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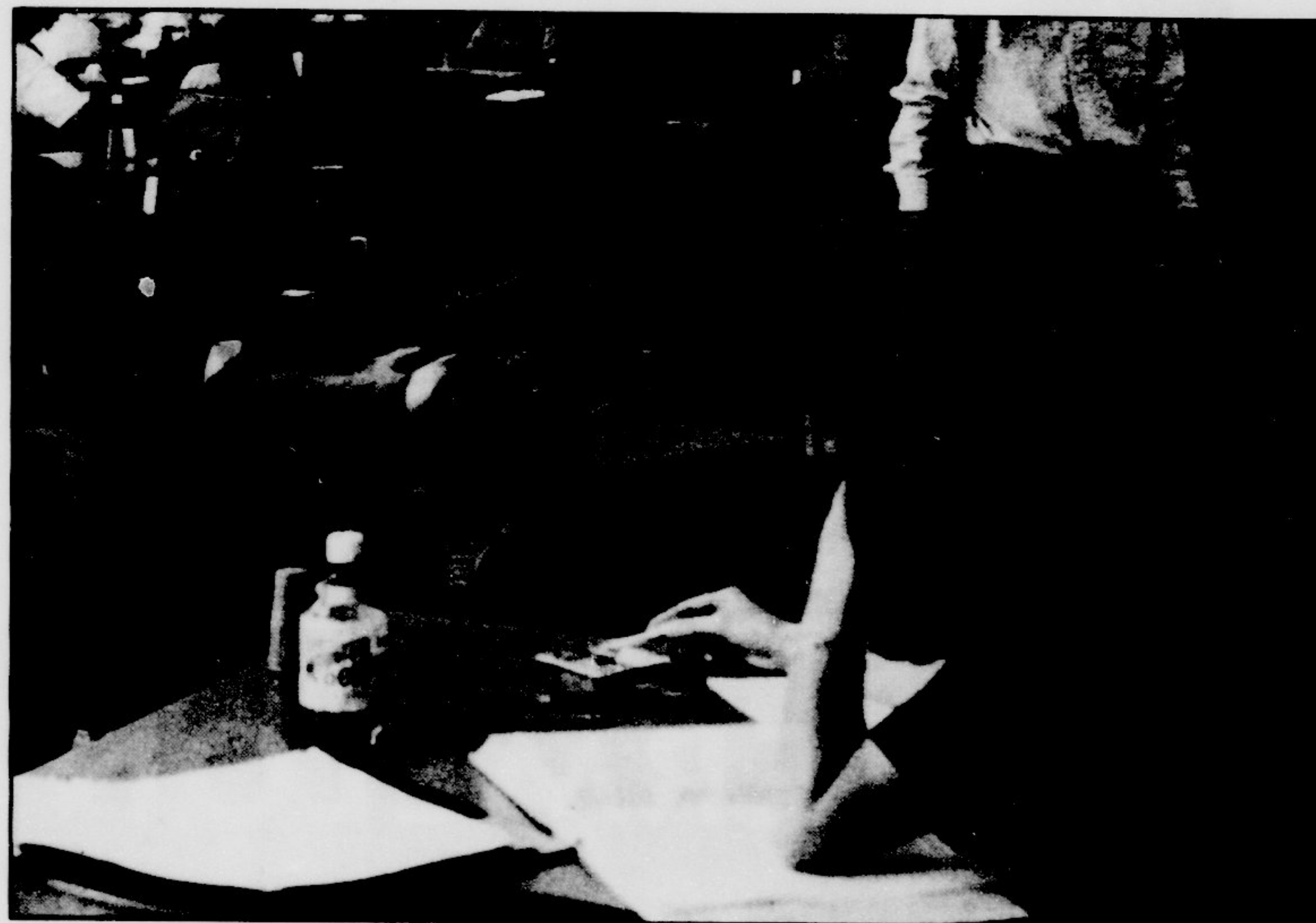


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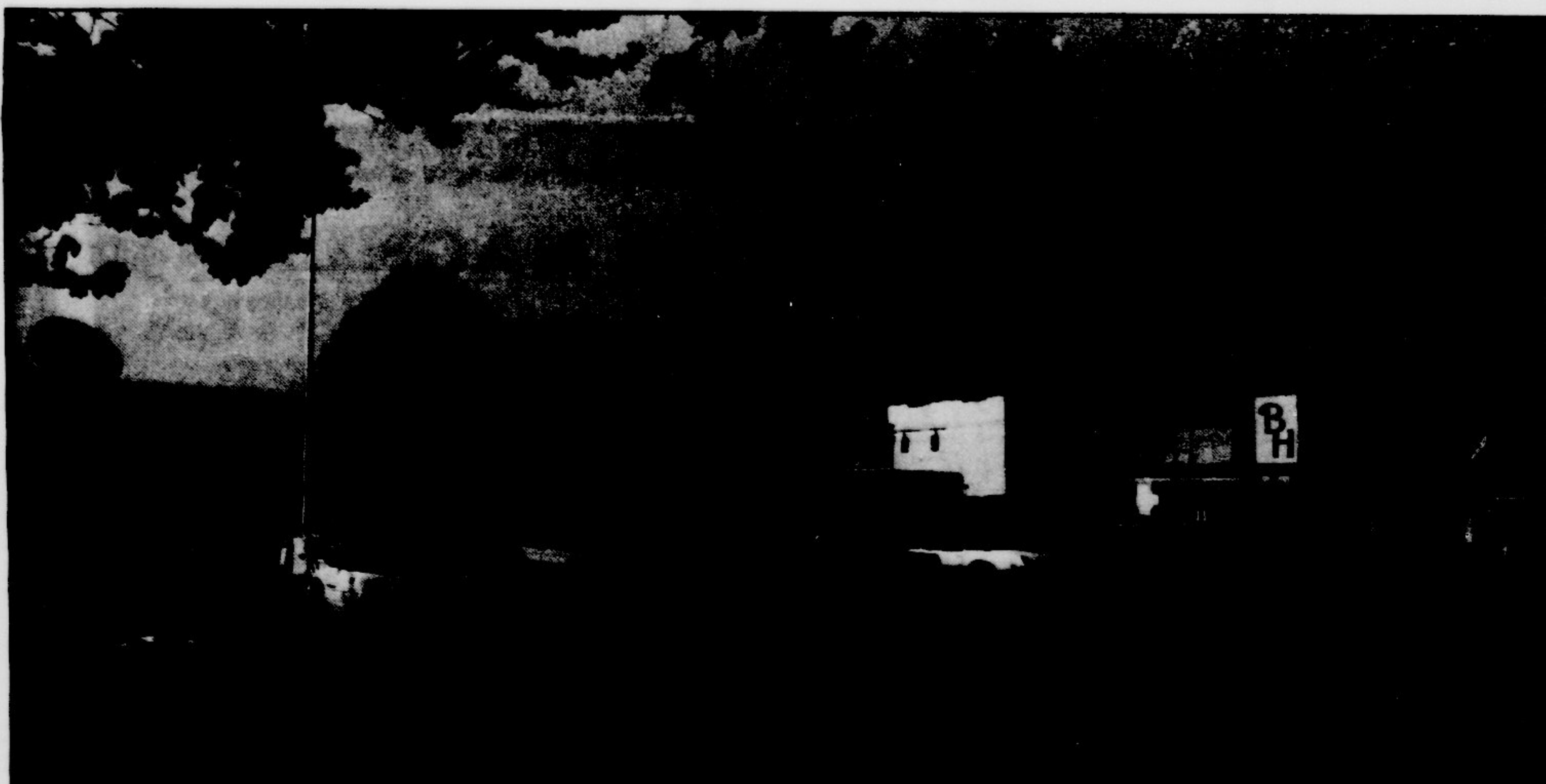


