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Different traditions make for unique holiday.

PIRATES GEAR UP FOR TCU pg. 11
ECU will face the Tomlinson Horned Toads in Mobile.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Sunny, high of 52
and a low of 32

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1999

30 days to go until 2000

NEWS BRIEFS

Exams

Fall semester exams begin on Friday, Dec. 10 and continue through Dec. 18.

Graduation

ECU will recognize its 1999 fall graduates at two commencement ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

The first ceremony will be for graduate and undergraduate degree candidates in the Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Business, Health and Human Performance, Human Environmental Sciences, Industry and Technology, Nursing and Social Work.

The second program will honor degree candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Art, Education and Music.

Willie Martin, a Du Pont Co. executive and secretary of the ECU Board of Trustees, will be the featured speaker. About 2,000 students are completing their degrees this semester.

Many of the schools and departments will hold recognition ceremonies Friday for their 1999 fall graduates.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive from noon until 6 p.m. tomorrow in Mendenhall Student Center.

Motivational speaker

Les Brown, an award-winning motivational speaker, will offer his ideas about how to "Live Your Dream!" at 9:30 a.m. today in Wright Auditorium. Brown is the author of "Live Your Dreams" and the former host of a nationally syndicated television talk show.

Lady Pirates

The women's basketball team will play Ohio at 2 p.m. Saturday in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

Board of Trustees going-ons

The ECU Board of Trustees will hold a special conference call meeting at 11 a.m. today and will follow the meeting with a major announcement at the School of Medicine.

The announcement will be made at 11:30 a.m. in Room 2W50 of the Brody (School of Medicine) Building at a news conference. Contact: John Durham, ECU News Bureau, at 328-6481 or Tom Fortner, Medical Center News and Information, 816-2481.

The Board of Trustees will meet at 11 a.m. Friday in Room 244 of Mendenhall Student Center. This is a regular meeting of the board.

Concert

The Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will hold its Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Fletcher Recital Hall. The public is invited.

ONLINE SURVEY

Do you feel the Chancellor's tuition increase proposal is fair?

Vote online at tec.ecu.edu

The results of last week's question:
Do you feel safe on campus?

32% YES 67% NO

Original fee requests reinstated

Terra Steinbeiser
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR
Angela Harne
STAFF WRITER

This year marks the first time Chancellor Richard Eakin has disagreed with the SGA recommendations for increasing student fees. Eakin attended the SGA meeting Monday night to answer questions and explain his proposal to increase tuition.

On Nov. 23, the SGA held their annual meeting to make recommendations for increasing student fees for the 2000-01 school year. Usually, these recommendations are taken into consideration by the administration and Board of Trustees when they make their own recommendations to the Board of Governors of the UNC system.

This year, however, Eakin overrode SGA approvals and has decided to recommend the requested amounts to both the athletic and technology departments. The athletic department requested a \$15 increase and SGA approved \$10. The technology department requested a \$5 increase, but SGA only granted \$3.

"This is the first time I have ever disagreed with the SGA approved fee increases," Eakin said. "I usually openly accept them."

Richard Brown, vice chancellor of administration and finance, cited several reasons why the increase is needed.

"I believe we have never had



Chancellor Eakin speaks to the SGA legislature Monday night about his proposed tuition and student fee increases. (photo by Garrett McMillian)

a campus initiated tuition increase," Brown said. "The main reason we need to raise tuition and fees is to remain competitive with our peer institutions, especially in terms of faculty salaries, library resources and increased

financial assistance to needy students."

ECU is the fifth public university in the UNC system whose BOT approved plans to increase tuition. Students at UNC-Chapel Hill, NCSU, UNC-Wilmington

and UNC-Charlotte all may be digging a little deeper in their pockets to pay for school next year if the General Assembly approves the increases.

This recent wave of campus-initiated tuition hikes may due

in part to the implementation of the Tuition Policy Task Force Report. According to Jeff Nieman, the UNC Association of Student Governments' president and ex officio member of the Board of Governors, the BOG adopted a special report in 1998 that gives them a more active role in deciding tuition. Under exceptional circumstances, a university's BOT can vote to recommend a tuition increase.

"The problem is, 'exceptional circumstances' are hard to define," Nieman said.

The BOT's recommendations are forwarded to UNC President Molly Broad, who reviews them and makes her revisions and recommendations to the BOG at their December meeting. In turn, the BOG also makes revisions and submits their recommendations to the General Assembly, who has the ultimate say in the price of tuition.

"We're on new ground here, but if you use last year as a precedent, the GA followed the recommendations of the BOG exactly," Nieman said.

Eakin explained his approval of the athletic department's fee increase by saying that by the 2001-02 season, all sports will be part of the All-Conference USA (NCAA).

"With the move into NCAA, new expenses and payments are in play," Eakin said.

According to Eakin, ECU took a \$900,000 loan to move into the NCAA, and the fee increase will help pay it back.

He said that NCAA and CBS have made a deal to broadcast

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ECU awarded grant from National Science Foundation

manance Backbone Network Service (vBNS).

This service is 10 times faster than current systems, and will also allow scientists and engineers to work together and share powerful computing and information sources.

This grant will allow ECU to join 163 other universities who are members of the University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development (UCAID).

These universities, including University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, Duke University and Wake Forest University, are connected to a nationwide high-

speed research network system called "Internet2."

Dr. Jeffrey Huskamp, associate vice chancellor and the chief information technology officer said that this grant was approved, in part, to provide ECU's showcase of research applications. This includes biotechnology and physics experimentation in violin acoustics and diagnosis through telemedicine. This is all through the highest level of access to the campus network and the Internet.

Other applications that will benefit from access to this super-fast network service include, computational chemistry, virtual

reality, agromedicine, digital libraries, art and data analysis. Ultimately, all users that are on campus will have access to this high-performance system.

This high-speed network is a five year project that was begun in 1995. This \$50 million effort was supported by the federal government and the president's Next Generation Internet initiative. MCI Telecommunications Corporation is collaborating in this project.

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Holiday drive benefits flood victims

Items being collected until Thursday

Maura Buck
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The holiday season is upon us again, and with it comes the need for donated goods to distribute to those less fortunate. The Fifth Annual ECU Holiday Drive is in full swing thanks to the Business Services Department.

With 35 collection boxes around campus, items such as new toys, used clothing, food and even linens are in high demand. This year, benefits will go to the families of ECU staff members who lost everything in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd.

In addition, items such as baby supplies and clothing will go to the Department of Social Services for distribution, as well as to the Children's Protective Services to fulfill wish lists from individuals and families.

Leslie Craigie, director of marketing for business services and head of the Holiday Drive Committee, believes that the project is a campus-wide effort.

"It allows everyone the opportunity to participate and spread some holiday cheer throughout the community," she said. "It is a chance for the university to give back to the citizens of Greenville."

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Alternative Spring Break program returning to ECU

Participants volunteer over vacation

Amanda Bennett
STAFF WRITER

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) is a program that gives students the opportunity to volunteer and perform different types of community service during a week when other students are enjoying a break from classes.

ASB places groups of college students in cities across the nation to do community service and touch the lives of those who have nothing.

"The purpose of Alternative Spring Break is to give students the chance to volunteer during their spring break, get them to interact with people they might

not otherwise come in contact with and to educate them on different issues in society," said Jeff Novak, director of ASB.

Last year, 13 students and two advisors from ECU dedicated their spring break to volunteering in Atlanta, Ga. During the week the students traveled to five different community organizations in the Atlanta area.

The group visited places such as the Atlanta Union Mission, which is a homeless shelter for men, the Atlanta Community Food Bank and the Atlanta Children's Shelter.

"ASB changes how you look at the world," said Amanda Henley, a participant in ASB. "You see that the people you are helping are no different from yourself and that it could happen to anybody ... you realize that if it were you, you'd want to help too."

Beside the experience they

gained volunteering, some of last year's ASB participants formed lasting friendships with others in the group.

"We not only got to help others, but our group also bonded," said Erin O'Boyle. "The trip as a whole is a learning experience. You learn from other volunteers, the people you come in contact with and others in your group."

Although most of the trip is spent working at different sites, students also have time to relax and have fun. Participants last year visited the CNN Center, Centennial Park and Six Flags Over Georgia.

This year, two trips are being planned for Alternative Spring Break. The organization will be returning to Atlanta and an additional city, Washington, D.C., is being added. The cost of the trip is \$100, however, several fund raisers will be held to minimize cost.

Applications will be available at the end of January for those interested in going on the trip. Participants will be asked to sign a contract stating they will remain substance free and that they will demonstrate respect for all participants.

An interest meeting will be held at the beginning of next semester. All ECU students are eligible to go, and last year's participants encourage everyone to attend.

"It's the toughest week you'll ever love," Novak said.

Anyone interested in dedicating their spring break to volunteering should e-mail Jeff Novak at novakj@mail.ecu.edu or call 328-6052.

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History department honors top students



Angela Thompson presents Mary Armstrong with Miller-Moore Scholarship. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Seventeen receive scholarship awards

Heather Lewis
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Last night, over \$17,000 in scholarships were awarded to students in various concentrations of history by the history department.

Marc Porter and Jeffrey Wilhelm received the Lawrence F. Brewster Graduate Fellowships in history, an award reserved for the most promising new graduate students.

The Paul Murray Graduate History Scholarship, which is based on academics, was awarded to David Miller and presented by Dr. Carl Swanson. David Quinn

was the recipient of the Roy N. Lokken Memorial Scholarship in Early American History, awarded annually to a student specializing in American history.

Ernest M. Eiler was the first director of the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C.

In his memory, a scholarship was founded to annually recognize the two most promising students studying naval history. This year Scott Whitesides and Samuel Belcher were the recipients.

Russell Green and Mark Padover, both considered to hold great potential in the field of maritime studies, were awarded the Barbara and Matthew Landers Fellowship Scholarship.

Darlene Perry, junior, was the winner of the Joseph and Catherine Hirsch Memorial Award, presented by Dr. Kenneth Wilburn.

Mary Armstrong was presented with the Miller/Moore Scholarship in recognition of academic excellence.

The Faye Marie Creagan Scholarship is awarded annually to a female student of history who is planning to teach. Julie Gorman was selected this year.

The Richard C. Todd Scholarships in History are awarded on the basis of academic merit. Paul Gardner, Charles Keith, Kevin Smith and Joseph Sayback were all presented this scholarship.

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society awards two of its members the Richard C. Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarships every year. The awards were presented to the society's co-presidents Charles Keith and Amy White.

"The awards ceremony is an excellent opportunity to give recognition to hard working students," said Dr. Carl Swanson, a presenter at the ceremony.

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History Dept. Awards \$17,000 in Scholarships

Recipients	Award	Presented by
Marc Porter and Jeffrey Wilhelm	Lawrence F. Brewster Graduate Fellowship	Dr. Carl Swanson
David Miller	Paul Murray Graduate History Scholarship	Dr. Carl Swanson
David Quinn	Roy N. Lokken Memorial Scholarship	Dr. Carl Swanson
Scott Whitesides and Samuel Belcher	Ernest M. Eiler Scholarship	Dr. Michael Palmer
Russell Green and Mark Padover	Barbara and Matthew Landers Fellowship	Dr. Timothy Runyan
Darlene Perry	Joseph and Catherine Hirsch Memorial Award	Dr. Kenneth Wilburn
Mary Armstrong	Miller / Moore Scholarship	Dr. Angela Thompson
Julie Gorman	Faye Marie Creagan Scholarship	Dr. Betty Congleton
Paul Gardner, Charles Keith, Kevin Smith and Joseph Sayback	Richard C. Todd Scholarship in History	Dr. Jan Stennette
Charles Keith and Amy White	Richard C. Todd Phi Alpha Theta Scholarships	Dr. Anthony Papalas

Hendrix portrait stolen

Motive of theft unknown

Amanda Bennett
STAFF WRITER

The portrait of James Curtis Hendrix, which has hung in the Hendrix Theatre lobby for 25 years, was taken in an apparent

prank.

The picture was last seen hanging in the lobby Nov. 22 and was reported missing in the early morning on Nov. 23.

According to William Clutter, director of university unions, the portrait that hung in the theater was the original. Artment has no leads or suspects in the case at this time. If anyone has any information about the stolen picture they can contact

the director of university unions at 328-4701 or visit the ECU police Web page at www.ecu.edu/police. No reward is being offered; however, both of these contacts allow students to report leads anonymously with no questions asked.

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CRIME SCENE

Dec. 3

Larceny—A staff member reported that her jacket, wallet and keys were stolen from Mendenhall Student Center.

Larceny—A student reported that a textbook was taken from a study room in library. He found the book while at UBE buying a new one.

Breaking & Entering and Larceny from a Motor Vehicle—A student reported that his passenger side window was broken and a CD case with 20 CDs in it was stolen. The vehicle was parked in Curry Court.

Failure to Appear—A student was arrested for failure to appear on a charge of harassing phone calls.

Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia—Officers observed juveniles acting suspicious in the parking lot at fifth and Reade Streets. It was found that one was in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Subject was released to the parents and charges are pending.

Provisional DWI—A non-student was arrested for Provisional DWI after being stopped for driving the wrong way on Reade Street near the intersection at fifth Street.

Dec. 4

Resist, Obstruct and Delay and Possession of Marijuana—A non-student was arrested for resist, obstruct and delay and possession of marijuana after she was stopped for having fictitious license plates on her vehicle. She was also given state citations for having fictitious plates and driving without an operator's license and providing fictitious information.

Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana; Simple Possession of Marijuana and Maintaining a Dwelling for Controlled Substance—A student was arrested for PWISD, possession of marijuana and maintaining a dwelling for CS after officers were called to the dorm on a possible marijuana use violation and performed a consent search of the room. He was issued a CAT for the violations.

Damage to Property—A student reported that his vehicle was damaged (5 scratches from a key) while parked east of Clement Hall.

Larceny—A student reported that his secured bike was stolen from the rack at GCB.

Larceny—A staff member reported that someone stole two VCRs and a satellite system from the basketball department at Sports Medicine Building.

SGA NOTES

SGA President Cliff Webster introduced Chancellor Eakin.

Eakin discussed tuition increases, student athletic fee increase and technology increase.

Eakin stated that he did not agree with the SGA fee increases concerning these matters. He opted to give them their requested amount.

Student athletic fee of \$15, a \$2 increase in technology fee and \$150 tuition increase for in-state, \$772 tuition increase for out-of-state.

Webster announced he went to the tuition forum last Thursday and the tuition increase will be used for building and lab improvements and to lessen the gap in faculty salaries.

Webster stated that since Eakin disagreed with SGA's approved fees, now all departments will their original requested amounts.

SGA Representative Michael Orr said that the SGA opposes the tuition increases and tried to pass a disapproval letter which would be taken to the Board of Trustees by Webster.

All passed the law, except Senior Class Vice-Presi-

dent.

SGA passed funding for Bi-Annuals for Spring of 2000.

Webster announced that SGA will continue to fund religious organizations.

Athletic Director Mike Hamrick could not make the meeting yesterday to further discuss the athletic fee increase.

Brandon Ives and Katie D'Amore were screened into the SGA.

SGA passed to review Pi Omega Pi, Pirate Outreach, American Chemical Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, paNational Student Speech Language Hearing Association, GeoClub and Financial Management Association constitutions for funding.

Webster said there will be a retirement party Dec. 17 for Student Leadership Secretary Mrs. Jackson.

SGA Secretary Jessica Dowdy announced the SGA Holiday Party is Wednesday at BW3s at 9:30 p.m.

Webster thanked all representatives for their hard work during the tough semester. He wished representatives a safe and happy holiday.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.



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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

North Carolina State University—N.C. State University Chancellor Marye Anne Fox visited the NCSU Faculty Senate on Tuesday, Nov. 23, to discuss reasoning for a newly proposed tuition increase. During her presentation, Fox also mentioned hopes to raise faculty salaries.

The chancellor began her discussion by showing the senators a chart, which compared NCSU's current in-state tuition expense of just over \$2,400 to be 15th out of 17 peer research institutions, such as Texas A&M University and Carnegie-Mellon University.

"This is far below average for a research university," Fox said. "Student unmet needs currently stand at around \$42 million. We are also particularly deficient in areas of advising, the honors program, arts, recruiting, student counseling, financial aid, first-year seminar and graduate support programs."

Fox showed grave concern for the unmet needs across campus, "These deficiencies create \$62.8 million in budgetary pressure all around the university."

"It has been proposed that we raise tuition by only \$300," Fox said. "This, however would not help. A \$300 increase would raise only \$6.2 million and would keep N.C. State at the same ranking among its peer institutions. Unmet needs have to be met."

Georgetown U.—The Georgetown University Bookstore, as a member of the National Association of College Stores has filed suit in Federal District Court against VarsityBooks.com, alleging that the company's discounts are "false and without factual basis."

The suit alleges that VarsityBooks.com, an online textbook retailer, falsely claims on its Web site that it offers textbooks at a 40 percent discount while, in re-

ality, selling only a fraction of their books at the advertised discount. Further, the suit alleges that the firm's advertisements falsely imply that college bookstores overcharge students.

The suit does not ask for monetary damages, but instead seeks that the court forbid VarsityBooks.com to promote discounts unless they identify "clearly and prominently, the true basis for the discount," NACS said through a press release.

"Our members are deeply concerned that students are being duped into believing they're saving 40 percent on textbooks when such claims are completely false," NACS Chief Staff Officer Brian Cartier said in a press release.

"VarsityBooks.com has advertised up to 40 percent discounts, and we will continue to do so," Kaplan said.

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Mars probes appear lost forever

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Two tiny probes, that rode aboard Mars Polar Lander but separated before entry, appear to be lost forever as efforts to contact the larger spacecraft also continued without success.

Mission controllers, looking increasingly gloomy and exhausted after failing for three days to detect signs of life from any of the spacecraft, admitted late Sunday it is growing more likely that contact may never be made.

"Clearly the team is getting more frustrated, certainly, and more tense about all of this," said Richard Cook, operations project manager for the Polar Lander.

If no signals are heard, it would be total loss for the entire \$330 million Mars '98 project, which consisted of Polar Lander, the Deep Space 2 microprobes and the Climate Orbiter, which burned up over the Red Planet in September.

The softball-sized microprobes were supposed to slam into the surface at 400 mph to test a new descent technique that did not use expensive parachutes or rockets to break the fall from space. If the test flight had been successful, future microprobe missions could be sent to cover a wider territory at less cost than current spacecraft.

The \$29.6 million probes were to have emitted their first signals on arrival Friday, like Polar Lander. Every two hours the orbiting Mars Global Surveyor tried to detect any transmissions from the microprobes with no success.

The probes also had been programmed to transmit automatically once every five minutes if they did not receive commands from Global Surveyor after 29 and 32 hours. No signals were picked up during those opportunities, either.

"If we haven't heard from them in the next 24 hours, we will have exhausted our opportunities to hear from them," said Sarah Gavit, the probes' project manager.

Aside from testing 10 new spaceflight technologies, each probe was equipped with a bullet-like penetrator that was to burrow up to two feet beneath the surface and test for frozen water. A unit containing a small radio would remain on the surface.

The probes could have survived a wide range of soils ranging in consistency from coffee grinds to permafrost, Gavit said.

