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NEWSBRIEFS

Flu shot

Student Health Services offers a flu clinic from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today at the Dowdy Student Store. Flu shots for students will cost \$10 and \$15 for staff.

Movies

The Cell plays at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Hendrix Theatre and again at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3. It will be followed by *Beau Travail* at 10 p.m. tonight and at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3.

Concert

The Student Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. tonight in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Ara Gregorian will direct the program.

AIDS march

A candlelight march for World AIDS Day will begin at 6 p.m. at Joyner Library on Friday, Dec. 1. The march will proceed through campus and into the downtown area. A reception and special presentation in Mendenhall Student Center will follow. Contact Beth Credle at 328-6794 for more information.

Jazz concert

The School of Music's three popular jazz ensembles will combine their instruments and sounds for a public concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1 in Wright Auditorium. Carroll Dashiell Jr. and Paul Tardif will direct this lively performance that features the "A" and "B" Jazz Ensembles and the Contemporary Jazz Ensemble. The concert is free and the public is invited.

Parade

Chancellor Richard Eakin and wife JoAnn will be the Grand Marshals for Greenville's Christmas Parade that begins at noon on Saturday, Dec. 2 and follows a route through the downtown area. The Greenville Jaycees, the parade's sponsor, picked the Chancellor and his wife to show them how much the city and eastern North Carolina have appreciated their contributions through Eakin's tenure at ECU. Eakin will retire this spring after 14 years. WITN-TV will televise the parade.

Holiday music

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform its Holiday Concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Wright Auditorium. Sponsored by the Friends of the School of Music, the concert is free and the public is invited.

Open house

The ECU Field Station for Coastal Studies at Lake Mattamuskeet will be open to the public during the annual Swan Days Festival on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 at the historic lodge in Hyde County. The field station is located in the lodge's east wing and students will conduct tours and answer questions on both days from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ONLINE SURVEY

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Two females assaulted near campus Sunday

*Incidents similar
to Greenville
grabber assaults*

Melyssa Ojeda
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Two females were assaulted by a man, whose description is similar to that of the Greenville grabber, within 15 minutes of each other Sunday evening.

According to police reports, two females, both ECU students, were walking toward campus on 4th Street at approximately 8:25 p.m. when they realized they were being followed by an unknown

male. The suspect caught up with the women and grabbed one of them. She immediately sat down on the sidewalk, making it difficult for the suspect to pick her up. The suspect then let go of the woman and ran away.

Minutes later, another female was assaulted. The suspect, driving a white pickup truck, attempted to grab a female walking alone on the sidewalk. The female ducked and ran two blocks to her house to call the police.

The suspect in both assaults is a white male, 30 years old, 5-feet-11-inches tall, 230 pounds, with brown hair and a mustache. One of the vic-

tims said he had a goatee and wore thick glasses. The suspect was wearing a plaid shirt, dark pants, a belt and white tennis shoes.

Police believe Sunday's assaults are related, but would not say if the suspect is the same man who was arrested by police Oct. 25 for assaulting four women near the ECU campus.

Shelton Edward Thomas was arrested for assaulting four women at different times from August to September of this year. The arrest followed a Greenville Police Department (GPD) surveillance operation. Thomas later confessed to the assaults. Thomas

is currently out on an unsecured \$10,000 bond, which means if he fails to show up to his court date on Jan. 9, 2001 he would be forced to pay the \$10,000 bond or face incarceration.

"If this is the same man, I will do everything in my power to make sure that he does not get an unsecured bond this time," said Detective Amy Clark of the GPD, who investigated Thomas's assaults as well as Sunday's.

Clark also said there is a possibility the suspect could be a copy-cat and that police could not verify this until the investigation is completed.

Police say the unse-

cured bond and its amount is typical of any other similar case.

"The amount of [Thomas's] bond and the type that it is nothing out of the ordinary," Clark said.

Police also say the second incident Sunday could not technically be considered an assault, since no physical contact was made with the victim. According to University Attorney Ben Irons, assault on a female is a low-class misdemeanor. If an individual is convicted, he or she faces a maximum penalty of six years in prison.

There is currently no such thing as attempted assault on a female in

North Carolina.

To keep from becoming a victim, Clark advises all females to walk in groups of five or six if possible, especially at night.

"I want women to know that this isn't their fault if they are walking alone and something happens to them," she said. "I suggest they use the resources available to them such as ECU police escorts and to call friends to pick them up when it's dark."

Anyone with additional information should contact the GPD at 329-4300 or Det. Clark at 329-4133.

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Student dies of heart complications

*Friends remember talented,
up-and-coming artist*

Melyssa Ojeda
EDITOR IN CHIEF

ECU art major Caleb Dowd, 22, was found dead at his Greenville residence Sunday evening.

According to police reports, officers found no sign of a struggle or forced entry into the residence. Police also say an autopsy was performed and no sign of foul play was involved. Toxicology report results will be available in six to eight weeks.

Although the cause of death is unknown, Dowd had a history of heart complications.

Students and professors who knew Dowd were shocked to learn of their friend's passing earlier this week.

Gil Leebrick, the director of the Gray Gallery at the School of Art, grew close to Dowd after their first meeting two years ago, when Dowd was a sophomore.

"Caleb was a mature young man; very responsible, and never lacking with a smile," Leebrick said.

Leebrick remembered Dowd's readiness

to lend a hand in the gallery, where he worked as a gallery guard, helping to serve during receptions and answer telephones.

"He'd stop in to say 'hi' and if I was short-handed he was there in a heartbeat," Leebrick said. "He was also a very talented up-and-coming artist."

"He was really funny when you got to know him," said senior Christie Smith, who shared an art studio with Dowd and other artists at the school. "He was a very hard worker ... very talented."

Dowd's work has been called "Dali-esque" by those who witnessed his senior show this past spring in the school's senior gallery. Dowd's later work as an upperclassman was mainly surrealist.

"It was impressive," Smith said. "He was improving a lot."

At the School of Art, a senior show is considered an art student's biggest accomplishment.

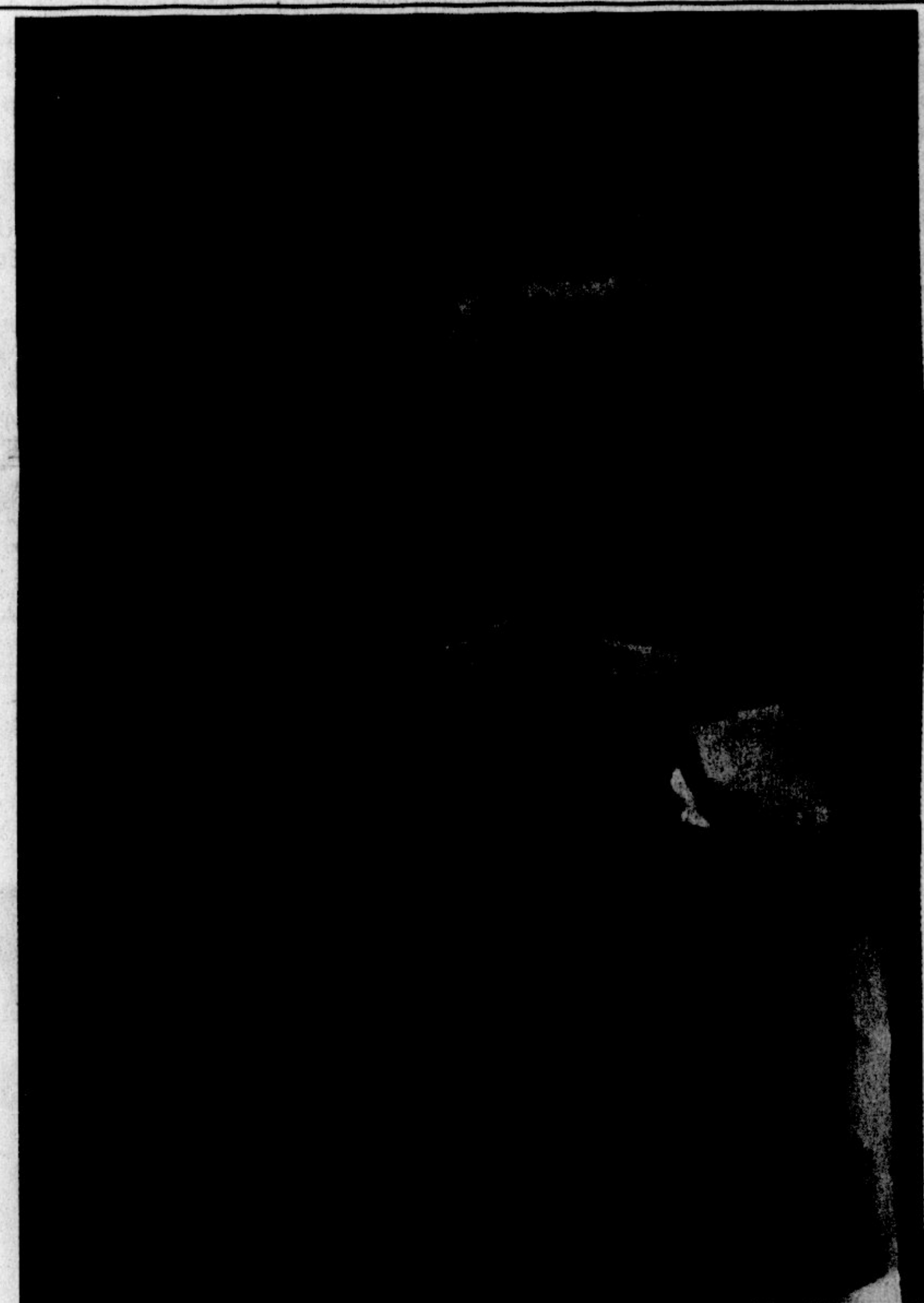
"Having a senior show is the coveted moment every art student dreams of," said sophomore art major Erin Mudge. "It's when all of your work is accepted by your adviser, and your friends and family gather to celebrate your work before you graduate."

Others who knew Dowd shared similar memories of a positive and upbeat young artist. Chuck Chamberland, a professor of ceramics, touched upon the dynamics of his classes with Dowd.

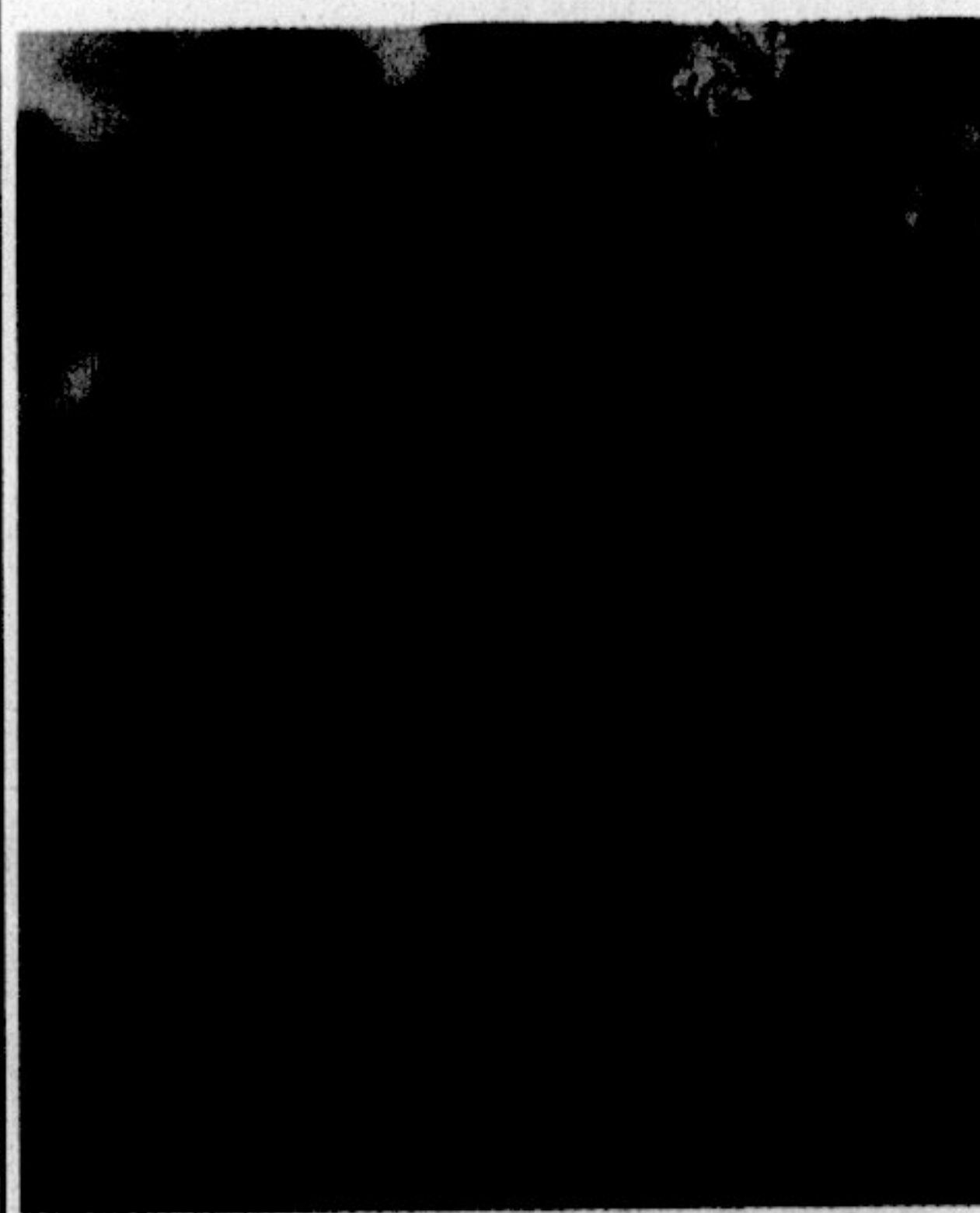
"When the class found out everyone was just devastated," he said. "Everyone always got along great, there is a lot of interaction in ways that you don't have in a lecture class. Caleb was loved very much by everyone."

A Web site exhibiting Dowd's art is in the works. Dowd's brother Joshua plans to create the site for those who never knew Caleb to become familiar with him and his work. A one-time scholarship in his name will also be set up.

Friends and family gathered to pay their respects at Dowd's family home in Bakersville, N.C. Tuesday night,



A remembrance party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at the Dowd family residence in Bakersville, N.C. for guests who knew Caleb Dowd. (all artwork by Caleb Dowd)



A Web site featuring Dowd's artwork is being created by his brother Joshua.



after Dowd's body was cremated. A remembrance party open to all who knew him will take place at his family's home Sunday, Dec. 10 at 497 Bear Creek Rd. in Bakersville.

Dowd's presence at ECU will be missed by those who knew him and his art.



"He was a great kid," Chamberland said. "In my 34th year of teaching he was in the top 10 percent of upbeat kids."

"We'll all miss him," Smith said.

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

One killed, one injured in bowling alley shooting

The Daily Reflector—An apparent armed robbery early Sunday at a popular bowling center left one employee dead and another in critical condition, Greenville police said.

Police said the two employees were in the office of AMF East Carolina Lanes, 700 Red Banks Road, around 3 a.m. Sunday when a man dressed all in black and wearing a black mask entered the office and shot them both.

Elizabeth Damron, 51, of 312 Dorcus Terrace, Greenville, was killed in the attack. Dustin O'Neil, 20, who was living with Damron's family, was listed in critical condition Sunday at Pitt County Memorial

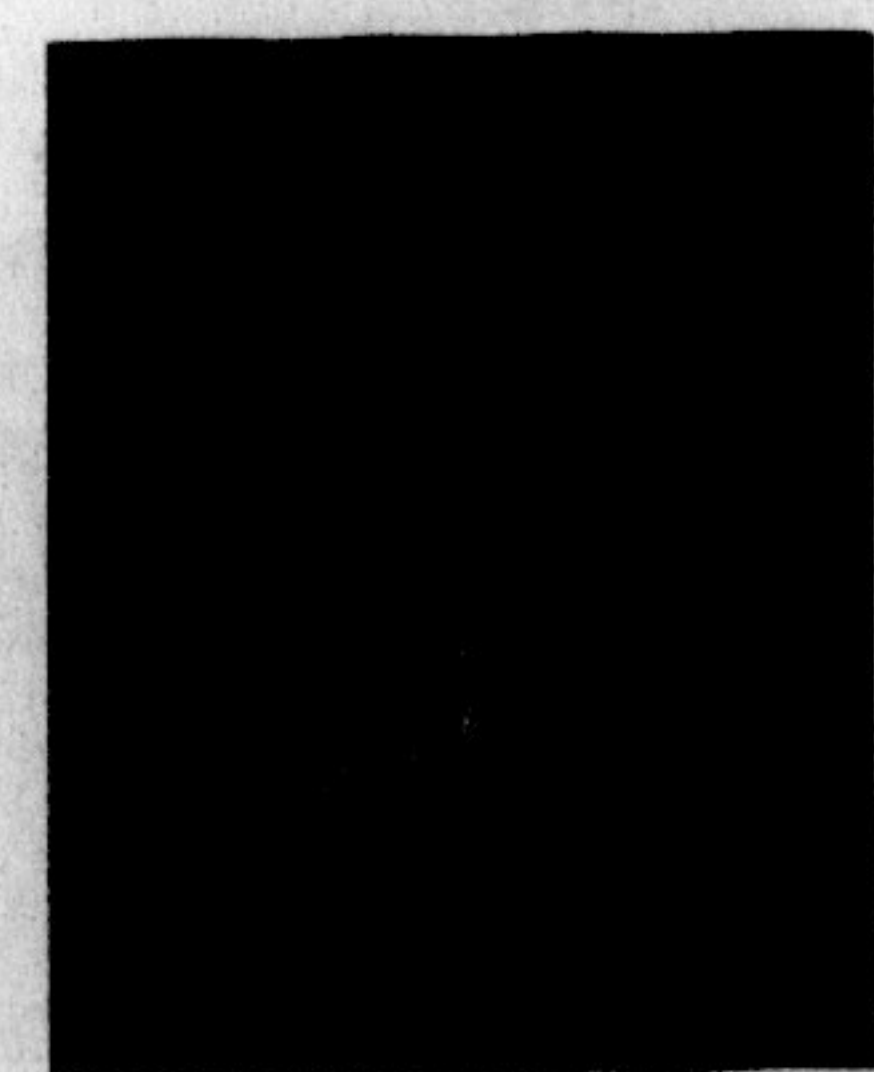
Hospital.

