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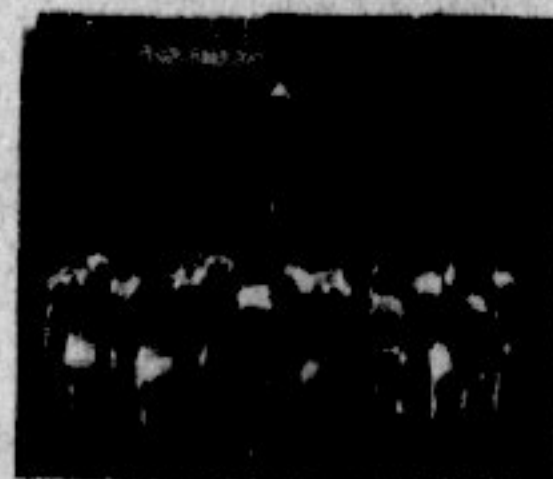
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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Take Back the Night March

All student organizations are invited to participate in a Take Back the Night March, part of the Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which will take place Sept. 18-22. The march will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18 at Belk Hall on College Hill and will continue down to main campus, ending at Joyner Library.

The purpose of the march is to increase campus and community awareness of the problem of sexual assault. Marchers can also bring a banner or sign with the organization's name on it. Contact Karen Kus at 328-4173 for more information and to RSVP by Sept. 14.

### Bond referendum

Completion of the Science and Technology Building, along with much-needed renovation and construction on ECU's campus depends on passage of the \$3.1 billion bond referendum up for vote on Nov. 7. The money from the bond would go for construction projects at the state's 16 public universities and 59 community colleges. ECU would receive \$190 million of the \$3.1 billion bond if passed.

### Race relations project

ECU's new Coffee in the Kitchen project to promote improved race relations will hold an opening ceremony at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center (Bloxtown House). The project was developed to encourage discussions about race issues among faculty, staff, students and members of the community.

A \$70,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem will support the effort. The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is located beside Greene Residence Hall and directly across from Mendenhall Student Center. Contact Taffye Clayton at 328-6804 for more information.

### Travel film

The Travel and Adventure Film and Theme Dinner Series will focus on Alaska. Filmmaker John Holod was 23 when he traveled by motorcycle along 1,400 miles of Alaskan dirt roads. Twenty-five years later he retraced his original route in a motor home. The journey took him from the state line to the Arctic Ocean. Presentations are scheduled for 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. The theme dinner is at 6 p.m. Ticket information is available

## Speight House moved to create parking

Historical site  
transported to 6th Street

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The relocation of an ECU historical building was carried out in early August in accordance with campus expansion plans.

Student Center on 9th Street, to East 6th Street. Original plans included the demolition of the house. After careful consideration the University realized the significance of the building and declared it to be of historical value.

The building, which dates back to 1915, was a valuable piece of property in Greenville when it was built. Unlike other houses, it was constructed with central heat and air conditioning and consists of 3600 square feet. It was purchased by Francis and Sarah Speight in 1970, two artists that used their home for painting, instruction of painting and as their studio.

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ECU recently moved the Speight House from its original location to 6th Street to make room for new resident parking spaces behind the Baptist Student Center. (photo courtesy of Perry Ennis)

## Students spend summer learning in Belize

Marine biology trip  
planned for next year

Melyssa Ojeda  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This summer, ECU's department of biology organized a study abroad course in Belize City, Belize for 16 students to gain practical experience in the field of marine ecology.

Dr. Joseph Luczkovich, a visiting associate professor of the biology department, organized the BIOL 4500: Marine Field Ecology course conducted during the second summer session. Students from a variety of majors traveled to Belize City over the course of 24 days.

Bo Dame, a graduate student in coastal resource management and the teachers assistant (TA) on the trip, said the course trip was worth the cost—approximately \$2,081—which included tuition, airfare to Belize, and all lab, residence hall and meal fees.

"If you compare this to other [universities'] programs throughout the country, it's a bargain," Dame said.

During part of the trip, students were housed in a residence hall on the campus of University College of Belize, where the 16 students shared two toilets and learned a lot about teamwork and sharing.

"We were a huge family," said senior David Merrill, president of the Environmental Conservation Organization of ECU. "It was like living in a dorm; there were no secrets, and everyone knew everyone else by the end of the trip."

On the first week of the trip, students spent time in Belize City. Days consisted of 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. lectures which introduced students to habitats they would be studying later in the course. One weekend, the students ventured to Caye Caulker, an island near Belize

City where students got to practice their field work during the day and enjoy festivities at night.

"The students snorkeled and kayaked. There was [also] a Lobster Festival during that time, which was a good opportunity for us to interact with the culture and party," Dame said. "It was kind of a carnival atmosphere [on that island]."

Next up was a 10-day stay in Calabas Caye, where the University College of Belize's marine field station was located.

During the trip, students acquired four hours of credit by learning about different marine species, coral reefs, seagrasses and mangroves, along with the ecology of the three systems that occur in tropical areas.

Each student was able to pick his or her own field project in consultation with the professor and the TA. Students collected data, made an analysis and completed a 10-minute presentation in front of the other students.

Each student could then acquire two more hours by completing a paper based on a research project when they returned to the States.

A cooperative agreement is now set up between the ECU biology department and the University College of Belize whereby ECU sends a class to UCB's facilities and in return, a grad student can be sent to ECU to work on master's requirements.

"In the future, it's hoped [UCB] will send more students up here to study at ECU, and then we can send students down there as an exchange," Dame said.

When asked to describe what he learned the most from the BIOL 4500 course trip, Merrill said he and his classmates gained experience both in and out of the field.

"In the beginning, no one knew each other," Merrill said. "By the time we got to Belize, it was like we'd known each other all our lives. Everyone benefited through not just the practical work, but also through learning about each other and working together as a team."

## ASG president steps down from position



Cliff Webster to announce  
resignation at upcoming meeting

Melyssa Ojeda  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cliff Webster, former ECU Student Government Association (SGA) president, announced last week his intention of resigning as the current Association of Student Governments (ASG) president.

Webster, who was arrested this past June on charges of larceny after he and another student were found in possession of stolen property belonging to ECU, called the Sept. 7 meeting.

"By virtue of this meeting we will elect a new President," Webster said. "After giving the oath to the new president, my term will cease."

Webster said he plans to explain in detail the reason for his resignation at the upcoming meeting.

He also urges all North Carolina public university student body presidents to attend.

"If we do not have quorum, we will not have this meeting and my intentions to resign will be null," he said.

The ASG meeting will be hosted by North Carolina State University's Student Body President Harold Pettigrew.

The General Body will meet at 7:30 p.m.

TEC will follow with full details of the meeting in our Tuesday, Sept. 12 issue.

This writer can be contacted  
at editor@ecupirateemail.com.

## ONLINE SURVEY

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Pirate-Blue Devil football game?

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(Right to left) Paul Hardy, Chris Kiser, David Merrill, Bo Dame, Cat Boling, Wade Stephenson and Brooke Ambrose spent last summer session in Belize City studying marine ecology for class credit. (photo courtesy of Dr. Joseph Luczkovich)



From SPEIGHT pg. 1

Francis Speight is one of the state's most recognized painters, and the first Artist in Residence at the University from 1965-1972. He remained in Greenville until his death in 1989. His wife, Sarah Blakeslee Speight, continued to reside at their home until 1998 when she was taken ill and moved to Pennsylvania to live with her daughter.

A few years before moving, the University purchased her house and the one next to it, for future building plans. The purchase of her house was under a life-estate and the property belonged to Mrs. Speight until her death. Before leaving Greenville, however, Speight sold her life-estate to the university.

In order to preserve the house, the University hired professional mover, J.W. Tyson and Sons Structural Movers from Statonsburg, N.C. to help transport the building. The crew removed the front porch and back section, a portion which included the kitchen and an extra room. The house was then moved in separate pieces to East 6th Street. The process took approximately three weeks to complete.

The now empty lot on 9th Street will be graveled, creating a temporary parking lot for approximately 25 resident students. ECU has future plans to convert the lot into a thruway connecting to 9th Street, thus creating a new entrance to campus.

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## ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

**U. of Vermont** (U-WIRE)-Less than two weeks after strengthening its policy against hazing on campus, the University of Vermont reached an \$80,000 out-of-court settlement with a former hockey player whose story helped trigger the new policy.

Goaltender Corey LaTulippe joined the Catamounts last year as a freshman but left the team after an October incident in which he claims all first-year players were forced to walk naked holding each other's genitals, drink excessive amounts of warm alcohol and eat seafood pie until they vomited.

LaTulippe's lawyer subsequently slapped the University with a federal lawsuit. University administrators and some of LaTulippe's teammates were also named.

After an internal investigation in January found several athletes untruthfully denying the events of the hazing, university President Judith A. Ramaley canceled the remainder of the Catamounts' 1999-2000 season. Additionally, authorities charged two players with providing alcohol to minors.

Last week, the board of trustees approved a new anti-hazing policy, which, in line with a state measure passed earlier this year, prohibits any act intended to "humiliate, demean or endanger the mental or physical health of a student," regardless of the person's willingness to participate in the act.

In addition, the University plans to continue a preventive education program that began in June, and have approved funds for a Life Skills program for student athletes.

A Life Skills coordinator will arrive Friday to further establish and eventually teach the program, which promotes team-building experiences and cooperation.

**WINONA, Minn. (U-WIRE)**-A former St. Mary's University student has pleaded guilty to running a sports bookmaking operation out of his dorm room.

Stephan Morris, 25, of Dorchester, Mass., pleaded guilty in Winona County District Court on Monday to a felony count of sports bookmaking and a gross misdemeanor count of receiving and taking bets.

Winona County Court Judge Lawrence Collins fined Morris \$1,980 and sentenced him to 40 hours of community service and five years of probation. If Morris does not violate the terms of his probation, both offenses will be downgraded to misdemeanors on his record.

Morris' attorney, Peter Wold of Minneapolis, said Morris has graduated from college and his career would be hindered by a felony conviction. He characterized his client as "a young man ... who had made a big mistake."

Morris was arrested March 31, 1998, after local and state authorities searched his St. Mary's dorm room and found betting slips and other records. They also found more than \$1,000 cash.

Authorities said Morris and a friend operated the bookmaking operation out of his dorm room from September 1997 until their arrests. Co-defendant Brian Carl, 25, of Sterling Heights, Mich., is awaiting sentencing.

The investigation began after a U.S. postal inspector and campus mail room employees noticed that Morris regularly sent stacks of cash throughout the United States in Express Mail envelopes. Authorities also learned that he received as many as four Federal Express packages a day.

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (U-WIRE)**-Jessica Meeker is an incoming freshman at Penn State University. She's enrolled at Penn State's College of Science and plans to study pre-med.

Nothing unusual about that-except that Meeker is only 12.

Meeker, who knew how to spell at age 18 months and tested off the charts when she was in first grade, is believed to be the youngest student ever to enroll on campus.

Yet for all her intelligence, her mother likes to point out that Jessica is a typical preteen in many ways. This college student wears a Winnie the Pooh wristwatch, watches "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and paints her fingernails green. She likes macaroni and cheese and brownies and won the Halloween costume contest at the local Wal-Mart three years running.

Jessica's parents, who moved to Bellefonte to be near Penn State, knew early on that she was special. When she was 18 months old and her parents were discussing a gift to get her, they spelled it out: "p-l-a-y-h-o-u-s-e."

"A playhouse?" the toddler asked.

"She'd do fluke things, and we'd say, 'No, that didn't just happen,'" said Jessica's mother, Leigh.

In first grade, Jessica tested in the 99.9th percentile for her age. Her parents decided to educate her at home after officials at the Harrisburg School District said she should stay in an "age-appropriate" setting.

While entering college at such a young age is unusual, it is not unique. It does pose some potential problems, according to experts.

Jessica scored 540 on the verbal portion and 520 on the math portion of the SAT - better than average in Pennsylvania but lower than typical scores for Penn State students. Michael Pyryt, director of the University of Calgary's Centre for Gifted Education in Alberta, Canada, thinks young students should score about 700 on each part of the SAT before entering college.

**Harassing Phone Calls**-A student in the College of Arts and Sciences received several harassing phone calls between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. An investigation revealed they were coming from a room at Belk Hall. No criminal charges were made.

**Auto Accident**-Two students were involved in an auto accident north of White Hall.

**Sept. 1**

**Hit and Run; Driving While Impaired; Careless and Reckless**-A non-student, was arrested on the referenced charges after two witnesses observed him strike a vehicle and a tree east of Scott Hall. He was apprehended later in a room at Scott Hall.

**Underage Possession of Alcohol**-A student was issued a state citation for underage possession of alcohol after he was observed south of the Brewster Building.

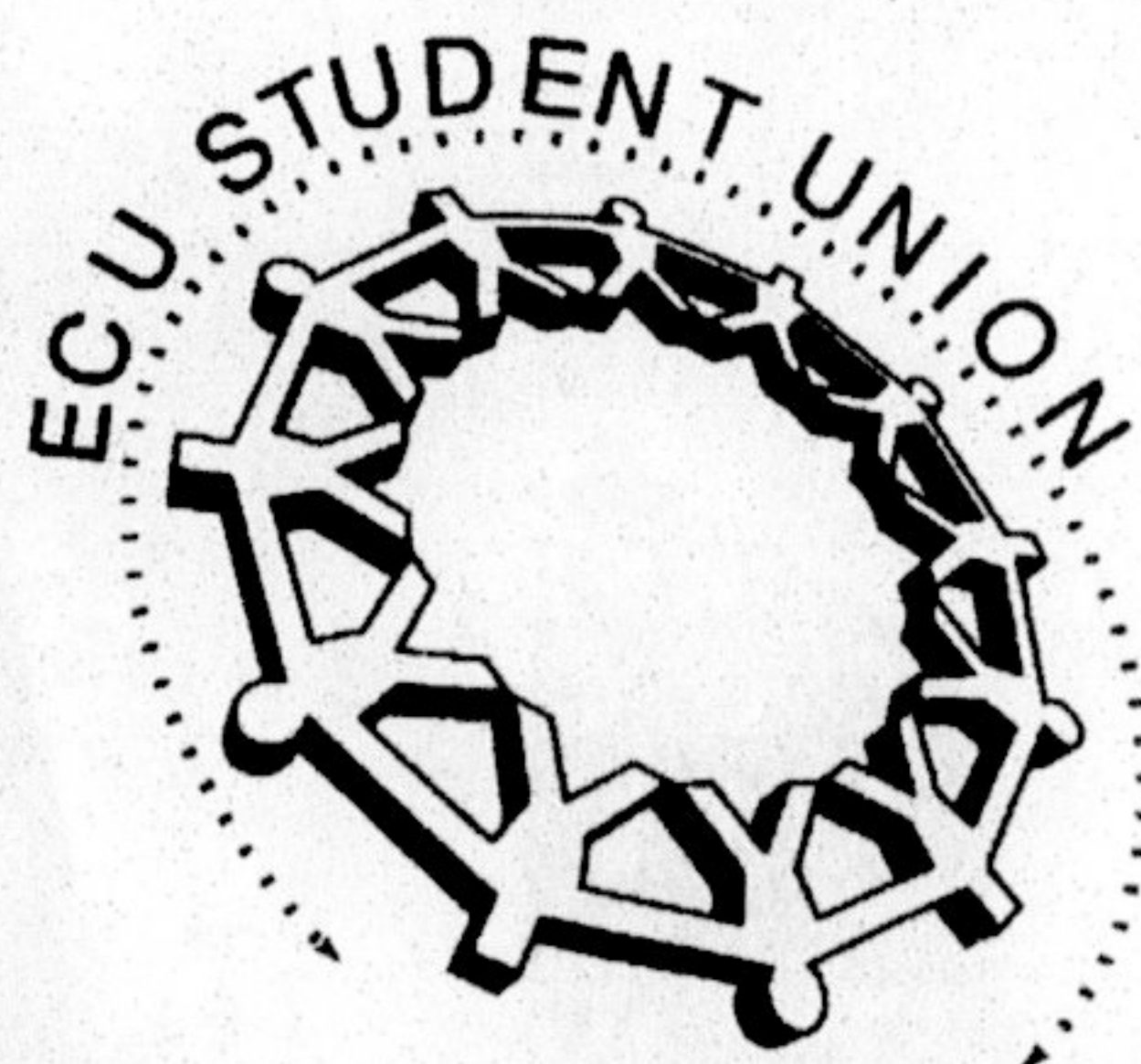
**Underage Possession of Alcohol**-Two students were issued state citations for underage possession of alcohol after being observed at the intersection of College Hill Drive and 10th Street.

**Provisional Driving While Impaired**-A student was issued a state citation and a CAT for Provisional DWI after being stopped on College Hill Drive.

**Provisional Driving While Impaired**-A student was issued a state citation for Provisional DWI. Two other students were issued CATs for alcohol violations. The incident occurred south of the Brewster Building.

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September

## Blockbuster Movie

**9/7-9/10: Mission: Impossible 2** Rated PG-13 Runtime 123 minutes  
IMF agent Ethan Hunt has been sent on a mission to retrieve and destroy the supply of a genetically created disease called 'Chimera'. His mission is made impossible due to the fact that he is not the only person after samples of the disease. He must also contend with a gang of international terrorist headed by a turned bad former IMF agent who has already managed to steal the cure called 'Bellerophon' and now need 'Chimera' to complete their grand plan of infecting the whole world. In order to infiltrate and locate the terrorist group he relies on the help of an international thief Nyah of whom he quickly develops a love interest. Time is not only running out for Agent Hunt to find and destroy 'Chimera' before the terrorists get their hands on it, but he must also find 'Bellerophon' so as to save his love interest who has already become infected by the disease from a terrible and rapid death.

## Mercury Cinema

**9/6-9/10: The Virgin Suicides** Rated R Runtime 96 minutes  
THE VIRGIN SUICIDES is a dark, haunting, and moving story about the tragic circumstances surrounding the coming-of-age of five beautiful sisters, ages 13 to 17. Set in suburban Michigan during the 1970's, it tells the story of the five beauties and their effect on the budding hormones of the local boys. Raised by a fervently religious and repressive mother, their exposure to dating and romance is stunted. When the youngest sister attempts suicide by slashing her wrists, the family psychologist suggests the girls need more exposure to boys. Thus they are allowed to attend the school Prom as a group, each with a date. However they stay out later than allowed, resulting in severe discipline from their parents. Ultimately they exact their own dreadful revenge on her constrictive punishment.

