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Bonnie wreaks minor damage on campus Pepsi deal.

Students taking hurricane seriously

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Hurricane Bonnie sent caravans of East Carolinians fleeing Tuesday evening when winds blew in with gathering speeds and then stalled, hovering on the edge of the North Carolina coast. By Thursday, the slow relentless storm dissipated leaving several residence halls flooded, but no other serious damage to campus.

In emergency planning meetings called Tuesday by Vice Chancellors Richard Brown and Layton Gersinger, a five-page checklist was handed out, detailing every aspect of preparedness and the decision to cancel classes was made.

To synchronize when plans would be activated, some of the departments chose wind-strength

to use as an indicator. Housing decided to relocate dorm students to hallways at 65 mph.

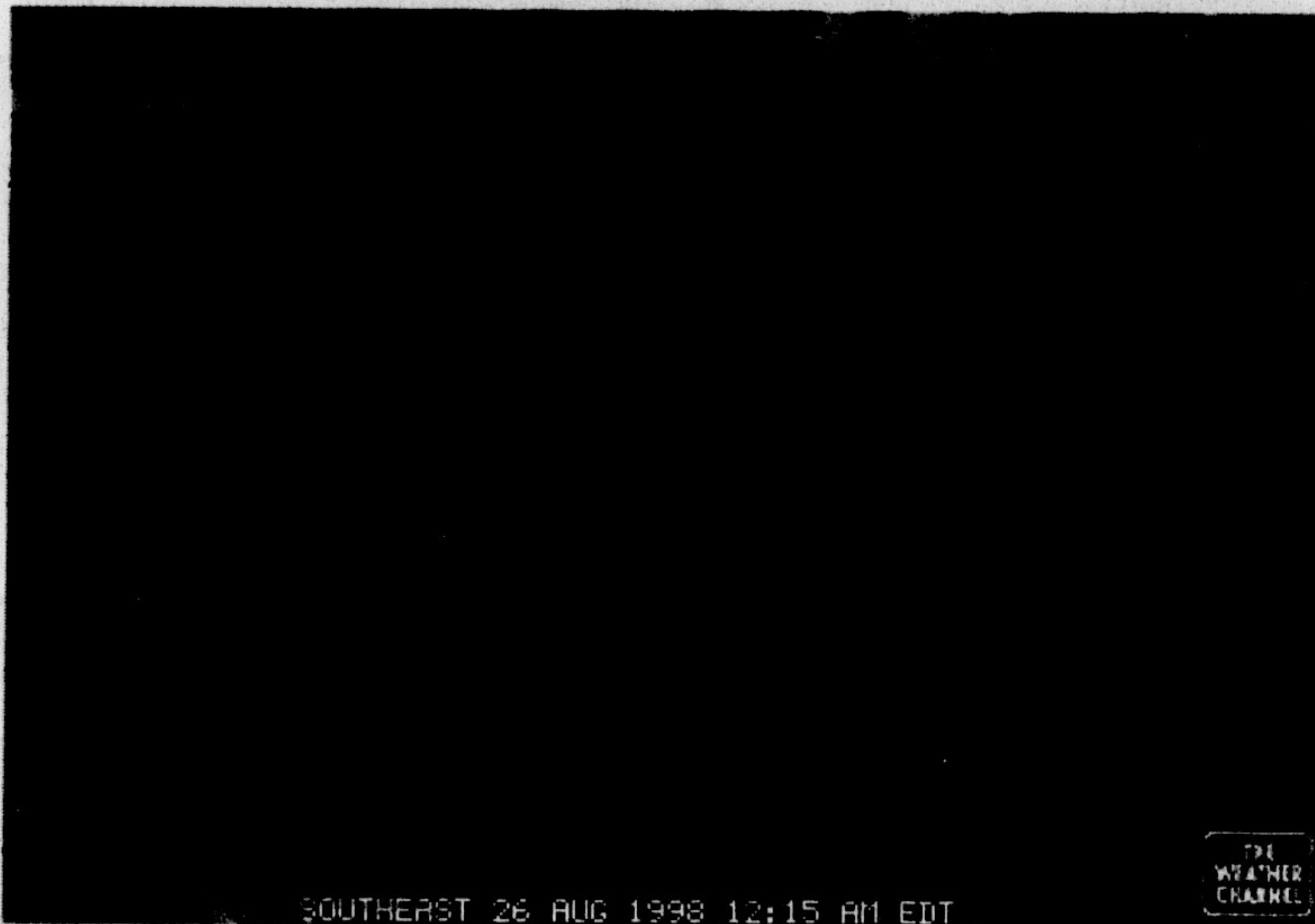
Memories of student reaction when Hurricane Fran hit haunted administrators like Emanuele Amaro, director of Housing Services, who said, "a hurricane seems to be an occasion for a party." These fears proved unwarranted due in part to a statement made by Greenville Mayor Nancy Jenkins in which she decreed the city in a state of emergency and issued an 8 p.m. curfew.

Assistant director of the ECU Police Department Tom Younce and Chief Teresa Crocker, who slept in sleeping bags at the station house Tuesday and Wednesday night, say most students stayed safe indoors.

"The students were just super," Younce said. "We've got some small limbs down and water damage in several residence halls, but I think we've survived pretty well."

Increased numbers of police officers worked throughout the storm patrolling campus and surveying damage. Facility Services returned to work Thursday at 1 p.m. to begin repairs.

"Going through I found water damage in the rec center, flooding



Hurricane Bonnie hit Eastern North Carolina early Wednesday morning with winds in excess of 130 miles per hour. Campus officials closed the university Wednesday and Thursday. At press time Thursday Bonnie was down graded to a tropical storm and was hovering

in the bottom of Tyler Hall and water damage in Fletcher Hall," Younce said.

Greenville Utility Company reported power outages to 6th, 7th,

8th, and 9th streets. By midday Thursday most power had been restored to areas heavily populated by students.

See Page 4 for more Bonnie Coverage.

Pepsi deal. raises many questions

Many angered by distribution of money

TK JONES

NEWS EDITOR

When ECU gave the greenlight to softdrink companies to bid on exclusive pouring rights, they didn't know what they were getting into, or did they?

They didn't know that student protest groups would form in behalf of the deportation of Coca Cola. They didn't know that contentions would erupt with Papa John's being denied access on campus to distribute Cokes during the Merchant's Fair.

But they did know that they would receive \$7.1 million.

And they also knew that only universities with competitive athletic departments are approached by softdrink companies wanting to collaborate exclusive pouring-right relationships and that despite its 50-year relationship with the local distributors of Pepsi, the University of Nebraska had even stronger ties with Pepsi and Coke with each drink's largest stakeholder having interests vested in their university, and they made a successful pouring rights choice.

With Pepsi's contract with ECU, academics will receive almost \$3 million more than it previously had. The Athletic Department's purse will bulge with an additional \$4 million, keeping it from having to rely solely on ticket sales, fund raising, marketing and promotion since athletic departments are excluded from state appropriations for universities.

Three years ago when money was needed to build a second tier on the football stadium, local house representative Henry Aldridge stepped in to seek \$3 million in state assistance from the discretionary fund to help build it.

"A lot of people asked me, 'What are you doing getting money for a stadium and not academics?' They did not believe, as I do, that a superior athletic program gives a school valuable recognition, making it an option to students who might not have heard of it otherwise," Aldridge said.

"We do get a portion of students' fees, but in return students are given free admission and prime seating advantages," said ECU Athletic Director, Mike Hamrick. "But no other financial support comes from the university."

To Hamrick, intercollegiate athletics provides so much visibility for a university that it is a rallying point for alumni, making the perception of the university a positive one.

"We have other great programs at ECU, but they don't get the exposure that athletics does, so why not market where you can,

Chancellor Eakin Undergoes Evaluation

Results of survey kept confidential by Board of Trustees until fall semester

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
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Chancellor Richard Eakin has recently found himself at the mercy of ECU's Board of Trustees (BOT) and a new evaluation process to determine his on strengths and weaknesses as the chancellor of ECU.

On Aug. 11 the Board of Governors (BOG) began an in depth evaluation procedure involving Chancellor Richard Eakin.

This new process was established by the BOG in March of 1998 stating that every two years university chancellor's

must undergo an evaluation by the university's BOT.

This evaluation takes place in a four part series, and every other year the evaluation becomes less and less in depth.

The campus portion of the evaluation procedure has just been completed and will continue until September. At that time the BOG will hold a meeting to discuss any issues about strengths and weaknesses that may arise during the evaluation.

After issues have been discussed, UNC-System President Molly Broad will meet with the Chancellor Eakin for discussions and recommendations.

According to the BOT this years evaluation was taken very seriously and will continue to be.

ECU is one of three universities currently evaluating chancellors. The evaluation process includes the help and input of trustees, alumni, faculty and students as well as a consultant whose job is to interview Deans and Vice Chancellors. This consultant is supplied to the BOT by Dr. Roland Nelson of Greensboro.

Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, Jim Smith feels that the new evaluation process will be helpful in discovering strengths and areas of improvement.

"I think this is a good policy that the BOG has developed," Smith said. "Some campuses don't have an evaluation system."



Chancellor Richard Eakin works at his desk.
FILE PHOTO

Results of the evaluation will be kept confidential from all, including the chancellor, until the evaluation is completed in the fall semester.

Computer buying made easy through the internet

Student discounts, delayed payments available

JOSEPH ELDER
STAFF WRITER

Computer Shopper Magazine, one
of the most respected in computer

product shopping advice, has released a user-friendly guide for the college student in search of a system compatible with their collegiate needs.

The 1998 College PC Buying Guide provides comprehensive need-to-know information that makes the often complex task of researching, understanding, and purchasing a computer easy for the technically challenged.

The site, Computer Shopper

Netbuyer, offers sections with the pros and cons on notebooks, desktops, printers and other accessories including how to custom fit the system to the university's electronic setup.

While the guide serves as a stockpile of technological information it also allows the consumer to put this knowledge to use. Shoppers can view thousands of products complete with detailed specifications, comparison charts,

reviews, and buying advice. And when the time comes to buy, the customer has several different options ranging from the high priced to budget priced and new and used merchandise.

But is using Computer Shopper's Netbuyer really a good research and purchasing tool for potential computer buyers? For one ECU student the internet provides some of the best computer shopping results.

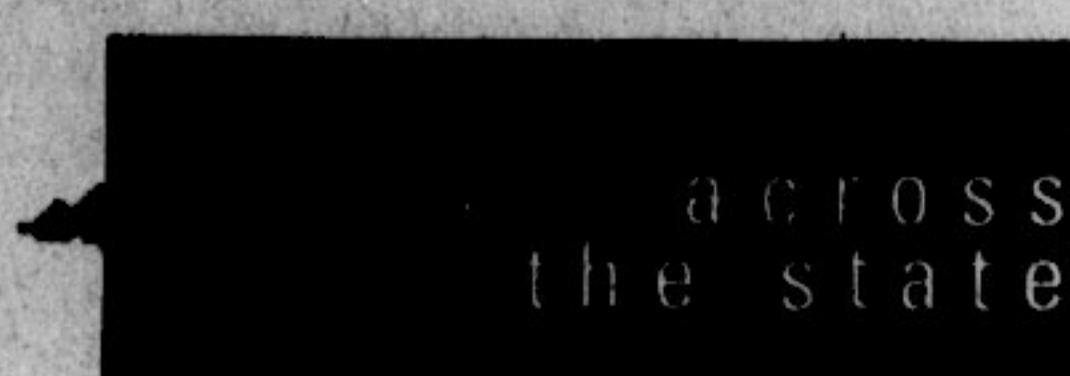
"There are several methods to research computers at stores like Circuit City, web sites and computer shows," said Scott Rose, a senior majoring in Business Education.

"Computer Shopper provides a lot of information on all kinds of systems and allows you to find exactly what you want," Rose said. "There's a much bigger selection than what you would find at a

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news briefs



Body strangled, burned identified as teen-ager

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities used DNA to identify a body strangled and set afire earlier this month as that of a missing 16-year-old Mooresville girl who had dropped out of school.

Christy Marie Rambo died before she was set on fire Aug. 8, said Iredell County Sheriff's Office Detective Sgt. Julie Gibson. An autopsy in Chapel Hill failed to show whether she had been sexually assaulted, Gibson said.

Detectives have identified a suspect but declined to elaborate, Gibson said. All four of the Iredell sheriff's homicide detectives have been assigned to the case full-time.

Senate approves bill encouraging year-round schools

RALEIGH (AP) — State officials would study ways to encourage year-round schools under a bill unanimously approved by the state Senate.

The measure directs the department to make recommendations for removing barriers that keep local school districts from offering year-round schools.

The measure now goes back to the House, which already has approved it.



Man sentenced for armed postal robbery

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — A Mingo County man has been sentenced to nearly three years in prison in the armed robbery of a post office.

Jeffrey Marcum, 22, of Dingess, had pleaded guilty to robbing the Breeden Post Office at gun point last Oct. 6, U.S. Attorney Rebecca Betts said Monday following sentencing.

Marcum and co-defendant Robert Baisden used stolen firearms in the robbery and fled in a stolen vehicle, which they later set on fire, Betts said. Baisden previously was sentenced to six years in prison.

Police fire shots at boy with water gun

NEW YORK (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was shot by police who mistook his black water pistol for a real weapon, with one of the officers firing all 16 rounds in his gun.

Michael Jones was in critical condition Monday. He was shot six times early Sunday after encountering police while he rode his bicycle.

Police were looking for the boy after an off-duty police officer reported he was pointing a gun at people and cars.

Police said the boy refused to drop his toy, which looked like a sub-machine gun. But Jermain Congress, who was riding his bike with Jones, said Jones was dropping his pistol when he was shot.

Officer David Gross fired all 16 rounds from his 9mm semi-automatic pistol at Jones. Sgt. Michael Jacobellis fired once.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said a preliminary investigation indicates the officers acted properly.



Bomb defused in Indonesia's tallest building

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Police defused a small bomb that was discovered in Indonesia's tallest building, newspapers reported today.

The explosive was found by a security guard Friday near a bathroom door on the ground floor of the 50-story Wisma BNI 46 tower in the capital, Jakarta. There were no claims of responsibility and police declined to speculate on who may have planted it.

The bomb was in a 4-inch by 8-inch box and was equipped with a timer, The Jakarta Post quoted Col. Jacky Uly, commander of the national police bomb squad, as saying. It was set to explode later Friday.

The building houses some operations of the central bank, which has been at the center of efforts to revive the nation's paralyzed economy.

A social club for Americans and the offices of about 100 Indonesian and foreign companies are also in the building.

New theater opens

Stadium seating, THX sound now an option

DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

A 12 screen theater is a new and more than welcome addition to the Greenville community. The new theater, located off of Firetower Road behind Bells Fork Shopping Center, opened its doors on Aug. 7.

The Carmike 12 is 60,000 square feet and is complete with stadium seating and THX digital sound. Stadium seating is designed similar to a lecture hall and is intended to give all movie goers a fair chance to see the screen and THX sound is a feature that is digitally mastered to enhance sound throughout the theater. The theater uses THX sound systems in eight auditoriums and stadium seating in four.

Philip Smitley, assistant vice president of Carmike Theaters, feels the new theater will provide a better experience for all who enjoy the movies.

Student, Kurt Labutti, was

impressed by the theater and the view with stadium seating.

"You get a much better view in a theater with stadium seating," Labutti said.

The cinemas grand opening took place in early August, and featured a special of movies for a dollar admission fee.

