

Board of Governors elects new chairman

First African American to serve

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

Benjamin S. Ruffin, a Winston-Salem executive, was elected as the chairman of the UNC-Board of Governors. On July 10 Ruffin will serve a two-year term.

"This service gives me a chance to pay back what this great state has given to me," Ruffin said. "If tuition had not been low in North Carolina, I probably would not have been where I am now because I could not have afforded it."

Ruffin is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and has his master's degree in social work from UNC-Chapel Hill. He has earned honorary doctorates from three universities, and was formerly a special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt. In addition to these duties, Ruffin is the chair for the corporate table of the National Black Caucus of State Legislatures.

"This is an interesting turn in history," said Dr. Jim Smith, executive assistant to the chancellor. "In the past, the board had been accused of showing favoritism to certain campuses, mostly those with a smaller black population. One of Ruffin's tasks will be to treat those campuses who haven't

been considered with equity within the broader circle."

"Ruffin was elected by his fellow members," said Jonie Worthington, head of information at the University of North Carolina. "There were no special ranks for him to go through."

The only requirements for one to become the chair is for the candidate to be a member of the

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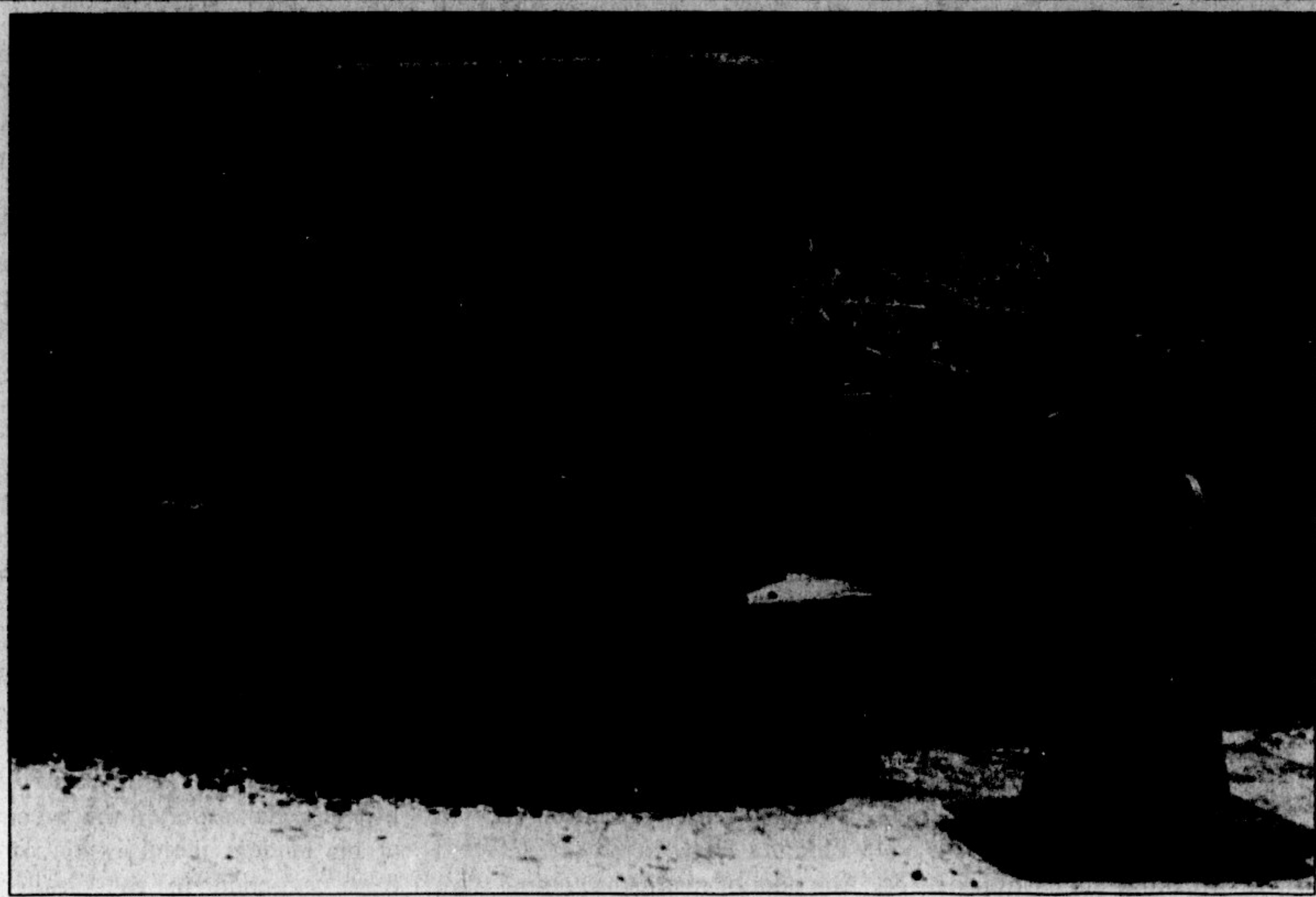
Jim Smith

Executive Assistant to Chancellor

board.

Before joining the Board of Governors in 1991, Ruffin was the vice president for corporate affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. When he joined the board, he held a position as vice chairman for two years. In addition to the titles he has held, he continues to be active in numerous other committees.

Ruffin's position was determined by a 16-15 vote. There was some speculation that someone changed a vote at the last minute, leading to Ruffin's victory.



The granite stone marker in front of the geology building will soon be replaced by a formal sign identical to all other building signs on campus.

PHOTO BY MARC CRIPPEN

THE ROCK

Landmark stone, donated by alumni, unearthed after 30 years

T.K. JONES
NEWS EDITOR

When geologists unearth rocks, a bit of history is excavated in the process.

Campus officials received this lesson in elemental geology the day they unearthed the granite stone, a landmark for the building for nearly thirty years.

Students and faculty alike balked at the mere thought of replacing the granite stone (a.k.a. "the headstone") located in front of the Graham build-

ing, but university officials did not. Last Wednesday a forklift uprooted the stone to make room for a uniform building identification sign.

The uproar was not about the department having an official university sign, but that it could have been posted in another location. So why choose the very spot where a granite stone lay nearly three decades?

"The site for the new sign was chosen because of its high visibility," said Eugene Langford, construction and renovation design supervisor, a division of facilities services. The new sign is "part of the new signage system" on campus, replacing the small, wooden signs in front of departments with larger, eye-level

signs.

The stone's new location has yet to be determined. An effort has been made by the department's faculty to put the stone on the grass before the handicap ramp, but the Facilities Services declined, saying it would place the signs too close and not look "aesthetically pleasing."

Others have made comments of the stone itself being distasteful because it resembles a headstone more than a sign for a geology department. But because the department wanted a sign relevant to geology, they chose the granite stone.

"If you want rock that has engraving on it that is legible, where are you going to go?"

"The rock is good a good place to sit when you don't want to sit by the smokers on the wall"

"It was here when my parents went to school"

"The headstone adds flavor to the campus"

"It's a good landmark when you need to give directions in

Rock Facts

The rock weighs between 300-400 pounds. It cost approximately \$600.

The granite itself is several million years old.

The rock was purchased by the department's alumni.

Steel rods are drilled into the stone and a concrete base to secure it from being stolen.

SOURCE: GEOLOGY DEPT. FACULTY

Time management ranks low, survey says

Students concerned more with academics

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

While a recent survey found students were concerned mostly about academics, these same students reported to have less concern about personal relationships and time management.

The Office of Research, Assessment and Testing conducted a telephone survey March through April among random undergraduates at ECU. The survey examined important issues to students on campus and nationwide.

Also conducted in the survey were individual interviews with students to determine what level they were on in their studies.

The top three issues facing students nationwide were finances, academics and future plans. But ECU students responded that academics, finances and alcohol/drugs, respectively, were their main concerns.

Kris Smith, director of the survey, said the survey helped pinpoint important issues for students.

On responding to individual concerns, Smith said academics ranked number one in order of importance to nearly all the students.

"Our students are concerned about getting an education," Smith said.

Other issues mentioned by students were personal time, relationships and time management. Even though not listed in the top three, students still showed concern about these issues.

Time management included the problems students face trying to balance their school work, social lives and jobs. Of students surveyed, 20 percent said relationships were a main issue outside of the classroom.

More issues students reported were problems with binge drinking and peer pressure. Also, many found campus safety, campus involvement and parking to be extra things they have to worry about. Included in these issues is the amount of conflict among students. This is brought upon by different diversities and values, Greek organizations verses non-Greeks and race/ethnicity.

Even though the majority of students mentioned conflict, 20 percent found there was no conflict whatsoever. One student said, "I think everyone gets along fine."

Officers slain in Capitol Building shooting honored during special ceremony in rotunda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Capitol officers cut down in a burst of gunfire will be honored Tuesday at a special ceremony at the historic building where they worked and died. Their remains will lie in the Rotunda, where the coffins of presidents and commanding generals have rested.

Capitol Police Chief Gary Abrecht announced plans to memorialize the two "fallen heroes" as the suspect in the shooting, Russell E. Weston Jr., lay in a hospital bed in serious condition.

Coffins bearing the bodies of officers Jacob J. Chestnut and John Gibson were in the Capitol Rotunda early Tuesday and remained there all day. President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott all were scheduled to attend the event, officials said.

Clinton spoke by telephone Sunday to Chestnut's widow, but was not able to make contact with Gibson's widow, said officials traveling with the president in New Mexico. They said he also spoke with 24-year-old Angela Dickerson, a Virginia woman who was wounded and hospitalized overnight Friday before returning to her home on Saturday.

Abrecht said Gibson, 42, a native of Waltham, Mass., will be buried Thursday at a location to be announced. Chestnut, 58 and an Air Force veteran, will be interred the following day at Arlington National Cemetery.

The two Capitol police officers died of the

wounds when the gunman, a loner with a history of mental illness, burst into the Capitol Friday afternoon and opened fire with a .38-caliber handgun.

