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Men's basketball feels the heartbreak of  
defeat against JMU.  
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## Man chased, arrested after burglarizing Fletcher

*May be linked to six  
other break-ins*

KRISTY DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old Greenville resident was arrested after he was chased from Fletcher Hall across campus into the Roly Poly sandwich shop.

Police are not sure if this is the person who has been involved in the many break-ins which have occurred during the past few weeks on campus involving residence hall rooms which had been left unlocked or unattended, six of which took place in Aycock Hall.

Akil J. Willoughby, of 1929 Norcott Circle, led ECU police

officers on a chase Thursday after breaking into a Fletcher Residence Hall room. The chase ended in the shop when officers found him in the women's bathroom after he had broken the sink in his attempt to escape through the restaurant's suspended ceiling.

Willoughby was charged with breaking and entering, larceny, resisting arrest, trespassing and possession of stolen goods. He was placed under a \$12,500 bond.

The only stolen was a pocket-book which was recovered when he threw it at one of the officers.

Willoughby apparently entered the building by persuading someone to let him in the residence hall through the front door, a violation of the ECU housing policy.

The chase began after a resident in Fletcher Hall noticed Willoughby entering unlocked

rooms. Susan Gregorovic, manager of the Roly Poly, was in the restaurant at the time and was surprised by the events which occurred. Along

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make us aware of any suspicious activity which may  
occur."*

Tom Younce  
Assistant Director of the ECU Police

with the shattered sink, the suspect also tried to exit out of a locked glass door but ended up shattering that also. Gregorovic upon realizing

the police were after him called the police to the scene, while Willoughby ran to the ladies room.

"I yelled, 'he's in here,'" Gregorovic said.

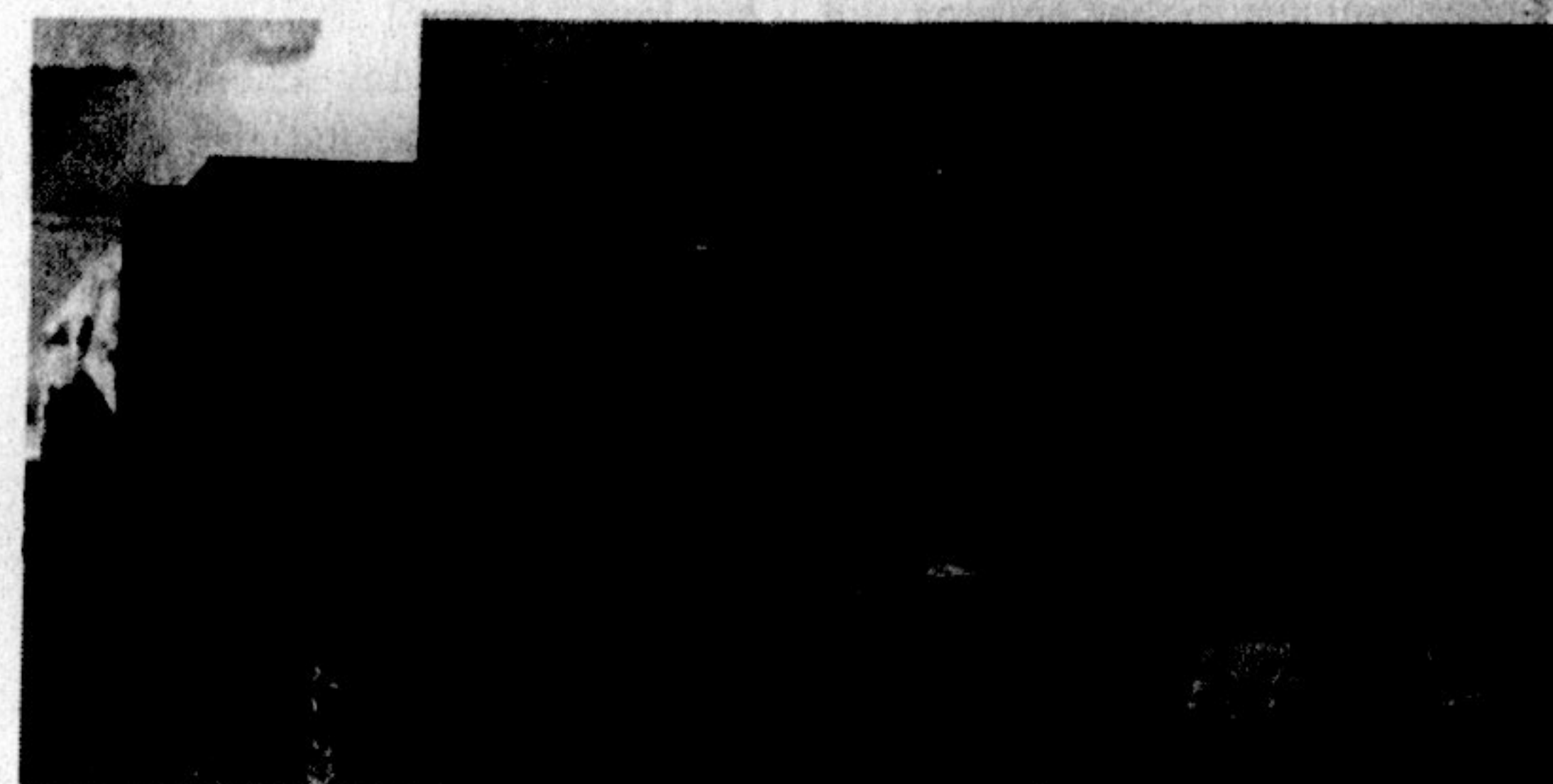
Gregorovic later discovered that Willoughby was also a suspect in a robbery that had taken place earlier that morning.

"I went to the magistrates office and they said that he was also a suspect in another robbery that morning," said Gregorovic.

Tom Younce, assistant director of the ECU Police Department, said that Willoughby will probably have to pay for the damage which he caused to the restaurant.

Officers arrested Willoughby, who was taken into custody and sentenced with a set bail of \$12,500.

"We are not sure at this point if the suspect was responsible for the



Robber led police to Roly Poly where he was apprehended.

PHOTO BY PETER DAWYD

other robberies at this point," Younce said. "We need the help of students to make us aware of any suspicious activity which may occur."

After Willoughby's arrest, locks in Aycock Residence Hall were changed as a possible way to deter crime from happening in the resi-

dence halls. Emanuele Amaro, director of University Housing, said that the break-ins at Aycock are still under investigation.

Younce believes students play key roles in preventing such crimes from becoming more commonplace.

## Historian to speak

*Lucas addresses spirit,  
atmosphere of games*

TERRA STEINBEISER  
STAFF WRITER

Olympic historian Dr. John Lucas comes to ECU to speak on the Olympic movement, as well as his own Olympic and coaching experiences.

Lucas, a professor emeritus at Penn State University, has had plenty of experience with the Olympic movement over the past 40 years from covering the games from a coaches perspective, to

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State Department specialist,"*

Dr. John Lucas

Olympic Historian

working with the press in covering events surrounding the Olympic Games.

"Although I never actually competed in the Games, I worked as a coach, American State Department specialist, journalist and official historian," Lucas said.

Lucas' lecture, entitled "Pursuing an Olympic Ideal" will cover a broad range of topics.

"Lucas will be speaking about Olympic spirit, or the idea behind the Olympics; the history of the Games since the time of the ancient Greeks; and some of the problems facing the Olympics today like bribery, commercialism and drug use," said Dr. Steve Estes, chairman of the Department of Exercise and Sports Science.

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## Too warm to study inside



A student studies by the fountain at the Wright Circle during an uncommonly warm February afternoon.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL JACOBSEN

## Housing Services updates facilities

*On-campus laundry  
to accept One Card*

KRISTY DANIEL  
STAFF WRITER

To better serve on-campus residents, Housing Services is renovating facilities, making laundry costs inclusive and planning to offer a substance free living environment.

Each year, Housing Services administers two surveys to on-campus students to determine what kind of adjustments need to be made. Such issues as renovations, additions and laundry are addressed in these surveys.

Housing Services and Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction have been making the necessary renovations to classroom buildings and residence halls.

Jarvis has been under construction since the summer of last year.

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being nickled and dimed when  
it came to doing laundry,"*

Manny Amaro  
Director of University Housing Services.

The construction includes adding an elevator, air conditioning and more modern bathrooms.

Jarvis will be complete in 2000, and then Jones will be closed for construction. They will install a new sprinkler system, elevator and air conditioning.

Facilities are not the only aspects of on-campus living receiving a facelift. Surveys revealed that in addition to updating facilities, Housing Services could also update its customer services.

Housing along with Web Services are offering new incentives this year to on-campus residents. One is that cost of laundry will be added in with housing costs. In surveys, residents complained about having to use quarters.

"Students felt like they were being nickled and dimed when it came to doing laundry," said Manny Amaro, director of

University Housing Services.

Students will have to do is insert their One Card to wash their clothes. Housing will be able to track if off-campus students are using the services.

In addition, if an on-campus student is using their card more than usual, they will be questioned.

"I think doing laundry this way will be easy," sophomore Jennifer Scates said. "I often have a hard time finding quarters. Although I feel, if off-campus students use the services, it won't be fair to those on campus. It will take up the time of people living in the dorm."

Housing will also offer a substance free hall in Fletcher next year as requested by incoming freshman. This means there will be no alcohol or tobacco allowed.

## CIS responds to spamming

*Unwanted email  
causes annoyance*

TOMMY YARBOROUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Unsolicited email is piling up in student accounts.

Email is a tremendously powerful communications tool, used by millions of people in thousands of positive ways. Unfortunately, such a powerful tool has the potential to be used in other, less productive ways.

Someone sending email incurs no incremental costs; sending one message costs about the same as sending 100 messages. Some people use this feature to send messages to thousands, even millions of people at once.

Unfortunately, this leads to spamming, the popular internet nickname for junk email.

Limited mailbox space is probably the biggest reason students have a problem with spam email in their campus accounts. If a student's mailbox is full, he or she may not

*"A lot of the unsolicited email  
on campus are actually  
mistakes,"*

John Hudson Jr.  
Director of Information Technology

be able to send or receive any messages. Many students are not familiar with moving and deleting messages in their mailboxes, so it can be frustrating dealing with unwanted email, particularly when the System Administrator messages continue to pile up warnings against full mailboxes.

"A lot of the unsolicited email on campus are actually mistakes," said John Hudson Jr., director of information technology at

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COMMISSION WILL NO  
LONGER DISCUSS  
CIVIL WAR COURSE

GREENSBORO (AP) — A Civil War course at Randolph Community College is no longer on the agenda of a public forum originally scheduled in response to that course, civil-rights leaders say.

The forum has been pushed back to late March or April and likely will cover school redistricting, police brutality, public housing and claims that a mall's anti-loitering policy targeted black people.

"As far as the issue in Randolph, that's dead and gone," Wyatt Kirk, chairman of the state advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, said last week.

Kirk said that the commission's role is to investigate civil-rights issues of broad public concern. As time passes, he said, the college course taught by the Southern heritage group Sons of Confederate Veterans appears less and less significant in terms of civil rights.

Kirk said Thursday that he could not say what new information changed the federal commission's perception, only that he believed it had overreacted.

