

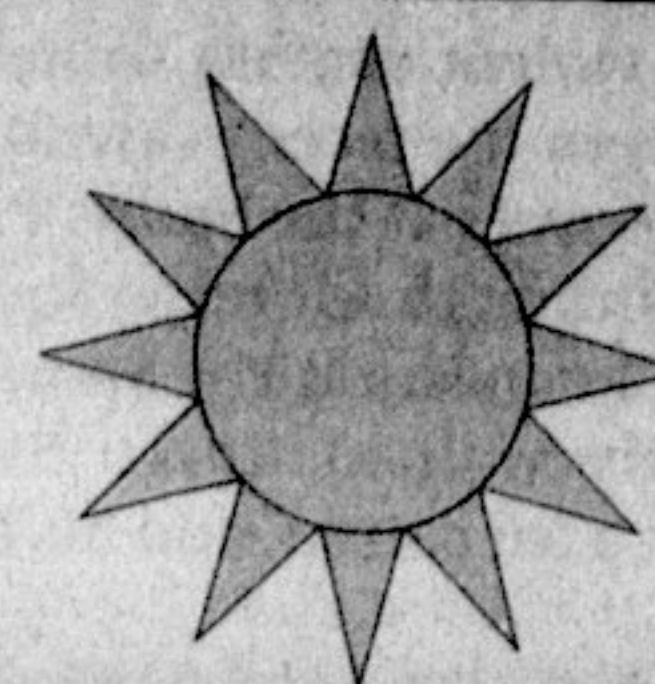
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TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000

4 days to go until Spring Break

NEWS BRIEFS

Memorial service

A memorial service will be held for Elizabeth Ann Labus on Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at the Newman Catholic Center.

Founder's Day

An 11 a.m. celebration in Mendenhall Student Center will be held to observe Founder's Day, ECU's 93rd anniversary tomorrow. The speakers for the program include Andre Frederick, an undergraduate student who holds a Chancellor's Scholarship—the most prestigious merit scholarship at the university—and Laurie Johnson, a medical student and former Chancellor's Scholar. Other events during the day include the traditional ice carving outside Wright Place at 10 a.m. and the popular birthday-cake celebration at Wright Place at 12:30 p.m. Founder's Day commemorates the 1907 day in which the General Assembly created the institution then known as East Carolina Teachers Training School.

FEMA representative

Kay Goss, one of the top emergency management officials in the country, will be at ECU today to address an emergency management planning class. She will tour areas in the region that were hardest hit by the flood from Hurricane Floyd. Goss directs the Federal Emergency Management Agency's preparedness, training and exercises program. Planning professor Harold Stone invited Goss to Greenville.

Teaching awards

Nine members of the faculty will receive awards for their success in teaching and their ability to encourage scholarship among students and faculty. The symposium starts at 9 a.m. today in the Great Room in Mendenhall Student Center. The theme for the program is "Celebrating the Synergy Between Scholarship and Teaching" and includes presentations by each of the recipients. The symposium concludes at 2:15 p.m. For information call 328-6242.

Baseball

ECU will play Duke today at 4 p.m. at Harrington Field.

Pulitzer Prize winner

Haynes Johnson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, will offer his ideas about "America at the Millennium" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center's Hendrix Theater. The event is sponsored by ECU's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. The lecture is free and open to the public. Johnson has covered presidential campaigns and national and international news events for 40 years. His dozen books include the best sellers "Sleepwalking Through History," "The Bay of Pigs," and "The Landing." He won the 1966 Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of civil rights activities in Selma, Ala. He appears regularly on PBS-TV's "Washington Week in Review" and "News Hour with Jim Lehrer." Contact Archie Smith or Phi Kappa Phi at 328-6147.

Larceny, fighting main concerns downtown

Cameras, better lights
help prevent crime

Maura Buck
STAFF WRITER

While police officials say they feel that downtown violence is not a significant problem, incidents of violence do occur.

"I wouldn't say that violence is prevalent," said Captain John Ennis of the Greenville Police Department (GPD).

"However, like anywhere else with a number of bars in a secluded area, there are times

when tempers flare and we have some problems with individuals fighting."

The GPD does recognize the possibility for problems to arise and does take some precautionary measures, especially on the weekends.

On a standard weekend, typically Thursday through Saturday nights, the GPD has four to five officers concentrated in the downtown area during the night as opposed to the typical two to three officers posted throughout the week. In addition, cameras

and brighter lights have been placed in the Reade Street parking lots to catch both acts of violence and cases of larceny. Common crimes range from physical fighting and throwing glass bottles to jumping on the hoods of cars and stealing purses.

The ECU Police Department also sends officers downtown to help try to prevent criminal acts on university property that is adjacent to the downtown area.

"The cameras have been the best preventative means of catching people in the downtown

lots," said Teresa Crocker, captain of the ECU Police Department (ECU PD).

According to Crocker, the ECU PD is mainly concerned with parking lots and university buildings. The GPD, on the other hand, is in charge of the entire downtown Greenville area. Crocker said she believes that the two most common crimes committed downtown are larceny and damage to property, both of which are classified as misdemeanors.

Ennis said he feels that part

of the reason why violence isn't such a grave problem downtown is because officers build relationships with students and bar owners in the area.

"We try to work as close as we can to the bar owners as well as the bouncers and the regular crowd of students," Ennis said. "This is one way that we are able to distinguish who the trouble-makers are and try to discourage problems before they occur."

Ennis acknowledged that un-

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Well-wishers gathered at the Ledonia Wright Center on Friday to say goodbye to interim director Ty Frazier. Frazier was appointed to another position at ECU. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Frazier transfers from Ledonia Wright to Student Leadership

Program growth
warranted assistant

Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This past Friday Ty Frazier, interim director of the Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center, said goodbye to her fellow employees and looked to her future.

According to Frazier, she

will be transferred to her new position as Assistant Director of the Student Leadership Development Program, by the end of the week.

Frazier will be working under the direction of Jim Sturm, director of the Student Leadership Development Program.

Frazier said she will be assisting Sturm by splitting the work load for coordinating and managing the comprehensive leadership programs for all of the student organizations on campus.

Sturm said the Student Lead-

ership Development Program has grown over the years, and assistance is truly needed.

"I think her [Frazier's] transfer is great," Sturm said.

"I have a very good working relationship with Ty. She is always very prepared, and it will definitely be nice to have some help."

Frazier said she is looking forward to the new experiences that will come with her new position.

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Turner appointed Student Life assistant vice chancellor

Outreach, mentoring
programs planned

Josette LaChance
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Lathan Turner was recently chosen to serve as the new assistant vice chancellor for Student Life and Minority Student Affairs.

"The position became vacant last year when the old assistant vice chancellor left for another job," said Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for Student Life.

According to Moore, Turner was the most qualified for the position because of the overwhelming response from students and faculty members who interviewed him.

Turner, who holds a master's degree in adult education from North Carolina State University, previously worked with students at NCSU before coming to ECU. While at NCSU, he developed the

Student Leadership Program and started a program that enabled students to spend part of their summer in Africa.

Turner said he became interested in the position because he believes administrators at ECU understand where the Student Life and Minority Student Programs are headed.

"ECU is at the forefront of some of the issues facing minority students," Turner said.

While at ECU, Turner will be involved with all students, although he will mainly work with minority groups on campus. According to Moore, Turner plans to use outreach and mentoring programs in order to reach minority students.

"My main job at ECU will be to monitor student minority programs such as Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality (ABLE)," Turner said. "My goals will change as I interact with students and find issues that they deal with."

"At ECU, I hope to build student involvement and bridge the gaps between the cultural groups

SGA reps attend conference

Ideas exchanged to
improve organization

Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Four representatives from the Student Government Association (SGA) traveled to Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas last weekend to participate in Conference on Student Government Association (COSGA).

SGA President Cliff Webster, SGA Vice President John Meriac, SGA Secretary Jessica Dowdy and Junior Class President Christy Lynch attended the conference.

According to Webster, over 600 delegates attended the conference from the participating 150 universities throughout the United States.

Webster said each representative participated in different sessions.

"I went to a session which discussed scholarship building, how to build race relations and how to deal with crisis," Webster said. "I brought up our issues with Floyd dealing with the crisis session, and hope to start a scholarship foundation here on campus."

Webster said he also attended a session on how to develop a house of representatives.

"I hope to get a House of Representatives on campus," Webster said. "We would need a representative from each organization on campus to participate and then collective knowledge could be gained."

Dowdy said she learned many new concepts that she feels will help to improve the student body.

"It was great meeting with so many universities around the nation," Dowdy said. "It was very helpful because we were able to gain ideas from each one."

Dowdy said she attended a session dealing with lobbying where she learned many creative ideas which will be very beneficial to the campus.

"Hopefully we can incorporate the ideas into our student body," Dowdy said.

Lynch said the students in attendance were very friendly and helpful. She said the speakers were phenomenal and got their ideas heard.

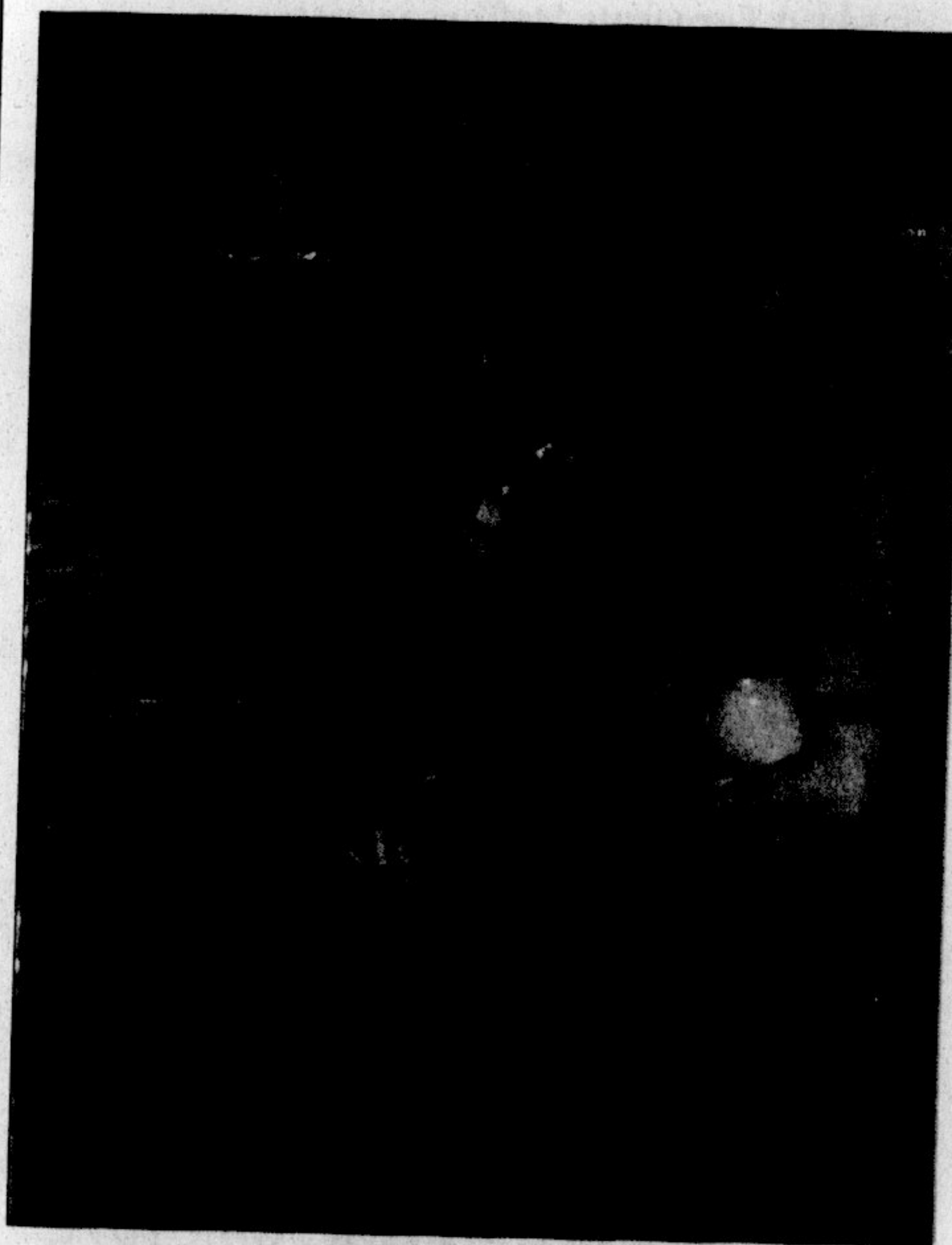
"One speaker's message was to have a vision and follow your dreams," Lynch said. "It was wonderful."

Meriac said he learned about other SGAs and their power status.

"I learned that we are one of the most powerful SGAs," Meriac said. "That is in comparison to universities with over 40,000 students."

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Preparing for a 'chili' spring



From the left, Amy Nelson and Julie Wiggins remove chili bowls from the cross-draft kiln to prepare for the chili bowl sale in Jenkins Fine Art Building, Wednesday through Friday. Bowls will be \$6. (photo by Emily Richardson)

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Are you in favor of expanding ECU's
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usually violent acts do sometimes occur, as in the recent case involving employees at the Sports Pad.

According to witnesses, on Feb. 5, three bouncers at the Sports Pad allegedly walked up to Steven Wallace, a bar patron, and his friend

and requested that they leave the premises immediately. The two bouncers then allegedly beat Wallace severely, requiring him to be treated in an intensive care unit for a few days. His friend was also allegedly beaten by the bouncers

but was only treated for minor reasons.

According to Detective Steve Pass of the GPD, the two bouncers were charged with felony assault. The case is set for trial on April 7.

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Other universities that sent representatives to the conference were the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNC-W) and North Carolina A&T (NC A&T).

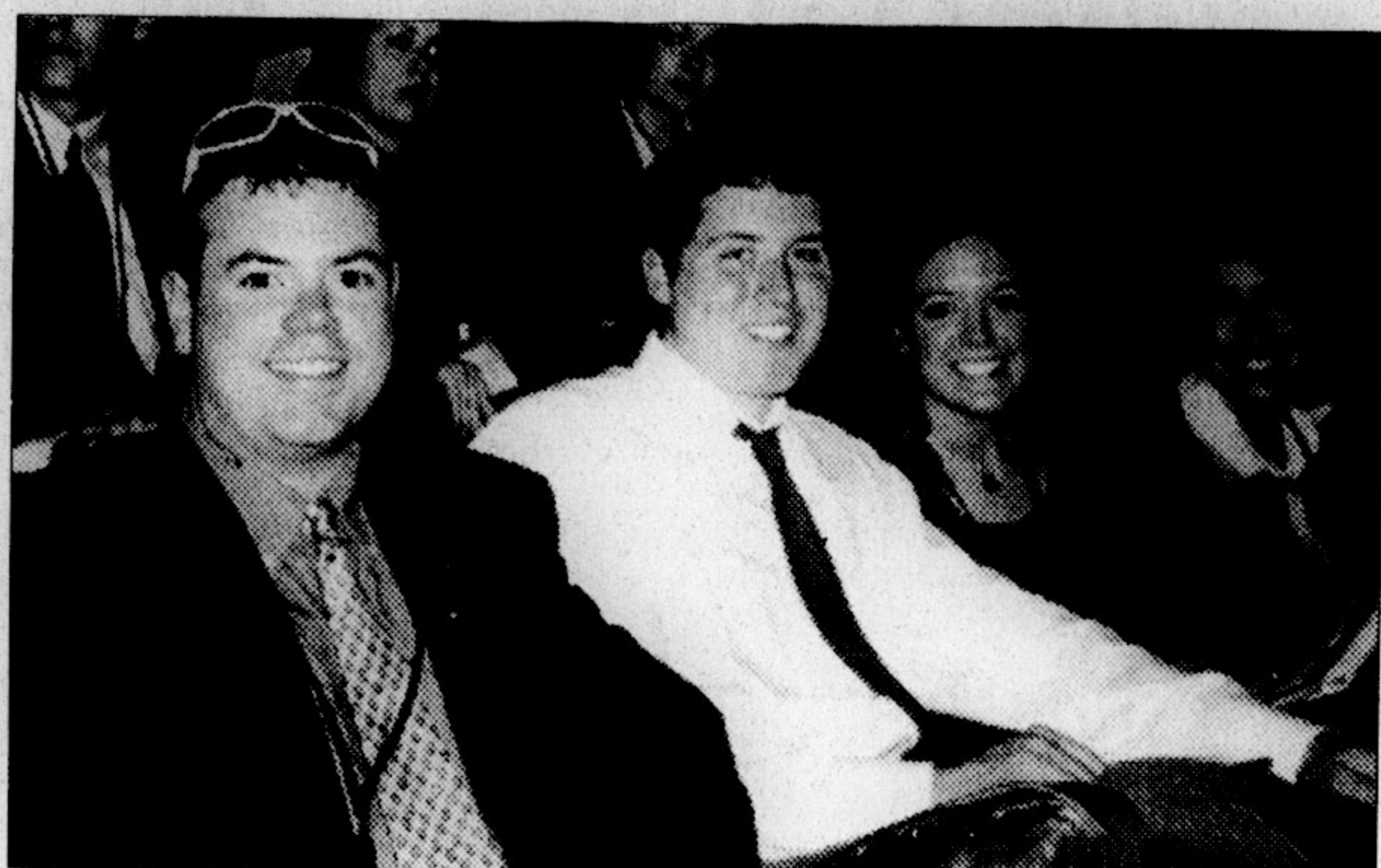
"We did a lot of networking while at the conference," Webster said. "We worked a lot with UNC-W and exchanged ideas."

Webster said the conference was very productive.

"It was a great way to get new ideas," Webster said.

Webster said the SGA will be holding a workshop, open to the campus,

to share the ideas the SGA gained at the conference and to get student input. He said the workshop will take place after spring break. An official date has not yet been set.



Cliff Webster, John Meriac, Jessica Dowdy and Christy Lynch represented the ECU SGA at the COSGA conference last month. (photo courtesy of SGA)

According to Webster, COSGA is the largest SGA organization and is open to all SGA.

Webster, Meriac, Dowdy and Lynch returned from COSGA Tuesday, February 29.

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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

Duke University—The controversy over the tourism boycott of South Carolina has hit many Northeast college campuses, and some of them have already taken steps to support it.

In response to the NAACP boycott, Temple University and Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Franklin & Marshall, Carlisle and Swarthmore colleges, which are all eastern Pennsylvania schools, have decided to cancel all their athletic teams' Spring Break trips to South Carolina.

Haverford College became the first of these schools to officially support the boycott when its women's tennis coach, Ann Koger, told administrators that she didn't want to take her team to a Hilton Head, S.C., tournament over Spring Break. Koger, who is black, said she was moved to change her plans when she saw the Martin Luther King Day protests in Columbia, S.C., on the local television news.

"I am glad to see that people and organizations are taking a public stand over their feelings," Koger said. "People have a tendency to stand but not act."

Swarthmore and Bryn Mawr soon followed Haverford's lead. Tom Krattenmaker, director of public relations at Swarthmore, said that coaches, administrators and student-athletes were all in favor of supporting the boycott.

"It's been pretty close to consensus that this is what's right to do," Krattenmaker said.

In a Feb. 11 statement, Dickinson College president William Durden echoed the sentiments of administrators from the other boycotting schools

Syracuse University—Syracuse University sorority Alpha Omicron Pi is under investigation for an alleged hazing incident that occurred Sunday night, university officials said.

"The office has received some complaints for alleged hazing activities and we are investigating them," said Lisa Walsh, assistant director of the Office of Greek Life.

