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NEWS BRIEFS

Public forum

The Chancellor Search Committee will hold a public forum at 7 p.m. today at the Monroe (Area Health Education) Conference Center on Venture Towers Drive near the Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The purpose of the forum will be to hear suggestions about the next chancellor of ECU. Individuals interested in signing up to speak should contact Phyllis Horns at 328-2662.

Search committee meeting

The Chancellor Search Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. July 13 in Room 254 of the Trustee Suite in Mendenhall Student Center. This meeting is open to the public. Phillip R. Dixon, Chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees, heads the search.

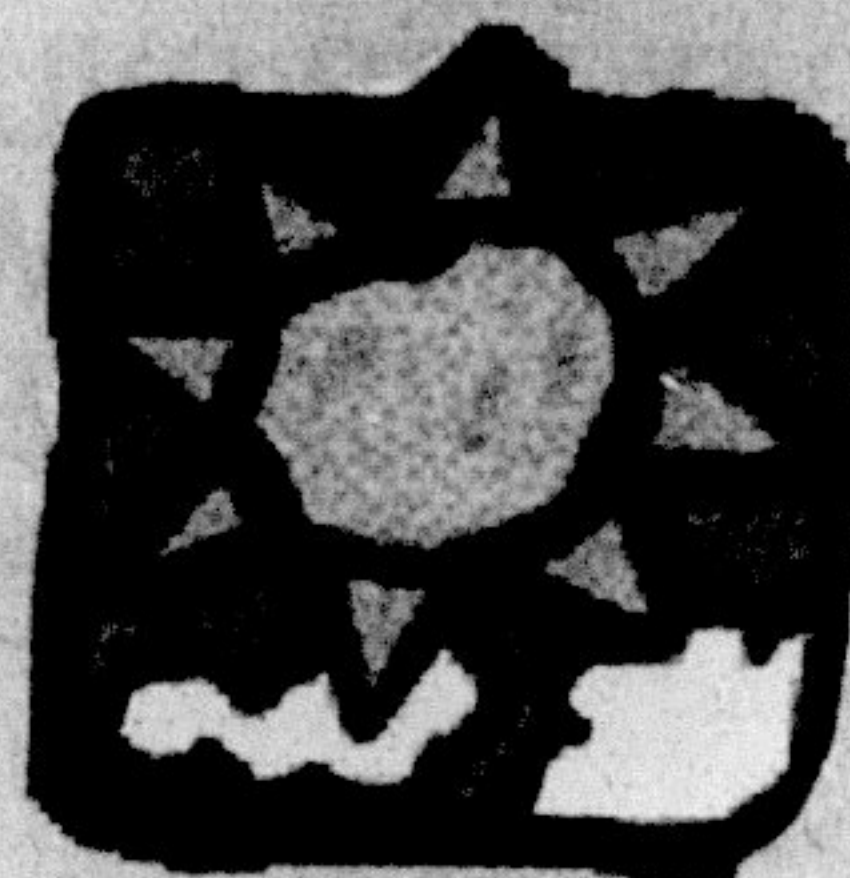
Students celebrate at U.S. Embassy

Two students in the Hospitality Management Program at ECU joined the North Carolina Restaurant Association July 4 to help promote the state's \$8.8 billion restaurant industry during the world's largest 4th of July celebration at the U. S. Embassy in Canada. Brandy L. McDonald and Michael O. Schmidt were selected to represent ECU and meet with U. S. Ambassador Gordon D. Griffin during the event.

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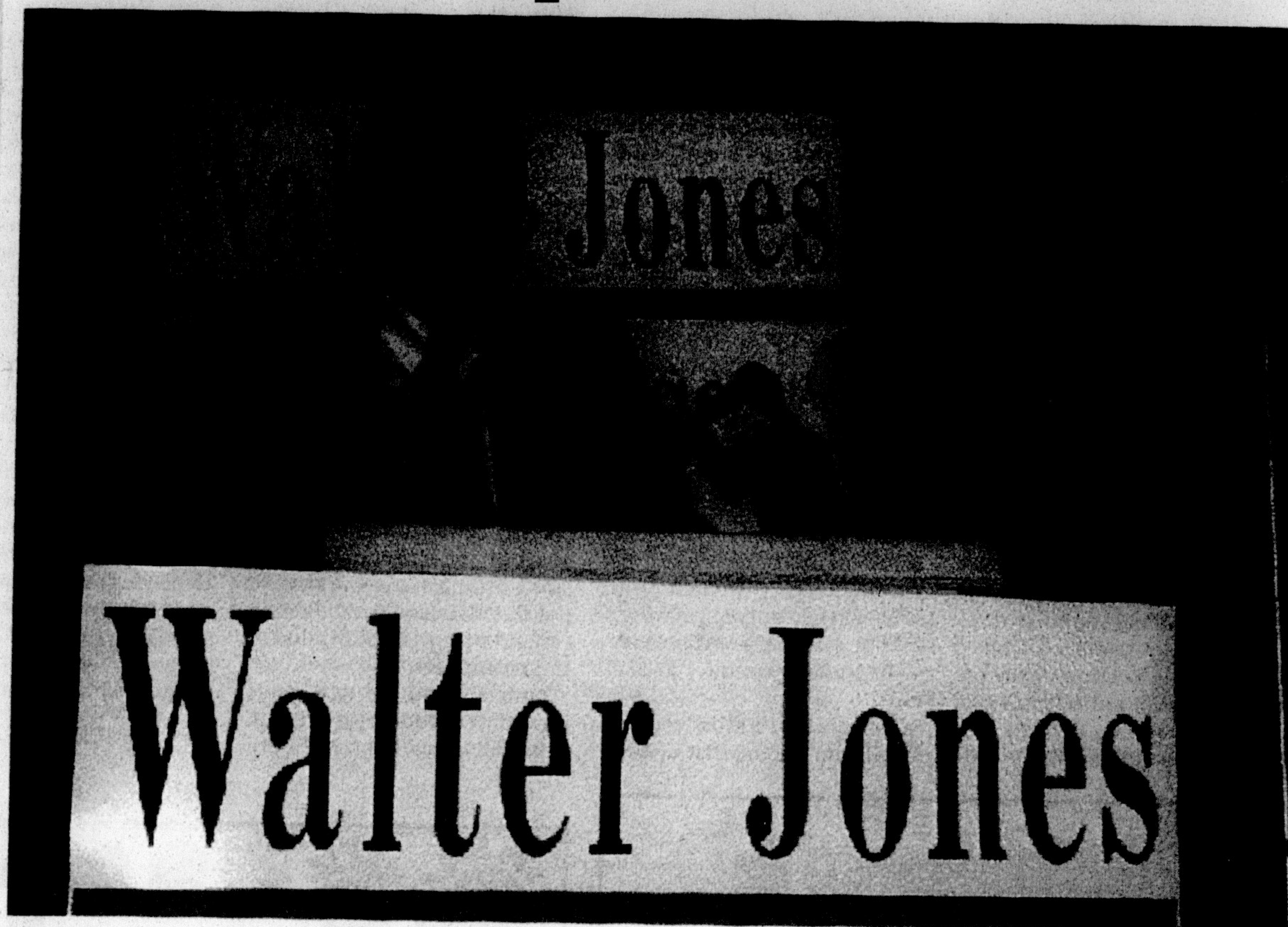
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RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should all colleges make U.S. history
requirement for undergrads?

36% Yes 64% No

House speaker visits



Speaker of the House, J. Dennis Hastert, answers reporters' questions last Thursday during a press conference with U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Nancy Kuck
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert recently visited Greenville to campaign on behalf of U.S. Rep. Walter Jones.

Hastert, who was the keynote speaker at a luncheon of over 220 supporters including members of the ECU College Republicans, recognized the meritorious service that Jones has given Eastern North Carolina during the past year.

The efforts that Walter Jones provided during the Hurricane Floyd disaster were lauded during a post luncheon press conference on Thursday, July 6.

"I feel that I know this area, because when disaster hit, Walter was in my office day in and day out to make sure that relief packages were put together," Hastert said.

Jones's behind the scenes efforts have been instrumental in hastening the recent passage of a defense and disaster bill on Capitol Hill.

The combined efforts of Jones and Hastert has help secure legislation raising national defense spending from \$24 billion last year to almost \$29 billion this year.

"We want to make sure that those dollars are there so that our men and women who serve this country don't have to feed their kids on food stamps, that the airplanes fly, that the ships have full power when they leave port, and they have the training and equipment to get the job done," Hastert said.

Jones, who is running against Lenoir County's Leigh Harvey McNairy, has sponsored the development of legislation that assists the elderly by providing subsidies to help offset the high price of prescription drugs. During the conference there were also discussions of recent efforts proposing an inheri-

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U.S. Representative (R)

ance tax repeal to eliminate the marriage 'penalty' tax assessed to two-income households and future plans for legislative assistance to tobacco farms that have lost revenues in recent years.

"We were enthused about Hastert coming out to speak," said Jason Thuringer, president of the ECU College Republicans. "He is probably one of the best keynote speakers we have ever had come to Greenville."

As representatives of the Republican Party, Hastert and Jones have worked together with Congress to reduce the national debt, balance the budget and protect Social Security.

Elections for the candidates will be held in the fall. Republicans are pledging to protect tobacco farmers and improve other farm programs, especially if they can maintain control of Congress and voters elect Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"Let me just say that some of us are work horses while others are show-horses," said Walter Jones. "I am proud to be a work-horse."

The representative was recognized for the job that he has done for the district.

"He cares, he listens, he brings these ideas back to Washington," Hastert said. "Walter Jones is one of those people who care about the Main Street issues of society."