POLITE BEHAVIOR  
GETS ROBBERS  
CAUGHT

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama (AP) — Two teen-age girls charged with robbery were extraordinarily polite, so polite they got caught.

The girls walked into a shoe store Thursday and asked employee Sonya Graham for a pen and paper. One wrote a note, then handed it to the worker, saying, "I'm sorry to do this. You're so nice."

The note said: "I have a gun in my pants, give me all the money." "You came at a bad time," the worker said. "I have a customer to wait on." The would-be robbers offered to wait, police said, so the worker walked to the back of the store and triggered the store's silent alarm system. She then went back to the counter and stalled the suspects until police arrived.

## Olympic Speaker

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The Olympic Committee makes it possible for Lucas to give speeches every year at college campuses nationwide, in order to clarify exactly what the entire atmosphere concerning the Olympics is involved in. This allows students and faculty to have a better understanding of the Games as well as be able to possibly get an understanding of the controversy currently surrounding the Games.

Lucas has spent much of his life dedicated to the spirit of the Olympics. In addition to his career as a college teacher and coach, Lucas has been a U. S. State Department specialist and journalist. He has been involved with the Summer Olympics since 1960 and served as official historian for the last four.

"It's easy for any school to get Dr. Lucas to come and give a lecture," Estes said. "All we had to do was call him up and invite him."

Even so, ECU has a special advantage over many other schools.

"Dr. Lucas is a friend of Dr. Walker here at ECU," said Nancy Elden, assistant to the president and executive director of the ECU Walker Center, Albert A. Delia. "Lucas is also very interested in the work that goes on at the L.T. Walker International Human Performance Center."

Lucas' visit is perfect in timing since ECU was recently chosen as one of only three sites in the country in which athletes for the upcoming summer games will begin an American training session.

Lucas will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the Willis Building.

## Spamming

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Computer Information Services (CIS), the department that runs campus email. "The Microsoft Exchange system allows users to send messages to a number of recipients at one time.... Since space is limited in each mailbox, the email that is sent erroneously becomes an irritation to the recipient."

Hudson does not think there is a problem with spam email.

"What we are trying to do now is limit the number of recipients a person can send to," he said. "There will not be any effect on the regular user, and it will keep the unsolicited mail in check."

"Education is key," said Woody Bolton, director of operations at CIS. "Since most of the unsolicited email is within the Exchange system, students need to learn how to use their email so they don't mistakenly clutter another student's mailboxes."

Hussein  
dies of  
cancer

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan, who became a key force for stability in the turbulent Middle East in more than four decades as ruler of his strategically placed nation, died on Sunday following a battle with cancer. He was 63.

Official Jordanian TV announced the death, showing a portrait of the king draped with the nation's flag. In Amman, mosque loudspeakers began sounding verses from the Koran, the Muslim holy book, in a sign of mourning.

People scurried, sobbing, through rain-soaked streets, and a disheartened crowd of hundreds gathered at the hospital where Hussein died. Elderly women wept and shook with grief, while men cried into their red-and-white head scarves, wrapped around their faces in a traditional gesture of mourning. Guards blocked their way, but there was no confrontation, for some guards were weeping as well.

Elsewhere, people came together in quiet mourning.

The king died just before noon in his bed at the King Hussein Medical City. Jordan's Cabinet immediately met and proclaimed Crown Prince Abdullah king, a day after he was named regent.

The new king was sworn in four hours later in a solemn ceremony at Parliament. Lawmakers wore their red keffiyehs wrapped around their faces.

"The kingship was transferred constitutionally to Crown Prince Abdullah ... in view of His Majesty King Hussein's death," said a Cabinet statement read over state TV.

Queen Noor and Hussein's children were all with him when he died, a senior palace source said. The immediate cause of death was heart failure brought on by complications from cancer, the official said.

The king had been on a respirator, which was not switched off until after his heart had stopped and his brain function completely ceased, a medical source said.

"This is God's judgment and God's will," the 37-year-old Abdullah told the nation in a solemn address less than an hour after the death.

campus  
briefs

February 9

Tuesday a glimpse of America at a time when a major east/west highway cut through the middle of small towns and big cities, instead of around them, will be the screen presentation in Mendenhall Student Center. Filmmaker Charles Hartman will narrate his film Route 66 — A Road to Remember at 4 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. An optional theme dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets to this Travel-Adventure Film and Theme Dinner program are available at the Central Ticket Office in the student center or by calling 328-4788.

February 11

Thursday, Dr. John Lucas, historian for the International

Olympic Committee, will give his views on the Olympic movement at 7 p.m. in the Willis (Regional Development) Building. Lucas, a native of Boston, has been a long-distance runner, college teacher, coach, U.S. State Department Specialist and journalist. He has been involved in the summer Olympic games since 1960. His visit to ECU is hosted by the L.T. Walker International Human Performance Center. Contact: Al Delia at 328-6650.

The student center will stage its annual Mardi Gras night starting at 9 p.m. and continuing until 2 a.m. Friday. This alcohol free program provides students with a fun time that includes free food, games and

prizes. Contact: Heather Marshall at 328-4766.

One of the most popular and critically acclaimed dance companies in the country will perform in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m., Friday, 13. The Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble is an attraction brought to ECU by the Alexander Performing Arts Series. Public tickets are \$20, tickets for faculty are \$16 and tickets for students are \$10 from the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center. For tickets call 328-4788. For media information, all the marketing office for the University Unions at 328-4766.

Chapel Hill to decide on  
ending ban on Burma

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — This politically progressive town will decide next week whether to end its 2-year-old stand against the government of Burma.

The Town Council will consider a resolution Monday night to drop Chapel Hill's prohibition against using the services of those who do business with the Southeast Asian military dictatorship, also known as Myanmar.

The debate comes two months after a federal judge in Massachusetts declared similar regulations in that state unconstitutional. The judge said they infringe on the U.S. government's power to conduct foreign policy. A plaintiff in that case, the National Foreign Trade Council, has asked Chapel Hill to rescind its Burma policy.

because of them.

Burma's government stands accused of massive human rights abuses, including torture, rape and slavery. The country's military holds power in defiance of a free election in 1990.

Opposition leaders in Burma have called for international sanctions. Human rights activists have persuaded 22 U.S. cities and counties, Chapel Hill and Carrboro among them, to go along.

Carrboro has no plans to repeal its Burmese ban, officials said. The town joined an appeal Friday of the Massachusetts decision in a friend-of-the-court brief led by larger cities.

"I think even though it makes

for good political jokes, this is really, really serious stuff," Carrboro Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said. "From my point of view, it's big business telling us who we have to buy from. I resent that, and it's scary."

Some officials believe measures like theirs and Carrboro's are largely ineffective, merely creating aggravation and more paperwork rather than having an impact.

In Carrboro, the sanctions have forced officials to swear off the use of shipping services offered by Federal Express and United Parcel Services, said Katherine Duncan, the town's purchasing officer. The town also avoids using Kodak film.

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at ECU?\*

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## Italian witnesses to testify in court-martial

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Twenty-two Italians who say they saw a Marine Corps jet flying too low and too fast over a village are expected to be the first witnesses in the court-martial of the jet's pilot.

The Italians will be witnesses in the court-martial of Capt. Richard Ashby, charged in the deaths of the 20 people who died last February with the jet snapped a gondola car cable over the village of Cavalese.

In addition, at least 21 relatives of victims are coming at United States' government expense to watch the trial. There are a few seats in the small courtroom for family members; a video feed with translators has been set up in another building on this sprawling eastern North Carolina base.

Opening arguments will be presented to a jury of eight superior officers chosen to hear the case when court convenes at 8 a.m. Monday.

"We will get to the end of this trial without ambush, without jockeying for position," said the judge, Lt. Col. Robert Nunley. "We're going to be fair."

Ashby, 31, of Mission Viejo, Calif., was at the controls of the EA-6B Prowler jet on Feb. 3, 1998, when its wing cut the cable supporting the Mount Cernis gondola in which 20 people were riding. Ashby and his three-man crew were based at a the Cherry Point Marine Air Station and assigned to the Aviano, Italy, air base for flights over Bosnia.

The gondola crashed to the ground and dismembered victims, killing people from Italy, Poland, Belgium, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands.

A military investigation concluded the deaths were the fault of the crew's recklessly flying low and fast in violation of flight rules. The altitude restriction for the area was at least 1,000 feet and the cable was hit at 370 feet.

Defense attorneys say Ashby didn't know the cable was strung across the valley until seconds

before hitting it. The gondola was erected in 1966.

Defense lawyer Frank Spinner said Ashby's map didn't have the gondola on it and that he was hampered by an optical illusion that made him think he was higher than he was. There also is a question about whether the plane's radar altimeter worked properly.

Last week, Spinner complained that the jury makeup wasn't fair to Ashby because it didn't have jet combat pilots on it. The jury panel

*"We will get to the end of this trial without ambush, without jockeying for position,"*

Lt. Col. Robert Nunley  
Judge

does include three pilots with experience in larger jets and helicopters.

"I have sincere questions now about whether Capt. Ashby can get a fair trial, given the issues of this case," Spinner said.

Ashby faces a maximum possible sentence of more than 200 years in prison if convicted of 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter as well as charges of destruction of private and military property and dereliction of duty.

Ashby's navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y., faces the same charges as Ashby, plus 20 counts of negligent homicide. His trial is scheduled to begin March 1.

Both also are charged with obstruction of justice over a missing personal videotape shot during the flight.

The Prowler's two back seat crewmen were charged, but the charges later were dismissed.

