



Black History Month

Events scheduled to educate students

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The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and other ECU organizations are hosting a series of events this month in honor of Black History Month.

Lathan Turner, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, said it is important for students to attend events so they are able to expand their knowledge and eliminate any misconceptions or prejudices they may have of a particular culture.

"This February will give everyone an opportunity to learn more, be exposed to the creativeness and major achievements in African American history," said Turner.

Students have shown interest in attending various events and learning about different topics.

"I am excited to attend the various programs because I would like to learn more about the contributions that African Americans have made throughout history," said Erin Barnette, senior communication major.

Barnette said it is necessary to get as many people as possible, both young and old, involved in order to increase society's knowledge of diversity and break down any stereotypes people may have for one another.

"We also wanted to highlight African American women," Turner said.

The center is giving the youth in the community an opportunity to get involved along with ECU students. High school students from Pitt County have been invited to Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. for a poetry contest titled, "Poetic Expressions: Readings, Rhymes, Rhythm."

These events are provided to help everyone, not just certain ethnicities, learn by introducing different views and ideas, striving to create multiculturalism bringing different groups of people together.

Turner said during his time at ECU, he has found a lack of cultural awareness, appreciation and participation to learn about others.

Students come to ECU with different backgrounds and conflicting views causing conflicts with diversity on campus. Turner said the "root cause is education or lack thereof."

Joe Thompson, junior accounting major, said he has noticed a problem with diversity issues on campus.

"I see that the majority of the minorities on campus tend to stick with each other and rarely do you see diverse groups of people standing together," said Thompson.

This is one reason why the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center strives to educate students in order to increase awareness and create a better understanding of diversity.

"The center provides an opportunity to share with those that are willing to learn - after all learning is the whole reason for being in college," Turner said.

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Black History Month

Known events at press time:

NAACP Founders Week

Feb. 7 - 12

Various Activities nightly, to include:

Ethnic Food Tasting

Open Mic Social

"Legacies Nearly Forgotten" and Volunteering with local service agencies

Along Martin Luther King: Travels on Black America's Main Street

Feb. 10

A lecture by Jonathan Tilove, national correspondent on race for Willis Bldg, 7 p.m.

Newhouse News Service and author of the book

Along Martin Luther King. The lecture is free/open to the public. Co-sponsored by Geo-Club, Dept of Geography, LWCC

Black Student Union Week

Feb. 14 - 19

Various educational activities

BSU Black Solidarity Day

Feb. 16 at Wright Plaza 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Speaker Brenda Verner at 7 p.m., location TBA

Dialogue on Diversity

Race, Culture and Ethnicity: What's the Difference

Feb. 15

Chandra Cerutti

LWCC, 6 p.m.

NAACP Monologues, Feb. 17,

location and time TBA

BSU Reclaim Your African Name

Feb. 17

Wright Plaza 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Parade of Kings and Queens, location TBA, 7 p.m.

Slam Poetry Jam in the Pirate

Underground at 8 p.m.

Feb. 17

Sponsored by the Spectrum and Cultural Awareness Committees.

BSU African Arts and Crafts/

Bowling

Feb. 18

At Outer Limitz (Mendenhall), 7 p.m.

Tribute to Motown featuring

Carroll Daschiell

Feb. 19

8 p.m., Wright Auditorium Sponsored by College of Fine Arts, School of Music

For more information on these events, call the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-1680.

How much do you know about black leaders in arts and entertainment? Take our test and find out.

1 Called "Poet Laureate of Harlem," he rose to prominence during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s.

A Richard Wright **C** James Weldon Johnson
B Ernest Gaines **D** Langston Hughes

2 This hip-hop innovator who started her career as the lead singer of the Fugees won five Grammy Awards in 1999 for her solo work.

A Lauryn Hill **C** Whitney Houston
B Lil' Kim **D** Queen Latifah

3 This playwright and civil rights activist won two Pulitzer Prizes, for "Fences" in 1986 and "The Piano Lesson" in 1990.

A Charles Fuller **C** Alice Childress
B August Wilson **D** Langston Hughes

4 Since her start in TV news in Nashville, she's built a media empire that includes a TV show, a magazine and movies.

A Cicely Tyson **C** Diahann Carroll
B Ruby Dee **D** Oprah Winfrey

5 Born in St. Louis, she danced her way across the United States, then moved to France and became the toast of Paris.

A Lena Horne **C** Josephine Baker
B Melba Moore **D** Leslie Uggams

6 He photographed for Life magazine, authored about a dozen books and directed several motion pictures, including 1971's "Shaft."

A Bill Cosby **C** Robert Townsend
B Gordon Parks **D** Sidney Poitier

7 The artist and professor is known for her "story quilts," including "Tar Beach," which shows a child soaring through the clouds over Harlem.

A Faith Ringgold **C** Margaret Burroughs
B Betye Saar **D** Elizabeth Catlett

8 Alling comedian who co-starred in "Silver Streak" and "Harlem Nights" and won Grammy Awards for his comedy albums.

A Redd Foxx **C** Richard Pryor
B Chris Rock **D** Eddie Murphy

9 Which record company, founded by Berry Gordy (right), launched Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas?

A Atlantic **C** Sun
B Motown **D** Chess

10 She was the first black performer to win an Oscar for her controversial role as Mammy in the epic film "Gone With the Wind."

A Hattie McDaniel **C** Eddie Rochester Anderson
B Cicely Tyson **D** Leslie Uggams



Counting officials begin working with ballot papers in Az Zubayr.

Bush calls election a success

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush called the Iraqi election a resounding success and promised that the United States will help Iraqis fight continuing insurgency as they build a democratic government.

"There's more distance to travel on the road to democracy," Bush said Sunday, four hours after the polls closed. "Yet Iraqis are proving they're equal to the challenge."

The president mentioned that some were killed while voting, but he focused his brief remarks on the success for Iraq and its citizens. He told of one voter who lost a leg in a terrorist attack last year but still made it to the polls to vote for peace.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush said. "In great numbers, and under great risk, Iraqis have shown their commitment to democracy."

He called the leaders of three key U.S. allies in the Middle East — King Abdullah of Jordan, Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt — Sunday afternoon to talk about building on the Iraqi election and to support democracy among the Palestinians.

Insurgents in Iraq struck polling stations with a string of suicide bombings and mortar volleys, killing more than 40 people, including nine suicide bombers. Bush also said he mourned the loss of U.S. and British forces on election day, including troops killed when a British military transport plane crashed.

"Terrorists and insurgents will continue to wage their war against democracy, and we will support the Iraqi people in their fight against them," Bush said. "We will continue training Iraqi security forces so this rising democracy can eventually take responsibility for its own security."

Bush did not take questions from reporters or mention any military withdrawal.

L. Paul Bremer, the former U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq, said Monday the elections were "a great victory for the Iraqi people, for democracy and for the president's message of freedom." He said that while the insurgents, "since they are antidemocratic, won't respect the results of these democratic elections," violence was likely to continue.

"But gradually they're going to lose," Bremer said on NBC's "Today" show. "The balance of power is towards democracy now in Iraq."

Congressional Democrats, meanwhile, were stepping up their calls for an exit strategy in Iraq. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said in remarks prepared for delivery Monday that Bush "needs to spell out a real and understandable plan for the unfinished work ahead" in Iraq.

"Most of all, we need an exit strategy so that we know what victory is and how we can get there — so that we know what we need to do and so that we know when the job is done."

In a statement, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass, said Bush "must look beyond the election" and start bringing troops home.

"The best way to demonstrate to the Iraqi people that we have no long-term designs on their country is for the administration to withdraw some troops now" and negotiate further withdrawals, Kennedy added.

On Sunday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would not say whether U.S. forces would leave the country in great numbers after the vote. She said the United States would discuss the continued need for outside security forces with the newly elected Iraqi government.

Nursing students wait tables to benefit tsunami victims

Money donated to help with relief effort

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Students from the ECU School of Nursing waited tables Jan. 30 at Golden Corral in Greenville and donated money earned from tips toward the tsunami relief effort.

Ten volunteers from the school of nursing performed basic employee tasks such as serving customers, bussing tables and opening doors at the Sunday breakfast buffet, hoping their hard work would translate into

dollars that would help those affected by the tsunami disaster.

Kathryn Hord, ECU nursing major who volunteered at Sunday's fundraiser, said this charitable work fits with the mission of nurses.

"Even though there are people sick far away, nurses always give help," said Hord. "This event gives us the opportunity to show that we can care in other ways."

The money raised by the event is going to the Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere, a group recommended by the International Conference of Nurses on their list of reputable tsunami relief groups.



Ten nursing students met at Golden Corral to serve their customers.

Michael Raper, senior ECU nursing major who organized the event, said the choice of CARE among other recommended relief agencies was due to a combination of their 92 percent efficiency rate with donated dollars and their background.

"CARE has been established in this region since 1950 and they are not religious or political," said Raper.

Once the money reaches CARE, it will be spent to provide food, shelter and medical support for those affected by the tsunami.

Raper said the tsunami relief effort is a long-term effort despite

Nursing Fundraiser

The Nursing students raised a total of \$565.15 in this event bringing total amount raised to more than \$1,600. Their ultimate goal is \$50,000.

the possibility it may lose some media coverage and public interest over time.

"CARE will be there for the long run," Raper said.

The decision to hold a tsunami fundraiser at Golden Corral

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Campus News

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. Many events will be held on campus and in the Greenville area this month in honor of the people and events that helped shape our country and influence how we live today. Keep reading **TEC** to find out how to get involved in the celebration.

Let's Get Writing

Do you want other writers to bounce off of? Need something to keep the energy going? There is a new writers' group coming to campus. For more information, please call 757-0770.

Faculty Recital

The school of music will hold a faculty recital Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. For more information call 328-6851.

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are open to the public Wednesdays at noon in 14 Mendenhall to discuss alcohol-related issues. For more information on these meetings, please call 760-500-8918.

Dance 2005

ECU/Loessin Playhouse will host this annual performance combining ballet, modern, jazz and tap dance at 8 p.m. Feb. 3 - 8, except for a 2 p.m. matinee Feb. 6 at McGinnis Theatre. At times serious, funny, lyrical and eccentric, this has become an immensely popular event for dance enthusiasts and newcomers. For further details, call 328-6829.

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions program will continue Saturday in Wright Auditorium. This week's discussion will be on Chinese politics.

Literary Conference

Gerald Duffy will be the keynote speaker at this year's Mary Lois Stoner Reading/Language Arts Conference Feb. 11 at the Greenville Hilton. For more information, contact Katherine Misulis at 328-6128.

Vagina Monologues

The annual production of Vagina Monologues will be Feb. 11 - 12 at 8 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 in advance for students, \$10 for students at the door, \$12 for the general public in advance and \$15 for the general public at the door. You can purchase tickets by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS or online at ECUARTS.com. The proceeds will benefit local charities that help abused women.

New Club

Learn about Arabic culture by joining the Arab Student Association. To get more information about this organization, please e-mail srb0907@mail.ecu.edu or bjh0218@mail.ecu.edu.

Human Relations Council

The City of Greenville is accepting applications from students of a n institution of higher learning to serve as volunteers on the Human Relations Council. This group is responsible for organizing and implementing programs dealing with problems of human relations and promoting understanding, respect, good will and equality of opportunity for all citizens. Two student representatives would be appointed for one-year terms. The Human Relations Council meets the first Wednesday of each month excluding July and August at 7 p.m. If you live inside the city limits of Greenville and would like to serve on the council, please call the City Clerk's Office, 329-4423 to obtain an application. You can also access a talent bank at greenvillenc.gov.

Send ECU to Kenya

ECU medical students are actively seeking donations for their upcoming trip to Kenya. Donations for the students to go work in clinics this summer can be made to the Medical Foundation. In the "memo" section, please write "Africa Trip/EC."

Want your event printed in TEC?

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Local

Drunk driving convictions up across NC

CHARLOTTE, NC - Drunk driving convictions have risen sharply across the state following newspaper reports that judges were letting thousands of drivers off easy.

Across North Carolina, drunk driving conviction rates increased from 59 percent in the last half of 2003 to 63 percent a year later. The rates in some of the state's most lenient counties have more than doubled since last summer. The Charlotte Observer reported on Sunday.