UNC-CH, Duke form scholarly partnership

(TMS Campus)—The University of North Carolina and Duke University are the happy recipients of a scholarship that benefits both schools at once. New York investment manager Julian H. Robertson Jr. and his wife Josie are donating \$24 million to the two schools, known for being fierce sports rivals, in order to create a pioneering collaborative program that will recruit and support "extraordinary undergraduate students" at both campuses.

Located 10 miles from each other, half the students will en-

roll at UNC at Chapel Hill and half at Duke, located in nearby Durham. All will attend classes at both schools, as well as spend one semester living on the other campus.

One of the Robertsons' three sons is a 1998 graduate of Duke; another is a senior at North Carolina. Ms. Robertson is a member of North Carolina's Board of Advisors, and Mr. Robertson grew up in Salisbury, N.C.

UNC Interim Chancellor William O. McCoy and Duke President Nannerl O. Keohane announced the gift Tuesday, saying

it will inspire both universities to "new levels of collegiality and collaboration."

Mr. Roberts said in a written statement, "Josie and I are establishing this scholarship because of our great respect for both universities as well as our love and affection for the state of North Carolina."

The program will provide laptop computers to all participating students. There will be special seminars in the scholars' freshman and senior years to be taught by faculty from both campuses. Also, students attend ser-

vice learning opportunities, a pre-enrollment retreat and bi-weekly dinners during the fall semester to encourage acclimation to the cultures of both campuses. Paid summer intern experiences are also part of the program.

The first class of 30 students, 15 at Duke and 15 at UNC, is expected to enroll in 2001. Although the students will graduate from the universities they entered, each will receive certification that they received their education at both universities.

New guidelines urge universities to report drinking to parents

DURHAM (AP)—University officials say new federal guidelines will help them expand efforts to notify parents when students have abused alcohol or drugs without violating the privacy rights of students.

The regulations issued Thursday by the U.S. Department of Education respond to changes Congress made in 1998 to the Family Educational Rights and

Privacy Act. University officials said the changes clarify their ability to inform parents of an alcohol or drug violation.

"Parents can be a powerful ally in trying to help students with problems they might be having," said Carrie Zelna, associate director of student conduct at N.C. State.

"Our notification letters simply tell the parent that a viola-

tion happened. It tells them to speak with their student."

N.C. State currently notifies parents upon a student's second alcohol violation. Duke and UNC officials are working on policies that could establish or expand parental notification on their campuses.

Officials said the new guidelines don't require parental notices, but allow them if the stu-

dent is under 21.

Previously, colleges could only inform parents if the student was under 18 or the institution could prove the student was financially dependent on a parent. The privacy law prohibits colleges from releasing students' educational records.

At Duke, freshmen students

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CRIME SCENE July 4

Damage to Property—a student reported the glass of a vending machine in Jones Residence Hall was broken. It is unknown at this time if any items were stolen.

Expired Registration—a student was issued a state citation for displaying an expired registration after being stopped at 9th and Cotanche streets.

July 5

Unauthorized Use of a Handicapped Placard—a student was issued a state citation and campus appearance ticket for the unauthorized use of a handicapped windshield placard after it was seen in the window of her vehicle parked north of Slay Hall.

Fictitious Registration Plate—a non-student was issued a state citation for displaying a fictitious registration plate.

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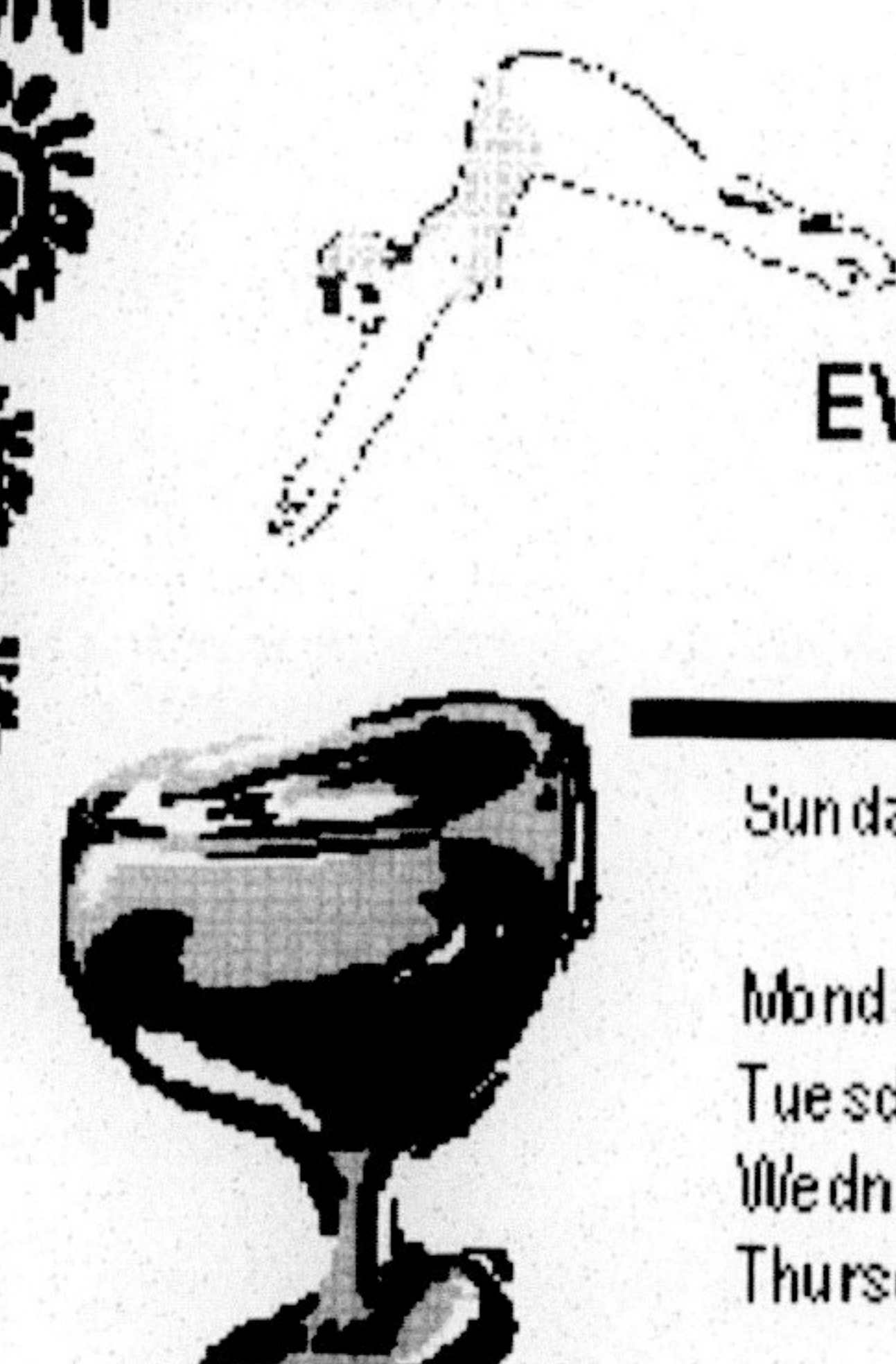
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who violate the alcohol policy for underage possession or consumption—on a second offense—have letters sent home informing parents that the students' on-campus housing license is in "imminent jeopardy."

If that same freshman is caught for distribution, the letter is sent home about housing after a first offense. Duke freshmen are required to live on campus.

Jim Clack, interim vice president of student affairs at Duke, said that as a result of recent binge drinking problems at the university, the entire alcohol policy will "probably be reviewed in the next year."

The could include discussing more parental notification, he said.

"I probably lean on the side of parents should know, particularly on a second offense," he said.

Duke sent a letter home to all students in March warning of the dangers of binge drinking after an alcohol-related student death and other excessive drinking incidents.

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Jim Clack
Vice President of Student Affairs

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill also is revising its policy for notifying parents, said Dean Bresciani, associate vice chancellor for student services.

The university now will notify parents, usually with a phone call, if there is "some level of immediate risk to the student's health and safety," he said.

The regulations from the Education Department clarify privacy laws, Bresciani said.

"Other campuses were more conservative" about notification, he said. "We're very focused on student health and this just clarifies a little better for everyone" that notification is legal.

(TMS Campus)—Students with outstanding loans could save bundles of cash by refinancing their loans. Unfortunately, many of them aren't aware of the opportunity.

As of July 1, the interest rate on student loans will increase by 1.25 percentage points. Due to increases in interest rates set by the Federal Reserve Board over the past year, the rate that borrowers must pay is going to increase to 8.25 percent, the maximum rate that most borrowers are responsible for paying under federal student-loan law.

This new rate hike will affect almost all borrowers in repayment, as federal student loans have variable interest rates that are adjusted annually, no matter how long ago the loan was taken out. Education Department officials, however, say that borrowers can take advantage of the current lower rates for the duration of their loans if they consolidate

Most students unaware of loan changes

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Caryn Rousseau
Senior, University of Missouri

them before July 1.

By consolidating multiple loans into one, borrowers can receive a fixed interest rate that is based on the weighted average of the rates on the underlying loans. Since rates have been at a historic low, department officials say, refinancing could save borrowers with \$20,000 in debt about \$1,500 in interest charges over the lives of their loans.