Six Flint Residence Hall female residents, all new members of AOPi, were found Sunday night in Flint Hall in what SU spokesman Kevin Morrow described as a "highly intoxicated state."

Two of them were intoxicated to a point where they had to be taken to Crouse Hospital, he said. Flint Residence Hall Director Rachel Alldis declined to comment on the incident.

"The young women were treated for observation and have since been released," Morrow said.

The hazing investigation began because the six women are all new members, or pledges, of AOPi, Morrow said.

Kendra Goldberg, AOPi president, said the girls found intoxicated at Flint were not drinking at the sorority house.

"AOPi does not participate in any activities to endanger our members," Goldberg said. "We are cooperating with Greek Life in doing anything we can to fix this problem."

Goldberg said she found out about the incident after the AOPi new member educator called to inform her that one of their girls was taken to Crouse Hospital.

SGA NOTES

SGA Vice President John Meriac said Conference on Student Government Associations (COSGA) went well. He said those in attendance received good ideas to use on campus in the near future. He said there will be a seminar to discuss what they learned after Spring Break.

SGA President Cliff Webster raffled a COSGA T-shirt and goodie bag to the representatives.

Bruce Flye, director of Planning and Facilities, discussed possible expansion ideas for the university. He said the plan will take 10 years and will begin when the needed property has been gained throughout the community.

Michael Orr, sophomore class president, reintroduced the SGA student welfare resolution stating that the student welfare committee will sponsor community service and philanthropy acts over a two-year period.

SGA representatives passed the resolution.

Dave Bucci, head of the welfare committee, introduced three resolutions in regards to the death of student Elizabeth Labus, hospitalization of sophomore Mark Eagle and SGA's opposition to drunk driving.

"The SGA extends sympathy to Elizabeth Labus' family and friends," Bucci said. "We want

them to know that she will be missed. To Mark Eagle, the SGA again extends sympathy and wishes Mark a speedy recovery for the return to his ECU family. Finally, the SGA declares strict opposition to drinking and driving and will seek to spread the message that driving drunk kills."

Kristine Lindsey, Mark Smith, Patrick Suarez, Steve Carmichael, Eric Gabriel, Fred Moreno, Brandie Fintchre and Jamie LeLievre were screened into the SGA.

Dean Speier announced that his current position as dean of students will be dissolved as of Aug. 1. He said a new position, associate to Student Life, will be open to all candidates nationwide. The application process will begin April 1 and last through Aug. 1, wherein his position be terminated.

"It has always been my pleasure to serve you as your dean of students," Speier said.

Christy Lynch, junior class president, said tomorrow is Founder's Day which will be sponsored by the SGA. She said a table with free gifts and food will be made available to students at 12:30 p.m. in front of the Wright Place.

Webster said Friday is the last day to get in on the Fall 2000 Elections.

CRIME SCENE

March 3

Larceny—Two students reported that their wallets were stolen from Scales Field House while attending practice. The items were later found in Grimesland and turned over to the Pitt County Sheriff's Dept.

Damage to Property—A student reported that several beer bottles were broken around her vehicle while parked in the lot southwest of Belk Hall. Minor scratches were found on the driver's side window.

March 4

Damage to Property—An officer was waved down by a student in Reade Street Lot 1 after she noticed that four vehicles, including her's, had been spray painted. Contact was made with two of the victims, but officers were unable to make contact with the third.

March 5

Simple Assault—A student reported that he was assaulted in the grassy area north of Ficklen and Charles Boulevard by a non-student and student.

Hit and Run—A student reported that the right rear quarter panel of his vehicle was damaged while parked in the Reade Street Lot 2.

March 6

Damage to Property—A student reported that another student had accidentally broken the window to the south door of Cotten Hall. The student was referred to the Dean's Office to pay for damages.

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while building a sense of community among them."

Moore expressed the sentiments of university officials at Turner's acceptance of the position.

"We are very happy to get him because of his qualifications," Moore said.

"I'm glad he is here because he

seems to have the experience in this type of position," said Natasha McKethan, a minority student at ECU.

"I am glad that they have found some to full fill the position in order to keep the program running," said Jenn Chen, another minority student.

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"I am very excited about the transfer," Frazier said. "My new position will be an extension of what I do now, and it will be a growing experience. I have no regrets with the change, and I actually think it is great ... two [people] can get more done than one."

Barbara Willoughby, an office assistant at the Ledonia Wright Center, summed up Frazier's transfer as their [Ledonia Wright's] loss and Sturm's gain.

"She will definitely be missed, especially by the students," Willoughby said.

Ernest Daily, a freshman and Ledonia Wright employee said working with Frazier will be an experience he will never forget.

"I am a freshman and the transition was hectic, but Ty really helped me get involved with campus activities," Daily said. "Since I am on my own away from home, she took a concern in my grades, financial needs and health. She is always there to listen ... I'm sad to see her go."

Frazier said she too will miss the relationships she has formed with the students and cultural center, but that she will still be able to work with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

"Ledonia has many leadership programs," Frazier said. "The Student Leadership Development Program co-sponsors the programs and therefore works together."

Frazier has been with the university for four years. She has been the interim director since this past September where she designed cultural comprehensive programs for minorities, advised minority organizations and counseled students when needed. Before Frazier was the interim director she was the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center's office assistant. As office assistant she oversaw the budget and dealt with all personnel issues.

Frazier said her position as interim director has been filled and as soon as human resources finishes the paper work the new employee will begin. The name of the new employee cannot be released at the present time.

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Haiti postpones elections; more than 1 million voters unregistered

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Dogged by organizational problems that left more than 1 million voters unregistered, Haiti on Friday postponed March 19 elections, without specifying a new date.

The announcement came only hours after the U.N. Security Council urged Haiti to stick "as closely as possible" to its schedule for elections, which it said were crucial to the Caribbean nation's fledgling democracy.

"A new electoral timetable for the balloting will be published as soon as possible," said electoral council spokesman Roland Sainristil. He cited "innumerable difficulties surrounding voter registration."

President Rene Preval had called legislative and municipal elections after dissolving Parliament in January 1999 to end a political impasse that had paralyzed Haiti's government since disputed elections in 1997.

Two rounds of voting were originally set for November and December,

then delayed to March 19 and April 30. Some 29,300 candidates are slated to run for more than 1,000 local and parliamentary offices.

Voter registration was supposed to end Friday, but the council announced that it will extend it to March 15.

Some 2.9 million people out of a possible 4 million who were eligible have already registered, leaving more than one million unregistered. But the electoral council was plagued by shortages of materials, pay and staffing disputes, problems in renting offices and thefts of registration documents.

The international community is paying half of the \$20 million election budget.

Most Haitian politicians had resigned themselves to a delay.

"The provisional electoral council should convene the political parties and find a consensus for a new date," said senate candidate Serge Gilles, who heads the five-party Space for Concord coalition.

Many opposition politicians as-

serted that the delays were intended to have the local and legislative votes coincide with presidential elections set for December, when former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide Preval's political mentor will seek a second term. That way, candidates supported by Aristide could stand a better chance of winning in general elections with the popular former president.

"The government has done everything it can to postpone elections until the end of the year," said Edmond Dupuy, an opposition candidate for the lower house of parliament.

U.N. diplomats said they hoped the new date would be within a week or two of the original. "It is the view of the Security Council that prompt, free and fair legislative and local elections are essential for the restoration of the national parliament," the president of the council, Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury of Bangladesh, said in a prepared statement.

Two ex-soldiers imprisoned for slaying nuns could be freed

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Two former soldiers convicted of raping and killing four U.S. religious workers nearly 20 years ago asked El Salvador's congress for amnesty Thursday.

Three other soldiers convicted in the same slayings were freed in 1998 under a law that shortened most prison sentences in the country to relieve prison crowding. They said at the time they had killed the women on the orders of superiors who were never prosecuted.

Attorneys for Carlos Joaquin Contreras and Francisco Orlando Contreras presented the petition for amnesty.

Five former soldiers were convicted of the December 1980 rape and murder of nuns Ita Ford, Maura Clark and Dorothy Kazel, as well as social worker Jean Donovan.

The five had served 18 years of their sentences when

a judge ordered three of them freed under the sentence-shortening law. The two Contrerases were not eligible at the time because of misconduct in prison.

In May, the families of the victims filed a wrongful death lawsuit in a U.S. federal court accusing two retired Salvadoran military officers of involvement in the killings, saying they were part of a chain of command that ordered and covered up the slayings.

The suit named former Salvadoran Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia, and Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, the former director general of the Salvadoran National Guard. Both now live in Florida and have denied any involvement in the killings.

The families of the victims said they believe the women were targeted because officials suspected they sympathized with leftist guerrillas during the 12-year civil war that started in 1979.

Legislators approve conflicting resolutions on Internet taxation

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Sometimes even Alabama legislators have a hard time explaining what they do.

Take Internet taxation as an example.

Last Tuesday, the House passed a resolution by Sen. Bobby Denton setting up state commission to look at possible ways to tax sales on the Internet.

Within minutes, the House also passed a resolution by Rep. Bob McKee that did the exact opposite. It encouraged Congress to extend the current moratorium against Internet taxation beyond its expiration date in 2001.

"It's amazing what we do," McKee, R-Montgomery.

"It's pretty inconsistent," said Denton, D-Muscle Shoals. "I don't believe the House knew what they were doing."

Internet sales have sparked a lot of discussion during the current legislative session, much like

the rise in catalogue sales did a decade ago when lawmakers feared the trend would wipe out state sales tax revenue.

The Legislature was never able to do anything about catalogue sales, and now lawmakers are uncertain what to do about Internet sales because federal laws and complicated issues of interstate commerce are involved.

Denton's resolution has made it all the way through the Legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature to make it official. He said he would like the Advisory Commission on Interstate Commerce to look at ways to tax Internet transactions and protect state and local governments against a loss of sales tax revenue, much of which goes to public schools.

Denton, a singer, is well versed in Internet commerce because he sells his pop and gospel recordings on his own web site, bobbydenton.com.

McKee said concerns about

Internet sales are overblown because the state's sales tax collections keep rising each year despite more e-commerce.

McKee, who is in the investment business, credits the Internet with the boom in the American economy and fears it will slow down if states start taxing Internet transactions.

"The Internet is one of the greatest inventions since the wheel and it's here to stay," he said.

His resolution against Internet taxation is now pending in the Alabama Senate, where Senate President Pro Tem Lowell Barron said he will make sure it dies by burying it behind other legislation awaiting a vote.

"It's on the bottom of the basket where it will stay for the rest of the quadrennium," he said.

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Doctors oppose public disclosure of medical errors

RALEIGH (AP) — A presidential order mandating public disclosure of medical errors that cause death or serious injury has caused an uproar in North Carolina's medical community.

Under the proposal outlined by President Clinton two weeks ago, reports of serious errors would go to state authorities and the public, identifying the hospitals where pa-

tients were injured.

North Carolina and 27 other states that do not report medical errors would have three years to come up with a plan to reveal their most grievous ones to the public.

But doctors contend that reporting mistakes openly will not prevent medical errors and will invite more malpractice suits.

"The (private) peer-review pro-

cess is not about doctors looking out for doctors," said Bob Seligson, chief executive of the North Carolina Medical Society. "It's about protecting the quality of health care.... If there are ways to improve the system, they're going to be for it."

Supporters of the proposal include the mother of a child left permanently brain-damaged by meningitis after a North Carolina doc-

tor botched the diagnosis of her 5-week-old baby girl.

"I think (public reporting) would help doctors focus more on one patient at a time," the woman said. "If they knew any errors would be public, I think it would make them concentrate more on the patients they have in front of them."

After negotiating with the hospital for two years, the girl's parents

took a \$2.25 million settlement in return for promising to keep its name a secret.

Their malpractice suit, like most, was settled before it ever hit the courtroom meaning the public will never have the names or the details of some of the worst medical errors made.