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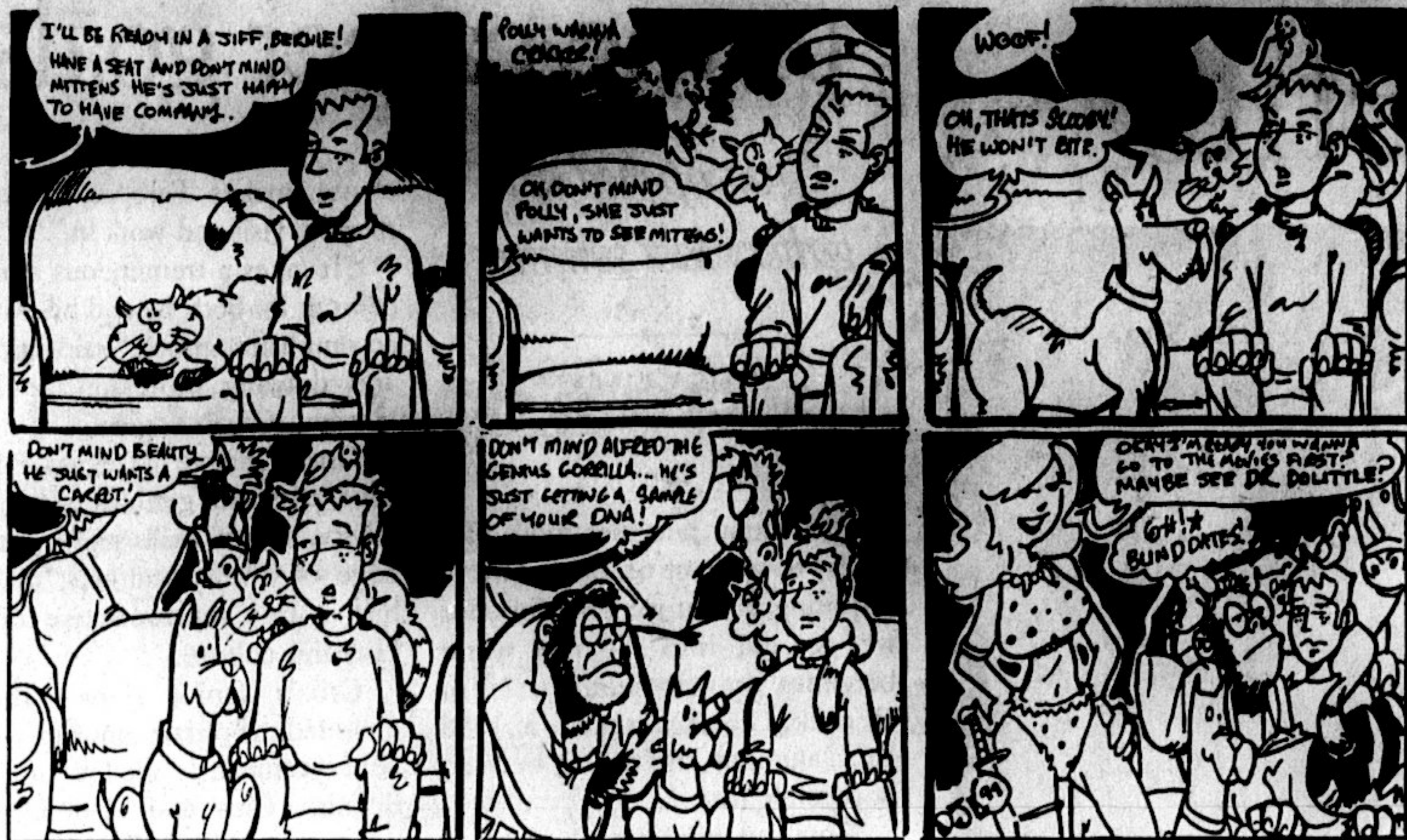


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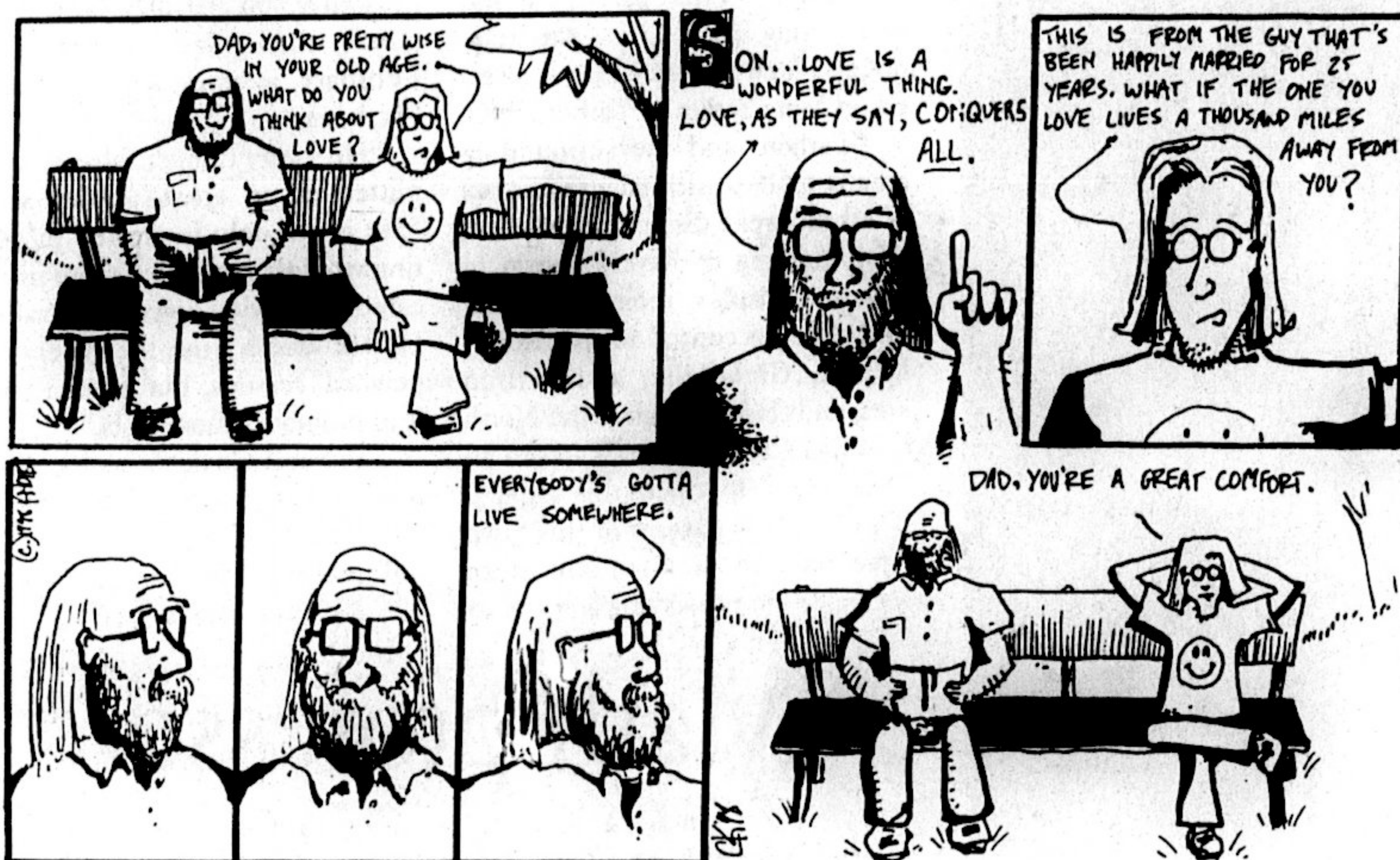
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## Everyday Life



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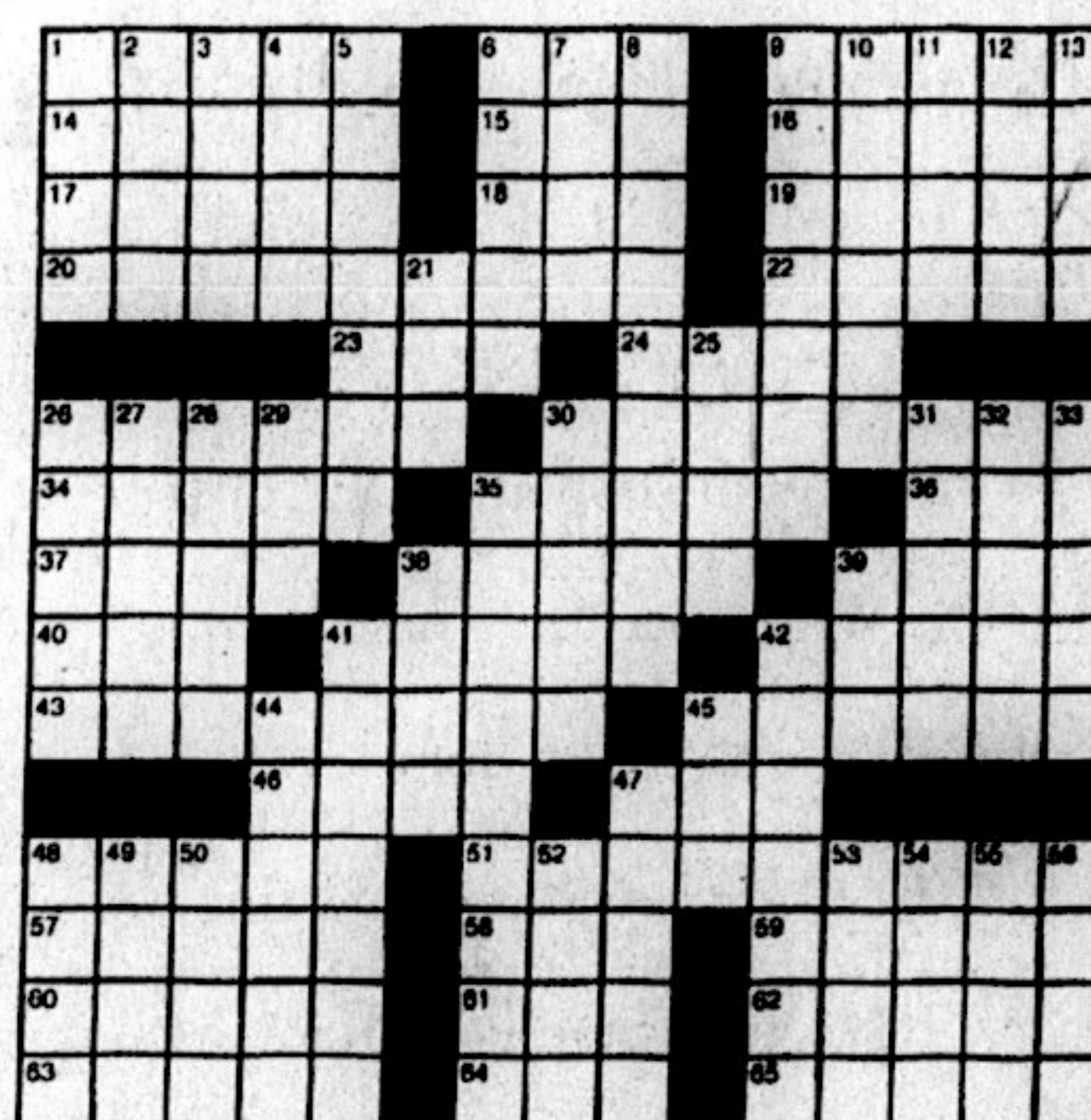