The condition of Weston, 41, from Rimini, Mont., was upgraded from critical to serious during the day. "His cardiac status has improved," said D.C. General Hospital spokeswoman Donna Lewis Johnson.

Weston was shot in the chest, arms, thigh and buttocks and brought down in a furious exchange of gunfire with Gibson.

Authorities arranged a hearing in absentia for Weston on Monday in federal court, a few blocks from the Capitol. Papers filed in court in the District of Columbia on Saturday charged him with killing the two officers; the purpose of Monday's hearing was to bring the case into federal court.

While events were set in motion to honor the fallen—and bring the suspect to justice—tourists roamed the Capitol by the hundreds, some pausing before a pile of flowers that has grown on the steps outside in tribute to Gibson and Chestnut.



Tourists pay their respects to the officers slain in the unexpected shooting Friday.

PHOTO BY TK JONES

"It's awful that it happened," said John Kurzawa, a 16-year-old from Northford, Conn. who was touring with his family. "I wish it hadn't happened. I hope as a nation we can get over it."

The repercussions were already setting in, though, from the grief of the families to the shaken colleagues of Chestnut and Gibson who

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news briefs

Oxendine approves \$21 million State Farm auto rate reduction

ATLANTA (AP) — Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine has approved a \$21 million rate reduction for State Farm Group, Georgia's largest auto insurance company.

Oxendine estimated that the decrease, along with reductions granted to 14 other auto insurers since the first of the year, will save Georgia consumers more than \$30 million a year in insurance premiums.

Air Force Academy vet takes interim VP post at Peru State

PERU, Neb. (AP) — The interim president of Peru State College has appointed an interim vice president for academic affairs to replace David Ainsworth, who resigned after making a racially insensitive comment.

Jerry Martin, a 30-year teacher at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., takes over the vice president post left vacant when Ainsworth resigned in May, President Richard B. Flynn announced Thursday.

Coffee futures up; cocoa down

Coffee futures soared three percent Tuesday on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York on market talk Brazil will offer incentives to farmers to keep some of their bumper crop off the market, supporting prices just as roasters begin buying for the heavy consumption period.

On other markets, cocoa futures fell to five-month lows, while platinum and palladium futures rose sharply.

Tentative Settlement in GM Strikes

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Negotiators reached a tentative settlement today to end United Auto Workers strikes against two General Motors Corp. parts plants that had virtually shut down the No. 1 automaker, the union announced.



TV sales up in France

PARIS (AP) — Sales of televisions soared in France before the World Cup, with manufacturers recording a 39 percent increase in April and May over the same period last year, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

Most purchases were for a second set, as 95 percent of French homes already have a television, according to Le Parisien.

King Hussein treated for lymphatic cancer

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein told his people Tuesday that he is undergoing treatment for lymphatic cancer and expects to recover fully.

Hussein said he underwent chemotherapy for the first time on Sunday and "my general condition is excellent, my mind is clear and my morale is high."

Hussein, who has been hospitalized at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., since July 14 spoke by satellite transmission with Jordanian television.

crime scene

July 24

- Domestic Dispute - A supervisor at the construction site east of Joyner Library reported an encounter with an employee who had been fired earlier that day. The supervisor reported the former employee threatened him.

July 23

- Driving While Impaired - A student was stopped on Faculty Way for exceeding the posted speed limit. An odor of alcohol was detected and the student was administered three field sobriety tests. The student was arrested and transported to the Pitt County Detention Center.

July 22

- Breaking & Entering & Larceny from a Motor Vehicle - A student reported the vinyl passen-

ger side window on her Jeep had been cut. A cellular telephone was removed from the vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the commuter lot at the bottom of College Hill Drive.

- Larceny - A student reported that a vending machine in Fleming Hall was open. Several items were missing from the machine.

July 21

- Damage to Property - A staff member reported a window on the east side of the Chancellor's residence was shattered. The damage was possibly caused by a BB pellet.

- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - While assisting a student with Operation ID in Fleming Hall, an officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from another room in Fleming Hall. The resident consented to a search

of his room. A small amount of marijuana was found in a leather bag in the room. The resident was issued a campus appearance ticket.

- Assist Rescue - A staff member was transported from the General Classroom Building to Pitt County Memorial Hospital after complaining of chest pains.

July 20

- Breaking & Entering & Larceny - A staff member reported the breaking and entering of his office in the Flanagan Building. A three-stage mercury diffusion pump and glassware were taken from the room.

- Larceny - A resident of Fleming Hall reported the larceny of his student identification card from a bench in the Student Recreation Center.

Green dye gives scare

Chemical spill no cause for alarm

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Jack Thorton saw green water under Tenth Street and flooding Rock Springs Road on Friday afternoon, he sprang into action.

Thorton feared the worst when he spotted a green liquid seeping from the sewer on Tenth Street and decided to alert the authorities.

When Thorton, a faculty member in the school of business, traced the water back to the

Howell Science Complex, he thought it might be a chemical spill and notified Bill Koch, head of Environmental Health and Public Safety, and Michael Campbell with the grounds department to investigate the discolored water. After the initial investigation, their answer became clear.

"The basis of the discolored water is a non-toxic, organic dye, used to trace the leaks in pipes where water flows through," Koch said. "This dye is sanctioned by the National Sanitation Foundation which approves the safety of equipment and materials used in dining facilities."

During an inspection of the drains in the southern part of the Rawl Building, the grounds department used the dye to test the reli-

ability of the pipes and rout out the leaking ones.

"The dye is usually diluted to an unnoticeable level, but the drain in Rawl had backed up and the flow of water was not strong enough to dilute the dye," Campbell said. "The drain was old and filled with vegetation and debris."

The drain is scheduled to be fixed. The grounds department is waiting for a certain part of the draining system to arrive that needs to be replaced.

"The best part about something like this is the good response we receive from the campus community," Koch said. "By contacting the correct authorities, this discolorization was checked out quickly and efficiently."

Edition. "He never got more than 20 feet inside the building."

The chief said the slain officers and others who rushed to the scene "were heroic in every way."

Officials have said Chestnut tried to stop Weston when he burst past the metal detector at a first-floor entrance to the building Friday afternoon. Chestnut was shot in the head. A second officer who had gone to get a wheelchair for a tourist then fired at Weston, who ran around the corner and opened the private door leading to a suite of offices occupied by the House Republican Whip, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas.

Gibson, assigned to protect DeLay, shouted at numerous peo-

ple in the suite to take cover and exchanged gunfire at short range with the gunman. Both officer and gunman fell, Gibson mortally wounded.

In a series of meetings Sunday, congressional officials were in touch with the survivors of the two men as they attempted to work out the details of several days of observations.

Numerous high-ranking government officials have lain in state in the Rotunda since Abraham Lincoln's casket was brought there in 1865. Others similarly honored include Presidents John F. Kennedy, Dwight Eisenhower as well as Gens. John J. Pershing and Douglas MacArthur.

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Our View

Ask any ECU student where the Graham building is and they might not be able to tell you where it is. Ask them which building houses the geology department and they'll say, "Why, it's the one with the rock in front of it."

The rock we're referring to is the large, polished, granite stone with "Geology" engraved on it that, until recently, sat in front of the Graham building.

Last Wednesday, the stone was removed in favor of a uniform building identification sign like those in front of Austin or the General Classroom Building.

While we are not opposed to having official university signs to identify buildings, why did they have to remove a campus landmark?

Why couldn't the university put the new sign on the other side of the building?

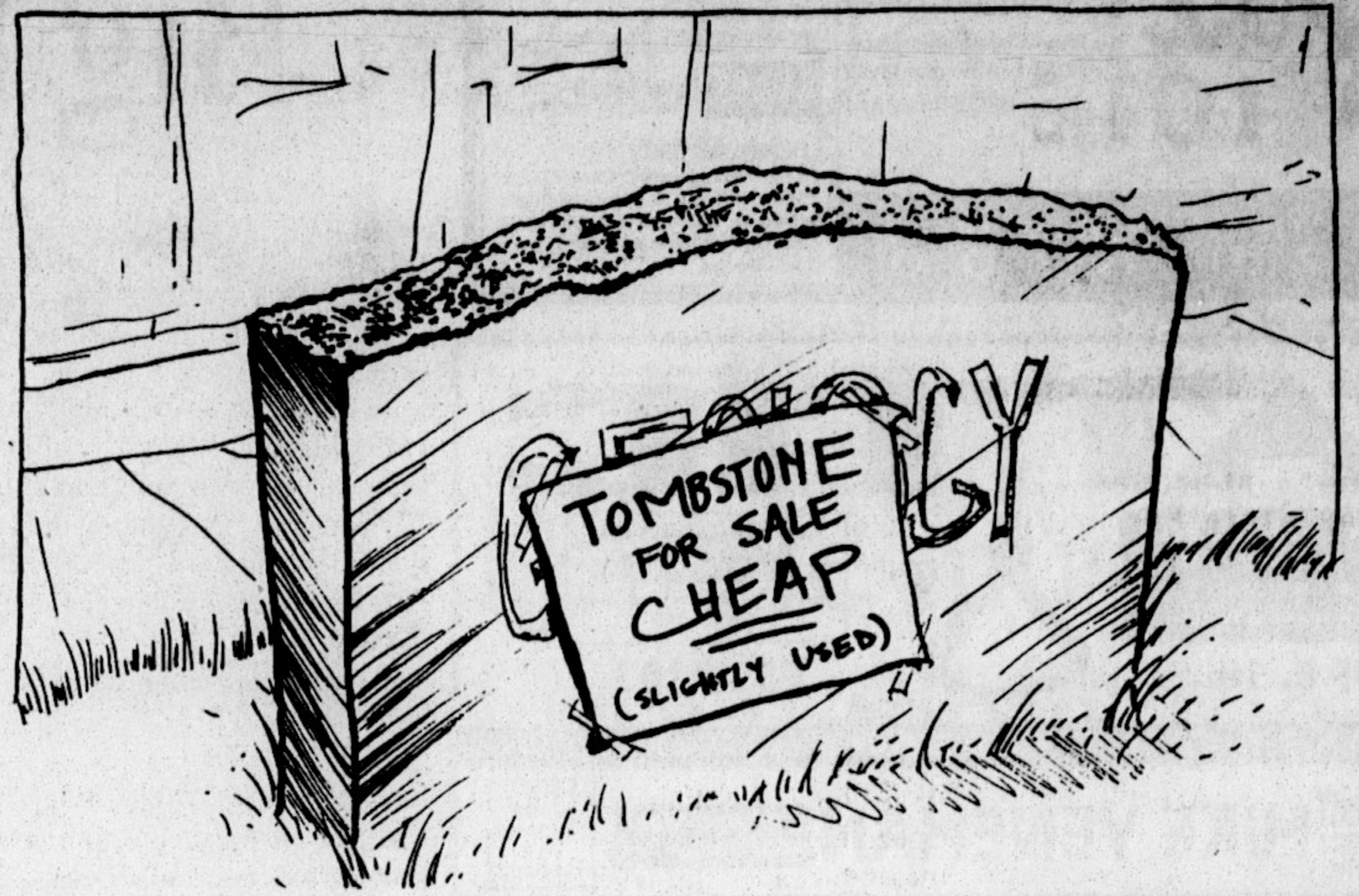
Is the new sign even necessary? The stone was chosen by the geology department because they wanted a sign that was relevant to their department. What better way to identify the geology building than to have a large granite stone out front? Most students taking a geology class for the first time may not know where the Graham building is, but are pretty sure that their class is in the building with the rock on the outside.