O'Neil called 911 to report the incident, police said. Officers arriving at the bowling alley forced their way into the building through a front door, and a police K-9 unit tracked the suspect from a side door into the wooded area behind the business, near Courtney Square Apartments.

Police were still searching for the suspect Wednesday night.

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Greenville police at 329-4300 or Pitt-Greenville Crime Stoppers at 758-7777.

B-GLAD speaker



P. Coleman Temple spoke to students about living with AIDS in honor of World AIDS Day Wednesday evening. Temple, whose stage name is Purina Chow, has raised thousands of dollars for AIDS research. (Stowe)

SGA Notes

SGA hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and is ready to wrap up the fall semester!

As SGA looks back on this semester, we can give many thanks to all of the students and administrators at ECU. SGA has accomplished so much this fall, under new leadership and mindsets, that summing it all up in one article is not possible.

From the beginning of the semester, this article has appeared in Thursday's edition of *TEC*, garnering rave reviews and an unprecedented voice from the organization that serves the student body. SGA also appointed students to all Faculty Senate committees, 19 students in all—another unprecedented event for student representation.

The University of North Carolina bond referendum campaign was perhaps the headliner of the fall series of SGA events, as we were effective in passing

the near \$191 million issue for ECU. The Legislature is also constantly improving, becoming more diverse and getting larger, making it a better voice for the student body.

Just recently, Monica Palumbo, sophomore class president, was involved with the Miss North Carolina USA Pageant and we are proud to have her tied to our SGA. Congratulations to her. Also, Keith Tingley has recently been elected the new president of the Inter Fraternity Council, the main male Greek cohesive organization.

At last week's legislature meeting, the constitution of the ECU Thespians of Diversity passed and two new members were welcomed into the legislature.



Michael C. Aho
SGA CHIEF OF STAFF

Also, Marcus Frederick issued concern relevant to the author of this weekly article. This week, the Student Welfare Committee with Arthur Gordon and Shea Sohooli offered two resolutions in regard to Parking and Traffic Issues. A note to all students concerned with parking: feel free to attend the Parking and Traffic Committee meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 221 of Mendenhall Student Center (MSC).

Also this week, one new member was welcomed into the Legislature. Ernest Daily offered information relevant to AIDS Awareness Week activities at ECU and last night, an opening ceremony for the National AIDS Memorial Quilt was held.

The last Campus Organization Council (COC) meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 in the Multipurpose Room of MSC. Please send a representative from your organization!

WORLD AIDS DAY CANDLELIGHT MARCH

Get there at 5:15pm to be part of the HUMAN RED RIBBON—Reception with hor' deuvres following at Mendenhall



• Wednesday, Nov 29—ECU Thespians for Diversity will perform a skit in Wright Plaza around noon.

• Wednesday, Nov 29—Unveiling of AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT at Mendenhall at 6:00p.m.

Mayor Nancy Jenkins to give proclamation.

• Thursday, Nov 30—Unity Step sponsored by MPHIC at Wright Plaza around noon. (tentative)

• Thursday, Nov 30—Speaker/Program on HIV/AIDS

at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 6:00pm.

• Friday, Dec 1—Human Red Ribbon formation at Sonic Plaza at 5:15pm.

• ALL WEEK—Stop by Information Tables at the Wright Place, Recreational Services, and Todd Dining Hall to pick up your Red Ribbon, safer sex kit, and information about HIV and testing

• ALL WEEK—Days of Silence. Students will be walking around campus in silence in recognition of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week. (To participate, please call 328-6794.)

Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display in Mendenhall Student Center, Wednesday, Nov 29-Dec 1.

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

Sponsored by ABLE, ECU Student Health Service and the Healthy Lifestyles Committee, PICASO, Project Outreach, Pitt County Public Health Center, American Red Cross. Call 328-6794 for details.

Crime Scene

Nov. 27

Larceny—A student reported his bike had been stolen from the rack west of Scott Hall sometime between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26.

Damage to Property—A student reported an unknown person wrote on her residence hall room door with a permanent marker.

Larceny—A staff member reported his hand held radio was stolen from Central Receiving in the Warehouse.

Larceny—A student reported her bike had been stolen from the rack south of Garrett Hall sometime between Nov. 21

and Nov. 27.

Larceny—A student reported her bike had been stolen from the rack east of Scott Hall sometime between Nov. 21 and Nov. 27.

Nov. 28

Driving While Impaired; Failure to Carry Driver's License—A student was arrested on the referenced charges after being stopped for impeding traffic at the intersection of Reade and Cotanche streets.

Tampering with Motor Vehicle—A non-student was issued a trespass warning after another non-student observed him pulling on door handles of cars parked in the lot

north of the Student Recreation Center. No damage was found on any of the vehicles tampered.

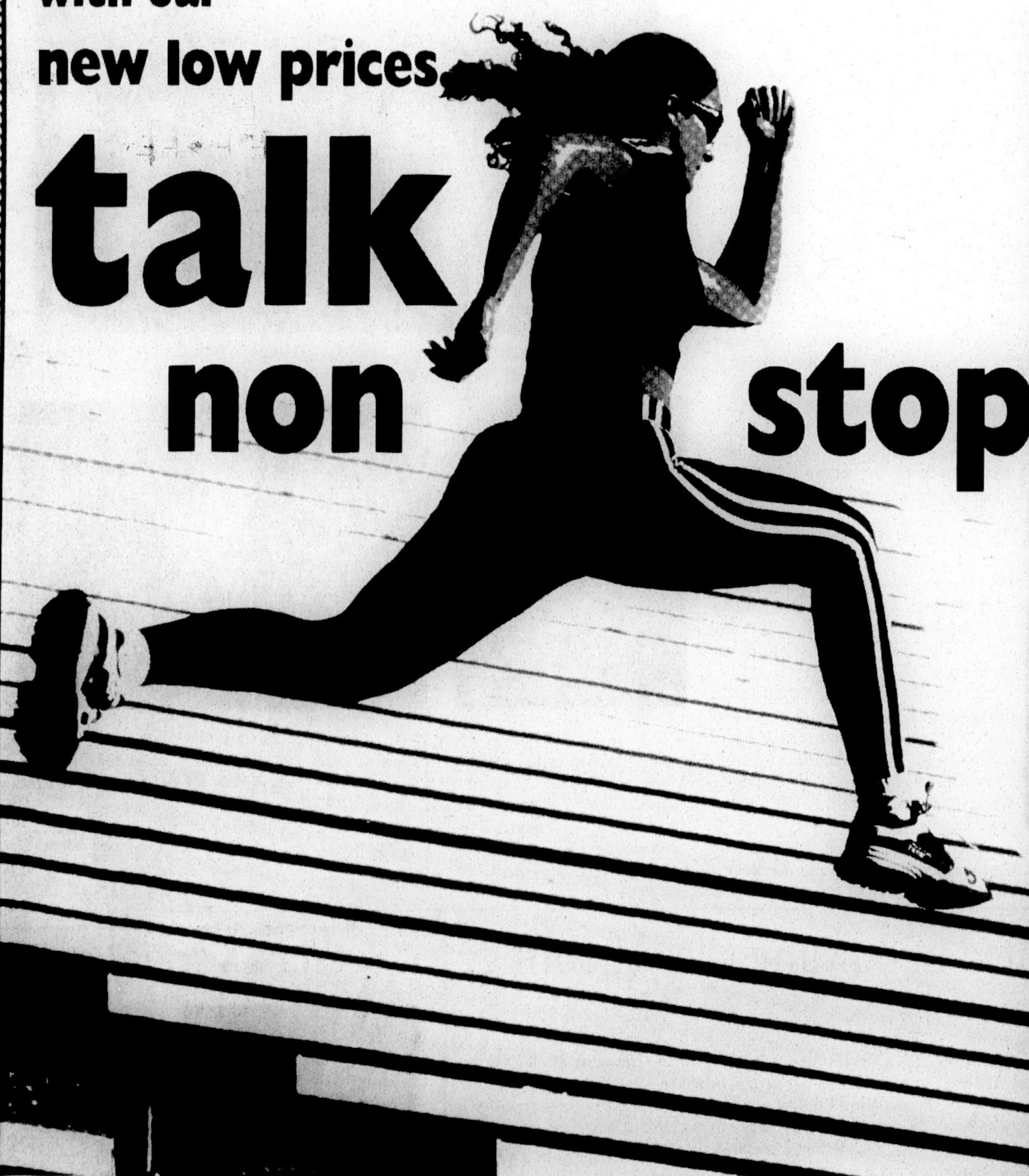
Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle—A staff member reported a window was broken out of the Student Government Association van parked south of Greene Hall.

Larceny—A student reported her bike was stolen from the rack east of Fleming Hall sometime between Nov. 21 and Nov. 28.

Larceny—A student reported his bike was stolen from the rack south of Garrett Hall sometime between Nov. 26 and Nov. 28.

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Adult students are welcome to attend this informal chat session to meet other adult students, discuss important issues, and develop a support network. For information call 328-6881.



To Solve a Crime

NOVEMBER 30- DECEMBER 2 AT 7:30P.M. AND DECEMBER 3 AT 3 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE

The Cell (R) Jennifer Lopez stars in this fast-paced thriller about a serial killer bent on murdering innocent female victims. When the FBI finally closes in on the killer, he slips into a comma leaving his last captive's location unknown and the FBI desperate. Get in free with one guest on presentation of your valid ECU One Card.

To Ring in the Holiday Season

DECEMBER 14 IN WRIGHT AUDITORIUM

Although their name makes them sound dreadfully boring, they're delightfully witty and fun. Join the Scholars of London for a night of madrigal music that spans centuries of European Christmas songs. Let this clever and amusing quartet put you in a holiday mood. Discount staff, faculty, and student tickets available at the Central Ticket Office until December 14 at 6:00 p.m. All tickets at the door will be full price. (Mendenhall Student Center, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; 328-4788, 1-800-ECU-ARTS.)

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NOVEMBER 30 AT 10 P.M. AND DECEMBER AT 7:30 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE

Beau Travail (Unrated) Ex-Foreign Legion officer Galoup recalls his glorious life leading troupes in the Gulf of Djibouti. Follow Galoup from this career high through the downward spiral of hate and jealousy that leads to his destruction. Present your valid ECU One Card to get in free with one guest.

To Stay in the Know

The ECU Adult Commuter Listserv allows students over 24 to receive campus information and weekly updates and post information for other adult and commuter students through personal e-mail accounts. For information contact Adult and Commuter Student Services at 328-6881.

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Bush seeks reversal, Gore tells Supreme Court to stay out

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an extraordinary plea, George W. Bush's lawyers on Tuesday asked the nation's nine justices to bring "legal finality" to the presidential election by overturning the Florida courts and ending any further ballot recounts.

Al Gore's team countered that the U.S. Supreme Court should not interfere in Florida's recount dispute, arguing the issue that will decide the White House winner "does not belong in federal court."

Three days before the nation's highest court hears arguments, both sides filed final written arguments.

Republican Bush asked the justices to overturn a Florida Supreme Court ruling that allowed hand recounting of votes to continue past a state imposed deadline of Nov. 14, saying the manual reviews opened the door for Democrat Gore to continue legal contests for weeks more.

"The Florida Supreme Court's decision, which conflicts with both federal statutes and the federal Constitution, will thus continue to affect, and has the theoretical potential to change, the outcome of the presidential election in Florida, and thus the nation," Bush argued.

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris certified Bush the winner Sunday by a 537-vote margin out of 6 million votes after the manual recounts were done. If that stands, the state's 25 electoral votes will give Bush 271 in all—one more than

he needs to win the White House.

Bush's lawyers noted that Gore is now contesting the election, even after the extended deadline set by the Florida Supreme Court, and seeking additional hand counting of thousands of disputed ballots.

The Texas governor's attorneys told the justices that reversing the Florida court ruling was needed to bring an end to the election dispute.

"Reversal by this Court would restore the legislatively crafted method for appointing electors in Florida to its status prior to Nov. 7, would allow the completion of the proper selection of presidential electors in Florida according to the plan contemplated by the Constitution, and would aid in bringing legal finality to this election."

Bush attorneys also argued that the Florida high court violated the Constitution by extending a "clear" vote recount deadline set in law by the state Legislature to ensure proper election of the state's 25 electors to the Electoral College.

The Constitution, the Bush brief said, gave that power solely to the Legislature, and the court improperly vacated the deadline when it allowed hand recounts to continue in three Democratic-leaning counties for 12 days beyond a state deadline of Nov. 14.

"The Florida Supreme Court thus consciously and boldly overrode Florida's 'laws enacted prior to' election day and replaced them two weeks later with laws of its own invention," the brief said.

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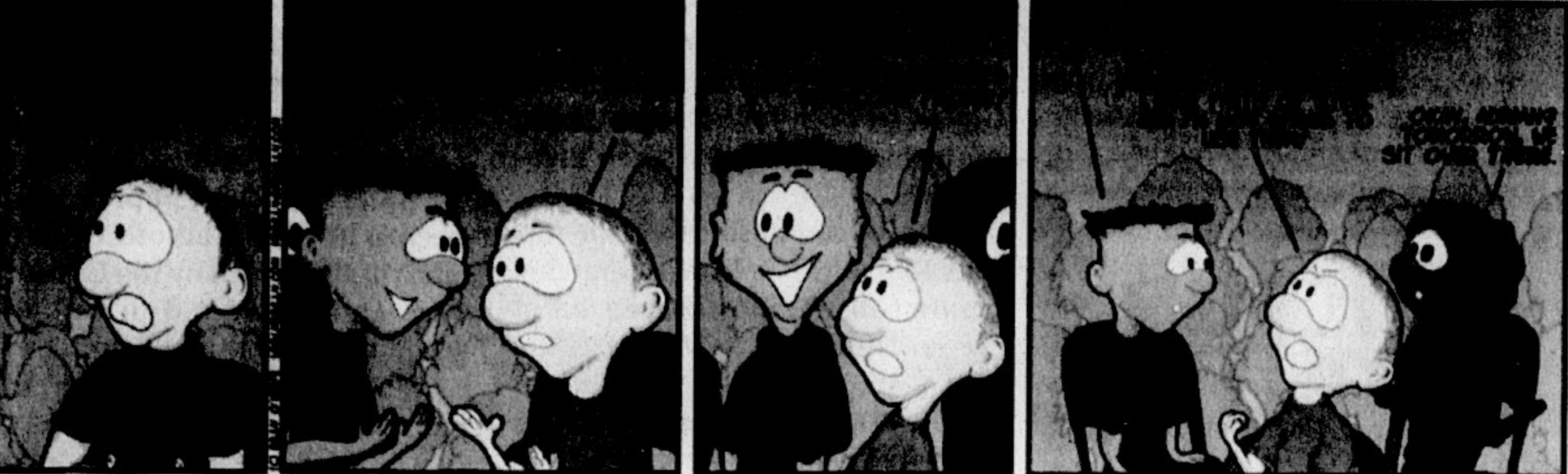
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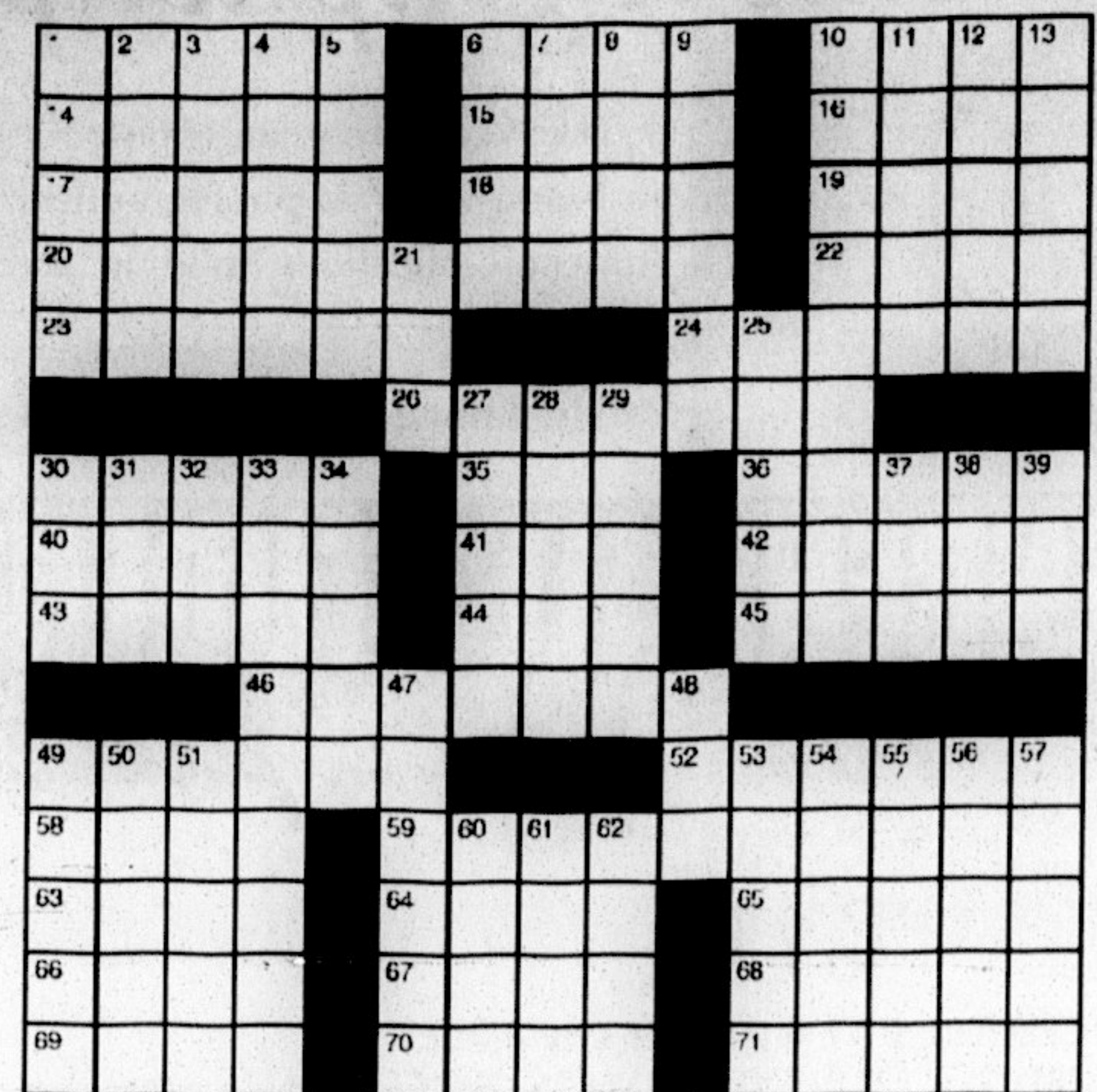


