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NEWSBRIEFS

Assault Alert

Greenville Police detectives are investigating four reports of a white male subject who approaches females walking in the area of 1st to 5th streets, near ECU's campus.

The incidents have occurred between Aug. 13 and Sept. 5. Two of the reports indicate the man, driving a white Ford truck, reached out the window and grabbed the victims as they walked by him. Two other reports indicate he was walking and grabbed the victims as he approached them.

All victims describe the man as a white male, 5-foot-8-inches to 6-foot in height, medium build, short brown hair, three of the reports indicate facial hair (mustache/beard). Two of the reports indicate he was wearing glasses. His age is estimated to be between 20 to early 30s.

Anyone who has information about this man, or who has been approached by him, should contact the Greenville Police Department at 329-4300 or Pitt/Greenville CrimeStoppers at 758-7777.

Pirate football

ECU plays Virginia Tech in the first home football game of the season at ECU's Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The nationally televised ESPN game starts at 8 p.m.

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.

New Latino organization

September is Latino Heritage month and in an effort to involve all students on campus, our office is providing help to Latino students in starting a student organization. There will be a meet-and-greet social at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in Mendenhall Student Center, Great Room #2.

At 8:15 p.m. there will be greetings from: Dr. Lathan E. Turner, assistant vice-chancellor for Student Life and director of Intercultural Student Affairs; Chancellor Richard Eakin; Dr. Garrie Moore, vice-chancellor for Student Life; Brent Queen, president of the ECU Student Government Association; Ty Frazier, assistant director, Student Leadership Development and Nell Lewis, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Contact Rachel Tucker Cherrier of Intercultural Student Affairs in 204 Whichard Building at 328-6495 and 328-0370.

ONLINE SURVEY

Do you think the decrease in enrollment is noticeable?

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Enrollment dips below expectations

Campus officials plan to survey students for reasons

Melyssa Ojeda
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The number of students enrolled at ECU this year has dipped below campus officials' expectations due to last year's implementation of higher academic standards for undergraduate students.

Fall semester enrollment is currently at approximately 17,850, -650 below the 18,500 total the University had expected.

"This is the second-largest class that we've ever had," said Dr. James Kleckley, associate director of Planning and Institutional Research. "We're just not as high as we were last year."

The implementation of higher academic standards which went into effect for freshmen during the 1999 fall semester, and for other students during the 2000 spring semester, may be the cause of the dip. About 210 more undergraduate students were suspended at the end of the 2000 spring semester than would have been if the old suspension figures had been applied.

"We know the retention standards changed, and that had some effect [on enrollment]," Kleckley said. "Probably putting people on probation earlier than they would have [in the past]."

According to Dr. Dorothy Muller, dean of undergraduate studies, before new retention standards went into effect, a student needed to have a grade point average of at least 1.6 and between 32-63 hours of attempted hours of credit to avoid probation and/or suspension. Since some schools at ECU require students to have at least a 2.5 before declaring their major, this made it tough for students to get into their major of choice after starting off on the wrong foot as freshmen.

"Some of the difficulties a freshman faces involve a major transition to a different place where there's more freedom, less structure, and the demands for good decision making are harder to meet."

Now, to avoid probation and/or suspension, students are required to have at least a 1.9 GPA and 60-74 attempted hours of credit.

"Based upon initial observations, I believe that having the new academic standards has given our students goals that they are going to meet," Muller said. "Ultimately, they will be able to get into majors quicker and graduate with academic records that will allow them to have more impressive resumes later on."

Campus officials also point to other explanations for ECU's lowered retention rates. Graduate enrollment, which is about 120 below last year's 2,764, typically



Due to new retention standards, ECU has seen a recent decrease in the number of continuing students. (photos from ECU's official Web site)

drops during an economic boom.

"[Part of the reason for the dip] is that graduate enrollment went down, which isn't unusual during good times," Kleckley said.

Also, graduate enrollment for distance-education classes has increased, which explains the low graduate numbers on campus.

"A lot of people would have commuted before, but now they can get [their classes] online," Kleckley said.

Other reasons for the decrease in enrollment will continue to be examined by both Undergraduate Studies and Planning and Institutional Research through student surveys.

"No clear problems in getting classes, housing or financial aid seem to be present, said Robert Thompson, director of Planning and Institutional research. "We are analyzing the demographics of the students who did not return."

When asked if the decrease in enrollment may

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

have anything to do with the presence of Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd last fall, officials did not rule out the possibility.

"We don't know how or if [Hurricane Floyd] directly contributed to [the dip], but we are trying to look at that," Kleckley said.

Whether or not ECU's student population decreases will not lessen the need for passage of the upcoming bond referendum Nov. 7. \$190 million of the \$3.1 billion in higher education facilities bonds would go to ECU to help the university accommodate for future enrollment increases if the referendum is passed.

"This last year a combination of things came into play, but I don't think anybody here views [the decrease] as being permanent," Kleckley said.

ECU expects to grow by as much as 9,000 students over the next 10 years.

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



Campus officials believe the dip should not lessen the importance of passage of the upcoming bond referendum. (photos from ECU's official Web site)

Campus bus involved in accident

ECU driver charged with safety violation

Nancy Kuck
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

An ECU bus was involved in a head-on collision with a passenger vehicle on Thursday, Aug. 31. The accident occurred late Thursday morning on Charles Boulevard near Minges Coliseum and Pirates Place. There were no injuries.

According to police reports and witnesses, the driver of the vehicle, sophomore Amy Brookshire, moved into the turning lane first to make a left into the apartment complex. The bus driver, Joyel Hargett, steered the

bus into the turning lane to make a right into Minges Coliseum when the accident occurred.

"The driver has been with us for about two months," said Scott Alford, adviser of the ECU Transit Authority. "There were no problems before this accident occurred."

Hargett was charged with a Safe Movement Violation.

"I saw the bus moving into the turn lane when the car was already there," said witness Angela Moore, sophomore. "Then there was smoke."

According to Moore, the driver of the bus was at fault.

"A lot of people, other than myself, need bus drivers with more experience," Moore said.

ECU Transit performs a thorough review on all drivers before hiring. According to Alford, even with the most responsible bus drivers at the wheel, traffic

accidents are inevitable.

"ECU has been really good with the whole thing by providing a rental car for the time being," said Amy Brookshire, sophomore and driver of the car involved in the collision. "The only thing that upset me about the whole thing was the bus driver's reaction to the entire scene claiming it was not her fault."

Brookshire stated that she has nothing against the ECU Transit Authority and would use the bus service if need be.

Hargett was unavailable to be reached for comment.

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Parking Information for Sept. 7 Football Game

The ECU Pirates will play Virginia Tech at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. This Thursday night game will affect parking in university parking areas beginning at 5 p.m.

All parking adjacent to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium is reserved for Pirate Club Members, handicap parking, ESPN equipment and vendors, all by special permit. Only those with authorized football parking permits will be allowed to park in reserved areas.

Therefore, all student, faculty and staff vehicles will need to be removed from areas north and south of the stadium, and north and west of Minges Coliseum by 5 p.m. on Thursday, with the exception of the lower Ficklen Drive Park and Ride Rapid Shuttle lot.

Vehicles remaining in reserved parking areas at 5 p.m. will be towed to the lower Ficklen Drive Park and Ride lot as space permits.

Parking control personnel on site will direct individuals to their vehicle if it has been towed.

Although there will not be a towing charge, failure to move a vehicle will cause considerable inconvenience.

Students and staff utilizing the Park and Ride Rapid Shuttle Service should park at the lower Ficklen Drive lot if planning to return to their vehicles after 5 p.m.

FAST vans will make their last run to the Gold Lot at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

For those planning to attend the game, general parking is located at Harrington Field and the School of Allied Health Sciences Building (AHSB) parking lots. A limited number of spaces will be available at AHSB as this is a freshman parking lot, and most freshmen will be remaining on campus.

The public is encouraged to use Park and Ride Shuttle Service provided between the stadium and the old Nichols parking lot adjacent to the Hilton Hotel on Greenville Boulevard. Shuttle service begins at 6 p.m. and continues throughout the game. The cost for park-and-ride service is \$5 per vehicle.



Following the game, law enforcement personnel will direct traffic away from the stadium area.

Additional information may be found on the Web at <http://www.ecupirates.com/> or from the ECU Parking and Transportation Web site: <http://www.ecu.edu/parking/fbparking.htm>.

Meet your SGA executives

Tomorrow is last
day to file for office

Michael C. Aho
SGA CHIEF OF STAFF



For the last two articles I have written, I have given you a brief overview of SGA and what it can do for YOU. This week, I am going to inform you on three important topics regarding SGA, for my last week of general discussion.

The first item of which you need to be aware is that the LAST DAY for fall elections filing is tomorrow, Sept. 8. If you do not come into the SGA office and speak with Millie Murphrey, you will not be able to run for legislative office this year.

We need a diverse group of candidates, willing to help change the ECU SGA into a true representative body.

The second item of business to tune in to is the new SGA task force for the bond referendum (to be voted on Nov. 7), which is being spearheaded by President Brent Queen. ECU will receive approximately \$190 million if the referendum is passed, so please call the office if you would like to help.

And finally, an introduction

of the people that help make the ECU SGA function. The advisers for SGA are Bill Clutter, Jim Sturm and Melanie Bunch. The Executive Branch is composed of Brent Queen (president), Damon Stafford (vice president), Sadie Cox (treasurer) and Sarah Evans (legislative secretary). The Judicial Branch is led by Robert Nicks (attorney general) and Don Leffew II (advocate for accused students). Ms. Millie Murphrey serves as the SGA secretary for the main office in Mendenhall Student Center (MSC).

To get involved in the SGA at ECU, stop by the office in Room 255 on the second floor of MSC. The phone number is 328-4726. Check out one of the informational flyers hanging on that door even if you have no idea what YOU can do for your school. Next week: The new COC.

CRIME SCENE

Sept. 1

Unauthorized Use of a Parking Decal—A student in Scott Hall was issued a campus appearance ticket (CAT) after officers discovered a resident parking decal displayed on his vehicle. A freshman decal is registered to the vehicle. The subject advised he had bought the decal from another student.

Hit and Run—A staff member reported witnessing another staff member hit a parked vehicle with a state-owned vehicle while driving north of Cotten Hall.

Driving While License Revoked—A non-student, was arrested for DWLR after being stopped on 5th Street for driving without headlights.

Sept. 2

Auto Accident; Driving While Impaired; Damage to Property—A student, was arrested for DWI after an officer observed her back into an emergency blue light phone in 4th and Reade streets parking lot.

Breaking and Entering; Larceny—A non-student reported her vehicle was broken into and several items were stolen while it was parked at the Brody School of Medicine (BSOM) Outpatient Center.

Larceny; Forgery—A staff member at BSOM reported that another staff member had been discovered using forged prescriptions at a pharmacy in Grifton.

Sept. 3

Intoxicated Person—Officers responded to a call in Slay Hall in which a student was extremely intoxicated. He advised being on prescription medication, but refused to be transported to Pitt County Memorial

Hospital. He was issued a CAT for underage use of alcohol.

Larceny—Two students reported having items stolen from their lockers in the Scales Field House.

Sept. 4

Resist, Obstruct and Delay; Possession of a Weapon on Campus—A non-student, was arrested for the referenced charges after being observed acting suspiciously near Christenbury Gym. He was found to be carrying a 9 inch hunting knife.

Assault ; Assault on a Female—A student reported another student followed him to Belk Hall where a verbal argument resulted. Both parties advised being assaulted by the other but refused to press charges. Each were issued CATs and one was banned from Belk Hall.

Sept. 5

Communicating Threats—A student in Aycock Hall reported that while in the bathroom an unknown male entered and made threats at her.

Larceny—A staff member reported that a laptop computer was stolen from her unlocked office in Joyner Library.

Shoplifting—A student was issued a CAT after two witnesses observed him shoplifting a football from the Student Stores.

Sept. 6

Possession of Stolen Property—A student was arrested for possession of a stolen hanging parking decal after an officer discovered it in the vehicle.

ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (U-WIRE)—As China's political and economic systems become more open, the legal system there is changing, which is why one college professor says he invites Chinese students to come and study law in America.

University of Missouri-Kansas City professor Patrick Randolph says the Chinese students want to learn more about the American legal system because of changes in their country.

Randolph began teaching law in China seven years ago, and in the last two years has had Chinese students come to Kansas City to study law.

One student, Zhang Xi, said he wants to learn American law because China's legal system will change.

For example, as the country moves toward having more personal property, real estate law needs to be developed and practiced.

With increased trade and business ties with other countries and global corporations, lawyers in China will need to know how America's legal system works, students say.

As the students are learning about American law, they also are learning about American life.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (U-WIRE)—A former Florida A&M University dean was arrested Friday and charged with failing to register as a sexual offender when he came to Florida.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement said Kiah Edwards III was arrested in Houston, Texas, where he had returned after resigning earlier this week.

