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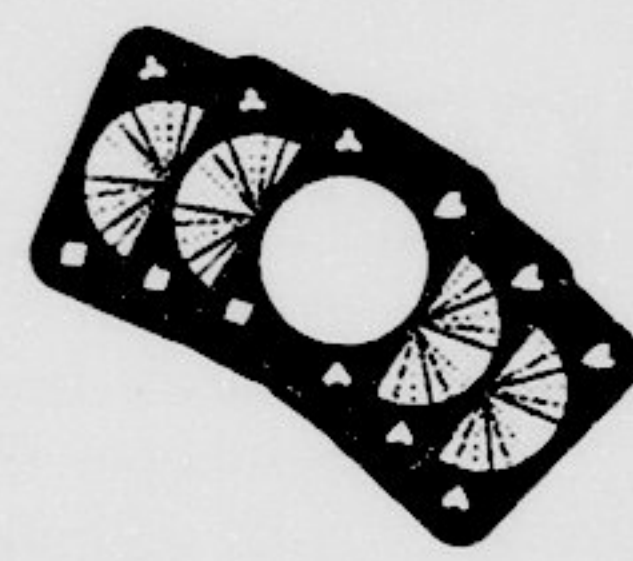
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Two people attacked on Town Commons

Rape and assault on Greenville couple has police searching for answers; police continue to look for clues that will lead to the capture of the assailants



Photo courtesy of The Daily Reflector

The amphitheater, located on the Greenville Town Commons, shows a grisly reminder of the attacks that took place on June 27.

By Maureen Rich
Staff Writer

Greenville police continue to investigate the violent rape and assault that occurred at the Town Common amphitheater in the early morning hours of June 27. The assailants remain at large while police focus their attention on leads, Officer William Harris of the Greenville Police Department said Tuesday.

According to police reports, the victims, a white male and female, stated they were accosted by four black males armed with a sawed-off shotgun who initially demanded money from the couple.

At that time two of the men began to assault the male victim, identified as Kevin Douglas Barbee. One of the suspects sexually assaulted the female victim.

A "Carolina" hat was recovered at the assault scene.

Police urge anyone at the Town Common between midnight and 3 a.m. that night or anyone with information regarding the assaults to contact the Greenville Police Department at 830-4315 or Crimestoppers at 758-7777.

This incident adds to statistics indicating that as the temperature rises, so do the number

of assaults, particularly rapes, said Erin McCall, program coordinator of the REAL Crisis Center and Pitt County Rape Victim Advocate.

A 1991 North Carolina Uniform Crime Report stated that a forcible rape is reported to the police every 3 hours and 48 minutes, while a 1991 United States Uniform Crime Report stated a forcible rape is reported to police every 5 minutes.

The REAL Crisis Center receives five times as many rape reports as police, McCall said.

Among the many services The REAL Crisis Center offers is a "Third Party Anonymous Rape Report," McCall said.

This offers victims an opportunity to assist police in the apprehension of rape suspects without divulging their identity. Victims report such information as where the attack occurred — which gives police an indication

of what areas to watch and a description of the assailant(s). Persons providing such information are not required to prosecute, McCall said, or provide their name.

Prevention is a major focus of the REAL Crisis Center and pamphlets and further information are available to the public.

"Don't put yourself in a situation where something like this can occur."

Officer William Harris
Greenville Police Department

parks close at 11 p.m.

"We recommend that people not go there [after those hours]," Harris said. "We're trying to make sure that we have patrol officers double-check, along with the park rangers."

"You can simply be anywhere today at the wrong time," said Keith Knox, ECU Crime Prevention Public Information Officer. "We live in a society today

that's not as safe as it used to be, a very violent society."

Knox said there are many misconceptions concerning safety, and while a lone individual places himself or herself in serious danger, even people traveling in pairs pose great risks to themselves, as last weekend's violence indicates.

"Although we feel like we're grown-ups, and we can go anywhere anytime we so desire because we have that given right, we simply cannot take that type of chance, because we live in such a violent society," Knox said.

Education and preventative-measure awareness are two key elements stressed by both the REAL Crisis Center and the ECU Department of Public Safety. REAL's Guidebook for Victims of Rape and Sexual Assault uses the formula "Isolation + Vulnerability = Target" to clarify one way of preventing a sexual assault.

A Sexual Assault Prevention booklet distributed by the NC Crime Prevention Division provides a reminder: "Every woman is a potential victim."

The REAL Crisis Center is located at 312 E. 10th Street, and counselors can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 758-HELP.

Russian professors teach class at ECU

By Laura Allard
Staff Writer

This summer, ECU is using the talents of two foreign professors to teach computer classes in the Decision Science department. The professors, Alexander Mechitov and Helen Moshkovich, will instruct an introductory course while they complete a mutual research project with professors at ECU.

The project involves the creation of several different types of decision support systems.

Mechitov teaches at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow, while Moshkovich, his wife, is more involved with independent research.

Both professors were chosen to work at ECU as a result of a previous acquain-

tance with ECU Decision Science professor Dr. Robert Schellenberger at a conference held in Miami in November of 1991.

The professors' research specifically involves the School of Business' Decision Science department since this is the only area that ECU and the Russian Academy have in common.

Schellenberger said that the research on decision making has been "exceedingly helpful as (the Russian teachers) have approached similar problems somewhat differently but with a lot of common threads." Schellenberger hopes this project "will be a start of a continuing process."

Schellenberger said Mechitov and Moshkovich are teaching an introductory decision science class "in order to get a feel

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Alexander Mechitov (bottom left) and Helen Moshkovich bring Russia to the United States. Both professors teach an introductory decision science course here at ECU.