Crowds became excessively large on opening night and many people were forced to venture to the old Plaza theater. The Plaza Theater has been closed in an attempt to make sure the movie business in Greenville does not suffer from lack of business.

Carmike Cinemas owns all of the movie theaters located in Greenville, including the Plaza, Carmike 12, Carolina East, Buccaneer and the Park Theater. These four theaters currently serve over 179,000 movie goers.

Bobby Morse is the head of the Carmike 12 off Firetower Road. He feels that the theater will draw many people, and is pleased with the crowds thus far.

The Carmike theater offers mid-night movies on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as matinees and regularly scheduled shows. The matinee price is \$4, and the evening price is \$6.

for the jump in enrollment could have been an increase in high school graduates.

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hoping it will encourage more and better students to come because of it," Hamrick said.

When ECU won the Peach Bowl in 1992 admission numbers soared to an increase of 877 more than the previous year. The following year experienced an admission decline by 28.

According to John Durham of ECU news and communication, a correlation cannot be drawn except for the Peach Bowl and enrollment increase happening in the same year because there wasn't much movement in enrollment either year ECU was in the Liberty Bowl.

Durham says that other factors



AN ARAMARK WORKER LOADS THE PEPSI COOLERS AT THE WRIGHT PLACE

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Many people prefer the store method simply because of the ability to see, hear, and feel how the system works, but Rose disagrees.

"It's not what the computer looks like, it's what it can do that matters," Rose said.

Netbuyer offers both possibilities by providing views of the products it showcases alongside performance based specs that give the shopper a means for comparing looks and ability.

For those who want to buy over the web, Netbuyer connects directly to computer vendors and includes secure online ordering. Most vendors offer several payment plans and delivery methods to accommodate customers uneasy about purchasing products over the

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Sonic Plaza brings campus new sights, sounds

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DEBBIE NEUWIRTH
STAFF WRITER

There is now a new edition of sights and sounds in the entrance of Joyner Library. Named "The Sonic Plaza," it interacts with architectural elements of the new plaza in the library.

The Sonic Plaza was designed by an architect, Christopher Jenney from Lexington, Mass. Jenney has been working on the project since 1991, and is funded by the State Arts Council.

Bruce Flye, director of facilities services, is impressed with the finished results.

"I think it makes a really good edition to campus," Flye said.

There are four elements of the Sonic Plaza. The Sonic Gates, the

Percussive Water Wall, the Media Glockenspiel, and the Ground Cloud Wall. These are all art experimentation and aimed to interest students in visual arts, media arts, music and performance.

Student, Leigh Richards finds the entrance way to the sonic plaza interesting and amusing.

"The sounds remind me of Star Trek noises," Richards said.

The Sonic Gates are in the entrance of Joyner Library and use sound to enhance the entrance. The sound images can be heard all throughout the day, and change in pitch as the day goes on.

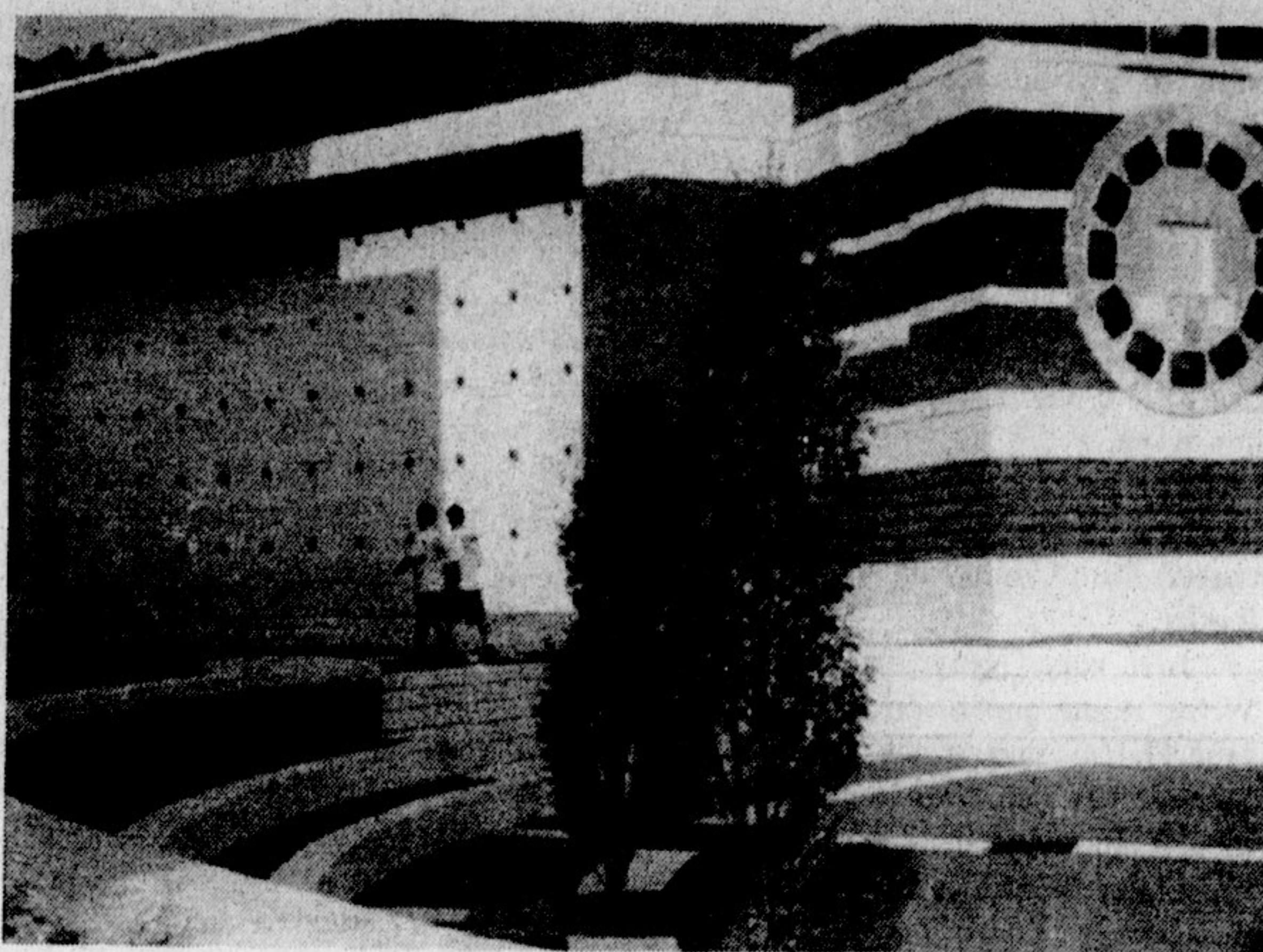
The Water Wall includes 64 water jets that play a pattern of water mist. Sometimes the pattern will be slow, other times it will increase in speed. There will be a ground score in the wall and at night the entire wall will be illuminated.

The Media Glockenspiel is an 80 foot clock tower. On the face of the clock there is a ring of video monitors that displays different pic-

tures and images four times throughout the day. In the morning there is an icon of a rooster, at noon a steam whistle, and at the end of the day a firing cannon at sunset complete with an ECU Pirate mascot. At midnight, there will be a surprise sound and image.

The Ground Cloud is a misting fountain found at the Tenth Street entrance to the library. The fountain will create a cloud of water at ground level that people can walk through. This will also be illuminated at night.

The entire Sonic Plaza will be up and running starting at the beginning of the semester. Future opportunities will include options for music students as well as visual and media arts students.



Students who walking through the Sonic Plaza are surprised by sound waves bouncing between the columns.

PHOTO BY JASON FEATHER

Shelby warns U.S. strikes may embolden terrorist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States should prepare for retaliation from last week's military strikes against suspected terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said Monday.

Shelby, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he's convinced that President Clinton was justified in ordering the strikes, but he said they likely will encourage terrorist groups to strike back.

"I'm sure there will be a quid pro quo, a tit for tat, a response from these kind of people," Shelby said in an interview after returning from a two-week trip to India, Pakistan and Syria.

"Our response was measured, it was calculated, but we obviously know that that doesn't rid the world of terrorism," he said. "It might even, in a sense, embolden them a little bit. But I believe we have to declare war on terrorists and on terrorism."

Shelby said Congress needs to re-evaluate the efforts being made to protect U.S. personnel abroad. He said most American embassies were built without consideration of possible terrorist attacks and many are located in areas that are not easily defended.

"It's probably going to get worse before it gets better," he said. "The world has changed since the demise of the Soviet Union, and now the emphasis is going to be on smaller countries and dissident groups launching terrorist attacks on us in the West."

Because he was out of the country, Shelby said he had no advance notice of the military strikes but was briefed shortly after the attacks. He said he had already left Pakistan when the U.S. cruise missiles struck a terrorist camp in neighboring Afghanistan on

Thursday.

The military strike in Sudan targeted a plant believed to be manufacturing chemical weapons. While Sudanese officials have denied U.S. claims that the factory in Khartoum was producing such chemicals, Shelby said the classified evidence he's seen makes it clear the attack was justified.

"I'm satisfied of that," he said. "The administration was justified in what they did and I think they will have to do more."

Shelby said he doesn't agree with those who have questioned whether the timing of the military strikes was designed to divert attention from Clinton's admission that he had an inappropriate relationship with a former White House intern.

Shelby said he was in India when he watched Clinton's address to the nation last week in which he acknowledged the relationship with Monica Lewinsky and then lashed out at independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

"I thought he was going to do closure on the deal," he said, "but apparently from all indications, his problems haven't closed."

Shelby, who had a much publicized feud with Clinton five years ago when he was still a Democrat, said he's withholding judgment on the president until Starr completes his investigation. But he said Clinton clearly will not be able to govern in the future the way he has in the past.

"The question now is will he muddle through two more years," he said. "A lame duck with two years to go in any presidency is weakened because of the calendar. Now, not only has the calendar weakened him, but events have weakened him too."

Quayle says polls don't reflect public

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The public is more upset with President Clinton's behavior than polls indicate and that is good news for Republicans in this year's midterm elections, former Vice President Dan Quayle said Monday.

"I think that the people are far more turned off with Bill Clinton and all of his shenanigans than all of these public opinion polls are expressing, at least the public opinion polls that have been in the newspapers and carried on television," Quayle said.

Quayle spoke during his latest swing through the state where precinct caucuses launch the nominating season, campaigning for other Republicans as he considers a bid for the GOP presidential nomination.

Though Clinton has been criticized for his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, his approval ratings remain relatively high. He has admitted to an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

The president's backers argue

the polls show that voters are willing to look beyond Clinton's personal conduct and judge him on his performance in office.

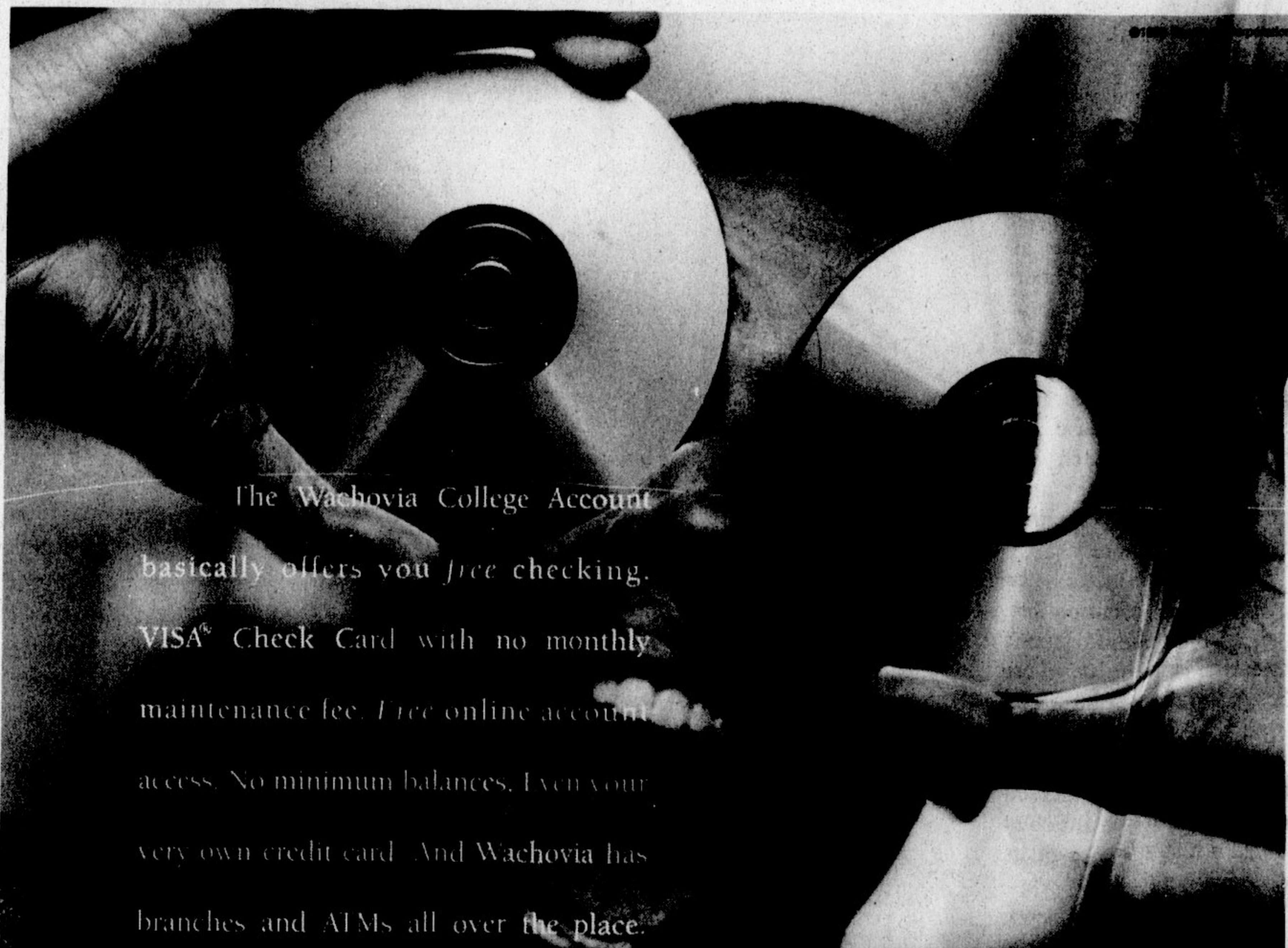
Quayle said the polls don't reflect the level of outrage among the public.

"I don't buy these polls that somehow people don't care," Quayle said.

"They really do care. Sure, they want the economy to do well and they don't want a jarring event like the resignation of a president, at least right now."

During the latest swing, Quayle was campaigning and raising money for GOP congressional candidates, and he said Clinton is a major GOP asset in the midterm election.

"Clinton's political predicament is going to help Republicans," Quayle said. "Our base is extremely agitated. They are boiling with frustration with the fact that Clinton seems to be able to get away with it."



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Hurricane Bonnie left a half-million evacuated

**330,000 islanders
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NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AP) — More than a half-million tourists and residents were ordered to leave the coasts of North and South Carolina on Tuesday as Hurricane Bonnie closed in with gathering speed. Hurricane-force winds could hit the coast by daybreak Wednesday. By late Tuesday, showers and tropical storm-force winds of at least 39 mph were falling in southeastern North Carolina. By early afternoon, traffic was bumper-to-bumper on roads leading inland from North

Carolina's Outer Banks as people tried to get out of the way of Bonnie, a behemoth of a storm with winds of 115 mph.