The newspaper last summer reported that nearly all DWI suspects who went to trial in some counties were found guilty, while about nine-in-10 in other counties were acquitted. NC Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. wrote a memo to the state's District Court judges in September, citing the stories and suggesting some judges have been requiring prosecutors to present more proof than the law requires.

"If that is true, we should not condone it," Lake wrote. "And we should persuade our colleagues not to do it." Mecklenburg County's conviction rate rose from 57 percent in late 2003 to 75 percent a year later. In Gaston County, the rate for all DWI trials rose from 50 percent to 66 percent. Rates in Wake County rose from 17 percent to 39 percent. The county last year added a DWI court, where a focus on drunk driving cases has resulted in more convictions.

Arden woman dies in sledding accident

ARDEN, NC - A Buncombe County woman died this weekend while sledding with her children, her husband said.

Jill Waddell, 36, a pharmaceutical sales representative, was killed while

sledding with 8-year-old Emily and 3-year-old Reid Waddell in the family's back yard about noon Saturday. She was sliding down the hill in the yard of their new home when she slammed into a concrete manhole and died almost immediately from a head injury.

The family moved into the home just two weeks ago, said her husband, Tim Waddell.

"She is a fine woman," Tim Waddell said Sunday. "She loved life and her children and whenever she passed away she was doing what she loved - having fun with the kids."

He said as snow fell Saturday, he was working in his office while his wife and children played outside.

"My daughter came in and said she thought her mother had been hurt," he said. "I believe she was dead by the time I got down to her. She just had a real faint pulse."

Jill Waddell was an organ donor and her death has saved several lives, Tim Waddell said.

"I can't express in words how devastated I am," he said. "People should love and hold each other and never take love or family for granted."

National

Jury selection process to begin in Jackson case

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - As Michael Jackson's child molestation case headed to trial Monday, his parents spoke out in his defense, saying the pop star's young accuser was after his money.

"I know my son, and this is ridiculous," his mother, Katherine Jackson, said in an interview broadcast on CBS' "The Early Show" hours before jury selection was set to begin Monday. She said people who believe her son is guilty "don't know him."

Jackson's father, Joe Jackson, said his son was beloved around the world but had trouble in the United States because of racism. He said the accuser's motives were clear - "It's about money."

Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville summoned 300 people to court for the first round of jury selection Monday. Another 300 are to follow on Tuesday, with a final 150 scheduled to arrive on Wednesday. From that pool, the judge hopes to find 12 jurors and eight alternates.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting a cancer patient after plying him with alcohol. Early Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his Web site, predicting he would be acquitted.

"Please keep an open mind and let me have my day in court," Jackson said, looking directly into the camera. "I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen. I will be acquitted and vindicated when the truth is told." On Monday, Jackson spokeswoman Raymone K. Bain said the pop star's "spirits are great," and show down rumors that he had been suicidal.

Victims to face

former crematory operator

LAFAYETTE, Ga. - Authorities discovered a ghastly scene in February 2002 after receiving an anonymous tip about Tri-State Crematory. Instead of performing cremations, the operator had left bodies to decay around the property. Unsuspecting clients later learned that former operator Ray Brent Marsh dumped more than 330 corpses around the facility in Noble, and gave them cement dust instead of the ashes of their loved ones.

Marsh, who has pleaded guilty, was expected to appear in court for a sentencing hearing Monday, and victims' relatives hope to find out why he did it.

"There's been a lot of emotion in this case," District Attorney Herbert Franklin said. "Naturally, there's going to be emotion and that's part of the victim impact statements."

Though Marsh and his family will be given a chance to speak at the hearing, defense lawyer McCracken Poston declined to say if they will.

About 30 victims' relatives also were expected to testify, but that number could grow. The prosecutor sent 500 letters to victims' families inviting them to appear at the hearing. No time limit for their statements was given, so the hearing may be continued to Tuesday.

World

Girl shot by tank fire in Palestine

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - A 10-year-old Palestinian girl was shot and killed Monday by Israeli tank fire at a United Nations school in a southern Gaza Strip refugee camp, Palestinian officials said.

The Israeli army said it did not know of any shootings in the area of the Rafah refugee camp where the girl was killed but said it would investigate in coordination with Palestinian officials.

U.N. officials said Norhan Deeb was hit in the head as she and other pupils lined up in the schoolyard for afternoon assembly. A second girl was wounded in the incident, they said.

Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen frequently exchange fire in Rafah camp on the Gaza-Egypt border.

Paul McCann, a spokesman for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which administers the school, could not say definitely who was responsible for shooting.

But a statement by the agency said firing was heard from the Israeli-controlled border zone.

"UNRWA has repeatedly protested the Israeli military's indiscriminate firing into civilian areas in the occupied Palestinian territory," the statement said. It said the school, 800 yards from the border, has been hit "on numerous occasions" during four years of fighting. "This is the first time the shots have had tragic consequences."

The incident was the second shooting in the area in two days, testing an informal cease-fire between Israel and Palestinian militants. On Sunday, Israeli troops killed a 65-year-old man

who entered an unauthorized area near an army post.

British plane crash in Iraq leaves 10 missing

LONDON (AP) - Britain's government said Monday that 10 of its military personnel were missing and presumed dead following the downing of a military transport plane north of Baghdad on Iraq's election day. An Iraqi militant group claimed responsibility for shooting down the plane in an Internet statement.

If the deaths are confirmed, it would be the biggest single loss of British lives since the start of the Iraq war. The previous highest number was eight. In a statement on an Islamic Web site, Ansar al-Islam claimed its fighters tracked the aircraft, "which was flying at a low altitude, and fired an anti-tank missile at it." The plane was flying from Baghdad to the town of Balad, where the U.S. military has an air base.

"Thanks be to God, the plane was downed and a huge fire and black clouds of smoke were seen rising from the location of the crash," said the statement posted Sunday.

A spokesman for Britain's Ministry of Defense said he could not confirm Ansar al-Islam's claim. "People on the ground are investigating," he said on condition of anonymity.

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said that nine British air force personnel and one soldier were missing and believed killed in the crash. Capt. Orwin, a British military spokesman in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, told the Press Association news agency that the crash site had been secured by U.S. and British forces.

A senior U.S. military officer in Iraq said the Royal Air Force Hercules C-130 aircraft crashed 25 miles northwest of Baghdad, adding that the plane's wreckage was scattered over a large area. The Ministry of Defense in London said the crash occurred 19 miles northwest of the Iraqi capital.

Great Decisions speaker discusses the Middle East

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Kickasola gave a presentation at Rivers Auditorium Saturday.

Second forum on global politics

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An expert on Middle Eastern politics and Islam gave a two-hour presentation Saturday for the second of eight Great Decisions lectures in Rivers Auditorium.

Joseph N. Kickasola, professor of government at Regent University, spoke to attendants of the forum on what he considered to be an internal conflict within Muslims in the Middle East.

"The clash of civilizations is not so much between the West and the rest, but more significantly the civilization clash is within Islam," said Kickasola.

Kickasola said the source of the occurring conflicts involves different interpretations of the Quran, the Islamic holy text.

Muhammad's messages vary throughout the text depending on whether he experienced peace or was a war happening and was upset. The terrorists use Muhammad's angry episodes and messages as justification for violence against non-Muslims.

The opposite is true for Muslims who seek democracy. They use the good verses in the Quran to trump the bad ones.

Kickasola did not elaborate on specific countries, but he did mention places like Iraq and Afghanistan as being incompatible to secularism at this time. No matter how liberal Afghanistan becomes, Islam will still be there

because people cannot function without its influence.

He said the same is true for Iraq except there are great divisions among Muslims there.

"Given Iraq's ethnic diversity in the north (Muslim Kurds), center (Muslim Sunnis) and south (Muslim Shiites), it is my belief that perhaps a confederation, rather than a federation as now planned, would be a good idea for Iraq," Kickasola said.

He predicted Iraq would undergo a phase where it needed separate entities - similar to the way the United States was when each colony had its own established religions.

Kickasola said the holy wars in the Middle East would subside with the emergence of nation-states in the region. He cited the Peace of Westphalia in 1648 as an example of how a region could overcome religious differences.

The battles between Protestants and Catholics in Europe eventually ended with the Peace of Westphalia. Since then, there have been relatively few holy wars in Europe. Kickasola predicts this could happen in the Middle East too with new sovereign states being formed.

Saddam Hussein was what Kickasola called the weapon of mass destruction.

He said communists and Saddam had suppressed Islamic autonomy and confederation up

until now.

Kickasola emphasized a need for reform in the Middle East ahead of security and stability. He said any change in that region would take generations, just as the reform in Europe did after World War II.

Members of the audience had a chance to ask questions about U.S. policy toward the Middle East. Kickasola was forced to explain why the U.S. condemns some brutal regimes but aligns itself with Saudi Arabia.

He compared our alliance with Saudi Arabia to U.S. policy during the Cold War. We did not care about dictators or tyrants as long as they opposed the Soviets. The Saudi monarchs may be unjust, but they are instrumental to our Middle East policy.

Kickasola said the Saudi leaders are "bastards" but they are "our bastards."

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Great Decisions

The Great Decisions series will continue next Saturday, Feb. 5, with discussion on Chinese politics.

stemmed from a moment of clarity Raper had while eating at the restaurant.

"I was having dinner here one night and the idea just came to me," Raper said.

After a conversation with an official from Golden Corral, the fundraiser was scheduled.

Curtis James, operating partner at Golden Corral, said these events are common for the chain and many of the restaurants host these fundraisers, known as celebrity server nights.

The fundraiser group is given a certain section of the restaurant to wait on, with their tips and donations going toward a charitable cause.

"We do a lot with the community to get them involved," said James.

As the event unfolded, both James and Raper estimated the students were doing better than expected.

"People who aren't even sitting there are donating," James said. Raper said this event is one in a semester-long effort striving to raise \$50,000 for the tsunami effort.

Once the weather gets warmer, Raper said he plans to organize a car wash and possibly a doughnut drive to reach their monetary goal.

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Professor spreads knowledge overseas

Chenoweth promotes health awareness

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An ECU professor recently used his professional knowledge and expert opinion at the Workshop on the Methodology and Assessment of Worksite Health Promotions Projects in the Czech Republic.

David Chenoweth, a professor and author of several health-related books, was contacted about a year ago by Milan Horvath, a retired professor at the University of Prague. Horvath had read Chenoweth's book *Evaluation of Worksite Health Promotion* and e-mailed Chenoweth to ask permission to republish the book in Czech.

Chenoweth didn't hesitate to contact his publishing company and give Horvath permission. "I thought it was an honor that someone wanted to copy my book," said Chenoweth.

Horvath believed the book would be effective at promoting health awareness.

"He's now using the book in a number of universities and businesses ... and it's all in Czech," Chenoweth said.

The Czech Republic, a nation nestled between Germany and Poland, is one whose economy is heavily influenced by manufacturing, in particular metallurgy, machinery, motor vehicles and armaments.

Chenoweth said that due to a lack of proper health screening and technological advances like that of the United States, many workers suffer physically under heavy work environments.

"Here in the United States, a lot of industries use machines," Chenoweth said.

"In the Czech Republic, what we used to use 20 years ago, they're using now."

The workshop concentrated on economic assessment of health promotion projects. It was addressed to managers, personnel department heads and experts in

human resources.

According to Chenoweth, his advice was well taken.

"There was a lot of affirmation ... they understood the concepts of what I was talking about," Chenoweth said.

"They're trying to bring an awareness to all European countries that if they're going to advance economically, they've got to be productive ... there's a relationship between a worker's health and productivity."

After the workshop, Chenoweth and Horvath met with Alena Steflava, the Czech Republic's Minister of Health.

"He [Horvath] appealed to her [Steflava] that he wanted to get a grant in order to establish more health-promoted initiatives," Chenoweth said.

Another book of Chenoweth's has already been requested, another workshop is in planning and Chenoweth has been asked to return.

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Fraternity sleeps outdoors, raises money for needy



Phi Beta Sigma members Eric Nauta, a senior criminal justice major and Leonard Rabensey, a senior environmental health major, bundle up early into the night of their fraternity annual event, "Sleep out for the homeless."