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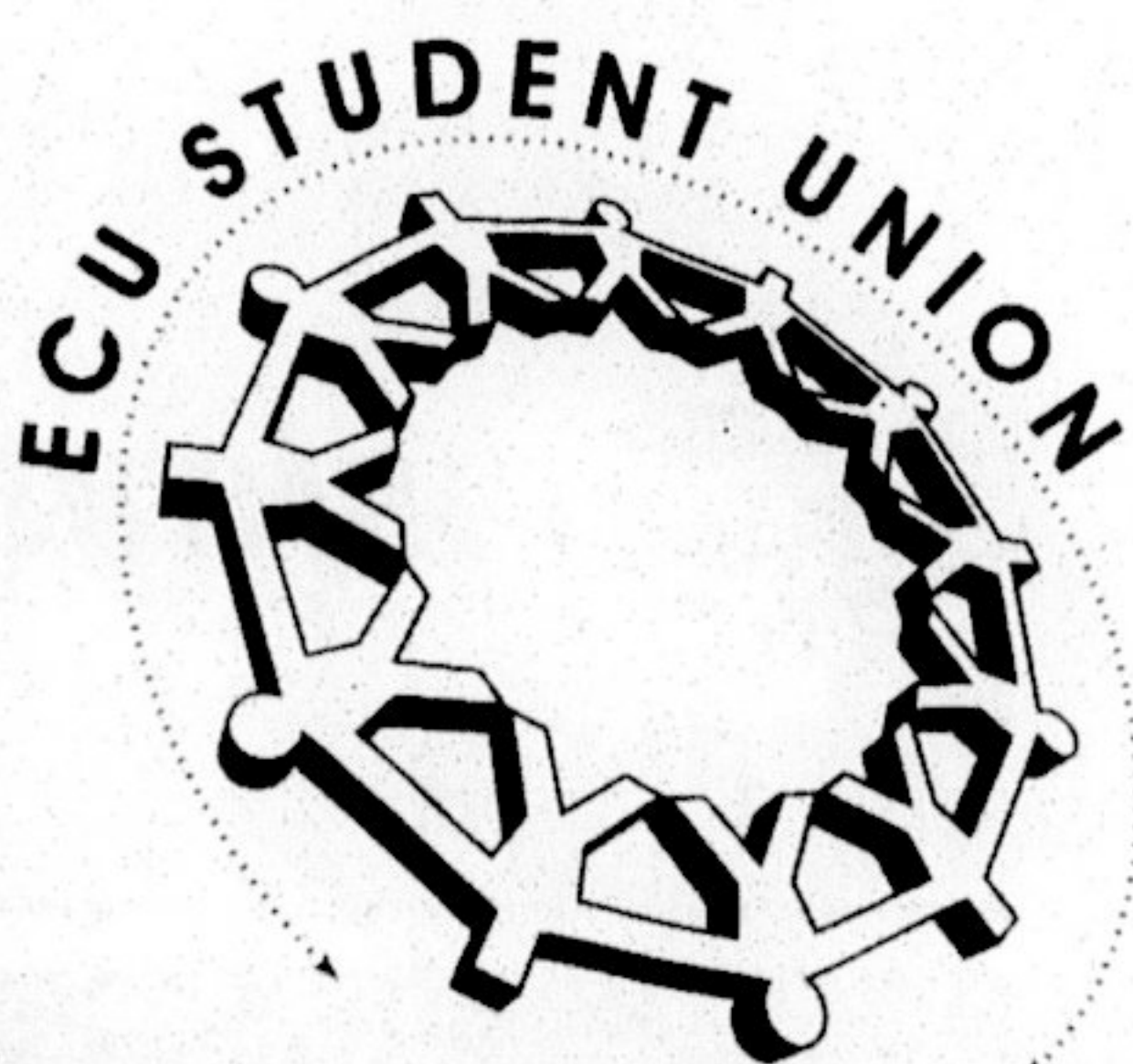
11/30-12/3: The Cell (Rated R)

Meet Carl Stargher. Within the confines of an abandoned rural farmhouse, Stargher, a psychologically disturbed killer has built The Cell, a glass-encased chamber where he drowns his innocent female victims before continuing a sadistic post-mortem ritual with their bodies. As the FBI finally closes in on the killer, he is rendered comatose by a violent seizure and is ultimately apprehended into their custody, but not before leaving his latest victim alive in The Cell with only forty hours to live. Unfortunately, only Stargher knows where she is. Enter Catherine Deane, a child therapist, who is part of an advanced neurological study at the Campbell Center, a research division of a large pharmaceutical company. She's been using her empathetic abilities along with breakthrough technology to enter into the mind of a catatonic young boy to help bring him back to his loving parents. While FBI agents Peter Novak and his partner Gordon Ramsey follow clues to uncover the missing girl's whereabouts, Catherine uses her "gift" to embark on an uncharted and perilous journey through Stargher's demented mind

Mercury Cinema

11/29-11/3: Beau Travail (Not Rated)

The film focuses on ex-Foreign Legion officer, Galoup, as he recalls his once glorious life, leading troops in the Gulf of Djibouti. His existence there was happy, strict and regimented, but the arrival of a promising young recruit, Sentain, plants the seeds of jealousy in Galoup's mind. He feels compelled to stop him from coming to the attention of the commandant who he admires, but who ignores him. Ultimately, his jealousy leads to the destruction of both Sentain and himself.



November

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ATTENTION!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2001-2002 Student Union President. Contact the current Student Union President, Adam Mitchell, @ 328-4715 for more information

Pirate Underground

9:39 Concert Series Presents
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9:39pm Mendenhall Ground Floor



Blockbuster Movie

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Thursday 7:30, Friday 7:30
Saturday 7:30, Sunday 3:00



Mercury Cinema

Wednesday 7:30,
Thursday 10:00,
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ART EXHIBIT: Dioramatic Assemblage by James Jordan

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OUR VIEW

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Okay, since when did counting votes in the United States become a crime? Isn't the point of a democracy to have every voice be heard?

In this extended election season the necessary act of counting a vote, the very basis for politics has become, well, political. In Florida, following the close election and the mandatory machine recounts, a series of timely hand recounts began in earnest. The counts were halted Sunday and Texas Gov. George W. Bush was named president-elect. In the handful of Florida counties where the recounts were held, there were still a few, like contested Palm Beach county, that were still counting when the Florida government stopped the process.

Why should the process had been stopped? It's just the leader of the free world at stake. Why shouldn't the process take as much time as it needs? Every vote should count. Every county in Florida should have participated in a recount, done by people not machines. Granted, the nation is growing weary of the Florida circus, but ensuring that the public's vote is tallied is what the entire election is about.

Most of us wish we could turn back time to a place where we thought hanging chads were something obscene. Apparently, to the powers that be in Florida, they still are.

Paisal Lodhi

IN MY OPINION

Supreme Court should keep out of recount

The Florida Supreme Court has decided to let the recount continue and to force Secretary of State Katherine Harris to accept it.

The Bush camp has now gone to the Supreme Court in attempts to stop the recount from having an impact on the final results. The Gore camp had addressed the Supreme Court asking them not to get involved in Florida's elections. He wants them to let the matter be decided on a state level.

Our political process has gone from being a public matter to a decision decided by people sitting in courtrooms deciding how votes will be counted and ultimately, who the next president of the United States will be.

It was a big mistake on Bush's part to go to the court and cry about Florida's recent decision. They weren't crying when Harris decided not to accept the hand counts passed their deadline.

They weren't crying when the Democratic attorney general decided to count overseas ballots, including those that were void due to postmark reasons or other rules.

It seems as if the vice president is trying to maintain a fair election. He isn't asking for the counting to be stopped and to be declared president. He is simply asking for his right and the right of the American people to simply count. He has stated that if he loses the count when fairly counted, he will not contest the election.

Bush, on the other hand, doesn't seem to want a fair recount. He wants to stop all counting while he's up and be declared the winner, whether he actually won or not. Is this the type of person we want in the White House for the next four years?

Bush wants to stop the hand recount because he doesn't think that the people overseeing the balloting process will count fairly due to some preference they might have. This is the same guy who just spent his entire election saying: "I trust people, not government."

He is the governor of a state where hand recounts are allowed in a situation similar to this. He had no objections to that law. So, why does he object to this hand recount? Is it OK to have hand recounts in

one place and not another? It's easy to see that Bush has no basis for anything he says and he just wants to win.

The U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately decide how Florida will hold its elections now and in the future. The court should let the states decide how to hold their elections and count their votes.

The only time the Supreme Court should get involved is if there is reasonable evidence to suspect that a state might be breaking or bending federal law or if one of the state laws contradicts the Constitution. Other than that, it is up to the states to decide how to interpret its own laws, and the Florida Supreme Court has done just that.

What was a state matter has now become a federal matter due to Bush's ignorance and his repeated insistence to win the presidency as the people's will is declared. Ironically, by doing this, he has not listened to the people, but rather used the courts to step over them and their desires.

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Nikia Jones

IN MY OPINION

Father Time steals meaning of Christmas

As we grow, change and learn, many events within our lives that were once very exciting are now just an everyday occurrence or something that comes around once a year. Two such events are birthdays and Christmas.

Many people may not express the same sentiment, if any, toward these events and their symbolism because they are either unaware of their importance or they haven't really put any thought behind them.

Birthdays come once a year. So, why is it that once we reach a certain age, for some people, they lose their meaning? I've talked to so many people that say once they turned 18, and for some 21, birthdays were no longer any fun.

Birthday's, themselves, are on a timeline of events. When we reach 16, birthdays are a big to-do because we can get our license. When we turn 18, birthdays are exciting because we can vote. When we turn 21, we are overly thrilled because we can legally drink. In many states, when we turn 25, we can rent a car. What happens between those years and what lies ahead?

There comes a time for many of us when we reach a certain point where presents are no longer important and the time we spend with our families and friends become more important.

We no longer see a birthday as something everyone should mark on their calendars and call us singing "Happy Birthday" loudly into the telephone.

Yes, it's still an important day and we appreciate their recognition, but it doesn't hold the same meaning as it did to a child who received

tons of presents and wore a shirt screaming to the public "Today's my birthday. Kiss me."

The same thing goes for Christmas. As kids, many of us may have only focused on the physical aspects of Christmas. We would often get great gifts and toys and spend lots of time with our families.

As children, we would enjoy being the center of attention as we opened our gifts. Our family members would clap joyously as we opened presents and squealed with delight.

However, as adults, some of us still quickly unwrap our presents with anticipation and excitement at what lies within the box, but now most of us realize Christmas does not mean the same thing.

Whereas before, we were overly emotional with the Barbie dolls or G.I. Joes we got and would run and call our friends to compare gifts, now our excitement is taken to a deeper level.

It is still fun to receive, but the overall symbolism of Christmas is what makes it so beautiful. Knowing the symbolism of Christmas makes it all worth while.

Knowing that Christmas is Christ's birthday makes it even more special.

We put up Christmas trees and other decorations to make our homes appear more fanciful and within the season. We hang wreaths on the grills of our cars to show people we celebrate the holiday. But what do we do about our hearts? We can't decorate them.

We can't put an outward badge of symbolism on them to show we believe in Christ and the holiday. Yea, we can wear Christmas colors,

but that doesn't show what is really inside of us. If we don't feel pride, appreciation and love within our hearts for Christ and His holiday, as far as I'm concerned, the meaning of Christmas is lost.

Those that believe in other religions have their own beliefs and symbolism coinciding with them. They may give gifts unlike ours, or none at all. They may decorate their homes in ways that are different to us, but mean something to them.

We can't knock their religion and their practices. Because as long as they know within their soul what it is that they believe in, nothing and no-one can take it away from them.

As we age and begin knowing and understanding ourselves and others, we really begin to realize what is and isn't important to us. We find out what we can and won't tolerate. We learn the real meanings behind events and people. It is during these times and constant questions where we really begin to know ourselves.

Therefore, the remnants of how we were as children linger on. We may still cherish the overzealousness and ease with how a child or young teen sees certain events.

It may have been easier when we were younger to deal with certain situations and holidays because we didn't know any better. Now, hopefully, we do and we can apply the true meanings, whatever you see fit, into the holidays and your life.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democrats don't play fairly

Dear Editor,
Why have we not found out who the next president is? It has been almost three weeks since Election Day and the resolution is days to come. There is only one reason behind this whole delay, the Democrats.

The Democrats have done any and everything they can possibly do to stall the final results. They have filed over 12 lawsuits to overturn any of the decisions made by the courts of Florida saying that the rulings made were partisan and unfair.

Unfair? It's not fair to the citizens of the United States that they are spending our tax money and will continue to do so until they are satisfied with the results.

The Democrats really know how to play dirty. They spread rumors saying that the ballots in some of the Florida counties were illegal and confusing.

Sample ballots were made available to the public several months in advance to make sure that everyone would understand the layout. And it wasn't until George W. Bush was leading in the vote tallies that Al

Gore and his lawyers came forward saying that the ballots were illegal and confusing.

The thing that is so ironic to me is that Democrats believe that Republicans are not capable of running a nation, but the Democrats can't even punch the right name on the ballot.

Politics are dirty business and the Democrats have certainly mastered playing the game. It will be a sweet victory when Bush is sworn into office.

Britni Brooks, ECU student

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Presidents should know proper grammar

Dear Editor,
I am writing in regards to the numerous letters that were written to the editor regarding George W. Bush and how he butchers the English language.

I am a student at ECU and strongly agree with the others who have written and am appalled at the fact that a presidential candidate, whom also happens to be the governor of Texas, cannot grasp English grammar!

Any student who is running for a school office would be laughed off the stage because of how incoherent the speech was.

For example, at a South Carolina

oyster roast, Bush said, "We must all hear the universal call to like your neighbor just like you like to be liked yourself."

This is usual of him to even screw up the golden rule!

It pains me to think how Bush has stumbled over, fumbled over and bumbled over words in an attempt to recite lines that are fed to him by countless advisors, speech writers and former presidents.

I ask you, is this what is making him win the race for the presidency of the United States? He is a laughing stock not only in our country, but in others as well.

It is terrible to think that he

comes from such a powerful family in which he was granted privileges of a select few; apparently, he was also granted the uncanny way of putting a jumble of words together to make a fool out of himself (which is just plain embarrassing).

It insults me to know that a presidential candidate cannot even articulate a coherent sentence. Is this what our nation is coming to? Bush isn't running for class president. He is running for president of his nation.

Christina Cecconi
Hubert, NC
ECU student

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Registration shouldn't prove difficult

Dear Editor,
I've gotten up early, I've waited in long lines, I've gotten many busy signals and I've done this seven times before, so I was thrilled when Web registration came into being for the Spring 2000 semester.

Registration couldn't be any easier, right? Maybe for those who live in Greenville, but I've always had an 8 a.m. class, and I live 70 miles from ECU.

I could either register for class at 7 a.m. at home and not make my 8 a.m. class or I could drive to campus and try to be the first in line to get registered at a terminal, then go to class a few minutes late.

Well, the last seven times have not been easy or fun. I didn't always get what I wanted when I wanted it, but you can't always get everything your way.

I thought that since this was my last time registering, it shouldn't be much of a problem, I'm an old hat at this. I certainly wasn't going to take any chances this time because I knew that one class required for graduation, MGMT 4842, was going to fill up quickly.

I thought I had it all under control. I left my 14-year-old son in front of the computer when I left Jacksonville at 6 a.m. for my 8 a.m. class on Monday Nov. 6. I left my husband the phone number and all

the codes necessary to register me via the phone if my son was not successful. I left in plenty of time to get to a terminal on campus if neither were successful and still make it to most of my 8 a.m. class.

As you can guess by now, my plans weren't successful. By 7:20 a.m., my son had to get on the bus to school and at 7:30 a.m. my husband called me to tell me that a busy signal was all he could get. Optimist that I am, I asked my husband to continue trying and still thought that this was not going to be a big problem.

I was the third person in line. I was in front of the terminal at 8:02 a.m. Both sections that I wanted were already closed.

I headed to the management department to see what could be done to get on a waiting list for the class. I won't even mention the impossibility of that request (you'd have thought I wanted her first-born son), but this next part is where I have a problem with the registration system.

As I stood there and the management secretary was checking what I said about sections being closed already, another decision science student arrived from the decision science department and said that ALL the MGMT 4842 sections were closed.

The management secretary said we were certainly wrong about that as she still had four sections still open. Something isn't right about this. Why were the sections showing up as closed on the decision science department computer terminals and not on the management department terminals?

All four of us who came from the DSCI terminal stood in line again in the management department and by the time we arrived at a management terminal at 8:15 a.m., only two sections were left open.

I did get a MGMT 4842 class, but no, I'm not happy. Why does this have to be so hard?

Why can't the management department take the names of graduating seniors during registration week (like the decision science department) and prioritize on a first-come, first-serve basis, or GPA or something like that and get graduating seniors in the classes that are required for graduation.

