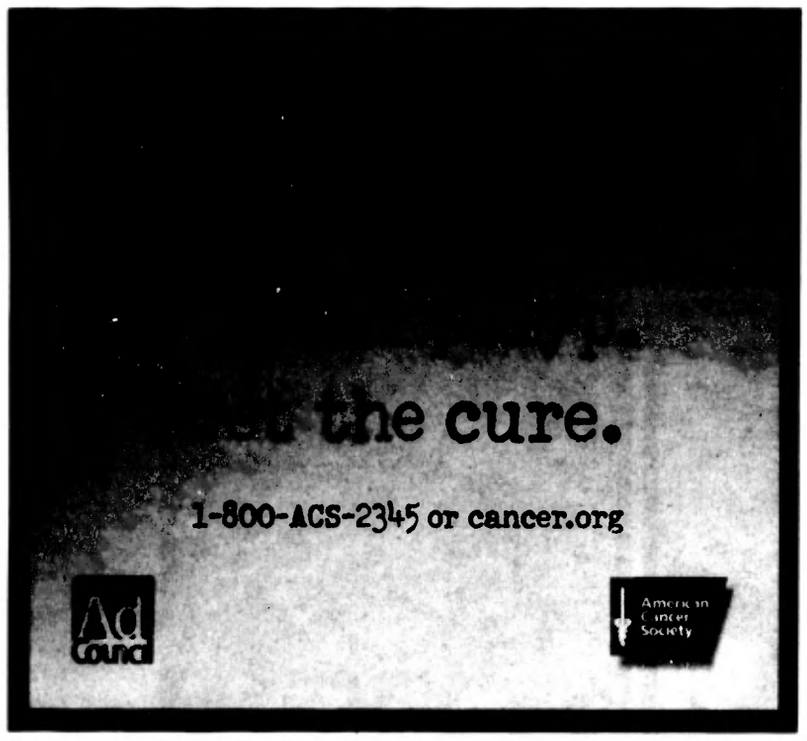

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