

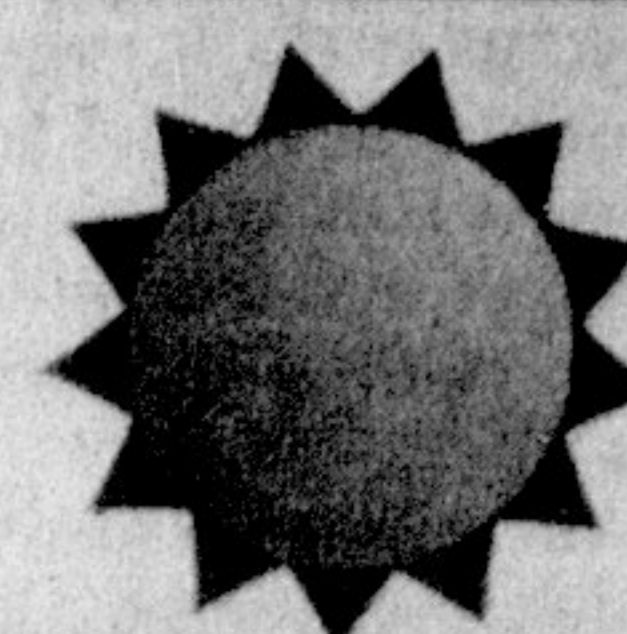
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Winter weather brings unexpected holiday

**TRACK OPENS SEASON AT VT**

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4x400, throwers steal the show

**TODAY'S WEATHER**Sunny, high of 36
and a low of 17

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000

43 days to go until Spring Break

NEWS BRIEFS**Library Closed**

Joyner Library will be closed until 1 p.m. this afternoon, providing that the building has power. Joyner was closed yesterday when a transformer blew and caused a power outage.

Jazz Night

The popular Jazz at Night program begins at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening in Mendenhall Student Center.

Basketball

The Lady Pirates play UNC-Wilmington at 7 p.m. tomorrow evening in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

Art

The School of Art Faculty Exhibition opens tomorrow at the Gray Gallery in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. A reception for the faculty members who are exhibiting their works is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Music Scholarship

The Friends of the School of Music Scholarship Benefits Gala will be held at Rock Springs Center at 8 p.m. this Saturday. The ECU Symphony Orchestra will perform. For ticket information call 328-4270.

Irish Rhythms

The up-and-coming musical quartet "Flook!" will perform at 8 p.m. tomorrow night in Wright Auditorium. The group is one of the most popular live bands in Britain and blends traditional Irish rhythms with contemporary beats. Public tickets are \$18. Students art youth tickets are \$9. Call the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Religious Arts

The East Carolina Religious Arts Festival begins today with programs and concerts planned at area churches. Tonight, "An Evening of Concertos and Cantatas," will be performed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. For more information contact Janette Fishell at 328-1261.

Tomorrow the festival will include a program entitled "Pageant and Poetry: Sacred A Cappella Vocal Music from the Fifteenth Century, Illumined by the Writings of Christian Mystics" at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. On Saturday, the festival will present a hymns program that will feature the Greenville Choral Society, the Greenville Children's Chorus, ECU faculty instrumentalists and guest composer Hal Hopson. The performance is at 3 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church on Greenville Boulevard.

Best Selling Author

Connie Mason, New York Times best-selling historical romance author will participate in a special Writers Forum at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3 at ECU's Willis Building on Reade and 1st Streets. The event, sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of America of Pitt County (LVA-PC) will give area residents an opportunity to engage in dialogue with celebrity panelists about how to break into the field of fiction writing and successful writing techniques. For further information call (252) 353-6548.

ONLINE SURVEY

Do you think scurvy is just for sailors?

Vote online at tec.ecu.edu

The results of last week's question: Is there reason to suspect the police of mis-reporting crime

78% YES 22% NO

Features include book trader, automobile finderMaura Buck
STAFF WRITER

Over the past couple of semesters, students taking software engineering classes have helped to bring about an online campus and an array of services called 'Virtual ECU.'

Dr. Mohammad Tabrizzi, associate professor of computer science, developed this program in 1998 through his software engi-

neering class, hoping to educate students in a different manner.

"I educate students by encouraging them to learn," Tabrizzi said. "When they start, they aren't ready, we educate them."

The students run the entire system under the instruction of Tabrizzi, demonstrating the capabilities of the students developing usable software systems.

According to Tabrizzi, no other university to date offers students this type of hands-on experience. Furthermore, no other institution allows students the power and ability to work

with these high-tech tools. Students are responsible for doing research as well as designing blue prints to constantly improve and update the program.

At this point, some of the highlighted features include a virtual map of all of the buildings on campus and a walking route from building to building in addition to floor maps of each building to aid in finding the exact locations of classrooms. In addition, the program has a number of goals that are featured on the Web page including: making the adviser process easier, providing the faculty and stu-

dents online service, automating some traditional paperwork tasks and allowing the students to develop the system with help from the faculty and staff.

In the future, the system will feature virtual home finders where a student can locate the ideal apartment according to their standards, an online book exchange and even a system that helps college students find car deals by communicating online with various dealerships.

"This shows the potential of students and this method of mentoring should be involved in all teaching," said Daniel Cox, a

senior majoring in computer science.

"I honestly think it's a good cause," Tabrizzi said. "It's going to make it."

On Nov. 27, 1999, Dr. Tabrizzi and his students presented a new idea to the mayor of Greenville, a project known as Virtual Greenville. This system is similar to its predecessor but it features community support and will focus on fostering the community of Greenville.

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Is it hot in here?

The electrical transformer behind Joyner Library suffered a malfunction and caught fire Wednesday causes campus wide power fluctuations and outages. (photo by Terra Steinbeiser)

Student Rec Center celebrates third year**Programs available for disabled students**Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Student Recreation Center (SRC) celebrated its third anniversary this month.

In addition to the numerous exercise machines, indoor track, racquetball and basketball courts, climbing wall and swimming pools, the Rec Center has other amenities.

Terry Edwards, a program assistant for A-Rise, said the SRC has opened many doors for students and staff with disabilities.

"So many activities and opportunities are available to students and staff with disabilities," Edwards said. "Before the SRC was built, those with disabilities could not take advantage of Christenbury Gym due to its inaccessibility for the handicapped. They also had difficulty getting into Minges and using the equipment because they had to work around the athletics schedules."

Edwards said that in addition to the equipment available to students at the SRC there are also many programs available.

"Programs for students with disabilities are always available for students," Edwards said. "This week alone, the SRC is sponsoring Wheel Power volleyball, wheel chair basketball and the Wheel Power dance group."

According to John Brown, coordinator of the

adventure program, the SRC offers an alternative form of recreation, and is a place where Edwards can sponsor programs for A-Rise.

"We regularly sponsor activities for students which may not have always been available to them," Brown said. "Our programs range from rock climbing and skiing to surfing, canoeing and kayaking."

All are welcome to participate in the activities sponsored. He also said programs are planned for students with disabilities.

"Last weekend the SRC took students with disabilities to Ski Beach, N.C.," Brown said. "And we are in the process of planning a kayaking trip on open water. Usually students practice in the SRC pool so we can make out what equipment is best equipped for them."

Junior Caneshia McAllister said the opportunities at the SRC are endless and have opened many doors for her.

"I never thought I would be able to participate in so many activities," McAllister said. "The programs and accessibility of them have been very helpful to me. I've been given the chance to experience things I never dreamed of, like water and snow skiing, kayaking and climbing, along with racquetball, basketball and swimming. I never knew that there were other ways to participate in sports, but the SRC has offered me the insight and I love it."

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Students sponsor march for flood victims**More than \$1,000 raised for Relief Fund**T. L. Register
STAFF WRITER

Students Patrick Charland and Trevor Austin helped raise over \$1,000 for flood victims by organizing a walk-a-thon through the Student Volunteer Program.

Austin and Charland went to see Judy Baker, director of the Student Volunteer Program, wanting to do something to help those affected by Hurricane Floyd across eastern North Carolina after the flooding.

"They came to me and I explained the nature of how things

work and gave them the names of people they could contact to help with advertising," Baker said. "The volunteer program helped provide volunteers and we printed the posters, but they did all of the leg work. They were very energetic and very responsible about the whole thing."

With the help of the Student Volunteer Program, over 100 hours each of their own time and energy, along with the aid of students and locals around the area, they were able to hold the "Road to Recovery March" on Oct. 22. The event was held at the E.B. Aycock Middle School track and raised \$1254.75 for the ECU Family Relief Fund.

"We thought about doing it, and it worked," Charland said. "It was just nice to see everyone

come out and support the community."

Students from organizations such as Theta Chi fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority pitched in to help raise funds by getting individual sponsors and walking during the march.

A small group of students from Appalachian State University who had come to offer their help with the clean up efforts were invited to join in the walk. Other contributors included Pepsi, which donated banners, and LeBlue, which donated bottles of water.

Austin and Charland officially presented the check to James Lanier, vice chancellor of Institutional Advancement, on

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Goodman appointed by Domestic Violence Commission**Plans made for helping battered women throughout state**Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Peggy Goodman, an associate professor of emergency medicine, has been appointed to a two-year term on the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission by Governor James B. Hunt.

Goodman joined the ECU faculty in 1992. She is chair of the North Carolina Medical Society's Domestic Violence Committee and a member of

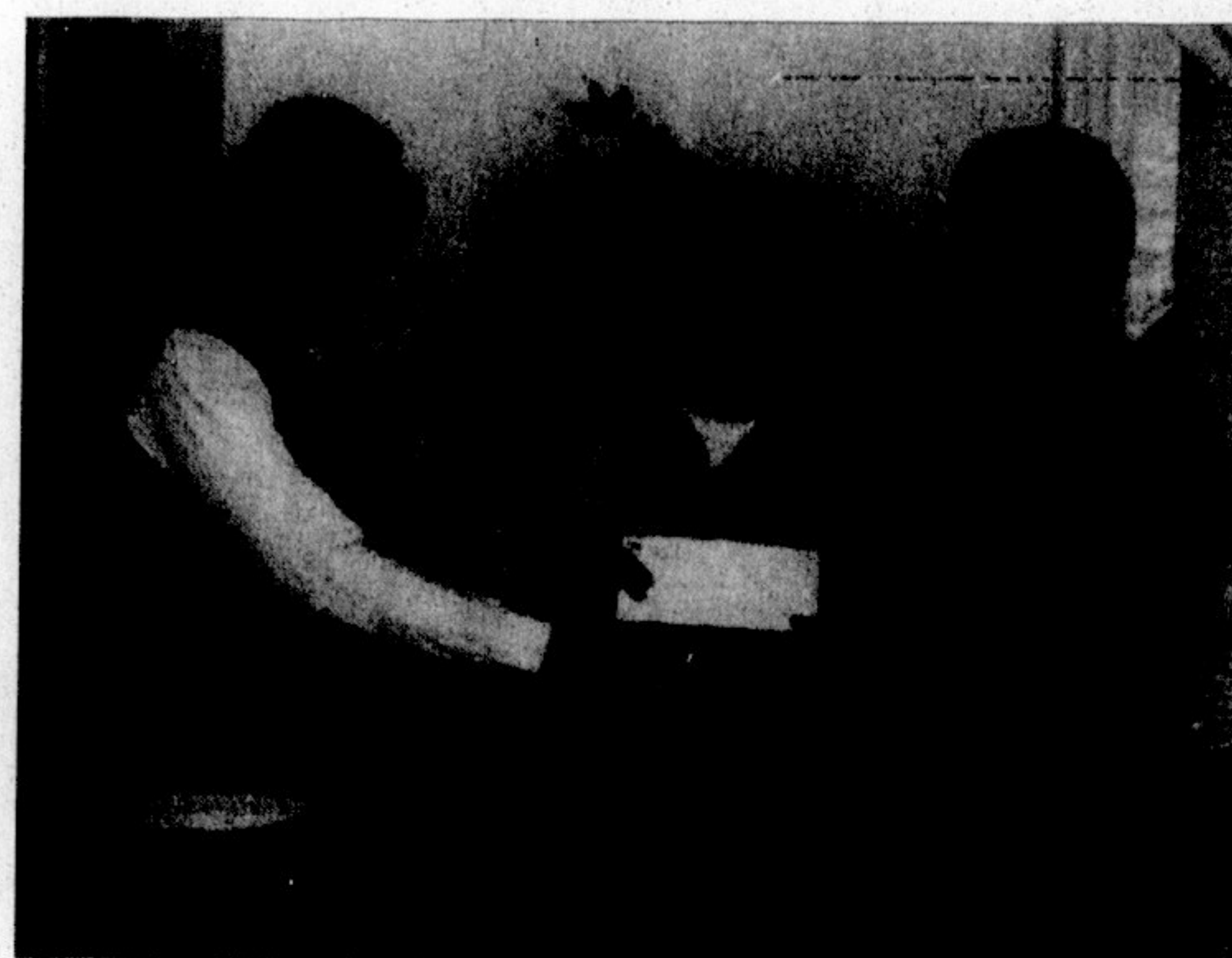
the North Carolina Public Health Alliance Against Domestic Violence and the Pitt County Domestic Violence Network. She will remain a full time faculty member while serving her term.

Goodman was appointed to the Domestic Violence Commission at the beginning of September, but her inauguration was delayed due to the flooding.

Goodman said she hopes to enhance domestic violence resources within the state.

"I hope to improve people's awareness of domestic violence and how prevalent it is throughout the world," Goodman said. "I and the com

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From left: Trevor Austin and Patrick Charland present a cheque to Vice Chancellor James Lanier. (photo courtesy of Student Volunteer Program)

Did you know...

◆ Between 25% and 40% of teens have been assaulted by dates. About 80% of these assaults include pushing, shoving, and grabbing. 1 out of 4 teens will be in an abusive relationship. Over 70% of pregnant or parenting teens are beaten by their boyfriends.

◆ Over 15% of all sexual assaults involve acquaintances or friends. 30% of all murdered women in the U.S. are killed by their boyfriend or husband. 71% of sexual assaults are planned. One woman is raped every minute. 1 out of 10 sexual assaults are ever reported to law enforcement. Most victims are between 16-24 years old.