"I think I should have been told that," says Sarah Mallin, a graduate student at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, of her lender, Student Loan Servicing Center. Sarah, like most other students, was not aware of the impending rate hike, and the window of opportunity to make

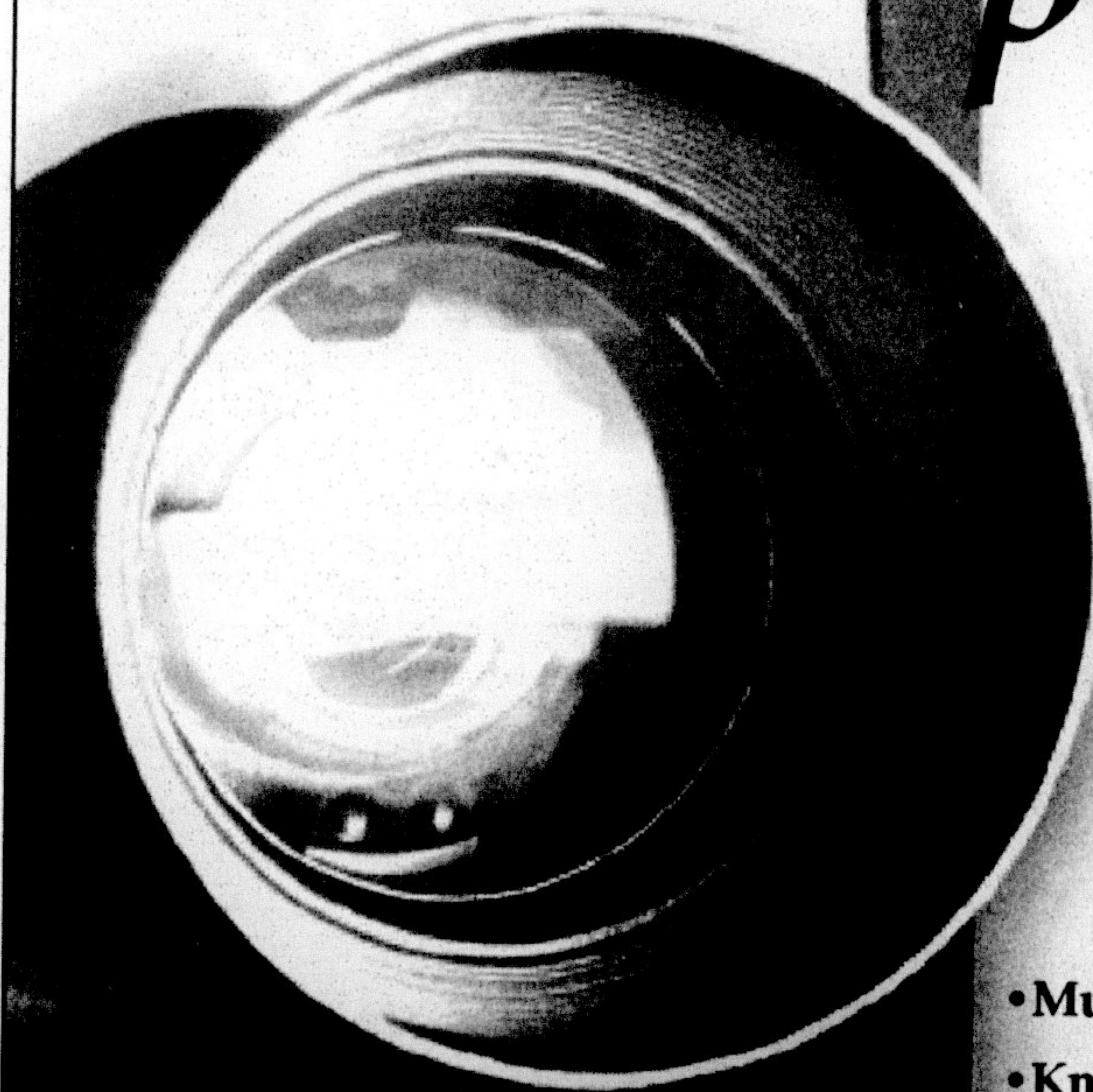
use of the old rates.

Because the news of the rate change came rather late, May 25, just as students were leaving for summer vacation, the Education Department has been pushing hard the last few weeks to alert borrowers of the upcoming rate change, via radio public service announcements and newspaper articles.

Meanwhile, colleges have been deciding whether or not want to inform alumni of the rate change. Some did nothing at all, while others have sent letters to graduates, or posted a notice in their alumni publications. Some lenders have been notifying their

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borrowers as early as month before the Education Department's message.

"Since all my loans come through my school, I think that they should have told me about the rate change. They don't have anything to lose from doing so, only the students have something to lose," says Caryn Rousseau, a senior at the University of Missouri.

At The University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, Addalou Davis, the financial aid director, says that her school is one of the few that was able to take the time to inform students of the rate change.

"This is such a busy time of year," she says of the schools. As for the lenders, "I didn't think that they would [notify their borrowers,] and they didn't."

"I was talking to our loan provider, and something went off in my brain," she says. As soon as she could, Davis sent letters off to the last three classes of graduates and notified this year's graduating class.

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Corye Barbour
U.S. Student Association

dent-loan-guarantee agency, sent out a press release in mid-April, urging borrowers to consider consolidation.

"Now," says Susan Conner, head of public relations at USA Group, "people are really going to have to hustle to get their consolidations in on time [postmarked by midnight, June 30.]"

"We think that students should consolidate now, if at all possible," says Corye Barbour, legislative director at the United States Student Association. However, regarding the lack of public awareness of the rate change, she comments, "There is and should be a notification process. Unfortunately, these communication paths are often imperfect."

Boosters, protesters prepare for Democratic Convention

LOS ANGELES (Knight-Ridder Tribune)—Two months from now, 35,000 delegates, journalists and guests will descend on the still-new Staples Center for the Democratic National Convention.

Homeless activist Ted Hayes says he'll be ready to welcome those visitors to his downtown neighborhood—with prayer vigils, candlelight marches and the presentation of an agenda "to eradicate what is happening at the bottom of society."

Hayes will be among the potentially thousands of people planning to challenge what they call political business as usual while the foregone presidential nomination of Vice President Al Gore unfolds inside the convention.

Beyond the heavily secured Democratic meeting site, Hayes is convening a national conference of homeless people and their advocates. Conservative skeptic Arianna Huffington is

hosting a shadow convention to discuss "campaign-finance reform, the growing income gap and the failed war on drugs." Constituents of the environmentalist Green Party and the multi-issue Direct Action Network also plan to converge in Los Angeles in the days surrounding the Aug. 14-17 Democratic Convention.

Some intend to disrupt the proceedings, as a loose coalition tried to do at recent World Trade Organization and World Bank/International Monetary Fund meetings in Seattle and Washington, D.C. Others don't plan to get arrested or block access but want only to remind convention guests that not everyone is happy with the major party candidates.

"A lot of people are just tired of choosing between the lesser of two evils" when voting for a president, said Alli Starr of the Direct Action Network and Global Exchange, a San Francisco-based organization dedicated to reordering the economic rela-

tionship between the United States and developing nations.

Starr's groups, and others, are planning a similar presence at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia beginning July 29.

On Monday, a handful of homeless activists demonstrated in downtown Los Angeles, claiming that police are sweeping them from the street before the Democrats convene. Police have contended all along that this is not the case.

But living conditions for homeless people like himself have convinced Hayes that "I have a duty and a responsibility to answer this convention."

That's why, as delegates leave the convention hall in the early evenings, he said they may encounter the parallel convention of a few hundred homeless activists. "We're calling on the president to implement a national Marshall Plan, if you will."

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The recent regulations regarding parental notification when a student is found in violation of drug and alcohol policies at his or her university may disappoint many students. Some may feel that this policy infringes on their privacy and that a university has no business turning in a student to his or her parents. Some students say that once they come to college, they are faced with new responsibilities, and that a 'mistake' here and there is to be expected. They think that college is a time for growing up, and that parents do not and should not need to know what 'mistakes' their children are making away from home.

Yet the fact is that there are many students who come to college to escape their home lives, and most do end up making mistakes, some on a regular basis.

These parental notifications are in fact not a violation of privacy, as they do not specify exactly what happened, only that there was a violation that should be discussed. Parents who pay for their child's schooling certainly have a right to know whether or not to expect legal trouble at the very least. Underage drinking is after all, a crime.

While there is always room for making mistakes in college, universities should not be expected to tolerate second- and third-time violators who are oblivious to their campuses' regulations.



A. Dijeack

IN MY OPINION

Confederate flag madness must stop

The Confederate flag-flying issue raging in South Carolina has been a divisive topic in the national news for quite a while. As I consider some of the unflattering statistics associated with that state (such as low scores with education and a low standard of living) I can't help but think that the state is filled with a bunch of backwoods hicks more concerned with empty ideals than with joining the rest of the modern world.

If you are a South Carolinian you should be embarrassed by this whole issue. I'm not from South Carolina and I am embarrassed for you.

To put it mildly, this confederate flag business is completely absurd. When last I checked it was the 21st century, and high time to dismiss this so-called 'heritage' notion to which flag supporters refer in order to justify the continued flying of the Confederate flag at government institutions. It's the same 'heritage,' mind you, that divided our nation, sparked a bloody war between the states and led to many an assassination along the way.

Why are some people so proud of this flag? People from other countries can't understand the enduring fascination with this flag on the part of some Southerners. I have no fascination with this flag. I feel that it is morally opposed to everything that today's America stands for.

As Southern American citizens, our heritage should not solely rest on a Civil War fought nearly 140 years ago to preserve ideals and arguments that are horribly outdated.

Instead, the Civil War is where the roots of our current racial divide rest. The flag is symbolic of slavery and I am sure that all descendants of slaves, among many others, would like to forget about that shameful and brutal period and move on. How can we as Ameri-

cans continue to support something that is only breaking us down? This flag issue threatens to set race relations back at least 40 years, to the days before the gains of the Civil Rights movement.

True enough, the flag has been removed from the top of the state building. Strangely, it has now been placed IN FRONT of the state building along with (and much to my surprise) a 38-foot Civil War commemorative statue. The flag was raised on a 30-foot BRONZE pole situated in the most visible spot on the statehouse grounds. I guess those backwoods hicks in political office should learn a thing or two about subtlety.