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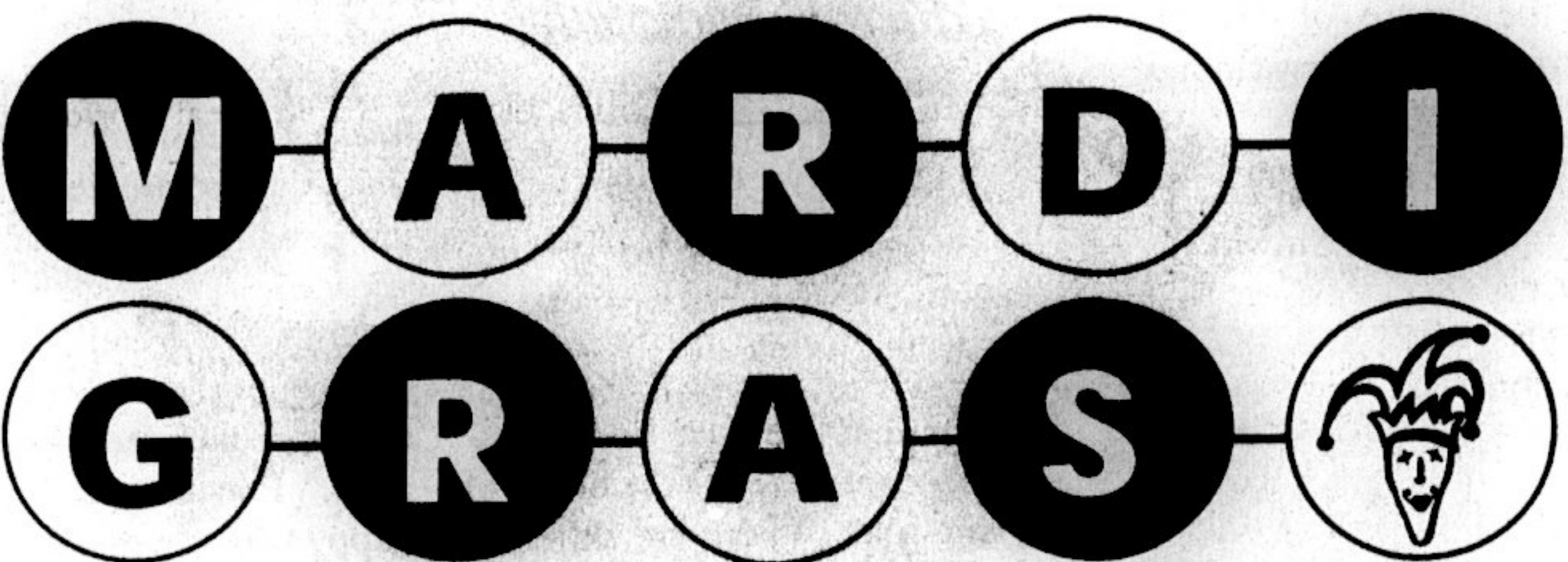
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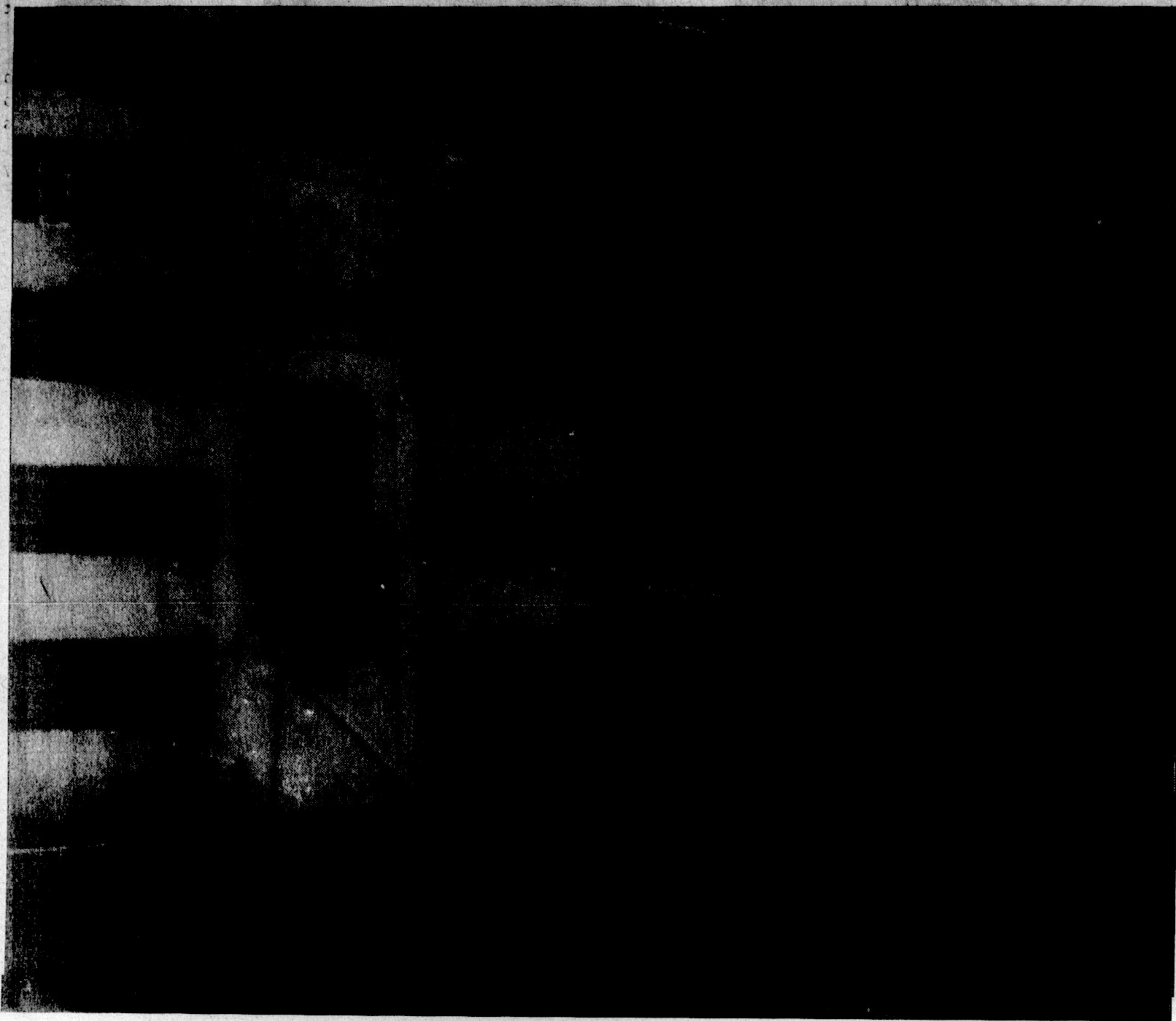
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## features

Mental Health Services  
aids suffering students

Mental Health located in the Student Health Services building.

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MHS provides  
psychiatric assistancePHILLIP GILFUS  
STAFF WRITER

Along with all the fun and excitement college life may bring, there's also the everyday stresses that can bring students down. While some take things in stride others may have a difficult time dealing. Here at ECU, Mental Health Services (MHS) is available to help any student who may be suffering from a psychological illness that impairs their ability to accomplish daily activities.

For over seven years, MHS has been helping students deal with crises in their lives. By paying student health fees at the beginning of each semester, there are no additional charges to the services provided by MHS.

"We're a safe place where one can be honest about what they need," said Dr. Jane Ross, staff psychologist at Mental Health.

Like any other mental health facility, any information that is given during therapy sessions is kept strictly confidential.

No information about a student being treated is ever released to a faculty member without their express written consent, even if a staff member were to inquire after a student.

"While the Center for Counseling and Student Development deals with students who have the normal stresses of college life, we see students whose daily functioning is being affected," said Dr. Russ Federman, director of

*"If students are unsure who they should see for help, they just need to call to find out who they should go to and what help they need."*

Dr. Ross Federman  
Director of Mental Health Services

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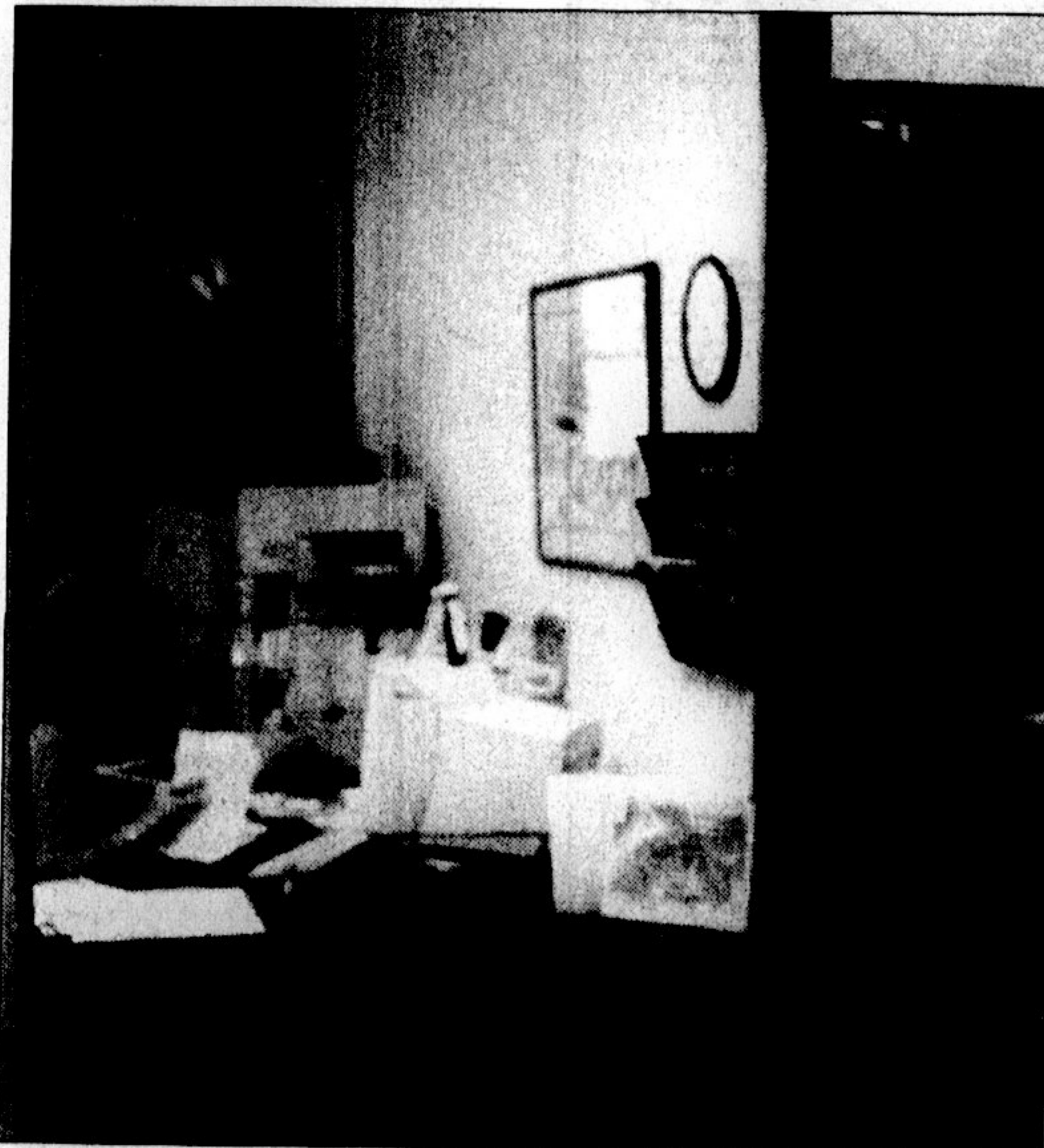
All services are made by

appointment, except in cases of crises when walk-ins are welcomed. Mental Health also works closely with Pitt County Memorial Hospital, especially in cases of self-injury, where help is given within 24 hours, if they are placed in psychiatric hospitalization.

to students when need can be documented.

As for the future of Mental Health Services, Dr. Federman has many aspirations.

"I hope to have a doctoral clinical psychology internship program that would be done jointly with



Services provided by MHS are strictly confidential.

PHOTO BY JACOB GARMON

Most therapy sessions with staff psychologists last 45 to 60 minutes and the average length of treatment is six to eight sessions.

Mental Health is also fully-equipped with medication samples. This helps the staff psychiatrists determine which medications would be the most effective to a student before a prescription is given.

