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Prepare a basket for some 'bunny.'

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Grand slam spurs Carolina victory.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**Partly cloudy, high of 81°
and a low of 58°

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000

23 days to go until Graduation

NEWS BRIEFS**Memorial**

Funeral services will be held for Shannon Meek at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at the Eureka Presbyterian Church in Whispering Pines, N.C. An open memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 in Hendrix Theatre.

Holiday

Friday, April 21 is a state holiday. University offices are closed and no classes will be held.

Exit interviews

The Student Loans office will hold Exit Interviews April 24-25 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 1003 of the General Classroom Building. If you are a recipient of a Perkins or Nursing Student loan you are required to attend an Exit Interview if you meet one of the following conditions: graduating in May 2000, dropping below half-time or otherwise not returning to ECU for Fall semester 2000. If unable to attend one of these meetings, call 328-6816 to schedule an appointment time.

Clean up

Events for the 30th anniversary Earth Day will include a clean up of the Tar River by paddlers in canoes in conjunction with The Environmental Conservation Organization of ECU. The work begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22 at the Falkland boat ramp. Clean up will end at the Greenville Town Common where a celebration with speakers, music, exhibits and eco-games will begin at 1 p.m. Contact: Joseph Luczkovich, Institute for Coastal and Marine Resources, 328-1759 or 328-1847.

Environmental leaders

Epsilon Nu Eta, the national honor society for environmental health professionals, will induct four honorary members at its Celebrate Earth Day 2000 meeting today at 11 a.m. in Room 105 of the Belk (Allied Health) Building on Charles Street. The inductees are: Kelly Davis, a wildlife biologist and educator; Tom Pohlman, an environmental health and safety manager at ECU; Malcolm Green, the general manager of the Greenville Utilities Commission; and Jackie Ponder, founder of the annual "Unnatural Resources Fair."

Correction

The handicap parking violation fine at ECU was increased from \$50 to \$100. The state law, House Bill 143, mandates that the fine be at least \$100, but no more than \$250.

Virtual learning

ECU's Best Practices Expo will provide information about the latest and most innovative uses of technology in teaching. The program begins with lunch today at noon in the Great Room in Mendenhall Student Center and continues until 5 p.m. Education technology experts from ECU and from other campuses and organizations will talk about the challenges that confront those using computers and the Internet in education. The keynote address will be given by William Graves, one of the leading authorities on the role of the Internet in education.

ONLINE SURVEY

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Do you feel that expanding the Ledonia Wright cultural center will make it a better resource?

Results of last week's question:
Would you agree to meet someone in person that you met in an online chat room?

23% Yes 77% No

**ACCESS
DENIED***Some buildings not
up to standards*Carolyn Herold and Angela Harne
STAFF WRITER AND ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Yesterday, the Disabilities Support Services (DSS) and disabled students toured the campus seeking to identify areas that present problems for them, along with areas that are up to par for their needs.

The walk began at 2 p.m. in front of the General Classroom Building (GCB). The group examined The Wright Place, Austin, Rawl, Whichard, and Howell Science Complex for accessibility problems.

According to Kathy Fulcher, a senior and spokeswoman for DSS, there is generally a low level of awareness when it comes to disabled students' needs. Fulcher said that in some classroom buildings, like

in Brewster, there are no desks that handicapped students can readily use, so disabled students are forced to drag around a desk wherever they go.

Though some departments did meet their standards, others were right on target with disabled students' needs.

Fulcher said that when the renovations are complete, the new Student Health Center will be a prime example of a building that offers full accessibility. The new building will be fully compliant with all the guidelines mapped out by law. Currently, Belk, Aycock, Scott and Jones Residence Halls are not handicap accessible. Christenbury Gym, Whichard and parts of the Old Cafeteria Complex are also unavailable to those students in wheelchairs.

According to Fulcher, the last tour of this type was done five years ago. "We really need to heighten awareness," she said.

Fulcher said she had requested students, faculty and staff to state potential problem sites by e-mail or phone before the tour.

"We did not receive any reports about huge problems," said C.C. Rowe, director of DSS. "We just got concerns with small problems that can be fixed, like curb cuts and heavy doors."

Anna Castillo, a senior and stroke victim of right cardiovascular accident (CVA) attended the walk and said she hopes ECU will become more handicapped friendly. She said that she believes that many on campus walk around with blindfolds on.

"I attended the walk not only for myself, but for all students with both long and short term disabilities," Castillo said. "I wish people on campus were more sensitive to those not as fortunate as themselves."

Castillo said disabled students are promoting the

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**ECU researcher
receives \$717,829***McCubrey seeks to find
why good cells go bad*Caroline Jordan
STAFF WRITER

Dr. James McCubrey of The Brody School of Medicine at ECU recently received a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-National Cancer Institute to study why healthy cells turn malignant.

McCubrey, an associate professor of microbiology and immunology, believes that cures for many types of cancers will be discovered and treatments for others significantly improved by the end of this decade.

"Cancer is the second-leading cause of death in the United States," McCubrey said. "Unlike many other diseases, cancer is more complex to treat and we have fewer real cures or treatments as opposed to illness or disease that's caused by bacterial infections."

While McCubrey is the primary investigator for three studies that analyze the role human cancer genes play in the development and spread of cancer, he is also involved in an area of molecular cancer research that specializes in determining how healthy cells become malignant.

With the four-year \$717,829 grant from the NIH, McCubrey will be studying the mechanisms that trigger malignant transformation of blood cells. This is the second grant of this type from the NIH. The grant has been increased by \$111,809 from 1992's fund of \$609,020.

With this study, McCubrey has reviewed the factor that certain human cancer genes play in turning blood cells malignant. Evaluating and understanding these relationships may be a key component in stopping the spread of cancer or even curing it.

"It seems as if every day we hear about a new breakthrough in cancer therapy," McCubrey said. "An example is chronic myelogenous leukemia, which can now be successfully treated with novel drugs. I feel a number of breakthroughs involving multiple treatment therapies are well on their way to becoming a reality."

Another study that McCubrey is heading specializes in the examination of cytokines and how they stimulate cell growth, preventing cell death. This study is especially relevant for prostate and breast cancer patients who undergo chemotherapy.

McCubrey is exploring how receptors within the cells react to the production of cytokines, thereby improving a patient's chances of survival, especially after a bone marrow transplant. Discovering how pathways within cell receptors are controlled is essential to understanding how to stop, prevent and control the growth of cancerous cells.

"McCubrey is one of those rare individuals who has a real vision of where cancer research is going," said Dr. Donald Lannin, director of the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center. "He has the ability to communicate with clinicians and basic researchers in many different specialties, and he acts as a catalyst to develop productive research collaborations."

A doctorate recipient from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, McCubrey has spent 11 years at ECU. McCubrey has acquired more than \$1.85 million in research grants, written over 35 peer-reviewed papers and serves on the editorial board for the scientific journals Leukemia and Oncology reports.

*This article was written with cooperation from Jane Martin, an Information Specialist at ECU Health Sciences

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Students mourn loss of one of their own

In a service Wednesday evening, friends and family grieved for Shannon Meek, killed Monday at the intersection of Statonsburg and Wesley church roads when a car driven by friend, Jakub Holy, slid off the road and into a tree just outside the Farmville city limits. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Killing result of robbery attempt*Police say Harris in
wrong place at wrong time*Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

New information has come to light in the case involving the shooting of Reggie Harris, an ECU junior who was gunned down by two black males the morning of April 5 at 115 North Jarvis St.

Detective Steve Pass of the GPD said information from witnesses concludes that the two suspects were attempting to rob the Jarvis residence. Pass said that according to witnesses, Harris, his girlfriend and others were leaving the house when they were approached by two black males who ordered them to go back into the house.

According to Pass, witnesses told him that one of the suspects pushed Harris' girlfriend and Harris punched him, which resulted in open fire from a .22-caliber handgun and a shotgun.

According to Lieutenant Joe Bartlett of the GPD, four rounds were shot from the firearms.

Pass said the weapons have not been obtained. He added identification of the suspects is scarce because, according to witnesses, the suspects were wearing hooded sweatshirts and bandanas. Pass said anyone with information involving the case could contact him at his direct line, 329-4352.

Anyone with information can also contact Crime Stoppers at 758-7777 which offers up to a \$2,500 reward for information leading to an arrest.

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Graduating seniors face new challenges

Career services seeks to help graduates plan

Josette LaChance
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 1,700 seniors will graduate this May, and many have said they feel apprehensive about their post-college plans.

"I've been in school preparing to graduate and now that it's about time. It's really scary," said senior Ben Opar. "I don't feel like I'm ready to have a real job."

For those who are feeling unsure about their plans, Career Services is available to seniors to help them make the transition from school to career. The center offers resume writing workshops and posts job opportunities in many different fields. Connections is a workshop run by Career Services that is designed to help students put their resumes on-line so they can be accessed by possible employers. Connections is held every Monday at 4 p.m.

"Making the transition to the work place is an issue facing graduating seniors," said Jim

Westmoreland, director of Career Services.

Westmoreland added that since most ECU seniors already hold jobs, they have an easier time making the transition.

"We have employers calling all the time about resumes they have seen," Westmoreland said.

Some graduating seniors decide to pursue a graduate degree instead of finding a career right away.

According to Paul Tschetter, associate dean of the Graduate School, there are about 1,000 ECU seniors who will be attending graduate school at ECU in the fall.

"For me, graduate school is just something I've always planned on," said senior Rose Smith. "I think having an advanced degree is a real asset in today's world."

To be admitted into graduate school, a student must hold an undergraduate degree. Students apply through the department in which they wish to pursue their degree.

"Most applications at ECU consist of an exam and also letters of recommendation," Tschetter said.

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ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

North Carolina State University—Far from the tear gas and turmoil of the Washington, D.C. protests in favor of labor unions and workers' rights, some North Carolina State University students plan to participate in a peaceful walkout this morning at 11 a.m. in front of D.H. Hill Library in the Brickyard.

Campus in Action is sponsoring the walkout on campus in recognition of the diverse humanitarian issues that are being discussed and debated in the nation's capital this week. The NCSU event is part of a national effort by the Mobilization for Global Justice, a group that claims the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) are practicing economic policies that are not in the best interests of the countries in which the two banks are building economies.

"The walkout is not necessarily a protest. It's more to encourage awareness," said Bryan Proffitt, one of the walkout's organizers.

Students will gather in the Brickyard late tomorrow morning to discuss the issues surrounding the protest. Several students have attended the protests in Washington in the past week, and they will be on hand to share their experiences, as well as their thoughts on related

Towson University—A proposed Internal Revenue Service regulation could force Towson University officials to reconsider how it treats its exclusive deal with Pepsi.

In March, the IRS alerted universities nationwide that previously untaxed revenue—specifically corporate sponsorship deals—could be taxed as the IRS changes the way it treats unrelated business taxable income.

The change is not the result of any new law, but a different interpretation of a change in the tax code passed in 1993.

However, University officials say the IRS has been vague in releasing details, and are unsure how the change in policy would affect Towson. Towson is currently in the third year of a five-year, multi-million dollar deal with Pepsi which gives the beverage company exclusive rights to sell its product on campus.

"It could be that we are taxed on that income, that's the bottom line," said Diane Schnappinger, manager of accounting services. "Right now we are not paying any tax on that income."

"We really don't know [what will happen though]," she added. "We haven't gotten any formal information. It's very, very vague right now."

Women adjusting at Virginia Military Institute

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP)—Erin Clauch is proof that women can do what men can do—sometimes even better.

Three years after she and a handful of other women broke gender barriers at Virginia Military Institute, Clauch has risen to battalion commander the second-highest student military post.

On the way to the top, she's outperformed men on VMI's stringent physical fitness requirements.

But making history and drawing attention to herself were the furthest things from Clauch's mind when she enrolled at VMI in 1997, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the school's all-male policy uncon-

stitutional.

"I just wanted to blend in and be a good cadet," Clauch, 20, said in a soft, unassuming voice a voice she'll have to crank up a few notches to get the attention of the cadets she'll give orders to this fall.

Clauch, whose father is a retired Air Force major, always wanted to attend military school. She and her 18-year-old sister, Courtney, who has no interest in the military, grew up raising horses on a farm in Loudoun County, near Washington, D.C.

"Erin always worked really hard at everything she did," her mother, Carol Clauch, said. "She earned a black belt in karate as a child. I

mean, she puts her heart and soul into everything she does."

Clauch admits rumors of the torturous first year at VMI made her nervous.

VMI freshmen, known as rats because of their lowly status, endure a harsh system of discipline to test their physical, mental and emotional limits. Every year several male freshmen leave VMI; six of the 29 women who enrolled with Clauch quit during their first year.

Clauch's tenure on the "ratline" culminated with a 16-mile midnight march and a climb up a muddy, 20-foot hillside.

"It was hard, but I was motivated the entire time because I knew it

would be over soon," Clauch said.

Ebony McElroy, of San Diego, Calif., who entered VMI with Clauch, said she was surprised a woman rose in the ranks so quickly. But she wasn't surprised it was Clauch.

"She's an all-around nice person, who's not opposed to helping out if anybody needs it," said McElroy, who lived near Clauch in the barracks. "She used to leave candy in our room for no particular reason. That's just something Erin would do."

Clauch, who's on the fencing team and runs cross-country, also

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Baptist Homes asked to change policy

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A state agency has been pressuring the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children for more than a year to change its policy on homosexuality at the risk of losing a \$12 million contract.

Baptist Homes provides care for abused and neglected youths through eight shelters and ranches across Kentucky. It is the largest private provider of such services in the state.

But the organization drew fire in October 1998, when it fired a supervisor for being a lesbian. The organization said at the time that Alicia Pedreira was fired on the grounds that her "admitted homosexual lifestyle is contrary to the Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children core values."

Since Pedreira's dismissal, the Cabinet for Families and Children has contacted the organization, urging it to stop basing employment on sexual orientation, according to records obtained Friday by the *Courier-Journal*.

"While I understand that your agency is faith-based and feels obligated to follow the doctrines of the church, I would appeal to the administration of Baptist Homes for Children to re-examine its position on this issue," said Bonnie Hommrich, deputy commissioner of the Cabinet, in a letter to the organization dated March 5, 1999.

Bill Smithwick, executive director of Baptist Homes, said Friday that the organization's board of directors met last month and decided to defend its position that employing homo-

sexuals as counselors is "not the best way to care for troubled and abused children."

That could be a risky move for the organization, which has an annual budget of \$21 million.

Smithwick said losing the contract would be a significant blow, but not a fatal one. He said Baptist Homes could continue to operate with church donations, grants and endowments. Baptist Homes is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Church.

According to state documents, Baptist Homes had a \$10 million endowment as of August 1997. The Homes also receives income from more than \$10 million in trusts and other accounts.

Rusty Chevron, a Patton spokesman, said no final decisions have been made on whether Baptists' contract will be renewed.

"The entire situation is being reviewed by the Cabinet and the governor," said Chevron. "Our top concern needs to be what is best for the children."

Baptist Homes traces its roots to 1866, when a group of women established a refuge for children orphaned during the Civil War. The organization now has programs in Louisville, Glendale, Elizabethtown, Dixon, Morehead, Mayfield and Bronston. Last year, it served 3,800 children and adults.

Anti-shock drug has opposite effect

RALEIGH (AP)—A drug used in some hospital emergency rooms to postpone shock from blood loss actually hastens the onset of shock and should not be used in hemorrhaging patients, researchers say.

Naloxone is commonly used to treat heroin and morphine overdoses, but also has been shown to slow the onset of shock in lab laboratory animal tests. It has not been approved by regulators for use in humans, but some emergency room doctors use it as a last resort, the researchers said.

However, the study by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, published in the March issue of the journal *Critical Care Medicine*, said Naloxone can quicken the onset of shock by as much as 17 percent. That could cost emergency-room doctors precious minutes in saving lives.

Researchers reached their finding after simulating the effects of hemorrhaging and administering Naloxone to human subjects. The study was conducted by faculty at UNC-Charlotte's Department of Health Promotion and Kinesiology and UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Medicine.

A spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C., said Monday that Naloxone is approved only for treating opium-based drug overdoses and the agency would not comment on the drug's unapproved

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diversity initiative of the university

"Diversity is more than just a black and white issue," Castillo said.

Fulcher said she hopes disability awareness reaches all students. She said they need to be aware of the campus' accessibility problems and that hopefully they will become active in helping to solve these problems.

Rowe said the campus needs to become barrier free.

Fulcher said she plans to update

the campus map on the Student Desktop. She said the map could then be obtained in braille. She added she would like to create braille menus for campus dining halls to allow visually impaired students to have their freedom of choice.

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has excelled academically.

She's maintained a 3.9 grade-point average and is ranked fifth in a class of 298. She was one of 30 students from six schools selected to study at Oxford between her freshman and sophomore years.

This summer Clauch, a physics major, has an internship at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. She plans to get a commission into the Air Force, earn a graduate degree in astrophysics and become an astronaut.

What little spare time Claunch has is spent with her horse, Silk, on a nearby farm.

Claunch's achievements as a cadet—not her gender—qualified her for one of the two battalion commander posts, VMI spokesman Mike

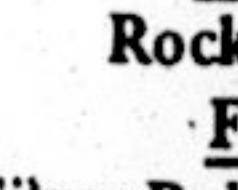
Strickler said.

The other new battalion commander, Derek Bogdon, 21, of Rochester, N.Y., agreed.

"Claunch is very intelligent and has demonstrated her leadership potential," Bogdan said. "She's very good to work with and very articulate. She's well deserving of the position. It doesn't matter that she's a woman."

As commander, Claunch and her staff of eight cadets make sure the battalion is in order and the cadets are properly dressed and in formation.

Claunch plans to use her new role to help women improve their performance on the fitness test by organizing early-morning workout groups.


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Cops track down victims of accused serial killer

DETROIT (AP)—Relatives of John Eric Armstrong wonder how a quiet child who earned decent grades, played Nintendo and enjoyed fishing and baseball could emerge as a suspected serial killer.

"The Eric we raised could not have done these things," his mother, Linda Pringle, said in Sunday's Detroit News. "This is just not the person we know. ... We just did the best we could."

Armstrong, 26, was charged last week with five murders in the Detroit area and authorities worldwide are trying to match his account of at least 11 other slayings while he was serving on the Navy aircraft carrier USS Nimitz.

"It's a long, tedious process," Detroit police Assistant Chief Marvin Winkler told the News in today's editions. "Some of these cases go back 10 years so it's a matter of going to each location and looking through records."

Even though authorities suspected Armstrong in one slaying, at least one woman was killed and three people were attacked before Wayne County prosecutors authorized an arrest warrant, the Detroit Free Press reported Monday.

In mid-February, Dearborn Heights police had found clothing fibers on Armstrong's car that were similar to those of a slaying victim, and said they believed his alibi was suspicious.

Prosecutors told police it was impossible to prove the fibers were an exact match, and couldn't issue a warrant, said Robert Agacinski, deputy chief of the prosecutor's office repeat-offenders bureau.

On March 28, preliminary lab results confirmed that Armstrong's DNA matched evidence from one

slaying scene. The prosecutor's office still denied a warrant.

But Agacinski said a final written DNA report would have been essential to persuading a judge to bind Armstrong over for trial. He said that if prosecutors had not waited, Armstrong's attorney may have successfully argued to release Armstrong until it was available.

Agacinski also defended the prosecutor's office by saying: "There was no reason to suspect this guy was involved in multiple murders. He had no prior record. No one knew how goofy he was."

Prosecutors waited until April 12—two days after investigators found the bodies of three strangled prostitutes in a railroad yard in southwest Detroit—to issue the warrant, the day that the state lab issued the written DNA report.

Armstrong has since been charged in the Dearborn Heights killing and the deaths of the women found in Detroit. In total, he is charged with five counts of premeditated first-degree murder and three counts of assault with intent to murder.

"We're not saying we did anything wrong," Agacinski said. "We're not second-guessing what we did, and we're not blaming anyone. But ... we don't want this to happen again."

The FBI is sending agents to cities in the United States and abroad, where Armstrong has claimed he killed prostitutes, police said.

"We have contact with people all over the world," said Detective Don Johnson of Detroit's Violent Crimes Task Force. "It is our responsibility to find out if what he is saying is indeed true."