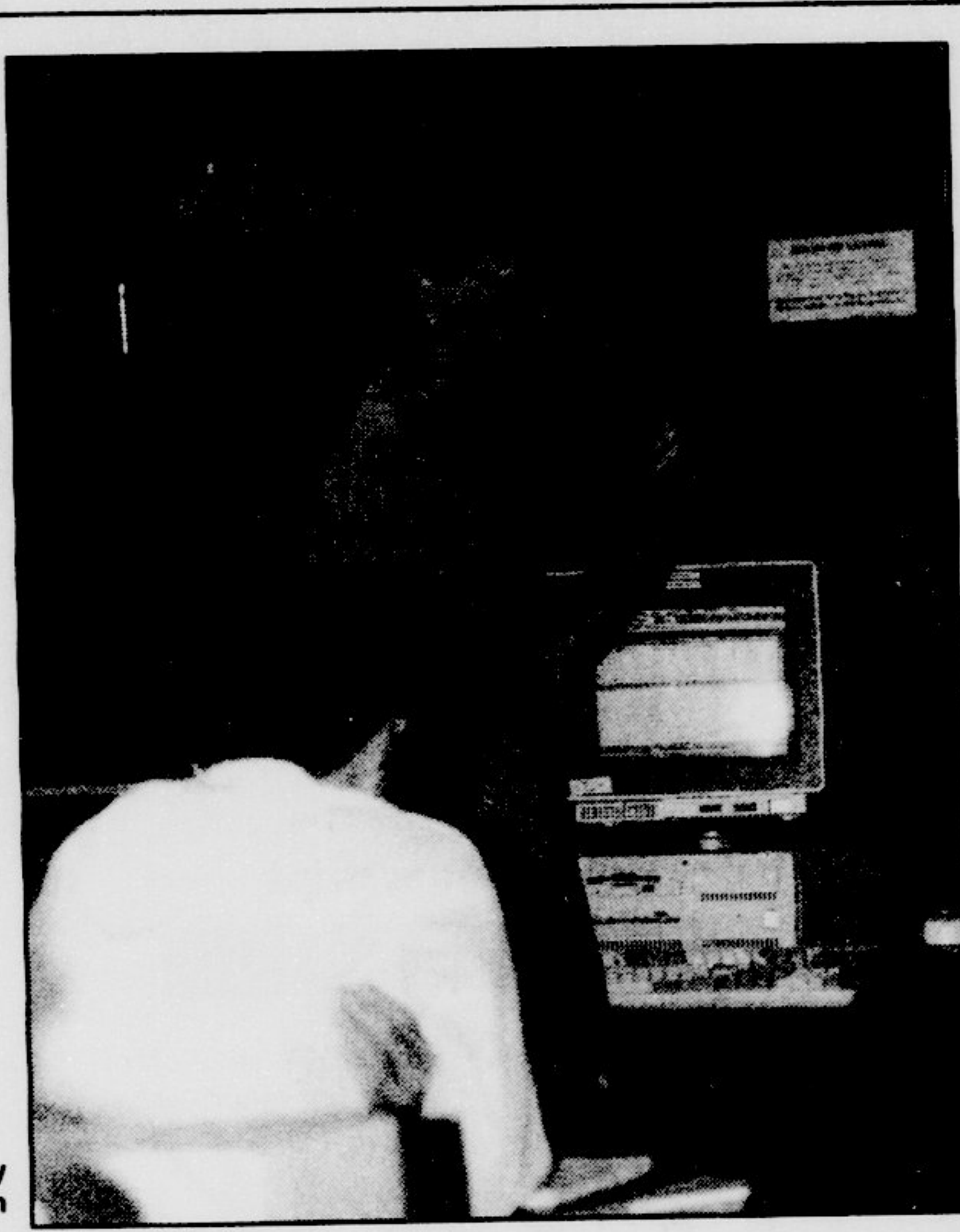


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Chancellor elected to chair CFA

By Maureen Rich
Staff Writer

ECU Chancellor Richard R. Eakin has recently had more stress added to his life, but he is smiling about it!

Eakin was elected the new chairperson of the board for the College Football Association (CFA), a duty which brings much responsibility for Eakin, but a broader spotlight for ECU, particularly the football team.

"I was delighted (to be elected)," Eakin said, "I think it says something very good about ECU and CFA." Eakin will serve a one-year term, with the opportunity to be re-elected next year.

The CFA comprises some 67 universities from across the country who have joined together to represent most major Division 1A college football programs, with the exception of programs affiliated with the Big Ten conferences and Pacific Athletic Conferences, Eakin said.

CFA represents member institutions in developing contracts with major television networks for the airing of college football games.

This fall ECU will face Syracuse University in a struggle to be aired nationwide by the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN). This airing is the result of a contract signed between ESPN and CFA, Eakin said.

CFA's Board of Directors met the weekend of June 5 in Dallas, Texas, at which time Eakin was elected to chairperson of the position.

Until his election, Eakin held a seat on the Board of Directors for two years. Dr. E. Roger Sayers, president of the University of Alabama, previously held the position of chairperson for two years.

Each year the CFA determines their need for a new chairperson. The selection

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Residents fight high waters

PERUQUE, Mo. (AP) — Flood-weary Midwesterners helped by National Guardsmen fought high water from the mighty Mississippi today as it rose to record heights and threatened to keep on rising.

Another round of downpours Monday fed the flood from the already swollen river, breaking more levees, forcing more evacuations and destroying crops. Additional storms were forecast at least through the end of the week, contributing to the region's worst flooding since 1965.

In West Alton, residents and Guardsmen worked through the night stacking sandbags atop levees protecting the town.

Troops also have been called in to help in flooded areas of Iowa and Illinois.

A little up the river at Peruque, a levee was breached Monday and 11 rural homes had to be evacuated. Thousands of acres of cropland were already

underwater and an additional 1,000 acres and up to 50 homes are threatened, said spokesman Rod Zerr.

In Illinois, about 450 residents were evacuated Monday from low-lying areas in East Dubuque.

Some of the worst flooding was in Davenport, Iowa, which has no levees or flood walls. The Mississippi appeared to have crested there Monday at 22 feet and was down slightly overnight.

Because of more heavy rain in Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, it was expected to rise again, cresting even higher Wednesday at 22.4 feet, just short of the record of 22.5 feet.

Electrician Tom Werner said he didn't mind manning the pumps at FirstStar Bank. "Might as well be here doing this since I can't go fishing," he said.

Downstream from Davenport, the river hit a record 22.5 feet today at Burlington, Iowa, and was expected to climb another foot by Friday.

Kinko's updates communications

By Stephanie Lassiter
Staff Writer

As of December of 1993, Kinko's stores nationwide will no longer offer custom-made packets known as CourseWorks. Previously, professors used these packets as supplements to textbooks.

An employee at the local Kinko's said that they have not offered the CourseWorks program for several years. He added that the program has always been an optional program at nationwide stores.

Blaise Simqu, an employee at the Main Office of Kinko's in Ventura, California, said that the reason for discontinuing the program is an effort to have all 650 stores, including the 150 campus stores, using the same programs.

Over the next two to three years, all stores will be fitted, with new services to meet the purchasers needs for quick information.

The new services will include international networking, modem transfer and electronic publishing.

"Although we will no longer offer CourseWorks, Kinko's remains committed to serving the needs of the academic community by offering new electronic publishing options in addition to our wide range of services," Dan Frederickson, president of Kinko's Service Corporation, said.

Kinko's will also offer desktop publishing, color copying and mail services. Customers will also have the capability to communicate and access databases through computer modem as well as transfer data and documents to and from computers nationwide.

Simqu added that by discontinuing CourseWorks, Kinko's will no longer have to monitor for purchasers breaking copyright laws.

According to Tom O'Brien, owner of the Greenville AccuCopy, they will continue to offer their variation of CourseWorks, known as CourseMate.

AccuCopy employs an individual who is trained with acquiring copyright clearances and therefore feels that they will offer CourseMate indefinitely.

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for teaching at an American university. "Should they return to ECU in the future, Schellenberger hopes they will begin teaching some higher level courses."

Schellenberger also said that both teachers are "conscientious and interested in helping students to learn."

Moshkovich said that she is enjoying her stay in the United States because "the conditions are more effective (for research), the people are friendly, helpful and polite and the students are eager to be taught."

Mechitov is also enjoying teaching at East Carolina and says that American teaching systems are very different from those in Russia.

He finds the system to be more structured and organized especially in the area of regular testing throughout the semester.

He says he spends less time teaching in Russia and more time doing research.

Moshkovich said that although they have completed a lot of what they were hoping to accomplish, they have a great deal to finish before their return to Moscow.

Although Moshkovich is unsure if she will return to ECU, they are "making some mutual research plans for the future."

The husband and wife team arrived on June 5 and will beat ECU until August 3.

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process begins with nominations, and then a final election.

The members of the board are primarily chief executive officers, faculty members or athletic directors, Eakin said. The combination of several factors, including chancellorship at ECU, previous experience with the CFA and a two-year seat on the board of directors, contributed to Eakin's nomination, and subsequent election.

"I tried in my own way to be

an active participant, to represent ECU and college football," Eakin said. Eakin feels that his effort apparently met the board's criteria for a competent chairperson.

Eakin's duties include serving as spokesperson for the CFA, handling press conferences and calling meetings as he deems necessary.