He quit just three weeks after beginning work as an associate dean at FAMU after faculty at the historically black university linked Edwards to a 1996 rape conviction in Texas.

Edwards, 52, who came to FAMU from Alabama State University, accepted the position this spring. On his employment application, he checked a box stating he had never been convicted of a first-degree misdemeanor or felony.

But Texas Department of Public Safety records show Edwards was convicted of aggravated sexual assault on a 13-year-old girl in

Liu Ze noticed that when he walks around the city, drivers let him cross in front of them on the street, while smiling and waving at him.

"I feel like a king," said Liu, who came to the United States from Beijing three weeks ago.

Liu is amazed that Americans form lines and stay in them without cutting in or arguing.

That doesn't happen in China. While they are here, the students hope to expose American students to the Chinese culture.

"China is the unknown (in America)," said Liu. "It is associated with evil. But now they can see Chinese people; they eat, drink. They go to the bathroom."

Liu then laughed at his own remark.

Another Chinese student, Shen Fang, said China and America, although enemies in the past, have a lot to share. She said China practically copied U.S. law when it recently created a securities law.

And the way the Chinese legal system uses mediation, rather than constant bickering, could help the U.S. system, she said.

"If Americans are humble enough, they can learn from other countries," Liu said.

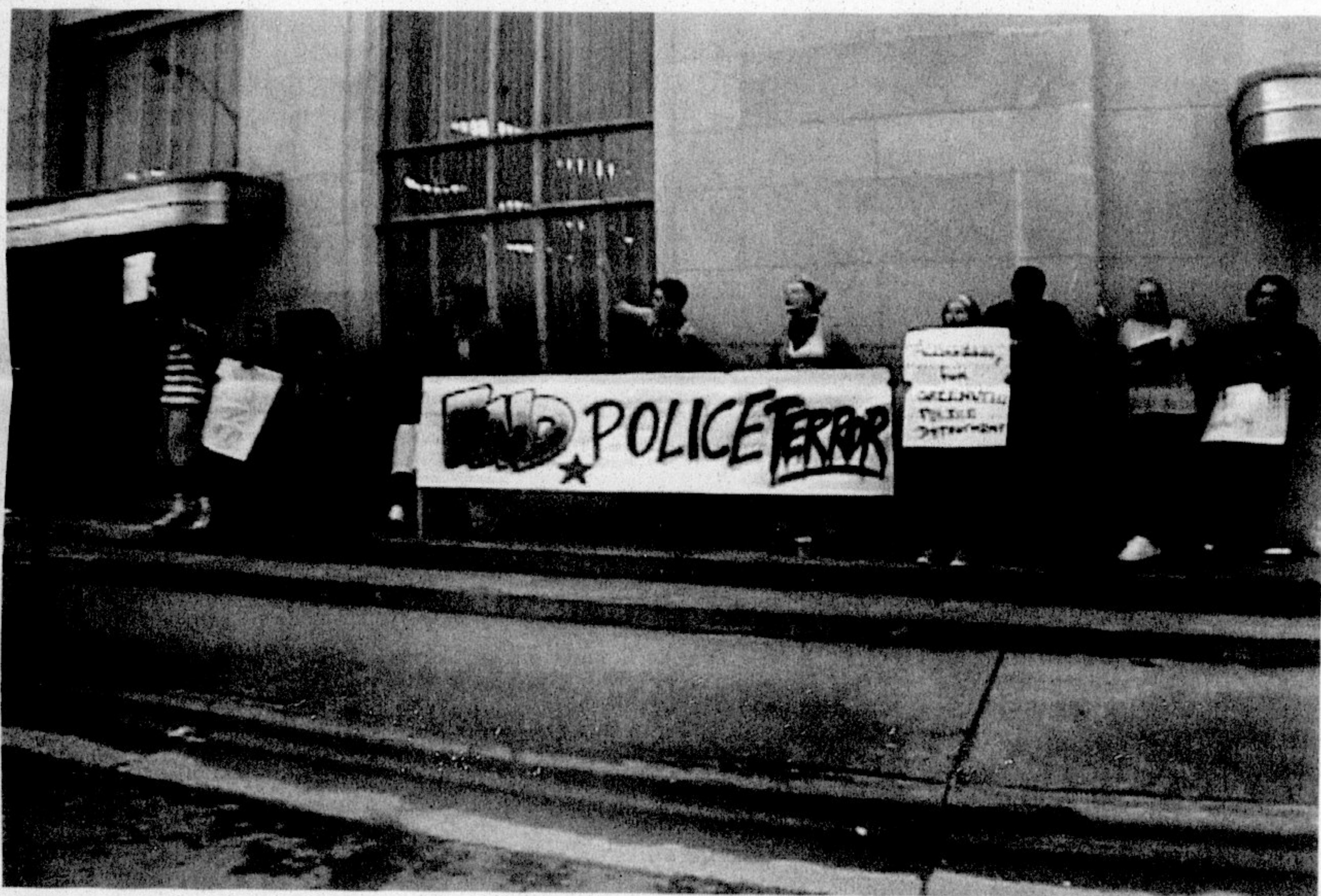
November 1996 and sentenced to 10 years probation. He is currently registered as a sexual offender in Texas, the FDLE said.

By law, sex offenders must register with the local sheriff's office or with the FDLE when they move to Florida. Investigators said there's no record of Edwards having registered when he moved to Tallahassee.

Edwards had to attend a court hearing in Houston Friday and was arrested. He was being held at the Harris County jail pending extradition.

Edwards' conviction was not discovered during FAMU's check of his references this spring. University officials don't require all new employees to undergo background checks, only those working with sensitive computer files, children or law enforcement.

Edwards' position consisted of administrative duties and possibly teaching biology classes.



The Community Coalition Against Police Brutality, a group of over 40 individuals, many of whom are ECU students, stood in protest outside Greenville's City Hall last week. The group recently formed to help combat police brutality in Greenville after an alleged attack on ECU student Ben Brower by a GPD officer. (photo by Jeff Royster)



On Wednesday, Army ROTC conducted an awards ceremony in the campus mall in honor of cadets for their completion of Advanced Camp 2000 and other meritorious records achieved over the summer. (photo by John Stowe)



(From left) Erica Moore, a rec therapy major, Melissa Catanzarite, an urban and regional planning major and Karen Matthew, a broadcasting major sat outside the Wright Place Wednesday afternoon to represent Kappa Delta, which was recently invited to establish a chapter at ECU. Colonization will be conducted Sept. 8-10. (photo by John Stowe)

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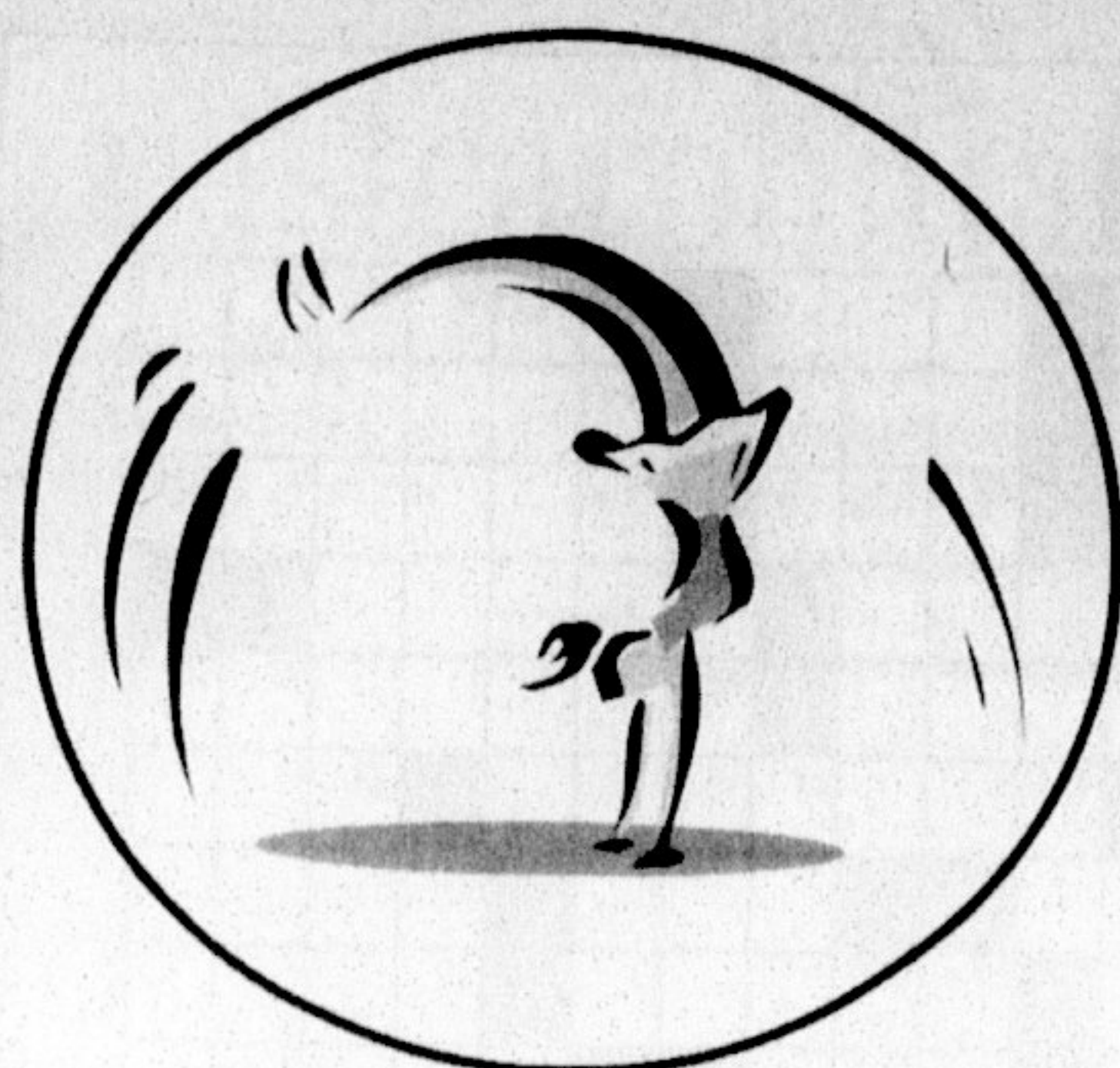
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ECU employee fired for previous hacking conviction

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP)—ECU has fired a computer services employee who admitted to hacking into the school's computer network nearly three years ago.

ECU computer services hired Nolan Waithe Grant to work on its help desk about two weeks ago. He was fired Friday, a few days after his hiring was reported in "The Daily Reflector".

A university statement did not explain why he was fired, but ECU spokesman John Durham said the dismissal "was not related to the hacking." State personnel confidentiality rules prevented Durham from elaborating, he said.

Officials at university computer services were unavailable for comment Friday. Grant declined to

comment.

Grant pleaded guilty in December 1997 to hacking into ECU's Unix computer network and denying access to an authorized user, both misdemeanors.

He and Jason Cooper Hines, both students at the time, were arrested in November 1997 following a State Bureau of Investigation inquiry into a university computer system shutdown earlier that year. The Unix network is used for faculty-student communication. Their actions shut down the system and destroyed some students' files.

A criminal record does not necessarily prevent an applicant from being considered for employment at ECU, according to the University's job applications.

Catholic hospitals deny rape victims emergency contraception

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Some Roman Catholic hospitals do not tell rape victims about emergency contraception unless they ask, even though it is a standard treatment, a University of Pennsylvania study found.

Catholic health-system officials said misunderstandings persist, but official church policy allows hospitals to discuss emergency contraception with rape victims and provide it under certain circumstances.

Emergency contraception is performed by taking two high doses of birth-control pills. It is effective

at preventing pregnancy if the pills are taken within 72 hours of intercourse.

Penn's survey is not the first to examine emergency contraception at Catholic hospitals, but previous surveys were conducted by abortion-rights activists.

The survey was conducted two years ago and published in the September issue of the American Journal of Public Health. It questioned 27 urban Catholic hospitals nationwide and found that 12 of them had rules against informing rape victims about emergency contraception. Four of those hospitals said the rules were strictly followed.



