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Vandals ruin display

Vandals at the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus used cans of black spray paint to ruin a display of AIDS awareness posters.

Ninety-nine of the 250 posters on loan from the Centre for AIDS Documentation, Research and Education were damaged or destroyed.

"Some will not be able to be replaced, some of the most interesting posters," said Clarence Crossman, CADRE spokesman.

"I feel very angry and frustrated. I feel these feelings as well as a determination to capitalize on this to raise (AIDS) consciousness."

There are currently no suspects in the vandalism, but an investigation will continue.

Student gamblers arrested

Students from both the University of Rhode Island and Bryant College were arrested recently in connection with a college-based gambling ring.

Matthew Zimmerman, considered the leader of the operation, was charged with bookmaking, racketeering, organized crime, gambling and conspiracy. Dennis Millette and Raymond Damaso were both arrested on gambling charges.

"A street-type bookmaking operation, gambling operation, doesn't last unless they've been sanctioned by organized crime. You don't run a gambling organization unless you pay," said Rhode Island State Police Capt. Brian Andrews.

Bryant College has removed one student from the basketball team and suspended four others accused of illegal betting.

URI officials plan to investigate illegal gambling in the dorms, Greek houses, off-campus housing and the athletic department.

URI basketball coach Al Skinner denied all allegations against the team being involved in the ring.

"We're not involved," Coach Al Skinner said. "None of my players are involved."

Fraternity under scrutiny

Indiana University and the national chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity are investigating an incident that left a student hospitalized with a blood alcohol content of 4.0.

The fraternity and 26 members have been charged with hazing, endangering the life of a student, giving false information to university officials and violating the school's alcohol possession and consumption policies.

The national chapter of the fraternity said the incident did not involve hazing because the student was not forced to drink, but the issue of extreme alcohol abuse is disturbing.

"Somebody should have stopped him," said the executive director of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Alpha Tau Omega.

"That's what concerns me. As a result, we almost allowed him to kill himself."

Student saves lives

A Purdue University student was recently one of 17 people to receive the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission award.

Matthew Kupec won the award for saving the lives of two young boys who fell through the ice of a frozen lake.

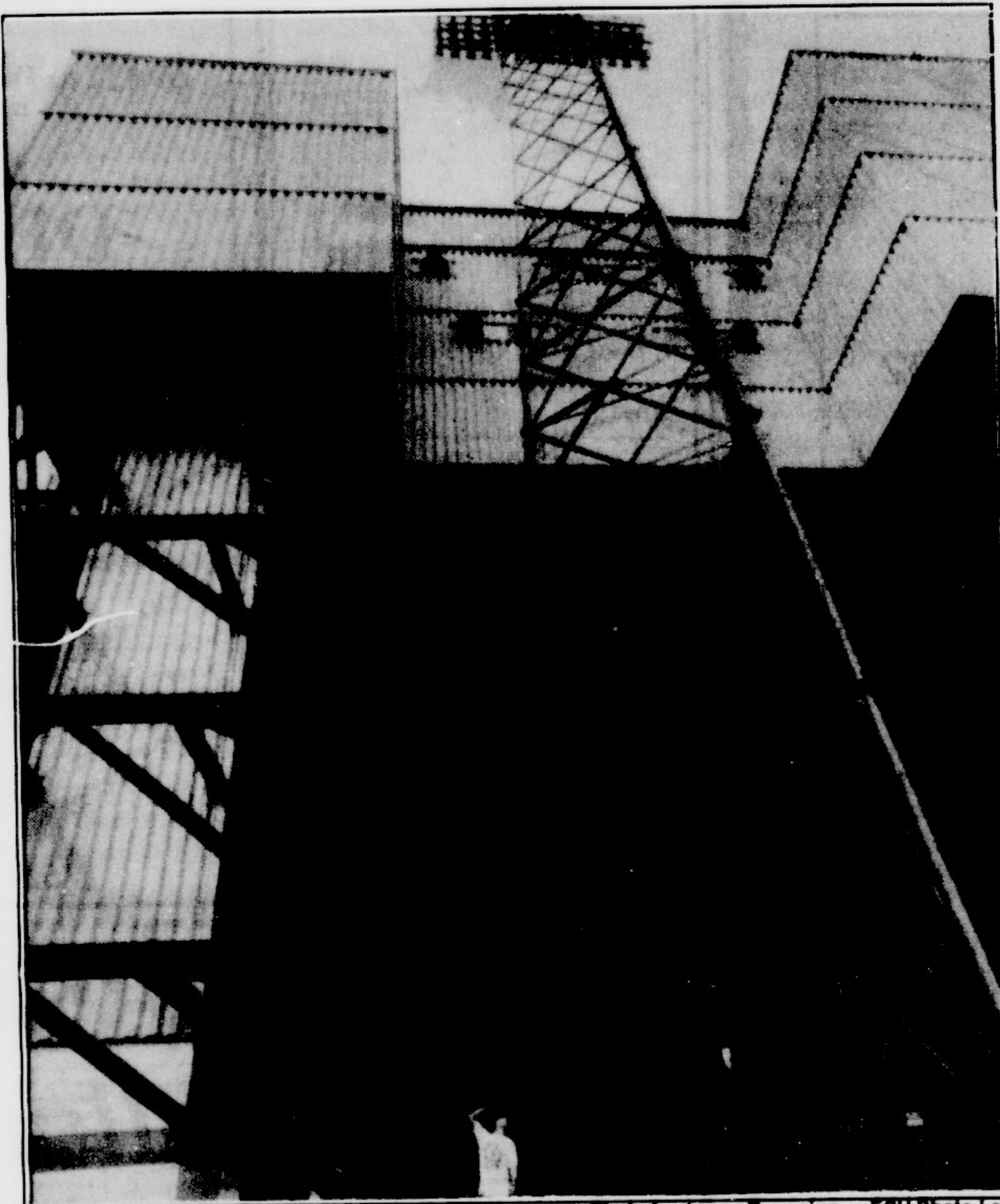
Last March, Kupec saw two boys ages 10 and 12 fall through the ice, so he grabbed a tree branch and crawled 40 feet on his stomach across the ice to reach the boys.

The Carnegie commission, founded in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie, has honored more than 7,600 people who try to save lives at the risk of losing their own.

Compiled by Elizabeth Shimmel. Taken from CPS and other campus newspapers.

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A student stands in the area where Robert Sims' body was found early Wednesday morning. Sims fell about 100 feet from the press box in Ficklen Stadium.

Student found dead near Ficklen

By Marjorie Pitts
Staff Writer

An ECU public safety officer found a student dead Wednesday morning at Ficklen Stadium after an apparent suicide.

The officer found Robert Ray Sims, 21, of 306D Belk Hall at 7:45 a.m. James DePuy, director of Public Safety, said foul play has been eliminated and suicide is speculated because officers found no beer cans or other signs of mischief near the scene.

Sims was found by the north side elevator on the south side of the stadium.

He died because of head injuries after falling about 100 feet from the press box, DePuy said.

He said test results of blood alcohol level and drug usage will be released Thursday.

Sims, who went by the name "Ray," was apparently an amiable young man, said Dr. Alfred Matthews, vice chancellor of student life. He said Sims had many close friends and had no evident problems.

He was a native of Greenville and

graduated from D.H. Conley High School in 1990.

He was classified as a freshman, and as of last semester he had completed 29 hours, Matthews said.

"The idea that he was pushed off is far fetched," Matthews said. "The assumption is that he committed suicide, but we don't know for sure."

DePuy said the truth may never come out concerning Sims' death, but Public Safety is currently investigating the incident. He said they are searching through his belongings and talking to his friends and family. No clues have been found.

"I don't know if we'll ever find out what really happened," DePuy said. "It's all a mystery right now."

Sims' suitmates, roommate, close friends and family were with counselors on Wednesday. Many students are concerned and counselors are available to help students through this tragic ordeal.

Friends and family members are being interviewed by Public Safety. Anyone having any information concerning the incident should call Public Safety at 757-6787.

Academy halts review of Public Safety

University evaluated following allegations of mistreatment

By Matthew Jones
Managing Editor

A recent evaluation of Public Safety's drug enforcement policies from the N.C. Justice Academy was halted for various reasons, including what the director of the academy deemed a lack of cooperation from the university.

ECU's administrators requested the academy's help earlier this month following a recommendation from the State Auditor's office which reported allegations of mistreatment in their March 1991 report concerning ECU.

When asked if university officials were helpful in the review, Martie Stanford, director of the academy, said "some

were not." Stanford would not elaborate on the statement; however, a letter to the university explained the reasons for the academy's withdrawal.

"Of the materials we requested, we received only cases that ... are not related to the Audit concerns," the letter stated. Richard Brown, vice chancellor for Business Affairs, said the university gave the files to the academy that were requested.

Stanford said the agency also withdrew from the evaluation because the task was "not under our purview."