Our View

Reading harm

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Our View

Reading labels prevents harmful consequences

Though everyone is tired of hearing about Celebrex and Vioxx being taken off the market, it seems there is still some gray area about what really happened. Sometimes the media portrays things in a light that will help them create more controversy than is actually present.

Celebrex and Vioxx are COX-2 inhibitors that were prescribed for patients with severe inflammation – whether it is from arthritis or some other chronic, painful condition that over the counter medications were just not cutting the pain of. These drugs significantly improved the quality of life for patients who were taking them as directed. The patients, in most cases, were able to resume their normal lives because the medications made such a drastic improvement in their pain management.

Why would these medications be taken away from patients who relied on them to live a normal, reduced-pain life? They were taken away because of an old saying, "If one is good, then two must be better." Those who did not read the warning labels and took too many Celebrex and Vioxx pills are the reason the drugs are no longer on the market.

Irresponsible people have impacted the lives of many who relied on these drugs and are no longer allowed to take them as prescribed. Oh, but don't forget that lab rats with cancer were given overdoses of the two COX-2 inhibitors and they suffered from heart attacks and blood clots, though the drug information packet gave these side-effects as a possibility because the companies themselves had done tests just like these.

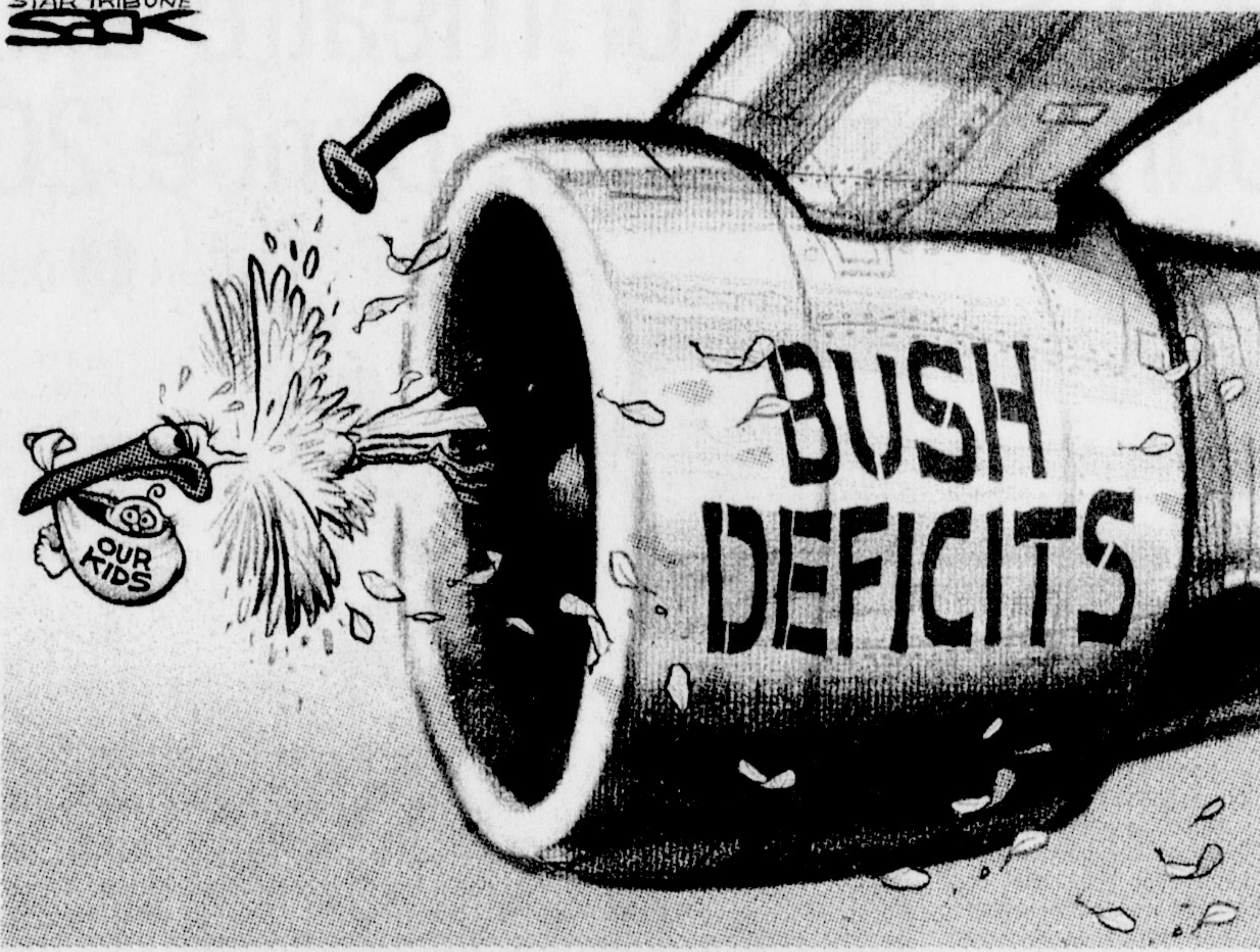
Read the labels on all prescription and non prescription medications in the medicine cabinet. The labels are not there for decoration, though the purple ones are pretty, they are there to give the patient important information. If a medication is abused, there will be consequences. Unfortunately, this time, the drug companies, not the abusers are the ones who will have to pay the highest price, billions of dollars to people who just wouldn't read the label.

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Opinion Columnist

Social security numbers should be protected

Help prevent identity theft on campus

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Well, another week has gone into the history books, and what a week it was.

Iraqis participated in larger than expected numbers in the country's first free elections in 50 some years. What's more, the expected wave of violence never emerged. And no, I am not marginalizing the deaths that did occur at the hands of fanatics. I am saying that with all the threats, and gloomy predictions of violence it could have been much worse.

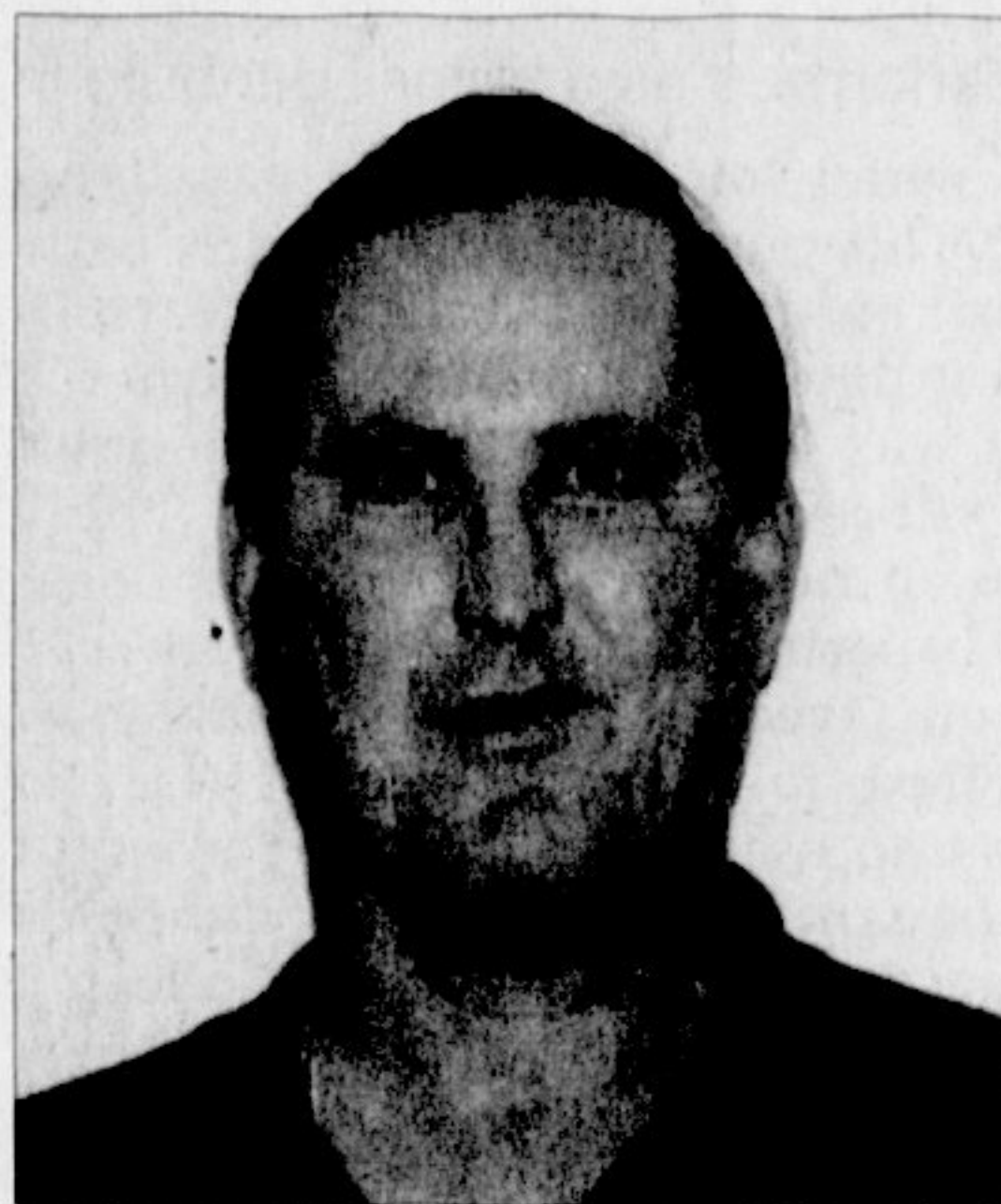
The only real downside to the elections was the dismal turnout among the Sunni population. Whether through fear, ignorance or fealty to leaders who are misleading them, the vast majority did not vote. Even with the threat of death hanging over them however, many brave Sunnis did vote.

Those Sunni men and women who did vote, or should be, the major story about the Iraq elections. They are perfect examples of what this election was about. They risked everything for a chance at democracy. Would you have?

Another occurrence last week, while nowhere near as momentous but still considered very rare (at least by those who don't know me), was that I found myself disagreeing with a Conservative "hot topic."

I found out from one of my favorite liberal-whacko Web sites there was, and still is, a flap going on about the University of Oregon and their instructions to one of their employees to remove a "Support the Troops" magnet from his vehicle. This decision has been the target of derision from conservative pundits far and wide. Some liberals have even joined the outcry against the university.

This time, they are wrong. It took me less than one minute



on Google to discover that the vehicle in question was a university-owned maintenance vehicle, not a personal vehicle. At that point, I knew this was a non-story being blown all out of proportion.

I have worked for, and around, many government agencies over the years and one thing has been absolutely constant: They do not allow personal stickers of any type on their vehicles. It has been that way for as long as I can remember and it is a policy that I totally concur with.

The University of Oregon was correct in their decision.

One other thing happened last week that bothered me immensely, and should bother you also, concerns the safety of your personal information and identity and how ECU does or does not safeguard it.

I had to go to the Laupus Medical Library Web site to access some reserve material for a class. Naturally, I was required to register so I could gain access to what I wanted. No big deal. It became a big deal however when I was instructed to provide my social security number for identification.

Uh-Uh. A social security number should never be required as identification.

I contacted the library about the issue and was informed because of federal copyright laws, access to reserve material is limited to autho-

rized students and staff. Because of this, the library is tied into ECU's One Card system, which uses social security numbers as identification. I was also told that the server they use is secure and monitored by qualified personnel.

Does anyone else see a problem or three here?

Students and faculty can access information in Joyner and elsewhere in the ECU system by using their Exchange Mail User ID and password. Joyner has access and links to copyrighted material also yet they do not require a social security number to access it. If an Exchange ID is satisfactory for the rest of ECU, why not for Laupus?

As for the "secure" servers that are being used – get serious. How many times have we heard about banks, insurance companies, military and other government systems that have been hacked and information stolen despite using "secure" servers just in the last year? And not to call the integrity of the system administrators into question, but the same question applies. Also, if they, and their systems, were so good, how did it happen?

Despite any protestations to the contrary, Laupus Library cannot guarantee the safety of your social security number. How can they guarantee that no one will see your number? How can they guarantee that no one will see, or hear, your number at the library when it is looked up for confirmation? How can they guarantee that no one will hack into their system? They cannot.