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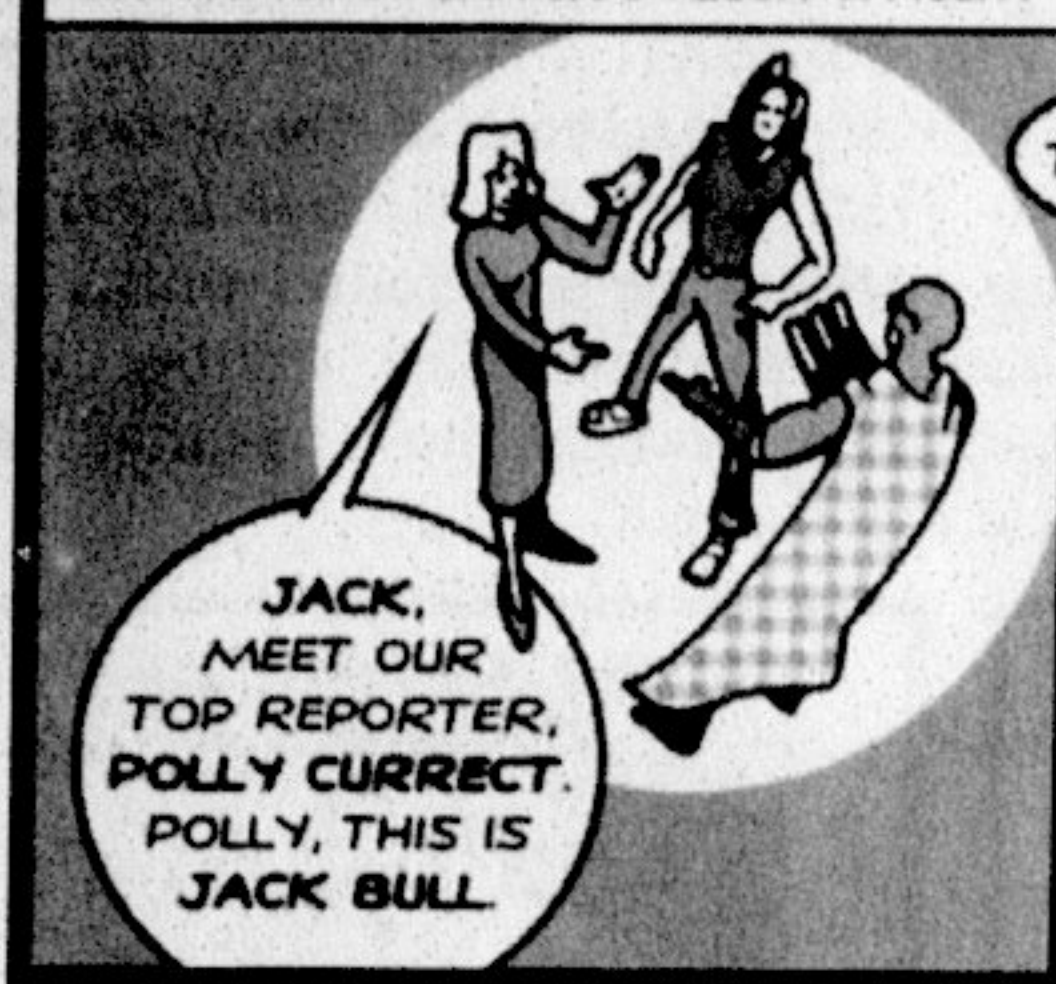
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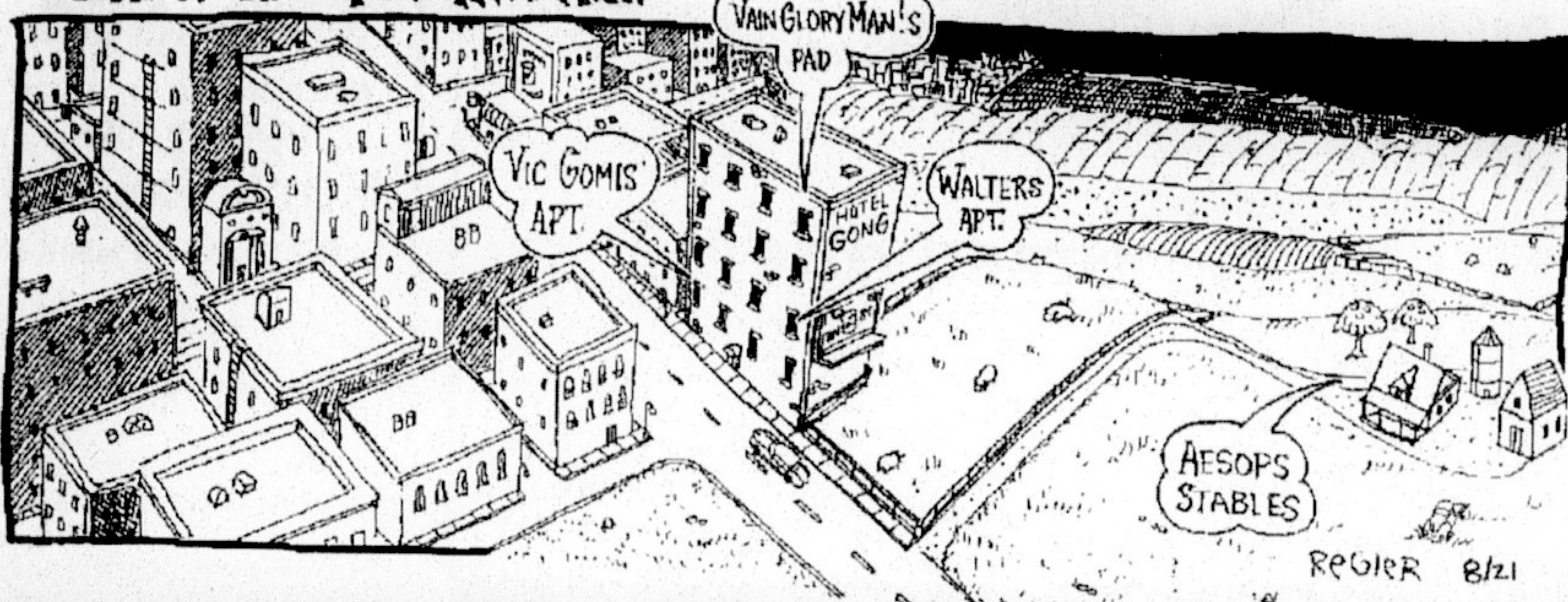


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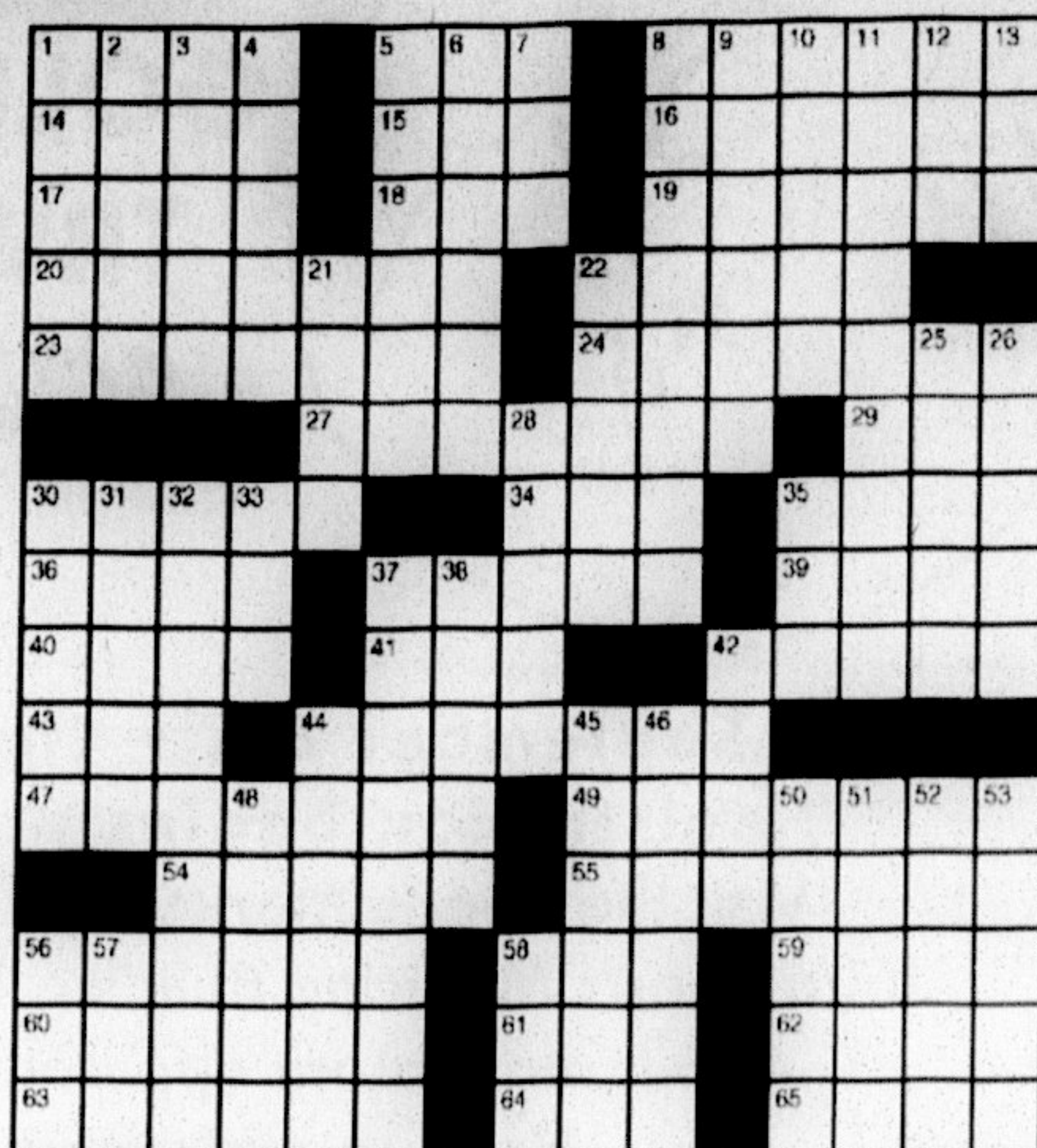
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OUR VIEW

While many of us at TEC will stand and applaud ECU's football team when they play Virginia Tech, many of us will still be booing the Athletic Department (AD) for their lack of commitment to us as a student publication.

In the weeks leading up to this enormous and exciting game, TEC has made numerous attempts to get in touch with various people in media relations in the AD office, only to be ignored or put on hold.

Granted, we aren't ESPN, but we do publish a newspaper for all students, a task we are proud of and take very seriously. We want nothing more than to provide students with a quality newspaper filled with interesting and creative articles, as well as information. In order to do this, it is crucial that the many facets of this university work together to provide the best opportunities for the student media.

There isn't any reason that we shouldn't have open communication with the AD. Despite the fact that the Virginia Tech game is a highly publicized event, there should be a sense of loyalty to the students that make up ECU.

A representative from the AD office should proudly assume their role in the media and take an active interest in the student body. If anything, officials should take pride in the fact that their student journalists care enough to try to cover events to the absolute best of our capabilities as opposed to regarding us as a nuisance.

We realize that you are extremely busy, especially this time of year, but that doesn't excuse the fact that you have a responsibility to all students to aid in making ECU a first class operation. We hope to someday have a better relationship with the people who make the various programs a success, whether that be with coaches, athletic directors or the media relations office.

Hopefully in the future, our phone calls will be accepted, our questions answered and our requests honored if at all possible. Other than that, BEAT VIRGINIA TECH!

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Sheryl Hammer

IN MY OPINION

Few question significance of Independent vote

(The Hullabaloo-Tulane University)-Polls estimate that fewer than 50 percent of those eligible to vote will participate in the upcoming November presidential election.

Although the majority of voters are registered with one of the two major political parties, mainstream America loathes partiality and identifies as moderate. Few would question the power and significance of the Independent and swing voters. The competition of any political campaign requires each side to acknowledge the significance of borrowing some of the other party's ideas, and in many ways, emulating their specified goals. With this stems a shallow line between the Democrats and Republicans.

Voters have been forced to be more concerned with finding a protean candidate who will do the most to strengthen the economy, restore civility and tend more to various other heated issues than with party affiliation.

In the world of politics, affiliating oneself with a party implies a responsibility to represent the party admirably. This truism became especially apparent after Independent Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura announced that he would like to be reincarnated as a size 38 double-D bra.

Although presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush have each personally taken on mild swings left and right, their chosen

running mates, Joe Lieberman and Dick Cheney, represent extremes. While George W. opposes abortion, it would be no surprise to see Dick Cheney picketing with posters of fetuses. And while Al Gore supports a pro-choice decision, Joe Lieberman is an avid supporter of late term abortion rights. It has become apparent that this year's struggle for voter participation will also incorporate the need for educated voters.

Over 19 million people voted for Ross Perot in the 1996 election. More people in California voted for Ross Perot than people in Arkansas did for Bill Clinton. Unquestionably, this election is going to include the struggle between Cheney's Christian values and Lieberman's chutzpah.

Cheney possesses just enough zest to send a voter into a coma, but is reputed to be loyal and a fine balance to the young Bush, who lacks a certain capability needed to operate the White House. Cheney is a common middle-aged white man, who really has no dirt on his record, except for the media's uncomfortable focus on his disapproval to daughter Mary Cheney's rumored homosexuality.