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## ART EXHIBIT AUG 28- SEPT 21

An exhibit of sculptures by Charlotte-based artist Keith Bryant is on display in the Mendenhall Gallery August 28 - September 21, 2000. "A Loan @ ECU" features small-to-medium ceramic wall sculptures that are involved with the exploration of systems.

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## Man doused with pepper spray later dies

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—A man died Saturday after being doused with pepper spray by a hospital security officer off hospital grounds, authorities said.

Willie Eugene Simmons, 57, died after a scuffle with security officers from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center who had followed him from the grounds to a hotel early Saturday morning, said Karen Richardson, a hospital spokeswoman.

Police did not release the names of the four security officers who followed Simmons to the Comfort Inn. The State Bureau of Investigation is investigating.

Simmons was sprayed with pepper spray after he assaulted two of the security officers, authorities said. Simmons did not have a gun or a knife, said Winston-Salem police Lt. Fred Jones.

Simmons' estranged wife works at the hospital and had sworn out a court order mandating that Simmons not come on the hospital grounds. She was not working Saturday, but Simmons did not know that, said Benjamin Simmons, the victim's brother.

Willie Simmons had a bad heart, Benjamin Simmons said, and he had recently had a heart attack and heart surgery. An autopsy is being performed. Willie Simmons and his wife separated last Monday after several years of marriage, Benjamin Simmons said.

Benjamin Simmons said the officers should have let his brother go once he left hospital property.

"If he got away, they should have let him go on about his business. That makes me mad," Benjamin

Simmons said.

Richardson defended the security officers.

"The officers followed proper procedure ... but they had to defend themselves at some point and use pepper spray," she said.

Security officers followed Simmons because other medical center offices are near the Comfort Inn, Richardson said. Officers also wanted to tell police where Simmons was going. The security officers were not trying to capture Simmons, but had to defend themselves, hospital officials said.

Security officers, police and emergency workers tried to revive Willie Simmons with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Simmons was taken to Baptist Hospital, where he died.

The security officers called Winston-Salem police and reported what was going on, Richardson said. They followed Simmons so that they could tell police where he went.

Simmons ran into the Comfort Inn, Richardson said. One of the security officers followed him inside to warn employees about Simmons.

Simmons apparently ran through a back door of the motel, Richardson said. A security guard from the hotel had joined the medical center's security officers and was nearby when Simmons was pepper-sprayed, she said.

Police arrived about the same time that Willie Simmons and the security officers scuffled, said Jerold Smith, the hospital's director of risk and insurance management.

## Students take Meningitis precautions

RICHMOND, Va. (TMS)—As college classes begin this week across the state, Virginia's Commissioner of Health is encouraging freshmen moving into campus dormitories to consider a meningococcal meningitis vaccine.

Ten students seven freshmen attending colleges in Virginia contracted the bacterial infection last spring, but no students died. None of the cases occurred at schools in the Hampton Roads area.

Four people died from meningococcal disease in Virginia in 1999, none were students.

In a release this week by the Virginia Department of Health, Dr. E. Anne Peterson, the state's health commissioner, said college freshmen are more likely to contract the disease than other college students.

The disease can cause inflammation of the lining around the brain and bloodstream infections. The bacteria are spread by direct personal contact with infected individuals, such as kissing or sharing a glass or cigarette.

"Freshmen are usually being exposed for the first time to living in close proximity to other students and engaging in behavioral and social aspects of college life," Peterson said. "Other undergraduates are at no higher risk of contracting meningococcal disease than the general public."

Last year, an advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control recommended that colleges educate incoming students about meningitis and make the vaccination easily available. Between December 1999 and April 2000, state health officials reported three meningococcal cases at the University of Richmond, three cases at Radford University, and one each at James Madison University, George Mason University, Virginia Tech and Virginia Intermont College in Bristol.

"Every year we hear about sporadic cases," said Diane Woolard, director of surveillance and investigation at the Virginia Department of Health. "It was very unusual to have two outbreaks on two different campuses in the same semester."

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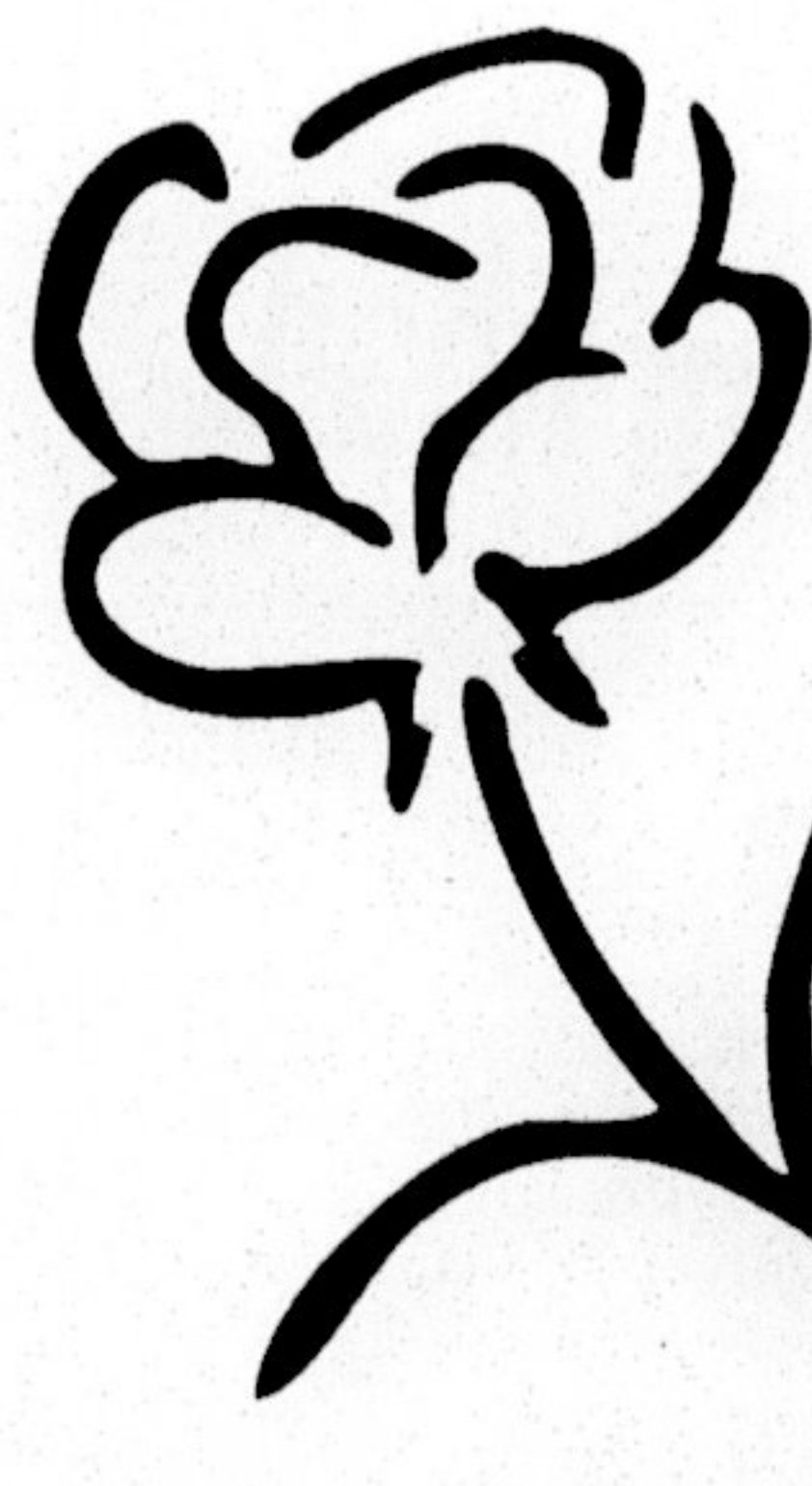
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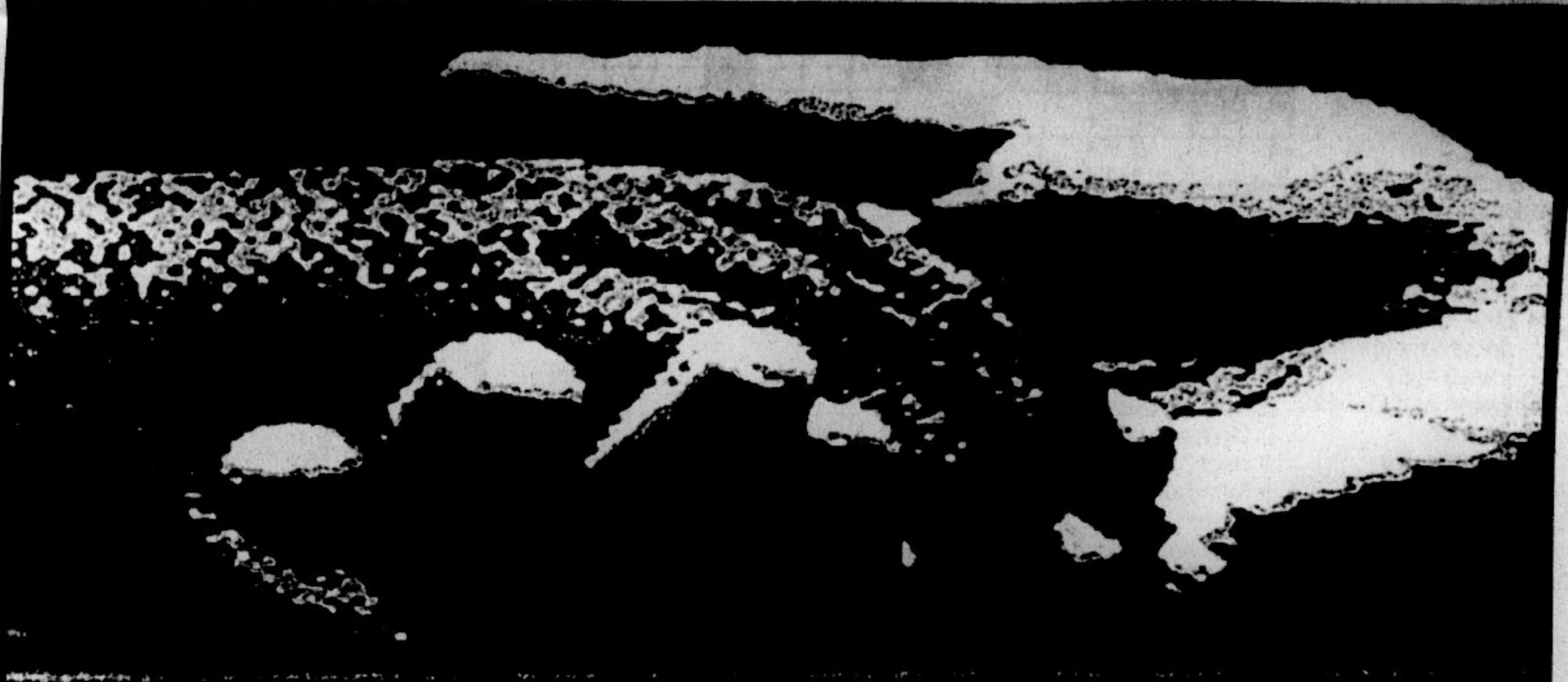
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## Wrestlers call presidential candidates to the mat

WASHINGTON (TMS) —If viewers are lucky they just might get to watch presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore arm-wrestle on national television this fall. That is if the candidates answer the World Wrestling Federation's "Smackdown Challenge" that WWF stars Mick Foley, Chyna, Lita and Kurt Angle announced Tuesday. The candidates would be given five minutes during a live WWF broadcast to present their views on issues important to youth ages 18 to 34.

"This is a serious invitation," WWF star Mick Foley said at a press conference. "We hope they take it seriously."

Even though people may have different opinions about the WWF, it is hard to argue that a lot of people watch it, said Ali Fischer, president of the United States Student Association.

"We've issued this call more than enough times," Fischer said. "I hope the candidates will go to a lot of different forums for youth."

WWF also joins more than 60 youth organizations including Youth Vote 2000 in asking the candidates to dedicate one of three official debates sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates to youth issues.

"Politicians need to do their part and stop ignoring youth," said Julia Cohen, executive director of Youth Vote 2000. "There is a cycle of mutual neglect between the youth and politicians that must be broken."

The hope is that youth will moderate and attend the debate, Cohen said.

The dedication of one-third of presidential debating time to youth issues is not a waste, says Russ Freyman of Neglection 2000, a year long study on the mutual neglect between young people and candidates.

"They have to be concerned and receptive because this will be a close election," he said. "The youth vote could swing the election."

Freyman has the numbers to prove interest in a youth debate. A Neglection 2000 poll cites 77 percent of registered voters support making youth issues the focus of a presidential debate.

"The macro level issues are the same," Cohen said. "But it's not about K through 12, it's about higher education. It's 'will I graduate and have a job with health insurance?'"

The WWF has been visible throughout the 2000 presidential campaign with appearances at both conventions.

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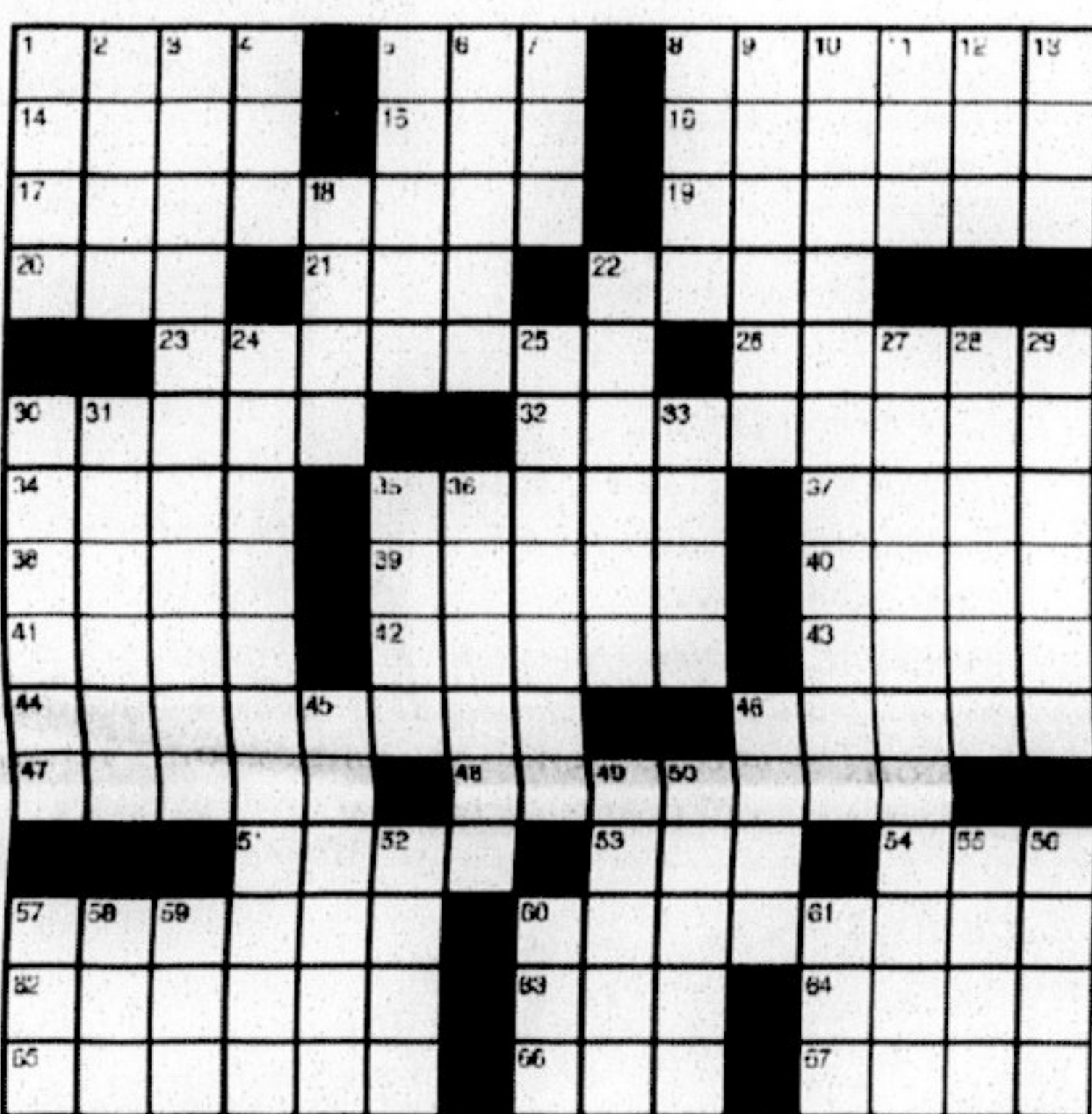
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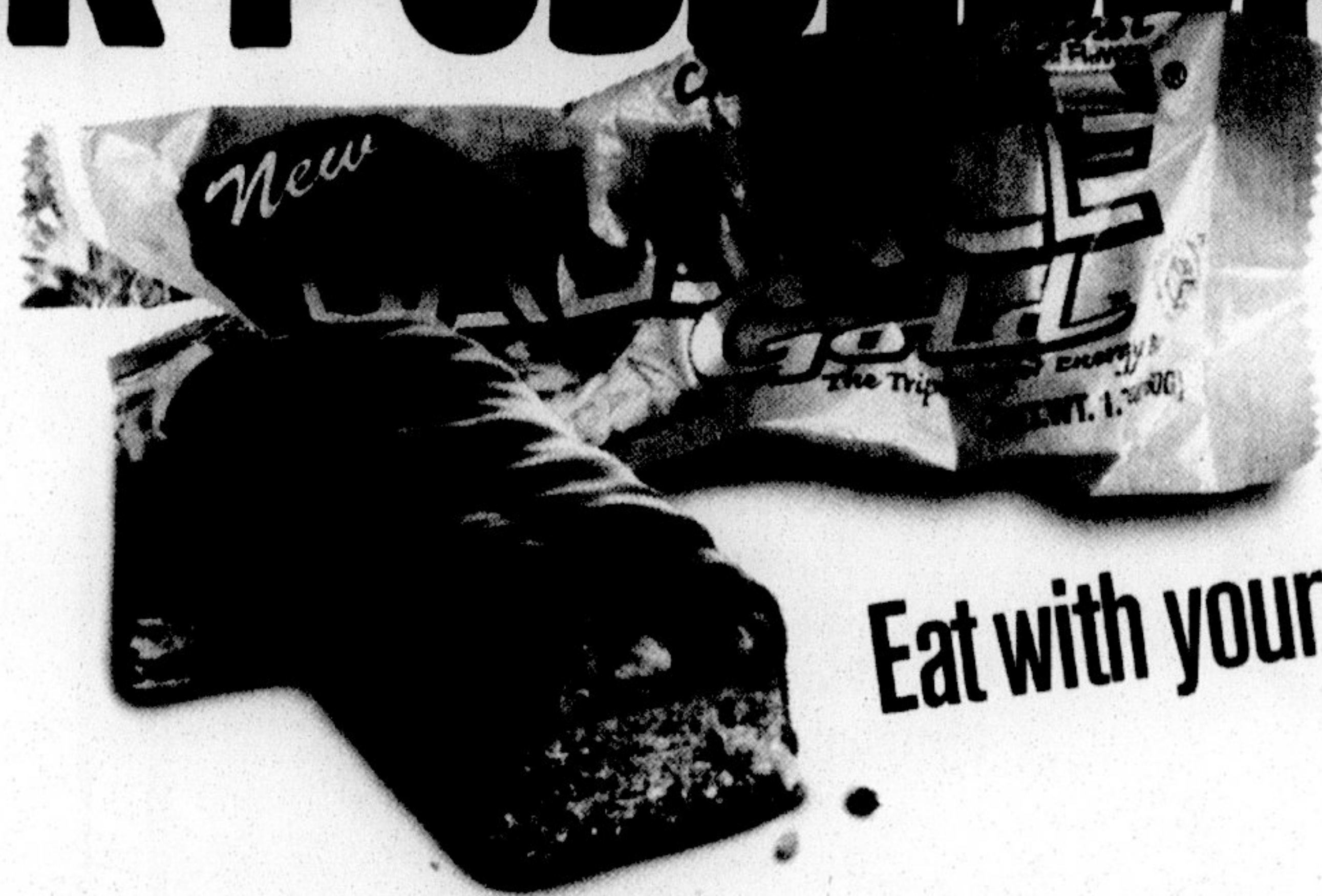
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## OUR VIEW