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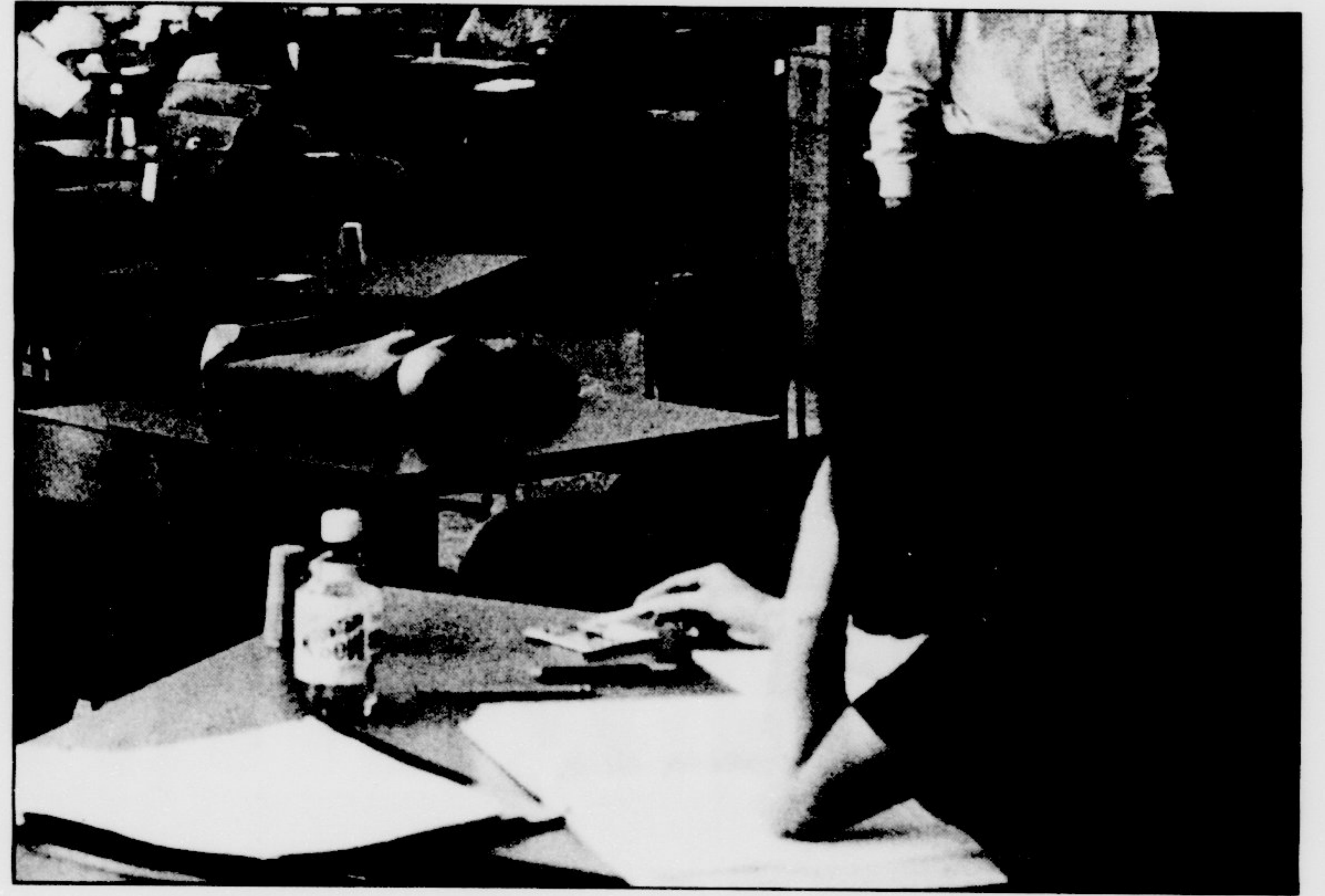