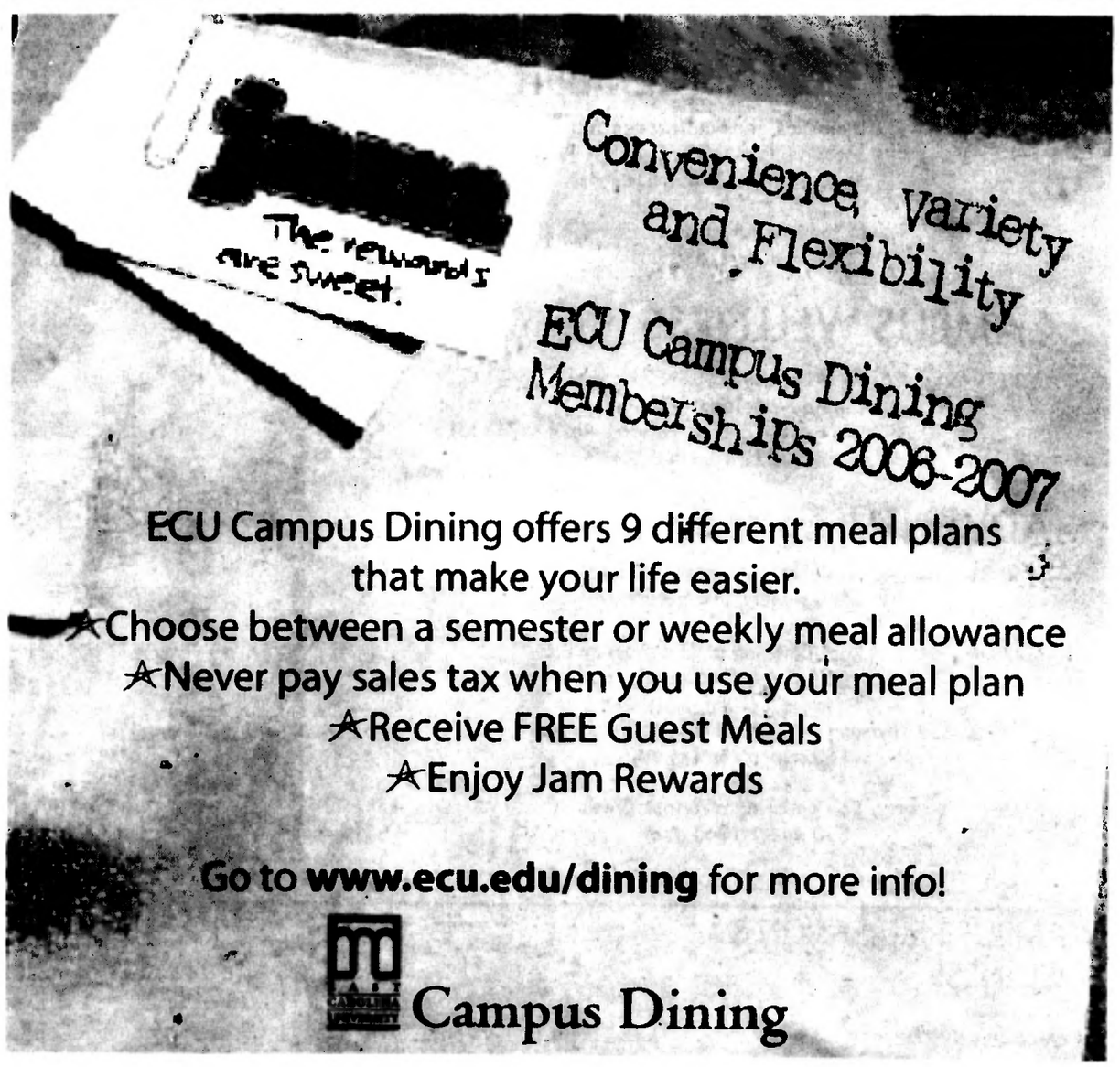

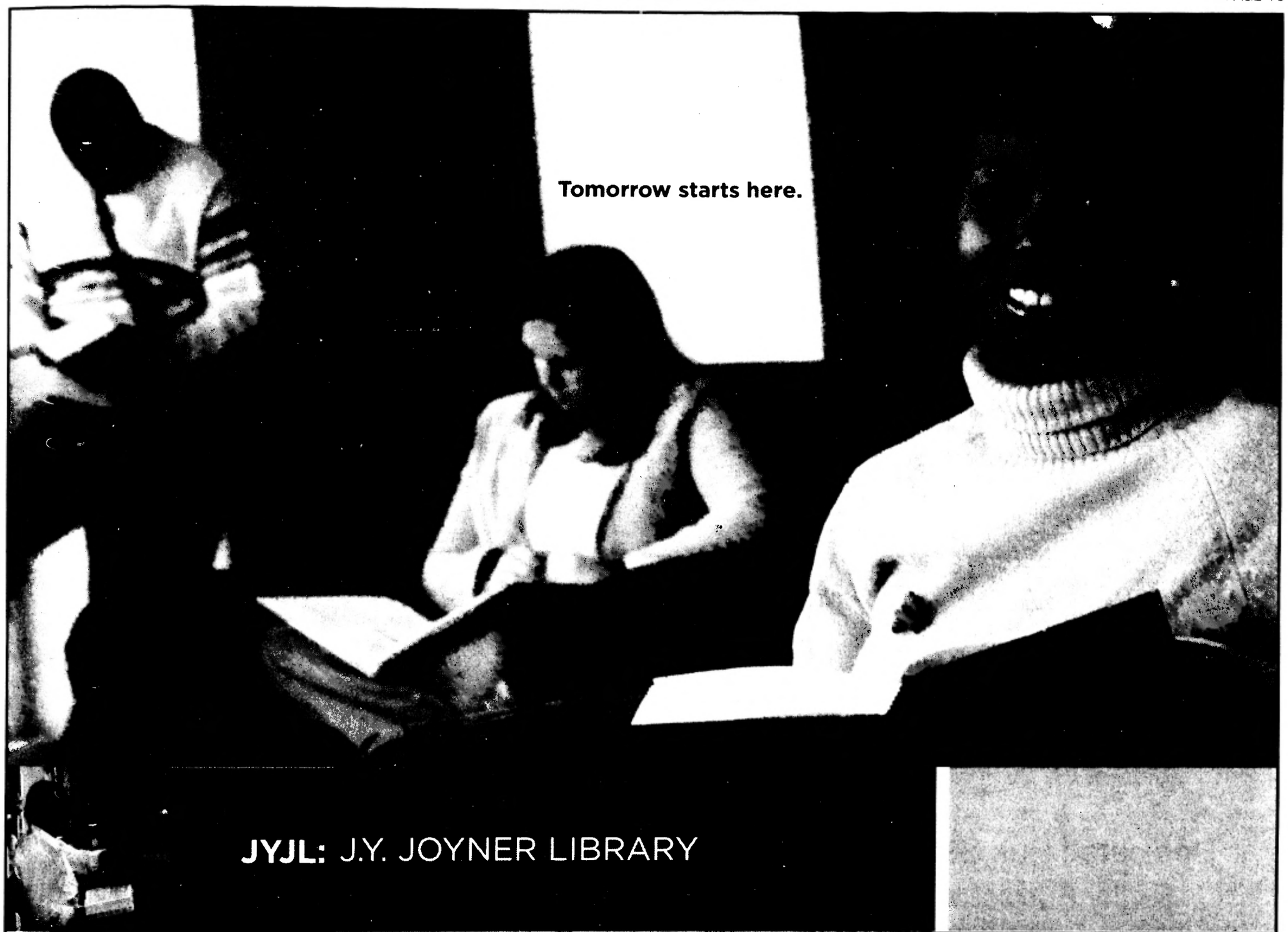

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