With the ever present danger of identity theft and the havoc it can wreak on a person for years, Laupus Library's requirement that a social security number be provided is not only ridiculous, it is unnecessarily dangerous. It is the equivalent of Russian roulette. Instead of using bullets though, they are using your social security number.

If you agree, contact Laupus Library or the chancellor and let them know.

Pirate Rant

Don't you just love getting packages from home?

I just wanted to share my excitement that the Iraqi elections Sunday went over relatively well. One step closer to a democratic country.

Why is it that when your "friend" is dating someone else, you get put to the back burner until they need something and then they come running to you for help and expect you to drop everything for them?

Some professors have terrible handwriting. I mean, the class is already hard and the professor is trying to lecture and write down notes and the students are struggling to decrypt the professor's handwriting. Just type it and put it on blackboard, how hard is that?

Honors students need 24 hours of honors credit but there are so few sections of honors classes offered. Then, professors don't always allow us to take classes that are honors by contract. Something's gotta give... if we want to have a challenge or go above and beyond the usual requirements, we deserve some help from the faculty and administration.

Even if you sign up early for a machine at the student rec center, don't make someone else move if there are other identical machines open next to it.

Why is it that the people that mow the grass on campus or at apartments always figure us college students are always awake at 8 a.m.? My first class is at 11 a.m. and I would appreciate it if I could sleep later and not have to worry about hearing the lawnmower right underneath my window.

The three TEC opinion columnists say the same things over and over again. It's time for a new idea, people. Your readers are getting tired.

To the person complaining about "those who have not slacked off and gotten out of shape during the first semester" and not having any equipment to work out on because of us fat people who are only going to the gym to accomplish a resolution that will "fizzle out by February"... last time I checked, a part of every ECU student's tuition pays for our use of the gym. Regardless of our reason for being there, instead of complaining you should be congratulating those who are trying to get in shape for doing just that. Do you want America to stay overweight and out of shape? Try going when it's not so crowded or signing your name to the little sheet on the machines.

People who do their job well are awarded with new fancy equipment they rightfully deserve. People who do not do their jobs well have to remain using old beat up equipment they rightfully deserve. That is how the world works.

I bled from my Metallica tattoos.

I hate it when Minges Maniacs.com magically forces me to stay on it all day when I should be studying.

They should change the name of "One Stop" to "Two Stop" since we now have to enter our login and password twice to access e-mail.

To all the liberals out there, especially Peter Kalajian (who predicted 1/3 of Iraqi's would show up to vote): 72 percent turned out, and to quote one, "This is just like a dream."

I don't understand Greenville. People drive below the speed limit on the highway but they fly through parking lots like it's a race track.

The frat rats and sorority suits should really clean up their bed sheet advertisements for rush after rush is over, as they are pretty unsightly after the wind rips them apart.

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In My Opinion

Question of women's math ability is a red herring

(KRT) — At a recent meeting of social scientists exploring the dearth of women and minorities in the sciences, Harvard President Lawrence Summers posed the provocative question: Do biological differences equip fewer women than men with the necessary high-level mathematical skills to succeed in these fields? In response to swift and widespread criticism, he has since issued a formal apology. Unfortunately, the shadow of the doubt he raised persists.

At a time when large numbers of highly qualified women are not encouraged to study science and numerous others who have scaled the daunting and arduous hurdles required to enter the disciplines are being driven out, this question is a dangerous red herring. Indeed, the question itself distracts policy-makers from the real problems facing women in science: the biological and physical sciences have been developed by men, for men, and the result is a field that alienates women.

First there is the career structure. At the doctoral level, success in science requires constant geographic relocation from the undergraduate to the graduate institution, onto post doc and then the first job. Continuous movement during the period when most young people are starting families puts female scientists at a distinct disadvantage since, in comparison to their male

peers, they are more likely to marry established professional spouses who are least mobile just when they need to be most mobile for their wives. Women are then faced with the no-win choice: compromising either their careers or their marriages.

Second, women are shut out by their peers. Scientific networks often exclude women. As my research has shown, men in graduate science programs are much more likely than women to be mentored by senior scientists. Yet while the mentoring of male students has been shown to have little effect on a man's graduation rate, it increases the probability of graduation for women by large and significant amounts.

Third, women are put off by the work itself. Once out of school, women often lose their passion for work that is overly narrow and unconnected to personal, social or political issues. The academy's lip service to the value of multi-disciplinary research gives way to the difficulty in pursuing and evaluating work done outside of the disciplines' traditional boundaries. Women also become frustrated with confining work roles that have few if any pathways to increased responsibility. They become embittered as they are passed over for promotions as their male peers step seamlessly into positions of power.

There are ways to make science

more hospitable to women. Dramatic improvements in transportation and communication over the last 40 years should, for example, make much geographical relocation unnecessary. And, while the long hours expected of junior faculty in research universities may be an important signal of post-tenure productivity, they are more difficult for mothers than fathers because, even in this highly educated population, women take on more than two-thirds of the burden of raising children. In the 21st century, the day-to-day juggling of children and science is a distraction that few men ever face. If we are unwilling to restructure the hours spent at the workplace, we can at least begin to make greater strides toward sharing responsibility in the home.

Constantly fighting the stereotype most recently articulated by Summers that they are not as scientifically gifted as their male peers, women feel that they have to work twice as hard to prove their worth in a field that continues to over-value male contribution. They often hide pregnancies as long as possible, take minimal maternity leaves, and continue to work long hours after child birth even when generous maternity leaves and tenure clock stoppages are available. They feel compelled to fight the subtle discrimination of senior, and not so senior, scientists who believe that science and mothering do not mix.

Announcements:

Poetry Reading

John Balaban will offer a poetry reading Wednesday, Feb. 2 in Bate 1032 at 7:30 p.m. Balaban is the poetry chair at NC State University.

Dance 2005

Dance 2005 begins on Thursday, Feb. 3 and continues until Tuesday, Feb. 8. This event begins at 8 p.m. in the McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$8 - 12.

Stadium Tour

There will be a tour of the baseball stadium Friday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. Parking is available at the Ward Sports Medicine Building. Another tour is available Friday, Feb. 18.

Equestrian Club

Anyone interested in the Equestrian Club should contact Courtney Quinn at cdq0525@mail.ecu.edu. This club utilizes Hunt Seat Horseback Riding, all levels are welcome to join.

Names in the news:

Gotti Gets Charged

The founder of the infamous Murder Inc. music label home to megastars Ja Rule and Ashanti has been charged with laundering more than \$1 million in drug money from a multi-state crack cocaine and heroin enterprise. Irv "Gotti" Lorenzo has made no bones about being pals with alleged drug kingpin Kenneth "Supreme" McGriff. The feds say "Gotti" and his brother and business partner, Chris Lorenzo, accepted regular deliveries of cash from McGriff at their Manhattan offices. "Supreme," who's jailed at present on a gun violation, has in turn been charged with drug dealing and racketeering, not to mention three murders. "Gotti" and his brother, who pleaded not guilty in federal court in Brooklyn, have been released on \$1 million bonds.

Beyonce-Wear Debut

Having conquered the music charts, Beyonce is set to try her hand at being a couturier. The pop and R&B superstar has announced she has partnered with Tarrant Apparel Group to release a series of ready-to-wear fashions under the label the House of Dereon, which is named after her grandmother, former seamstress Agnes Dereon. The fashions will be in stores sometime this fall. Their look? "A mix of vintage things with contemporary things." Beyonce articulates. The line will have "sexy tops, sweaters and party dresses, things that I would wear on or off the red carpet."

A Healthier Clark

TV and music fans rejoice: "American Bandstand" hero Dick Clark has been released from the hospital, seven weeks after suffering a minor stroke and missing his celebrated gig hosting televised New Year's festivities in New York's Times Square for the first time in 32 years. Clark, 75, returned to his Malibu pad, where he reportedly is recuperating nicely, and he extends a heartfelt thanks for all the cards and letters he received. "He was very touched by the outpouring of support," his rep, Paul Sheffrin, said. No word on whether the stroke will affect the impresario's overall health.

Joan's New Prayer

Is "Joan of Arcadia's" star being a difficult diva? You judge: Amber Tamblyn, 21, tells TV Guide that she's bored playing the teenage gal who talks to God on the CBS drama. So bored, she might walk away from it all. "I like to be challenged," she says. "Joan's life is tough. Her reactions are not as hard as they should be. I want to see her more challenged." Whenever trouble arises, Joan easily handles it, with the aid of the deity in serious deus ex machina mode. But the show's executive producer, Stephen Nathan, says these "creative differences ... are the norm," and he tells the world Tamblyn is a phenomenal talent.

ECU School of Theatre and Dance presents: Dance 2005

Performance set to open Thursday

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Whether it's tap, jazz, modern, ballet, swing, hip-hop or anything else, dance is something everyone can enjoy. This year, keeping the tradition alive, the ECU School of Theatre and Dance and ECU/Loessin Playhouse will present Dance 2005. Performances will be Feb. 3 - 8, Thursday through Saturday beginning at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. and Monday through Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the McGinnis Theatre. Tickets range from \$7 - 12 and can be purchased on the Internet at ecurts.com, by phone, or at the McGinnis Theatre Box Office. This production will showcase the many talents of the school, including dancers, ECU School of Dance faculty and a guest choreographer.

The line up will include Galina Panova's Pas de Quatre, Rodger Belman's Trace, Patricia Weeks' Rough Road, Tommi Overcash Galaska's Talking Trash, Joe Carow's Divertissement, Clarine Powell's Swing Sets and Red Hot Dots and guest choreographer, Colleen Thomas' Breathtaking (too sweet to last). Each of these performances will give the audience a chance to view the many aspects of dance and experience the beauty of movement.

There is an interesting story behind every one of these selections in the performance. Rough Road, choreographed by Patricia Weeks, offers modern dance with music in which she joined forces with composer Edward Jacobs of the ECU School of Music to create an original score, "Dis/connected." "This is my first time collaborating with Ed Jacobs," said Weeks, contemporary dance area coordinator and choreographer for the ECU School of Theatre and Dance. "This is a piece about people on a journey and the obstacles they must face."

Another highlight of the show is Galena Panova's Pas de



Galina Panov's Pas de Quatre ballet, as illustrated above, is being performed as a historical tribute in Dance 2005.

Quatre, which means "Dance of Four." This piece is what you might call an antique of ballet because it dates back to 1854, when it was first performed. Panova will revitalize this piece and bring it new life with four talented ballerinas.

Tommi Overcash Galaska's Talking Trash joins street dance and jazz into a collaboration of each of the dancer's personalities.

Rodger Belman's Trace is a modern dance piece that tells the story of a soldier killed in Baghdad. This will be Belman's first year choreographing a piece for Dance 2005 as a faculty member at ECU.

Joe Carow's Divertissement combines four classical ballet movements into one. This will be challenging for the dancers in this piece due to the difficulty level of dance in the classical era.

Clarine Powell's Swing Sets and Red Hot Dots, combines

tap-dance and swing into the mix with music taken from jazz greats Duke Ellington, Erroll Garner, Benny Goodman and Count Basie.

The guest choreographer position is a chance for dancers to work with a choreographer they have never worked with before.

These choreographers have come through the years from all over the country. This year's guest, Colleen Thomas, came to ECU from New York, where in the last 15 years she has traveled all over the world and has performed and choreographed many pieces. Such performances include collaboration with Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company, BeBe Miller Company, Nina Weiner Dance Company, Donald Byrd/The Group, the Kevin Wynn Collection and Sung Su Ahn. Currently, she is a professor at Long Island University's Brooklyn campus

and Barnard at Columbia University. After all of these tasks she also performs with Bill Young and Dancer's, where she choreographs as well.

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WZM-Who?

Yes, ECU does have its own radio station

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Believe it or not, there are more radio stations in town than the popular 99X or Bob 93.3. Many students at ECU don't even realize our school has a radio station that broadcasts daily during the school year. If you are one of the many who are not aware of this, you are not alone. In fact, it can take more than three semesters to discover our very own radio station.

The station is 91.3 WZMB. They broadcast each and every day school is in session. This is a station that has one purpose for existing: to entertain you by playing the music you want to hear.

What other radio station around here plays a wide variety of music and has a daily program that conforms to your standards? You won't find rap on 99X and you won't find great ska, the beach, punk and swing mix on Bob 93.3. WZMB has them all.