Every year, an estimated 2,800 patients in North Carolina and

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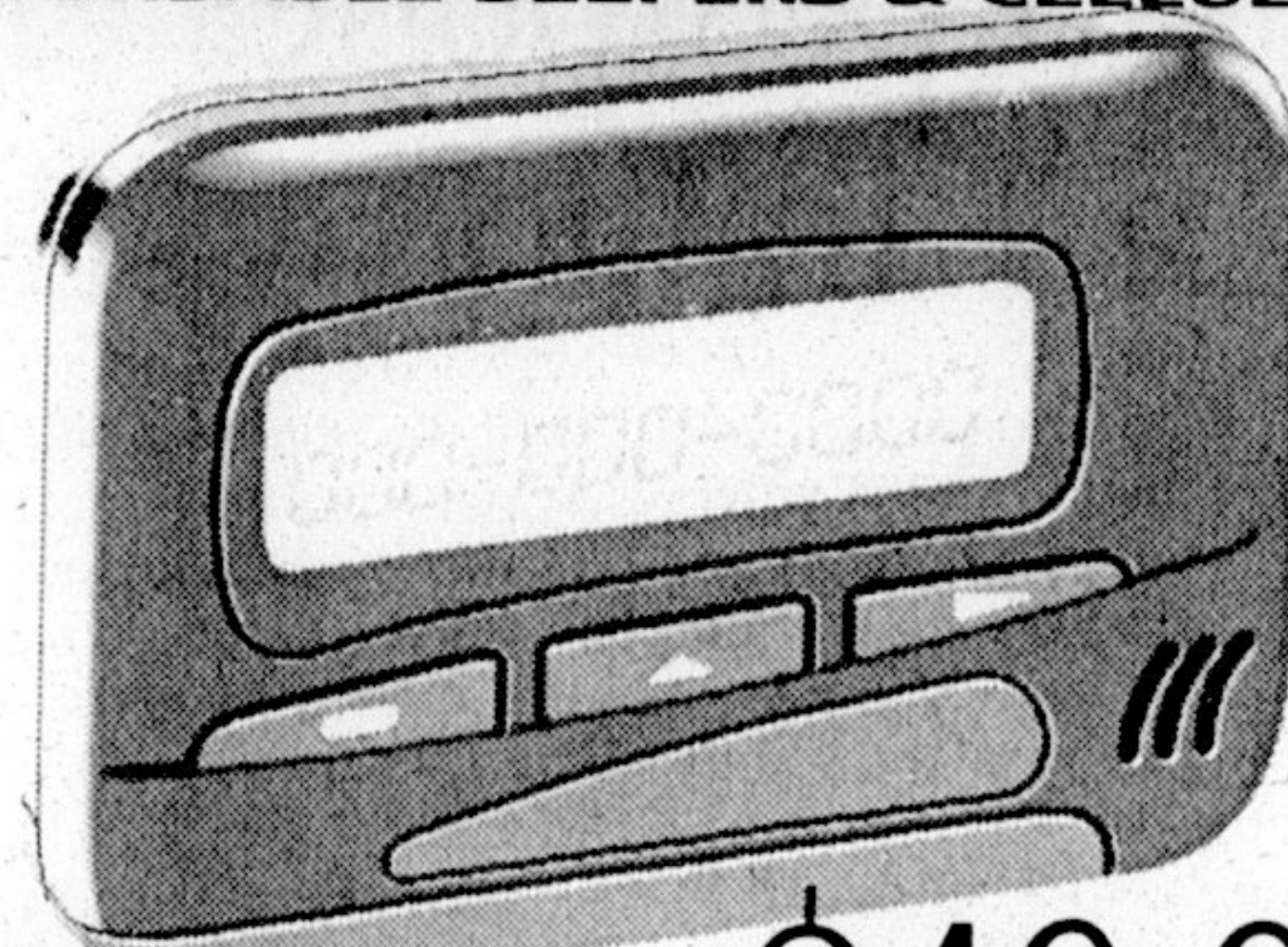
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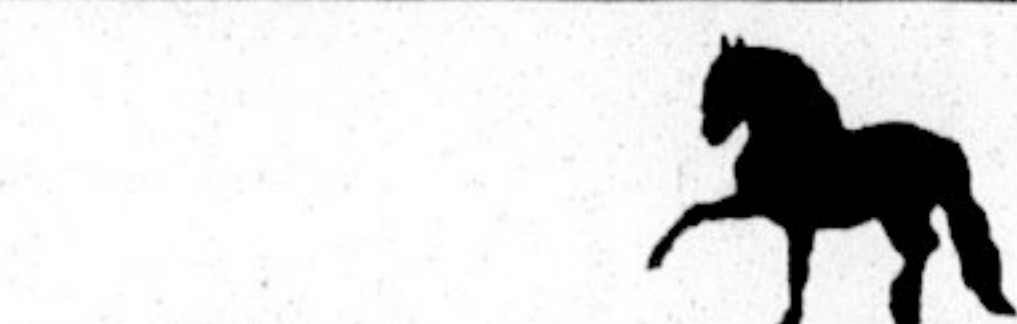
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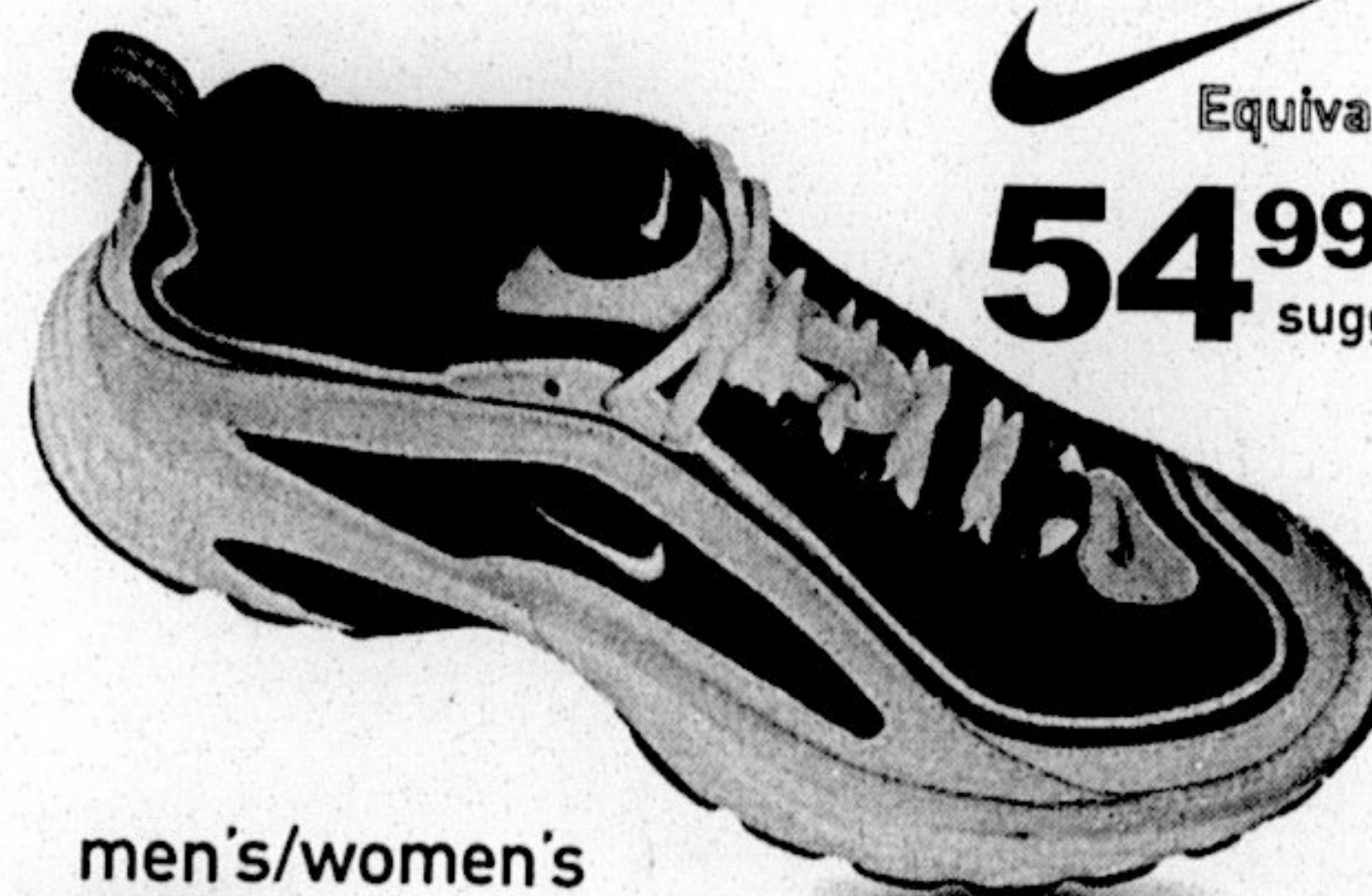
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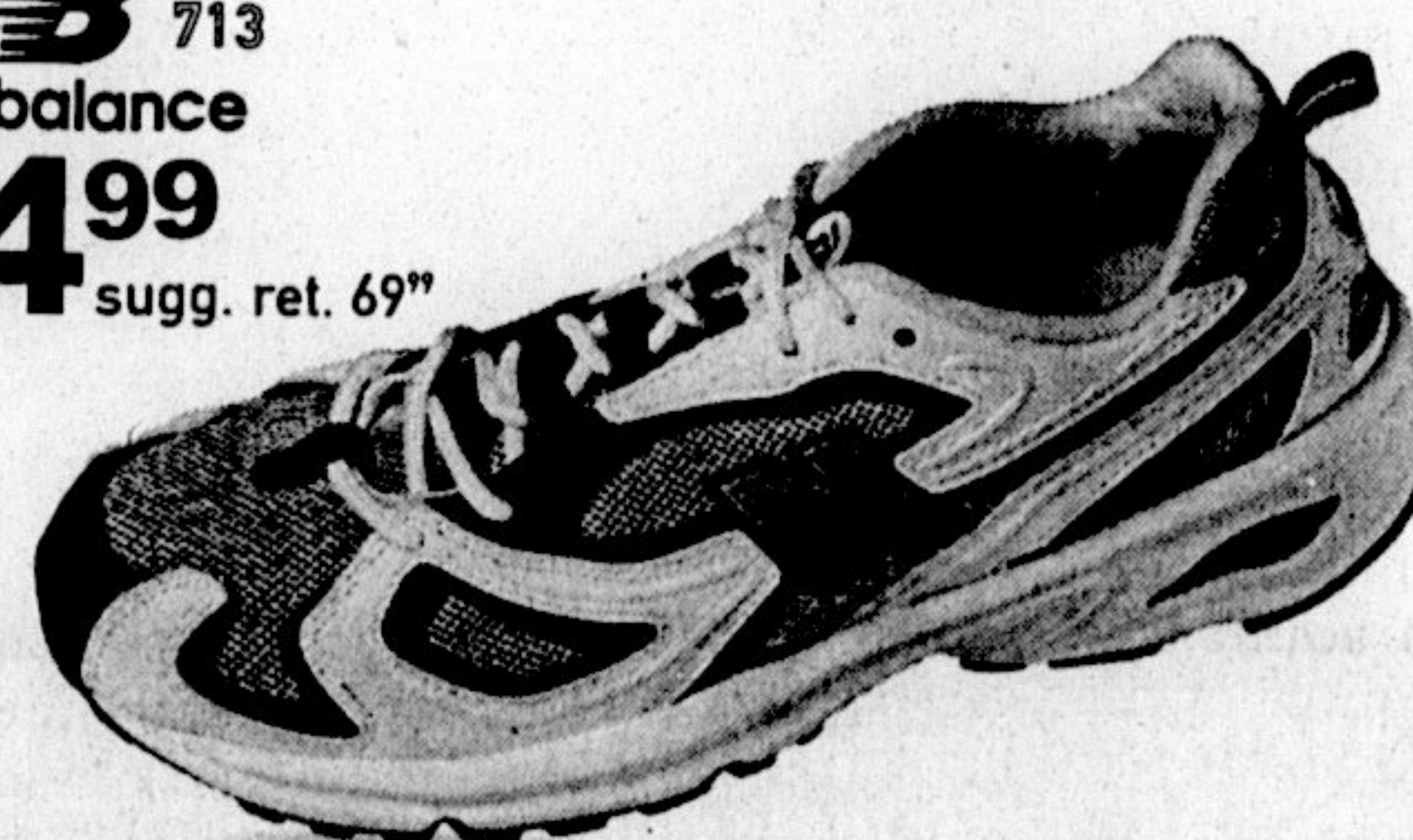
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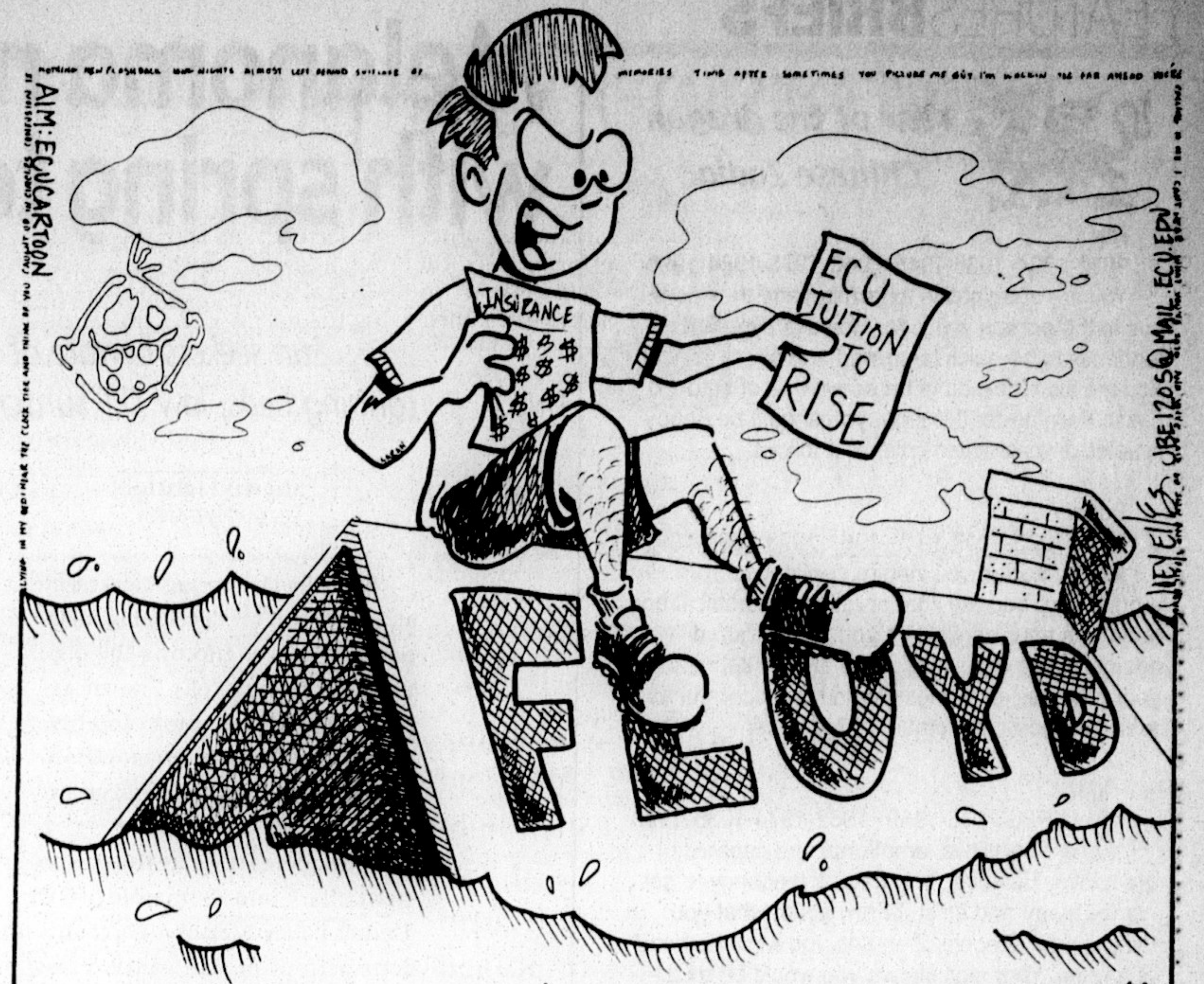
Some students at UNC-Chapel Hill recently wandered around campus naked to protest against American-owned sweat shops. They would "rather wear nothing than sweat-shop clothes," they said. So our question is, why didn't anybody at ECU get naked? Why don't we ever do anything cool enough to get on the front page of the *News and Observer*?

Oh, wait, we do. We tear down goa posts and get really drunk, though not normally in that order. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but it is vastly less glamorous than protesting against the great civil rights violations in the world. It makes us look a little careless.

After all, when elections come around most of us shrug our shoulders and hear about the results on the news, if at all. We generally believe that nothing ever changes, and that our voices don't carry. Most of the time we're right.

But when you sit in philosophy class and discuss the many societal wrongs the underprivileged face on a daily basis, don't you ever want to come out from behind the desk and do something about it? Don't you want to use your college education to help those who never had that choice? You can, you know. They do it at other schools.

So pay more attention. When somebody asks you to get naked for sweat-shop kids, don't hesitate to strip off those clothes and moon the world for peace. What's the worst that could happen, besides the obvious arrest that may ensue? The best part is, someone may hear, and ECU may just experience a moment of political influence over this great big world.



"I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHICH DISASTER IS WORSE..!!"

OPINION COLUMN

Good things aren't brought by alcohol

Stephen Kleinschmit
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I know that other columnists are a little more cheery than I am, but sometimes I feel some things really have to be said. It really saddened me this past Thursday when I picked up *The East Carolinian* and found that an ECU student had been killed by a drunk driver.

While reading the front page article, I glanced at the picture of the victim, and felt disheartened at the loss. Though I have never met this beautiful young woman, I have been angry all weekend that something like this has happened.

This weekend, I had the opportunity to sit back and drink a couple of beers. It seemed like after every grudging sip, all I could think about was the loss that her family has had to bear. I can't explain why it has been nagging me, maybe it's the tragic loss of another ECU student. Or it could be the injustice.

I just remember all the weekends I have been here in Greenville, and all the alcohol related stuff I have seen. Alcohol poisoning. Fights that have led to hospital stays. Unplanned parent-

hood. Car wrecks and deaths. I have never seen any thing good come from alcohol.

To me, it takes a very feeble minded person to decide to drive while intoxicated. I hope that the law catches every one of you bastards, and takes away your licenses. Then you can ride around on a little ass moped for a year and have all your friends laugh at you.

All I can say is people, get some frickin' sense. I hope that this article is a wake up call to some of you out there. Chances are if you are stupid enough to drive drunk, you probably are not the type of person who picks up a newspaper frequently, so I'm afraid that I preaching to the wrong crowd.

The next time you drink please remember to call a cab, or crash on the couch at a friend's house. Leave your car at the apartment, so you don't have the temptation to drive. Take control of your own life and don't let alcohol make the decisions for you.

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OPINION COLUMN

Accident shows importance of safe driving

Patrick McMahon
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Last Thursday night was a night that I prayed would never happen. My entire life I've worried about it, sweated about it and generally convinced myself that it would never happen. I wrecked my frickin' car. The damage was somewhat extensive, coming in at around \$1,500-\$1,800 worth of fenders, bumpers, headlights and paint. What makes it worse was the fact that I hit a telephone pole going about 30 miles per hour while stone cold sober and driving by myself.

While I was taking a left-hand turn off 10th Street onto the road between Miami Subs and The Pantry, a man with a video camera distracted me. About the time I looked up and gathered my senses, a telephone pole grew legs and jumped into my lane.

Obviously distraught about my car, I calmly walked over to the man with the video camera and proceeded to asked him exactly what he was doing at 2:30 a.m. with a video camera in front of a sub shop. He wasn't as forthcoming with his answers as I would have initially liked, so we got into a brief argument which came to a swift and conclusive end when he told me who he was and what he was doing. The man was Mark Eagle's stepfather.

As you may remember, Mark is the student who was struck and seriously injured while trying to cross 10th Street at about the same spot of my wreck. Now, someone explain to me how I'm supposed to yell and scream at the man I believe to have caused my wreck when his son is in the hospital fighting for his life? I just couldn't continue arguing after he told me who he was.

Sitting there talking to him about Mark (who unfortunately slipped back into a coma Thursday morning) made me realize just how lucky I was in my accident. Sure, I pretty much totaled

my car, but think of everything else that could have happened. I walked away from the wreck and was extremely fortunate not to be seriously hurt.

Someone could have been standing on the sidewalk where I went over the curb, or, a person could have been trying to cross the street. I could have killed someone, or for that matter, myself because I took my eyes off the road.

A brief lapse of judgment on my part could have ended another soul's life. One of my best friends, which I mentioned in a previous column, was killed when a driver took his eyes off the road for just an instant. He died because someone wasn't paying attention to what they were doing. Either that, or they were paying too much attention to what they were doing and not on driving safely.

I'm gonna turn into a dad for a minute so just deal with it. A car is not a toy. I know we learned that crap in driver's education, but it really is the truth. People our age don't realize the inherent danger that driving an automobile can bring. Every day some one jumps into a car and just drives around recklessly figuring that everyone else will just get out of the way. That is just stupid. How many more Mark Eagles or Elizabeth Labuses must there be before people stop driving like idiots and jumping in a car after drinking?

My wreck goes to show that accidents happen regardless if you are a perfect driver or not. That is why they call them accidents. But when an accident is the result of negligence on the driver's part, it becomes a public-safety issue.

If I could take my eyes off the road for just an instant and hit a telephone pole, then you could just as well bend down to pick up a CD out of the floor and kill someone. Keep your eyes on the road and be alert at all times. I know I will.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Sidewalk ads are better than the alternative

Dear Editor,

After reading the opinion column entitled, "Graffiti advertisers keep vandalizing campus" I became outraged. I understand that an opinion column is indeed your opinion, but did you stop to think before you typed? I would much rather have chalk covered walkways than wasted paper taped and pinned to every free space on campus.

When prospective students come to visit campus, do you think they enjoy looking at the sheets hanging from trees in the courtyard? I think they look trashy and would much rather see tastefully done sidewalk art. Writing on the sidewalk is an environmentally friendly way to

advertise. It does not waste paper nor does it release CFC's in the air. The grounds crew does not have to clean it up, the foot traffic and rain will wash it away. As for it getting on your clothes, you should be smart enough not to sit on it, after all you are in college. Would you rather see graffiti on the side of a building or on a bathroom stall? Until I see profanity or X-written material on walkways students should be able to advertise on sidewalks. Students who advertise this way should be given a round of applause, they capture the attention of everyone.

Elizabeth Davis

OPINION COLUMN

NALS masks prejudice mandated by Congress

Dorcas A. Brule
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Literacy used to be a clear-cut term, meaning the ability to read. Illiteracy, on the other hand, meant that one couldn't read. Even the politically-correct regulators have gotten a hold of the term literacy and have mutilated it into different levels, so that now, the word literate has little meaning without an explanation as to how far one's degree of literacy reaches.

In its 1991 National Literacy Act, Congress defined literacy as "an individual's ability to read, write and speak in English, and compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals, and develop one's knowledge and potential."

The National Adult Literacy Survey (NALS) is responsible for bringing political correctness to the world of literacy. In 1988, Congress requested that the Department of Education conduct a survey to determine the literacy level of American adults. NALS is known as the most reliable source of data collection on literacy in the United States.

NALS has pinpointed three different kinds of literacy: prose literacy, document literacy and quantitative literacy, which have been further divided into five levels of efficiency, with the fifth level reflecting the highest skills and first level reflecting the lowest. Have we simplified so many things with political correctness that we've run out of interesting things to categorize?

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With this new system, NALS found a total of 21-23 percent of American adults (aged 16 years or older) were at Level 1 reading ability. Level 1 is the lowest literacy level and is characterized by difficulty in reading simple texts and computational skills deemed necessary for functioning in the world today.

Aren't these people functioning? They aren't dead. Obviously they have found a means to get along in the world that is alternate to literacy.

I think our nation's drive to be the best at everything in the world tends to negate the strength of people who are able to function in this world without the knowledge of reading. While I am by no means advocating that we not teach reading in school—or that those who are illiterate shouldn't take the time to learn to read—I just find it interesting that illiterate people face a kind of hidden prejudice from the government because they bring down America's scores while maintaining a perfectly adequate standard of living for themselves, and that this hidden prejudice has been ordered by the Congress in the form of NALS.

Creating levels of literacy and doing away with the term illiteracy seems like a very touchy-feely way of making people who can't read feel better about themselves and masking for the rest of the world the very real issue of illiteracy. Like so many other PC ideas, the NALS has given a crutch to those who can't really read, which, in the end, doesn't help them at all.

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FEATURES BRIEFS



Year of the dragon Chinese Zodiac

Rat

1912-1924-1936-1948-1960-1972-1984-1996

You are imaginative, charming and truly generous to the person you love. However, you have a tendency to be quick tempered and overly critical. You are also inclined to be somewhat of an opportunist. Born under this sign, you should be happy in sales or as a writer, critic or publicist.

Buffalo

1913-1925-1937-1949-1961-1973-1985-1997

A born leader, you inspire confidence from all around you. You are conservative, methodical and good with your hands. But you should guard against being chauvinistic and always demanding your own way. Buffaloes would be successful as a skilled surgeon, general or hair dresser.

Tiger

1914-1926-1938-1950-1962-1974-1986-1998

You are sensitive, emotional and capable of great love. However, you have a tendency to get carried away and be stubborn about what you think is right. People often see you as a "hothead" or a rebel. Your sign shows you would be excellent as a boss, explorer, race car driver or a matador.

Rabbit

1915-1927-1939-1951-1963-1975-1987-1999

You are the kind of person that people like to be around: Affectionate, obliging and always pleasant. But, you have a tendency to get too sentimental and seem superficial. Being cautious and conservative, you are successful in business, but would also make a good lawyer, diplomat or actor.

Dragon

1916-1928-1940-1952-1964-1976-1988-2000

Full of vitality and enthusiasm, the Dragon is a popular individual even with the reputation of being fool hardy and a "big mouth" at times. You are intelligent, gifted and a perfectionist but these qualities make you unduly demanding on others. You would be well-suited to be an artist, priest or politician.

Snake

1917-1929-1941-1953-1965-1977-1989

Rich in wisdom and charm, you are romantic and deep thinking, and your intuition guides you strongly. Avoid procrastination and your stingy attitude toward money. Keep your sense of humor about life. The Snake would be most content as a teacher, philosopher, writer, psychiatrist or fortune teller.

Horse

1918-1930-1942-1954-1966-1978-1990

Your capacity for hard work is amazing. You are your own person—very independent. While intelligent and friendly, you have a strong streak of selfishness and sharp cunning and should guard against being egotistical. Your sign suggests success as an adventurer, scientist, poet or politician.

Goat

1919-1931-1943-1955-1967-1979-1991

Except for the knack of always getting off on the wrong foot with people, the Goat can be charming company. You are elegant and artistic, but the first to complain about things. Put aside your pessimism and try to be less dependent on material comforts. You would be best as an actor, gardener or beachcomber.