◆ 95% of the reported incidents of sexual assault are committed by males. 20-30% of all men will experience sexual assault before they turn 18.

*Statistics from www.hawc.org

Funerals held for Seton Hall fire victims

LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP)—The grief-stricken friends and family of three Seton Hall University freshmen who died in a dormitory fire gathered Monday to mourn and wonder why.

But there were no answers. Not at St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church, where Frank S. Caltabilla Jr. was remembered in a 90-minute Mass.

Not at St. Francis of Assisi in Vineland, where John Giunta was laid to rest.

And not at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen, where Aaron Karol was remembered as a "near-perfect kid."

"Today our faith cannot answer the question why," said the Rev. William Sheridan, assistant director of campus ministry at Seton Hall. "Why did three die? Why did John die? Why?"

Caltabilla, of West Long Branch, was a three-sport standout at Shore Regional High School who

aspired to a career in medicine. An honor student, he compared himself in his Seton Hall application essay to a basketball player who chooses to pass to an open teammate instead of shooting the ball himself.

"My school counselor says that I am a natural caretaker. Maybe she's right," Caltabilla wrote.

More than 800 people filled St. Jerome for the service.

Caltabilla's girlfriend, Erin Brown, 18, had to pause several times during a five-minute eulogy to gather herself. "You touched the lives of so many people, even if you'd only known them five minutes," Brown said.

In Dunellen, about 450 people crowded into St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church to say goodbye to Karol, of Green Brook, a soccer enthusiast and criminal justice major who hoped someday to work for the FBI.

"He was just an all-round, near-

perfect kid," said Jimmy Byrnes, 17, a soccer teammate at Watchung Hills Regional High School. "He had everything — sports, popularity, smarts."

Weeping teenagers carried the coffin down the aisle, followed by Karol's family.

"Learn from the loss of this young man how precious life is," said the Rev. John Morley, a Seton Hall priest. "And it does not come with guarantees."

In Vineland, about 500 people — including three bus loads of Seton Hall students — turned out for Giunta's funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church.

Giunta, an elementary education major who aspired to teaching in the inner city, was remembered as a generous, loyal guy with a great future.

"He seemed like he had a dream ahead of him. He knew what he wanted to do," said John Henderson, 21, of Vineland, a high

school classmate.

Classmates consoled each other, holding hands or patting one another on the back.

"We say that Seton Hall is a family, and it is," said Seton Hall chancellor Thomas Peterson, who spoke at Karol's funeral Mass. "We, like yourselves, have lost a son."

There were prayers for the three elsewhere, too.

— In Rome, a group of American priests at the Vatican offered Mass for the victims Monday, Morley said. One of the priests was a former Seton Hall faculty member.

— In Washington, U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg read a resolution honoring the three on the Senate floor.

— In Trenton, Gov. Christie Whitman departed from the prepared text of her annual budget message to say, "We want the families to know they are in our hearts and in our prayers."

At Seton Hall, meanwhile, some freshmen returned to their rooms at Boland Hall for the first time since the fire.

Residents of the first two floors were allowed to move back into their rooms, while third, fourth and fifth floor residents were relocated, university officials said.

A memorial service scheduled for today on the South Orange campus was postponed as a major snowstorm hit the East Coast. It was rescheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday. Classes were to resume this afternoon, but they too were called off.

The fire broke out around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six-story dormitory that housed 640 people. Five remain hospitalized, four in critical condition with burns.

CRIME SCENE

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Damage to Property—A staff member reported that an exterior window was broken on the east side of the Whitchard Annex.

Larceny—A student reported that his resident parking decal was stolen from his vehicle. The location of the theft is unknown.

Larceny from Motor Vehicle—A student reported that his book bag was stolen from his vehicle while it was parked south of Joyner Library.

Harassing Phone Calls—A student reported receiving three telephone calls from a male subject she believes assaulted her in Raleigh, N.C.

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Larceny—A student reported that several clothing items were stolen from a laundry room in Tyler Hall.

Damage to Property—A non-student reported that while traveling west on 5th Street near Reade Street Lot 1, a group of individuals were gathered throwing snowballs. One of the snowballs shattered his rear passenger window.

Possession of Marijuana, Alcohol Violation—A staff member reported a burnt marijuana odor coming from a room in Aycock Hall. During a consent search, an undisclosed amount of marijuana and two forms of drinking alcohol were found. One student was cited for underage possession of a malt beverage and issued a Campus Appearance Ticket (CAT). Another student was also cited for underage possession of spirituous liquor and simple possession of marijuana and was issued a CAT.

Gonzalez's grandmothers leave Miami without seeing him

MIAMI (AP)—Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers flew to Miami on Monday in hopes of meeting with their 6-year-old grandson before they returned to Cuba, but the women left town without seeing the boy because of a dispute over the site of the get-together.

The boy's maternal grandmother, Raquel Rodriguez, and paternal grandmother, Mariela Quintana, shunned an invitation to have dinner Monday night at the home of Elian's relatives in Miami, who insisted the meeting take place there.

The grandmothers wanted to meet privately with Elian at a neutral site. After flying in from New York, they spent about five hours at the airport before departing for Washington.

The two women arrived late Monday in Washington where they

were scheduled to meet Tuesday with several members of Congress. The private Lear jet was met on the Washington airport tarmac and the two women were whisked away in cars.

The grandmothers left Miami while a group including Elian's two great-uncles and Ms. Rodriguez's sister were heading to meet the women at the airport. They did not bring Elian along, and Spencer Eig, an attorney for the Miami relatives, said they were told the grandmothers had no interest in meeting with the great-uncles.

"Elian is disappointed," Eig said. "I know the grandmothers are disappointed. The situation is heartbreaking for the Gonzalezes."

The Reverend Bob Edgar, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, who sponsored the women's trip, said the grandmothers

were scared to come to Miami because of protests by Cuban-Americans who want Elian to stay in the United States.

"They were frightened," Edgar said. "They see the thousands of people here in Miami marching and protesting and you can imagine as very simple, loving, caring grandparents that they would be frightened to come."

Edgar said the women were willing to return to Miami, or go anywhere else, to meet with Elian as long as there is agreement on a neutral location for a visit.

The Miami relatives have been caring for Elian since he was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast on Nov. 25. His mother and 10 other Cubans died in their ill-fated attempt to reach the United States.

The Immigration and Natural-

ization Service (INS) has ruled that Elian must be sent back to Cuba to live with his father, but the Miami family is suing in federal court to block the boy's return.

On Monday, the first day of the new congressional session, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Florida lawmakers introduced a bill to give Elian U.S. citizenship, which would free him from INS jurisdiction.

The grandmothers, who flew from Cuba to New York on Friday, had asked Attorney General Janet Reno over the weekend to arrange a meeting with Elian. Reno backs the INS decision to return Elian to Cuba, and the Justice Department tried to arrange for a neutral site for the meeting.

In a letter to the INS, an attorney for the Miami family said a dinner at the home of Lazaro

Gonzalez—Mrs. Quintana's brother-in-law and Elian's great-uncle—would let the grandmothers "see and feel for themselves how well Elian is doing and how much he wishes to remain in the United States."

Elian had spoken by telephone with his father in Cuba and was excited as he prepared for his grandmothers' arrival, said family spokesman Armando Gutierrez. The family had bought cameras so Elian could take pictures of his grandmothers, the spokesman said.

Gutierrez said the family would only allow the meeting to take place at the home.

"This is where they live," Gutierrez said. "This is where Elian lives, no bugging on that."

The family had planned to wel-

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University of Alabama told to suspend use of humans in research

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)—Alabama's largest medical center has been ordered to stop enrolling human volunteers in hundreds of federally-funded studies after a government citing potential safety concerns among the test subjects.

University of Alabama at Birmingham officials said Friday that about 25 percent of its 2,220 research projects — including those on AIDS and cancer — could be temporarily affected.

The order, made public by the university, was issued this week by the National Institutes of Health's Office for Protection from Research Risks, which oversees patient safety procedures at federally funded institutions.

The order made no mention of any harm to research volunteers, and it was unclear how long admissions to the programs would be halted.

Last year, a similar moratorium at Duke University's medical center lasted four days.

The NIH office found flaws in UAB's internal oversight of its research projects involving human subjects, including failure to adequately review patient risks and insufficient tracking of research participants for follow-up information.

Calls to NIH officials were not returned Friday.

"The NIH order means new patients cannot enroll in about 40 AIDS research programs that already involve as many as 150 people," said Dr. Michael Saag, head of UAB's outpatient AIDS clinic. "People already

involved in studies will continue with the trials," Saag said.

"This is a serious issue, and the university is addressing it very seriously and thoroughly," Saag said.

The university said the order meant some research projects must be reviewed again by its internal watchdog panel, known as the Institutional Review Board.

"Many of these items had already been addressed at UAB and were in the process of being implemented," said Dr. Joan Lorden, the university's associate provost for research.

At least six other research institutions have undergone similar moratoriums since 1998.

Federal regulators restricted research at Duke for four days last May because the school didn't meet the agency time line for making changes after an inspection.

UAB said that, unlike other schools that have been placed under tighter restrictions, it can continue approving new research projects. In addition to AIDS and cancer, the university has major centers for treating and researching heart disease, kidney ailments and eye injuries and disorders.

The federal action had no immediate effect on privately funded research.

The university, with an enrollment of 15,000 students, receives about \$300 million in research grants each year, an amount higher than the total given to all other Alabama universities combined. Of that, about \$212 million is from federal sources.

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mission hope to better educate doctors, nurses and EMS personnel, while also educating the state."

Goodman said she and the commission plan to help with the construction of more shelters for battered women and their children throughout North Carolina.


According to Jeannine Hutson, an information specialist for ECU News and Information, the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission was established by an executive order of Governor Hunt and is one of only two such boards in the country.

The commission is composed of state and federal law enforcement, community domestic violence victim's rights advocates and legal and health professionals. The commission is also responsible for evaluation and development of legal, health appropriate resources, legislation and interventions for domestic violence survivors, their children and their abusers.

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Dr. Peggy Goodman was appointed to the Domestic Violence Commission in September of 1999 by Governor James B. Hunt. (File photo)



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Student rebel leaders identified among 10 killed in hostage siege

RATCHABURI, Thailand (AP) — Thailand displayed the bodies Tuesday of 10 Myanmar insurgents killed during a pre-dawn hostage rescue operation to free hundreds of patients, visitors and medical staff trapped in the takeover of a provincial hospital.

Two of them were identified as leaders of a tiny group of exiled students opposed to their country's military regime. They had stormed Myanmar's embassy in Bangkok in October and were allowed to escape in exchange for freeing dozens of hostages they held for 26 hours.

This time, Thai authorities took a hard line, saying they could not play for time with the lives of hospital patients at stake.

No civilians were injured in the pre-dawn, hour-long assault by police commandos and army special forces Tuesday, ending a 22-hour stalemate. Five policemen officers were wounded.

Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai said the rescue operation had been carefully planned and was "very successful," freeing all the hostages.

But the public display of the bodies seemed an at-

tempt to forestall speculation of summary executions. Thai police have occasionally killed violent criminals in cold blood after their capture.

The corpses were wrapped in white sheets, so the nature of their wounds could not be discerned. At least six seemed to be bleeding from their heads.

The regional police commander, Lt. Gen. Anant Heamathanong, said all the hostage-takers had died in fighting and none had been executed. He said nine were killed at the scene and the 10th in a gun battle after fleeing. No other details were given.

The bodies were taken by ambulance to a Buddhist temple, leaving bloodstains on the concrete where they had lain.

The takeover has been blamed on a fringe rebel group of the Karen minority, called God's Army, led by 12-year-old twins believed to have magical powers, and it may have supplied some of the manpower.

But it became clear that a major, and probably commanding, role was played by the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors, which had holed up with God's Army in the Myanmar-Thai border jungles.

Five of the students seized Myanmar's embassy in Bangkok in October, holding dozens of hostages. They were allowed to fly to freedom in Thai helicopters in exchange for releasing them, angering Myanmar's government for what it viewed as Thai coddling of terrorists. Myanmar closed the border for two months in retaliation.

Spokesmen for the foreign and defense ministries identified two of the dead as members of the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors known only as Johnny and Preeda, the best-known of the group. Others may also have been members.

One official who took part in the raid, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he estimated the dead gunmen ranged in age from their early teens to early 30s. A full identification was not given.

The twin leaders of God's Army, Johnny and Luther Htoo, were not among them and played no apparent role in the takeover.

The God's Army base in Myanmar came under attack from government forces last week, sending 1,000 civilian refugees to Thailand. The Thais meanwhile shelled the rebels to keep them from coming as well.

In their demands Monday, the rebels sought an end to the Thai shelling and refuge for civilians and fighters inside Thailand. They also wanted helicopters to escape.

An estimated 900 people had been trapped when the gunmen seized the hospital Monday morning. But at least half of them had been freed by their captors or escaped during the day and overnight before the as-

sault was launched.

Thai authorities said throughout the ordeal that they were trying to negotiate a peaceful end to the siege.

But at about 5:40 a.m., police and soldiers armed with M-16 assault rifles ran on foot or sped in trucks and jeeps into the walled, 2.4-hectare (six-acre) hospital compound.

Reporters kept away from the hospital could hear explosions, possibly mines and explosives rigged by the hostage-takers, and automatic weapons fire, which continued sporadically for an hour.

Freed hostages on Tuesday recalled their ordeal, some complimenting their captors, other condemning them.

Decha Yuwang, 32, a laborer, was taken prisoner with his mother who had come for treatment for a sore throat. The gunmen guarding them in a small room with 80-90 other captives assured they would come to no harm.

"They spoke to us very politely," said Decha. "I admire their bravery."

Kheak Im-uerb, 35, was recovering from an appendectomy when the gunmen arrived. He and other post-operative patients escaped halfway through the siege, since the small number of gunmen were unable to control all the hospital's outlying buildings.

"A doctor told us to go if we could," Kheak said. "He said, 'We can always fix your stitches again if they tear.'"

"They deserved to be punished," Kheak said.



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Dec. 2, at the ECU Alumni Center.