"I will seek to represent the interests of such organizations as the convention, and any other conferences," Eakin said.

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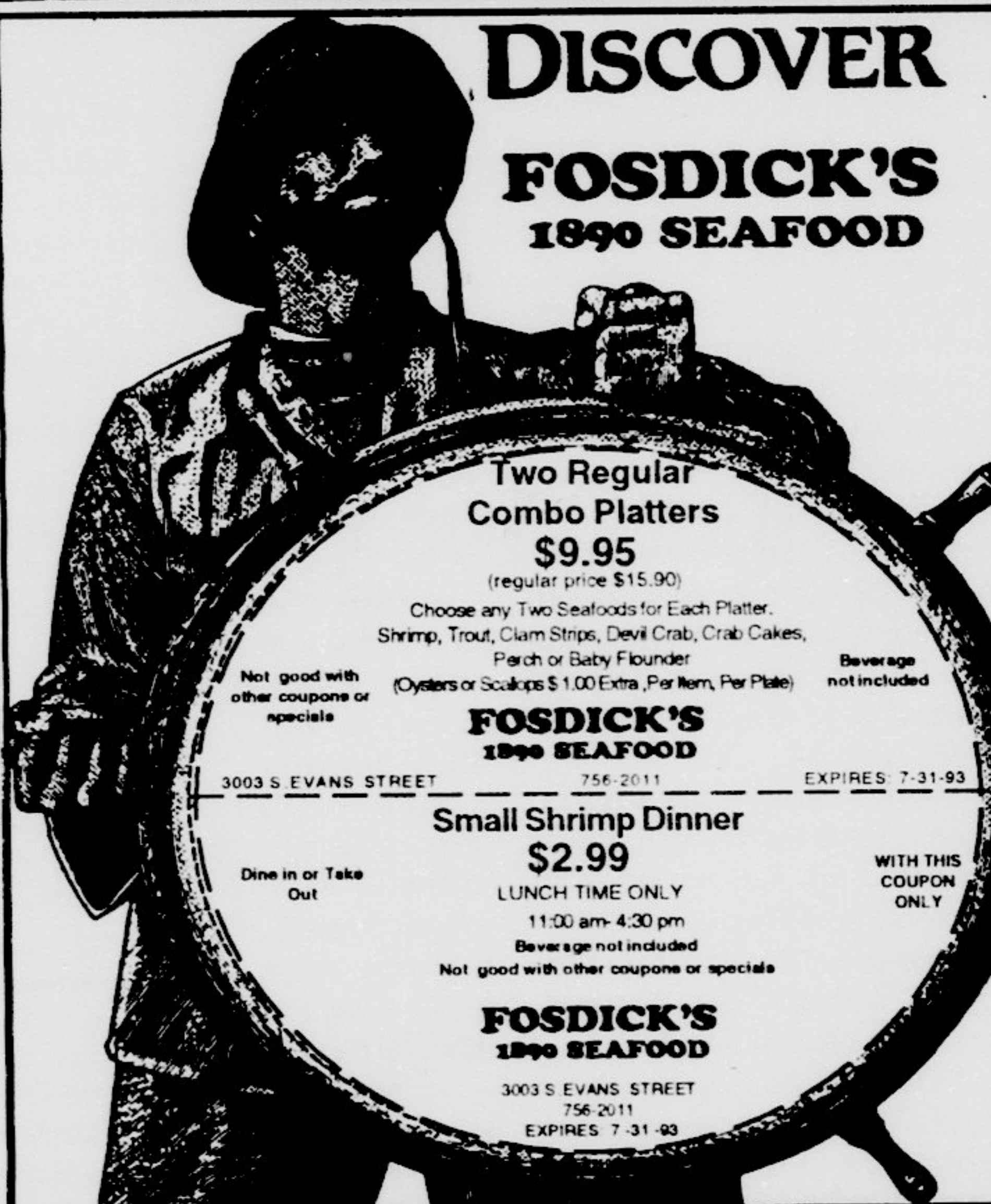
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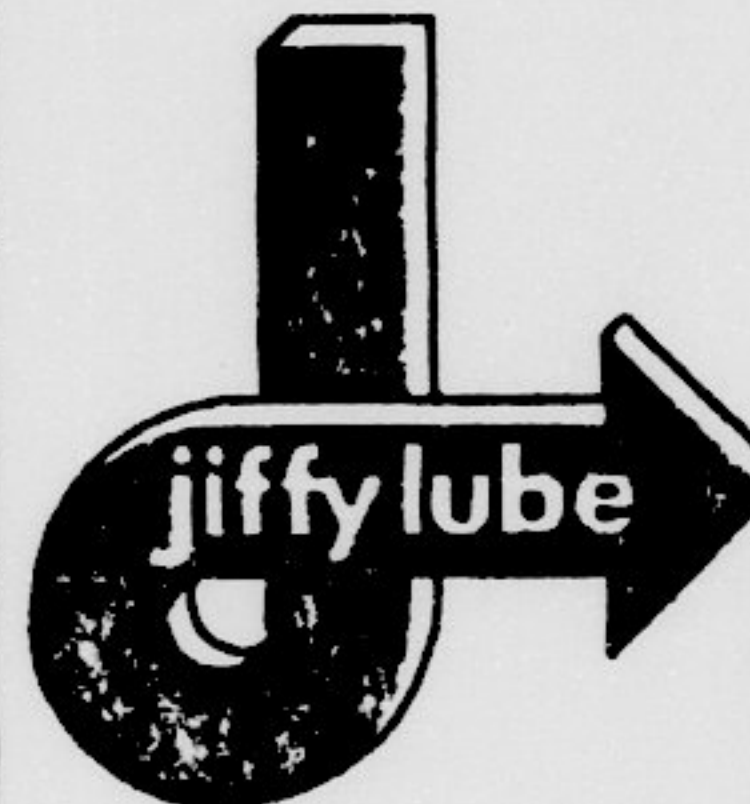
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'Quilters' chronicles life of pioneer women