Analysts have called Lieberman more conservative than Jesse Jackson, but many Americans' stomachs turned in knots when he chose to call himself a "Jewish-American." One cannot forget that the Vice President is a heart

beat (or heart attack) away from the Presidency, and too many may be afraid to have a Modern Orthodox Jew so close to running the country.

Lieberman, whose religious background is different from most who have run on major party tickets, has been compared to John F. Kennedy. The major difference is that Kennedy never called himself anything but an American. It was the media who chose to bring up his Irish Catholic background.

The election will, in the end, turn out to be a struggle between Bush and Gore, but undoubtedly Cheney and Lieberman's positions on the issues will influence the swing voters and Independents. The two men's only common trait is their candid ability to express their opinions and take a stance on important issues.

Three months away from the election leaves enough time to go out and research the candidates' history. Both Bush and Gore have taken chances in their choices of running mates. Now it's up to the American people to take a chance and vote for whomever they feel will do the best job in office.

Regardless of who ends up in office, apathy is unlikely to permeate the White House during the next four years.

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IN MY OPINION

Bond referendum needs students votes

Finding words that voice the way I feel about the bond referendum is difficult, and to be totally honest, I'm torn on the issue.

Passing of the referendum will allow ECU and other North Carolina institutions means of expanding their growing campuses and renovating buildings, along with providing better technological equipment if necessary.

On the home front, ECU will renovate its buildings and finish the construction of the Science and Technology Building behind the Howell Science Complex along with renovating labs. And guys, we don't want that construction behind Howell to be there forever.

After all, from someone who knows nothing about construction, it only looks like the workers hired to build the new building are only going over the same dirt everyday. We don't see a difference, but maybe they can. And if the bond doesn't go over, especially if

it's because we didn't even bother voting, it'll be our fault because we'll have nothing to look at except for clay, dirt and silent bulldozers because the construction would have to be halted until sufficient funding is raised.

Voting offers students an opportunity to voice their opinions by their Yay or Nay vote. If you vote no, you are essentially saying you don't want ECU to allow more students in than what we have now. The incoming students won't have adequate facilities in which to successfully grow and learn.

If you vote no, you are possibly tired of the university's over-population and students fighting to make themselves noticeable and unique across the campus, where most students are fighting for parking spaces and are known only by their social security number.

But if you vote yes, you are considering the future and how prospective students will have it

better than us. They'll have better facilities and have access to better equipment. Who knows, maybe one day they'll become one of our bosses even though we went to the same college.

But in all truth, in order to better the University, its future and the education of incoming students (who may be our children), the bond referendum is a necessity. In order to provide students with an excellent education, the school needs funds. Passing this referendum is one important step in making this happen.

We, the students, are always complaining how no-one, especially the administration, hears what we're really saying. Now is our chance to let our opinions be heard one way or another. So vote!

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Julie Chen

IN MY OPINION

Be prepared to shop around for the perfect guy

(University of Texas at Austin)-Okay career women, listen up. You're a growing breed. Making the grade and snagging that recommendation is probably not your biggest obstacle. Brains, beauty, bravery. Check, check, check. Having it all is the name of the game.

Boys? There are probably more of them calling than you know what to do with, which is just as well. There is no better time in life to date than when in college. At least you know they can read.

But ironically, many college women are equally frustrated with finding a fulfilling relationship. Already found Mr. Right? Read no further. Consider yourself a step ahead: one more item crossed off from that ever-trailing list of "Things To Do Today. Or Very, Very Soon."

For the rest of us who must face the idiosyncrasies of reality-juggling-work, school, community service, exercise, ambition, family and friends-the desire for "a perfect romance" creates an extra twist on that already hectic life.

Oh, don't deny it. The complaints are profuse and have all been aired.

"He's so laid back ... he's downright lazy!"

"He's cute but there's no chemistry. He's no fun. What a dud."

"Argh, doesn't he care about the corruption of our government?"

"He wants commitment-eeek! I can't even commit to my GPA."

And voted most popular: "He's

too demanding-I don't have that kind of time!"

If only interpersonal relationships came with a manual. But luckily, through personal experience, dating can be compared-almost too perfectly-to another familiar sport: shopping.

(And with "minimum input, maximum output" being such a popular mantra to success, may someone else's bane be your blessing.)

Tip number one: try on everything. Assumptions can be the root of demise of all potentially beautiful relationships. Give the guy a chance. If you don't try on the dress, assuming the color won't look good on you or it might not fit right, you might miss out on a really good deal. And just because it looks good from afar doesn't mean it is. Many of them like to talk about how much they work out to look that good.

Two: don't hesitate to return or toss out any unsatisfactory merchandise. If after you've given him a chance but he makes you unhappy, please do not let your boundless compassion rear its nagging head. Staying in a bad relationship may not be worth the price. Do you give 100 percent and get 10 percent? Does he use and abuse you? Please do what you'd do with shoes that don't fit.

Three: if you know a good thing when you see it, treat it right. Guys are the same way: they don't know what you're thinking. At least, give

them a hint. What they know is based on what you do. That is a truth held to be self-evident. If that perfect dress needs dry cleaning, take it in.

Four: be careful of fraudulent goods. There will be a few Don Juans along the way who will say everything you want to hear and do everything you want a guy to do, but they won't mean it. Not all Prada purses are made by Prada. There are guys who fit the stereotype: they do not think with their brains. (No explanation necessary.)

Five: have a general sense of what you're looking for. You don't want to waste an entire day at the mall, not that a busy woman like you would. But, not knowing what you want doesn't always have good results: more money is spent-not a great bargain gained.

Ditto with accepting dates without regard to who asks. Sometimes, it's nothing lost and nothing gained. More often, the repercussions can be harsh, especially if it's the wrong guy whispering sweet nothings into your drunken ear.

Finally: don't be afraid of falling in love. Thinking about how you could conquer the world with that little red dress is not the same as actually letting yourself do so. If you like the guy, girlfriend, just like him. Don't deceive yourself with a I-can't-fall-right-now-I-have-to-save-the-world-first antic.

Elson Amuro

IN MY OPINION

Transition to college is great challenge

The bell ringing, students rushing to get to class in time coming from their school bus, and doing that last bit of homework that is due within the next few minutes. Sounds familiar? Of course it does, that's life as we knew it in high school.

The transition from high school life to college has been very stressing, but at the same time very exciting.

Stressing because of all the problems that students have had with the Financial Aid and Cashier's Offices. "The check isn't here yet" and "You owe more money" were the most often phrases heard while in the office. Exciting because of all the new experience, moving into the residence halls and meeting new kinds of people.

Students are nervous because of the new environment with new faces. Being shy doesn't help anyone at all, especially new students. But if one meets the right people, shyness will not be a factor anymore.

A major difference between two periods of our lives is the fact that you're on your own. There are no parents there to wake you up for breakfast or to yell at you to wake up. They will not be there to tell you not to go out because it's a

school night. Being independent is one of the greatest challenges we will have to face as new students.

We have to make our own decisions and balance our own lives. We are in charge of our own loves which makes it harder for us. This is a task that should not be taken lightly because one mistake is all it takes to turn out lives around, for the worse.

One thing we should have in college is an open mind. ECU is made up of different kinds of people-there are differences in people's sexual orientation, religious beliefs and ethnicity. Despite our differences, we need to acknowledge them as people with feelings. Negative or derogatory remarks will only lead to unnecessary problems.

Living in the residence halls can be a very exciting time of our college life. It's a great way to meet new people and make friends. Not knowing who you're rooming with is what most new students, like us, do. It's the time to start over from scratch with a clean slate. Developing a friendship with your roommate can be very interesting. Some will just click right away.

But some will not get along so quickly, but gradually start a friendship. There are always cases where

some just can't get along and they end up switching roommates.

Talking about problems in an early stage is a good way to prevent a bigger complication. Take me for example, my roommate and I have different backgrounds and beliefs. We both decided that instead of seeing it as a disadvantage, it should be to our advantage. It would be a learning experience for the both of us.

As we start a new chapter in our lives, we will have many hurdles to jump over. It's up to us on how we cope with these obstacles. But just remember that college is not a party zone.

College, not only teaches academic skills, but also prepares us for the real world to come. It teaches us responsibility that will hopefully carry on to our careers. Not all of us are going to make it to graduation, a plain and simple fact. But if you have the right mind set, heading to college is a great way to start.

Don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with partying and having a good time. But remember that there's always a proper place and time to do it. Just remember, it's not fun telling your parents you have just failed out of college.

Lending a helping paw

Service dogs trained
to help owner, not cuddle

Jason Cox
FEATURES WRITER

ECU is host to six service dogs whose responsibility it is to perform their job of leading and giving a helping hand, or paw, to their owners with disabilities.

Whether they are leading the way to class at the Brewster Building or simply alerting their owner to a phone call, they are working a daily job for students who are visually impaired, who are deaf or who use a wheelchair.

Service dogs are functionally necessary to their owner. Any thing that could get in the way of their function will need to be remedied or eliminated according to C.C. Rowe, director of Disability Support Services.

"Service dogs are an extension of the person and will receive equal treatment to the buildings and facilities on campus as any other individual would," Rowe said.

Rowe warns that any stray on campus could be a threat to service dogs and their owners and therefore will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

"This department will be completely supportive to any people with service dogs or disabilities," Rowe said.

Although human nature would cause most to reach to pet these companions, it is best for students to resist the temptation.

"When someone reaches to pet my dog, it is like trying to grab the steering wheel out of a driver's hand," said student Stella Gibbs.

She understands that people may want to pet O'Brien, her Golden Retriever, but it is best to just ignore the dog.

"When a service dog is in its harness, it is on the job and is trained to ignore people passing or nearby," Gibbs said. "If you see the dog in a harness, please ignore them."

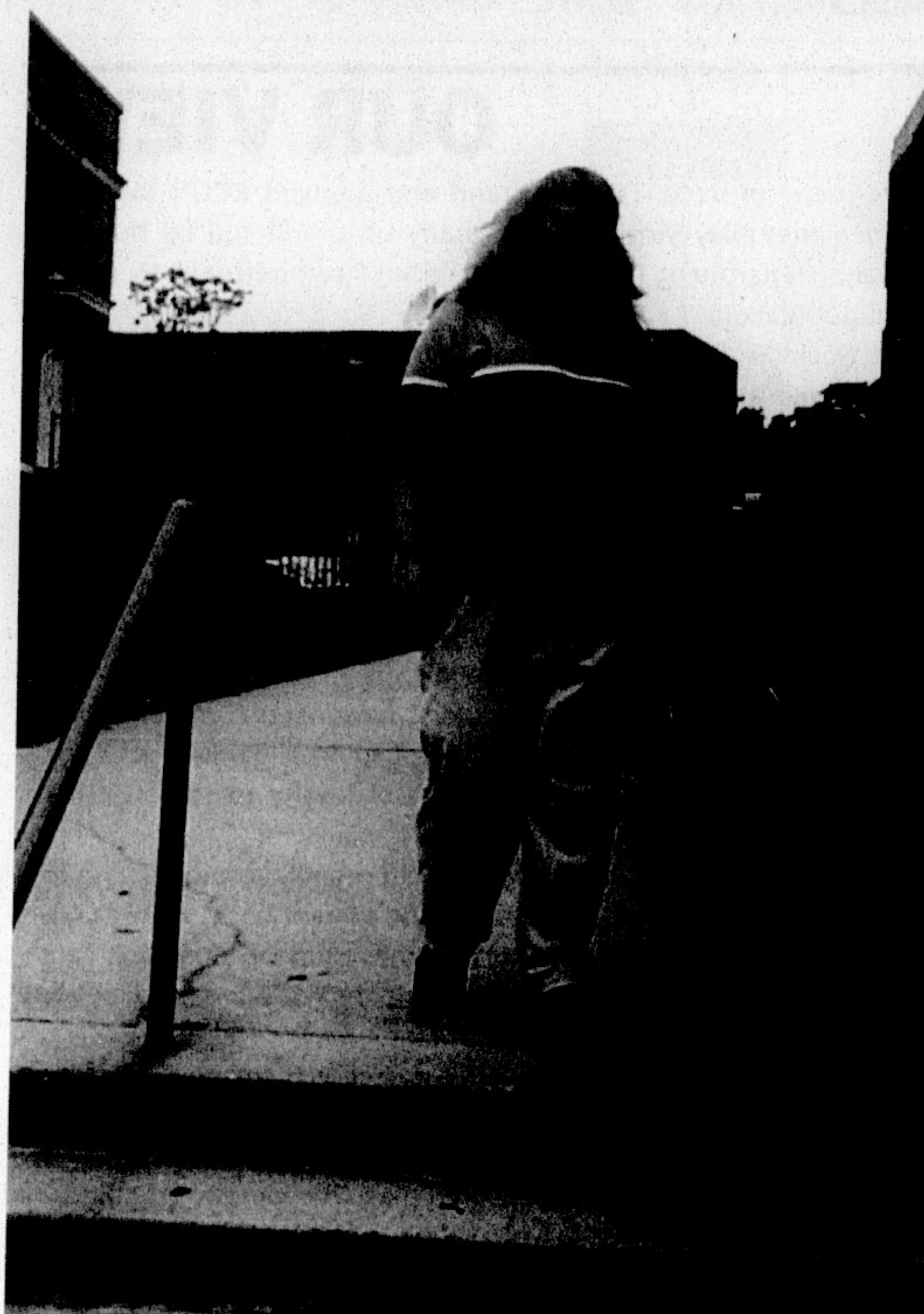
Lately there have been a few problems on campus with students trying to pet or whistle at the dogs. This can not only interfere with what the dog is specifically trained to do but it can also harm the owner.