The letter states: "We are not in a position to resolve disputes or investigate con-

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Mistreatment surfaces on local news

By Matthew Jones
Managing Editor

Information concerning the allegations of Public Safety's mistreatment of students surfaced on a WNCT news segment Tuesday night in which reporter Dave Savini described one of the incidents in question. The report centered around a Public Safety operation involving ECU students breaking into cars at the Minges Stadium parking lot.

Savini said the students were taken into custody af-

ter attempting to break into cars; however, one of the students involved was an SBI informant which leads to speculations of possible entrapment.

Lt. Ernest Suggs, a Public Safety officer involved in the incident, said the operation involved no mistreatment. He explained that no official from Public Safety instructed the informant to request the student's involvement.

Suggs said the informant contacted Public Safety because he overheard a conversation between the two stu-

dents in question detailing their plans to break into the cars. Suggs requested more information and then set up a stake-out to wait for the expected larceny.

After waiting about 30 minutes, Suggs said the students arrived and began breaking into the cars. The officers then apprehended the subjects and took them back to the Public Safety office.

Following normal procedures, Suggs said the stu-

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Officers arrest biter, not flasher

By Jennifer Wardrep
News Editor

An incident involving Director of Public Safety James DePuy and a suspected flasher evolved into a classic example of McGruff the crime dog's motto "Take a bite out of crime."

Terry Hopkins, 41, of 1612 Hopkins Drive bit DePuy and assaulted another public safety officer when they attempted to question him in connection with another alleged on-campus assault.

Campus Police later discovered the man was not involved in the incident which occurred in a campus building.

"This person just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time," DePuy said. "It was unfortunate that this had to happen."

Police arrested Hopkins at about 10 a.m. on Mar. 4 for injury to personal property, resisting, delaying and obstructing law enforcement and two counts of assault on law enforcement officers.

The brawl occurred inside the McThrift Food Store on the corner of 14th Street and Charles Boulevard. Earlier the same day, three female students had reported being assaulted in the Belk Building on their way to class. Campus police were called to the build-

ing after the students reported being approached by a man who touched one of the students on her breast, exposed himself and then fled the area.

DePuy said the students described the assailant as a tall, black male with facial hair and wearing a knee-length black trenchcoat.

He said officers spread out and searched for a man fitting the description. After Hawkins was spotted, DePuy said he called the Greenville Police Department, since he was off campus, and the officers went in the store in order to question the man.

"All hell broke loose, to be frank," DePuy said.

When the female students involved in Belk Building incident went to the Pitt County Jail to identify their assailant, they told police they had the wrong man.

DePuy said Hawkins has been admitted into Dortha Dix mental hospital and has a history of violent reactions to police officers.

"He is mentally ill, kind of a street person," DePuy said. "He did fortunately get some help."

DePuy also said this is not the first time the university has had problems with flashers.

"This has been an ongoing thing, these exposures," he said.

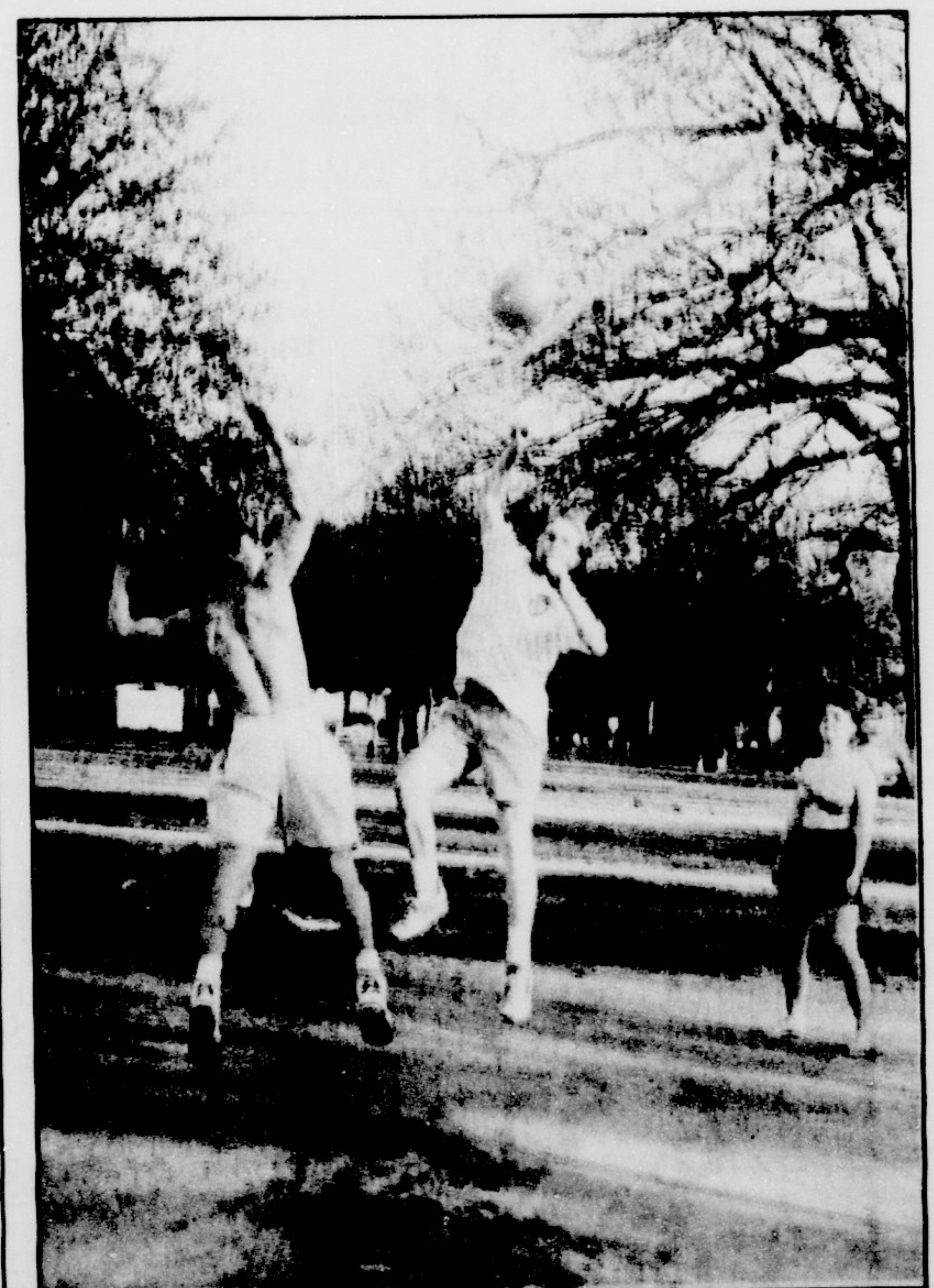


Photo by Jill Cherry - ECU Photo Lab

Spiking into Spring

Volleyball on the mall becomes a popular sport with students when the weather begins to warm. Saturday marks the first day of spring.

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 tested issues within an agency. Matters of internal control and the possibility of misconduct are beyond our resources and inappropriate for our training and technical responsibilities."
 Ben Irons, university attorney, stressed that the evaluation was not an investigation. He said the academy's review was "for the purpose of making recommendations which will provide assistance in the performance of drug investigations."
 Irons and several other administrators said no files requested by the academy were denied.
 "The university will provide the information that is needed," Irons said.
 He said the university is currently looking for an alternative agency to conduct the evaluation.

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 dents were informed of the outcome concerning their violations. He said because no actual break-ins occurred, the incident would be referred to the dean of students, Ronald Speier, for punishment instead of to Greenville authorities.
 According to Suggs, the students were offered positions working with a Beaufort County drug enforcement agency as narcotics informants in exchange for leniency from Speier.
 "In lieu of prosecution, you have some choices," Suggs said.
 He said only one of the students accepted the offer to work as a narcotic informant and was involved in a later operation on campus.
 Suggs said both of the students were sent to Speier after discussing possibilities with the Public Safety officers.
 The SBI could not be reached for details concerning their informant's actions.

Clarification:

The Mar. 5 article entitled "Underhander Stands Up to Journalists" was not referring to *The East Carolinian's* General Manager Pro-Tem. In addition, the newspaper does not advocate ridiculing persons who hold an opposing editorial philosophy.