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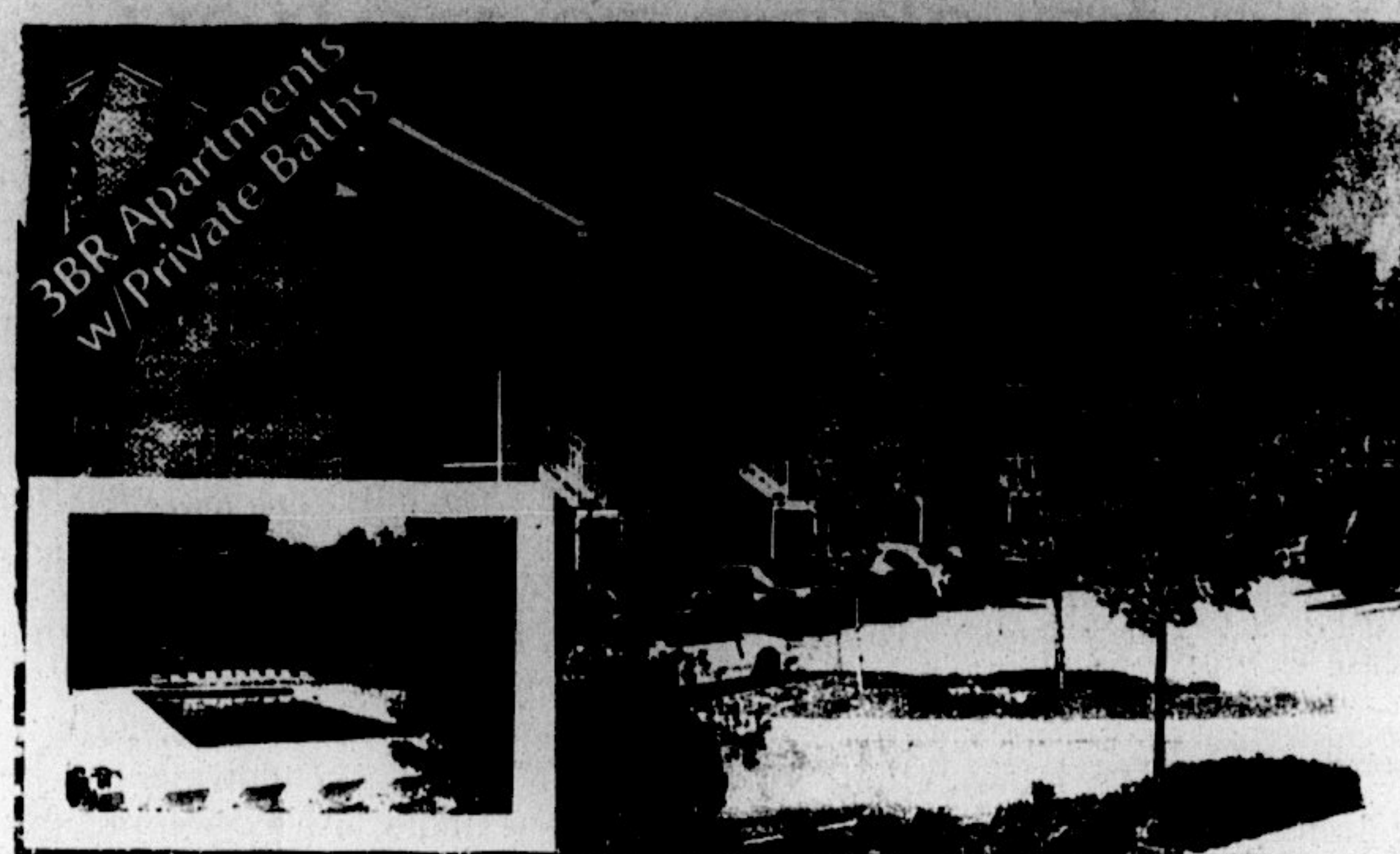
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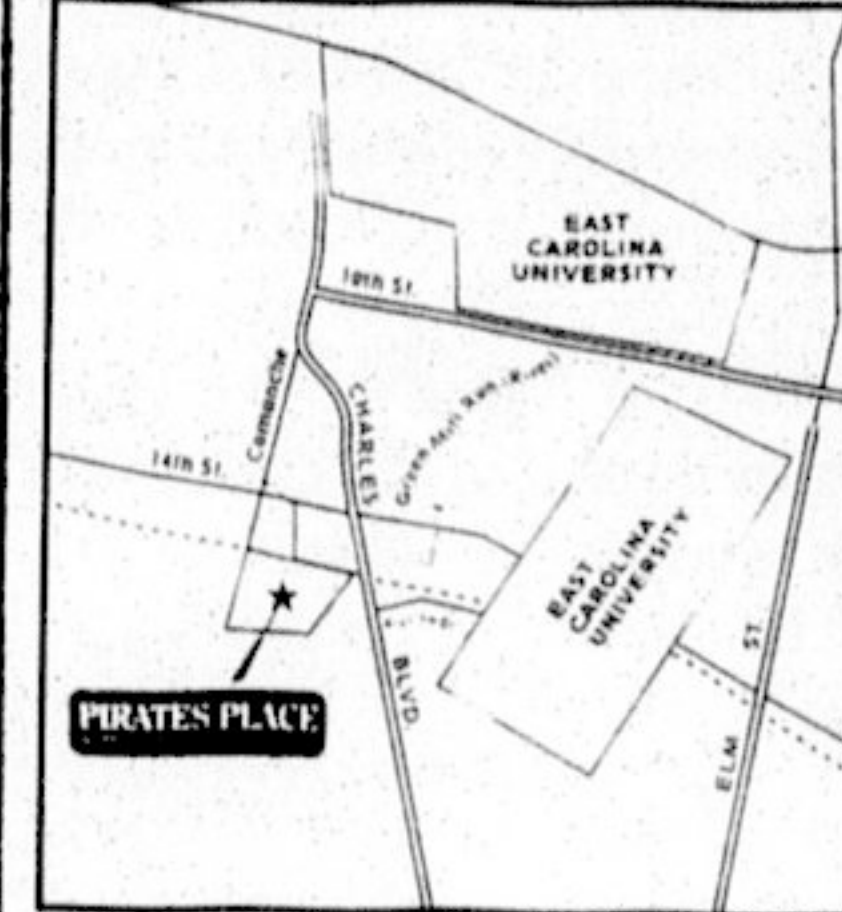
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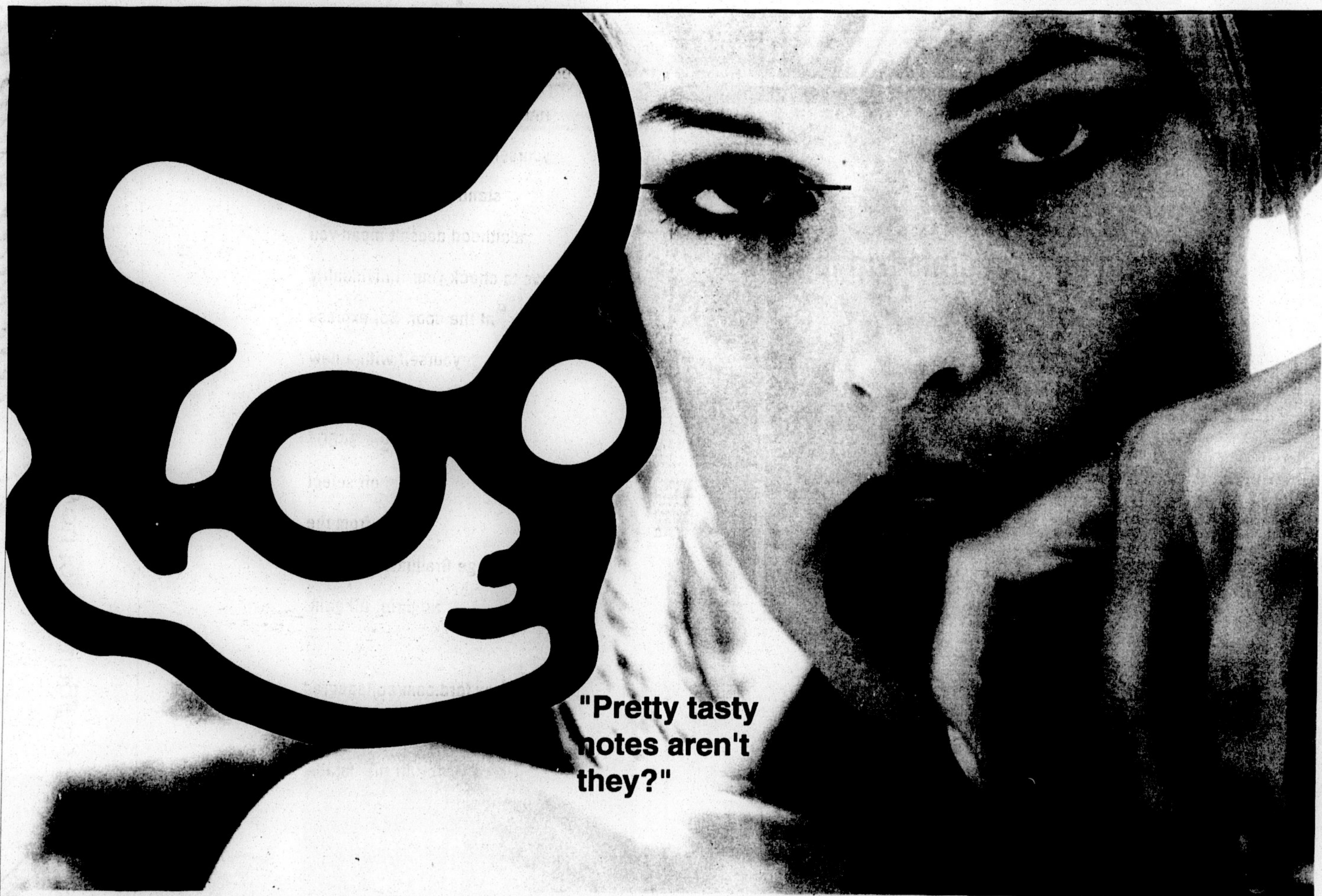
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Russian court clears researcher

MOSCOW (AP)—A branch of the Supreme Court on Monday upheld a lower court's acquittal of Alexander Nikitin, a former navy captain who was arrested after he exposed unsafe storage of nuclear waste by the Russian navy.

Prosecutors can appeal to the high court's presidium under Russian law, but defense lawyers said the strong wording in the court's ruling all but eliminates this possibility.

Security agents arrested Nikitin, a soft-spoken naval engineer and expert in nuclear waste issues, in 1996 and held him for 10 months in an isolated chamber in a Federal Security Service jail in St. Petersburg. He was working on a report for the Norway-based Bellona environmental group at the time.

Nikitin's case wound through the courts for four

years. Human rights groups said it pitted Russia's security apparatus, with its emphasis on secrecy and avoiding embarrassment for the state, against fledgling values of civil society and independence in post-Communist Russia.

"It's our victory. By the law, this is a final decision," Nikitin said Monday.

A municipal court in St. Petersburg acquitted Nikitin in December. Prosecutors appealed that decision to the Criminal Collegium of the Supreme Court, which ruled against them on Monday.

In its ruling, the court agreed with chief defense lawyer Yuri Schmidt, who said the laws Nikitin had been charged under were applied retroactively, the Inter-fax news agency reported.

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use, but would review the study's findings.

A call to the Association of Emergency Physicians in New Lenox, Ill., was not immediately returned Monday.

J. Timothy Lightfoot, one of the researchers and chair of UNC-Charlotte's Department of Health Promotion and Kinesiology, said when a person hemorrhages, blood pressure drops, blood vessels constrict and the heart pumps faster to compensate for the depleted blood volume. As more blood is lost, painkilling endorphins rush to receptors

in the body, and the person goes into shock.

For the study, researchers simulated a drop in blood pressure by using a special chamber—the lower body negative pressure chamber, or LBNP—that employs a high-powered vacuum to reduce external air pressure on the lower body. It tricks the body into thinking there has been blood loss. The body then begins to react as if it is hemorrhaging.

Research subjects were administered Naloxone or a placebo. Then, researchers watched closely for the body's early natural signals that

shock was imminent.

"We found that the onset of shock could occur as much as four minutes faster. That's a very long time in an emergency room," Lightfoot said.

He said Naloxone's current approved use is for treating drug addicts. "It will go in and knock some of the morphine-based drugs off the receptors in the body," Lightfoot said.

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OUR VIEW

Our student body president, Cliff Webster, was recently elected president of the Association of Student Governments.

The ASG is the organization that serves as the representative body for all students in the UNC system to the Board of Governors and to our state legislators. So why is this important? They are the ones who make decisions about how much our tuition is going to cost and the amount of financial aid that is available. As president, Webster sits on the BOG as a non-voting member to make sure that the voting members know what all students in North Carolina's public universities need and want to happen.

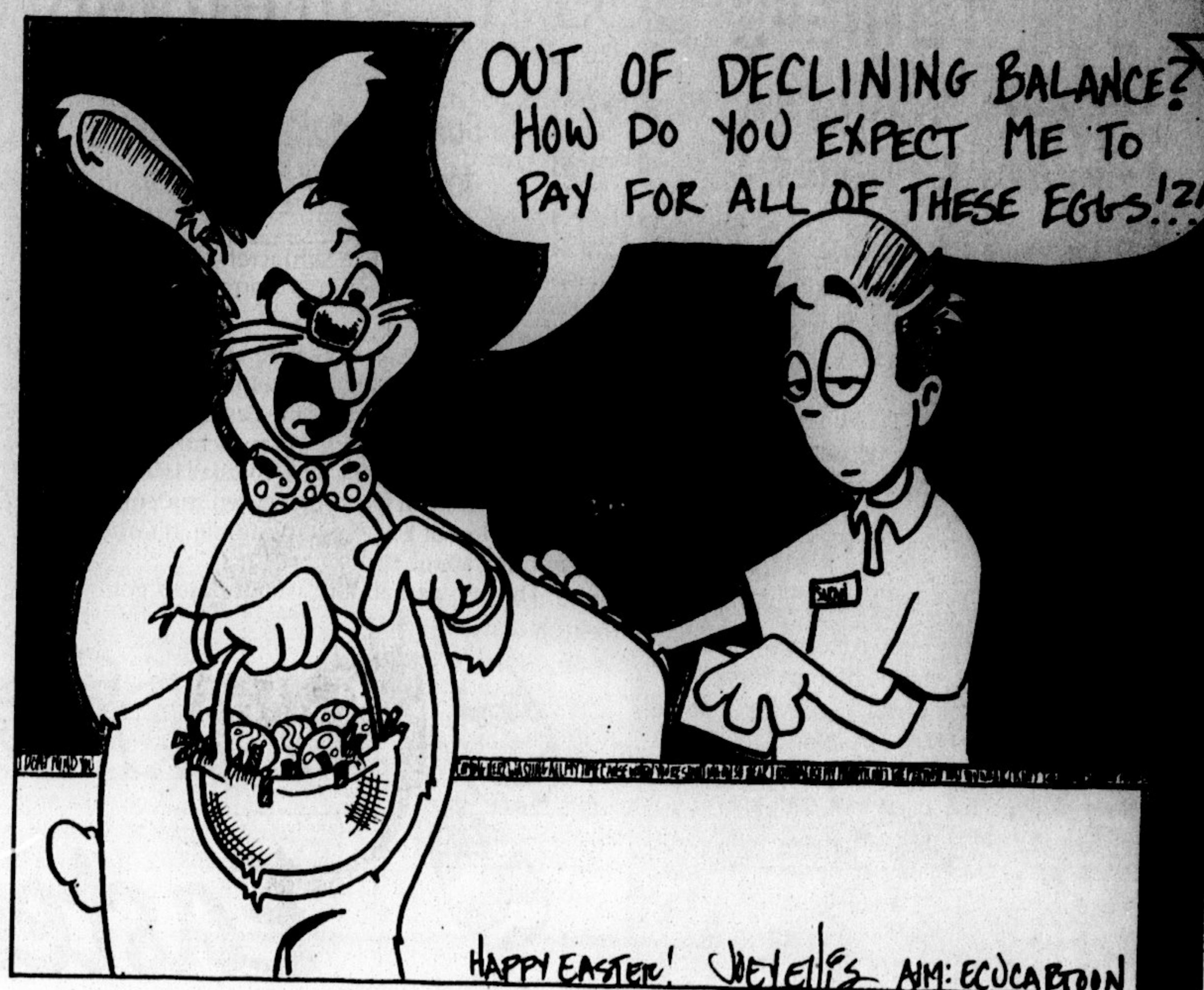
Already Webster has made plans to do extensive lobbying to the state General Assembly to persuade them to pass the multi-billion dollar bond package that will be used to fix up classrooms and dorms around the state and the \$38.6 million financial aid package that will enable more low-income students to attend college. Students will also be invited to come and petition state legislators themselves, because Webster wants to see more student involvement in ASG-sponsored activities.

The fact that Webster was chosen by student leaders to lead this organization of student leaders who come from diverse universities across the state, speaks volumes about his capabilities and dedication, as well as our university.

While there have been times that Webster has been criticized for his outspokenness concerning student needs, at least we know our president is not afraid to tell the big guys what we, the students, want.

We at TEC want to wish Cliff Webster a successful and productive year as president and hope that you continue to represent us as well as you have in the past

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OPINION COLUMN

Call for an update to Second Amendment

Chris Sachs
OPINION COLUMNIST

I was looking at an article on the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and it got me thinking about freedom. It also got me thinking about that kid that was shot and killed near campus. People in this country are really gun crazy and like the illusion of power and freedom that guns give a person. Guns are everywhere and almost anyone can get one. The right to bear arms is a hot topic lately and gun manufacturers are getting lawsuits thrown at them like panties at a Backstreet Boys concert.

People hold on to that that Second Amendment and cherish its old, outdated idea like it is the most sacred piece of writing since the Dead Sea Scrolls. So I figured that since people are so into guns we should expand on the topic and look at the Second Amendment a little closer and see if we can update this idea to fit modern times.

In 1787 the Founding Daddies met in Philadelphia to write the Constitution. In it was the Second Amendment. What does it say? It says, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

Six years earlier, in his "Notes on the State of Virginia," Query IX, Thomas Jefferson described the militia as, "Every able-bodied freeman, between the ages of 16 and 50 is enrolled in the militia ..." (So little brother and grandpa cannot have a gun but everyone else can?)

In 1801 Jefferson said, "We should at every session continue to amend the defects ... in the laws regulating the militia ..." (Oops, we made a mistake.)

In 1806 in his sixth annual message, President Jefferson said, "The criminal attempts of private individuals to decide for their country the question of peace or war, by commencing active and unauthorized hostilities, should be promptly and efficaciously suppressed." (Hey, people are going nuts with these things—we need to do something!)

And in 1916 the National Defence Act provided for drafting the state militias, which we now call the National Guard, into United States service under certain circumstances and under authority granted by the Constitution as approved by the states in 1788. (OK, we will define militias as part of the military and then ordinary people should not be able to use their guns.

It didn't work.)

Why the history lesson you ask? Because it shows a pattern. The forefathers were writing about guns for their time, but the government has been hacking away at the amendment ever since. The government and anyone with half a brain can see that gun rights have evolved into meaning guns should be used by the military in times of fighting for freedom and not every Tom, Dick and Harry should have one.

The age of guns and hostility has evolved to a point where we have to take a serious look at what was written 200 years ago and see that its ideas do not fit today's world and we should not try to protect what it says. The Second Amendment is the worst written part of the Constitution and everyone knows that. But die-hard gun fanatics would rather die than give up a piece of steel that gives them a sense of power and freedom. But why? Do they really think they need it to overthrow the government if all hell broke loose? That could never happen. Taking over a big government is almost impossible and would never happen in the United States because we have the biggest government of them all. We are too big to overthrow ourselves.

If a gun makes a person feel safe and gives her or she the ability to protect their home, we should allow people to have more safety than just a gun. If you think about it, a gun gives you very little bang for your buck. Adults and kids should have the right to update the "Arms" part of the idea and fit it into today's reality. We should be able to keep hand grenades and fuel air bombs around the house. No one will rob your house that way and you will feel even safer. Why should we not be allowed to have flame-throwers and fire extinguishers filled with nerve gas? What about those stupid fathers out there who beam with pride when they teach their 12-year-old kid how to fire his first gun? If these parents want to show their kids the concept of personal safety and independence from government abuse they should be free to show their kids how to make dynamite, napalm and land mines.

We live in a dangerous age and guns should be banned like asbestos. We don't know how to use them and we are too dangerous of a society to have access to them. But since we will never be fully able to undo the damage we have done, then hell, let's up the ante and give everyone even more powerful "Arms" to bear, and we can read about ECU kids getting killed in a drive-by nuclear blast.

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OPINION COLUMN

Make every moment count

Emily Little
FOUNTAINHEAD EDITOR

This has been an apocalyptic year for us. Not only did the flood take our homes and weeks of our education, but we also lost a harsh number of our fellow students under tragic circumstances.

I heard about the deaths, as I'm certain we all did. They were distant members of our small community. Most of them were names on a page that brought me a moment of sad contemplation at the finality of it all. And then I went on with my day.

But this week it finally came around to hitting me when Shannon Meek was killed. I lost a friend, a fellow writer, and a former employee in an accident that came out of nowhere. The ripple of tragedy swept itself so wide that it was bound to come to each of us eventually.

If I had only known, I would have invited Shannon to more parties. She used to sit in staff meetings and jabber until I nearly went insane trying to stay

on subject. She got me in trouble in my writing class more times than I could count. She made me laugh, but I never invited her to my parties.

These are the things you never think about when you plan your day. You know those friends you promised to see some other time? That phone conversation you keep putting off so you don't have to miss your favorite TV shows? That one person you should have invited over but didn't because you might not have enough chipsto go around? You know what I'm talking about.

None of us wake up in the morning thinking this is our last day. We think 'We're young, we live forever, we've got plenty of time.' If there's anything this year that has proven it, it is the complete ignorance of that statement. You can't get these moments back. You only get about 75 summers, if you make it that long. Just keep that in mind.

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OPINION COLUMN

Elian Gonzalez: Go home or join Wu-Tang?

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POLITICAL COLUMNIST

I know what you are thinking. I'm beating a dead horse. But every time I turn on the TV I see either thousands of protesters chanting something indecipherable in the defense of keeping Elian here or Juan Miguel Gonzalez standing in front of a crowd of reporters pleading for his child's return while others in the crowd look on and wonder, "He came all the way from Cuba and he can't throw a decent curve ball?"

Well, just like you, I am sick of this political power play that people are popularly posturing precariously about which is perpetuating into a proclamation of pity for the poor boy. Send the damn kid home! People fear that the experience of being taken away from his family and being sent home to Cuba will permanently damage his mentality.

You must know that Elian is now 6 years old and he was three when his mom took him away from his dad after their divorce. The main quandary in this case is whether he should be taken away from his current stay in Miami where he lives with his second uncles and aunts and brought back to Cuba to his real father whom he hasn't seen in three years. The question is, could this transfer between countries different in cultures and government be such a demanding change that it would psychologically damage little Elian's mentality? My answer, along with the answers of the psy-

chologist who tested Elian, is no.

Elian is far too young to understand what the ideals of government are. I doubt that he could spell 'government' in either Spanish or English if he wanted to. I bet that he could spell it correctly if he was properly coached behind the scenes by his uncle Lazaro Gonzalez.

But this is not really a question of whether Elian should live in a democracy or back in Cuba. It's more of a question of who can give him better care. Elian is being raised by complete strangers, and it is unfair that this should happen when he already has a father who wants him back. Having a real father who Elian knows about and lived with for three of his years, would be a lot better than living with strangers in the ghettos of Miami. He is being brainwashed more so in Miami than he would be if he were deported to Cuba.

So in conclusion, I think we should ship Elian home and the media should pursue some more interesting events—like an in-depth report on the color of JonBenet Ramsey's fingernails on the night of her murder in relation to the color on a baboon's ass. They are both red, you know. It wouldn't surprise me that a baboon did it! And I'm not talking about Patsy Ramsey.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Student Union concerts lack mass appeal

Dear Editor,

I just came across Miccah Smith's writeup in last Thursday's Fountainhead lamenting the lackluster turnout of the George Clinton concert a few weeks back. This begs the question: who is booking these shows? I mean, George Clinton?! And the people responsible are actually surprised with the low turnout?

I've gone to dozens of concerts at Minges since the '70s (I'm no spring chicken) and have always supported the shows we book, but I have been disappointed with our bookings since the Allman Brothers in '95. Get a concert worth the expense and effort and the turnout will be there.

The shows I've seen there over the last two decades (Kinks, Allmans, Heart, John Fogerty) would still be a success today, just book shows with a wide appeal in

the rock genre if you want a turnout. Hell, give me a list of our options and I'll pick a winner every time. (and do it for free)

So don't blame students or apathy or any other scapegoats for lack of interest, the fault lies in the bookings themselves and evidently in the decision process used to make those bookings. The students and general public know good music, and we just haven't been getting it.

Mike Highsmith
ECU Alumnus, BSBA

Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way

Bunny magic still strong for younger generation

Joe Schlatter
FEATURES WRITER

Remember when you were six years old and life was all about Kool-aid and coloring, and Easter still had a special aura because the Easter Bunny was coming? For two Grifton Elementary School students, the appeal of this basket-bringing fuzzball is undampened. Heidi Milliken is a kindergarten student in Grifton and her view of Easter is very simple. It's one purpose is to bring about Easter egg hunts.

"The best part about Easter for me is going on egg

hunts," Milliken said. "We went on a field trip and had an egg hunt while we were there."

Her classmate, Hunter Crafford, sounds like many college students when describing the best present that comes with Easter tidings.

"Spring break!" said Crafford. "We get nine whole days off, and for Easter, we get an Easter basket with chocolate."

Once children get past elementary school the view of Easter goes beyond the importance of the Easter Bunny and the chocolate hollow bunnies that must be

eaten with Jif Peanut butter. For many college students, the most significant part of the Easter celebration is the religious ceremony.