"If my dog was to see someone who had pet her while in her harness, she may think that it is all right to go in front of a car or another dangerous obstacle in order to receive more attention," said Dr. Nancy Badger, from the Center for Counseling and Student Development.

Badger is also concerned with pets that run loose on campus. This may be a distraction or source of danger for her and Heidi, her service dog.

"If you see a person with a service dog and you have a dog with you, it is always polite to let the person know that another dog is approaching," Badger said. "This will avoid possible confusion if the service dog's attention wanders. Bikers and skate boarders should also beware. The dog may not always pick up as quickly on which way to go to avoid a fast moving object on a sidewalk."

These animals may be stern workers by day but once the day is done and the harness is removed the animal



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Stella Gibbs
SENIOR, REHABILITATION SERVICE MAJOR

is immediately in "pet mode" and is able to do all the things that our pets at home do. The dog is trained to understand that with its harness on, it is at work and is not to act as though a normal pet would.

People may respect the dogs and the service they provide, but it is important to understand how helpful the dogs can really be.

"Although it is not the dogs responsibility to get the owner out of being lost, I can recall at least one incident in which Heidi did just that," Badger said. "We were somewhere near the construction beside the Rawl Building and Heidi was hesitant to my commands. I simply told her 'Heidi lets go to work' and she immediately began leading the way back to my office. I have no idea what route we took, but she lead me from being lost all the way back to the office."

Badger said that Heidi is able to locate their hotel

Right: Student rehabilitation service major Stella Gibbs and her dog take a walk that's all business. Gibbs says that if you see a dog in harness, please ignore it, or you may endanger the life of the dog's handler. (photo by Bobbie Daniel)

Below: One of the loyal K-9s in the harness that help the seeing impaired live normal, happy lives. (photo by Bobbie Daniel)



room from among the many others after only one visit to the room.

"My last dog actually remembered where one of my classes in Brewster had been and motioned me toward the door almost three years after I had a class in that room," Gibbs said.

Gibbs gives lectures and seminars on guide dogs and hopes to raise awareness about the dogs and the purpose they serve.

"I would much rather someone approach me and ask questions about my dog than to try and do something unknowingly that could harm the dog, or myself," Gibbs said.

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Tailgate recipe:

Pepper&Cheese- Stuffed Mushrooms

24 large fresh mushrooms, 1-1/2 to 2 inches in diameter

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons finely chopped onion

2 tablespoons finely chopped red sweet pepper

2 tablespoons finely chopped green and/or yellow sweet pepper

1 clove garlic, minced

3 tablespoons dry white wine

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/2 cup finely shredded smoked Edam or smoked Gouda cheese (2 ounces)

1/3 cup fine dry bread crumbs

Wash and drain mushrooms. Remove stems. Chop enough stems to make 1 cup; set aside. Lightly brush rounded side of mushroom caps with about 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Place mushrooms, cavity side up, on a shallow baking pan; set aside. In a skillet cook chopped stems, onion, red sweet pepper, green and/or yellow sweet pepper and garlic in the remaining olive oil over medium high heat for 3 to 4 minutes or till tender, stirring frequently. Carefully add white wine, salt and pepper. Cook and stir about 1 minute more or till all but about 1 tablespoon of the liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat. Stir in cheese and bread crumbs. Spoon cheese mixture into mushroom caps. Cover and refrigerate for 2 to 24 hours. Bake, uncovered, in a 400 F. oven about 15 minutes or till mushrooms are tender and filling is hot. Makes 24.

Make up to 1 day ahead, stuff mushrooms, cover and chill. To serve, bake as directed.

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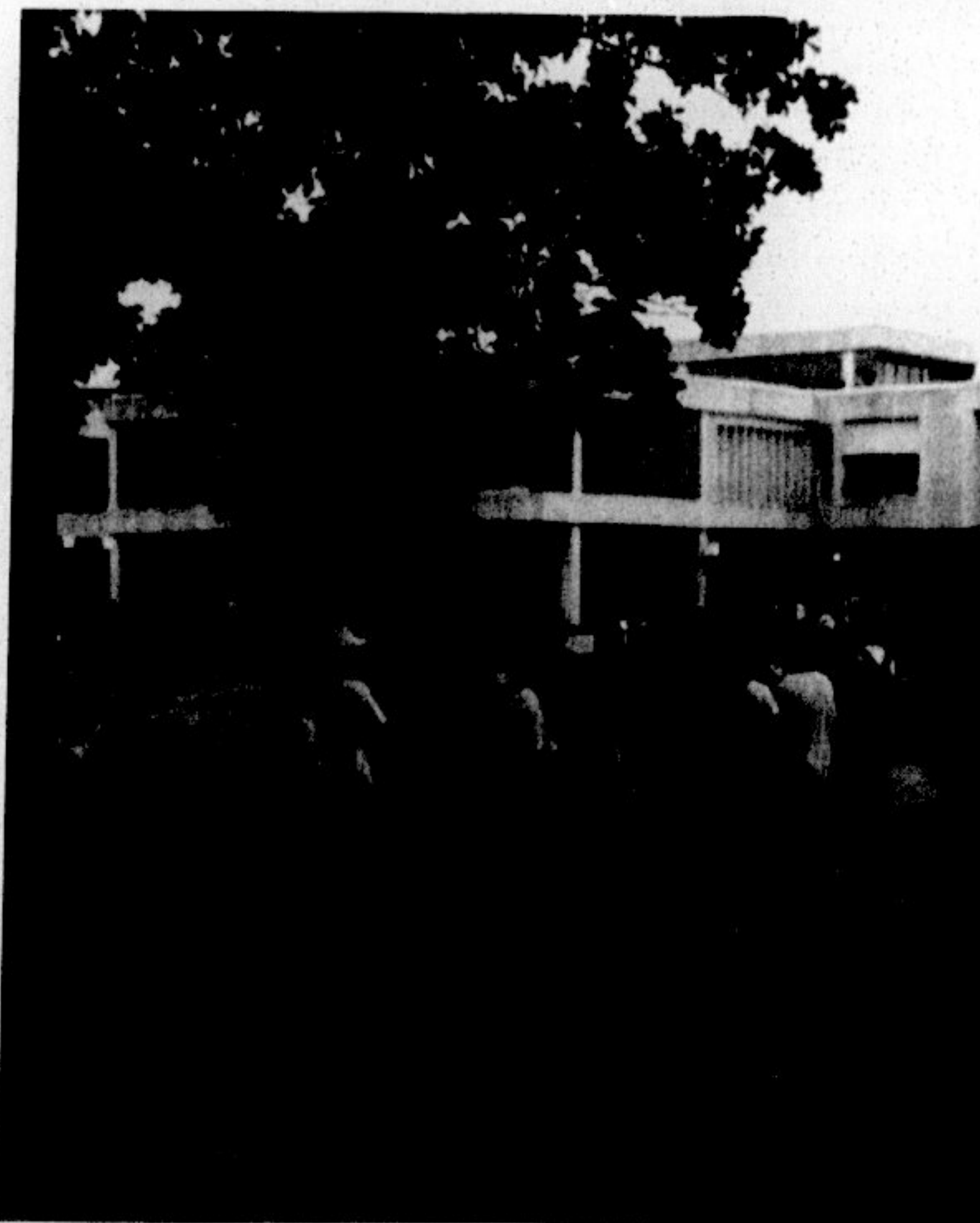
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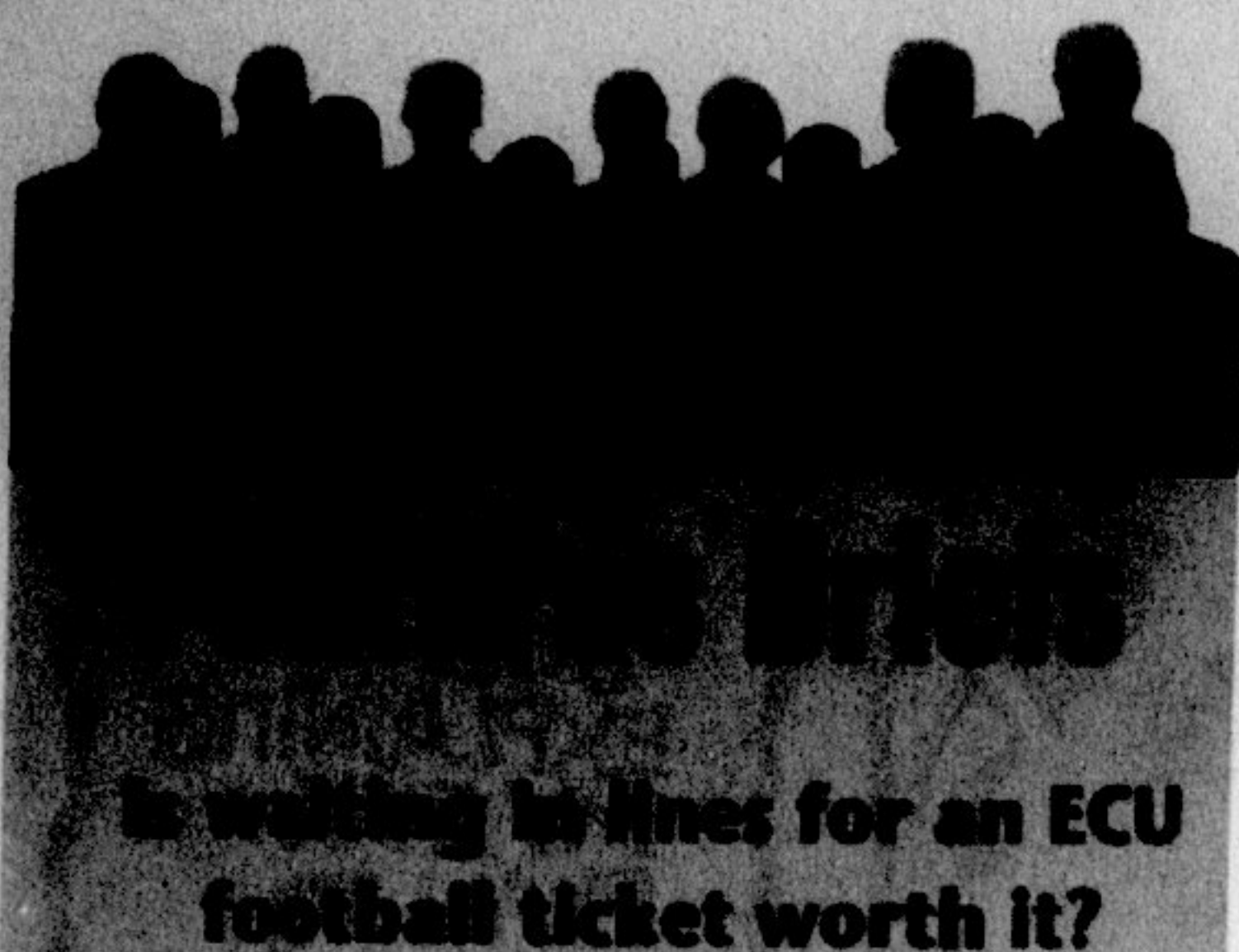
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Worth the wait



Pirates - 38 Duke - 0

And the wait was long. Students camped outside of Minges Coliseum all night on an oh-so-rainy Labor Day to obtain tickets to the first home game of the season for the ECU Pirates, that is, until tickets ran out, and the die-hard fans were forced to make a mad dash for Mendenhall Student Center. The Pirates were victorious last week in their season opener against Duke University, which had nothing at all to do with the "Beat Dook" signs, we think. (photo by Maura Buck)



Is waiting in lines for an ECU football ticket worth it?



Jacob Parrish
SENIOR

"Yeah, I think that it's worth it although I don't think that seniors should have to go through the same procedure to get tickets."



Carl King
FRESHMAN

"Oh yeah, I have never been to an ECU game and I am really looking forward to sitting in the student section."