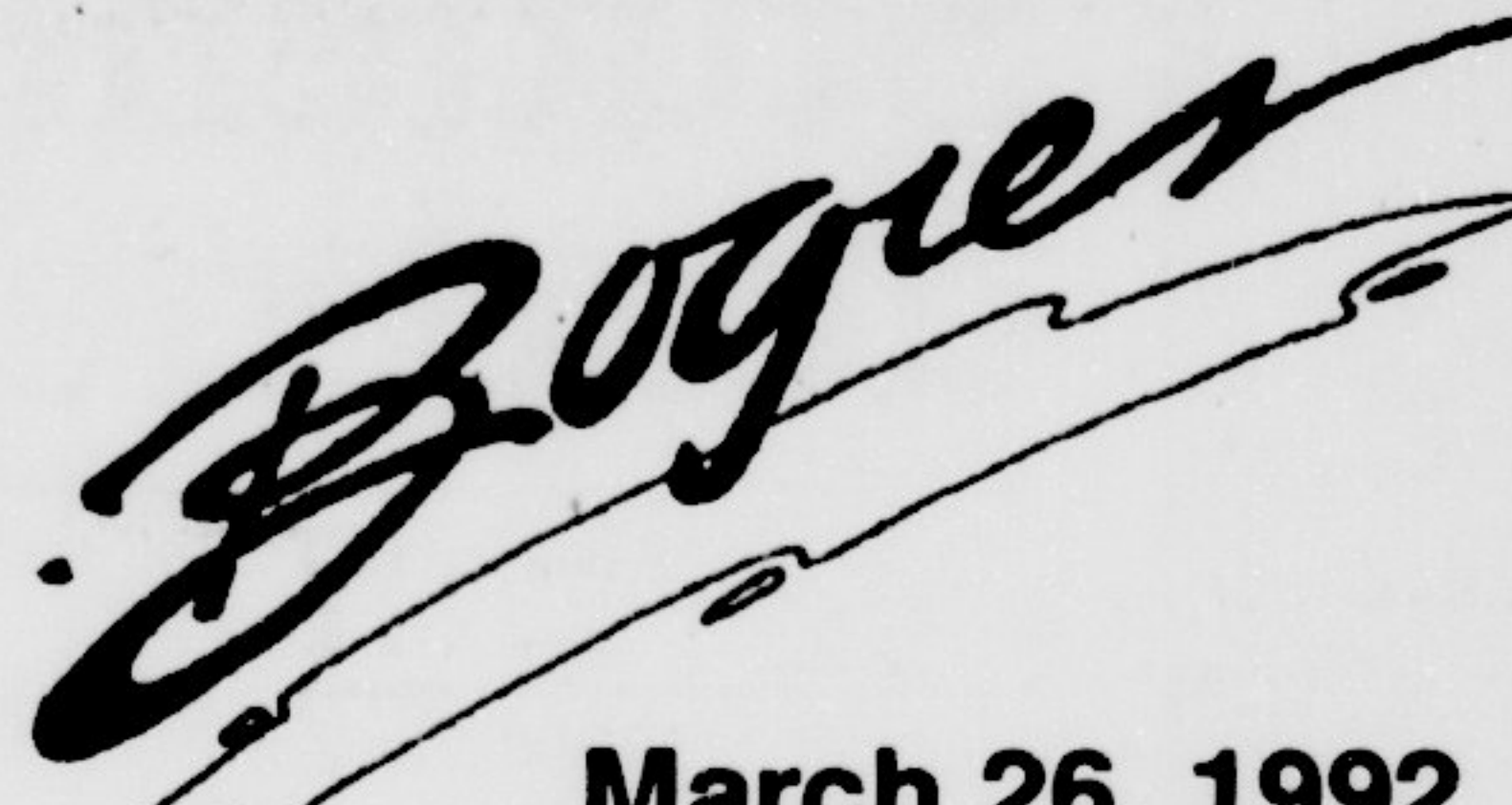
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MATH LAB
 Students who received a grade of incomplete (I) in Math Lab (MATH 0001) fall semester, 1991, must remove that incomplete by 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, 1992. The Math Lab is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday to allow students needing to remove an incomplete time to take the remaining tests. A student with an incomplete from the fall semester who fails to complete the required work by March 20 will receive a grade of "F" and be required to repeat (from the beginning) MATH 0001. (Note: Students entering the Math Lab to work on removing an incomplete must have with them a picture ID.)

INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION
 Recreational Services will be holding Indoor Soccer Registration on March 24 at 5 p.m. in Biology 103. For more information call 757-6387.

EAST CAROLINA FRIENDS
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BETA PIS: You guys are doing an excellent job! Keep it up. Love, the sisters of AOPi.

AOPi: hopes everyone had a great spring break! Love, the sisters.

NIKKI RICHARDS: Your 21st birthday is now growing near, and we all thought that it would never get here. I tried to find you the best gift of all times, but Garth couldn't be bought, not even with cheap sparkling wine. To celebrate on Friday we shall hop from bar to bar, you can drink as much as you want because you don't have to stumble home far. I hope that this celebration is the very best, because after tomorrow night, it all becomes one big "drunk fest." Happy 21st Birthday! Love, your big sis, Whitney.

DELTA CHI: Thanks for a great time at our pre-downtown! Love, Delta Zeta.

TO ALL SORORITIES: Hope everyone has had a fun at Panhellenic Field Day! Love, DZ.

AOPi: Congratulations on winning the basketball championship! Love, DZ.

SIGMAS HOPE EVERYONE had a great spring break! Get excited for Greek Week!

KA: Can't wait for tonite! Love, the Sigmas.

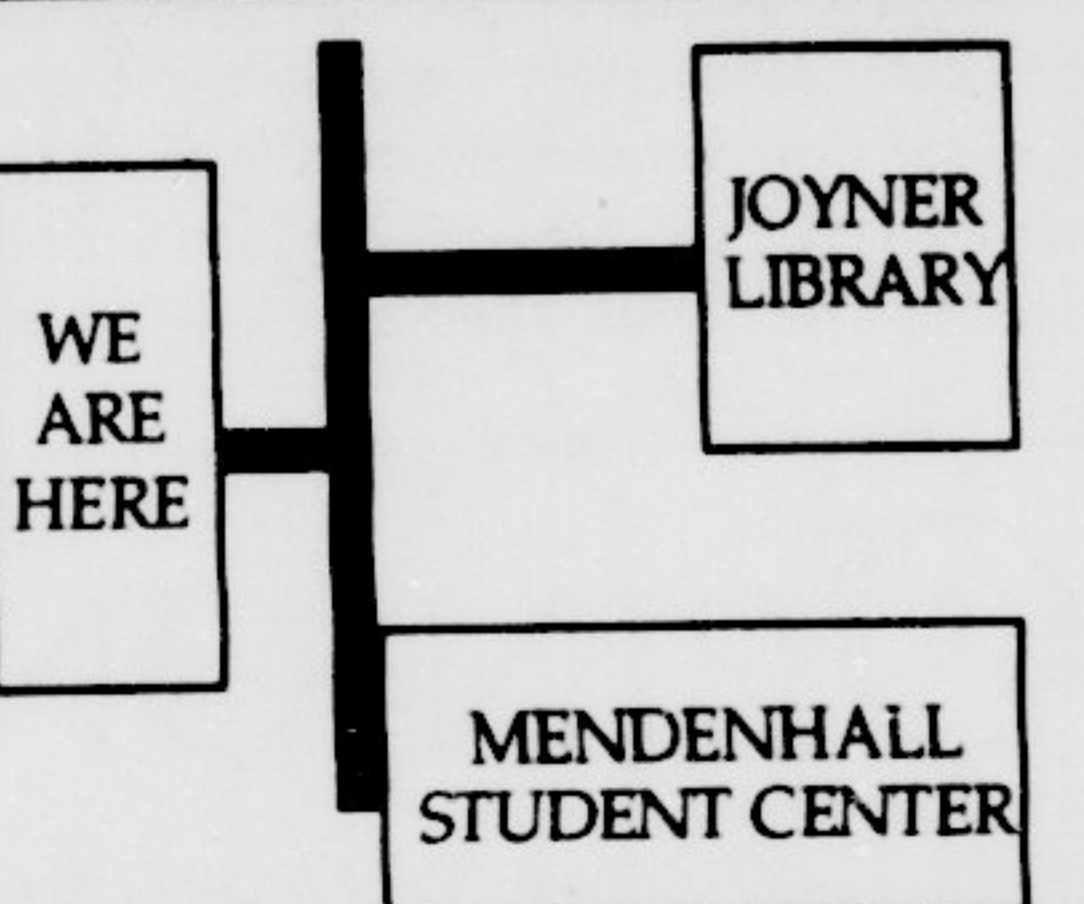
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KEY WESTERN SIGMAS: It was a week we'll never forget—if we could only remember! One thing for sure, we wish it could've gone on forever! We will never forget THE JACUZZI!—Kevin B's bottle of Sunlite, Andrea going in with her dress on, throwing Wynne in!; Christine's robocops, Durty Harry's All You Can Drink—A lot!; Ashley singing at Hog's Breath; Tara getting nailed by a cup (fashion police); Mike B & Steve R mopedding to Miami with Ashley & Tara; Kirsten &

Robyn on stage; Robin & Kat's red eyes; Sharen's even tan; Jill & Laurie—home-sick? Never!; Robyn & Leilani—sleep past sunrise!; Kevin B's pizza slice (did you find her?); Rob R—"Mamababeee!"; Billy K—where'd you stay?; Andrea's toasts; Jay J's orange reflector suit; Sig ep sailors—can you give us lessons?; "Take me drunk, I'm home!"; "I kid you not, coosawatchie!"; Jill, Ashley & Andrea's pizza run; the "fortress" we stayed in!! And an AWESOME time was had by all!!