"In cases where mental health issues are limiting students' capacities to meet the demands of college life, psychiatric medication prescriptions ... are often very helpful," Federman said.

Any medication prescriptions must be purchased by students through retail pharmacies. In some cases, financial assistance is given

Mental Health Services and the Center for Counseling and Student Development," Federman said.

A new wing will be added to the Student Health Center next spring which will enable MHS expand its office space.

Located on the second floor of the Student Health Center, MHS is on call 365 days a year, and its operating hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Students who wonder whether or not they have a problem serious enough to be seen by Mental Health should call the office at 328-6795.

"I think Dr. Federman has been able to create a good model for community mental health here," Ross said.

Alumnus achieves  
prime career goalsCruz opened art  
gallery last summerERICA SIKES  
STAFF WRITER

As graduation becomes more of a reality to some of us, the dream of acquiring all that we hope for once we get out into the real world becomes overwhelming. For Derrick Cruz, however, a 1998 ECU alumnus, this has not been an impossible feat.

Cruz stumbled upon luck when his former boss offered to sell him some property to open his own art gallery. This was one of Cruz's goals he wanted to achieve upon graduation. This past summer, Cruz and his wife, Michele, opened their gallery which is located on Main Street in Tarboro, NC.

"Tarboro and the surrounding area is replete with talented artists of all different disciplines who are all hungering to have a forum to sell and display their art," Cruz said. "Being central to the Rocky Mount, Greenville, and Wilson area, and close enough to the North Carolina Coast, makes Tarboro an ideal place to open this gallery. The care that patrons of this town have taken to keep the downtown active, while preserving some of its

charm, makes Tarboro a pleasant place to visit and work in."

"It takes a tremendous amount of work for both he and his wife to accomplish so much," said painting and drawing professor Dr. Paul Hartley, Cruz's adviser.

Cruz, a native of Caguas, Puerto Rico, possesses genuine talent, creativity, artistic skills and a knowledge of diverse cultures, making him a true representative of his Hispanic culture.

Cruz's senior show's theme included the phrase, *añoñao*, which he says means "spoiled brat" in Spanish. Cruz and Mark Cooley, who received his MFA in painting, presented a joint senior show at the Cruz Gallery last semester. Cruz's artwork that was presented in Cooley and Cruz's senior show is presently on display and will remain throughout the month of February at the Rocky Mount Playhouse.

"He's very thoughtful and committed as an artist," Cooley said. "He is not only interested in getting work that sells, but more interested in showing pieces with value. He also doesn't use the gallery for personal reasons, but instead uses it to promote other artists."

Cruz and Cooley's senior show was marketed with the title being "ñ". The "ñ" is the only letter that differentiates the Spanish alphabet

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Math professor  
participates in filmDavid Pravica uses  
academic knowledgePHILLIP GILFUS  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine that you have been inexplicably transported to the inside of a giant cube. There are different rooms to explore, but people in your group have been getting mysteriously killed. You need to find a way to get out, and suddenly someone comes up with an answer: Math. This is the basis for the movie "Cube," whose screenwriters consulted ECU Math Professor David Pravica.

"Cube" was written by Vincenzo Netali and Andre Bijelic of Ryerson College in Toronto. These two film students knew Pravica and decided to give him a call when they began writing the screenplay.

"There was a small question by the authors about prime numbers," Pravica said. "After we discussed some tricks and traps that they could use in the film, I just got more and more into it."

The movie's plot contains a diverse group of characters moving through "safe" and "trap" rooms. The mathematician in the group soon figures out that there are patterns about which rooms are dangerous and starts working on a numerical formula in order for the group to escape from the cube.

"The screenwriters wanted to design a movie using one set," said Shaun Johnson, a member of the ECU Films Committee. "They also wanted the characters in the movie to use a numerical sequence in order for them to find out a way from the cube."

Pravica was the only expert consulted for the mathematical constructs contained in the film. Through a series of letters, e-mails and faxes, the math professor tried to described the formulas and concepts that would be need in the movie.

"I was more involved in the beginning of the film," Pravica said.

He was able to see the full evolution of the film. The early versions that he previewed contained more math than the later and final versions.

"I liked the earlier versions better, scenes that they took out along the way contained a lot of the math parts," Pravica said. "I also wasn't happy with the music they chose, I guess I just had a different vision of the film."

In order to show everything that he intended for the film, and to explain some parts that may have ended up on the cutting room floor, Pravica is setting up a special section on his web page devoted to "Cube." He admits that it may have been difficult for the screenwriters to get the total picture of what he was trying to explain to them. To get the full mathematical story, log on to his web page at <http://www.math.ecu.edu/~pravica>.

"Cube" is an art film, so the plot can be used as a simile for our everyday lives, but says Pravica, "I wouldn't read too much into it." This film also portrays how important everyone is a group can be.

"The formula in the film is so difficult that the mathematician can't figure it out. In the end, the idiot savant of the group finds the solution," Pravica said.

"Cube" was one of four films in Toronto chosen by Norman Jewison Producers, who have done such films as "In the Heat of the Night" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." Pravica wanted to bring this psychological, math-suspense film to ECU. He spoke with one of the writers, Vincenzo, and tried to work it out with the ECU Films Committee, but time ran out.

However, Dale Jacobs, assistant professor in the English Department, brought a review of the film to the Films Committee, and the twelve-person body voted to make it part of the Sundance Cinema program. ECU students will be able to see the film on Feb. 10 at Hendrix Theatre at 8 p.m.

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Source: Division of Student Health

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from the English alphabet. This is symbolic to Cruz's life, as he has had to cope with remaining a part of his heritage as he takes on the typical American practices. This symbol recurs in several of Cruz's paintings and is incorporated with other shapes or symbols that represent other family members.

Cruz received his bachelor of fine arts in painting. As a student at ECU, he worked various jobs both full and part-time and was able to maintain an above average grade point landing him on the Honor Roll.

"Derrick was a terrific student," Hartley said.

According to Hartley, Derrick was always taking on extra responsibilities while simultaneously juggling his studies, his artwork and jobs.

"He is a very admirable student," Hartley said.

Cruz also revitalized ECU's Painting Guild by becoming its president. While in office, Cruz organized the visit of Sidney Goodman, a famous artist, to speak to the art students and also led other great projects and beneficial programs for the art department.

In 1990, Derrick graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School. Prior to graduating from high school, Cruz made a name for himself when he was awarded two National Scholastic Gold Key Art Awards, by Barton College in

Wilson, NC.

Looking back, Cruz said what he could have done to improve his direction toward his goals.

"You should have a clear vision and conviction about what your artwork means to you and what you want to accomplish with it," Cruz said. "Try to be as prolific as possible while in school and also try to get involved and learn the business side of art and become involved in it before you leave school so that you don't become another statistic."

He initially gives this advice to thriving art students but also encourages students of the various other disciplines to do the same.

Cruz is currently employed by Vanstar in Rocky Mount, NC.