"We just want to play what people want to hear," said senior Shawn Lamons, WZMB general manager.

And the station does just that. Their daily schedule plays everything and anything. That means you get a lot of rock, hip-hop, R&B, punk, ska, metal, jazz, blues, brand new music, classic rock and gospel. And if the supply of metal is not enough for you, let them know. They want to make a program schedule that fits the desire of every person on campus. Name one other mainstream commercial station that has as much variety and works to ensure your satisfaction, rather than pleasing the likes of investors.

The radio station begins its daily broadcast at 8 a.m. with the MorningZ. The DJs "pretty much play whatever they want," said junior Kacy Thompson, program director of the radio station. Requests are always accepted and granted easier than a commercial radio station.

Two times a day, WZMB dedicates time to playing brand new music. Some of the bands featured during these time blocks are newly signed bands, while others are still shopping their demos to record labels. A lot of the songs are brand new buzz cuts everyone in America will soon be singing daily, but here at ECU, we get to enjoy them before anyone else.

"We were playing bands like Modest Mouse and Franz Ferdinand before they become popular," Lamons said about their "New Music" blocks.

"We try and shy away from playing just the singles," Thompson said.

"The Blue Note Café" can be heard on WZMB during lunchtime. This show features a lot of blues music and jazz. This segment is particularly popular amongst the faculty at ECU. There's also the "Drive at 5," which plays whatever people want to hear. If you're stuck in your car on the ever busy Greenville Boulevard, this is the show for you. Give the DJs a call if you want to hear your favorite song on the radio while you wait in traffic after classes. It's always a great feeling to hear a song you love come on the radio at your request while the streets are clogged with many cars.

The station also has specialty programs throughout the week that play all punk, all ska, all retro, all metal, all reggae, all indie rock and all techno. Where else can you find this much variety on one station in Greenville? On the weekends, WZMB continues its broadcast with gospel music, roots rock and classic rock in addition to playing some of the other specialty programs.

WZMB also features different talk shows that pertain to the likes of every single person

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Anthropology, design go hand in hand

ECU graduates open their own business

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It's great to know there are ECU graduates out there making it on their own in our neck of the woods. Audra Whorton, who graduated from ECU last May with a degree in anthropology and history, and her fiancé, Jason Sampson, who will graduate next December with a degree in anthropology, recently opened their own store here in Greenville called Artifacts.

"Artifacts is 'a store that celebrates hand-crafted jewelry and gift items created by young people all over the country,'" said Susan Whorton, Audra's sister. The store carries items designed by Audra and by other young artists. These items include hand painted jewelry, wine and margarita glasses and plates. The design features range from hearts to school colors and logos. Everything is handmade except the sterling silver jewelry.

Although opening your own business can be extremely time consuming and scary at first, this ECU graduate makes it

perfectly clear that it is worth it. Whorton said this store finally gave her the chance to showcase her art to others and see their reactions instead of just having her items as wholesale.

"I enjoy getting to interact with the people," said Whorton.

The process of opening Artifacts wasn't exactly easy for the two. Whorton has been out of school for three years, but feels that being an ECU graduate has helped her in opening this store.

"People in Greenville are really eager to help ECU students do well," Whorton said.

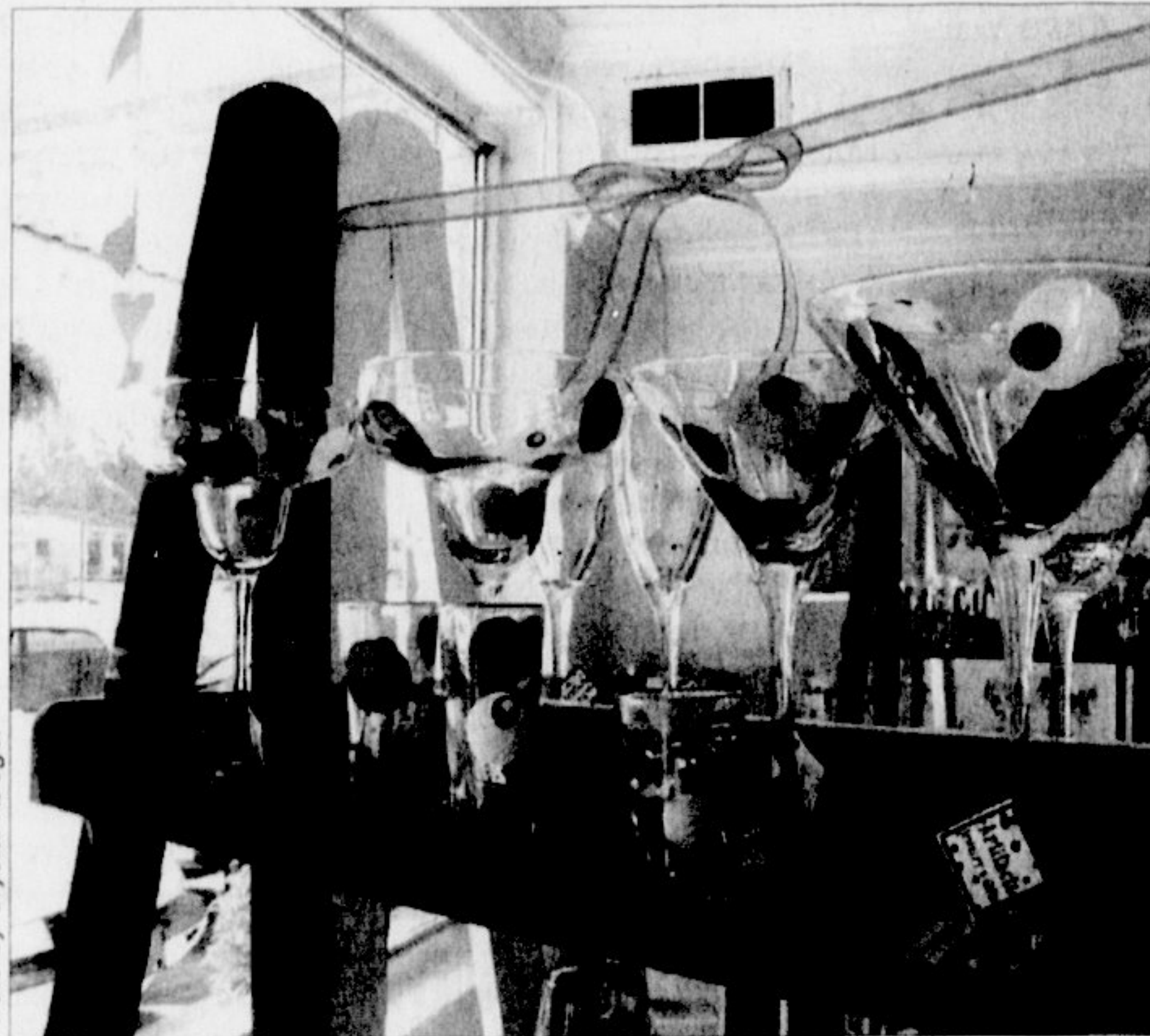
"You just have to talk to people, don't be afraid. Talk to the faculty, the staff and the banks."

Her fiancé feels the same way. "Just having the degree gives you more confidence," said Sampson.

"School made us braver." Out of all the aspects that go in to opening your own business, Whorton enjoys decorating and choosing colors and placements the best.

"I also like to see other people see my work," Whorton said.

"I like it when my family and friends get to come by." As most should know,



"Artifacts" specializes in one of a kind, handmade glassware.

opening your own business isn't exactly a piece of cake. But for ECU students and future graduates, we have to admire the accomplishments of our fellow students and alumni. We should take their advice and continue to work hard.

"No matter how crazy it is, if you think you can do it, at least try it," Sampson said.

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PRSSA offers career advancement potential

How the PRSSA can help you

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The PRSSA stands for the Public Relations Student Society of America. This group is actively involved in the field of communication and has around 30 active members. If you are interested in a job in the field of public relations, this group is a must for you. But what if you aren't interested in PR? Even if you aren't interested in the field of communication there is still room for you here.

The ECU chapter of PRSSA is one of the largest, most active and surprisingly, newest chapters in the state. The participants in the group deal directly with all sorts of professionals everyday, ranging from large medical corporations to many different corporation administrations. They also attend conventions in New York City, and hold events here in Greenville.

The events held here in Greenville are not just for chapters located in the state. These events attract some of the most prominent businessmen in America, all coming here for students at ECU to meet, greet and establish.

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PRSSA sold fundraiser raffle tickets Jan. 26 at Wright Place.

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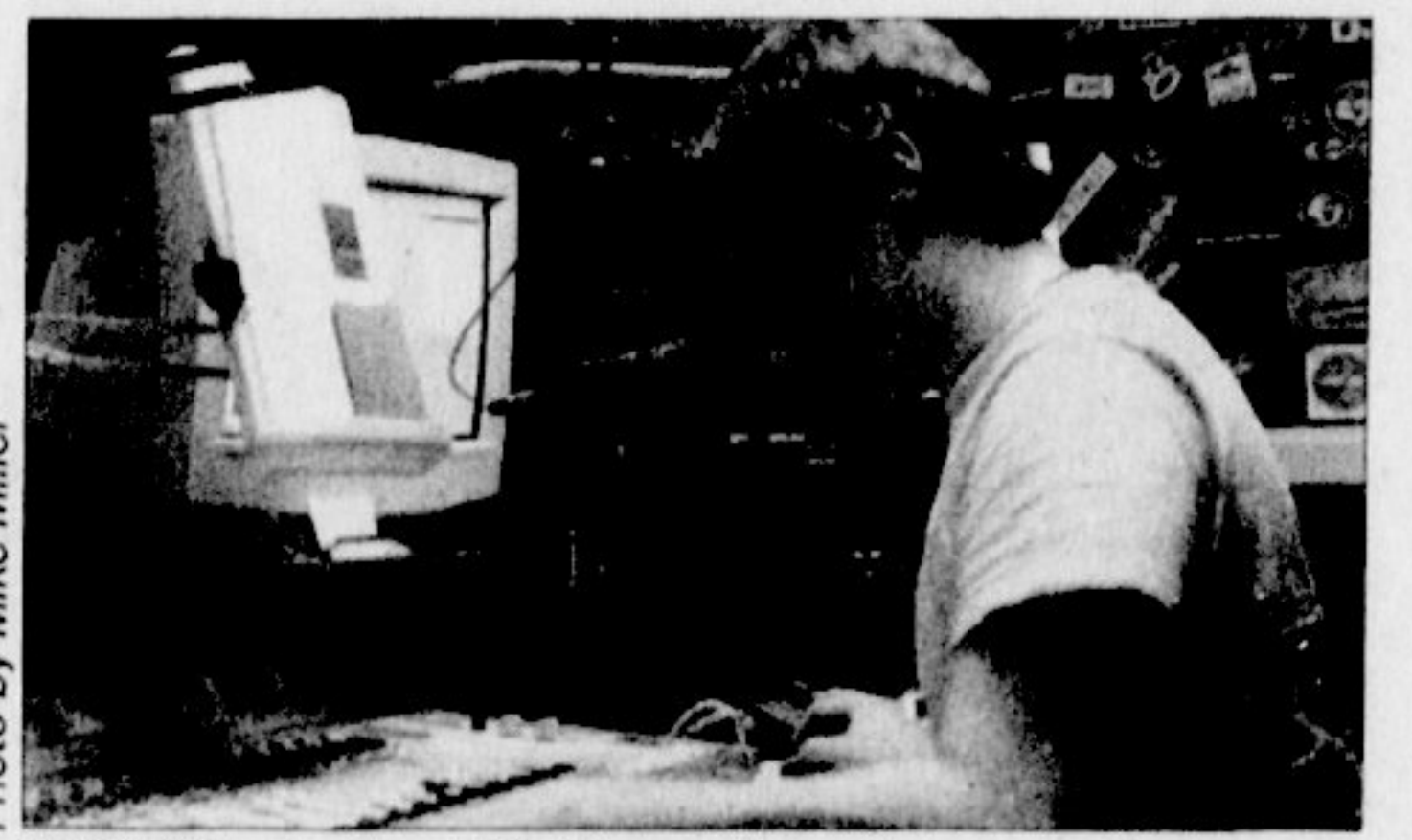
Students need only present a valid ECU OneCard to enter Mardi Gras. Students may bring a guest (high school or older), but must obtain a guest pass prior to the event with a limit of 1 guest pass per student. Guest passes will be available January 27 through February 3 at the Central Ticket Office in MSC from 9am-5pm. Passes will also be available at the Student Recreation Center, January 27 through February 3 from 9am-10pm.