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MATH LAB

Students who received a grade of Incomplete (I) in Math Lab (MATH 0001) fall semester, 1991, must remove that incomplete by 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, 1992. The Math Lab is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday to allow students needing to remove an incomplete time to take the remaining tests. A student with an incomplete from the fall semester who fails to complete the required work by March 20 will receive a grade of "F" and be required to repeat (from the beginning) MATH 0001. (Note: Students entering the Math Lab to work on removing an incomplete must have with them a picture ID.)

INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION

Recreational Services will be holding Indoor Soccer Registration on March 24 at 5 p.m. in Biology 103. For more information call 757-6387.

EAST CAROLINA FRIENDS

Members of East Carolina Friends should bring their Little Friends to River Park on Sunday, March 22 from 1:30

p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for an afternoon of food and fun. Bring \$25 if you want to go to the nature center. Rain date is the following Sunday. This is a mandatory event. Call your Director of Services for more information.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENCE HALLS

Do you want to prolong your Spring Break, laying out in the sun and etc. Then come out to the happening event on Thursday, March 26. It's the Battle of the Residence Halls in the 2nd annual Hall Olympics. Garrett won the King of the Hill in the fall, can they come up to be the champions again or will Scott Hall beat them into the ground? Can the Fleming Ladies stand up for their rights against Tyler? Can West Campus show the Hill that they are the BEST or will Central Campus pull up in the ranks? It's the Battle of the Halls, and out of this rumble a champion will be chosen as the Hall Olympic Gold Medalist. There will be prizes, food, and fun. Sponsored by Residence Hall Association.

ECU SCHOOL OF MUSIC EVENTS FOR MARCH 17-23, 1992

TUES, MAR. 17—Beth Norvell, piano, Senior Recital (Fletcher Recital Hall, 7 p.m., free) and Mary Morrison Dixon, composition, Senior Recital (Fletcher Recital Hall, 9 p.m., free). WED, MAR. 18—John Heath, voice and Tim Odum, Trumpet, Senior Recital (Fletcher Recital Hall, 7 p.m., free). SUN, MAR. 22—Renee Perry, voice, Senior Recital (Fletcher Recital Hall, 7 p.m., free). MON, MAR. 23—Flute Ensemble, Cynthia Stachowski Decker, Director (Fletcher Recital Hall, 7 p.m., free), and Roger McVey, piano, Sophomore Recital (Fletcher Recital Hall, 9 p.m., free).

EDUCATIONAL LOANS AVAILABLE

Three educational loan programs for North Carolina residents attending colleges in or out of state and for nonresidents attending colleges in North Carolina are available through College Foundation Inc. These loans programs are funded by North Carolina banks and other investors. Stafford Loans are for dependent or independent students and are based on financial need. Supplemental Loans are for independent self-supporting students and are not based on financial need. PLUS Loans are for parents of dependent students and are not based on financial need. For more information, write College Foundation Inc.,

2100 Yonkers Rd. P.O. Box 12100, Raleigh, N.C. 27605-2100, or call 919-821-4771.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The 1992 Greenville-Pitt Co. Special Olympics Spring Games will be held on April 16 at E.B. Aycock Jr. High School in Greenville (rain date: April 28). Volunteers are needed to serve as buddies/Chaperones for the Special Olympics. Volunteers must be able to work all day - from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. (The first ones there will be assigned positions). An orientation meeting will be held on April 14 in Old Joyner Library, room 221 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free volunteer t-shirts will be provided the day of the games to all volunteers who have attended the volunteer orientation session. There will be a concession stand for you to buy your lunch. For more information, contact Lisa Mills at 830-4551.

CLIMB-RAPEL WORKSHOP

Learn how to attempt Recreational Services new Climbing Tower by attending a Climb-Rappel workshop on March 19 at 3 p.m. at the Climb Tower located near the Belk Building. For more information call 757-6387.

CO-REC VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION

Co-Rec Volleyball Registration will be on March 23 at 5 p.m. in Biology 103. This event, sponsored by Recreational Services, should have two men and two women teams. For more information call 757-6387.

ARE YOU UNHAPPY WITH YOUR PRESENT POSITION?

Do you enjoy discussing current issues, considering new ideas, contemplating the world around you? Would you like to learn marketable skills, have flexible hours, and receive financial assistance? Then consider a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at ECU. We invite you to visit us on Wednesday March 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a day which will include facility tours, information sessions, and informal discussions with faculty and students. Lunch will be provided. For more information and Registration, call us at 919-757-6883.

GROUP ADVISING FOR PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENTS

Pre-register for summer and fall sessions starting Monday night March 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 205 of the Belk Building. All other advising will be every third Tuesday of each month from 12

p.m. to 2 p.m. in room 306 Belk Building. Please see the video at either Joyner or Brody Libraries before you come for advising.

REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL COLLEGE STUDENTS

General College students should contact their advisers the week of March 23-27 to make arrangements for academic advising for summer terms and fall semester, 1992. Early registration will begin March 30 and end April 3.

THE GAY-LESBIAN ALLIANCE

Social support, advocacy, activities. Everyone welcome—gays, lesbians, bisexuals, concerned family and friends. Call ECU counseling center 757-6661 for information regarding meeting time and place.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

"The Future of the Savannah River Nuclear Weapons Production Complex: National Security versus the Environment" will be the topic of lectures by Brian Costner, at ECU on Mon, March 23, 1992. Mr. Costner is Director of the Energy Research Foundation, located in Columbia S.C. The Foundation works to pursue enhanced environmental and safety practices at the Savannah River Site and throughout the nuclear weapons complex. Mr. Costner's first presentation will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the small conference room above the Pitt. Co. Mem. Hospital Cafeteria. This presentation is part of the Perspective Series sponsored by the Dept. of Medical Humanities of ECU School of Medicine. Mr. Costner's second presentation sponsored by the ECU Dept. of Physics, will take place at 4 p.m. in room PE 301 of the Howell Science Complex on the ECU campus. Mr. Costner's visit to Greenville is supported by the Eastern NC Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. The public is invited to attend either presentation; for more information, please contact the Dept. of Medical Humanities at 551-2797 or Dr. Halis Odabasi in the Dept. of Physics, 757-6430.

ATTENTION PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS

Registration advising for summer-fall semester will be held on Tuesday, March 24 and Wednesday, March 25 from 7-9 p.m. in the Belk Building (Room # will be posted on doors). All pre-physical therapy general college students must attend one of these advising sessions in order to have registration forms approved and signed by an advisor. Only excused absences will be rescheduled.

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS PRESENTS:

Dr. Sidney L. Kasfir of Emory University in a lecture on West African Masks: From Ritual to Play. Thursday, March 19, 1992. Jenkins Fine Arts Auditorium 7 p.m. Funded by a United States Department of Education Title VI Grant. For more information, contact the Center for International Programs at 757-4829.

RETURNING ADULT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Returning Adult Student Association Thursday, March 19 at 5:30 in room 3013 of the General Classroom Building. Plans for the rest of the semester will be made and social activities planned.

SCHOOL OF NURSING ATTENTION NURSING MAJORS AND GENERAL COLLEGE STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO A NURSING ADVISOR

The school of nursing will hold informational meetings concerning curriculum changes and registration on Wednesday, March 25. Those enrolled in 2000 level nursing courses will meet at 5 p.m. Those who are in pre-clinical courses will meet at 6 p.m. Students enrolled in 3000 and 4000 level nursing courses will meet at 7 p.m. Advisor changes have been made. Please consult the book outside Nursing 108 for your advisor's name. Some advisors will be available on Wednesday evening between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Please check with your advisor or check the list posted outside Nursing 108.

P.U.S.H. THROUGH THE BARRIERS

If you would like to work towards reducing the barrier that students with special needs are faced with every day, then come to the first organizational meeting of P.U.S.H. (People United to Support the Handicapped). The meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24 in 8c Mendenhall Student Center at 4 p.m. We all face challenges every day, so please come help raise awareness and get a message heard.

CAMPUS INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

The following organizations will conduct employment interviews and/or information sessions on campus during March. Seniors must register with Career Services to participate in these interviews. March 18 Harris Tester Super-

markets (for Mgt.), March 18 Associated Aluminum Products (Sales, Sales Mgt.), March 18 Great Amer. Insurance Co. (Loss, Audit, Claims), March 18 Perdue Farms (Mgt.), March 19 U.S. Navy, March 19 Southern States Cooperative (Retail Mgt.), March 20 Metropolitan Life (Sales), March 24 Kmart Fashions (Mgt.), March 25 F.N. Wolf (Acct. Exec.-Sales), March 26 Maurice's (Retail Mgt.), March 26 ServiceMaster Corp. (Mgt.).

INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP

Seniors and graduate students completing their degree in May or the summer who have not yet attended an interview skills workshop are invited to attend one on Monday, March 23 or Wednesday, March 25. Sponsored by Career Services, the workshops will be held in the Bloxton House at 3 p.m.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST/WESLEY FOUNDATION

Dana Key of DeGarmo & Key will be appearing in a solo concert Sunday, March 22 at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. The group DeGarmo & Key has been nominated for four Grammy Awards and won a Nashville Emmy in 1990. Dana Key is the great grandson of Francis Scott Key, who wrote the "Star Spangled Banner." Dana is on the cutting edge of Contemporary Christian music. This should be a great concert. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and there is a \$3 donation at the door.