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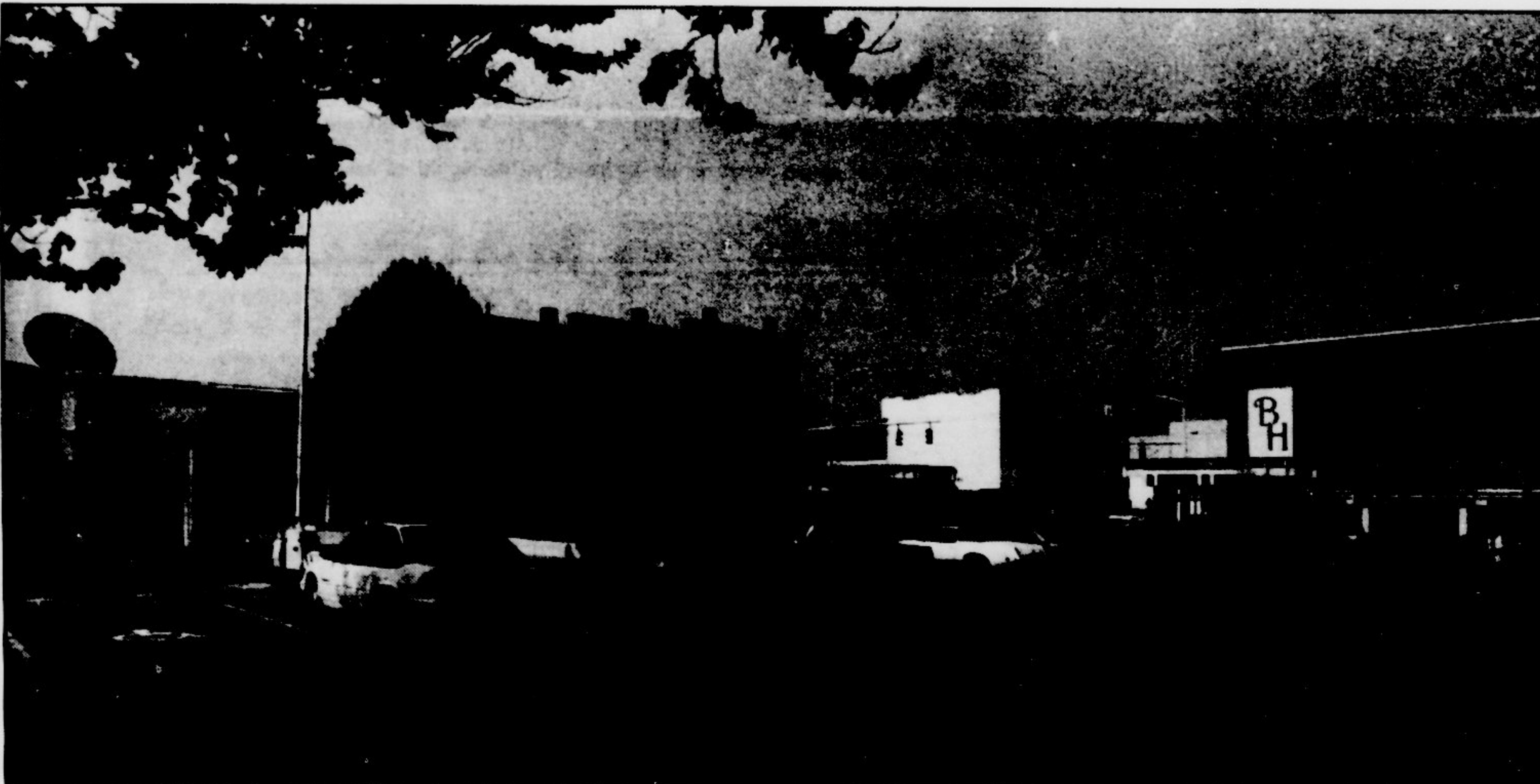


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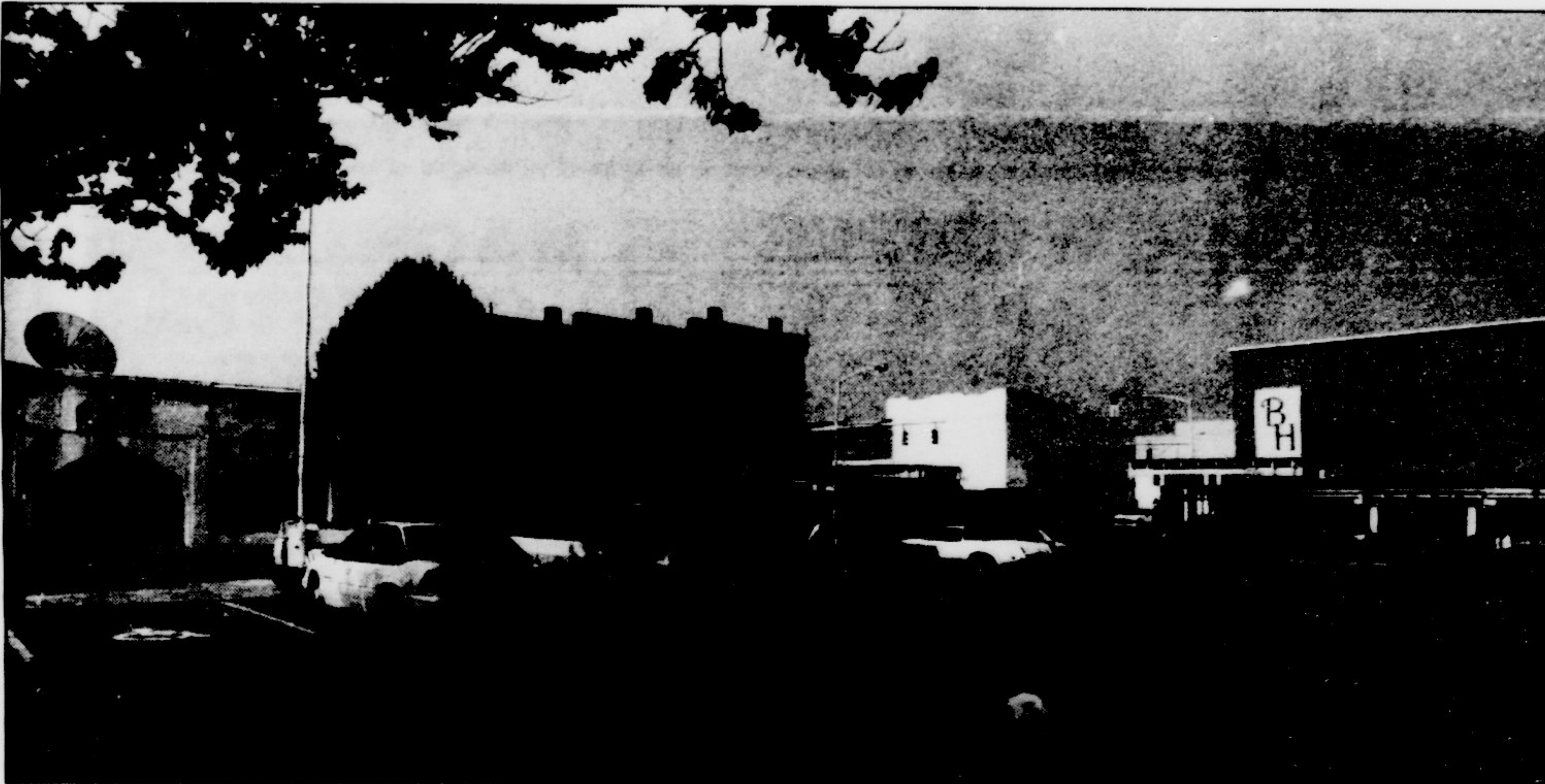