The moving of the flag was supposed to be some sort of compromise between flag supporters and opponents. This strange arrangement has left both sides unhappy with its placement. Supporters feel that the flag should be put back atop of the statehouse, while opponents argue that the flag should not be flown at any institution of state government. Thus, the stage is set for further controversy.

Although I am from the South, I am in agreement with the opponents. Just take the flag down. The Civil War ended long before we or our parents were born. Let it die. The Confederacy lost and the Union won (hence the flag with the 50 stars and stripes). The Union didn't even hold a grudge and graciously let the Confederacy come back to be a part of something good--the UNITED States--the richest and most politically powerful nation in history. It's time that the old Confederacy accept defeat and take it like a man (or a woman).

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IN MY OPINION

Gun control legislation necessary

Gun restriction has been a very controversial issue lately. It has been appearing in the news often and just about everybody seems to have their own ideas. The Second Amendment says people have a right to bear arms. However, with so much violence and much of it due to guns, does the Second Amendment necessarily hold true?

The recent shootings in public schools have really brought this issue to a national level. In addition to violence in schools, there have been too many incidents in the work place as well. What impact does this have on the victims and their families? Are we safe in the work place or any other public place for that matter?

This has been a serious issue for some time now and there has been much debate about what the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms) is really saying. Is it really guaranteeing individuals the right to possess weapons and if so, for what reasons or under what conditions? The main question is, what should be done, if anything, about the increasing violence?

As with any other right, the right

to bear arms comes with responsibility. This privilege, just like your right to freedom and pursuit of happiness, can easily be taken away with due process of law. If you cannot handle a gun or use it legally, then you have lost that right. But it seems as if the opponents of gun control laws don't want to limit the right to bear arms, even to a mentally ill person who might go out and start shooting because he heard voices in his head telling him to do so.

President Bill Clinton has put forth a tremendous amount of effort to reduce gun violence. However, it has been met with much resistance from the Republican-controlled congress and the National Rifle Association (NRA). With the NRA lobbying heavily and the Republicans against any type of gun control, it seems like there is a long battle ahead. With common sense and the welfare and safety of the general public on their side, they should at least get some effective legislation for gun control.

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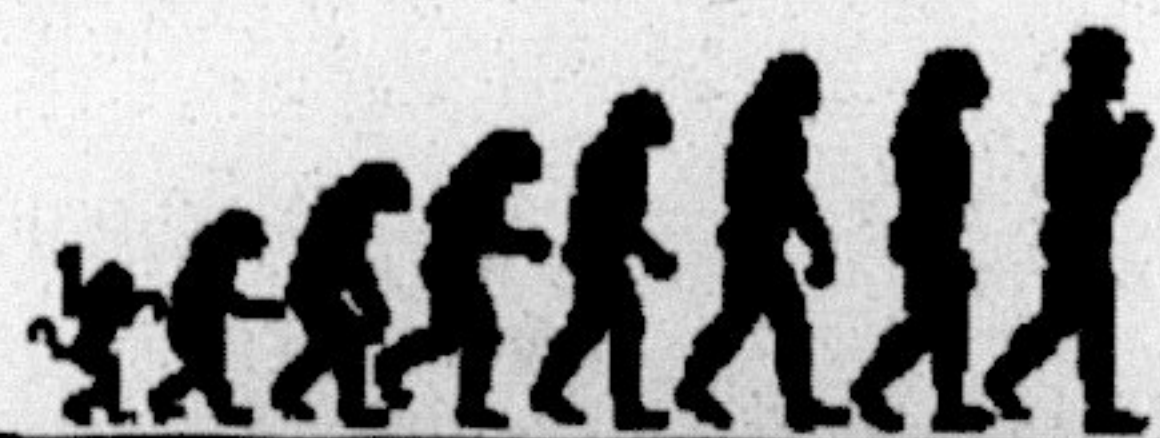
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ONLY HUMAN

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—A woman who called herself the "Daughter of God" was convicted Monday of ordering her followers to rob stores to support their lavish lifestyle.

Richelle Denise Bradshaw, 34, who also called herself Queen Shahmia, did not react as the jury delivered its verdict. She was convicted of conspiracy to commit robbery, five counts of robbery and grand theft and she faces up to 85 years in prison at sentencing for August 9. Bradshaw's nomadic ministry group traveled around Florida living on donations and staying in luxury hotels, authorities said.

Bradshaw testified that she never ordered her followers to steal and thought they were out grocery shopping when the robberies took place.

Two of her followers also face trial for a string of New Year's robberies, but their competency is being questioned and a judge has ordered evaluations.

OCEAN CITY, Md. (AP)—An onlooker at the scene of a car accident on Saturday morning in Ocean City was charged with biting someone who he felt had smiled inappropriately at the crash scene.

Anthony C. Kamenski, 23, of Washington, Pa., was charged with assault and malicious destruction.

Police said Marcos Ismael Escobar, 28, of Mardela Springs, drove off the road about 2:15 a.m., knocking down two parking signs and hitting a utility pole. As officers investigated, Kamenski apparently was offended by a man he believed had smiled as he walked by the accident scene and proceeded to rip his shirt and bite his cheek, police and witnesses said.

Brian Frizzelle
FEATURES WRITER

You've walked across campus and seen the cupola in the center of the mall, but you never really knew why it was there. It was a gift from a class of students, and there are more gifts like it all over campus.

Gifts to the school are given in the form of monetary donations, such as scholarships and landmarks like the cupola. The cupola was purchased with the combined donations of three families of alumni as part of the chancellor's plan for campus renovation. Other examples of landmark donations can be found at the newly renovated Joyner Library. The sculptures in the inner garden were donated by various families and alumni. In addition, some of the artwork have been donated while others are on loan or are done by students.

"The base for these gifts often comes from alumni," said Jim Lanier, vice chancellor of institutional advancement. "We have had a few gifts from students but no gifts come from student fees. All are donated gifts from outside the university which includes parents, alumni, and students."

Gifts are usually given to one of three foundations at ECU. These include academics, athletics, and medicine.

"We raised over \$10 million for all three foundations during the last fiscal year," Lanier said.

These gifts are for the benefit of the school. Much of the gifts given to the athletic foundation go toward Pirate Club scholarships and more recently to the construction of the new Strength and Conditioning Center. The Pirate Club, also known as the ECU Educational Foundation, is made up mostly of alumni and fans who simply picked ECU as their team to pull for.

"Last year we had 6,800 members," said Dennis Young, executive director of the ECU Pirate Club. "Our goal for 2000 is 7,400."

The Pirate Club raised \$10.8 million during a 13 month long campaign for the Strength and Conditioning Center.

"Our goal for this fiscal year is to raise \$2.9 million in unrestricted contributions," Young said. "We will fund over \$2 million in student athletics and another \$35,000 in other expenses for these athletics."

The academic foundation's two priorities for the gifts that they receive are to increase the number of merit scholarships offered to freshmen and endowed professorships for visiting professors that come to ECU.

"We had \$12.5 million as of last month," Lanier said. "We hope to have over \$15 million by the end of 2000 for merit scholarships. Also, part of the money raised for the medical foundation goes for merit scholarships."

The medical foundation seeks endowment support to make improvements in various student laboratories in health sciences including allied health sciences, Brody School of Medicine, and the school of nursing.

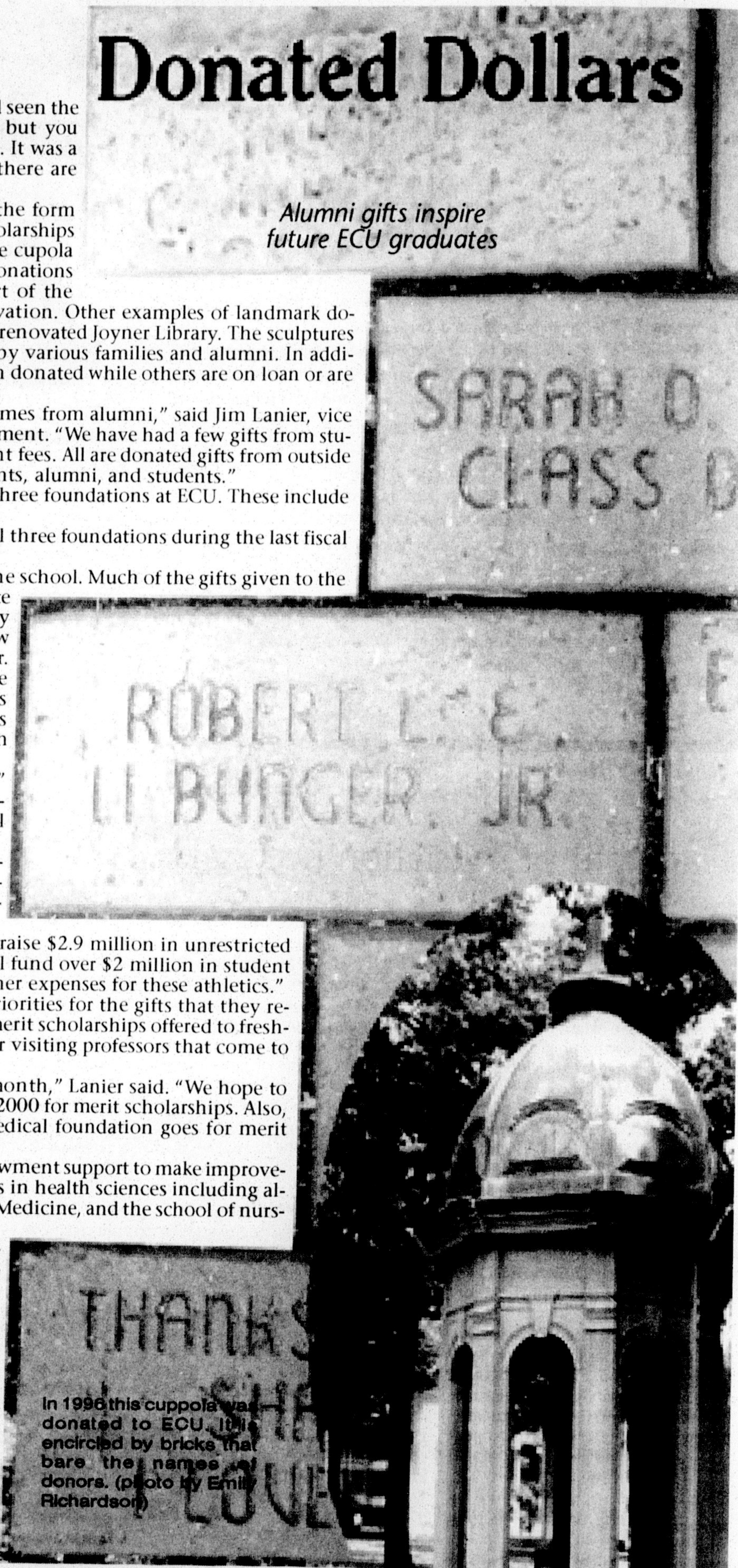
"We are a partner in the ECU foundation in order to support the campaign for east carolina scholars designed to increase ECU's endowment to fund merit scholarships," said Terry Carter, vice president and executive director for the medical foundation of ECU.