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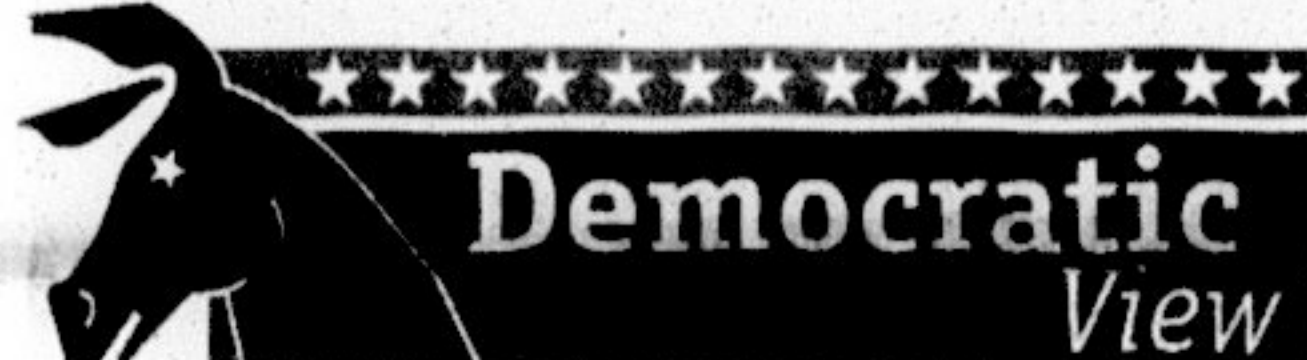
Recently "Playboy" magazine published its Conference USA issue, which some of our own ECU students were included in. Although we at the "TEC" congratulate these girls on their decision to pose nude, we have to wonder whether or not the school should have a say in circumstances such as these where the publicity attracted to the school may or may not be desirable.

In this day and age the decision to pose nude for a major publication should ultimately be left up to the person who will be featured in the photos. But what if the person is the so-called representative of a larger group? As with any other ECU student that becomes famous, the students in these photos will no doubt draw attention to our school. Do we as ECU students need to retain permission from the university before embarking on something that could make the university look bad, such as posing nude as a representative of ECU?

In order to quell the myth of being a "party school," ECU has worked very hard over the last few years. By raising academic standards and proposing a huge enrollment increase the university has gone to great lengths to show the rest of the country that there is more to ECU than penny draft night downtown. It is unquestionable that these girls have the freedom to decide what they want to do. No one has the right to infringe on their rights, but at the same time, is it OK for the whole school to be represented this way?

As students, we act as representatives of this university whenever we do something that puts focus on the school. This holds true for causing a fight downtown, swinging on goal posts at away football games, and even posing nude for "Playboy" magazine. The girls' decision to pose is for them alone to make. We cannot choose for them. However, does their accomplishment reflect badly on our school or is what students do when they represent ECU?

## Countdown to Campaign 2000



Democratic View

Faisal Lodhi

Recently, campaign finance reform has been a very hot topic not only in the news but also in the political arena. Campaign financing is usually based on the donations made by businesses and private citizens to a particular candidate's campaign fund. Campaign funding effects the general public more than you might think and it hurts the nation as a whole by putting our elected officials up for sale to the highest bidder. The obvious question is what is the motive of this business or individual to dish out large amounts of cash—what do they expect to get in return? The bottom line of in this country is to make money. Why would they contribute large quantities of this much-desired cash to somebody else's cause or benefit? The answer is they wouldn't, unless of course they expected something more in return. This means that there is a market out there full of our elected leaders ready to be bought for the highest price they can find. Foreign companies,

Issue: Campaign Finance Reform

individuals and countries should not be allowed to make any contributions to our elected officials, especially those holding a high office. These contributions should not be allowed to change our foreign policy in any way. Al Gore has had his share of problems with campaign finance. Whatever the case was, he has now pledged to reform the issue of campaign finance and end all of the controversial fund raising.

There is also a lot of talk about the Feingold Bill, which would end soft money abuse. It would be great if this bill is passed. It would tie up a big loophole in the campaign finance reform laws. It is apparent that campaign finance reform is badly needed in the United States and until it is reviewed, the citizens of the country continue to pay the price. Campaign finance reform wouldn't hurt the candidates. It would limit how much each of them could raise. It would just make sure our interests are being taken care.

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DECISIONS



## Countdown to Campaign 2000



Charles Sigmon  
ECU REPUBLICANS

Issue: Campaign Finance Reform

Money, the root of all evil. As some may say, it is what runs our country, makes our decisions and provides us with the American dream. It is the determining factor of life and elections.

Many would say that the person with the most money wins the race; however, after Watergate and of course Al Gore's illegal solicitation of campaign funds in 1996, America wants the ideas of money and political influence separated.

Don't get the wrong idea, it takes money to run a campaign. In 1996 the election cost nearly \$2.7 billion according to "The Washington Post." Legislation was enacted after the Watergate incident to control campaign financing by placing individual contribution limits and forcing candidates to disclose information on all of those contributions. The problem really heated up when the famous loophole was discovered in the legislation. Do we have a piece of legislation without a loophole?

It was found that by placing unlimited contributions into soft money accounts, which would be used for party-building activities such as "get-out-the-vote" efforts, donors could give whatever amount they chose. However, this money was being used for more than just party-building activities. This new loophole weakened the Federal Election Commission (FEC), which was formed under the Federal Elections Campaign Act of 1971.

The Gore plan wants to strengthen the FEC. I would let them know to keep their eye on you

too Al. Nevermind that in 1996 Al Gore spoke with 46 people on federal property asking for contributions up to \$100,000. Nevermind that in that same year the Vice President raised \$60,000 in a Buddhist temple according to On Politics.com. Yet Al Gore wants to put a ban on soft money.

Like George W. Bush, Republicans want soft money contributions from labor unions and corporations banned, since shareholders have no say as to where their money is being spent. Imagine my disappointment when I find out that money I've invested has been used to fund the Gore campaign.

Bush also wants individual contribution limits raised because the conservatives view these contributions as the exercise of free speech. When the Democrats ban soft money from individuals, funding a campaign will be much more difficult. With less money, the budget may leave out important factors which aid in a successful election.

George W. Bush has the right idea by banning soft money from only corporations and labor unions. This way the money lost from restricting the corporations is earned through accepting more from individuals. Let's not forget that it takes money to raise even more.

Where Republicans and Democrats see eye to eye on this issue is the idea of disclosing information on all contributions made. This is a trustworthy measure which will let America know where the money comes from and how it is being spent. The goal is to spend it wisely and legally. George W. Bush is interested in doing both.

Michael Vorgetts

## Bond referendum passage a necessity for university

On Nov. 7, 2000, the voters of North Carolina will make a decision that will have an enormous impact on the state's facilities of higher education. This decision is known as the University/Community College Bond Referendum. Should the voters pass this referendum, the 16 public universities and the 59 community colleges of North Carolina will be issued a \$3.1 billion bond to construct new buildings and to modernize existing facilities.

It is imperative that the voters of North Carolina enact this referendum. The bond referendum will help ensure that our educational and residential buildings and those of the other institutions in this state can accommodate the rapid influx of students projected to enroll over the next 10 years.

ECU stands at a critical point in its development. Our school has established a reputation as a prominent academic university. However, resources are limited, and we have several glaring shortcomings that need to be addressed.

Our future growth in registration will depend on our ability to meet the projected rise in enrollment. Despite the recent renovation of on-campus housing, ECU is not prepared to house an incoming freshman class larger than this year's crop. Current campus residents are aware of immediate needs for repairs, ranging from fire safety equipment to elevators, and ECU is in no position to even consider answering the gripe of many students: lack of air conditioning.

Our classroom buildings are also in need of upkeep and renovation. Classes have been discontinued due to inadequate facilities. We have a lack of space to conduct research supported by grants.

The entire compilation of 10-year capital needs of East Carolina as identified in the Capital Equity/Adequacy Study (December 1999) totals \$842 million.

According to the Projections of Educational Statistics to 2010 (1998), between 1999 and 2010, North Carolina will have the fourth highest rise in high school graduates in the nation. Many of the graduates will wish to pursue their education after high school and will attempt to gain admittance to one of North Carolina's public universities or community colleges. Within the next ten years enrollment in our universities and community colleges is expected to grow by about 100,000 (about half to community colleges, half to universities). If our schools are not prepared for this rise in enrollment, we could very easily short-circuit our state's rapid economic growth. The better educated and skilled the work force, the more attractive North Carolina looks to the prospective business interested in putting down roots. If this referendum does not pass, access to university or community college education will be restricted significantly.

If voters approve the bond, our state schools will continue the progress made over the last several decades.

The ECU community can find out more information on this issue by contacting the North Carolinians for Educational Opportunity at (919) 754-1156 or on the Web at www.ncfeo.net. The success of this issue is vital to the future of higher education in the state of North Carolina.

Emily Little

## "Playboy" pictorial is not a thing to fear

Why are people so afraid of their own bodies? This whole "Playboy" pictorial thing has really brought out the fear that lay deep within the hearts of the judgmental.

Posing nude is wrong, they say, because it's immoral. Looking at the human body in its natural form and feeling an appreciation for its beauty is a crime against common decency. Where have I heard that before?

Remember the days when women's ankles were considered sensual because men weren't allowed to see them? Of course you don't, because none of us were there. We grew up in a society where ankles are just another body part. We find the whole idea of a girl being immoral because she exposes her ankles rather silly. So why are we still stuck on the breasts? We've all seen them before.

If the powers that be decided breasts were as friendly as ankles, they wouldn't be so in demand. If certain parts of the human body are wrong to expose, maybe all of them are. We might as well go back to hiding our ankles. Women were born

covered, so they should stay covered, right?

These girls enjoyed every minute of their photo shoot. Since then, they've had people coming up to them, wanting to meet them, admiring the published beauty they are fortunate enough to possess. Perhaps, then, it's really jealousy that fires up the angry women who tisk at nude models. Perhaps these women tear the models down because they envy them their new fame and admiration. Or perhaps they envy the courage it took to go against convention and show off their bodies. And maybe the men who find nudity so appalling are just upset that a woman would show off something that rightfully belongs to them.

Then again, maybe not. Maybe I'm just being judgmental. Maybe they think it's wrong because someone once told them it was. Either way, the bottom line is the same. If you don't like the pictures, you don't have to look at them.

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## Cheerleaders suspended for explicit tanks

PLAINWELL, Mich. (AP)—Seven members of a state champion cheerleading team were sent home from school because they insisted on wearing tank tops emblazoned with their team's slogan, "Can't Touch This," across their chests.

The Plainwell High School cheerleaders were also informed Thursday that they wouldn't be allowed to perform at the following evening's football game. The cheerleading squad won the state Class C championship last school year.

Principal Linda Iciek said the entire cheerleading team wore the shirts to school Thursday. Administrators deemed the shirts to be in violation of the school's dress code, which prohibits students from dressing in clothes bearing sexually suggestive messages.

Iciek said she called the team's approximately 15 members to her office and gave them several options. She told the girls that they could cover the offending shirts with another shirt or jacket, wear the shirts inside out or turn them around so the slogan would run across their backs, short-circuiting its suggestive meaning.

"Then there would have been no problem," Iciek told the Kalamazoo Gazette for a story Friday. Several girls turned their shirts around. But the seven who refused were sent home, suspended from school for the day and prohibited from cheering in the game.

Team captain Sara Snow, 17, one of the disciplined students, dismissed the notion that "Can't Touch This" was intended to be sexually suggestive. She said it's a statement of pride about the cheerleaders' state title.

"I was like, 'What? How is this sexually offensive?' and she (Iciek) said, 'Because the words are across your breasts,'" Snow said.

The teen-ager said she and the other cheerleaders probably won't wear the shirts again to the school, which is about 10 miles north of Kalamazoo.

"I think it's ridiculous," she said. "Even if you took it as having a sexual meaning, it supports abstinence."

## College costs \$601 million

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Michigan taxpayers have to come up with \$601 million a year to teach college students what they didn't learn in kindergarten through 12th grade, according to a private study.

The study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy suggests making high schools liable for the cost of remedial education, the Lansing State Journal reported Saturday.

The study by the conservative think tank also recommends that high school students earn their diplomas by passing an exam; expanding alternative public schools; and approving vouchers, which would give parents public money for private school tuition.

"There has been a lowering of standards," said Matthew Brouillette, director of education policy for the Midland-based Mackinac Center. "Students are being passed ... whether they learn basic skills or not."

Critics questioned both the extent of the public schools' shortcomings, and the cost of remedial education, in the study set for release Tuesday.

"We need a whole lot more than a snapshot to draw firm conclusions about the extent or even the existence of a problem in the remedial needs of high school graduates," said Margaret Trimer-Hartley, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Education Association, a public school teachers' union with nearly 92,000 members.

The Mackinac Center arrived at its \$601 million estimate by averaging five different scenarios of remedial education costs. The scenarios included direct costs to universities, community colleges and businesses, and the cost to society of those who do not receive remedial education.

"It's a ballpark figure," conceded the study's author, Jay Greene, a research associate at the Harvard Program on Education Policy. "The primary purpose is to begin a discussion about how big the problem is and how to fix it."

A 1998 study by the University of Virginia's David Breneman pegged the cost of remedial education at about \$1 billion—for the entire United States.

"It looks like (the Mackinac Center) is trying to get the number as big as it can," said Breneman, an economist and dean of the Curry School of Education at Virginia. "I interpret it to help carry out some kind of reform agenda that involves attacking the (public) schools."

The Mackinac Center does support school choice reform, Brouillette said. But he denied political motivation was a factor in the study, which is being released two months before Michigan voters decide whether to legalize vouchers in underperforming public school districts.

"This has nothing to do with any political agenda," he said. "Except to quantify what everyone realizes already: Too many high school graduates are leaving without the skills necessary to succeed in college or the employment world."

At Michigan State University, the percentage of students enrolled in remedial math and writing courses has dropped from 29 percent in 1995 to 19 percent—1,257 students—last year.

Michigan State has adopted tougher admissions standards, but university officials said new students also are better prepared.

"The numbers are declining," Barbara Steidle, assistant provost for undergraduate education, told the State Journal. "Somebody is doing something right."

Michigan State spends about \$800,000 per year to offer remedial classes, but that is leveled out with tuition revenue from students taking those courses, budget director David Byelich said.

To Douglas Noverr, chairman of Michigan State's American Thought and Language department, remedial education is essential.

"People need every opportunity to succeed," said Noverr, whose department offers a remedial writing course. "Not everyone has the same time clock or comes in at the same level."

At Lansing Community College, 73 percent of incoming freshmen needed remedial work in math in 1998-99, the most recent school year for which statistics were available. That compared with 66 percent in 1996-97.

The percentages of students taking remedial reading and writing classes also increased, prompting the college to spend \$2.2 million on those courses—about \$578,000 more than those students generated in tuition revenue.

But college officials refused to blame public schools for sending them unprepared students.

"We can't just say, 'it's K-12,'" said acting Provost Jennifer Wimbish. "We have a mission to support and help. If we don't do it, who else is going to?"

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YOUTH IN-LINE Hockey Coaches. The Greenville Recreation & Parks Department is recruiting parttime youth In-Line Hockey coaches. Applicants must possess some knowledge of the hockey skills and have the ability and patience to work with youth. Applicants must be able to coach young people ages 5-15 in hockey fundamentals. This program will run from early October to mid-December. Salary rates start at \$5.15 per hour. Applications will be taken until the positions are filled. For more information, please call Judd Crumpler, Dean Foy or Ben James at 329-4550 between 2-7p.m. Monday-Friday.