"I was really proud of their effort," Baker said. "If every two people had done something like

this... just imagine."

Charland and Austin are planning to attempt another project this semester, but they have not decided

on the focus.

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come the grandmothers with a dinner of roast pork, mixed black beans and rice and breaded chicken cutlets, Gutierrez said. Boxes of flowers were brought into the home. About 300 people gathered outside holding flowers and signs welcoming the grandmothers.

On NBC's "Today" show, Ms. Rodriguez asked Congress not to give the boy U.S. citizenship and to let him return to Cuba.

"It will be more painful if he gets the citizenship," Rodriguez said, speaking in Spanish through an interpreter. "I'm asking the congress people and people of the United States that have supported us to stop all this. Please, don't make us suffer any longer."

Although they said they have not spoken to the boy in five days, Mrs. Quintana said Elian has told

her over the telephone that "he's crazy to go back to Cuba."

"He misses everything there—his school, his classmates, everybody, his father's love," Rodriguez said. "To be able to hug and kiss his father—he tells us every day."

Ms. Rodriguez denied that her daughter wanted to come to the United States and have Elian live here. She said Elian's mother was pressured to make the trip by her boyfriend, "a very violent person."

Elian's grandmothers planned to meet Tuesday in Washington with members of Congress, including Sen. Christopher Dodd, the senator's aides announced. The Connecticut Democrat is a sponsor of legislation introduced every year to ease the trade embargo with Cuba that has been in effect for four decades.

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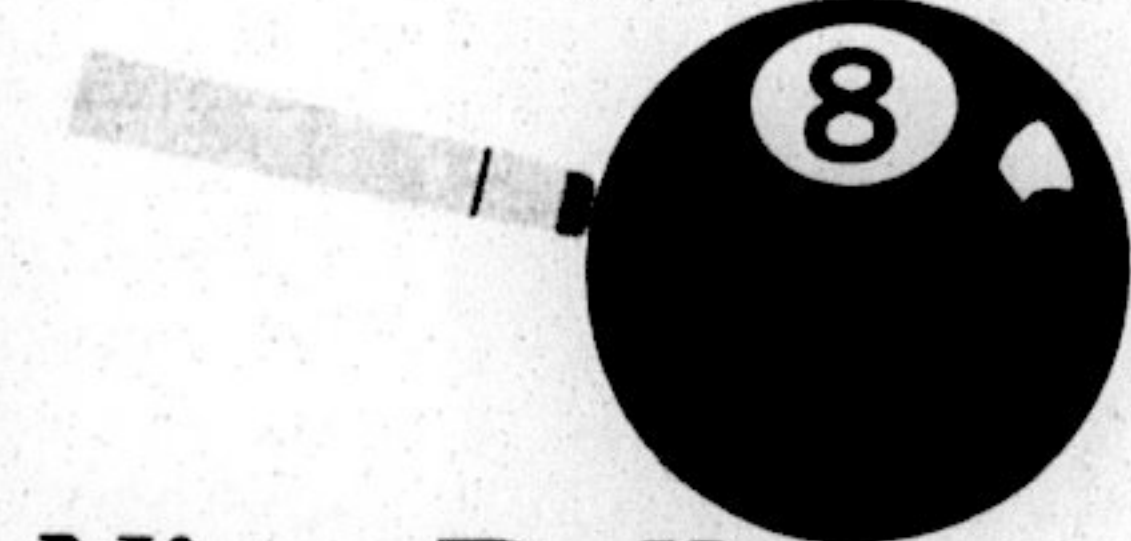
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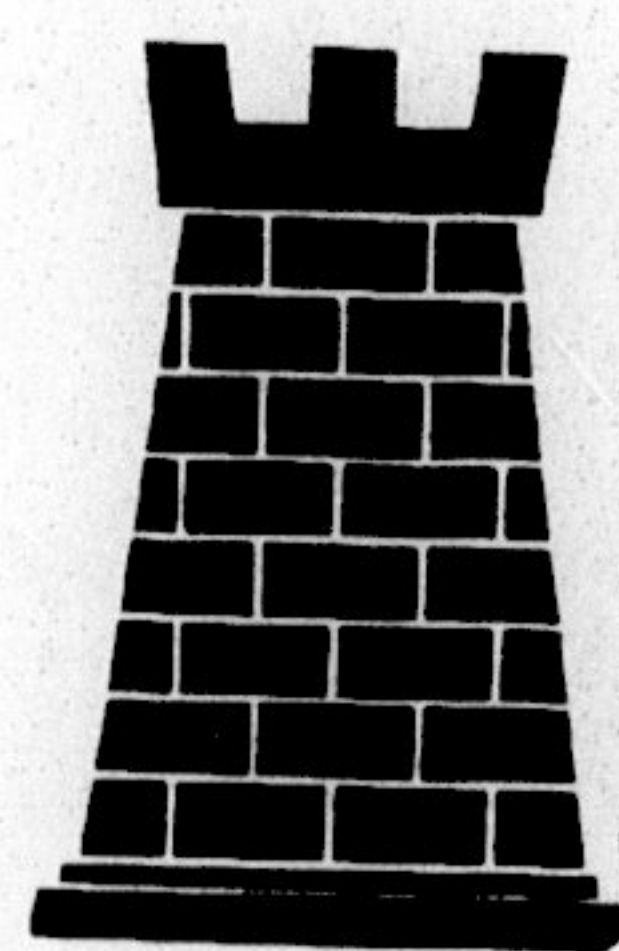
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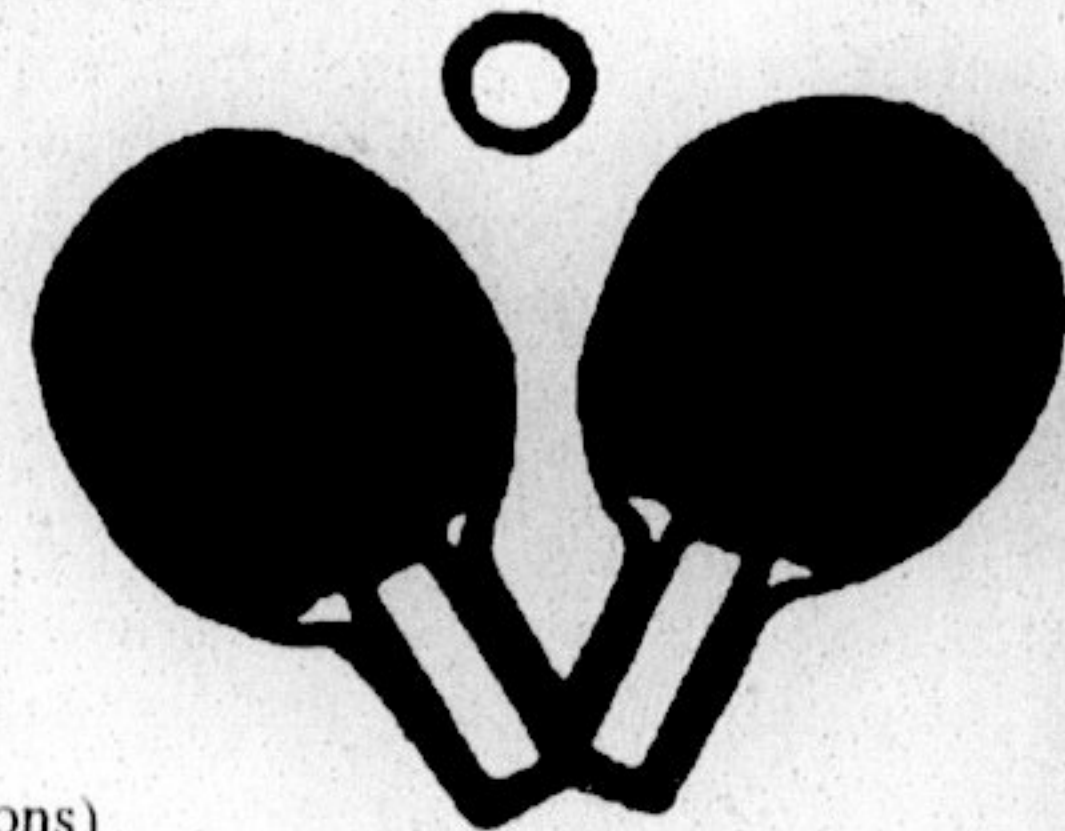


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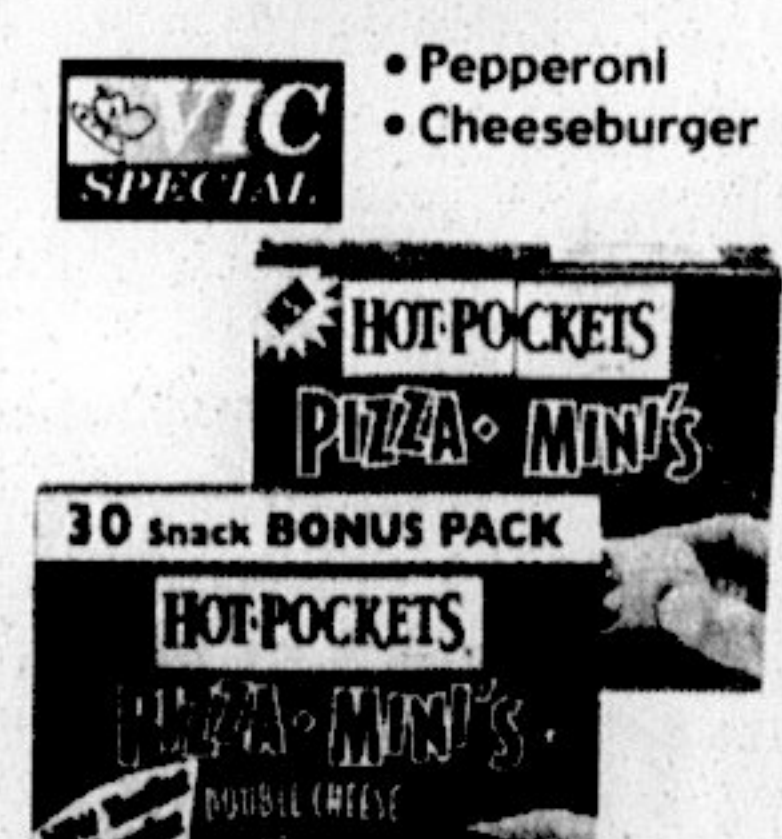
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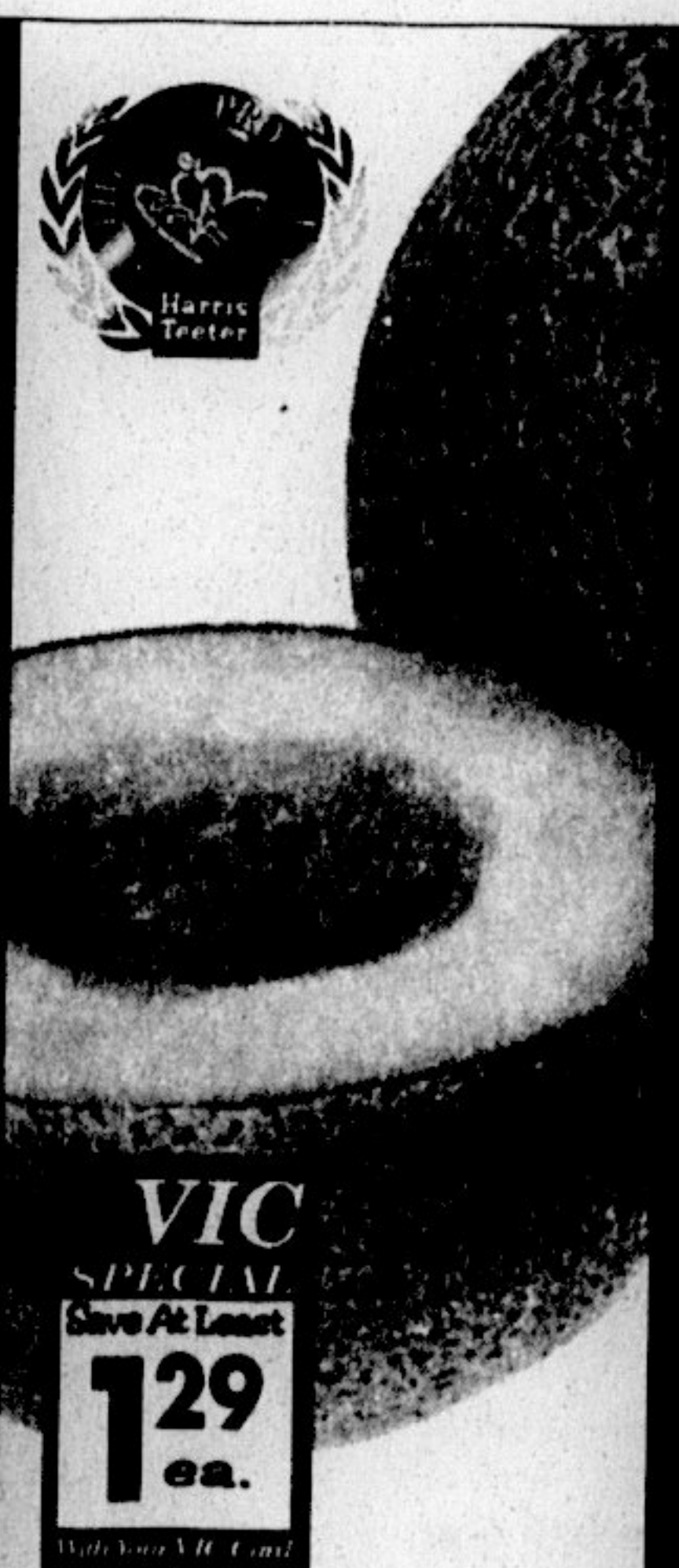


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The Student Recreation Center is celebrating its third anniversary this month. The SRC stands as an example of what a university can do when it focuses on the students. While many university facilities have solely academic uses, the SRC caters exclusively to the needs of the student body.

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That's what makes the SRC more than just a place to get in a quick game of hoops.

On a trip to the SRC during the week, you will see honor students playing alongside frat brothers, day students, freshmen and even the odd professor.

You just might have to wait a spell for a court to open up.