ECU BIOLOGY CLUB

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. in room BN 109 of the Science Complex. Topics to be discussed will include future activities and trips. New officer elections will also be held. New members are always welcome.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE & AUDITORY PATHOLOGY

All General College students who intend to major in Speech-Language and Auditory Pathology and have R. Muzzarelli as their advisor are to meet on Wednesday, March 25 at 5 p.m. in Brewster C-103. Advising for early registration will take place at that time. Please prepare a tentative class schedule before the meeting.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society will be having our next meeting on March 23 at 5 p.m. in 218 Regalade. We welcome anyone who is interested. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Smith at 931-7569.

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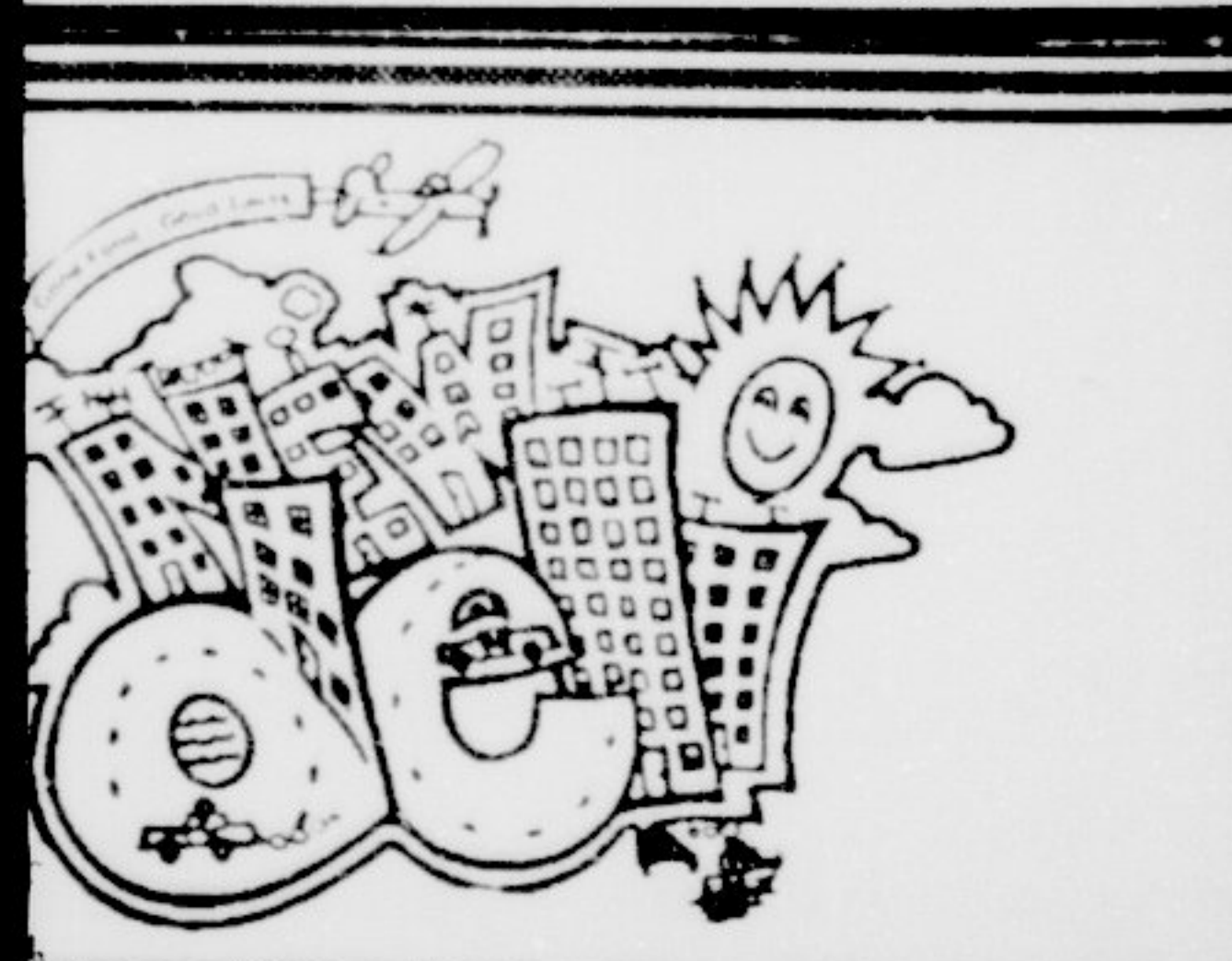
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OPINION

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Disabled require more than ramps

One thing that students and people in general do not like hearing is that they take things for granted. Campuses are filled with any number of prima donas ready to sing the tragic life of the student.

I have to write a paper. Mister So-and-So, my economics professor, talks way over my head. I had to stand in a long line to register for classes.

Nobody wants to hear it, but — we take things for granted.

Now consider how many blind students you hear at the Croatan loudly complaining that they could not see what was written on the blackboard. What number of deaf students berate their teachers for speaking a language many of them cannot imagine the sound of. And the nerve of those requestive wheelchair-bound who have to navigate through the clamor of a thousand pushy students into buildings ill-designed for them.

Plainly those students who really do have gripes about situations that make learning a larger effort than it should be are generally not the ones who complain. Complaining about what life has dealt you, is for the most, every bit as productive as reprimanding the wind for blowing. Instead, most disabled students work harder to pursue the education that attempts to elude them, and many excel their non-handicapped peers in academic achievement.

This ability to compensate owes not only to determination but to the help of others who make the barriers easier to overcome. In a period of administrative confusion, one area in which ECU shines is our

Handicapped Student Services. Given their resources, these people provide a nearly unparalleled amount of quality and effort to make the education inappreciative by many of us as accessible as possible to the impaired or learning disabled student.

The Office of HSS assesses each student who comes to them for special needs and tailors their assistance in an individual capacity.

Not only is this commendable in light of the numbers of learning disabled students, but it also reveals another understanding we rarely display: one blind student is not exactly like every other blind student; all deaf students did not become deaf at the same time and to the same degrees (in fact, hearing impaired services are extremely challenging due to the various categories of sign language and regional backgrounds of the students and interpreters); other impairments are not so uniform as to be easily dealt with by across-the-board textbook treatment as funders often think.

HSS realizes that disabled students are every bit as complex and individual as anyone else and treat them in those respects.

It has been said that the only truly disabled are those too lazy to take advantage of everything offered to them. The disabled know better than most the importance of options and need only the help of those willing to shorten their bridges — to clear the path a bit. ECU tries to do just that.

A learning disability is only a handicap if we let it be one.



Campus Spectrum

N.C. Constitution challenged

Student addresses candidate-age issue

By William Thorpe Jr.
Campus Spectrum

Editor's note — The following article is a reprint of a letter sent to the Supreme Court. The writer is an ECU graduate student currently running for North Carolina Governor, if he wins the election, state law forbids him to hold the office.

Dear Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Associate Justices:

On the 26th day of February 1992, I presented myself to the State Board of Elections and were denied filing a 'notice of candidacy' for the office of Governor of North Carolina, pursuant to the provisions in the North Carolina State Constitution cited in Article 111 at Section 2 (2) wherein it states "No person shall be eligible for election to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor unless, at the time of his election, he shall have attained the age of 30 years."

While there appears to be no infringement of my North Carolina State Constitutional rights, the State Board has violated my United States Constitutional rights as a qualified North Carolina voter to fully participate in government. Therefore, I am filing suit against the State Board in federal district court asking that North Carolina's gubernatorial filing qualifications be declared unconstitutional based on age discrimination.

After carefully researching the constitutional laws, my attorney has advised me that the litigation process in a case of this nature may take up to a year and tens of thousands of dollars in legal expenses before it reaches your high court for a final decision.

I have allocated \$12,000 of my own money (so much for my law school tuition and my house down-payment) to have my counsel prepare a complaint, motion and brief for a federal injunction prohibiting North Carolina's May 5, 1992 primary election until the

State Board places my name on the ballot for the office of governor. Whatever personal sacrifice that I must make are insignificant to my commitment in working to strengthen American political democracy.

With regards to this lawsuit based on age discrimination, there are two critical questions to be considered. What would be the advantages of a youth gubernatorial candidacy? What are the arguments against such a candidacy?

What would be the advantage of such a candidacy? The theory of age stratification assumes that each stratum is composed of people similar in age or life stage who tend to share capacities, abilities and motivations related to age. In political terms, age strata are unequal in access to positions of political power. In our society, young adults are less likely to be political leaders than middle-aged and older adults. There is a good explanation for this. Most young people do not register and vote because (A) they were not taught in school to register and vote and (B) they feel they have no one to vote for.