Monkey

1920-1932-1944-1956-1968-1980-1992

You are very intelligent and have very clever wit. Because of your extra-ordinary nature and magnetic personality, you are always well-liked. The Monkey, however, must guard against being an opportunist and distrustful of other people. Your sign promises success in any field you try.

Rooster

1921-1933-1945-1957-1969-1981-1993

The Rooster is a hard worker, shrewd and definite in decision making, often speaking your mind. Because of this, you tend to seem boastful to others. You are a dreamer, flashy dresser and are extravagant to an extreme. Born under this sign you should be happy as a restaurant owner, publicist, soldier or world traveler.

Dog

1922-1934-1946-1958-1970-1982-1994

The Dog will never let you down. Born under this sign you are honest and faithful to those you love. You are plagued by constant worry, a sharp tongue and a tendency to be a fault-finder. However, you would make an excellent business man, activist, teacher or secret agent.

Pig

1923-1935-1947-1959-1971-1983-1995

You are a splendid companion, an intellectual with a very strong need to set difficult goals and carry them out. You are sincere, tolerant and honest, but by expecting the same from others, you are incredibly naive. Your quest for material goods may be your downfall.

Melanoma risk increases with spring temperatures

Sun seekers beware of
tanning beds, low SPF sunscreen

Shawn Lightfoot
STAFF WRITER

Scantily-clad Spring-Breakers are at a high risk for developing melanoma, a cancer affecting the pigment-producing cells known as melanocytes. Melanoma cancer is caused by ultraviolet radiation damage, or by inheriting certain mutant genes from a parent.

"Melanoma cases are rising exponentially," said dermatologist Dr. Dennis Polley. Melanoma accounts for four percent of skin cancer cases, but causes 79 percent of all skin cancer deaths.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in the new year, 47,700 Americans will be diagnosed with melanoma cancer. Of that number, 7,700 people are expected to die from it this year.

Melanoma tumors are identifiable. For men, melanoma develops on the back, head or neck. For women, melanoma usually develops on the back of the legs. These tumors can develop from a mole, or can rise on apparently normal skin. If a mole increases in size, changes shape or color, itches or bleeds, it may be a melanoma tumor. Though melanoma tumors are identifiable, diagnosis of such a tumor is confirmed by a skin biopsy.

A biopsy is a simple surgical procedure where a piece of skin is removed and examined under a microscope. Treatment of the tumor is based on its thickness, its location and the presence or absence of melanoma elsewhere in the body.

According to Polley, not all melanoma is sun-induced. Besides the skin, melanoma also forms on the eyes, the mouth, the vagina, large intestines and other internal organs.

Skin color plays a role in the development of melanoma.

"The risk of getting melanoma goes up with the risk of getting sunburns," said dermatologist Dr. William Burke. "The risk of getting sunburns goes up with fair-skinned people."

There is a length of time a person can stay exposed to sunlight before that person starts to get sunburned, which is also known as the minimal erythema dose (MED). The MED varies from person to person depending on their skin type. According to Dr. Burke, a fair-skinned person with red hair and freckles has a MED that allows for only 30 minutes to an hour of sun exposure. Fair-skinned people with blond hair and blue eyes can stay exposed to sunlight for two hours. Dark-haired Asian and Mediterranean people can stay exposed for four to five hours without getting sunburned.

"People with very dark skin can stay exposed pretty much all day," Burke said. "However, people with darker skin types are still susceptible to developing melanoma."

For those who choose to tan indoors, tanning beds are potential sources for melanoma cancer.

"None of it is really safe at all," said Jeff Padgett from A Cut Above Tanning. But, Padgett thinks booth tanning can be a preventive measure.

"It's more like sunlight, so you won't get burned when you go out into the sun," he said.

Polley does not encourage the use of tanning beds, since all sources of ultraviolet radiation can cause melanoma cancer.

"They're uniformly bad for people ... A tan is a visible sign of a skin injury caused by ultraviolet light, which is a known carcinogen," he said.

According to Burke, 80 percent of the sun exposure is relieved before we turn 21 years old. Therefore, teenagers and young adults are at a high risk for developing melanoma if they are not careful.

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Environment determines attitude

Working atmosphere causes isolation

Kristen Monte
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The alarm clock jolts you out of a sound sleep and the dreaded words rise into your throat. Work. A negative working environment can influence other factors in your life, besides your attitude towards your job.

"A bad working environment is when there is no trust," said Dr. Lynn Roeder, director of the Center for Counseling and Student Development. "Trouble starts when everyone isolates themselves and tends to pick and choose what they want to do, rather than what is the best thing to do for the office."

Gossip among workers is one of the main causes of lost trust in a working environment, according to Roeder. It only takes one person in the workplace to disrupt an entire staff. Trust breaks down and people begin to form groups against each other. When there is no trust it is not pleasant to come to work.

One of the goals of employers is to create a healthy working environment for their employees. According to Healthy Workplace, a company that focuses on



McDonald's employees' attitudes about their job are often determined by their peers and working environment. (photo by Patrick Raulet)

helping other companies create a good working environment, employers must recognize the needs of employees and connect with them. Satisfied, healthy stimulated people are creative, productive and motivated employees.

"I think a good working environment is where everybody works as a team," Roeder said. "The colleagues you have become like a second family and I think you should have a sense of warm trust."

There are many benefits of a good working environment for both employers and employees. Many companies spend millions of dollars a year on employees calling in sick simply because they don't want to go to work. Furthermore, stress tends to take on physical symptoms causing people to miss work.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, stress in a workplace causes burnout of employees. Burnout is a syndrome of emotional exhaustion and lowered personal accomplishment. It causes employees to become overly involved emotionally, overextend themselves and feel overwhelmed by the demands imposed by their clients. These feelings lead people to express a sense of inadequacy about their ability to work with clients. They may feel a sense of failure, low self-confidence and many people begin to experience depression.

The three most effective ways for employers to prevent employee burnout are sound management, positive work climate and ample support and recognition. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there are many strategies a company can use to create a better workplace environment. They include varying tasks in the daily work routine, making the office as pleasant and cheerful as possible, involving staff in the decisions that directly affect them and recognizing staff efforts and contributions. Employees need to feel job satisfaction in order to have the motivation to perform work tasks. Key factors of job satisfaction are achievement, recognition for accomplishment, challenging work, increased responsibility and growth and development, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

"A lot of work isn't easy, so if you have a nice, supportive environment around you it helps," Roeder said.

Many major companies are hiring consulting groups to come to their offices and to help establish a healthy working environment. The Perspective Consulting Group is a human resources and organizational development consulting firm which helps clients create a productive and good working environment. They place value on personal integrity, creating meaningful results and confronting and managing complex issues and company problems.

"I believe the key elements of a good working environment are essentially the same as the elements of a good human environment," said Beverly Bow, principal consultant for the Perspective Consulting Group. "Individuals must have a clear sense of purpose in their work; their contributions are valued and acknowledged, there is opportunity for growth and development and there is a spirit of enthusiasm for being part of a larger team working toward a common purpose."

The training services that consulting groups offer help solve problems, focus on team development and

Exercise plan creates more focused workouts

Personal trainers
give clients tips

Michael Fischer
STAFF WRITER

When your six pack looks more like a keg, hire a personal trainer to help you get rid of your tummy. Personal trainers are certified and well-trained to help you reach your fitness goals.

Almost all gyms offer personal training to customers. Personal trainers are more than workout experts; they are health instructors teaching physical and mental knowledge of one's own body. Personal trainers teach safety, technique and general health.

So who needs a personal trainer? According to Nancy Mite, director of the Student Recreation Center, there are two kinds of clients.

"There are people who have never lifted and don't know the proper techniques, and there are people who've been lifting five or so years and haven't seen results because they haven't used proper

technique," Mize said.

Safety is an important issue when working out. Just ask Lisa Collins, director of For Women Only Fitness Center.

"We had one woman who had upper chest pain, then we found out she was pressing at 160 for three sets of three," Collins said. "We adjusted her weight to 65 for three sets of ten. She was never shown proper technique," Collins said.

Safety and technique go hand-in-hand. If your technique is bad, your not lifting safely; in other words, if your body's not benefiting because you're doing something wrong.

Richard Gary, director of Pulse Athletic Club, said personal trainers

help in this respect.

"We teach customers to use equipment correctly, such as the proper amount of sets and reps," Gary said.

Mize and Gary believe that knowledge is a fundamental component to any training session.

"Hopefully they get the physiological knowledge of exercise, equipment and starting out with the right amount of weight," Mize said.

Most personal trainers are certified. Various certification programs include ACSM, ACE, AFFA and NAFTA. However, at the SRC, personal trainers are students trained by a certified staff. According to Mize, most student personal trainers at the SRC are exercise and sports science majors. Although they are not certified, they have been trained by professionals.

Students seeking a personal trainer in Greenville are in luck. The SRC offers packages at a reasonable price. Students wishing to work in pairs can get a partner package and split the cost. According to Mize, prices at SRC are cheap because students have student fees figured in.

If you choose to go off campus, Pulse Athletic Club is one option. The average amount of sessions is four.

"Most sessions are total body workouts, but some customers need to work out a specific area, like a rotator cuff, these average about one or two," Gary said.

The important thing is that a personal trainer steers clients in the right direction.

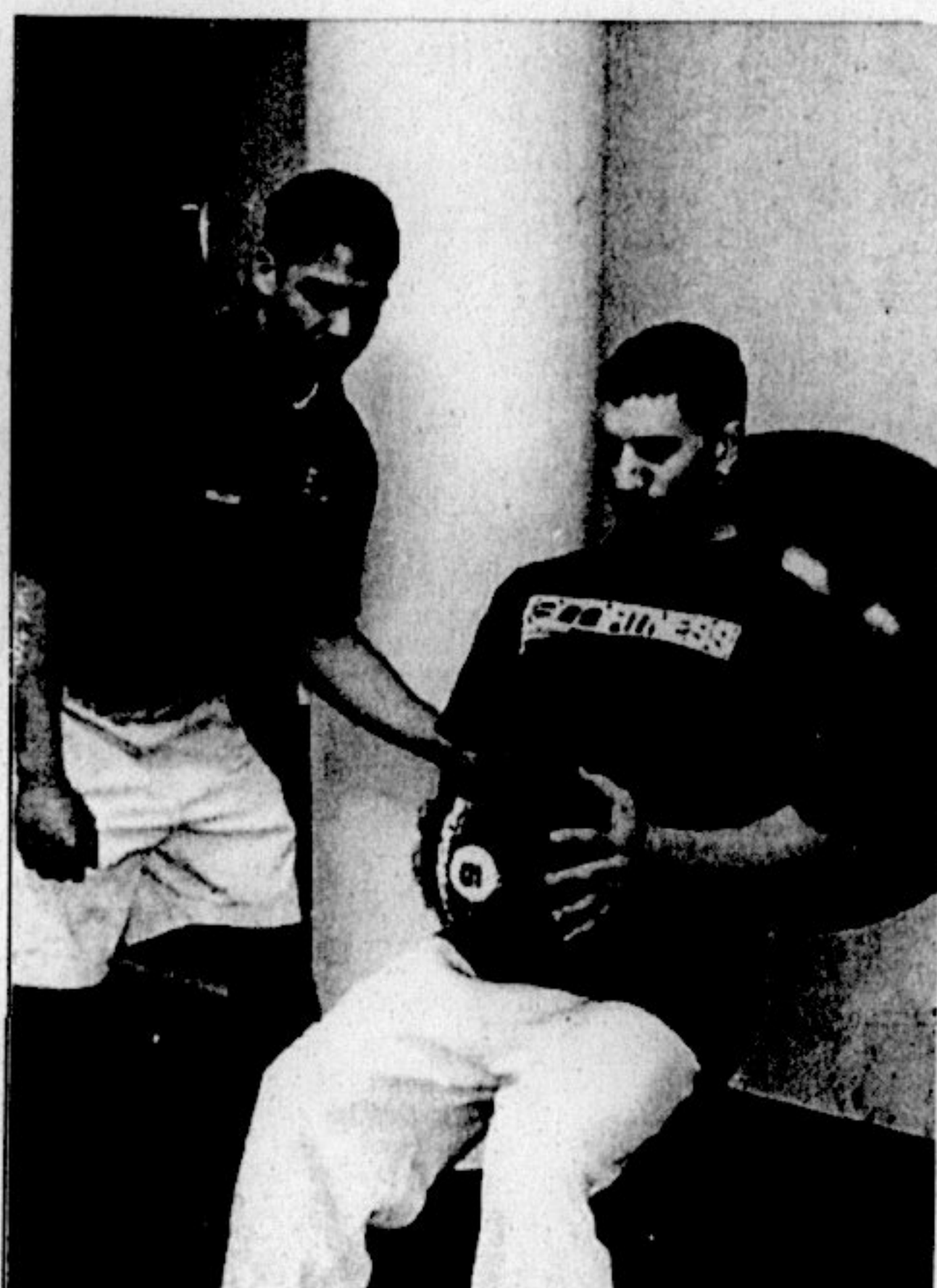
"Hopefully, customers can learn the techniques they're taught so they can do them on their own and save some money," Gary said.

Another option for women is For Women Only Fitness Center. According to Collins, women tend to concentrate workouts on their "behind and legs, where women carry their fat." She also said most women want a lean rather than bulky look. Hollins preaches a balance of "physical health, nutrition, weight lifting and cardiovascular."

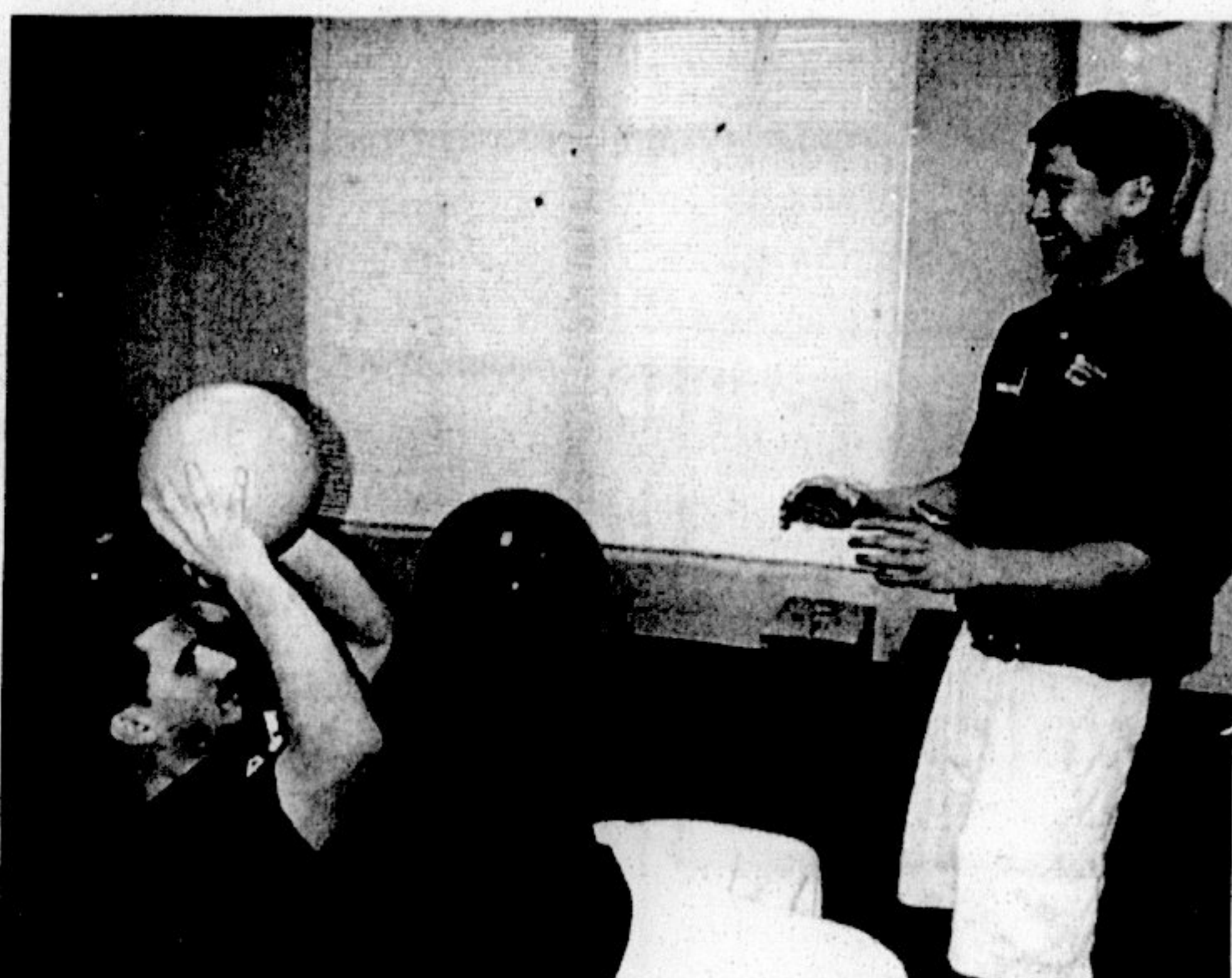
According to Mize, Gary and Hollins, a personal trainer is temporary and somewhat expensive. The purpose is to set clients in the right direction so they can achieve their fitness goals on their own.

"We want to help them in making a lifestyle change," Hollins said.

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Aldon Borremio assists Jeremy Marsh during a leg exercise. (photo by Garrett McMillan)



Using the weighted medicine ball, student Jeremy Marsh works on his six pack. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

NOTCH ABOVE THE NORM

Abdul-Shakoor
Farhadi
School of
Art



Elbera Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

On the second story of ECU's School of Art building, Associate Professor Abdul-Shakoor Farhadi sits busily working at his computer. Piles of books and papers scattered throughout his office represent his strong dedication as both a professor and an architect, rather than a tendency towards disorganization. No matter how many projects he has to grade or work on himself, he never hesitates to make time for visitors, especially those that are students.

"I'm a friend of my students," Farhadi said. "When they need me, I do everything I can to help them."

Before making Greenville his permanent residence, Farhadi taught architecture at Kabul University in his native country, Afghanistan. Political unrest eventually forced him and his family to flee from the war torn nation, years later he began teaching environmental design at ECU.

One would think that a man holding a master's degree in architecture from N.C. State and an Honorary Doctorate degree from Virginia Theological University, as well as several awards for developing and redeveloping communities throughout eastern North Carolina and abroad, would be doing anything but teaching.

"Teaching is a good thing," Farhadi said. "My grandfather was a teacher, my father was a teacher, I am a teacher, and now my daughter is a teacher. We're a family of

teachers and we've all been happy doing what we're doing. No, the pay doesn't nearly compare to that of an architect, but I'm not in it for the money. I enjoy my work and that's what's important."

Farhadi hasn't completely lost touch with the world of architecture. He often involves himself in projects aimed toward the restoration of old buildings or the redevelopment of cities and towns including Greenville. In fact, many of the redevelopments made downtown can be attributed to Farhadi and his work.

"Architecture is the culture of a people," Farhadi said. "We should preserve our architecture to preserve that part of our culture. People need to realize the importance in doing this."

According to Farhadi, many beautiful buildings have been lost because of our failure to properly maintain and preserve them.

"During the 1950s and 60s many people turned to wood and aluminum siding in order to make old buildings more modern. This was a mistake," he said. "Now the government is spending lots of money trying to change these same buildings back to their original state. Many people think new is always good and old is always bad. But, the best buildings were built a long time ago. These are our old buildings today."

Farhadi is teaching art history these days. He was recently able to add a new course to the program; "The History of Middle Eastern Architecture." He believes anyone should be able to study architecture since it's an integral part of everyone's life; it's something we depend on and it should not be overlooked.