A stone identifying the geology department has been in place since the 1960's. Over the years it has become a treasured part of ECU. The stone is so beloved that when the original was stolen in 1995, the school's alumni paid for a replacement.

Besides being a waste of time and money, removal of the stone is an insult to faculty, students and alumni — especially to those in the geology department.

It's hard to believe a school that raised money to restore an old cupola on a part of campus that most people don't even go to would spend money to remove a cherished gift donated by the alumni, at the center of campus activity.

In addition to identifying the geology department, the stone became useful when giving directions to visitors, orientation students and



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OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

To sue or not to sue

The question I have is how long will the appeals process take — six months, a year, two years? During that time the patient is waiting they could be suffering in extreme pain. Thanks to federal law the patient will have little recourse.

To sue or not to sue, that is the debate. The House of Representatives has passed a bill that would allow people to appeal their Health Maintenance Organization's (HMO) decisions about the care received. Most

Republicans in the House did not want to add a provision that would have allowed patients to sue their HMO.

Republicans, recipients of campaign donations from HMO lobbyists, were afraid of losing these contributions. Without this money, they could not make those cool commercials that say they are fighting for you against big business.

The health industry has a huge lobby inside the beltline. Witness the 1994 advertising blitz brought by them upon the 1994 Clinton Health Care Reform. The public's dismay at the treatment they are receiving is the only reason anything is being done. It is an election year and politicians have to show interest in the people.

The majority in the House did not want to add a provision that would allow patients to sue. The right-wing party is concerned with frivolous lawsuits. Republicans tend to think all lawsuits against big corporations are unneeded. They are probably right; Ford did nothing wrong when the Pinto went into production, and the cigarette companies did not mislead the public at all.

Newt and the Gang are correct when they assume that some people will take advantage of the abili-

ty to sue. What the collective intelligence of the Republican party fails to consider is that the HMO's will take advantage of patients if they cannot sue.

The Republican's bill did have provisions for patients to appeal. Having the ability to appeal is necessary to protect the public's health and well-being. The question I have is how long will the appeals process take — six months, a year, two years? During that time the patient is waiting they could be suffering in extreme pain. Thanks to federal law the patient will have little recourse.

I support the Republican's idea for appeals and the Democrats right to sue agenda. Both should be made into law. Company's that promise to take care of your health should be held to that promise.

An amendment I would like to see, but probably will not be prison sentences. The federal government should impose stiff prison terms upon the people within the HMO empire. Fines are already in place but what is a couple of hundred grand to a billion dollar industry? People want criminals behind bars and what is more criminal than making a person wait for treatment because the company deemed it too expensive? This is akin to torture.

OPINION Columnist

Britt HONEYCUTT

Go for the mutts



These stinky little shitzus and such aren't guaranteed for anything but crapping on the floor and biting your ankle.

I am in love. His name is Pepe. His ass smells and he has bugs living in his ears, but we're working on that. He moved in with me recently and everything is wonderful. We met in the swamp beside my parents' house on Friday. It was love at first sight.

Found creatures are the best kind.

It is beyond my comprehension why people are willing to spend so much money on an inbred animal when there are tons of perfectly good ones with diverse genetics right there in the swamp beside your house. Or even if you don't

have a swamp ... Everybody does have a swamp, right?

Remember the kid in high school whose parents were first cousins? Nobody would even invite him to a party, much less let him live in their house. The extra head may have had a little something to do with that, but inbred animals are much the same. The very people who made fun of poor Billy's mom and dad for hooking up at a family reunion make puppies do their mommies all the time in the name of "pure lines."

Every animal I've ever loved was a mutt, and they've never done me wrong. Well, there was Pork Chop, the Yorkshire terrier. He was so butt-stupid that all the other dogs made fun of him until it drove him to cross dress and he began to delve into the frightening world of underground doggy transvestism. Let's not talk about Pork Chop.

I have, however, been wronged by countless rottweillers, dobermans and dalmations — the latter of which bit me smack in the ass for no apparent reason. It seems that dalmations sit around thinking about how good a nice big hunk of human hiney would be. I still have the scars.

And the money you pay! As if

vet bills, pet food, toys and accessories weren't expensive enough alone. Then people spend unnecessary hundreds simply to own a slip of paper stating that your dog or cat is an inbred idiot. These animals are far more prone to birth defects and mean personalities in general (i.e. the aforementioned dalmatian), and yet everybody wants one! But then, I guess the same reasoning applies to the popularity of the Spice Girls.

It sickens me to see someone pay upwards of \$300 for a sickly, rotten, certified animal when there are so many sweet furry things waiting for someone to save them at the humane society, the pound and swamps all over the area ... you know, maybe Pepe is alone in his swamp cat status. Okay, forget about the swamp.

There are millions of starving, homeless animals who would much rather come live with you than be put to sleep. Give your local kennel a chance. These animals will be so grateful that you saved them from certain destruction that you're guaranteed an affection, loyal pet. These stinky little shitzus and such aren't guaranteed for anything but crapping on the floor and biting your ankle.

OPINION Columnist

Stephen KLEINSCHMIT

Enjoy the rest of summer



In the fall, we will welcome back all our friends who have spent the summer embarrassing themselves as bag boys at the local Piggly Wiggly and have them blow their savings on one night downtown.

Well, lets see... what did we learn this summer? Money means power. I promised myself that I wouldn't put my two cents in on

this one, but it has come to this.

In ECU's attempt to get more money to get more football players who can read AND write, ECU has devoted 60 percent of the \$7 million that will be eventually re-extorted out of the students by Pepsi ... to athletics. Around campus, opinions are pretty critical of this decision, ranging from slightly less apathetic than usual to sporadic cursing. It seems that the only way we will be able to get coke on campus is in it's purified white, powdered form.

Freshman orientation was fun. Don't deny it. Those little boys and girls are so awestruck by us that they would shack up with a hobo as long as they had an ECU shirt on. Besides, we really didn't have anything else to do on a Wednesday night ... like study. We went to the Elbo to create an atmosphere of diversity, in stark opposition to the usual local rednecks, rugby players

and Marines who frequent the place.

The fourth of July gave us once again another reason to drink and set off unsafe Chinese pyrotechnics. Don't get me wrong; I love the things. I was just a little peeved when I had some kids who live in my rapidly aging apartment complex shooting bottle rockets at my truck. These kids are probably the same ones who will end up in jail in about eight years after they hold up The Pantry so that they can get enough money to buy one book at Dowdy Student Stores.

All in all, it's been a pretty good summer. In the fall, we will welcome back all our friends who have spent the summer embarrassing themselves as bag boys at the local Piggly Wiggly and have them blow their savings on one night downtown. We better enjoy this little break ... we have a lot of tough partying ahead next semester.

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Big band swing makes a comeback in USA

POMPANO BEACH, Florida (AP) — Pompadours, zoot suits and crinoline skirts are all the rage, while bands with bizarre names like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and the Squirrel Nut Zippers make you grab a partner and boogie down.

As retro movements go, swing dancing is huge.

The high-energy jitterbug style first tweaked interest in 1993 when Disney released "Swing Kids," about German youth in the 1930s whose love of American swing made them targets of the Nazis. The 1996 movie "Swingers," about single life in Los Angeles, furthered swing's popularity.

It became an official phenomenon with The Gap's recent U.S. TV ad featuring young couples doing a raucous Lindy Hop to Louis Prima's "Jump Jive an' Wail."

Big band swing is embraced by all ages, especially - and most surprisingly - by under-30s. Swing kids don't see much romanticism in a mosh pit.

"Dancing with a partner was such a thing of the past. With this, you can just go up to anybody. There's no obligation. There's no pressure. It's like, 'Hey, let's just dance,'" said Craig Lozowick, 25, decked out in pin-stripe suit, skinny tie, slicked-back hair and sideburns.

"Everyone in our generation danced separately until this. It has so much energy," said his dancing partner, Stacy Wyllis, looking elegant in old-style glasses and a 1940s pink dress bought at a vintage clothing shop.

Soon the duo, moving in triple time, is on the dance floor at Man Ray's, a South Florida club learning like many other places that swing pays. Nearly 300 people were dancing on a recent night.