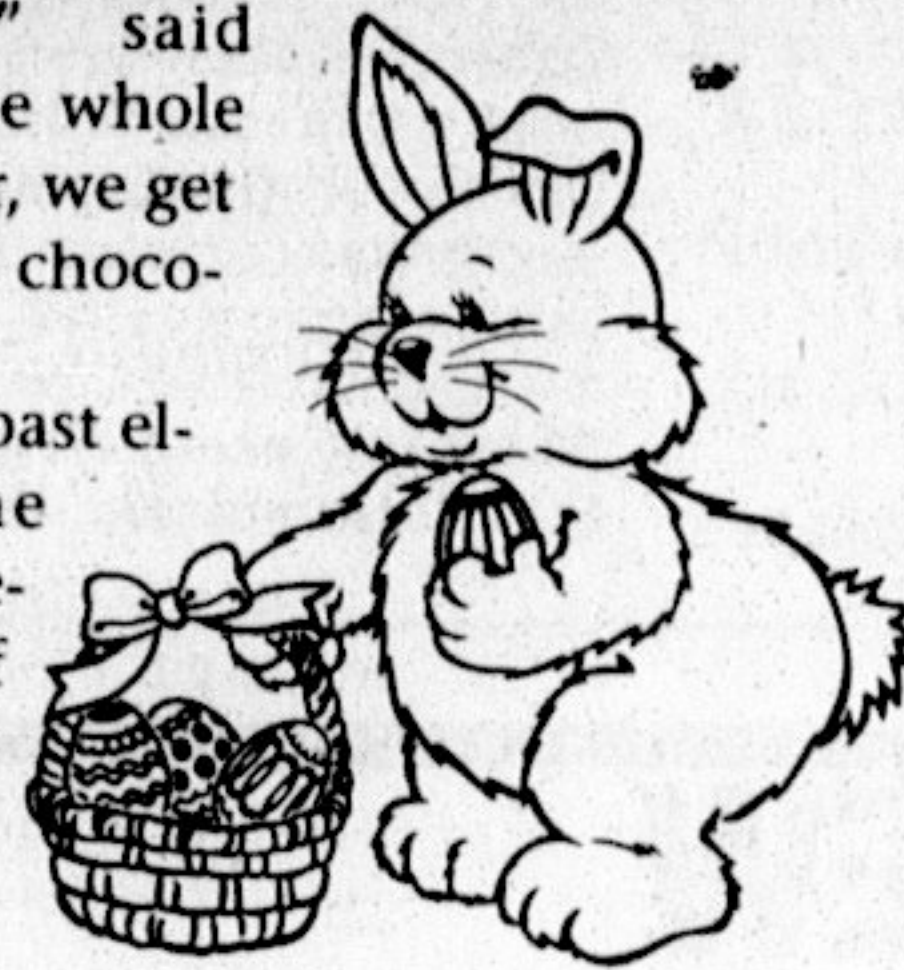
Marsha Tate, an ECU sophomore, is very involved in the celebration of Easter, but her choice of activities has changed.

"I'm very active in my church and more so at Easter," Tate said. "We have plays and services which are meant to keep the message of Jesus Christ alive."

She admits that at 19 she still gets a small Easter basket from her mother and that it is still as exciting as when she was a child, but now the holiday means more than savory satisfaction.

"I guess the importance of Easter changed when I

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Easter isn't just for kids

Creative decorating, designing tips for adult holiday fun

Maura Buck
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Year after year, children rise on Easter Sunday dashing around the house in search of a carefully prepared basket; however, children aren't the only ones who enjoy searching for baskets, us big people are just as guilty! Preparing the ideal Easter basket is no easy task but with these tips you will be well on your way.

The first step is to find an appropriate basket. This sounds simple but it's really quite involved. One tip is to choose a basket appropriate for the recipient. For example, for the sports lover try buying a hat with the logo of their favorite team. Or, for the fashion guru, buy a purse that would suit their taste and go from there.

Next, you need to fill the basket with either the traditional grass or a creative form thereof. A nice alternative is pastel construction paper cut up with pinking sheers. Fill the basket extra full to lift up the items in the basket.

Now comes the most difficult task: actually filling the basket. There are two different paths to take at this point, choose a theme or simply fill it with random but useful items. For example, perhaps the individual is a fitness nut. In this case, purchase items like healthy, low fat snacks that are actually good, a small towel to workout with, a health magazine or even a water bottle. However don't forget to include at least one fat filled treat—it's essential to an Easter basket.

If you chose to go with random items, buy things that they seem to talk about often. Maybe they are a Star Wars fan, if so, purchase the newly released "Phantom Menace" cassette or the special edition version with a poster. Candy is always a desired souvenir of the Easter season, but don't over do it!

Remember decorating eggs with mom? Well, it's not just for children. There are many recipes available via the Internet to decorate eggs, use them! The egg can be a keepsake, not to mention a reminder that someone thought enough of you to spend time creating something special for them.

If the basket you are constructing is for that special someone there are many additional options to make the basket a hit, not to mention memorable.

In this case, try to make as many things homemade as possible. There is nothing more special than receiving a homemade card from someone you care about.

Another unique idea is to make a book of coupons to include in the basket. Allow the coupons to reflect how thoughtful you can be. For instance, provide one for their favorite meal prepared by none other than yourself or a trip to the ice cream stand of their choice this summer for

dessert—your treat of course.

Perhaps their favorite sport is baseball, incorporate a baseball magazine or some baseball cards. Even little treats such as their favorite brand of gum would be greatly appreciated.

Girls always enjoy getting stuffed animals, candy or flowers but if you are looking to score some major brownie points, show them that you are aware of their likes and dislikes.

Guys, check out the name of their favorite brand of lipstick and purchase it. Or buy something more fun like nail polish and then include some remover and cotton swabs. Pens, markers, stickers and other small items are always nice because everyone needs them; each time the person uses the surprise they will think of you.

This is the perfect chance to impress him or her with your culinary abilities. You can bake sugar cookies and ice them interestingly or make your own chocolate surprises, this is both impressive and thoughtful.

Gifts are a part of this holiday, but not the focus. Remember to put the emphasis on your loved ones, and don't make others feel outdone.

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The egg re-emerges as nutritional food

Popular belief of high cholesterol, fat content incorrect

Dorcas A. Brule
STAFF WRITER

For years the media has bombarded the world with information indicating the nutritional dangers of eggs, as if eggs were really killing off millions of people with their threat of inducing high cholesterol. Now they've come back with the catchy slogan "The Incredible, Edible Egg!" What's a food lover to believe?

The egg is a powerhouse, but not of death and cholesterol as many people have been led to believe. According to Registered Dietitian Laura Hartung

the white of the egg is nature's highest quality protein.

"For people with normal cholesterol levels, an egg a day is no health threat," Hartung said. "Foods containing high amounts of saturated fat are bigger health threats. People often don't worry about eating ice cream or adding slices and slices of cheese to a sandwich—but they often freak out over eating a little egg!"

According to Hartung eggs contain around 237-275 mg of cholesterol per egg depending on size, however studies over the past 30 years have shown that dietary cholesterol has a minimal effect on blood cholesterol levels.

Associate professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Arizona, Wanda Howell, claims that dietary cholesterol is associated with only about 20% of any increase in blood serum totals and low-density lipoproteins, or LDL, cholesterol, the destructive kind that clogs arteries. Saturated fats account for 80% of the adverse cholesterol changes.

Normal cholesterol levels fall at or below 200 mg/dl with the "good cholesterol" (HDL) at 35 mg/dl or above. People with normal cholesterol levels have no reason to fear the egg. It can be a great source of nutrition. Not only does it contain a near perfect amount of protein, but eggs are also rich in 13 vitamins and minerals.

"The problem may exist in the cooking method of the egg or what accompanies it," Hartung said. "People may fry them in butter and then add more saturated fat like bacon or sausage to their meal."

So, you don't have to give up the egg, just be careful about your intake and the methods you use to cook it. Eggs are a great source of protein and—until now—have apparently been given a raw deal.

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Egg Salad

Hard-boiled eggs are synonymous with the Easter season simply because of their decorative use in homes across the world. However, after the holiday is over, there isn't much else to do with eggs unless you turn them into a yummy treat. Here is a recipe for egg salad that will leave you waiting for next year's egg coloring session.

1/4 cup	Mayonnaise
2 teaspoons	Lemon juice
1 teaspoon	Dried minced onion
1/4 teaspoon	Salt
1/4 teaspoon	Pepper
6 (chopped)	Hard-cooked eggs
1/2 cup	Finely chopped celery

In a bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, onion, salt and pepper. Stir in eggs and celery. Cover and chill. For each serving, spoon about 1/2 cup onto a lettuce leaf or spread on bread.

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Chocolate eggs

Using this simple method, you can make your own chocolate eggs for party favors, to fill baskets or to give to friends and family.

1. Place any amount of chocolate into a bowl and place the bowl into a small saucepan with some water in it. Gently heat the saucepan until the chocolate melts.
2. Position a greased large spoon on a work surface with the handle raised such that the rim of the spoon is horizontal.
3. Carefully pour in some melted chocolate until the spoon is full. When the chocolate has set remove the egg half, and repeat the process to make a second egg half.
4. Join the two egg halves together using some melted chocolate.

Jelly Belly's are born

Jelly Belly's, a popular brand of jellybeans, actually date back to the late 1800's. Shortly after Jelly Belly's were named America's Best Jelly Bean in C. Paul Luongo's book, "America's Best 100," it became a favorite candy among celebrities like Larry King. And then, of course, there was President Ronald Reagan, who made the candy a must have in the Oval Office and on Air Force One. In fact, the Jelly Belly Company created a blueberry flavor simply to have red, white and blue candies to fill the candy dish at his inaugural party. In addition, it was also the first jelly bean in outer space. Actually, the jellybeans were served on the space shuttle that hosted the first American woman astronaut, Sally Ride.

Egg Decorating

Here are two different ways to color eggs in a unique manner.

Tissue paper

Cut random shapes from colored tissue paper and glue them to the egg by brushing white glue and a bit of water of the paper and placing it on the egg. Next overlap the pieces.

Glitter

Use clear nail polish to paint a design on the egg. Dry and dry egg. Cover design with white glue and sprinkle on glitter.

Natural Egg

Dye the egg blue. Draw branches with a brown crayon. Roll bits of cotton and glue them on to make a young pussy willow.

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Phrases used by Dr. Smith from
"Lost in Space"

The next time someone gets in your way on campus, just yell, "Watch where you're going, you bumptious booby!" Or you can choose from the many colorful adjectives listed below:

Monstrous numskull
Foolish fop
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Treasonous oaf
Silly goose
Tyrannical tin can
Sanctimonious scatterbrain

Cackling cacophony
Floundering flunky
Complete moron
Presumptuous popinjay
Oversized oaf
Ramshackled Romeo
Silly sausage
Ludicrous lump

MGM's newest live performer

Allison McHenry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After auditioning with hundreds of other singers and actors, Stephanie Schoendorf, an ECU sophomore, secured a part in MGM's live production of *The Little Mermaid*.

In mid-May, Schoendorf will be leaving for Orlando, Fla. to begin her acting career as Ariel at Disney World. The performance is a live puppet show featuring Ariel and all of her undersea friends. Schoendorf will be one of two actors in the production. The show will run every 20 minutes, but she is limited to six shows a day.

The auditioning process for this role was brief. Schoendorf went through two auditions before being cast. Three days after her second audition, Schoendorf received a call from Disney's Orlando Casting Cen-



Stephanie Schoendorf smiles for the camera. (file photo)

ter to tell her she got the part.

"The first audition I went to was in Philadelphia back in December, then I found out Disney was holding another audition in Durham, NC in March," Schoendorf said. "I decided to go to that audition as well."

Although the auditions are over

and Schoendorf knows she has the part, the excitement is far from over.

"I am very nervous and excited about the whole thing, but I can't wait to perform every day," Schoendorf said.

Schoendorf is not lacking for support in her new role. Her entire family, including her twin sister Melanie, said they were excited for her and intend to go to her first performance. Melanie has grown up listening to her sister sing, so she wasn't surprised when they received the call from Disney.

"I think it's cool, and definitely the opportunity of a lifetime," Melanie Schoendorf said. "The only problem is we have never been separated before, so leaving her will be very strange."

Schoendorf will not be jumping into theater blind, however. She has acted in several stage productions already, and she dreams of acting in *Les Miserables* on Broadway.

Alison Lawrence, Vocal director for Theater in the Parks, has worked

with Schoendorf before, and she said Schoendorf is on her way to a fantastic career.

"I think that Stephanie is very talented, with nice stage presence, and I think she will work well for Disney," Lawrence said.

Schoendorf said she realizes that her role in *The Little Mermaid* is the opportunity of a lifetime because she will be working with professionals as well as developing her resume. After her contract has ended, she plans to move back to Greenville and finish her degree in Exercise Physiology, but until then, she just wants to enjoy the ride.

"I love to sing, and I think that getting this job might be a stepping stone to future jobs," Schoendorf said. "It is just too big of an opportunity for me to pass up."

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was about 12 years old and started being involved at church," Tate said.

Coleen Matthew believes that Easter goes beyond the Easter Bunny as well, but the vacation side of the holiday holds more appeal for her.

"Even though we only get one day off from school, with finals coming up it is a huge help," Matthews said. "I don't think I ever really got too into Easter as a kid, not more than a basket or any-



Left: Heidi Milliken and Hunter Crawford still believe in the Easter Bunny. (photos by Susan Wright)
Above: Eggs made by the class add a decorative touch.

thing, and the break from school was longer than also."

While Easter may have changed in our minds, its depiction in the world around is still the same, even if aimed at younger kids. Wal-Mart is chock full of chocolate in every shape imaginable. Stuffed bunnies and huge eggs fill the shelves, but the idea of the Easter bunny is alive in the hearts of the 6 year olds.

As we prepare to celebrate this year, take a minute to think about

what Easter means to you and reflect on how it was when life revolved around crayons and nap time. You may find you haven't changed at all.

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Happy Easter from TEC!

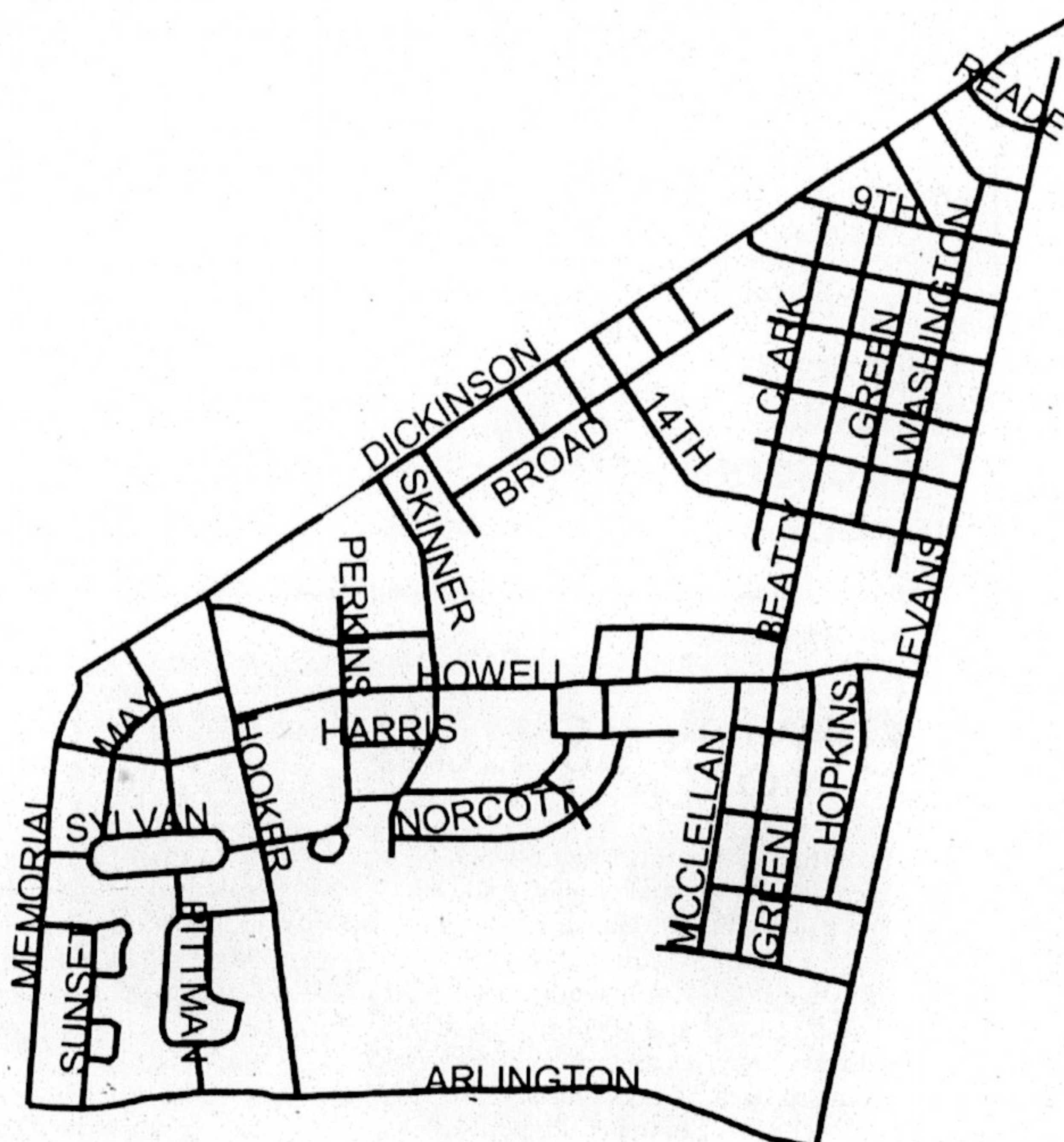


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FEATURES

No question too obscure for trivia marathon

(AP)—Thousands of contestants using the Internet and telephones submitted answers to trivia questions asked by a Stevens Point radio station that bills the annual contest as the world's largest.

Among the puzzlers during the 54-hour marathon that ended Sunday night: "One of Betty Crocker's biggest one-dish dinners was called Dutch Pantry Pie."

"It included four great American products. One was Gold Medal Flour and another was Carnation Evaporated Milk. What were the other two ingredients?"

Only one out of 466 registered teams got the correct answers: Wesson oil and Spam.

An estimated 11,804 people took part in the 31st annual event, which this year was called "Trivia Y2K: The Bug Strikes."

WWSP-FM aired eight questions an hour. Teams provided answers when music resumed.

This year's winner, with 11,060 points, was a team called Being Bud Somerville. The runner-up, with 9,305 points was a team calling itself n-e-2-r-k.

News director Pamela Thiagesan, a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point senior, said the campus station did not immediately know the identities of the winning teams' members.

From 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Sunday, teams camped out at houses, community centers, even a curling

club—just about anywhere in Stevens Point with access to a radio and telephone.

There is no limit on the number of people who can make up a team. There may be strength in numbers. As of Sunday afternoon, the team in the lead had 50 members, who were holed up in the wrestling room of a local high school.

A local trivia whiz, Jim Oliva, has been writing questions for the contest for 22 years. In the early years of the contest, he said, questions came off the top of his head. Now he has to dig a little, with inspiration sometimes coming from strange places.

"I was cleaning a toilet in my house when an old commercial popped into my head," he said. "I thought, 'That would make a great trivia question.'"

No topic is off limits, except questions involving gratuitous sex, he said.

No team has ever answered all of his questions correctly.

By the end of the contest Sunday, 432 questions were asked over 54 hours, including a local current events teaser: "What is the complete name of the tavern owner who ran as a write-in candidate for mayor of Phillips, Wis.?" The answer: Elvis Aron Presley.

Oliva, who runs a computer store when he's not asking questions, said he's been a trivia buff

since his boyhood in Chicago in the '50s, when polio outbreaks forced him to stay inside and watch television.

Trivia is just a hobby, he said. He has never been tempted to compete on a TV quiz show like "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire."

But he spends a lot of time on the other side of the screen.

Only a dedicated TV fan could have asked or answered this question: "In the TV series 'Malcolm in the Middle,' the Parker boys live across the street from Malcolm. Malcolm's mother once said they look like a particular item. What was it?"

Answer: Boiled beets.

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Pirates fall to North Carolina, 8-2

UNC home runs, pitchers prove fatal for ECU

Scotty Childress
STAFF WRITER

The 21st-ranked Pirates fell to 32-11 Tuesday night against the 10th-ranked Tarheels in a game that saw the Tarheel pitchers silence the Pirate bats.

Ryan Earey, the Tarheels' starting pitcher, pitched for strong innings in his first career start, allowing only six hits and two runs. The Pirates, allowed thirteen hits and eight runs. On the night the Tarheels hit three home runs, one a grand slam at the top of the third inning.

UNC took the early lead over the Pirates in the second inning with a double by Sean Farrell that brought Tyrell Godwin home. Chris Maples hit a single to bring Farrell in before the inning was over, giving UNC a 2-0 lead.

At the top of the third, the Tarheels continued to hit well. Adam Greenburg, Dan Moylan, and Clay Hooper all hit singles to load the bases. Godwin hit a grand slam to increase UNC's lead to 6-0. In the third, Clayton McCullough got things started with a single, Bryant Ward was walked, and James Molinari hit a double, bringing McCullough in to close the score to 6-1. Nick Schnabel, who was thrown out at first, created an opportunity for Ward to come home, making the score 6-2.

That is as close as the Pirates would come. Their defense held UNC from the fourth to the eighth inning with six hits and no runs. Neal Sears relieved Greene in the fifth inning, finishing with five hits and one run. After Hooper hit a home run in the top of the ninth, Sears was relieved by Davey Penny, who allowed Godwin to hit another home run, making the score 8-2 at the bottom of the ninth.

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ECU's Joseph Hastings went 1-4 against UNC Tuesday night. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Softball splits with Maryland, UNC-W

Team nears record for season wins

Scotty Childress
STAFF WRITER

The 24th ranked ECU Pirates softball team improved their record to 45-7 on April 14 by sweeping the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks in a double-header.

In the first game, Hillary Halpern (11-1) pitched the first six and 1/3 innings with Denise Reagan finishing up. They only allowed for two runs off six UNC-W hits for the game. Beth Bridger led the way offensively for the Pirates, going 3-for-4 with four RBIs, a home run and a double. Amekia McDougald went 2-for-4 with one stolen base while Angela Manzo finished 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Keisha Shepperson went 2-for-3 and had one stolen base. The Pirates took the first game 7-2.

The hits continued for the Lady Pirates in Game Two of the double-header. Lisa Paganini pitched the first three and a half innings and was relieved by Reagan with the score at 3-3 in the fourth inning. McDougald went 3-for-4, stole two bases and had one RBI. Halpern was 2-for-5, driving in four runs. Manzo went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Eva Herron had one home run on 1-for-3.



Softball player Hillary Halpern awaits a pitch against Maryland. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

"We stayed patient all day and really hit the ball well, keeping our focus throughout both games," said Shepperson, who went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a home run.

On April 16 the ECU Pirates faced the Maryland Terrapins for a double-header at home. Halpern started the first game, walking four batters and allowing one hit before being relieved in the second inning by Laurie Davidson who proceeded to allow no runs on one hit. The Terrapins scored all three of their runs in the second inning while the Pirates scored two in the third and two in the seventh. ECU scored four runs on five hits against Maryland's Amanda Bettiker.

Reagan pitched the second game, a game that saw very little offense for both teams. Reagan allowed one run on 10 hits while Shellhammer, Maryland's pitcher for the game, allowed no runs and only one hit to give the Terps the 1-0 victory over the Pirates.

ECU took on UNC-Greensboro Tuesday, April 18 in a doubleheader at home. Their hitting woes from Sunday continued in the first game with the Pirates earning no runs on just four hits. Paganini started Game One but was relieved in the fourth by Reagan after giving up four runs on five hits. Reagan finished the game allowing only one run on three hits. Offensively, the Pirates were unable to hit the ball effectively in the first game.

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BRIEFS

ECU finishes third in CAA

ECU's baseball team finished third in the CAA Championship here on Sunday. His sixth place overall finish put ECU's golf team in 6th place.

"I am very proud of the way Stephen played in his final tournament, but I am also very proud of the way the entire team played," said Kevin Williams, ECU head coach. "They battled back after a poor first round that put us out of contention for the title. We were solid and consistent during the past two days just as we have been throughout the spring. All season, we have played at a high level and played hard overall."

The completion of the CAA tournament marks the end of the 2000 spring season for ECU and their final CAA Championship before joining Conference USA for the 2001-02 season. The Pirates finished at 94-69-3 for the season.