What is being done for those who haven't gotten the class and are supposed to be graduating in the spring? Why isn't the General Classroom computer lab open during terminal registration hours?

Margaret Dangerfield

University radio station airs nationally syndicated show

HAMPTON, Va.—Inside the small, dimly lit production room, Derrick McEachin controls what he calls "the nerve center" of Hampton University's radio station, WHOV.

"I could have a cot in here," said the HU junior, joking about how many hours he spends at the station, producing public service announcements and promotional spots for shows and doing interviews.

McEachin's hours got a bit longer last month when WHOV started airing "The Doug Banks Show," the station's first nationally syndicated radio program. The four-hour-long show taped in Texas is giving students invaluable experience at a more professional level of radio broadcasting.

"It's a great opportunity," said McEachin, who is majoring in public relations. "As a college student you don't get opportunities to work on a syndicated show."

A new partnership with the ABC Radio Network is making it all possible, said Jay Wright, the station's general manager. The radio network donated \$20,000 in satellite and broadcast equipment to the university. It is also providing HU students two paid internship opportunities annually at ABC's headquarters in Dallas.

"Kids are going to be able to put on their resume 'WHOV, an ABC affiliate,'" Wright said. "Having that nationally recognized name gives them that professional edge to get a call back or an initial interview."

Several stations around the country air "The Doug Banks Show," but HU is the only college campus broadcasting the new ABC talk and entertainment radio program. The show, which is produced in Dallas, targets college students, particularly those at historically black

colleges and universities.

Although the program airs tape-delayed in Hampton Roads, it requires that students perform at a more professional level, Wright said. The art in airing the new syndicated show involves in making flawless transitions from the taped show to the station's public service announcements and other in-house promotions. Preparations for each show begin at 8 a.m. when McEachin arrives to record it.

He has one hour to choose interesting parts from the broadcast, and turn them into exactly timed 30-second spots to air during the show. Kevin Anderson, the control board operator comes in just before 10 a.m. He listens to the show and carefully inserts the station's spots every 15 minutes before and past the hour. At the top and bottom of every hour, Anderson has five minute breaks to play music, more spots and announcements.

"I've got to stay on the clock," said the senior majoring in history. "If I'm not here at a certain time, it throws the show off."

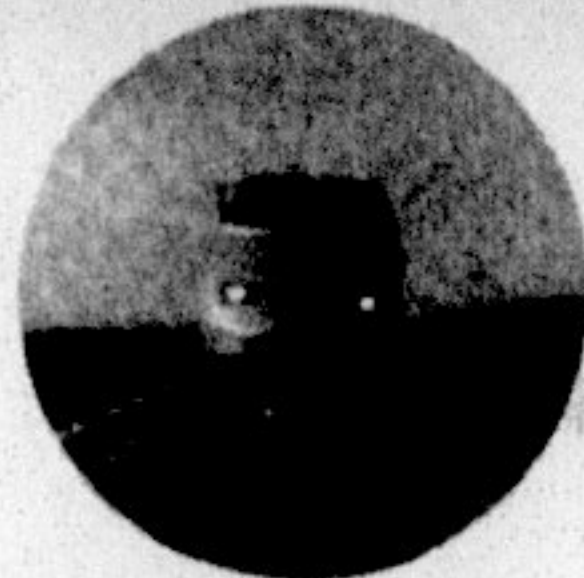
The partnership with ABC is also benefiting students in other mass media arts fields. HU advertising students who are members of the American Advertising Federation are working on a promotional campaign for "The Doug Banks Show." ABC provided the group with a \$2,000 budget to place ads, make posters and promote the show at on-campus events. The group is also working on having the radio show aired at the student cafeteria.

"In our field you need a lot of experience," said Kandace Taylor, a senior and president of HU's chapter of the AAF. "We can say we put a real advertising campaign together for a syndicated show."

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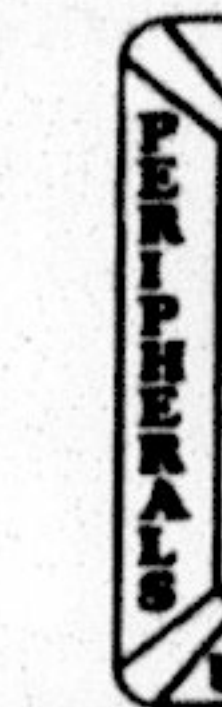
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No more flipping burgers: College kids cash in on Internet porn

(AP)—Twenty-year-old Mike Alexander leads a pretty full life. He's a full-time college student at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, Calif. He works with his dad at a warehouse, which he owns. But that's just his day job. Mike owns and operates several Web sites—sex Web sites. He serves as a webmaster for www.surfboys.com, gaypiczone.com and girlypictures.com. Mike is just one of the many college students who have taken to the World Wide Web not just to make money in the sex field, but also for self expression, which is the case with "Abby." She's the subject of AbbyTV.com, a site devised with the purpose of showing real-life via a Web cam.

College Web cams—that is, Web cams featuring the home lives of real college students are becoming increasingly popular and are bringing Internet voyeurism to the mainstream. So what would Webheads see as a part of Abby's real life?

"Probably at least half [of AbbyTV subscribers] watch hoping to see me take a bath, and that's okay, too. Whatever brightens people's days, I suppose," the 20-year-old California State social work major said.

Web cams are stationed strategically throughout Abby's apartment: The living room couch, the bedroom (focused on the bed) and yes, the bathtub. Some of the spicier

scenes Abby has given her audience are Abby having sex with her boyfriend in her bedroom, taking a long explorative bath, or having fun with her vibrator on her living room couch.

So what's Abby's angle? Is she satisfying her exhibitionist side? Perhaps, but Abby says there's a deeper meaning behind what she does.

"I don't do it to get people off or anything," Abby said. "We show real life. When you watch TV you see all of these perfect, happy people and happy families and people feel bad about themselves because they're like, 'Oh! I'm not that thin,' or 'I'm not that happy with my husband,' ... we're just

trying to show that real people don't live like that—real life is messy, you have bad hair days."

She adds that she's not an exhibitionist all. But for Mike, his Web sites are not just a lucrative business, but also a way for him to explore his sexuality in the most public setting.

"It's not just to make the money, but it was a way to sexually please myself by putting pictures of nice-looking guys on a Web site that I sort of lusted for myself and who are my friends," he said. "We just have fun doing it. It peaked my sexual arousal. In fact, I do my best updates when I'm aroused. To go to work everyday aroused, I think that's cool."

Mike's buddy, Debbie Perez, 19, understands. With Mike's help, Debbie runs girlypictures.com, a collection of—what else—girly pictures. Debbie, a Cal State-Fullerton student and part-time exotic dancer, says that she became interested in her own Web site after surfing the Web and seeing the large number of opportunities. She calls it destiny. Debbie also says that her site, which has pictures of herself and her friends, lets her explore her uninhibited sexual side.

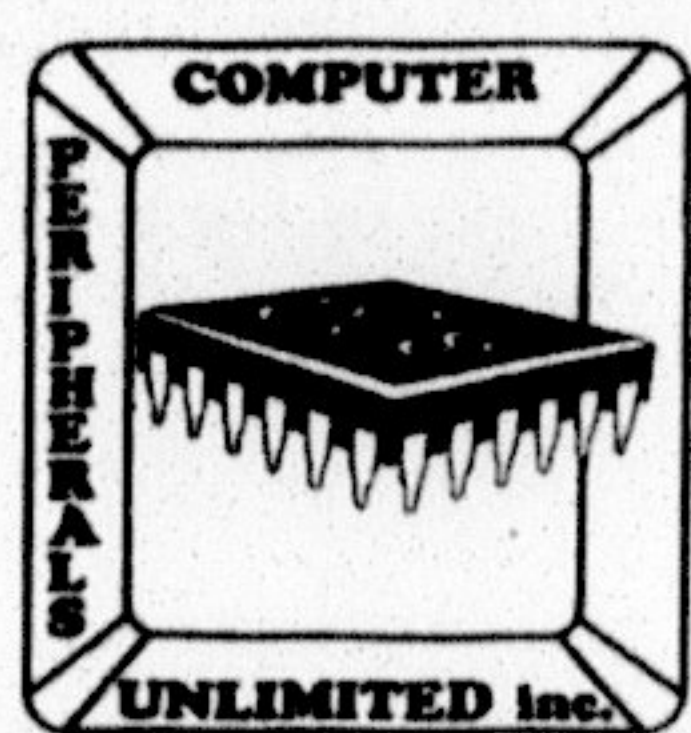
"I guess I've been somewhat of an exhibitionist for a long time (laughs). And I get to meet a lot of interesting people." Art, schmart.

What about the cash? It's no secret that Web jobs, sex related

and otherwise can be quite lucrative. And as a testament to this, Abby said she made between \$1,200 and \$1,300 a week, Debbie about \$75,000 last year and Mike pulls in about \$12,000 a month—and that is just from his Surfboys.com site. The money definitely beats other jobs your average college student may hold down.

"Waitressing just doesn't pay very well, and I am making fairly good money from the Web site," Abby said. "I'm not getting rich or anything, but I'm living a lot more comfortably now than I was before."

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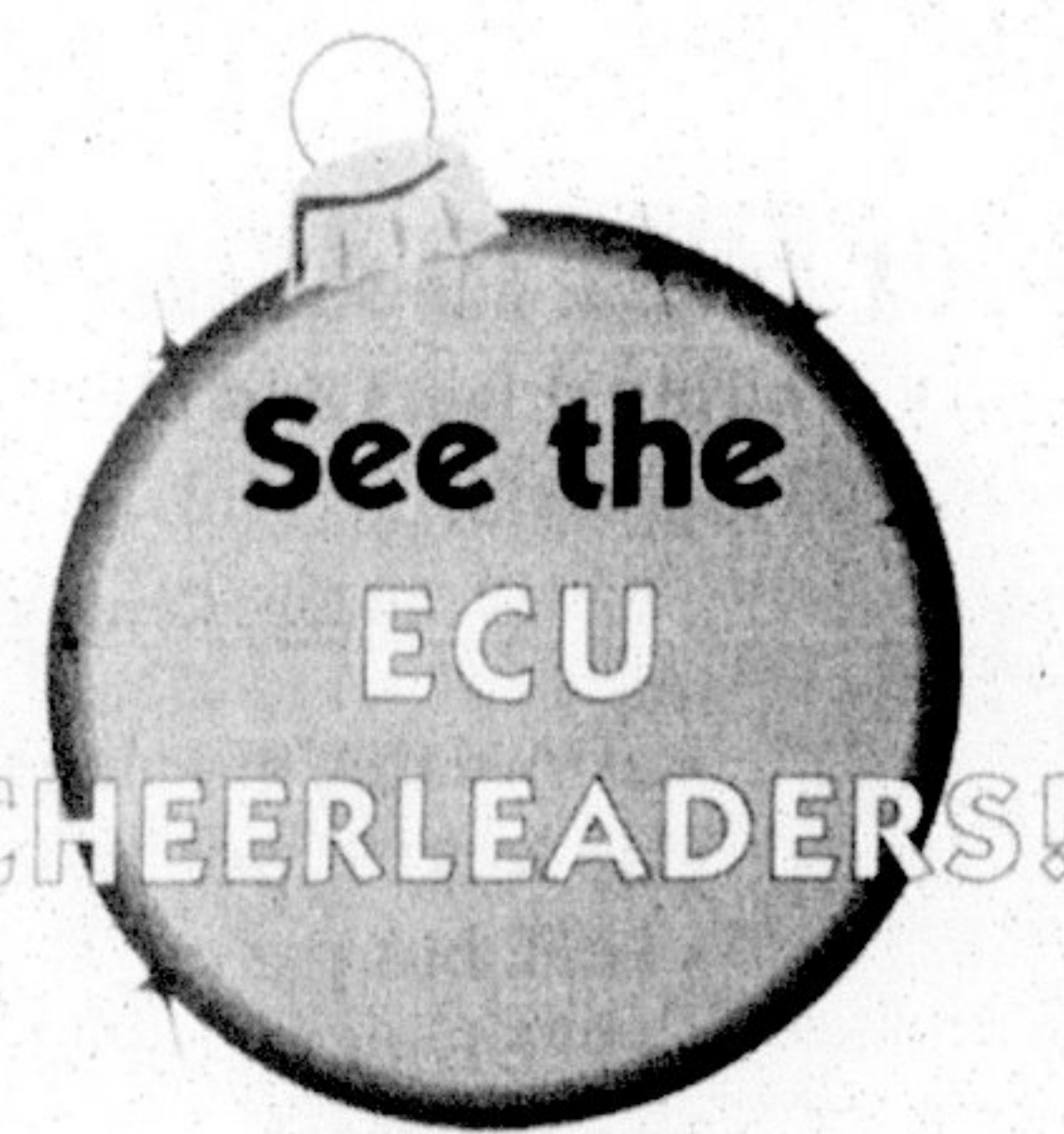
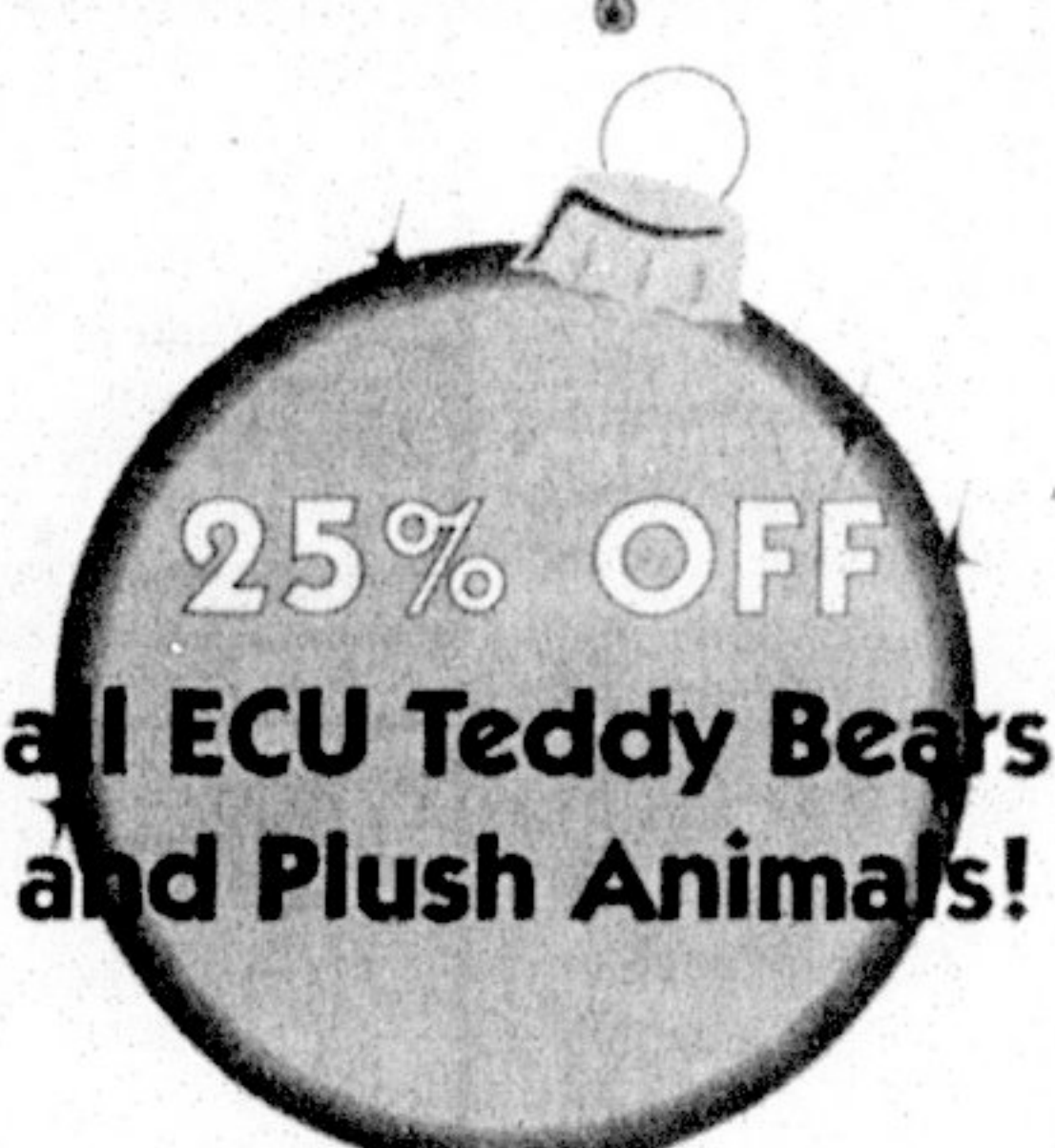
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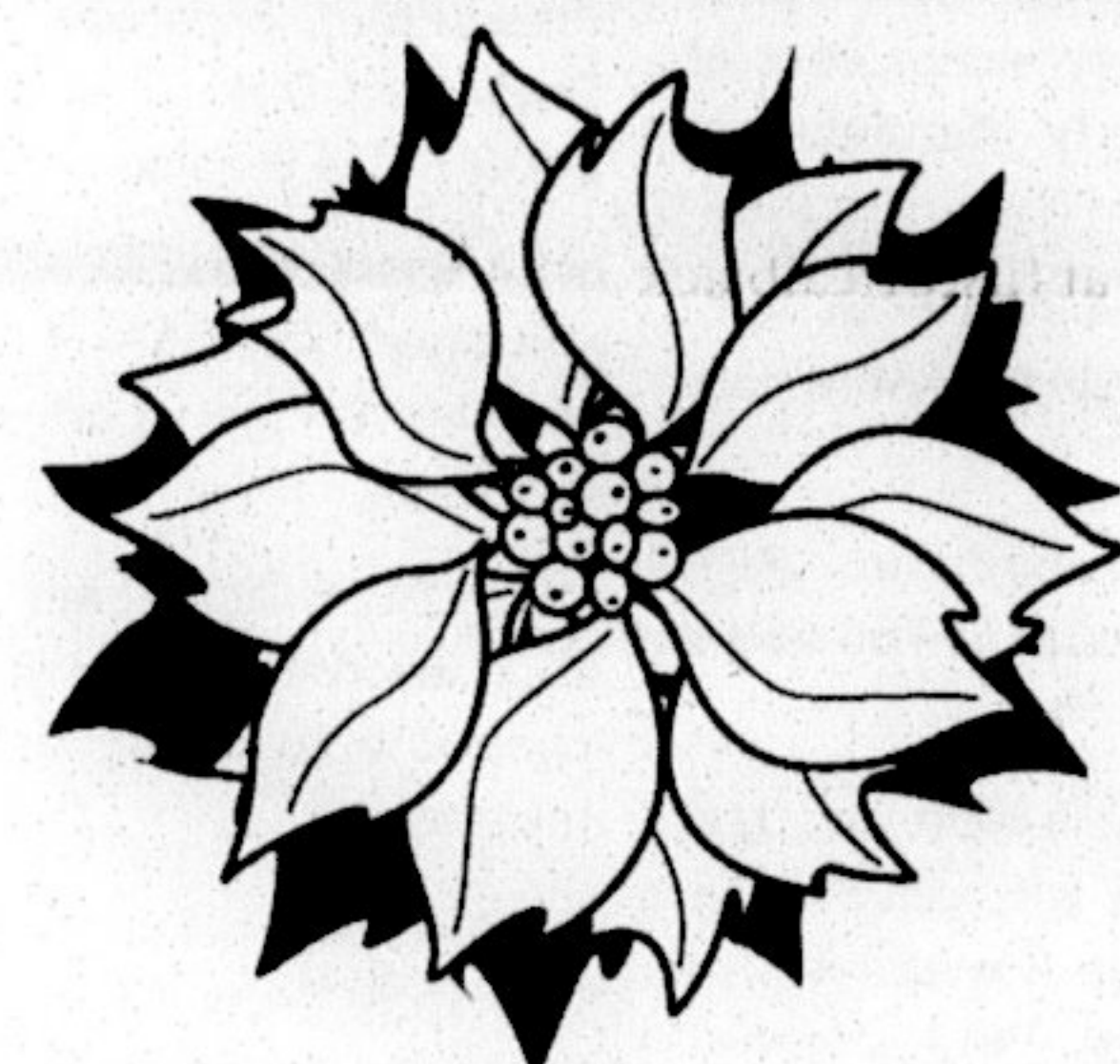
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PERSONALS

CONGRATULATIONS AND the best of luck to all students graduating in December!!! You've done a great job!