Swing is everywhere, from The Masquerade in Atlanta to The Spanish Ballroom in Washington, D.C., where the 16-piece Tom Cunningham Orchestra performs. It's at The Supper Club in New York City, The Derby in Los Angeles, and Cafe du Nord in San Francisco.

The West Coast neo-swing movement can be traced to bands like Royal Crown Revue, which started mixing in swing with its punk-influenced ska nearly a decade ago. Former rocker Brian Setzer of the now-defunct Stray Cats is a current swing guitarist who got his roots in rockabilly.

"What a lot of the swing people are playing right now is jump blues, like Louis Prima or Louis Jordan," said Steve Perry, lead singer of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. "Real swing is more like Fletcher Henderson, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. That's what we play."

And, of course, MTV motored the trend when the network put the Cherry Poppin' Daddies' "Zoot Suit Riot" in the rotation and the song became an alternative hit.

"The zoot suiters were considered the punk rockers of their age because they were very outrageously dressed," said Perry, whose band

came out of the grunge scene in the Pacific Northwest.

The eight-piece band isn't the only one making the scene. There's the jump sound of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, the Western bent of Big Sandy and his Fly-rite Boys or the Dixieland stylings of Squirrel Nut Zippers, who really scored the first neo-swing hit with "Hell."

Many of the big-horn bands dress in natty 1940s attire. Songs about gambling and alcohol, like the Voodoo Daddy's "You and Me and Bottle Makes 3," feeds into that day-after-prohibition-ended feeling of the music.

Then there's the dancing. Swing is mainly an American invention, evolving out of ragtime and jazz dancing in the 1930s and '40s. Unlike a tango or a waltz, swing is more improvisational and comes in many styles: jive, jitterbug, Lindy, push, whip, shag, East Coast swing, West Coast swing, imperial, Jamaican and Bop.

"When soldiers from World War II came with the Service to the major port cities of New York and Chicago, they would see swing and take it back home to Oklahoma, Carolina, Los Angeles and it would mutate," said Randy Atlas, president of the South Florida Swing Dance Association.

That's why in California there's West Coast swing. In Texas it's called push and in the Carolinas it's shag. Each is a slightly different take on swing, kind of like a regional accent.

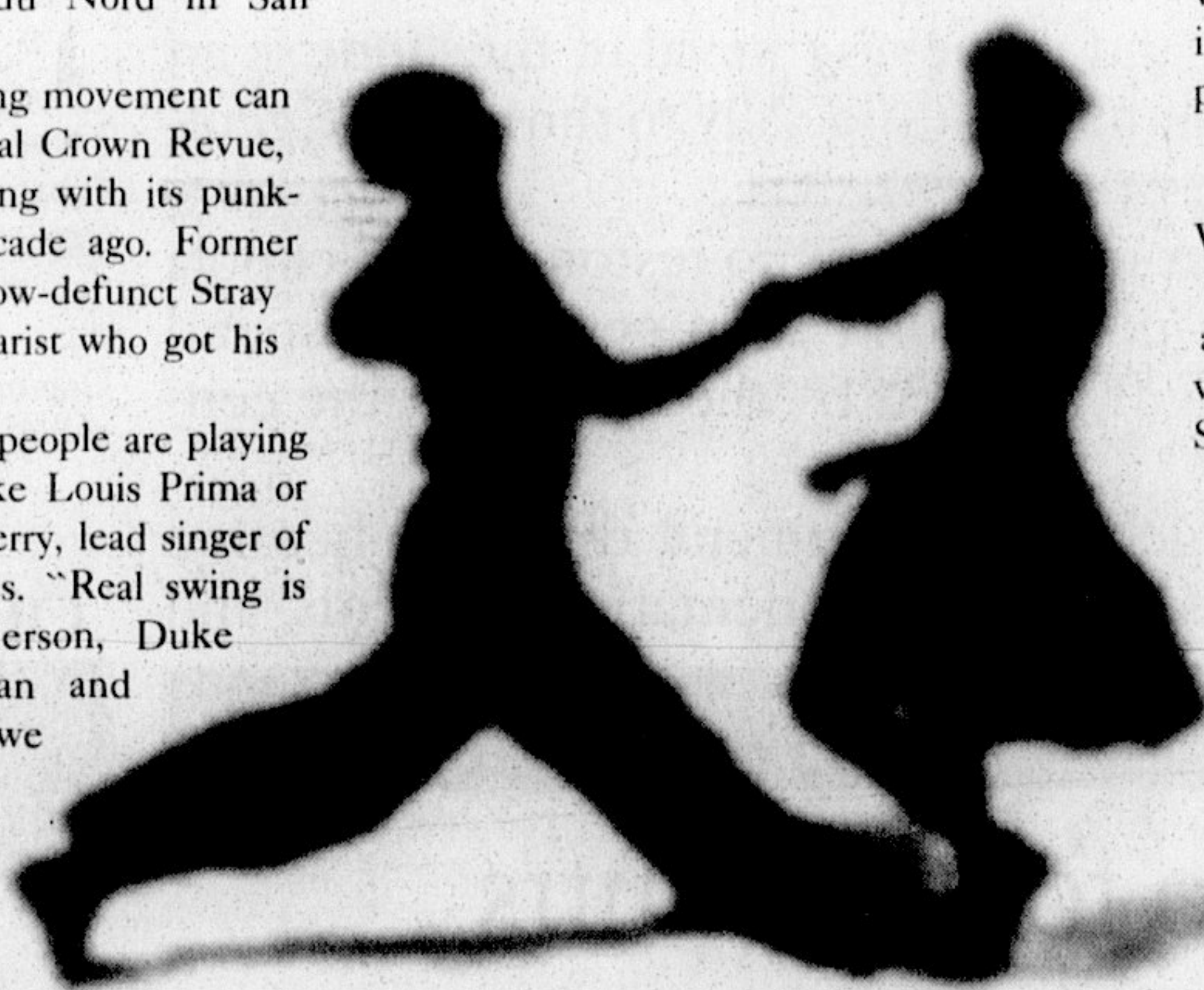
The 1990s resurgence of swing is grounded in the '30s music of Benny Goodman and Glenn



Squirrel Nut Zippers kick it East Coast style...
 PHOTO COURTESY OF SQUIRREL NUT ZIPPERS HOMEPAGE



Even chinos can swing...
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Miller, and the jump swing of artists like Louis Prima.

"The Lindy Hop or the jitterbug, that's what

"Dancing with a partner was such a thing of the past. With this, you can just go up to anybody. There's no obligation. There's no pressure. It's like, 'Hey, let's just dance,'"

Craig Lozowick
 Swing Enthusiast

the swing kids are doing now," Atlas said.

Modern swing bands play all types of old-time swing, but swing dancing can be done to all types of music - from '70s disco (the Hustle was a form of swing) to Sheryl Crow.

"When the dancers hear music in shuffle time, that's 110 to 125 per minute, they are just as happy as hogs in mud," Atlas said.

Many new converts say they became interested in swing after the movie "Swingers," in which a guy finally meets a girl thanks to knowing how to dance to the house band, which happens to be Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

The Gap ad also piqued interest. "We've gotten an overwhelming response. We've received phone calls, letters and e-mails from people saying they were going to go out and take some swing lessons," Gap spokeswoman Rebecca Weill said from the company's San Francisco headquarters.

The ad brought Brian Tindell and Damiana Landimario to Man Ray's.

She couldn't get over the swing fashion. "Next week I'm bringing my skirt. Forget these pants. Wearing skirts and dresses, you just feel free," the 31-year-old nurse said.

Tindell, an engineer, said swing is helping him finally understand his folks.

"This is the first time I understand what my dad was trying to do when he gets on the dance floor at a wedding reception," he said. "I've got to bring the parents here. I think they would get a blast out of this."

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MARK BRETT
SENIOR WRITER

It makes me sick to see aging punks. I mean it. All the sagging mohawks and drooping tattoos ... All the sneering, "aren't you old enough to know better" attitude ... Sometimes I just have to shake my head.

It's one of the sad facts of life here at the end of the century that the original punks are now pushing 40. These guys have been mad at the world for a long time now, and I can respect that, but when half of your concert banter begins "Back in my day ..." you have a problem.

But some of the punks have aged gracefully. The Ramones' mop-topped, leather jacket look has served them well, and the Sex Pistols' John Lydon has really managed to ease into middle age with style. Lydon's kept his perspective with an acid sense of humor (always a good thing to be armed with), but the Ramones seem to have survived primarily because they just weren't as pissed off as everyone else.

They formed their band in the first place

because they were just bored with '70s arena rock and wanted to get things jumping again. They were entertainment rebels, not political ones, so they lasted longer than their contemporaries.

As I find myself becoming an aging punk (not as old as the first wave, but still pushing 30 any day now), I find the Ramones an inspirational example. I don't have it in me to be as angry as I was 10 years ago, but I can still keep sticking it to 'The Man' by refusing to give in to what the entertainment industry feeds me.

Why waste money on the latest big Hollywood schlock? It's only going to be moderately entertaining. Why buy an album from an artist whose popularity seems mainly based on how much MTV airtime he got?

Godzilla is a perfect example of the attitude I'm talking about. Millions of people went to see this movie, and why? Because it got a lot of hype. It was all over TV and radio and even major magazines. You couldn't be wired into American society and not have heard about it.

And because everybody has heard about it ad nauseum for weeks before its debut, millions of people went to see it. People who have never seen a *Godzilla* movie before in their lives went to see it. People who hate monster movies went to see it. And all because of an ad campaign.

In the music industry, this trend is even worse. It's very seldom that a band breaks into widespread popularity through genuine fan support these days. No, the way the music industry works is much different and more insidious.

The record company will find an act with a sound they can



"Me want my MTV!!!"