Many residents were unwilling to take the chance that the first hurricane of the Atlantic season would follow the path of some previous storms and take a last-minute turn out to sea.

"This is a big sucker," said Sterling Webster, a resident of coastal Dare County on the Outer Banks.

"It's very, very frustrating. We're eating some serious rent," Jane Hanley said as she, her husband and two children were about to cut short their long-planned vacation in Nags Head and go back home to Sparks, Md.

On Monday, Bonnie's path was so slow and wobbly forecasters

were unsure when or even if it might hit land. But by early Wednesday, the storm was centered about 200 miles south of Cape Lookout and was pushing toward the northwest at 14 mph.

Early Wednesday, the National Weather Service extended hurricane warnings farther south, so they stretched from Chincoteague, Va., to Edisto Beach, S.C. Swimming was banned at beaches as far north as New York's Long Island as Bonnie kicked up dangerously rough surf along the East Coast. Four New Jersey lifeguards had to be rescued Tuesday after being overpowered by big surf in Point Pleasant Beach.

More than 330,000 people were ordered off North Carolina's coastal islands. About 200,000 more, including 120,000 tourists, were

instructed to leave South Carolina's two northernmost coastal counties.

"Anybody who does not abide by the mandatory evacuation, our law enforcement has been instructed to ask them their next of kin," South Carolina Gov. David Beasley said.

Shelters opened Tuesday for thousands of displaced residents and tourists in 23 eastern North Carolina counties. Shelters also opened in South Carolina and Virginia.

Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore declared a state of emergency, authorizing communities to order evacuations. But none had done so by late Tuesday.

About 60 Navy ships at Norfolk, Va., were instructed to leave port and ride out the storm 300 miles at sea. Other ships were being moved

to inland waterways.

At Pope Air Force Base, N.C., "every plane that is flyable is leaving," said Lt. Tisha McGarry, a spokeswoman at the base. Fighter jets also were leaving Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Dave Davidge of Downingtown, Pa., was fishing on the beach just south of Nags Head when a park ranger sent him packing.

"I'm going out of here and heading to Charleston (S.C.). I was getting a little scared, especially getting evacuated off the beach," he said.

It was Davidge's second warning of trouble from the storm. On Sunday, his 7-year-old son was caught in one of the riptides caused by Bonnie as the storm churned the ocean hundreds of miles away.

Davidge and a stranger saved the boy from being swept out to sea.

Many people were staying just long enough to protect their property.

At Surf City, Chris Medlin used a circular saw to cut plywood to cover the windows of his fishing store. "We've done this too many times to stick around," he said. "Mother Nature tells you when it's time to split."

Farther out in the Atlantic, Hurricane Danielle moved toward the U.S. Virgin Islands with 80 mph winds, and forecasters expect the storm to be as strong as Bonnie within days.

UVA says policy hurts

WISE, Va. (AP) — Virginia's unwillingness to pump more money into higher education has driven industrial prospects to other states, the president of the University of Virginia said.

John Casteen told Clinch Valley College's faculty that Mercedes and BMW chose South Carolina and Alabama as sites for new automobile factories because "Virginia failed to make a credible presentation."

The companies found a commitment toward funding and developing public colleges in those states that was missing in Virginia, Casteen said Friday.

Casteen recommended that the state use a performance-based budget system, where funding goes to programs that show good results. But he also said the state needs to increase college funding to ensure a well-trained labor force that will attract new industry.

Casteen's remarks come as Gov. Jim Gilmore's blue-ribbon commission on higher education prepares for its first meeting on Tuesday.

Gilmore does not appear anxious to dramatically increase college funding. In a speech last week, he urged newly appointed university trustees to carefully manage the schools' money.

Gilmore is committed to improving higher education but believes "money being spent indiscriminately is not the best solution," spokeswoman Lila Young said. Jill Lawrence, spokeswoman for the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, denied that the state is having difficulty attracting industry because of its higher education policies.

"Normally our education system is praised and is one of the key factors in our success," she said. Ms. Lawrence said that the Mercedes and BMW decisions were made in the early '90s, and the state has since attracted many large industries, including Motorola and IBM-Toshiba semiconductor plants. Casteen said colleges are more efficient now because of state-mandated restructuring efforts in the early 1990s, but Virginia — unlike other states that went through a similar process has since failed to make up for the cuts it imposed.

State government still has no real system of capital project planning for universities, Casteen said, although the electorate did approve a major bond referendum for higher education building projects in 1992.

"The state has slipped into a situation where it does not know how to set priorities for higher education," he said.



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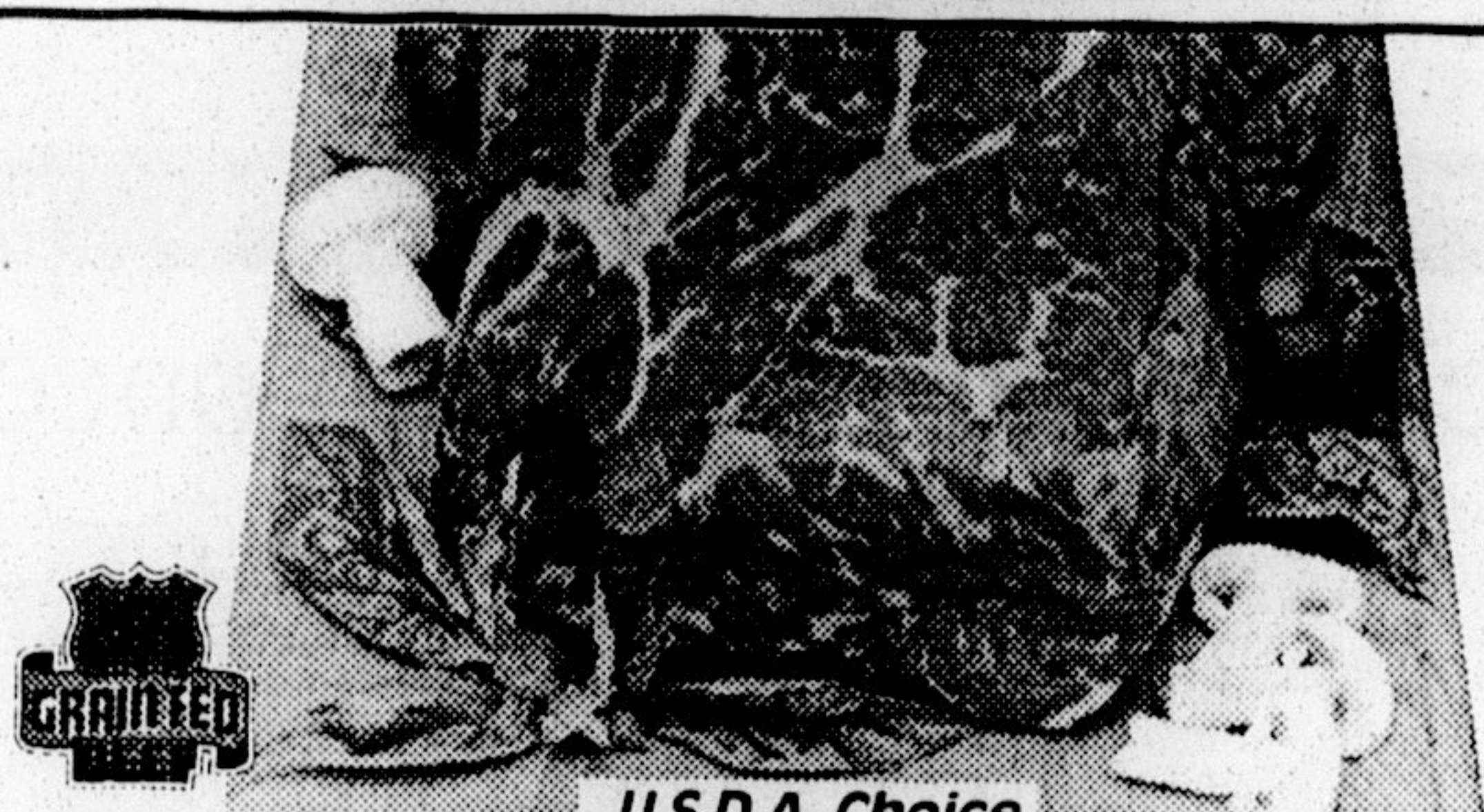
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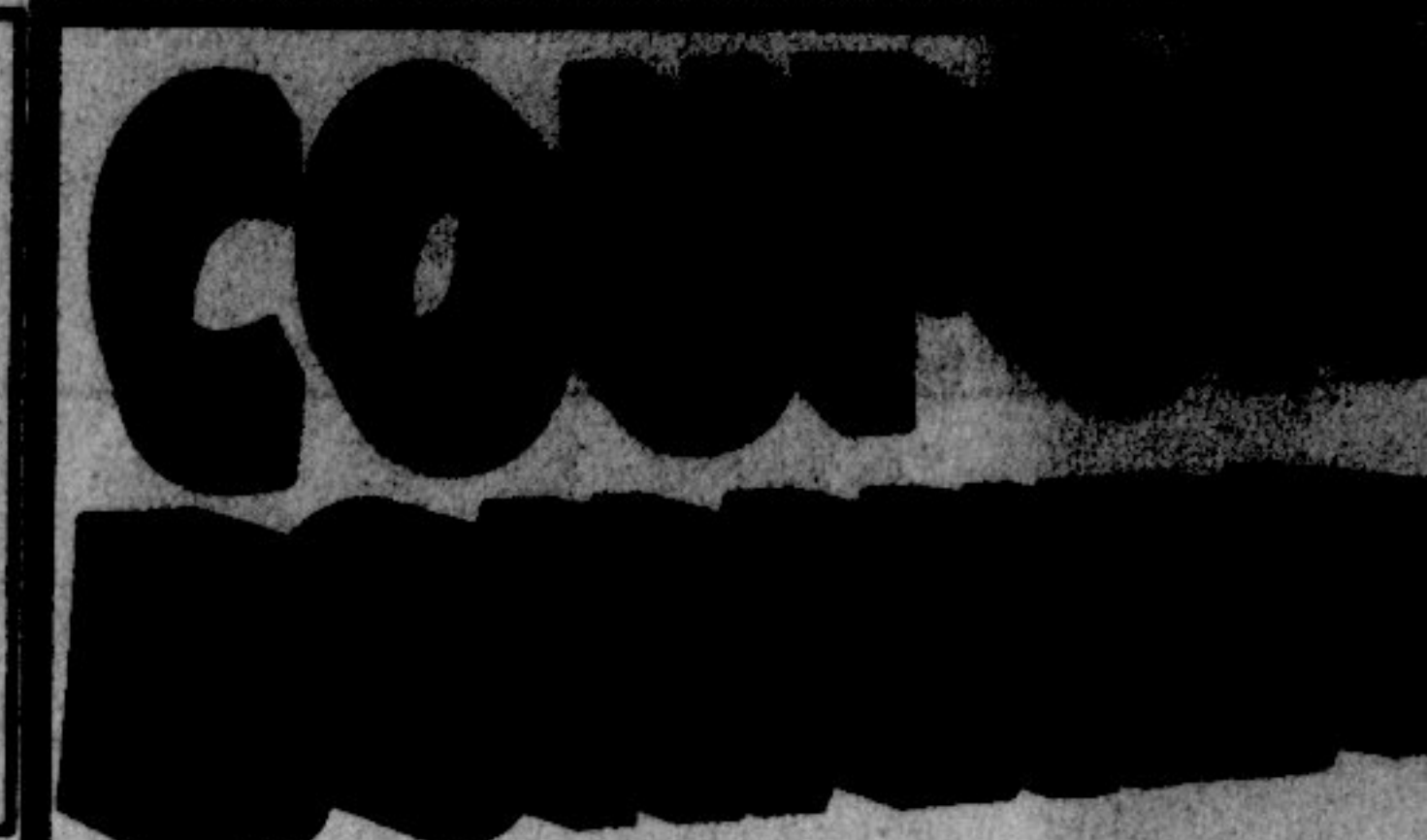
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Our View

Over the summer we made it clear that we thought the Board of Trustees deal with Pepsi was a big score for the university. Unfortunately, it's a score that we feel will be celebrated much more enthusiastically by the Athletic Department than anyone else. Most students we have heard from are upset that they no longer have a choice. They feel that their privacy has been invaded and a basic right of choice has been stripped. While we concede to sometimes feeling this way. We are more concerned with the statement this decision makes as to the importance of academics on campus. We need to improve our somewhat lacking academic reputation and it takes big bucks to do that.

What does this decision say to our friends doing research in labs late at night across campus? What does this say to the professors who work in cramped conditions? What does this say to the students sitting in hot classrooms? Giving less than half of the money from the Pepsi deal to academics says to a lot of people that we are less of a priority right now than athletics.

We feel that the Athletic Department did beautiful leg work and left a tough decision to the Board of Trustees, but we are ultimately disappointed with the allocation of funding. Academics needs a friend. We need a rich benefactor or at least someone willing to stand up and fight for us.

We will always be the first in line to yell, "Go Pirates!" but, as we said earlier this summer, we may be yelling through clenched teeth as we sit sweltering in hot classrooms.

OPINION Columnist

William Stacey
COCHRAN

Summer offers time to reflect



The fourth of July gave us once again another reason to drink and get off unsafe Chinese pyrotechnics.

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-exported 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 its 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.

LETTER to the Editor

Pepsi deal eliminates competition

Dear Editor,

These were the immortal words that were uttered by John Belushi in the old Saturday Night Live "Cheeseburger, Cheeseburger," sketch. What it meant was that you could order anything in this SNL restaurant that you liked as long as it was either a cheeseburger, chips, or Pepsi. Well the same thing has happened here at ECU with the exclusivity contract signed with Pepsi.

Businesses need competition as part of the checks and balances in our economy/society. Companies must keep abreast of the demand for competitor's products as well as the fluctuations in current consumer preferences in order to stay competitive in the marketplace (which proved a painful lesson to U.S. automobile manufacturers in the 70s and 80s). From a consumer's perspective, competition tends to give us more product choices at a wider variety of pricing options.

The new soft drink exclusivity contract (monopoly) gives us none of these options. It restricts us to those specific products which are distributed by the vendor at whatever price he wishes to charge. I have already witnessed the pricing increase at our vending machine here in the library, and I'm sure the prices will continue to climb over the life of the contract. Ultimately, the consumers (primarily students, faculty and staff) will be paying the price for the University's cash windfall as most business vendors tend to pass expense increases down to the product level.

A perfect example of where competition in the marketplace does work to the consumer's benefit is in a recent situation that happened to my wife. She received an unsolicited offer from a long distance telephone company which could allow us to pay a per call charge of \$.10/minute at all times with no additional monthly charge (which happened to be better than

our existing provider who countered this by offering to drop our monthly fee for the next 6 months, allow us unlimited \$.10/minute calls, plus give us a monthly credit of \$25 toward our phone bill. Needless to say, we were both amazed at this and realized that this could never have happened prior to the industry becoming deregulated. Obviously, there are now more choices and options for the consumer because of competition.

To sum up, I feel that society in general is better off when we have competition because it allows us to make more choices and decisions. Now that our soft drink freedom of choice has been taken from us, I can only owner what will be next.

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OPINION Columnist

Jeff
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Aw, to heck with it. I'm getting tired, so I guess I'll just go to bed. Wake me up when there's a woman president.

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 unnecessary. 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 ability 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



Yes, my first day at ECU was a living hell. I count myself exceptionally lucky to be here at all after that nightmarish experience.