GREEK PERSONALS

CONGRATULATIONS TO Amanda Markovitch for winning "Most Promising Woman Entrepreneur Award," given by Pitt County Women's Business Association. We are so proud of you. Love your sisters of Alpha Xi Delta.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the new members of Theta Chi. We are proud to call you our brothers. We anticipate all of the good times to come. Theta Chi Brothers.

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to congratulate the Alpha Zeta class on their awesome fundraiser. Also congrats to the Kappa Sigma winner Brandon. Love the sisters of Zeta.

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to congratulate their new officers: LeighAnn Atkins, Jeni Andrews, Myra Barnes, Jaime Grafton, Kristen Oldham, Amberly Turlington, Kristen McLaren, Lauren Dwyer & Ann Vogel

SIGMA PI would like to congratulate the new members of the executive council: Derek Rollins, Cass Bradley, Chris Mason, Matt Autry, Jordan Fairrell, and Garrett Cobb

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to congratulate Hillary Andrews and Karra Stevens on their Disney internship. Great Job!

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to congratulate our newly initiated sisters. Erica McNeil, Meredith Williamson, Lindsay Wilson, Kate Arsenault, Amber Dutton, Elizabeth Ellis, Fallon Harrington, Stephanie Hatch, Audra Honaker, Wendy Mastin, Jada Owenby, Corinne Spence, Karra Stevens, Haywood Titchner, Elizabeth Truman, Angie Uhring, and Liz Faucett.

ALPHA PHI would like to say, "it's not a small world after all!" Thank you to the ECU rugby team for a memorable night! Love, Alpha Phi

GREEK PERSONALS

TO THE New sisters of Alpha Phi, thank you for a wonderful sisters' party! Also, thank you to Sig Ep for a great social on our sister's party night! Love, Alpha Phi

ALPHA XI Delta, thanks for the good time in Sharky's last Friday night. Looking forward to next year! The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the new members of Sigma Pi. To all twelve of the Upsilon Class we welcome all of you to our fraternity.

PHI KAPPA Tau, Chi Phi and Chi Omega, thanks for coming over for the cook-out. It was a blast. Love the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha.

CHI OMEGA, you ladies make Cabanas even more fun. Thanks for the great times this year. The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

THANKS TO The ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi for Thanksgiving dinner on Monday night. It was wonderful! The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ALPHA PHI would like to say welcome back to everyone! Hope you had a great Holiday! Not long until Christmas break! Good luck on finals!

ALPHA DELTA Pi would like to thank the baseball team for the fun social last Thursday!

GREEK PERSONALS

ALPHA PHI would like to congratulate all of our newly elected officers. Libby Jenkins, President. Arrington Baysdon, Vice President. Other elected officers, Laurin Leonard, Niki Ringold, Martie Bruner, Ainsley Marsh, Holly Lingerfelt, Niki Crowell, Dare Prigden, Emily Mickelson, Katie Gray, Laurie Cooke, Corinne Grodski. We are all so proud of you and we know you'll do a great job! Love your sisters.

OTHER

WINTERVILLE PARKS and Recreation Department along with the Pulse Athletic Club will be offering a Winter Basketball League. League play will begin on Tuesday, December 12 and continue through February. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Pulse Athletic Club @ Charles Blvd. Only \$30 for 2 1/2 month season! Sign up deadline is December 6 and the draft will be held on Thursday, December 7. Please call 756-9175

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6. Make sure there is air in the spare tire and that all the proper tire-changing equipment is in the trunk.
7. Make sure the tires are in good condition. If you are not sure what this means, ask a mechanic (in a shop that doesn't sell tires) for an opinion.
8. Check the lights, heater and defroster.
9. Keep the gas tank as full as possible to prevent moisture from freezing in the gas lines.
10. Get a brake check if you haven't had one in the last six months.
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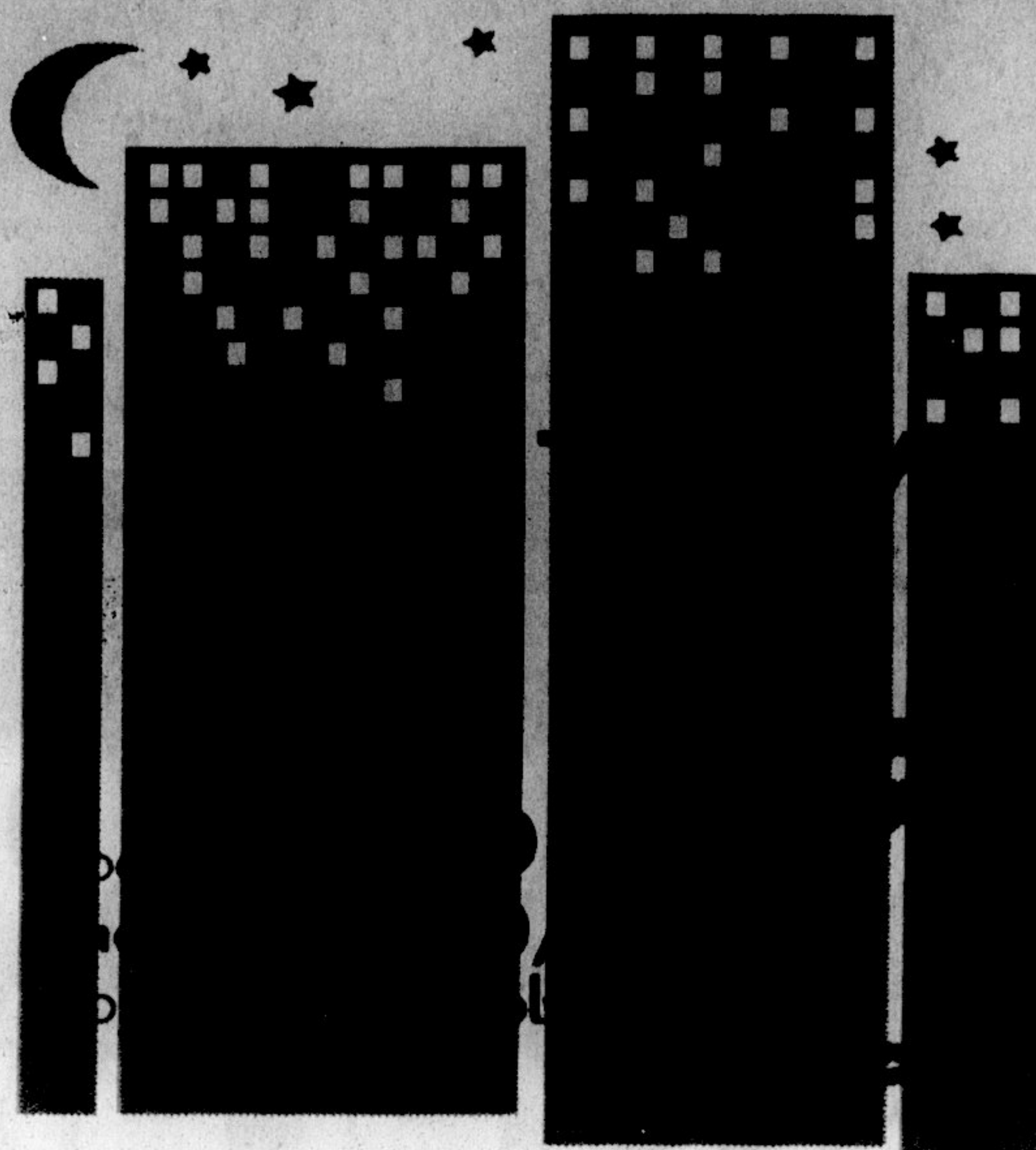
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6 oz. Filet	\$13.95	\$6.98
9 oz. Filet	\$18.95	\$9.48
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14 oz. New York Strip	\$19.95	\$9.98
10 oz. Rib Eye	\$14.95	\$7.48
14 oz. Rib Eye	\$19.95	\$9.98
Grilled Filet of Tuna	\$14.95	\$7.48
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FEATURES

TEC explores alternative Christmas
gifts



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2000

HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday: You're practical this year—and scholarly, too. You'll earn more if you spend more on your education.

Aries

(March 21-April 19)

With a lot of obstacles to overcome, and you've done a good job. You're trying out a new idea, based on solid planning.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Advance your career by providing what an older person needs. Use what you've learned, but don't let past failures interfere.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

You accomplish what you'd just about given up on. Don't let this opportunity slip through your fingers. Reach further.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22)

New information changes your investment plan. Check out rumors before signing on the dotted line. Read the fine print.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Your partner makes a good decision. You're usually the captain, so following's not easy, but it's good for you.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Money's going out just as fast as you can make it. Cut costs or you could be doing all this work for nothing.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Getting away is hard, so take a fantasy excursion. Pick up an exotic dinner to go and a movie set in a foreign land.

Scorpio

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You should be home tonight. Something there isn't going as it should. Stay involved around the house.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Need a good attorney? Help with work? Ask friends. They can set you up. They know just what you need.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Work's coming in, and money can be made. A chance to put in more overtime's coming so grab this opportunity.

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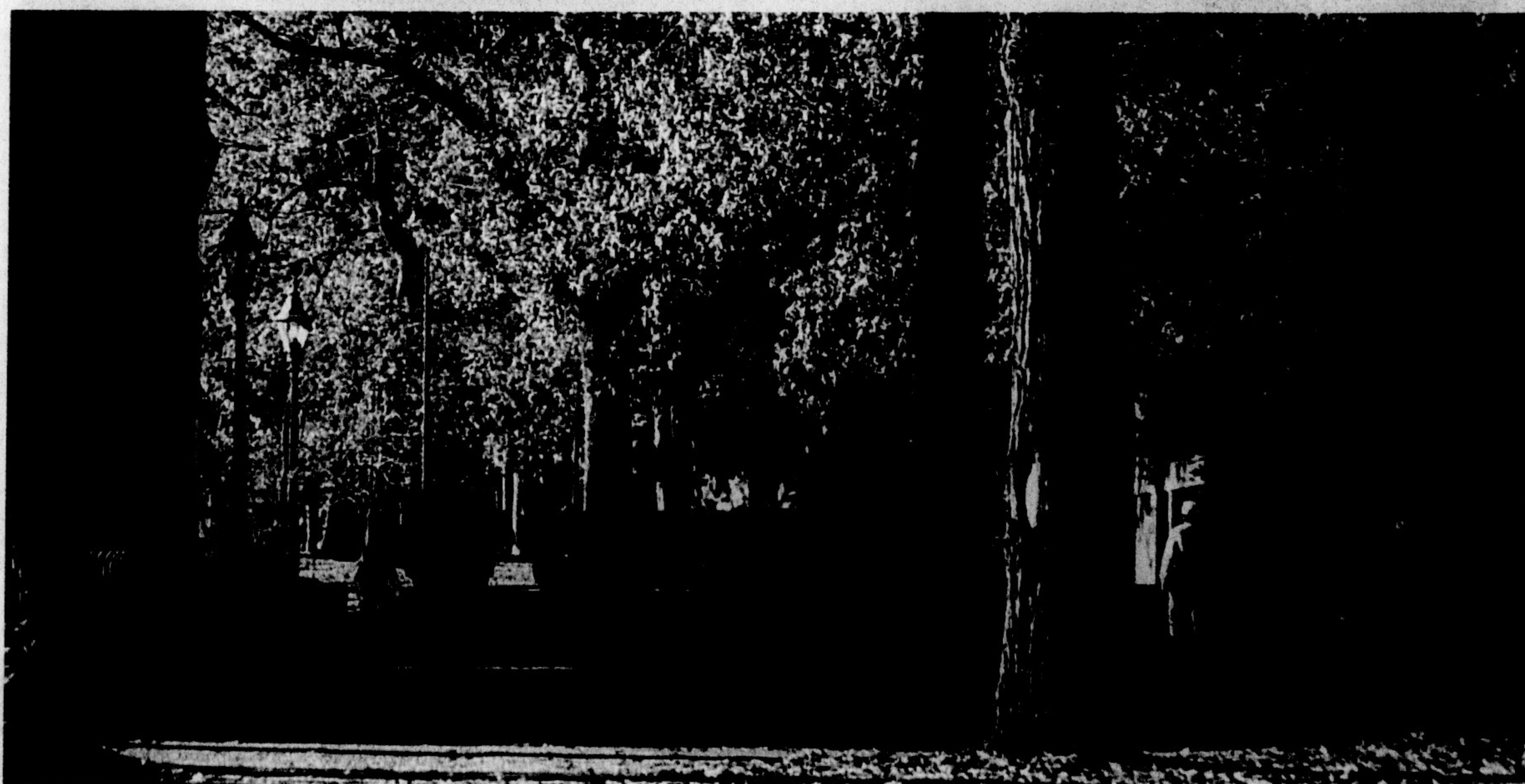
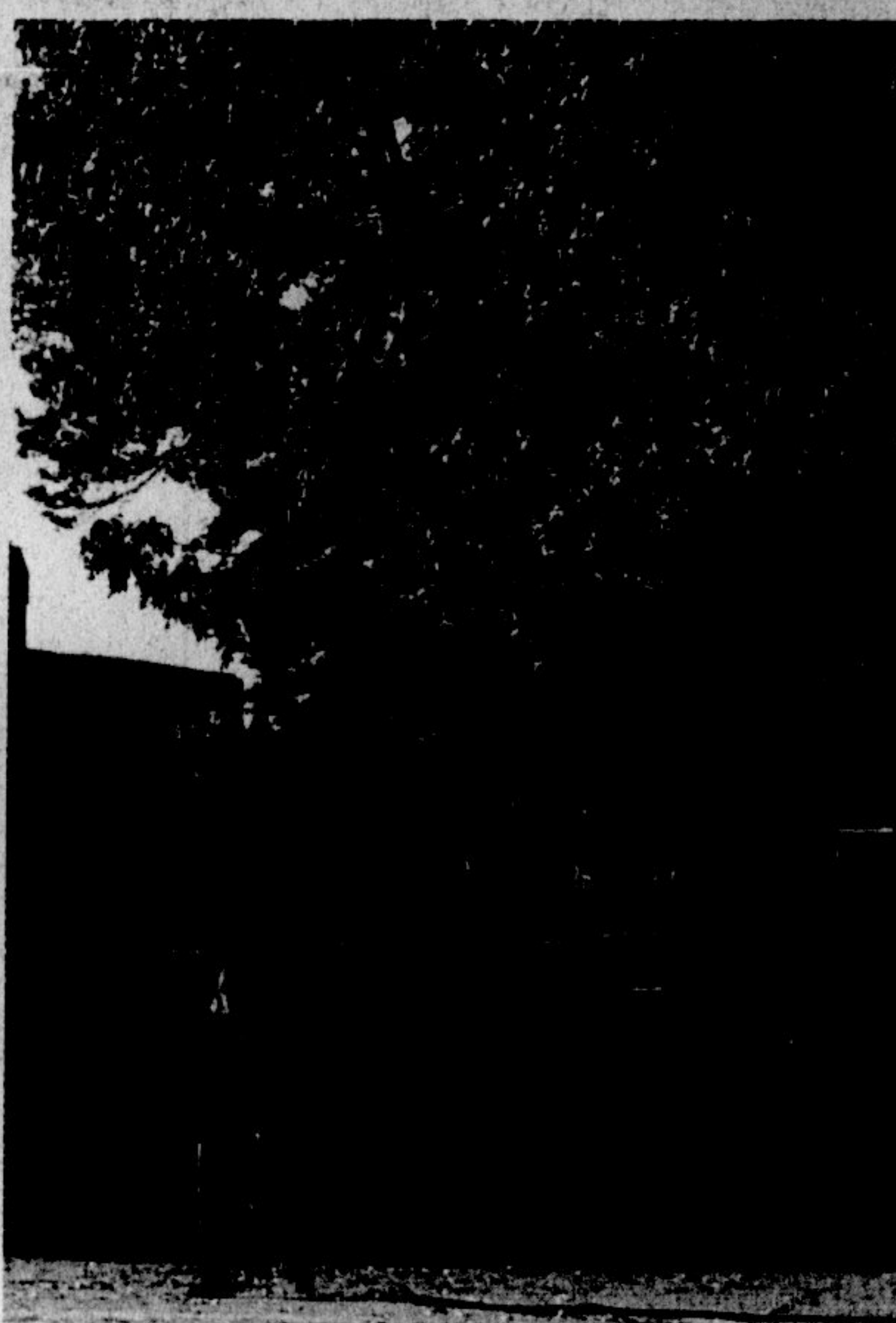
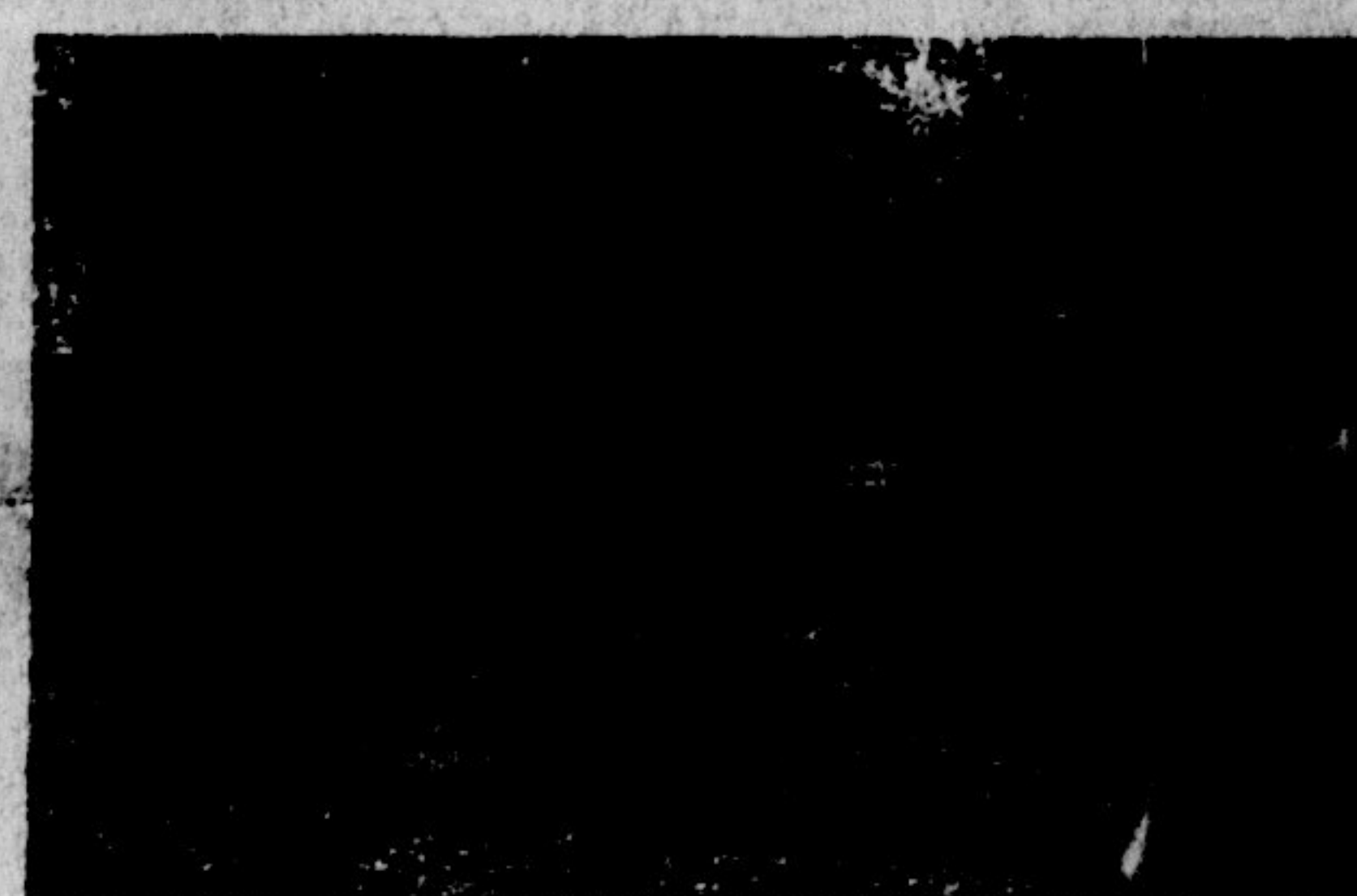
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your dreams look like they're going to happen now, especially in romance. Keep doing what you're doing. It works.