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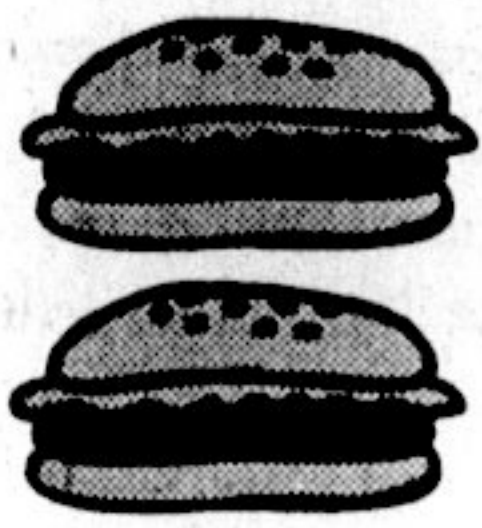
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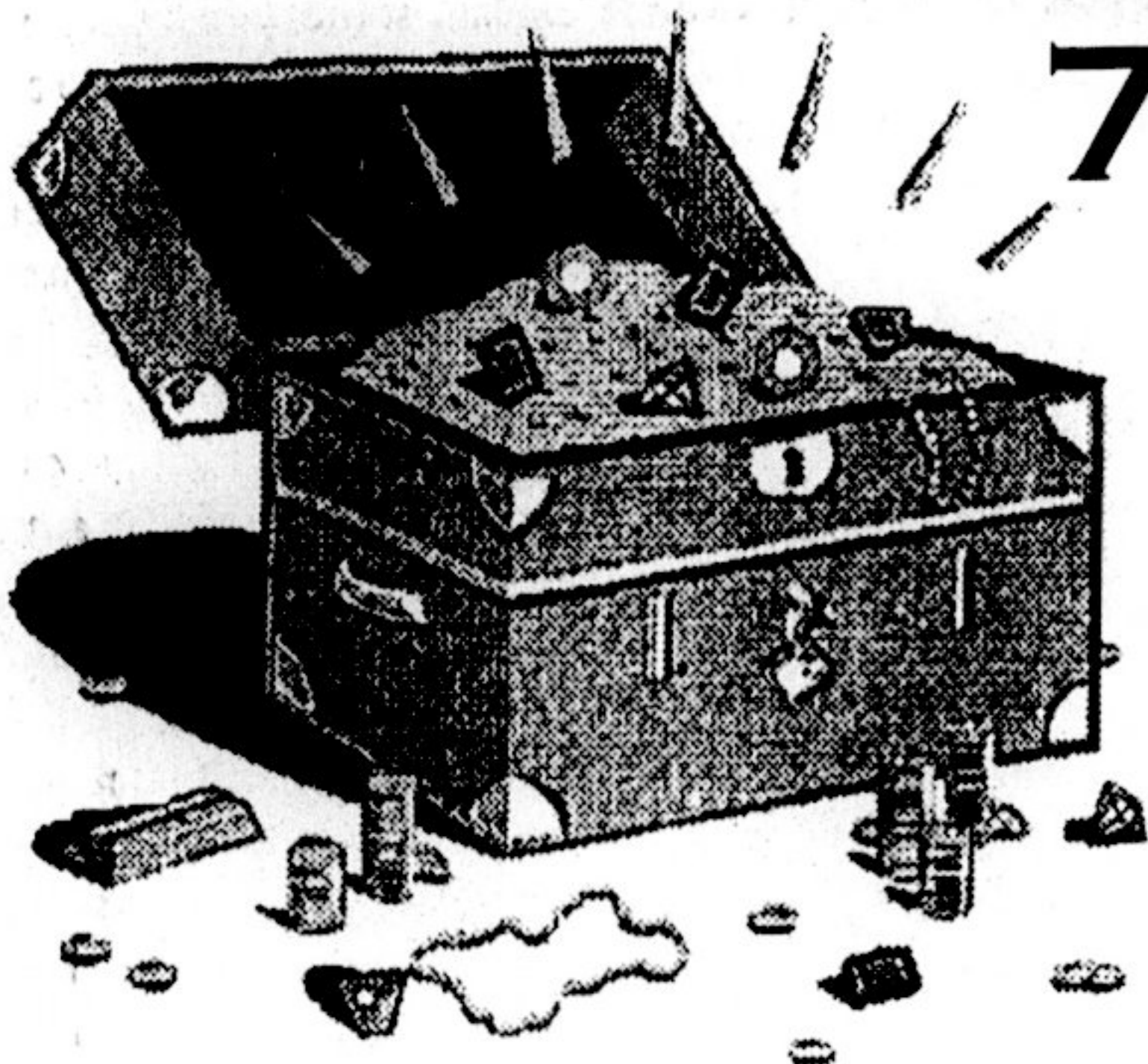
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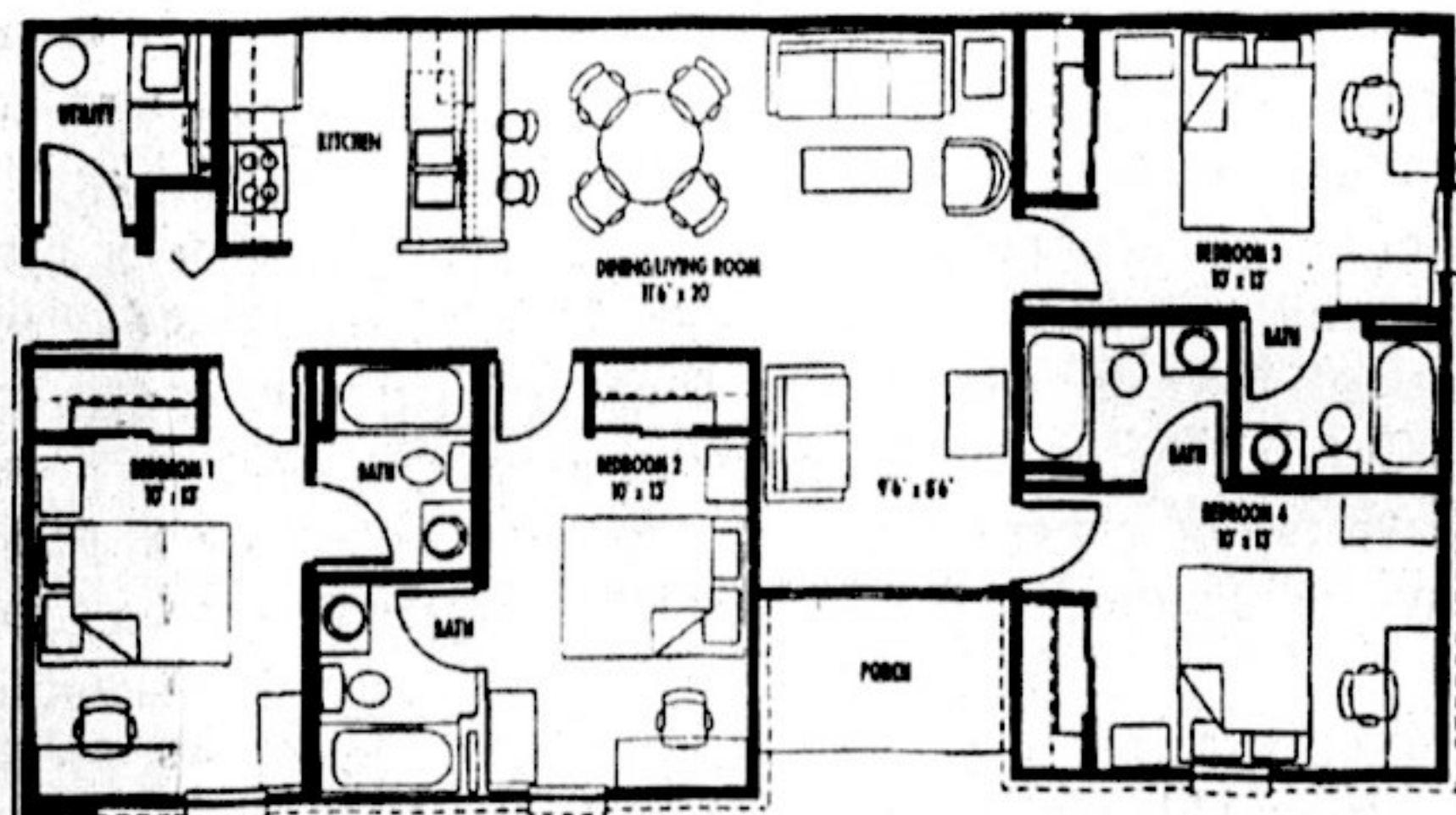
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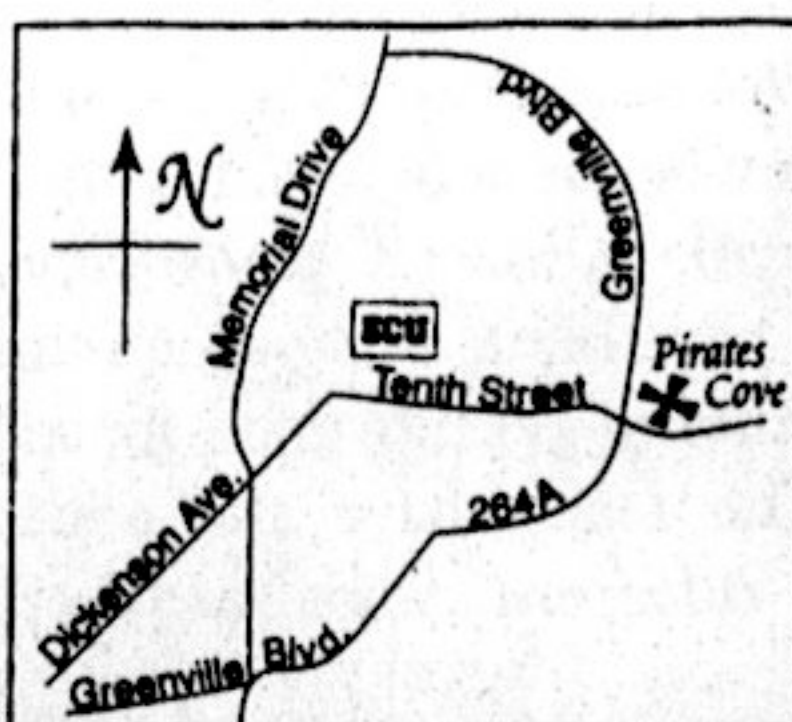


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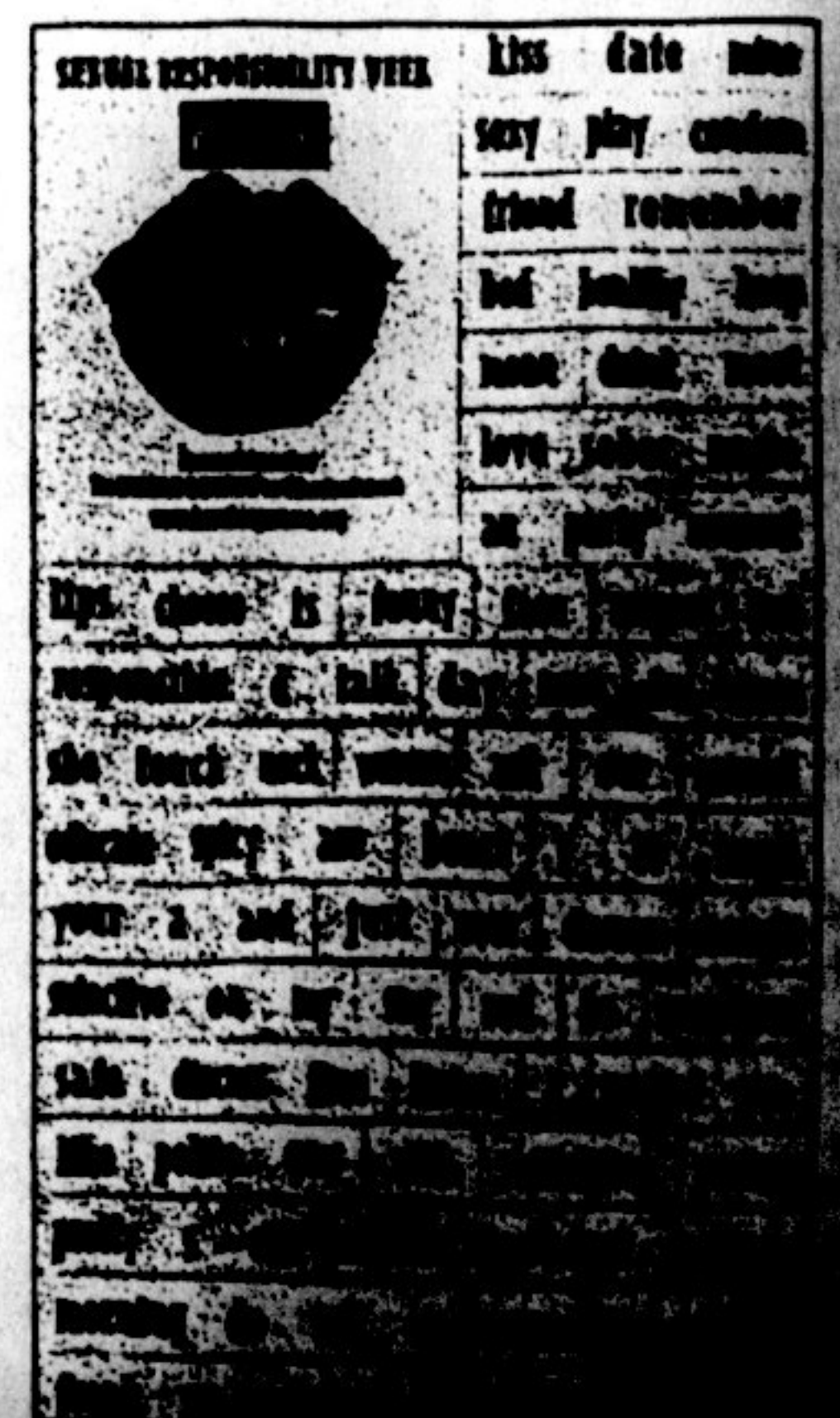
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# Basketball fans crave tougher schedule

*Smaller schools have more attractive games*

ERIC COUCH  
SENIOR WRITER

With the emergence of the 1999 ECU football schedule, questions have risen about the integrity of the men's basketball schedule.

Many basketball fans on campus feel that ECU could have a better non-conference schedule before beginning their conference play. ECU's schedule has been compared with schedules from schools such as UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, and UNC-Wilmington. All of these programs have marquee match-ups before their conference games begin. ECU's basketball fans wonder why the Pirates never have a similar

attractive schedule.

UNC-G has had a very tough schedule this year and they have definitely played some attractive names. Wake Forest, Tennessee and top-ranked Duke were hosts to UNC-G earlier this season. They lost all three of these games by 30 points or more, but students still had the opportunity to play some big-name schools.

UNC-C had games against Miami and Virginia Tech at home, and even went to overtime against the Tarheels on national television in Chapel Hill. UNC-C has benefited from being in Conference USA, but they tuned up for that conference by playing some tough teams.

And as for our good pals down in Wilmington, a school half the size of ECU, they played the Bearcats of Cincinnati on the road, and then went on to play Princeton at home. Students are asking, if this CAA team can get well respected teams,

why can't we?