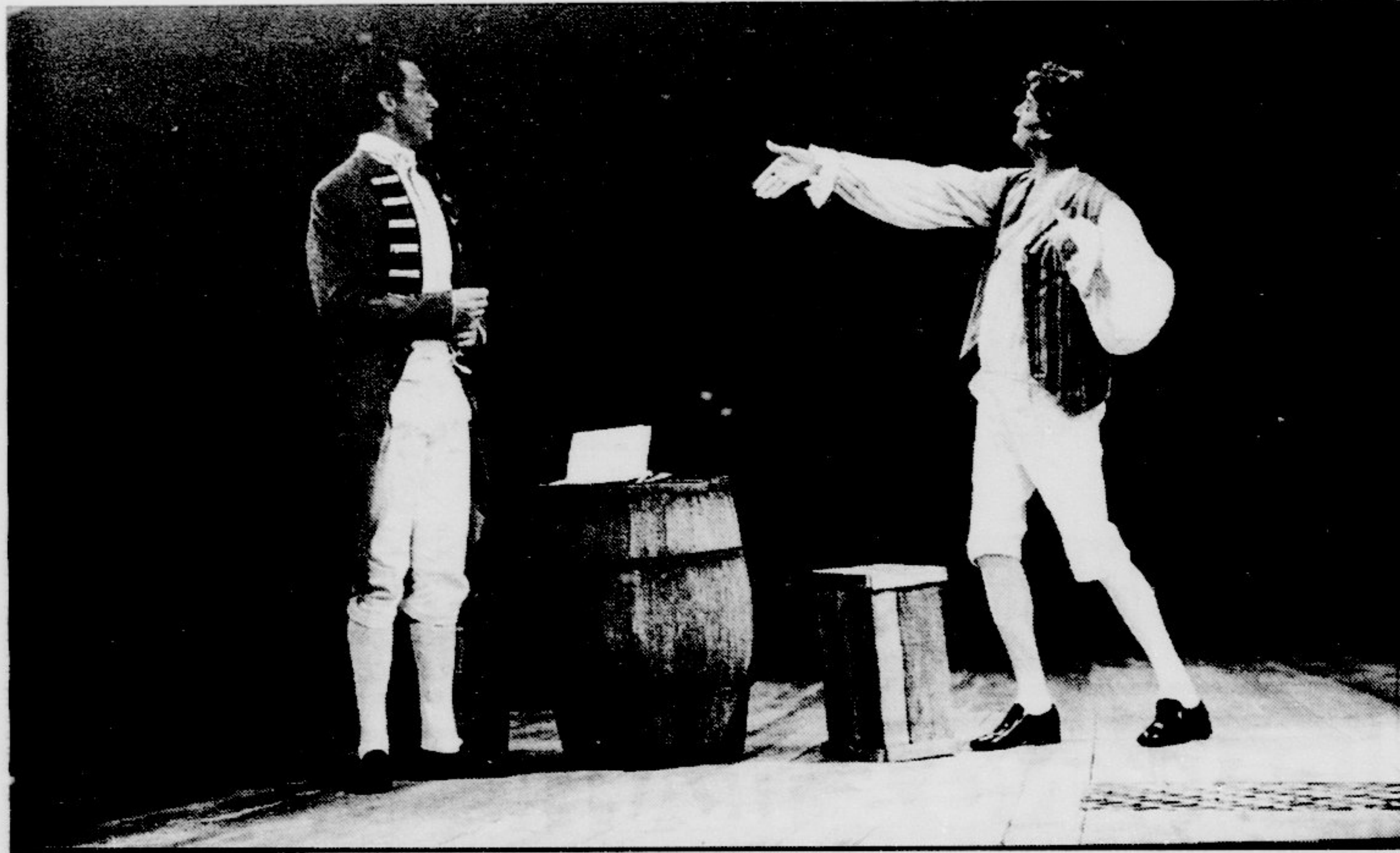


Photo by Garrett Killian

Jonathan Robinson (left) and Tom Spivey starred in the Summer Theatre's opener, "Our Country's Good." "Quilters," a musical about pioneer women, opened last night as the second installment.

By Joe Horst
Staff Writer

The Wild West evokes images of cowboys riding through the dusty plains, herding cattle across Big Country in the quest for western expansion. What many do not see on the little and big screens are the families and women that toiled through those long days and nights, barely surviving on the hard land they now called home.

The Summer Theatre of East Carolina paid homage to these women last night with its opening performance of Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek's "Quilters." Performances will run through July 10, with afternoon matinees on the 7th and 10th.

Maureen Heffernan, guest director for "Quilters," said that the musical shows audiences what people, especially women, dealt with in their daily struggles over the new, harsh land.

"[The story] is taken from their own diaries and journals," Heffernan

said. "One message is that women have always had a strength and unity, they've always had a courage and a daring that many times is being underestimated or less recognized."

"I think it's an interesting look at things that we may feel we're familiar with. I think that they take the stories of what would be ordinary women and show the extraordinary aspects of it."

John Shearin, artistic director/producer, said that "Quilters" shows history from a different point of view, "as seen by and told through the experience of women."

"You see this different, this female point of view on the western expansion," Shearin said. "It's more personal, it's a view from the heart of the western movement."

One feature that dominates this play (and production) is the device of quilting squares. During this time in the past, the women would chronicle major events in their lives by quilting a square of cloth. These squares would then be joined together to symbolize the lives and

times of these early pioneers.

"The premise of this play is that there's a woman, Sarah, who has come to the time when she's going to create her legacy quilt," Heffernan said. "She's going to create a quilt where each one of the blocks represents a time in her life, or a story from her life."

Ronnie Gilbert, celebrated singer and actress, will lead the all-women cast. Gilbert, perhaps best known for singing work with The Weavers, has performed on national concert tours with Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie, acted and directed on Broadway, and worked in feature films and documentaries.

Joel Selvin, of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, called Gilbert "an utter marvel, someone whose singing is naturally as most people talk, who is as much an actress as a singer ..."

Performances start at 8 p.m. for every nightly performance and 2 p.m. for the matinee shows. Adult ticket prices are \$22.50, senior citizens are \$17.50 and child tickets can be purchased for \$12.50

Town Commons hosts festive Fourth

By Marjorie McKinstry
Staff Writer

In an attempt to bring more visitors from out of town this past weekend, Greenville held a three-day-long July 4th celebration at the Town Commons. The major activities of the weekend were reserved for Saturday when people could spend the entire day down by the river.

For car enthusiasts, the Jaycees held a classic auto show, featuring a couple of Camaros, a Shelby GT350, a few Corvettes of varying vintage, a Chevy Bel Air, several customized cars, two Mustangs dating from the late '60s and one Lamborghini Contach.

Occasionally, groups of people would wander over to a radio broadcasting the afternoon Nascar race, and, as they listened fervently, they offered advice to the unseen drivers and opinions on racing to each other. Unanimously, the group decided that Dale Earnhardt should win, and they held a minor victory celebration when he came in first.

After the race, several fans and owners alike noticed their stomachs rumbling, so several people headed for the food vendors. The choices were surprising: junk food addicts could bite into hamburgers, but aficionados of southern cuisines satisfied their taste buds with catfish, either grilled or fried. Variety was the spice

of the day as a shish kabob stand sat next to a snow cone vendor, and a little further down the way Jeffrey's Beer and Wine gave out free samples of O'Douls non-alcoholic brew.

After lunch, people could shop through the Arts and Crafts show. The booths here displayed small, stained-glass reflectors, a table full of trolls' dresses to suit every emotion, occupational and celebratory, and even ornamental toilet bowl scrubbers, complete with ribbons and a tiny teddy bear attached to the brush.

Tie-dyes and beads hung from a medieval style tent of one vendor, while another vendor ignored the usual mode of presentation and set his wares all over the grass.

Perhaps the most interesting addition to the show was the multitudes of cat jungle gyms. These carpet-covered apparatuses towered in the air with platforms extending in all directions to encourage felines to roam, jump and prance. Brightly covered stuffed fish, balls and other objects dangled from some of the perches in an apparently entrancing fashion.

Orange tabby kittens appeared everywhere, mostly in the arms of children. One kitten purred placidly as its new mom stood almost motionless watching Ronald McDonald perform some David Copperfield-style, gravity-defying feats.

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H.O.R.D.E. Festival visits triangle area

Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere — last year was a blast

The second annual H.O.R.D.E. Festival, an all-day alternative music festival featuring seven bands, a concourse of arts, games and ethnic food plus surprises concocted by the H.O.R.D.E. magicians, comes to Walnut Creek Amphitheatre on Thursday, August 12, at 2 p.m.

Walnut Creek is one of 26 dates on the H.O.R.D.E. tour which will feature 8-10 hours of music by Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic, Big Head Todd and The Monsters, Col. Bruce Hampton and The Aquarium Rescue Unit, The Samples, Dave Matthews, and Allgood. In addition to these H.O.R.D.E. bands, popping up on the road will be a group of special guest artists, including Phish and favorite local bands dropping by to jam along for a good time.