Pisces

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Something you've been thinking about could work well. Follow the blueprints, but don't let them limit you.



You got me WHAT?

FEATURES BRIEFS

Gwyneth and Ben, you aren't a couple.

At Tuesday's election-night party at Elaine's, Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Affleck tried to sit on opposite sides of a table. But, 'round midnight, Affleck couldn't keep himself from sitting down next to the actress.

First came an animated conversation, then the two started sharing under-the-table caresses. Their nuzzling was interrupted only when the campaign coverage on the wide-screen TV right next to them was interrupted by a commercial for their new movie, *Bounce*. The off-screen couple then sat transfixed as they watched their on-screen characters kiss and emote. Finally they blinked and seemed to remember the election.

Both of them had spent Monday getting out the vote for Gore and Lieberman. Paltrow, who's in talks to play a pleasantly plump woman in *Shallow Hal*, the next comedy from the Farrelly brothers (*There's Something About Marry*), did 20 radio phone interviews. Affleck flew down with Robert De Niro and Glenn Close for a Gore rally in Miami Beach.

What about Rob?

Black Rob lives. Rumors swirling around town had Puffy Combs' protegee pegged for dead. But the rapper's not six feet under, insists his lawyer, Jay Quatrini, who reached Rob by seance. (Just kidding.)

"I don't know where (this rumor) is coming from," said Quatrini. "It's so weird. He was in my office yesterday. He's been in California recording an album."

Perhaps he was ducking yet another charge that he is a deadbeat dad. Melissa Boscia, a 21-year old gymnastics instructor from Westchester, is alleging that Rob is the father of her 14-month old daughter, Kayli Alexa, and he refuses to take care of her.

"Trust me when I tell you that he's giving me nothing," Boscia tells us. "Absolutely nothing, not even a phone call on her birthday, Christmas, nothing. He hasn't seen my daughter since she was 7 months old."

Getting his 'jolies'

Billy Bob Thornton says he likes to keep wife, Angelina Jolie, "close to him" by wearing her undies.

The actor, quoted on IMDB.com, says he had an embarrassing experience at his gym when other exercisers noticed panties peeking out from his sweats.

"I thought they were hidden, but some guy kept looking at me strange," Thornton said. "Finally, I said, 'They're my wife's.' I don't think it's strange at all."

Thornton also says he wears Jolie's skivvies "to the set some days."

Outkast-ing their vote

The presidential election wasn't the only tight race going on Tuesday. Rap group Outkast and our man about town Jay-Z, were duking it out to see who would grab the No. 1 spot on the Billboard charts.

In a contest almost as close as the Gore-Bush battle for Florida, Jay-Z squeaked out a victory. But L.A. Reid, Arista's new head honcho and Outkast's surrogate campaign manager, wasn't sweating the second-place finish.

"This race is not about the first week," Reid said. "It's ultimately about where the album ends up. And this is Outkast's time."

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The Pillow Book, East Coast Video
Exercises in Breathing, CD Alley
Fountainhead, Ayn Rand

TEC suggests alternative Christmas gifts

Maura Buck
FEATURES EDITOR

Amazingly enough, the Christmas season is upon us. With it comes the wonderfully awful task of buying gifts for those around us.

This year, *TEC* has decided to research some of today's most bizarre gifts. They weren't too difficult to find either. This season, instead of the boring old scarf and gloves for an older brother, why not get him the Beer Machine for his weekend camping trips? How about the sexy mouse for the person who dares to be different?

Well, if neither of those ideas is appealing, no one can possibly live without the Bumper Dumper! Enough said, enjoy these quirky, yet hilarious alternatives to the gifts of Christmas' past.

The Beer Machine

Price: \$89.99

Available at: www.cabelas.com

Although you must be 21 years old to purchase this product, it will be a sure-fire hit with your older brother. What better way to sum up your sentimental feelings toward your sibling than showing him how much he means to you this Christmas with a beer machine? This innovative product brews, ferments, carbonates and dispenses the brewskie he loves so much. The machine, equipped to make 28 pure, fresh 12-ounce beers, needs 7-10 days to finish. Mixes must be purchased for an additional \$39.99. Hey, it's pricey, but he's worth it, isn't he?

Uncle Booger's Bumper Dumper

Price: \$59.95

Available at: www.bumperdumper.com

This item speaks for itself. What person in their right mind, can live without the Bumper Dumper? To think that we as a civilization have gone without one for all these years is absurd. The very thought that this Christmas could have gone by without a Bumper Dumper under the tree is truly disheartening. This product is

especially designed to make life easier on anyone from the outdoor enthusiast to those construction workers who can't relish the thought of using a port-o-potty. Anybody would love this bathroom variation.

Sexy Mouse

Price: \$19.95

Available at: www.twistedgifts.com

This alternative to the typical mouse is perfect for those who love to push the envelope. Yes, it's politically incorrect. Sure, it's a bit offensive, but it's still sure to crack a smile on the face of even the toughest CEO. Besides that, it's also a great working mouse with full 400 dpi to-mechanical tracking! Don't get too excited Mac users, this mouse is not compatible with Apple computers. Connector Type: PS2 connector (round), also includes Serial adapter. Have fun clicking your way around the Web this Christmas with the must-have Sexy Mouse.

Pick of the Week: Government Grown



"New Pieces
of Clay"

Maura Buck
FEATURES EDITOR

The band Government Grown, who recently performed at Peasant's Cafe, has produced a style all their own on their latest CD, *New Pieces of Clay*. The band, originally out of San Diego, CA, combines the styles of rock, reggae and jazz in their current musical venture through a lively new voice.

Honestly, there are few CDs that produce an immediate positive reaction from a listener. This one, however, is an exception. After just hearing a few tracks, it is obvious that what's being heard is raw talent, not to mention pure creativity.

The various rhythms are reminiscent of everything from the charismatic sounds of the Bare-naked Ladies to the flare Carlos Santana brings to the guitar. Lyrics aside, the instrumental aspect

The group's sounds are so unpredictable that it's hard to find two songs that sound even vaguely alike.

is impressive, particularly the percussion.

The rock-reggae themes are incredibly inventive. Instead of focusing on either rock or reggae, the group takes many different genres of music and combines them to create a fresh new sound. Within *Pieces of Clay* there is a great deal of impressive songwriting and incredible musical effects. It's nearly impossible to listen to the beats without a reaction.

Whether the focus is on lyrics, instruments or rhythm, the 11 tracks on the CD each bring something unique and lively to the mix. From the first song featured on the album, "So Do I," it is evident that Government Grown knows what it takes to make it. They

have created something special in their CD.

The group's sounds are so unpredictable that it's hard to find two songs that sound even vaguely alike. For a group that has only spent six years playing and performing together, they work well together, creating something different that can and will appeal to various types of listeners.

To access some of their music online, visit their Web site, www.governmentgrown.com. The site also has a tour schedule, a biography of the band, merchandise and the latest news and information from the band.

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Web plays bigger role in Iowa job searches

IOWA CITY, Iowa (TMS)—The days of knocking on doors and hustling with phone calls may still be here when it comes to finding a job, but the Internet increasingly is helping introduce college graduates to potential employers.

Universities across the nation are responding with job placement programs that include online resumes and online contacts with job recruiters.

The University of Iowa is in its second year of offering such a service. Using software developed just four years ago by some Harvard University students who eventually created the firm Experience, the UI's e-Recruiting service is linking UI graduates with jobs.

The service is being used by seniors in the colleges of business and liberal arts, engineering, education and law.

"Our No. 1 goal in doing this is to help students be able to reach their goals," said Cathy Colony Bunnell, UI director of engineering educational placement. "The key thing for those of us in Career Services is to make it as easy as possible for employers to recruit our students. We help to build that connection between them."

The technology is new, so it has taken a while to get the system running. It also has taken a while for the system, and employers have been slower than students adapting to the new tools.

"We had a few glitches in the system itself," said Deanna Hurst, director of UI business and liberal arts placement.

But now about 2,200 students are on the system.

Each college's placement office offers the services, which include online resumes that students can fill out and the links to applications for, and information about, available

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Adam Neubauer
Senior Intern, Iowa

positions ranging from internships to full-time positions.

The UI paid Experience, which original software package and pays a fee of about maintenance and technical support. Senior Adam Neubauer, 22, of Des Moines summer internship related to his film production and theater majors. He worked at KDSM Fox 17 Kids' Club in Des Moines.

However, he does not see himself using the online system to stay in Iowa.

"I'm working in Iowa now to gain experience to get here than in Los Angeles," Neubauer said.

"The selling point of Iowa is that it's a great place to have a family, raise children and enjoy life," he said. "However, if the cost of tuition keeps increasing at the rate it is currently, not a single graduate would consider it feasible to raise a family here."

State officials have said they want to keep graduates of Iowa's public universities in the state.

UI job placement officials say they deal with that concern gingerly.

"Our goal is to link employers and students up," Hurst said. If that means linking to a job out of state, students may use the system to make that happen.

Hurst said, however, that she would like to expand the service eventually to make it available to all UI alumni, especially those who move away initially but want to return home after working elsewhere a few years.

Employers will need to play a key role in that kind of expansion, Hurst said, because the jobs they offer will have to be available to people shopping for job changes. Development of that aspect of the service will take some time, she said.

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Club drug use on the rise

Washington, D.C. (U-WIRE) —Marijuana use decreased over the last three years among American teenagers, however, an increased use of the club-drug ecstasy shows drug use as a whole is not declining, according to a new study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America, PDFA.

The study, released Monday, Nov. 27, polled 7,290 teenagers between the ages 12 and 18 and in grades 7 through 12 about drug use. The margin of error is plus or minus 1.5 percent.

In 2000, about 40 percent of teens reported trying marijuana at least once, down from 44 percent in 1997. The study also found a drop in the number of teens who had used marijuana within the last month, down from 24 percent in 1997 to 21 percent in 2000.

"While the overall usage numbers are much lower for this drug, the spike we're seeing demands our attention."

Richard D. Bonnette
President, PDFA

"The shifts we're seeing with marijuana—which by and large represents the bulk of illicit drug use among kids—suggest good things for the future," said PDFA President Richard D. Bonnette in a statement. "With this particular drug, we appear to be turning a very important corner. But as we turn one corner, troubling developments are coming at us from other directions—specifically with Ecstasy. While the overall usage numbers are much lower for this drug, the

spike we're seeing demands our attention."

The drop in marijuana use occurred mostly between 1997 and 1999, as figures between 1999 and 2000 stabilized. Use of ecstasy, however, increased during the same time frame.

About 10 percent of teens reported using ecstasy in 2000, twice the number who reported using the club-drug in 1995. While the number doubled over the last five years, the most significant increase took place over the last year, as use among teens increased from seven percent in 1999 to 10 percent in 2000.

The study also found small, but statistically significant increases in teen methamphetamine and inhalants use. Use of cocaine, crack, heroin and LSD remained stable.

Tradition eases pain 1 year after Texas A&M tragedy

Texas (TMS)—They could have stayed in that night. God knows any rest is heavenly when you're a freshman in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets.

But duty called J.J. Washam and Lucas Kimmel that night more than a year ago. And when duty calls at Texas A&M, it is like a dog whistle.

Not everybody hears it or understands it, but those who do always respond. So Washam and Kimmel went to help build the Aggie Bonfire, which is more than a big flame. It is the spark that unites a school as it prepares to battle the Texas Longhorns.

There they were, two teenagers standing on a stack of logs about 40 feet high. Students had been doing it for generations. There was no reason to think the entire Aggie world would come tumbling down that night. It was 2:42 a.m. when

Washam felt the tremor. Kimmel was standing 5 feet away. That's the last Washam ever saw of him. "It's coming down," Washam thought to himself.

The wooden pyramid collapsed. Within seconds, tons of logs randomly trapped and maimed and killed. A dozen students were crushed to death; 27 more were injured. Washam lost his spleen, a kidney and his roommate. Duty sometimes comes with a price.

About 25,000 people attended a memorial service Saturday, the anniversary date of the collapse. More than 80,000 will be at Friday's Texas-Texas A&M game in Austin.

It is a new day, although they will pause to remember that night. It touched off a year of mourning, criticism and self-examination at A&M.