Sabres beat Flyers in overtime

The Buffalo Sabres' playoff hopes are still alive. With 4:42 on the clock in overtime, Stu Barnes scored on an off-balance shot to give the Sabres the 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers Tuesday night.

You just read it. That's right. The Sabres won. I can't say I even tried to score, I just tried to get on net, and fortunately I was where the goalie wasn't.

It's been a close series up to this point, we've just tried to stay active going into these games, go out and give it our best." The Sabres are down 3-1 in best-of-7 opening-round series. They will play Game 5 Thursday in Philadelphia.



Rocker's return hailed by Braves

John Rocker returned to the field Tuesday night to a standing ovation after his two-week suspension for disparaging remarks about gays, immigrants and minorities. Rocker's pitching proved undaunted by harsh media coverage as he pitched a scoreless ninth inning against the Phillies.

He first struck out Philadelphia's Mickey Morandini, walked the next batter and concluded the inning with two flyouts.

Rocker left after the ninth with the score tied at 3, and many Atlanta fans followed his lead, leaving Turner Field. The Braves eventually scored again, winning the game 4-3 after 12 innings.

Rocker refused to talk with the media after the game concerning his suspension. However, he seemed unconcerned with the few negative remarks he has received recently.

"It's not a big deal," Rocker said in a TBS interview. "I think when the team starts winning and we get the ball rolling, all that will be forgotten."

LETTER TO EDITOR

Injured player's father questions Athletic Director's actions

*Editor's note: This letter, written by ECU basketball player David Taylor's father, was sent to Chancellor Richard Eakin and the Board of Trustees. It is reprinted here with the permission of the author.

Dear Chancellor:

I am sure that you are aware of an incident that occurred Feb. 29, 2000 between my son, David Taylor and teammate Quincy Hall. However, I am not sure if you have been apprised of all of the facts around this incident. If Athletic Director Mike Hamrick has provided you with the details of this investigation, I am sure you are as concerned about this as I am.

On Feb. 29, my son David Taylor was almost murdered in the men's basketball locker room. He was sitting down talking with a teammate when, without provocation, teammate Quincy Hall sucker punched my son resulting in a 1-and-1-half-inch cut under David's eye. Quincy then threatened to kill David, and began choking him until he was unconscious and lifeless. As I am sure you know from Mr. Hamrick's investigation, Quincy has a history of violent assaults. When I visited with Mike Hamrick following the attack, he made the following statement: "Mr. Taylor, you wouldn't believe all the problems we have had with Quincy."

The morning following the altercation, I arrived on campus to gather more information around the incident, as no one from the athletic department had the common courtesy to call me and inform me of the situation that had taken place the previous evening. I became very concerned while talking to Mr. Hamrick and Coach Herriion, when it became increasingly apparent that their concern was around David's ability to play in the upcoming game rather than evaluating the extent of his injuries.

Coach Herriion encouraged the players to hurt each other; he created and promoted an atmosphere of violence. I can appreciate his desire to have his players compete hard, however, his methods have reached an unacceptable level when his motivation causes my son to be

victimized by a teammate. This incident and his actions following it cannot be written off simply as a misunderstanding. Coach Herriion, pushing a student prone to violence sends a message to the student athletes that violence, in the name of winning, is acceptable. I disagree. As I am sure you do as well. As a result, David is now being ostracized because Mike Hamrick and Coach Herriion are attempting to place blame for the incident with him. I think you would agree that this is unacceptable.

I am extremely concerned as to why Mike Hamrick, ECU's athletic director, would meet with players individually and intimidate them into signing statements or face losing or repaying their scholarships. This seems to be an effort on his part to sweep this situation under the rug instead of a concerted effort on his part to find out the truth surrounding this violent and dangerous incident. Where is the integrity in his actions?

This matter could have been resolved had there been even a modicum of integrity, honesty and sincerity around the event that occurred on Feb. 29. Instead we have only denials—efforts to cover up and place blame. As much as I am sure we would all like it to be, this matter is not one that can simply be wished away. During my meeting with Hamrick, he commented that he appreciated my calmness in the situation and stated that if the situation were reversed he would not be able to remain calm and maintain his composure.

Through this unfortunate and embarrassing situation there has been one person who has maintained an acceptable level of honesty and sincerity. In our eyes Jim Bazluki is a hero, he perhaps saved my son's life and at the very minimum prevented further injuries. He had the courage to share with Coach Herriion that his behavior and comments have been unacceptable around this whole situation. ECU should recognize his efforts, for without them this incident could have proved fatal. Mr. Bazluki was the only individual on the staff that was truly concerned about David's welfare after the incident. Regrettably, shortly after the incident took place, he was told that he should cease

all communication with us. The most ironic thing was that Jim was terminated within days of this altercation. Coincidence?

Chancellor Eakin, I am unsure of how much you know around this altercation, but this was not simply a pushing and shoving match in the heat of competition between two players. David was violently assaulted and in my opinion, Quincy Hall attempted murder. Your head basketball coach created an atmosphere of violence which, on the afternoon of Feb. 29, erupted in a bloody and violent attack inside of ECU's locker room. Quincy Hall threatened to kill David Taylor, and he came within seconds of succeeding, choking him until he was unconscious.

When parents send their children to college, there is a certain level of trust that parents have in the university to protect their children and provide a safe environment for them to live. My son, David, suffered injuries so numerous that we had him examined by a team of physicians. This was an unfortunate accident that occurred on your campus and had it been handled in a different manner, I would not be sending you this letter now. The actions of a few in your athletic department have obliterated the trust that we as parents had in your organization. I hope that you would want to actively restore that trust in your institution, staff and faculty by seeking the truth in this situation and holding people accountable for their own actions.

I have touched on a variety of different issues, all of which I am prepared to support with factual data. I am sure that you may have some questions and concerns that you would like to share as well and I welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in further detail prior to any other action on David's behalf. I appreciate your attention to this very serious matter.

Regards,
David Taylor Sr.

Tennis teams end season

Men finish first winning season in three years

Ryan Downey
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's and women's tennis teams competed in the CAA Championships in Richmond Va., this past weekend, with the men falling 5-1 against William & Mary, and the women falling 5-3 against Virginia Commonwealth. The Lady Pirates finished 15-10.

That win total gives this year's teams the second highest number of wins in team history. The Men finished 16-15: the first winning season for the men's team in 3 years. That was the highest win total for the Men's tennis team since 1957. Coach Tom Morris is building the program year by year. Both teams are showing marked improvement in only two seasons with Morris.

"I feel like it was definitely an improvement from last season. We finished 6th but a lot of guys on the team feel like we were in position to finish 4th or 5th," said ECU player Dustin Hall. "Wilmington was a disappointing loss, we had just as many wins as them but finished under them because of the loss. Beating teams that we had lost to last year before gives us more confidence and more respect."

The men's team played hard this year and is making strides towards a bright future. Morris feels he has the team moving in the right direction. The season may have ended against William & Mary but they will continue to work in the off season.

"William and Mary played a very good match against us. We played William and Mary early in the year and they beat us 7-0. The guys have started to become a good team for the next couple of years," Morris said. "We fought hard in this match unfortunately we did not put it together. William & Mary is a solid team and I thought we played well. I am disappointed with the way we finished in the conference but I am very happy with the way we played this season."

The women's team which has grown close this season under the leadership of Team Captain Meredith Spear, should continue to improve. In the match against VCU the Lady Pirates showed a toughness that they did not possess the first time they met earlier in the season.

The team felt good about the season. The VCU match was close this time around featuring 3 singles wins which sent the two teams into the doubles round tied 3-3. The team got started with Hrushida Kamthe rolling over the CAA rookie of the year 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. The singles wins grew as ECU freshman Lyndall Jordan beating Kate Vasylyeva, 6-4,

6-4. ECU's Andrea Terrill closed out the singles round in the number 6 position winning 6-1, 6-4 over Siri Thayaprasat.

"It was a great season. One of the best women's tennis has ever had," Terrill said. "We were able to take them (VCU) to doubles. We would have liked to have finished higher in the conference because we are a good team, we are only going to get better next year because we will be able to win the close ones we lost this year."

Both the men's and women's teams will participate in individual off season workouts in preparation for fall tournaments next season.

"The girls played a real tough match. We gave them a good scare after singles but could not get it done in doubles," Morris said. "The team has been playing hard and well against quality teams down the stretch of the season and this team is solid as well."

"Overall the team played great tennis this I felt like we played real well. VCU at one time was ranked 19th. They are ranked somewhere in the top 40 which means they will probably be invited to the National Championships. The score was tied 3-3 after singles. Last year they beat us 5-0 and this year we only lost 5-3. I think that match will do us a lot of good for next year," Morris said.

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"They got the big hits against us, had the grand slam early on, and that gave them a good chance to win the ball game," said Head Coach Keith LeClair.

"My pitches felt good tonight," said Scott Greene, the starting pitcher for the Pirates. "They were just diving into the pitches, being very aggressive on the ball. Any-

time a team is that aggressive, they are going to have some hits."

Earey kept ECU in check throughout the game, striking out 12 Pirates through eight innings and allowing two runs off six hits.

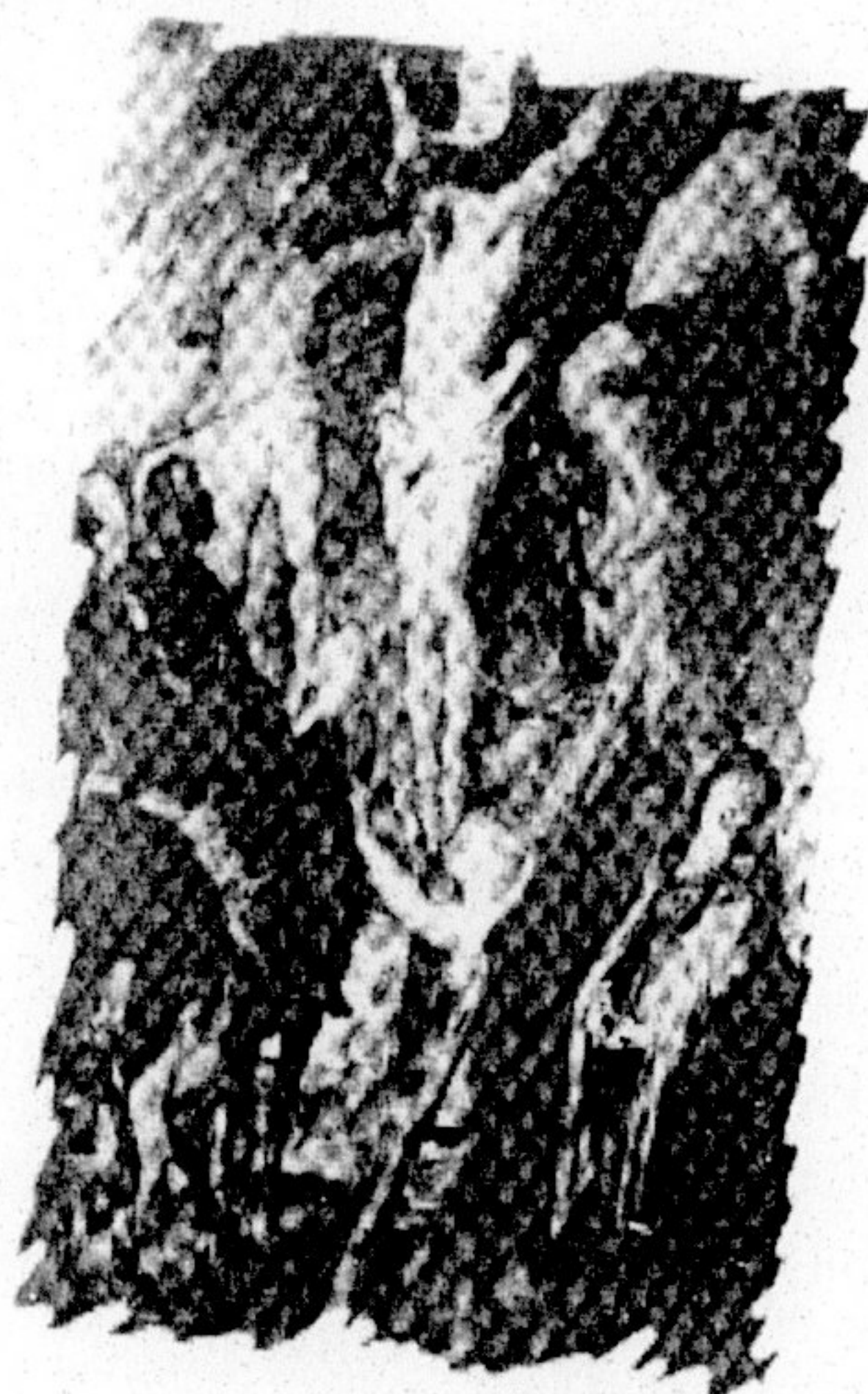
"Their pitching didn't beat us, we beat ourselves," said outfielder Eric Bakich. "We struck out too much and didn't get on the ball as well as

they did. We'll battle back, though."

The Pirates face the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest University at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

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DID HE DIE JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT?



Jesus Christ died a horrific death—beaten, whipped with bone or metal pieces fixed in a nine-lash whip, mocked with a crown of two-inch thorns pressed into his head, wrists and feet nailed to a cross where he hung until he died of slow suffocation. What was it all for? For nothing?

On the contrary, Jesus had many reasons for going through this and all of those reasons center around you:

1) This was Jesus, who had healed people from lifelong diseases, from physical disabilities like blindness, paralysis, even demon-possession. He stopped a violent storm at sea, miraculously fed crowds of over 5,000. So when they nailed him to a cross, it was not those nails keeping him there—it was his love for us.

2) He had clearly identified himself as God. That's why the religious authorities were having him tortured and killed. But on five different occasions, before his arrest, Jesus declared that he would be crucified and three days later come back to life. He wanted people to publicly see him killed and buried, so that when he rose from the dead, they would know that everything he said about his identity was true. Three days later, his burial tomb was empty. People spoke with him and saw him physically alive (more than 500 people)—he wanted us to know he really

was God in the flesh, just as he said.

3) His death on the cross was to allow us to have a relationship with him, which he obviously desires. There is only one thing that keeps us from having a close relationship with God—"Your iniquity (sin) has made a separation between you and your God." And there is a penalty, a price to be paid, for our sin. Going to church? No. Being a good person? No. The penalty for our sin is death. Death? So that we would not have to die for our sin, Jesus died in our place. As the prophet Isaiah stated nearly 600 years before Jesus was born, "All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity (sin) of us all to fall on him." He paid (fully) for our sin and now offers us complete forgiveness.

4) We don't expect God to offer us forgiveness and eternal life, but he does. But such a gift only belongs to those who take it. Instead of trying to perform for God, look what he has done for you. How many of us are trying to get close to God, not realizing that he already desires to come into our lives? Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him."

If you're like many people, you sense God's

desire to know you and have a personal relationship with you. But he won't force you into a relationship with him, which you've probably already discovered. It's simply a matter of wanting him to come into your life, and then you making the decision to invite him in. If you need help knowing how to ask him, here you go:

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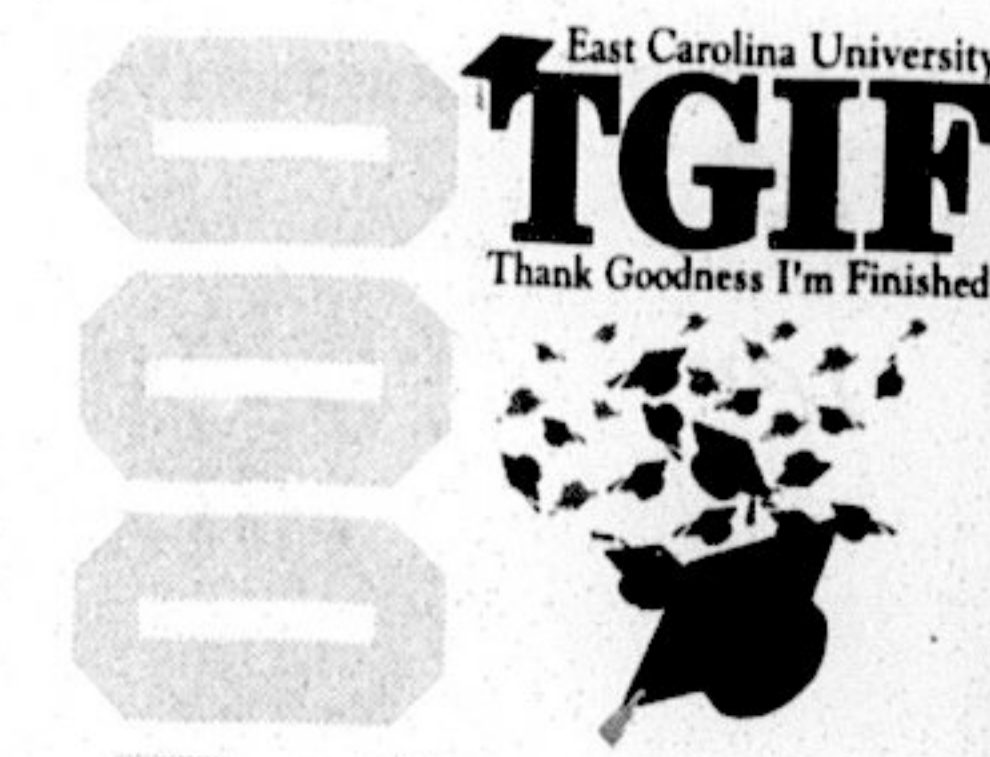
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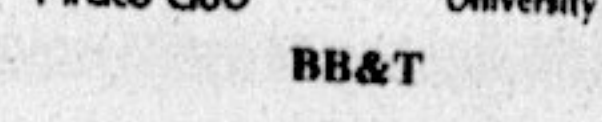
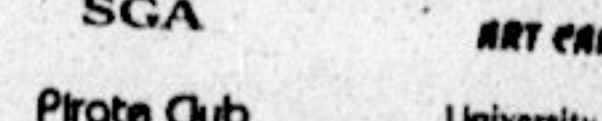
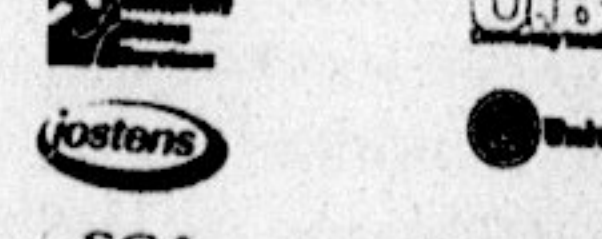
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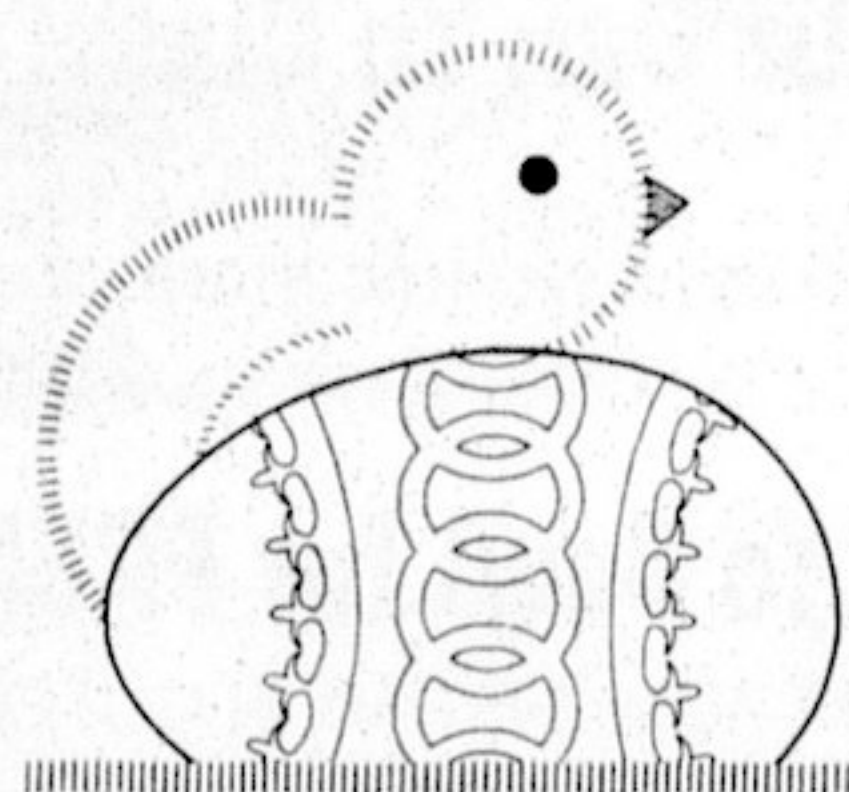
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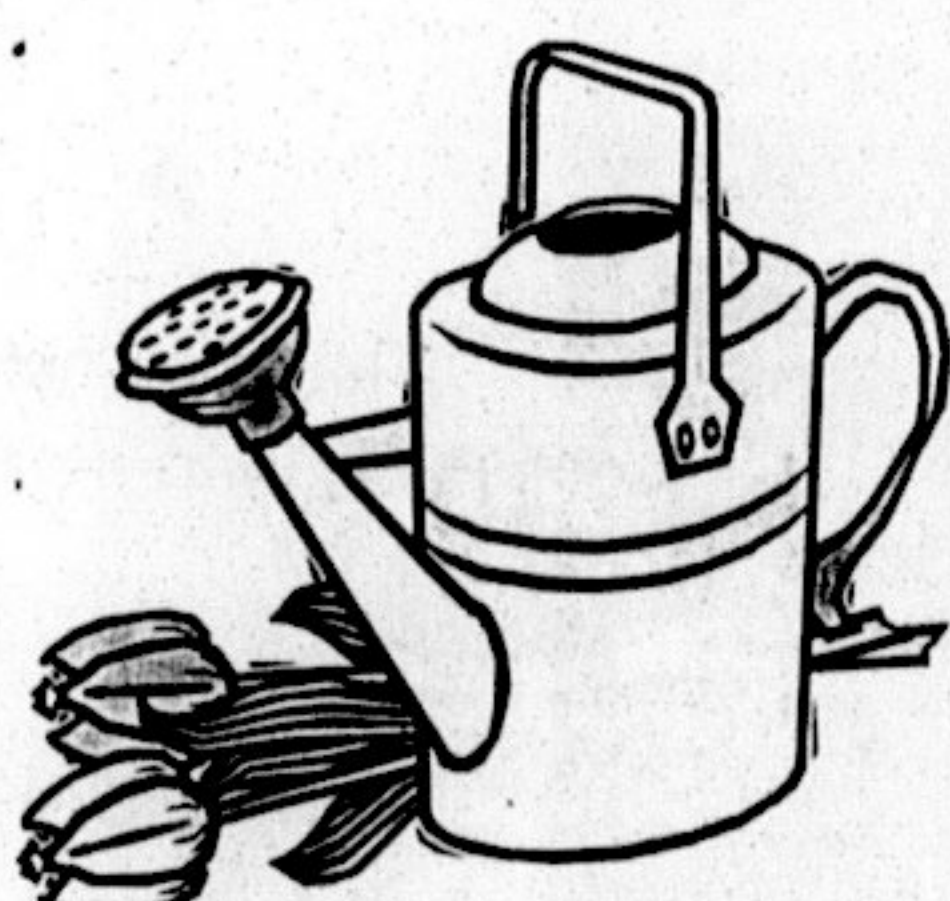
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Track teams prepare for CAAs

Injuries on men's team force change of focus

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

This weekend the ECU men's and women's track teams will do something that they will never do again. ECU will compete in their final CAA Championships.