Josh Thiel
JUNIOR

"It's worth seeing Michael Vick, a potential pro, playing and seeing how the Pirate defense handles him."



Germaine Cordano
SOPHOMORE

"If they win it will definitely be worth it!"



J.R. Carlton
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"I think that they should have a better system. You should be able to just go to the game, show your ID and get a ticket."

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Board game offers hip-hop education

New York (AP)—Hey, all you fans out there who think you know so much about hip-hop, answer this one:

What college did Fab Five Freddy attend?

Stumped? OK, try this:

What is rapper Kurtis Blow's real last name?

No answer for that one, either? Tsk, tsk. Not as knowledgeable as you thought, hmm? (The answers, by the way, are Medgars Evers College in Brooklyn and Walker.)

But don't worry. If you didn't have the answers or didn't even know who Kurtis Blow is, help is on the way, in the form of a new game.

The Hip-Hop Hall of Fame Board Game is several hundred questions worth of hip-hop trivia, everything from artists and their songs to the culture and its history.

The game was created over a several-year period by the people at the Hip-Hop Hall of Fame organization, a group that is currently Internet-based and seeking public input toward the creation of, yup, you guessed it, a hip-hop hall of fame.

The first phase is held via the group's Web site, www.hhhof.com. The board game is the second, according to Olu, the group's spokesman and one of the creators of the game.

"Holding public elections was a fundamental thing we had chosen to do, but I along with a few others felt it wasn't enough. Late one night, it hit us. The game was born probably around three in the morning," said Olu, who only goes by one name.

The game board is on an actual record, and is designed to mark a recording artist's path from unsigned artist to (hopefully) hall of famer. Players start on the outside rim and work their way toward the center by correctly answering category questions. Categories are artists, songs, industry and culture. The answer to each of the several hundred questions has been verified in seven different sources to ensure accuracy, Olu said.

There are spaces to avoid, such as the scandal space that sends a player back to the beginning, as well as good ones, like making a successful second record, to send a player ahead. There are also X-pile spaces, where a player who is on one can't get off until he or she successfully answers an extremely difficult question from the X-pile of question cards.

The game's creators hope that hip-hop "heads" (fans) will gain a better understanding of the work artists must put into a successful career by following the path of the game, as well as of hip-hop history.

"It's a source of entertainment, of course, but it's also a direct way of making the public aware of what hip-hop is all about. A lot of heads claim that they know hip-hop. This is a great way to test them," Olu said.

The game is expected to be available via the group's Web site starting Sept. 1. The standard version, with about 600 questions, will sell for \$19.99, and the deluxe version, with over 800 questions, for \$24.99. An R&B game is in the works as well.

Board games have continued to be popular even in this age of high-tech entertainment, said Mark Morris, director of public relations for Hasbro Games, which markets games including Monopoly and Scrabble. In 1999, sales of the company's 30 most popular classic board games were up by 6 percent.

Game playing remains popular because the experience provides face-to-face social interaction between players, Morris said.

Volunteer diver swims with sharks in aquarium exhibit

Newport, Ore. (AP)—John Gring (19), a student at Oregon Coast Community College, has been a certified diver for five-and-one-half years and has done a lot of ocean diving.

But until this summer, there were a couple of things he'd never done. One was to swim with sharks. The other was to hold a conversation underwater.

Gring says he's having a ball doing both those things as a volunteer diver in the 1.32-million-gallon tank that contains the Oregon Coast Aquarium's popular new "Passages of the Deep" exhibit.

The exhibit allows visitors to walk through a 200-foot acrylic tunnel that takes them through the middle of three separate undersea habitats containing 5,000 sea creatures ranging from sharks to skates.

Gring took center stage for a brief time Tuesday in the "Orford Reef" section of the exhibit, which replicates a well-known reef off the Curry County coastline.

Wearing a black wet suit, he swam among rock fish and sea bass and an occasional wolf eel living among the rocks.

Gring also wore a scuba tank and face mask equipped with a microphone that allowed him to talk with visitors gathered in the tunnel.

"How you doin', John?" asked a smiling woman who spoke into a microphone as Gring glided directly over the crowd gathered below.

"I'm doing great," he replied, his voice coming over speakers installed inside the acrylic tube.

Gring hung suspended next to a big rock and some floating kelp and proceeded to tell the crowd below about the Orford Reef, a 200,000 gallon exhibit that holds 1,100 animals representing 41 species.

As he talked his voice sounded very normal, except for occasional Darth Vader-like breathing sounds coming from the mask that looks a little like the one worn by the famous "Star Wars" character.

"Right now, the water is just under 53 degrees, so I'm a little cold," Gring confessed.

The woman with the microphone, Corrina Wood, the aquarium's dive safety officer, invited questions from the crowd.

Nobody wanted to take the microphone but they relayed questions through Wood.

They asked about what the fish eat, and the diver told them krill (a small crustacean), shrimp and small fish.

And yes, the bigger creatures sometimes eat the smaller ones, he said in answer to a query.

"There are sometimes fish that are hungrier than others and can't wait to be fed," he said. "But it's a pretty rare occurrence."

Soon it was time to end the questions because the crowd was stacking up in the tube behind the people who had stopped for the impromptu interview with the diver.

"All right you guys, wave goodbye to John," Wood said as Gring glided to the surface, air bubbles and a stout line wrapped with the "wire" for his sound system trailing behind.

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Woman officer now Iowa professor of ROTC

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—Carol St. John decided to stay in the army after enlisting at 27.

In a time where opportunities for women were limited in the corporate world, they were not so limited in the Army, she said.

Now, serving as the first female professor of military science at the University of Iowa, St. John said she wants to help increase female enrollment in the Army ROTC while offering a different perspective for the program.

St. John, now 45, holds the rank of major. She said she hopes her leadership abilities, fostered through 18 years in the Army, will benefit the program.

"In order to be a good leader, you must nurture who you are leading," she said.

This year she will be leading 20 female cadets in Iowa's total group of 83. While female enrollment has consistently been about one-fourth of the cadets, St. John said she expected it to increase slightly this year, along with an increase in minority enrollment, which grows about 1 percent a year.

"In the Army, your value as a human is being tied to a higher value, something more beyond yourself."

Carol St. John
PROFESSOR, MILITARY SCIENCE,
UNIV. IOWA

She said many Midwest students don't know about ROTC, even though they have potential to improve the program. She said she hoped to increase enrollment by word-of-mouth and by talking to area high schools.

A Quad Cities native, St. John began her career working in industry relations. She began seeking ways to advance her education and

looked to the Army for assistance. Once she was in, there was no turning back.

"In the Army, your value as a human is being tied to a higher value, something more beyond yourself," St. John said. "Life feels better when you're living it for something besides yourself."

She joined Iowa this year.

"I've been a Hawkeye fan all my life," St. John said. "The UI is well-known for their women studies program and it has a female president. I like being associated with a university with a great reputation, and it is led by women."

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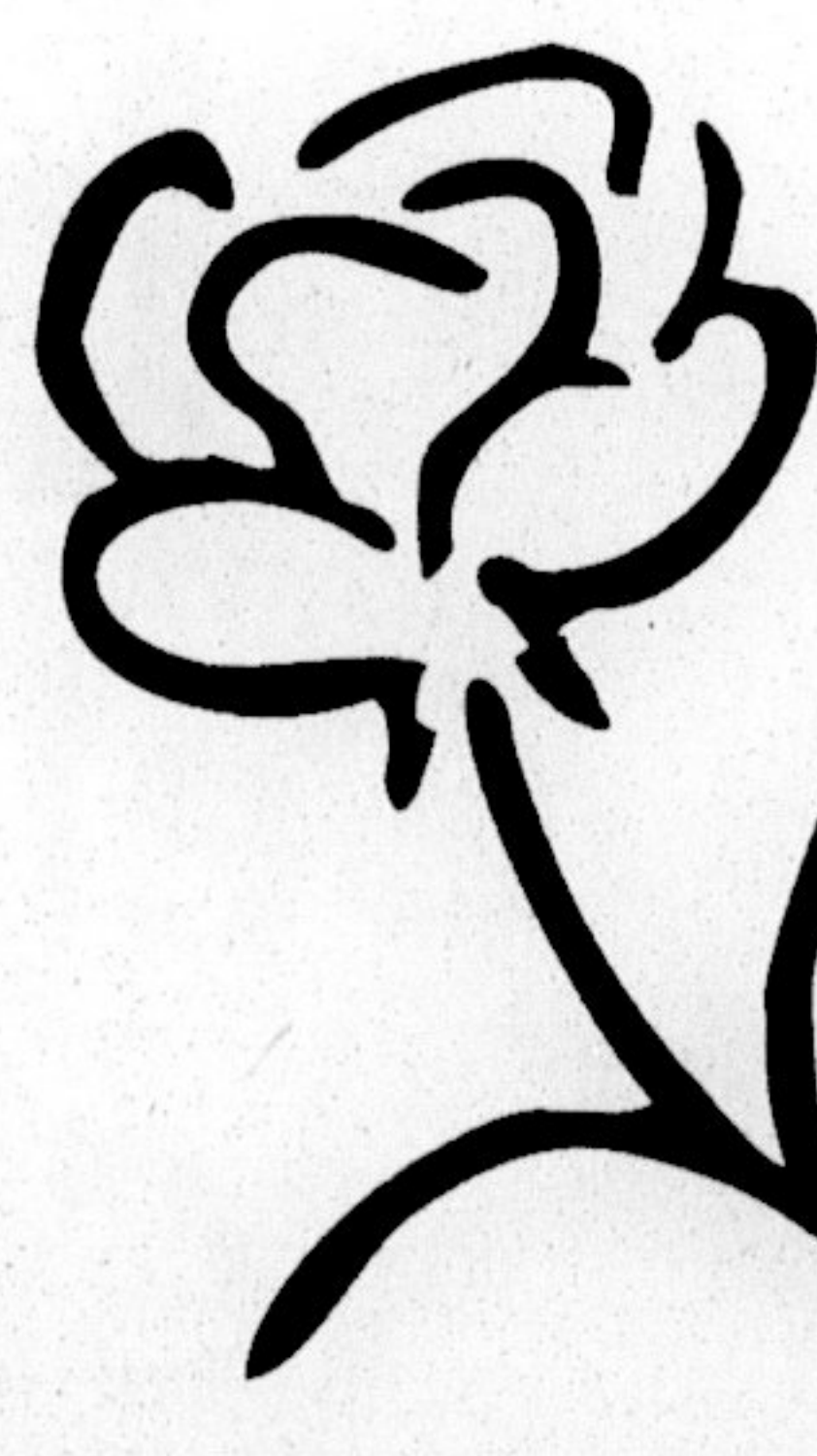
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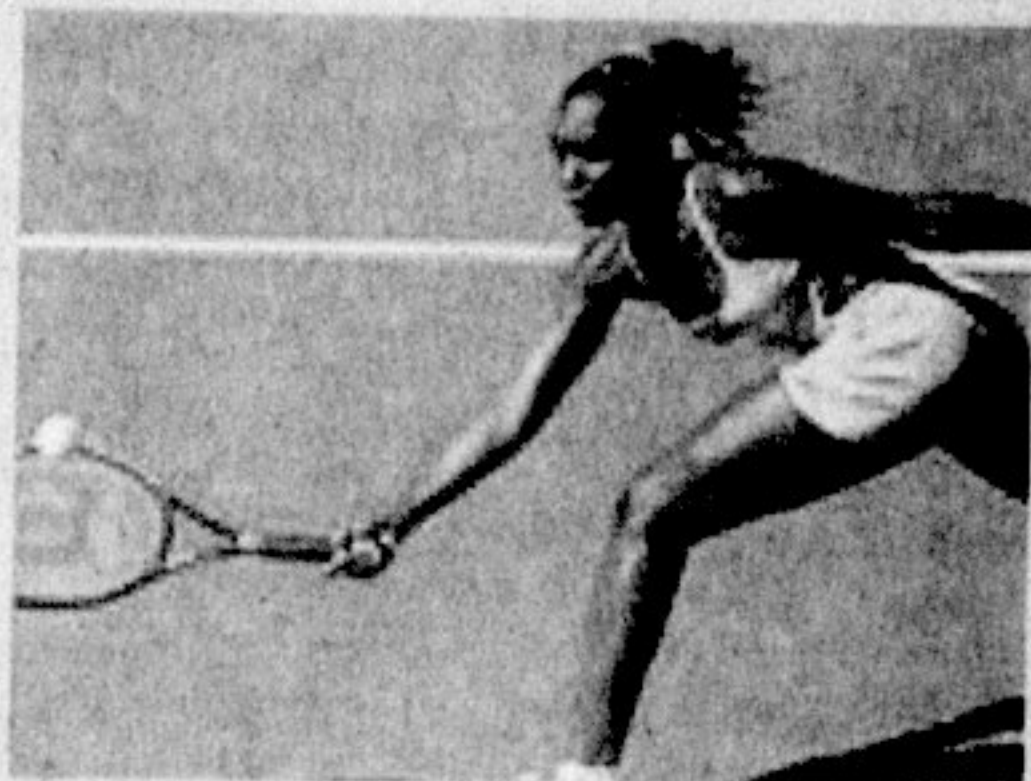
Broncos lose backs

Playing in the Denver Bronco backfield has been hazardous to the health of their running backs lately.