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on campus. Monday nights, the station has "Pirate Talk," which covers everything from ECU sports all the way to the national level, which features TEC's own Tony Zoppo. This show features many guests that have included ECU Athletics Director Terry Holland and former ECU athletes. The sports team at WZMB also provides live broadcasts from all the Lady Pirates home basketball games. They broadcasted all the home football games from last season, and are trying to air some of the home Pirate baseball games this upcoming season. There's also the "Insight Show" which is issue based. Lamons said this show contains "stuff that pertains mainly to college kids." They talk about everything from different organizations to student health. They also have counselors come in and do on-air interviews. Another show is for local music only, where local bands come into the studio to do interviews and to get their name out. Guests have included Afroman, Squeezetoy and even a band all the way from California. If you are in a band and are interested in being featured on this show, drop off your demo at the radio station. Not only will it be put into rotation, but you might even get to come into the studio for an interview. Finally, there's the "Expressions Show" on Thursdays. This covers minority issues on campus, focusing on all the minority groups we have here at ECU.

Contrary to popular belief, employment at the radio station is not limited to just communication majors. Both Lamons and Thompson happen to be media production majors, but there are a wide range of students with different majors working at WZMB. Sports Director Scotty Williams is a history education major. When asked if he finds it difficult working for the radio station and not being a communication major, Williams said "it's a great experience for communication majors, but it's also good for students who want to get experience working in media." WZMB is always looking to hire new



WZMB student DJ broadcasts over airwaves.

employees. For those who don't want to broadcast, there are also jobs available for behind the scenes work, such as production and grants. Stop by the station to apply.

Since this station works for the students of ECU, they are also willing to help promote campus events. They work closely with Pirate Underground and their DJs are at all the shows. They will also do some on-air announcements for different events around campus. If you want on-air publicity, just stop by the radio station.

WZMB is your radio station. The entire staff is committed to making sure they play the very best music that you want to hear each and every day of the week.

"We've grown a lot since I first started in 2002," Lamons said about her tenure at the station.

"We want feedback," Thompson said. The station will conform to the types of music that you want to hear. There aren't a lot of radio stations out there that will alter their programs just because their listeners want it changed. If you have never tuned your dial to 91.3 you might want to give it a try and see what you have been missing.

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SGA keeps student opinion 'in the loop'

What can they do for you?

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STAFF WRITER

Back in the year 1920, ECU got its first taste of student government. The Student Government Association was formed, yet in 1934 two separate ECU organizations emerged: The Women's Student Government Association and The Men's Student Government Association. Only a mere 10 years later, the two groups once again merged together to form the strong Student Government Association, which is still standing today.

So what exactly is the SGA? The SGA is a collaboration of ECU students that are the representative governing body for all students at the university. The Director of University Unions, Vice Chancellor and Assistant Vice Chancellor for

student life are all advisors and act as valid sources for the ECU students and members of the SGA. The members are in control of student affairs, student organizations and have an active role in deciding things that directly affect ECU students.

Since the SGA is open for any and all students, the organization also gives every student the opportunity to participate in levels of governmental activities and political events. There are three branches: executive, legislative and judicial, very similar to our own United States Government. Shannon O'Donnell was elected last semester as the current 2004-2005 SGA president. As president, she is also a member of the ECU Board of Trustees, where she brings the "students' voice" to be heard at a higher level, that under normal circumstances, would not be possible.

"SGA is a great organization because it gives students a voice within the ECU community," said junior communication major

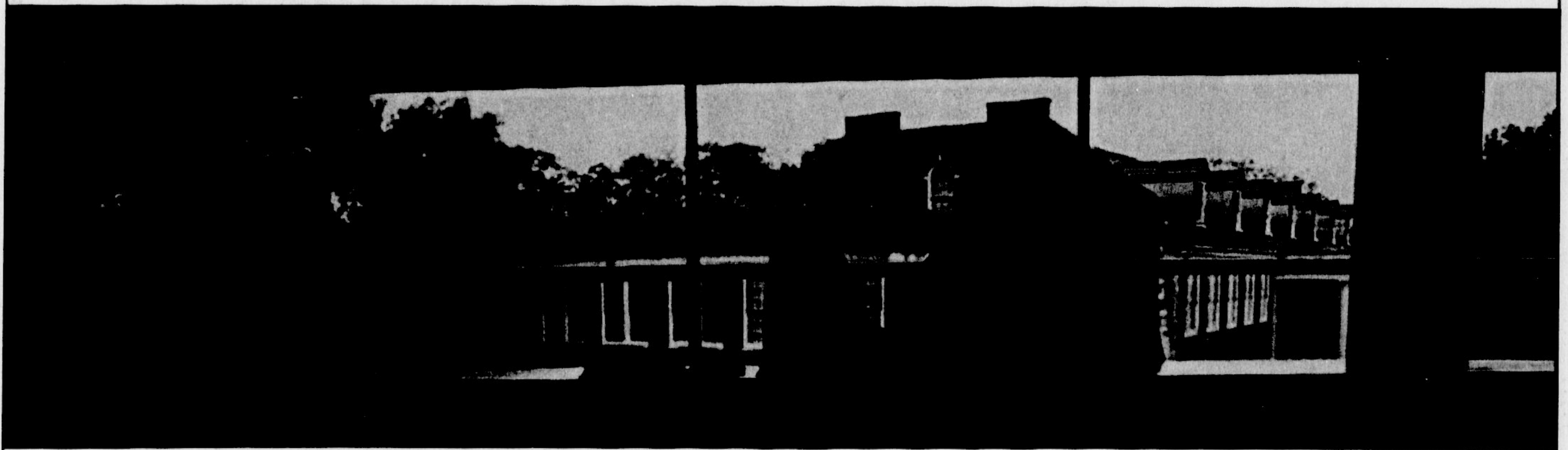
Kristin Day.

"They have great fundraisers and projects that help many people around ECU, North Carolina and the world."

Currently, the largest project that SGA is involved with is raising money for the Tsunami Relief Fund to help all the victims and people who are currently suffering from the recent natural disaster. They are always looking for new members to help in forming committees and diving into the governmental processes at ECU, and would love to have you help. The student government offices are located on the second floor of Mendenhall Student Center. Weekly SGA meetings are Wednesdays in room 221 at 8:30 p.m. For students who want more information, to express a concern or become a member, their offices can be contacted at 328-4726, and their e-mail address is SGA@mail.ecu.edu.

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lish connections. This year at the Regional Crisis Communication Competition, the deputy director of the Argonne National Laboratory, Don Joyce, will be flying into Greenville to help with judging the events. This event entails different groups receiving a mock health crisis and allows different groups to come up with solutions to their specific problem. Groups will work on their specific problems through creating ad campaigns, press releases and choosing other forms to direct the media in a less aggressive way toward the assigned problem.

Another event the PRSSA is handling right now is a t-shirt contest. All students are eligible and the idea is to create a logo for the PRSSA t-shirts. Whoever submits the best logo will get to see their work printed on all of the organization's t-shirts.

But why is the PRSSA advantageous to so many different majors? The PRSSA is always looking to develop their design graphics which could help art majors. They have created, and are still continuing to work with music, theatre and dance events and publicize them - this is an interest to some music, theatre or dance majors. They constantly work with medical corporations, which could create a launch pad for some of the many students majoring in biology, chemistry or one of the many medical fields offered here at ECU.

For those who are English

majors and print journalism majors, the PRSSA is continually working on newsletters, press releases and other related work, which would guarantee the improvement of your writing skills. And for broadcast journalism majors, the PRSSA is always working with radio stations and news stations statewide. The list goes on and on, and just the same, the opportunities in the PRSSA go on and on. More than the diversity of their work, what this organization does is invaluable to almost anyone's career and it could give the boost everyone needs in this overly competitive world.

ECU is very lucky to have a chapter of the PRSSA here. It takes a lot to receive a charter from the national committee in New York City. The committee has to review the school's curriculum, the anticipated level of involvement from the student body and the school has to land two corporate sponsors just to be considered. ECU received their charter two years ago, and became one of nine universities in North Carolina to receive a grant. After its inception, the group here at ECU became rigorously involved with many different projects and after two years has become the largest and most active chapter in North Carolina.

Once students graduate from college, they can continue their involvement with the PRSSA. Almost all prominent business

people are still connected with the adult version of the group, the PRSA, if they were involved in college. Even in the working force, the group allows you to create a web of contacts, which indirectly increases your potential for climbing the business ladder.

Sure this all sounds nice and interesting, but what are the students saying? What keeps these kids coming back to the organization? President of the PRSSA chapter at ECU, Stacy Ellis says "PRSSA has benefited [me] so much because I have been able to network with people that I would never have met if I was not a member of PRSSA. I have been able to go to New York and sit and talk with CEO's of companies and talk with people that work [with] very large companies around the world. PRSSA has helped me to be more open when speaking to people instead of being shy."

"We are working on many different activities right now so we stay very busy and we also get experience. Even though it's not said to be an internship, you gain so much experience by helping planning events, writing articles for our newsletter or helping fundraising."

Ellis' enthusiasm about the group was very apparent, proving yet another point. The group is a great way to make friends, and most importantly establish contacts. In this highly competitive business world we live

in, hundreds of thousands of students get out of college every year and what distinguishes one over the other is who they know. In the PRSSA you have the ability to meet and become friends with CEO's and other influential people in the business world and that benefit is priceless.

The PRSSA group is currently accepting membership now through early March. The only fee, a \$55 payment covers your membership throughout the year. The chapter here at ECU meets in Joyner East, which is the building directly across from the library in the brick sound garden. They meet in room 212 at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. For more information on the group you can contact the chapter advisor Christine Russell at russellc@mail.ecu.edu.

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Upset city: Pirates knock off hot Charlotte 49ers

ECU holds 49ers to just 51 points for game

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, Jan. 29: The day Moussa Badiane was expected to break the Conference USA record for most blocked shots in a career held by former Cincinnati star and All-American, Kenyon Martin (292). The Pirate nation got what they expected from their star "swatter," but it was the unexpected that had the 5,300 plus in attendance leaving Minges Coliseum wondering what they had just witnessed.

With 6:41 remaining in the game, the Charlotte 49ers had 51 points. After the defensive change suggested by assistant coach, George Stackhouse, the Charlotte 49ers would stay at 51. And stay, and stay and stay.

"When you play them, you kind of have to pick your poison," said ECU Head Coach Bill Herrion.

"We played box-and-one, which I would like to say we work on every day, but I don't think we've ever worked on it. But what it did was it kept the ball from (Curtis) Withers inside and that was the difference. They didn't react to it real well and maybe it confused them a little bit."

Withers had a game high 23 points and went on a personal 6-0 run, capped off by a three-point play, which came at the 6:41 mark.

"I was very worried when they started going to Withers and we had no answer for him," Herrion said.

"Typically what we would have done is double the post, but the reason we didn't do that is we were so concerned with (Brendan) Plavich."

ECU used the box-and-one to contain both Withers and Plavich, holding the 49ers scoreless



Rouse (top), McNeil (middle) and Badiane (bottom) celebrate after the victory Saturday.

for the final 6:41.

However, the Pirates had been struggling offensively as well and would need a spark from somewhere to give themselves a chance to pull off the upset.

After a disappointing shooting performance against the St. Louis Billikens last Wednesday night, freshman guard, Tommy Hammonds IV would be one of the few bright spots on the offensive end for the Pirates, connecting on all four of his attempts from three-land in the game and hitting what would turn out to be the biggest jumper of his young career.

With the score 51-50 in Char-

lotte's favor, the ball found itself in Hammonds' hands.

"I had been feeling it ever since I hit my first three," said Hammonds.

"I knew that when Japhet (McNeil) kicked it out to me on the baseline, they were going to be flying at me. I work on one-dribble pull-ups all the time and when I released it, I knew it was good."