OPINION COLUMN

Is this political Hell? No, it's Iowa.

Mark Larado
OPINION WRITER

As we stand here at the crosswalk of freedom, waiting to be mangled by the bus of Election 2000, Americans must first choose the two main competitors to compete in this topless mud-wrestling ring of democracy.

On Monday, Iowa held a caucus to help find tomorrow's presidential scandal, today. For those of you who don't know, the word caucus sounds a lot like the French word "causerie" meaning talk show.

Trust me folks, all this election needs is a crack-addicted, transvestite prostitute or any member of the midget KKK to have every possible type of candidate running.

To make it easier for you, I will break down winners and losers of each party.

From the Republican Party, George W. (Wonder Woman) Bush, won his campaign in Iowa with a big win over Steve Forbes. This Republican front-runner is the son of former president, George Bush, who had the highest American approval-rating in history during his presidency.

However by the end of Election '92, Bush's rating mirrored that of O.J. Simpson playing golf with the skeletal remains of his dead ex-wife.

Steve Forbes surprisingly won over 30 percent of the Republican vote to come in second in the race. Forbes was a little upset with this, and he blamed it on an under-financed campaign.

So he went to the bank to take more money out of his kids near-penniless trust fund in preparation for another second place victory in New Hampshire.

I would say something about John McCain, but I fear it'll rub him the wrong way, causing him to throw a temper tantrum like a two-year-old in the toy section of Wal-Mart.

On a lighter note, Orin Hatch, whose campaign slogan "Don't mess with me, I'm from Utah," quit after obtaining just one percent of the 10 percent who voted in Iowa. Leaving the American public holding their hands to their mouths gasping, "Who?"

The political spectrum of the Democratic race can be broken down like the mixture of the all-guy band *NSync. That is, a couple of "pretty boys" with good voices, surrounded by a bunch of ugly, vapid, back-up singers.

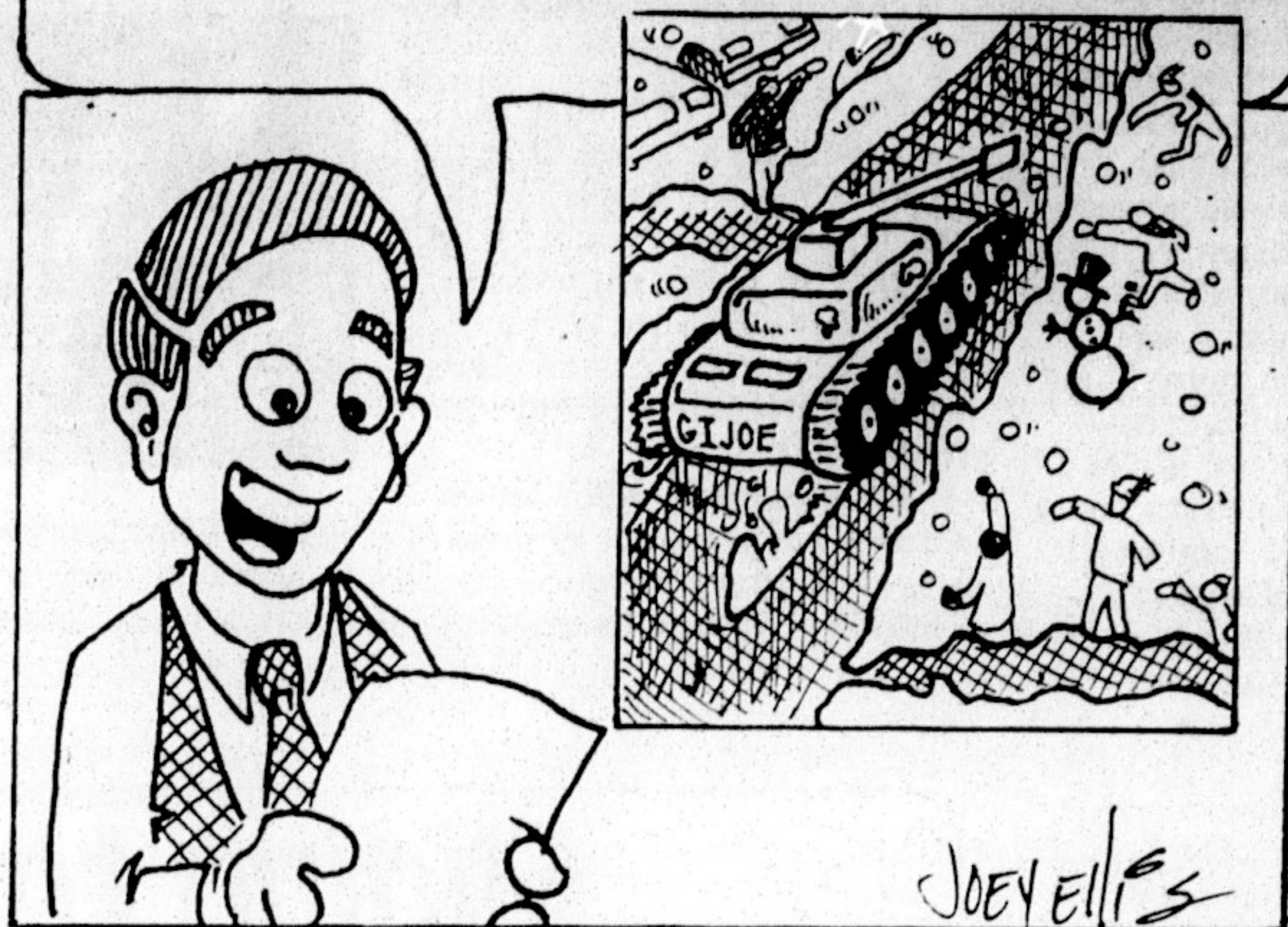
Running in first is Al Gore, who won because he was able to get nine out of 10 lumberjacks in that state to agree that he's top-grade.

By nearly two votes to one, Al Gore beat former senator and NBA hall-of-famer Bill Bradley, proving once again that the Knicks suck.

If your favorite candidate didn't win this time, maybe he'll have better luck in New Hampshire. That's the state that has the tough job of keeping all the whinny French-Canadians from defecting to here.

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OPINION COLUMN

Personal intrigues exposed on shuttle

Leigh Murphy
OPINION WRITER

Everyday, hundreds of students use the bus system as transportation to and from class. For me, it is an easy way to get to class without searching for a parking spot. I can drive to Minges from my apartment and then take the shuttle to Christenbury.

I am very thankful that this service is provided for us. However, some things do not need to be discussed on route to school. If you want to learn about your fellow classmates, ride the bus. Anything and everything is discussed.

I really have an issue, or shall I say pet peeve, with this.

Monday morning there was a great romance story being told, which appeared to be a replay of the weekend's events. I can honestly say that I was surprised by the level of details that I heard. Which for me as a listener, really helped bring it to life.

I do, nevertheless, feel sorry for the girlfriend, especially since I know her.

I heard about these three people: the girlfriend, the boyfriend and a close female friend. All three have been good friends for several years, and always seem to be together.

They had plans over the weekend, but unfortunately the girlfriend had to go out of town, which left the other two in Greenville to enjoy themselves. The close friend decided to invite the boyfriend over for a nice dinner and an evening by the fire, which led them to cross that friendship line.

To make the story even better, the intimate details such as the fact that the friend bought a green lingerie set just for him, were actually revealed. Plus, I now know even where in the apartment the actual relations occurred.

After those two actions were presented, the girlfriend was degraded by the two on the bus.

I do not want to hear this kind of stuff on my way to class. For some reason I think that information like this needs to be discussed elsewhere.

What if I am good friends with the actual people (like I am) and decide to tell them what I heard?

If you have to talk smack, you better watch your back and make sure who you tell these stories around. More than that, have a little respect for those around you. Some of us do not care who you had sex with or what exactly it was that you did this weekend.

Which takes me to the bus ride back to Minges after school.

It was around 3 p.m., which meant that most people had already left campus and the bus was rather sparse. This also means that little conversations can be heard by everyone riding. This time there were two rather nice looking guys discussing the tactics in luring a young girl on a date, or least to have a drink with them.

For example, one of their procedures in capturing "fresh meat" is to tell them how innocent they are. The boy approached the girl, tells her that she does not look like she feels comfortable in the surroundings and to let him take her where she will be less vulnerable.

Another example from the boy's conversation was to tell her that either there were a lot of drugs in the bathroom and they needed to get out, or that a random person has a gun and it would be wise for her to let him take her out of the bar.

I found both of these approaches rather interesting. I really hope that girls do not fall for these tactics. I also hope that these two guys have better ways of getting dates. Either way, I don't care.

There is a time and a place for everything. This means that the shuttle is not the place for revealing thoughts or events that might affect others riding.

In the future, I hope that you really will look to see who is sitting next to you. You really never know when you are getting yourself into trouble or you might find your story in the newspaper.

I enjoy digging for information and writing about it, but it is handed to me, as I was riding the shuttle, there is no way that I can refuse.

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OPINION COLUMN

Amusing ideas for snow play

Chris Sachs
OPINION COLUMNIST

All this snow is wonderful. It reminds me of a Robert Frost poem about the pastoral settings of the North with the crisp air and the splendid mountain ranges. Or does this snow remind me of an Edgar Allen Poe poem about death and dismemberment? Looking at the car wreck I just saw, it had to be Poe.

I grew up in the North and I remember I had to dig my father's car out of five feet of snow just so I could go to the DMV to take my driving test. I failed the test, but it was not because of the snow, it was because I had the radio on and my arm out the window. But anyway, I have been driving in snow as long as I can remember and I don't mind it at all. I like driving to school on a sheet of ice—sideways. Having it snow down here in the South provides me no end of entertainment. It is a gas to watch everyone walking like they are on a tight rope connected to two unicycles while wearing stiletto heels. Arms flailing about and legs wobbling. It looks like downtown at 2:30 a.m. Seeing cars on the side of the road gives me a snicker because that is one less person that can get my illegal parking spot at Darryl's. I know that is evil of me, but so is the parking situation, and desperate needs cause for desperate deeds.

Another thing I like watch in the snow is the expression on the faces of all the students who are sliding around the campus. They have a look of money in their eyes. They are waiting to fall and break their hips just so their lawyers can get them a fat settlement and have a building named after them. I am not sure which building I will buy when I fall, but the new chemistry building will look good with a statue of me in front of it.

But all seriousness aside, now it is time for fun. There is so much fun to be had in the snow. And remember the first rule of fun in the snow: the more dangerous it is, the more fun it is. Tying an old

Volkswagen Beetle's hood to the back of your buddy's truck and being hauled around the neighborhood at forty miles an hour is always fun. Taking a canoe down the hill on 4th st. is also fun. (It will be even more fun if there are eleven other drunk people in there with you.)

And what about the snowballs! What fun to be had! Throwing snowballs at cars as they go by has been around since snow was first invented. It is pure bliss to watch the people scowl as you pelt their windows with snowballs the size of grapefruits, knowing they will never catch you when they do stop and chase you. Snowball fights are another great time, but remember: putting old batteries in the center of the snowball is unfair and should only be used if your side is losing the battle.

And who can forget the old favorite—Skitching! Now skitching is done by waiting for a car to stop at a stoplight or stop sign and sneaking up behind it, grabbing the bumper and getting pulled for a block or two. Make sure to wear heavy boots and gloves and a catcher's mask doesn't hurt either. But make sure the car you choose can handle it. This is a true story—in Buffalo, NY where I skitched for years, my buddy and I grabbed the bumper of a Yugo. The bumper actually ripped off and we almost got killed by the car behind us. So choose a sturdy car like a Ford Festiva or a Geo Metro.

So enjoy the snow, drive to school fast, do donuts wherever you can and make sure to have a good lawyer. Dress warm and remember which bars stay open in the foul weather. And if school does close, make sure that whatever you do, don't catch up on work and study. It belittles the school's grand gesture of looking out for your safety. Go out and have some fun and make some money.

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OPINION COLUMN

Life's too short—let 'em know you care

Patrick McMahon
OPINION COLUMNIST

In this hectic, day-to-day college life that we live in, we sometimes forget the important people in our life and their effect upon us. The friends we grew up with that now go to another school, the really sweet teacher that got you out of trouble, the parents that helped raise you into the man or woman you are today—all of these people played an integral part in who you are today.

These people are special to you and they don't even know it. Tell them how much they mean to you and how they touched your soul. A simple letter or phone call is sometimes all that is needed. How many times have you heard someone who lost a loved one say "I never had the chance to tell them how much I really cared." It tears my heart to pieces when I hear this because I was once in the same boat as they are now in.

Travis Cobb Ellis was one of my best friends in high school. We were both on the golf team and we both hung out together on the weekends. Some of my most memorable high school moments were spent with him and our other friends. I eventually went off to school while Travis looked for something to do after high school. The last time I saw him was on a golf course at the end of July in 1998. We got into a big argument that resulted in me walking off the course and vowing to tear him a new one. I hung around to wait for him

but decided to go home instead. That was the last time I spoke with him until his funeral four months later.

Travis was hit by a car that ran off the road Oct. 2, 1998 while working with the Department of Transportation spraying flowers on the roadside. My whole life went to pieces after his death because I believed he didn't know how much I really cared for him as my friend. He was my boy and I let him die without ever letting him know. After his death, it became important to me to tell each and every person I'm friends with how I feel about them. I tell my friends I love them, I tell my parents I love them after every phone call, I tell anyone I can that I love them because when it is all said and done, I do not want these people to have to go through what I did.

Tell your parents you love them. You may not get along too well with them but it is important for them to hear it. You'll brighten their day. It is a simple gesture that can greatly ease the pain if the person is taken from you. Some people may say that I'm unlucky because so many of my friends have died, but I look at it differently. The Lord is trying to show me how precious each and every life is, so take nothing for granted. No matter what, when God decides to return you to his side, there is nothing anyone can do to stop it. Life is short. Take nothing for granted. Open yourselves to others.