In Monday night's 41-36 loss to the defending Super Bowl Champion St. Louis Rams, running backs Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary both went down with injuries. Davis twisted his ankle early on and did not return. He later had to be helped to the team bus by way of a cart. It is unclear whether he will play Sunday against Atlanta.

His backup, Gary, was injured in the third quarter but continued to play. He finished the night with 80 yards on 13 carries.

After the game, Gary was diagnosed with a torn ACL and will undergo season-ending knee surgery in a few weeks.



Ladies draw fills out at Open

Venus Williams has not lost in the last 24 times she has played a match. Tuesday the streak continued with a win in the U.S. Open quarterfinals over Nathalie Tauziat 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

No. 1 seed Martina Hingis easily defeated Monica Seles 6-0, 7-5 in their quarterfinals play. Williams will meet Hingis in the semifinals. The other semifinal will feature the winners of Wednesday's Serena Williams/ Lindsey Davenport and Anka Huber/ Elena Dementieva matches.



Caminiti to leave team

1996 NL MVP, Ken Caminiti announced Tuesday that he will leave the Houston Astros for personal reasons. It is expected that he will be unable to return this season.

The third baseman has been fighting wrist, back, shoulder and foot problems all season.

A source close to the Astros reported that Caminiti will be taking a chemical dependency evaluation.

Cone hurts shoulder

Yankees right-hander David Cone dislocated his shoulder Tuesday, in Kansas City. Cone, who won the 1994 Cy Young while with the Royals, hurt his non-throwing shoulder while diving for a Rey Sanchez bunt in the third inning.

An MRI after the game showed no serious damage once the shoulder was put back in place.

"Maybe I can still come back," Cone said. "Maybe there's a chance I can still get something done this year. I really can't tell at this point."



Women face daunting Olympics

The U.S. Women's soccer team is riding to Sydney on a wave of popularity that has not lessened since their victory in the World Cup finals last year over China.

Despite being a gold medal favorite, the team faces a difficult challenge in the first round, opening against Norway and rematch-ing with China three days later. In 33 games played since the beginning of this year, the U.S. team has lost four, three to Norway and one to China.

U.S. coach April Heinrichs knows her team faces an uphill battle. "Norway and China are two of the best three teams in the world. We have the most difficult bracket. It's going to be like the semifinals immediately. There's no warmup in the Olympics."

Ahead of the curve

PIRATE: David Garrard

Number: 9
Position: QB
Class rank: Jr.
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 235 lbs
Hometown: Durham, N.C.



Best known for: Scrambling ability, strong arm and creativity out of the pocket.

Garrard continues mobile quarterback tradition at ECU

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

David Garrard showed up for Monday's press conference almost half an hour late.

The 6-foot-3-inch 235-pound quarterback entered the room, cell phone in hand, wearing purple and gold shorts and a T-shirt with a teddy bear on the front. The soft-spoken junior patiently answered the questions of the numerous reporters that hung around just to speak with him before one of the biggest games in his career.

He deftly steered every question pertaining to the much-hyped match up between he and Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick into a discussion about his teammates and the skill of the Hokie team.

While much of the media attention for tonight's game will be on Vick, arguably the best player in college football, Garrard, in his second year as a full-time starter, will also be under the microscope.

"I just try not to worry about it too much," Garrard said. "People are going to say whatever they want. I've just got to go on about my business, answer a few questions but never get overwhelmed about anything."

"David can handle it," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "He's one of the most level headed guys I've ever been around. That's not an issue with him at all."

Logan's certainty that the media glare won't get to his quarterback comes from past seasons in which Garrard has played well beyond his years.

"He gives you a chance to be able to handle the types of stress that a game like this and a team like Virginia Tech can put on you," Logan said.

Garrard entered the ECU program in 1997, a hefty, strong-armed quarterback from Southern Durham High School with hours of highlight film featuring would-be tacklers being bounced, dragged and bulldozed.

After being redshirted in 1997, Garrard shared playing time with Bobby Weaver under center for the Pirates. When Weaver went down with a knee injury in the Oct. 31, 1998 loss to Houston, the job became Garrard's.

In his freshman campaign he completed 157 of 255 passes for 2,091 yards. After just one season in the program, he had broken 16 ECU passing records and put his name in the record books alongside Pirate legends Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandell.

Last season, he started all 11 games throwing for 2,359 yards. After only 16 starts in his first two seasons, Garrard was third in passing yards at ECU and fourth in completions.

"Dave's got tremendous natural strength obviously," Logan said. "He throws a beautiful ball.



Junior quarterback David Garrard is the latest in a long line of mobile quarterbacks to play for ECU. (file photo)

He can throw the long intermediate and short ball better than any quarterback I've had. He's got all three throws. He's got a lot of natural accuracy and he competes well. He doesn't back down from a fight. He'll go in and fight the fight."

His arm, however is not his only weapon.

This year the trendiest player in college football is the mobile quarterback. With Vick's breakout 1999 season, coaches have begun looking for a signal caller who can create when the play breaks down with both their arms and their legs.

ECU has always been ahead of the curve in this department. Dating back to the 1970s and quarterback Leander Green, a quick, hard-to-catch quarterback has been a staple of Pirate teams.

In the last decade, players like Blake and Crandell

flourished in the role of the fleet-footed passer.

"That was the reason I came here," Garrard said. "I knew that they recruited mobile quarterbacks and I happened to think that I could run a little bit, you know not too terribly fast, but I could get out of the pocket and get a couple of yards if I had to."

Garrard's "little bit" of rushing talent translated into 493 yards in 1999, the highest total in 20 years by an ECU quarterback. The total would have been higher had it not been for the 254 yards that Garrard lost rushing last season.

Despite the losses, Garrard still had the second highest rushing total on the team and the most rushing touchdowns on the team with eight. Three

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No. 10 Virginia Tech visits tonight

Heisman hopeful Michael Vick leads Hokies into Greenville

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Tonight's the night.

Tonight's the night Michael Vick comes to town. Tonight we find out if the 38-0 win over Duke spoke more about the Blue Devils or the Pirates.

Tonight the eyes of the college football world look into Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and the Pirates return to Greenville.

Tonight's the night the Pirates square off with No. 10 Virginia Tech at home, on national television.

"I just got through watching some Virginia Tech film and they've reloaded at every position," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "They are looking very much like the team that played for the national championship last year and I think that in their minds, that's the mission they're on again."

In 1999, the Hokies went 11-0 before falling in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to the eventual national champions, Florida State.

The team was led by then freshman quarterback Michael Vick and a ferocious defense.

Vick is back for his sophomore year and is considered to be the favorite for the Heisman Trophy. Vick has many key offensive players returning, like deep threat Andre Davis and most of the offensive line.

"Michael Vick is Michael Vick, but they've got talent everywhere," Logan said. "Their flanker (Davis) is extraordinary. The split end (Ricky Hall) is way above average. The two tailbacks they've got are

HOKIE: Michael Vick

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Position: QB
Class rank: So.
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 214 lbs
Hometown: Newport News, Va.

Best known for: Scrambling ability, strong arm and creativity out of the pocket.



still Vick.

"Everybody knows Michael Vick," said safety Antwan Adams. "He's a great player. You've just got to contain him. You can't let him make a whole lot of big plays, we're going to try to stop him."

With Vick at the helm of the Hokie offense, Virginia Tech has built a reputation for being explosive. Last week against Akron, Vick threw for 186 yards and ran for 102. Not bad for three quarters of work, and oh yeah, the Hokies won 52-23.

"That stresses our defense a whole lot," said linebacker Pernell Griffin. "Coming off of Duke, they're an explosive offense as well. This Virginia Tech team coming in will be fast. They will come out more aggressive. So we're going to have to play our responsibilities and our gaps real well in order to stop the option and their quarterback."

While the offense has an array of weapons, the defense is a bit less potent. Gone are defense mainstays from 1999 like, defensive linemen Corey Moore, John Engelberger and cornerbacks, Ike Charlton and Anthony Midget.

extraordinarily fast. Offensive line, I'm looking at three of the kids that will be in some NFL camps next year. So they're a package deal."

While the offense may feature a number of talented players, the focal point is

Last week, Akron was able to score 23 points and put up 410 yards of total offense on the Hokies.

"If Akron can score points on them, then we can score points on them," said quarterback David Garrard. "It's just how I feel. I feel that if they gave up 23 points against Akron then we should be able to put up at least 30. We should be able to top Akron's score. If we can do that, then I think our defense can hold them to a lot less than 52 points."

In the first game of 1998, the Pirates fell to the Hokies 38-3 in Blacksburg. The game marked the beginning of the careers of many of this year's junior's.

"Back in 1998, that was my first collegiate football game," Griffin said. "I don't think I was as ready then as I am now. I was a freshman so I'm looking forward to playing these guys again."

Likewise, tonight's game will be the first major test for this year's crop of freshmen.

"I try to keep them, not to get too tight, not to get too tense," Garrard said. "It's their first or second game, this one is on national television. I'm sure many of them haven't been on television before so I do try to keep them focused, I do try to keep them calm."

With tickets at a premium and ESPN carrying the game on national television, the big game atmosphere has descended on Greenville. For players and fans, tonight is the night that the wait ends and the game begins.

"It probably won't set in until Wednesday or the day of the game," Griffin said. "The atmosphere is going to be awesome. Our guys, we're going to come out ready to play."

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of those came in the regular season finale versus N.C. State.

"He's definitely the biggest (quarterback) we've had," Logan said. "He's 235 pounds, but he runs a 4.7 40-yard dash which is fast enough when your 235 pounds."

"If I wasn't a mobile guy I don't think they would have been looking at me so much," Garrard said. "That's what Coach Logan likes. He like a guy that can actually escape the pocket and run a little bit because they do have a little bit of the option here. He does want somebody who can run the option."

This season, more and more of the option duties are falling on the shoulders of sophomore Richard Alston. The cat-quick Warrenton, N.C. native has been able to take some of the heat and punishment away from Garrard.

"Richard does do a lot of the running," Garrard said. "But it's not just his thing per se to be just option. He has a good sense of the flow of the game."

With Alston doing more of the running, Garrard can assume the role of a cerebral passer instead of an instinctual runner.

"Now I am wanting to throw more," Garrard said. "I'm thinking I can find my receivers better than I have in the past. So, I don't have to run as much."

While Garrard is known as a dangerous runner, the most vivid image of his career, is a pass. The 27-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Keith Stokes in the fourth quarter of ECU's comeback win over the Miami Hurricanes last season is the most famous moment of his career.

It was in that win that Garrard and the Pirates found the confidence that has sustained them to this day.

"Just always keep trying," Garrard said. "Just never give up. Never put your head down and say that this game is over. Always keep going after it."