Does anyone remember their very first day at ECU? There were thousands of people that you didn't know and who could care less about knowing you. You were crammed into a tiny space that you were to share with a total stranger for the next nine months of your life and that person was already exhibiting all the outward symptoms of either a borderline psychotic or a TB patient. You walked into the dining hall where you were to receive life-sustaining nourishment for the rest of the year and were confronted with a

smell sent directly up from the blackest pit of hell. It was the specialty of the house- macaroni casserole, served six times weekly. You visited your department (if you had one yet) to meet thirty other frightened young students like yourself and about three hundred wise-cracking, bitter fifth year sophomores who were to guide you through your first year. There were no signs telling you where to go for your first class... or your second... or your third. And if you asked, a kind smile would appear on the face of the individual asked- as they gave you the wrong directions.

Yes, my first day at ECU was a living hell. I count myself exceptionally lucky to be here at all after that nightmarish experience. My parents drove away and left a well adjusted, socially inclined 18-year-old to metamorphosize into a groveling, lost, scared freshman.

I have since recovered. But that day lives on in my memory like a tattoo on the ass of Satan. I know the pain that this year's freshman are living. And you probably do too. So when an obviously lost freshman asks you for directions, give them the right ones. Unless they're cocky, in which case you should feel free to tell them that

English 1100 is held on the Town Commons on the first day, and that they should hurry because the teacher is giving out free shots of vodka to the first 20 to arrive.

Here are a few small pointers for you new guys that may make those first few weeks a little easier. One: Learn the Rules of the Sidewalk. Stay right, don't clump into groups of three or more (because that really pisses everyone off, if you haven't noticed already), look straight ahead at all times. Two: Don't wear your Class of '98 T-shirt unless you want the pain. Three: Trust no one- not even your mother. She has no idea what's going on. Four: Act like you've been here for years, and if you get lost, try not to look like it. If you wander around for long enough, you'll find it. Five- and perhaps the most important of all: Stay out of the Elbo. Don't question me.

The law is pretty simple. If you don't call attention to yourself, you won't get picked on. If you choose to ignore this rule, you are on your own, and I pity you. And about the dining hall? It doesn't get better. It's all downhill from here, brothers and sisters. Tip Six: Put Papa John's number on your speed dial.

OPINION Columnist

Ryan
Kennemur

Wake me up for a femal president

Aw, to heck with it. I'm getting tired, so I guess I'll just go to bed. Wake me up when there's a woman president.

What kind of world do we live in when, every time we turn around, a prominent political figure gets a "hummer?" Last Monday, President Clinton had the audacity to interrupt my television-filled evening (Monday Nitro, for Gods sake!) and tell the world that he is a big fat liar. This announcement came as somewhat of a shock to many people. My only thought at the time was... "duh!"

The Clinton Administration has been absolutely plagued with accusations of unlawful acts and lies, and this whole oral sex thing is just one more thing to add to the punch bowl. I'd be willing to bet that, before his head writers got a hold of the cue card, Clinton's

testimony was going to be something to the effect of, "Miss Lewinski and I never had sex...we made love. It was so much different from with Hillary...it was pure pleasure."

But No! Instead we get a mopey-faced, red-eyed Arkansas boy telling us that it is none of our business. Well Bill, if you're reading this (he-he) you should know by now that your business is our business. As long as the media exists, there will be people at your window, peering in to see every hand you shake, every deal you make, and every intern that performs a service for you. This is what you get into when you put yourself in the spotlight. You are now in the political equivalent of "The Truman Show."

But what gets my goat is the fact that Hillary will probably stay with him. But then, if they were to get a divorce, what would she do with all her time? She could ride the crest of the wave of excitement that she starts across the country, but then what? She won't have her husband around to keep her famous. She would probably cash in on the whole ordeal, perhaps by writing a

sequel to her famous book, aptly titling it "It Takes an Intern."

Oh, and as for you, Monica Lewinski! I just have two words for you. Amy Fisher. Thats right! You are nothing but a made-for-tv movie waiting to happen. I wonder if Tori Spelling will be available for the part. You will more than likely be tossed into the pit of wash-ups, where you will be able to swim side by side with the likes of Divine Brown, Kato Kaolin, and that transvestite that hitched a ride with Dr. Doolittle that faithful night.

Back to that whole none-of-our-business thing. If this whole ordeal was none of our business, why in the world do he have to endure seeing it all over the news up until the part where you get around to confessing. I believe that this conduct is a blemish on our society. It's truly a pity that we (supposedly) live in the best country in the world, and yet we cant have a leader who can keep his "Presidential Seal" in his "Oval Office." Aw, to heck with it. I'm getting tired, so I guess I'll just go to bed. Wake me up when there's a woman president.

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Buzz or Binge?

Gender may play a larger role in alcohol consumption than you

Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks for a female

MICHAEL D. McELWAIN
STAFF WRITER

Women and men are not created equal after all. Life along Fifth Street on a Friday night is much different for women than men.

According to several studies, women will experience a greater effect from alcohol than their male counterpart according to Robert Morphet, a counselor at ECU's Center for Counseling and Student Development. The BAC (blood alcohol content) becomes higher in women than in men.

Morphet says that if a male and a female of equal size and weight drink the same amount of alcohol, the BAC level in the female would be greater than the male.

"The blood alcohol levels are higher in women than men, and it also varies during the female's menstrual cycle," Morphet said.

Morphet also added that women are more susceptible to getting liver disease related to chronic heavy drinking than men.

Dr. Thomas de Beck, clinical director of the ECU Student Health Service, agrees with Morphet.

"The same amount of alcohol will have more impact on a female due to physiological reasons," de Beck said.

The reasons stem from enzymes in the female body and the alcohol absorption rates.

Alcohol, in general, affects the cerebral function of the brain, according to de Beck.

"When a person is staggering around drunk, the cerebellum is impaired and can't coordinate motor movement," de Beck said.

de Beck also said that judgment is impaired due to the effect on the area of the brain's called the cerebral cortex.

Morphet sees another concern for women where alcohol is concerned.

"A female is more likely to be victimized more by lifestyle choices than men," Morphet said. "She can be victimized by her husband, be raped or assaulted."

Morphet said that one of the biggest risks for women are that they are put at a greater risk for assaults, sexual assaults and rape while intoxicated. Another concern for women is that more and more drinking can easily bring about academic trouble. Poor grades and having to drop out of college could be the result.

While women tend to metabolize alcohol and absorb it differently, a study shows that there is a big difference in the amount that they do drink.

ECU participated in a national study in 1997 called the CORE Survey. There were 603 responses from ECU students to the survey and the results surprised many people.

"Despite the reputation, we are just about smack-dab in the middle of the national average," Morphet said. "Most universities have that reputation as a party school, but I don't think it is a big difference from the other schools of our size."

It was that survey that showed the other important difference between male and female drinking—the quantity consumed. According to Morphet, binge

Binge drinking is defined as five or more drinks for a male

MICHAEL D. McELWAIN
STAFF WRITER

If you're a male and have more than five drinks when you go to one of our local bars or to a party, you are a binge drinker.

That is the major problem for male drinking at East Carolina University according to Dr. Robert Morphet, substance abuse counselor at ECU.

"The risk of alcohol poisoning through binge drinking and playing drinking games is dangerous," Morphet said.

Research supports the idea that binge drinking is more predominant for men than women. A 1997 national study of college drinking, the CORE Survey, showed the difference between the amount of alcohol consumed when men and women drink.

The survey showed that for ECU male students that do drink, 20 percent have one and two drinks, 28 percent have three to four drinks, 27 percent have five or six drinks and 25 percent have seven or more drinks.

Citing those statistics, Morphet suggests that males have a tendency to drink more, and that concerns him.

"We don't want to have any alcohol poisoning deaths here at ECU," Morphet said.

Dr. Thomas De Beck, clinical director of ECU's Student Health Services, is also concerned about male binge drinking and he voiced his opinion on the idea of tolerance.

"All it means (tolerance) is that he has drunk so much for so long," de Beck said. "All it means is that he is actually in trouble. He has worked long and hard to get there."

"If it takes more than two or three (drinks) to get a buzz, then you are in trouble," De Beck said. "You are at a crossroads."

Morphet said that there is a problem of drinking within our campus community, but he also points out that the results from the CORE survey show that ECU is with the national average. The survey showed that 66 percent of the female and 69 percent of the male respondents reported consuming alcohol within the last 30 days.

Not only do males run a greater risk of alcohol poisoning, but they are different from females on how they conduct themselves while intoxicated.

"Men have a higher chance of getting involved in anti-social behavior than women addicts," Morphet said.

While nature and nurture play a role in any addiction, Morphet thinks male drinking problems stem more from the college environment than with this issue of abuse that seems to be a factor in women drinking.

"It (male drinking) comes from less abuse and a lot has to do with the environment and the friends they are with," Morphet said.

Morphet added that men have more social influences and the reasons for drinking are multifaceted.

The way one reacts from the amount you drink can vary between individuals, de Beck said, adding that the key to avoiding alcohol poisoning and any alcohol related problem is simple—responsibility.

"If you set an appropriate limit, then you have been responsible," de Beck said.

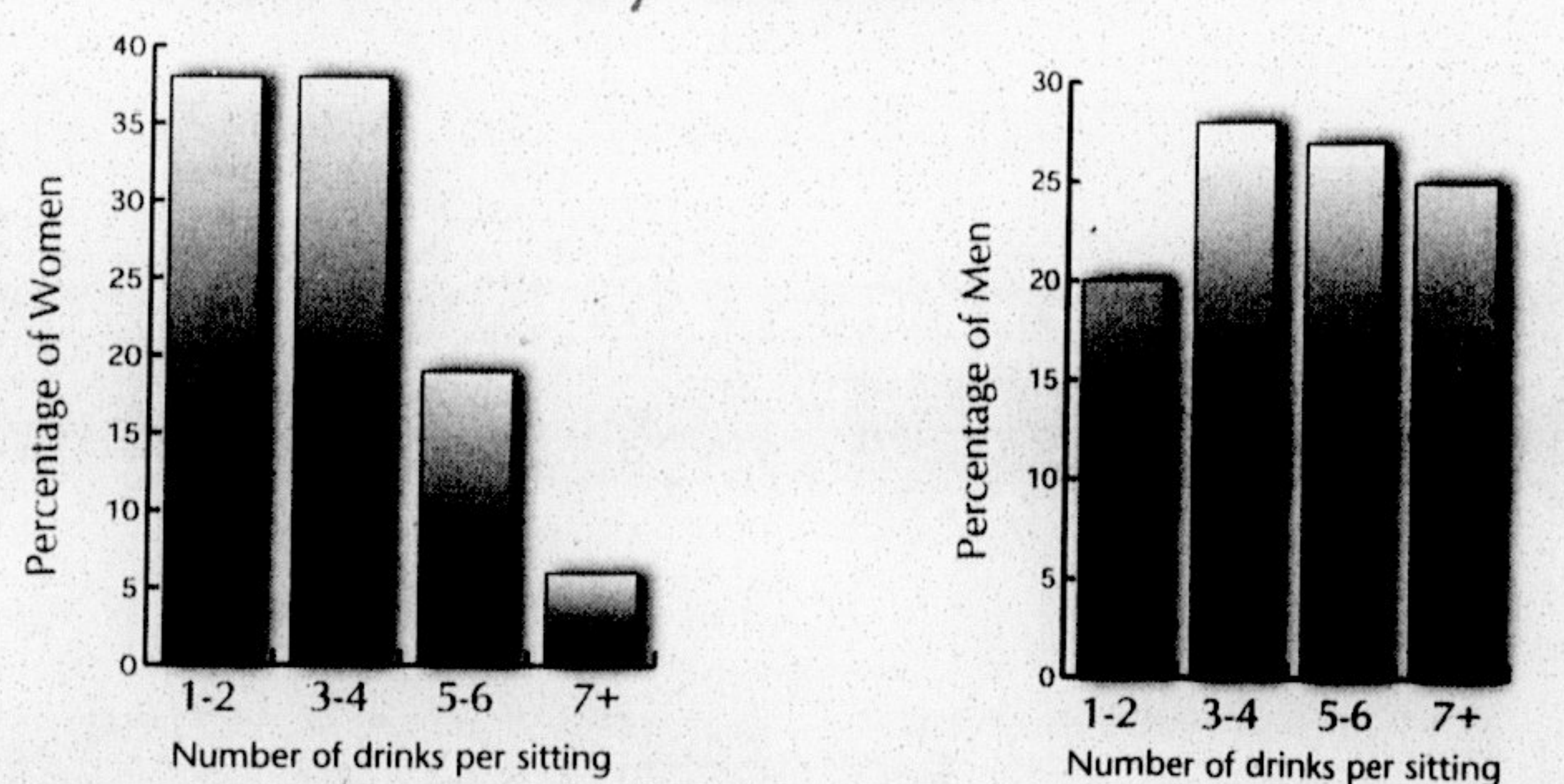
Males who have, or are concerned about, alcohol



Jamie Guyton, a bartender at Boli's, serves drinks to many men and women from both campus and the surrounding area.

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When They Drink...



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Safety precautions vital during hurricane season

Residents should never try to wait out storm

AMANDA AUSTIN
FEATURES EDITOR

With hurricane Bonnie on the rampage and possibly headed toward the Eastern North Carolina shoreline, and hurricane Danielle not far behind, it is vitally important to know how to keep safe. It is important even in areas as far inland as Greenville, which was proven true by the destruction of hurricanes Fran and Bertha

just two years ago. Hurricanes can be a matter of life or death.

It has been predicted that this year 10 tropical storms will develop in the Atlantic Ocean of which 6 are expected to turn into Hurricanes, hurricanes that have the potential to take a life if the proper safety measures are not adhered to.

According to the American Red Cross an evacuation plan is very important. People must identify where they will go, keep telephone numbers of friends and family handy as well as road maps in case an alternative evacuation route must be taken, leave food and water out for the pets that must be left behind (most shelters and hotels do not allow pets) and stay tuned to

your local television and radio stations.

"If you are in an area that is evacuated go ahead and leave, don't try to wait it out," said Charlene Lee of the Greenville area Red Cross.

Safety precautions are not only important for residents of the coast, but also residents of the Greenville area.

Lee recommends that Greenville residents begin to prepare for a possible disaster now.

Disaster kits including a flashlight and batteries should be readily available. Residents should go ahead and stock up on water and take inventory of their homes and their belongings.