Estimates of their trajectory, based on the last data from the lander, indicated over the weekend that they might have fallen into a crater near a region of sand dunes. Both scenarios are potentially fatal.

The probes' batteries, which would barely power a Christmas tree light, also could have frozen in temperatures reaching minus 185 degrees Fahrenheit.

Meanwhile, the \$165 million Polar Lander controllers attempted to find a signal for the third straight day on Sunday. Several windows of opportunity came and went over the weekend with no sign of life from the unmanned craft.

Mission managers worked on eliminating simple failure scenarios one by one. But they conceded that if, after trying all the obvious remedies, contact still has not been established by midweek, the explanations for the failure would become more complex and the prospects of success would greatly diminish.

"When you start stacking—if this thing has to fail, and then this thing has to fail and then this thing has to fail to get into this circumstance—then you're definitely in extra time," Cook said. "We're not there yet. I think we will be, come Tuesday morning."

Sunday's first communications window—designed to use a second antenna—opened at 10:50 a.m. PST and closed 10 minutes later without any transmission.

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Court to revisit Miranda ruling

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court set the stage today for determining the fate of the Miranda police warnings, familiar to generations of Americans who have witnessed countless arrests in movies and on television.

The justices agreed to decide whether a federal law overturned—or at least dramatically limited—one of the court's most famous decisions, one that since 1966 has required police to warn criminal suspects of their rights before questioning them.

The law says any confession or incriminating statement is admissible in court "if it is voluntarily given." Getting a Miranda warning is one factor in making that determination, the law says. But it adds that "the presence or absence" of any factor "need not be conclusive on the issue of voluntariness."

Whether the incriminating statements a Maryland man made to FBI agents should be used as evidence in his bank-robbery trial even though he may not have received a proper Miranda warning will be decided by late June.

"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law," were the court's words in the Miranda vs. Arizona decision of 33 years ago.

The court, then far more liberal than today, sought to remedy "inherently coercive" interrogations by also requiring police to tell suspects they are entitled to a lawyer's help while answering questions and to inform them that a lawyer will be appointed to represent them if they cannot afford one.

American law enforcement authorities initially hated the ruling, but many eventually credited it with improving police efficiency. Opposition never disappeared entirely, however, especially over what should happen when police, intentionally or not, fail to give the warnings.

Such failures now routinely result in a valuable piece of evidence—a confession or some incriminating statement—being lost to prosecutors.

But ruling in the bank robbery case earlier this year, a federal appeals court said a 1968 law enacted by Congress means failure to issue Miranda warnings no longer requires automatic exclusion of evidence in federal prosecutions.

The justices now must decide whether that 1968 law, known as Section 3501, lawfully can be enforced.

Worried that federal agents' errors might lead to truthful confessions being thrown out of court,

Congress sought to overturn the Miranda ruling in 1968 by passing a law that said federal courts do not have to dismiss confessions made without Miranda warnings.

But the law lay largely dormant for nearly 30 years, until a surprising federal appeals court ruling last February.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court, ruling in the case of a Maryland man accused in seven bank robberies in Maryland and Virginia, said Charles Dickerson's incriminating remarks to FBI agents should be admitted as trial evidence against him.

The appeals court, by an 8-5 vote, ruled that Section 3501 means that failing to issue Miranda warnings is just one of several factors courts should consider in deciding whether statements to police were made voluntarily.

Neither Dickerson nor the federal prosecutors who had opposed his appeal focused on the 1968 law. But University of Utah law professor Paul Cassell, representing the conservative Washington Legal Foundation as a friend of the court, argued that Section 3501 allowed use of Dickerson's statements regardless of any Miranda violation.

The appeals court agreed.

After Dickerson's lawyer ap-

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Castro demands Cuban boy be returned

HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's government stepped up pressure on the United States on Monday, appealing for international support and organizing street protests in its battle to have a boy who was rescued off the Florida coast returned to his father in Cuba.

Castro on Sunday demanded that 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez be returned to his father in 72 hours. The State Department rejected the demand on Monday, saying the fate of the child should be based on humanitarian considerations.

"We do not accept the ultimatum issued by Fidel Castro," spokesman James Foley said. "This is not conducive to resolving this case in the appropriate humanitarian way."

About 1,000 grandmothers marched Monday through the streets of Elian Gonzalez's hometown of Cardenas, a two-hour drive east of Havana. "We want Elian back home!" said a huge mural painted on a wall that passers-by signed.

Elian's classmates planned a 6th birthday party for him at their elementary school in Cardenas as Cubans on both sides of the Florida Straits increasingly embraced him as their own political poster child.

Workers set up bleachers outside the U.S. Interests Section on Monday, apparently preparing for another protest outside the American mission. Waving Cuban flags and chanting political slogans, 500 members of the Communist Youth held the first protest there Sunday night.

Foley said the United States holds the Cuban government responsible for any harm to U.S. citizens or to the U.S. diplomatic mission that may come from pro-

tests called for by the Cuban government.

"We expect the government of Cuba to fulfill its obligation to protect international diplomatic missions and their personnel," he said.

National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon appealed in a letter to governments around the world for their support in bringing Elian home.

"Once again the United States government has violated the basic principles of law and respect for human dignity thus insulting the child's father, a modest Cuban worker, and his grandparents," Alarcon wrote.

"Elian's father and his grandparents' right to demand his immediate return to the home and family from which he was illegally snatched is not negotiable," the letter said.

Elian's mother and stepfather were among those who died when an overloaded powerboat sank Thanksgiving week during the 90-mile crossing to Florida in what American authorities said was a case of illegal alien smuggling.

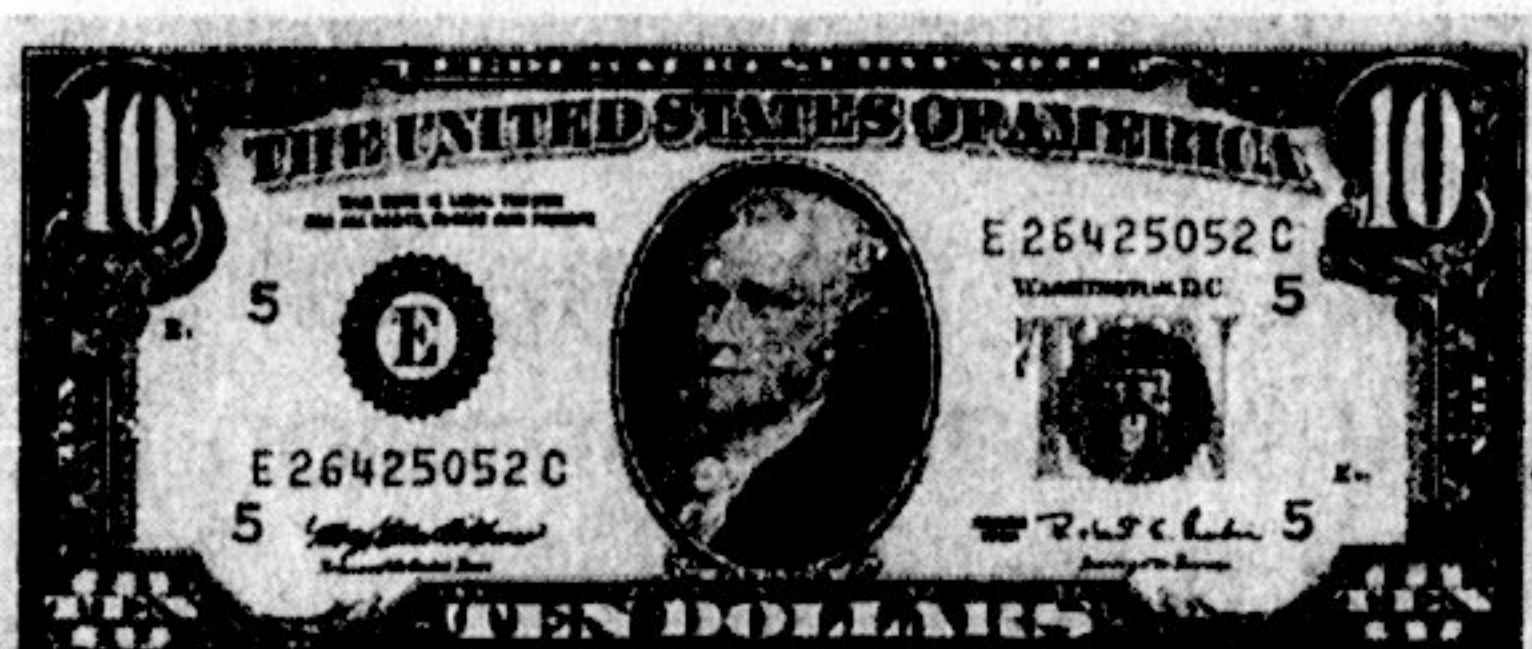
U.S. Border Patrol spokesman Dan Geoghegan on Monday confirmed The Miami Herald report and Cuban government account that there were 14 people aboard the boat instead of the 13 the Coast Guard has been reporting.

The boy's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, 31, says the child was taken out of the country without his knowledge. He and the boy's four grandparents have asked the Cuban government to help get him back.

Alarcon has indicated that Cuba would raise the dispute over Elian during the Dec. 13 meeting.



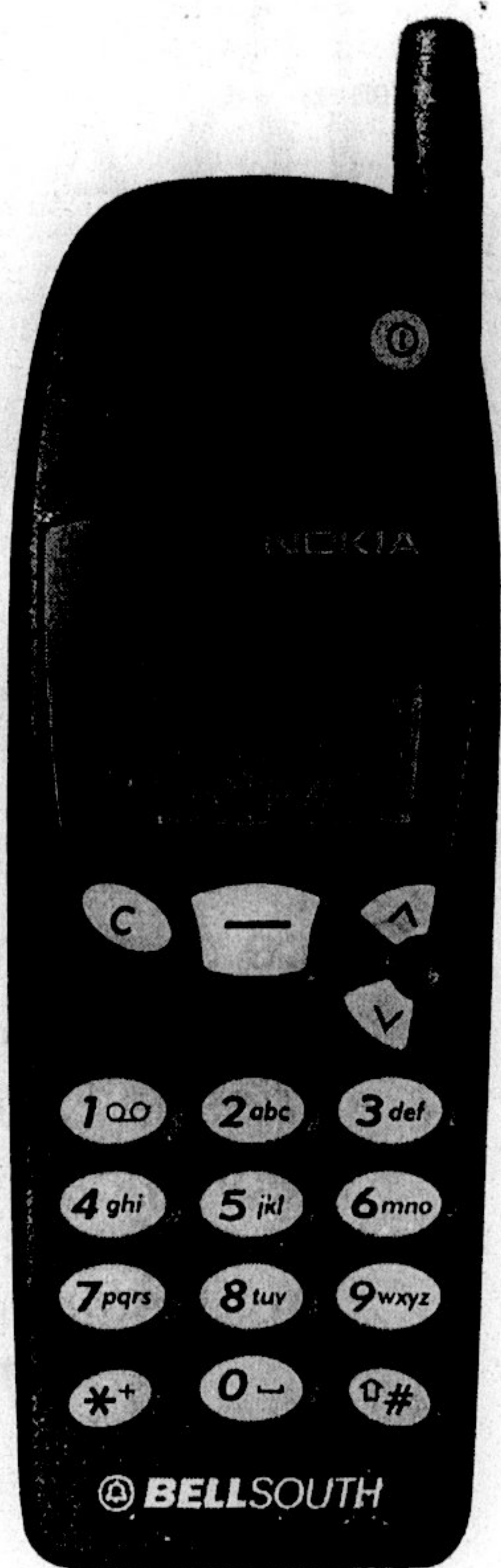
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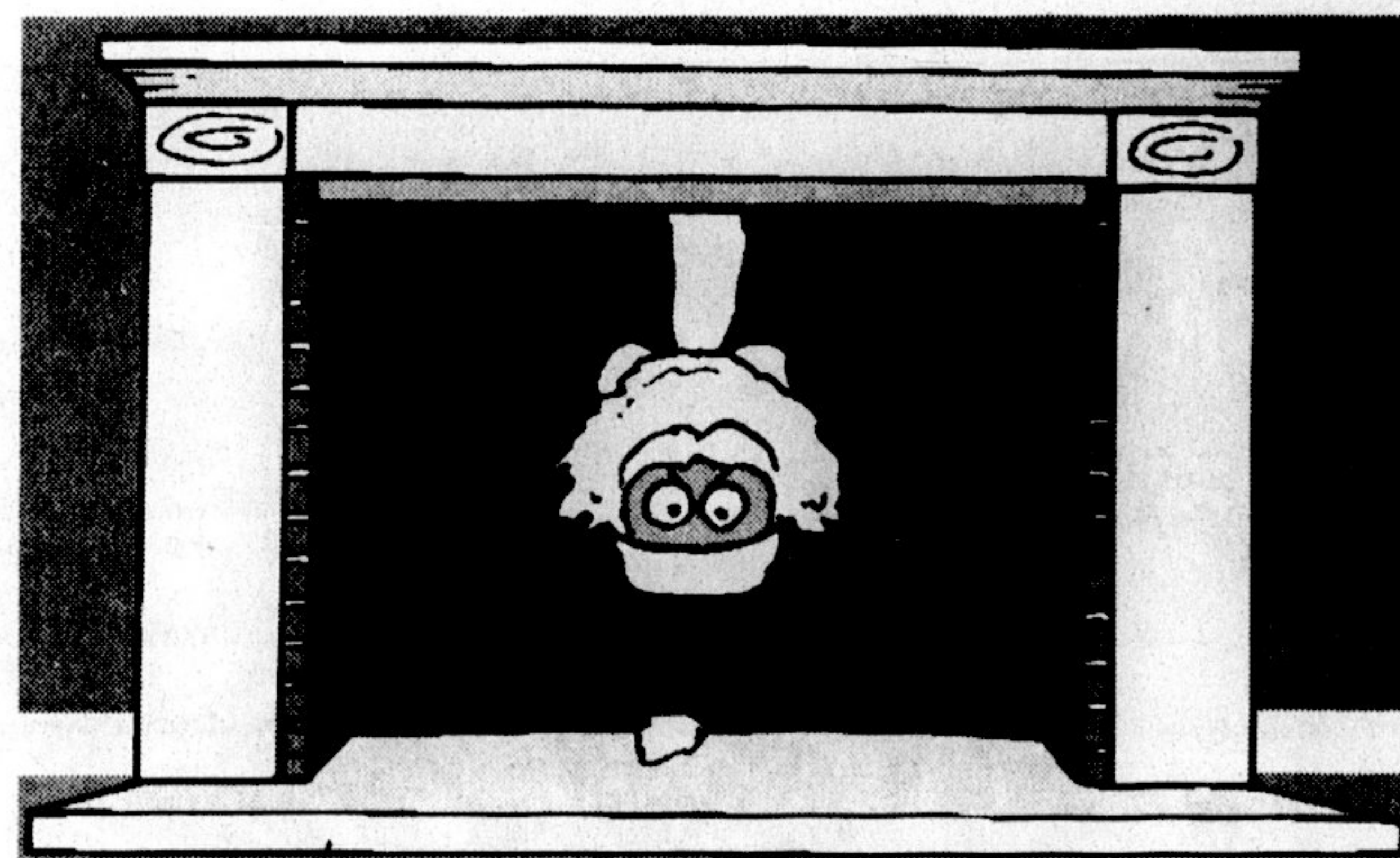
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Four students shot at Oklahoma school

FORT GIBSON, Okla. (AP)—A 13-year-old student opened fire with a semiautomatic handgun outside his middle school this morning, wounding four classmates, authorities said.

A fifth student reportedly suffered bumps and bruises.

The wounded were taken to hospitals in Tulsa and Muskogee. None of the injuries appeared life-threatening.

"I understand he just got there and decided to start shooting, pulled a gun out and started shooting," said Terry Cragg, Muskogee County sheriff's deputy. "He doesn't even know who it was he shot. There was not a hate thing. I asked him why. He said, 'I don't know.'"

Students were gathered outside before the 8 a.m. start of classes when the shooting began.

It was not known how many shots were fired.

As science teacher Ronnie Holuby approached, the boy dropped his empty 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, authorities said. Holuby, who also serves as the school's safety officer, grabbed the boy's arms and pinned him against a brick wall.

Later, the small slender boy, whose name was not released, was led into a Muskogee County courtroom for a closed arraignment. Dressed in a blue long-sleeved shirt and khaki pants, he walked solemnly between two deputies, keeping his head down. It was not clear what charges he faced.

In Washington, President Clinton told reporters that investi-

gators from the FBI and ATF were on the scene.

"Our prayers are with each of the children and their families," Clinton said. "Right now there are no fatalities, only people who are wounded, and we hope it will stay that way."

Governor Frank Keating initially issued a statement saying the shooting "must serve as a call to arms for Oklahoma's educators, parents, community and religious leaders to address the root causes of what is happening to our families and young people."

He later issued a revised statement deleting the reference to a "call to arms" after a reporter asked if that was a poor choice of words. He substituted the phrase "wake-up call."

At Tulsa Regional Medical Center, a 12-year-old boy was in fair condition with gunshot wounds to both arms. A 12-year-old girl was in fair condition at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa with a gunshot wound to the cheek.

Muskogee Regional Medical Center said it was treating two 13-year-old boys—one for a gunshot wound to the forearm, the other a leg wound.

Justine Hurst, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, stood outside the school with her father, Jim, hours after the shooting. She said she knew two of the victims and the shooting suspect.

"He seemed like a really nice person," Hurst said, identifying the shooter as a seventh-grader in her school. "He had a lot of friends."

Authorities offered no details about the suspect except his age. Investigators didn't know who the gun was registered to. They obtained a search warrant to search some school lockers.

Justine arrived at the school just after the shooting happened, as students were being rushed inside into the school cafeteria. She said backpacks lay strewn everywhere.

"Everyone was screaming," Hurst said. "Everyone was crying."

She said some of the children thought the gunfire was the firecrackers left over from Saturday's football game when Fort Gibson played Weatherford for a state high school championship.

The windows of the school were still painted with signs from the game, including "We're cheering for you." Fort Gibson lost 46-0 to Weatherford.

Eighth-grade student Greg Pruitt was walking on the other side of building from where the shooting took place and heard what sounded like firecrackers. A vice principal began yelling for kids to get inside the cafeteria.

"We heard one girl screaming," Pruitt said. "We saw smoke coming from the cement."

Fort Gibson is a town of about 3,500 people about 50 miles south-east of Tulsa. About 450 students attend the middle school.

A school official said all of the district's 1,850 students were sent home for the day. School was planned again for Tuesday.