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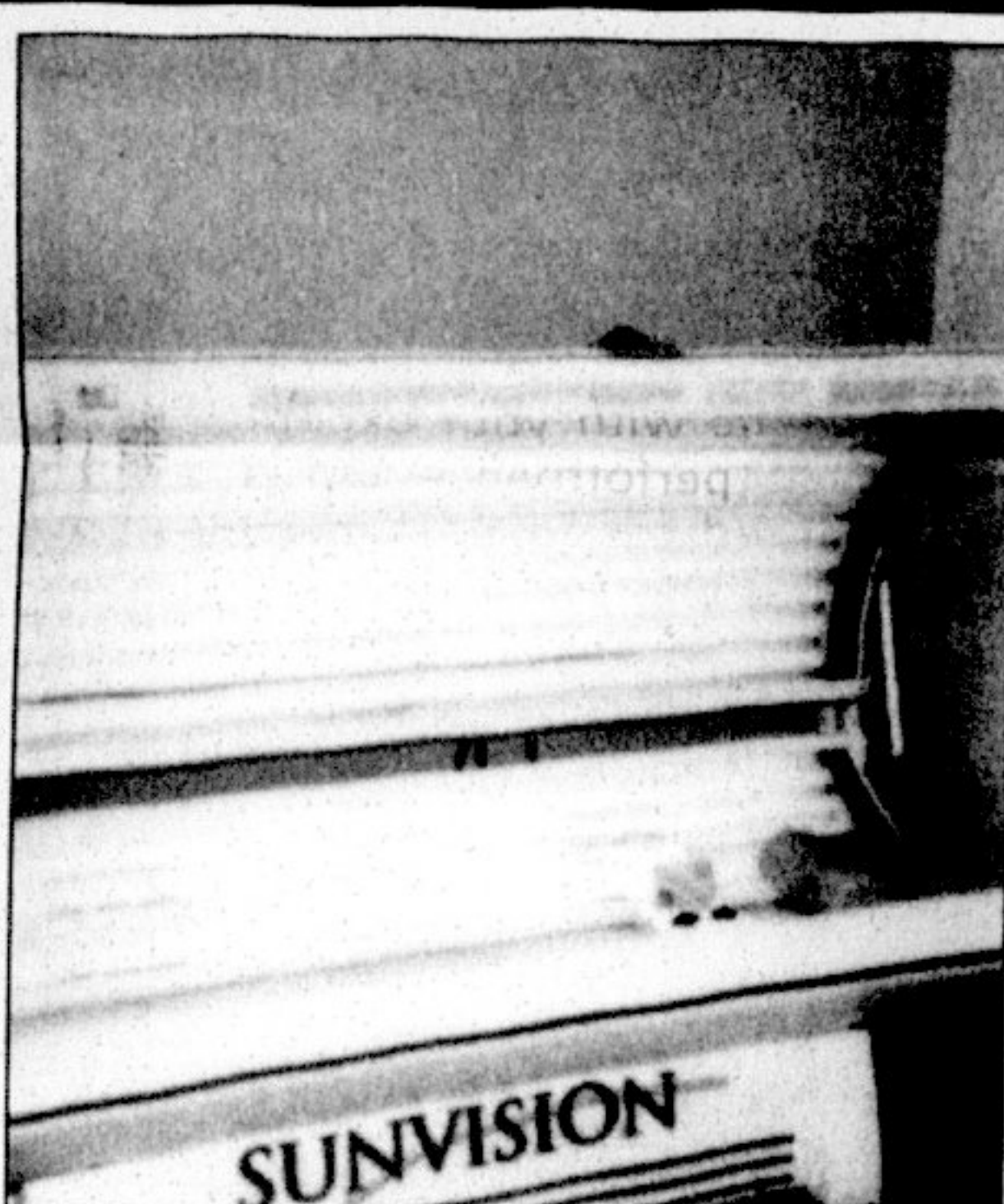
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THE GREENVILLE Recreation & Parks Department is looking for officials for the Adult Winter Basketball League. Pay will range from \$15-\$20 a game. Clinics will be held to train new and experienced officials. However, a basic knowledge and understanding 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.

EXCELLENT JOB for student. Home health care aides for the mentally and physically handicapped, various days and times. Full and part-time. Please call Howell Support Services, 1-888-886-4477 for more info.

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.

PASSION ESCORTS now hiring escorts and dancers. Earn as much as \$500 to \$1000 a week. Call 747-7686.

PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE. Joan's Fashions, a local Women's Clothing Store, is now filling part-time positions. Employees are needed for Saturdays and weekdays between 10AM and 6PM. Individuals must be available for some Saturday work. The positions are for between 7 and 30 hours per week, depending on your schedule and on business needs. The jobs are within walking distance of ECU and the hours are flexible. Pay is commensurate with your experience and job performance and is supplemented by an employee discount. Apply in person to Store Manager, Joan's Fashions, 423 S. Evans Street, Greenville (Uptown Mall).

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

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HELP WANTED at Szechuan Express, the new location at 302A Greenville Blvd S.E. (next to Waffle House). Applications are available and accepted at Szechuan Garden, our main location at 909 South Evans Street. Apply in person. No phone calls, please.

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THE GREENVILLE Recreation & 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.

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.

DUE TO expanding business, Golden Corral is now hiring in all positions, full & part-time. Benefits available. Apply in person 2-4p.m., M-Th, 504 SW Greenville Blvd. No phone calls please!

PART-TIME WORKERS needed for Republican Campaign. Flexible hours, learning about campaigns, and meeting other people. Call Brad at 830-1841.

HOUSEHOLD HELP. Duties include cleaning, pet & plant care, errands, etc. 8-12 hrs./month-\$10/hr. Can accommodate class schedule. Attitude more important than experience. Call 752-9406 or e-mail step-dawson@earthlink.net

THE COLONY of Omega Phi Alpha sorority would like to announce an interest meeting Sept. 12 in MSC room 221 @ 7:30 and Sept. 13 in room 14 at 7:30. For more information call Angie 758-4833.

HELP WANTED

THERMAL-GARD is currently seeking highly motivated, energetic individuals to join our growing team! We are looking for full and part-time employees for our Call Center. Our benefits include: salary & bonus checks, paid training, daily incentives & weekly prizes, \$50 for good attendance, Blue Cross Blue Shields insurance and great work environment. Better call now because these positions will be filled soon and you will have missed out on this excellent opportunity. Call: 355-0210.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

BEGINNER RACQUETBALL CLINIC, Sept. 18-Oct. 9 Mondays 8:00pm-9:00pm. Learn basic skills and rules of racquetball. All equipment is provided. Registration is through Sept.15 and the cost is free to members, \$5/nonmembers. For more information please call 328-6387.

PHI SIGMA Pi National Honor Fraternity is holding their Smoker on Tues., Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. in GC 1032. This is an informational meeting for prospective pledges of ECU's oldest fraternity. To be eligible, you must have a 3.30 GPA and 30 or more semester hours. We hope to see you there!

THE DEPARTMENT OF Communication Sciences and Disorders will be providing the speech, language and hearing screening for students who are fulfilling requirement for admission to Upper Division on the following dates: Screenings for students in the College of Arts and Sciences, General College, and the Schools of Art, Health and Human Performance, Human Environmental Sciences and Music will be held Monday, September 18, 2000 or Tuesday September 19, 2000. Screenings for students in the School of Education will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2000 or Thursday, September 21, 2000 from 5-6PM. These are the only screening dates during the Fall Semester. The screening will be conducted in the ECU Speech and Hearing Clinic, Belk Annex 1, School of Allied Health Sciences, near the intersection of Charles Street and the 264 By-pass. No appointment is needed-Line up is at the West entrance of the clinic. Sign in begins at 4:45PM. Please do not call their office for an appointment. Screenings are conducted on a first come, first serve basis. Make-up sessions are held each Friday morning, \$10 charge; call 328-4405 for an appointment.

GAMMA BETA Phi will meet Monday, Sept. 11 at 5:30. Look for fliers and on the web page for the room.

THE LADY Pirate Basketball team is looking for a few good men who want to practice and compete on a daily basis. For further information contact Coach Edgar Farmer, Jr. at 328-4589.

SEA KAYAKING at Goose Creek, Sept.14. Don't miss Eastern North Carolina's outdoor sport of choice. Registration deadline is Sept.11 and the cost is \$10. For more information please call 328-6387.

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To Check Out Woody Allen's Latest

SEPTEMBER 13 AT 7:30 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE
Small Time Crooks (PG) Small time crook Ray Winkler and some fellow bumbler open a cookie store next door to a bank with robbery in mind. Wealth, and a curse to go along with it, come from an unexpected direction. Present your valid ECU One Card to get in free with one guest.

To Meet a Champion

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:30 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE

Mitch Gaylord, the first American Gymnast to receive a perfect 10.0, will give a talk for ECU's Student Leadership Development Program. Gaylord made his acting debut in *American Anthem* and worked as a stunt double in *Batman Forever*. He was recently inducted into UCLA's Hall of Fame.

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To See A Hot New Flick

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The Virgin Suicides (R) This haunting film features five beautiful sisters and the effect they have on neighborhood boys. When breaking curfew brings down their parent's wrath, the sisters' revenge is truly stunning. Get in free with a friend on presentation of a valid ECU One Card.

To View Fine Art

MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER GALLERY

Charlotte-based artist Keith Bryant's "A Loan @ ECU," a collection of wall sculptures, will be on display through September 21. A closing reception will be held September 21 from 6 until 8 p.m.



To Discuss Important Issues

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7 P.M. IN GREAT ROOM #1 AT MENDENHALL STUDENT CENTER

The Commuter and Off Campus Student Organization will hold an informational meeting for commuter and off-campus students interested in developing leadership skills, meeting new people, and developing programs for off-campus students. For information call 328-6881.

Ever see a perfect 10?

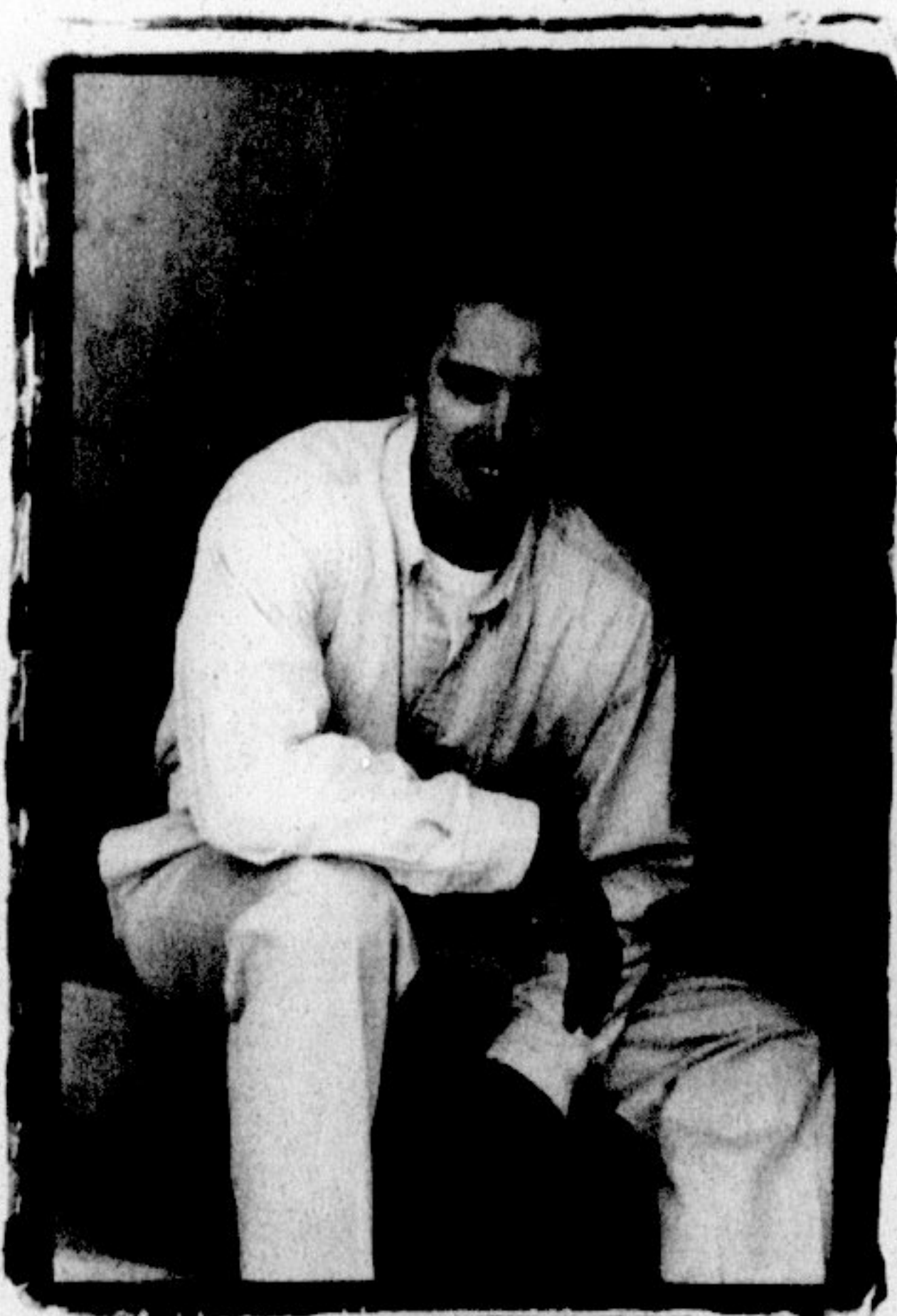
You have if you've followed the career of Mitch Gaylord.

He was the first American gymnast in history to receive a perfect 10.0 as he led the US gymnastics team to a gold medal victory in the 1984 Olympics. He captured a silver medal in vaulting and two bronze medals in rings and parallel bars.

Mitch was the number one ranked gymnast in 1983 and 1984 and invented two of the most difficult and spectacular feats in gymnastics, the Gaylord Flip and the Gaylord Two.

He was appointed by Ronald Reagan to the President's Council for Physical Fitness and made his acting debut in 1986 in *American Anthem*. In 1988, he appeared in several commercial ads including Levi's, Nike, and Soloflex.

In 1995, Gaylord's talents were called upon by the producers of *Batman Forever* to be the stunt double for Chris O'Donnell's role of "Robin." In 1996, he served as a journalist/broadcaster for the Olympics in Atlanta. Mitch is finishing his first book, *Imperfect 10*, which should be available next year.



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