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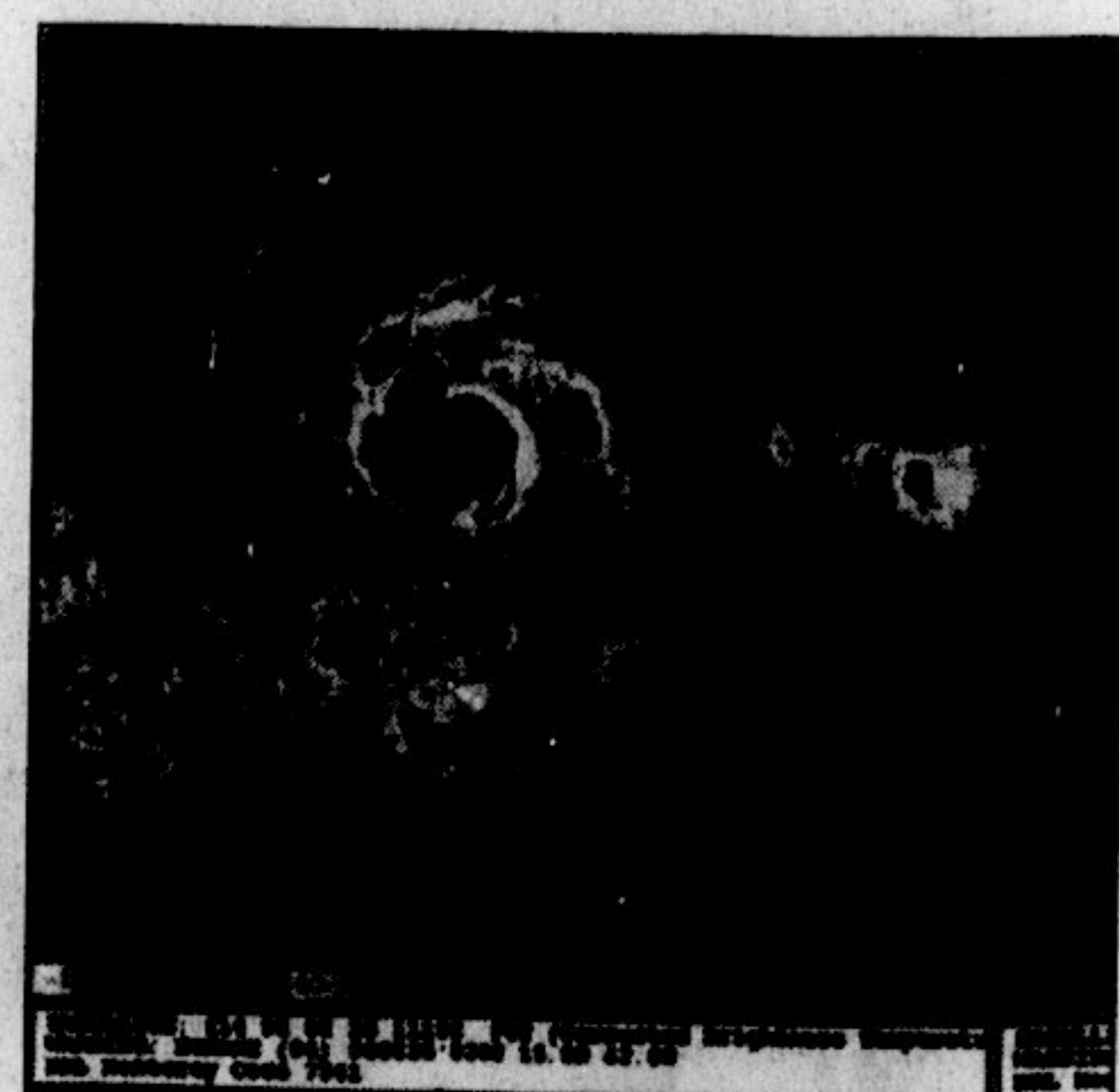
where to go if a tornado were to develop from the heavy winds expected in the area.

"You should go in a place where there are no windows and stay out of the second and third floors of your homes," Lee said.

According to Lee a hurricane is a serious matter and should be taken seriously by all, including Greenville residents.

"The reason we issue warnings is so people will start taking precautions now, they are not to be ignored," Lee said.

The university has made available a web site that includes hurricane safety



Hurricane Bonnie can be seen here in the Atlantic.
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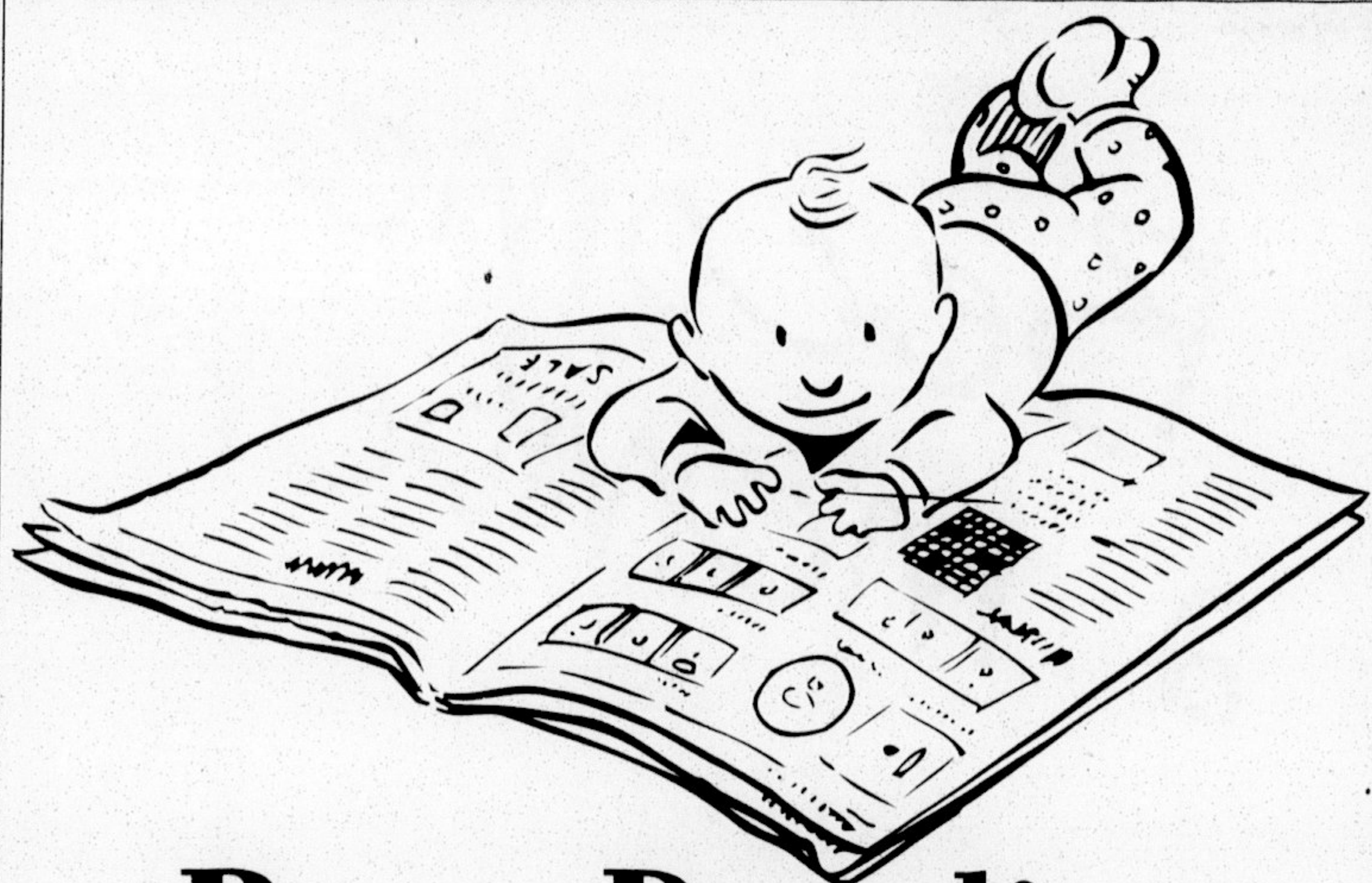


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intelligence, but rather the fashion sense of the person referred to. Little quirks like that make it a little bit harder, even when English words are used.

Not only that, even when English is written, sometimes it's just a little bit odd. Stuff that just sounds weird, like "Set aside enjoy-

ment time with your friends" (which I saw on an advertisement on a drink machine) is pretty common, but I suppose that's to be expected. English is a pretty difficult language—even American people make simple mistakes like spelling "lose" as "loose" or using "farther" instead of "further". Even with all that, it's still admirable that the Japanese are almost as comfortable with English as they are with their own language.

Sometimes though, it becomes a little alarming to people like myself. English is more of a trendy

fad to teenagers here. The other day I saw a girl with a t-shirt adorned with yellow and black stripes along the message "WARNING-GIRL." Like I wouldn't be able to tell that from looking at the front of her shirt anyways. Just the other night I ran into an elementary school girl who was wearing a shirt advertising... um, skateboards. The name of the company was something she would probably get slapped for wearing in the States. In fact, I've seen lots of people wearing t-shirts with profanity on them that would send the Christian

Coalition up in arms.

I'm not sure how many people actually know what these shirts say, but as most people would probably just look the other way if they did. It's not too much of a problem here. As an American though, I just keep reminding myself that since these people have been studying English for about as long as I have been studying Japanese, I probably sound just as weird. For now though I suppose I'll just look forward to moving back into my "mansion" back in the States.

Women

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drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for a female. When drinking, women consume far fewer drinks than men.

The CORE survey showed that, when drinking, 38 percent of the women consumed between one and two drinks, 38 percent had three to four drinks, 19 percent had five or six drinks and only six percent had seven or more drinks. Morphet said that women tend to not be binge drinkers.

If they do have a problem, women may be at a disadvantage for treatment.

Morphet says that treatment programs are more targeted toward men.

"Research studies show that women tend to do better with non-behavior counseling," Morphet said.

He added that women tend to want to explore the issues behind the drinking.

Morphet says that the preponderance of people in treatment for alcohol are men.

There are a lot of barriers for women in getting treatment like motherhood, lack of insurance, concern over the custody of children and transportation problems.

The reasons why women drink are varied, but there is one area that seems to stand out above others. Some studies show that for females who have a drinking problem, as much as 70 percent have seen or been involved with childhood domestic violence or abuse. Many treatment programs do not deal with this issue behind the drinking.

While drinking is a problem at ECU, Morphet does not think that we are much different from the national averages, and the studies show that. Women do have different reasons for drinking and it affects them differently than men, and Morphet said his office is open for anyone having a problem with any substance abuse.

Morphet encourages anyone with a problem to contact his office at 328-6661. The counseling center has individual and group counseling available for those who may need it and is located on the second floor in the Wright Building.

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Classical studies scholar receives endowed professorship

Dr. Charles E. Fantazzi of the University of Windsor, Ontario, will hold the Whichard Distinguished Professorship in Humanities for the 1998-99 academic year.

Fantazzi, a classical studies scholar, was introduced at the College of Arts and Sciences convocation this week. He is the fourth professor brought to campus under the endowed professorship.

Scientist gives inside look at nobel prize

An atomic scientist from Sweden will offer his ideas on how to win a

nobel prize in his first of two speeches to be held on Thursday and Friday, August 27-28.

Dr. Reinhold Schuch, a professor of atomic physics at Stockholm University and a member of the Swedish Academy of Sciences that selects Nobel Prize winners, will speak as a guest of the university.

Schuch will give an inside look at the process leading to the selection of award winners.

Art Exhibit

An art exhibit was held in the Mendenhall Student Center and the Jenkins Fine Arts Center at which the work of 21 women artists who depict scenes from from an old Germanic legend were presented.

related problems have an advantage over females.

"There is a historical bias that treatment is geared toward men," Morphet said.

Morphet also pointed out that there are more men involved in treatment groups and that here at ECU, his treatment groups are usually 60 percent male and 40 percent female.

The counseling center is open for anyone concerned about alcohol or any other problem. Morphet said that he holds group sessions most Tuesday and Wednesday nights and the center is available for individual groups.

The center can be reached at 328-6661 and is located on the second floor of the Wright building.

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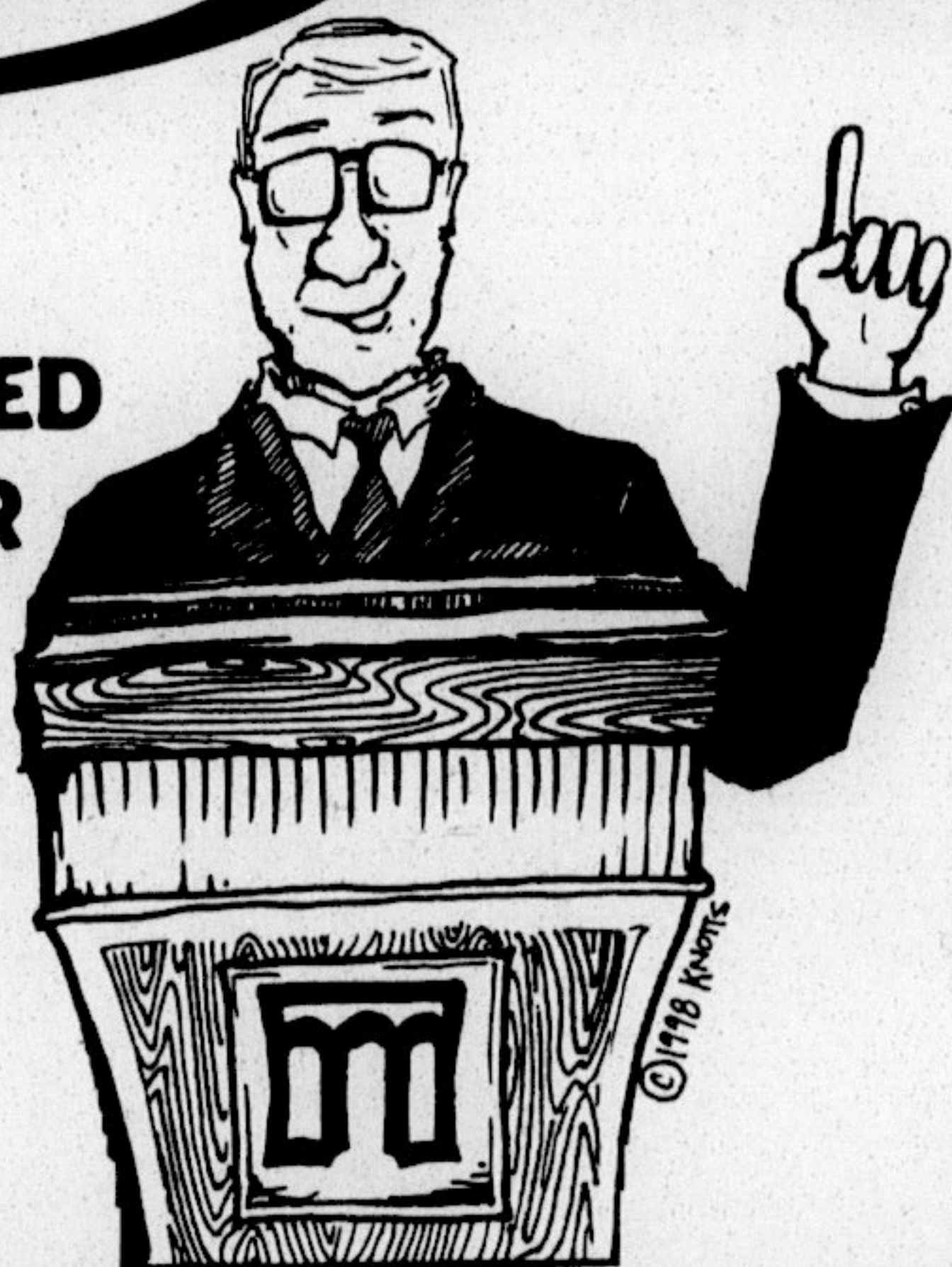
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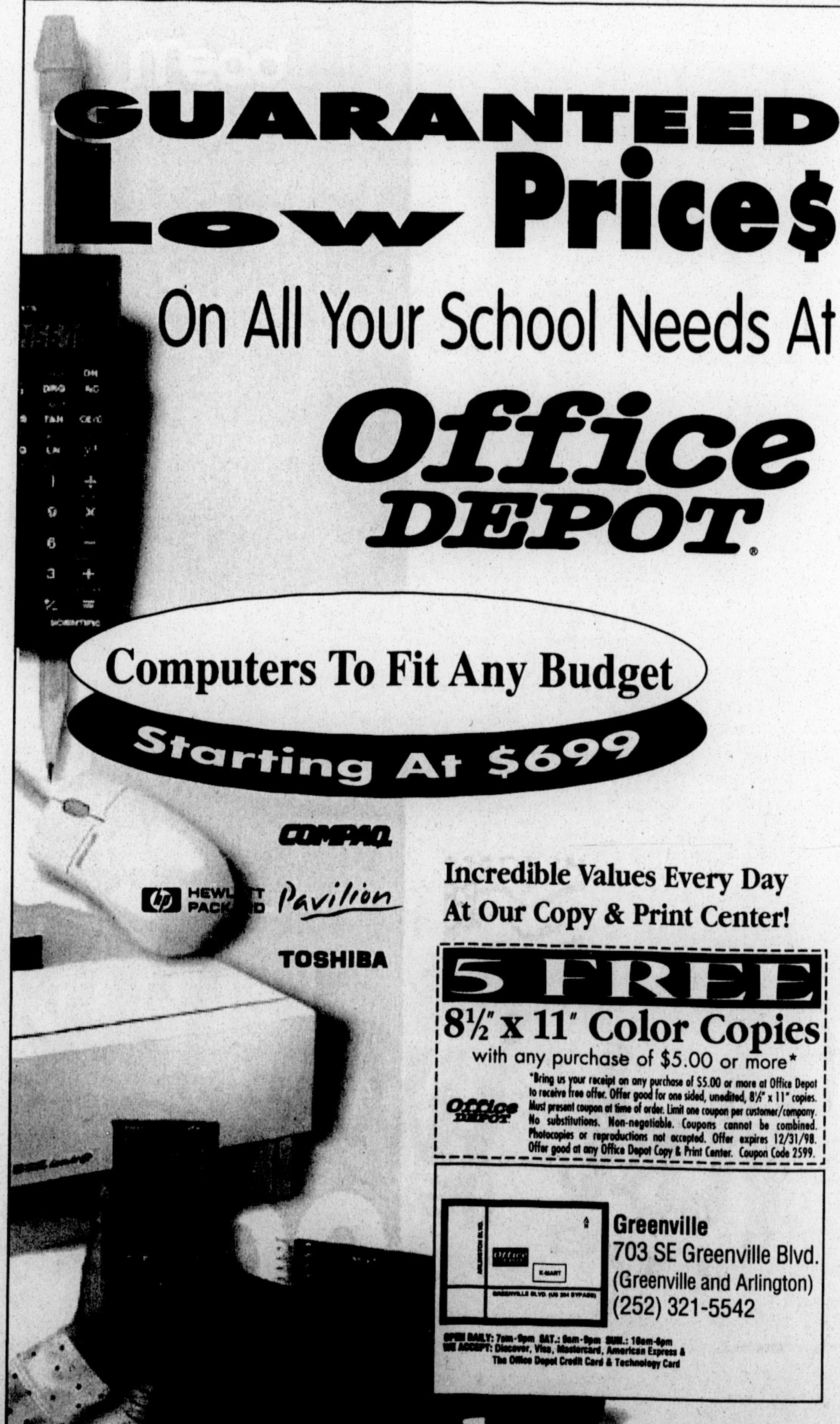
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University negotiates with ESPN for '99 opener