HELP WANTED

THE GREENVILLE Recreation and Parks Department is looking for a person for the position of Part-Time Athletic Assistant. This individual will assist the Athletic Staff in the supervision of athletic facilities and programs. Individual should have a sports background and the ability to communicate with the public. Applicant must be able to work a flexible work schedule of about 20-30 hours per week. Pay will be \$5.50-\$6.00/hour depending on experience. Interested applicants should call the Athletic Office 329-4550 between the hours of 2p.m.-6p.m., Monday-Friday for further information.

STUDENT NEEDED for part-time work in local law office; hours are 8a.m.-12noon, Monday-Friday. Duties include answering phone, light typing and filing. Interested persons please submit resume to PO Box 1220, Greenville, NC 27835-1220.

LOCAL ONLINE entertainment E-line now hiring writers for features, reviews, sports and movie columns. Also hiring models for t-shirts and other merchandise. Call 551-1020.

DELIVERY PERSON needed. Apply in person at Mattress Plus, 606 E. Arlington Blvd. Mature, responsible, clean-cut need only apply. No phone calls please.

PARTY STORE needs part-time help. Apply in person to Party Makers, 422 East Arlington Blvd.

THE GREENVILLE Recreation & Parks Department is looking for officials for the Adult Winter Basketball League. Pay will range from \$15-\$20 a game. Clinics will be held to train new and experienced officials. However, a basic knowledge and understanding of the game is necessary. The first training meeting will be held Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elm Street Gym. Basketball season will run from January thru March. For more information, please call 329-4550 between 2p.m.-7p.m. Monday through Friday.

WAITSTAFF POSITIONS available for lunch Monday through Thursday and weekends at Cypress Glen Retirement Community. Cypress Glen is close to campus for students. Interested applicants need to apply in person at Cypress Glen at 100 Hickory Street.

GREEK PERSONALS

SIGMA GAMMA Rho Sorority Inc. will hold an informational meeting Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at GCB room 1003. Come out and meet these RHOyal ladies.

GOTTA D.J.? Cakalaky Entertainment has just upgraded its system! Better lights, better sound, same great price! Call Jeff today at 531-5552 and book your event!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL RETREAT sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, September 8-10. Visit [ecucc.org](http://ecucc.org) for details.

STUDENTS OVER 24 invited to Adult Student Chats, the first Tuesday of each month from 4-5p.m. in Room 14, Mendenhall. Call 328-6881 for more information.

SELF-DEFENSE, Sept. 13-Oct. 11 Wednesdays 8:00pm-9:00pm. Registration is Aug. 16-Sept. 12 and the cost is \$10/mem-\$20/nonmem. For more information please call 328-6387.

THE SOCIETY OF Physics Students will hold their first meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. in Howell Science Complex room E-213. For more information call 328-2566.

FRESHMAN FOCUS, Sept. 12 7:00pm-8:00pm. Welcome freshman and new members! This is a workshop to show you the resources, opportunities, and knowledge you need to lead a healthy lifestyle here at ECU. Registration is Aug. 16-Sept. 11 and the cost is free to freshman and new members! For more information please call 328-6387.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOLK AND Country dance! First dance of the year! Sat., Sept. 9. Music by Lane Hollis & Friends; caller: Roger Robbins. Willis Bldg., 1st & Reade Sts. (downtown). Free beginner's instructions, 7-7:30; dance to old-time music 7:30-10:30p.m. Come alone or bring a friend! Students: \$3.00; public \$5.00 or \$7.00. Sponsors: ECU Folk and Country Dancers, 752-8854.

HEY STUDENTS, THE Greenville-Pitt County Special Olympics is currently recruiting volunteers for the following sports: bowling, soccer, basketball skills, swimming, roller skating, volleyball, power lifting, after school recreation camp and bocce. For more information, contact Kelvin Yarell at (252) 329-4844.

POETRY FORUM meets on Sept. 6th at 8 p.m. in Mendenhall room 248. Open to everyone. Bring copies of your poem.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL. A Volleyball/Preview Registration Meeting for Men, Women, and Co-Rec will be held on Sept. 5, 5pm in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room. For more information please call 328-6387.

POWER YOGA, Sept. 11-Oct. 18 Mon/Wed 5:30pm-6:45pm. This is a rigorous workout that develops strength and flexibility, beginners are welcome. Registration is Aug. 16-Sept. 8 and the cost is \$25/mem-\$35/nonmem. For more information please call 328-6387.

TAI CHI, Sept. 5-Oct. 19 Tues/Thurs 12:05pm-12:50pm. This class is designed to assist in maintaining the body and mind, relaxation, and self-defense. Registration is Aug. 16-Sept. 1 and the cost is \$20/mem-\$30/nonmem. For more information please call 328-6387.

RELAXATION YOGA- Beginner. Treat yourself to the relaxation you deserve. Session 1, Sept. 6 Oct. 18 Weds 4:00pm-5:15pm. Session 2 Sept. 7-Oct. 19 Thurs 5:30pm-6:45pm. Registration is Aug. 16-Sept. 5 and the cost is \$15/mem-\$25/nonmem. For more information please call 328-6387.

SEA KAYAKING at Shackleford Banks, Sept. 10. Come experience North Carolina's outdoor sport of choice. Registration deadline is Sept. 1 and the cost is \$25 to members. For more information please call 328-6387.

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BEGINNER RACQUETBALL Clinic, Sept. 18-Oct. 9 Mondays 8:00pm-9:00pm. Learn basic skills and rules of racquetball. All equipment is provided. The cost is free to members, \$5/ non-members. For more information please call 328-6387.

CLIMBING at Pilot Mountain, Sept. 16. Pilot offers many options from beginner to expert to test yourself on the rock. Registration deadline is Sept. 8 and the cost is \$30. For more information please call 328-6387.

SURFING at the Outer Banks, Sept. 15-17. Head to the Outer Banks to find the best break around. Registration deadline is Sept. 8 and the cost is \$65. For more information please call 328-6387.

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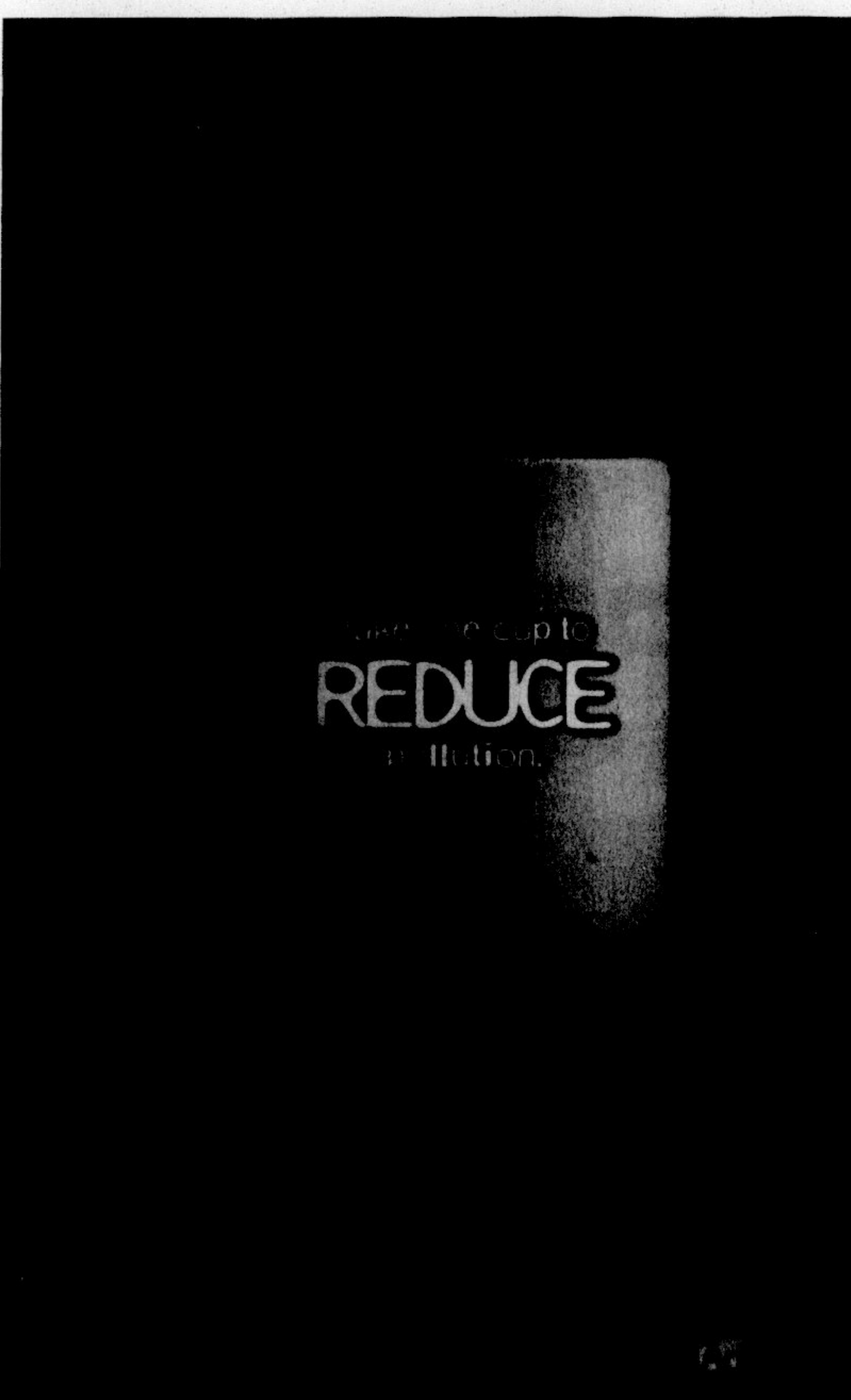
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**AIR BAND PRELIMINARIES ARE**  
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**TOP 10 BANDS MAKE THE THURSDAY NIGHT FINALS.**

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## THE AIR BAND CHALLENGE?

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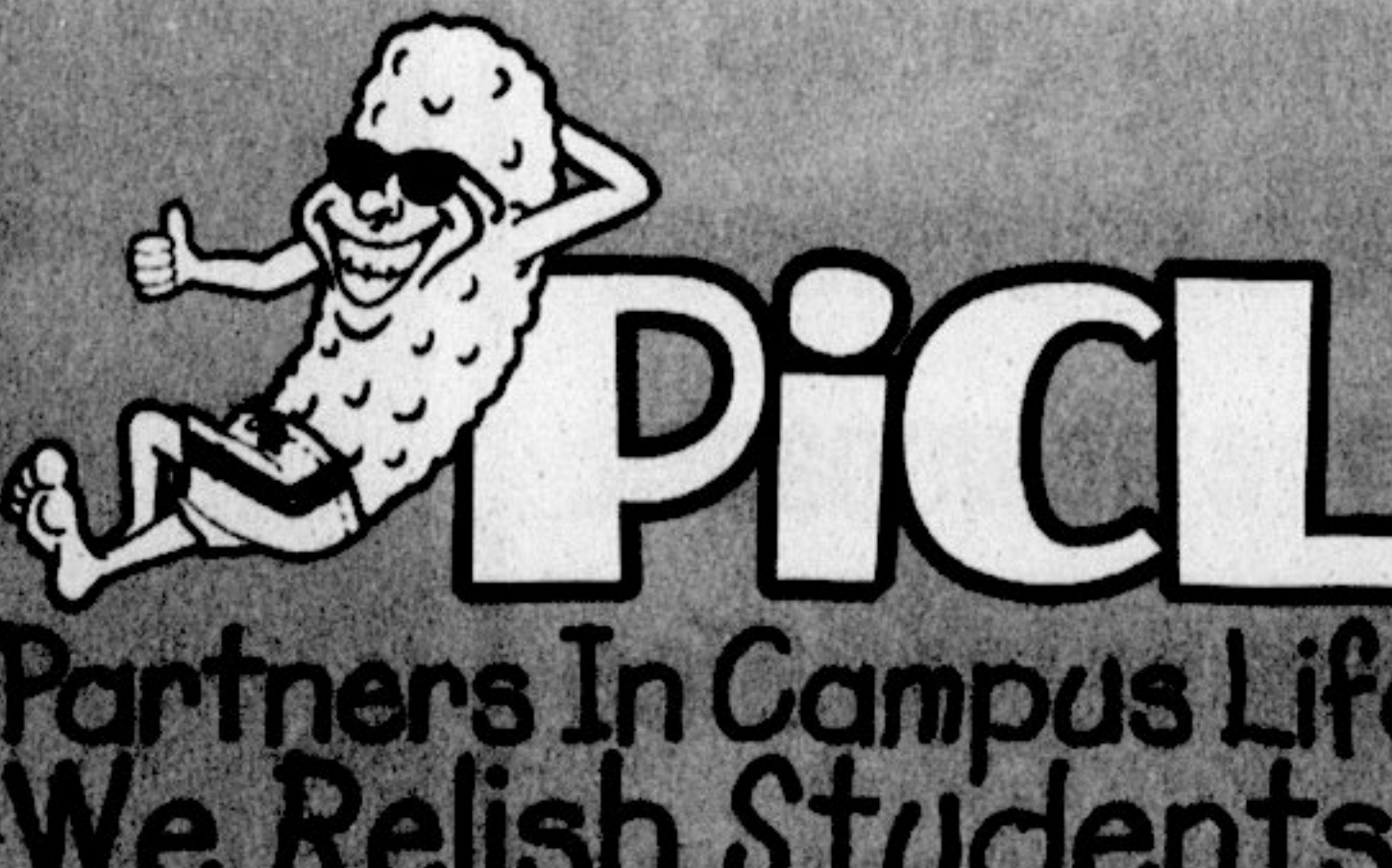
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**RETURN TO STUDENT RECREATION CENTER**  
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## QUOTE

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Seeing much, suffering much and studying much, are the three pillars of learning." Benjamin Disraeli

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# section 2

INSIDE ..... B2

Features: Cup of Joe

Admiral's Cup serves up quality coffee

Tuesday, September 5, 2000

## HOROSCOPE

If You're Having a Birthday This Week:  
Make good changes to your home or family. Is it time to get a bigger house? You're full of great ideas, so fix things up the way you want them. Your work's cut out for you.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Schedule romance for today. Make sure you look busy 'cause some important people are watching. You're liable to learn something that makes the whole world look different.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You've been thinking about getting something for your home. Today the urge could be overwhelming. Consult your sweetheart, especially if you're spending household money.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

The pace is quick today. A brilliant antagonist forces you to prove you know your stuff. Forgetting a detail could mar your cheerful attitude.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Watch for surprises in a work setting today. Keep your wits about you, and everything should work out fine. Something you try is liable to fall flat, however. Don't believe everything you hear.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your buyer's regret today could be awful. Instead, make plans and focus on what you'll do to make them come true. You should be in a better financial position later this week.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You may get conflicting orders today. Check before you get too far into the project. Extra work could come in, which could mean extra money. Get the deal in writing. Somebody else's sad loss could be your lucky break.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A domestic complication takes up extra time, so keep your schedule simple then. Don't let a thoughtless remark cramp your style. Make a correction if necessary and keep on going.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Check out the gossip you hear today before you pass it along. You don't want to get into trouble due to somebody else's error. A knowledgeable tip could help you make a good deal however.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're full of surprises today. You'll wow the competition, but don't make fun of the boss. Have the facts instead, and you could win.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Pay attention to your nagging doubts today. They may be trying to tell you something. You're more decisive, but don't step on an important person's toes. Be nice, even if you feel pressed, and make the sale.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If your sweetheart's too busy to play today, don't complain. Be flexible, and you'll be more appreciated. Work hard for the money, even if it's not much fun.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Everybody wants your time and attention today. Set priorities in order of profitability. An outing with friends looks too expensive. If you can wait, you'll put less stress on your budget.

## Playboy's models meet & greet



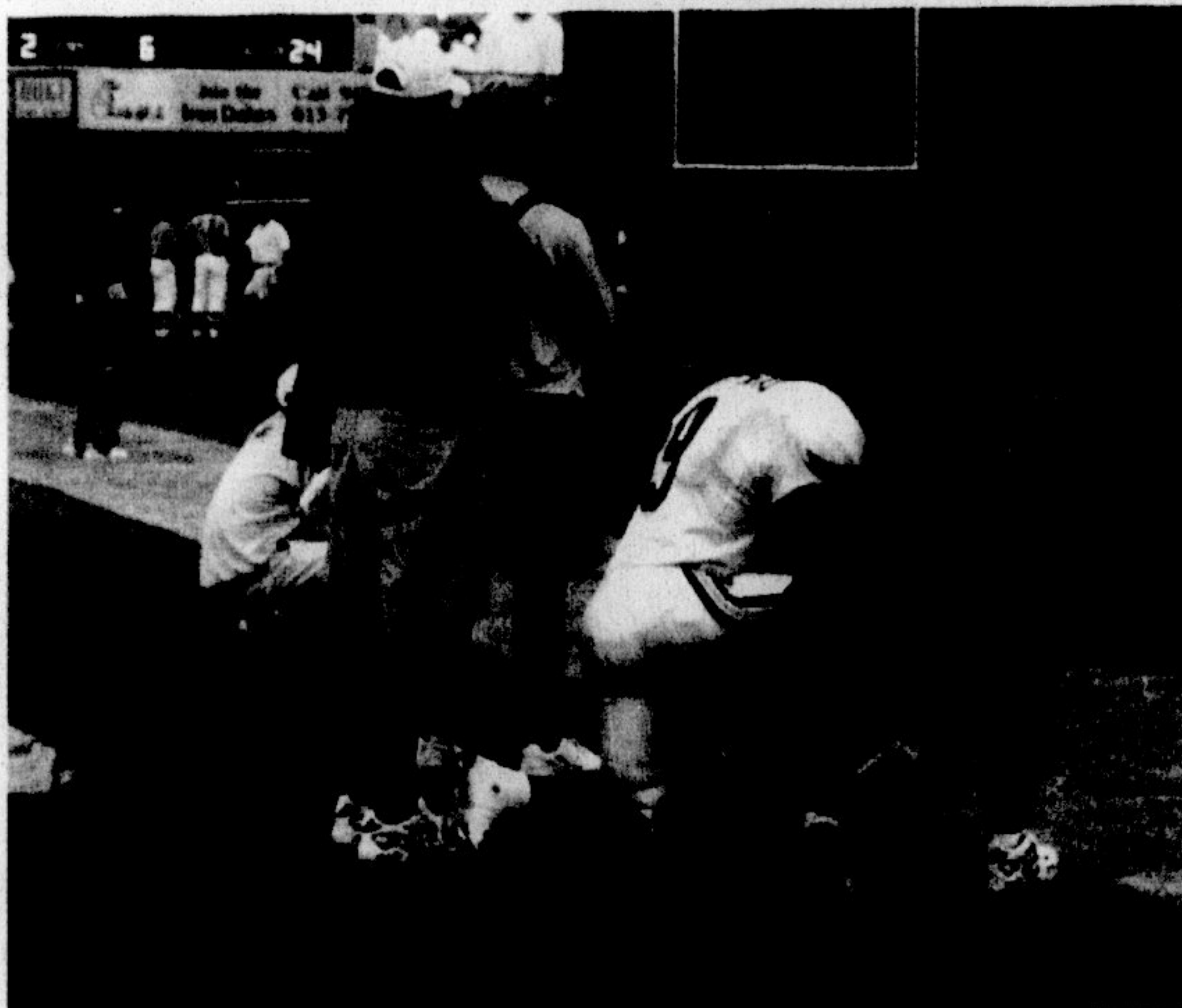
(From left) ECU sophomore and broadcasting major Cara Cousins and junior Jessica Mauch, a triple major in business, textiles and apparel, took time to meet fans and admirers at Ham's Restaurant last Wednesday following the release of Playboy's "Girls of Conference USA" issue in which they appear. (photos by Kenny Smith)



(Top) Cara (left), student Jason Burtreck and Jessica smile for photographers.