Next season the Pirates will sit out of the conference championships as they wait to join Conference USA.

"You could call it incentive," said Len Klepack, head cross country coach. "It will be an incentive to do real well. You want to let them know what you were like."

Going into their last CAA Championship meet, the women's squad takes aim at the conference title while the men's team faces some uncertainty.

"We're loading up on everything," said Matt Munson, women's track coach. "I think this

is one of the best teams we've ever had on this campus in the women's track program. We're going in there to win."

One reason the team is confident heading into the meet is their depth in the field events.

"This year we are strong in the field events," Munson said. "Last year we only had one person competing in the high jump, this year we have two. Last year we didn't have anybody in the pole vault or the javelin, this year we got people in those events. People that have a legitimate chance to score."

While the women's team has their eyes on the conference title, the men's team's title hopes were dashed at last week's Sea Ray Relays, in Knoxville, Tenn. All-Americans Damon Davis and James Alexander suffered hamstring injuries. Both injuries occurred during the 4x200 meter relay. Alexander suffered the injury early in his leg of the race. He finished and was able to hand off. Davis suffered his injury during the final leg of the

relay. He was unable to finish. Davis and Alexander will not compete this weekend at the conference championships.

"With Damon and James hurt, we're losing 35 points," said Bill Carson, head men's track coach. "This will definitely change our focus going into the meet. I was secretly going up there and trying to win the thing, all that's done."

Despite the injuries to the All-Americans, the Pirates still are optimistic heading into the meet.

"We definitely have a shot in the 4x100, the 100, the 400, the 200 and the intermediate hurdles," Carson said.

The injuries to Davis and Alexander shouldn't keep them out of the prestigious Penn Relays later this month.

"We're not hanging our heads," Carson said. "They'll be back for the Penn Relays and they'll definitely be back for the (USTCA Series in Atlanta)."

This writer can be contacted at sports@tec.ecu.edu.

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Game Two was a different ball game for the Pirates. All of their hitting woes from the last three games were put to rest with 12 hits, three of which were home runs. The eight-run rule was put into effect, ending the game after four and a half innings of play.

"We just pulled it around in the second game," said Bridger, who drove in three runs, scored two and added a stolen base and a home run. "We knew we had to turn it up, so we relaxed and our sticks woke up,"

Other Pirates contributing to the 11-0 shut out were Shepperson, 2-for-2 with two runs scored and a home run, McDougald, 2-for-2 with two runs scored, Manzo, 2-for-2 with two runs scored, two stolen bases and one RBI, Herron, 2-for-2 with three RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases and Halpern, who finished with one home run and two RBIs.

"Our offense lagged during the previous three games. The first game against Maryland, we were

fortunate to come away with a victory," said Head Coach Tracey Kee. "After the first game today, I challenged them. This has been a long season, and the last few games have been hard since we started off so strong. They accepted the challenge in the second game and demonstrated their winning spirit with strong hitting, pitching and fielding."

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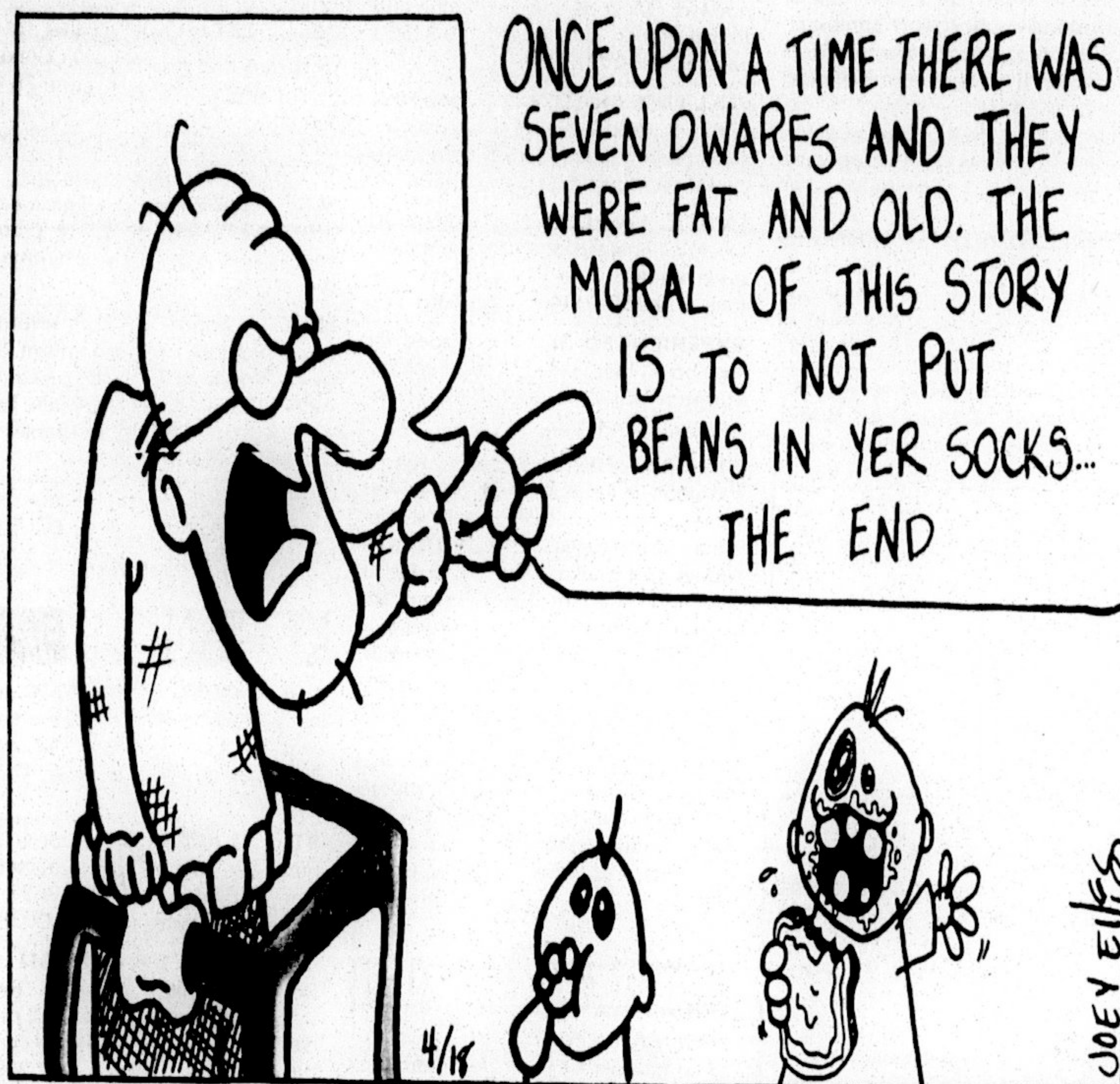
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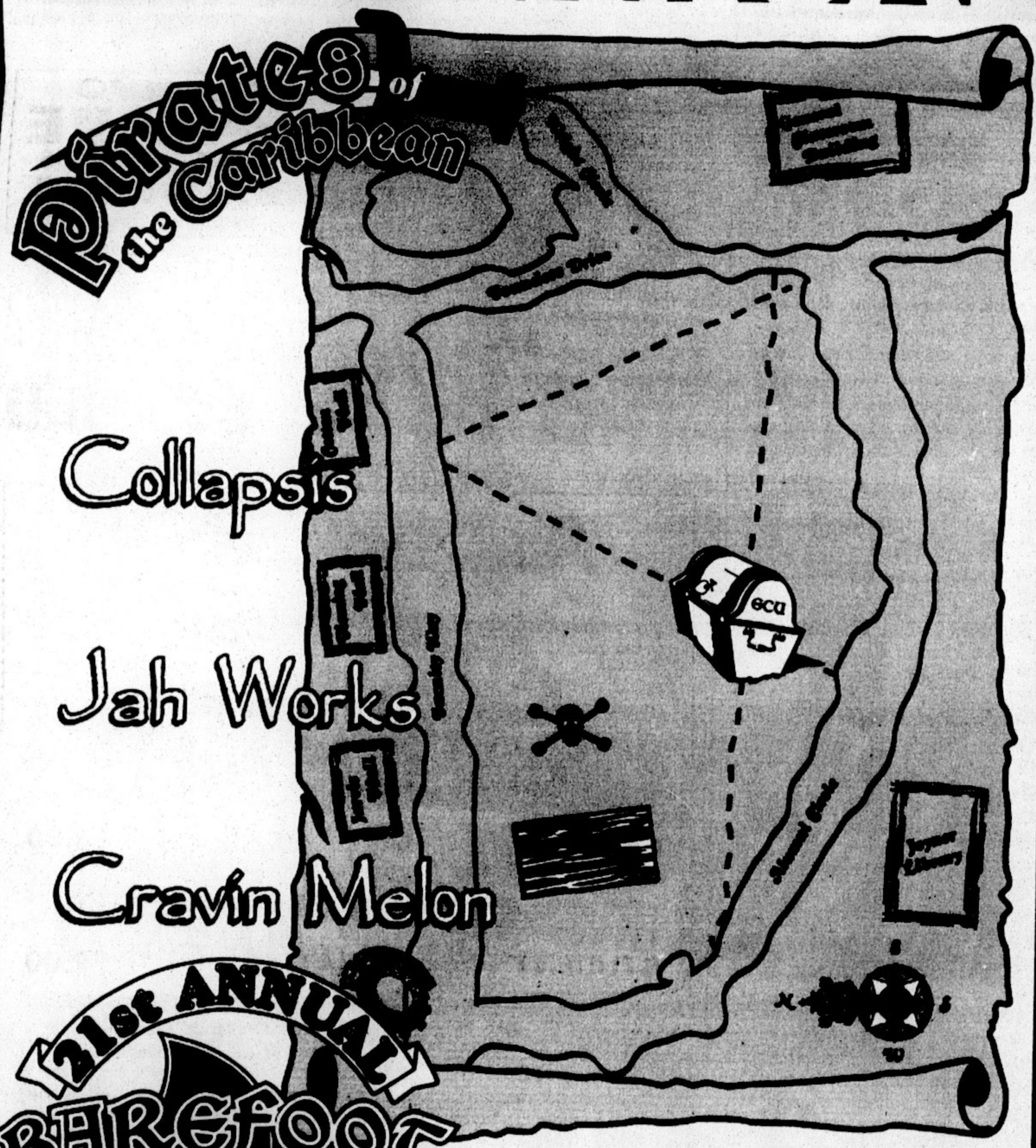
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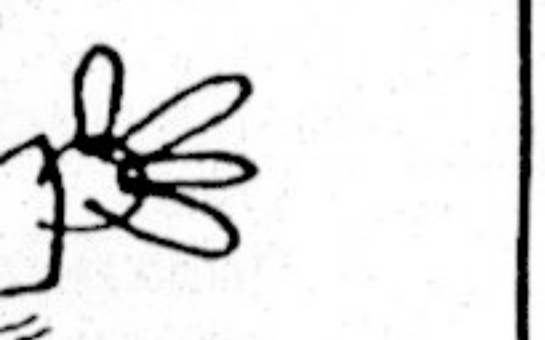
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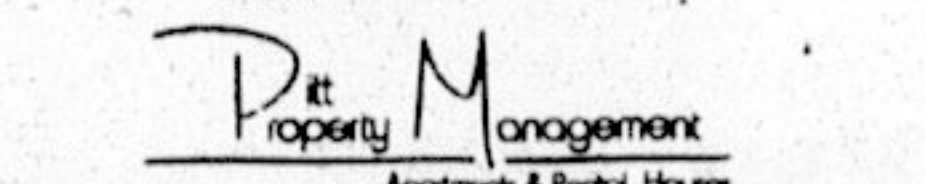
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THANKS TO all participants and everyone who supported All Sing! Love the new members and sisters of Alpha Xi Delta.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON. your candy tasted so good, hope ours did too! Thanks for making our sister's party one of the best! Love, Alpha Phi.

KRISTEN WURZINGER. Congratulations on your engagement to Robb! We're so happy for you! Love the sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Stephanie McCoy for becoming Pi Kappa Phi's Rose Queen. Love the new members and sisters of Alpha Xi Delta.

PI KAPPA Phi. Oh the things we'll do for money! We had a blast at last week's social and can't wait until next time! Love, Alpha Phi.

DELTA ZETA would like to congratulate Steven Branch on winning our Sexy Boxer Contest. We hope you have a full recovery from your knee surgery!

SPECIAL THANKS to Jessie Givens and Katrina Munday for all their hard-work for All Sing! Love the new members and sisters of Alpha Xi Delta.

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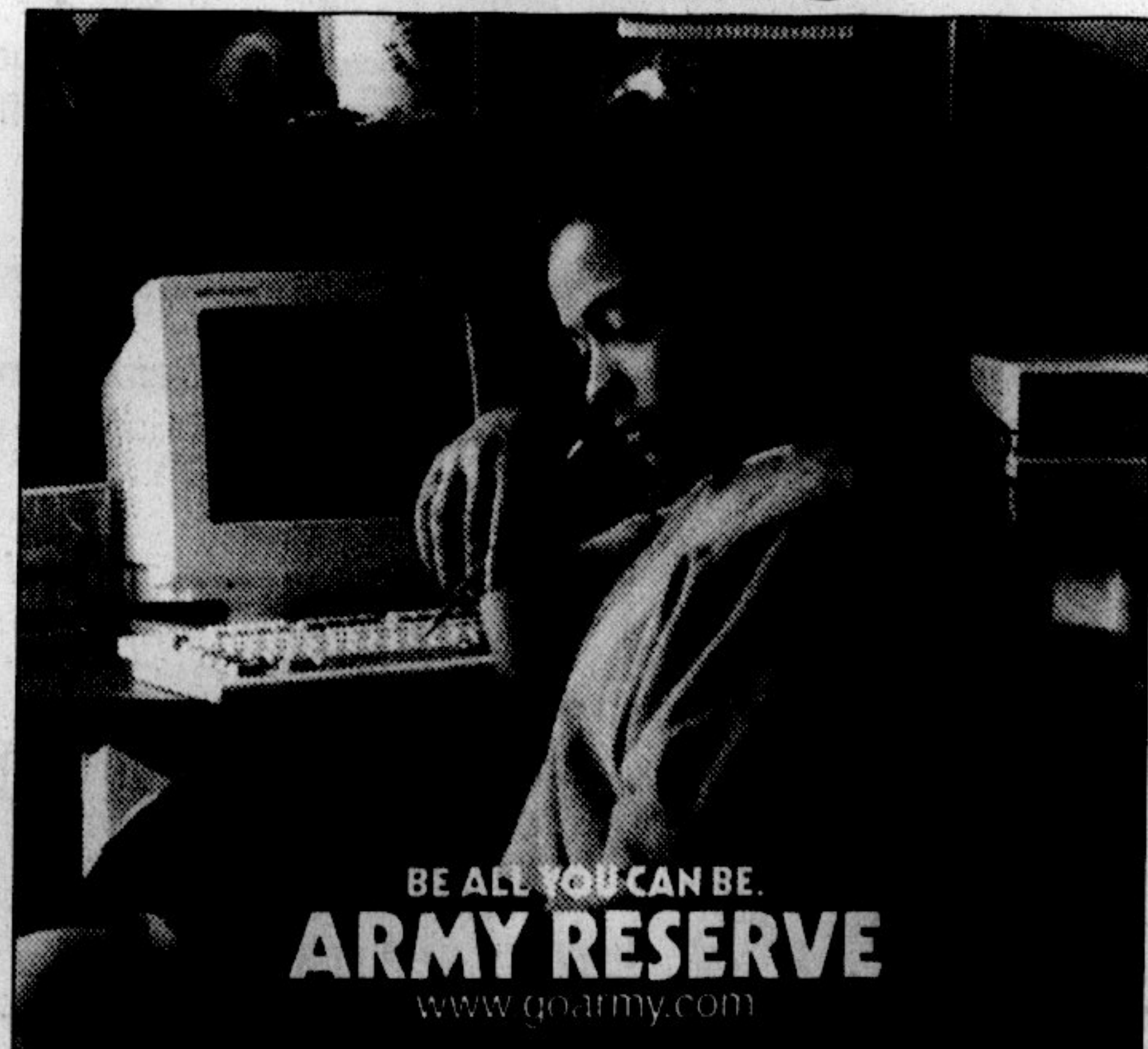
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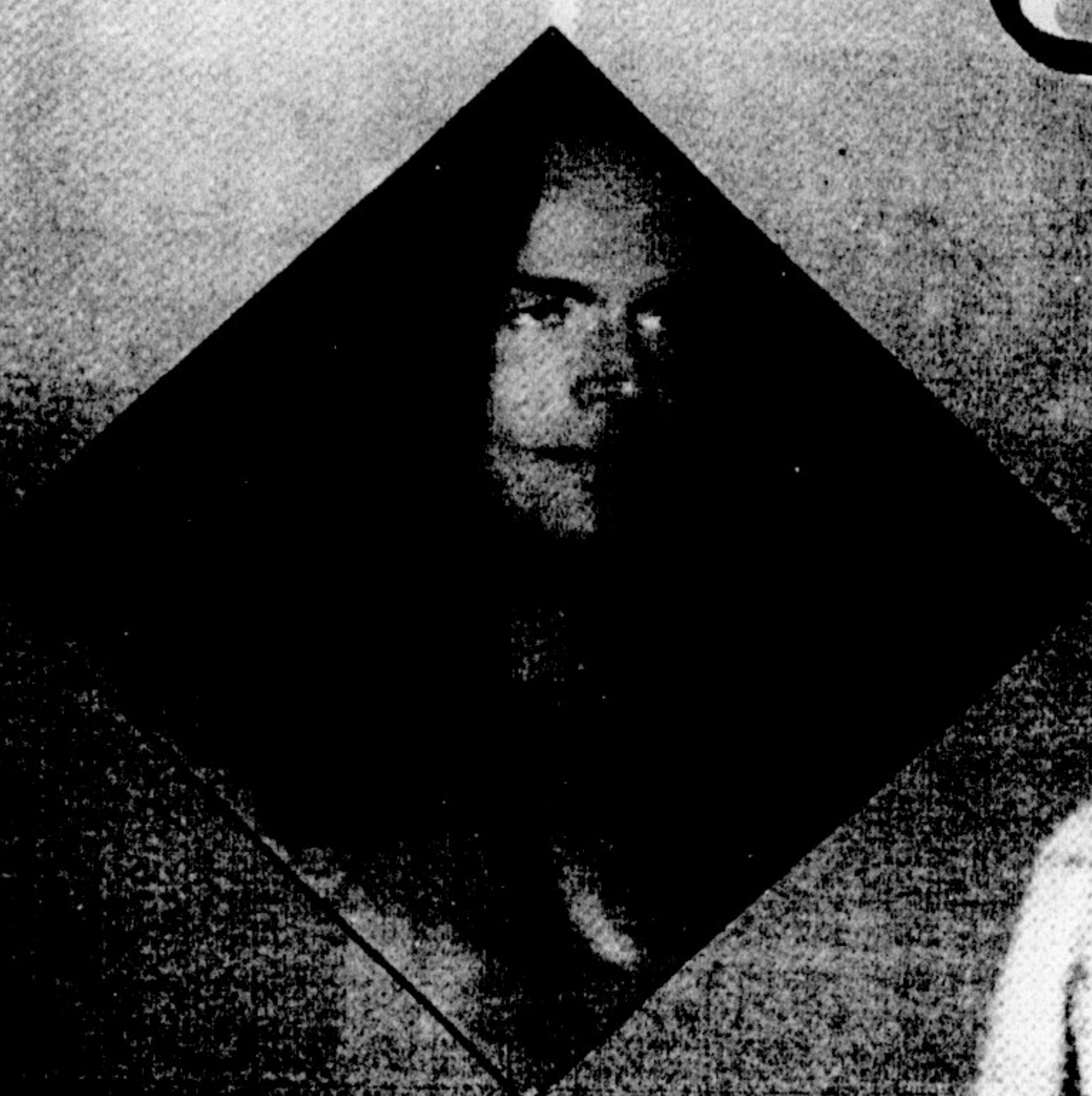
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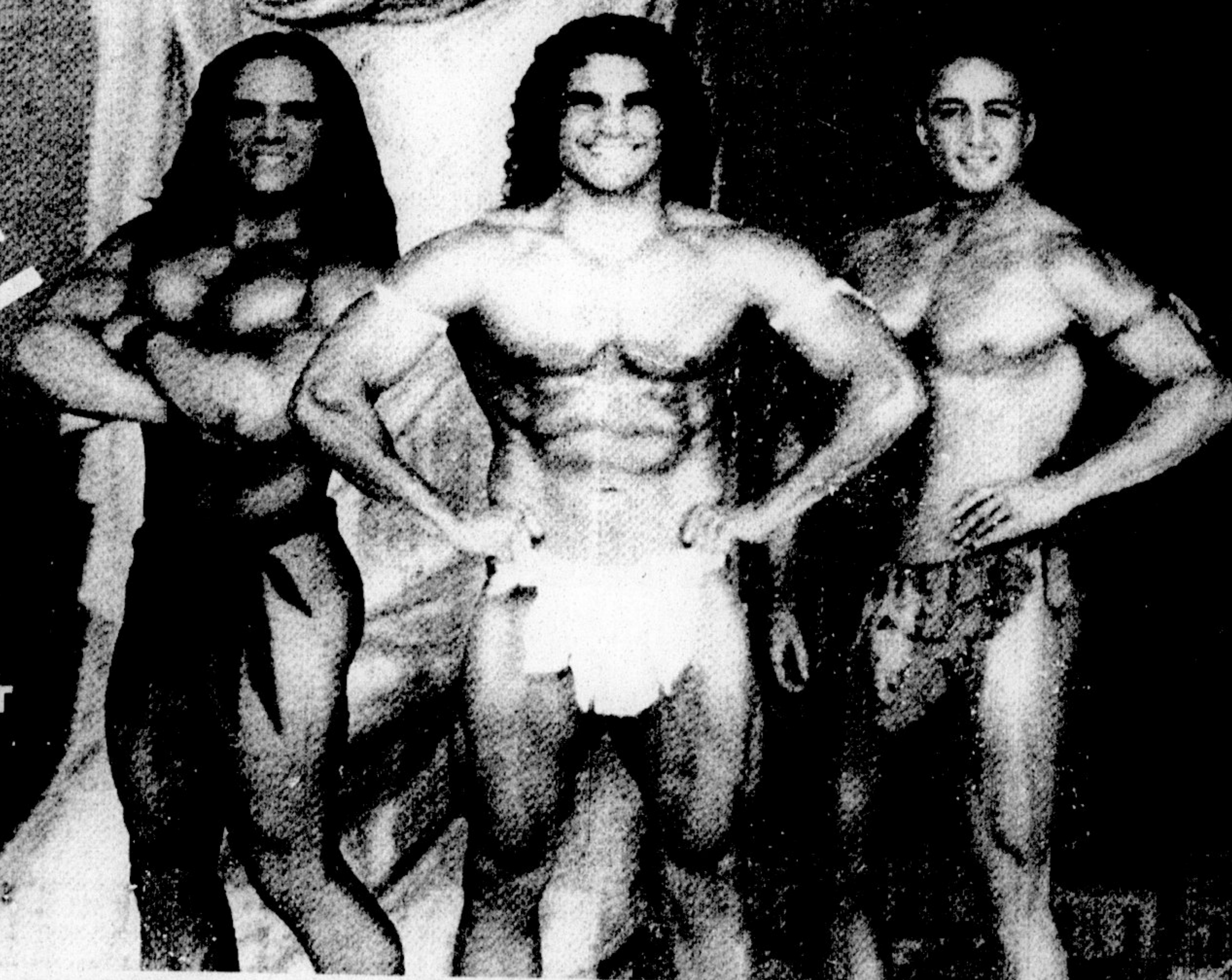