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PICK OF THE WEEK: "Big Brother" on CBS

Emily Little
FEATURES EDITOR

Welcome to Sartre's Hell—10 people living in a house with no windows, ubiquitous two-way mirrors and cameras shoved into every conceivable corner, including over the showerhead.

As if such a situation weren't terrifying enough, CBS has adopted the Orwellian title so that we are aware of our societal descent into voyeuristic madness. The scariest part is that the CBS network did not come up with the idea itself. If you don't count the more exciting, youth-oriented "The Real World" on MTV, "Big Brother" programming originated in Europe, where a trial season ran with great success.

The people in this house have no electronics and few cooking supplies, although their fenced-in back yard does include a swimming pool and a mini-farm with chickens and a lemon tree. Given occasional instructions by the network gods who observe and direct the show from their little booth full of TVs, the housemates aim to peaceably co-exist without killing each other until, one by one, the general public votes members off by submitted vote at the CBS.com Web site. The last resident left sitting gets half a million dollars.

The take is not as large as "Survivor" but, then again, nobody has to eat grubs or sleep with snakes.

At first it seemed that "Big Brother" was a big mistake. The first day involved the housemates wandering around a lot and being polite. Nobody started



a fight, nobody had sex, and nobody went to a strip club and came home in a police car. Of course, since they can't leave the house, that last one would be difficult anyway, but it just goes to show you how the CBS anti-privacy show differs sharply

from the relative freedom allotted to cast members on "The Real World."

Another significant difference is that these people have already stopped acting. On "The Real World," the cameras shut off on occasion, so the cast preserves and projects a constant persona when on screen. In the "Big Brother" house, the cameras never go away. The bedrooms are even equipped with night-vision so that we can watch these people sleep. After only four days, it was apparent that the cast members had already grown accustomed to the cameras and stopped thinking about them all the time.

The action got a little better as the first week went on. We learned that one of the housemates has an unhappy marriage and that another housemate is a stripper. We watched a ladies' man hit on Miss Washington State, who is indeed a member of the cast, even though his girlfriend was probably watching at home. Good stuff for the nosy housewife or dorm room bunny. But, don't expect these people to do anything too outlandish. It's a little like watching "48 Hours" without Dan Rather, and for way more than two days. We have three months to get to know these people and, lucky for us, they're on every single night of the week.

That's right, you can catch normal people living in a house all the time. And when the show's not on, you can see them on the Web site. So if your own life isn't nearly boring enough or you grow weary of watching normal people inhabiting your own home, this show is for you.

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ACLU: Is rap music criminal?

NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) - The Iberia Parish sheriff should be ordered to return rap music confiscated from a roller skating rink and stop harrasing the rink's owner, the ACLU says.

Skate Zone owner Frank Torries and rink manager Tricia Boudoin were arrested in February on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. They have not been prosecuted.

Sheriff Sid Hebert contends that the rap lyrics started a brawl outside the rink. He arrested Torries and Boudoin several days after deputies broke up the brawl and confiscated the CDs.

Torries filed a civil rights suit in U.S. District Court in Lafayette.

"The lawsuit is asking whether playing 'The Hokey Pokey' can be considered a criminal act," said Joe Cook, executive director for the Louisiana chapter of the ACLU.

ACLU attorney E. Barton Conradi is asking U.S. District Court Judge Tucker Melancon to declare the music constitutionally protected.

Only one CD was marked

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Joe Cook
Executive director ACLU, Louisiana

with a parental warning sticker. The others all are edited versions that play on the radio, Conradi said.

In an affidavit to Torries' arrest warrant, Sgt. Gerald Scott said the confiscated music contained "vile, obscene and indecent language."

"This type of music is the principal cause of the large gang fights that break out at this business," he wrote.

The sheriff's office has had to break up five large fights at the rink in the last four years, Hebert said.

Hebert said he is sticking by his decision. Parents have the right to know business owners won't play morally questionable music to their children, he said.

The night the music was con-

fiscated, several hundred youths, all between the ages of 12 and 21, attended a party for which organizers rented a St. Mary Parish school bus to bring them to the rink.

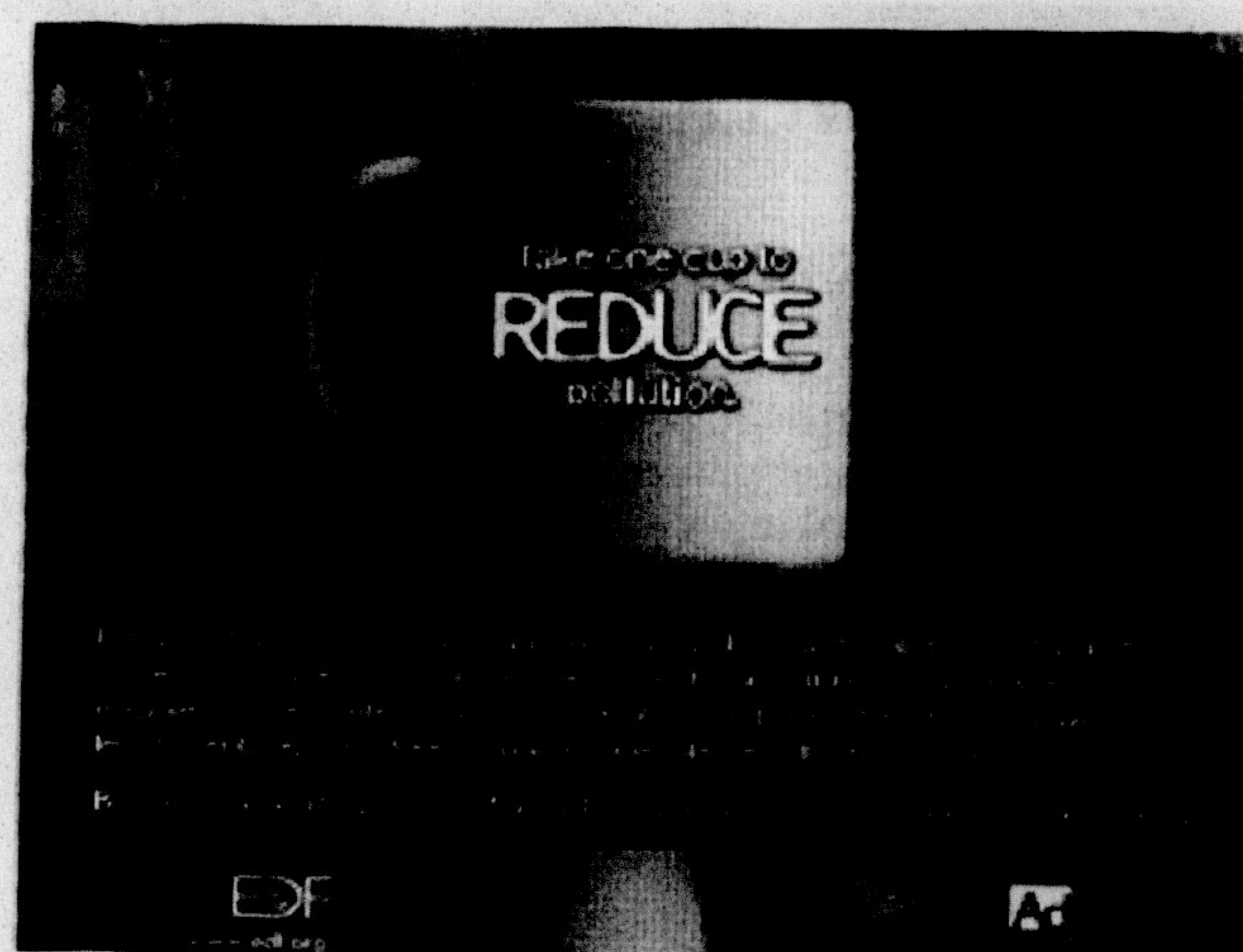
The fight broke out when the youths were told to board the bus to leave about 10:45 p.m. The fight spilled outside into the parking lot. Skates were thrown through a rink's front window and several windows on the bus, a sheriff's report said.

In a letter to area clergy, Hebert asks them to stand with him against the "slowly eroding" standards and corruption in the community.

"The lyrics of these songs breed violence in the minds of our children, then unfortunately, they act on what was planted in their minds," Hebert wrote.