(Left) Cara and Jessica stayed for four hours to sign autographs

## Pirates shut out Blue Devils



Quarterback David Garrard and Head Coach Steve Logan discuss the Duke defense during ECU 38-0 win Saturday.

(All photos by Stephen Schramm)



Players congratulate Art Brown after scoring a touchdown late in the game.



Jamie Wilson scores while PeeDee cheers him on.





## Through the Looking Glass

### What's a girl have to do to get a ride?

A 43-year-old German woman was having trouble getting picked up as she hitched a ride on I-85 from Atlanta to Norfolk, Va., so she stripped off all her clothes figuring this would increase her chances. At least a half-dozen North Carolina motorists, who apparently don't realize that the human body is a beautiful thing, used their cell phones to call the police on Hamza Schwenking-Ben of Nuremberg, Germany upon seeing her in all her glory. She was charged with indecent exposure.

### Just having a little fun, officer

Perhaps hoping to infuse a little merriment or excitement into a long, boring car trip with her parents, a 15-year-old New Jersey girl held up a sign in the back window saying, "HELP WE'RE BEING KIDNAPPED!" A driver who saw the sign wasn't in on the joke and called the cops. Pennsylvania police stopped the car, asked a few pointed questions, cited the girl for disorderly conduct and let everybody go.

### Exit was a bit too hasty

A judge in Fordyce, Ark., felt that Sherman Parks had paid his debt to society. Parks, 50, had served nine months on a burglary charge, so the judge ordered his release. When the guards went to let him out, they discovered he had escaped that very day. Police soon caught up with him, and he is now in jail for escaping, which is a crime.

### Oh, there it is

Curtis Keene, a farmer in Georgia, reported his cotton picker stolen and collected on a \$95,500 insurance policy. Investigators now say that the 17-ton machine wasn't stolen at all, but that had Keene buried it in a huge hole. The cotton picker is the size of two dump trucks—12 feet wide, 12 feet tall and about 20 feet long. Rain washed away some of the dirt under which it was buried, and Keene was charged with insurance fraud.

### She's just mad about the boy

Summer Strickland's joy at the birth of her baby girl was somewhat diminished when she was arrested for statutory rape for having sex with her husband. She is 21, and her now-husband-then-boyfriend was 13 when he impregnated her. They married five weeks after the baby was born. Under Georgia law, it is illegal to have relations with anyone under age 16 who is not your spouse. But they were allowed to marry because they are parents. Summer was shocked. "He's my husband," she said. "I just don't understand."

### Getaway car maintenance is critical

Three men robbed a diner in Glendale, Colo., leapt into their getaway car—a white Honda Civic that had seen better days—and drove off. The car broke down about a half-mile away. Arrests followed.

## TEC INTERVIEW: PLAYBOY MODELS

a telling conversation with ECU's own "Girls of the Conference USA" about nudity, fame and the truth about photo shoots

Emily Little  
FOUNTAINHEAD EDITOR

Nancy Kuck  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

We've finally managed to get these girls alone. They've been in demand all day, from the radio DJs and the line of eager men that has been plunking magazines down for a coveted signature for the past four hours. Now it's our turn to interview the two girls selected from ECU to pose for October's Conference USA pictorial, out this month in Playboy.

Two girls have sat down to interview two girls, all poised on bar stools upstairs in the cigar bar at Ham's Restaurant and Brewhouse. The girls work their magic on the bartender and he turns the music down to a faint echo, although the lights stay down and we can still hear the hum of conversation from the entourage of Playboy employees and hopeful male admirers that has followed up here.

These two girls radiate charm. Cara Cousins (19, sophomore, broadcasting) is the schoolgirl. She's petite, wears very little make up, and has cute down to an art form. In fact, her Playboy photo has her wearing nothing but knee-socks and tennis shoes. She's listed in the magazine as Brooke Moore, but not because she's ashamed of her picture, as a recent Greenville newspaper article insinuated. She just doesn't want her family to know, although she has told her mom.

Jessica Mauch (20, junior, business, apparel and textiles), on the other hand, is all glamour. Her hair is styled, glitter dusted on her chest and face. Her photo pins her as all sex symbol, and in person she is every bit the confident model.

As the group on the other side of the bar waits and watches, Cara and Jessica have taken a few minutes to share their experience with us. As far as we could tell, they hold nothing back.

TEC: So, what was it like to pose for Playboy?

JESSICA: It was a lot of fun. I wasn't very nervous. A lot of people ask that, if we were nervous. I think we both pretty much nervous at first, going into it, but [the photographer] made us both feel very comfortable. Nobody touched us, it wasn't creepy like that. It was very comfortable. Professional.

TEC: Did you tell your parents?

JESSICA: My mom, yeah. My dad's passed away and I don't have any brothers, so my mom—I told her. Everybody in my family knows. My grandparents on both sides, everybody. Anybody that is anybody to me knows.

TEC: How do they feel about that?

JESSICA: Everybody's been positive about everything. I think they're shocked. That's the big thing. They're just shocked, but everybody's been really cool about it and stuff.

TEC: Cara, your mom, is she ok with it?

CARA: Oh, yeah. She was the first person I called. So yeah.

TEC: Did you have to get permission from the University?

CARA: No, not at all.

TEC: All the copies in Greenville are sold out right now. We had to ask for copies from you because there are none...

CARA: (laughs) I didn't even get my own.

TEC: How does it feel knowing that practically every man on campus and in Greenville has a picture of you guys naked?

JESSICA: It's kind of a cool feeling. It's not creepy, it doesn't make me feel uncomfortable. It's kind of cool, you know?

CARA: Yeah, I agree. I think there's a big difference, I mean, not a big difference, but standing in front of a man naked and then being on paper is kind of different to me. It's like if you're actually there in person, it's just—it doesn't bother me.

TEC: Have any guys approached you outside of press functions?

JESSICA: Actually, we were at a party last weekend

and a bunch of people came up, and we were just hanging out. And people kept coming up and saying, "We heard you were gonna be one of the girls from Playboy!" And I just played it off. I was like, "No, that's not me. It's not my picture. No, that's not me." You know? But this week, I've gotten a lot of e-mails since the issue came out from people and stuff.

TEC: Why did you decide to do it?

CARA: I did it on a dare. My boyfriend was like, "I dare you, you will not make it." And so I went out there and I did it. (laughs)

JESSICA: Actually, one of my roommates—the last day they had auditions, the very last, probably, 30 minutes before the auditions were over—one of my roommates told me. She was like, "Let's go. Let's do it. It'll be fun, it'll be exciting." And I was like, "No, I'm not doing it." So she talked one of my other roommates into doing it, and we all three went together. Just for the fun of it, not looking for anything to come out of it. Just to go do it and say we did it.

TEC: How did you react when you heard that you actually made it?

CARA: I was screaming. I was jumping up and down and screaming.

TEC: In a good way?

CARA: (laughs) yeah.

JESSICA: [The Playboy rep] actually told us at the audition day—I think it was on a Friday—and she told us we would hear from her that night. And none of us heard from her or anything, so we all went out the next night because I had friends in town. She called at eleven o'clock and said, "Please call." It was on my answering machine at home, and she was like, "It doesn't matter what time it is." So I completely wasn't even thinking about it, you know? So it was shocking. I called my mom right away and was like, "What do I do?" (laughs)

TEC: How much were you paid? Are you allowed to see PLAYBOY, pg. 3



Cara Cousins, left, and Jessica Mauch, right, give TEC the scoop on posing nude for Playboy. (photos by John Stowe)



## Pick of the week: Admiral's Cup Coffeehouse

Brian Frizzelle  
ASSISTANT FOUNTAINHEAD EDITOR

You walk in through the front door and all previous thoughts go temporarily on hold as the inviting aroma of fresh coffee beans grabs your attention. You have just entered the Admiral's Cup Coffeehouse, the newest coffeehouse in Greenville.

The Admiral's Cup, situated between Food Lion and Quixote Travel in the Marketplace at Lynndale on Red Banks Road, offers a tempting array of different flavors of coffee, teas, and baked goods. It is a family business owned and operated by Michel Brett and her husband Jerry.

"This is a dream come true," Brett said. "I have always loved coffeehouses. I love the atmosphere of them, but I especially like the uniqueness of each one."

Part of the uniqueness of the Admiral's Cup is the nautical interior design. Lobster traps, maps, and signaling flags that decorate the walls make you feel like you're at the beach.

"We are so close to the beach and rivers that we tried to decorate the inside like the interior of a river cabin," Brett said.

The kerosene lamps that grace every table add a touch of hominess. There are also two recliners and a collection of books and magazines that customers can look at and even take with them as long as they leave a replacement for each one they remove.

"It's not as crowded as some of the other coffeehouses most of the time," customer Ceal Holbert said. "The coffee's good and the decor is nice. I like that it's non-smoking. I also like the book swap idea."

Non-smoking customers will be pleased at the no smoking policy, but there are comfortable chairs and tables outside for those who want to light up. With fresh coffee beans available by the pound near the door, smoking can affect the quality of the coffee.

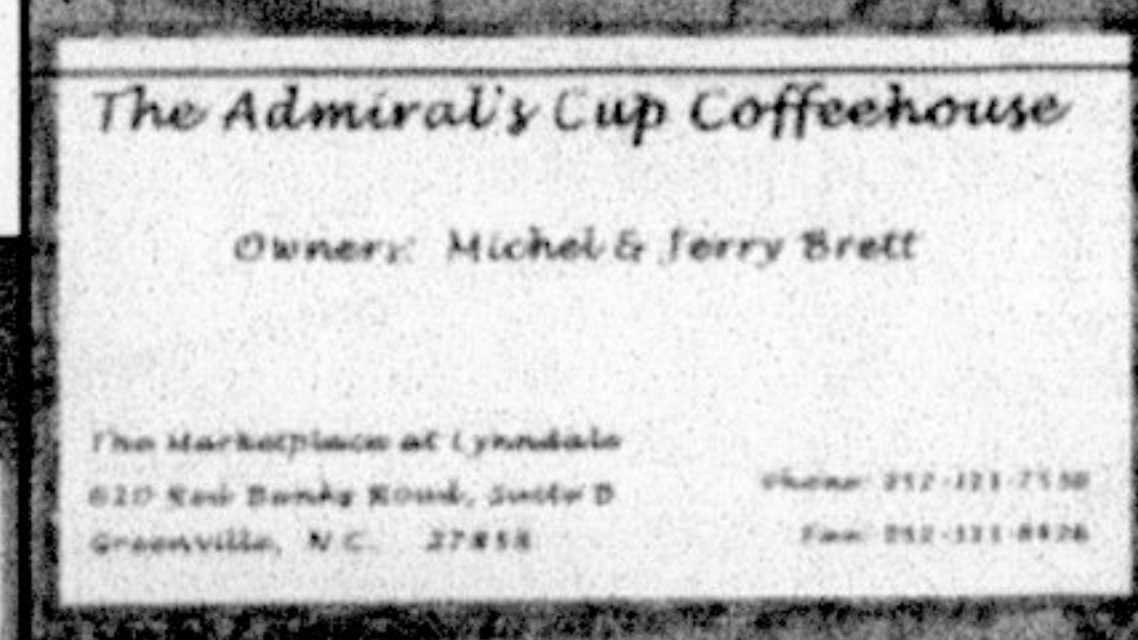
"Coffee beans absorb certain odors such as cigarette

smoke. But here, when you open the coffee doors you smell coffee and not smoke," Brett said.

To curb your hunger the Admiral's Cup offers several different types of baked goods and pastries including bagels, cinnamon rolls, cake slices and miniature cheesecakes. They have a large selection of coffee beans to purchase, from Classic Breakfast Blend to K'lla Fudge. You can also choose from 36 different syrups for flavored lattes and cappuccinos, including Chocolate Blanco, Cranberry and English Toffee.

"They have a lot of varieties of what you can get," customer Amy Sweeny said. "There's something for everyone."

Customers can also browse through a gift section that has decorative candle holders, coffee mugs, decorated picture frames, and wall hangings.



(Right) Third-year med student Carey Kernodle studies in the nonsmoking, bookish environment of the Admiral's Cup.

(Below) Jars of various types of

coffee line the shelves and fill the air with a delightful smell. (photos by Kenny Smith)



The Admiral's Cup Coffeehouse is open on Monday through Thursday 6 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday they are open until 11 p.m. and offer live local acoustic music from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"We help people get their music out," Brett said. "We like to help the kids especially."

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fountainass@ecupiratemail.com.



## Above and Beyond: Service With a Smile

Lauren Harris  
STAFF WRITER

"A smile is the only curved line that says everything straight." This anonymous quote is one that hostess Betty Barrett lives by each and everyday.

When walking into the Wright Place each student is greeted with an ecstatic, welcoming smile from Barrett.

Her main job at the Wright Place is to make students feel at home and appreciated.

"I want the students to know that when they walk in here, they are not just a number, but all individually special people to me," Barrett said.

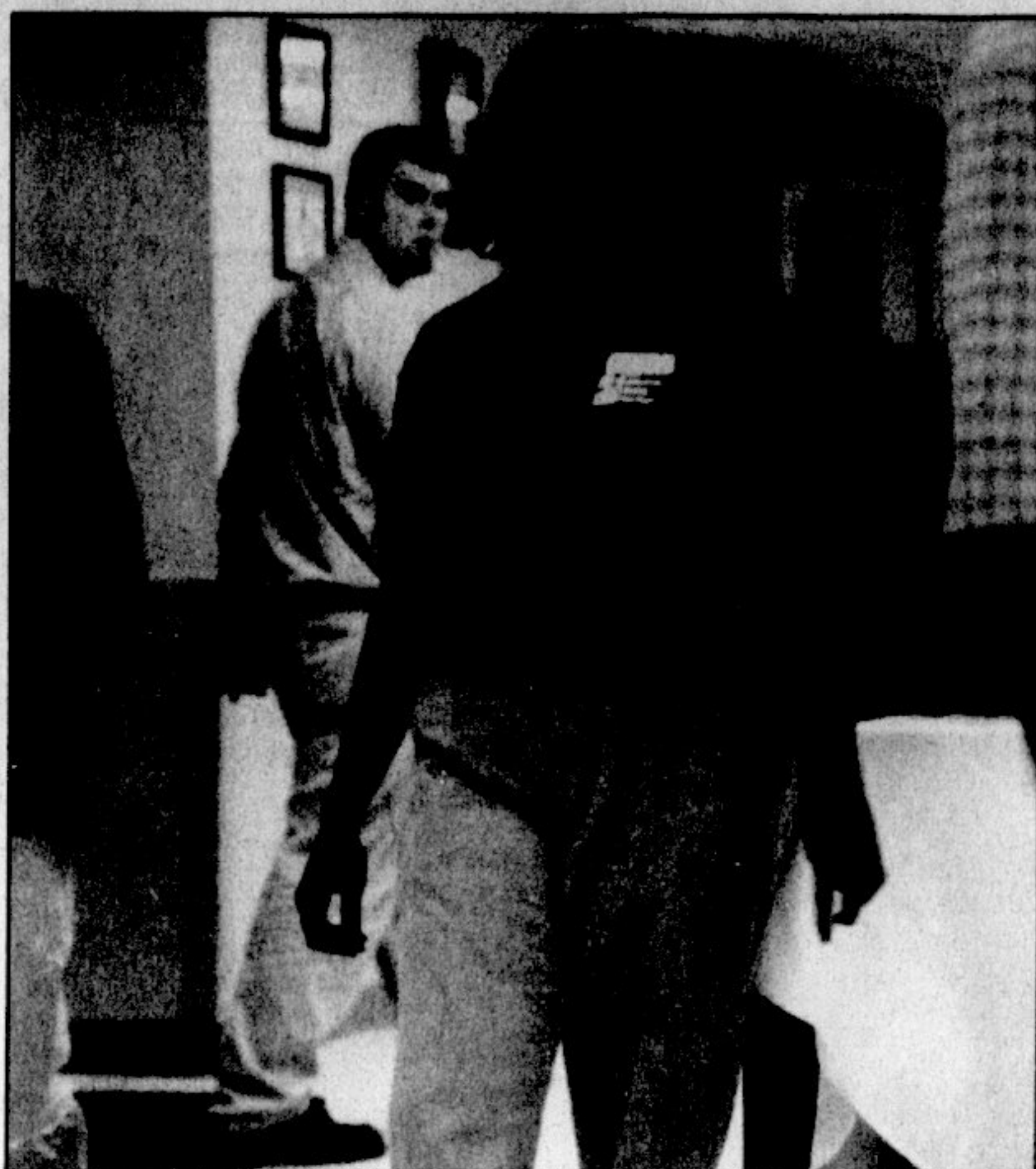
Barrett, a Greenville native, has been working at the Wright Place since February 16, 2000. She is the first hostess ever to be hired to work in one of ECU's dining facilities. Barrett obtained the position through persistence and her constant up-beat attitude.