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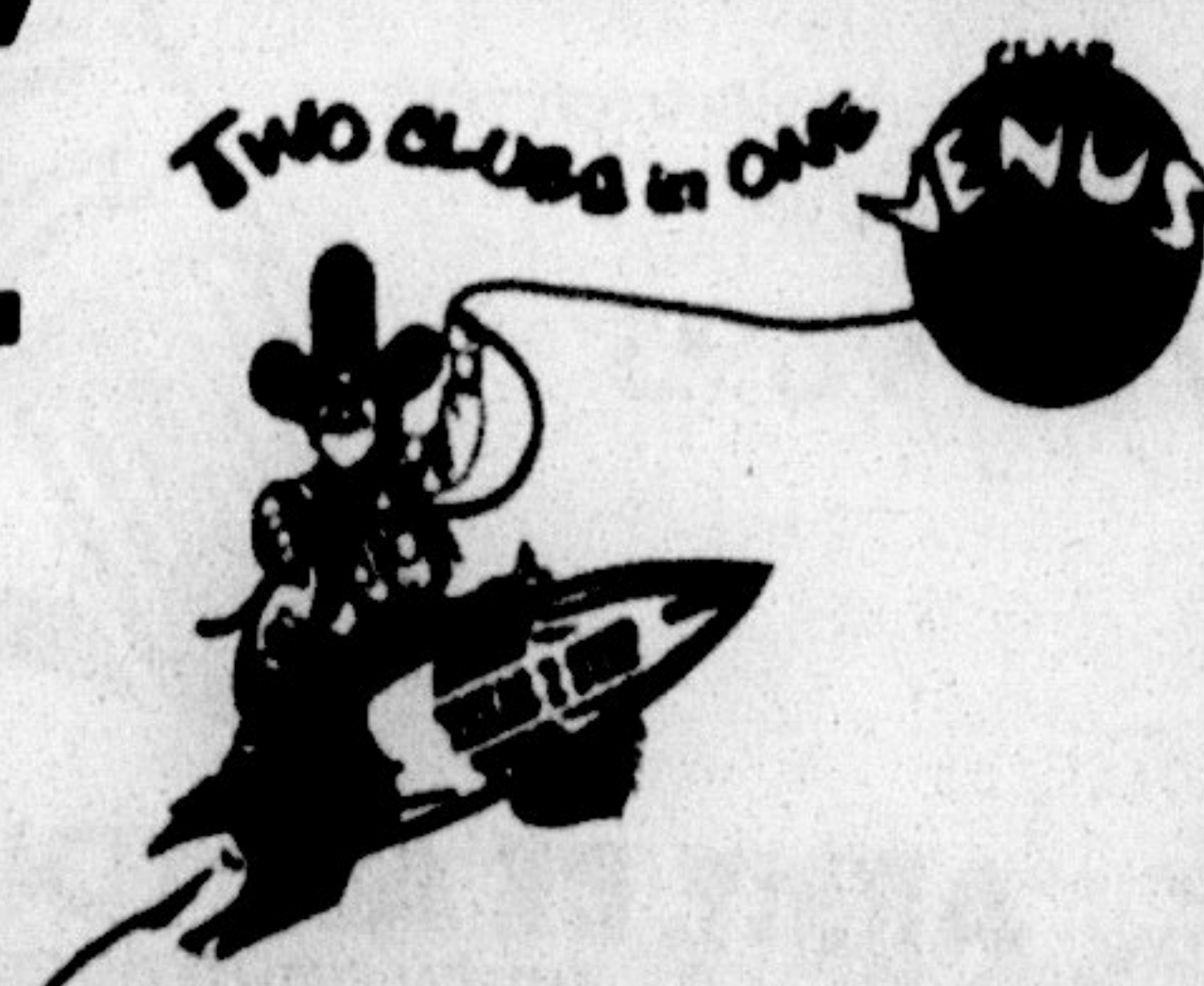
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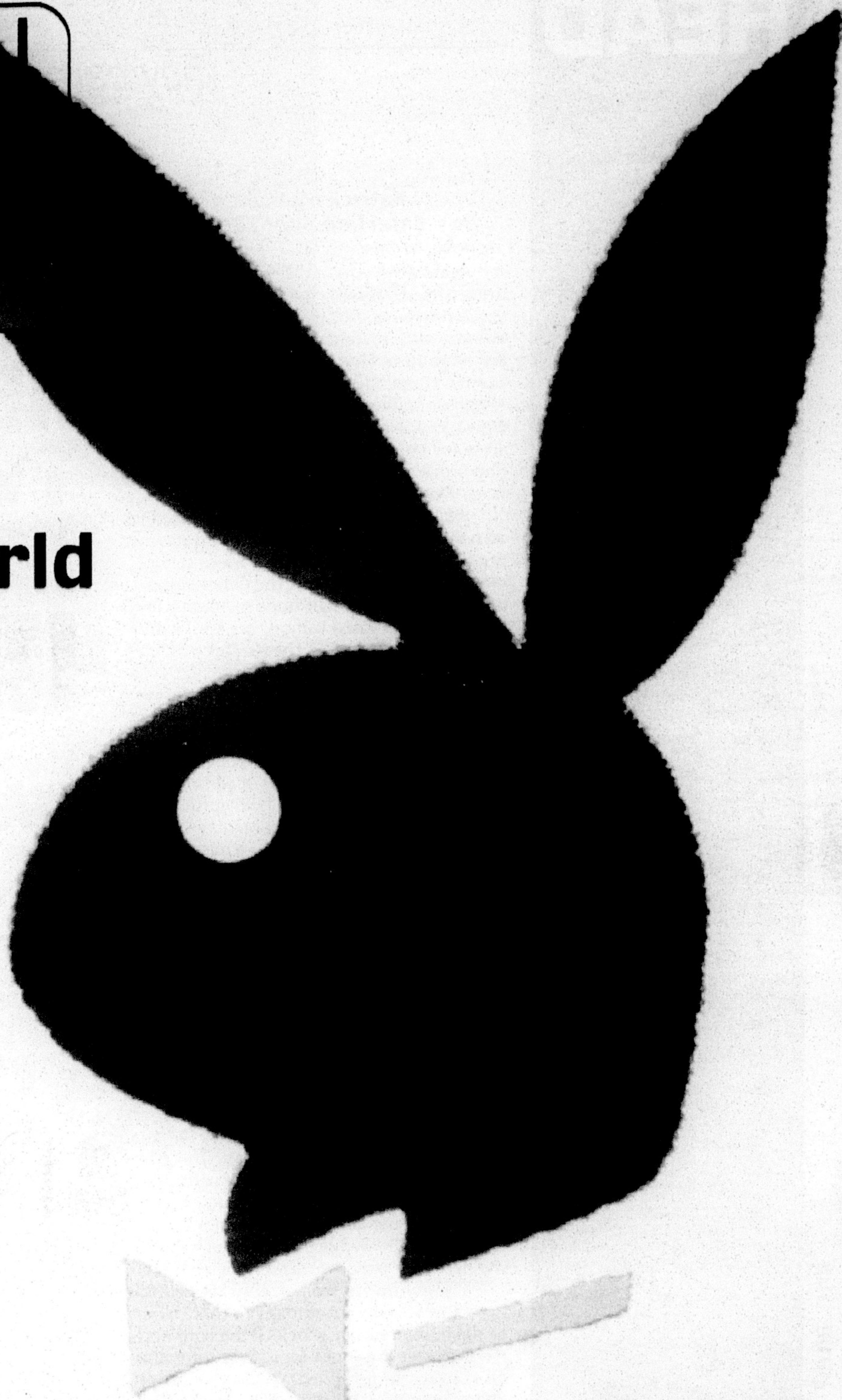
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As many of you out there have probably heard already, *Playboy* magazine recently decided to feature ECU women in its annual Women of Conference USA pictorial. Regardless of political views on whether or not women should be showing off their, um, assets for millions of men (and women) to ogle over and fantasize about, the opportunity arose for myself to view the initial photography process first hand and come back with a story. Not too shabby.

Playboy's arrival on campus generated its own fair share of controversy, with numerous people e-mailing and calling various school officials in protest against the dehumanization of women through nude pictorials. But, when *Playboy* visited campus on April 4 and 5, its employees exhibited themselves with class and sophistication, and there were no deviant or lewd activities involved. In fact, this photo shoot involved no nudity what so ever. They conducted themselves in a discreet and classy manner and had the womens' concerns first and foremost on their minds at all times.

The whole process was held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel on Stantonsburg Road. It was oddly discreet for a magazine known for its flamboyance.

The first order of business at the shoot was a contract signing by the applicants and a statement of measurements, age, class, personality questions and confirmation of student status. All of this was held in a neat and orderly room with a *Playboy* representative, Eden, watching over them and answering any questions.

After the initial obligations were out of the way, the applicant then went into a separate and private room with the photographer to take a series of pictures with two main shots emphasized. One was a basic shoulders-up picture and the other was one with the women in a two-piece bathing suit – nothing perverted or outrageous, just laid back and professional. After the pictures were taken, the applicants returned to the original room to finish the necessary paper work and receive final information.

The number of women who applied was amazing. I didn't expect to actually meet many of these women or be able to talk to them, but *Playboy* provided me with access to some consenting women after the shoot for a short interview. There were about 50-60 students who applied. From these people the number will dwindle to six or seven for a follow-up shoot some weeks later. These finalists' pictures and bios are then scrutinized and debated over before two individuals from each school are picked for the actual photo spread to appear in the September issue of *Playboy*.

Since this is ECU's first year with full-team participation in Conference USA, it is the first opportunity for the school's women to pose. Each of the schools in the conference will have two or three women to appear in the magazine.

Some of the applicants were willing to speak to me about the experience while others would speak only on the condition of anonymity. The women ranged from the quiet type to outrageous and flamboyant, and all were eager to answer whatever questions I had.

Freshman Veronica Zedd provided the most entertaining reason as to why she wanted to pose.

"I want to do it because I want every man in America to desire me ... It is all about your attitude. I want to do it, my

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they came, they saw, they took some pictures ...

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Playboy's May 2000 issue. Perhaps the September cover will bear an ECU girl.

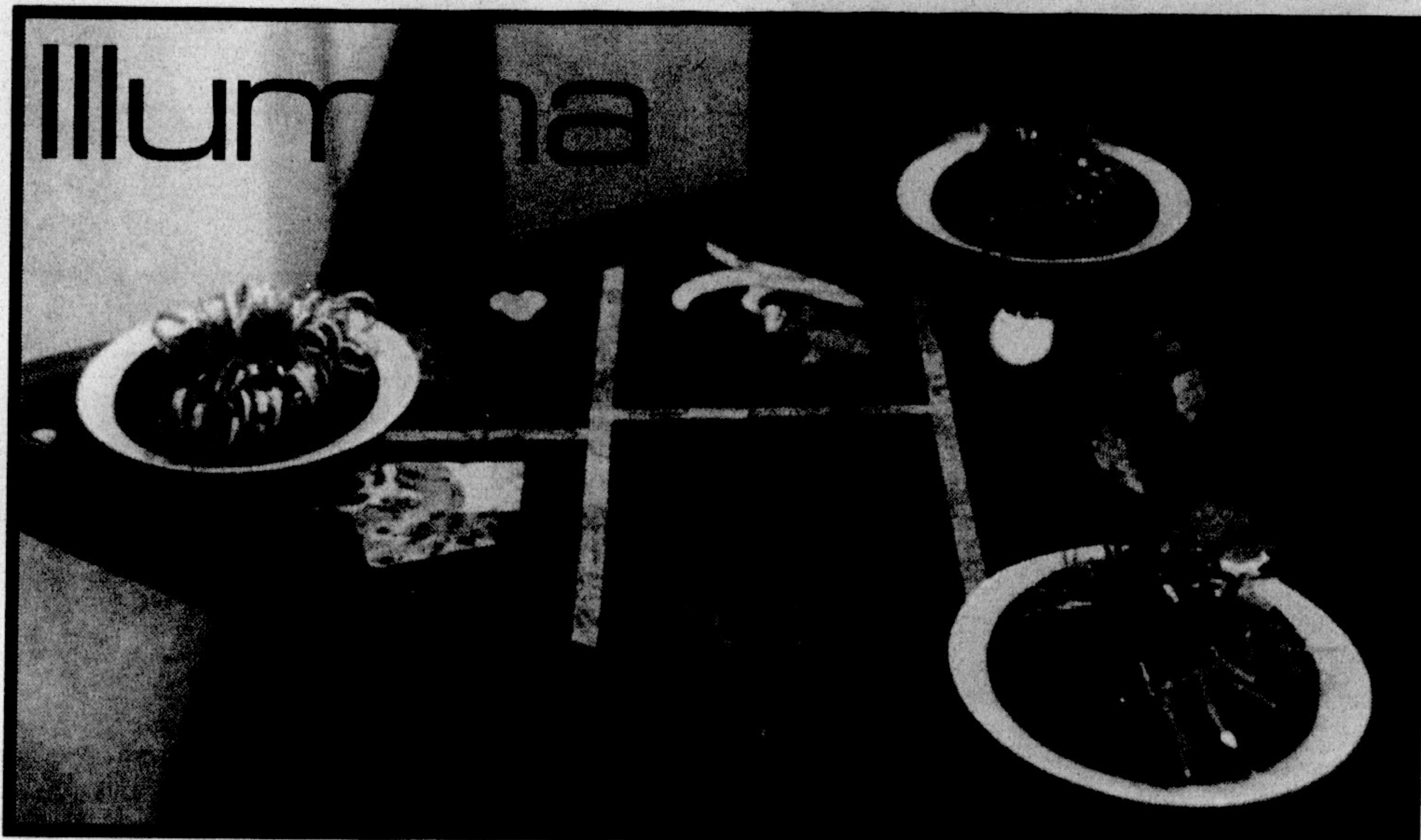
mother approves of it so why not? She actually helped me pick out the bikini I was going to wear to the tryout," she said.

Ranging from the flamboyant to mundane, the reasons followed the same track of "I wanted to" and "why not?" These women seemed completely at ease with their bodies and would enjoy the extra attention it would bring. Some applicants were ones that succumbed to the ever-popular peer pressure. Sophomore Kim Stanard seemed coaxed into applying and revealed that she had come with some of her friends and applied with them.

"I just did it for fun," she said. "I came out here with my girls and we did it. No big deal really."

The shoot was pretty tame, and actually managed to surprise me with its low-key atmosphere. It was like it was just another day at the office for them. *Playboy* managed to come to Greenville and take pictures without compromising the applicants' pride or attitude. Hell, if I looked half as good as some of the applicants did and I was female, I'd be getting naked in no time. It isn't about debasing women, it is about taking pride in your body and your school. Now, who can find fault in that?

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Art students' works judged, on display at Mendenhall

D. Miccah Smith
FH Ace Reporter

At the top of the steps is a triangular wooden table topped with glass. Under the glass, arranged in the classic "food pyramid style," are brightly colored icons of breads, vegetables, meats and dairy products fashioned from bits of magazine pictures and food boxes. Three white ceramic plates, each mounded with a black velvet cushion, top the glass. Each holds a choker made of black metal rings and one of three other curious components: amber plastic circles cut from a prescription drug bottle, aluminum soft drink can strips listing cryptic ingredients, and laminated bits of food labels bearing harsh-looking chemical names.

"You Are What You Eat," by Sara Ross, is this year's winner of Best in Show in the annual Illumina student art competition sponsored by the Student Union.

"I think of jewelry as a form of identity, and if you wear the jewelry on the table you're identifying your politic," said Ross, a senior majoring in metals. Ross said she wants her work to be an activist, and that she hopes it will spark conversation about the preservatives and other chemicals we consume.

Ross won \$300 for her work, but the choice was tough for judge Mark Cooley, an ECU alumnus with a master's degree in painting.

"The best in show," Cooley said. "That's the one piece that made me come back the most and look at it ... It made me think after leaving the place."

Cooley added that he took a lunch break during the three hours he spent judging some 89 entries in eight categories, which added to the mixed media piece's effectiveness.

"There's an honorable mention [in each category], and that's worth \$50," said Lee Howard, chair of the Student Union's Visual Arts Committee.

Malea Rhodes' deceptively simple "Eclipse" took the honorable mention in ceramics. Shaped like a half-ellipse and harshly textured with a rough black matte finish on the outside, the tall bowl looks heavy. Inside is an inch-thick rim around a shallow scooped indentation, cream-colored and chalky smooth. The bowl looks solid, but Malea explained how she used a "double-walled" process, popularized in the 1980s, to make it hollow inside so that it would not explode during the firing process.

Malea calls her dramatic bowls "orb-shaped," and said she'd been making them for only two months prior to her win. "My regular work is really feminine," she said of the glossy pastel-colored pieces she now sells at galleries in Kinston N.C. and Wilmington N.C. "I ... make functional pots for everyday use."

According to Howard, being able to say that they participated in a juried show like Illumina, plus the local exposure of their work, will help winners when searching for a career in art.

"I spent quite a long time looking; everything that was submitted was good work," Cooley said. "I thought that pieces that I picked were pieces that I came back to several times."

In art, getting noticed is the hard part, second only to getting paid. Illumina is one chance for any ECU student to do both.

Anyone who ventures upstairs in Mendenhall Student Center between now and May 2 has a chance to see 36 student exhibits selected from among the entries by Cooley. Awards were given for works in communication arts, mixed media, metal design, sculpture, painting, drawing, ceramics and printmaking.

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THE INS AND OUTS OF SALSA MUSIC

Kenny Smith
Staff Writer

America's Hispanic population is on the rise, and with it there has been a recent surge of salsa music, a form of Latin dance music.

Salsa music originated as an official art form in the '70s, with the people of Cuban and Puerto Rican descent in New York City. They immigrated to United States for the work, but unwound with their dancing and music.

But, salsa's roots go much further back in time to the days of slave trading when the Spanish brought captives from West Africa to the Caribbean to work on sugar cane plantations. They brought their music with them in both song and rhythm. As they became more assimilated with the Spanish, so did the music.

The early influence of African music is heard even in today's salsa. For instance, often during a song the chorus will sing followed by the lead responding to what they say in an improvisational style of call and response, similar to a system still used in West Africa today.

Since the inception of salsa, it has become popular all over the globe. At the International Salsa Congress, held annually in San

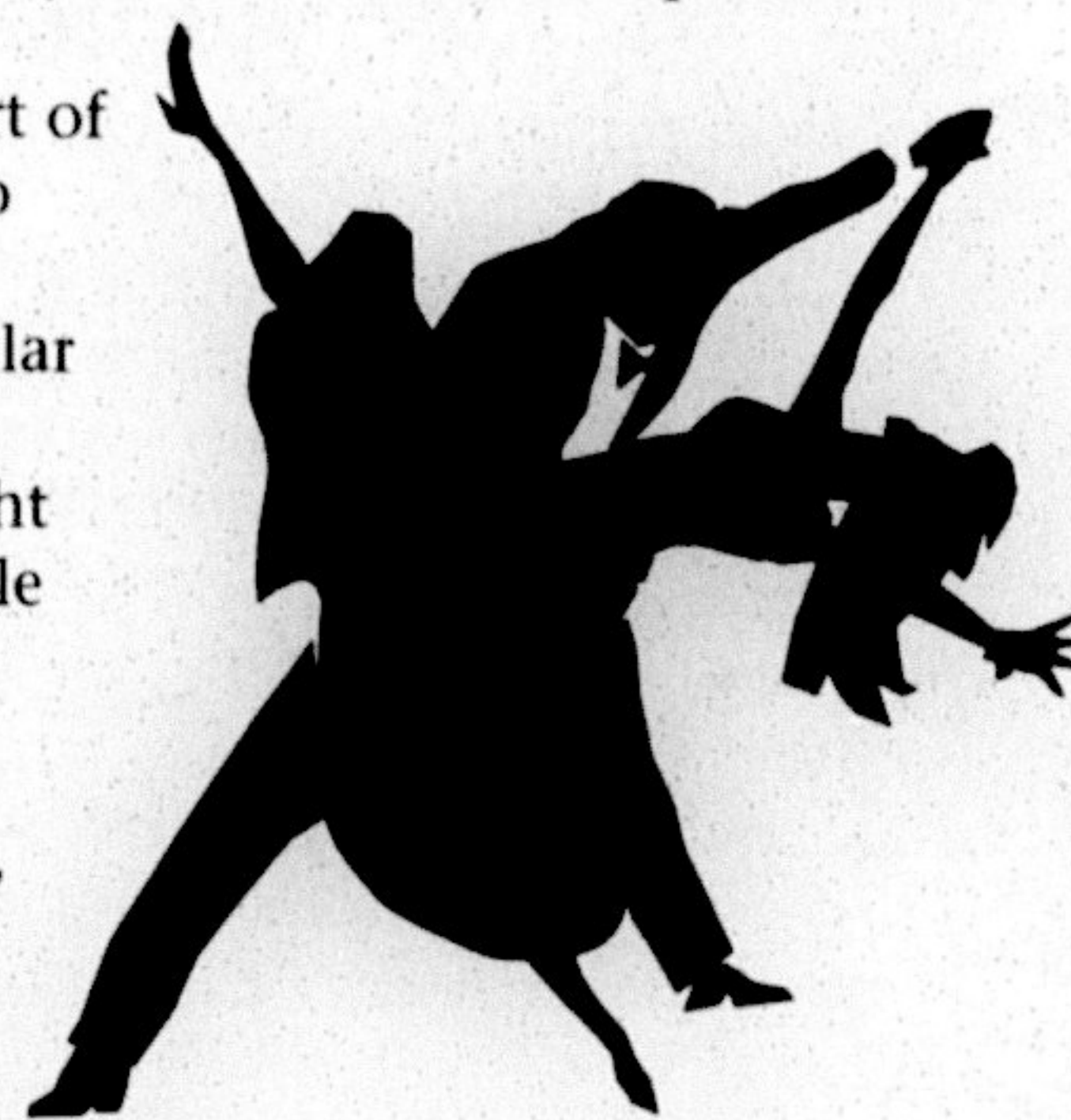
Juan, Puerto Rico, over 20 nations participate including United Kingdom, Sweden, Australia and Japan. In Japan, too, there is a highly successful band that plays salsa called "Orquesta de la Luz" which sings its song in Spanish. And, of course, it's part of the Latin world from Mexico to Argentina.

Salsa has even grown popular enough to come to Greenville. Every Sunday night is salsa night at the Ramada Inn on Greenville Boulevard. People from in and around Pitt County come to dance and enjoy the music.

"We get people of all ages," said Ramon Serrano, DJ for salsa night. "Like we'll have families come or a couple in their sixties who can still move."

Salsa night is open to everyone, with or without experience. "The people there are really nice," Serrano said. "If you don't know any steps someone will gladly teach you the basics."

Not all Latin-sounding music is salsa. Take, for instance, most



of the recent popular Latin stars. Ricky Martin's style is actually American pop, plain and simple, with occasional Spanish phrases. It's the same with Enrique Iglesias.

But, there are several popular, older, artists who have the salsa label. Tito Puente and Celia Cruz are two examples.

The most important thing about salsa music is its beat. Without the beat it's just glorified Ricky Martin. Clave is what it's called, and dissimilar to most American music, it's very intricate. Salsa is made to be danced to.

If you want to give salsa dancing a shot, visit the Ramada Inn on Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. There is a \$3 cover.