Declaring the age qualification for filing for the office of governor unconstitutional will allow an 18-29 year old citizen the historic opportunity to mount a serious gubernatorial candidacy. One advantage of such a candidacy is that it would insist that young leaders play significant roles and help shape policy and programs for the state. One-fourth of the total vote is between the ages 18 and 29. Yet this group has the lowest voter registration and turnout than any other group.

Youth candidacy would excite, maybe electrify, the young and unrepresented masses, increasing their voter registration and political participation.

Youth candidacy, then, would provide more options in the electoral process.

If we treat age as a centrally important characteristic-like class, sex or ethnicity — we can easily recognize the

basic flaw in North Carolina's age qualification clause. For example, shall we address the poor people of North Carolina who earn less than \$10,000 a year that they have the right to vote, but when it comes to the office of Governor they must elect someone who earns more than \$10,000 a year? Or could we suggest to the women of North Carolina that they have a constitutional right to vote based on the 19th Amendment, but only men are eligible for election to the office of governor? Or would it be logical to propose to the descendants of former slaves that because of the 15th Amendment they have a right to vote, but may only vote for white gubernatorial candidates? Certainly not.

However, this particular clause in North Carolina's Constitution clearly proclaims to citizens between the age of 18 and 29 that they have a worthless right to vote for the office of governor, not for themselves, but for others outside of their age group.

What are the arguments against a youth gubernatorial candidacy?

One is that a youth gubernatorial candidate's age would effect his or her ability to perform the duties of the office.

Not true. This same line of reasoning was once applied to deny suffrage to citizens based upon their class, sex or ethnic backgrounds.

Assuming that this is a valid argument, then why should the right of suffrage be granted to a group of citizens who are deemed incompetent to hold the office that their eligible to vote for? In other words, why should young people have the awesome power of electing someone to an office in which they themselves could not file? The point here is consistency. This state argument implies that since 18 to 29 year old citizens cannot run for governor they therefore, should not be eligible to vote for that position.

I highly recommend that you and your court chose the progressive option of allowing all citizens to become eligible for election to any office for which they can vote.

Maxwell's Silver Hammer

Of Nixon, necessity, and nabobs

By Scott Maxwell
Editorial Columnist



Richard Nixon recently slithered out from under his rock to scold President Bush for not doing enough to assist the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Nixon's rebuke embarrassed Bush into mumbling an echo of his inaugural address. (You remember the line after taking credit for "the longest peacetime economic expansion in history." Bush had the gall to claim that "we have more will than wallet." We must have a hell of a lot of will.) "We are spending too much as it already is," the president said in response to Nixon's memo. "So to do the things I would really like to do, I don't have a blank check for all of that."

As loath as I am to admit it, Nixon happens to be right about this one. Every day we refuse the CIS the money and food and medicine they desperately need, brings us a day closer to a resurgence of tyranny — a tyranny we'll then have to spend trillions more to fight.

The CIS is, at present, chaotic. Any chaotic place is a good place for spawning dictators, as rotting meat is for maggots. And there are several other factors that make a new dictatorship increasingly likely.

First, there remains exactly one intact institution in the former Soviet Union: the Red Army. That's almost 4

million trained soldiers, plus tanks, submarines, nuclear missiles, and so on. Contrary to the party line in this country, last year's coup didn't fail in spite of the Red Army; it failed because of it. Had the Red Army troops massed outside the Russian Parliament chosen to fire, a few peasants with sticks and half a dozen turncoat tanks wouldn't have stood a chance.

The point is that an authoritarian government created by or supported by the army — which, not incidentally, is intermittently reported to be growing restive — has a much better chance of survival than the ineffectual penny-pinching George Bush would have you believe. In fact, the more the Red Army is made to feel that the West is simply going to watch their country self-destruct, the more likely it becomes that the army will step in and restore order as best it can — and using the government model it knows best.

Second, the communist bureaucrats are doubtless doing what they can to make an army takeover more likely. Most of them are still in the jobs they had when the CIS was the USSR, and few stand to benefit from the new order. American bureaucrats would do no less. By withholding from the former Soviet Union the money and supplies it needs, we create discontent which the bureaucrats can help shape to their own ends.

Third, it's winter, which is tough enough in that part of the world any year. Freezing weather and empty shelves make citizens miserable, and a government that promised warm clothes and plentiful food would be likely to meet with popular support.

We like to pretend that most people would rather have freedom than food. But the truth is just the opposite: in practice, most prefer food to freedom. If we continue to withhold food and cash from the Russians, they'll take it where they can find it, no matter what the price.

What's most distressing about this fiasco is that George Bush had to be told that he wasn't doing enough to help the fledgling CIS. A genuine statesman, a true foreign-policy whiz (as many call Bush), would have known months ago that more needed to be done. Even humble columnists like Yours Truly knew it, and I'm just one of Spiro's nattering nabobs of negativism. And a leader — as many call Bush — would have done something about it, months ago. If our president had fought half as hard for aid to the CIS as he did for that worthless transportation bill, the matter would be well behind us already.

Even if Nixon's wake-up call came in time, George Bush took an awful risk with our lives by letting the CIS go underfunded as long as it has. A revived totalitarian government in the former Soviet Union — commanding a formidable nuclear arsenal — would be a far greater threat than anything we've faced in recent memory, including that poor, pitiful Saddam Hussein, whom Bush made such an expensive fuss over.

Bush happened to be in the Oval Office when the USSR came crashing down, thereby making the world a safer place. Through ineptitude or malice, his unprecedented stinginess threatens to make the world more dangerous again.

A S.P.A. DISPATCH

"Pssst—Hey, Kid, Wanna Buy Some Fishing Tackle?"

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK through a city park on your way to work every day to have noticed those cute little two-by-two-inch zip-lock plastic bags strewn on the ground. They're everywhere. Now, we know and you know what they're used for. Why is it, then, that the manufacturers and distributors of the bags claim to think otherwise? We asked some company spokespersons exactly what their products are used to carry.

"Infectious hazards"—Gregory at Com-Pac, Carbondale, Illinois

"Marbles, beads, tie tacks, golf tees"—Len at A-Pac Manufacturing, Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Dirt samples"—Mark at Day-Pac, Dayton, Ohio

"Fishing tackle"—Bill at Rickart, Hartland, Wisconsin

"Arts and crafts"—Linda at Muckster Packaging, Houston, Texas

"Little nuts"—Shelly at Pak-Sak, Sparta, Michigan

"Cans, shells, art supplies, seeds, pots, tobacco, police evidence."—Lanning Bag (Harvard, Illinois) catalog

"If a guy's got a small part that he wants to take in and out and not lose it"

—Bob at Be-Bee, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

A few employees did grudgingly admit that their product might conceivably sometimes be used improperly for illicit purposes. One said he became a little suspicious when a young man "in a very expensive tuxedo" drove up in a Mercedes and asked to order 25,000 self-sealers. He said he was using them for car leasing.

Despite the usual application of the miniature bags, the Drug Enforcement Agency does not classify them as drug paraphernalia. "Packaging material in and of itself is not illegal," says a DEA "cannabis investigator." Nevertheless, a number of manufacturers and distributors were under the impression that bags smaller than two inches square are illegal, or at least officially discouraged. Several said they had received letters from the DEA asking for names of people who ordered the smallest bags, and some mentioned a memo from industry leader Mingrip that asked other companies to join them in a ban on the baby baggies.

Susan Baker, an investigator for the DEA, said only that local DEA branches might ask bag manufacturers to furnish names "as a courtesy." Mingrip sales manager Ken Richardson said even less certain about whether his company had ever distributed a memo. "There might be someone here who could know that," he said, "but it would not be myself."

The Clear

Bush not planning to dominate world

THE AMALGAMATED PRESS

Scandalized by a recent Pentagon memo calling for the United States to ensure its "world dominance" by military force if necessary, the White House today sought to assure other countries that America intends to be a peaceful, fair-minded member of the community of nations.

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"It's simply ridiculous to claim that the United States somehow out to dominate the world by militarily threatening other nations," Spitzzy scoffed. "We prefer to use the United Nations as our tool. Ooo, I take that back! That back!"

BRIEFLY

Mini-satire for busy readers

LAW: Hmm... Mike Tyson was convicted of brutally raping a young woman, eh? I guess we all owe Robin Givens an apology.

POLITICS: If a poll were held today, most people think Clinton would be slightly ahead of George Bush in the poll, according to a recent poll.

WEATHER: The entire country is reporting record-high temperatures this winter—even breaking the record-high temperatures set last winter, and the record-high temperatures they set winter before that, and so on. By the way, the whole global warming thing is a complete myth.

CELEBRITIES: Elizabeth Taylor meets, marries, divorces Mickey Mouse during birthday celebration. Close friends say new sweetheart is Guffy.





The Clearly Labeled Satire Page

It's all about Bush — but don't read anything into that

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Bush hits campaign trail, slams rival

THE AMALGAMATED PRESS

President Bush valiantly struggled to increase his lead over challenger Patrick Buchanan during campaign appearances in Michigan this week.