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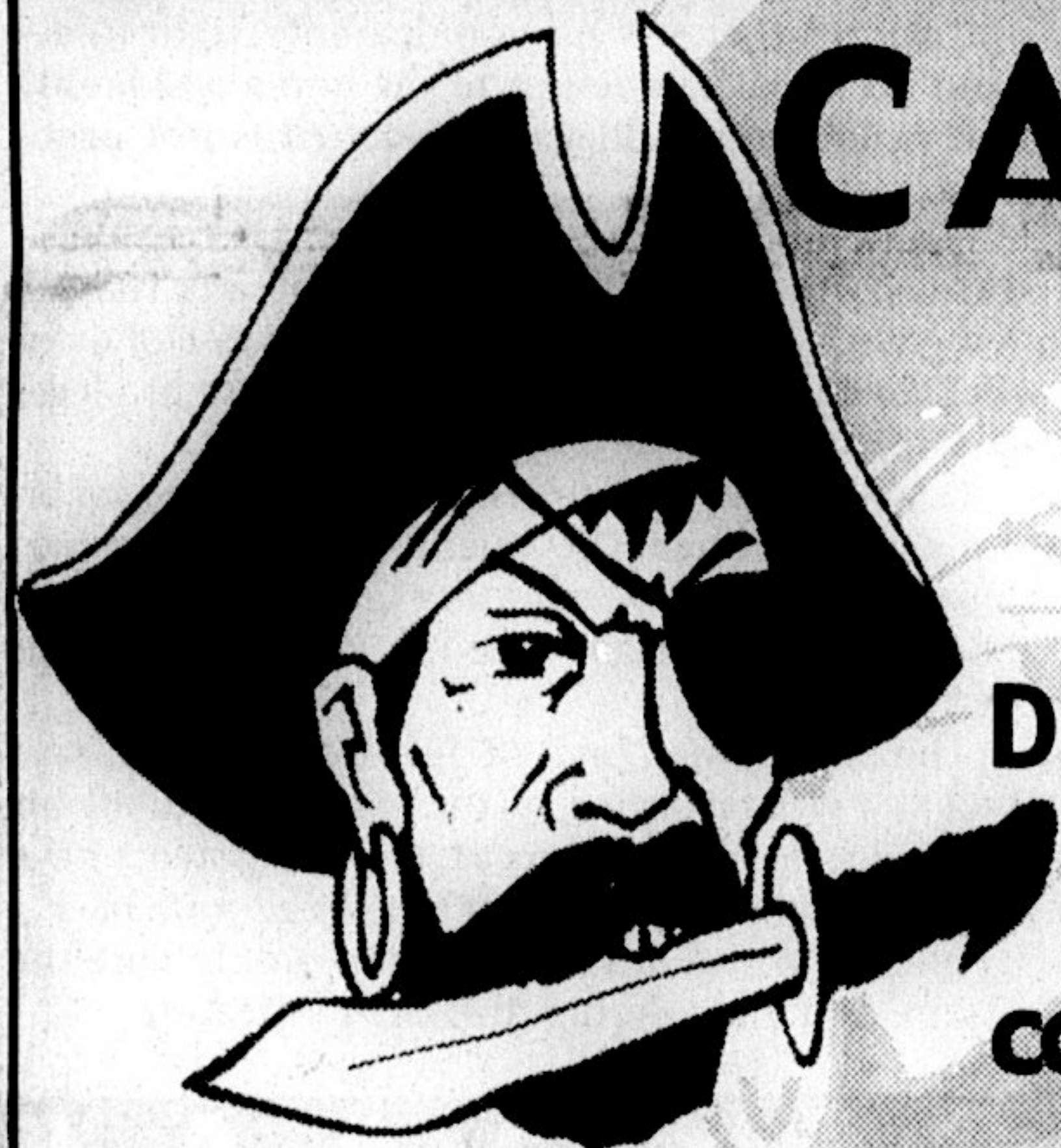
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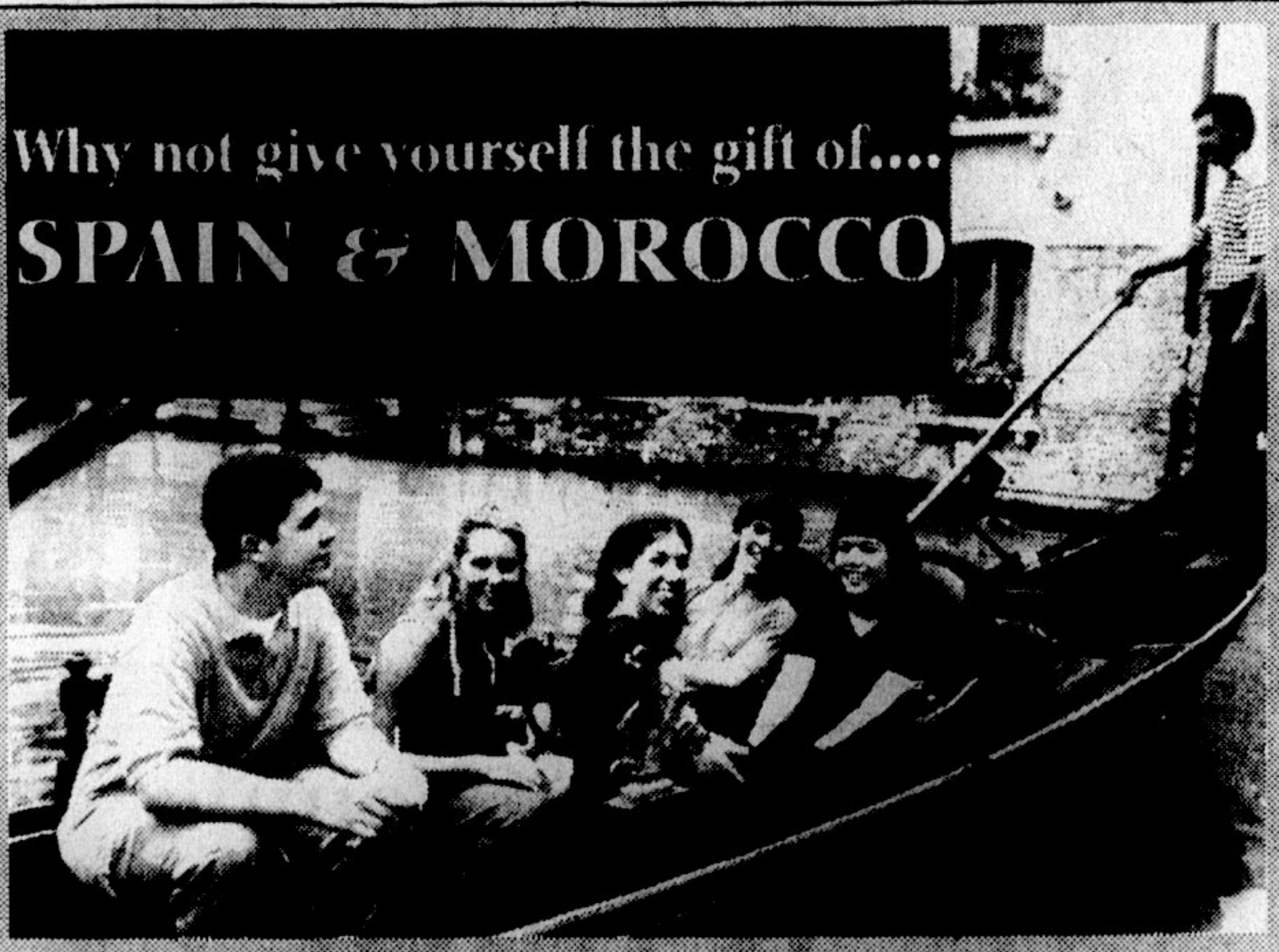


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from the surface of the Red Planet. The lander, if working properly, was supposed to have switched radios to relay a signal through Global Surveyor instead of transmitting directly to Earth. But the mapping spacecraft sent only its own data and none from the lander. Sunday's second communications opportunity, using the original antenna, opened at 9:40 p.m.

PST. After the window was open for several minutes, scientists still had not detected any signals from the lander. Lack of any signals since shortly before Friday's scheduled landing left mission officials with hope only that the lander survived the touchdown and, on its own, was taking steps to establish contact. Mars Polar Lander could have

gotten into trouble simply by setting down in difficult terrain. "Landing on Mars is very hard, and it's the part where you're landing that's really hard," Cook said. "It doesn't take much to have problems."

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pealed to the Supreme Court, the Clinton administration refused to defend Section 3501. In a brief that Attorney General Janet Reno took the unusual step of signing, government lawyers argued that the federal law cannot be enforced because the Miranda decision "is of constitutional dimension" and "cannot be superseded merely by legislation."

In today's brief order, the justices appointed Cassell to defend the law before them. The Miranda decision flowed from the Fifth Amendment's guarantee that no one "shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself." But the court never explicitly said its decision or the police warnings were required by the Fifth Amendment.

If the Supreme Court agrees with the 4th Circuit court that failure to give the warnings does not necessarily bar use of evidence in federal cases, states presumably would be free to follow Congress' lead and enact their own versions of Section 3501. The case is *Dickerson vs. U.S.*, 99-5525.

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basketball games by the 2003-04 season. "This will definitely help increase revenues," Eakin said. "And we need revenues to stay afloat and maintain financial integrity." Despite the fact that the eastern region of the state was dealt an economically staggering blow by the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd, administrators still say this is the year to raise the price of tuition. "We did take that into consideration, and that's why the increase we're proposing is only half of what other universities are asking for," Brown said. According to Eakin, the requested in-state tuition increase for UNC-CH, NCSU and UNC was \$300. UNC-W asked for a \$235 doctoral increase and a \$400 overall fee increase. Nieman said he disapproved of the timing of the fee increase. "So many North Carolinians were affected by the hurricane that it just seems disappointing that this is the time being chosen to raise tuition," Nieman said. "I'd like to see a move towards more modest proposals, because this is a time for healing."

Eakin is requesting the mandatory \$30 doctoral increase and an additional \$120 totaling \$150 for in-state students for next year alone. Out-of-state increases come to \$326 for doctoral and \$446 totaling \$772. "I am very disappointed in our administration's proposal of this increase because it seems like all we're doing is piggy-backing on the backs of UNC and NCSU," said SGA President Cliff Webster. "If this passes, we, the student body must come to bond in a collective effort to stop it at the General Administration." Following the administration's proposal, Sophomore Class President Michael Orr introduced a resolution concerning the opposition of the tuition increase to the SGA. The resolution passed with only one vote of opposition by Senior Class Vice President Robert Smith. This resolution is an official statement by the student body of ECU that will be sent to the BOT and BOG, voicing opposition to the tuition increase. "Decisions are made for and about you, with or without you, so anyone who feels that this [proposal] is wrong, please let your voice be heard," Orr said.

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The drive began Nov. 6 and the final collection day is Dec. 9. Thus far, Craigle reports the turnout has been tremendous. "The staff, faculty and students have been very supportive of the program," she said. There is a continual need for supplies, however. Along with the collection, Dowdy Student Stores and the ECU Cheerleaders are doing their part as well. On Dec. 7 between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., those who bring new, unwrapped toys to

the store will receive a free photo taken with Pee Dee Claus. For a list of collection sites, go online to www.ecu.edu/services and click on the Holiday '99 link. The web page displays a list of collection sites, gift and donation suggestions and photos from last year's drive. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a family, call Julie Wolfe at 328-6910 or Leslie Craigle at 328-6468, ext. 4. Craigle feels participating in

the holiday drive is one way to demonstrate good will at this special time of year. "[Participating] is a prime example of East Carolina's motto to serve," Craigle said. Finally, the members of the drive would like thank everyone for helping to make the holidays brighter for many Pitt County families. This writer can be contacted at mbuck@studentmedia.ecu.edu.

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OUR VIEW

Something homemade that shows the giver's creativity and talents illustrates more forethought than that spiffy new shirt from the Gap that everyone else will be wearing come January. Even taking time out to cook the one you love dinner or give them a massage can mean more than a box from Bailey's Jewelry.

Christmas is a time of beauty, love and happiness. It is also a time of getting and giving.

Sometimes people go all out and spend entirely too much on Christmas presents. We have noticed that every year there are always those who are willing to spend hundreds of dollars on gifts for their friends and family. Granted, if one has more money than they know what to do with, it's OK to splurge a little. But some students barely have enough money to make ends meet. And, those credit card bills at the end of the month will make poor kindling when GUC turns your electricity off. Hopefully your loved ones would rather see dear you spend your college years debt-free than get an overly-expensive gift. Love does not come in the form of money.

Much of the time a handmade card or a batch of cookies means more than a store-bought bag of M&M's. Something homemade that shows the giver's creativity and talents illustrates more forethought than that spiffy new shirt from the Gap that everyone else will be wearing come January. Even taking time out to cook the one you love dinner or give them a massage can mean more than a box from Bailey's Jewelry.

In order to show affection for someone, you need only look as far as your desk drawer or craft store. Think about the person and what they mean to you or the things that they truly love. Lots of people love simple things of beauty, and these things are typically cheaper than their store-brand counterparts. Be creative and pour your heart and soul into the gifts that you give, and the recipients will love it every time. Even if it's not what they really wanted, they will learn to love it because you made it for them.

No one can put a price on love. Avoid being brainwashed by the Hallmark manifesto. Paying more for a gift does not make you a better person, and will probably not make someone you care about happier than a fresh batch of lovingly-made cookies.

OPINION COLUMN

Common courtesy remembered, missed

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I can remember my mom once telling me that you should always say "please" and "thank you" whenever you need someone to do something for you or they have done something nice for you. She also told me that you should be polite and try not to step on anyone's toes in your daily life. It seems as though acts as simple and common as these are so frequently forgotten as we complete our day to day routines.

Granted, there are some people who always remember these "common courtesies," but more often than not, numerous people seem to have totally abandoned the little things in life. Maybe they didn't pay enough attention to their mothers when they were little, or perhaps they just chose not to listen. Either way, people look at you strange when you are polite and just say "Thanks."

Sometimes, all it takes to make someone's day a little brighter is to say "excuse me," "please" or "thank you." I learned this in a store one day and was completely baffled by the surprised look on the lady's face. All I wanted was a can of soup for dinner and had to reach in front of her to get the last can of vegetable alphabet. I said "excuse me" and she moved. After that, she

told me I was the first person to be somewhat polite to her all day, and she smiled. All of my life I had thought it was understood to say "excuse me" and all that other stuff. I guess that I was blindly assuming people actually had manners.

All day long, I work around people and if I'm not polite, I don't make any money. One thing this has taught me is that people are incredibly rude and could care less about what their mothers once told them. I think it's pretty sad that people would rather just reach in front of, cut off and even disregard the comfort of others just so they can be first in line or get the last can of soup on the shelf.

I guess it's unusual for people to just be nice and dig deep into their memories for the simple life lessons we once learned but so frequently forget. Next time you're in the grocery store, your car or anywhere there are other people around you; please use some manners. Maybe if someone would have just said "thank you" to all of those postal workers, they wouldn't have tripped out and lives wouldn't have been lost to the wrath of cranky, under appreciated mail men.

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OPINION COLUMN

Where have all the reindeer gone?

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OPINION COMMUNIST

Howdy folks! How was your Dia del Turkey? Here's hoping it was better than fellow columnist Patrick McMahon's. His really sucked. Really.

But alas, that day is gone, and it is about time for us to get really worried. Nope, I'm not talking about finals. Nope, I'm not talking about term papers and field projects. Nope, I'm not talking about the fact that there are only 18 more shopping days until Christmas ... no wait. I AM talking about that. My mistake.

Now, we all know that Christmas is a time for giving, sharing, loving, caring, warmth and all that other good, old-timey, "Andy-Williams-sings-the-best-of-Elvis-singing-the-best-of-Nat-King-Cole" type of stuff. Of course, that's what we all look forward to. But when Christmas finally gets here, it's quite different, isn't it? It's more like spending, rushing, cooking, taking pictures of people with peculiar red eyes, explaining your report card and why "I's" are better than "F's", and basically figuring out that Christmas ends right after lunch on Dec. 25.

Now I think that's sad. Remember when we were just itty bitty widdle kids? Sure you do! The closer Christmas morning got, the more often we had to change our collective underwear.

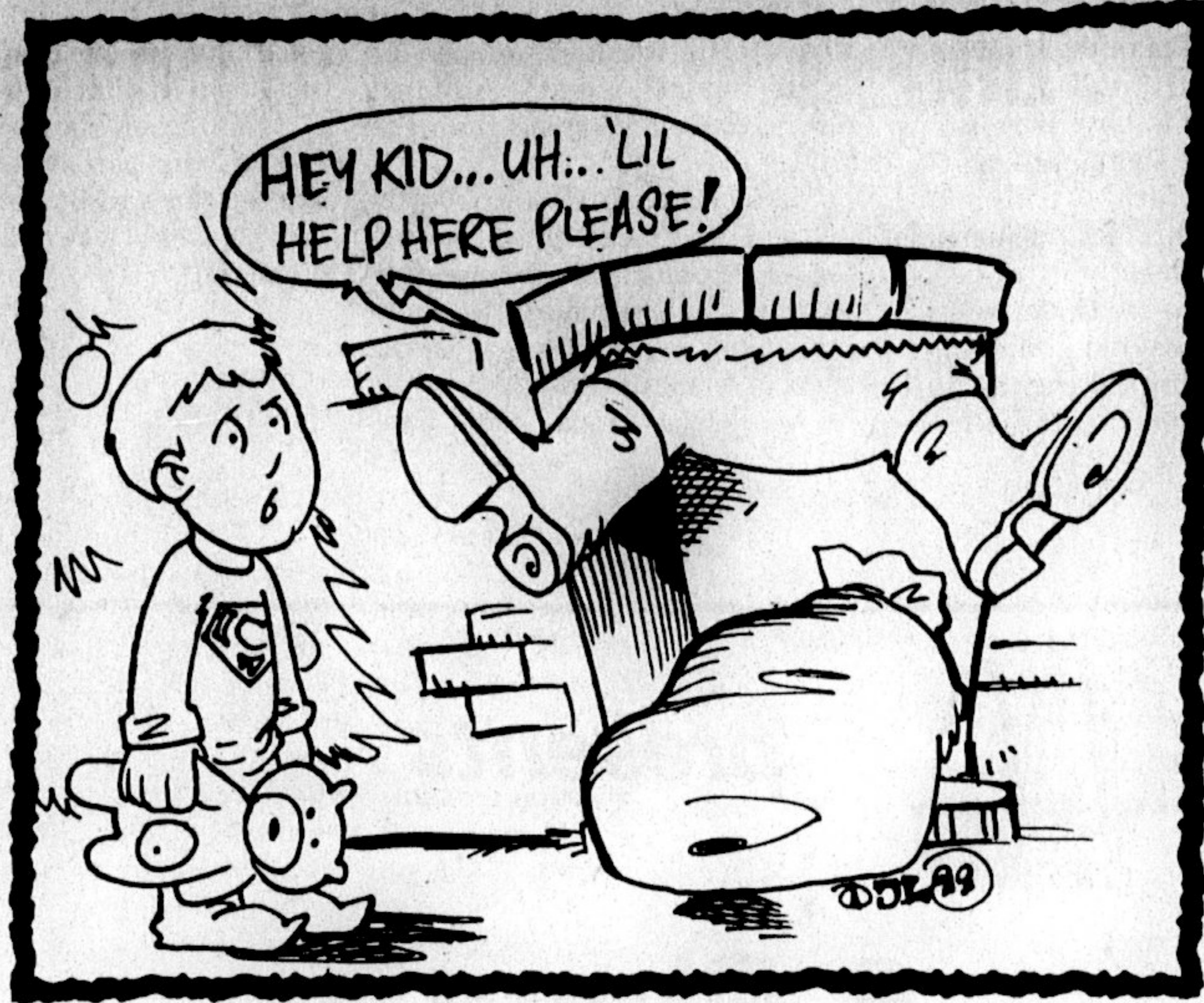
I miss that feeling. Ever since I've come to college, I've felt like an adult. It's a great feeling having your own place to live and your own bills to pay (I guess), but it's not much fun anymore. One thing that consoles me is the fact that toys have not gotten much better since we were kids. For the young ones, one of the best selling toys continues to be the "See and Say," that pull-the-string-and-hear-the-cow-say-MOOO-thingy. As for the boys, they

still have Transformers, but now they're called "Beast Wars." And the really sad thing is that girls' toys really haven't changed since the '50s. They still sell oodles of novelty dolls such as "Baby Crawl-n-Crap" and "Baby Eat-Cherries-n-Throw-up-on-New-Carpet."