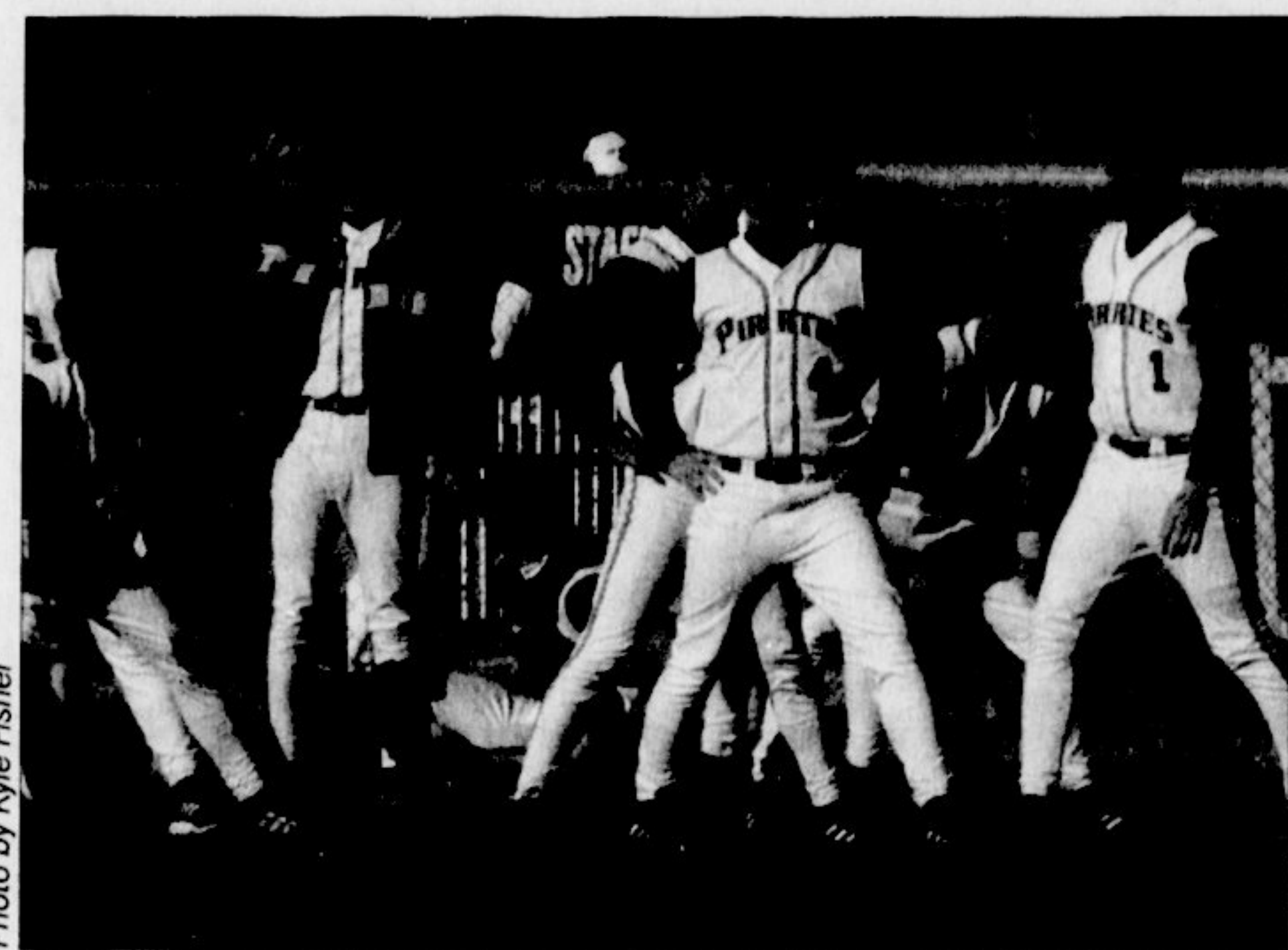
Hammonds' jumper at the 1:04 mark ended a scoring drought by both teams of just over three minutes and Badiane would make sure Charlotte's drought would continue until the final buzzer had sounded.

After ECU went ahead 52-51, Charlotte went back to their main man on the night, looking to get an easy two inside. Withers found daylight but it was quickly darkened as "Moose" collected his third block on the evening, stuffing Withers' dunk attempt.

ECU failed to capitalize on the block, however, and the 49ers had another chance to steal one from the Pirates in Minges.

Charlotte's Eddie Basden decided to take it right to C-USA's all time shot blocks leader, hoping to draw a foul and get to

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Pirates pack enough punch to be in top 50

ECU left out of Baseball America's top 50

OPINION

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ECU will begin the baseball season ranked 30th in the nation. The latest preseason poll released by The National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association gave the Diamond Bucs their highest such preseason honor. The Pirates were also ranked 32nd by Collegiate Baseball, who released their preseason rankings on Dec. 22.

Baseball America, the well known publication out of Durham, NC who reports predominately in the eastern part of the United States, but releases national polls and rankings, left the Pirates out of their preseason top 50. A year removed from 51 wins, National Writer Will Kimmy, coordinator of the poll, has answers.

"It might sound simple or smart-alecky, but we just see each team we ranked ahead of ECU as better," said Kimmy.

"ECU's offensive and leadership losses were severe, plus it lost its best pitcher in Greg Bunn. That's a ton to lose for a team that beat teams by destroying their pitching staff on Friday night, which does impact the series on Sundays.

"The Pirates are a tournament team, but aren't world beaters this year."

You're right Will, the Pirates aren't world-beaters. But while they may not roll to 51 wins again this year, the Diamond Bucs are anything but a team that doesn't deserve to be in the top 50.

First things first, losing Greg Bunn to the draft was a huge loss. However, the Pirates are returning 41 of the 51 wins from last year's staff, which includes two of three starters and a dynamite bullpen. Shane Matthews will anchor the load for the Pirates on the mound this year. The super sophomore was 7-1 last year with an ERA of 3.72. Those numbers earned him the honors of the Conference USA All Freshman Team as well as being named to the Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball All Freshman Team.

Senior southpaw Brody Taylor will likely be the Saturday starter and will look to improve on a stellar junior season. Taylor started 15 games for the Pirates and was a perfect 8-0 pitching 85.1 innings, striking out 63 while only issuing 16 walks. A shoulder injury may keep Taylor out of the early season lineup, but look for him to enter the rotation as soon as he returns to 100 percent.

The bullpen, which was so good for ECU a year ago,

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Mitchell has a personality as diverse as his wardrobe.

Super Bowl trash talk heats up

(AP) — Even without the pads on, New England safety Rodney Harrison delivered quite a blow.

Asked whether he will say anything to Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell, who dished the Patriots' secondary last week, Harrison took his shot.

"What would I say?" he said. "It's Freddie Mitchell."

And with that, Super Bowl week was on.

The Eagles and Patriots, two teams with very little history or animosity between them, opened America's big football celebration with a nice bit of trash talking Sunday at the first of the dozen or so news conferences that will take place during the week.

This was Harrison's first chance on the Super Bowl stage to respond to Mitchell. Last week, the Eagles receiver said he couldn't name any of the Patriots defensive backs except for Harrison, about whom he said, "I've got something for him."

Harrison, who has spent much of his 11-year career playing the us-against-the-world card to anyone who would listen, found his perfect foil in Mitchell, who let political correctness take a back

seat and greased the wheels for this Super Feud.

"You're always going to find one jerk out of the bunch. Just like Vanderjerk. Mike Vanderjerk," Harrison said, referring to Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt, who earlier in the postseason suggested the Patriots were ripe for a loss. "You're always going to find one guy like that who wants some attention and wants to do something to try and stir up the emotions of the game."

Not surprisingly, Mitchell was unavailable at the Eagles' media opportunity Sunday. Also not surprisingly, coach Andy Reid tried to sidestep the inevitable questions about how he reacted when he heard what Mitchell said.

"That's between Freddie and I," Reid said.

Meanwhile, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb understandably took his teammate's side in the fray, framing Mitchell's comments as meaningless blather made during the tedious bye week.

"Freddie didn't mean anything by them. It's sad that people have to blow them up to make them into a story," McNabb said.

"Freddie apologized. If someone needs those comments to get up for a game like this, they don't need to be here. This is the Super Bowl, this is the ultimate."

The Mitchell-Harrison imbroglio took at least a temporary bite out of the other main "football" stories of the week: whether the Eagles will get lost in the hoopla of playing in their first Super Bowl since 1981 (Reid said he'll give the players their freedom, treat them like adults); whether the Patriots, seeking their third title in four years, are on the verge of a dynasty (Coach Bill Belichick insists the past has nothing to do with this week); and, most notably, whether Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens will deem his injured ankle sturdy enough to play.

Owens, who tore up the ankle Dec. 19 and has missed the last four games, has not received clearance to play from the surgeon who operated on his ankle.

Nevertheless, the receiver hasn't ruled himself out of the game and his status has become the overarching theme of the buildup to the big game.

"It seems like everyone talks

about the Patriots, then when they talk about the Eagles, it's what T.O. will do," McNabb said. "If he plays, you'll talk about him. If he doesn't play, you'll talk about him anyway."

Reid said Owens has been steadily increasing his work and will try to "do a few things" at a light practice Monday, but his availability won't be determined until much later in the week.

And while there will almost certainly be an entire week to speculate on Owens, it's hard to know how long the Mitchell mess will last.

Even if it was only for a fleeting day, it was good stuff.

"When he says something like that, he's disrespecting our whole defense," Patriots line-backer Willie McGinest said. "Not only Rodney, but me, and Tedy Bruschi and Mike Vrabel and all the rest of us."

But especially Harrison. "Maybe he was drinking before he started talking," he said. "That was clearly a mistake, because no one in this league would attack somebody a week before the Super Bowl."

ECU women's basketball drops heartbreaker to Tulane

TULANE 66
ECU 64

(SID) — The ECU women's basketball team dropped its first Conference USA game of the season at home Sunday afternoon inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum to Tulane 66-64.

Junior Ebonee Downey went to the free throw line with less than a second remaining in the contest shooting three and looking to force the game into overtime. Downey hit the first shot and came up short on the remaining two halting the Pirates (7-13, 3-4) home winning streak at four games.

After a back-and-forth first half, which saw ECU take a 30-27 lead into the half, Tulane (10-11, 2-6) took its biggest lead of the game 49-41 after D'Aundra Henry sank two free throws with 11:49 left in the contest. The Pirates crept back in going on a 13-5 run themselves to tie the game at 54-54 on a five-foot jumper by Shanita Sutton.

Four points by Jennifer Jackson and a Viola Cooper three gave ECU a 61-60 advantage with just over two minutes left. Following a Tulane time out, Henry connected on two free throws and drained a 6-foot jumper setting up a thrilling finish with 13.6 ticks on the clock. Unable to locate Jackson or Cooper open on the perimeter, Samantha Pankey found Downey

open for a three-point attempt. Henry's foul on Downey marked the first time all afternoon that the Pirates went to the line.