"It would be a nice change to see some of those teams on our non-conference schedule," Heather Smith said. "It would even increase the seemingly nonchalant

*"I would like to see us play some larger schools at home."*

Laura Barbour

ECU Junior

attitude among many students toward ECU's basketball games."

For the last couple years, ECU has faced off with Georgia, and this year South Carolina was the Pirates' most awaited non-conference games. These have been good games for the Pirates but the fans

want more.

"I would like to see us play some larger schools at home," junior Laura Barbour said. "Georgia and USC are good teams, but we played them away. I think that our conference and our program are strong and we have a great atmosphere for college basketball."

Many students believe that our atmosphere is good for great college basketball. They think it would be even better if well-respected teams came to Greenville.

"It's very difficult to get those

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at Wisconsin-Green Bay	George Washington	at Tennessee
Evansville	Kent	at William & Mary
at S. Carolina	Virginia Tech	at Duke
at Georgia	at Davidson	Coastal Carolina
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	at North Carolina	

Source: ECU Sports Information Department

teams to come to Greenville," Athletics Director Mike Hamrick said. "We could always play those teams on the road, but that would not do much for students and season ticket holders."

Many students disagree, and think that playing good teams would only help the program.

"We play good football teams, why not good basketball teams?" Donny Johnson said. "It would only help us."

As for future home games, Hamrick says that we have West Virginia and Wisconsin-Green Bay on for the 1999-2000 schedule.

# Pirates lose in heartbreaker to JMU

*Buzzer beater sinks hopes for basketball win*

FRANK HENDRICKS  
STAFF WRITER

Alfred Hitchcock's movies cannot be more exciting than the final minute in ECU's nailbiter against the Dukes.

JMU guard Eugene Atkinson found teammate Chatney Howard standing wide open on the left wing with less than one second remaining in last Wednesday's game. Howard's ensuing jump shot found the bottom of the net before the buzzer sounded and the Pirates were left with another loss in front of a crowd of 4,458 at Minges Coliseum.

The Pirates led for most of the second half, but shot very poorly down the stretch. The Pirates were one for eight from the floor and three of seven from the foul line on their last 15 possessions. The Pirates, led by Evaldas Jocy's 16 points, did have a chance to win the game, though. ECU point guard Alico Dunk, who had eight assists, tied up JMU's Jabari Outtz for a defensive jump ball with 32.6 seconds to play. Pirate coach Joe

Dooley had a plan.

"I told the guys to look for Evaldas [Jocys] or David [Taylor] with about 10 seconds left," Dooley said.

Taylor got the ball but was blocked by JMU center Rob Strickland with 4.5 seconds left on the clock. The Dukes then drove the length of the floor and found a wide open Howard.

"I just kind of lollygagged down the side and came open," Howard said.

Howard's buzzer beater sealed the loss for the Pirates.

"On the final play, we had a defensive lapse and Howard hit a tough shot," said Taylor, who poured in 12 for the Pirates. "We've had a lot of close games and we need to find a way to pull them out."

The Pirates (11-10, 5-6 CAA) have another tough game ahead of them when they travel to Richmond, VA., on Wednesday to face the Virginia Commonwealth Rams. The Rams (11-13, 5-6 CAA) are coming off a big win against William and Mary.

"We have a lot of work to do for next week's games. We don't want to play like we did tonight," Dooley said.



Pirate high scorer Evaldas Jocy stretches for a rebound in ECU's close loss against JMU Wednesday night.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SMITH

# Logan is optimistic

*Football program recruits new talent*

BLAINE DENNIS  
SENIOR WRITER

Head coach Steve Logan wasn't just smiling for the cameras when he discussed his 28 new recruits and the future of Pirate football.

Wednesday at ECU's Sports Medicine complex was the first day high school football players could sign national letters of intent and decide which college campus and stadium they will call home this fall. Logan is optimistic about ECU's new recruits, and the atmosphere around Pirate football

*"There is a general sense of enthusiasm around the program right now."*

Steve Logan  
Head Football Coach

# Men's track wins 4x800 at New York's Madison Square Garden

*Teams prepare for Virginia Tech meet*

STEPHEN SCHRAMM  
SENIOR WRITER

While the women's track team stayed in Greenville over the weekend, the men's team competed in two invitationals to prepare for the Virginia Tech meet.

The ECU Men's Track Team headed to Lincoln, Neb. this weekend for the Frank Seignie Husker Invitational, where they were paced by their talented 4x400 meter relay squad. The team of James Alexander, Darrick Ingram, Lawrence Ward and Damon Davis rocketed into the finals. In the finals the Pirates finished second behind the squad from Oklahoma.

"We got beat pretty substantially," said Bill Canon, head men's track coach.

Individually, the Pirate 400 meter runners had mixed results. Davis went to the final and finished fourth overall. Ingram, who

to a win in his heat. However, his time was not fast enough to give him a trip to the finals.

"Ingram didn't go out hard enough," Carson said. "He won his heat by a good 20 meters, but it's a time thing and he didn't make it."

"James (Alexander) saw what happened to Ingram and he went out real hard," Carson said. "He went out too hard and just died."

In the 200-meter relay, ECU's Darren Tuitt placed sixth in the finals despite battling a cold.

"Tuitt ran well the first day," Carson said. "He had an awful cold. In fact, we had to take him to the emergency room in Wilson on the way back. His throat closed up on him."

Despite his team's slight adversity, Carson is still content with his team's performance.

"I'm very pleased at this point in the season," Carson said. "We made some mistakes. One went out too fast and another went out too easy. We're tired and we're not training, but I'll tell you one thing. We're fast and we're healthy."

Other members of the team went to the Millrose Games in New York City. The Pirates made their

first appearance at the Games and did not disappoint. They won the 4x800 meter relay held at Madison Square Garden.

Next week the Pirate men and women travel to the Virginia Tech Invitational. The Virginia Tech Invitational provides a good shoot for many ECU athletes to qualify.

"Everyone is trying to qualify and break school records," said ECU's Rasheca Barrow.

The ECU women have not competed since last weekend. The team has been preparing for the meet.

"It's one of the meets where we're pretty rested and we've been training for it," said Charles Justice, head women's track coach. "We're looking to run our best times and qualify for the Eastern Championships (ECAC)."

The men, too, are looking at the Virginia Tech Invitational as a chance to qualify. Britt Cox, who was out for the weekend due to injury, looks to qualify at the Virginia Tech meet.

"I'm running the 55 or the 60 and I should qualify for the ICAAs. That would be straight," Cox said.

# Tennis season ready to take off today

*New players and coach are onboard*

AMBER MCAULAY  
STAFF WRITER

With a new head coach and new players, ECU's tennis teams are ready to start a new season.

The season starts today as both teams take on UNC Asheville at 2 p.m.

"I hope for a good year. There is continued improvement ... and we are ready to play," said Tom Morris, head coach.

The teams have practiced a lot throughout the pre-season. With the completion of a new indoor facility, the tennis teams are able to practice independent of bad weather conditions.

"We have been using the indoor court when it rains," said Catherine Morgan, women's team captain. "We have been doing a lot of things together to get into good shape."

The teams have also added a few different ways to prepare

themselves for upcoming matches.

"We practice three hours a day and work on conditioning," said Michael Huez, sophomore.

After a 10-10 record last year, the teams are hoping for a better year.

"We are hopeful and looking for improvement," Morris said. "The players are very healthy after a few nagging injuries. They are the strongest ever. We are focused, positive, and ready to play."

With the loss of Mona Eek and Anne Svae, Morgan is hopeful that the new recruits will help fill that void. The players are confident toward their first match.

"We have two new recruits and are strong throughout," Morgan said.

As always, we expect to win." Huez shares Morgan's optimistic outlook.

"Victory," Huez said. "We are facing a tough opponent, but we should be able to beat them."

Among the players to look for are seniors Kenny Kerby (captain), Roope Kalajo, Stephan Siebenbrunner, Derek Slate and newcomers Huez and Dustin Hall.

is positive.

"We've got a bunch of bright new faces," Logan said. "There is a general sense of enthusiasm around the program right now."

Every coach has goals going into the signing period, and Logan believes the '99 recruiting class will fill some important positions on the Pirate team.

"We needed to get some numbers in our offensive line and our defensive backfield," Logan said. "Those were the two areas we were really concerned with going in."

Corey Schmidt and Buddy Smith were both recruited from North Carolina high schools for the outside linebacker position. These talented athletes show promise for the future of Pirate football.

"I am really excited about those two kids," Logan said. "I really think they are going to play a lot of football here."

Schmidt is a 6-foot-5-inch outside linebacker from Cary, N.C. and weighs 280 pounds. According to the ECU Sports Information Department (ECU SID), as team captain his senior year, Schmidt led the team to an 8-3 record and was named Tri-Seven All-Conference.

Smith, a native from Louisville, N.C., also plays outside linebacker. According to the ECU SID, Smith led his team to become the Tar-

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## Women's basketball team falls twice on the road

*Slow start and much respect seal ODU loss*

JEAN V. WHARTON  
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This weekend proved to be a heartbreaker for the women's basketball team as they traveled through Virginia.

On Friday, the Pirates fell to William & Mary 77-57 and then finished the weekend with a 89-60 loss to Old Dominion on Sunday.

Looking for a second win against the Tribe, center Beth Jaynes felt optimistic going into the weekend. Jaynes said that the team was working on having a better attitude and coming out strong early in the game. The Pirates failed to do so in the first half, trailing by 13 points. But, the Pirates were able to close the gap as the teams went into the next half still with Tribe leading 32-26.

The second half was another struggle for the Pirates as the Tribe pushed on with three consecutive

baskets by Quintina Walker. In the end, William & Mary topped off ECU and improved to 11-10 overall and 4-7 in the CAA.

ECU's Cecilia Shinn and Waynetta Veney led the team with 12 points each. The Pirates finished with 19 of 24 at the free

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The Pirates might have secured a win, but Jaynes said that they didn't mostly because of needing improvement in "defense and rebounding."

When the teams broke for half-time ODU had the lead, 43-24.

The Pirates were still unable to stop the Monarchs in the second half as ODU's Lucienne Berthieu scored eight points in just two minutes. Berthieu finished out the game with 26 points over the Pirates. ECU failed to make up points and lost by 29.

This win marks 270th win for coach Wendy Larry, making her the most successful coach in ODU women's basketball history.

The weekend losses put ECU 12-10 overall and 5-7 in the CAA. The Lady Pirates will jump back into action this weekend at home vs. George Mason on Friday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. and again vs. American on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. at Minges.

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Beth Jaynes  
Center

throw line.

The team continued touring Virginia to take on the 11th ranked Monarchs of ODU. The Pirates were looking to score their first victory against this CAA foe.

According to Jaynes, the team was hoping to be a tougher competitor for the Monarchs. However, the Pirates were unsuccessful as ODU came out strong in the first half.

## Football

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Roanoke Conference Champions and was named to the All-Conference team his senior year.