I guess you could say that I'm going through a sort of mid-life crisis a little prematurely. I wish I could go back and retrieve that feeling that I used to have during the holidays, but when exams end just a week prior, I really don't have time to get into any sort of good spirit.

That's why I think we should just do our exams on the final day of classes. Either that or just do away with them altogether. Now, THERE's a nice present! Anyway, have a great holiday and eat all you want. You can always lose the weight over the next year ... or two.

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OPINION COLUMN

Apply lessons learned at ECU to better the future

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Since the semester and the year are both drawing to a close, it is important to make an evaluation of people and events and the impressions these have made on who we are now. College is such a small part of a life span, but it is important in that it shapes your future and attitudes on many levels. Here, you just begin to learn fundamental lessons that will be applied to the rest of your life.

One important lesson reveals to us that sometimes, we don't reap what we sow. The very things we put the most time and effort into are not rewarded with equal results. Very often, studying five minutes for a test will translate into a much better grade than the test that you stayed up all night preparing for. Equivalently, people that you put your most trust in, can be the very ones that ultimately disappoint you.

It would be wonderful to believe that the older you get, the less frequently disappointment occurs, but that just isn't realistic. However, with experience, it becomes easier to accept and cope with disappointment, while allowing it to make you a better person.

The next lesson perhaps is hard to admit, but is nevertheless a fact of life: Guys and girls are as different as night and day and that will never change. Despite a college education, guys are still playing video games religiously, communicating poorly and behaving badly. Likewise, girls mysteriously find solace in shopping, crying to get their way and most love to gossip. It's the same thing from kindergarten through college and, yes, even beyond.

Lastly, you find in college that the easy thing to do is almost never the right thing to do. Any time a decision is to be made, the one with the most positive results is the very one that requires the most sacrifice and wherewithal. There is also a tendency to remain completely apathetic and "decide not to decide." Taking the easy choice and deciding not to decide, if constantly repeated, will most definitely lead to crash and burn because then there is no locus of control.

As this year wraps up, and especially for those graduating, it is imperative to make the most of what you have experienced. Applying lessons so that mistakes are not repeated is key to achieving your goals.

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OPINION COLUMN

Life is a gift to be treasured

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OPINION WRITER

When you don't have a grip on life, it will definitely get a grip on you. I write these words today so that we might take an inventory of our lives and take advantage of each moment that God gives us, to live it to its fullest potential.

This is a reminder to all of us not to take our lives for granted, for the life we have been blessed with can be so fleeting. I write to honor the memory of the Texas A&M University students who lost their lives before they could develop their potential. As a college student, I was saddened to learn of the loss of these young people who had so much to give to the world. Let those of us that are here take a lesson from the untimely death of these students and do something that will stand as a symbol of our good works.

Fellow members of the ECU family, remember that "life is a mystery, unfold it; a journey, walk it; painful,

endure it; beautiful, see it; a song, sing it; a flower, smell it; wonderful, enjoy it; a candle, light it; precious, don't waste it; a gift, open it; love, give it; unlimited, go for it; light, shine in it," according to Iyanla Vanzant.

As for the students who died at Texas A&M, I know that they rest in the bosom of God; and yet I cannot help but feel the pains of sorrow and regret for their families and friends. I cannot help but feel the heavy hand of death on my forehead. I cannot help but imagine bygone days when they, their families, and their friends lived and smiled in the face of the sun.

Where are they now? Are they somewhere in an unknown region? Are they together? Do they remember the past as we do? Are they near this world of ours or are they far away? I know, dear people that they live. They live a life more real, more beautiful than ours. They are nearer to God than we are.

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OPINION COLUMN

Drug education not prevalent enough

In general, drug culture in our society is at the beginning of a boom age, and it sincerely frightens me because I don't think we are aware of or ready for the immediate and long term effects of the new drug age. By "we" I mean everyone on all levels, from the pharmaceutical industry to your average Joe who is popping Zanax and Valium daily.

The sheer number of substances that are available and in use daily by nearly everyone is astounding: Prozac, Ritalin, marijuana, Viagra, Ecstasy, LSD, nicotine, cocaine, caffeine, Phen-Phen, Ketamine, alcohol. The list can go on and on since there are literally thousands of designer drugs that someone just "invented" in a lab somewhere. My concern is with people who use any type of drug without first educating themselves on exactly how it works and what it does.

This is a tricky thing because it is easy to take another person's word on safety—from a doctor giving a prescription, on the relatively informed end, to a friend passing you a couple of red gel tabs, on the not-so-enlightened end.

On the pharmaceutical side of the scale, the system seems to be safe since everything is thoroughly tested and scrutinized. But how do you really know what the long-term effects of any new drug are? A powerful pharmaceutical company probably has lobbyists at the FDA and can put serious pressure on new drug approval. Do you trust these people with your health?

On the street side however, things are even gloomier simply because the substances need to run underground, and there is a whole taboo quality to the scene. For example, what do you know more about: how Viagra works on your body or how LSD works on your mind? Of course you have seen the ads for Viagra with the cute molecular explanation of how it works and all its side effects and interactions. Now show me the brochure for LSD, because there are a lot of people using it who have no source of education.

Perhaps we should ask the CIA, since they have done extensive testing on this and many other drugs. Why can't the government put out

a brochure with truthful, objective information rather than slather us with distorted information in the typical "Don't Do Drugs" ads.

The fact of the matter is that people are going to take substances into their bodies for various reasons. Education is vital to the ensurance of their health and well-being and should be available regardless of the legality issue. At the dawn of this drug age it is important that we proceed with caution and intelligence rather than recklessness and ignorance. Know what you are putting into your body and be sure that you know if you really want to.

This is part one of a series of drug related articles. Next semester I would like to explore the issues of legality and the illegitimate "war on drugs." Have a wonderful holiday, and be educated on your intoxication until we meet again.

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FEATURES BRIEFS

International Celebrations



Australia

Summer is the holiday season for Australians. For many, it is an occasion to exchange gifts with friends and relatives and dine on exquisite cuisine. A typical Christmas menu could include seafood, glazed ham, cold chicken, duck or turkey, cold deli meats, pasta, salads, desserts of all types, including ice cream. The first official Christmas "Down Under" was celebrated on Dec. 25, 1788 in Sydney Cove.



France

Nearly every French home at Christmas displays a Nativity scene or "creche," which serves as the focus for the Christmas celebration. The creche often displays little clay figures called santons or "little saints," which are made by craftsmen in the south of France throughout the year. French children receive gifts from Pere Noel, who travels with his stern disciplinarian companion Pere Fouettard. Pere Fouettard reminds Pere Noel of how each child has behaved during the past year. In some parts of France, Pere Noel brings small gifts on St. Nicholas Eve, celebrated on Dec. 6, and visits again on Christmas. In other places it is Jesus who brings the gifts. Generally, adults wait until New Year's Day to exchange gifts.



Spain

Christmas is a deeply religious holiday in Spain. The country's patron saint is the Virgin Mary. Young men dress extravagantly and at times wear masks. They parade noisily throughout the streets carrying a long pole on the top of which is attached a holly bush. Christmas Eve is known as Nochebuena or "the Good Night." It is a time for family members to gather together to rejoice and feast around Nativity scenes that are present in nearly every home. As in many European countries, the children of Spain receive gifts on the feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6. The Magi are particularly revered in Spain. It is believed that they travel through the countryside reenacting their journey to Bethlehem every year at this time. Children leave their shoes on windowsills and fill them with straw, carrots and barley. In return, the wise men fill the shoes with candy.



China

Christians in China celebrate by lighting their houses with beautiful paper lanterns and decorating their Christmas trees, which they call "Trees of Light," with paper chains, paper flowers and paper lanterns. Chinese children hang muslin stockings and await a visit from Santa Claus, whom they call Dun Che Lao Ren (dwyen-chuh-lau-oh-run) which means "Christmas Old Man." Since the vast majority of the Chinese are not Christian, the main winter festival in China is the Chinese New Year, which takes place toward the end of January. Now officially called the "Spring Festival," it is a time when children receive new clothing, eat luxurious meals, receive new toys and enjoy firecracker displays. An important aspect of the Chinese New Year celebration is the worship of ancestors. Portraits and paintings of ancestors are brought out and hung in the main room of the home.



India

Christians in India decorate mango or banana trees at Christmas time. They sometimes also decorate their houses with mango leaves. In some parts of India, small clay oil-burning lamps are used as Christmas decorations which are placed on the edges of flat roofs and on the tops of walls. Churches are decorated with poinsettias and lit with candles for the Christmas evening service.

Photos courtesy of the World Wide Web

Christmas trees light up the season

Evergreen tradition based on history

Ryan Kennemur
SENIOR WRITER

"Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, please keep away from mat-ches."

As the semester comes to an exasperating end, many ECU students will venture home for the holidays. They may light the Menorah, hang their stockings by the chimney with care or even bring a seven-foot tree into their homes to decorate with lights and ornaments passed down from generation to generation. But the question remains, "Why have a tree?"

According to the University of Illinois (UI) web site, the initial idea of the holiday tree came from the ancient Romans, who decorated small trees with shining metal in the honor of Saturnus, the god of agriculture. In the middle ages, an evergreen tree was decorated with apples as a symbol of the Feast of Adam and Eve, which was celebrated on Dec. 24.

The actual idea of a "Christmas" tree came much later.

"It is believed to have originated in Germany, and

the idea spread to the United States in the 1800s," said Karen Baldwin, Folklore Professor at ECU.

Christmas trees came from the forest until fairly recently. Trees have been sold commercially in the U.S. since about 1850 and currently, there are only seven states that produce tree farms, North Carolina and Pennsylvania are the only two on the East Coast. Artificial trees, or pre-cut trees, are more popular nationally.

Traditionally, the idea of the Christmas tree is a representation of the family or organization who erected it.

"Ornaments that are hung on the branches are usually symbols of heritage or generations past," Baldwin said. "Once, when I was away from home and didn't have much room, I made a picture of a Christmas tree on the wall and hooked decorations to it. So, the idea of a tree can be just as profound and meaningful as the tree itself."

There are many traditions that go along with the Christmas tree.

"Many people string popcorn and twirl it around the tree like garland," Baldwin said. "Also, it's commonplace to position the tree in front of a window for passers-by to see."

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Christmas trees decorate stores everywhere.
(photo by Emily Richardson)

Christmas festivities differ worldwide

Families share traditions of feasting, celebrating

Nina M. Dry
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Everywhere you look, Christmas is in the air. Pine scent fills the air as stores prepare to sell Christmas trees for the holiday season. Festive lights are meticulously hung on homes, adding color to neighborhoods while sounds of carols can be heard in every department store during our search for the perfect gift for that special someone.

During this time of year, most families come together and revive their family traditions. In the United States, although people have their own way of celebrating Christmas, there are many traditions, such as awaiting Santa's arrival and giving gifts that are commonly shared. In other countries, there are certain events that are anticipated all year.

According to senior Carolin Meisel, who is German by birth, holiday festivities in Germany begin during the first week of December with a visit from "St. Nicholas."

"It's just like Santa Claus, but instead kids put their shoes at the end of their beds," Meisel said. "St. Nicholas comes and puts candy and chocolate in their shoes."

This tradition is very similar to the American tradition of hanging stockings and filling them with candy and gifts.

While many Americans begin their Christmas as soon as the turkey settles in their stomachs, in Germany, families such as Meisel's don't display a Christmas tree until Christmas Eve. According to Meisel, Dec. 24 is a day of major preparation for Christmas Day.

"On Christmas Eve, we go to church, begin preparing the meals for the following day and exchange gifts," Meisel said. "We usually eat meals that don't take too much time to prepare since we are so busy preparing for the next day."

On Christmas Day, the dishes served are usually duck, potatoes and other delectables.

"Our Christmas meal is more similar to Americans' Thanksgiving dinner," Meisel said.

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MOVIE REVIEW



Toy Story 2

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

Only occasionally does a movie come along that can make everyone, from five to 95, laugh out loud. "Toy Story 2" is one of these films.

In 1995, the original *Toy Story* came out, heralding a revolution in Hollywood as the first completely computer-animated feature-length film. With the voice talents of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, the characters of Woody and Buzz Lightyear come to life. In "Toy Story 2," the same computer graphics and voices are back, only now the plot is funnier and even more complex.

Even toys have to make tough choices. Woody, the ever-valiant cowboy, embarks on a mission to save his friend Squeak, but something goes terribly wrong. Woody is stolen by a toy collector, and it's up to the boys to save him.

As in the last *Toy Story*, the toys end up traveling to

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"Gift of Magi" proceeds benefit diabetes patients

Popular play performed
to raise money

Jennifer Brown
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Diabetes Center presented more than just frankincense and myrrh this holiday season.

With the talented assistance of the ECU Theatre Department, the center sponsored a special production of O'Henry's "The Gift of Magi" Friday, Dec. 3, at Ironwood's Jockey Club. The production consisted of the performance of the play, dinner, and a silent auction.

The play was originally set in the holiday season. It tells the story of a married couple who are so poor they each have to sell their most prized possession to buy the other a gift. Its message stresses the importance of giving.

Mary Schumer of the Diabetes Center said she hopes this will be the "First Annual Diabetes Center Fund-raiser." Schumer said she hopes that these fundraisers will continue for years to come, and Greenville has shown their support.

"We've really had tremendous support from the community, especially considering everything Greenville has gone through this year," Schumer said. "Several businesses have either donated things for the auction or provided floral arrangements and decorations for the dinner."

A variety of items were auctioned off. The donations included birdhouses, pictures, golf clubs, hams,

A NOTCH ABOVE THE NORM

Santa Claus



He is the subject of thousands of poems and stories, yet no two are the same. Every year at Christmas, millions of children await his arrival. He is known around the world as Pere Noel, Kriss Kringle and in the United States, as Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas, believed to be Claus's predecessor, was born in the fourth century in a small town in Turkey. He was known for his generosity and compassion for small children. In one of the many legends, he threw bags of gold into a poor man's window to save his daughters from being forced into prostitution. He was named the patron saint of sailors in peril on the sea and children without hope. For many years, St. Nicholas

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MOVIE REVIEW



End of Days poorly cast

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

A big, burly man wrought with alcoholism and suicidal depression is the chosen one who must keep the marked bearer of the Anti-Christ from procreating with Satan. If you can swallow this premise, then you may be able to make it through director Peter Hyams' *End of Days*.

Satan (Gabriel Byrne), who has the ability to read minds and appear wherever he chooses, is in the midst of searching for a woman named Christine (Robin Tunney) with whom he can reproduce. At the same time, religious militant groups are hunting for Christine so that they can kill her to keep Satan's spawn from taking over the world. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Jericho Cane is a tormented ex-cop who is chosen to protect Christine from the many villains out to get her.

Although Jericho's life is full of self-destructive habits and self-loathing due to his past, he is chosen as the only one who is pure of heart who can protect Christine before Millennium midnight. His only understanding is of guns, yet no weapon made by man is able to destroy Satan. Even though Jericho's chances are slim, as in most action movies, the good guy does end up winning while the more powerful bad guy loses.

End of Days suffers from poor casting and character portrayals that ruin what otherwise could have been a movie with real potential. Watching Schwarzenegger plod through his role and slowly come to an understanding of what exactly is going on around him takes up the first 1 1/2 hour of the movie; this is what keeps the film from really building steam. The plot eventually fizzles into a predictable battle between good and evil with lots of added gore and violence.

So, if you're intent upon being startled by grotesque scenes and astounding amounts of bloodshed in horrific ways, this film is a great way to spend two hours. If you're looking for a movie to stimulate your mind as well as your eyes, however, this movie is not one worth spending your money on.

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Christmas tree lots display their evergreen wares as soon as the Christmas season begins. (photo by Emily Richardson)

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ornaments and a baby grand piano. An autographed copy of Jerry Seinfeld's book was also included. One of the ECU professors even donated a picture of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in its original location.

Jane Komegay, of the Medical Foundation, plays an integral role in getting this benefit together. Komegay helps to coordinate charity money and private support for the ECU School of Medicine and the Nursing and Allied Health Departments as well.

Komegay said she is very happy with the community response they received.

"This is the first fund raiser we have done for the Diabe-

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unknown places away from Andy, their keeper. A simple venture to the airport or around the block for a human becomes quite a feat for these six-inch action figures. Every inch is perilous and every turn could be their last. A shower of bouncy balls and the theft of a luggage car from the airport are two of the many disasters these tiny toys cause.

Luckily, all of Andy's toys, including some new ones, make it home in time for Andy to return.

The toys' motto throughout the movie, "nothing is as wonderful as being loved by a child," is shared with all the new toys. Although the love will end sooner or later, it is worth it while it lasts.

The characters in this film really do come to life. For

"Sometimes before presents are wrapped, people put stuffed animals on the tree skirt or set up Lionel trains," said Rodney Rose, Graduate Student.

People are torn between tradition and their desire to keep things cost-effective and long lasting.

Over 34 million natural trees are sold annually, compared to only 10 million artificial ones. There are over 12,000 farms and 15,000 growers in the US. The most popular type overall is the Scotch Pine, known for its ability to retain all of its needles after it dries.

In North Carolina, however, another branch is king. "The Fraser Fir is the Cadillac of Christmas trees. The needles stay up and it's the best smelling," said Larry Cuthbertson, Manager of Mountain Boy Christmas Trees.

"Having a fake tree is like having Santa Claus without a beard," Cuthbertson said.

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tes Foundation. So many people are either afflicted themselves by diabetes or know someone who is affected by it," Komegay said.

Kristen Lundberg, a senior at ECU and a Theater Education major, is one of the directors of the "Gift of Magi."

"It's been a great experience working with the people at the Hospital," Lundberg said. "It's for a great cause."

According to the American Diabetes Association, the total associated cost of diabetes for Americans in 1997 was \$98 billion. The proceeds from the play and auction will be used to help fund Diabetes research in the new millennium.

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two hours, you wonder what it would be like if your toys could really talk and move. If they could, would they be as adventurous as Buzz and Woody?

The references to other movies, deftly added to the plot, give it a twist that adults will appreciate. When viewing it for the first time, the more obvious jokes hit you in the face; the several, more subtle jokes and references become noticeable the second or third time the movie is watched.