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FEATURES BRIEFS

The many meanings of color

RED has the lowest vibration, being therefore the coarsest and most physically vitalizing. Astrologers tell us that the "planetary color" of Mars is red and has dynamic power over iron, which is responsible for our red-blood. Without it we would have transparent liquid in our veins. Mars is considered the God of War, giving a martial spirit to all born under this sign, quick strength and force, power and leadership. Red is the color of Mars, whose stone is the ruby and whose metal is iron.

ORANGE is the second color in the spectrum. This beautiful color is associated with the sun, and has a warming and invigorating effect. But whereas red is stimulating to the body and the blood, orange is stimulating to the emotions. It is also considered the color of the brave. It should be avoided by extremely emotional types of people, who acquire balance through its complimentary color, blue.

YELLOW is the third color of the spectrum. This color belongs to the planet Mercury. Mercury instills a quick intellect by stimulating the nervous system. Wisdom is said to be conferred by Mercury and its color. This color has stood for wisdom and intellect throughout the ages. Yellow lamps or glass windows stimulate the nerves of the brain and the body. They should not be used by highly nervous subjects.

GREEN is the fourth color which stands in the center of the scale of seven colors. Green gives stability, endurance and quietude. People with the luminous green of Saturn in their aura are the harmonizers and pacifiers of the world. They stand for social stability. If the green is dark and crude it tells that its owner, so concerned with the affairs of others, has become "green with envy."

BLUE belongs to the planet Venus, the giver of love, devotion and harmony. Its stone is the amethyst, the super-sacred of the seven jewels. Pale blue in the aura represents devotion, while dark blue shows fanaticism. One can either be "true blue" or have a fit of the "blues," according to one's outlook.

INDIGO is the sixth color of the scale. It is, like green, a meeting-ground for all the colors. Its planet is said to be Uranus and its stone is jet. In the aura it shows dignity and high aspirations.

VIOLET is the seventh and last color of the spectrum. It represents the seventh and highest quality a person attains — noble spiritual aspiration. Therefore it has always been connected to the priestly ceremonies. It cools the nerves, is magnetic and antiseptic. Purple and violet speak of honor, spirituality and self-esteem.

BROWN is the color of the earth and holds us to the earth and materialistic thoughts.

GRAY is neutral and useful as a background to other colors.

WHITE absorbs all the rays and is therefore cooling and restful.

Courtesy of SF Heart web site

Smaller audiences cause more interaction

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

The crowd is screaming, and the band takes the stage. True, the crowd is only 250 people and they are all packed into Peasant's Cafe, but they are no less enthusiastic than a larger crowd at Walnut Creek Amphitheater. Local bands have a different type of attraction for fans.

In Greenville, the downtown scene is a local legend. Everyone knows that there are concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

nights, depending on the club that you go to and the band that you want to see. Local record stores, such as CD Alley and East Coast Music and Video, carry the CDs



Jimmie's Chicken Shack performs throughout the eastern seaboard region. (photo by Bobby Russell)

and tapes that these bands produce.

"We carry between 15 and 20 local groups, and that's a conservative estimate," said Daniel Rowe, a clerk at CD Alley.

A local band sells CDs based on the quality of its music as well as the amount of self-promotion that they do.

"The Mike Corrado Band sells just as well as any national band," Rowe said. "They just need to get out there and promote themselves."

Not all of the bands that play in Greenville have cut an album yet. Some are still performing on a small local circuit, and these bands draw crowds that are looking for a good time and a



Mandorico performs for Greenville residents semi-annually. (File photo)

quality show, not necessarily a great musical experience.

"You figure, it's only \$8-\$10 for the show, [so] I'll go hang out

with my friends and see the band again," said Andre Jullia, a clerk at East Coast.

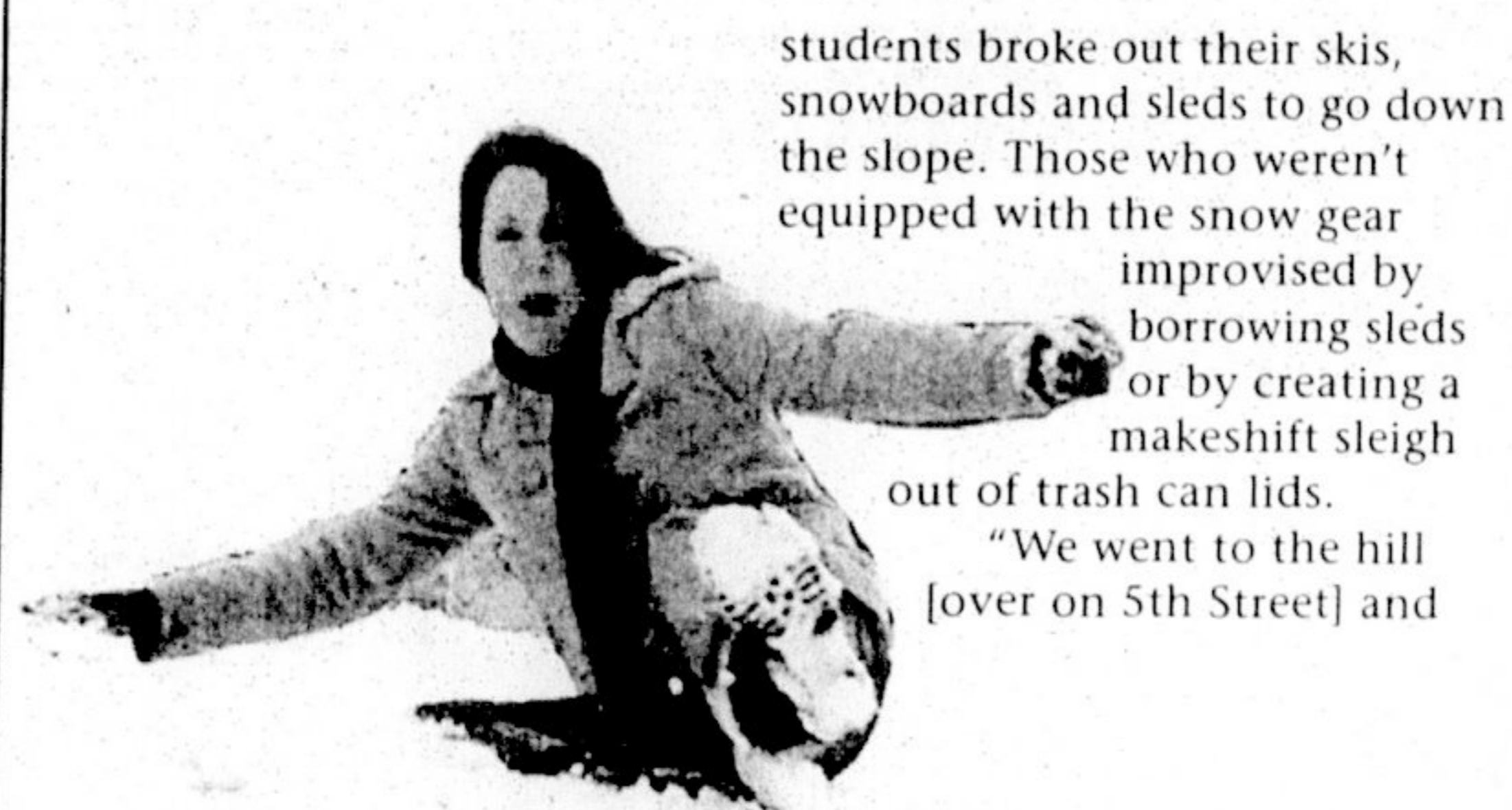
"With a local band, there is an opportunity for more crowd interaction. With a larger audience, the performance is

impersonal and they can't get to know the crowd."

Smaller bands also tend to show their appreciation for their audi-

See BANDS, page 7

Sliding through a winter wonderland



Greenville residents frolic in frozen city

Nina M. Dry
FEATURES ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Emerald City got a taste of what it's like to be in a world of snowy white when flakes fell on Tuesday.

Although meteorologists reporting flurries for early Tuesday morning, not many people in this area were ready for what we actually received—northwest winds gusting between 15-25 mph, temperatures in the upper 30s, not to mention the four to six inches of snowfall.

According to WITN-7 Meteorologist Marvin Daugherty, he has not seen snow hit eastern North Carolina like this for about 20-25 years.

But since it did come down and classes were canceled, ECU students did not waste one minute in getting outside and playing in the wintry weather.

One of the more popular sites this Tuesday was the hill located on 5th Street, where

students broke out their skis, snowboards and sleds to go down the slope. Those who weren't equipped with the snow gear

improvised by borrowing sleds or by creating a makeshift sleigh out of trash can lids.

"We went to the hill [over on 5th Street] and

"It's interesting to have this snow because it's not something we have everyday," said freshman Fred Angoco.

Chris Cooper, a sociology graduate student, is from the mountains so he was used to this weather and welcomed it with open arms.

"It's about time it snowed!" Cooper said.

He did run into some issues

when he went to local grocery

"I had to line for 45 min-

The snow has come and gone, with students enjoying mini-break.

the store. wait in lines." day

has truly arrived in the South-east.

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Top left: Holly Zimmerman, freshman, slides through the snow. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Above: Graduate students Jason Pickard, Doug Jones and Brantley Rive stand next to their homemade igloo. (photo by Emily Richardson)

OPINION COLUMN

Stop, snow lies ahead

Students are slipping still on the ice

Nina M. Dry
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Tuesday was definitely one for the record books. It was nice to see students come together for snowball fights, creating snowmen and skiing down the 5th Street slope on sleds, garbage can lids and Mendenhall cafeteria trays.

But, it wasn't nice to find out that my Adidas Vindicators were not a suitable source of footwear. It may have been better to wear a sturdy pair of ice skates for the hike to class on Wednesday morning. Don't get me wrong—I appreciate the administrative higher-ups for canceling morning classes for those who had to drive on the slick roads, but how about us poor pedestrians?

It's a fact that eastern North Carolina isn't used to getting this amount of snow, but let's get on the ball, people. Most of the main walkways on this campus were covered by a complete sheet of ice. What used to be a five-minute walk to the

General Classroom Building took an extra five just to make it to class without slipping and falling.

The fact that many students' classes were canceled after enduring the physically challenging hike to their classroom building just added to the frustrations of the day. It's times like these that I want class to be held—especially if I went through all the trouble to risk my life (and my humility) to get there. I mean, really, what's worse: falling on the ice and injuring yourself or falling on the ice and injuring your ego as people look down at you, suppressing their laughter.

Yesterday would have been the prime moment for ECU maintenance to clear some of these paths, you know, before the snow turned into ice. Now I should give credit where credit's due since I did see some people clearing some of the areas. But some of the main walkways looked untouched. And, no, throwing sand and dirt on top of the ice will not make it all better.

Last time I checked, when it snows, the city puts down salt rocks to melt the ice and prevent slippage. The dirt and sand stuff only makes what was left of the snow slushy dirt covered the ice, and really did

nothing to help pedestrians. It stuck to our shoes, leaving attractive dirt prints wherever we went. Let's learn a lesson from the Northeastern states—I don't recall ever seeing them use sand!

Oh yeah, I do want to thank those who cleared the road for those driving around campus. You guys did a fantastic job in removing the ice and snow, but did you have to place it directly in the gutter areas? I have a theory as to what you were thinking: pushing the snow into the far corners of the road will clear the area for drivers and when it finally melts, it will go right into the drains.

Well, that's great, but it was only supposed to get up to 40 degrees on Wednesday. That's only a mere eight degrees above freezing. So it took leaps and bounds to make it from the street to the sidewalks, again endangering ourselves to make a wrong step, slip and fall at the expense of being the joke of all of those who are within viewing distance.

Although it was an eventful snow day, we are definitely not as prepared as we could be for the consequences once the fun is over.

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Dear Majorie,
My roommate hangs his underwear on the door every night. He says that he hangs them up so that they can air out. He then wears them the next day. Is this sanitary?
—Grossed out in Garrett

Dear Grossed out,
This has got to be one of the more disgusting dorm tales that I have heard. First of all, what if you get a late-night visitor, do you really want him or her to see the funky drawers? No, I didn't think so. Secondly, we should all worry about our roommates, and it is in his best interests to wear clean drawers at all times. What if he was to go home with a hottie, and they started getting hot and heavy. Rest assured, he wouldn't get any if she saw nasty skids. For everyone concerned, clean drawers are a must. Jeans last for three days, shirts indefinitely if you wear something under them, but drawers are a one-day thing.

Dear Majorie,
My freshman roommate gets up at 5:30 a.m. every morning to get ready for her 8 a.m. college algebra class. Her

makeup case is the size of a 10-gallon aquarium, and she has more shoes than I have cans of Spaghetti-O's. Is this a freshman female phenomenon, or is it just her?

—Concerned in Clement

Dear Concerned,
This is a phenomenon that we have seen in many freshman females on campus. Possibly because there is a 3-1 ratio of girls to guys on campus or because this is their first chance to snag a real college guy, we're not sure. Ladies, at 8 a.m. the men aren't hungry for love, they are thinking about the fact that the sun shouldn't rise so early or about how many aspirins are medically safe to take at one time for the hangover that's pounding their brain.

With the money that your roommate spends on make-up in a month, the rest of us could probably feed a small country. Natural beauty is a blessing, but plaster is disgusting. If you must wear make-up and you must be beautiful at 8 a.m., know that you will be one of a select few and that everyone will identify you as an overly eager freshman.