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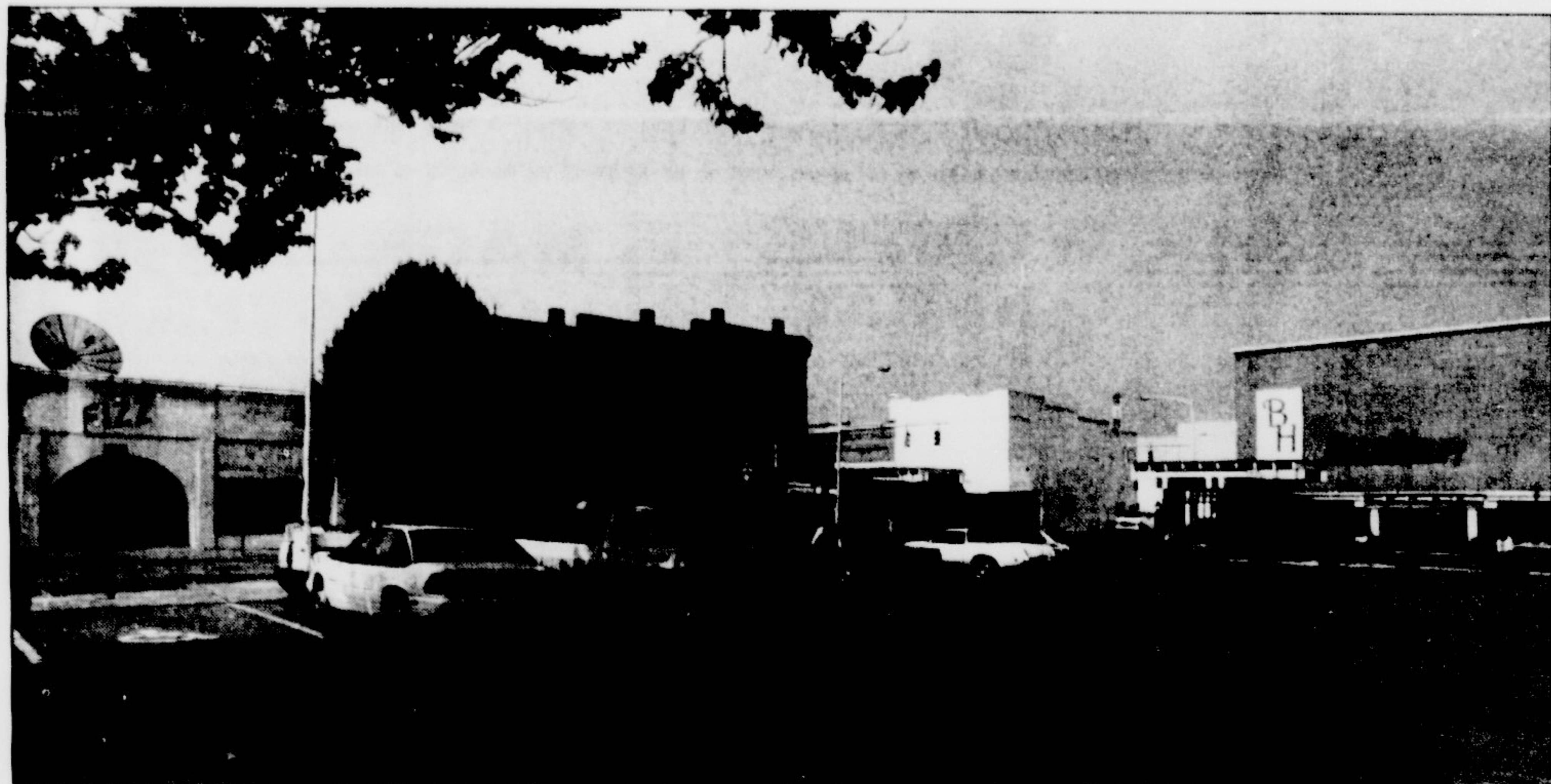


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At the recent city council meeting to discuss the addition of a new club downtown, city officials began blaming ECU for the area's crowded streets until SGA President Courtney Jones stuck up for the school and asked the city council to stick to the issue.

An unnamed businessman has plans to turn the vacant Blount-Harvey building on Fourth and Greene streets into a nightclub.

During the meeting, city council member Mildred Council, who voted against the new club opening, began to blame the city's previous problems with the downtown area on ECU students.

Council said that more bars would not be needed if ECU provided proper entertainment.

SGA President Courtney Jones, after earlier giving a speech about how ECU has moved in a more positive direction was outraged by Council's remarks.

"I am shocked that Ms. Council had that kind of attitude," Jones said. "As a 21-year resident of Greenville, I'm embarrassed that a representative of our community has such a negative and narrow-minded view of ECU and its students."

Jones attended the meeting and reminded the council that the crowd downtown is not just ECU students. She asked

Council to stick to the city zoning issue at hand after Council spoke at length about the city's problems with ECU students.

"ECU is getting bigger and better and Ms. Council needs to learn how to deal with the students because we're not going away," Jones said.