I have not seen a funnier movie all year than "Toy Story 2." Even if you are not a big fan of animated movies, you should go see it, if only to see Mrs. Potatohead packing her hubby an extra pair of shoes and his "angry eyes."

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las Day was celebrated on Dec. 6, this being the day when all gifts were given. The holiday was later moved back by the pope so that it could be celebrated in conjunction with the birth of Christ on Dec. 25.

According to Claus, he was originally a Dutch legend brought to America by the colonists. As early as 1773, he began to appear in the press in America. The image that Americans hold of him now is very different from how European children portrayed him.

Claus used to be known to ride with an elf, Black Peter, on a single horse across the sky. If a child was good, he or she would receive toys and candy, but if a child was bad, Black Peter would come into their room at night and whip them. According to Claus, Black Peter was simply a legend invented by parents to make their children behave. Claus said he would never share a horse with anyone who would wake children by whipping them—the very idea!

The American image of Claus and his reindeer is not a legend, but rather the creation of several men who pieced together the figure seen today on everything from Coca-Cola bottles to T-shirts. Thomas Nast, a famous cartoonist, and Clement Clark Moore, the author of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," made Santa Claus into a benevolent old man who is jolly and chubby yet can squeeze up any chimney by "placing his finger aside of his nose."

Now a major icon in department stores and shopping malls everywhere, this Americanized representation of Claus is not too far off from the man himself.

Unbeknownst to many, Claus's passion is snowboarding, and he said he wishes that Americans would include his aerobic hobby in their portrayal of him instead of dwelling on all of the cookies he eats.

"Can I help it if I have a sweet tooth?" Claus said.

Although his image will probably continue to change as the years go by, Claus will continue to be the same benevolent man he was when Moore's character saw him standing by the chimney on Christmas Eve, or the jolly man Nast drew shaking his belly. As long as there are children, Claus promises there will always be elves making toys and a laughing man in a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer to deliver them.

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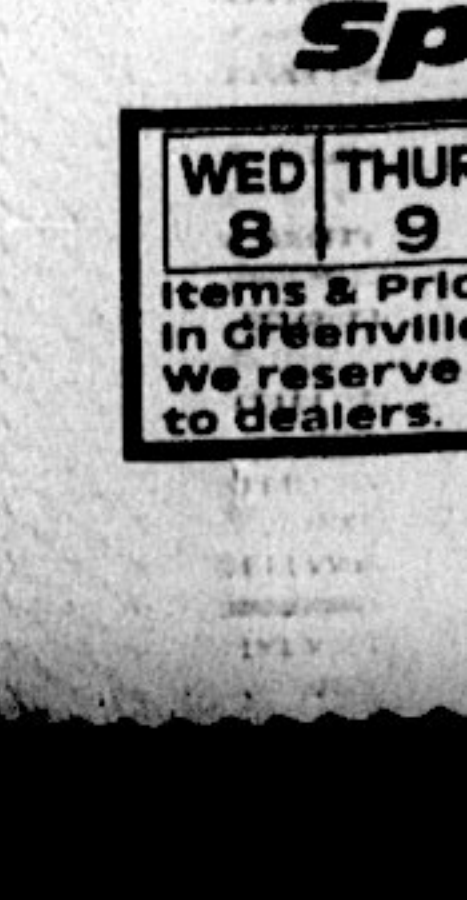
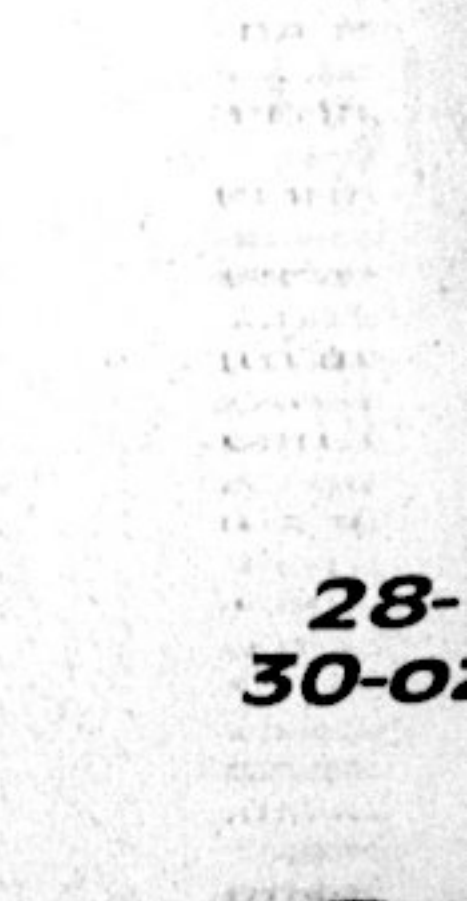
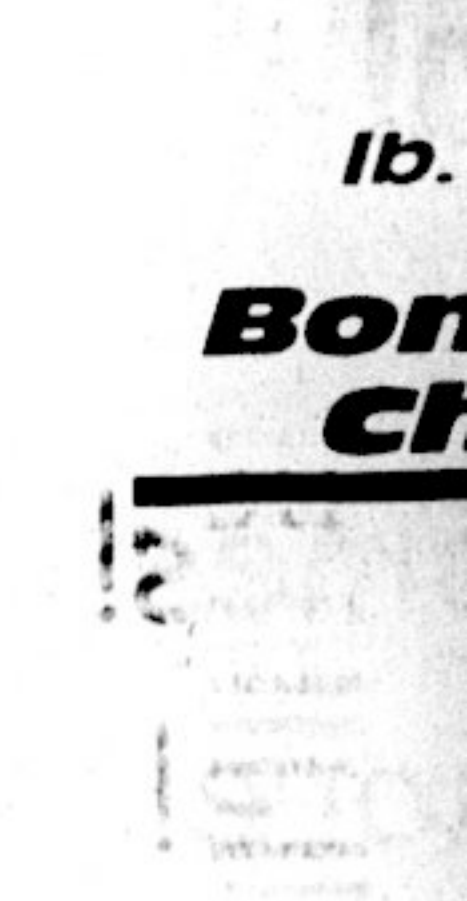
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Streaking back in style

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- Parents' tales about students streaking on college campuses in the 1970s are being relived.

The fad of two decades ago has returned on some Ohio college campuses where students are peeling off their clothes and praying they don't get caught.

A few men showed more than just their cheeks last month at Denison University in Granville.

Jenn Powell, a junior from Silver Spring, Md., was writing a paper late at night in the university's computer lab when she saw a flash of flesh.

"All of a sudden, two guys with just winter caps on circled around the cubicles a couple of times and left," Powell said in *The Columbus Dispatch* Saturday. "It kind of shocked me at first. It was a little nerve-racking."

Amusing was how Jennifer Crosthwait, a junior from Mill Valley, Calif., described her brief encounter with a group of eight to 10 briefless young men.

One night in September, the group jumped from a car and ran up three flights of stairs in the student union, yelling and making a commotion, Ms. Crosthwait recalled.

"My mom told me it happened at her school," North Texas State University, where she graduated in 1976, Ms. Crosthwait said. "It was the first time I'd seen that at Denison. They don't usually run around naked."

Joe Austin, a professor in Bowling Green State University's Pop Culture Department, called streaking a phenomenon particular to a certain age and place in life.

"It's young people being away from their parents," he said. "It's a time when you're exploring your sexuality, you're young and you're willing to take risks."

"You'll notice there's no 42-year-old streakers, only young people. The repercussions of doing it at 42 are different than if you're 21."

There were no repercussions for Antioch College student streakers at a women's rugby game last month at Wittenberg University in Springfield.

Antioch spokeswoman Karen Kovach said, "The crowd went wild" when two men stripped naked and two women stripped off their tops and ran around the field.

The team's inaugural match at Wittenberg marked Antioch's return to intercollegiate sports for the first time since 1927 - not counting an abandoned attempt in the late 1970s to establish an ultimate Frisbee team, Ms. Kovach said.

To celebrate Antioch's first score, students decided they would streak. Wittenberg won 23-0, but the students streaked anyway.

Glass cow carrier retires after 12 years of bovine bizarreness

COLUMBIA, Pa. (AP) -- Hauling a 13-foot tall, fiberglass cow from the pastures of Pennsylvania to the traffic-jammed streets of New York City wasn't always as easy as the Rev. Gene Heidler tried to make it look.

To do his job of promoting Turkey Hill Dairy throughout the East Coast, Heidler has had to smile as angry Brooklyn drivers shouted at his employer's giant marketing gimmick for causing a five-mile traffic jam.

He kept his cool while driving the cow on a massive trailer through the heart of Times Square for an appearance on NBC's "Today" show.

He took it in stride when the 2-ton cow was wounded in a drive-by shooting.

But after 12 years of chauffeuring "Flossie" to birthdays, grand-opening celebrations and proms in a dozen states from Virginia to Maine, Heidler has had enough of that excitement.

"People always have a strong reaction to the cow," Heidler said as he hauled the cow back to Turkey Hill headquarters in Columbia, seven miles south of Lancaster, one last time as his retirement took effect Wednesday.

"I need more time in my schedule and a little less excitement," he said.

The cow, painted black and white and equipped with an electronic "mooing" speaker, was sold to Turkey Hill Dairy for almost \$20,000 in 1986 by Fiberglass Animals and Shapes Corp. The Wisconsin company sells giant fiberglass animals to restaurants, miniature golf courses and other companies.

Initially, dairy officials planned to use Flossie only for occasional promotions, but the gimmick proved much more popular than anticipated.

"We thought it would be a good way to interact with the community at events," said Carol Bleacher, the cow's agent. "We never imagined that we would be sending Gene and the cow out four times a week."

Heidler, who is now a pastor at Millersville Brethren in Christ church in Millersville, recalled when he was first approached about taking on the unorthodox job of Flossie's driver.

"I was in church with the dairy's vice president and everyone knew I needed a little extra money to help pay for the house I had bought," Heidler said. "He came

up to me and said, 'we've got an opening for someone who is a little unique and wants a new challenge.' I've never forgiven him."

In the years since, Heidler and the cow have become local celebrities.

Farmer Ray Phillips, who lives down the road from the dairy, said just watching the cow drive up the road brings a smile to his face.

"You almost feel like you've gone to the Twilight Zone or to some planet that worships cows," Phillips said. "It's neat to see something so unusual. I never get tired of looking at it. People still run out of their houses to get a look at it when it drives by."

During Heidler's tenure, the cow has made several high-profile appearances, including a guest spot on the "Today" show. Heidler honored the show's request to drive the cow right by the studio as weatherman Al Roker made a few cracks about it in 1987.

"At first some drivers were a little annoyed, but I think everyone around started to enjoy it," Heidler said.

In 1998 and this year, Flossie was the "pace cow" during a NASCAR weekly race at the South Hampton Motor Speedway in Capron, Va., which Turkey Hill cosponsors. The cow took two laps in front of the cars before the race began.

"Watching it circle the track in front of the race cars was one of the absolute strangest things I've ever seen," said Brad Skelding, the track's general manager. "We'd like to think the cow is now a fixture here. Everyone loves it."

Flossie's life has also been fraught with peril. While being taken to the grand opening of a grocery store in Hyde Park, New York, someone drove by and shot Flossie, leaving a 4-inch hole in her belly.

"We patched her up with fiberglass and she was making appearances soon after," Heidler said.

The cow has also been stolen several times, but has always been returned.

Although Heidler is retiring, Flossie has plenty of commitments to keep. She is booked for appearances as far off as December 2001, and the company is looking for new driver.

"Flossie's social schedule puts all of ours to shame," said Turkey Hill spokeswoman Crystal Foltz.



Candy canes and other sweets are exchanged in many places as gifts during the holiday season. (photo by Emily Richardson)

All holiday festivities end on Jan. 6, when Germans celebrate the coming of the Three Kings.

In Turkmenistan, located in Central Asia, Shokhrat Orazov celebrates the holidays a little differently. Although they do not celebrate Christmas, New Year's is an important holiday.

"On New Year's Eve, the whole family comes together, waits for midnight and we have champagne [to celebrate the New Year]," Orazov said.

According to Orazov, the preparation for New Year's begins during the daytime on Dec. 31.

"We cook the whole day," Orazov said. "We make stuffed chicken, fried eggplant with garlic and cake for dessert."

Also, Orazov's family prepares a variety of different salads such as olive salad which contains olives, potatoes, sausage, green beans, eggs and mayonnaise. Lamb kabobs marinated overnight in vinegar and cooked in an open fire and wine are also served.

While awaiting the New Year, the Orazov family joins in on the presidential tree lighting at the capital.

"Whoever has a child under 16 receives a small package of candy, small toys and fruit as gifts," Orazov said.

The country also caters to children by showcasing winter exhibitions from Dec. 20 to Jan. 12 and holds a circus during this time of the year.

These two families, even though they live in different regions of the world, prove that togetherness during the holiday season is a family tradition worldwide.

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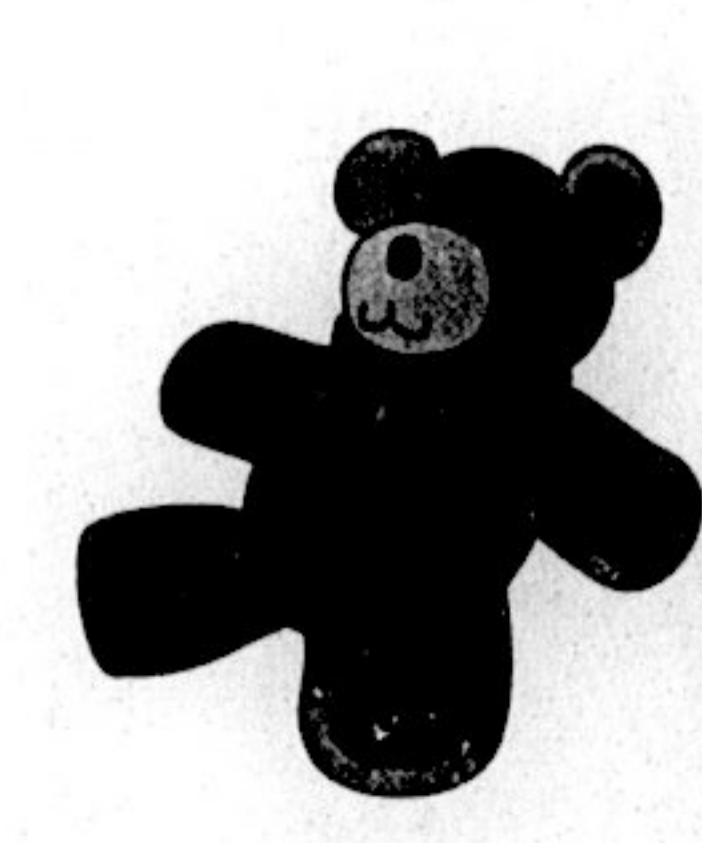
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Florida State, Virginia Tech to battle for No. 1

The question of the day is who will be No. 1—currently ranked No. 1 Florida State or No. 2 Virginia Tech. The answer will come at 8 p.m. Jan. 4 when the two teams go head to head in the Sugar Bowl on ABC for the national title.



A championship effort

It took 14 seasons, three home stadiums, four head coaches and a franchise relocation, but on Sunday the Rams returned to the top of the NFC West heap with a much awarded 34-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers. The win also cemented the turnaround for Rams Head Coach Dick Vermeil, who won just nine games in his first two seasons as Rams coach but has 10 in 1999.

Arrest warrant ordered for Mavs rookie

Dallas Maverick rookie Leon Smith had a warrant for his arrest issued Monday. Smith left to check himself into a Texas hospital for psychiatric treatment. The warrant was ordered by U.S. Circuit Judge J. W. Smith at a hearing on charges against the 19-year-old player accused of ramming a car belonging to his ex-girlfriend's mother and smashing out the windows.

Stephan Johnson dies at 31

Boxer Stephan Johnson, failing to regain consciousness from a brain injury, died Sunday. Johnson sustained the injury in a Nov. 20 fight. Atlantic City New Jersey Medical Center physician pronounced Johnson dead at 5:45 p.m., according to the Atlantic County medical examiner. No one from the medical examiner's office or the hospital would discuss the official cause of death.

Summitt gets 700th win

Tennessee's women's basketball Head Coach Pat Summitt celebrated a win for the 700th time in her unmatched coaching career. Wearing a wide-collared purple suit and her customary yellow undershirt, Summitt could barely contain herself by the final buzzer.

"It feels like I've been watching a whole lot of basketball in my life," Summitt said.

Five for the Heisman

The Downtown Athletic Club announced Tuesday who would be attending the Heisman presentation ceremony. Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne, Marshall Quarterback Chad Pennington, Purdue Quarterback Drew Brees, Georgia Tech Quarterback Joe Hamilton and Virginia Tech Quarterback Michael Vick will be attending the ceremony in New York. Among those absent will be Florida State Wide Receiver Peter Warrick and Louisville Quarterback Chris Redmon.

Columbine wins state championship

Littleton, Colorado's Columbine High School won the class 5A state championship on Saturday. The school was rocked by the death of 12 students in what was the worst school massacre in U.S. History on April 20th. The team wore No. 70 on their helmets in honor of Matt Kechter, a former teammate who was murdered in the shooting. The Rebels earned their first state championship, by defeating perennial power Cherry Creek 21-14.

Pirates prepare to face Horned Frogs

Tomlinson defense promises to be formidable obstacle

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Texas Christian tailback Ladinian Tomlinson broke the NCAA single-game rushing record on Nov. 20.

The game was against the University of Texas at El Paso. Tomlinson racked up 406 yards on the ground and etched his name in the college football record books. TCU will face ECU on Dec. 22 in the Mobile Alabama Bowl.

Steve Logan and the Pirates have seen the tape of Tomlinson's big day.

"They had to bring oxygen out to him, he was running so long and so far," said head coach Steve Logan. "It was kind of an incredible thing to watch."