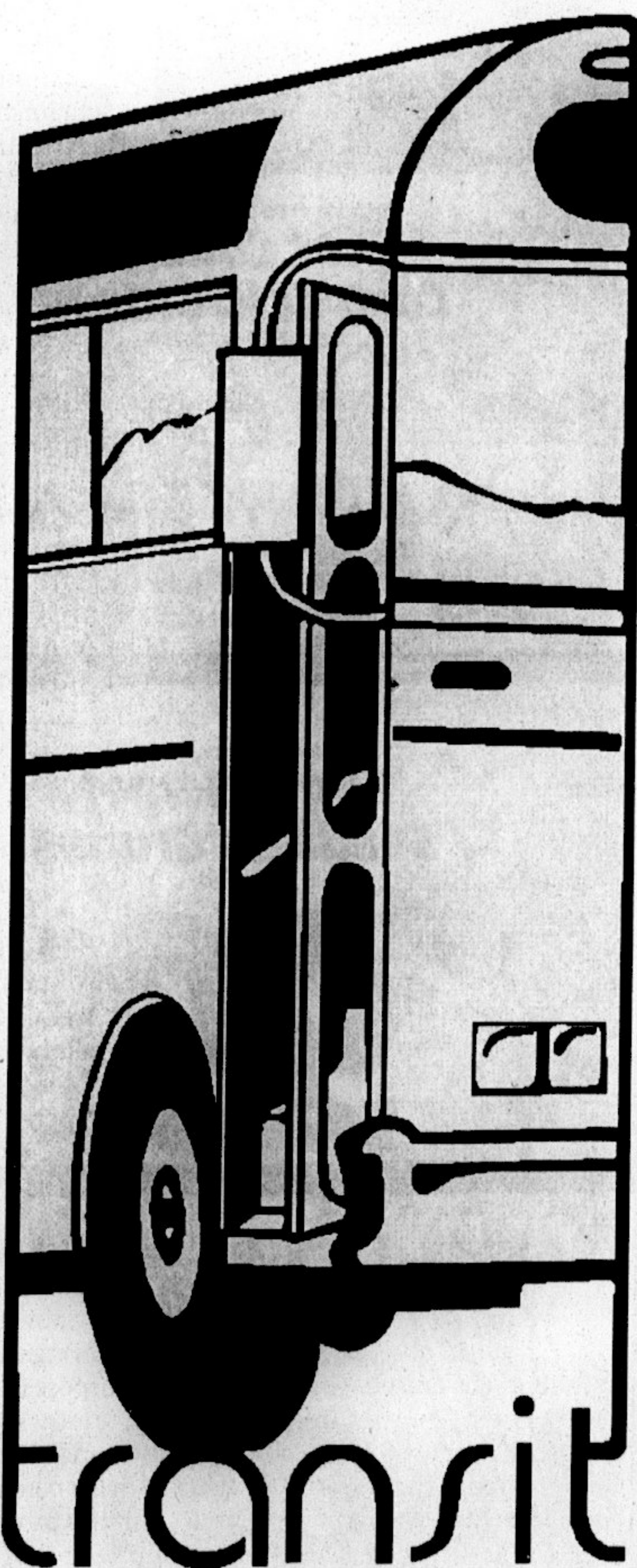
"Architecture is life," Farhadi said.

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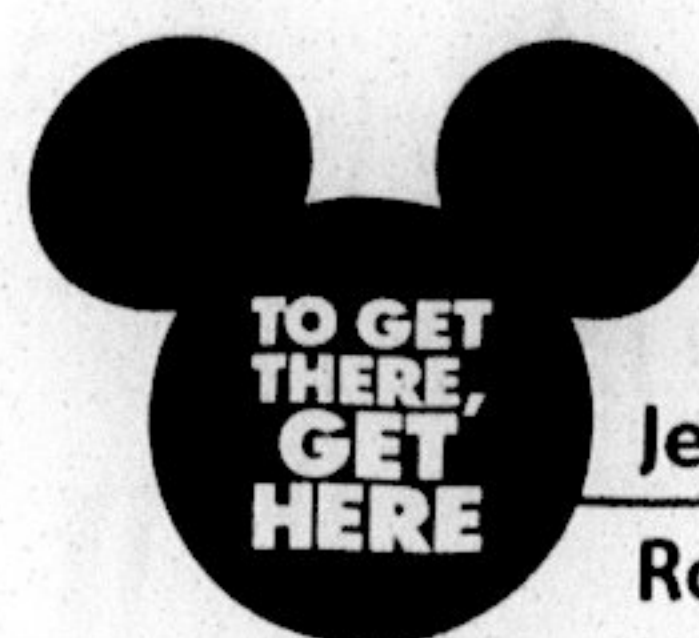
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ASK MARJORIE

Dear Marjorie,
I have a problem; it is embarrassing to admit but I really have no one to talk to. I work at a local establishment, and I am just an average employee. I come in, I do my job and I go home. I do not date women from work, nor do I go out with them when they go to the Cellar. Lately, I have been the object of many crass, lewd and offensive comments, and I do not appreciate this. The women that I work with who have higher positions than me, apparently think that it is acceptable to comment on my sex appeal and masculinity. If I was to return the favor, I would lose my job. I don't think that my male or female friends would respect me if I went to them with this, so I don't know what to do. Is there any way that I can stop the comments about "my special friend" at work?

--Role Reversal

Dear Role Reversal,
I have actually witnessed several situations like

yours before; a man being harassed by his co-workers. Regardless of gender, anyone who feels like they are being compromised or slandered by the people who he or she works with should speak up. It is your inherent right as a person to feel comfortable in your working environment, and no one should be able to take that from you, regardless of how much sex appeal they think that you have.

The most obvious way to handle this situation would be to confront these women and tell them how you feel. Don't let them convince you that saying that you want this treatment to stop is a slight to your masculinity. Be open and honest, and in most situations, this will solve the problem. If it doesn't, I would go to someone, a man in your case, in a position of authority over these women and tell him how you feel. You may have to swallow your pride, but the harassment will stop.

Dear Marjorie,
I have a teddy bear that I have slept with since I was five. I love him, and he has always been in bed with me, no matter what. I am seeing this guy pretty seriously

now, and I think that I want to invite him to stay at my house to spend the night with me. I think that it will feel weird sleeping without my teddy bear. Do you think that my boyfriend would mind having Pook in bed with us?

--Bear Bound

Dear Bear Bound,
Apparently, this is the first time that a guy has ever stayed with you. I sincerely doubt that once you have crawled underneath the covers and snuggled up against your boyfriend's chest you will even have a second thought about the bear. If you do and you still miss him, I would wait a couple more weeks before you reintroduce the bear into the bed. You wouldn't want your man to feel like he was inadequate. (If that is the case though and he is not satisfying you as a bed companion, go back to the bear and wait until you find a man more fulfilling and distracting!)

Any questions, queries or complaints can be sent to Marjorie at marjorie@studentmedia.ecu.edu.

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enhance communication between workers and their bosses.

"The effects of this are committed employees who will do their best to help the organization succeed," Bow said.

According to Roeder, there are many ways to handle a bad working environment. Talking to the boss, communicating with other employees, hiring a consultant and going on company retreats are all ways to get rid of stress and build strong employee bonds.

"You have to realize what you have control over and what you don't," Roeder said. "You may feel helpless, but there may be things you can do."

People also have to decide what type of worker they are. According to Roeder, some employees are open and warm and prefer to work in an environment where there is a lot of social interaction. Others enjoy keeping to themselves and working alone.

"When people think about their future-- their career-- they really need to think about what kind of environment they like to be in," Roeder said.

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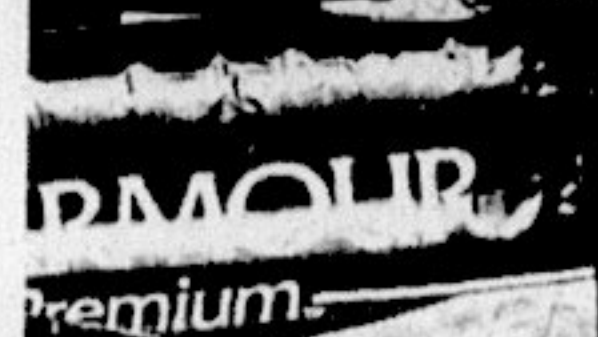
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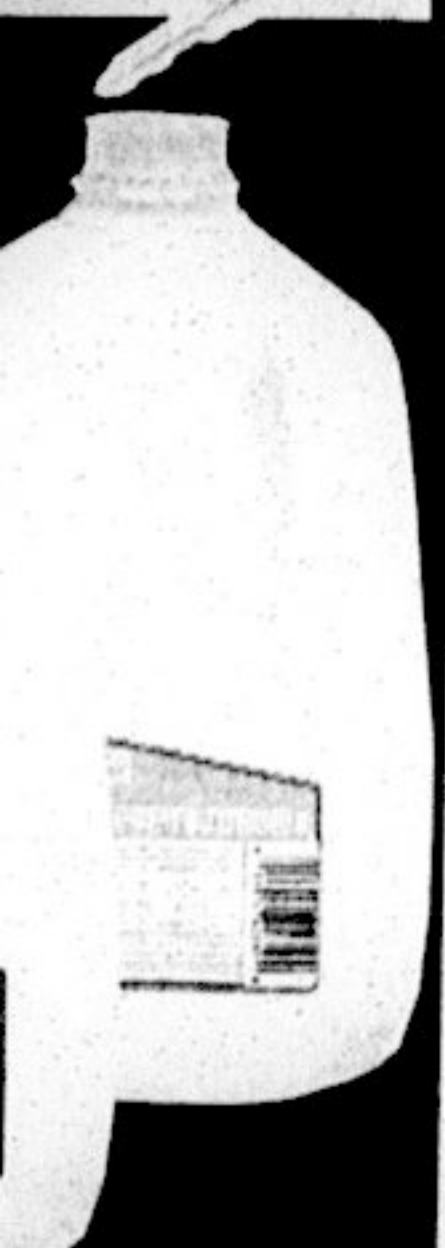
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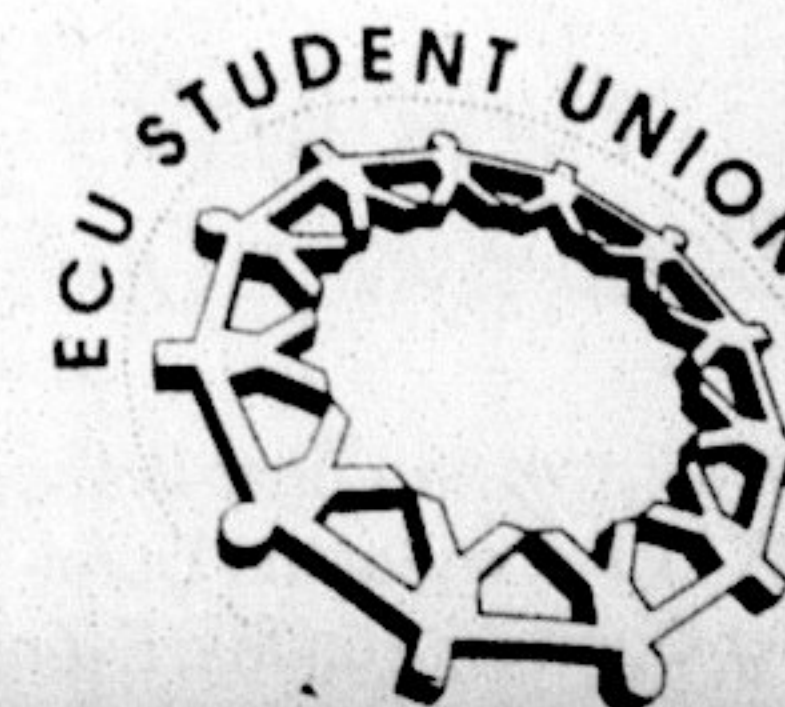
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Burton wins
in Las Vegas

Jeff Burton's victory Sunday in the CarsDirect.com 400 was the sixth in a row for Jack Rousch's drivers in the 1.5 mile oval. The team has also won all three Winston Cups, two Busch series events and one truck series event.

Burton brags of three wins including two Winston Cups and Sunday's Busch race, Mark Martin took home the Winston Cup in 1998 and last year's Busch race, and Greg Biffle won the truck race last September.

Martin ended up third after leading several times on Sunday.

"Mark and Jeff are really good at these intermediate tracks, and they're also real good at sorting their cars out," Rousch said. "So we've got a real head start. We've also been extraordinarily lucky. This weekend kind of surprised me. I told some people before we came out here that with as good as we've been out here, I didn't think we'd win another race out here for ten years, and here we are."

Stanford
falls to No. 3

As March Madness gets underway, Cincinnati is back on top of the ESPN/USA Today coaches' basketball poll.

The Bearcats (28-2) received all 31 first-place votes and a total of 775 points from a nationwide panel of coaches.

Duke (24-4) moves up from fourth to second following two conference victories against Clemson and North Carolina.

Stanford is third (25-2) with 722 points following Big Ten members Michigan State (23-7) and Ohio State (22-5).

Arizona dropped from No. 3 to No. 6 after losing to Oregon State on Thursday then again to Oregon on Saturday.

Temple (23-5) remained in seventh place while Tennessee (24-5) moved from 10th to eighth. Iowa State (26-4) and Florida (23-5) round out the top 10.

Assistant Irvine
named interim coach

Alvin Gentry was fired as the coach of the Detroit Pistons on Monday.

This was Gentry's first stab as an NBA coach after ten years as an assistant with four teams. He was replaced on an interim basis by assistant George Irvine, said J.J. Carter, a Pistons spokesperson.

Gentry is the sixth coach to be fired this season following Darrell Walker replacing Gar Heard as the coach of the Washington Wizards in late January.

Irvine joined the Pistons last year from the Indiana Pacers, where he worked 16 seasons as the director of basketball operations. He was also an assistant for the Golden State Warriors for two years.

Furyk wins
Doral-Ryder Open

Jim Furyk has Tiger Woods to thank for his win at the Doral-Ryder Open on Sunday. Even though Woods was not even playing, Furyk says that he was his inspiration after watching him come from seven back to win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. With five birdies on his last seven holes, Furyk closed with a 7-under 65 for a 2-stroke win over Franklin Langham.

Season ends
with loss

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Friday night, ECU's up-and-down season came to an end in the CAA Tournament play-in game, in Richmond, Va. The Pirates lost to American 74-54.

"Anytime you get into the 8-9 play-in game, there is the fear: Are your kids going to be ready to play," said Head Coach Bill Herrion. "This team finally hit the wall. I think we tried to make a few runs, but we just didn't

have it."

The Eagles opened the game on a 12-4 run, with American's Patrick Doctor scoring seven points in the first five minutes. With 10:32 remaining in the first half the Pirates cut the American lead to three with a pair of Winston Sharpe free throws. American extended their lead to six, but the Pirates responded, cutting the lead to two following a pair of layups by freshman Travis Holcomb-Faye.

The Eagles did not let up as they calmly built their lead back up to as much as 14 before halftime. The Pirates went into the locker room at halftime down 12.

"This is tournament time, it's

do or die," said American's Jarion Childs. "We played hard and together as a team."

"They came out of the gates and shot really well," said ECU senior Neil Punt. "We didn't respond to that. You have to give American credit. We knew it wasn't over at halftime, and we never gave up in the second half. That has been the character of this team all year long."

In the second half, American's lead hovered around 10 points as the Pirates failed to mount a productive rally. With 17:31 remaining in the game, American went on a 13-0 run, that saw the Eagles open up a 21 point lead with

14:43 left.

"I just wanted to settle down and tonight I got the open looks and the shots fell for me," said American's Ronald Hearn.

Hearn led all scorers with 28 and contributed seven points to the 13-0 run.

With 11 minutes left the Pirates cut the lead down to nine, but that would be as close as they got.

"I'm proud of these guys," Herrion said. "They could have packed it in, but they never did."

The Eagles responded with six straight points and put the game out of reach. "You have

to give American all of the credit," Herrion said. "They are a great team."

The Eagles cruised to a 20 point victory and a trip to the quarterfinals, while the Pirates' season came to a close. ECU finished the campaign at 10-18.

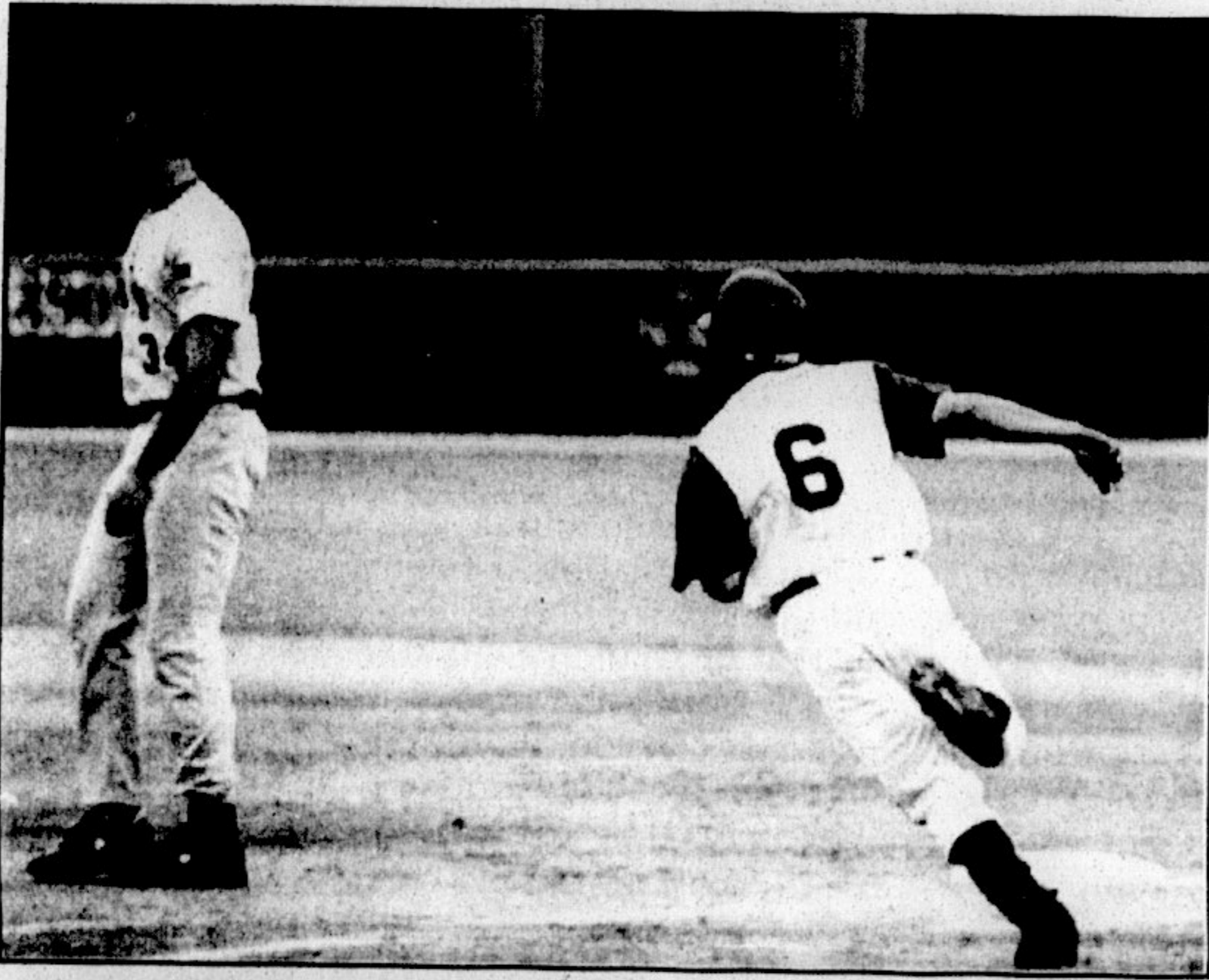
"It's been a difficult year," Herrion said. "We have a lot of work to do on the program. We need talent, attitude, character, toughness, competitiveness."