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mold, or better yet, they'll create one. They'll have company songwriters concoct music for this group to perform that's written according to charts and formulae designed to maximize its popularity based on what's been popular in the recent past. Then they'll give the group a "look," also based on recently popular trends, film a video designed to look just like all the other videos out there (that whole washed-out "Losing My Religion"/"One" look) and push like crazy to get it into heavy rotation on MTV. Appropriate pockets are greased along the way, of course, and eventually all the right people are telling us we should look like this. And thus the Backstreet Boys are born.

Why do we put up with this? Or, more accurately, why do we settle for this? Why don't we grow a backbone, or a brain, and decide what we like for ourselves? I mean, I know people are busy and don't want to be bothered, but this drives me mad. Maybe it's time for all of us to take a cue from the Ramones and become just a little punk rock. If nothing else, it'll give us somebody to take our frustrations out on who really deserve it...



The Ramones, the real "backstreet boys."

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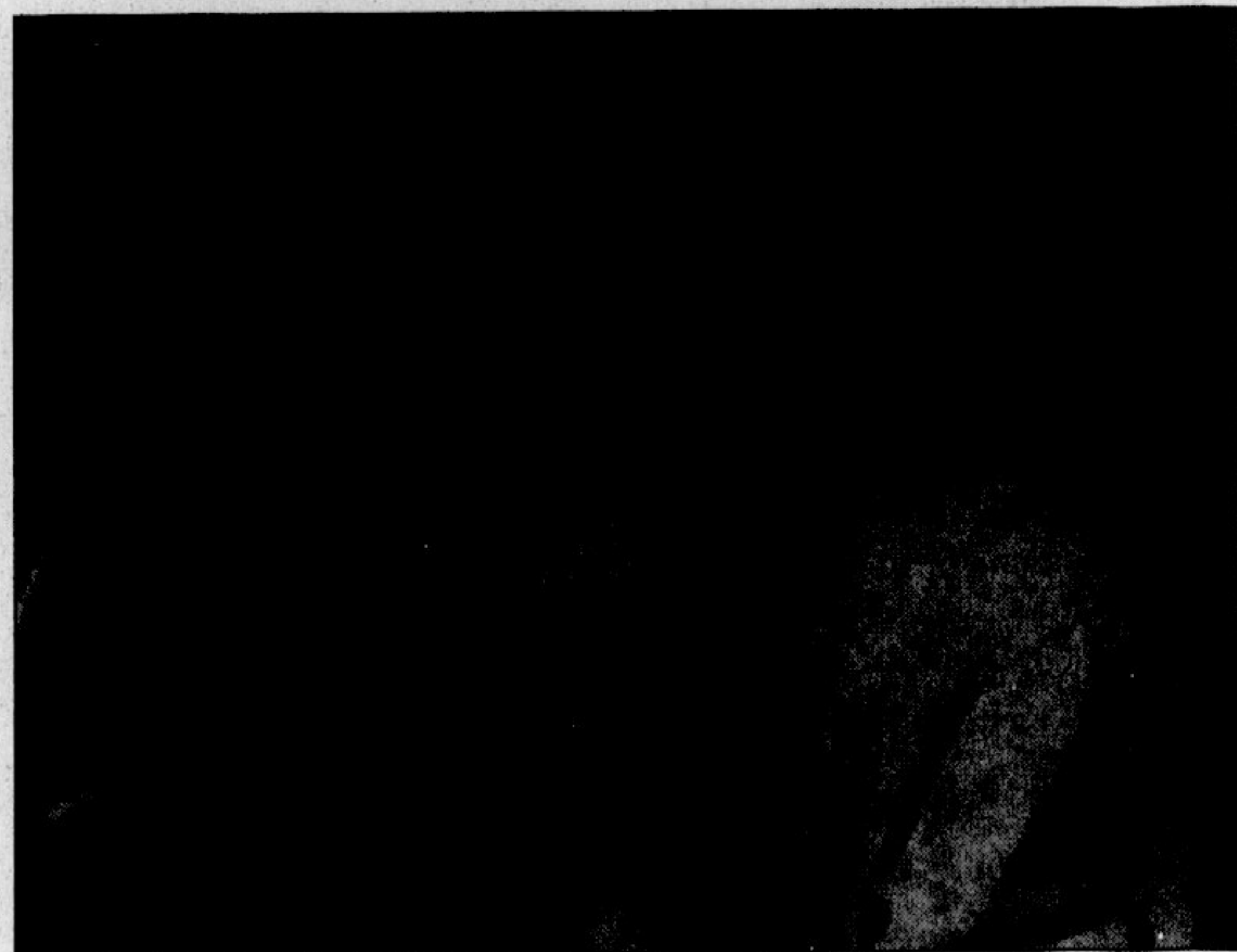
This is the column where we focus on the stuff we miss and the stuff you missed. We will examine the books, movies, and albums we feel deserve further exploration. The stuff we dug back in the day...

Gene Vincent's legacy lives on...

ANDY TURNER
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

In Jim Jarmusch's 1989 film, *Mystery Train*, two Japanese characters in search of the American (pop culture) Dream in Memphis, Jun and Mitsuko, argue over whether Elvis or Carl Perkins is the real king of rock-n-roll. The gal goes with the Big E, but the feller picks Cool Cat Carl. Most people probably agree with the little lady, but there's that old familiar question: What if things had been different? If things had been different, Carl Perkins may have very well been the king of rock-n-roll, or some of the other Sun Record guys like Jerry Lee Lewis, Billy Lee Riley or Sonny Burgess could claim the

Cat man gets his due



Gene Vincent was smokin'!

PHOTO COURTESY OF RAZOR AND TIE

title. It might have even been "The Black Leather Rebel," from Norfolk, Va., Gene Vincent.

Vincent, who was nominated into the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year, is probably best known for the breathy romper "Be Bop-A-Lula," which hit number seven on the pop chart back in June 1956. He never got higher than seven on the charts, but he charted with other songs including, "Race With the Devil," "Dance to

the Bop," "Wear My Ring" and "Lotta Lovin'."

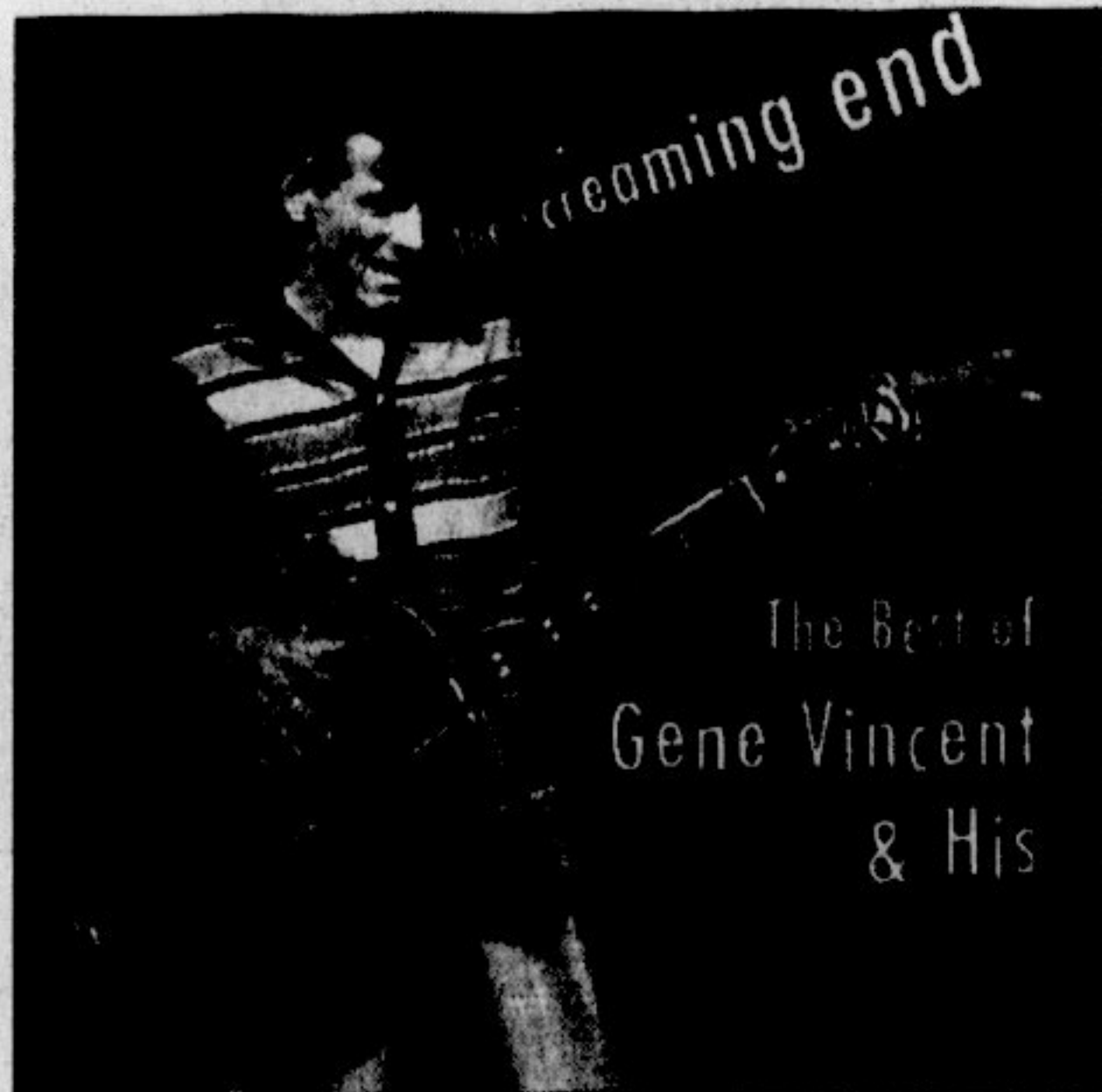
Razor and Tie released a greatest hits compilation of Vincent's work last year, *The Screaming End: The Best of Gene Vincent and His Blue Caps*. Though called "The Best of," the songs on the 20-track compilation were recorded in 1956 or 1957. So, technically, the compilation only features the best of two years of Vincent's career, but I've heard songs he recorded after 1957 and rarely does the music hit you as hard as these early songs do.