"I want them to leave their troubles at the door and walk out with a smile," said Barrett.

Barrett said she loves people and refuses to do any job that doesn't make someone smile.

Outside of her job at the Wright Place, Barrett can be found doing odd jobs at her church and participating in community service projects. She previously was a volunteer at the Division of Services for the Blind.

Barrett said that home is where she gets her inspiration to be such a happy person. Barrett spends a majority of her time with her family. She has four children, 3-year-old twins, a 2-year-old girl and an 18-year-old daughter.



Betty Barrett greets students and faculty at the entrance to the Wright Place. (photo by Kenny Smith)

Her favorite part of the job each day, is making the students smile said Barrett. She believes this is how she knows she is doing her job well and that her positive attitude is rubbing off.

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Anyone that says  
This is the Wright Place  
Today we're all here  
Here we'll have fun  
Everyone can't deny  
Wanting not to try  
Remember when you're here  
Inspiration will be clear  
Going from day to day  
Having to know what to say  
Things of what happened before  
Possibly not a bore!  
Learning from all mistakes  
Anyone can take that place  
Caring from day to day  
Everyone is welcome at the WRIGHT PLACE!!

### PLAYBOY from page 2

to say?

JESSICA: Playboy actually told us we weren't allowed to say.

CARA: A good amount.

JESSICA: Yeah, we were paid a good amount.

TEC: How long was the shoot?

CARA: Mine took about two hours. I was with two other girls, so I spent the whole day, from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night at the house.

JESSICA: And I was actually—we filmed from probably about nine to five. So it took a while to set up everything and get make up and hair and everything done in one night.

TEC: Did you get to travel?

CARA: Unless you count New Bern.

TEC: So you didn't get to meet Hugh Hefner?

CARA: Oh, no. (laughs)

TEC: Did they have to do a weigh-in? Did you have to weigh a certain amount?

CARA: Oh, no.

JESSICA: You know what's funny, too? I always heard that—because I watched something on Jenny McCarthy a couple years ago—that they tape you and all this. So I was going in there thinking they were gonna tape your legs and tuck you in, and they didn't do any of that.

TEC: Well, how do you like the way it turned out? Was it what you expected?

CARA: I didn't expect this many people.

JESSICA: Me neither.

CARA: Both me and her were talking about it. We were like, "It's not gonna be a big deal." The line was wrapped outside.

JESSICA: It's been fun so far. If anything has been fun, you know? We did the radio today with Tommy [Collins at 99X]. That was a lot of fun. We had a great time with him. We had a couple other offers to do radio appearances and stuff like that. Tonight was great, we

had a lot of fun.

TEC: Would you do it again if they asked you to do it a second time?

CARA: Definitely.

JESSICA: Definitely. Honestly, if anybody had the opportunity, I would encourage them. Or if they wanted to do it, I'd say, go for it. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I mean, seriously, how many girls do you know are in Playboy? You know? Ten years from now, if anything bad comes out of this—we can look back in two years and say, you know, that it's something that's dead and buried.

TEC: What about 10 years from now, if the pictures were pulled out to be used against you, or even for you?

JESSICA: I'm not going into politics and I'm not going to be Miss America any day or anything, so hopefully no. I couldn't see how somebody could bring that out as a negative. I was doing something, to me, I consider art. Everybody's naked underneath, so I don't see it as something bad.

CARA: I honestly don't see any negatives at all. I think it's great. It's one of the best things I've ever done.

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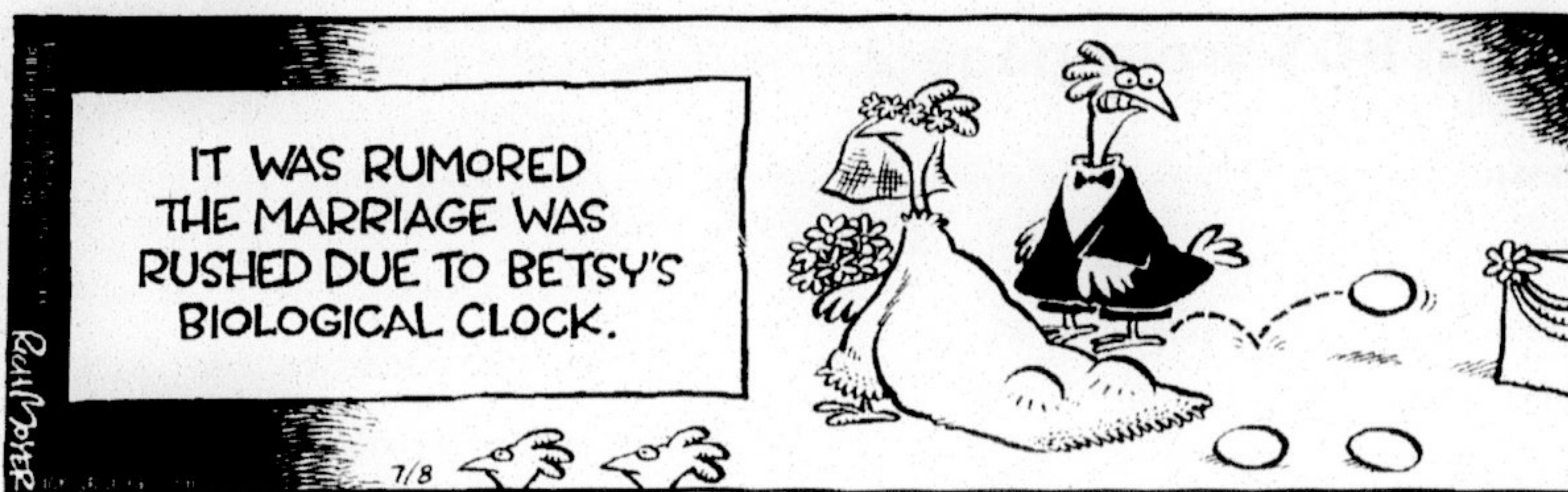
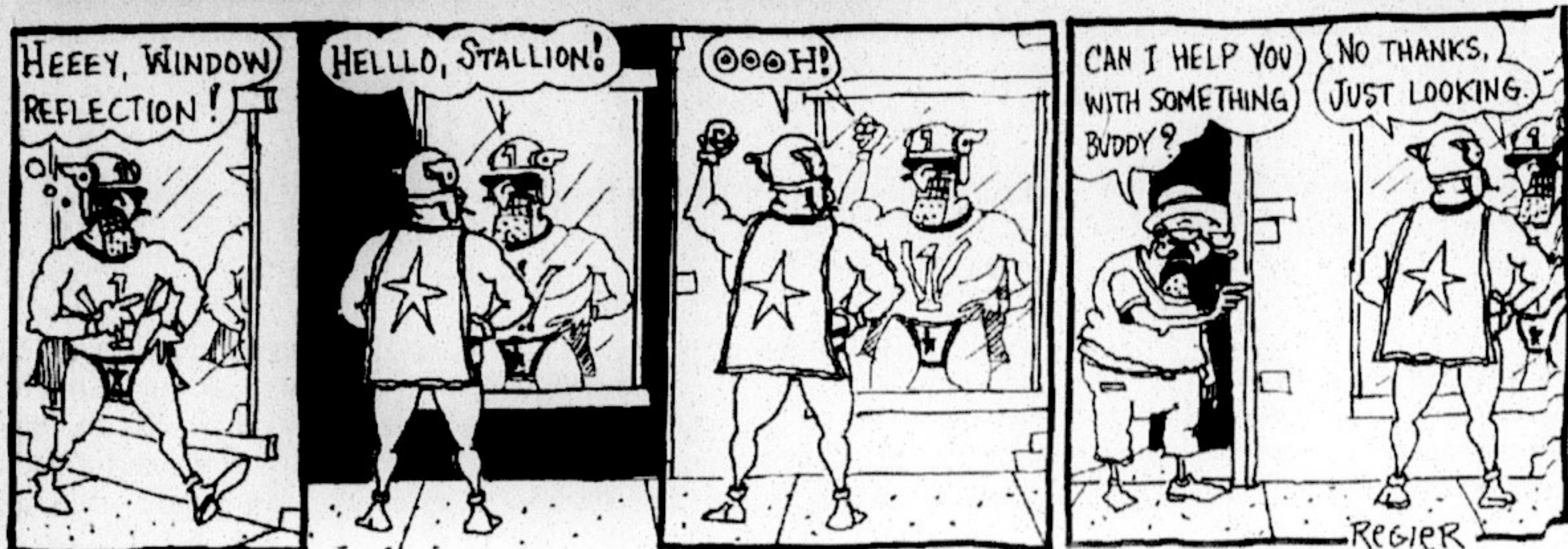
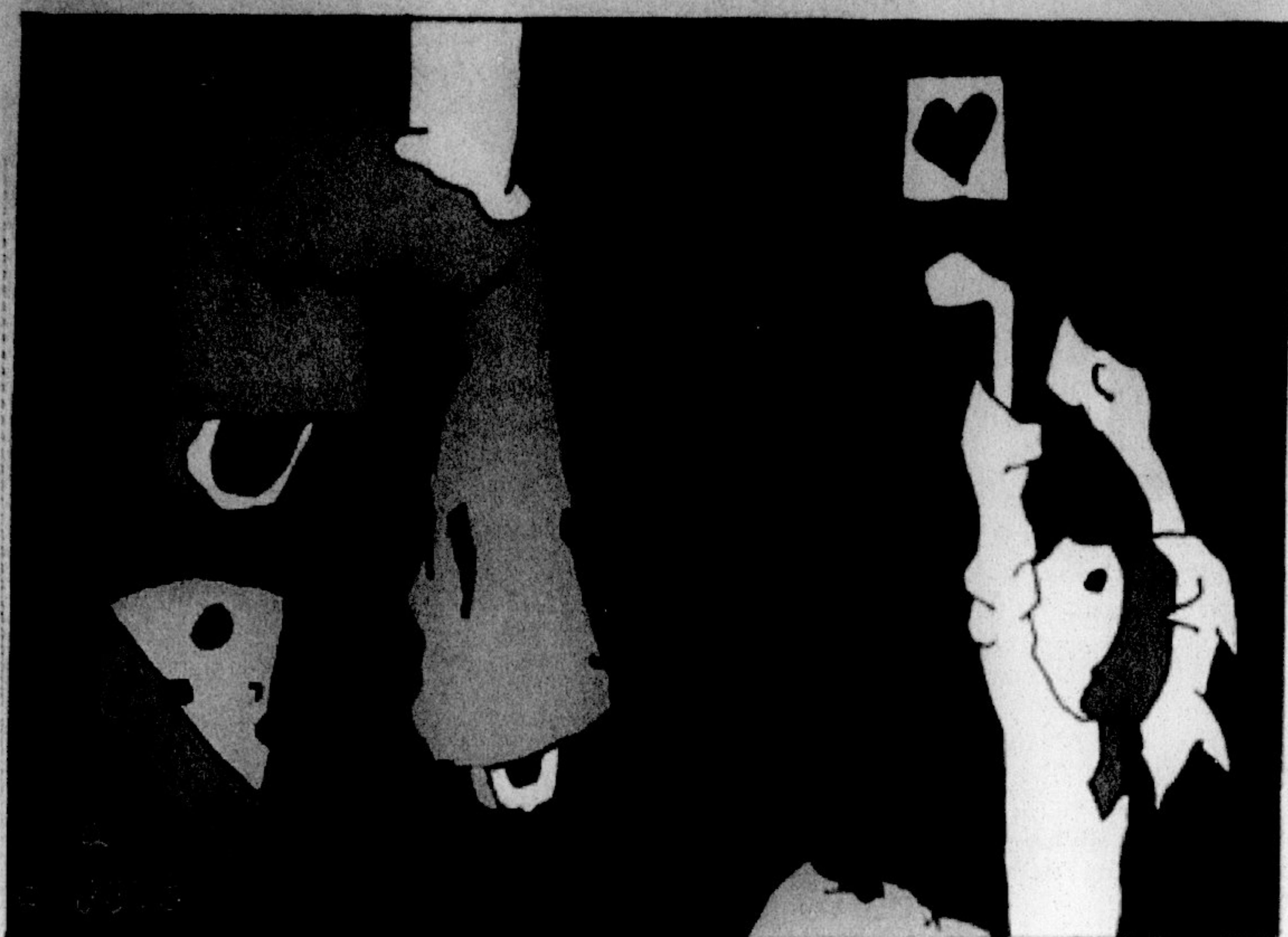
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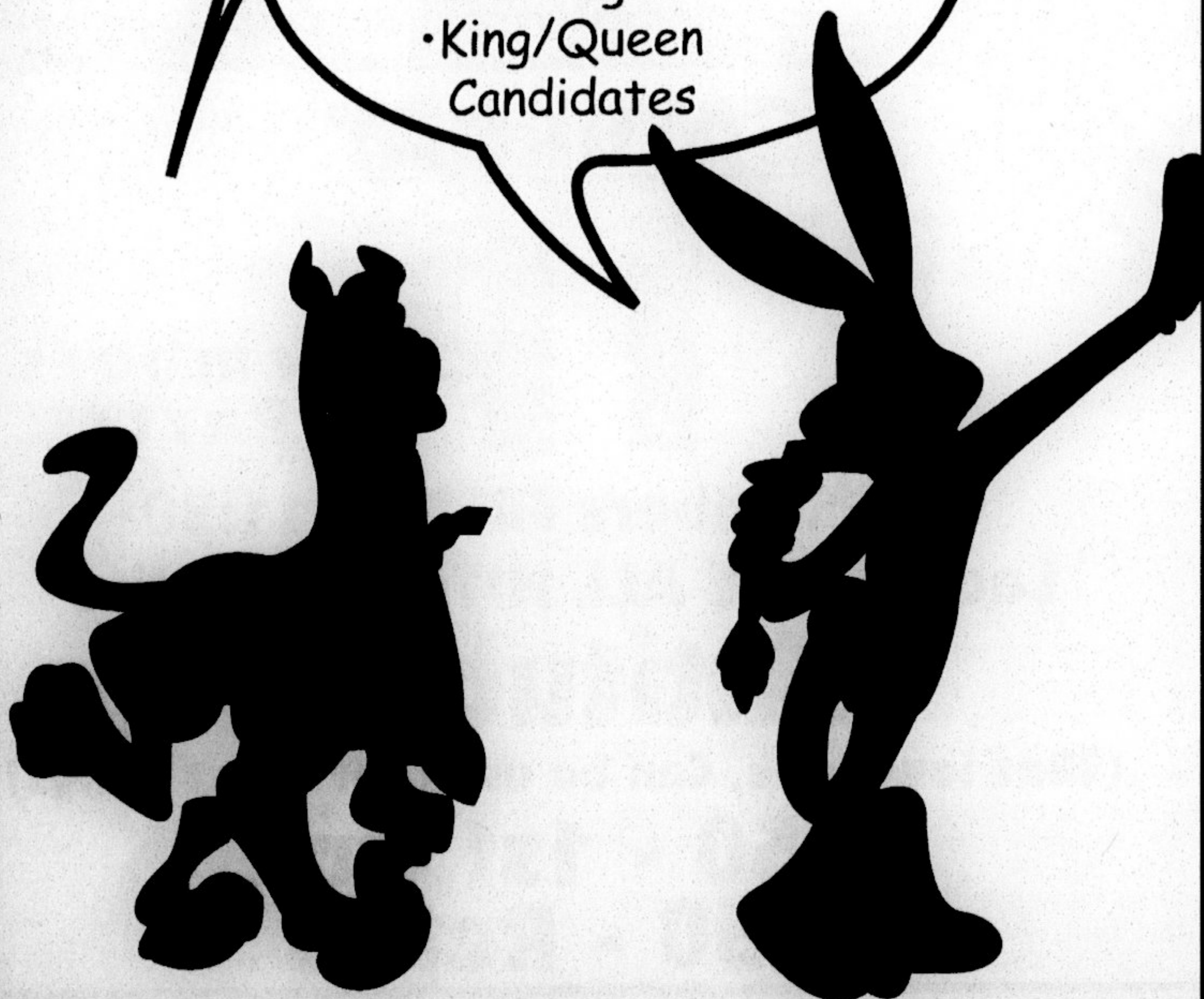
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## SPORTSBRIEFS



### Eagles pound Cowboys

The Philadelphia Eagles crushed the Dallas Cowboys in their season opener Sunday. Behind running back Duce Staley's 201 yards, the Eagles cruised to a 41-14 victory.

The Eagles knocked out Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman in the second quarter with a concussion.

Also hurt was the Cowboys' Joey Galloway, who left the game with a sprained knee.

In addition to Staley's career-high rushing total, he also scored a touchdown.

### Bills top Titans

It wasn't the Music City Miracle, but the Bill did avenge their playoff loss to the Tennessee Titans Sunday. Steve Christie nailed a 33-yard field goal to clinch the win with 16 seconds left. The Titans were unable to return the kickoff following the field goal, past midfield.

The Bills defense held the Titan offense to 172 total yards. Titan running back Eddie George only managed 37 yards rushing.

Bills quarterback, Rob Johnson, left the game in the fourth quarter with an injured nerve and was replaced by Alex Van Pelt, who drove the Bills to their final score.

### Redskins nip Panthers

After an off-season that saw team owner Daniel Snyder spend over \$100 million on upgrading the Washington Redskins, they managed to beat the Carolina Panthers by three in their first game. The Redskins scored 13 unanswered points in the second half to come from behind to beat the Panthers 20-17.