The concourse of activities along the amphitheatre plazas will

feature unique arts and crafts displays, Virtual Reality games, environmental awareness booths and exhibits, mini-record stores, and an array of ethnic food and surprises.

The H.O.R.D.E. Festival (which stands for Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) is the brainchild of Blues Traveler manager David Frey who brought the unique festival to 10,000 seat venues across the country last summer. "The concept of H.O.R.D.E. is to present honest, live, improvisational music in an atmosphere of freedom and good vibes," says Widespread Panic's John Bell.

Ticket prices for H.O.R.D.E. are only \$15 (plus service charge) for reserved and festival lawn seating. They go on sale Friday, July 9, through Ticketmaster.

Today: Toxic Shock Syndrome

Answered by Jennifer Phillips, Student Health Services

Question: What is TSS?
Answer: Toxic shock syndrome (TSS) is a rare but potentially life-threatening disease. It is caused by the bacterium *S. aureus* and it can exist normally in body areas such as the nose, skin and vagina. It is believed that the bacteria probably make and secrete a toxin that enters the blood stream. Approximately 95 percent of all reported cases of TSS in women and girls occur in those who are menstruating. The group at highest risk for TSS are tampon users under 30, especially those 15 to 19 years old during or just after a menstrual period.

Other groups at risk for TSS include contraceptive sponge and

diaphragm users, and those with infections related to insect stings, wounds and surgery.

The fact that studies have shown an association between tampon use and TSS does not mean that tampons cause TSS. Scientists are still trying to learn what other factors are involved in causing TSS. Symptoms of TSS include sudden high fever (102 degrees F or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, fainting and the appearance of a rash that looks like a sunburn. If you experience TSS symptoms during your period, remove the tampon if you're using one and seek medical attention immediately. If you have had TSS, seek medical advice before using tampons.

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Allman Brothers show hot, disappointing

By Dana Danielson
Lifestyle Editor

Is it that everyone simply needs an excuse to get drunk?

Walnut Creek's July 4 Allman Brothers show was expected to outshine last year's performance. Rather than dancing the searing sun below the horizon (and then some more), the young crowd of mostly pseudo-hippies gathered on the lawn to socialize and guzzle overpriced beer.

While stifling yawns and avoiding bumbling, blabbering drunks, I made a resolution; this was probably the last concert I attend for (ever) awhile. Commercialism has taken over even good music.

Was it my imagination, or was even the band slightly intoxicated? Granted, it was hot as hell, but slow, dragging versions of beloved songs bored even the most energetic dancers — eventually the band members weren't the only ones sitting down. Thankfully, inhibitions disap-

peared with the sun, and a sparing hoot'n'holler energized the band into faster versions of old favorites. If only the Brothers hadn't played so many new songs this show.

Among the highlights of the evening were "Jessica," "Goin' Down the Road" (though they fell apart after a few stanzas), "Midnight Rider," an almost-tender version of N.C.-inspired "Blue Sky," and a not-as-good-as-last-year version of "Whipping Post."

What happened to "Ain't Wastin' Time No More?" Special guest Derek Trucks, relative of drummer Butch Trucks, returned again this year to warm the crowd up — it seemed they liked him more than the Brothers themselves.

The best part of the evening was the 10 p.m. closing fireworks show — people pulled over all along Raleigh's highways to watch.

Summer tour is over, the Brothers came and went — where will everyone go to get drunk now?

Arthurian legend inspires 'The Forever King' for good summer reading

By Marjorie McKinstry
Staff Writer

It is summertime, which means that for every surfboard, volley ball and frisbee carted to the beach for fun in the sun, at least one sun worshipper will pull out a dog eared paperback in order to enjoy the rays in a less physically exhaustive fashion.

The question is, though, what is the best book to bring to the beach this summer?

Some book worms prefer the light romances of Danielle Steele, while others reach for the bestseller list. For those looking for something a little out of the ordinary this summer, try reading "The Forever King" by Molly Cochran and Warren Murphy.

The story, based loosely on the Arthurian legend, recounts the adventures of Arthur Blessing, a young genius living with his Aunt Emily in Chicago. Coming home from school, Arthur finds a warm, smooth, ball-shaped metal cup and brings it back to his apartment. His chemist aunt

is intrigued by the composition of the cup and takes it back to her lab for testing. Soon after Arthur's discovery, which he claims is a good luck totem, he receives a letter from a British Law firm explaining that he has inherited a castle from a (previously unknown) dead relative.

Soon afterwards, Arthur's Aunt is attacked in their apartment by two assassins seeking the cup; Arthur returns home to find Emily dead on the floor, and in his anguish he drops the cup, which rolls over to her side. Suddenly, Emily's wounds heal and she regains life. The cup is the Holy Grail.

The attack on Emily and Arthur is the first of many as they flee both Chicago and North America. Unbeknownst to them, each assassin is controlled by one mastermind, Saladin, a man of unfathomable evil. He desires to reacquire the cup, a cup that has elongated his life for centuries. In



his so-far-eternal life, he has been responsible for numerous atrocities, including the Jack the Ripper murders.

At the opening of the tale, he resided in an asylum for the criminally insane in England. In this lifetime, Saladin lived as an artist of the macabre. He sculpted people in the throes of violent deaths, and his sculptures, bizarre as they were, sold well in the art world.

As his sculpture of a fat woman with an axe sunk in her back was in transit to a buyer, the vehicle carrying it slid on the road, and the sculpture was catapulted out the back; "Carefully wrapped though it

was, Washerwoman was cleaved lengthwise, from the point of the axe blade. The axe proved to be real. So did the blood on the edge of the blade. The corpse inside was almost perfectly preserved. When the artist was arrested, he said only, "The point of en-

try was always a weakness in that piece."

Saladin escapes from the insane asylum and pursues Arthur and Emily, but they have an avenging angel in the form of Hal Wocznik, a modern day Galahad. Hal is an unwilling hero since he is fighting the ghosts of his past as well as an unbelievable string of Arthurian coincidences that have brought him to England. Merlin also makes an appearance in the novel as an aging educator by the name of Taliesin. Actually, most of the events in the novel are directed by Taliesin, the only person who completely understands the presence of Arthur, Hal, and the magical

cup at Arthur's newly acquired castle ruins.

Soon, the story starts delving in the past, detailing much of Saladin's life, and later, life at Camelot. The adventure continues to expand, integrating mass murders, chivalry, kidnappings and incompetent police officers. The climax of the novel brings about the final confrontation of the Knights of the Round Table and the evil Saladin in a manner that escapes the boundaries of logical time.

Overall, the novel is a satisfying adventure, especially for Arthurian enthusiasts, but it is definitely light reading, filled with much excitement and little academic stimulation. The character of Saladin is a bit overdone, about the only crime the writers do not pin on him is the Holocaust. Taliesin, however, needs more development, as do the characters of Emily and Arthur.

Aside from the mediocre character development, the novel is entertaining and fun. Most people probably will not read "The Forever King" more than once, but the novel will more than suffice.

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As Ronald started on his next trick, the strains of a faint James Taylor tune could be heard. All day long performers like Cold Sweat, the Nicky Harris Band and the Memorial Baptist Church Choir serenaded the crowd. Instead of milling from one activity to the next, many people brought coolers and blankets and spread out around the amphitheater. Pooches were sprawled everywhere, especially under lawn chairs. The dog menagerie included canines from the mongrel variety as well as a few bull dogs, a rottweiler, several labradors, assorted poodles and oodles of puppies.