The gut-grabbing raw splendor of the early songs can largely be attributed to the Blue Caps: Cliff Gallup (lead guitar), Willie Williams (rhythm guitar), Jack Neal (upright bass) and Dickie Harrell (drums). They hooped and hollered and mauled their way through songs like "Who Slapped John," "Bluejean Bop," "Jumps, Giggles & Shouts" and

"Woman Love."

On *The Screaming End*, Gene and the Blue Caps sound like they're hammered on cheap hooch and ready to brawl. Listen to the thumping "Cat Man" and it sounds like Vincent is going to jump right out of the jukebox and get a ld of any teenage daughter he can find. The picture of Vincent on the cover of *The Screaming End* helps make it a little clearer why Billy Graham was proclaiming rock-n-roll the devil's music. Vincent's greasy hair is wild, his eyes far-away and crazed. His legs are fixed at an odd angle (like Kevin Spacey's character in the *Usual Suspects*) due to a 1955 motorcycle accident that shattered his left leg. He looks like a deranged juvenile delinquent. At that moment, he was the epitome of unkempt, unfettered, unscrewed-with rock-n-roll.

Vincent was only 36 when he died in 1971 from a ruptured stomach ulcer caused from drinking too damn much during a painful life



that never got as far as it should have. Thankfully, the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame saw fit to include him. He belongs there. He's influenced scores of musician, and most importantly, he's one bad cat.

The wild man from Norfolk could have been king. Let's just be thankful it wasn't Pat Boone.

ramblin on

This is not a rant. The goal: to write complete sentences and hopefully to make some sort of point. Just another ass with an opinion...



Female musicians are people, too

Argh! I'm a musician, not yer little sis!

MICCAH SMITH
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

It's obvious to most of America that girls know how to rock. The '90s have been a unique opportunity for women to be noticed and appreciated for their musical abilities.

Bjork, Tori Amos and PJ Harvey happen to top my personal list of femme fatales in rock, but even scores of no-talent hacks like Paula Cole and the mediocre Lilith Fair posse are making a quick buck on the growing trend toward appreciation of female artists.

In the real world of college gigs and bands, however, female songwriters are often perceived as inferior. Female guitarists like myself find it hard to connect with male guitarists, even if it's just to jam casually.

I'll meet some guy and discover that the guitar is our common ground, set up a jam session and bring my gear, all ready and eager to exchange ideas. The loser guy will then proceed to pick out an agonizingly mangled Dave

Matthews cover ("Wait a sec ... I think the chords go like this ...") much to my boredom and chagrin.

Then I'll mention how I like a particular style or group, and he'll shake his head ("Sorry, man. I don't know any U2. And what's classic rock?"). Then he'll make me listen to the opening riff from some Nirvana song.

I rarely get a chance to play, and I usually don't get to finish my songs, because I'm so busy trying to be polite by stopping the moment he looks a little less-than-thrilled.

Then he'll have the nerve to suggest some music I ought to listen to, as if he's taking me under his wing. Like I need a wiser, older brother or something.

I'm sure all the musically talented dudes on campus salivate over Jewel and have Alanis Morissette posters plastered to their walls, but they need to pay attention to the chicks next door. We've got fantasies of stardom and talent just like they do, and I, for one, don't enjoy being patronized and ignored.

In case any of you musician guys are reading, I'm quite sure I know what I'm doing, and all I want is to be treated like an equal. I'd like to share ideas with you. If I wanted your advice, I'd ask for it. And I'm sure my female contemporaries would agree.

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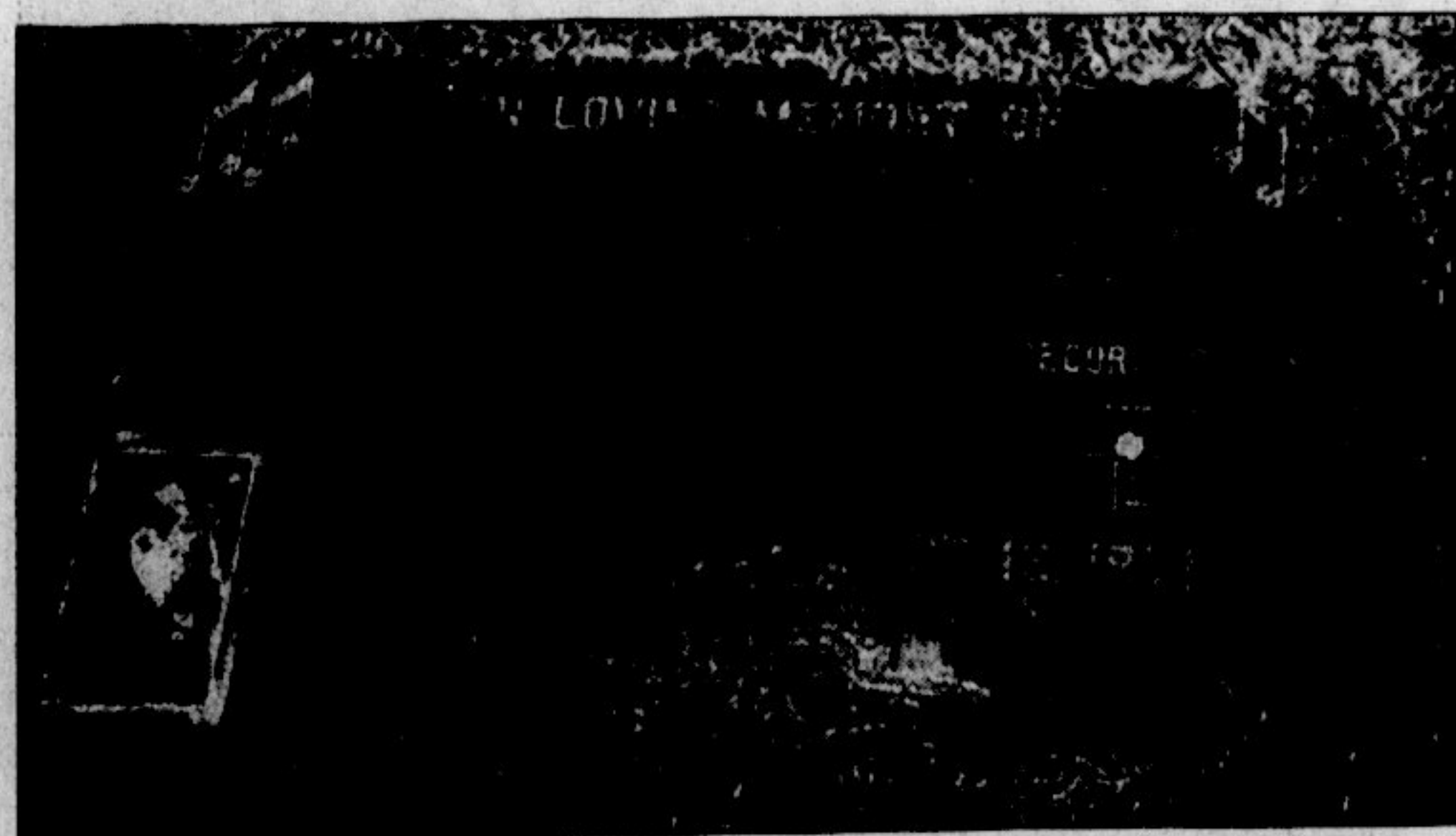
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Pirates picked second by C-USA coaches

**Conference champs
Southern Miss top list**

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Golden Eagles of Southern Miss have been chosen by the head coaches of Conference USA to repeat as conference champions, with ECU not far behind.

The annual preseason poll of the league's football coaches was released last week. ECU and Tulane tied for the second spot, with Cincinnati in the fourth position and Houston picked fifth. Memphis was picked sixth, Louisville seventh and C-USA newcomer Army rounded out the rankings at eight.

The champion of C-USA will be the host team of the Liberty Bowl in Memphis, on December 31.

Southern Miss has won the first two C-USA titles, sharing the crown with Houston in 1996 and

winning last year. They went on to demolish Pittsburgh in last year's Liberty Bowl 41-7.

Southern Miss placed three players on the preseason all-conference team, including projected defensive player of the year, defensive lineman Adalius Thomas.

ECU was picked to win C-USA in last year's poll, but got off to a slow start, dropping their first two conference games. The Pirates won their next four to finish third in the conference, their first in C-USA.

ECU also placed three players on the all-conference team: center Danny Moore, along with linebackers Roderick Coleman and Jeff Kerr.