Pirates hope to open season at Ericsson

STEVE LOSEY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU Athletic Department is currently in the final stages of negotiations with representatives from ESPN Regional and the Carolina Panthers to play the Pirates 1999 season opener against West Virginia at Ericsson Stadium

in Charlotte. The match up would be televised nationally on ESPN or ESPN2.

"Negotiations are going on and there may be an announcement in the next few days," associate athletic director Henry VanSant said.

Assistant athletic director Lee Workman stressed that "nothing's been finalized" as to the specific terms of the negotiations, but said he hopes to make an official announcement by the Sept. 5 opener.

"All I can say is, yes, there is discussion, yes, it is moving quickly

"All I can say is, yes, there is discussion, yes, it is moving quickly towards that direction, and no, nothing's been finalized yet."

Lee Workman
Assistant athletic director

towards that direction, and no, nothing's been finalized yet."

Workman said. "At this point it is real premature. It's a matter of details. We're hoping to have an announcement between now and then."

On August 4, The News & Observer reported that ECU could receive over \$1 million through the deal. ECU officials refused to comment on the amount ECU would receive or the terms of the contract.

"At this point, there's nothing concrete," Athletic Director Mike Hamrick said. "But if it were to happen, any time you're on national TV to 60 million homes,

it's tremendous for your university."

Workman agreed with Hamrick that such national exposure is one of the factors in deciding on moving the location of the game as originally scheduled.

"If it [the exposure] wasn't very positive, we wouldn't do it," Workman said.

Tickets will be offered through the ECU ticket office for a to-be-determined price. The price is one of the points still being debated, according to Workman.

"A lot of ideas have been thrown around regarding cover-

age," Dean Diltz, Communications Coordinator for ESPN said.

If the deal goes through, it will be the second time the Pirates have played in Ericsson Stadium. The first was in 1996 against NC State, when the Pirates defeated the Wolfpack 50 to 29. The game, dubbed Carolina's Clash, drew a crowd of 66,347, the largest audience ever to see a college football game in North Carolina.

"If it all works out, it'll be a great opportunity for us," Sports Information Director Norm Reilly said.

Stadium construction reaches completion ... for now

\$13 million addition to seat fans for first home game

TRACY M. LAUBACH
SPORTS EDITOR

The upper deck of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium was completed in late June, a \$13 million addition that took a little longer than originally planned but has slated ECU with having the third largest seating capacity of all university stadiums in the state of North Carolina.

Associate athletic director Henry VanSant claims that the 8,000 seat addition has made Dowdy-Ficklen a first-class stadium that compares favorably with other Division I stadiums across the country.

"There are some that are bigger and some that are smaller, but I have not been in an upper deck that is nicer than ours," VanSant said. "One of the biggest advantages of sitting in the upper deck is that there is plenty of leg room, so people can walk in front of you without causing you to have to move. Also, there are contour seats that either 16, 18 or 20 inches wide, so they are very comfortable."

The inside of the addition is extremely spacious, providing enough room to accom-

modate everyone who can sit in the upper deck. There are four concession stands, a souvenir shop and the restrooms feature automatic flushers and handwashers to accommodate Pirate fans.

"Convenience is another thing that makes the addition one of the nicest around," VanSant. "It is easy to get around, so people should be able to get up to use the restroom during a timeout and still get back in time to not miss anything."

Additionally, the upper deck contains 84 seats that are wheelchair accessible and features a separate handicap level, where seating is provided for not only handicapped individuals but their guests as well.

On August 9-14, the athletic department hosted an open house of the upper deck at which time more than 1,000 people visited the newest part of Pirate football.

"Everyone was absolutely ecstatic about what they saw," VanSant said. "The students are going to be very pleased with what has been done."

VanSant explained that although there was much controversy over the delays and problems that were encountered during construction stages, there was never a structural problem.

Conference USA
Stadium Capacities

Tulane	69,767
East Carolina	43,000
Louisville	42,000
Army	39,929
Cincinnati	35,000
Southern Miss	33,000
Memphis	21,500
Houston	20,500

Source: Conference USA Media Guide

"There were several insignificant factors, one of which was a beam that had to be taken down and replaced after it was put up," VanSant said. "Our general contractor, Davidson Jones Beers, was on the project from start to finish, and was just not able to get the work done as quickly as originally projected."

Pirate Club executive director Dennis Young said that with the majority of season tickets being sold to Pirate Club members, the additional seats allow for more priority seating.

"The upper deck will help us to accommodate more people with better seating,"

Young said. "This will definitely help our program because more people will be pleased with what we have to offer."

Seating in the upper deck corresponds to seating in the lower sections of the stadium and 1,000 seats have been reserved for students, who can request upper deck seating at the time they pick up their tickets.

Another project that is undergoing construction at this time is the addition of a club level, which will seat 1,300 high level donors. With a projected finish date of 1999, this level will feature entertainment areas and lounges, and will be between the upper and lower decks.

In the distant future, the athletic department plans to begin the next phase

of the stadium project, which will include a double deck on the south side (otherwise known as the "alumni side") of Dowdy-Ficklen. A new press box will be built, as well, which will run the entire length of the stadium.

"When we do begin this phase

will depend on how regularly we fill 43,000 seats at this time," VanSant said. "At a university this size, we have good participation from students when we see a demand for 10,000 tickets. If we see that much support, it will speed up further additions."

Furthermore, the university plans on purchasing a new scoreboard in either 1999 or 2000, which will cost approximately \$2 million. For now, the scoreboard has been freshly painted and has received routine maintenance in preparation for the upcoming football season.

"Dowdy-Ficklen is truly one of the nicest on campus stadiums around," VanSant said. "You can see the entire city of Greenville from up there, and it is beautiful."

North Carolina Stadium Capacities

1. UNC-Chapel Hill	60,000
2. N.C. State	53,000
3. East Carolina	43,000
4. Duke	33,941
5. Wake Forest	32,000

Source: Henry VanSant, Associate Athletic Director

Volleyball prepares for season opener vs. Campbell

Shannon Kaess to lead Lady Pirates

TRAVIS BARKLEY
SENIOR WRITER

With the season opener only two weeks away, the ECU volleyball team is hard at work, preparing for what is expected to be a successful year.

This year's team is extremely young, featuring six first year players. Junior outside hitter Shannon Kaess is the Lady Pirate's only upperclassman, and will serve as the team's captain. Kaess said that even though the team is young, it has a lot of experience. Last year's squad also featured six freshmen, most of whom saw extensive playing time.

"I think that we'll be more aggressive on the court," Kaess said. "We have a lot of returning players who have spent a year in the program who are practicing hard and doing what they are supposed to do."

Sophomores Liz Hall and Sarah Kary are two of the players that saw a lot of playing time as freshmen last year.

"We have a lot more confidence this year," Kary said. "We have a greater knowledge of the game, more love for the game."

Hall said that the team benefited by having so many young players on the court last year.

"We have more experience," Hall said. "We know what to



Head volleyball coach Kim Walker gives advice to her athletes, who are taking a quick timeout during a tough match.

FILE PHOTO

expect in the conference this year."

Head coach Kim Walker expects the team to be very competitive.

"It's a good solid group," Walker said. "Our goal is to mesh together on the court. If we can do that, we can have a successful season."

Walker indicated that while there is a tremendous amount of talent to work with, there are several areas that need work, most notably in the serving department.

"Our serving has got to improve," Walker said. "Our ace to error ratio needs to improve from last year."

When asked how practice was going, players and coaches alike sounded very positive about the team's progress.

"It's going very well," Kaess said. "We have new players that are very talented."

The most heralded of the new players is 5-8 setter Lisa Donovan.

Donovan led her high school in Wichita, Kansas to two consecutive state titles and was named class 5A state Player-of-the-Year last season.

Walker feels that Donovan may be able to contribute to team success immediately.

"Obviously we are excited to get a player with the type of credentials that Lisa has," Walker said. "She's very solid. She should be able to start right away."

The combination of returning and new players should allow the Pirates to contend for the CAA title. Among the players and coaches, American University is the consensus choice as the team to beat.

"We're really looking forward to playing them" Kaess said. "We've lost to them in the past, so we really want to play well against them."

"They (American) were conference champs last year," Walker

Tennis faces year of change

New coach anticipates challenging season

MARIO SCHERHAUFER
SENIOR WRITER

With a new coach and teams loaded with veterans as well as some young talented players, the Pirates will start their 1998/99 season at the ECU Invitational in Greenville in September.

"East Carolina's tennis program is facing a year of transition," Tom Morris, ECU's new head coach said.

Morris, who replaced Bill Moore, had an outstanding career at Barton College, both as a player and as a head coach.

"I'm very excited about the possibilities here at ECU and I'm proud to be a member of the ECU family now," Morris said.

With a different style of coaching and hard work on the court, Morris wants to step up with the team to a higher level of competitiveness. While coaching at Barton, Morris coached eight All-Americans and eight conference players-of-the-year.

Newcomers Robert Hooker, Michael Huez, and Leshawn Jenkins will complement the men's team, while Mary Elaine Knox is the only new member for the Lady Pirates team at this point.

Huez, a sophomore from Austria, came to ECU to combine playing tennis with getting a good education, which, according to him, is practically impossible in his home country. Due to academic eligibility obstacles,



Derek Slate is one of four seniors returning to lead the men's tennis team this season.

FILE PHOTO

Huez was not allowed to attend the team in his freshman year.

"Although we lost Neils [Alomar] and Brett [Rowley] I am convinced that we can do better than last year," Huez said.

Morris, too, is optimistic that the teams can improve their last year's record, where the Pirates concluded the season 10-10 and finished fifth in the CAA standings. The Lady Pirates were 9-7 and also placed fifth in the CAA in 1998.

The men's team boasts four seniors — Roope Kalajo, a marketing major from Finland, who is expected to lead the men's team together with Kenny Kirby, Derek Slate and Stephan Siebenbrunner. Oliver Thalen, a sophomore from Sweden, is also looking forward to put up some good fights for the Pirates.

According to Morris, the men's

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son, she won MVP awards and boosted her team to a regional championship.

An all-state selection from Grimsley High in Greensboro, Meredith Seawell won All-Conference and All-Region honors as a sophomore. During that season, she also served as a driving force in the team's journey to the state 4-A championship.

Amanda Horner, from Raleigh, and Amanda Duffy, of Holly Ridge, are the other two North Carolina players joining the team. Horner was a goalkeeper for Sanderson High School and earned merits for her agility and quick reflexes. Duffy, while playing for Dixon High, scored 39 goals during her sophomore and

junior years. She was also named the Coastal Plains 1-A Conference Player of the Year last year. Both players are expected to contribute to future ECU success.

The last two recruits hail out of New Jersey. Emily Cozzi, of Southampton, and Abi Temple, of Wrightstown, are both highly skilled young athletes. Cozzi has led her high school to the state playoffs in each of her first three years. She also led a local club team with 18 goals and 12 assists last year. Temple earned an athletic letter during each of her four years at Northern Burlington Regional High School. She was also selected for All-South Jersey honors during three of those seasons.

The program will return all but one starter to the field this season. Veterans such as goalkeeper Amy Horton are expected to help anchor the team's efforts.

"We've returned 10 of 11 starters and the recruiting class is very solid," Roberts said. "We expect to continue to improve the team and the program, and get to the point where we're going to compete for a regular season conference championship," Roberts said.

Women's soccer will begin the year with a home game against High Point University on September 1.

Women's Soccer Schedule

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12-13	University of Delaware Tournament	TBA
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Cincinnati game rescheduled

SID—ECU's football game at the University of Cincinnati this fall will be played on Thursday, Nov. 5 and will be televised nationally on ESPN. Gametime will be 8 p.m. EST. The original date for the game at Nippert Stadium had been Saturday, Nov. 7.

This will be the second consecutive season that the Pirates and Bearcats have met in front of the ESPN cameras for a national telecast. ECU prevailed 14-7 last Nov. 15 in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"This is another great opportunity for our program to experience national exposure," Mike Hamrick, ECU athletic director said. "Our program's stature has continued to rise on a national scope and ESPN recognizes that. We are excited about playing Cincinnati before a national audience."

"This game, in addition to our

other television opportunities, gives us as good a local, regional and national television arrangement as anybody in the county."

In addition to ECU's exposure with ESPN, the Pirates also will be seen this season as part of Conference USA's national television package on FOX Sports Net. Two ECU games (Oct. 3 vs. Army and Oct. 31 vs. Houston) will also be carried regionally on FOX Sports South while the Pirates also have a unique three-year agreement for extensive local coverage of their games on WITN-TV, Channel 7.