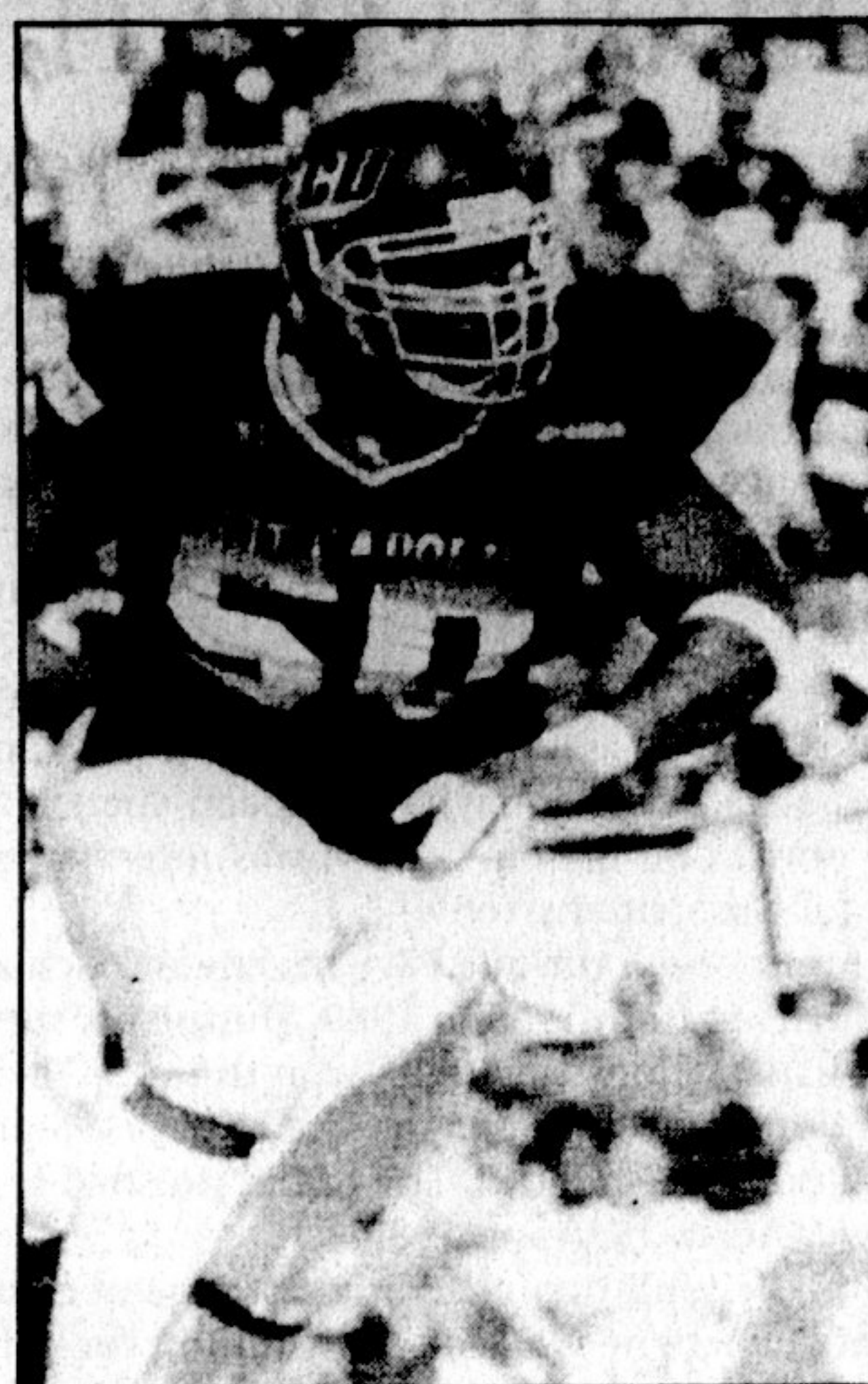
Tomlinson's 1,850 yards this season is the highest single season total in TCU history. His 32 career touchdowns and 3,105 career rushing yards are also the highest totals in the school's history.

"We've got to shut him down," said linebacker Jeff Kerr. "We've got to get helmets on the guy and get good hits on him and we've got to get helmets on his quarterback."

At 5'11", 217 pounds, Tomlinson is a punishing back.

"He's a big guy, always goes forward in his runs," said defensive lineman, Norris McCleary. "He's not one of those guys who shy away from contact, he's a punishing runner."

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Senior Kwabena Green will play his final game as a Pirate at the Mobile Alabama Bowl. (photo by Emily Richardson)

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When: 5:30 p.m., Dec. 22

Who: ECU Pirates vs. TCU Horned Frogs

TV: ESPN2

Lady Pirates hold on 91-99 in double overtime

Women's basketball wins home opener

Tiffany Waters
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The women's basketball team picked up its third win of the season Saturday with a 99-91 double overtime win against UNC Charlotte at Minges Coliseum.

The Lady 49ers held on for regulation play and one overtime period but were unable to hold off the Pirates in the overtime stretch.

"I am happy that we persevered and won the game," said Dee Gibson, women's basketball head coach. "Our bench really stepped up for us, [Roselyn] Canady and [Christal] Avery really played great."

This game was personal for Gibson because she was taking on her alma mater and former coach Ed Baldwin.

"This was a big game for me," Gibson said. "It has turned into a rivalry game."

ECU will face UNC-Charlotte twice a year when the Pirates join Conference USA in two years.

"I knew she wanted to win extra bad," said Tali Robich, starting freshman forward. "It was a lot of pressure."

This was ECU's second win against the 49ers since 1985.

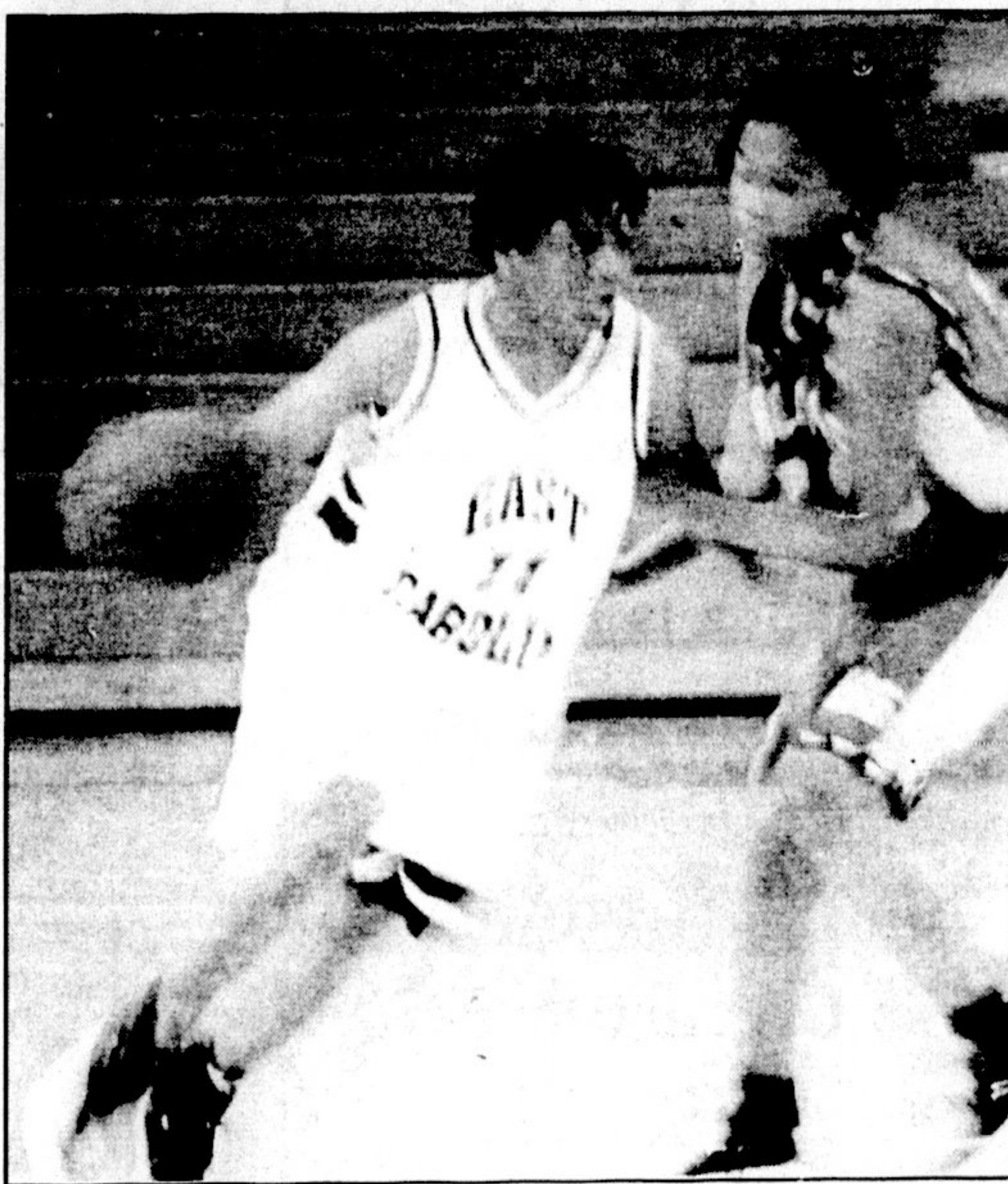
ECU dominated the game going into halftime leading 40-28. The Pirates then let UNCC back in the game, allowing the 49ers to outscore them 51-39 in the second half to tie the game 84-84.

Both teams then held each other to five in the first overtime period

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ECU Team Stats

Player	Points	Rebounds	Blocks	Steals
Tali Robich	15	7	0	1
Cecilia Shinn	14	5	1	0
Danielle Melvin	29	11	0	0
Joana Fogaca	3	2	0	1
Waynetta Veney	15	5	0	2
Roselyn Canady	14	4	0	2
Tamilla Murray	0	1	0	0
Millette Green	0	1	0	0
Christal Avery	9	2	0	0
Nikki Brown	0	0	0	0



Roselyn Canady drives past a UNCC defender. (photo by Bobby Russell)

Seniors gear up for final game

Graduating team members prepare for Mobile Alabama Bowl

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

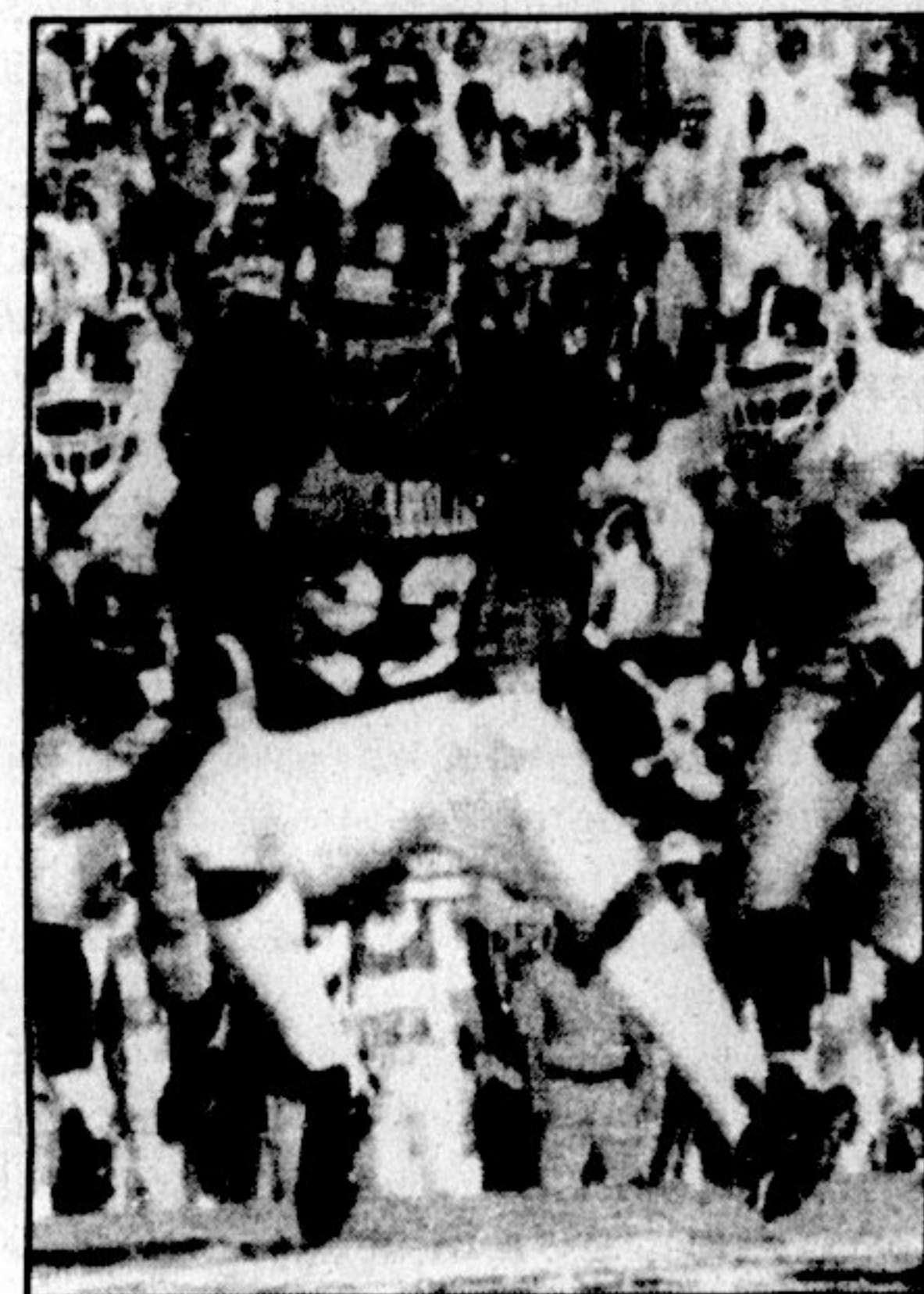
The Mobile Alabama Bowl will mark the final game in the college careers of this year's senior class.

Although the class is relatively small, it includes such Pirate mainstays as linebacker Jeff Kerr, defensive lineman Norris McCleary, cornerbacks Kevin Monroe and Forrest Foster, punter Andrew Bayes and flanker LaMont Chappell.

"Every senior class brings something different to the table," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "This one was kind of the few and the proud. It was a small class five years ago that was recruited. They've been through a lot. They've been winners."

While the class provided the backbone of recent Pirate squads, it has only 15 members.

"It's been a small senior class," McCleary said. "We went through a lot of hardships. Not a lot of people can really take into account what we really meant, except us. This senior class means a lot to this program. We're some of the guys that came in in a class of like twenty, and we're still here. Some of the guys got redshirted, but some just couldn't take it."



Jamie Wilson leads the Pirate rushing attack. (photo by Emily Richardson)

ECU last went to a bowl in 1995, the year before this class came and took the field.

"To finish it up with a bowl game is probably just exactly what they deserve," Logan said.

The class played a limited role in the 1996 season, when the Pirates went 8-3. The following year, ECU stumbled to a 5-6 mark. They improved to 6-5 in 1998 and stand at 9-2 this season. The senior class' experience has made them leaders on the field.

"We have some good leaders in this class," Monroe said. "Jeff Kerr is a really good emotional leader. Norris McCleary has a lot of experience on the defensive line. He's been starting and playing for four years so he can teach those guys a lot of things as far as technique. Forrest Foster has played three years as a starter, and I've been around for a while and have been able to show the younger guys the type of focus and things they need to do in practice to get ready for a game."

The Mobile Alabama Bowl will be the first post-season experience for this team.

"It's what I've been dreaming of since I was a freshman, because that was the last time we went to a bowl game," Kerr said. "My mom keeps asking me to get a class ring, but I keep telling her 'no, I'm going to get a bowl ring.'"

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Swim teams fall to Blue Devils

Intense winter training to begin in January

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STAFF WRITER

The ECU swim team had a close loss at Duke this weekend. Both the men's and women's teams swam hard in a meet that featured seven first place finishes by the men, who fell 124-110. Defeat was a new experience to the Lady Pirates who took their first loss of the season 128.5-114.5.

"We did fine, we swam pretty well," said Head Coach Rick Kobe. "Our problem was that Duke came in shaved and rested. Sometimes a team has a burning desire to beat you and that's how Duke came in to the meet."

Considering how much is of the season is left, the Pirates don't plan to dwell on this one loss.

"It was a good meet, you can't win them all," Kobe

said. "We felt kind of honored that they put so much focus on the ECU meet."

According to swimmer Jakub Holy, Duke came in with a totally different mind set.

"It's pretty tough to go to another team's pool when they are looking at the meet like a championship meet," Holy said, "when your team is just looking at it as a normal dual meet."

The meet was at Duke giving them an emotional advantage from the start.

"We knew it would be tough, any time you face an ACC team it's going to be tough," said Assistant Coach Chris Feaster.

The swim team has an important winter training session coming up. From Jan. 28-Jan. 7 the Pirates will be concentrating on training and getting away from their normal surroundings.

"A lot of people are pretty excited about it," Holy said. "We go to a beach front hotel and train really hard twice a day. It's good to get away from the school environment and just concentrate on swimming."

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1999 Pirate seniors

Jerome Barnwell	DB
Andrew Bayes	P
David Bumell	WR/PR
LaMont Chappell	WR
Nick Crabtree	H
Forrest Foster	CB
Derrick Gamble	OL
Kwabena Green	NG
Jeff Kerr	LB
Norris McCleary	DL
Tomha McMillan	DL
Kevin Monroe	CB
Carlos Ochoa	LB
Brantley Rivers	K
Jahl Smart	LB

Michigan State names Bobby Williams head football coach

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State removed the five-day-old interim tag from Bobby Williams' title Sunday and named him the football coach of the bowl-bound, 10th-ranked Spartans.

The school made the announcement in a news release and scheduled a 2 p.m. news conference on campus to formally introduce Williams as the successor to Nick Saban, who last Tuesday became Louisiana State's new football coach.

After Saban's departure, Michigan State made Williams the interim coach to lead the Spartans (9-2) into the Florida Citrus Bowl against Florida on New Year's Day. That game will be the Spartans' first on Jan. 1 since the 1989 Gator Bowl.

Williams, who has coached seven 1,000-yard rushers in his decade as the Spartans' running backs coach, was elevated to the position of associate head coach before the season began.

When introduced last Tuesday as the Spartans' interim coach, Williams got a standing ovation from the team and called the promotion "a great opportunity for me."

"(The Citrus Bowl's) a game I want to commit to win, not for me, for you," Williams, 41, told Michigan State players then. "Everything from this point on is moving forward. We're going to get it done."

LSU lured Saban - a former NFL assistant - away from the Spartans with a five-year contract worth about \$1.2 million annually, making him one of the nation's top-paid coaches, along with Bobby Bowden of Florida

State, Steve Spurrier of Florida and Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee.

Saban earned \$697,330 a year at Michigan State, including his \$203,530 base salary and the \$493,000 he made from other sources, including his TV show. His LSU contract calls for a base salary of \$250,000, with the balance coming in radio, TV and Internet appearances, plus other pay.

The statement Sunday did not specify Williams' salary in his new role.

Before arriving at Michigan State, Williams spent four months in 1990 as a receivers coach on the Kansas coaching staff of then-Jayhawks coach Glen Mason, who now as Minnesota's coach was interviewed Thursday for the Spartans' job.

Williams has been the offensive backfield coach at Eastern Michigan from 1985 to 1989. During his stint at that Ypsilanti school, the Eagles won the 1987 Mid-American Conference title and defeated San Jose State in the California Raisin Bowl. The Eagles finished second in the MAC in 1988 and 1989.

Williams' first full-time coaching assignment came at Ball State, where he worked with running backs in 1983 and defensive backs the next season. He also served as a graduate assistant coach under Leon Burtnett at Purdue - his alma mater - in 1982, working with the defensive secondary.

As a player at Purdue, Williams was a three-year starter in the defensive secondary and posted a career eight interceptions and 172 tackles. He was named an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection as a senior.

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but ECU stepped up, led by Waynetta Veney, after Danielle Melvin fouled out to outscore the 49ers 15-7 in double overtime.

"We are trying to win all of our home games," Robich said.

Four out of the five starters—Robich (15), senior Cecilia Shinn (14), senior Danielle Melvin (29) and senior Waynetta Veney (15)—scored in double figures. Adding with a double figure showing off the bench was junior Rosalyn Canady (14).