The Panther got a 10-7 lead in the first half after a Michael Bates kickoff return for a touchdown and a Richie Cunningham field goal.

After the Redskin defense stiffened and the offense began to click, the Redskins opened up a 20-10 lead.

Fresh off of signing a new contract, Stephen Davis rushed for 133 yards and a touchdown.

The Panther cut the Redskin lead to three on a Wesley Walls touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.



### Bobby Labonte wins at Darlington

Bobby Labonte won the rain-shortened Southern 500 Sunday. 328 laps into the race, inclement weather caused the event to be halted and Labonte to pick up the victory at Darlington International Raceway.

The win comes days after Labonte crashed in practice due to a stuck throttle, the same problem that caused the crashes that led to the deaths of Adam Petty and Kenny Irwin earlier this year.

# Pirates smother Blue Devils in opener

*ECU starts season  
with shutout victory*

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

Three plays into their season-opening 38-0 victory, the Pirates made sure that the Duke "Airborne" offense would not get off the ground.

Kelly Hardy's 26-yard interception return for the game's opening score began a 21 point first-half onslaught and effectively ending the Blue Devils hopes for their first opening day victory under Carl Franks.

Behind a defense that didn't allow Duke to advance beyond the ECU 41, the Pirates dominated on both sides of the ball. ECU was able to rack up 428 yards of total offense, while holding Duke to just 140.

ECU quarterback David Garrard finished the night 22 of 29 for 264 yards in the air.

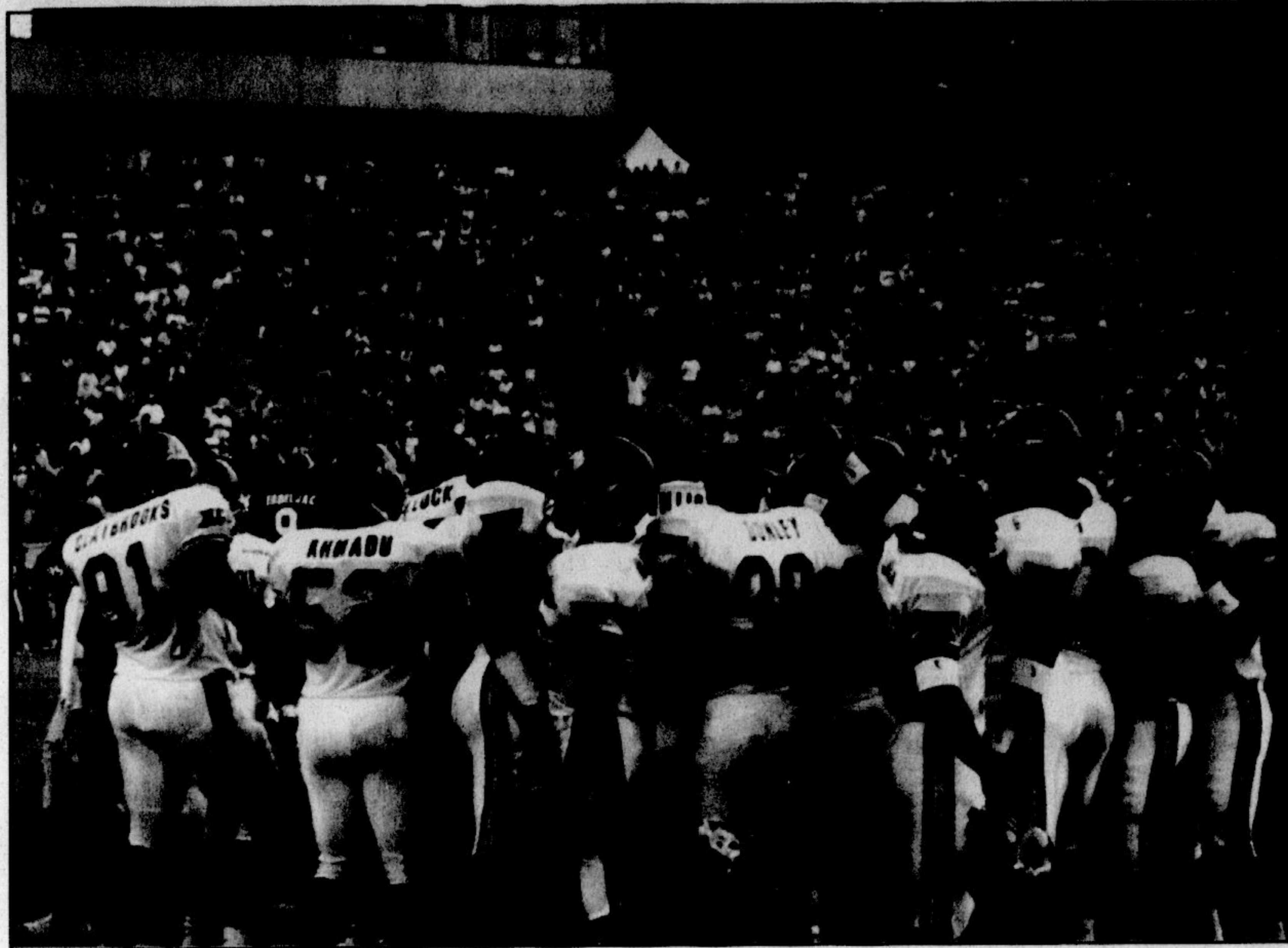
"They were playing off so far," Garrard said. "They came up and made a pretty good stick after the catch, but the initial pass was there. I thought they played well on defense. I just thought we came out working a little harder."

Most of the passing yards belonged to senior receiver Keith Stokes, who finished with a career-high 124 yards.

"This year I've got to come out a little bit more on offense than I did last year," Stokes said. "I've got to step up and be a leader. So I'm going to take the role."

Though the offense found success in the air, Pirate rushers had a good night as well. Running back Jamie Wilson finished as the leading rusher with 60 of the Pirates total 164 yards on the ground.

While the offense was explosive, it was the



The ECU defense huddles before taking the field Saturday at Duke. (photo by Travis McGee)

defense that fired the first shots.

Hardy's pick of Duke quarterback, Spencer Romine's third-down pass 89 seconds into the game, put the Blue Devils on their heels and set the stage for a Pirate rout.

"You come in with great plans on both sides of the ball," said ECU Defensive Coordinator Tim Rose. "When something like that happens, you don't plan

on that. So it does set the tone, definitely."

"That was amazing," Griffin said. "I really didn't think Kelly had seen that and read it. But he told me the ball was thrown right to him. And he just made a play on it and scored."

After their next two drives ended in a punt and

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## Defense keeps "Airborne" grounded

*Pirates pin Duke  
behind 41-yard line*

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

Technically the turf of Wallace-Wade Stadium is owned by Duke University. Though for a couple of hours Saturday night, it was solely the property of the ECU defense.

Holding the Blue Devils to 140 yards of total offense, just 16 more than ECU's Keith Stokes had by himself, and keeping the Blue Devils behind the ECU 41 proved that despite key departures, the Pirate defense still has teeth.

"The defense was outstanding," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "Getting the shutout is an extra special deal. Tim had them prepared beautifully. We got a jump start when Kelly Hardy made the play out in the flat. It was a great defensive game."

The 38-0 shutout of Duke proved that the ECU unit has not skipped a beat after a number of high-profile seniors graduated.

"Our defense, we play hard," said ECU linebacker Pernell Griffin. "We were already hungry because we were tired of hitting our own players. We came out here and came together and came out with a victory."

One reason the squad was so effective was their depth.

"We came in with the idea of playing an awful lot of

guys," said ECU Defensive Coordinator Tim Rose. "We came in with great respect for Duke. They returned six or seven starters. This football team averaged 25 points a game last year except for three ball games."

"We saw them on film against some good teams, we were scared coming in but we played a lot of guys and I think that may have helped us some," he said. "To keep them fresh and in the ball game. It was a hot and humid night out here."

The defense was deepest at the line.

"We're playing 11 defensive linemen," Logan said. "We've got fine depth at that position. We're just

rolling them in. What we told those kids is this, If we turn on the film and see a loaf from one of you guys, they won't ever play again. Because they play three snaps and out and another guy comes in. We're rolling them in there on the rolodex. They've got to play hard and they do."

With the platoon of fresh bodies on the defensive line, the Pirates were able to apply considerable pressure on Duke quarterbacks.

"You prefer to pressure until you find out you can't," Rose said. "Because it does distort the passing game, protection and that type of thing. I don't think we had as much success as we did a year ago. Still I think keeping a lot of players in the game and letting them rush, it does take its toll physically and conditioning wise, I think that was the key for us."

"There was a lot of pressure but that's the nature of our defense," Logan said. "Thankfully we did get

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## And now ... Virginia Tech

*Pirates look to downplay  
hype; prepare for Hokies*

Stephen Schramm  
SPORTS EDITOR

Late in Saturday's 38-0 win over Duke, a chant emanated from the numerous Pirate fans that stuck around. "We want Tech," rung from the Wallace-Wade stands.

No matter how hard, Head Coach Steve Logan and the Pirate team try to diffuse the hype heading into Thursday's game, it's already started.

Before the last fans had filed out, ECU quarterback David Garrard was already fielding questions about the inevitable comparison between he and Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick.

"I'm going to have 10 other guys with me, he's going to have 10 other guys with him," Garrard said. "Hopefully we can go out and execute to the best and come out with a victory."

The Hokies are coming off of a season where they finished No. 2 in the polls. Their only loss of last season came in the Sugar Bowl to eventual national champion Florida State. The team bring Heisman Candidate Michael Vick who is considered the most exciting player in college football.

"It's what everybody's been looking forward to so hopefully we'll go out and have a good game for them," said running back Jamie Wilson.

"They're a great team," said ECU's Keith Stokes. "They've got great speed, but I believe we can match-up with them. We'll see what happens Thursday."

With the win at Duke, the Pirates enter the game with confidence.

"We thought we could come here and win pretty impressively," Garrard said. "I think we did. I'm just happy everyone came out and played as well as they did. It was just a tremendous lift for us to go into the Virginia Tech game. But we're going to have to step it up a notch to go and beat Virginia Tech."

The Thursday game gives Logan and the Pirates only four days to prepare.

"We're going to start tomorrow really quickly," Logan said, Saturday. "That's why I've got to get out of here really quickly and get the kids on the bus and get home. We will practice our kicking game Monday and practice Monday evening on Labor Day. Then we will have real quick practices on Tuesday and Wednesday and then will tee it up and play ball."

The game is the first Thursday Night ESPN telecast from Greenville since Cincinnati came to town in 1997.

"It's going to be a great game," Garrard said. "They're going to be fast, they're going to play hard. I think if we come out and execute, to the best of our ability, if we can come out and do some things on them then we can win it in the fourth quarter."

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## Pirate Notes



### Road Game?

At Saturday's game, most of the 30,224 fans, were partisan Pirate fans.

"Fan support was outstanding," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "We knew that the Pirates would come out and give us support. This was the first time we've won in this stadium and that's a big breakthrough for us."

### Status of the kicking game

While most signs in the preseason pointed to sophomore Kevin Miller to handle the punting chores, Head Coach Steve Logan turned to true freshman Wes Herlocker to kick the ball away Saturday.

"Kevin with the rain and the weather tonight, his thigh was a little bit tight and I just went head and let Wes punt," Logan said. "Now that he's not redshirted he's going to do some more punting."

### Two quarterbacks

While junior David Garrardran the offense with precision, sophomore Richard Alston also made an impression

Despite finishing the night with 42 rushing yards and no completions, Alston did lead the Pirates on two scoring drives, underscoring Logan's goal of using both quarterbacks.

"I'll tell you what guys, most of the time they'll tell you that when you've got two quarterbacks playing that means you don't have one good one," Logan said. "Well we broke the mold on that. We've got two nice young quarterbacks here at East Carolina and their going to play all season long and we don't really have a preference. We've got two good ones."

### Youth is served

The fans at Wallace-Wade were introduced to many new faces Saturday. Freshmen, Art Brown, Terrance Copper, Herlocker, as well as transfers, Derrick Collier and Greg LeFever saw significant playing time.

Brown had two notable plays, a long run and a touchdown from seven yards out.

"We played 14 kids tonight who have never played a college football game," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "Art's one of them. There were a couple of flashes."

"He's got to get better in his pass protection and some of the other things in our offense, but for the most part the youngsters went out and played well, he said. "Terrance Copper was a true freshman that did a couple of nice things, it was a nice performance by the youngsters."



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a fumble, the Pirate defense forced the Blue Devils to punt with 1:58 remaining in the first quarter. The Pirates started on their own 20 and promptly drove 80 yards in just over five minutes. The drive ended on a 15-yard Wilson touchdown run that put the Pirates up 14-0.

"We did pretty good tonight," Wilson said. "We came out and put some points on the board early. We've been harping on going out and getting a good start. We always win the fourth quarter so it looked good for us tonight."

The Pirate defense held Duke to three plays on their next possession, forcing the Blue Devils to punt. Ten plays later, Wilson had his second score of the night on a 3-yard run.

On their first drive of the second half, the Pirates drove to a first-and-goal on the Duke 9-yard line. After two rushes inside the two, the Pirates were thwarted by the Duke defense. A Miller field goal put the Pirates ahead 24-0.

While the Pirates only scored three points in the third quarter, the defense held Duke to only 14 total yards in the period.

It didn't get any better in the fourth quarter for the Blue Devils. On their first two possessions on the quarter, they only managed one yard.

Meanwhile the Pirates moved the ball, scoring twice. The first touchdown in the quarter came on a pass play from Garrard to Stokes. The play covered 30 yards.

"They blitzed the two safeties and just filled the hole up," Stokes said. "I got a good block by one of my receivers and followed him and ran into the end zone."

With 5:04 in the quarter, true freshman Art Brown, scored from seven yards out to put ECU ahead 38-0.

The shutout is ECU's first since beating UT-Chattanooga 31-0 in 1998. The loss was the second straight shutout for the Blue Devils, who lost 38-0 in their final game last season.

The win was also the Pirates' first at Duke.

"We've never won at Duke before," Stokes said. "We played a good game, and got the first win at Duke in a long time. So we showed the crowd that it wasn't just a fluke last year. Duke played a good game but we came out ready to play tonight."

"It's a good feeling but we look forward to doing that all the time," Wilson said. "It's what we do to everybody, but considering it's an ACC school and it's North Carolina, we like that."

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pressure, because if we don't there's just a certain amount of time that someone's going to come out of the back end of your defense. The pressure was all there. We had a couple of nice plays in the defensive secondary tonight. It was really a beautiful performance."

The secondary was a question mark entering the season. A crop of young players looked to fill the holes left by the departures of the two starting cornerbacks from 1999. The group helped make sure the Airborne offense was stillborn, holding the Blue Devils to 96 yards in the air.

"From where I was standing, we gave up some deep routs in the middle there," Rose said. "But they seemed to do a pretty good job stopping them deep except for one time. Apart from that I think we held our own. The players did a great job."

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## Braves prepare for title battle

ATLANTA (AP)—Chipper Jones was a mere bystander the last time the Atlanta Braves went down to the final day of the season in a pennant race.

Jones was only 21 years old, called up late in the season as the Braves battled the San Francisco Giants for the NL West title in 1993.

"I wasn't involved," Jones said, recalling his minor role in that gripping day-to-day struggle. "All I ever did was pinch-run for Sid Bream."

Jones did notice the price that was paid by his older teammates, who faced must-win situations virtually every day over the last month. There was no wild card in those days, so only the division champs moved on to the postseason.

The Braves won 104 games, just enough to send the Giants home with 103 victories. But Atlanta was physically spent and emotionally drained by the time it got to the NL championship series, losing to Philadelphia 4-2.

"I know it took a toll when we played the Phillies," Jones said.

The Braves have made things a bit easier on themselves since that dramatic race in '93, which marked their third straight division title. Since then, Atlanta has added five more championships to its unprecedented streak, coasting to the finish line by an average margin of 11.4 games. Reaching the playoffs as division champs has become a mere formality.

But this year seems likely to break the pattern.

The New York Mets, runners-up to the Braves in the NL East the last two years, have been the hottest team in baseball since the All-Star break and lead the Braves by a half-game heading into Saturday.

Atlanta, on the other hand, struggled in August and seemed resigned to a neck-and-neck showdown over the final month with a team that has become its most heated rival.

"Anyone who didn't think the Mets would be a serious challenger has been proven wrong," said 18-game winner Tom Glavine. "But no one in this room thought that. We all knew the Mets are good. We all knew the Mets were going to give us a challenge."