ECU will be making its ninth national television appearance in the past three seasons. It will be the Pirates' third exposure on ESPN in that period. ECU also has played on ESPN2 three times in those three years.

Cincinnati Bearcats face unlikely repeat in bowl appearances

CINCINNATI (AP) Don't look for the University of Cincinnati to go to a second consecutive bowl game. The Bearcats will be paying the price for last year's breakthrough season.

Cincinnati went 8-4 last year, made its first bowl appearance in 47 years, won the Humanitarian Bowl and had five players drafted (and seven signed) by the NFL.

By comparison, Ohio State that school two hours north lost the Sugar Bowl and had no one drafted.

Instead of feeling smug, Cincinnati is feeling hard-pressed to match its best all-around season in 20 years. The core of the team is gone, and the Bearcats are picked

to finish fourth in Conference USA.

"We've lost more starters (12) than anybody in the league and sent seven guys to the NFL," coach Rick Minter said. "We've got more question marks than at any time since I've been here. But I feel good about where we're going."

For one thing, the program has more stability than at any time in the recent past. Minter is entering his fifth season at Cincinnati and agreed to a four-year contract extension over the summer.

"If we can continue on the course we're on, we'll be fine," Minter said. "We may need three or four good recruiting years to catch up, and I think our 1998 class will prove to be the best one we've signed."

The bowl victory helped, giving Cincinnati some positive national attention for the first time since it beat Penn State in the opener of the 1983 season.

They're even paying attention

in Clifton, where football season usually means that students are getting excited because basketball season is around the corner.

"Before, people would just ask if we were going to reach .500," said defensive tackle Kevin Ward. "Now people ask which bowl we can go to."

"People are asking when our games are and what we're going to do this year," offensive guard Vince Byrd said. "Last year, all I got was, 'Oh, he's big so he must be a football player.' Nobody really cared."

Those who are paying attention realize the potential trouble spots:

1. Three offensive linemen must be replaced and two of the top three tacklers in school history (linebackers Phil Curry and Brad Jackson) are gone.

2. Cornerback Artrell Hawkins is playing for the Cincinnati Bengals.

3. The quarterback position will be split between sophomore Deontey Kenner and returner Chad Plummer, who is a better runner than passer.

The Bearcats' best returning player is senior safety Tinker Keck, who tied an NCAA record with four punt returns for touchdowns last season.

"We've turned a lot of people's heads with the bowl game," Keck said. "It could be the turning point of this program. But we have to go out and perform again to back it up."

Ohio State may be forced to compete without Katzenmoyer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) Top-ranked Ohio State has almost everybody back and a schedule tailor-made for a title run.

Yet their national championship hopes might rest in the hands of a music teacher.

Andy Katzenmoyer, the heart and soul of top-ranked Ohio State's defense, must pass summer-school classes in music, golf and AIDS awareness to be eligible.

Without him, the Buckeyes will be very good. With him, they have

a shot at the school's first national championship since 1968.

So the first hurdle before traveling to 11th-ranked West Virginia on Sept. 5 and cons away from the ominous Nov. 21 dance with defending national champ Michigan is making the grade in summer-school classes.

Three Buckeye standouts—Katzenmoyer, the Butkus Award-winning linebacker, All-Big Ten free safety Damon Moore and the team's best offensive lineman, Rob Murphy—must pass muster to remain eligible.

They will find out a few days prior to the opening kickoff whether they have made the grade or likely played their final collegiate game in last year's 31-14 Sugar Bowl loss to Florida State.

If any or all of the three are ineligible, Ohio State could duplicate what happened the last time it was No. 1. Back in 1980, coming off a one-point loss in the Rose Bowl that was the only blot on a perfect season and with a roster loaded with veterans, the Buckeyes lasted exactly one poll as No. 1 and ended up a disappointing 9-3 on the season.

"Whether we're the best team in the country or not, I don't know," coach John Cooper said during preseason workouts for his 11th season at Ohio State. "I like our football team. I like their attitude, their work ethic. It's an honor to be ranked No. 1, but obviously it's a lot more important to be ranked No. 1 when the season's over."

With the Big Ten now a part of the Bowl Championship Series, a perfect season and the Buckeyes would almost be assured of an opportunity to prove they are No. 1.

But already they are somewhat of an oddity, since they are believed to be the only team ever picked No. 1 to start a season while riding a two-game losing streak.

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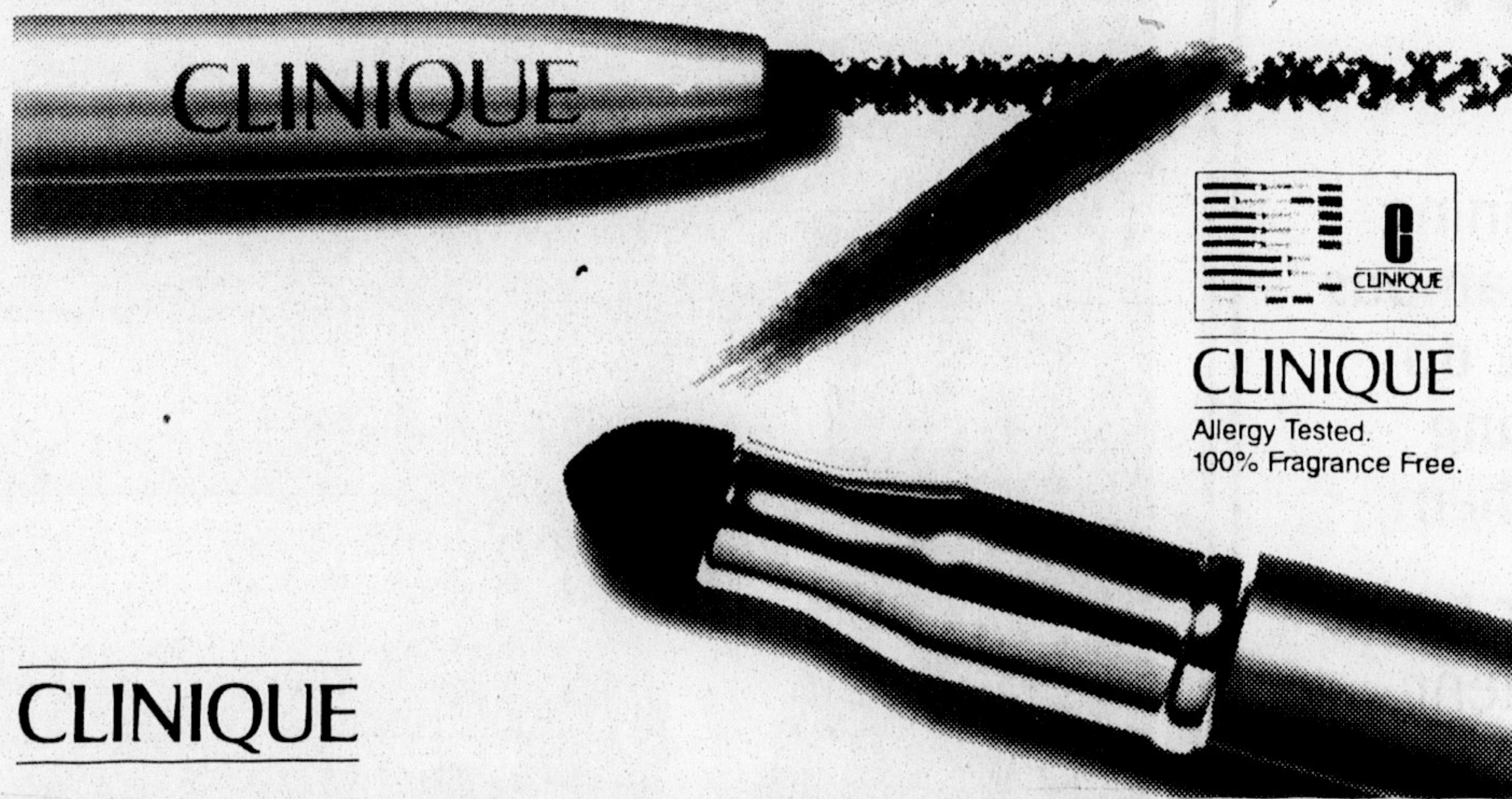
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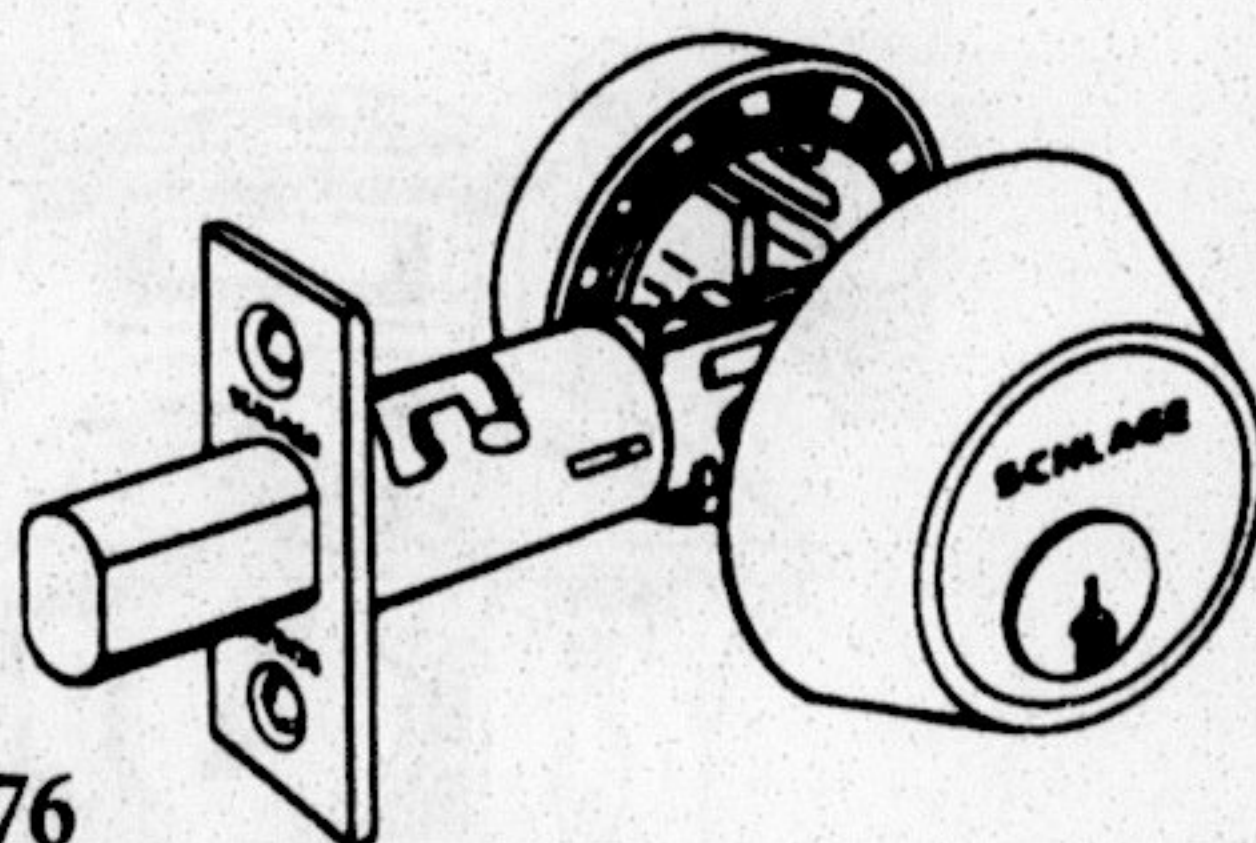
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gets David Boston and Dee Miller, tailbacks Michael Wiley and Joe Montgomery and fullback Matt Keller, who has packed on 40 pounds since coming to Ohio State.

The major concern is an offensive line that, while experiencing growing pains last year also caused some pains for the guy it was supposedly protecting. An optimist sees the offense's 30 points and 406 yards per game in 1997; the pessimist wonders about 47 sacks.

"We'll have a more physical unit or else we'll have some new faces in it," offensive coordinator Mike Jacobs said.

Katzenmoyer is the headline performer on a defense that may be allowed to run free to create havoc much like the 1996 unit built around cover corners Shawn Springs and Ty Howard.

If current cornerbacks Antoine Winfield, the 1997 team MVP and leading tackler, and Ahmed Plummer can go man-to-man on opposing wide receivers, look for

Ohio State to turn up the pressure on passers and force a lot more turnovers than the 46 of a year ago.

"The coaches have confidence in them," said Moore, the starting strong safety. "They can let the linebackers, D-line and the safeties fly and leave Twan and Ahmed out on an island."

James Cotton moves in at defensive end opposite Rodney Bailey, with Clinton Wayne and Joe Brown providing pressure from the tackle spots. Katzenmoyer, Na'il Diggs and Jerry Rudzinski make up a quality linebacking corps and Gary Berry and Moore are athletic and omnipresent.

Even the kicking game is superlative. Punter Brent Bartholomew averaged 45.2 yards last season, the fourth best mark in school history, and placekicker Dan Stultz added a new dimension with his distance kicks.

Voters in both major polls have agreed that Ohio State is the best team in the country not just because of the personnel, but also its schedule. No. 13 Penn State, No. 23 Michigan State and swagging Michigan—which holds an 8-1-1 upper hand over Ohio State since Cooper came aboard—all

must come to Columbus.

The immediate concerns are classwork and the Mountaineers if the Buckeyes hope to hold that No. 1 ranking for long.

"I'm proud. That's what you work for, to be ranked No. 1," Cooper said. Then he added the clincher: "We have to live up to it now."

Dallas Cowboys coach cuts 14 players

IRVING, Texas (AP) Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey cut 14 players from the squad Monday, including third-year wide receiver Jimmy Oliver of Texas Christian and second-year cornerback Lee Vaughn of Wyoming.

Oliver had been a strong candidate to win a job early in training camp but missed valuable training time after an injury and never caught up. He also lost out in his attempt to win a job as a kick returner.

"We were intrigued with Oliver's speed but it just didn't work out for him," Gailey said. Rookie Taj Johnson of San

Diego State and Anthony Eubanks of Arkansas also were trimmed, along with quarterback Josh LaRocca of Rice.

Defensive lineman Darren Benson, lost for the season with a knee injury, was placed on injured reserve.

Others cut were guards Todd Perkins of Texas A&M-Kingsville, Antonio Fleming of Georgia and Kent Booth of Northern Illinois; linebackers Greg Bright of Georgia and Chike Egbuniwe of Duke; tight ends Rod Monroe of Cincinnati and Cory Geason of Tulane; center Earl Scott of Arkansas; and fullback Bobby Rodriguez of Houston.

Dallas gets one more crack at winning an exhibition game for Gailey on Thursday night at Jacksonville. Then the Cowboys get 10 days to prepare for the season opener against Arizona.

"I don't put much stock in pre-season," said the Cowboys coach. "Keeping the starters healthy is the main thing. I wouldn't want to go 0-5, but it wouldn't bother me."

Dallas has lost one starter for the season—linebacker Broderick Thomas, who was hurt in training camp.

Backup defensive lineman Benson hurt his knee during Saturday night's 22-14 loss to the St. Louis Rams. Dallas also lost cornerback Wendell Davis for the year with a training camp knee injury.

Benson's loss gives Dallas just two healthy defensive tackles for the Jacksonville game, Antonio Anderson and Chad Hennings. Leon Lett suffered a sprained left knee in a scrimmage against New Orleans but was expected back on Sept. 6 for the Cardinals.