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derived from "baby face"

Heat-the amount of reaction a wrestler brings

Job-to lay down for another wrestler, to lose a match to elevate another wrestler's character

Keyfabe-the assumption of reality for one's character

Over-if the fans enjoy the wrestler and his performance, he is "over"

Pop-the amount of crowd reaction when a wrestler appears

Mark-someone who keeps up with wrestling on the Internet or radio, generally used as a derogatory term by wrestlers describing people they don't like

Smart-also someone who keeps up with contract negotiations and the pre-determined outcomes of wrestling, generally knows things the average wrestling fan wouldn't

Work-a story that is supposed to be real for people to believe, but instead it is made up to fool the "smarts"

Angle-a storyline within a storyline

Sell-to make a move seem real, to add pain after a move

Sump-to take a fall or to take a real hit (chair shot, table break, etc ...)

Sooker-the individual who makes matches for the writers to build around

Gimmick-a person's character, can change if the character isn't popular



*WCW just
isn't fun anymore*

Patrick McMahon
Entertainment Editor

World Championship Wrestling (WCW) has seen plenty of changes in the last decade, ranging from the old-guy-in-way-to-small-pants saying he's gonna "murderalize" somebody to today's realm of the regular guy wanting to kick some ass. While this particular federation has had its ups and downs from time to time, the product has pretty much stayed the same-namely, mediocre.

While other federations like Extreme Championship Wrestling (ECW) and World Wrestling Federation (WWF) have latched onto and thrived off of a more hardcore style of wrestling and personalities, WCW has stayed on the old-school path of wrestling before storylines, which in my humble opinion, sucks boobies.

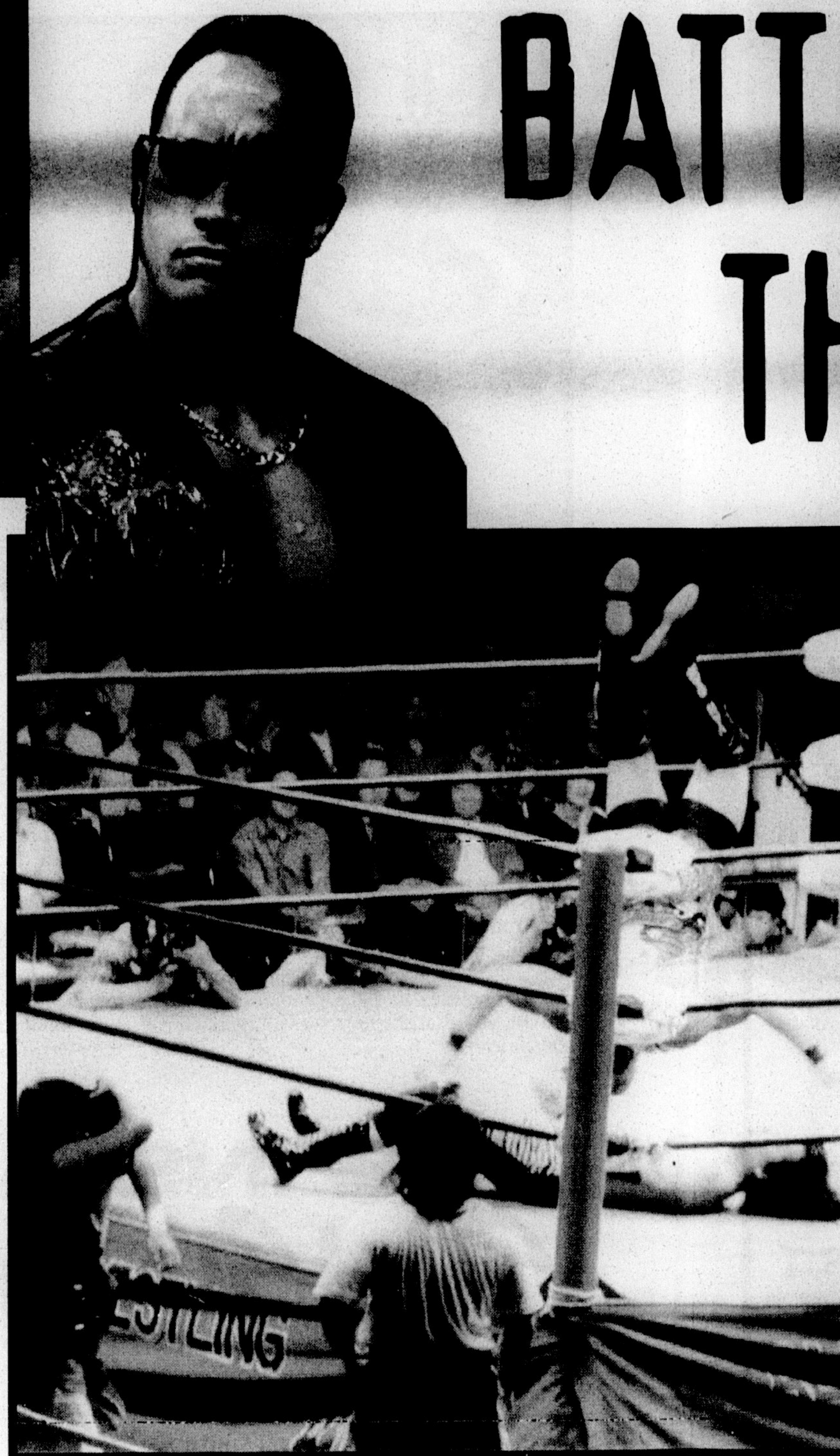
WCW probably has the worst behind-the-scenes atmosphere in wrestling. Recent defections by money-making names like Chris Benoit, Perry Saturn and Chris Jericho make WCW look like bush leagues compared to WWF. Make no bones about-WWF is the hot commodity going today in the wrestling world, gaining nearly triple the ratings each week compared to WCW broadcasts.

Recent changes in WCW may show that the world is gonna once again have two big players in the wrestling game. Eric Bischoff, the man responsible for WCW's huge rise in the '90s, has been brought back into the presidential role alongside Vince Russo to try to bring WCW back from oblivion and return to the nation's limelight. Russo, a former WWF head writer and widely regarded as a genius in wrestling circles, is slated to head all television writing duties while Bischoff is scheduled to play the role of editor.

WCW has always beaten WWF in one of the most fundamentally crucial aspects of wrestling, accumulating talented performers to fill weekly shows. Their talent roster is gigantic compared to other feds and the product shows on television. Popular "lucha-libre" wrestling (coined from the Mexican style of high flying and high-risk maneuvers) has always possessed a fond spot in many wrestling fans' hearts. Sheer athletic ability is also something that WCW thrives in. Highly technical wrestlers like Kanyon and Vampiro provide an instant shot in the arm when they are on the boob tube. WCW is on the way to rebuilding its image, so look for many storylines featuring Vampiro, who has impressed many people inside the biz with his talent.

While the WWF has gone toward more adult-oriented themes in recent years (just look at Val Venis and the Godfather's Ho-Train) WCW has hung back and stayed child-friendly. Stars like Goldberg and The Wall have emerged as sure-fan favorites, while the hardcore guys like Bam Bam Bigelow (yeah, he is still alive) and Norman Smiley (my God how did this man become popular) have taken a back seat to mediocre performers and even worse storylines.

WCW has also taken on the mean-spirited nickname "wheel chair wrestling" moniker because it seems like every

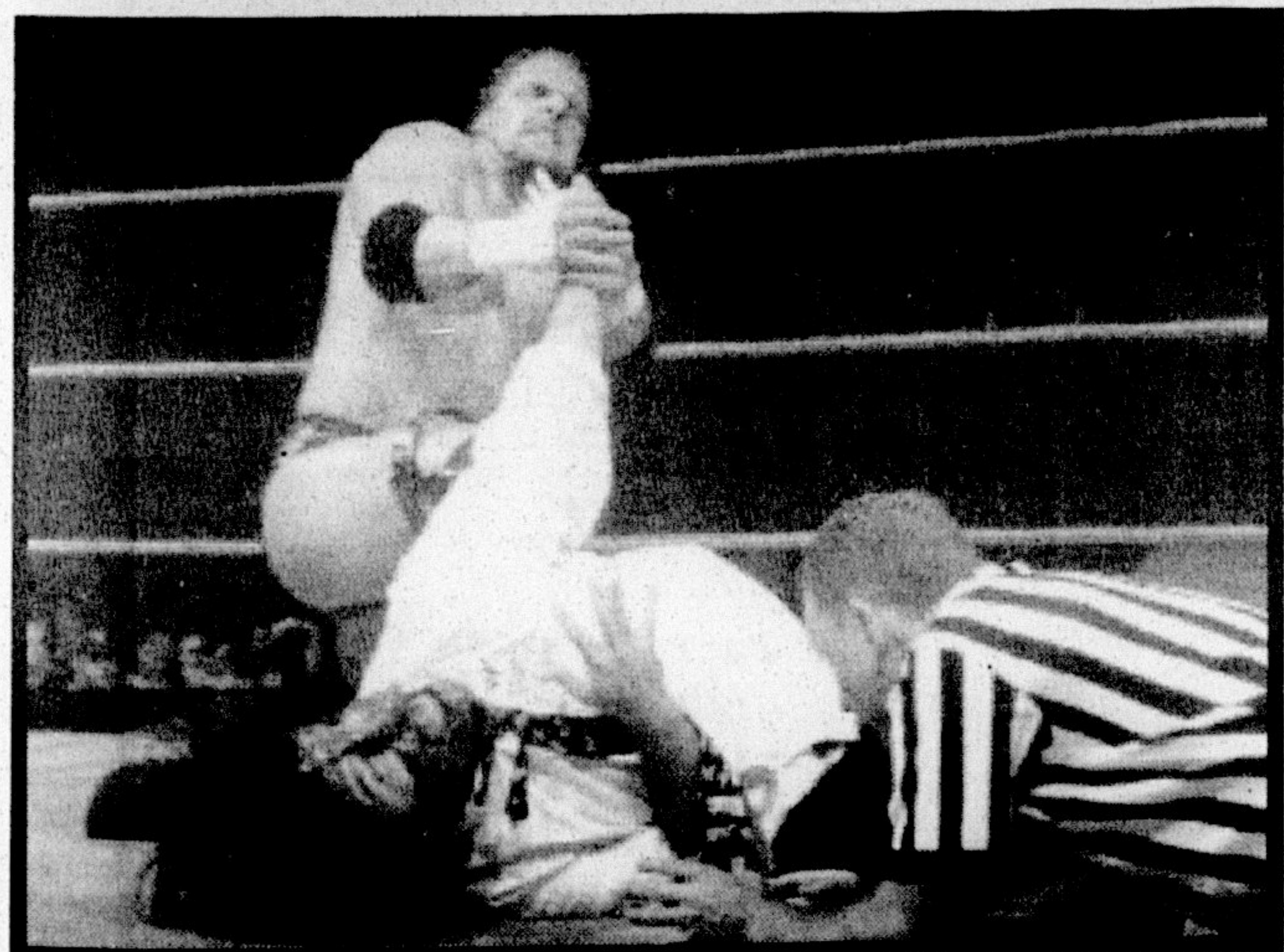
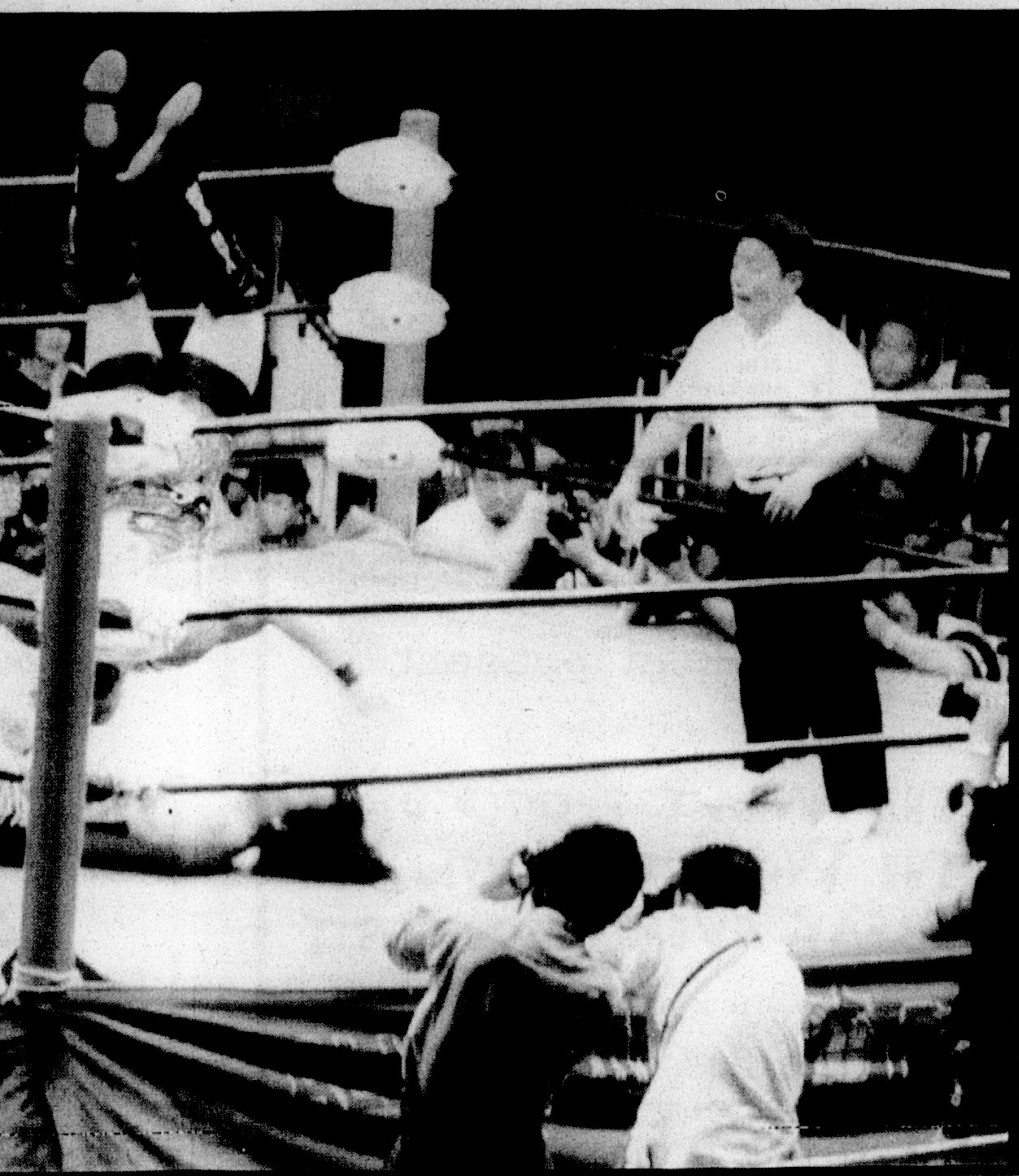


wrestler being pushed into the spotlight is over 50 years old and flabby from the floor up. Wrestlers like Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan are still being pushed while younger, more capable stars are being released. The sheer flab factor of Hogan's physique is enough to make any man soil himself. I mean, Sid Vicious, "Ruler of the Squirrels" is still wrestling today. I saw him wrestle way back when Randy Savage (who still wrestles and is in his 40s, maybe 50s) still wore his purple and gold cowboy hat with the little banners hanging from them. Kevin Nash, while still up there pushing mid-40s on the age machine, has provided some entertainment, but viewers are falling away from his antics toward the younger, more high-impact stars.

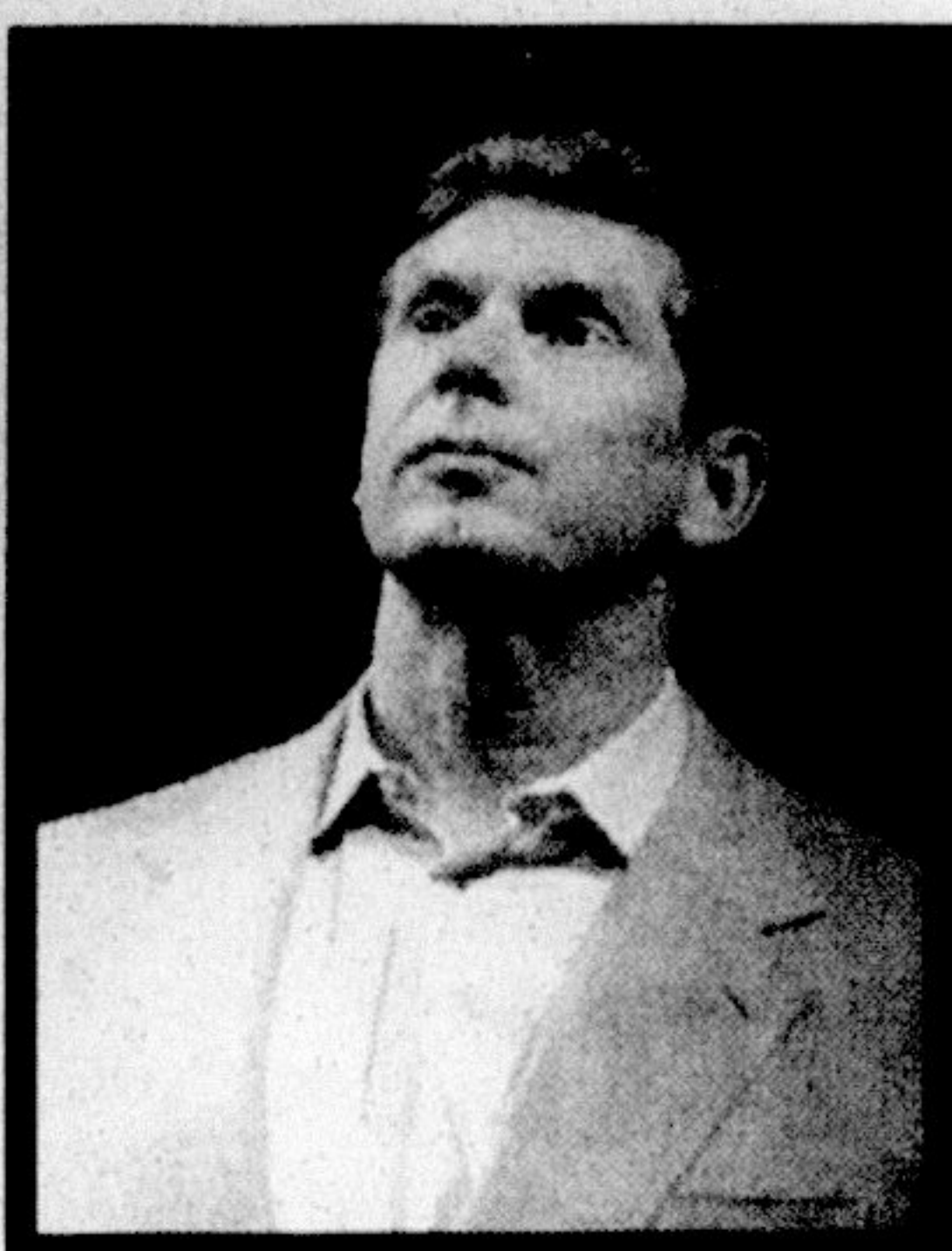
WCW has a long way to go before it regains the top spot over WWF in ratings as well as fans' television. I mean, when WWF's program RAW couldn't be shown because the USA network was showing the Westminster Dog Show, WCW's Nitro still got beat by a full ratings point. Nitro got beat by a frickin' dog show. How sad is that? Only time will tell if Vince Russo and Eric Bischoff have the balls as well as the chance to make WCW a hot product. Don't hold your breath. It may take a while, but hey, they didn't build Rome in a day, right?

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BATTLES ON THE MAT



Vince McMahon, an excellent representative of ECU. (all photos from World Wide Web)



ECU's finest: Vince McMahon and his dynasty

Robbie Schwartz
Senior Writer

Wrestling is not just for entertaining anymore. Actually, it has become a very lucrative business.

From April 1999 to January 2000, the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) made over \$48.3 million. In 1999, the company made \$250 million and is projecting sales of \$340 million for this year. And, at the helm is

a man that received his degree from ECU.

Vince McMahon received his B.A. in business administration from ECU in 1969. McMahon is a third-generation wrestling promoter who was raised in a rural part of eastern North Carolina by his mother and stepfather. He met his father when he was 12 and thus began his obsession with the business.

His father was a regional wrestling promoter who ran Capitol Wrestling, a company that promoted shows from Maine to Virginia. In 1982, Vince and his wife Linda, who also graduated from ECU, bought the wrestling company from his father.

Since then, McMahon and company have built an empire valued at over \$1 billion. The whole family does its part. Linda handles the day-to-day operations, son Shane is president of new media, and daughter Stephanie sells ads.

Vince built his empire by using athletes from all different sports. His wrestlers are former boxers, football players, basketball players and Ultimate Fighting competitors. He created wrestlers that are pimps, psychopaths and porn stars. Vince also uses women in his show, perhaps the more popular being Chyna. One Thanksgiving, McMahon had two women wrestle in gravy.

But, along the way he has had to fight competitors and scandals. In the early '90s, the WWF was engulfed in a steroid scandal. There were also sexual misconduct allegations. This allowed for World Championship Wrestling (WCW) to gain a part of the market and close the gap in the ratings war between the two companies.

The company also had to deal with tragic accidents. In October of 1999, the wrestler Droz, or Darren Drozdov, was paralyzed after he fractured his neck. During a show, in front of thousands of people, the wrestler Owen Hart died during a stunt before a match. It brought the company and the industry itself to a screeching halt. It prompted many people to argue that it has all gotten out of hand and that changes should be made.

For now, McMahon and family have to come up with new plots to keep people watching and find new ways to promote the company, like the new CD that the company has coming out with famous artists performing to the introduction music and creating their own wrestling-related music. It's family business, and it all started here in eastern North Carolina.

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...the Big Red Bossman and Bull Buchanan broke Kane's hand on the show, The Big Red Machines hand was already broken and had been since before Wrestlemania 2000. He will be wearing a cast for 4-6 weeks and absent from the show.

• The Undertaker is undergoing



physical therapy for a torn pectoral muscle and should be at 100 percent in about a month. His planned return is sometime around Backlash. Look for him to get into the middle of the McMahon/The Rock mess.

• Look for Chyna to break with Latin Heat Eddie Guerrero in a quest to get the Euro title.