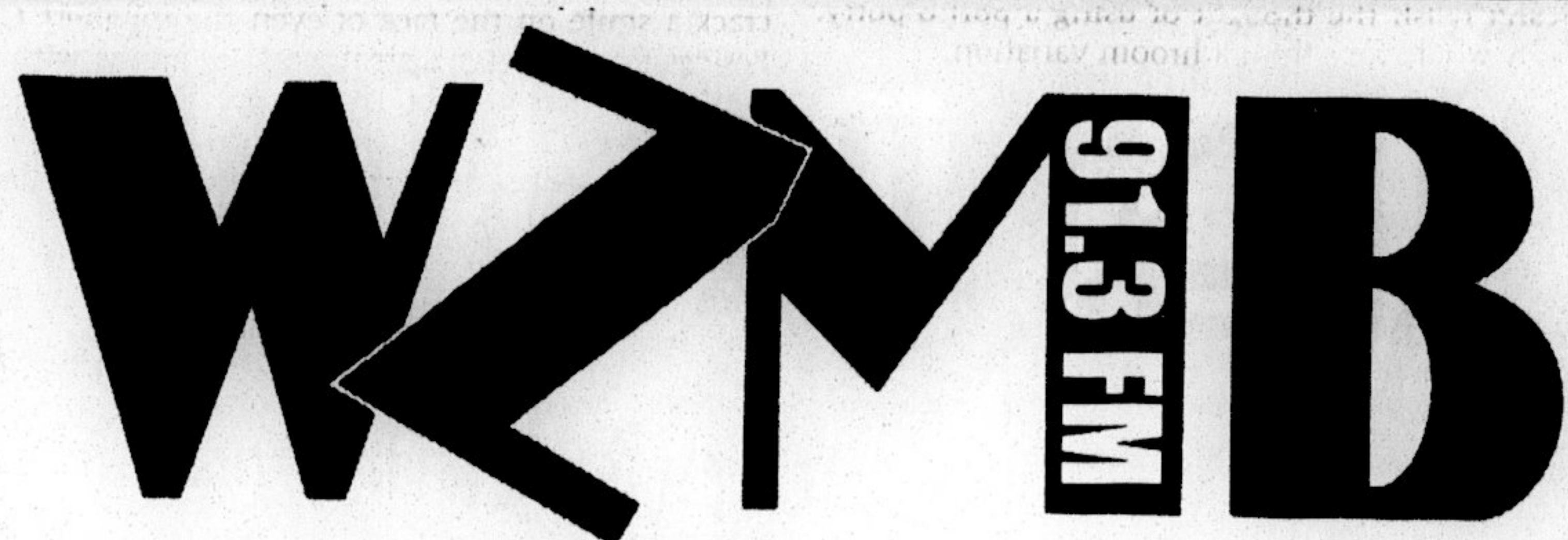
Engineers and disaster experts can tell you how the bonfire col-

lapsed. It's harder to comprehend how the Aggie spirit did not.

In a time when people sue restaurants because their coffee was too hot, not a single lawsuit has been filed in connection with the bonfire. "That's how close we are as a community," Washam said. "At any other school, people would be suing the pants off one another."

He is the epitome of a loyal Texas A&M Aggie. Perhaps no school takes its traditions as seriously as the one in College Station, Texas. And no group lives the life more than the ROTC members.

Washam weighs about 145 pounds after two big meals, but he fell in love with the life the first time he visited the school. Talk about hazing, freshmen in the 2,000-member Corps aren't considered worthy of being called by name.



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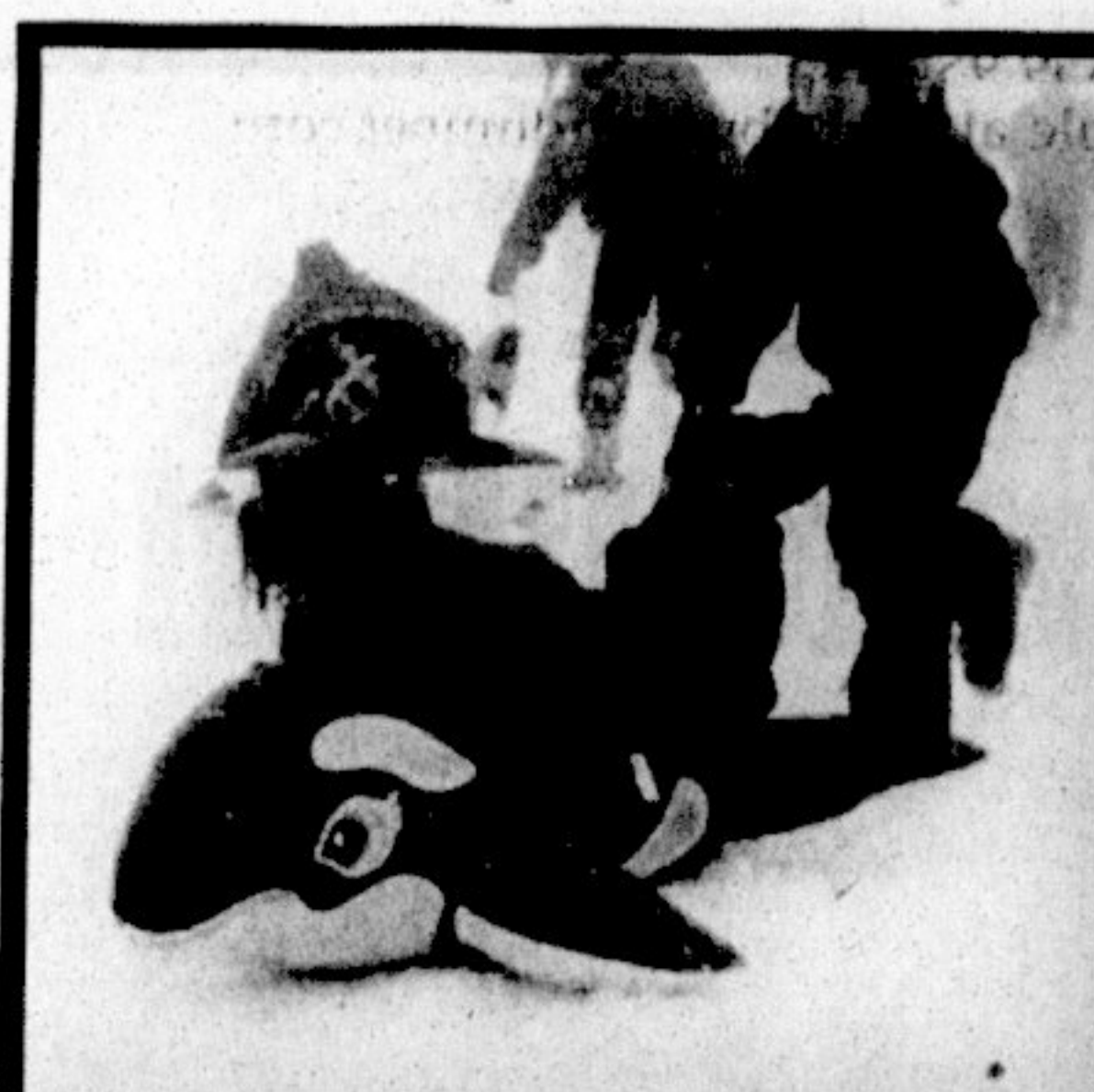
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Survey says: resumé cheaters get caught

ATLANTA (U-WIRE)—If you've ever thought about lying on your resume, here's a word of advice: Don't.

A survey on reference checking from the Society of Human Resource Management shows many job applicants who lie on resumes are getting caught.

Human resource professionals reported uncovered lies in these categories:

- Length of employment, 53 percent
- Past salaries, 51 percent
- Criminal records, 45 percent
- Former job titles, 44 percent
- Former employers, 35 percent
- Driving records, 33 percent
- College degrees, 30 percent
- Credit, 24 percent
- Schools attended, 22 percent
- Social Security number, 14 percent

The moral of this survey's story is hiring managers and their supporting staffs aren't just taking a job applicant's resume at face value.

"The person who's preparing a resume for an interview needs to realize that their resumes are being looked at more carefully than ever before," said Gail Geary, president of Geary Communications, a human resources and consulting firm based in Sandy Springs that helps companies sniff out inconsistencies and potential trouble spots in resumes.

These days, in addition to traditional reference checking, companies are using new software applications to screen resumes for inconsistencies, according to Geary.

"The screening process is more sophisticated, and the job hunter needs to know that when they are applying," Geary said.

Geary acknowledges not everyone who is at risk is a bald faced liar.

"The fact that we have corporate downsizing and reorganization, people don't have any job security, so they are, in a lot of cases, protecting themselves by what they consider a slight exaggeration. Maybe it wasn't an out-and-out lie. They don't want to be dropped out of consideration for the job," she said.

When it comes to unpleasant admissions, gaps in work history, lack of formal education, what should you do to save face?

"There are a lot of ways you can make yourself look good without lying," Geary said. "Emphasize your strengths."

Additionally, Geary offers these suggestions:

- Don't go it alone.
- The savvy applicant actually shouldn't just do a resume without having a professional who understands the resume go through it with them," Geary said. "They can get some good books or hire an executive coach to go through it with them. When you have someone to go over it with you, you won't have the accidental errors."
- Don't fill holes with lies.

"If you're missing a credential, build your own professional credibility by getting the credential that you need," Geary said.

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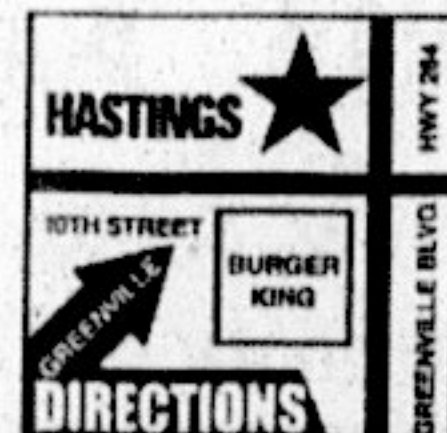
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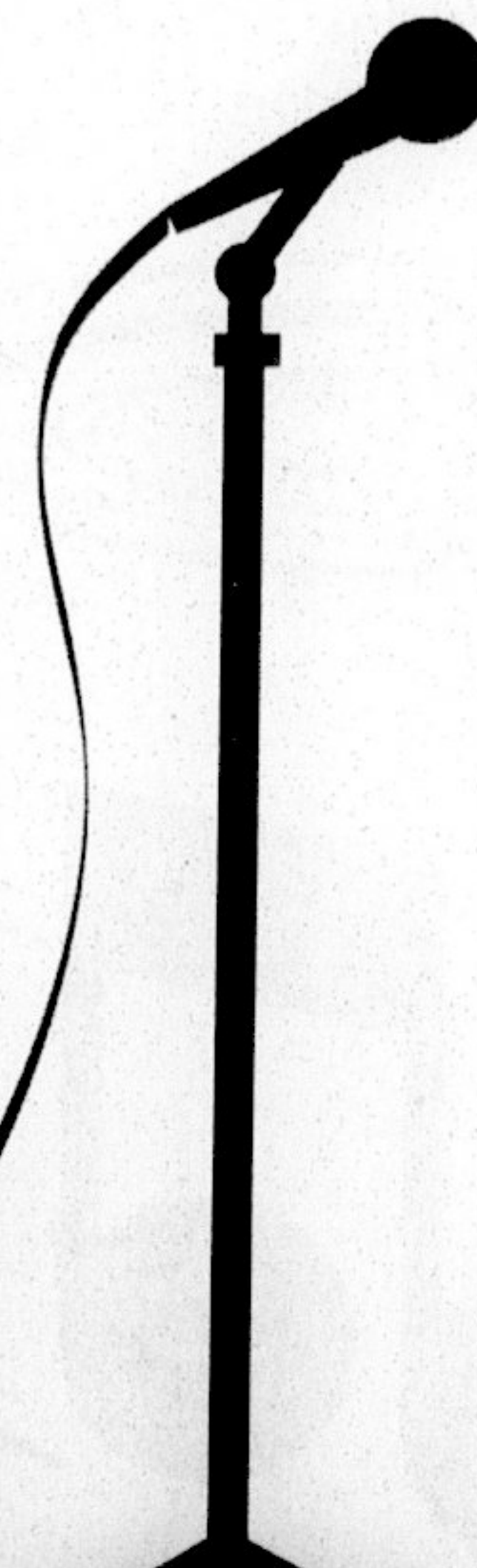
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pac-10 mulls
leaving BCS

If Oregon State does not get a slot in the Fiesta Bowl when the pairings are announced on Sunday, it will reportedly cost the University \$4 million. It was also cost the BCS the support of the Pac-10.

The conference has been a member of the BCS for two seasons. In both years it has only sent one team to the bowls and has been shut out of the system's at-large bids.

The Pac 10's contract with the BCS runs out in 2006 and the conference may opt not to renew its membership.

XFL inks deal with TNN

Startup football league, the XFL, has reached an agreement to have some of its games televised by TNN. TNN joins NBC and UPN in the trio of networks carrying the games from the XFL.

The league, started by wrestling promoter and ECU graduate Vince McMahon, will begin play in February and conclude its first season in April.

"We are excited to welcome TNN," said XFL president Basil V. Devito Jr. "Fans who tune in who TNN on Sunday afternoons will experience a different type of football on television. One thing that we believe is that it will change how sports is presented on TV."

France steps down
as NASCAR head



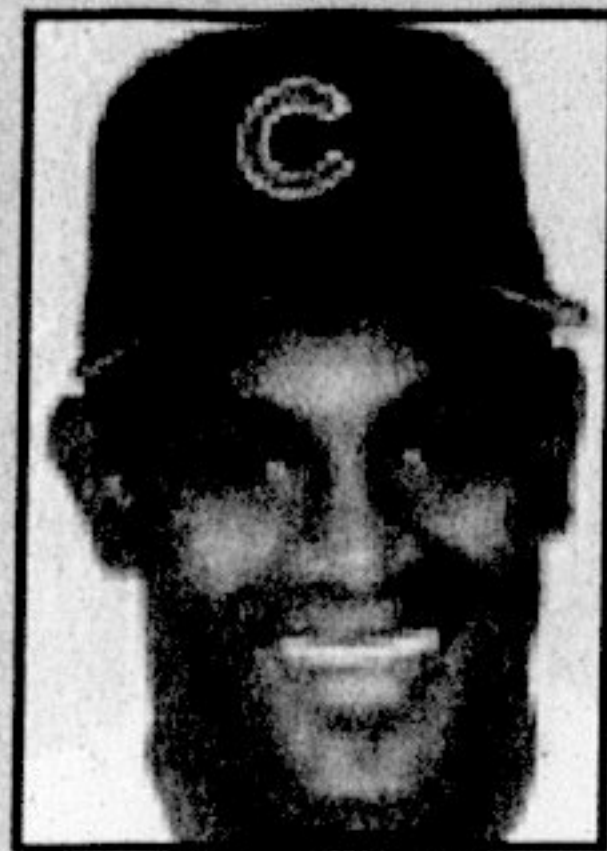
Bill France Jr. has decided to step down as president of NASCAR. France took over the job from his father, NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. in 1972. The France family took the racing circuit from dirt tracks in the rural South to a league that is worth \$2.8 billion in

TV revenues.

The family started the circuit in 1947. France will be replaced by former Vice President Mike Helton.

After a heart attack in 1997, France revealed he was battling cancer in 1999.

Sosa vents about Cubs



Chicago Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa explained his frustrations with the "Chicago Sun-Times" Sunday. The slugger discussed his distance between he and the Cubs in their contract negotiations. Sosa,

who will be a free agent in 2001, is asking for a six year, \$17 million deal. The Cubs are not willing to go that high.

"I want to go to a place where somebody loves me," Sosa said. "I've always said I love Chicago but I'm not going to miss an opportunity and all I want is fair value from them."

"If they don't want to give me that, I will have to go to another place," he said. "It's not that I want to but they weren't giving me a choice. I just can't accept what they are offering."

ECU tops Golden
Eagles, 14-9

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

During the careers of every current Pirate player there has been one constant. ECU could not beat Southern Miss. The Pirates have gone winless against the Golden Eagles since 1995.

On Wednesday Nov. 22, a drenching Mississippi rain, a soupy field, a long punt return and seemingly fate could not keep the Pirates from bucking that trend. With their 14-9 win over Southern Miss the Pirates secured a second place finish in C-USA and posted their first victory over the Golden Eagles in league play.

"Our kids were on a mission to come down here and play a game and come away with a victory, and they got it done," said Head Coach Steve Logan. "We made it hard on ourselves with the (long) punt return (in the fourth quarter). Other than that we did win the field position game and that was all I was concerned with all day long. I didn't think anybody would throw and catch it much, but we did win the special teams and in field position."

Field position was made more important because of the conditions. A steady rain fell on Hattiesburg the day before and most of the day of the game, making the field at M. M. Roberts Stadium a saturated mess.

"The effort that was displayed on both sides, Southern Miss and East Carolina, was extraordinary in those conditions," Logan said. "It was a compliment to our conference that a real competitive game was played in these conditions."