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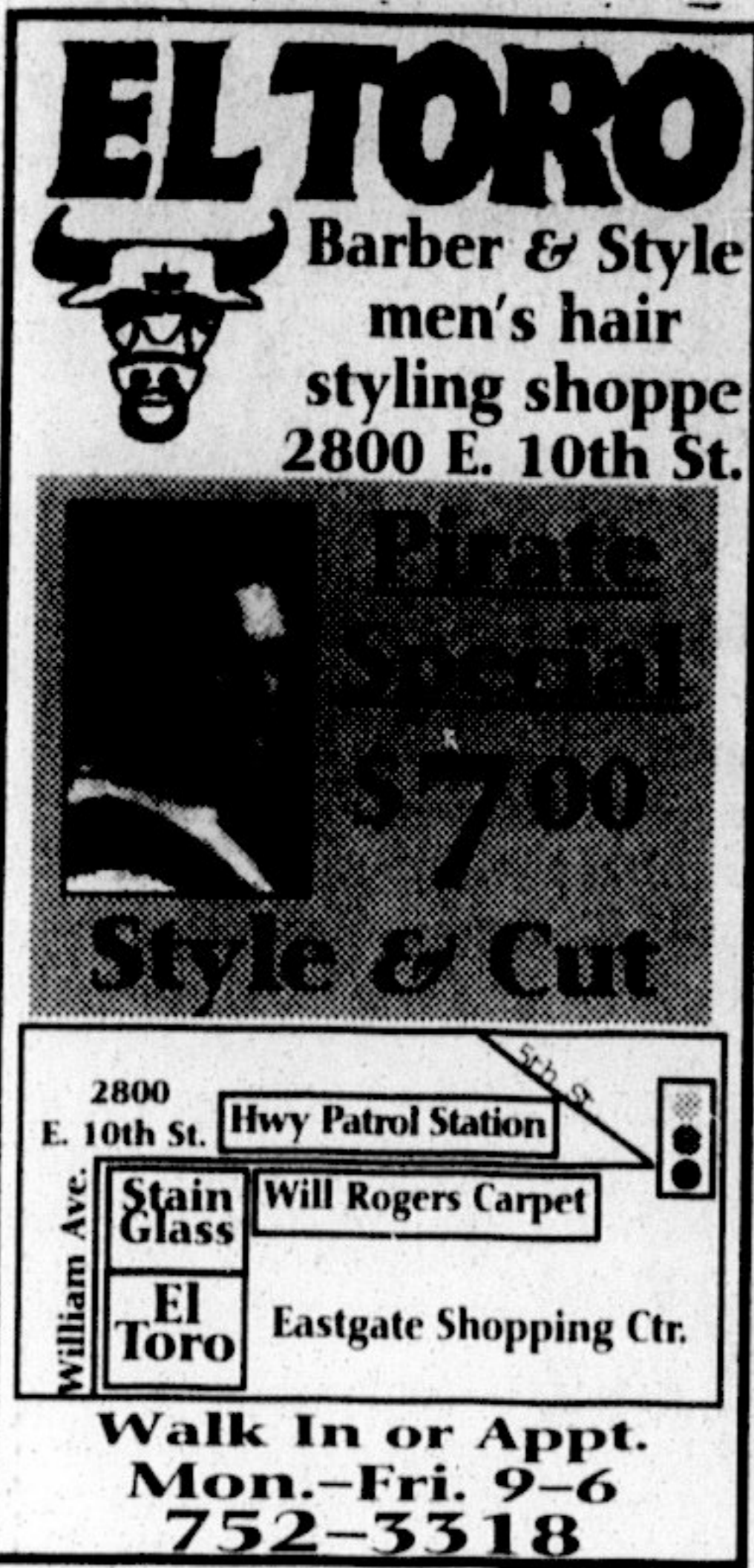
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Roaming chicken charges dropped

BARRE, Vt. (AP)—A judge has dismissed criminal charges against a Montpelier man who was accused of violating a city ordinance by letting his chickens roam. Judge Mark Keller recently dismissed a misdemeanor case against Gary Schy without a hearing in Vermont District Court after notifying both sides that he intended to so unless they objected.

Schy, a 41-year-old day care operator, was charged in August under a city ordinance that makes it a crime to have chickens escape from their enclosure.

Court documents said a neighbor, Bernard Folta, 57, complained to police about Schy's chickens escaping in July and even provided Montpelier police with photos that depicted the chickens off Schy's property.

Folta told police he had been complaining to Schy about the chickens escaping since the summer of 1998, and had filed a complaint previously.

Schy was charged in August 1998 with "failure to contain chicken," according to court records. He said the charges were dropped after he agreed to make a donation to the city.

When the latest charges were filed, Schy could have faced a \$250 fine and up to 30 days in prison if convicted. City attorney Glenn Howland had said he was only seeking the fine.

In September, Keller put the case on hold for 90 days to give the two sides a chance to work out a solution through the Corrections Department's Court and Reparative Service program.

Schy said Monday Howland had filed a motion asking the charges be reinstated. Howland did not return calls seeking comment.

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their appreciation for their audience. They incorporate elements into their show like "call and response," which is when a group sings one line and the audience sings the next line. Local bands also tend to more willingly interview with local newspapers than larger bands. They also recognize members of the audience who have been to past shows and try to get to know the people who follow their music.

"I went to a Jimmie's Chicken Shack concert, and they are the nicest group of guys that I have ever met," said Danielle Custis, an ECU alumnus. "Before the show, they mingled with the crowd and met the audience on a more personal level. They are not even

phased by the fact that they are "famous." When they're on stage and they recognize you from previous shows, they recognize you. It's really cool."

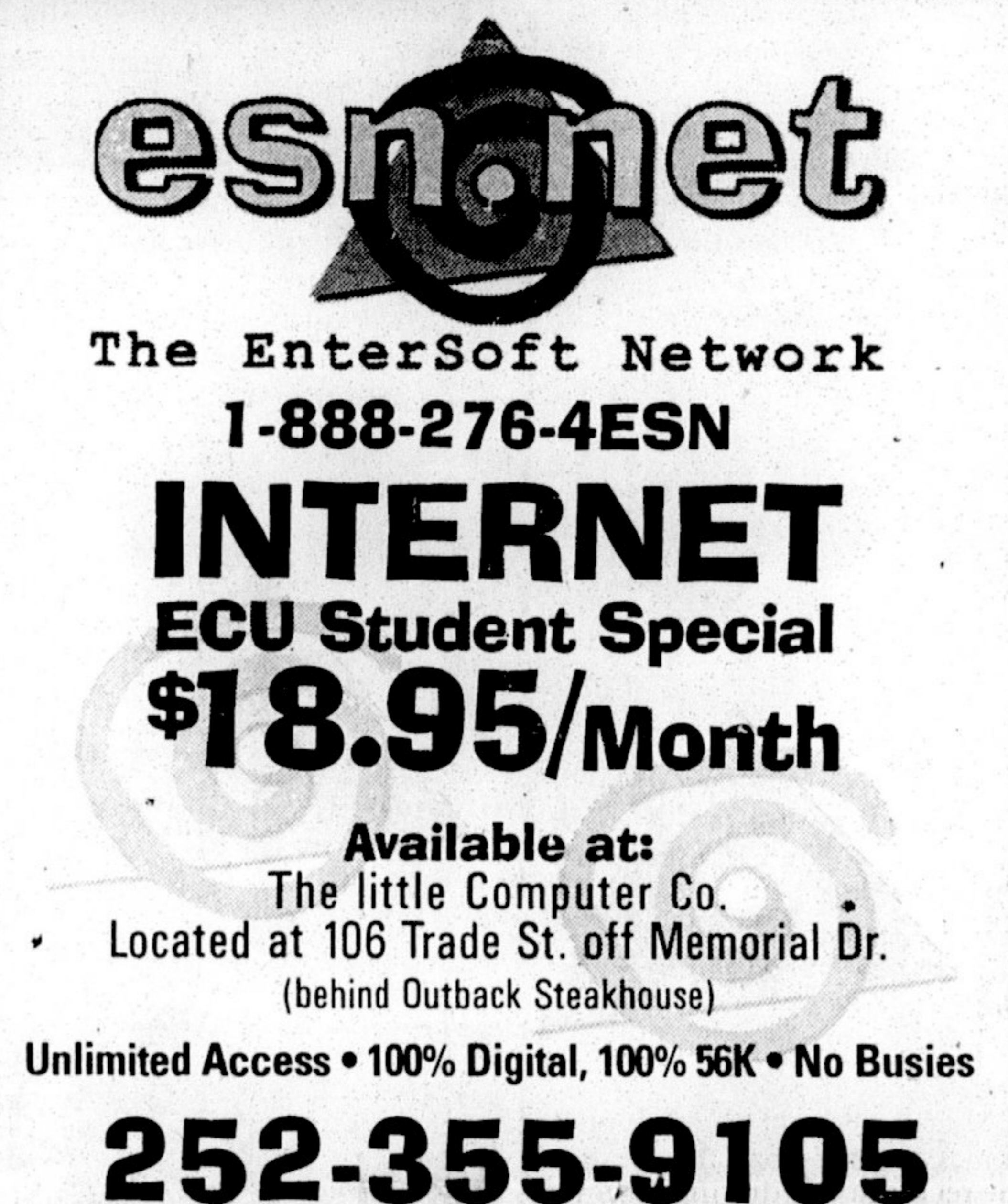
A local band's show is typically more than just the music and making money selling CDs. The audience is incorporated into the show, and the band follows the audience and feels the mood of the night.

"For someone performing for 500 people, there is more intimacy," said Tom Ives, owner of Skully's. "You get a better sense of what the band is really about. The band tends to react more to the crowd and the feeling of the night."

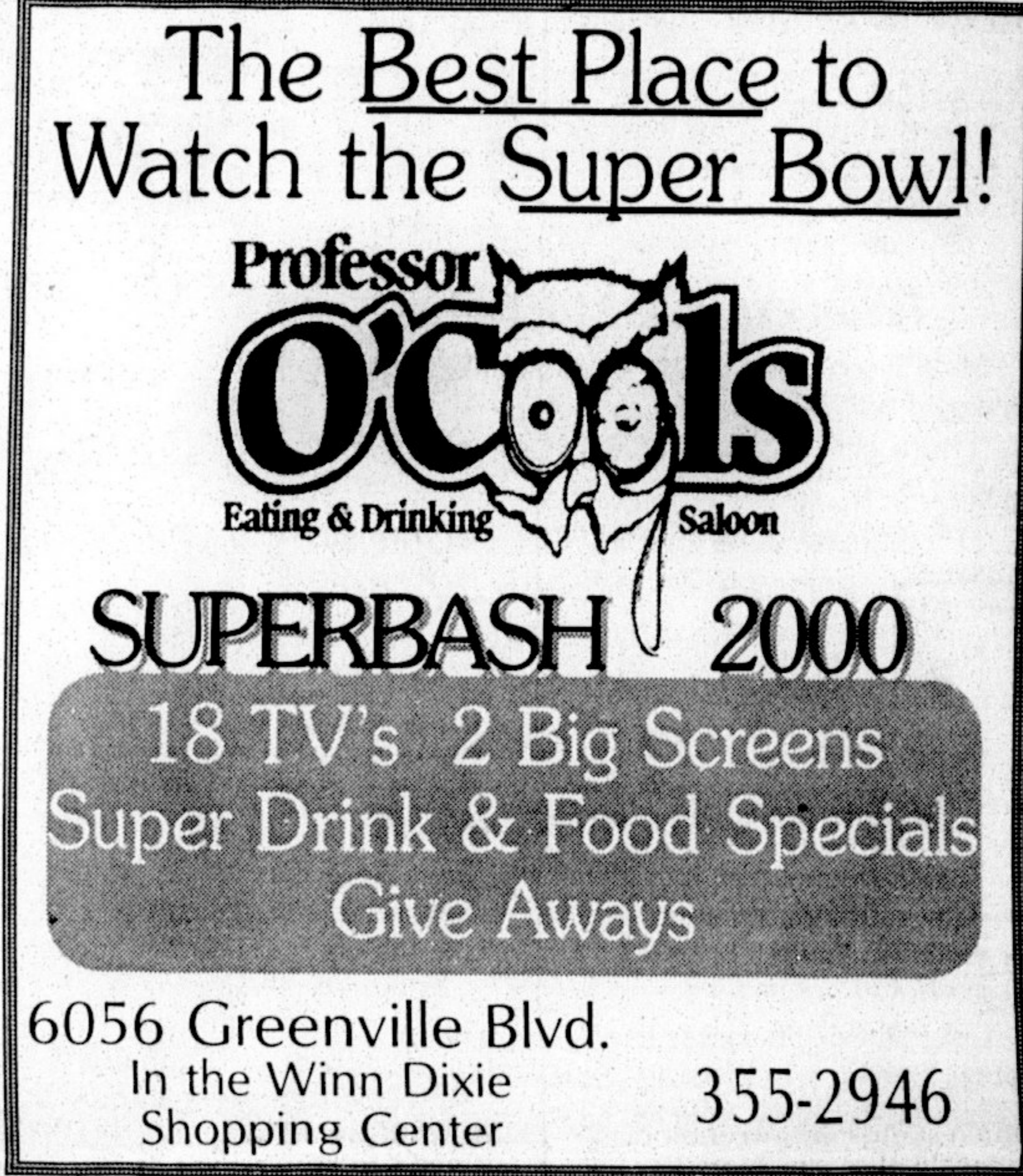
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Thomas has surgery

Chiefs linebacker had surgery Tuesday to treat the serious back injury he suffered in a car accident Sunday. The 4 1/2 hour surgery was performed in Thomas' home town of Miami by the renowned back specialists at the Miami Project. Thomas regained some feeling in his feet but, is still paralyzed below the waist. Doctors are undecided as to whether or not Thomas will walk again.

"Anybody who knows Derrick Thomas knows not bet against him," said Dr. Barth Green of Jackson Medical Center. "But it's too early to tell right now."

Tyson explains statement

Mike Tyson made headlines this week by saying he would "kill" opponent Julius Frazier.

"I hope gets knocked out, but this is just the motivation I have," Tyson.

Tyson will fight Frazier Saturday in Manchester, England.

Dilfer becomes a free agent

Trent Dilfer became a free agent Tuesday, after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers declined to pick up his 4.6 million dollar option on the 27 year-old quarterback.

Dilfer started 76 games for the Buccaneers. He lost his starting spot to rookie, Shaun King following a season-ending injury. King led the Bucs to the NC Championship game before losing to the Rams last weekend.

"Given the situation that exists here in Tampa, I agree with the Bucs that it is best for everyone that I be permitted to move on to another team," Dilfer said.



Hingis, Martinez

advance to semifinals

No. 1 seed, Martina Hingis advanced to the semifinals of the Australian Open, Tuesday. Hingis will face former Wimbledon Champion, Conchita Martinez. Hingis needed only 45 minutes to dispose of Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, 6-1, 6-1.

In the other semifinal matchup No. 2 seed Lindsay Davenport will face fellow American and surprise semifinalist, Jennifer Capriati.