Tulane was the surprise of the conference last year, finishing second after being picked by the coaches to finish last. Tulane placed a

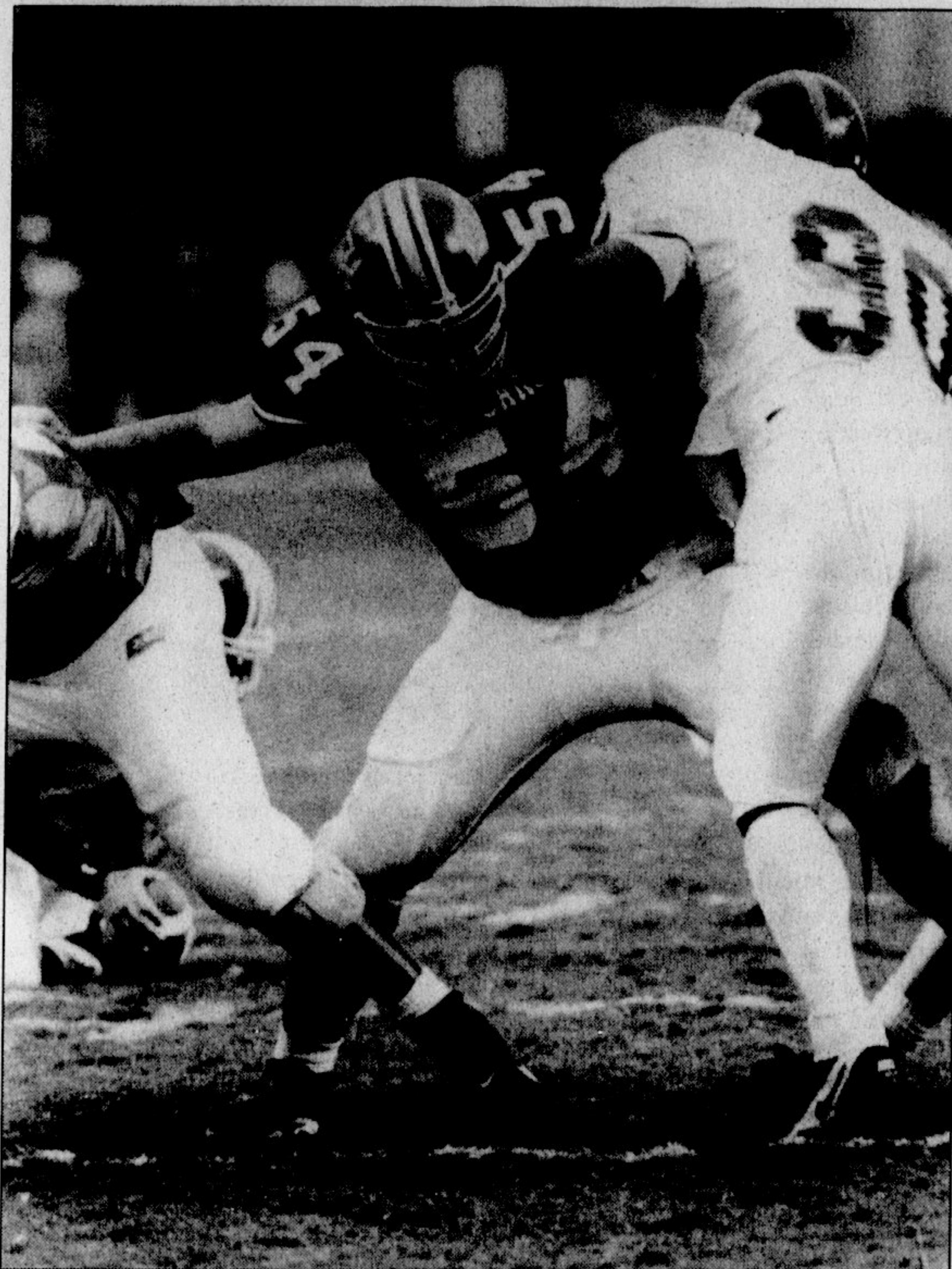
league-high eight players on the all-conference team: three on offense, three on defense and two on special teams.

Conference-USA Preseason Poll

(as selected by the league's head coaches)

1. Southern Miss
2. ECU
3. Tulane
4. Cincinnati
5. Houston
6. Memphis
7. Louisville
8. Army

SOURCE: CONFERENCE USA MEDIA GUIDE



Senior center Danny Moore was one of three Pirates named to the preseason all-C-USA team.

FILE PHOTO

Preseason All-Conference Selections

Offensive Player of the Year: Shaun King, QB, Tulane
Defensive Player of the Year: Adalius Thomas, DE, Southern Miss
Special Teams Player of the Year: Tinker Keck, PR, Cincinnati

Offense

QB: Shaun King, Tulane
RB: Tony Gasaway, Tulane
RB: Keith Sanford, Houston
OL: Henry McClendon, Southern Miss
OL: Danny Moore, ECU
OL: Rick Nord, Louisville
OL: Neil Raver, Army
OL: Brian Uhl, Cincinnati
TE: Ben Green, Louisville
WR: Julian Dawson, Tulane
WR: Sherrill Gideon, Southern Miss

Defense

DL: Marquis Bowling, Memphis
DL: John Nix, Southern Miss
DL: Dennis O'Sullivan, Tulane
DL: Adalius Thomas, Southern Miss
LB: Jeff Kerr, ECU
LB: Roderick Coleman, ECU
DB: Courtney Dinkins, Louisville
DB: Michael Jordan, Tulane
DB: Tinker Keck, Cincinnati
DB: Mike McKenzie, Memphis

Special Teams

RS: Tinker Keck, Cincinnati
PK: Brad Palazzo, Tulane
P: Brad Hill, Tulane

SOURCE: CONFERENCE USA MEDIA GUIDE

Upper deck not big draw in ticket sales

Army, Homecoming, expected to be season's biggest draws

PATRICK GIOVINAZZO
STAFF WRITER

The new upper deck at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium is complete. Pirate fans will be able to enjoy home games from the new vantage point this season.

So what will the upper deck do for ticket sales? Not much—at least not this season anyway. Ticket Office Manager Brenda Edwards doesn't expect much of a change in season ticket sales this year.

"We're hoping maybe next year that sales will pick up there," Edwards said.

Season ticket sales are projected to reach about 14,000, nearly the same as last year.

ECU football's first game will take place on Sept. 5 at Virginia Tech. It is possible for students to buy tickets to the game through ECU. The ticket office will have tickets for the next two to three weeks at a price of \$27.

At home games, students will continue to sit in the designated area in the lower deck. There will also be two student sections in the upper deck if they are needed.

The ECU ticket office is expecting several home games to produce major ticket sales.

"We really foresee the Army game to be a real big turnout, and then, of course, homecoming is always a good turnout," Edwards said.

The Army game will be October 3. This season is Army's first in Conference USA. ECU last faced Army in 1995, beating the Cadets on their home field 31-25.

This year's homecoming game will be the following

week, October 10, against University of Alabama-Birmingham. UAB is slated to join C-USA in 1999.

For now the ticket office remains a couple of hundred sales ahead of last year at this time. Students and other fans can call the office to buy tickets for the Virginia Tech game or to purchase season tickets.

The new upper deck may not produce immediate yields in ticket sales, but it is expected to play a large role in the future of ECU athletics. As Pirate football grows and gains national respect, this upper deck will support the growing number of spectators.

For ticket information call: (252) 328-4500 or 1-800-DIALECU

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Date	Opponent
Sept. 5	at Virginia Tech
Sept. 12	UT-Chattanooga
Sept. 19	at Ohio
Oct. 3	Army
Oct. 10	UAB
Oct. 17	at Alabama
Oct. 24	at Southern Miss
Oct. 31	Houston
Nov. 7	at Cincinnati
Nov. 14	Louisville
Nov. 21	at Memphis

Starting times will be announced at a later date
SOURCE: ECU Dept. of Athletics

Shannon tears ACL

Dolphin receiver out for the year

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

What should have been the happiest day of Larry Shannon's life quickly turned out to be one of the most disappointing.

On July 22, Shannon, a former Pirate wide receiver, signed a three-year contract with the Miami Dolphins, who drafted the ECU product in the third round of last April's draft. During that morning's practice, Shannon fell and injured his right knee.

Shannon suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament. After swelling around the knee subsided, an MRI revealed that Shannon will need surgery.

"Larry has talent; there's no doubt about it," Head Coach Jimmy Johnson said. "I think he's going to play for us."

Unfortunately it doesn't look like it's going to be this year.

Shannon's injury is similar to the one Yatil Green suffered last year. Green, a wide receiver from the

University of Miami, was the Dolphins' number one draft pick in 1997. Green tore his ACL during his first practice with the Dolphins last year and missed all of last season. Green's injury last year was one of three serious knee injuries that the Dolphins endured during training camp.

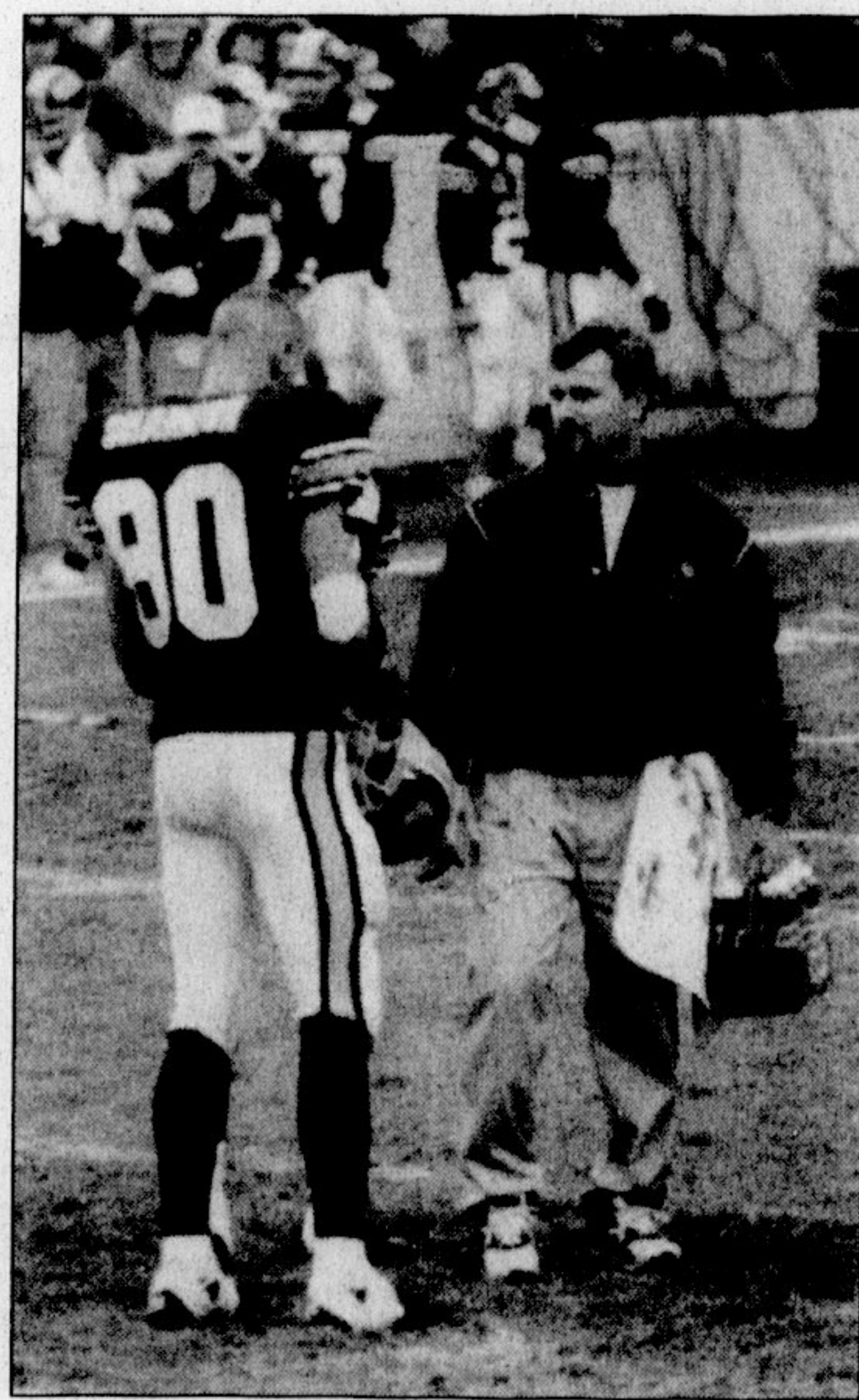
Shannon is already the second Dolphin to be lost for the year. Earlier last week, offensive lineman Randy Wheeler was paralyzed when his truck flipped over and hit a tree.