Melvin led the way collecting a double-double. Melvin had seven offensive boards and four defensive boards for a total of 11 rebounds. Despite her effort, Melvin fouled out with 1:32 to go. Veney then stepped up and finished the job.

"Danielle Melvin had a great game," Robich said. "When she fouled out everyone stepped up. Our bench was just better than theirs."

Junior Joana Fogaca had a big game as well, with seven assists and going 3-4 from the line. Helping at the line were Melvin with 13-18 and Veney with 12-14.

Despite the losing effort, UNCC had four ladies in double figures.

Assistant Coach Todd Buchanan was unable to attend the UNCC game due to recruitment in Kentucky, but was able to see the game on television.

"It was absolutely awesome," Buchanan said. "I hated missing it."

The Lady Pirates will travel to Appalachian State University Wednesday for a 5:15 p.m. showdown against the Mountaineers.

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Tomlinson is the featured back in TCU's option. "The first thing you've got to do is stop the option," Logan said. "They're a real multiple approach on offense, but they are committed to running what is called a lead option, they come down the line of scrimmage and keep or pitch the football with a lead blocker in front of the pitchback. It's a real effective simple little football play, but they run it extremely well."

While much of the focus coming into the game will be on stopping the TCU rushing attack, the Pirate offense has quietly overcome some inconsistency that dogged it in the middle of the season. The Pirates rushed for 244 yards in their final game against N.C. State. Quarterback David Garrard rushed for 101 yards and three touchdowns.

"I think LaMont Chappell is going to have to have a breakout game to end his career. I think our offensive line is going to have to play well and our defense is going to have to step up," Garrard said.

The Pirates also amassed 156 yards in the air. "We're going to have to execute the offense and the defense is going to have to pitch a shutout," Chappell said. "I feel that if we go out and score first, we can take them out of the game early."

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Favre looks like Favre of old

CHICAGO (AP)—Now that Brett Favre's bruised thumb feels better, his passes more accurate and crisp, the Green Bay Packers finally have a grip on their season.

Chicago Bears linebacker Barry Minter, for one, can see the old Favre emerging.

"He's just finding the open man now and taking what the defense gives him," Minter said. "He's close to being where he was. He's getting in that nice rhythm."

Entering Sunday's rematch with the Bears at Soldier Field, the Packers (6-5) have looked like the play-off team of old in their last two games, not the one that has struggled throughout the season.

Favre's performance is why.

After throwing as many interceptions as touchdown passes while

he dealt with the injury, he has hit 51-of-76 passes for two touchdowns and no pickoffs in victories over Detroit and San Francisco.

"I realize we are human and make mistakes and that injuries are part of it and injuries caught up to me this year," Favre says.

"It affected the way I played and I didn't want to admit it and wanted to continue to play my style of football and was not able to. Fortunately the last few weeks I feel much better and I'm playing much better."

The three-time MVP's improved play is traceable to his health.

"He's gone a couple of weeks without getting his hand hit and didn't get it jammed. That way it automatically improves," Packers coach Ray Rhodes said.

The Packers also started using

the short passing game more effectively, with Favre dropping the ball off to backs when wideouts weren't open. Dorsey Levens, a key figure in that style of play, has cracked ribs that could limit his contribution Sunday.

Bears quarterback Jim Miller also was finding a groove with three straight starts. He earned that role because of his play as a backup in the Bears' 14-13 win over the Packers in Green Bay a month ago.

Since being named starter, Miller had averaged more than 300 yards through the air. His 422 yards against Minnesota on Nov. 14 were the most by a Bears QB in more than 30 years.

But Monday he was sacked for the season when the NFL suspended him the final four games for violat-

ing the league's drug policy.

That puts Shane Matthews, who's been out for five weeks with a hamstring injury, back in as starter.

"We're optimistic Shane will perform the way he did earlier in the season before the injury," said Bears coach Dick Jauron, a longtime Packers assistant. Matthews started the first five games this season and Chicago won three of them.

The Bears (5-7) captured the first meeting when Bryan Robinson reached up and blocked Ryan Longwell's last-play, 28-yard field goal attempt. The victory broke the Bears' 10-game losing streak against their oldest rival.

Favre was 27-for-40 for 267 yards in that first meeting.

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Men's Purple finals—Gallevz defeated Wilson-Tar All-Stars

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Aloha Arizona State vs. Wake Forest	Dec. 25	Southern Mississippi vs. Colorado State	Dec. 31
Oahu Hawaii vs. Oregon State	Dec. 25	Independence Oklahoma vs. Mississippi	Dec. 31
Motor City Marshall vs. Brigham Young	Dec. 27	Cotton Texas vs. Arkansas	Jan. 1
Alamo Penn State vs. Texas A&M	Dec. 28	Outback Georgia vs. Purdue	Jan. 1
Music City Kentucky vs. Syracuse	Dec. 29	Gator Georgia Tech vs. Miami (Fla.)	Jan. 1
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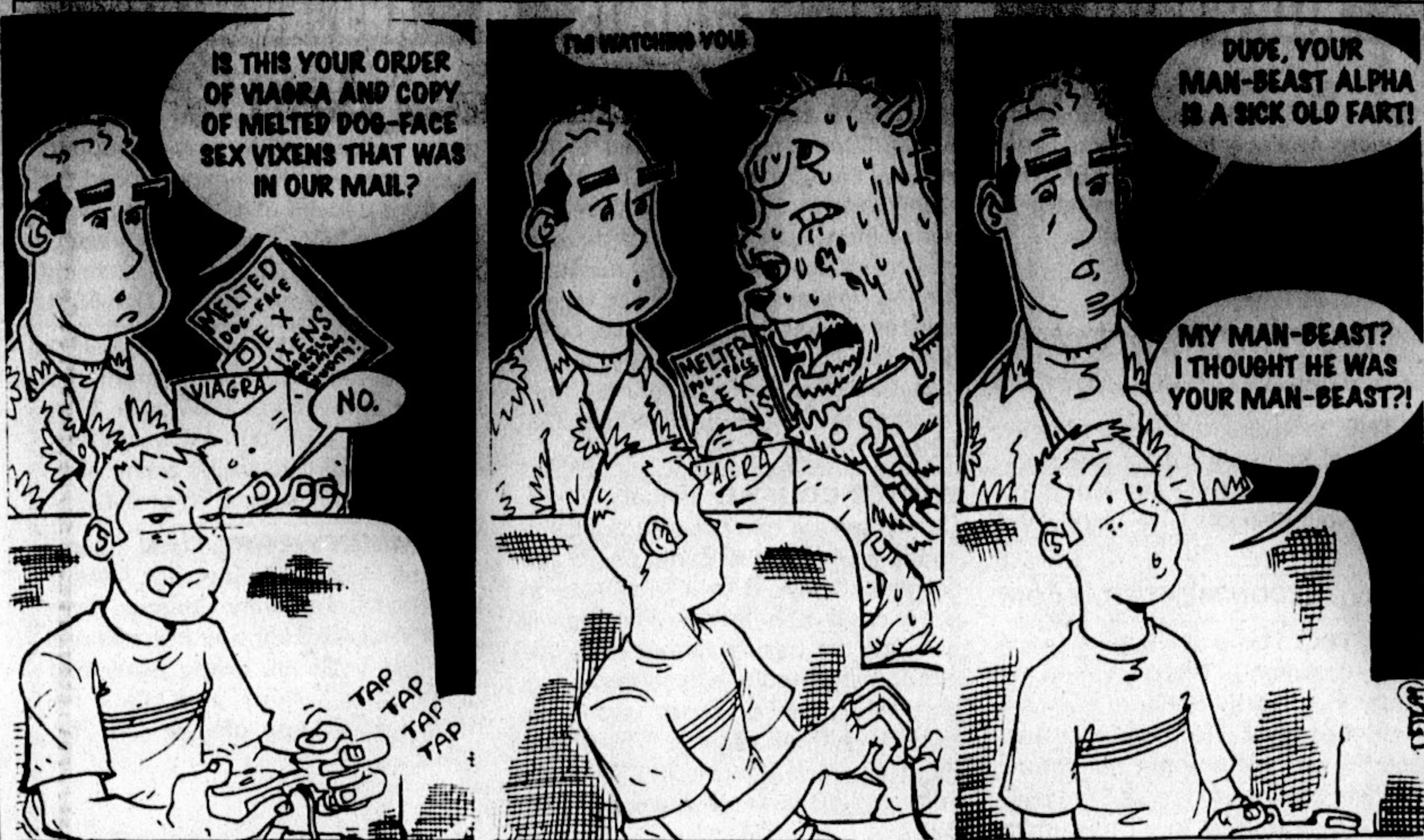
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2 BEDROOM Apartments for rent near college. Available January 1. Call 756-1060.

AVAILABLE JAN. 1 two bedroom 1 bath duplex walking distance to campus. \$420 month \$420 deposit Call 757-9347, ask for Carrie.

MALE CHRISTIAN roommate wanted to take over lease. Two male Christian roommates already in apartment. \$260/mo. starting mid December call 215-0078 for details. Player's Club Apartments.

THREE BLOCKS from ECU, three bedrooms, one bath, gas fireplace, fenced in backyard. Great for professors or young couples. \$700/mo. Call 413-0962.

COMING SOON renovated 1 bedroom apartment. 1 bath free water and sewer, range, refrigerator, walk in closet, pets OK with fee. Available Nov. 29th. Call Pitt Property Management 758-1921.

ECU AREA, one and three bedroom duplexes available Jan. 1st. Big one bedroom, fenced yard, \$300. Three bedroom, new heat/AC \$550. Lease thru July. 830-9502.

FEMALE NEEDED ASAP to share two bedroom apartment at Eastgate Village. Clean, studios, non-smoker. \$242.50/mo. plus utilities, cable, phone. Two bedroom, one bath, w/d, balcony. Call 329-1154.

WALK TO ECU. Newly remodeled 1 bedroom apartment \$315/month. Available Jan 1st. 125 Avery Street, near campus. 758-6596 ask for PG.

AVAILABLE NOW. Close to ECU. 1 bedroom apartment \$315/month. 125 Avery Street near park. Walk to campus. 758-6596. Ask for MC.

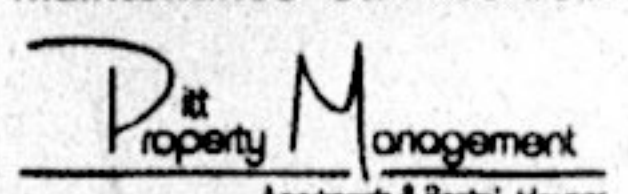
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PINEBROOK APTS one two bedrooms Free cable, water 9-12 month leases. ECU bus line pool private laundry pets allowed on-site maintenance, management 758-4015.

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NOW PRELEASING FOR JANUARY

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Now Taking Leases for 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom & Efficiency Apartments.
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2 BR. apts. available January 1 above Catalog Connections and Perculator. \$500-\$550/month. Call Rick @ 551-9040.

WANTED, NONSMOKING female roommate to share four bedroom house. \$215 monthly + 1/2 utl. Available 1 Jan. Call 752-0281.

WALK TO campus 2 bdrm, 1 bath apartment 2 blocks from campus or 3rd street \$425/mo garage laundry H/U available December 15th. Contact Ray or Gigi 756-9339.

MOVING, CHEAP apartment, \$425 includes basic cable, water/sewer, new carpet, great neighborhood, ready for move-in December 14th. Call 758-5056.

BEECH STREET three bedroom two bath \$650.00 a month available January 5th call Wainright Property Management LLC 756-6209.

MALE TAKE over lease Player's Club master bedroom w/ private bath washer/dryer \$260/mo. + 1/3 utilities walking distance to campus ECU bus service 321-8194, 946-7085.

2 BR house available January 1, living and dining room, 407 Elm Street. \$600/month. Call Rick at 551-9040.

ROOMMATE WANTED

1 ROOMMATE needed to take over lease Jan-May. 3 bedroom at the Plantation. Master bedroom, private bathroom. Rent \$250/month. Call 353-2540 ask for Chris or MaryAnn.

M/F TO sublease at Player's Club. \$260/mo. 1/4 utilities negotiable. Fully furnished with washer/dryer. On ECU transit. Available after December. Call Carla at 353-5056.

SUBLEASE PIRATE Cove Apartment. One or two rooms available. Private bathroom and phone line. Fully furnished call anytime 758-8348.

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed spring semester one block from campus 190 month plus 1/3 power phone and Internet. please call Amanda or Kristina 752-5886.

ROOMMATE WANTED

FEMALE GRADUATE STUDENT moving to Greenville needs roommate. (252) 537-5427 or (919) 832-5381.

MALE ROOMMATE wanted to share 2 Bdrm 2 Bath newly remodeled home with indoor dog. Only non-smokers, non-drinkers need apply. Approximately 15 min from campus. Available now. Deposit \$175, rent \$315 for everything excluding long distance calls. Call 746-6998 ask for Paul.

ROOMMATE WANTED! to share 3 bedroom apt in Willoughby Park near Target. Have your own bedroom & bath. Gaslogs, tennis courts, pool. If interested call 493-0158.

ASAP FEMALE roommate needed to share 2 bed apartment very close to campus. 175/month + 1/2 electric and phone, call 695-0370.

TIRED OF where your living. Move Out! 2 roommates needed in Dockside \$250 per person 1/3 utilities, all luxuries included. Needed mid-Dec or January. Call 757-8781.

ROOMMATES NEEDED to share 3 bedroom house 1 block from campus two bedrooms open- \$130 or \$175 + 1/3 utilities call Amanda 931-9015.

ROOM FOR rent starting Jan 1st. Quiet neighborhood near hospital. Private bath, kitchen privileges, must like animals. Bedroom partially furnished if needed. Rent \$275, 758-7826 Ask for Joseph.

GRADUATE STUDENT or professional non-smoking roommate wanted to share two bedroom apartment with female graduate student. Convenient to hospital and ECU. Must be responsible. 551-7607.

GRAD STUDENT or upper classman needed to share 3 bedroom house with 2 females. Located near campus. Rent \$260/mo. Must be neat, friendly, studios. Please call 329-8582.

FEMALE ROOMMATE needed to take over lease 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex deposit and rent paid already through December. Rent \$217.50 plus 1/3 bills washer/dryer included. Must not mind smoking or dogs. Call Megan 754-2958 or Jennifer, 757-1280.

2 ROOMMATES needed. Player's Club Apts. \$260 + 1/4 utilities. Start leasing January. W/D, 2 floors, own bathroom. Call Katie, Sarah, or Lisa at 758-8594.

ROOMMATE NEEDED to take over lease of fully furnished apartment on ECU bus route. Smoking is fine, must be laid back. Please no neat freaks. Call 695-0432.

ROOMMATE NEEDED to share a 3 BR, 1 bath house on Student St. with two graduate students. One block to ECU. \$134/mo. Call 830-9447 or 329-7137.

ROOMMATE WANTED: to share three bedroom house, very close to campus. 1/3 bills and rent. Animals allowed! 757-8724.

FOR SALE

NEED TO sell now! Couch, chair, coffee table, and end table- all for \$500 OBO. Queen sized boxspring and mattress, brand name, top quality, great condition. Pd \$550 will sell for \$175 OBO. Call 830-3933 ASAP.

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PLAIN PAPER Fax Brand. New \$100, paid \$130. Call 413-0615.

FEMALE CLIMBING shoes size 9 1/2 or 10 and harness, worn twice only. Call 752-0281 for more information.

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FACTORY MATTRESSES & Bedrooms has an opening in it's warehouse and delivery department. Good pay with benefits. Apply in person only. 730 Greenville Boulevard. No phone calls, please.

AFTER SCHOOL child care for seven and twelve year old. Four days a week until six pm. Call 752-7398 after 6pm or leave message.

\$\$ MANAGE a business on your campus!! Versity.com, an Internet note-taking company is looking for an entrepreneurial student to run business on your campus. Manage students, make tons of money, excellent opportunity! Apply on-line at www.versity.com contact jobs@versity.com or call 734-483-1600 ext. 888

NEED \$\$\$ for your team, club, fraternity or sorority? Earn \$1000-\$2000 with easy 3 hour Fund Raiser event. Groups love it because there's no sales involved. Dates are filling up, so call today! 1-888-522-4350.

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WANTED: RESPONSIBLE person with dependable transportation to pick up an eight-year old and a thirteen-year old from school, take them home and help with their homework beginning January 3. Experience with keeping children preferred. Hours are 2:30 until 5:45 Monday through Friday (Occasionally until 6:00). \$85/week. Call 758-3111 after 5:30 p.m. or anytime on weekend.

BROWSE ICPT.COM WIN a FREE trip for Springbreak "2000". ALL destinations offered. Trip Participants, Student Orgs & Campus Sales Reps wanted. Fabulous parties, hotels & prices. For reservations or Rep registration call Inter-Campus Programs 800-327-6013.

PART-TIME interim youth minister position available. Great opportunity for someone interested in working with youth. 15 hours a week. Resume to Janet Respass, Winterville Baptist Church P.O. Box 1669, Winterville, NC 28590.

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WAITSTAFF NEEDED for the new Indian restaurant ("Tandoor") in Greenville. Excellent pay and flexible hours available. Call 758-3231.

DANCERS EXOTIC Legel lap dancing \$1000-\$1500/week. First in the state. Show up ready 8pm. Sid's Showgirls, Goldsboro

BUS DRIVERS needed immediately- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County looking for drivers for afternoon routes. 1:45 to 4:15, Monday through Friday. Other hours available. Valid CDL required. Pays \$6-\$7 per hour (depending on experience). Come by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County, 621 Firetower Rd, Winterville to pick up an application.

YEAR 2000 internships "Don't get a summer job...run a summer business" www.tuitionpainters.com email: tuipaint@bell-south.net 353-4831.

FULL-TIME or Part-time construction management degree student needed. Flexible hours. Good experience, good pay. Bring resume by office, 1525 S. Evans St. Handy Helpers, Inc.

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME, Full-time, and substitute positions available for teachers. Great experience for CDFR and ELEM majors. Call Greenhouse preschool at 355-2404 for more information.

PERSONALS

TO THE "third amigo"-Congratulations Graduate! Keep aiming for the stars. We love you and will miss you. Good luck on your new job! Love Mandy and Christy.

WWW.THECOMMENTATOR.COM

DEAR TEC: This is the last issue under my command. This paper and her history will shortly become the care of another crew. To them and their posterity we will commit our future. They will continue to voyages we have begun, and journey to all the undiscovered countries. Thank you and good night, and good luck.

GREEK PERSONALS

THANKS TO all the judges at the wild and crazy towel contest. Love Pi Delta.

CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL Hugues, Lizi Fisher, Neta Roberts, Shawn Anderson, Amanda McCrea, Nikki Spear, Terrell Floyd, and Christa Roe on your new office. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS NIELLE Walker on getting your poem published in the National library of poetry. Love you Pi Delta sisters.

PI LAMBA Phi thanks for a wonderful marker social. Lets get together again soon. Love Pi Delta.

THANKS TO everyone who attended Alpha Delta Pi's Grab-A-Date on Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA Wong on receiving your minority student award. We are proud of you. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

ALPHA DELTA Pi would like to wish everyone good luck on exams and a safe and happy holiday.