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Baseball team sweeps Navy

This weekend, ECU's baseball team swept Navy. The Pirates beat the Midshipmen twice in a doubleheader on Saturday, 10-9 and 7-6. On Sunday the Pirates beat Navy 3-2.

ECU's Nick Schnabel (two) went 5-for-8 on the day Saturday. He hit two solo home runs. The Pirates Lee Delfino scored a run, notched one RBI and had one hit in the first game Saturday. Pitcher Jeremy Schumacher (14), gave up nine hits and four runs in Saturday's first game. ECU's Cliff Godwin congratulates Justin Hyde following Hyde's home run in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.



Pirates lose to Seahawks

Women lose final
regular season game

Emily Koperniak
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU women's basketball team failed to end their season the way they desired. Wednesday night, the Lady Pirates were defeated by the UNC Wilmington Seahawks 67-45.

A jump shot made by Tamilla Murray, at the 16:24 minute, was the last time the Lady Pirates would take the lead. ECU was unable to come back and found themselves losing by as much as 11 points.

The Seahawks performed impressively throughout the first half, making 15 out of 27 shots. ECU connected on 13 of 30 shots throughout the first half for a 43.3 percent from the field in comparison to UNCW's 55.6 percent. However, the Lady Pirates were able to com-

pete with 14 rebounds and six turnovers, while the Seahawks had 15 rebounds and five turnovers.

"It seemed like we weren't into it at all," said Nikki Brown. "It seemed like we were tired, we couldn't do anything, we couldn't execute an offense and couldn't play defense. We should have switched up defenses quicker."

Throughout the second half, the Seahawks maintained a lead of at least seven points. ECU scored just four out of 30 shots and six out of 10 at the free throw line. ECU concluded the game with 31 rebounds and a 28.3 shooting percentage. The Seahawks ended the night shooting 45.1 percent and 44 rebounds.

"I was pretty disappointed," said Danielle Melvin. "I think we were over- looking Wilmington. We felt like we were better than them, but we didn't go out there and

play like we were better than them."

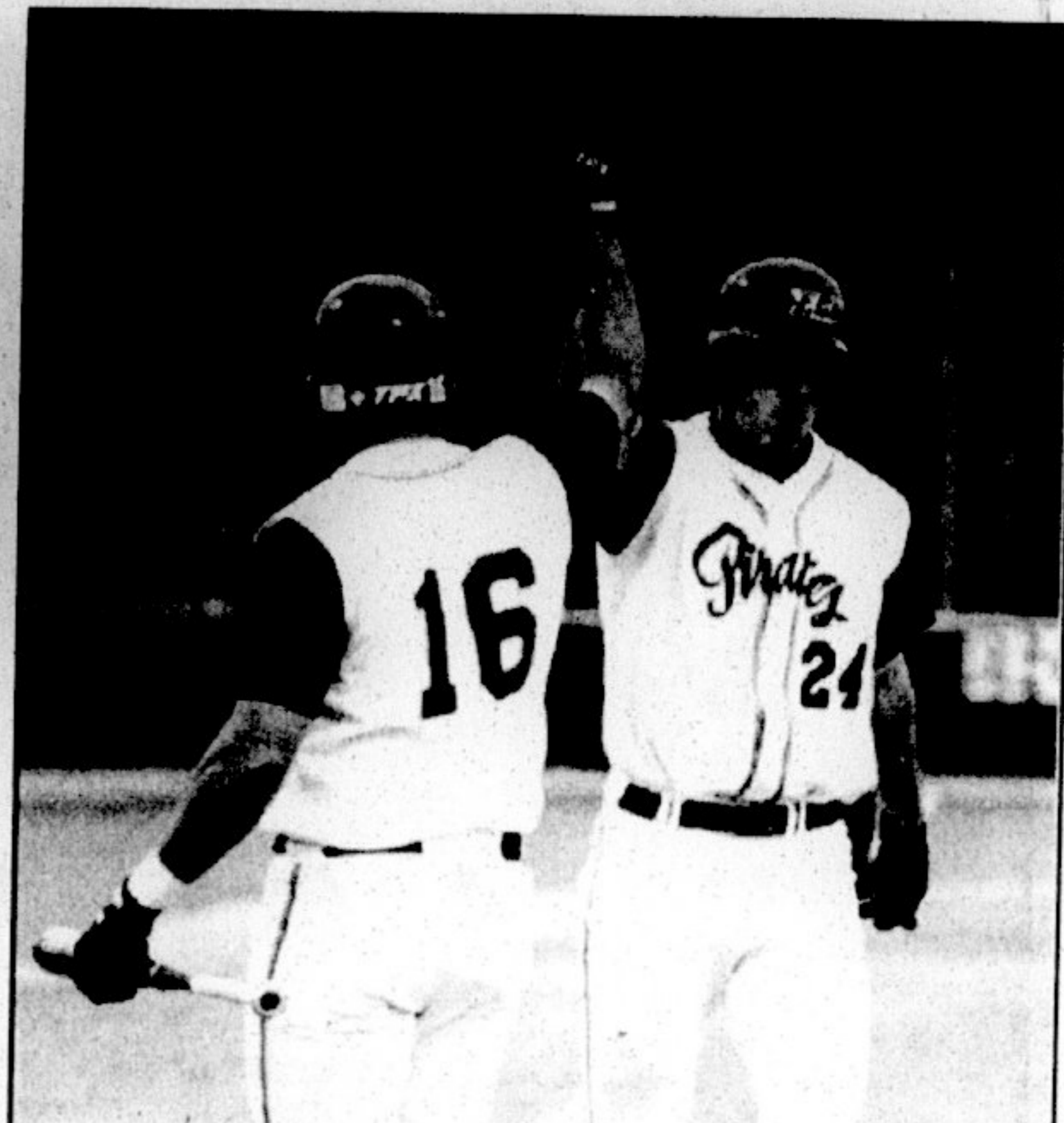
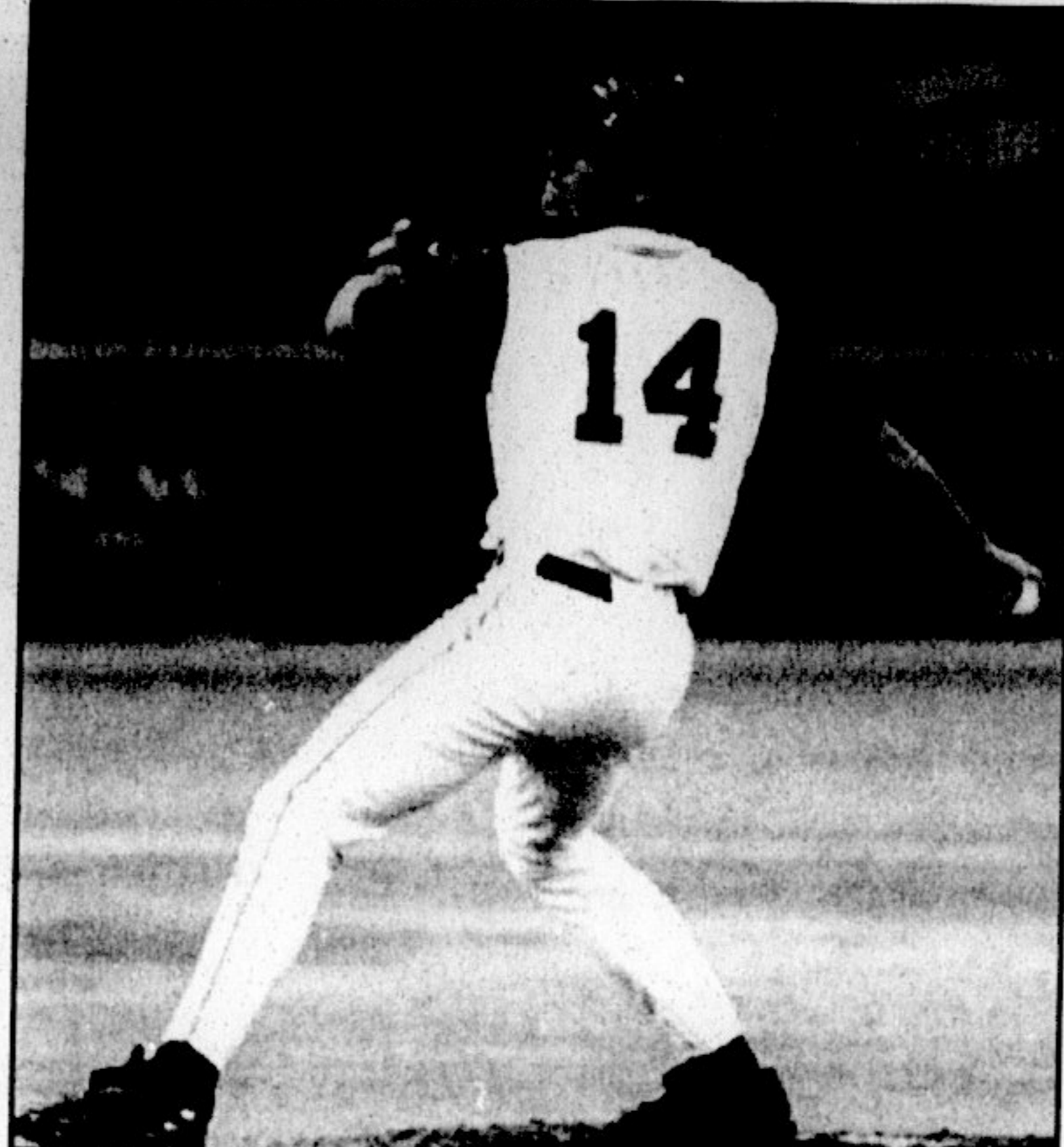
Melvin, one of the two players of the night to score in the double digits, contributed 13 points and eight rebounds. Waynetta Veney also added double digits with a team-high of 14 points.

"As a whole we came out flat," Veney said. "We didn't play defense at all, our defensive intensity was not there. We dug a hole for ourselves that we couldn't get out of. I think we weren't able to put the ball in the basket."

Unfortunately, both suffered injuries, and only Veney was able to return to the game. Melvin will have her ankle evaluated.

It is still not decided who ECU's opponent will be for the CAA tournament starting Mar. 8. Seeding for the competition will be determined this week.

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Tennis teams beat Aggies, Spiders

Kohl, Spears win
against N.C. A&T

Ryan Downey
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's tennis teams were in action this weekend against Richmond and N.C. A&T, respectively.

Both were able to come away with wins. The Lady Pirates pushed their record to 9-2 and the men's team rose above .500 at 8-7 for the season, 1-1 in the CAA. This win is the second victory in a row for the men after defeating Elon on Thursday.

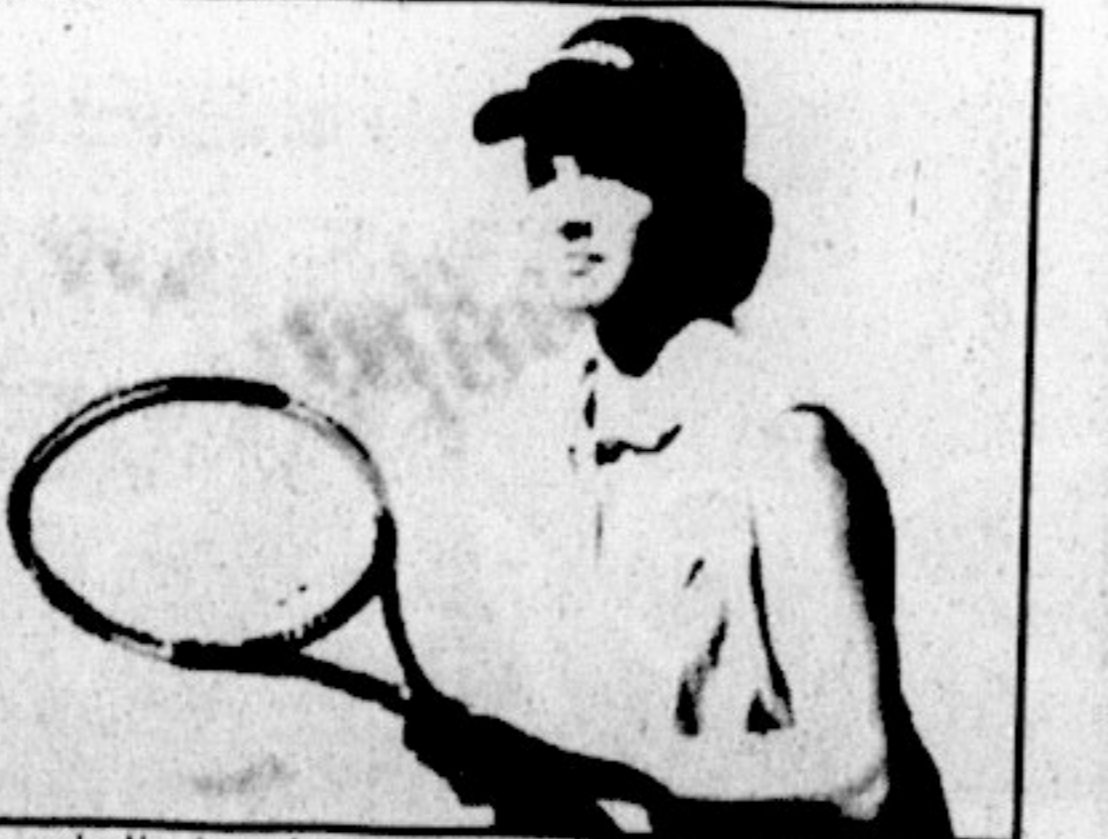
"I feel happy that we got the win, but I felt like we went into singles unprepared," said head coach Tom Morris. "We won four out of six in singles, but they were closer matches than we would have liked. We did play well in doubles but let down in singles, and we can't afford to do that."

Although not all things went perfectly for the team, they are starting to show the spark they need to have going into a tough

Spring-Break schedule featuring many nationally-ranked teams. "We didn't play great and we still won," Tobias Boren said. "When you don't play well and win anyway it makes you stronger."

The men are starting to turn this season around. After playing poorly in doubles competition for much of the season, the team is starting to show the mental toughness and confidence it takes to pull out the close matches. Coming into the match they still had many questions about doubles, but were able to put them to rest.

The doubles started off slow when the Pirate duo of Nicholas Jaffrelot and Alexandre Girard lost to Richmond's Picric and



Lyndell Jordan prepares to return a serve against N.C. A&T. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

Davis 6-1, 6-2. The Pirates turned things around in the next few matches which featured a 8-6 victory by ECU's Oliver Thalen and Brad Sullivan as they squeezed by the Spider's Flader and Paker. In the final doubles match, Boren and Jon Walton smashed the Spiders pair of Scordo and Scaford.

"It's good to get an early win in the conference," Brad Sullivan said. "I felt we played pretty well, the team is starting to come together. We are all starting to click as a team."

Working out the doubles combinations has taken some time, but it looks like the tweaking might be done.

"It took us a while to figure out who played best with who; we played with a lot of combinations," Morris said. "You need to find a fit with game styles and personalities. We believe we have found the right fit; I hope we found the fit. I think the last match helped us out a lot. I think we see some positive things ahead of us. I think we are a little better than last year."

The women continued their winning streak, which is up to

six in a row. In a shortened match due to rainy weather, the Lady Pirates crushed the Aggies of N.C. A&T who showed up late. The match featured dominant singles. At the No. 1 position, freshman Lyndall Jordan picked up a 6-1, 6-4 win against N.C. A&T's Delane Spears. That match proved to be the closest match of the day. The other matches were completely one-sided. ECU freshmen Emily Kohl terrorized Tonetta Landis winning in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. The No. 3 player and team captain, Meredith Spears, also won 6-0, 6-0, mirroring her teammate's score.

Also picking up wins were Andrea Terrill, who beat Latoya Alston, 6-1, 6-1, and freshman Kate Veazey who defeated Celeste Morehead by the same score. Those victories proved to be all that was needed for the Lady Pirates to win another before the match was called due to rain.

"It started raining after we had won the fifth point and we did not play the No. 6 or doubles," Morris said. "I felt the girls played well today. We are looking forward to a hard



Alexandre Girard gets ready to face a Richmond serve. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

week of practice before next weekend's match against UNC-Greensboro.

The Lady Pirates will have some time to rest before the next group of matches. Their next match will be at home on March 11 against UNC-Pembroke and UNC-G in doubleheader action.

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Sunday's spring training roundup

(AP)—Ken Griffey Jr. and Juan Gonzalez are feeling comfortable with their new teams, even if these are only exhibition games.

Griffey homered in a Cincinnati Reds uniform for the first time Sunday, leading a split squad over the Texas Rangers, 5-2.

"It's still spring," Griffey said. "You're just trying to get your eye."

Griffey hit a solo shot in the fourth inning off Jeff Zimmerman that broke a 2-2 tie at Sarasota, Fla., Dmitri Young added a two-run single and Sean Casey an RBI single for the Reds.

Lee Stevens and Tom Evans homered for Texas. At Lakeland, Fla., Gonzalez played his first game against major leaguers for the Detroit Tigers, going 1 for 3 with a single in their 9-5 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Gonzalez, acquired in a nine-player trade with the Rangers, had a tight left hamstring following an exhibition game Wednesday against Florida Southern. It wasn't anything serious, but manager Phil Garner held him out of the Tigers' first two games of the regular exhibition season.

"Everything felt normal," Gonzalez said. "I had my first at-bat in a different uniform. Everything else was the same."

Gonzalez, who is pondering the Tigers' \$140 million contract offer, singled in the fifth inning off Jason Rakers, a right-hander who spent most of last season with the Buffalo Bisons of the Triple-A International League.

Gonzalez is a two-time AL Most Valuable Player who hit .336 with 39 homers and 128 RBIs last season for the Rangers.

"I'm real happy here," Gonzalez said. "I feel comfortable. I see everybody smile here. Everybody is relaxed. Everybody plays better that way."

At Tampa, Fla., Roger Clemens was roughed up in his first spring outing, while Jose Lima pitched two hitless innings as the Houston Astros beat the New York Yankees 6-2.

The World Series champion Yankees played their regular lineup and slipped to 0-4 in exhibitions. They've been outscored 34-15 and have not held a lead in any game.

The Astros, who left Jeff Bagwell, Craig Biggio and Moises Alou back in camp, are 3-0.

Clemens, the winning pitcher when New York finished off its Series sweep against Atlanta last October, allowed five runs and six hits in 2 2/3 innings.

"I don't think whether I throw shutout innings or give up runs it makes any difference," Clemens said. "I worked on typical spring training stuff."

In other games:
•Mets 10, Dodgers 7
At Vero Beach, Fla., Al Leiter and Kevin Brown

each pitched three scoreless innings in their first outings of the spring, and Todd Zeile singled and hit a three-run homer against his former team. Charlie Hayes added a two-run shot for the Mets, while Adrian Beltre hit a two-run homer and Eric Karros had a two-run double for the Dodgers.

•Pirates 5, Phillies 3

At Clearwater, Fla., Jimmy Anderson, trying for the final spot in the Pirates' starting rotation, pitched three hitless innings in his first spring start. Pete Rose Jr., a non-roster player in Phillies camp, had an RBI grounder in the seventh following Rob Ducey's leadoff triple. Aramis Ramirez drove in three runs with two doubles.