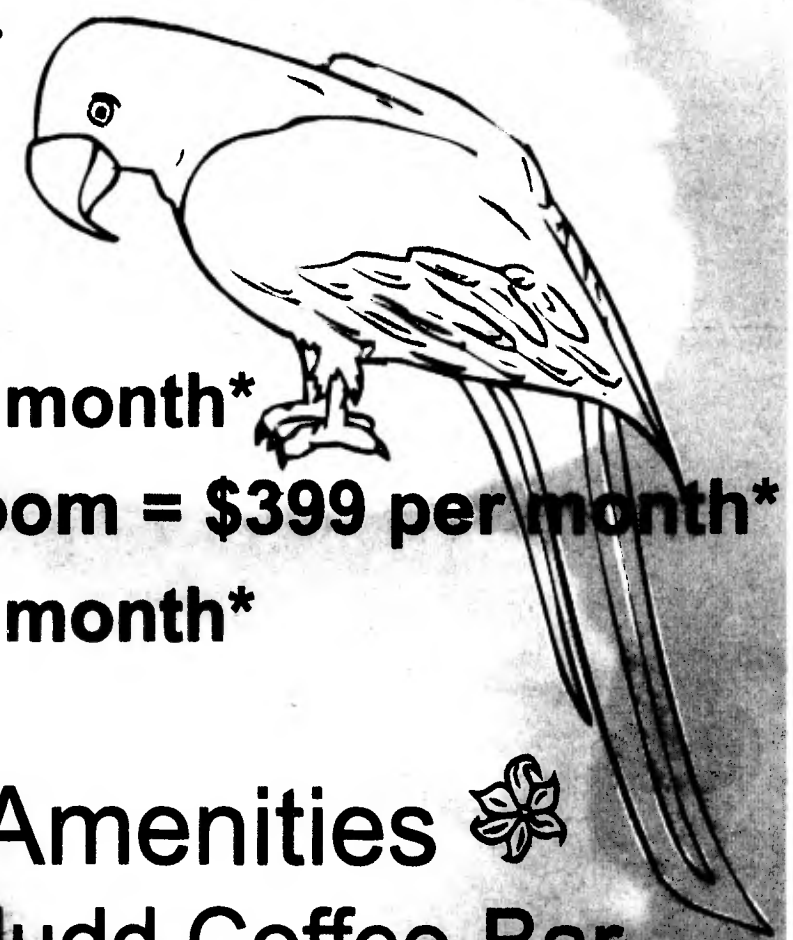

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