Council members Rufus Huggins, Blance Forbes and Bob Ramey voted to approve the ordinance. Whereas, Council and Inez Fridley voted against it.

In a split vote on Thursday, it was tentatively agreed to delete the 500-foot spacing requirement between nightclubs in Greenville, but the city council must vote again Aug. 24 because of a temporary absence of an at-large representative.

Without all the members necessary, the council must take two votes on the proposal.

Attorney Fred Mattox represents the unnamed client who wants to renovate the Blount-Harvey building and open a club. "There is literally no place in the downtown area that can meet these requirements," he told *The Daily Reflector*.

Opponents said the downtown area does

not need another club. Proponents said the area would benefit from the business.

The current alcohol-serving establishment within 500 feet of the Blount-Harvey building is The Fizz Bistro restaurant and nightclub, whose owner has no complaints with

the proposed competition.

"If approved, I don't think the new bar would hurt my business," said owner of The Fizz Bistro, Abdul Kamalpasha. "The club would be a private club, so it may hurt the other private clubs in the area."

"I see no reason why a bar or a club should not be opened because of an antiquated rule designed to prevent even more entertaining nightclubs simply because they choose to serve liquor," said former employee of The Fizz and senior Johnray Fuller.

"We need new life down there, we need to stimulate downtown in any way we can," Mayor Pro-tem Rufus Huggins said to *The Daily Reflector*.

Mattox said the city's comprehensive plan calls for the downtown area to serve as the city's entertainment center and yet the number of bars downtown has stayed the same while the enrollment of ECU has increased.

Clinton makes MTV debut

LOS ANGELES (CPS)—Bill Clinton wanted, and got, his MTV.

The Democratic presidential contender, speaking to 18- to 24-year-olds on MTV, let it slip that he's a Leo. (George Bush is a Gemini.) That he went "nuts" over Elvis Presley. (There's no accounting for taste.) That if he could try it again, he may inhale, and not just puff, marijuana. (Not legal, remember?)

Heady stuff, but the stuff presidential campaigns appear to be made of this year.

Clinton, governor of Arkansas and Democratic presidential candidate, appeared on an MTV "Town Hall" meeting that was broadcast June 16.

President Bush was invited by MTV to host such a meeting, as was Ross Perot, an unannounced candidate for president. Neither has accepted the invitation, but they "are taking it seriously," an MTV spokeswoman said.

New York-based MTV extended the hour-long show by a half an hour when audience members kept asking questions about Clinton's stands, policies, political views and rock 'n' roll preferences. About 200 young people attended the taping, which was held in Los Angeles.

An MTV spokeswoman in New York said having Clinton on the video channel was "part of a campaign to bring our viewers things they're interested in."

Clinton apparently likes to make unconventional appearances on television; he also appeared on the Arsenio Hall show and played his saxophone.

But MTV? "It was a great way to reach young voters. We were definitely pleased," said Clinton campaign spokeswoman Max Parker.

"It seemed that the audiences enjoyed it, and he enjoyed it."

Splash dance



Photo by Biff Ransom — The East Carolinian

The rising heat index put most students in a sweat but these two found a way to cool off. Current temperatures are in the hundreds with lots of humidity.

greenville this week

The Eastern Carolina Multicultural Center is presenting a film festival focusing on Asian Indian culture. For more information contact Dr. Mohammed Ahad at 830-0521 or Dr. Prabha Khazanie at 355-2540.

Wednesday, July 15: An Indian Language (Hindi) film, "Thodasa Romani Ho Jayen", ("Let There Be a Wee Bit of Romance") will be shown on wide-screen TV at the School of nursing ECU room 209 at 1 p.m. No Charge.

Thursday, July 16: A Hindi language film, "Ek Din Achanak", ("Suddenly One Day") will be shown on wide screen TV above the cafeteria in the Conference Room of the Pitt County Memorial Hospital at 7 p.m. No charge.

Friday, July 17: The latest Indian travel film will be shown, with the movie "Samgam" or "Saalm Bombay" in the Conference Room of Pitt County Memorial Hospital. An Invitational Travel Seminar will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Hilton. Travel agents, public relations officers and media representatives are encouraged to attend. No charge.

Saturday, July 18: Two films will be shown at the Park Theater in downtown Greenville. At 1 p.m. Satyajit Ray's Oscar-winning film, "Ganasru" ("Peoples' Enemy") will play and at 3 p.m. Mira Mair's "Mississippi Masala," starring Academy Award-winning Denzel Washington. The main event of the week will be a short program held in the Evans St. Mall at 5 p.m. Guests will be a representative of the Indian Embassy, Mayor Nancy Jenkins and an actor from the film "Mississippi Masala."

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Racial check policy dropped

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (CPS) — The city of Champaign dropped a 2-year-old policy of requiring merchants to record the race of check writers after some University of Illinois students and local citizens expressed outrage about the practice.

The Champaign Police Department said that the practice helped them identify people who wrote worthless checks.

The university's Student Legal Service had received six complaints during spring semester about the enforcement of the policy at a Champaign bookstore, said Thomas Betz, an attorney for the legal service.

Stephen David, a graduate student, said he filed a complaint because "the practice is extremely suspicious."

The policy stated that police would investigate bounced checks only if the check-writer's race, sex and birth date and the type of identification used were written on the check.

David said before the city rescinded the policy.

"Students deeply object to the racial classification being used. Placing a racial classification on the face of a check strikes many as insulting and reminiscent of apartheid laws," Betz said.

"I find it appalling that a country that's supposed to be a bastion of human rights and dignity still uses race as a category for identification," David said.

At one bookstore, clerks used a two-letter code to record a check-writer's race, David noted.

Before the city voted 6-1 to drop the policy, bookstore owner Bob Tichenor said merchants felt they had no choice other than record the race of the check-writer's.

"We do what the police require us to do. The police is repugnant to me, but I have to follow it if I want to collect my money," Tichenor said he tries to collect \$2,000 to \$3,000 in worthless checks each year.

Champaign Mayor Dannel McColm and Deputy Chief John Gnagey defended the policy, saying it speeded the investigation of a bounced check by narrowing the search for the check-writer.