Cornerback Deion Sanders also was expected to be ready for the opener. He has been nursing a knee injury.

Reserve defensive back Charlie Williams broke his right thumb against the Rams and could miss a game or two to start the season.

Linebacker Nate Helmsley, who has a sprained left elbow, and defensive end Kavika Pittman, who has a knee sprain, were expected to be ready for the Cardinals although they will miss the Jacksonville contest.

The Cowboys must decide by Tuesday by NFL rule whether assistant coach Bill Bates will play this season.

Dallas also is looking at free agent kick returner Herschel Walker about possibly playing again. There is no time limit on signing Walker.

Steelers original lineman dies at age 89

PITTSBURGH (AP) Samuel V. Cooper, an original member of the 1933 Pittsburgh Steelers, died at the age of 89.

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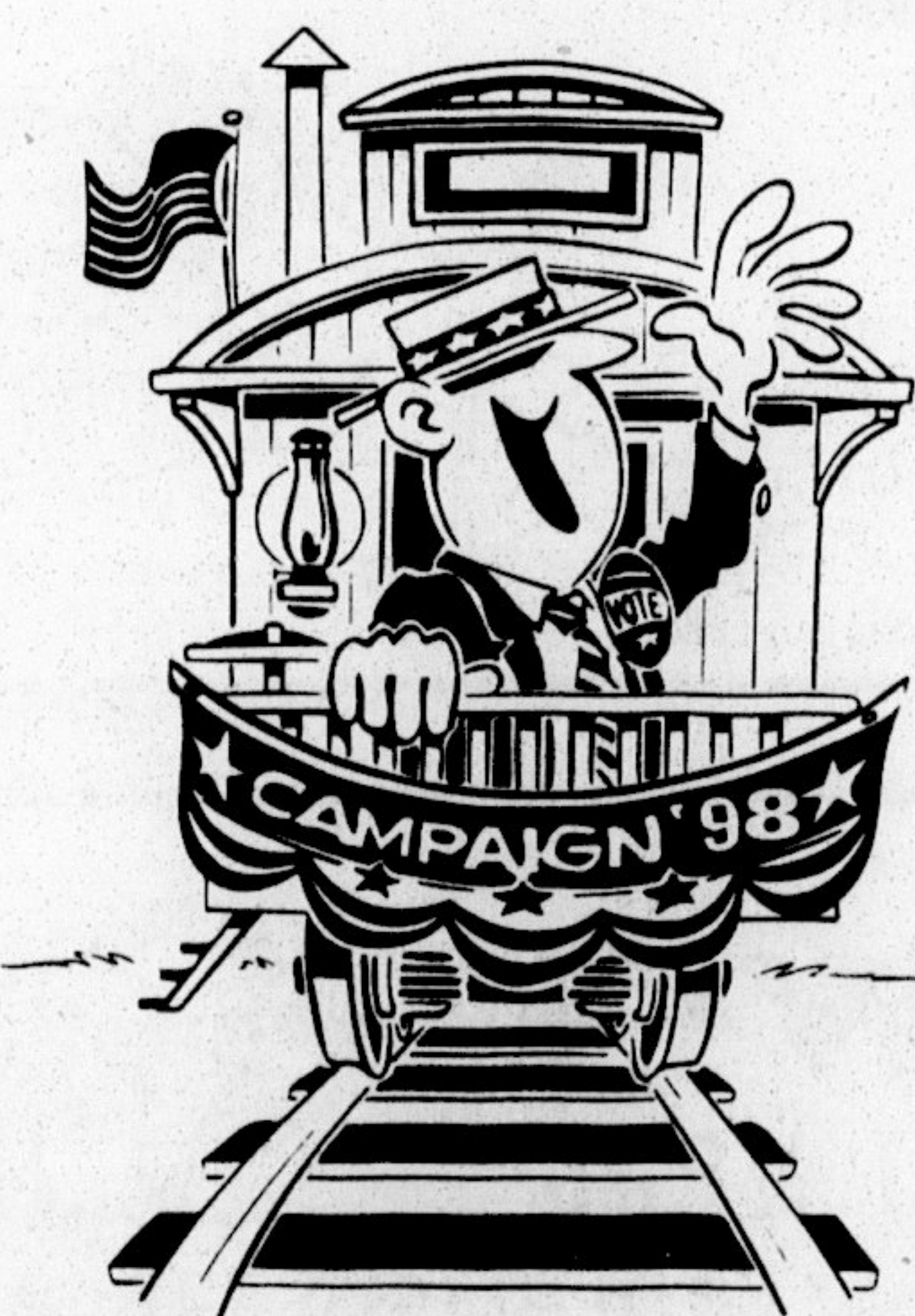
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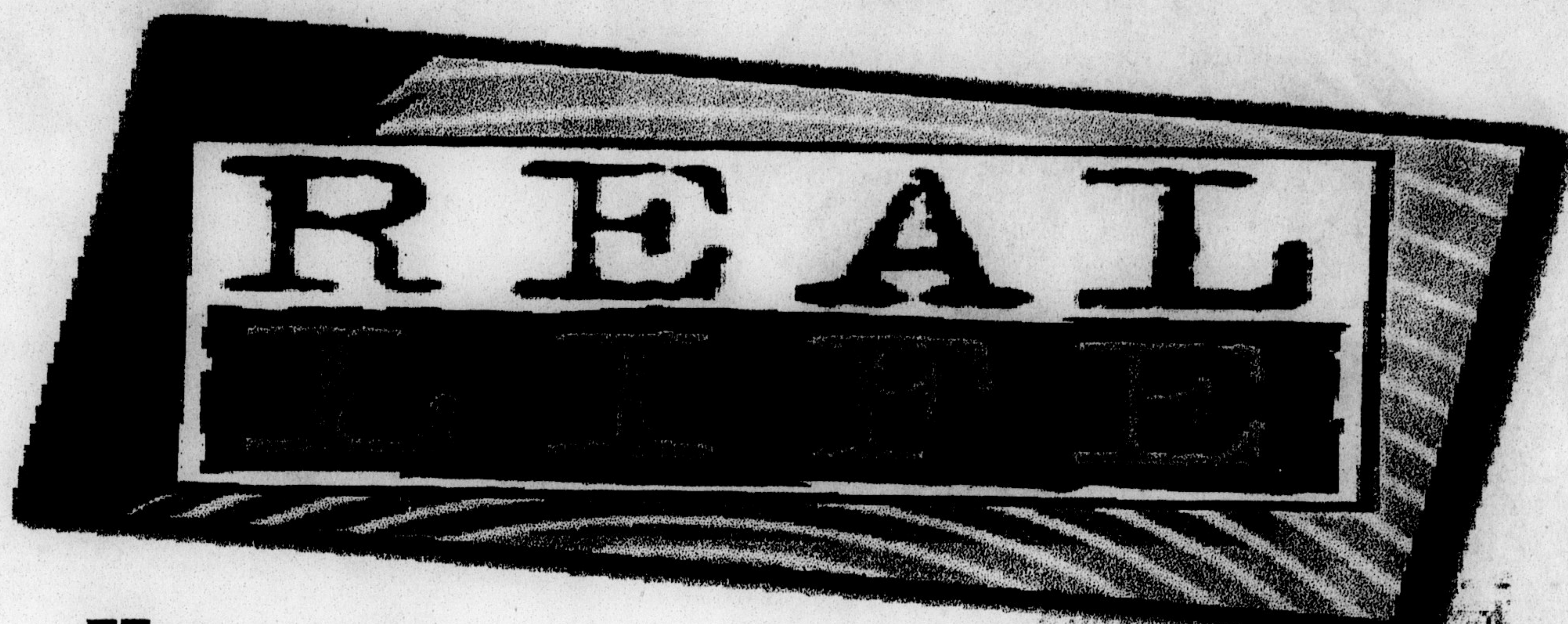
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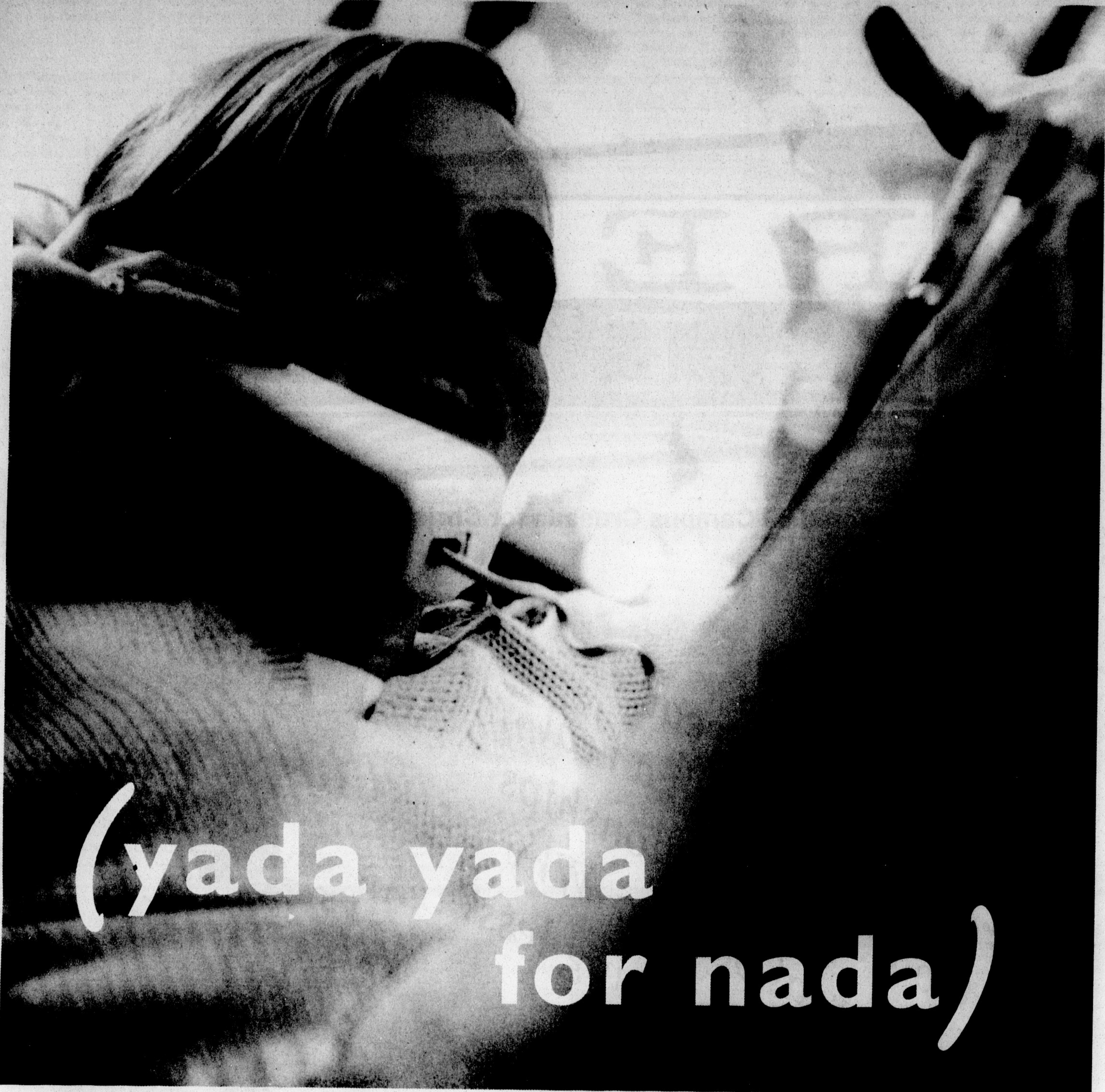
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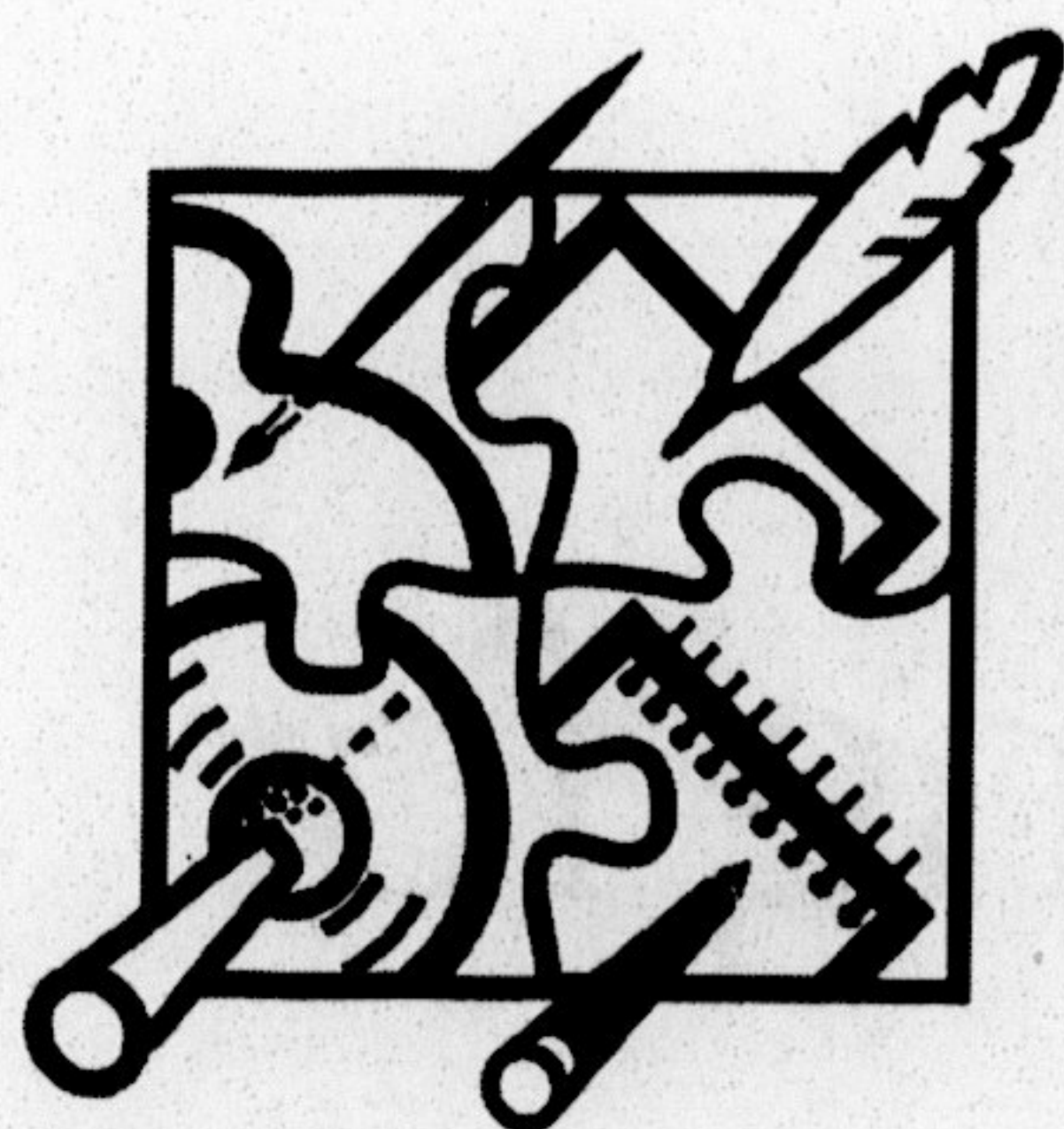
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