Cowboys promote Campo

The Dallas Cowboys announced yesterday that Offensive Coordinator, Dave Campo would be promoted to Head Coach. Campo, 42, came to the Cowboys in 1989 with former coach Jimmy Johnson, after current owner Jerry Jones bought the team. Like all other Cowboy head coaches, Campo has no previous NFL head coaching experience.

The Cowboys won their last Super Bowl in 1996. In the past three seasons, they are 24-24. Campo replaces former coach Chan Gailey, who was fired two weeks ago.

Track teams start season on right foot

Pirates qualify for ECAC, IC4A in seven events

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

After weeks of running on grass and wondering when their new track would be complete, ECU men's and women's track teams finally got to run for real this weekend, at the Pepsi One Invitational.

The meet on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, V.A., featured stiff competition for the Pirates. "It was a pretty big meet," said Head Women's Track Coach Matt Munson. "We chose to open a little later because of what we had been through with the track. But this was a big meet. We were up against teams like Penn State, Carolina and Florida State."

The meet was bigger than most season openers for past ECU teams.

"I prefer a smaller meet," said thrower Crystal Frye. "But you don't want to be babied."

Both teams rose to the occasion. The men posted

the third fastest collegiate time this year in the 4x400 meter relay. Three runners qualified for the IC4A's in the 400m. The women had three athletes qualify for the prestigious ECAC Indoor Championships.

Junior Rasheca Barrow posted two ECAC qualifying times. On Friday Barrow qualified with a time of 7.61 in the preliminaries of the 60 meters. The Winston-Salem native then notched another ECAC qualifying time in the 200 meters on Saturday. Barrow placed sixth with a time of 24.94.

In addition to Barrow, thrower Crystal Frye earned a bid to the ECAC in the shot put with a personal best throw of 44' 6 3/4".

"The competition in this meet is always fierce," Frye said. "There are of course the collegiate competitors and also competitors that are no longer in college."

Also qualifying for the ECAC meet was freshman, Becky Post. Post tied for seventh in the pole vault. She is the first pole vaulter in ECU history, thus her first vault of 10' 6", was a school record in addition to a personal best.

Her vault qualified her for the ECAC and brought the total number of qualifiers to four in only the first meet of the season.

"I did really put that on the kids," Munson said. "I told them to go for it this week. For the kids who quali-

fied, it's out of the way and they don't have to worry about it."

For the ECU men's team the 4x400 meter relay team picked up where they left off last season. In their first meet they qualified for the IC4A Championships, and turned in the third fastest time run by a college team this year, behind Florida State and Georgia Tech.

"If we'd have run smart, we would have beaten Georgia Tech," said Head Men's Track Coach Bill Carson.

The team ran with a reorganized lineup.

"I just wanted to try different people out at different spots," Carson said.

Three of the 400 meter runners qualified for the IC4A's. Senior Damon Davis finished fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 47.97. Freshman Lawrence Ward finished eighth at 48.40 while Darrick Ingram placed ninth in 48.42.

ECU placed two people in the top 30 in the 800 meters. Freshman Frankie Green placed 20th with a time of 1:56.80, and teammate Brian Beil came in 28th at 1:57.45.

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400m runner Darrick Ingram placed ninth at the Pepsi One Invitational in Blacksburg, Va., Saturday (file photo)

Results from Pepsi One Invitational

Men

4x400 meter relay		3:11.53	3rd
4X400 meter relay "B" team		3:19.71	10th
400 meters	Damon Davis	47.49	5th
400 meters	Lawrence Ward	48.40	8th
400 meters	Darrick Ingram	48.42	9th
400 meters	James Alexander	50.66	did not place
400 meters	Frankie Green	51.17	did not place
800 meters	Antonio Grey	1:56.08	20th
800 meters	Brian Boil	1:57.45	28th
3,000 meter run	Stuart Will	9:01.17	

Women

60 meters	Rasheca Barrow	7.61	7th
Pole vault	Becky Post	10'6"	7th(tie)
Weight throw	Margaret Clayton	50'2"	7th
Weight throw	Crystal Frye	44'6 1/4"	17th
60m hurdles	Ayana Coleman	9.03	14th
Distance medley relay		13:48.41	15th
200 meters	Rasheca Barrow	24.94	6th
Shot put	Crystal Frye	44' 6 3/4"	6th
Long jump	Toni Kilgore	18' 1/2"	12th
Long jump	Leana Anding	17'8"	16th
High jump	Kelli Post	5'2 1/4"	11th
4x800 meter relay		9:33.59	5th
200 meters	Carmen Weldon	25.72	16th
400 meters	Kiona Kirkpatrick	57.82	13th
400 meters	Martina Freeman	58.75	19th
800 meters	Kay Livick	2:20.84	16th

Titans, Rams cut through Super Bowl hype

ATLANTA (AP)—Roland Williams had a tinge of disbelief in his voice.

"Everything seems different," the St. Louis Rams tight end said Tuesday. "My hotel room seems different. The sheets on my bed seem different. Even the water tastes different."

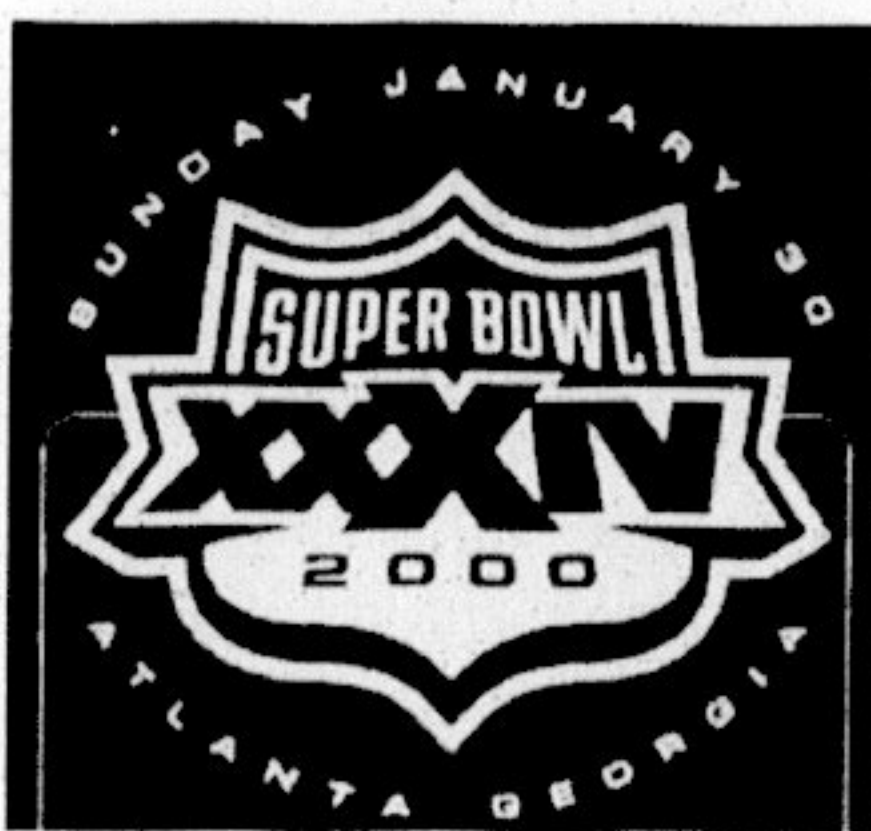
So, this is what it's like to play in your first Super Bowl.

"I can't believe it," Titans receiver Chris Sanders said, video camera in hand as hundreds of reporters milled about at that annual phenomenon known as media day. "Look at me. I can't stop smiling."

The Rams aren't really playing in their first Super Bowl, but they might as well be. Their only previous appearance came in 1980, when they were still in Los Angeles and St. Louis belonged to the football Cardinals.

The Titans are neophytes, playing in their first Super Bowl as Tennessee's team or their previous incarnation as the Houston Oilers.

"I've never seen this much media," Sanders said.



insults. No guaranteed victories.

"We want to be careful in what we say and what we do," Tennessee receiver Derrick Mason said. "We don't want to say anything about the Rams that might get them motivated."

Not even an appearance by Mr. Dog Collar himself, Falcons cornerback Ray Buchanan, could produce the slightest of trash talk at the Georgia Dome.

A year ago, Buchanan first guaranteed a victory over

"I'm taping everything."

But, with memories of the Atlanta Falcons still fresh on their minds, both the Rams and Titans declared a moratorium on anything that might be construed as controversial.

No dog collars. No

the Denver Broncos, then arrived for interviews wearing silver-studded neckwear as a way of dramatizing his team's underdog role.

Instead of being motivated, the Falcons suffered a major meltdown, losing 34-19.

"We're not going to do stuff like that," Williams said. "We're going first class to get the job done. We respect our fine opponent, the Tennessee Titans."

Not the kind of talk you'd get from Deion Sanders or Jim McMahon. Then again, this game just doesn't have the star power of past Super Bowls.

Many reporters kept glancing at the one-page rosters that were handed out at the Georgia Dome, trying to figure out who they were talking to.

No. 77. Who's that?

Long before each team exhausted its one-hour session, the crowd in front of most podiums went from thick to thin. Soon, reporters were interviewing each other, pointing microphones toward players-turned-commentators like Joe Theismann, Jim Kelly and Ron

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OPINION COLUMN

Chris Sachs
OPINION COLUMNIST

Get ready everyone, Sunday is almost upon us. Stock up on chips, meat, booze and large television sets. Call your bookies now and take all the cash out of your girlfriend's purse. That's right everyone, it's Super bowl time! That time of the year where there really is something worth watching on TV. Pure carnage at it's best, and that is just the Super bowl party; the game is pretty good, too.

As men we all reach a climax in the end of January. We build up pressure of watching mediocre teams play mediocre games and watch as our favorite teams lose the AFC championship. We suffer with our girlfriends nagging us on Sundays and getting dragged to Lane Bryant sales at the mall when we should have been home watching the final 30 seconds. We answer the phone when Mom calls right when the game gets in-

The true meaning of Super Bowl Sunday

teresting. We have designated drivers when the local pub shows a Monday night game and draft beers are only a Peso each.

But when it comes to the Super bowl, all the gloves come off. The girlfriends get locked in the closet, the phone gets a drop kick into the street, the car keys get thrown in the woods, and the pyramid of kegs in the living room gets dry, one per hour. We have slabs of meat on the grill so large that they would make Fred Flintstone commit suicide.

We have enough chips and dip to build edible mud huts all over the city. We have the 215 inch TV plugged into a stereo system with enough decibels to make your nose bleed. This is what it's all about men. The best of the best fighting it out, and the best party of the year. It's in our nature fellas, grab your clubs and give a grunt. The pigskin is gonna fly!

Personally, I don't care who wins this year, the Rams or the Titans, but I do care about the game itself. I just want to watch the best. I want to watch the commer-

cials that cost two billion dollars per half second. But I usually root for the team that lives closest to my home state. So I will have to go for the Titans, but I have an uncle in St. Louis, so maybe I should go with them. Which team is better?

I have no idea and I don't care. I just want to see broken arms and ambulances on the field. I just want a good excuse to have furniture thrown about my apartment in a drunken rage and wake up with 40 snoring men on my couch. Then I know the night was worth it and a good party was thrown. Because that is what the Super bowl is all about.

So fellas, skip classes for the rest of the week and go out and get supplies. Classes will be here next week, and you can fail them later, but the Super bowl only comes once a year.