Champaign Police Chief Donald Hanna told the Daily Illini that the state attorney needed the racial identification in order to issue a warrant for an arrest.

But State's Attorney Thomas Difanis said he "never required that merchants take down the race of a person on checks."

"My only requirement is that there is some identification of a photo ID presented and that the merchant can identify the customer," Difanis said. "I didn't expect the merchants to provide information like race to me."

The Champaign City Council approved the policy in January 1991.

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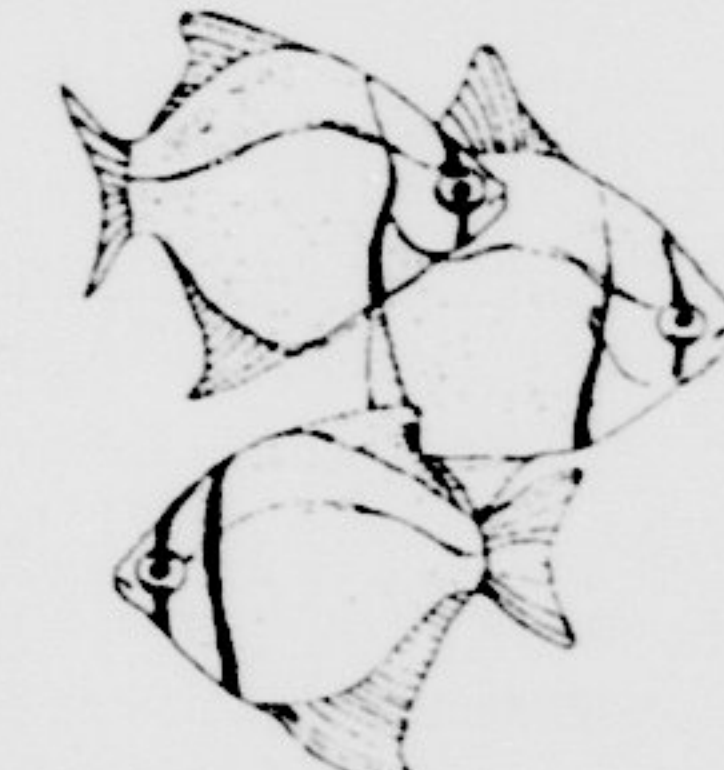
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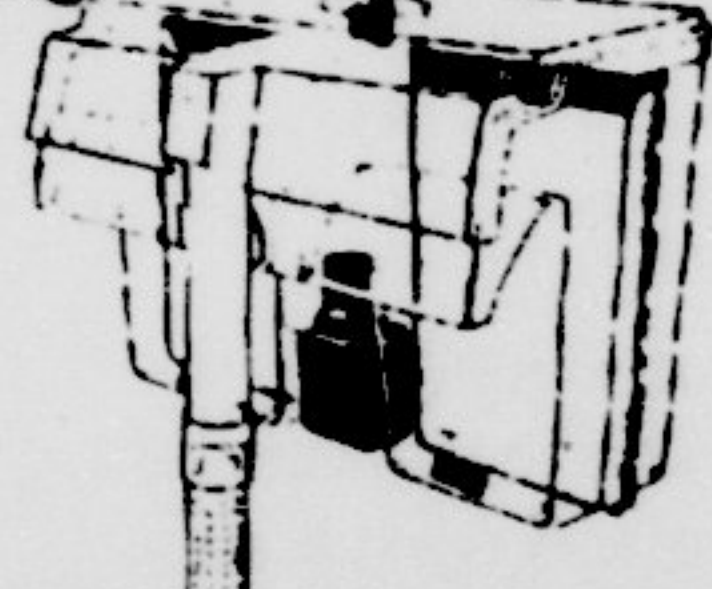
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Courtney Jones proves her dedication

Despite the dark shadow cast on the SGA by secretary Sherry Smith's resignation, Courtney Jones has managed to turn the ship around.

With her bold stature displayed at two public meetings last week, Jones proved that she holds the determination and will to perform her duties as president.

At the Board of Trustees meeting, Jones voted with only one other member against the proposal to ban smoking on campus.

Jones, a non-smoker, demonstrated her dedication to the students by standing up for smoker's rights.

Our president also voiced the students' opinion at the local city-council meeting. Under attack by two members who said that ECU is responsible

for over-crowded streets in the downtown area, Jones stood up to the council. She demanded an end to the ECU bashing and a solution to the real problems between Greenville and the University.

Past leaders have failed in this area while Courtney Jones now succeeds. Truly, this is testimony to her strength as a leader.

Actions such as these prove Jones' true dedication to the needs of the students. Although Jones acted as all SGA presidents should, she nonetheless deserves laudations for her staunch resistance to the would-be abuse of students.

A summer that began with a confusing scandal, now continues with Jones' perseverance to real issues confronting ECU students.

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A View From Above

Music industry or McDonald's

By T. Scott Batchelor
Editorial Columnist

meretricious: adj. 1. Pertaining to or resembling a prostitute. 2a. Attracting attention in a vulgar manner. b. Lacking sincerity. see MADONNA

As you can tell by the above bit of sardonic humor, I recently had occasion to see Madonna's movie, "Truth or Dare," an unflinching, behind-the-scenes look at promiscuity, brazen lechery, and... wait a minute, I was thinking about the Democratic National Convention.

Anyway, "Truth or Dare" gives us an uncensored and irreverent glimpse into the free-spirited life-style of America's most successful female pop star, Madonna. Before I saw this movie I had a pretty strong idea that Madonna wasn't exactly a candidate for beautification, but I never guessed how tawdry she and her cohorts could be.

In one scene alone, we watch voyeuristically at two male dancers French kiss each other for about ten minutes, another dancer exposes his genitals, and Madonna demonstrates fellatio on a bottle of mineral water. (And Dan Quayle

picks on Murphy Brown? Go figure.) Madonna's behavior proves that her name, with its connotations of purity and holiness, is one of the best examples of verbal irony ever displayed.

But Madonna is not alone. There exists in the music business a veritable sea of such acts, albeit of lesser magnitude, but of similar composition. Many of these people are launched into stardom from glitzy, high-production talent shows.