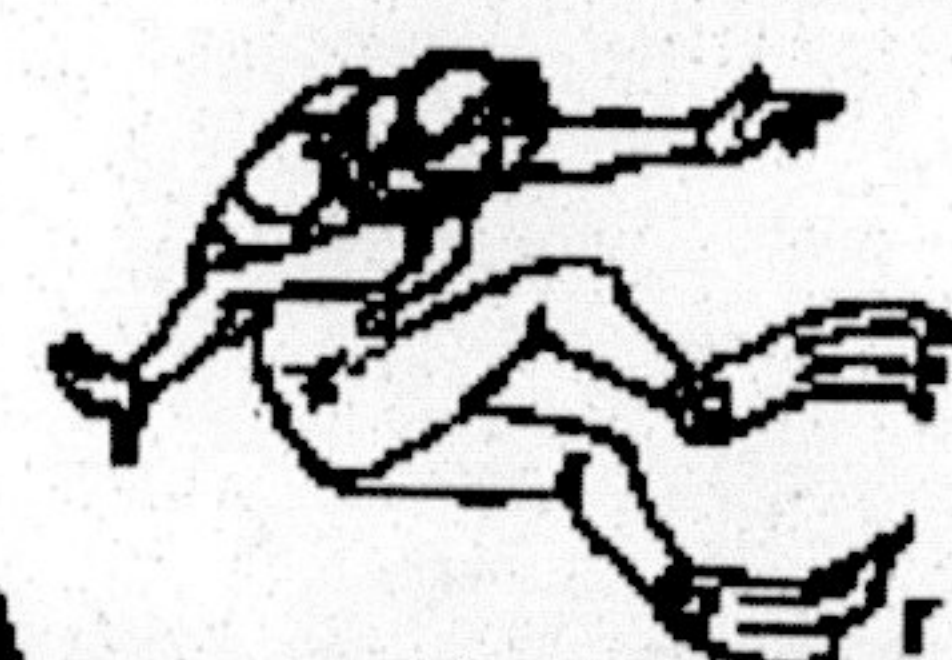
Cook said pastors supporting Hebert might consider what would happen if the government decided how they worship.

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SPORTS EDITOR

Williams takes Wimbledon title

Venus Williams defeated fellow American Lindsey Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3), Saturday to capture her first grand slam title. Williams' road to the Wimbledon title was one of the hardest in the tournament's long history. Williams defeated the number one seed, Martina Hingis in the quarterfinals, her sister Serena in the semifinals and Davenport, the number two seed, in the finals. Williams became the first African American woman to win Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957.

Allenby wins Western Open

Australian Robert Allenby sank a two-foot par putt to beat Nick Price and win the Western Open outside Chicago. The win is only Price's second PGA Tour victory and was put in jeopardy by a near collapse in Sunday's final round. With a two stroke lead, Allenby bogeyed the 14th and 18th to force a playoff with Price.

13 die in riot

A "harmless" riot broke out at a soccer match in Zimbabwe last weekend. The World Cup qualification match between South Africa and Zimbabwe ended in a 1-0 victory for South Africa. Following the match, a riot broke out in the stadium. At least 13 people were killed and four injured in the riot.

The Colonial Athletic Association began the 1999-2000 season with nine teams. Beginning next year, the CAA will be left with six teams and fight for survival.

The exodus from the conference began last fall when ECU, already a member of Conference USA in football, opted to join the league for all sports beginning in 2001. Later in the year, American and Richmond followed ECU's lead announcing that they too would leave the CAA for other conferences.

"The CAA is larger than any one institution," CAA commissioner Thomas Yeager said following Richmond's decision to leave.

Yeager's proclamation may be tested this season as American, Richmond and ECU will not be eligible to compete.

The trend of leaving the CAA began with the Pirates. In October of 1999, C-USA formally invited ECU into the conference. Based on C-USA's spot as one of the nation's most visible conference, ECU quickly accepted.

"Conference USA as a total conference, I think is one of the premier athletic conferences in the country," said ECU Athletic Director Mike Hamrick following the announcement. "It has been so uncomfortable being in two conference. After 2000 we will be able to say we are a member of one conference."

In December, the CAA's Council of Presidents accepted ECU's resignation from the conference.

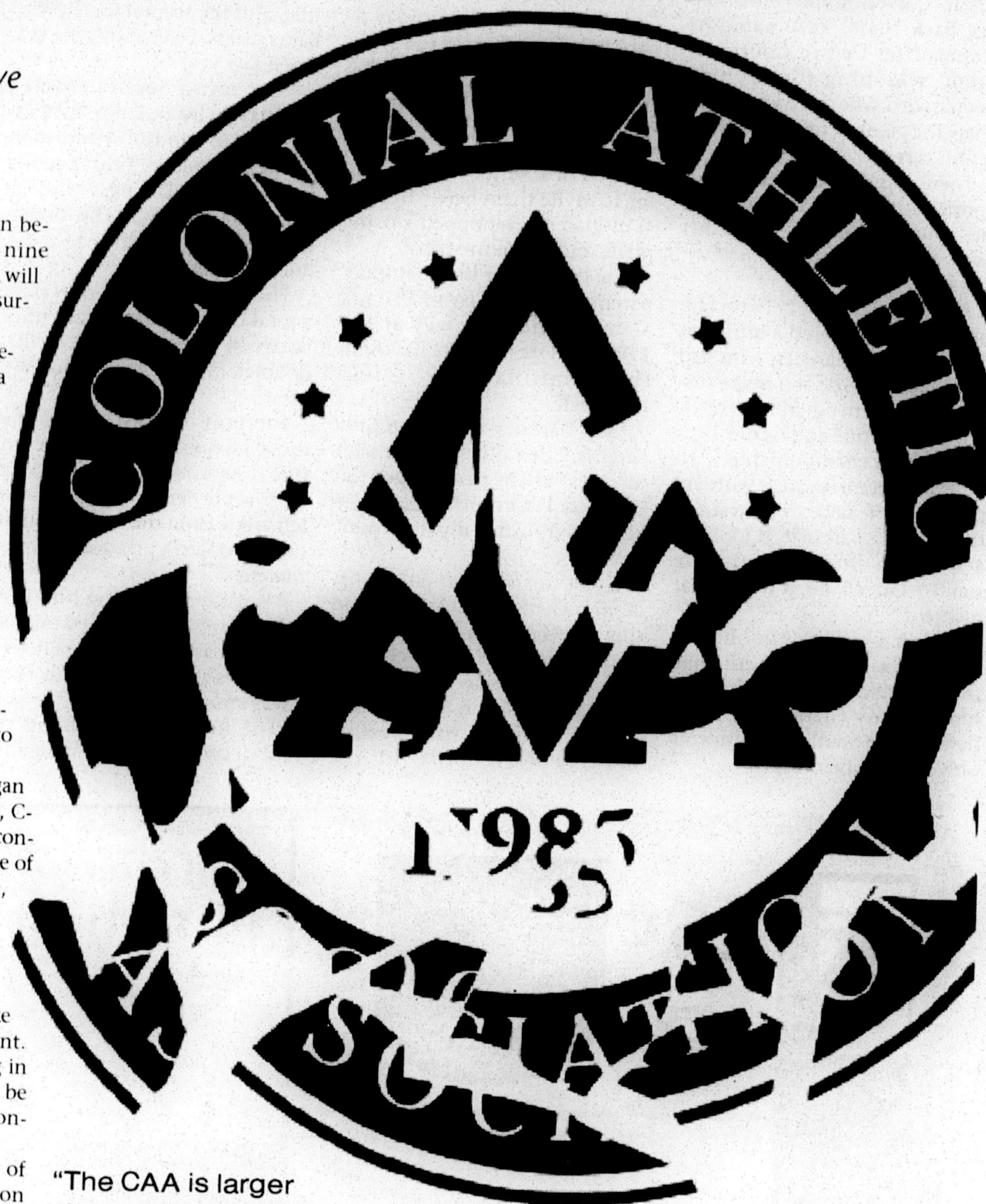
As a condition of their resignation, the CAA made ECU ineligible to compete for CAA Championships in the 2000-2001 season.

"We continue to wish ECU success in the future, but the Council determined that it was inappropriate for a resigned member to potentially represent the conference in NCAA competition."

The move means that the Pirates will have a CAA schedule next season but will not be in the running for a regular season title, nor will they be invited to the conference tournament. The only way the Pirates will make it to an NCAA competition will be by virtue of an at-large bid.

In their last shot at a CAA title, the Pirates would end up winning titles in three Spring sports. The ECU women's swimming, women's track & field and baseball teams took home titles in the 2000 season.

The spring would also see the CAA lose



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two more members.

Virginia and the Washington D.C. area have long been considered the heartland of the CAA. Only two of the conference's nine teams (ECU, UNC-W) are from outside of the area.

This time it would be a pair of schools from that area that would bid farewell.

First, American University announced in April that it would be leaving and joining the Patriot League in the 2001-2002 season. A month later, the University of Richmond announced that it too would be leaving the CAA.

With its current lineup missing three of its charter members, the CAA heads into the 2000-2001 season with uncertainty.

Next year's CAA baseball tournament will be held in Manteo. This year,

ECU supplied most of the fans at the event. The CAA will have to find a way to replace the Pirate fans.

Many other CAA events are held in Richmond. While VCU, located in Richmond, is still a member one of the city's school, the Richmond Spiders will not be competing.

The CAA now must look for new members to fill the void left by the three departures.

"The CAA has an expansion committee in place and that group will continue to actively address issues involving potential new members," said Yeager.

Indeed the CAA will have to work quickly to find new members or the CAA itself might be in danger.

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Sampras wins 7th Wimbledon title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—His lips quivering and eyes blinking back tears, Pete Sampras scanned the Centre Court stadium, searching for the two people with whom he wanted to share the greatest moment in his tennis career.

There, high in the stands, he spotted his father, Sam, waving his arms desperately to get his son's attention, and his mother, Georgia.

Sampras climbed into the bleachers and shared a long embrace with his parents, who had just watched their son make history by winning his seventh Wimbledon title and record 13th Grand Slam championship.