•Cardinals 2, Expos 1

At Jupiter, Fla., Chad Hutchinson, a former quarterback at Stanford, allowed one hit in three shutout innings for St. Louis. The Cardinals got the go-ahead run on a sixth-inning sacrifice fly by Larry Sutton, who replaced Mark McGwire at first base after three innings.

•Devil Rays (ss) 7, Braves 6

At Kissimmee, Fla., Josh Hamilton doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning after Miguel Cairo was hit by loser Winston Abreu. Braves starter John Smoltz, trying to work on his knuckleball, allowed three runs and five hits in 1 2/3 innings.

•Reds (ss) 2, Devil Rays (ss) 1

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Greg Vaughn, whose 45 home runs helped keep Cincinnati in contention for a playoff spot until the final day of the regular season, was 0 for 2 against his former team.

•Orioles 7, Marlins 5

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Charles Johnson hit a three-run homer and Ryan Minor had a solo shot. Mike Mussina, making his first start of the spring, allowed four earned runs and six hits in three innings, giving up a three-run homer to Mike Lowell. The Orioles also learned Scott Erickson will miss at least the first month of the season following arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow.

•Twins 11, Red Sox 6

At Fort Myers, Fla., Matt Lawton had a two-run homer and an RBI double, and Cristian Guzman hit two triples as Minnesota had 14 hits. Through five games, the Twins are hitting .324 (59 for 182), with 12 doubles, three triples, six homers and 34 RBIs.

•Indians 9, Blue Jays 6

At Toronto, Russell Branyan went 3 for 3 with four RBIs, hitting a three-run homer as the teams finished a two-day trip to SkyDome. Back in Winter Haven, Fla., Indians manager Charlie Manuel was released from a hospital following emergency colon surgery Feb. 28. There's no word on when he'll rejoin the team.

OPINION COLUMN

MLB needs to look in the mirror when it comes to racism

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

John Rocker rejoined the Atlanta Braves last week when he showed up for spring training amidst a media circus. The left-handed reliever had his suspension from Major League Baseball cut in half by an arbitrator and will be available in the Braves bullpen by late April.

Rocker offended just about everybody with his racist comments in a December issue of Sports Illustrated. Baseball was quick to react, originally suspending him through May. While Rocker's comments were deplorable and his apology last week was trite, the fact that Major League Baseball is condemning another for insensitivity and discrimination is embarrassing.

Is this not the organization that had a "gentlemen's agreement" against signing any black players? Is this not the league that kept minority players out until 1947 when Jackie Robinson came into the league?

The fact remains that before baseball can punish someone for being a bigot, they need to look at themselves because when it comes to race relations, baseball doesn't exactly have a stellar track record.

Baseball had a "gentleman's agreement" that prohibited minorities from playing in the majors that came to an end in 1947 with the arrival of Jackie Robinson.

Now baseball's failure to achieve racial harmony manifests itself in its personnel decisions.

In a sport in which most of its players are minorities, the color of their front offices and managers have remained the same for decades.

Currently, of the 30 managers in major league baseball, only four, Felipe Alou in Montreal, the Cub's Don Baylor, Dusty Baker of the Giants and Jerry Manuel of the White Sox, are minorities.

Baseball has been very public in their efforts to hire more minorities, yet during this winter, managerial vacancies in Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit and Colorado were all filled by whites. Detroit, in fact, did not even interview a minority before they settled on Phil Garner. Garner did not have a winning record in his previous stint as manager of the Milwaukee Brewers.

The issue of discrimination in baseball's hiring practices is not a new issue. In 1988, Los Angeles Dodgers Vice President Al Campanis said, in an interview on ABC's "Nightline," that minorities lacked the "mental capabilities" to manage at the major league level.

The issue of the lack of minority hirings has been a prevalent issue for over a decade, it has not gotten better.

For baseball to take the high ground in the Rocker situation is admirable. However, it is somewhat hypocritical for Major League Baseball to condemn someone for racial bias, because baseball itself has its own racial issues to address before it can pass judgment on someone else.

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Dan Marino talking to Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Viking greats include Warren Moon, Randall Cunningham, Jeff George—and now Dan Marino?

The NFL's career passing leader is being asked to follow his fellow quarterbacks who made stops in Minnesota to resuscitate their waning careers and get a shot at that elusive Super Bowl title.

Marino was offered Minnesota's starting quarterback job last week in talks with Vikings coach Dennis Green, two sources close to Marino confirmed today. They did not want to be identified.

The offer was first reported Sunday night by ESPN and Fox Sports Net, citing unidentified sources. They said Green assured the former Miami Dolphins star that he would be the starter.

Marino, who has not attracted much interest from other teams, is also considering retirement. The Vikings wanted a decision by Sunday night, but Marino sought more time to make up his mind.

He'll likely make a decision by the end of the week, said one of the sources.

The 38-year-old quarterback became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed free-agent quarterback Jay Fiedler.

ESPN said Marino's agent, Marvin Demoff, has had discussions with the Vikings on a contract that would fit within the club's salary-cap structure.

Because Marino had an off year in 1999, he could sign a deal with easily reachable incentives that would not squeeze the Vikings too much against the salary cap.

The Vikings, who have shaken up their roster and coaching staff this offseason, are hoping Marino won't pass up a shot at playing with Eric Carter and Randy Moss, who thrived last year with the equally strong-armed George.

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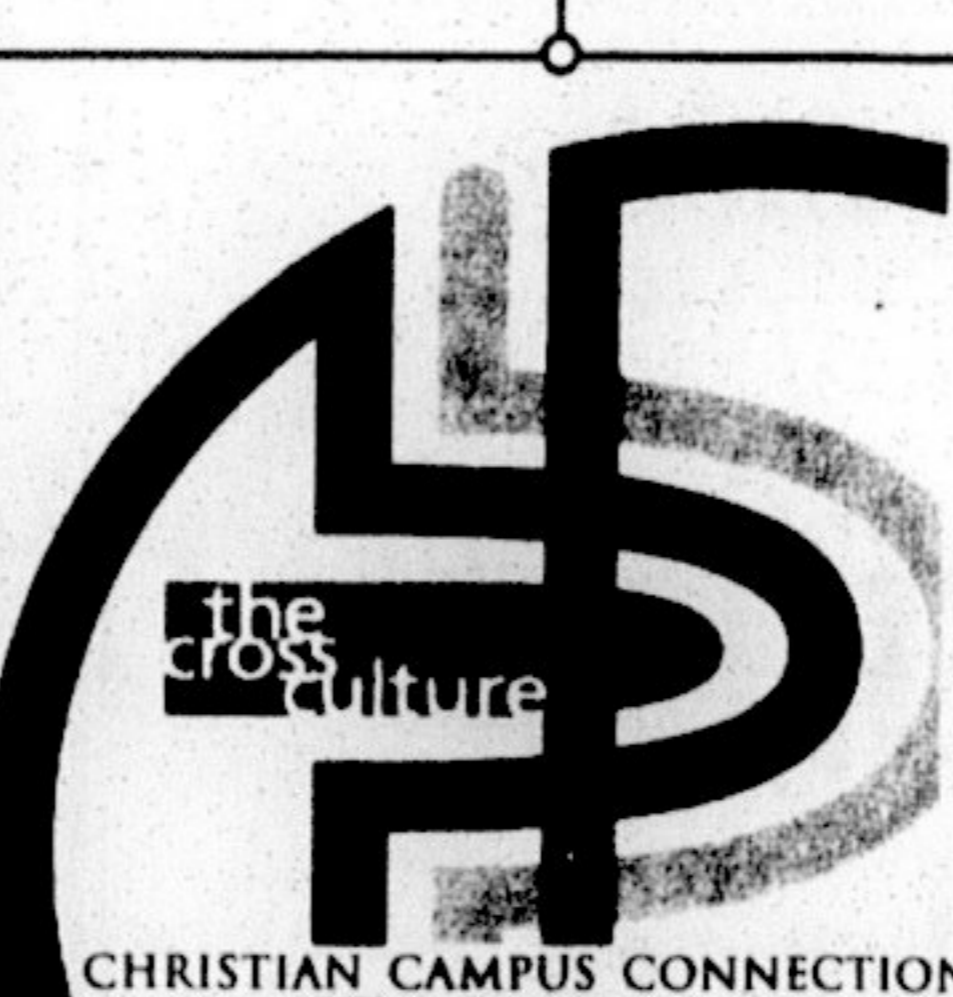
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They used a thrilling comeback win over DePaul and a rout of Saint Louis that capped an unbeaten season in Conference USA to move up one place and replace Stanford, which lost to UCLA in overtime.

Cincinnati (28-2) received 66 first-place votes and 1,743 points from the national media panel. The Bearcats were No. 1 for five weeks early in the season until losing to Xavier. They were out of the top spot for three weeks before moving back in for another six weeks until losing to Temple.

"It's nice to be able to say you finished your senior year No. 1," Bearcats forward Ryan Fletcher said. "That's a nice accomplishment."

The final poll of the season will be released next Monday, the day after the field for the NCAA tournament is announced.

Stanford (25-2) was No. 1 for the last two weeks and was a unanimous choice last week. But the Cardinal had their 13-game winning streak snapped by UCLA on Saturday. They received two first-place votes and 1,634 points.

Duke moved up one place to third, while Big Ten co-champions Ohio State, which received the other two first-place votes, and Michigan State each moved up two spots to fourth and fifth.

Temple, which lost to St. Joseph's last week, dropped from fifth to sixth and Iowa State, the Big 12 champion, moved from No. 10 to seventh.

Tennessee also moved up three spots to eighth, while Arizona, which lost at Oregon State and Oregon last week without injured center Loren Woods, fell from third to No. 9.

LSU moved from 12th to No. 10, its first appearance in the Top Ten since being ranked ninth on Nov. 25, 1991.

Florida led the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Oklahoma State, Indiana, St. John's and Maryland.

Connecticut, Purdue, Miami, Kansas and Illinois completed the Top 25.

Miami, which beat St. John's 74-70 in overtime Sunday to earn a share of the Big East regular-season title with Syracuse, moved back into the rankings for the first time since the Preseason Top 25.

The Hurricanes, who have won five in a row, replaced Auburn, which fell from 19th after losing to LSU and Arkansas last week, the Tigers' third and fourth consecutive losses. The last three losses have been without suspended forward Chris Porter.

Auburn, fourth in the preseason poll, got as high as No. 2 this season and had been ranked every week since Dec. 14, 1998.

Furyk steals the show at Doral

MIAMI (AP)—Tiger Woods can raise the level of play even when he's not playing.

Just ask Jim Furyk, who drew inspiration from Woods for a stunning comeback to win the Doral-Ryder Open on Sunday.

Furyk had every reason to lose hope when Franklin Langham chipped in for birdie to take a 6-shot lead with only seven holes to play on the tame Blue Monster.

Langham, going after his first victory in his 101st PGA Tour event, had not come close to a bogey all day. Furyk couldn't get an important putt to fall.

But Furyk had been in his position before, even if he wasn't the main character.

Only a month ago, he was paired with Woods

in the final round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Where Woods was seven behind with seven holes to play, Furyk was even further back.

"If you had told me Tiger was going to win that event, I would have laughed at you," Furyk said.

Instead, he watched Woods make eagle from the 15th fairway and birdie two out of the final three holes, grabbing a 2-stroke victory with a little help from fast-fading Matt Gogel.

On Sunday, it was Furyk's turn.

With five birdies on his last seven holes, Furyk closed with a 7-under 65 for a 2-stroke victory over Langham in the Doral-Ryder Open. His 265 tied the tournament record set in 1993 by Greg Norman.

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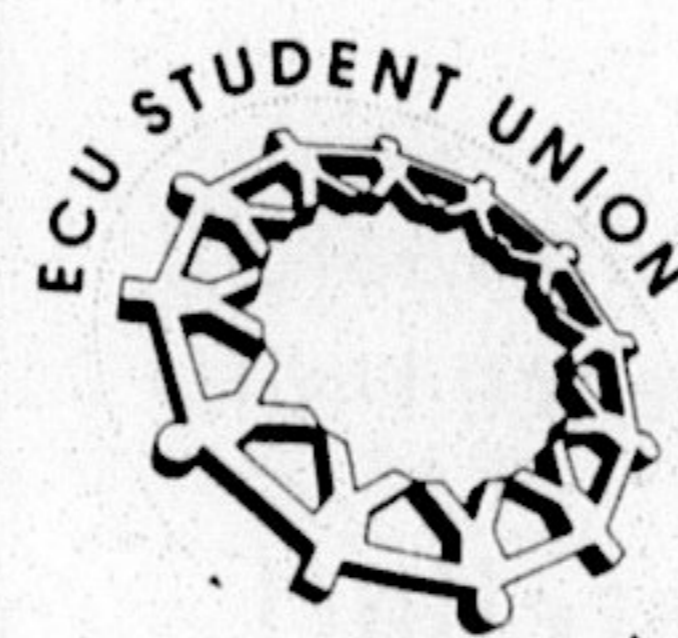
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Pistons fire Coach Alvin Gentry

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)—Alvin Gentry was fired as coach of the Detroit Pistons today, a little more than two years after replacing Doug Collins.

Gentry, in his first try as an NBA coach after 10 years as an assistant with four teams, was replaced on an interim basis by assistant George Irvine.

The Pistons, led by All-Stars Grant Hill and Jerry Stackhouse, are 28-30 and fourth in the Central Division.

Irvine's first game as coach will be Wednesday night at home against Denver. General manager Rick Sund said the Pistons' inconsistency became more evident in recent weeks, with the team struggling for a playoff spot.

"I think we've watched these slumps, we've said just give it more time, just give it more time," Sund said after practice today. "Well, time is running out."

The dismissal was not expected and could signal that Hill has become concerned about the team's chances of making the playoffs under Gentry.

Hill is the key to everything the Pistons

have done all season. Gentry always appeared to have his support and the Pistons desperately hope to re-sign him when he becomes a free agent after the season. If they lose Hill, five years of building and waiting may have been in vain.

"I just think it's unfortunate in this business when you go through stretches like this," Hill said after practice. "This is tough, unfortunate. I've been around Alvin. He's a great guy and did the best job he could."

Hill said Gentry addressed the team today and appeared jovial, relaxed and professional when he told the players he was fired. Hill said Gentry told them "this is the nature of the beast; this is the nature of the business."

The Pistons have had one defensive breakdown after another this season. They have not played well on the road, going 8-21. The latest example came Saturday, a 110-97 loss at Washington for Detroit's third straight loss.

"It seems like every night an unsung hero comes up and beats us," Stackhouse said after the latest defeat. "It's almost like we're snakebitten."

The firing marks the sixth NBA coaching change this season, the most recent one at Washington on Jan. 29 when Darrell Walker replaced Gar Heard, the other changes were at Golden State, the Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix and Vancouver.

Detroit finished 29-21 in last year's lockout-shortened season, then lost in the first round of the playoffs to Atlanta.

The year before, Detroit missed the playoffs and finished 16-21 under Gentry. He took over on Feb. 2, 1998 after Collins was fired. Gentry was hired as permanent coach for the following season.

In 1995, Gentry finished out the season as Miami's interim coach after the Heat fired Kevin Loughery.

He guided the Heat to a 15-21 record for the final 36 games of the 1994-95 season, but was not offered the job at the end of the season. He then joined the Pistons as an assistant for the 1995-96 season under Collins.

Irvine, a former player, coach and executive with several teams, has been an assistant with the Pistons since 1999.