PI DELTA new sisters, thank you for a wonderful secret sister social. We had a blast. Love your sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO our newly initiated sisters Brandi Barger, Mary Beth Bonar, Shawn Anderson, Stephanie Reigland, Krystal Epps, Jessica Dixon, Lizzie Fisher, Rachel Hugues, Renee Jaite, Mandy Leonard, Amanda McCrea, Charee Woodard, Jennifer Patton, Angie Rad, Christa Roe, Neta Roberts, Aubree Silver, Nikki Spear, Lisa Stoltenberg, Cassie Winslow, and Shannon Yancey. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

GOOD LUCK Meredith at your recital. We'll miss you at formal. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Bryce and Jeb on First and Third in Greek God. Love, Alpha Delta Pi

CONGRATULATIONS TINA Overbee and Tammy Burkett on receiving the scholarship award. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

THANK YOU Theta Chi for a wonderful social. We had a blast. Love Pi Delta.

CONGRATULATIONS MEREDITH on your engagement. Love your Pi Delta sisters.

THANKS TO all the contestants in the wild and crazy towel contest. You guys did a great job! Love Pi Delta.

GOOD LUCK in the future. Alpha Delta Pi graduating seniors. We will miss ya'll. Love, your Alpha Delta Pi sisters

GAMMA SIGMA Sigma would like to wish everyone good luck on exams!

OTHER

FREE SHEPPARD Lab mix. One year old neutered male. Has all shots and on heart worm prevention. Lost home in flood and needs loving home 756-3675.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE AEROBICS, Dec. 6-17 at the Student Recreation Center for all members. Check out the posted class schedule for the most current fitness information. Some classes may fill to capacity so get here early and try us out. For more information please call 328-6387.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAYS IN motion, Dec. 7 from 5:30-6:30pm. You are invited to the Holiday Party of the Year! This court-side workout features multi-impact dance moves set to tunes of the season guaranteed to get you in shape for the holidays. Join us for lots of spirit as we celebrate in a big way with great music, fresh moves, and lots of party favors and it's absolutely free! For more information: please call 328-6387.

WINTER COURSE, January 21-23. Come practice backcountry skills in a winter environment. Expect cold and hopefully snow with a moderate to strenuous 8-10 mile hike. This trip will give you the basic experience to live comfortably outdoors in winter. Location will be chosen based upon forecasted weather. Cost is \$50/mem. Registration Deadline is Jan. 14, 5pm. For more information please call 328-6387.

COPING WITH Grief and Loss: This group is designed to provide support to students who have experienced the death of a loved one. Meeting every Monday at 3:30. If you are interested, please call The Center for Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661.

NEW LAW!! Effective December 1, 1999, possession and consumption of beer or unfortified wines by a 19 or 20 year old person is a Class III misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$200 and is subject to arrest.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN Church Disaster Relief Day, Saturday, December 11 at Community Christian Gym: 2009 Pactus Highway from 9am to 12 noon. We are giving away bedding, clothes, shoes, and coats. For more information please call 752-5683.

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CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE

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for the following THURSDAY'S issue

Dec. 7, 1999
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PICL PRESENTS EXTREME 2000!

Watch for these and more events during Extreme 2000 week!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Premium Dinner Night
Extreme New Year Resolution Aerobics
Recreation EXPO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Extreme Polar Bear Plunge and Anniversary Party
Block Buster Movie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Outer Limits Glow Bowling/Billiards
Acoustics Pirate Underground
Cardio Box
Extreme Mercury Cinema

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Extreme Bingo
Outer Limits Glow Bowling/Billiards

WE'LL SEE YOU IN 2000!



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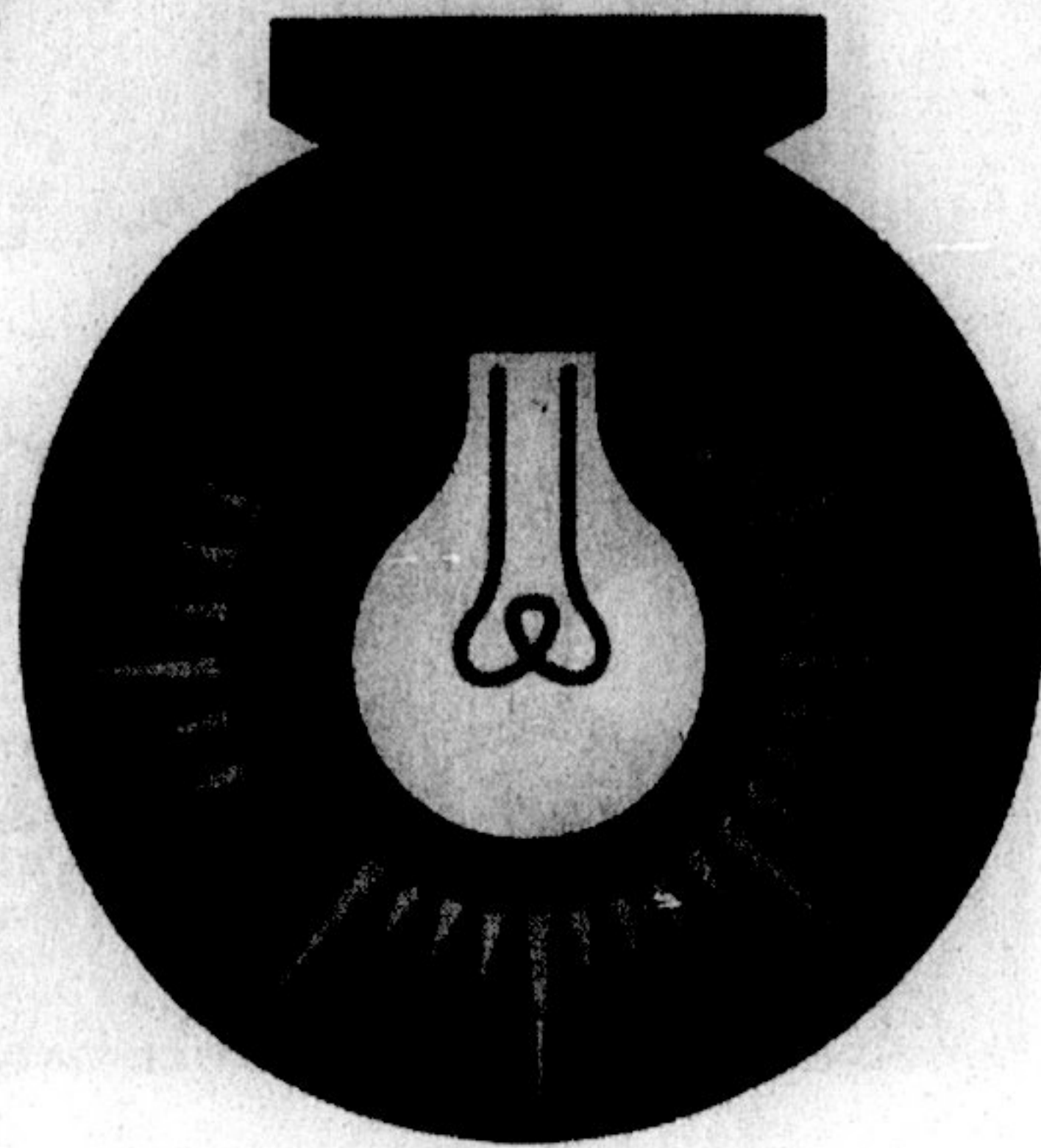
Student Life

A biweekly glance at what's happening in the Division of Student Life

on the MOVE

Apartment Safety:

1. Leave the thermostat set on auto/heat at 55 degrees.
2. Leave your outside lights as well as one interior light on.
3. If you have timers for your lights set them so the come on at different times to give the appearance of someone being in the residence.
4. Have someone in town pickup mail and packages to prevent someone being alerted that no is in the residence.
5. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Make sure to put a dowl on sliding glass doors to prevent them from being open.
6. Take valuables home. If at all possible, do not leave your car on apartment property over the break.
7. Do not hide your house keys outside.
8. Make arrangements to pay your December and January rent before you leave for the Holidays.
9. You can call the Greenville Police to come by your residence during the break at 830-3937.



Pet Care:

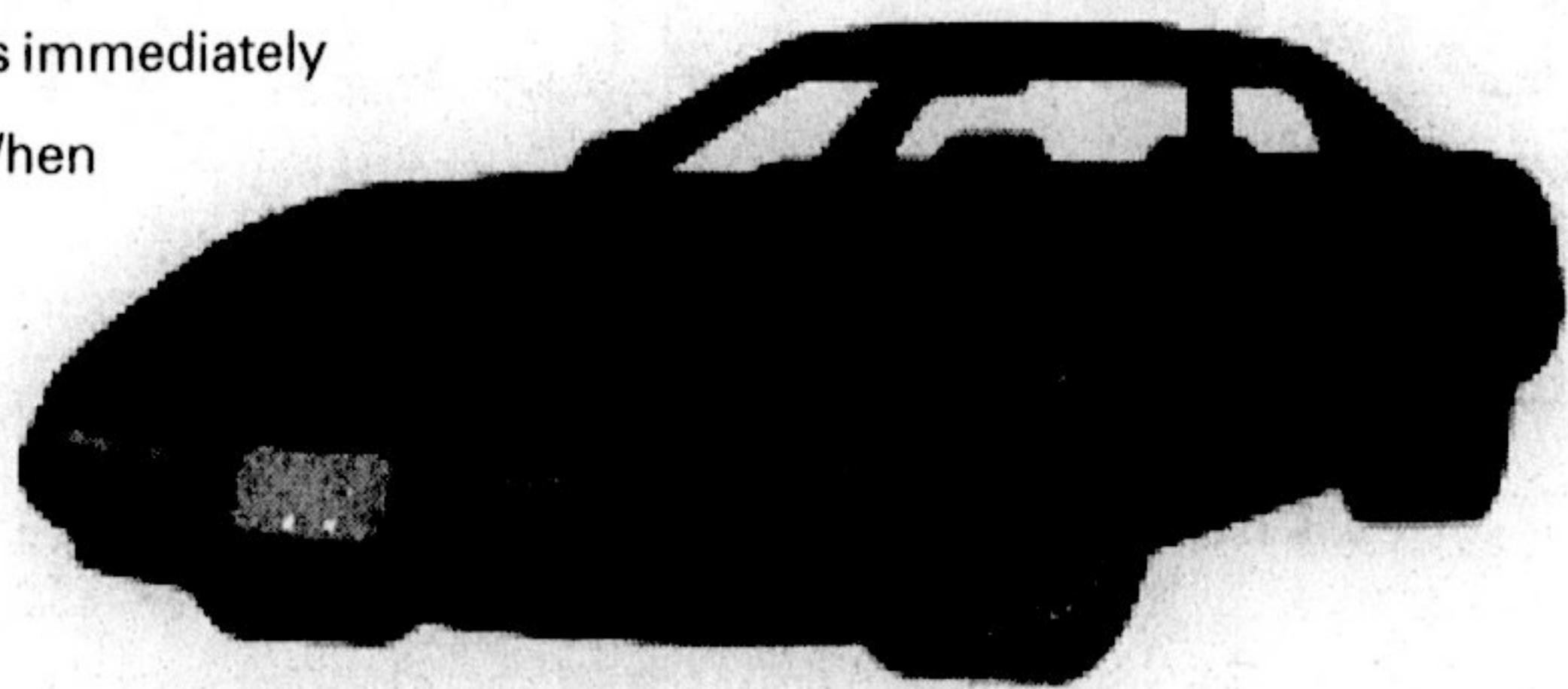
1. Do not leave pets home alone.
2. If you are leaving town and are no longer able to care for your pet, please do not abandon it. Here are some options for students who are moving but can't take their pets with them.
 - Contact the Pitt County Humane Society at 756-1268 or 413-7247. The Humane Society is a "no-kill" facility. It is located at 1506 Tupper Drive in Greenville.
 - Contact the Pitt/Greenville Animal Shelter at 329-4387. If not adopted the Animal Shelter will euthanize the animal within a week.

- If you are unable to take your animal to the shelter contact the City of Greenville. Animal Control can be reached at 329-3937. They will pick up the animal. You must be willing to sign that you are the owner of the pet and are relinquishing control to the city.

- Some vets may also take pets. Check the Yellow Pages for local vets and please try this option as a last resort to abandonment.

Vehicle Safety:

1. Once you enter your car, lock the doors immediately
2. Keep your vehicle serviced regularly. When having your vehicle serviced always leave just your vehicle key and not your whole key ring.
3. If you become stranded on the highway - think safety. Consider staying in your vehicle and turning on the four-way flashers until the police or road service arrives. If it is a minor collision, consider continuing to your destination and calling the police when you arrive.
4. Be cautious of the "helpful stranger." Politely ask them to call the police or service station. Consider purchasing a cellular phone.
5. Parking - Always park in well-lighted areas. Avoid parking next to vans, and be cautious when returning to a vehicle parked next to a van.
6. Keys - Have them ready upon approaching your vehicle. They can also be used as a weapon if necessary.



MOVING Out

www.moving.com - Moving tips, packing tips, notifications of address change, and much, much more

www.usps.gov/moversnet/coa.html - Change of Address

Should be done at least 30 days before you move, it could take 3-5 days after your indicated "Start Date" for your mail to be forwarded from your old address to your new one.

www.usps.gov/moversnet/notifyf.html - Notify Others of Your Move

Free "notification of address" postcards are available at most post offices. Ask for form #3576

Remember to notify:

- Family members and friends
- Magazines and newspapers
- Credit cards, banks, insurance companies
- Internal Revenue Service

www.moving.com/movin-friends.asp - Tell your friends where you are moving via email

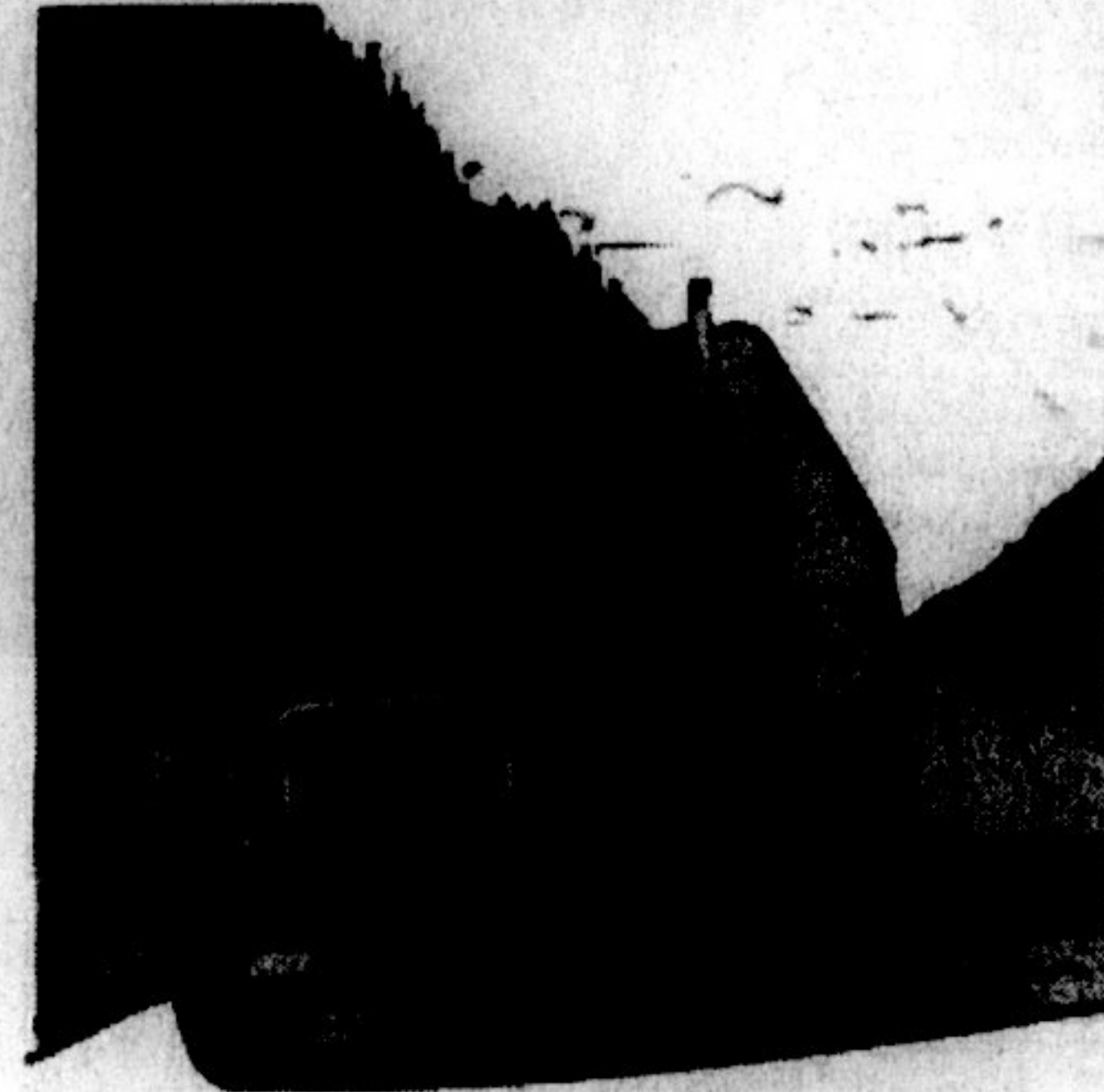
www.usps.gov/moversnet/motor.html - Motor Vehicle Registration

www.usps.gov/moversnet/electpg.html - Voter Registration

www.usps.gov/moversnet/irs.html - IRS Change of Address

MOVING Up

With graduation right around the corner, it's time to find a job now that you have your education. Using the web in this adventure can save you time by allowing you to view many different job listing from around the world and can save you money by submitting your resume online. You can easily access any of the following web sites and many more at www.ecu.edu/career.



Hot Jobs

MyJobSearch.com (excellent link to Fortune 500 companies and more)

Jobtrak - Online pharmaceutical and biotech job listings

The Catapult - Employment Opportunities

The Monster Board - many job listings

Internship Programs - listings of internships

GradSchools.com - online directory of graduate school programs

Cost of Living Calculator - see what your salary in one state will equate to in another state

There are many factors to consider if you are thinking about relocating for your first job after college. By having information about relocating and by investigating your relocation destination you will be able to make a clear decision about moving. The Career Development Guide published by CASS Recruitment Media lists these factors to consider before relocating.

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| • Salary | • Comparative cost of living |
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| • Weather | • Environmental quality |
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| —Availability and quality of schools or day care | |
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| —Recreation | —Entertainment |
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| —Shopping | —Restaurants |
| —Access to house of worship | —Political climate |

The Division of Student Life wishes you the best of luck in your search for that perfect job.

What's Up

Division of Student Life: Collectively Serving Students for Individual Success!

"Snack Attack Monotony Break"
Join Todd and Mendenhall Dining Hall from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 7th

"Silent Night Study Breaks"
Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls
9:00p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Dec. 10 and 12-17

"Good Luck On Your Exams"

"The Division of Student Life wishes you a safe and happy Holiday Season"