"It was nice to share it with my parents," he said. "I've wanted them to be a part of it. It took me a while to find them (in the stands). Once I did, it was a great moment."

It was a rare display of emotion by Sampras, whose parents had never been to Wimbledon or seen him win any Grand Slam. They flew in from Southern California only the day before.

Sampras rewarded them by overcoming Patrick Rafter 6-7 (10), 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2 Sunday to pass Roy Emerson for the most Slam titles and tie Willie Renshaw, a player in the 1880s, for the most Wimbledon victories.

"Win or lose today, I was going to invite them here," he said. "I'm glad they hopped on the plane and made the trip."

The only other time Sampras' parents saw him play in a Grand Slam tournament was at the 1992 U.S. Open, where he lost in the semifinals to Goran Ivanisevic.

"My parents are not tennis parents," he said. "You see a lot of cases where parents get too involved. I'm my own man. They always give me my independence."

There was another emotional family celebration at Wimbledon this weekend. On Saturday, 20-year-old Venus Williams climbed into the stands to embrace her 18-year-old sister, Serena, and father, Richard, after beating Lindsay Davenport in the

women's final.

It was Venus' first Grand Slam title, and the second for the Williams sisters. Serena won the U.S. Open last year.

Venus and Serena teamed Monday to become the first sisters ever to win the Wimbledon women's doubles title, beating Julie Halard-Decugis and Ai Sugiyama 6-3, 6-2. The match had been put off until Monday due to Sunday's rain.

The Williams sisters now have a total of nine Grand Slam titles between them in singles (2), doubles (3) and mixed doubles (4).

Sampras' victory capped the most challenging of his seven title runs at Wimbledon. Coping with acute tendinitis above his left ankle from the second round on, he couldn't practice between matches.

"It really is amazing how this tournament just panned out for me," he said. "I didn't really feel like I was going to win here. I felt I was struggling."

The final had four hours of rain delays and ended in fading

light at 8:57 p.m., after 3 hours, 2 minutes of actual play. If Rafter, the two-time U.S. Open champion, had won the fourth set, they would have had to return Monday.

Sampras said before the match that as long as his right arm held up, he would be a threat. It held up fine.

Sampras served 27 aces at up to 133 mph, and had 46 more unreturned serves as he averaged a remarkable 123 mph on first serves.

Sampras faced only two break points and won once more without yielding a single game on his serve. Rafter couldn't break him in 21 service games. In his seven title matches, Sampras has dropped serve only four times in 131 games.

The only time Sampras buckled was in the first-set tiebreaker when he double-faulted to lose the set.

"We all choke," said Sampras, who wound up with 12 double-faults. "No matter who you are, you just get in the heat of the moment."


The match turned in the second set tiebreaker, when Rafter wilted after taking a 4-1 lead. He double-faulted, then netted a forehand to let Sampras tie it. Sampras then smacked a service winner and won his fifth straight point with a stunning inside-out forehand crosscourt that zipped past Rafter. Two points later, he put the set away with a solid volley.

"I felt it slipping away," Sampras said. "He lost his nerve at 4-1 in the second breaker. From a matter of feeling like I was going to lose the match, I felt like I was going to win the match within two minutes."

Rafter admitted the tension got to him.

"I did get a little bit tight," he said. "It was an opportunity for me to go up two sets to love. From there it's a very tough position, as Pete knows, to come back from that. But that's what happens when you get tight."

Sampras has won 28 straight matches at Wimbledon, extending his mark there to 53-1 over the past eight years.

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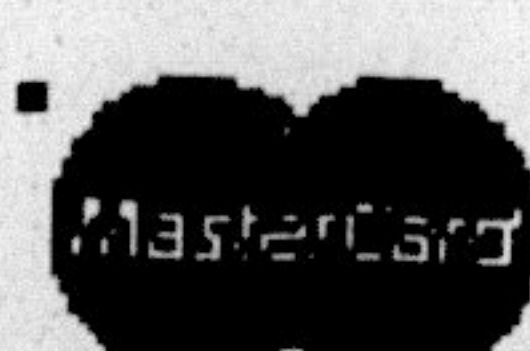
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Stewart recalls Irwin after win

LOUDON, N.H. (AP)—Tony Stewart believes his sometimes difficult rivalry with Kenny Irwin was one of the reasons for their rise in the NASCAR ranks.

So he felt good about dedicating his victory in the New England 300 on Sunday to Irwin, killed Friday when his car crashed in practice at New Hampshire International Speedway.

"We weren't always on the best of terms, but we always brought out the best in each other," Stewart said. "We always respected each other."

Facing a fuel problem Sunday, Stewart got lucky and won the rain-delayed race, which was shortened by 27 laps.

He dominated, leading 156 of 273 laps. A year ago, a fuel miscalculation by his crew chief cost him the race.

This time, a decision to remain on the track once he got the lead before the first of two rain-caused red flags, proved decisive. He was happy for crew chief Greg Zipadelli, whose bad math was costly last year.

But most of all, he was happy he was able to come through for

Irwin.

"I want to win this one for Kenny," Stewart said during a rain delay halfway through the event. "I'm sure he's riding along with all of us this weekend."

Meanwhile, Mike Helton, NASCAR's chief operating officer, said the cause of Irwin's crash remained undetermined. The death came eight weeks after Busch series driver Adam Petty was killed in the same low-banked third turn.

Stewart's Pontiac, like the cars of the other 42 drivers, had a decal that read: "In Memory of Kenny Irwin."

A slightly subdued crowd of 101,000 filed out quietly after NASCAR called the race. There were no post-race celebrations, and Stewart didn't take a victory lap as the rain began to fall harder.

Stewart and Irwin had raced each other hard for most of the last decade, starting with mid-gets and sprints before both moved to NASCAR.

Last October, they banged into each other twice in Martinsville, Va. The second collision side-

lined Stewart, who threw heat shields from his shoes at Irwin, an act that resulted in a \$5,000 fine from NASCAR.

"We had our ups and downs," Stewart said of Irwin. "But it was two guys pushing each other hard."

Stewart said he was badly shaken by the death of Irwin.

"It was a wakeup call, a reality check," Stewart said. "I was late getting started this morning because I didn't want to miss all the tributes to Kenny on TV. I still think I'm going to walk around the corner and find him there."

Last July, Stewart dominated late in the race but lost when he ran out of fuel with less than three laps remaining. His crew inexplicably failed to bring him in for a splash of gas even though he was safely in the lead.

That blunder cost him what would have been his first career victory. Later, he won three times on his way to a fourth place finish in the points race, capping the best rookie season in history.