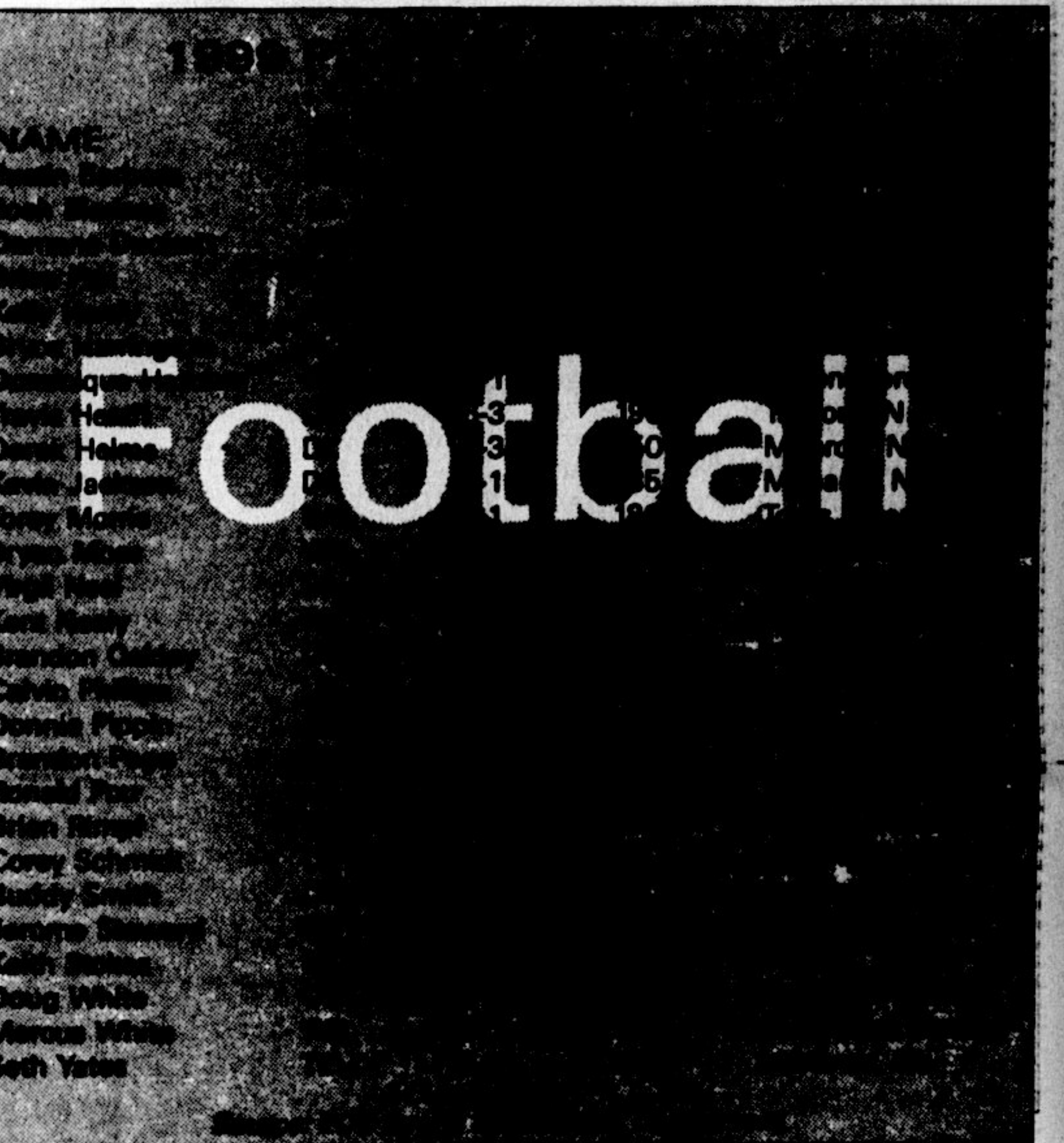
Schmidt and Smith were participants in ECU's football camp during the summer. Logan believes this camp is becoming more important in the recruiting process each year.

"I had 52 kids my first year [of camp] and now we're up to 400," Logan said. "We are getting recruiting prospects and I can't tell you how excited I am."

Logan has relied on keeping talented players from local high schools close to home by recruiting them to ECU. This year's class is no different.

"These local guys are always the fabric we start with," Logan said. "They have been good to us and I know these kids will come in and play hard."

Kicker Bryce Harrington is an individual recruited from outside North Carolina who will add strength to the Pirate special teams. Harrington attended high school in Merrit Island, Fla., and recorded a career long field goal from 54 yards. Harrington will probably be one of



the few players to see action next season as a true freshman.

Including Wednesday's signing period, the off season has been extremely productive for ECU football. Pirate fans can look forward to some new faces on the field and a competitive schedule this fall.

"Every football team very

quickly begins to take on a personality during the off season and this particular group of kids have been refreshingly positive and upbeat," Logan said. "The kids are excited about the schedule. They see it and know they have to get ready."

## Ski safety disputed after judge decision

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Serious ski injuries are on the increase, and longtime skiers worry that too many people are skiing and snowboarding too fast. Critics say a judge's recent ruling could set ski safety on a slippery slope.

District Court Judge David Lass ruled on Jan. 15 that a former Vail Associates employee could not be prosecuted for reckless manslaughter for skiing too fast. Lass said that "skiing too fast for conditions or out of control" does not automatically justify homicide charges in fatal accidents.

One day after Lass issued the ruling, a teen-age skier launched off a jump here and struck and killed a 60-year-old snowboarder. The teen also died in the accident, which a U.S. Forest Service official blamed on excessive speed. Both victims were highly regarded local residents.

Skiing under control is the No. 1 item on the National Association of Ski Areas' code for skiers and snowboarders. Now, some worry that Lass' ruling has taken the fear of prosecution away as a deterrent to irresponsible skiers.

"It's liable to make it a lot more dangerous," said Ann Watson, 73, of Snowmass Village. Three years after her femur was smashed in a collision with a skier who fled, Mrs. Watson still hasn't recovered

enough to ski.

There were 26 fatalities last year, the lowest level since the 1989-90 season.

Johns Hopkins researcher Dr. Jeffery A. Hadley, in a recent study, says there may be twice as many injuries as reported because the Ski Patrol sees less than half the victims. Many of the unreported injuries, however, are likely to be minor.

Lass upheld a county court ruling dismissing charges against Nathan Hall in the Vail crash. He

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Ann Watson  
Resident of Snowmass Village

said skiing recklessly isn't very likely to cause fatal accidents. Other factors, such as drug or alcohol use, could be used as grounds for charging someone in a mountainside crash, but simple speed is not enough, he said.

Deputy District Attorney Rob Wheeler said he is considering an appeal.

"I think it is a dangerous precedent," said Jim Chalat, a Denver lawyer who handles many lawsuits against skiers and ski companies. He noted California courts have made it difficult to pursue civil cases against reckless skiers and snowboarders. The two states' decisions "create an atmosphere in which there is no personal responsibility."

Vail Municipal Judge Buck Allen, who saw Hall flying down the mountain before he crashed into Alan Cobb of Denver, killing him, said: "If the Skier Safety Act doesn't cover this it needs to be rewritten."

Allen recalls "watching him (Hall) ski by. I don't know if you could call that skiing. There is no way he could have stopped. He was bouncing off the moguls, sitting way back on his skis."

John Wilson, Rocky Mountain regional director of the Ski Patrol, declined to comment on the judge's ruling. But he said even helmets aren't enough to guarantee safety.

"Things are pretty strange. People are pretty strange. They are so rude," said Wilson, a 34-year-old volunteer ski patrol veteran. Skiers and snowboarders may soon be wearing flak jackets and body armor, he said.







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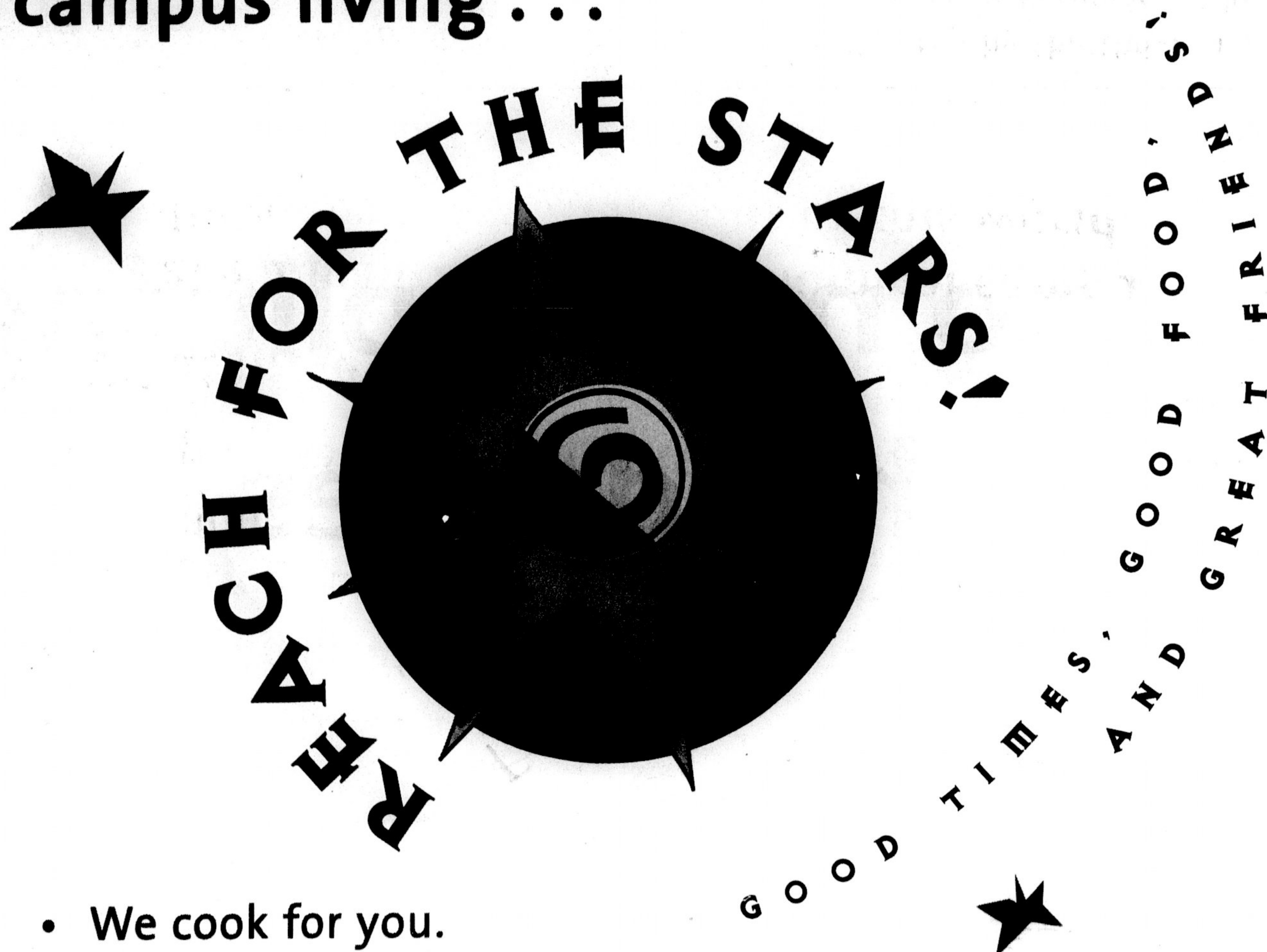
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