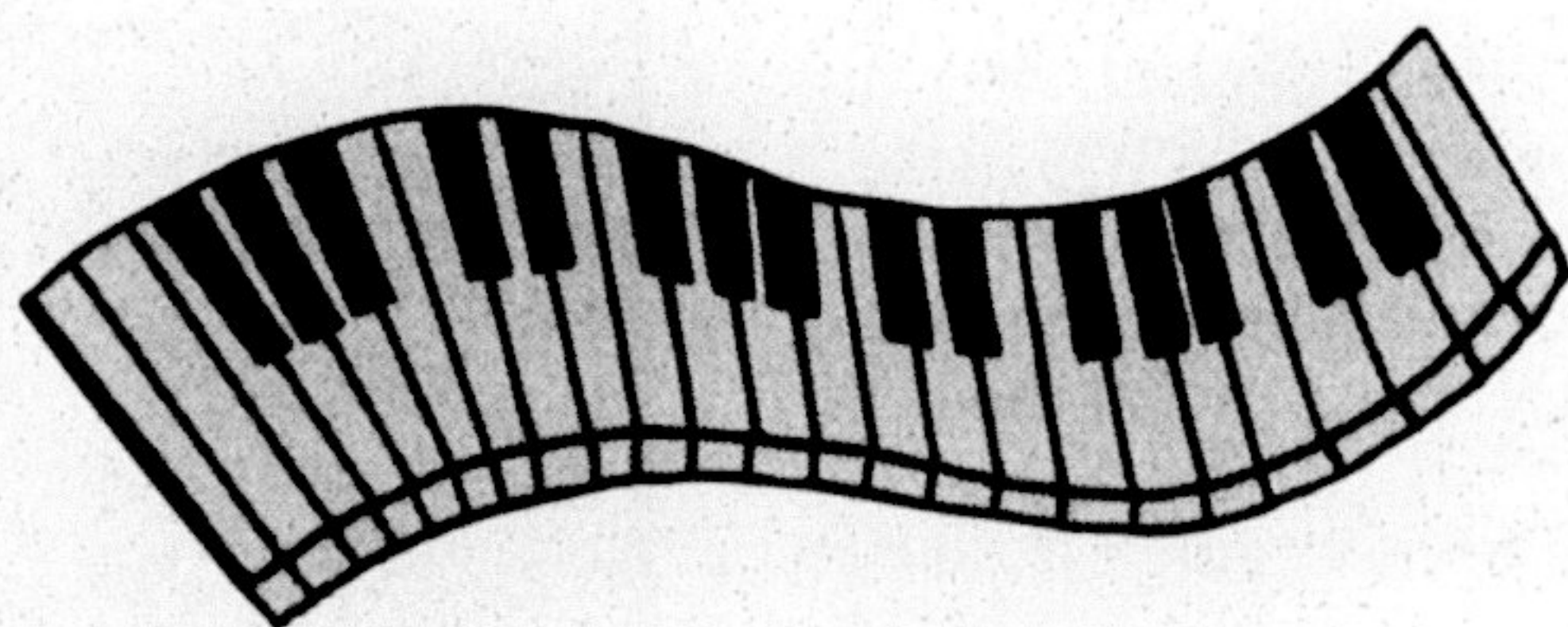
• Mick Foley is currently finishing up a children's Christmas book and will return to the WWF in a non-wrestling role.

• In off-the-mat news, Chyna and boyfriend Hunter (Triple H), who had been dating for over a year, are calling it quits.

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Stuart

*the one-man '80s band
who plays the old-school tunes*

D. Miccah Smith
Fountainhead Ace Reporter

I thought I'd seen everything, but two weeks ago Corey Stuart breezed into Ham's with his own breed of a one-man band: The portable '80s show.

Armed with a cherry-red guitar synth (think Jem and the Holograms) and a futuristically silver dee-luxe keyboard, Stuart bleeped and booped his way through the "me decade" in a marginally successful attempt to penetrate Ham's Wednesday night din.

To summarize, the music was pretty good, but the crowd just wouldn't behave. Like a true bar pianist, he crooned to a largely unresponsive audience. But don't let that fool you into thinking Stuart wasn't a one-man party.

Stuart amply demonstrated a true devotion to form, superb mixing ability and wide familiarity with the most crowd-pleasing '80s songs. His from-scratch covers, which combined pre-recorded tracks with live ones, paid homage to every band and artist from Depeche Mode to Howard Johnson, including a large sample of hair bands.

Stuart showed off his skills by playing with the covers; his rendition of Prince's "When Doves Cry" was quiet and introspective, minus the harsh percussion of the original. And, he piled on more organic sounds, such as violins, into other tracks.

But not every song was as good as the next; "Video Killed the Radio Star" and "I Ran" both fell flat of my expectations. They rang somewhat shrill, and I'd sooner have the originals. That brings me to an important point: After listening to '80s music for a long time, and a stint as the "Material Girl" on WZMB's Retro Show, I tend to associate my favorite songs with the original performers. Stuart's voice, while blending well with some songs, didn't work with others. He would do well to lay off the scotch before attempting high notes, and his bubble-gum-pop singing style was not as all-purpose as he may have hoped.

Overall, his show was energetic while managing to dodge the geeky label that usually sticks to such performances like a cheap suit; he's sure to flourish in a more performance-friendly venue. If you like the Breakfast Club, Stuart's probably your bag.

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THINGS TO DO IN GREENVILLE

(WHEN YOU'RE BORED)

THIS SUMMER

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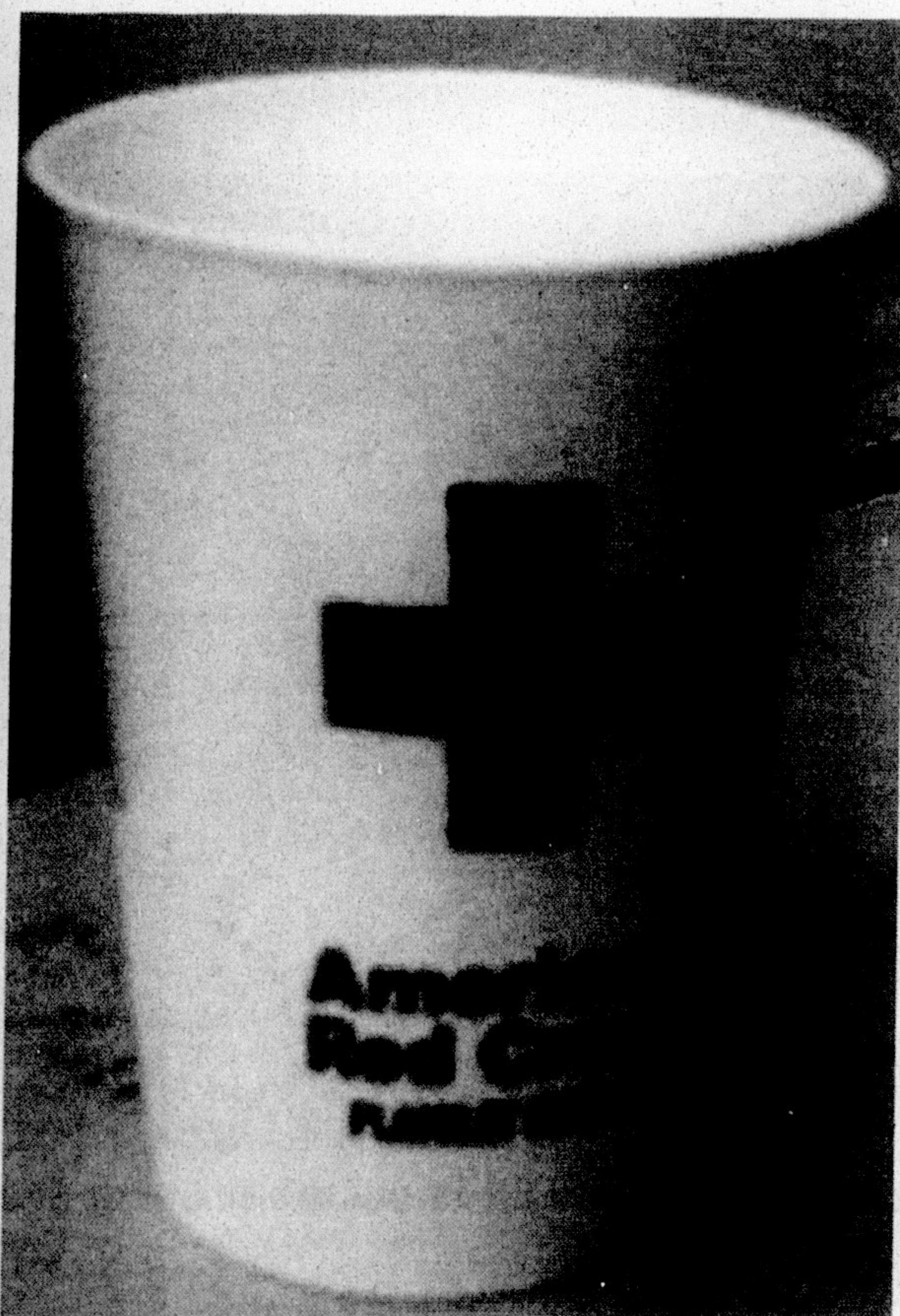
In case you haven't noticed, school is almost out for the summer. In about two weeks the warm weather will suck people out of this town like the giant vacuum cleaner from *Spaceballs*. Students disappear, returning to their roots to spend their nights sitting on cars in Kmart parking lots.

For those of us left behind, working and slipping off to summer school classes from Monday through Thursday, Greenville seems a vast, empty wasteland during the summer months. That's why this week, instead of having my usual adventures in being sober, I asked around and undertook a painstaking search through the Yellow Pages to come up with a handful of things you may not have thought of that could keep you occupied on your alcohol-free nights from May to August.

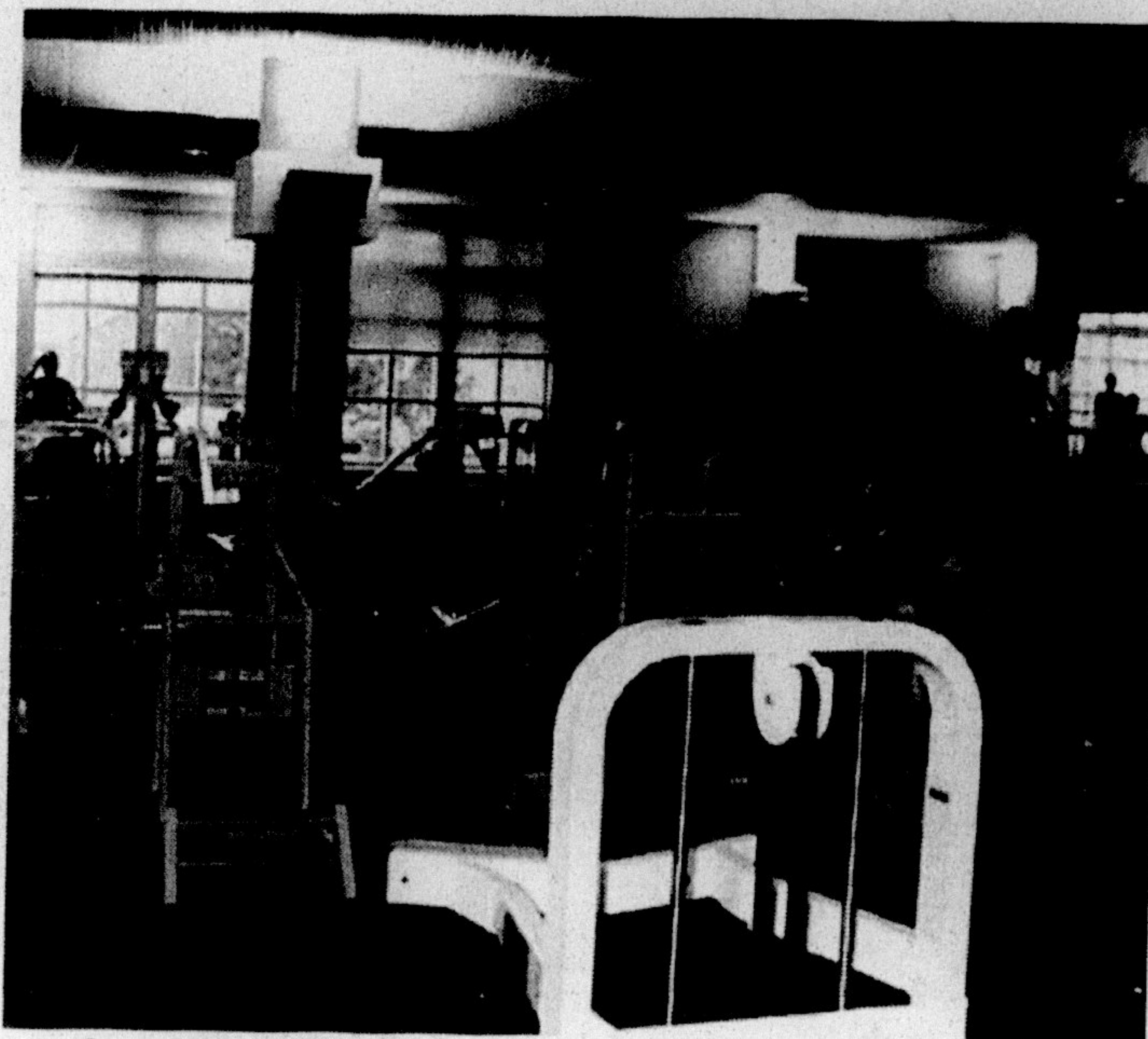
Did you know Greenville had a Fun Park? Well, we do. It's located out on 264 near the fairgrounds. They have go karts, miniature golf, bumper boats and a road track. I haven't been there yet, but they say it's a blast. It's a childhood adventure land come to life, complete with a video arcade. For more information, call 757-1800.

Not far from the Fun Park is River Park North, a nature park with trails that run along the Tar River, where you can also rent a paddle boat and go pattering along in the water. It's a great place to commune with nature, if you're into that sort of thing. But be advised, River Park North was flooded out during Floyd, so it may not be restored to its original beauty yet.

And speaking of nature, you don't have to drive to the mountains to go camping. There are several campgrounds within a half-hour drive, including one in Chocowinity and another in Washington. Pick up a map, choose a location, grab your gear and go. You can have a night under the stars, get munched on by mosquitoes and know that you're never far from home if things go bad and your significant other starts complaining about the root his or her head is using for a pillow.



See this nice cup? I drink out of this cup every day. You can have a cup like this, too, if you give platelets. (photo by Emily Richardson)



A free way to blow off steam. The Rec Center will Smith)

Not so much into nature? Like your fun a little more prepackaged? Me too. On the other side of town you can find a water slide for just that kind of purpose. It's not much of a water slide—hardly that hub of adventure you find at any beach town, but it's the only one we've got. It's located past the mall on Cotanche Street in the New Bern direction, and, it's good for at least a couple of hours of fun on a slimy blue mat.

Blue? Did I say blue? As in the color of your face after a nice game of paintball? You always meant to get a group together to go play, didn't you? Well, what better activity is there to curb summer boredom? East Carolina Paintball can rent you the field, guns, paint, masks and the appropriate extras for a weekend of firing colored globs at the faces of all your friends. For more information, call 754-8267.

Then, there's the Student Recreation Center, the old standby, the free facility where you can hop off to whenever you get the urge. Although some people feel that no one should be allowed to use the rec center unless they are serious fitness junkies, I say that nothing is better to release a little cabin fever than a few laps around the track and a game of racquetball. Give the step machine a go or try some of those funky machines. You don't have to be able to lift 200 pounds your first try, but you'd be surprised at how an occasional workout takes all the stress away. Bring your Walkman, though, because they almost never have good music playing in there.

And now, for something completely different. It may not be your idea of a good time, but the Red Cross is always looking for platelet donors. If you've spent your free time playing paintball and hanging out at the Fun Park, you may be due for something charitable.

Platelets are little things that float around in your bloodstream and are lost when cancer patients undergo chemotherapy. When you donate, the nurses stick one line in one arm and one line in the other. They run your blood out from the first and through a machine that takes out the platelets before it returns your blood to you. It doesn't hurt, but your blood comes back below your body temperature so your lips go numb and you shiver even though you're warm. It's really neat.

Platelet donation takes about two hours the first time you do it, but the nurses are really cool and you get to watch TV. Then they give you cookies, soda and a cup. Twenty-four hours later your platelets are helping to keep a leukemia patient alive. I have done this several times, and it is just about one of the most rewarding ways to spend a lazy afternoon. But, it is not for the faint-of-heart. Don't try it unless you have a strong constitution and no fear of needles, and know that you can't go to sleep because you have to maintain a constant blood flow. The center is located in the shopping center across from Carolina East Mall, next to the movie theater. For more information, call 355-3004.

So there you are. A whole heap of things you can do this summer when you have a free afternoon. Next time you hear someone whining about how boring Greenville is, you can just pick this column up and whap 'em with it. Whap 'em hard, then go ride the bumper boats.

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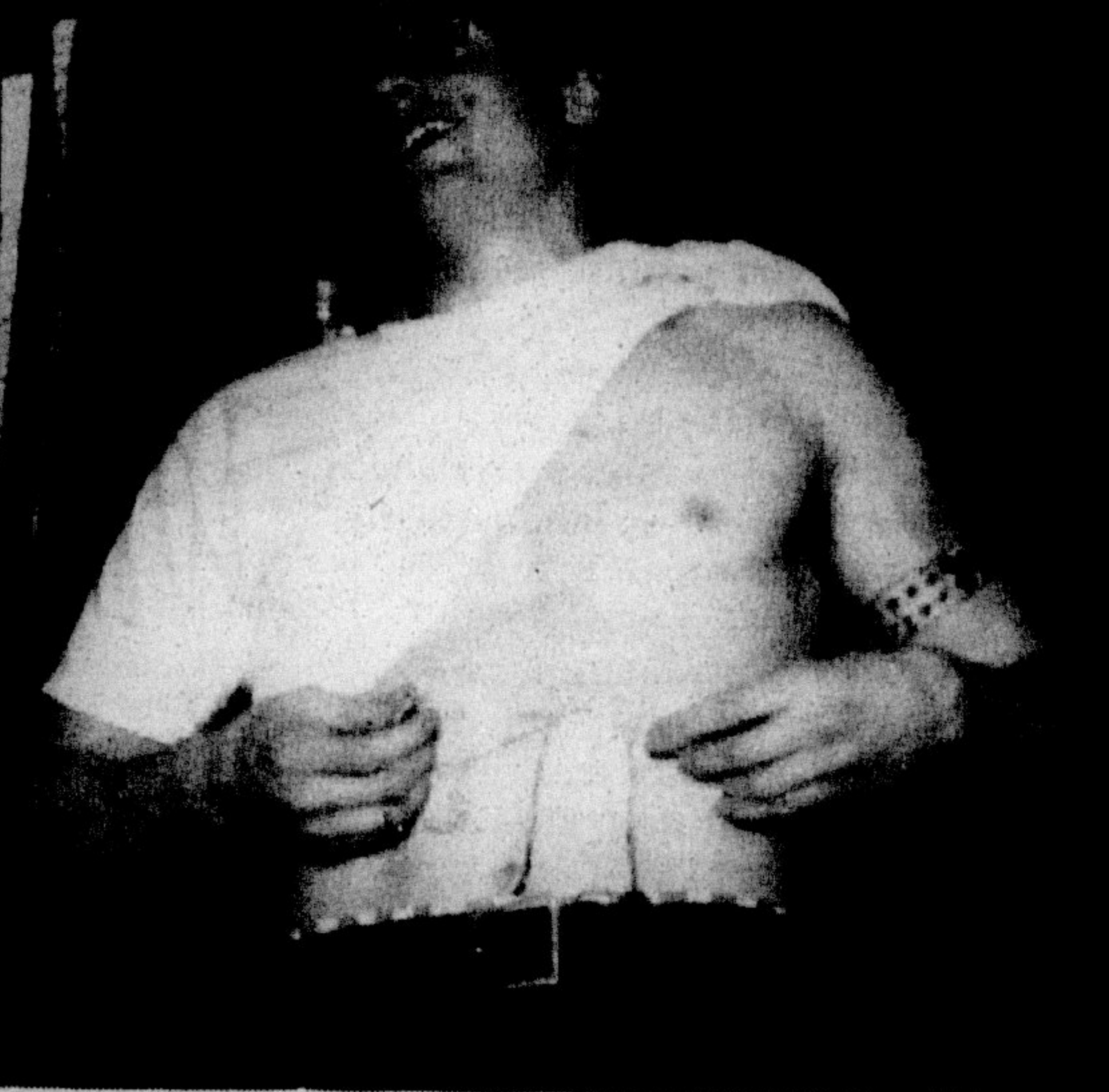
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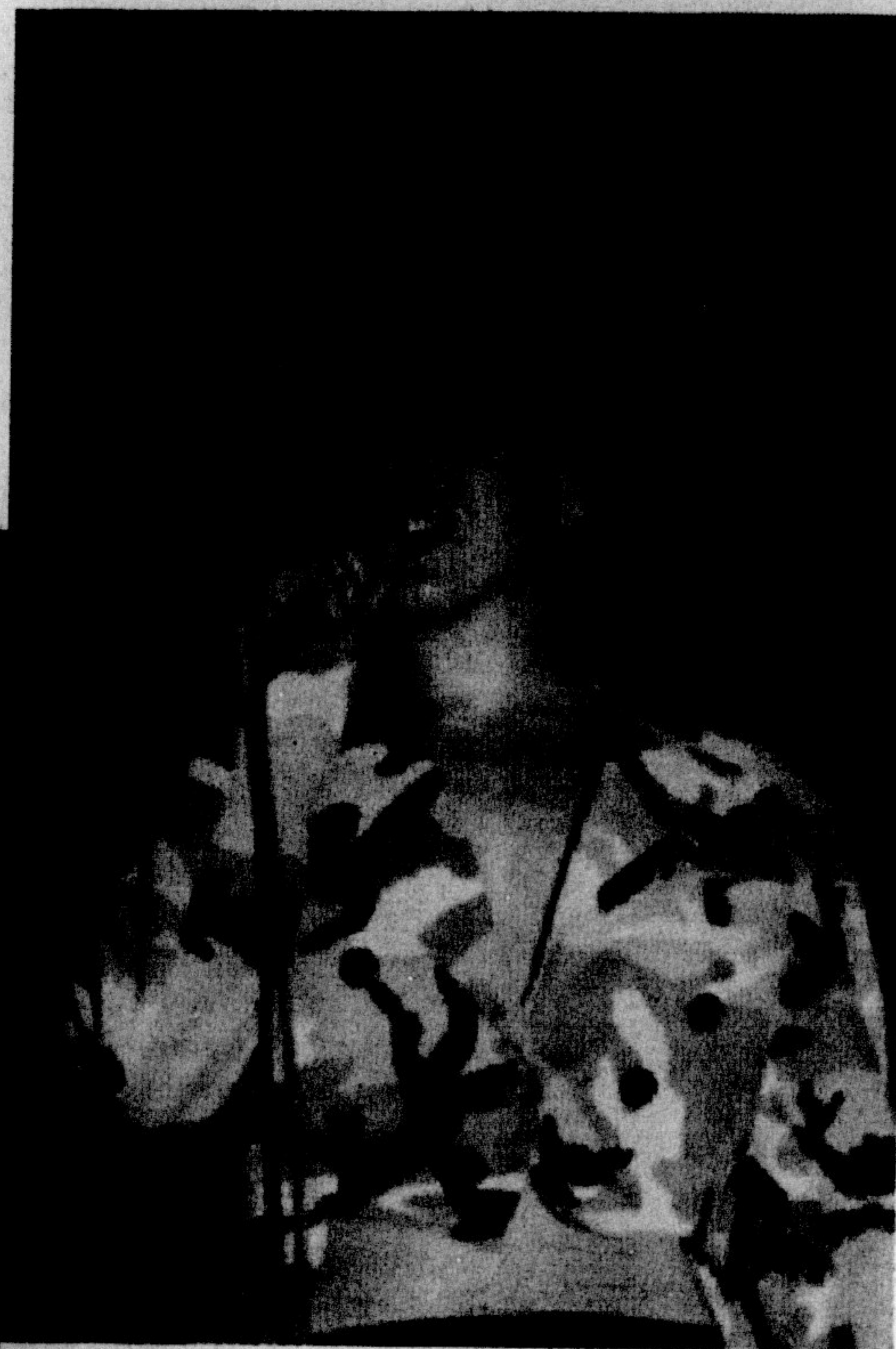
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The "Flaming Penis" show brought love, peace and thigh-high stillettoes to a very grateful crowd.



During his famous "live bleeding" act, this guy dresses as Clark Kent, then grosses everyone out.



Cyndi Lauper? Boy George? Or just another student who's still enjoying the George Clinton show?



She's just a sweet transvestite ... doing a trick with that pink thing and a piece of string ... I think.



Well, now we all know what Garth Brooks does for fun.