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After this day full of parades, magic tricks, pony rides, duck races, classic cars, craft shows and music,

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the evening was topped off by the Coca-Cola 3-D fireworks display at 9:25 p.m.

Although the elaborate fireworks came a day earlier than usual, the crowd still responded enthusiastically with oohs and ahhs of appreciation. Some people, however, because of confusion and misinformation, missed the fireworks. Next year, Greenville should better advertise their fireworks display, or keep to the tradition of celebrating on the 4th.

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Maryland NAACP waiting for apology

BALTIMORE (AP) — Maryland NAACP officials are calling on their national leaders to apologize for endorsing rival Charlotte, N.C.'s bid for a National Football League franchise.

George N. Buntin Jr., executive director of the NAACP's Baltimore branch, said he told a representative of the national organization Sunday that "local membership is incensed."

"I told him nothing short of an out-and-out admittance that

they made a mistake and that they owe this city and this state and this chapter an apology," Buntin said.

Rodney Orange, president of the city NAACP branch, added, "They fumbled the ball on this one by not touching base with us."

The Rev. John L. Wright, president of the Maryland conference of NAACP branches, agreed.

"The executive director

doesn't understand the sensitivity of this matter," Wright said.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has its headquarters in Baltimore, announced an agreement Thursday with Charlotte's prospective NFL team owner, Jerome J. Richardson.

The pact promotes opportunities for blacks within Richardson's Flagstar Cos. Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C., and prom-

ises minority participation in a prospective NFL team's management, stadium construction and as suppliers.

In a news conference announcing the deal, NAACP executive director Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. said his organization would "help out in any way possible" for Charlotte to get the franchise.

Buntin said Chavis then compounded the problem by releasing a five-paragraph statement

Saturday that neither apologized to Baltimore nor backed away from the Charlotte endorsement.

"Anybody in public life will make mistakes sometimes. That's forgivable," Buntin said. "But the inability to admit a mistake and apologize for it is less forgivable."

Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke isn't looking for an apology. "Since they decided to get themselves involved in the process, they ought to look at the fact that the NFL is going to select

two cities, so I think they ought to endorse Baltimore, too," the mayor said Sunday.

The other cities vying for an NFL franchise are Memphis, St. Louis and Jacksonville, Fla.

Schmoke said Sunday he believes the football endorsement will be an issue at the NAACP's annual convention next weekend. The event will be held in Indianapolis, the home of Baltimore's old football team, the Colts.



Pals before gals

Two students pass the time by tossing the pigskin.

File Photo

Wimbledon ratings melting

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — If the snoozer of a final between Pete Sampras and Jim Courier proved anything, it's that Wimbledon needs to be made safe for television once again.

Ratings have been melting faster than an ice cream cone left on a sun-baked Centre Court since Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg stopped reaching the championship round some 10 years ago. And you don't have to be a television executive to understand it isn't solely a matter of personality — because Borg never owned one.

In contrast to those classic matches, Sunday's Sampras-Courier tilt produced exactly one memorable point — it came, fittingly, in the final game — even if Princess Diana was sighted on the edge of her seat in the Royal Box clapping every now and then.

"Maybe she has a crush on me," Sampras said after winning his second Grand Slam title.

That's as plausible an explanation as any. It couldn't have been the tennis that made her so jumpy.

The match was five minutes old before a rally went beyond three shots. Thirty-seven minutes passed before a rally lasted long enough for the crowd to inject "oohs" and "aahs" (these are Brits, after all) between shots. Ninety minutes elapsed before either player held a break point; that would have been Courier, who managed exactly two of them.

"Really, I didn't have many chances to break him and when I did, I generally broke," Courier said. "It was just grass court tennis — roll the dice."

Viewers more likely changed the channel.

So what's to be done? Since the All England Club won't stand for ripping up the grass, and the manufacturers making millions off the high-tech howitzers being wielded by the players won't

allow a return to wood rackets, the cheap, easy solution is this: Speed up the ball.

"I know it sounds crazy," said Tony Trabert, a former Wimbledon champion who now works as a television commentator, "but it will work."

"Grass has always been a serve-and-volleyer's surface, but the equipment and players are developing to the point where it's like playing indoors on a wood court. Even players we used to think of as baseliners, like (Andre) Agassi and Courier, hit their groundstrokes so aggressively, they're almost like volleys."

Trabert recalled practicing for matches in the rarefied air of Mexico City some years ago, watching ball after ball sail way past the baseline. "Because you couldn't hit the ball hard without hitting it out, you had to learn to protect the court, to use all of it, to set up your points better. ... Because the arc of the ball wouldn't bend as much in the thin air, you couldn't hit such flat serves. You had to make certain it had plenty of spin."

"Those things would put some of the rallying back in the game here."

This year's final clocked in two minutes shy of three hours, most of it consumed by the players changing sides after launching one missile after another past each other.

Sampras fired 22 aces. Incredibly, more than half of all his serves — 60 of 114 — were returned by one of the game's most accomplished returners of serve.

Indeed, Courier was asked afterward whether he noticed Sampras getting tired toward the end, and he replied earnestly, "He was tired."

"But when you're serving 120 (mph) and then 95 on the second serve," he added, "you don't have to move too much."

Only enough to get up and change the channel.

Byrd back — in broadcast booth — after breaking neck

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Byrd, who broke his neck in a game for the New York Jets last Nov. 29, has signed as a football analyst for CBS Sports, the network said today.

Byrd, initially paralyzed from the neck down but now able to walk, was hired for six games by CBS senior vice president Rick Gentile.

"It was Rick's idea, after

seeing him on the air a lot this past season," CBS Sports spokeswoman Susan Kerr said. "He's so poised and inspirational, Rick decided to call his agent and see if he'd be interested."

In May, Fairleigh Dickinson University bestowed an honorary degree on Byrd, who was greeted by about 2,000 graduates and 10,000 guests.

Nike camp enticing to coaches

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Some of the top high school basketball players in the nation were at the Hoosier Dome Tuesday to show their stuff to some of the top college coaches.

About 130 players, most soon-to-be seniors, will be evaluated by the 200 coaches attending the Nike basketball camp, which continues through Saturday.

The coaches must be on their best behavior. They're allowed to watch, but the NCAA forbids them from contacting high school players until the end of the month.

The recruits know their basketball futures will be partially determined by how well they match up against the nation's best.

"This is a period that is very crucial for a lot of schools. Making the rounds of these summer camps is a must," said first-year University of Washington coach Bob Bender.

Coaches say the structure and importance of the camps have changed in recent years. It used to be that players would attend camps to sharpen their skills, gain some knowledge and maybe catch the eye of a college coach or two.

Then came all-star camps, and with a majority of Division I prospects attending, the coaches had to follow.

The pressure on the players, too, has grown. Many handle it well. Duke, Kansas, LSU, Indiana, UNLV, Cincinnati, Louisville, Iowa and Illinois, all regarded to have the best recruiting classes for 1993-94, landed athletes who established reputations at the Nike camp.

"You can lose something watching a kid play in high school games," said Seton Hall coach P.J. Carlesimo. "But this gives you a better gauge of his heart."

For many of this year's participants, the pressure won't surface until the scrimmages begin. Others know what to expect. They were here last year.

Among the players attending are Allen Iverson of Virginia, considered one of the top point guards in the country; Adam Shafer of Illinois, one of the top-ranked players in the Chicago area; and Jermaine Tate, a highly touted player from Ohio.