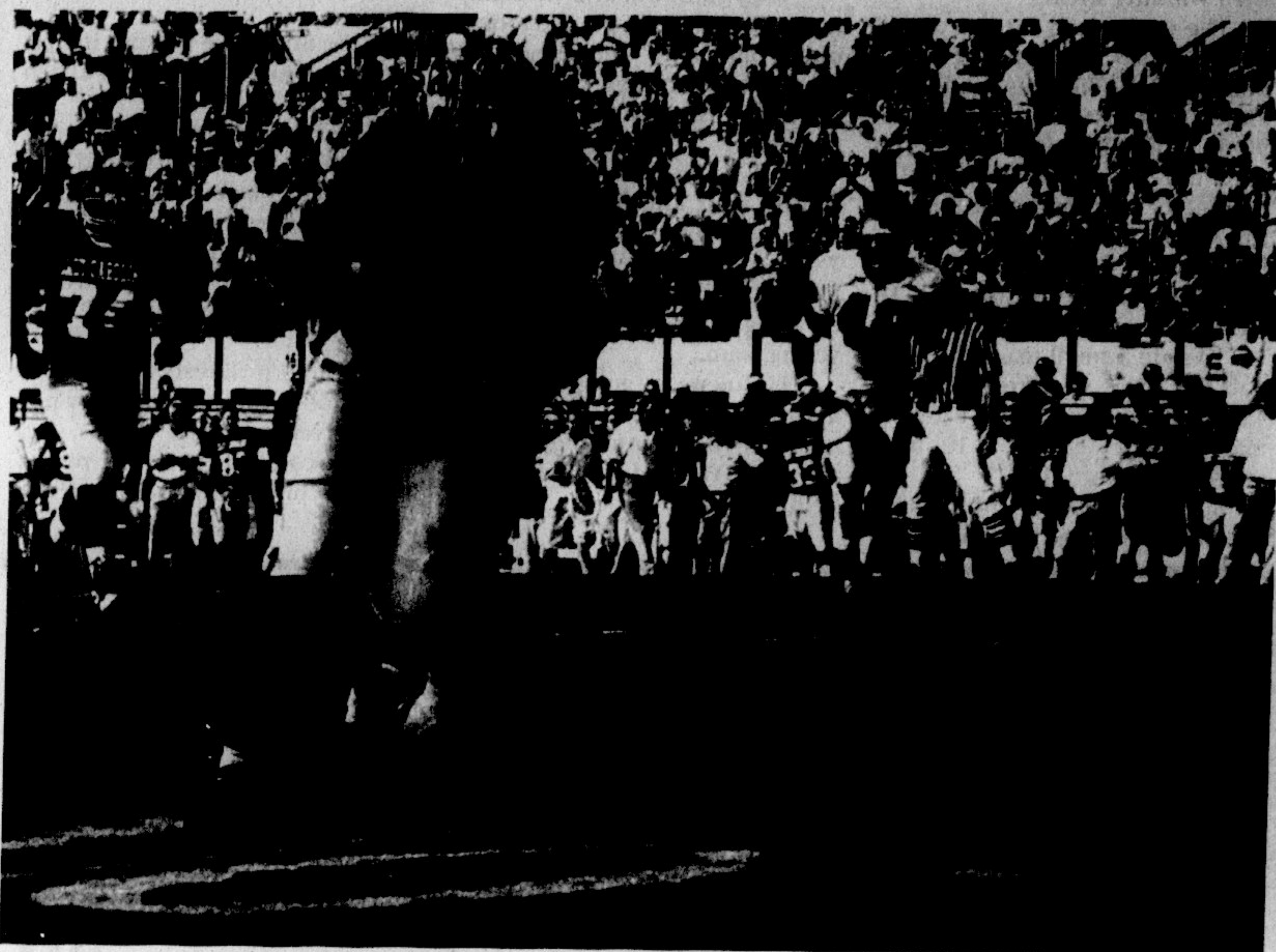
The conditions put the onus on the Pirate rushing game to move the ball. They did. ECU rushed for 155 yards on 43 carries. ECU running back Leonard Henry ran for 92 yards on 24 carries.

"We had a scheme that we thought would work, and then in the second half they made some adjustments to stop it," Logan said. "We didn't really have anything else that would work, but in the first half it did get us down the field one time."

In the first quarter, after the two teams exchanged punts and possessions numerous times, ECU strung together a 7-play 62-yard drive that culminated in a quarterback David Garrard touchdown pass to tight end Corey Floyd with 29 seconds remaining. After the extra point, the Pirates led 7-0.

The drive featured the game's first pass, a 9-yard completion to halfback Marcellus Harris with 2:18 remaining in the quarter. The drive also had 32 yards from Henry, who spent much of the day running behind a patchwork offensive line.

"We had three starters not play for us in the offensive line," Logan said. "What we did is put in a gap scheme that we've never run before, basi-



ECU's Derrick Collier outruns a defender against UAB. With last week's win over Southern Miss, the Pirates clinched a share of second place in Conference USA. (file photo)

cally a gap down, kick-out with the fullback, and it was good for a while, but they caught on. It did serve us enough to get one touchdown out of it."

While the change in the Southern Miss defense paid dividends for much of the second half, a costly mistake put the Golden Eagles on their heels.

Five play into the second half, with Southern Miss facing a third-and-20, quarterback Jeff Kelly dropped back to pass. ECU linebacker Greg LeFever batted and then intercepted the pass and began running upfield. He was caught and stripped of the ball by a Southern

Miss defender but ECU cornerback Kelly Hardy scooped it up and ran it into the end zone. After the extra point, the Pirates led 14-0.

In the second half, Southern Miss moved the ball behind tailback Kelly Nance. Nance wound up with 91 yards on 18 carries.

"He did a good job," said Southern Miss Head Coach Jeff Bower. "I really thought this would be a good game for Kelly with the conditions and everything. He is a big, strong back. Kelly ran hard and made some play for us. He ran tough and physical, and I really liked

the way he ran."

Nance spurred the Eagles on a drive that got the a 20-yard field goal and their first points.

With under four minutes left, the Pirates punted to Southern Miss' Chad Williams. Williams returned the ball 53 yards to give the Eagles the best field position of the day.

Southern Miss cut the Pirate lead to five on a 12-yard run by Kelly late in the fourth quarter.

However, the Pirates snuffed the Eagles next drive to hold on to the 14-9 win, their seventh of the year.

"That was on my mind," Logan said. "You

sit there, and go to a bowl with a 6-5 record and (facing the possibility of finishing) 6-6 just doesn't sit well. But now we're a 7-4 team, and the biggest thing that this group of kids has done, in my mind, is refused to lose two games in a row.

No matter what they've come up against, they've always bounced back after a loss. To me, that ranks them up there as one of my favorite teams that I've ever coached."

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Pirates open season with tournament title

Newcomers lead
team to 3-1 start

Richard Clark
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's basketball team got the 2000-01 season off to a fast start by going 3-1 through their first four games.

The season started with a 86-72 win against Arkansas State in the opening round of the Marist/MAAC challenge in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The final brought more success, a 81-73 victory over host Marist. The Pirates followed their tournament crown with a 72-61 battering of Robert Morris in the Pirates' home debut. Then, they traveled to Saint Louis where they were ambushed by the Billikens, 90-54, handing ECU their first loss of the season.

The 3-0 start for the Pirates was their best in 30 years. ECU has also won 10 consecutive home openers.

The Pirates got the season going in the right direction by shooting a blistering 40.7 percent from the three-point range. Sophomore point guard Travis Holcomb-Faye, who put up solid numbers with 17 points, 10 assists, and 7 rebounds, had a sterling all around performance to lead ECU to the win over Arkansas State. Junior Brandon Hawkins and Freshman Erroy Bing each contributed 16 points in the win.

"Going into the first game with such a young group," said Herrion. "No one knew what to expect."

The tournament final brought on the host team Marist and a hostile environment. The young Pirates turned to freshman forward Gabriel Mikulas

for stability and leadership. Mikulas responded by racking up 29 points and snatching 11 rebounds to lead the Pirates to a hard fought 81-73 victory.

"Mikulas is an experienced player with a lot of international play under his belt," said first year coach Herrion. "He has great hands, can pass the ball, and almost always hits his free throws. That is a great combination to have."

Mikulas was named the most valuable player for the Marist/MAAC challenge. Junior guard Brandon Hawkins was named to the All-Tournament team by following up his 16 points on opening night with 10 points in the final.

"We call him 'the dream', baby," Hawkins said referencing Hakeem Olajuwon's nickname. "It's not Mikulas any more, it's 'the dream.'"

The Pirates ran their record to 3-0, the team's best start in over 30 years, by rolling past Robert Morris, 72-61. Mikulas posted his second consecutive double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. ECU dominated play from the beginning with their defensive intensity harassing Morris into 19 turnovers, while only sending the Colonials to the free throw line for six attempts.

ECU attempted a school record 32 three-pointers. The Pirates time after time sank clutch three-pointers to keep the Colonials at bay. Guard-forward Kenyatta Brown was the high scorer for the Pirates with 11 points while four other Pirates delivered nine points each exhibiting a total team effort in the victory.

ECU then traveled to Saint Louis for a preview

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England competes at NCAAs

Pirates runner
closes out career

Ryan Downey
SENIOR WRITER

There are 12,000 athletes who participate in division one cross country. Of that number, only 277 make it to the NCAA regional meet.

One such athlete is ECU runner and academic all American, senior Justin England. England, graduate of Raleigh Enloe high school, is a fifth year senior and made it to the highest level of national competition one season after a redshirt junior year

"It was brutal, I kind of let it get to me more than I should have ... I grew up in Raleigh and had never seen temperatures like that much less raced in them."

Justin England
Senior

due to an Achilles' tendon problem.

His time of 31:52 was good enough to place him in the top half of the county at 114th.

The race was held in frigid conditions in Ames, Iowa. The wind chill was minus 17 degrees causing any water to turn into ice even freezing to the runners who braved the temperatures in shorts.

"It was brutal, I kind

of let it get to me more than I should have," said England. "I grew up in Raleigh and had never seen temperatures like that much less raced in them. It was great to make it to nationals. I have been working to get here for five years."

To equate what nationals means for a cross country runner it is like a football team making it to the BCS or a baseball team

making it to the world series.

England came to ECU with a time of 26:20 in the standard 6.2 mile course but it was hard work and training allowed him to knock his time down to 24:30. That time was enough to get him into the regional meet which is where participants for the NCAA meet are chosen from.

His performance this season over all and in the NCAA meet itself were not lost in the eyes of his coach. As a runner himself he knows what it takes

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Women's
basketball team
off to rocky start

Team faces struggle with
youth, open season, 1-2

Ryan Rockwell
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team began the young season on a bad note with a 1-2 record.

The start to the 2000 women's campaign has been characterized by inconsistent shooting, turnovers and uncertainty in the backcourt.

ECU began the season with a road trip to Clemson to play the Tigers on Nov. 20. A favored ACC foe, the Tigers attacked the women, forcing 30 turnovers on their way to a 92-58 blowout.

"Poor defense and turnovers were the key," said senior forward Tamila Murray.

The loss gives the Pirates an 0-5 record versus Clemson all-time. The sloppy first half saw ECU shoot 32 percent from the field and turn the ball over 17 times. Clemson ended the first half on a 20-9 run, leading into the break 44-22.

The Tigers went on the prowl again in the second half, scorching ECU 40-12 over a nine minute stretch and assumed a dominate 40 point lead midway in the second half.

Clemson was lead inside by their center, Erin Batth, who scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

ECU recieved impressive performances from freshman center Courtney Willis-16 points-and senior guards Christal Avery and Roc Canady-12 points each.

The Pirates did win their home-opener, 72-65, last Saturday over the Mountaineers of Appalachian State. Yet, the team seemed hardly impressed with their performance.

"We won but we didn't execute," Canady said.

ECU played well in the first half, leading the Mountaineers 41-28 at half-time.

Momentum changed to begin the second half as ASU mounted a comeback cutting the lead to 43-42 early in the period.

The Pirates upstaged the Mountaineers hitting 6-8 free throws in the final 1:14 to escape a late charge by ASU.

ECU was led by Willis with 11 points and 10 boards. Natasha Lettsome of ASU led all scorers with 29 points and 11 rebounds.

Tuesday night the Pirates lost for the second time of the season to the UNC-Greensboro

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of next season's Conference USA schedule in hopes of extending their winning streak.

The undersized Pirates would have no such luck running into a buzzsaw as the Billikens handed the Pirates their first loss of the season, 90-54. The Billikens scorched the ECU defense by shooting 53.7 percent for the game, while holding the Pirates to a paltry 29 percent. Saint Louis bullied the smaller Pirates to post a lopsided 46-18 scoring advantage in the paint.

"We are a small team and they had the size," said freshman forward Erroyl Bing. "I'm a 6-7 post man and they go 6-9, 6-10, 6-11 (across their front line)."

Bing, one of the bright spots for coach Herriion, led the Pirates in

scoring and rebounding with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"They came out and were playing really hard defense, and took us out of our game," said point guard Travis Hocomb-Faye. "They were just able to shut our whole offense down."

At 3-1, the Pirates are off to a terrific start and hope to regain their winning form Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. against Belmont. Herriion feels that the Belmont game will be a big early season test for his young team.

"I think we are going to find out an awful lot about this basketball team when we come out to play at home Wednesday night against Belmont," said Herriion.

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Spartans 66-53.

ECU shot just 25 percent in the first half and trailed 34-17 at the break.

"The final score was not indicative of the game," said Head Coach Dee Stokes.

The Pirates trailed by 31 points with 9:02 to play in the second half, once again plagued by turnovers and awful shooting.

"The point guard position is the Achilles' heel. We need anyone who can handle the ball," said Stokes.

With 20 turnovers and 31 percent shooting, the Pirates only put one player in double figures. Tali Robich scored all 11 of her points in the second half and came off the

bench to help spur an impressive 26-8 rally to end the game.

"The final five (players) lifted us," said Stokes about the dramatic turnaround in the second half.

The coach and her players are searching for answers to alleviate the difficult problems the team is faced with.

"We need to come out and play hard for 40 minutes," Canady reasons.

Coach Stokes is not as assured. "Right now I don't know [how to turn things around]. I really don't know," she said.

The Pirates will be in action again Dec. 1 hosting Charleston Southern in the U.S. Cellular Classic.

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to work through a season and to compete in such adverse conditions as England faced in Ames.

"The conditions were really tough and several people did not finish the race and got sick," said Pirate Head Coach Len Klepack. "But this is a great job by Justin

and I am proud of the way he ran. He stuck with the top 40 people for the first two miles but not having a whole team here to help keep him focused hurt a little. Nevertheless he ran a good race and represented ECU extremely well."

England who will graduate this

May with a double major in biology and exercise physiology plans to take a year off of school before pursuing graduate school.

He also plans to keep running at the competitive level and make his way up to marathon competition. England says the most important

thing he has gained in his years at ECU is relationships with his teammates.

"A lot of it has been getting to know the people out here," said England. "Getting to know my teammates has been great. They are friends for life, it's definitely helped me grow as a person."

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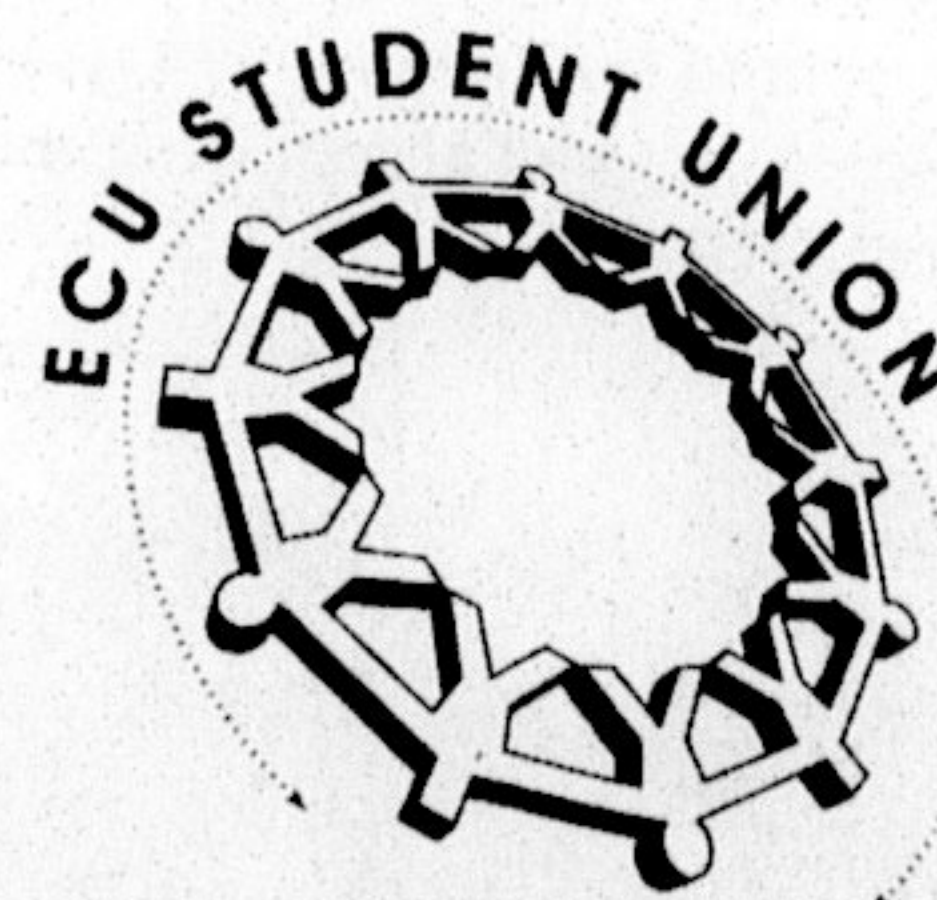


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Old girlfriend testifies on Carruth

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—A former girlfriend of football player Rae Carruth testified Wednesday that he admitted the plot to shoot his pregnant girlfriend as she lay wounded in a hospital bed.

"He said he had paid the guys some money over a period of time. ... He saw the guys pull up and shoot into her car," Candace Smith said.

The testimony came as prosecutors brought several witnesses into court to tell jurors how Carruth implicated himself in the Nov. 16, 1999, shooting of Cherica Adams.

Smith also told the jury that Carruth told her Adams had refused to have an abortion and that he doubted the baby was his.

Carruth asked if he would be taken from a hospital in handcuffs the night the pregnant Adams was shot, Officer Kevin Wallin said.

"Mr. Carruth turned to me and said 'Are you guys going to take me out in handcuffs and put something

over my head to hide my face when we go out?'" Wallin said.

The officer said Carruth, sitting on the floor of a hospital hallway, also asked if there was any way to determine whether a gun had been fired from inside his vehicle. He said Carruth wanted to know if the hospital was surrounded by police and whether the news media was outside.

"When he made the statement to me, I felt like obviously it was an admission of guilt," Wallin said. "It struck me as odd for someone to say."

The officer's testimony followed that of another officer who said Adams said from a hospital gurney that the football player was involved in the shooting.

"I had asked her point blank if her boyfriend was the one who shot her and she said yes he was," said Officer Peter Grant.

On cross-examination, Grant said his report didn't mention that

Adams implicated Carruth. Earlier witnesses said they learned from police that Carruth was a suspect.

Carruth, 26, could be executed if convicted of arranging the killing of Adams. Adams, 24, gave birth to a son. The boy is in the custody of Adams' mother.

On Tuesday, a key prosecution witness ended two days of contentious exchanges with Carruth's lawyer, who questioned his honesty and branded him as a violent drug dealer.

Co-defendant Michael Eugene Kennedy stuck to the story he told last week for prosecutors that Carruth hatched a plan to kill Adams in November 1999.

Defense attorney David Rudolf spent most of Tuesday in cross-examination trying to show Kennedy would lie under oath in order to get a reduced sentence at his own trial. Kennedy said he is telling the truth because he wants to make Carruth accountable.

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