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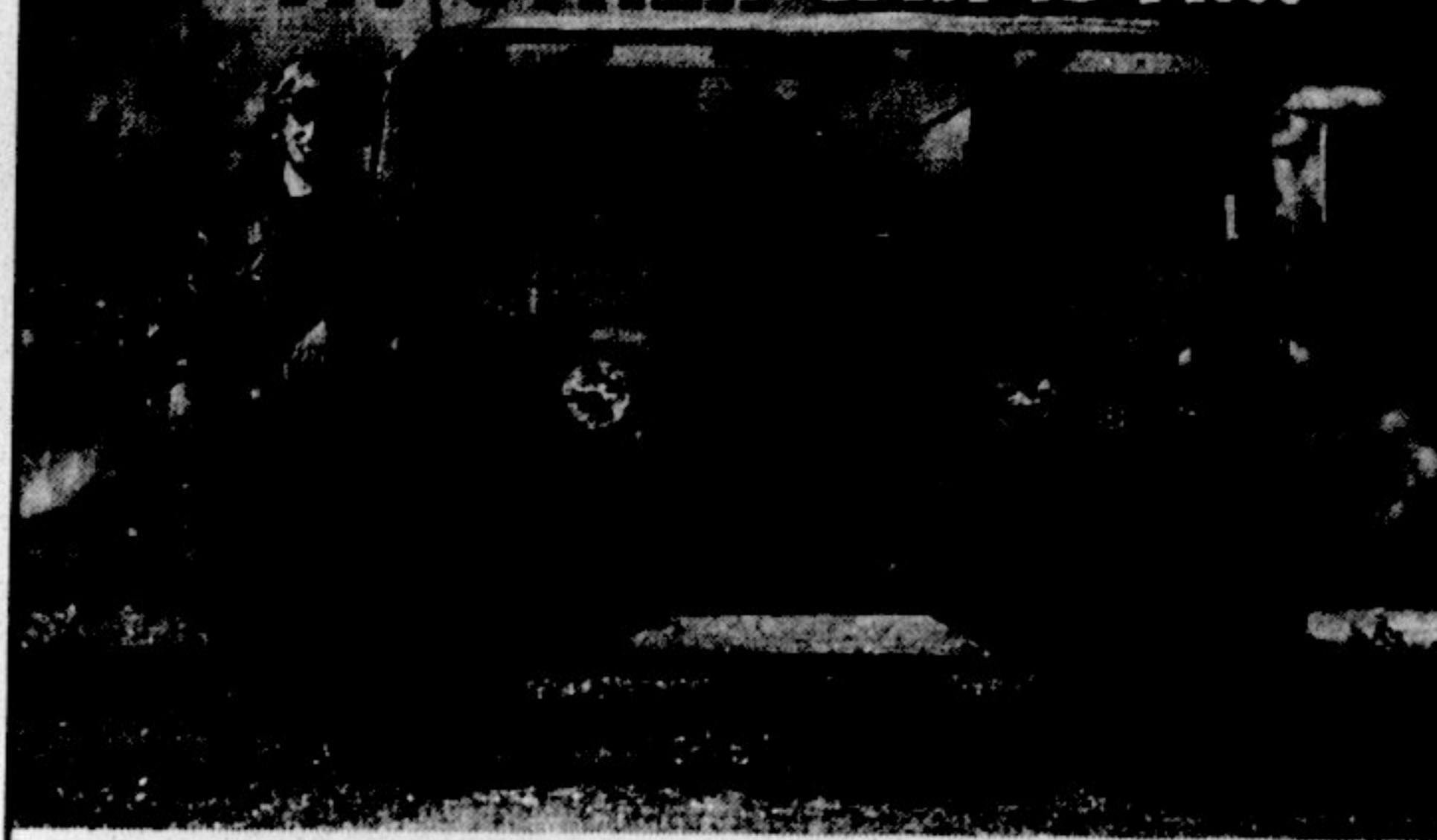
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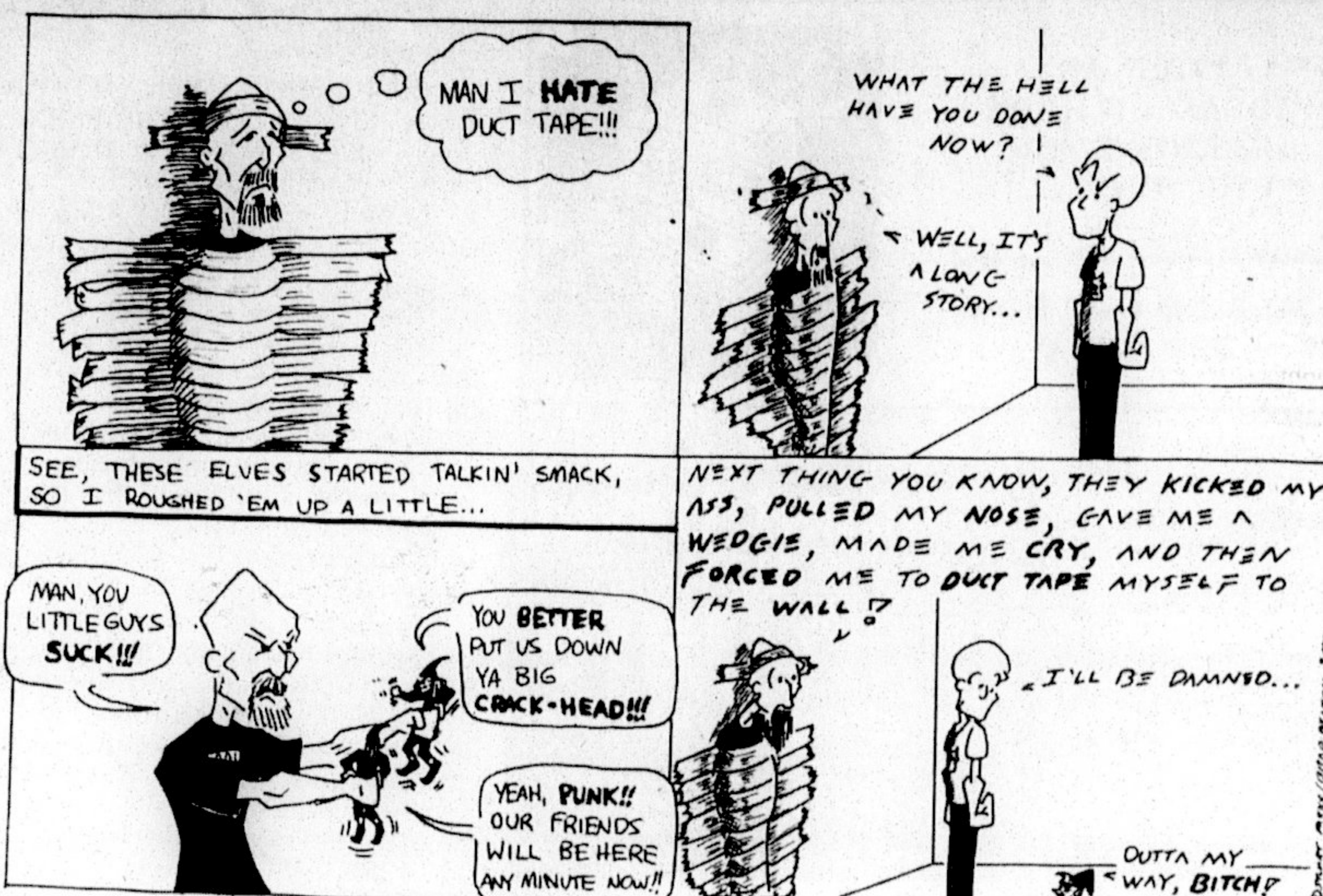
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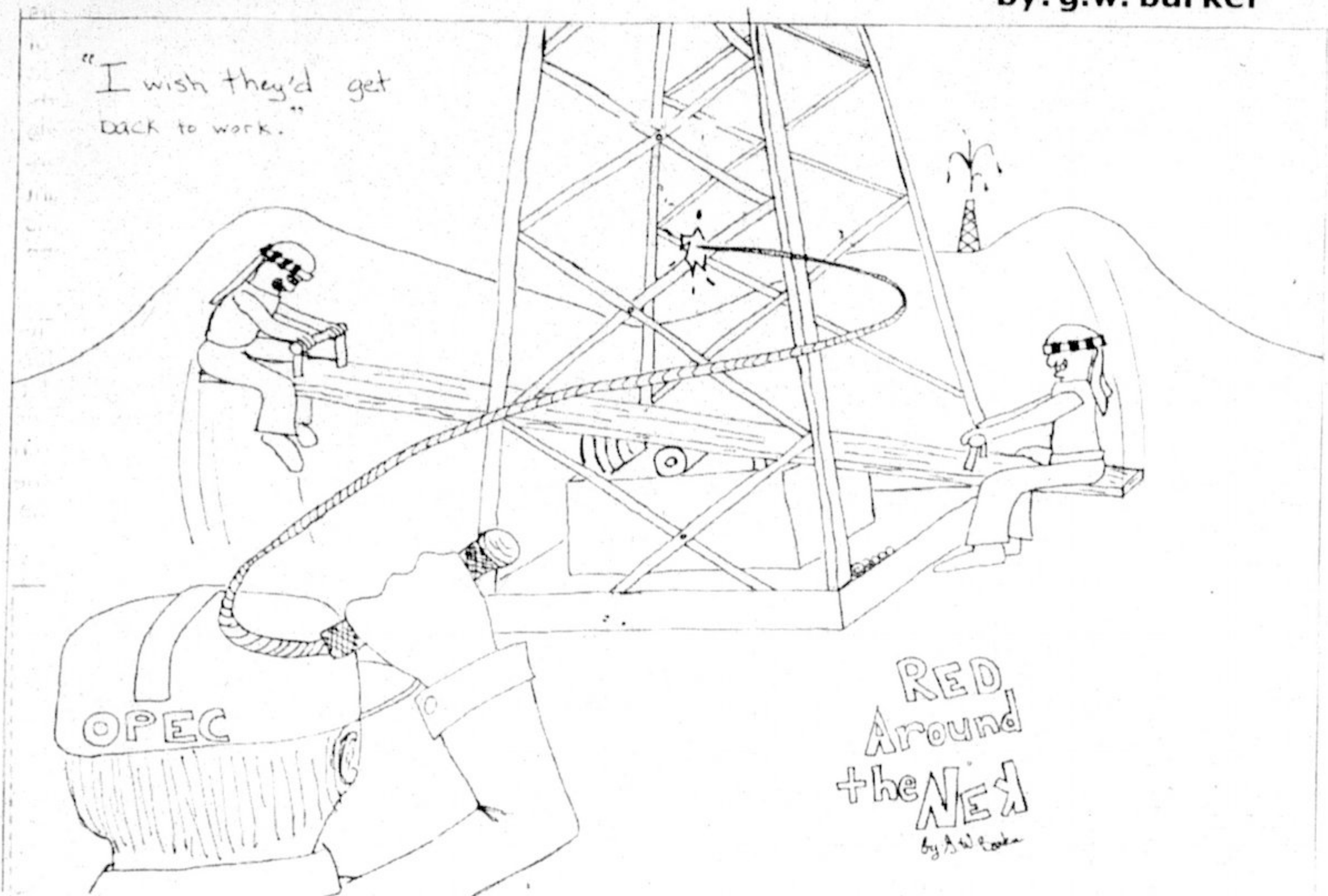
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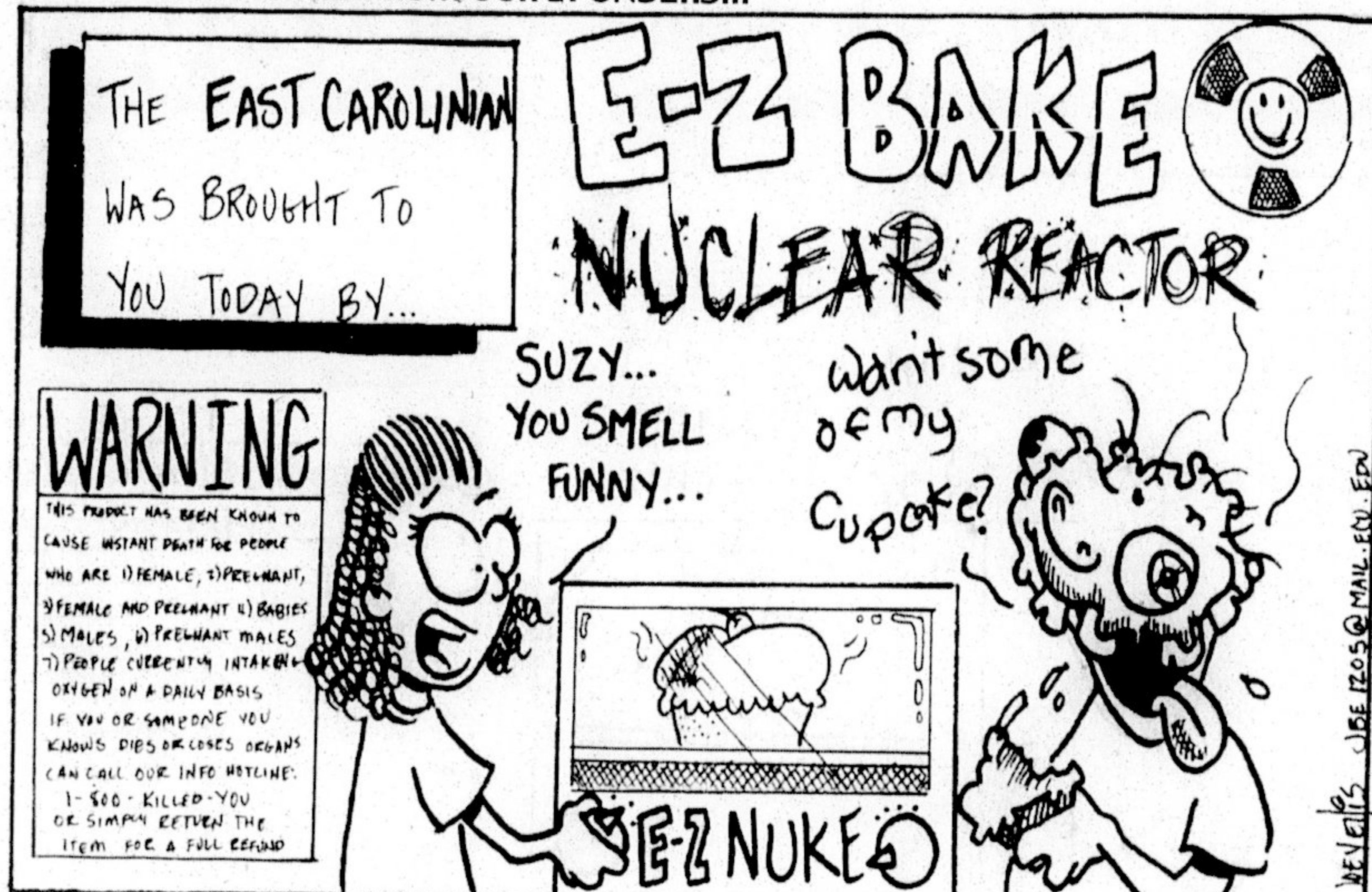


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CAMP DIRECTOR: Accept the challenge and make a difference in the lives of girls ages 6-17. Must be at least 25 with supervisory and camp experience. Mid-May to August resident camp in Johnston or Vance County. Room and board included. Programs include swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and outdoor skills. Contact Kate Hoppe at 919-782-3021 or 800-284-4475.EOE

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THE GREENVILLE Recreation and Parks Department id recruiting part-time youth baseball coaches. Applicants must possess some knowledge of baseball skills and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Applicants must be able to coach young people ages 5-8, in baseball fundamentals. This program will run from mid-June through July. Salary rates start at \$5.15 per hour. For more information, please call Judd Crumpler, Michael Daly or Ben James at 329-4550 after 2 pm Monday-Friday.

CAMP STAFF: Available positions include: lifeguards, counselors, lead counselors, nurses, boating instructors, and program director. Overnight Camps in Johnston and Vance County. Room and board provided. Swim, canoe, arts and crafts, and outdoor skills. Contact Kate Hoppe, Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council, 919-782-3021 or 800-284-4475. EOE

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES Director/Coordinator- Mature person needed for summer beach cottage at Indian Beach form May to August. Responsible for providing lifeguarding at the ocean, checking in groups, providing recreational information for groups, and supervising beach cottage activities. housing provided at cottage. Send letter of interest and resume to Director, Baptist Children's Homes of NC, 2557 Cedar Dell Lane, Kinston, NC 28504 EOE.

THE GREENVILLE Recreation & Parks Department is looking for umpires for the Adult Spring/Summer Softball League. Pay will range from \$13-\$20 a game. Clinics will be held to train new and experienced umpires. However, a basic knowledge and understanding of the game is necessary. The first training meeting will be held Thursday, March 9 at 7:30pm at the Elm Street Gym. Softball season will run from May thru August. For more information, please call 329-4550 after 2:00pm Monday through Friday.

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PERSONALS

GOOD JOB ECU men and womens basketball team on a great season. Love the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi.

GREEK PERSONALS

PANHELLENIC WOULD like to congratulate this week's sisters of the week: Pam Cuthrell, Leigh Hancock, Michelle Ross, Lori Hewitt, Erin Adam, Sallie Shepard, Alexi Hasapis, April Herring, and Marie Davis.

AOPI WOULD like to wish all sororities and fraternities a safe and awesome Spring Break!

SIGMA ALPHA Epsilon last Friday's Heaven and Hell social was out of this world! It will definitely be a night we'll never forget! Love, Alpha Phi.

THE SISTERS of Alpha Xi Delta would like to invite all girls interested in sorority life to our spring fling open house March 7th form 5-7. Please call 758-5677 for details. Hope to see you there!

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SOFTBALL OFFICIALS Meeting. ECU Intramurals will be having a meeting March 8, 9:00pm in the SRC 202 for anyone interested in working as a softball official for the upcoming season. For more information call 328-6387.

CHOOSING A Major and a Career: This one-session workshop helps you explore your interests, values, abilities, and personality and find out which occupations or majors may match accordingly. You will learn how to gather information about the occupations you've identified. This workshop meets every Thursday at 3:30-5:00. For more information, please contact the Center for Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661.

LOOKING FOR that first apartment is exciting. Be smart and learn tips for inspecting a new place, understanding your lease and knowing what you want. If you are moving off campus for the first time, attend "A Place of Your Own," Tuesday, March 7, 5-6:30 p.m. in 212 Mendenhall or Wednesday, March 8th, 7-8:30 p.m. in 248 Mendenhall. Call #6881 for more information.

REGISTRATION FOR General College Students: General College students should contact their advisors the week of March 20-24 to make arrangements for academic advising for Fall/Summer 2000. Early registration week is set for March 27-March 31.

CHILD SWIM Lessons, March 25-April 15. Sign up for Mon/Wed 6:45pm-7:30pm or Tues/Thurs. 6:45pm-7:30pm. The cost is \$25/mem-\$30/non-mem. Each child will initially be placed in a level based on age and ability. Children must be at least four years old to participate. Registration is March 1-24. Please be prepared to indicate your child's age and swim experience when registering. For more information call 328-6387.

HANG GLIDE March 25, the dunes of Kitty Hawk will be your classroom as we set out for a day of fun in the sky. Spaces are limited in this Adventure Program staple road trip so please sign up early. Cost is \$85/mem-\$95/non-mem and the registration deadline is March 10, 5pm. For more information call 328-6387.

"SEE HOW They Run" Wednesday, March 8, 4pm. Mendenhall Underground. Finally there is a workshop to help with all those plaguing meeting problems. Learn how to negotiate parliamentary procedure, set agendas, and effectively run group meetings. These skills will not only save your time and sanity but will make you far more popular at your club meetings!

GOLDEN KEY will meet today at 5:30 in GC 1026. Come and elect your new officers. If you don't receive e-mails about our meetings, please e-mail meekdog@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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EXSS MAJORS Club will meet Wednesday March 8th in the Pirate Club Building at 7:30 pm. All students attending AAHPERD-plan to meet March 20th to discuss plans for the conference. new members always welcome.

HAMMOCKS BEACH State Park, March 25-26. Come learn or expand basic sea kayaking skills. Come experience two days of paddling in varying surf and weather conditions. It is the perfect location for a laid back weekend of paddling and exploring. Cost is \$50/mem \$65/non-mem and the registration deadline is March 10, 5pm. For more information please call 328-6387.

ROANOKE RIVER National Wildlife Refuge, April 1-2. Come learn and expand basic sea kayak skills and experience this natural area. The cost is \$50/mem-\$65/non-mem and the Registration Deadline is March 22. For more information please call 328-6387.

CPR FOR the Professional Rescuer-Challenge, March 28 6pm-8pm or March 31 3pm-5pm. This course is designed for those individuals who currently possess a CPR-FPR certification. Participants must bring their own book, and pocket mask. Course requirements include skill and written evaluations. Cost is \$20/mem-\$30/non-mem and Registration is March 13-30.

INTENDED CSDI Majors: all General College students who intend to major in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and have Mr. Robert Muzzarelli or Mrs. Meta Downes as their advisor are to meet on Wednesday, March 22 at 5 p.m. in Brewster C-103. Advising for early registration will take place at that time. Please prepare a tentative class schedule before the meeting. Bring Taking Charge, Your Academic Planner, and use the worksheet to develop your schedule.

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TEST PREPARATION: This workshop is designed to enhance your skills in preparing and taking exams. It will offer new tips and strategies to allow you a less stressful experience. This workshop will meet March 8 at 11:00am. For more information, please call The Center for Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661.

TRY YOGA! Treat yourself to the relaxation you deserve. Cost is \$15/mem-\$25/non-mem. Yoga Beginner: March 29-April 26, Wed. 4:00pm-5:15. Reg. March 6-27. Yoga Intermediate: March 28-April 15, Tuesdays 5:30pm-6:45pm. Reg. March 6-27. Yoga Advanced: March 27-April 24, Mondays 4:00pm-5:15pm. Reg. March 6-24. Power Yoga: March 27-April 12, Mon/Wed 5:30pm-6:45pm. Reg. March 6-27. For more information please call 328-6387.

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FREE AQUA Fitness and Group Fitness Classes. Stuck in Greenville for Spring Break? No Problem! ECU Fitness isn't going anywhere, so join us for FREE classes all week long. March 13-17. Check the schedule or call the hot line, 328-6443 for class information.

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FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MARCH 8, 2000

10:00am

Ice Carving at North Side of Mendenhall Student Center

11:00am

Founders Day Program, Hendrix Theatre, MSC

Chancellor's Welcome and Introductions:

Phillip R. Dixon, Chair, ECU Board of Trustees

ECU Symphony: *Finlandia, Opus 26, No. 7*

Chancellor Presents Founders Day Service Awards

Chancellor's Introduction of Speakers

Founders Day Remarks:

Andre D. Frederick

Laurie Johnson

Thomas W. Durham

Willie Lee

Alma Mater, Harold MacDougale '44

12:00noon

Luncheon Reception in Great Room, MSC

12:30pm

Wright Place Birthday Cake Celebration

12:30pm

School of Education Scholarship Reception, MSC 244

2:00, 2:30, &
3:00pm

Information Technology Tour,
Tours Originate in Austin 208

3:00pm

Human Environmental Sciences Reception to Honor
Outstanding Alumni, VanLandingham Room, Rivers Building

3:00pm

College of Arts and Sciences Celebration of
Publications/Performances, GCB 1006

4:30-7:30pm

ECU Birthday Celebration Dinner
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