I was watching one of these ultra-glam "You Too Can Become A Star" programs the other night when I couldn't sleep. I'd like to say my remote control got stuck on that channel, but I'd be lying. Like slowing down to look at a car wreck, I just couldn't turn away.

Andy Warhol is the one to blame for this type of programming. Television producers see themselves as the fulfillers of Warhol's ill-advised proclamation that everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes. They hastily round up some buxom babes, a celebrity emcee, and a few hundred wanna-be's to sing and dance their little hearts out, and Voilà! you've got yourself a show.

What bothers me most about these offerings may at first seem a bit neurotic, but upon closer examination, I'm sure you will agree with me. I'm talking about... microphones.

Remember the good old days? Roger Daltrey of The Who would come out on stage holding his big, metal mike

like a rock-and-roll scepter, swinging the thing around lasso-fashion and catching it perfectly (well, almost) every time.

If you were lucky, the cord would break in mid-spin, sending the microphone into a low-earth orbit over the heads of the rapt audience. Now that was a concert.

And let's not forget the late Jim Morrison. Jim seemed to have a special relationship with his microphone stand. He would caress it lovingly, pick it up in a chrome embrace, and dance around on stage with it, like two lovers on a ballroom floor.

I'm certain there are laws against that in most states.

But today things are different. In order to be able to sing and dance simultaneously, performers wear state-of-the-art Radio Shack looking contraptions on their heads. These artists, (and I use that term in the broadest sense), look like McDonald's drive-thru attendants. I keep expecting one of them to stop in the middle of a song titled "Papa Don't Sermonize," and take an order for a Big Mac and fries.

Or equally frightening is the thought that, given another air traffic controller's strike, these singer-dancers could be directing air traffic while bouncing about the stage like a bunch of randy gazelles.

Hopefully I won't be around when it happens. I'm hopping the next Magic Bus the hell out of here.



Maxwell's Silver Hammer

'92 Election plagued with non-issues

By Scott Maxwell
Editorial Columnist

Oh, great. 1992 is shaping up to be another election year packed with non-issues.

A non-issue is anything that politicians and the press pretend is a serious matter worthy of your extended consideration, but which is in fact a silly, time-wasting diversion.

Most recently, thanks to Republican operative Floyd Brown — the charming fellow who brought you the Willie Horton commercial in 1988 — Clinton's alleged affair has resurfaced. Apparently not convinced he has stooped low enough, Brown also offers voters a chance to hear Flowers' doctored tapes of conversations with Clinton.

Assuming it even happened, Clinton's affair is a non-issue. (And a recycled non-issue, at that.) There exists no evidence that Clinton has had an affair, only rumors and altered tapes.

If we will convict a man on the strength of rumors, let's convict George Bush for his role in the "October Surprise," Iran-Contra, his own alleged affair, and so on. Then worry about Clinton. Otherwise, bury the story.

While we're on the subject of Clinton, we may as well consider the other two non-issues surrounding him: draft dodging and drug use.

Despite Clinton's on-again, off-again draft registration, he's right that he did fairly enter his name for the draft. And, when he did, he really didn't know whether he would be drafted. Given the Nixon administration's unpredictability and dishonesty, no one knew what would happen. Clinton was in the dark. Just

like everyone else. End of non-issue.

Now, as for Clinton's dance with the devil weed... after thinking about it, I actually believe Clinton's curious tale of trying marijuana without inhaling. Clinton seems like exactly the sort of person who would have given in to peer pressure enough to pretend to smoke the joint. And he seems like exactly the sort of person who

Non-issues work to the benefit of all politicians, even the ones on the receiving end. That way they can postpone admitting that they don't really know what the heck they're doing, or how to solve our country's problems.

wouldn't have the courage to really try it.

In any event, Clinton's make-believe "experiment" with reefer seems to have degraded neither his mental functioning nor his antipathy toward others who do today essentially what he did a couple of decades ago. He's parroting the anti-drug line as much as anyone else. So. End of non-issue.

On the Republican side, the biggest non-issue of the year has been Vice President Quayle's spelling. Quayle's incorrect spelling of "potatoe"—er, "potato"—was amusing, but also a non-issue. Quayle's "family values" silli-

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Campus Spectrum

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By Heather Lockye
President, ECU Students for Life

When I opened my East Carolinian yesterday, I was slapped in the face with yet another editorial complaining about the Supreme Court's ruling in the Pennsylvania Case. I feel the ruling was long overdue.

Abortion is the third most commonly performed operation today. However, until last week, the abortion industry was virtually unregulated.

Let's suppose you decided to have elective surgery. There are considerable risks to your physical and psychological well-being involved in the operation; however, the doctor is under no obligation to tell you of these risks unless you ask. Suppose you

don't ask, and the doctor, afraid you might change your mind, doesn't tell you. You go ahead with the surgery and, due to complications, you lose your foot.

This is how abortion has been for twenty years. Abortion, contrary to popular belief, is not without risks. It is a disservice to women not to inform them of this.

Why shouldn't women be informed about fetal development and alternatives to abortion? Many do not know that the unborn child's heart begins to beat at twenty-four days. They are unaware that by eight weeks, the fetus is a tiny, completely formed human being with all the organs and systems necessary for life. The only things it needs are nutrition and time to grow.

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baboon's liver. I am sure their perspectives would change once such a situation affected them directly.

It's as if other animals lower in nature's hierarchy take priority over Man as long as it's some other man suffering and not themselves.

Also I personally know several of these so-called "activists" who enjoy a good pig-picking and seafood dinner just as much as the hunters and fishermen enjoy gathering these animals for our consumption.

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Secondly, Batchelor's article brilliantly articulates the conservative side of this controversial issue. Did you readers out there catch that buzz word: conservative. Yes, it's true. A conservative point of view isn't often given in The East Carolinian. Perhaps, in this regard, even our newspaper deserves a thumbs-up!

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RALEIGH (AP) — Pressures on teen athletes to succeed can sometimes lead to violence or abnormal behavior on the playing field, experts on sports behavior say.

"Everybody sees sports now as a potential avenue to enhance their economic and social status," said John Silva, a professor of sports science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"It starts early and most people realize that by 11 or 12 years old the selection process becomes very hostile," he said. "That's when kids start getting cut from teams and the parents start feeling the pressure of maybe their son or daughter not playing a sport in high school."