Speaking to reporters aboard Air Force One, the incredibly luxurious jet airplane that the president gets to fly around in whenever he feels like it, and when I say "incredibly luxurious" I'm not pulling your leg, I mean, there's a bar and a full-time masseuse and

crates full of Grecian Formula 44 left over from President Reagan's term and some say the remains of Jimmy Hoffa are in there somewhere, but anyway, back to the astonishingly amusing satirical story, Bush said, "There are two things that are popular in Michigan: the death penalty and aid for the automobile industry."

So Bush's message to Michiganders — er, Michiganians — or is that Michigoids — well, to residents of Michigan — was that when Bush is re-elected, he'll make

it a capital offense to buy or own a foreign-built car.

Some saw Bush's promise as a sop to the disenfranchised labor movement; others took it as a slam at the Mercedes-owning Buchanan. But Bush defends the death penalty expansion, claiming it's the only way America can regain her competitiveness in the world market.

"Look, if people don't buy your stuff, you lose the trade war," said Bush. "So if people buy foreign-made goods, they're helping

us lose a war. And helping us lose a war is treason, and treason is punishable by death already, so there's really nothing new about this."

Bush denied rumors of a secret Pentagon memo that recommends expanding the buy-American-or-die plan to citizens of foreign countries.

"Well, I won't say we've never considered it," said Bush. "Let's just say I haven't had a chance to coerce the United Nations into forcing it on the world yet."

Bush kicks off drug summit, Mardi Gras

THE AMALGAMATED PRESS

President Bush kicked off three days of festivities in New Orleans today, as he and leaders from six Latin American nations began their combination Mardi Gras celebration and drug summit.

Bush apparently had begun the partying early. Waving a nearly empty bottle of tequila in the general direction of assembled reporters, Bush invited the newsmen to "helpy slaves to the booze. We got some pork rinds, too, innabuss."

Next, throwing his arms around his Latino compadres, the president said, "Y'know, I — I love you guys," and passed out. A Secret Service agent immediately wrestled the president's now-empty tequila bottle to the ground.

Vice President Dan Quayle was barred from the event, since alcohol would be served there and he's just a teensy bit too young for that.

White House spokesweasel

Merlin Spitzwater, on hand for the occasion, informed the press that the purpose of the summit was to curb the use of drugs. Taking a drag of his cigarette and washing it down with some caffeine-rich Colombian coffee, Spitzwater denied allegations that the drug summit was primarily a political event intended to shore up the president's plummeting approval rating.

"I deny the allegations that the drug allegation is a political summit — I mean, that the drug event is a presidential rating — well, I deny whatever you said," said Spitzwater. "The president is genuinely and totally opposed to drugs, except those drugs that happen to be legal because of historical accident or the political and financial clout of the companies who now sell them."

Spitzwater called on the Congress to release millions of dollars in Peruvian assets that were frozen because of that country's human rights abuses. "Who cares about human rights?" said

Spitzwater. "We're fighting drugs, here."

Spitzwater also commented on controversial reports that the military is playing a larger and larger role in fighting the drug war abroad.

"We're just sending them a few military advisers," said Spitzwater. "Kind of like the early days of Vietnam — I mean, nothing at all like Vietnam! Don't print that! Don't print that!"

Spitzwater rejected criticism by Congressional Democrats that the multibillion-dollar drug war has been a failure.

"'Failure,' indeed!" scoffed Spitzwater. "Find a college student who got kicked out of school because he tried pot, or a businessman who lost his job because he did cocaine on his own time, and ask them if we 'failed' to ruin their lives."

Spitzwater broke up the meeting with reporters to put an ice pack on the head of the president, who was beginning to come around.

BRIEFLY

Mini-satire for busy readers

LAW: Hmmm ... Mike Tyson was convicted of brutally raping a young woman, eh? I guess we all owe Robin Givens an apology ...

POLITICS: If a poll were held today, most people think Bill Clinton would be slightly ahead of George Bush in the poll, according to a recent poll.

WEATHER: The entire country is reporting record-high temperatures this winter — even breaking the record-high temperatures they set last winter, and the record-high temperatures they set the winter before that, and so on. By the way, the whole global warming thing is a complete myth.

CELEBRITIES: Elizabeth Taylor meets, marries, divorces Mickey Mouse during birthday celebration. Close friends say Liz's new sweetheart is Goofy.



Spectrum

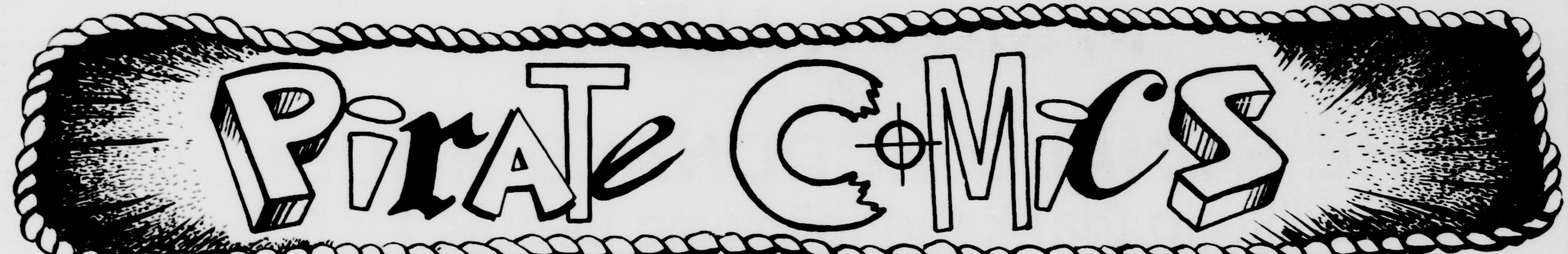
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Buy Some Fishing Tackle?

All few employees did grudgingly admit that their product might conceivably sometimes be used improperly for illicit purposes. One said he became a little suspicious when a young man, in a very expensive sweatshirt, drove up in a Mercedes and asked to order 25,000 self-sealers. He said he was using them for car leasing. Despite the usual applications of the ... the Drug Enforcement Agency does not classify them as drug paraphernalia. "Packaging material in and of itself is not illegal," says a DEA ... "Nevertheless, a number of manufacturers and distributors were under the impression that bags smaller than two inches square are illegal or at least officially discouraged. Several said they had received letters from the DEA asking for names of people who ordered the smallest bags, and some mentioned a memo from industry leader Minigrip that asked other companies to join them in a ban on the busy baggies. Susan Baker, an investigator for the DEA, said only that local DEA branches might ask bag manufacturers to furnish names as a courtesy." Minigrip sales manager Ken Richardson was even less certain about whether his company had ever distributed a memo. "There might be someone here who could know that," he said, "but I would not be myself."



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Payne looks to recruiting to improve 10-18 season

By Robert S. Todd
Assistant Sports Editor

It's been said that you can't know where you're going if you don't know where you've been.

While this old cliché still holds true, ECU's men's basketball season may best be forgotten. The "nightmare season," Head coach Eddie Payne once described, ended in Richmond at the hands of American University, 76-69.

"We had to shuffle our line-ups and our rotations constantly," Payne said. "Whenever, really, got our chemistry set. The team was always in flux — people's roles were changing and they never really got a chance to get comfortable."

Payne's first season at the helm of the Bucs' ship began smoothly. Excluding losses to Duke and Cincinnati, both nationally ranked and on their home courts, ECU played .500 basketball through their first 12 games. Then they had their legs swept out from under them — literally.

Ike Copeland, described as the heart and sole of the team, went down with the first anterior cruciate ligament tear. Then Kevin Armstrong, then Jeff Whitaker. All three on the right knee (so much for starting things out on the right foot).

Without Copeland at center the pirates lost eight of their next 10 games and fell to JMU 86-48 in their final meeting. With Copeland in the lineup, ECU took conference co-champion James Madison to overtime.

Frustration was the theme of the past season. Pirate faithful should not be too disappointed, however. With 42 player games lost to injury, it would be unfair to Payne and the entire team to expect much more than their 10-18

record, and sixth place finish — in a pre-season poll the Pirates were picked to finish seventh in the Colonial Athletic Association. The 10-18 record ties the ninth worst record in school history.

ECU played in a team record five overtime games, winning two, while losing six games by five points or less. If Copeland, Armstrong and Whitaker are worth six points extra per game the Bucs' record would be 16-12.

That may be a little optimistic and speculative but, "we lost eight ball games in the last 30," Payne said. "When you look at it from that perspective you know, or believe you could have done a little better."

To bring up any more of the disappointment and losing streaks (the longest being eight games) of this season would not be therapeutic. The season is over and no one can give us a chance to take away the mistakes that were made, the free throws that were missed, the knees that snapped, and the hearts that broke. Well, maybe not the hearts that broke.

A glimmer of hope still shines through in the thoughts of next year's basketball season. Lester "the Left Handed Gun Slinger" Lyons will be trying to improve to first team All-CAA from this year's second team honor, and be, perhaps, the premier guard in the conference — as a junior. Anton "Kill at Will" Gill was voted to the CAA All-Rookie team, and Ike "the Prez" Copeland will be

back at full strength — hopefully.