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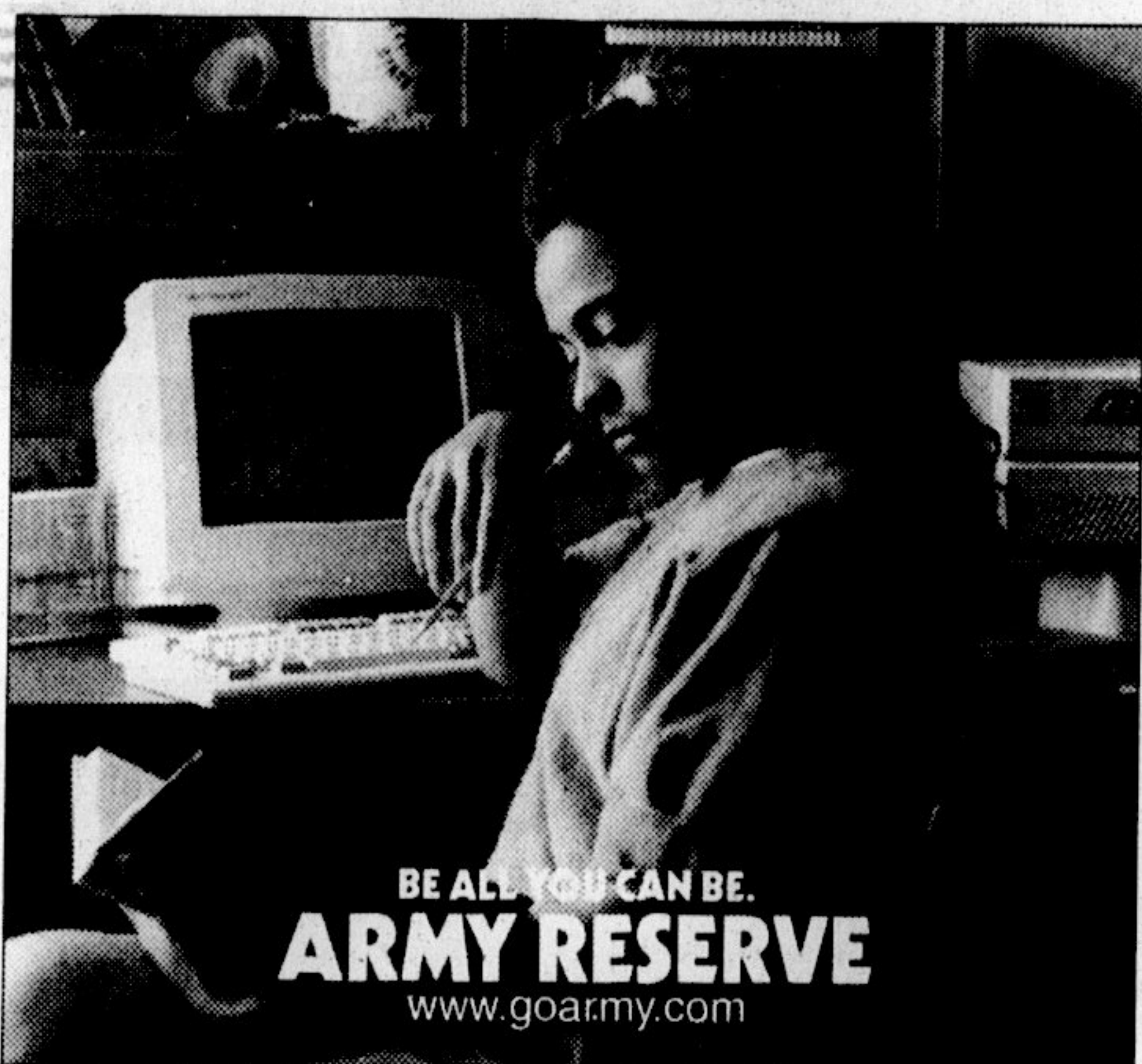
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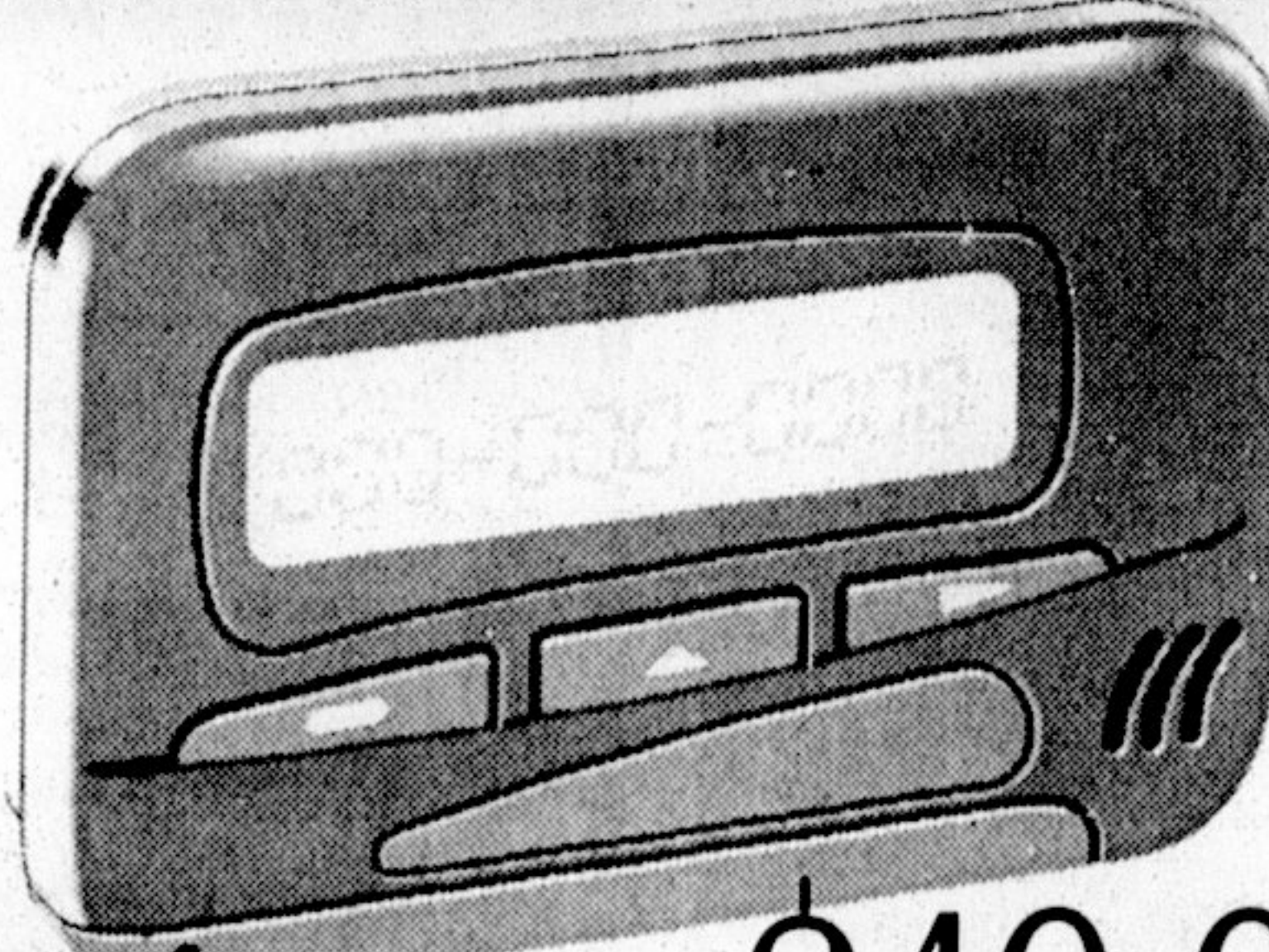
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Jaworski.

"They don't know how to get wild down here," said Falcons offensive tackle Bob Whitfield, taking a break from his day job to play pseudo-journalist. "As soon as they remembered Ray in that dumb collar, they said, 'We're not going to sell out like that.'"

Indeed, both teams seemed to learn from the Falcons' self-destruction.

Atlanta's players were bickering when they got off the plane. Terance Mathis decided it was the proper time to discuss a heretofore unknown alcohol problem. Buchanan said Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe looked like a Kentucky Derby entry. Worst of all, Eugene Robinson was arrested the night before the game on a charge of soliciting sex from an undercover police officer.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher asked his players to please refrain from those type of antics.

"He told us to enjoy the moment," cornerback Samari Rolle said, "but don't get silly about it."

Buchanan, who also wound up with a journalist's pass around his neck instead of something studded, did his best to dress down the formal atmosphere.

"These guys look a little tense, a little intense," he said. "They need to loosen up, have some fun."

So Buchanan waded into a group of reporters surrounding Titans safety Blaine Bishop, armed with a microphone from the Black Entertainment Television network.

"You should be loose," Buchanan said grinning mischievously. "There should be a smile on your face."

"I'm pretty loose," Bishop said, managing a weak smile.

"Just don't guarantee a victory," Buchanan said.

"Oh, no," Bishop said. "I would never do that. Not with all the weapons they have."

With those kind of answers, it was not surprising that yet another guest journalist, Dallas Cowboys lineman Nate Newton, seemed bored by the whole affair.

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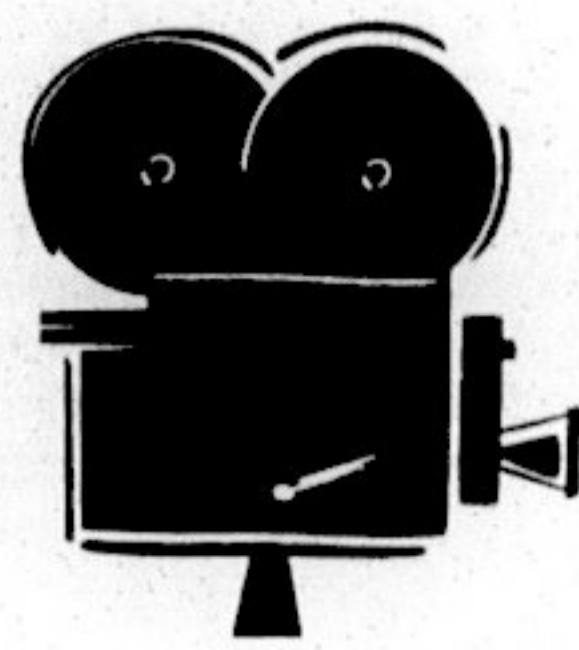
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THE GREENVILLE Recreation and Parks Department is recruiting part-time youth in-Line Hockey coaches. Applicants must possess some knowledge of the hockey skills and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Applicants must be able to coach young people ages 5-18, in hockey fundamentals. This program will run from late February to mid-May. Salary rates start at \$5.15 per hour. Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. For more information please call Judd Crumpler, Michael Daly or Ben James at 329-4550 after 2pm.

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EPSILON SIGMA Alpha Hey Sisters hope you have a wonderful week. See you Sunday.

ZETA TAU Alpha is having an open rush party tonight, 1/27 at 5:30pm for all ladies interested. Call 757-1811 for info and rides.

GAMMA SIGMA Sigma would like to congratulate DeAnn Ingram on being Delta Chi of the month.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Panhellenic award winners. We had a great time at the Banquet. Love the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

THE SISTERS of Sigma Sigma Sigma would like to wish lots of luck with spring rush to all fraternities.

ALPHA PHI would like to congratulate Angelica Orta on her presidency. We would also like to congratulate all other new officers Ashley Hickman, Ginney Stanley, Michelle Ross, Taylor Leonard, Emily Mickelson, Kathy Pacella, Jennifer Johnson, Mary Conway, Emily Smith, Nikki Ringgold, Jane Polfrone, Yonya Collier, Julie Lowe, Arrington Baysden, Kristina Davis, Amy Moore, Lauren White, Martie Bruner, Jamie McKeon, Jessica Crawley, Laurie Cooke, Macaria Wheeler, Libby Jenkins, Jessica Wearne, Melanie Warren, and Kendra Latham. We know you'll all do a great job! Love your Alpha Phi sisters.

PI KAPPA Alpha would like to thank the sisters of Alpha Zeta Delta for coming to our social last Thursday. We had a great time, from what we remember!

GAMMA SIGMA Sigma welcomes the following members into the Omicron pledge class: Melanie Check, Jamie Cope, Darcy Ellerson, Ashleigh Hooks, April Husenita, Emily Kopeiak, Leigh Scher, Marissa Oumette, Emily Richardson, Jen Swanson, Amanda Tedder, Shari Thompson, Jamie Tier, Karen Toldahl, Kelly Yount, Stephanie Wattenbarger.

DELTA SIGMA Phi thanks to you guys and Tom Collins for showing us such a good time Friday night. Lets do it again soon! Love Alpha Phi.

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HEY STUDENTS, the Greenville Recreation and Parks Special Population Department is currently recruiting volunteers for their 2000 Spring programs in: Track & Field, Bowling, Swimming, Recreation Camp, Roller Skating and the 2000 Special Olympics Spring Games. For more information contact Kelvin Yarell or Dean Foy at 329-4844 or 329-4541.

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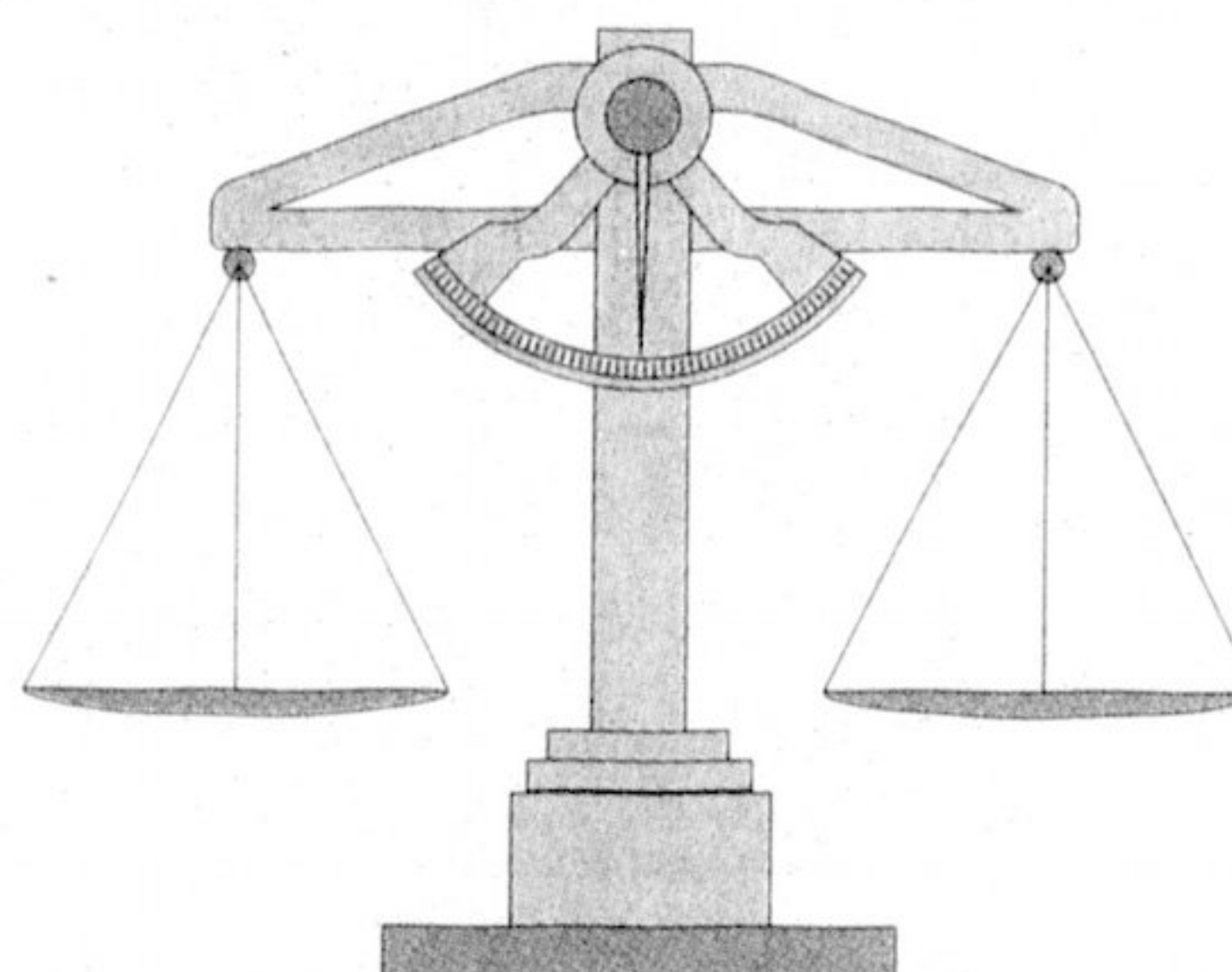
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