Warriors' Webber has lot to learn in NBA

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Chris Webber is too smart to be drawn into any offseason baiting of his future opponents — players such as Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Karl Malone.

Asked if he had anything to say to Barkley, whose camps he has attended, Webber said, rather meekly: "Hi."

This is a 20-year-old who knows he has a lot to learn about the NBA.

"I just hope (5-foot-7) Spud Webb checks me a lot," Webber said Thursday in his first appearance as the Golden State Warriors' long-awaited big man.

But the 6-9 power forward from Michigan and the top pick in the NBA draft guarded some of the NBA's best last summer when he and a group of top collegians practiced against the U.S. Olympic team. Webber faced off against Barkley, Malone, Patrick Ewing and David Robinson, and was duly humbled.

"I did OK. Some things I did well and some things I need to work on," said Webber, who has signed up for a summer tutorial with Magic Johnson.

Golden State forward and Dream Teamer Chris Mullin gave Webber's skills much higher

marks, particularly praising his future teammate's soft hands and dazzling moves.

"Not only was he the best player on the developmental team, but often he was the best player on the court," said Mullin, who interrupted Webber's debut press conference to greet him in person. "In my head, I'm thinking (about a title) now. You don't want to put a lot of pressure on Chris, but that's the kind of guy he is."

Webber isn't worried about the pressure. After all, he took Michigan's Fab Five to the NCAA title game two years in a row and survived the embarrassment of calling a timeout when the Wolverines had none left — a costly move in the waning seconds of North Carolina's championship.

"Nobody can put more pressure on me than I put on myself," Webber said. "Whatever the expectations, I just have to live up to them."

The expectations are high, not just from the fans but from his future teammates.

"He'll give us another dimension," said forward Billy Owens, a player whose minutes may diminish with Webber's addition. "With everybody on the team coming back to training camp this fall, he's

going to give us what we need to take us to the championship level."

For the chance to take that step, the Warriors paid a high price, sending No. 3 pick Anfernee Hardaway and three future first-round draft picks to the Orlando Magic. The Magic had selected Webber No. 1.

Webber will demand a high price, too. The Warriors likely will have to restructure some contracts to get him in under the salary cap.

Webber took pains not to seem too greedy when the subject of money arose. "There's not going to be any cat-and-mouse games," he said. "I want to be in training camp. Money and ego aren't a part of me."

His agent, Bill Duffy, said he is looking at a figure similar to the \$39 million, seven-year deal Shaquille O'Neal signed last year with the Magic.

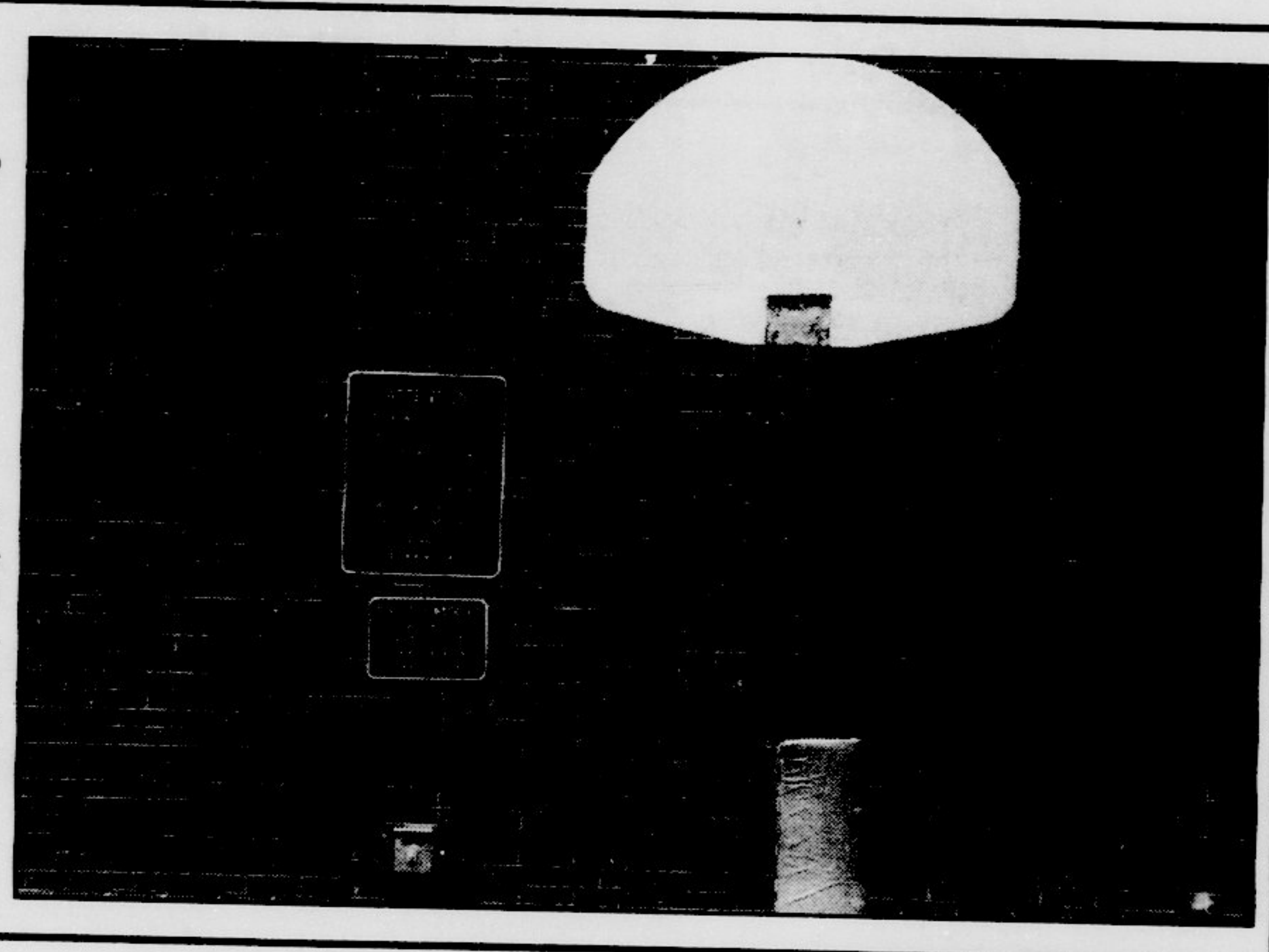
Duffy said he expects to start negotiating with the Warriors soon and is confident a suitable deal can be structured.

"You have to leave it to creativity," he said.

Shaq Attack?

Enjoy the rims on College Hill while you can. They will be removed — again — after Orientation is over and put back up in the fall.

File Photo



Mercer arraigned on charges of bribery in bout with Ferguson

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavyweight boxer Ray Mercer was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of offering \$100,000 to Jesse Ferguson during their Feb. 6 fight at Madison Square Garden to take a dive.

Mercer, 32, who was arrested Sunday in Indianapolis, pleaded innocent and was released on his own recognizance by judge George Roberts of Criminal Court of New York.

Mercer lost a unanimous 10-round decision to Ferguson and the defeat cost him a \$2.5 million title bid against heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe. Ferguson fought Bowe on May 22 and was stopped at 17 seconds of the second round.

District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau said that "tapes of

the fight confirmed that Mercer repeatedly attempted to persuade Ferguson to let Mercer win. The indictment charges that Mercer allegedly used a bribe to ensure a win and a fight for the heavyweight crown."

"I think it's kind of sad when somebody tries to alter the outcome of a sporting event," said Thomas A. Constantine, New York State police superintendent.