Shannon led the nation in yards per catch as a junior in 1996. Shannon battled ankle injuries most of last season, missing the first four games.

Finally healthy, the Dolphins felt that Shannon would be able to contribute immediately.

His size and speed were thought to make him the deep threat the Dolphins lacked last season.

By drafting Shannon, Miami reunited him with former ECU



Former Pirate receiver Larry Shannon tore his ACL during his first NFL practice and will likely miss his entire rookie season.

FILE PHOTO

teammate Jerris McPhail, who is making the switch from running back to receiver this season. Now it looks like the reunion will have to wait until next year.

The Dolphins signed former Eagles receiver Michael Timpson on Monday to help ease the burden of Shannon's loss.

Shannon's loss.

ECU alum receives athletic training award

Gatorade honors Barnes with Tim Kerin Award

PATRICK GIOVINAZZO
STAFF WRITER

An ECU graduate is being honored for his outstanding achievements in the athletic training world.

Ronnie Barnes, head athletic trainer for the New York Giants, has become the fifth

recipient of the Tim Kerin Award for Excellence in Athletic Training. Barnes received his award during the recent 49th Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

This accolade, sponsored by the Gatorade Company, annually honors a trainer who embodies the characteristics of the late Tim Kerin. Kerin is specifically remembered for his dedication, integrity and service to the athletic training profession.

"Tim Kerin contributed greatly to the

profession of athletic training and will not be soon forgotten," Barnes said. "I am proud to accept this award in honor of him."

Back in 1974, ECU presented Barnes with his bachelor of science degree, and he went on to earn his master of science from Michigan State University in 1979. Since then, Barnes has spent much of his time advancing the profession of athletic training. He has served on several NATA committees, including the Minority Athletic Trainers' Committee.

Barnes is currently the president of the

"Tim Kerin contributed greatly to the profession of athletic training and will not be soon forgotten. I am proud to accept this award in honor of him."

Ronnie Barnes

Head athletic trainer for the New York Giants

Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society. In 1984 and 1988 he was named the NATA Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Barnes continues to exhibit his award-winning service and dedication. He now serves on the NFL Subcommittee on Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries and the National Youth Foundation for the Prevention of Athletic Injuries.

Barnes has been cited as an example for all students involved in the ECU athletic training program.

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Patriots tight end Coates faces domestic abuse charges

WRENTHAM, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots tight end Ben Coates pleaded innocent to domestic abuse charges this morning in Wrentham District Court.

Coates, 28, was arrested at his Franklin home Sunday night for allegedly beating a girlfriend, police said. Jennifer Marshall, 27, of Norton, was treated and released from the hospital, Franklin police said.

"He is absolutely innocent," said defense lawyer Peter Barlow.

Coates, free on \$500 bail, declined to speak to reporters after his arraignment. It was unclear whether the 6-foot-5-inch, 245-pound player would attend training camp later in the day.

It was also not clear whether Marshall was Coates' current girlfriend. A police report said she went to his home because she suspected he was having an affair and spotted an unknown car in his driveway.

Coates allegedly became enraged and began arguing with Marshall, the report said.

Coates then allegedly shoved Marshall several times, slammed her against the hood of a car and said, "I'll knock you out," according to a statement she gave to police.

Coates told police he pushed Marshall to defend himself. He said they were not dating anymore.

Patriots spokesman Don Lowery attended the court appearance and said coach Pete Carroll would address reporters at a previously scheduled news conference later in the morning at the team's training camp in Smithfield, R.I.

Coates, who earned All-Pro recognition in each of his last two seasons and was selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his last four seasons, is the highest paid tight end in the NFL. In 1994, he set a new NFL record for receptions by a tight end with 96. He is heading into his eighth season with the Patriots.

3 fans killed, 6 injured in Michigan auto race

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Hardly anyone watching the roaring spectacle of the U.S. 500 auto race noticed an unusual speeding object — a flying tire.

The tire had flown from a car driven into a wall by an out-of-control driver Sunday. It bounded high off the top of the fence protecting

the fans from the track, slammed down in the crowd and bounced further up the grandstand into another knot of fans at Michigan Speedway.

Three people were killed and six people were injured. No spectators had died in an accident in a major U.S. auto race in more than a decade.

"Just for a split second, out of the corner of my eye, I caught what looked like something flying," spectator Mark Kuyers said. "I think the people that got hit didn't even see it coming. It was completely a freak thing. The tire bounced a couple of times and landed in the walkway."

Killed were Michael Terry Tautkus, 49, and Sheryl Ann Laster, 40, of Milan, Mich.; and Kenneth Dale Fox, 38, of Lansing.

Dr. Gregory Baumann, the chief medical director at Michigan Speedway, said two of the people died instantly from the impact of the debris. The third person was taken to a track medical unit, where resuscitation failed.

The accident occurred after driver Adrian Fernandez lost control of his car while traveling at least 200 mph and slammed into a concrete wall. The tire and debris cleared the wall and a fence before striking the spectators.

"The wall is four feet above the track surface and there's 11 feet of fence and cable," explained Greg Penske, president of Penske Motorsports Inc., which owns the track. "So there's 15 feet from the track surface to the top of the fence. One of the victims was in row eight and another was in approximately row 10."

Tim VanderMel, of Waynesville, N.C., was one of the spectators who saw the tire coming.

"I was watching (the tire) come toward the stands and, as people saw it coming down, they just started scrambling. It was almost like it was in slow motion," he said.

None of the six injuries was more serious than a fractured leg, and four of the people were treated at a hospital and released. Two others were in stable condition.

The race went on, with most of the 50,000 spectators unaware of the tragedy. Few of the teams or drivers knew about the deaths either, including Fernandez, who sustained bruises to both knees.

Races are rarely halted unless there is a dangerous situation on the track.

The crowd was on its feet and cheering when Greg Moore made the last of a record-breaking 62 lead changes on the final lap for the victory.

"People came here to watch us race and put on a good show, which we did today," Moore said. "But that tragedy definitely puts a damper on it."

The deaths marked the first fatalities at a Championship Auto Racing Teams event — or any other major oval track race in the United States — since the 1987 Indy 500, when a tire came off a car and was struck by another car, sending it into the top row of the grandstand and killing a fan.

They were also the first spectator fatalities at the Michigan Speedway since 1969, when one fan was killed during a Trans-Am race on the road course.

Rookie needs camp, coach says

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Andre Wadsworth believes he knows the Arizona Cardinals defense well enough to offset the practices missed during his holdout. His coach calls that kind of self-confidence misplaced.

"To me, he's behind simply by missing the first day, and that will never change, and he won't catch up," coach Vince Tobin said Monday. "The more he misses, the further behind he's going to get. Whether he can play effectively when he gets here, I think, depends on him, but he's behind."

Wadsworth, a defensive end from Florida State and the third player drafted last April, has missed the first five days of training camp.

The Cardinals hoped the talks would accelerate this week because quarterback Ryan Leaf, the No. 2 pick overall, agreed to a \$31.25 million, five-year contract with San Diego over the weekend. But Tobin wasn't aware of any progress.

Bob Ferguson, Arizona's vice president of player personnel, and Eugene Parker, Wadsworth's agent, did not return calls to their offices.

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Green Wave quarterback Shaun King was picked by the coaches to repeat as offensive player of the year.

Cincinnati safety Tinker Keck made the team as a defensive back and as a return specialist. Keck was

also named to repeat as special teams player of the year. Offensive lineman Brian Uhl joins Keck as the only other Cincinnati player on the all-conference squad.

Louisville placed three players on the team. They are led by tight end Ibn Green, who led all Division I-A tight ends in receptions last season. Houston, Memphis and Army are represented on the team by one player a piece.

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GREENVILLE RECREATION AND PARKS Department Fall Adult Soccer Officials' Meeting. The Greenville Recreation and Parks Department will be holding an organizational meeting for all those interested in officiating in the Fall Adult Soccer Leagues. Position pays \$12-\$16 a game. Clinics will be held to train new and experienced officials. However, a basic knowledge and understanding of the game is necessary. The meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11, 1998 at 6:30 PM at Elm Street Gym. Experience requirements, clinic schedule, and game fees will be discussed. For more information, please call the Athletic Office at 329-4550 between the hours of 2PM-7PM, Monday thru Friday.

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