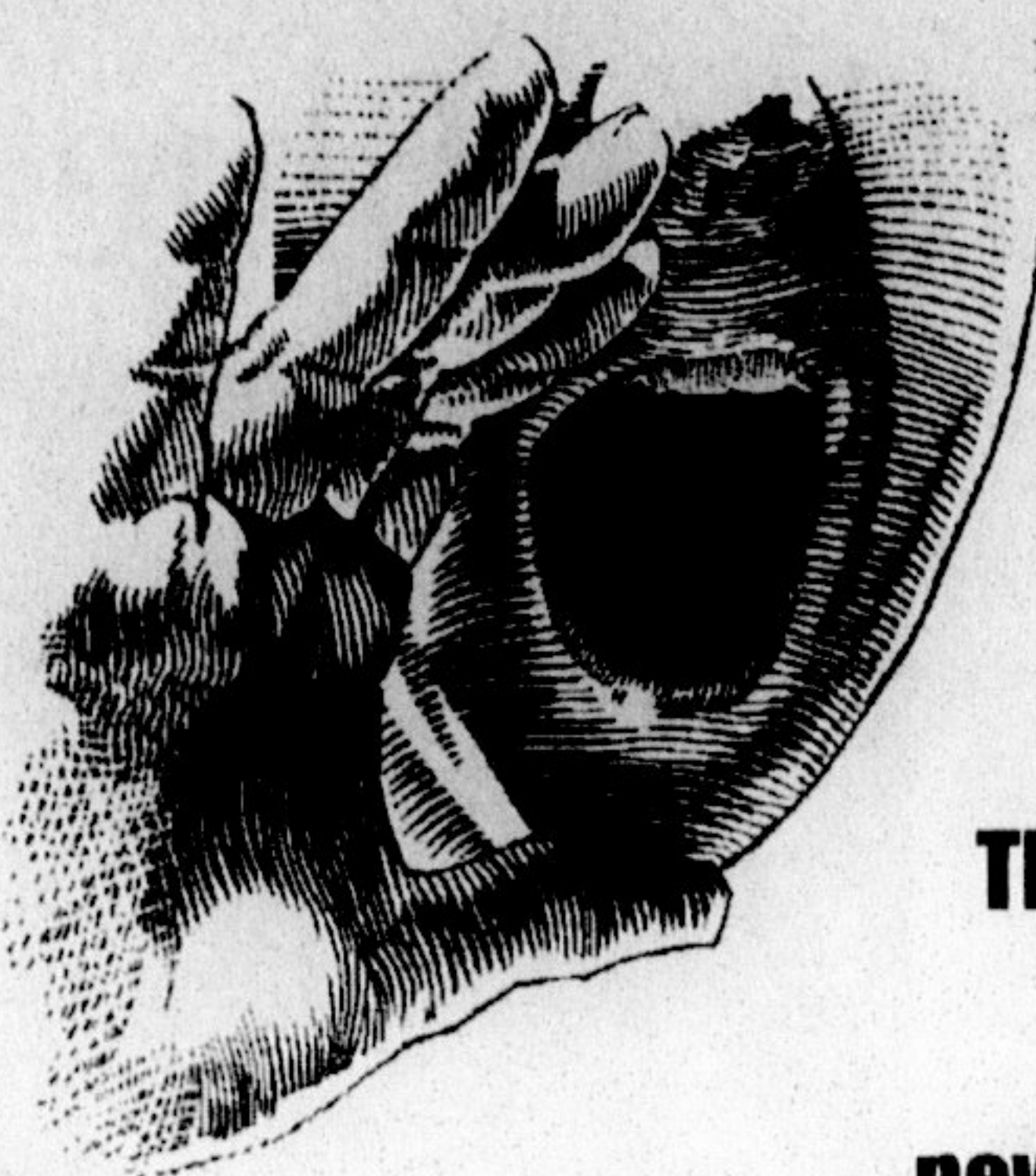
The Braves sampled a pennant race last year, holding a one-game lead over the Mets with just two weeks left in the season. But Atlanta swept a pivotal series at Turner Field and pulled away to win the division by 6 1/2 games.

"Every year, this team goes through streaks that aren't very appealing to any of us," Jones said. "But last year we finished strong, and I don't see any reason why this year should be any different."

The Braves snapped a four-game losing streak, their longest of the season, by beating Cincinnati 5-2 on Wednesday night. Before that game, the players took the unusual step of calling a closed-door clubhouse meeting to discuss their recent woes. But then they lost their next two games.

"These are the dog days of summer. Guys are tired," Glavine said. "I don't think we felt a sense of urgency. But we all felt good about what was discussed. We went out there a little more into the game than we have been."

Injuries have taken a major toll on the Braves, who lost pitcher John Smoltz before the season even began and four other players—Eddie Perez, Quilvio Veras, Rudy Seanez and Greg McMichael—to year-ending ailments since opening day.



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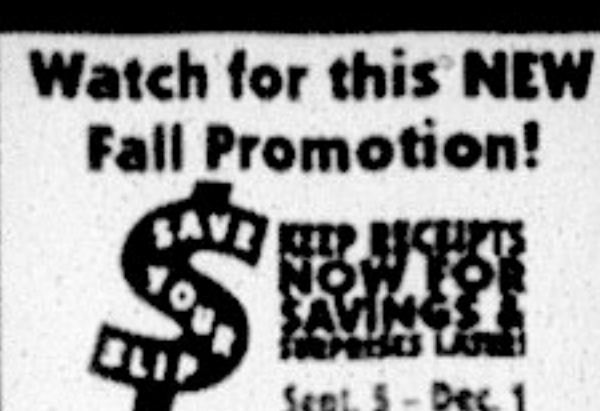
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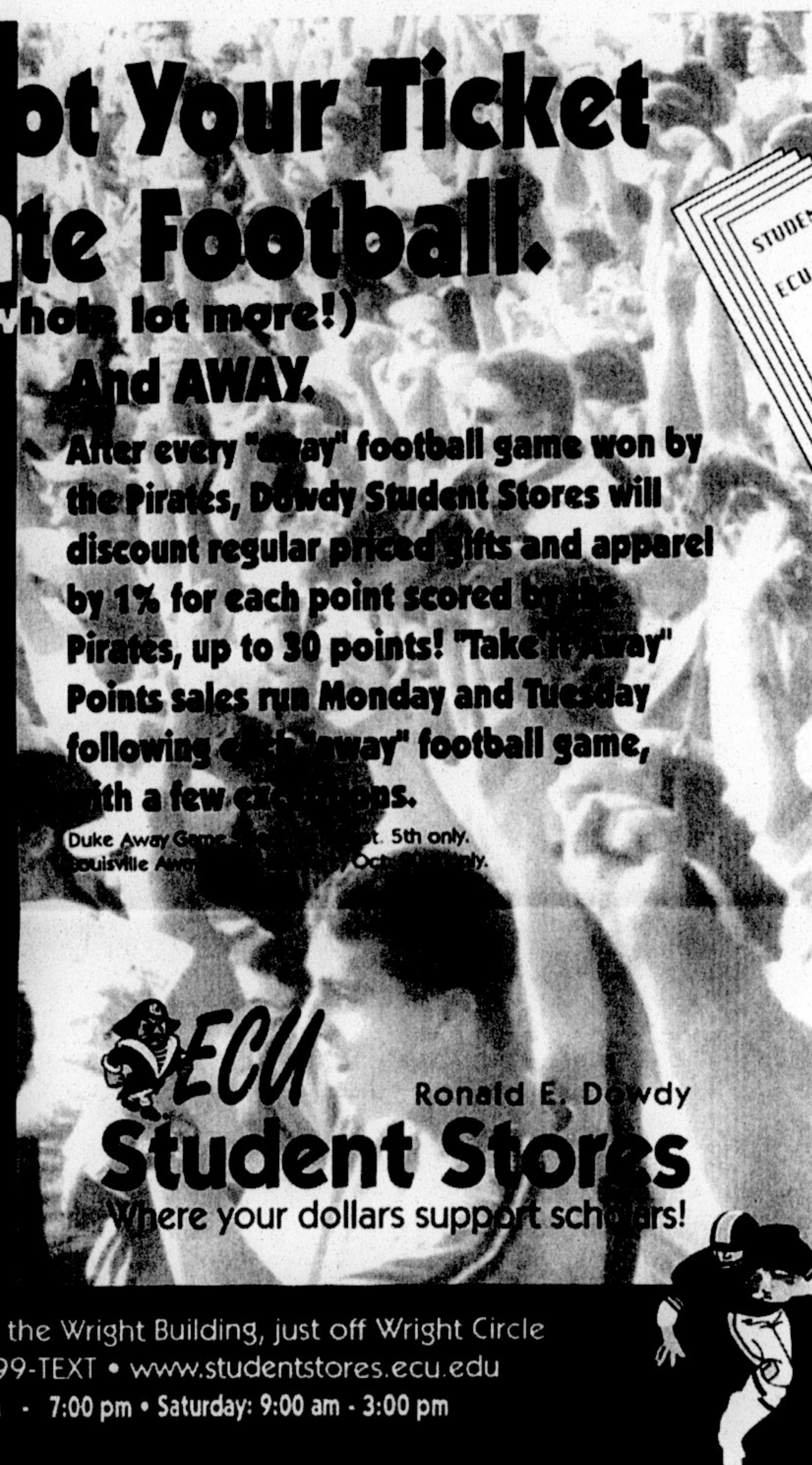
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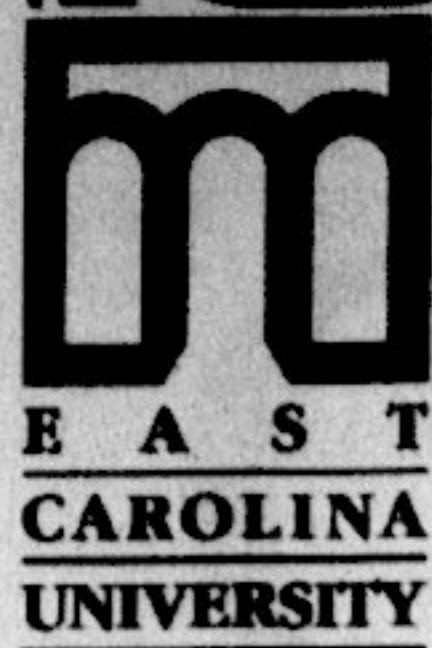
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Shackleford Banks, Beauford NC • Sept. 10 • Reg. Sept. 1

Goose Creek, Washington NC • Sept. 14 • Reg. Sept. 11

Bear Island, Swansboro NC • Sept. 23-24 • Reg. Sept. 15

### •CLIMBING

Pilot Mountain, NC • Sept. 16 • Reg. Sept. 8

### •WHITE WATER SPORTS

Quick Start Kayak • Sept. 22 & 23 • Reg. Sept. 15

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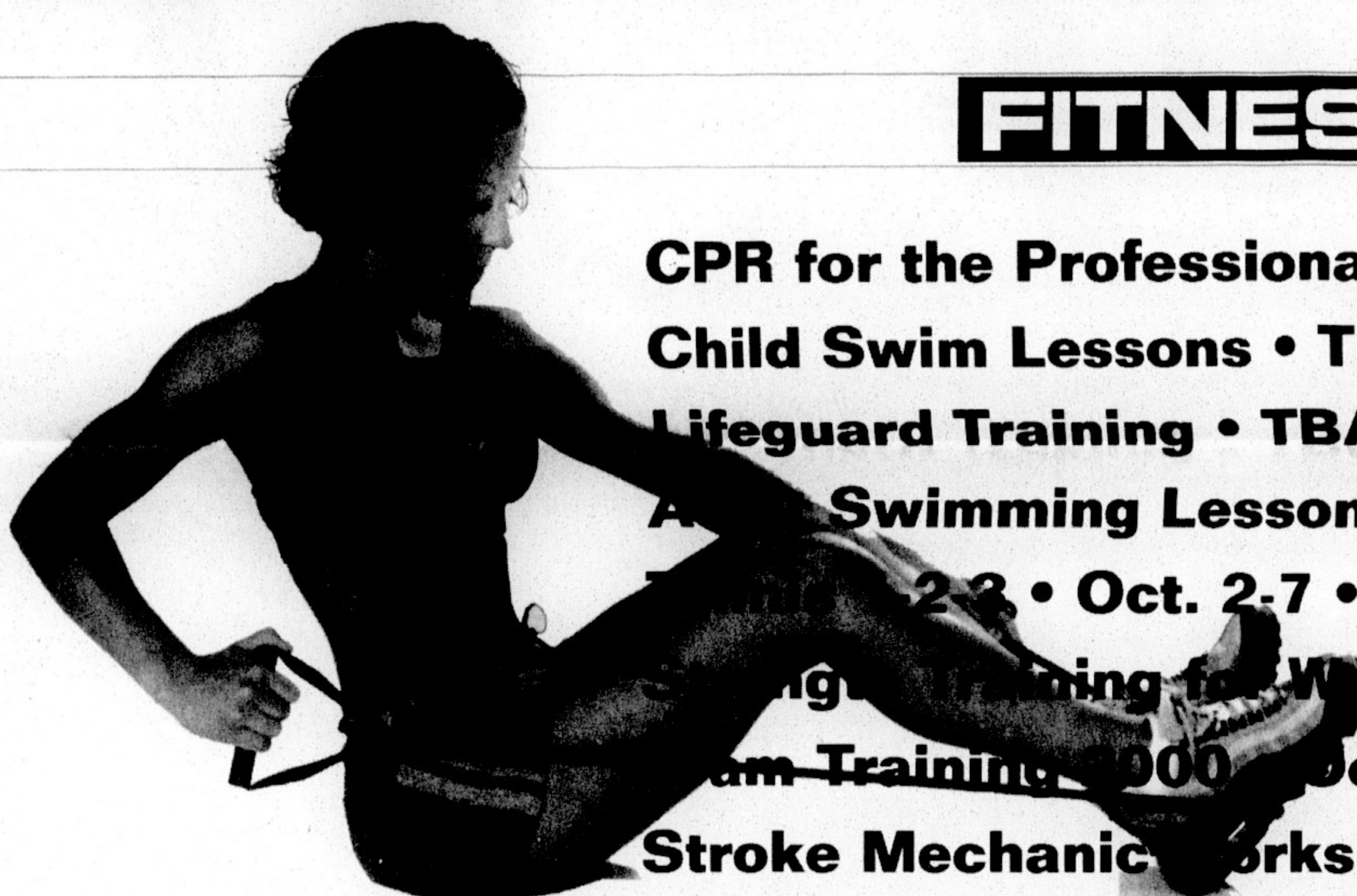
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### •WORKSHOPS

Advanced Climbing Movement • Sept. 12 • Reg. Sept. 11

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Surf Board Repair • Sept. 13 • Reg. Sept. 12



## FITNESS

CPR for the Professional Rescuer • TBA after Sept. 5

Child Swim Lessons • TBA after Sept. 5

Lifeguard Training • TBA after Sept. 5

Adult Swimming Lessons • TBA after Sept. 5

Swimming • Sept. 2-3 • Oct. 2-7 • Reg. Sept. 11-29

Swimming for Women • Oct. 7 • Reg. Sept. 11-Oct. 6

Swim Training 2000 • Oct. 2- Dec. 1 • Reg. Sept. 11

Stroke Mechanics Workshop • TBA after Sept. 5

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Sept. 5 • Volleyball/Preview (M, W, CR) • Reg. Mtg. 5 pm

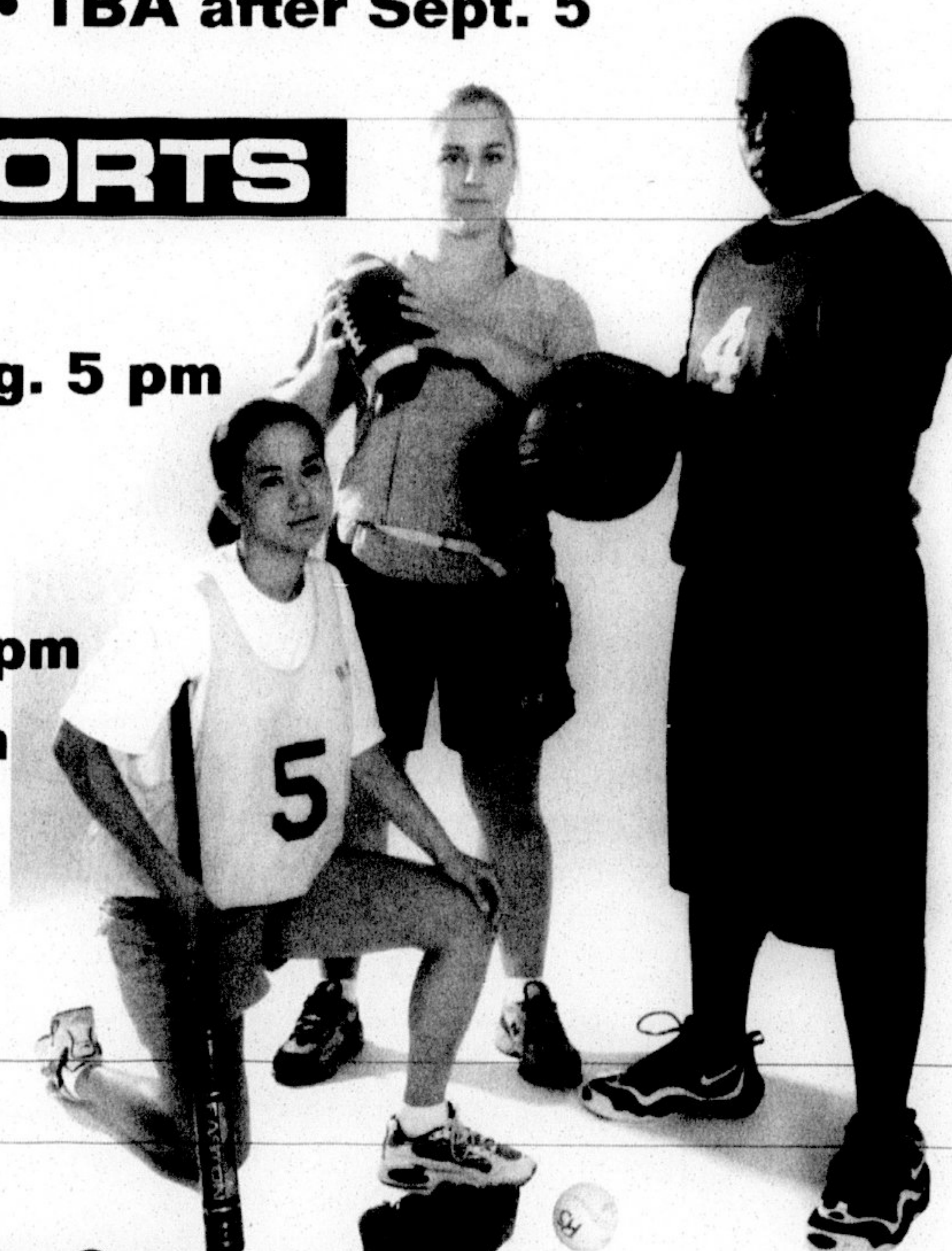
Sept. 12 • Ultimate Frisbee Reg. 10 am - 6 pm

Sept. 12 • Tennis Singles Reg. 10 am - 6 pm

Sept. 19 • Superball Doubles Golf Reg. 10 am - 6 pm

Sept. 21 • "Zoorama, It's a Jungle Out There" 7 pm

Sept. 25 • Wiffleball Reg. Meeting 5 pm



## ARISE

Sept. 5 • Climbing Wall • 7pm- 9pm

Sept. 9 • Whichard's Beach in Washington • Reg. Sept. 6

Sept. 10 • Wheel Power Dance Troupe • 3pm- 5pm

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