"There is a real domino effect here," he said. "That age of 11, 12 or 13 is a very, very significant window. There is more than emotional investments. There is also the social prestige of why I want my child to be successful in sports. That's a pretty volatile equation."

Rick Strunk, a spokesman for the North Carolina High School

Athletic Association, said the organization representing more than 300 schools statewide tries to guard against such thinking.

"One of the things that we have tried to hammer home (to the athletes) is that less than 1 percent go on to play college," Strunk said. "That window is extremely narrow. The thing that hurts me is when I see a 12-year-old kid that is 4-foot-8 and he says he's going to play in the NBA."

Two violent acts surrounding North Carolina baseball games the past two months may result from such pressures, behavior experts said.

In May, a Whiteville man was charged with cutting the throat of a rival youth league coach. Officials said the two coaches had argued over a baseball game their teams of 8- and 10-year-olds had played.

Richard Blackwell, 45, pleaded guilty to an assault charge. He won't spend any time in jail but, as part of his punishment, a judge banned Blackwell from coaching youth

league baseball until 1994.

Last month, a Hamett County teen-ager was arrested on assault charges after he was accused of hitting an umpire in the chest with a bat over a strike call made during an American Legion baseball game.

Timothy Daurity, 17, of Buies Creek is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 6. His father is the head baseball coach at Campbell University. Both have declined to discuss the incident.

"When it comes to violence it has gotten way out of hand," said Glenn Barham, the veteran umpire who was hit by the bat. "I don't know what their (teens) mind set is. I don't know where they get their opinions. I don't know if it comes from poor coaching or what."

"We have to be careful not to

pick on just sports," said John Wilson, a professor of sports sociology at Duke University. "These are trends that are occurring in society. ... The readiness in which people will resort to violence to resolve arguments is probably increasing."

Sports is not immune to these trends."

Silva said abnormal baseball behavior is often learned by youths who

watch managers and their favorite players on television kick dirt on umpires or stand inches apart, jawing about a call.

"I think there is a problem with the erosion of respect for authority," said Silva, who has done extensive studies of violence in hockey and basketball. "Not only are these acts viewed as legitimate, but they are expected (in baseball). You have

passive acceptance of this behavior. You have role models that will act out this behavior and receive minimal punishment. ... This is no deterrent whatsoever."

"...Someone acting out against a sports official was abnormal 20 years ago," he said. "You got labeled by the media as being a bad sport."

But Silva and Wilson feel that today increased salaries for professional athletes and changing social values have skewed behavior for youths and their parents.

"Money is certainly an issue," Silva said. "Being successful in sports professionally can totally secure you and several other members of your family for life. There is greater economic pressure involved here."

"The fabric of society has also changed over the last 20 years," he added. "I think we have more situations where children are being brought up under less structured environments."

"People tend to focus on the

money issue," Wilson said. "But I think a lot of it has to do with the creation of a labor market for professional athletes. There has been an expansion of sports opportunities, and this has created pressures on colleges, high schools and even little leagues to function as farm teams."

Sportsmanship also is being taught less and less by parents, they said.

Silva is optimistic recent poor sportsmanship will change.

"It is going to come back around," Silva said. "People realize we have to provide some structure and guidance. We have to have positive socialization experiences."

In May, the high school association raised the fine for on-the-field brawls to \$500 — largest in NCHSAA history and a hefty price for a school to pay, Strunk said.

Strunk said no particular incident led to the increased fine, but fighting had been a problem recently in other states.

"One of the things we have to hammer home (to the athletes) is that less than one percent go on to play college."

**Rick Strunk
NCHSAA**

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IOC overrules U.N.; Yugoslavia gets nod for Barcelona

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslav athletes have achieved a small Olympic victory even before the games begin: They will be allowed to participate despite strict United Nations sanctions that have barred them from most international sporting events.

But the European and world champion men's basketball team will not compete, having been banned from the trials because of the international sanctions aimed at pressuring the truncated country to end the ethnic warfare.

Other Yugoslav athletes will compete under the neutral Olympic flag and anthem. That compromise was accepted by the Yugoslav Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee, Barcelona organizers and the Spanish government.

While the decision to allow Yugoslav athletes to compete was a welcome diversion for Yugoslavia's avid sports fans, the inability of the basketball team to compete was a bitter blow.

"We Can Only Feel Sorry," read

the headline of the Vecernje Novosti daily Saturday. But "basketball will not die in this country," it quoted Zeljko Obradovic, the team's coach, as saying.

Although many of the best basketball players now play for the former Yugoslav republic that has become independent Croatia, Yugoslavia was expected to field a strong team.

It can now expect the best results in water polo and handball for men and in basketball for women.

In Barcelona, Yugoslav athletes also will compete in track and field, table tennis, women's handball, wrestling, cycling and shooting.

The agreement to allow Yugoslavs to compete in the Olympics ended weeks of uncertainty caused by the U.N. sanctions against Yugoslavia, a former six-republic federation now reduced to just Serbia and Montenegro. The sanctions, designed to punish Serbia for fomenting violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina, included a sports boycott.

IOC director-general Francois

Carrard said the IOC wants to ensure that other parts of former Yugoslavia not yet recognized by the Olympic movement — Bosnia-Herzegovina in particular — can also send athletes to Barcelona.

Bosnian athletes would be affiliated with the Independent Team, he said.

But the Bosnian news agency BH Press reported Friday that officials in the besieged capital of Sarajevo protested over the decision to allow Yugoslav athletes to enter the Barcelona Olympics.

"Being a host to the Winter Olympics in 1984, Sarajevo has a right to ... express its bitterness and

issue a strong protest over the decision that allowed the country which is committing a genocide over our country to participate in the Olympics," Sarajevo officials said in a letter to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Macedonia, another former Yugoslav republic, will decide Monday whether to enter the Olympics along with Yugoslavs, according to published reports.

Under the terms brokered by Samaranch, the Yugoslav athletes will not be representing Yugoslavia. They will be represented by the Olympic flag and be known as the Independent Team.

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