"He spends all his time working on his knee, he doesn't have any time to work on his game," Payne said of Copeland. However, the insertion of Copeland in next year's line up will still be an appreciated addition — even if he is not at full strength. With Copeland's work ethic and optimism, he is likely to be ready for the challenge of next season.

James "Fit Bull" Lewis will have an unexpected banner year under his belt as a contributing senior.

"I think (playing more) really helped him," Payne said of Lewis. "As a senior I expect him to be a really solid performer. He defends so well. The 7-footers he plays against — he gives all those guys problems."

The Bucs will also employ the

services of two freshmen standing at legitimate 6-foot 10-inches tall and 220 plus pounds. Bernard Cooper, one of the Twin Towers, attended the alma matter of Lyons, Bertie High School. Cooper and Don Douglas, out of Bishop O'Connell High School in Falls Church, Va.

"They have good bodies and can be physical," Payne said of the recruits. "They are not great players, but they could be good players. We don't have anybody 6-10, 230 and they can help us."

"We need (our recruits — signed and unsigned) to come in here and be impacts on our program and make our program better," he added.

Payne also said the Twin Towers are not the scorers that Gill is, but they

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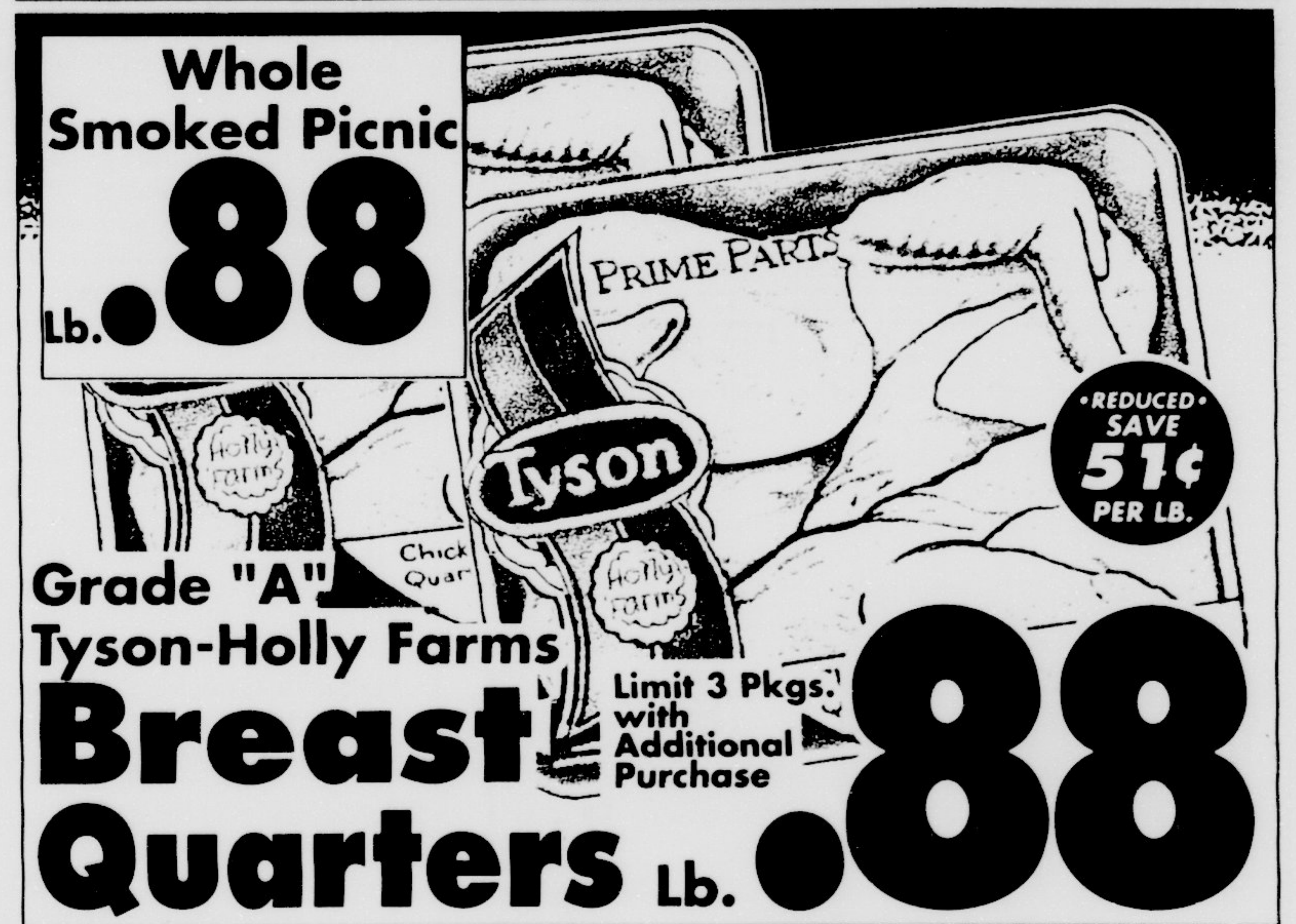
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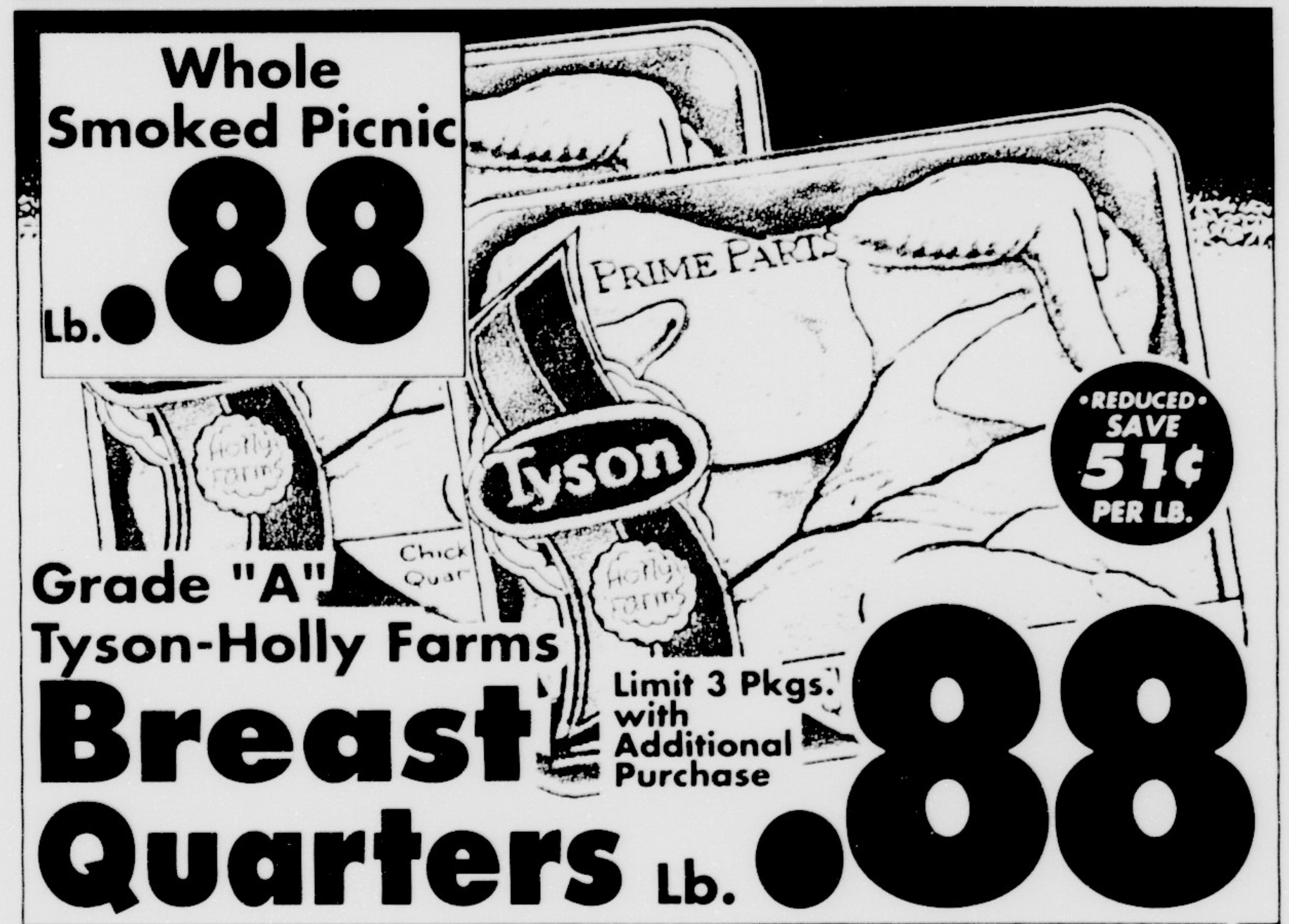
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