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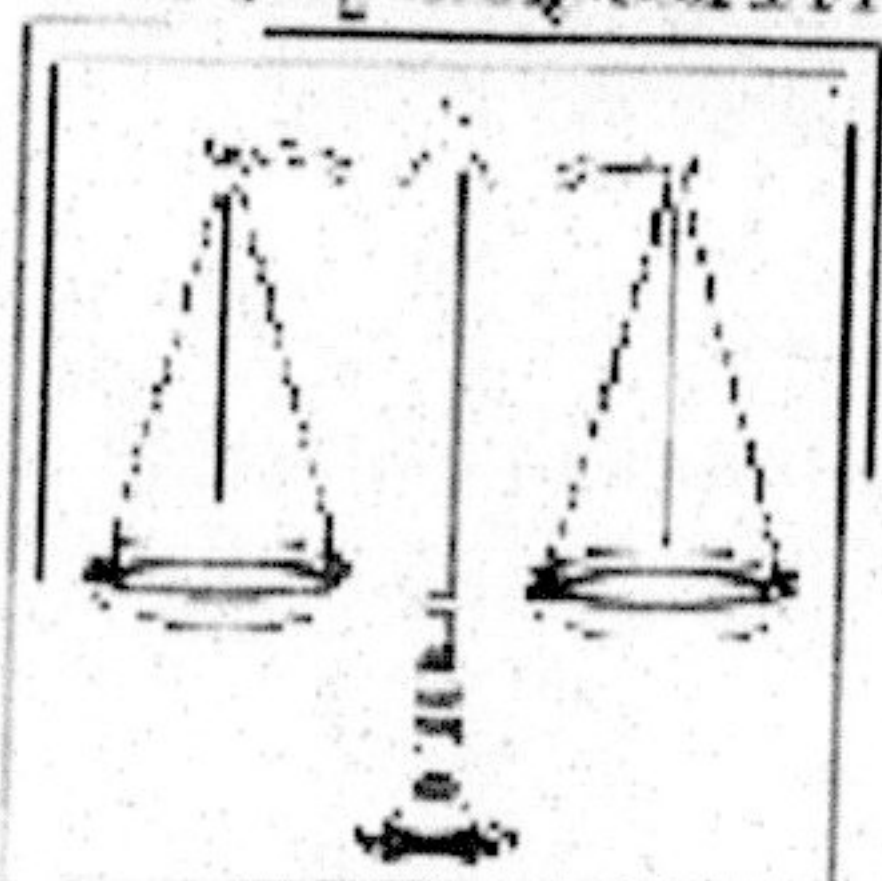
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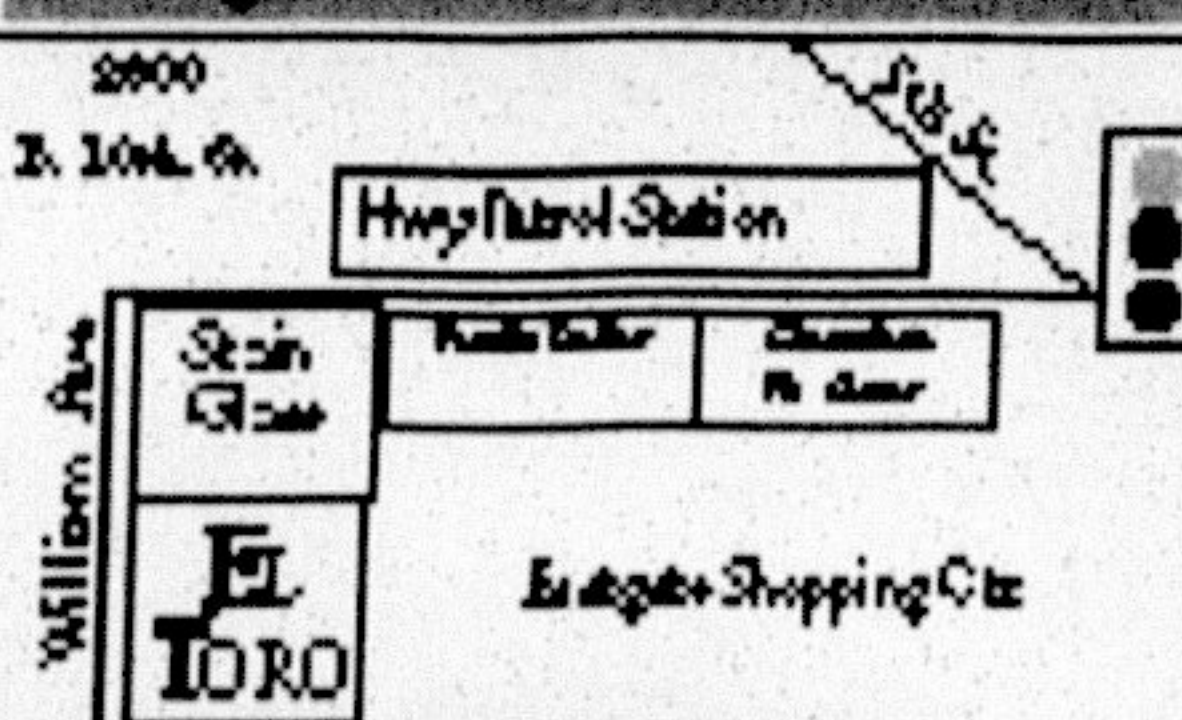
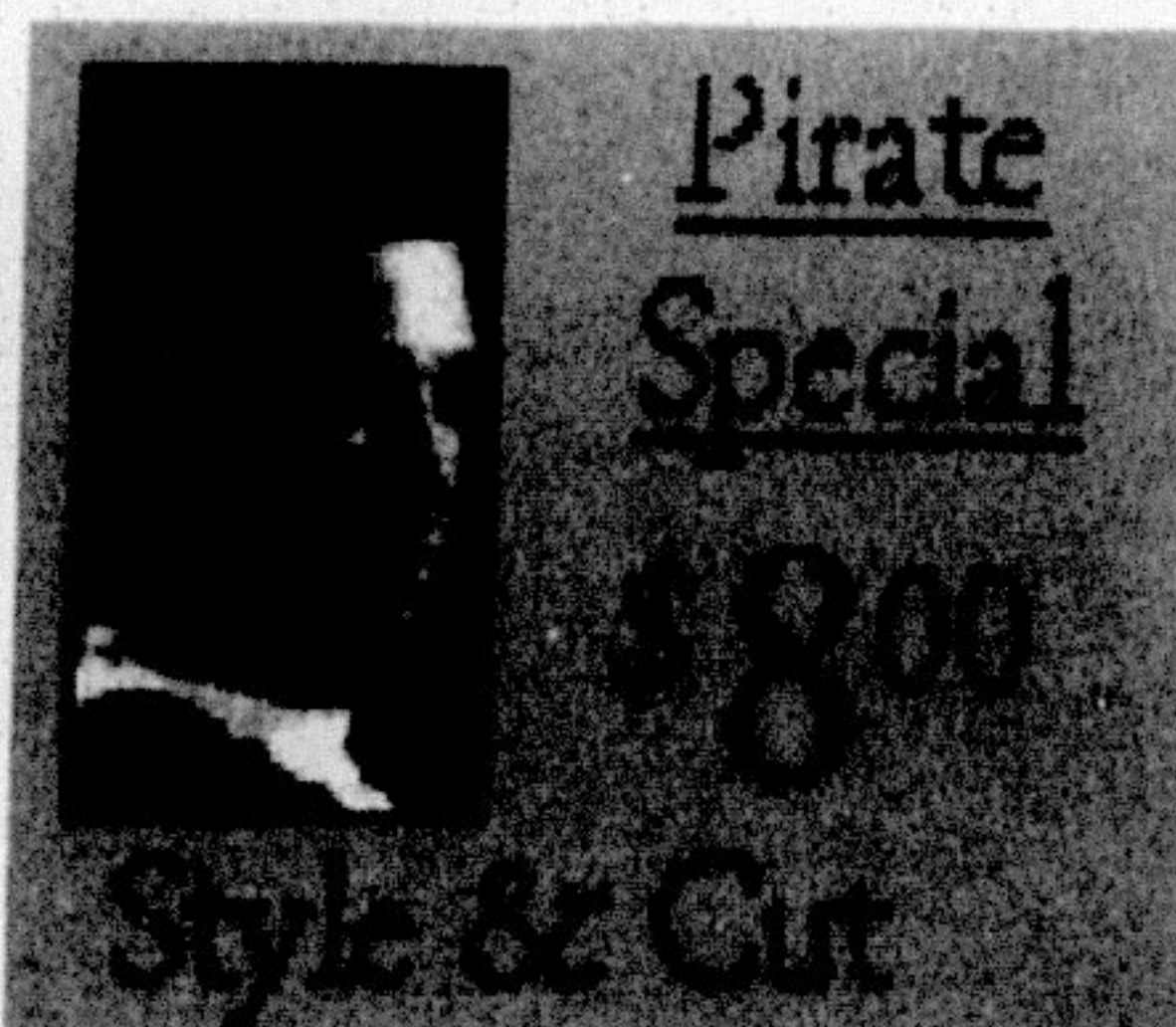
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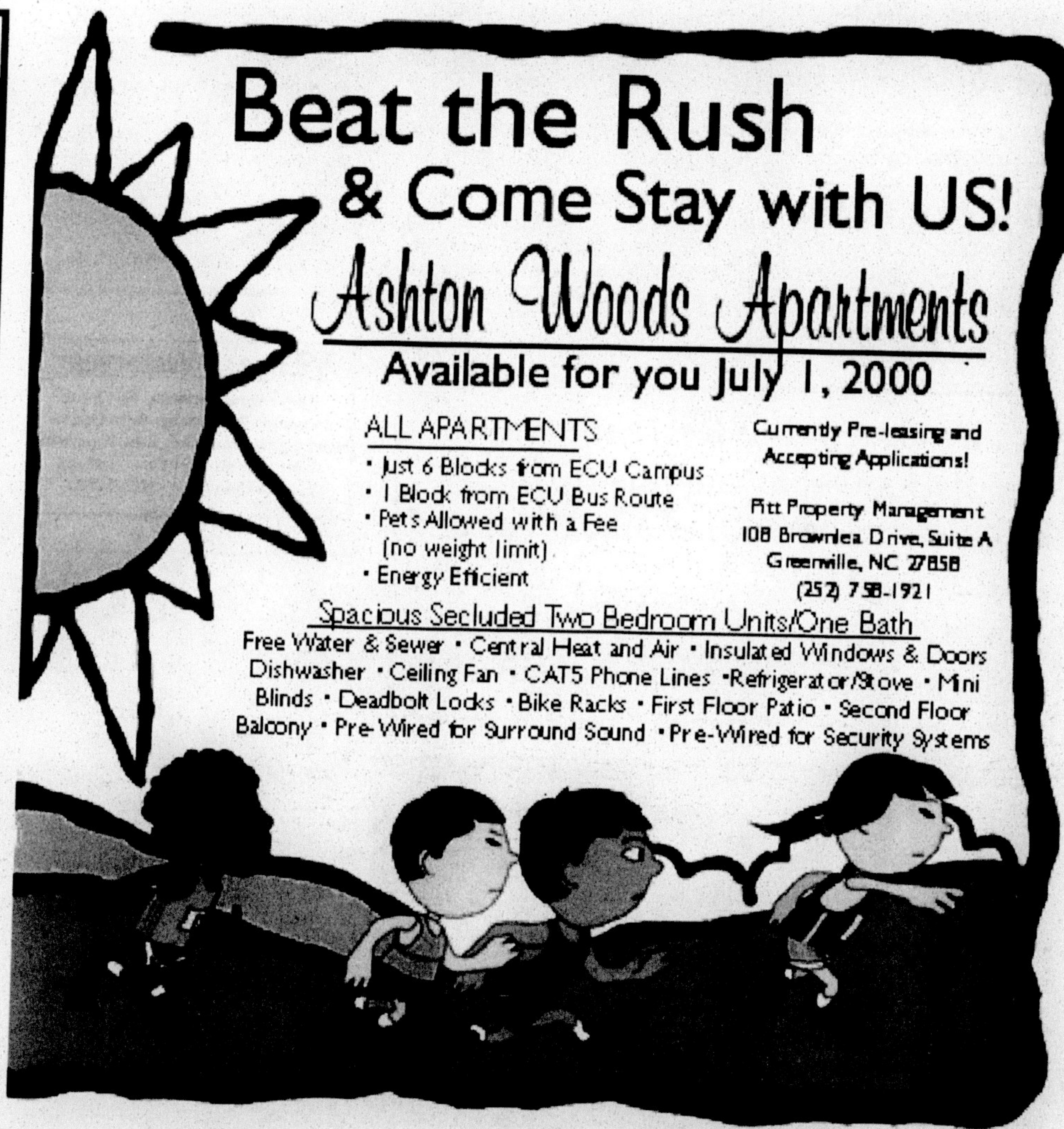
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