"Not guilty," said Mercer, dressed in a purple shirt and purple slacks at his arraignment. He then left the courthouse without speaking.

Morgenthau said the tapes made by HBO revealed that Mercer first made the offer to Ferguson in the third round and "it was repeated numerous times."

Assistant District Attorney

Roslynn Mauskopf said "it was not as some people have characterized — trash talk."

Mauskopf asked for bond of \$10,000 and property, but the request was denied.

Domenick Amorosa, Mercer's attorney, said, "Mercer has categorically denied his guilt in this matter," and added that he was surprised that the fighter was indicted.

Asked if Ferguson would be charged for not reporting a bribe attempt, Morgenthau said at a news conference, "We're not considering charging him with anything."

Mercer's bout with Ferguson had been seen as a tune-up for Mercer, a gold medal winner at the 1988 Olympics, but Ferguson won a decision.

Wednesday Opinion

Lie harms real victims

You really have to wonder about people's motives. Sometimes it can be utterly fascinating to think about what makes a person tick; other times, it can be as mind-bending as watching re-runs of *Speed Racer*. (Did anyone else ever want him to just go, go, go away?). Lately, the stuff that has come to this paper is destined for *The News of the Weird*. This one is no exception.

I speak of the Ayden teen-ager who lied about being kidnapped and raped. Her story has thrown more than a few people for a loop. Tiquita Williams told police that she made the story up because she was afraid that her parents would be angry with her for not coming home during the weekend.

Now come on, think back to when you were a teenager and didn't come home on time. Did it ever cross your mind to lie about being kidnapped and raped?

It was reported in *The Daily Reflector* that she "seemed remorseful" for what she had done. Seemed remorseful? To lie about being raped is not only stupid, but detrimental to the men she falsely accused, herself, the media and every woman who has ever been, or will be, raped.

In our current judiciary system, it seems close to impossible to convince a jury of a rapist's guilt. For some reason, people don't like to think of someone committing a crime such as that. So my question has always been: why would a woman want to lie about being raped? Think of all of the press, the hounding by reporters, the stigma of being a raped woman.

Tiquita blew my theory right out of the water. She wanted the press, the reporters, the story plastered everywhere, simply because she needed an alibi. With this lie, she single-handedly pushed back the progress made by women everywhere who have fought the hard, painful fight to testify and win a rape case. They came forward to tell the truth about a horrible, life-altering occurrence. Tiquita Williams didn't come home on time and in the process, wasted police officers' time, taxpayers' money and my belief in the stories of raped women.

Maybe now's a good time to sit back and watch *Speed Racer*. There's an awfully sour taste in my mouth.

Class stumbles to be expected during college career

By T. Scott Batchelor

"This is going to be 10 times easier than algebra," I said to myself that first day in Philosophy 1500. "Logic," they call it. I called it a ready escape from my general college math requirement. Algebra and I sparred a couple of times at East Carolina University and I had lost both bouts, beaten and bloodied. A man's got to know his limitations, as Dirty Harry would say.

So I gave up the math battle. Happily. Not a sliver of pride; not an ounce of dignity. Cowards may die many times before their deaths, but at least their GPAs don't look like winter temperature readings in Anchorage. This is how I fell into Logic.

Our first day in class, Dr. Smith (not his real name) announced that many students tend to fail Logic. He then proceeded to explain the paths we should take to avoid that end. They were simple suggestions. Like do your homework. Always. Slackers beware, and all that. He told us to come to class. Always. Right there on the syllabus it read, "Anyone missing more than two class meet-

ings without a university approved excuse will be booted in hot tar." Well, it didn't really say that, but it did threaten to drop four points from the final average for every absence over two. I was intrigued. And afraid.

This fear drove me to strange behavior. I didn't miss a single class in over two weeks. Every night, without exception, no matter if "Cheers" was on or not, I did my homework. Flawlessly. I might add. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I sat in class and hung on each syllable that fell from Dr. Smith's seductively mouthed, learning all about sentential operators, two-value logic systems, the elements of truth-functional statements and more Logic stuff than I thought I could ever learn in so short a span of time.

Dr. Smith's system was working beautifully. He scrawled former incomprehensible symbols on the blackboard, and I understood them. I even started showing off on restaurant napkins to my girlfriend. She was thrilled; I was thrilled. Then came the first exam.

I boned up the night before, then went to bed and slept like a baby. The next morning, Dr. Smith walked in the classroom and plopped a four-page exam on our desks. "You may begin," he said.

First, I answered a few definitions. Then there were three or four true-false questions. Piece of pie, I thought. Halfway down the page was the first real challenge, using a long-method truth table to test the validity of an argument form. I worked hard on the problem, performing valiantly. As I flipped over to page two, Dr. Smith announced, "You now have 20 minutes left."

My stomach dropped like an express elevator. I was only on page two and already 30 minutes had slipped away. My palms became sweaty; I could hardly hold on to my mechanical pencil. Suddenly, the strings of symbols in front of me looked like a copy of *Pravda*. Writing ever more furiously, trying to combine speed with legibility, I picked up the pace. It was useless.

"Ten more minutes," Dr. Smith

said. I was just starting page three. Woe is me, where did I go wrong, I thought. Each time I let the panic in, my mind went blank.

"Two more minutes," he said. I left page three incomplete and slung down a few answers on the last page of the test before Dr. Smith called for our papers. At last the ordeal was over.

I left the room seething with all kinds of emotions: anger, frustration, shock. I was absolutely stunned at the outcome of the test, especially since I was sure I had a working knowledge of the material I was tested on.

This experience is not unique. Many students have said at one time or another, "I knew that stuff front and back. I just freaked out on the test." This happened early in my college career, and in a way I'm glad it did. It taught me that stumbles like this are to be expected every once in a while.

When this happens, as the song says, just pick yourself up and get back in the race.



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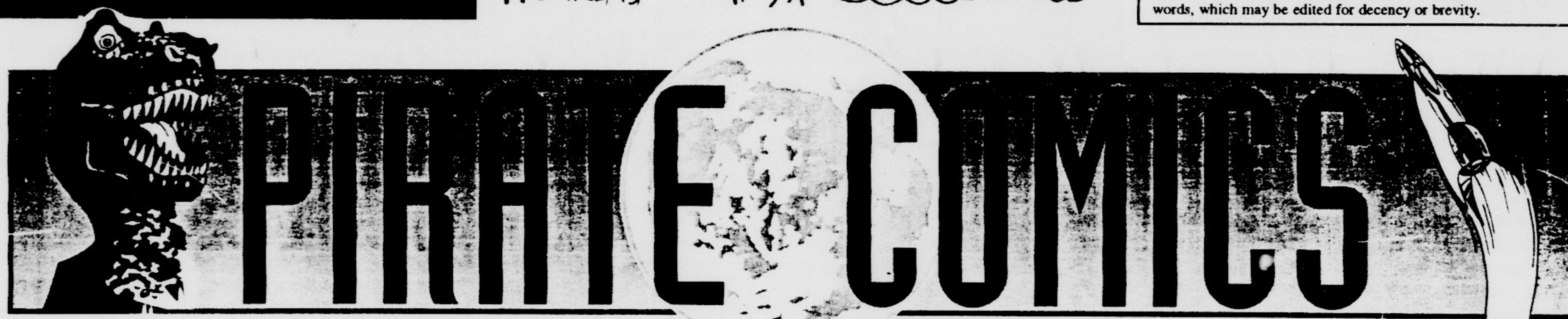
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