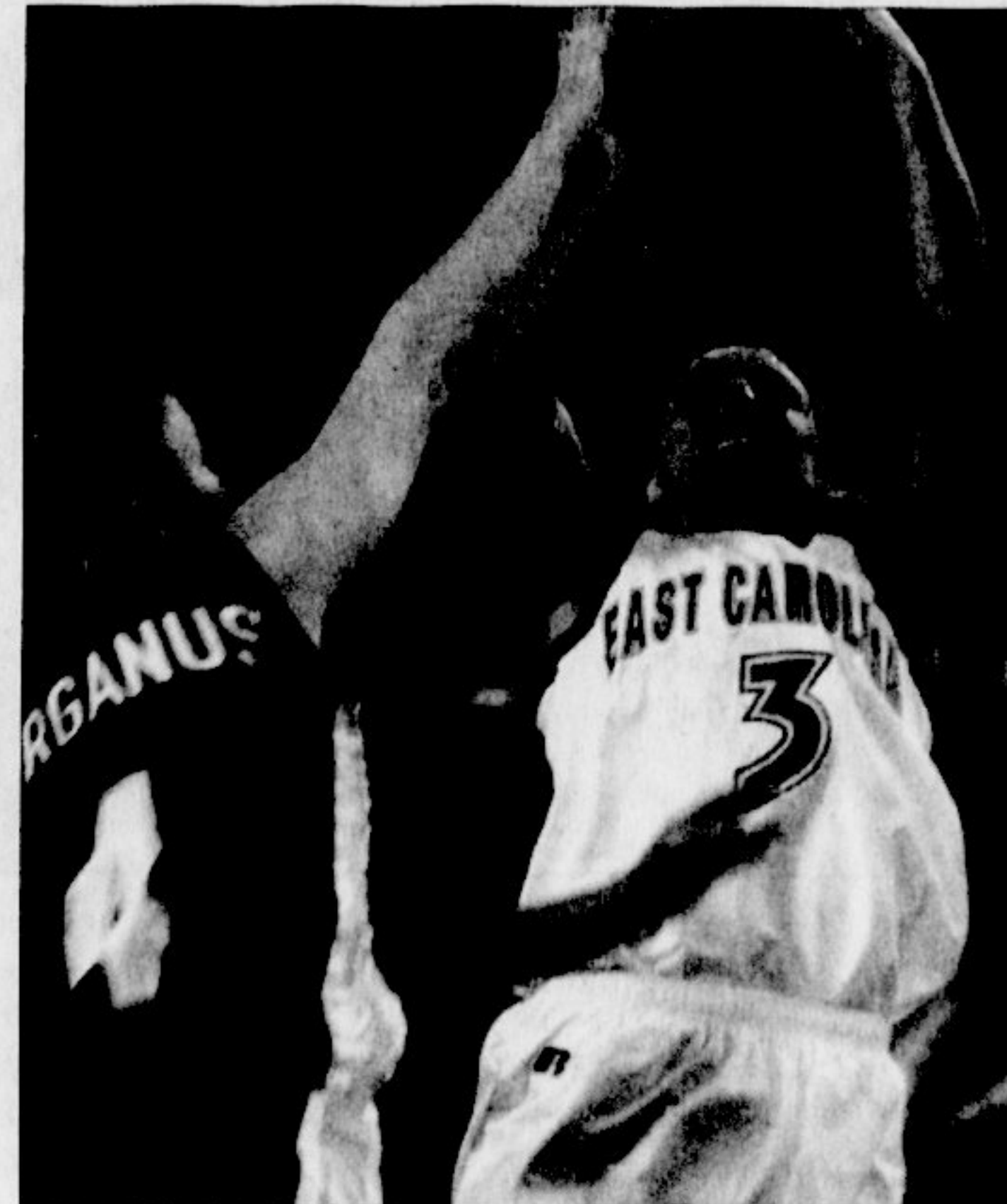
Jackson led the Pirates with 17 points hitting 7-of-17 from the floor, including 3-of-7 from behind the arc. Cooper and Pankey each tied career-highs in assists with seven, while Sutton grabbed a game-best seven rebounds.

Henry paved the way for Tulane with a game-high 20 points, while Lakethia Hampton and Courtney Simmons also scored in double-figures with 15 and 10 respectively.

The Pirates will hit the road this weekend when they travel to Tampa, Fla. to take on USF Saturday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. before closing the road trip at UAB on Monday night.



Jackson (left) paced ECU in scoring again while Cooper (right) set a career high in assists.



Jackson (left) paced ECU in scoring again while Cooper (right) set a career high in assists.

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the free throw line.

But in this chess match, Badiane would have the 49ers in checkmate after he stood tall and drew the charge to help preserve the victory.

"I was thinking about blocking the shot, but when I saw him go into the lane I just tried to make a play," said Badiane.

"I just wanted to win the game and it worked."

Mike Cook tacked on two free throws with just seconds remaining and Charlotte's last three point attempt rimmed away, giving the Pirates their second straight conference win.

"We made plays at the end and that's what made the difference," Badiane said.

"That's how we lost so many close games at the beginning of the season."

"Coach said before the game that somebody was going to have to do something special and we had a lot of people step up," said Cook.

"It feels good to finally win against a team like Charlotte who seems like they always beat us. We should of beat them here last year, so this year we just said we were going to take the game from them."

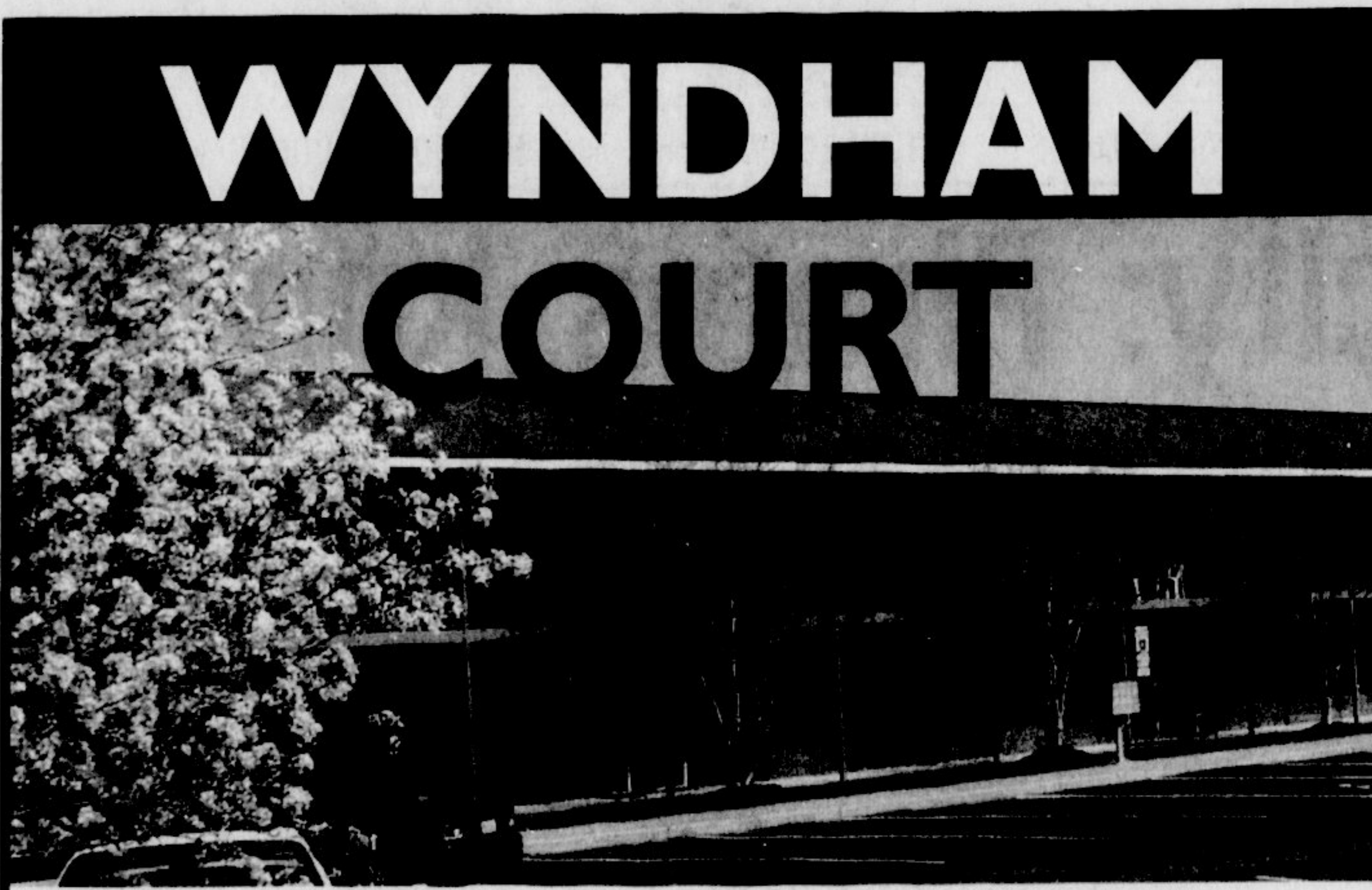
Badiane's three blocks on the night moved him into sole possession of the C-USA all time blocks leader with 294 total. Along with the three swats, he also pulled in nine rebounds while scoring 16. Hammonds also had 16, shooting 75 percent from the floor during the game. Cook once again hit double figures in scoring, as he added 10 for the Pirates.

"This was a great gut-check for our kids," Herrion said. "It's amazing what winning can do for you."

ECU will take its two game conference win streak into Memphis tomorrow night.

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Former 'Dream Job' winner lands prime spot with ESPN

(KRT) CHICAGO — Mike Hall is going from one dream job to another.

ESPN is set to announce Monday that Hall, the Glen Ellyn, Ill., native who hit the jackpot by winning ESPN's "Dream Job" competition, will become the signature anchor for ESPN, the college sports network set to launch in March.

"He's going to be the guy, the face and voice of ESPN," said network vice president Burke Magnus.

Not a bad gig for a White Sox fan who's three weeks shy of his 23rd birthday. But the assignment won't be easy.

ESPN will broadcast more than 300 live events in its first year. They will range from the already popular (football and men's basketball) to the emerging (women's hoops, baseball) to the rarely seen (hockey, softball, volleyball, wrestling and

lacrosse, among others).

Hall's tasks will include pre-game shows, halftimes and post-games. He also will host specials and make public appearances.

He won't have to memorize the rosters for Miami baseball, UCLA women's volleyball and Syracuse lacrosse. But he'll have to know enough to be able to talk about all of them.

"I had lunch with ('Baseball Tonight' host) Karl Ravech, and he told me: 'I need to know everything about 30 baseball teams. You're going to have hundreds,'" said Hall. "Part of that is daunting, but most of it is exciting."

Hall certainly is excited about moving from sleepy Bristol, Conn., to Charlotte, the headquarters for ESPN Regional Television, which will handle the primary production responsibilities for ESPN.

"Let's compare the two," Hall

said. "You've got a booming city with warm weather vs. the four things in Bristol: trees, ESPN, McDonald's and trees."

"Bristol actually gets a bad rap. It's not an awful hick town. It's a nice place, but not exactly a haven for a 22-year-old single guy."

Hall, a University of Missouri alumnus, beat out more than 10,000 competitors last year to land a one-year, \$95,000 gig at ESPN.

He shared a "Sports Center" desk with Linda Cohn in July but has worked primarily at ESPNNEWS, where he pesters producers to lead shows with victories by his beloved Bulls.

Hall also has a passion for college sports, making him a natural for ESPN. The network already has solidified a home on DirecTV, and ESPN is in active discussions with cable and satellite distributors. The launch date

is March 4.

"He's been a regular on ESPNNEWS, so I told him, 'In the short term, you'll probably have less visibility but a much higher profile,'" Magnus said. "He's fired up."

So is Magnus, who jokes that ESPN will brand itself "the home of Duke football."

ESPN and ESPN2 will continue to get the A-list football and men's basketball games, but the new network should appeal to Big 10 football fans. Games that would have been seen regionally on ESPN Plus should find a new home on ESPN.

Magnus is excited to show NCAA championships in sports such as wrestling and lacrosse.

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will likely be the key to Pirate success this season. Kevin Rhodes, who is remembered most from his relief appearance last season against South Carolina, in which he dazzled the Gamecock bats for nearly seven innings, returns as the anchor of the pen. Rhodes was 5-1 last season, with an ERA of 2.87 in 37.2 innings of work.

Rose product Mike Flye returns for his sophomore season. The flame-throwing righty was awesome for the Pirates last year, leading the team in saves with five and adding 36 strikeouts in only 33 innings on the hill.

Offensively, the Pirates lost a combined 71 homeruns and 304 RBI from last year's team. ECU will begin to fill the gaps with someone who I believe has a legitimate shot to be amongst the nation's leaders in home runs in Mike Grace. Grace, in limited action last year, batted .281 with five home runs and a slugging percentage of .517. If you were to multiply his numbers to equal the at-bats that home run leader Trevor Lawhorn had last year, Grace would have

belted 15 homeruns. Throw him into the rhythm of everyday play, and who knows, 23-27 dingers isn't out of the question.

Quite possibly one of the most underrated players in the entire country, junior third baseman Mark Minicozzi is expected to have another solid offensive output. Besides being the best fielding third baseman I have ever seen in person, Cozz swings a pretty mean stick as well. Batting .342 with 10 homeruns and 50 RBI would lead most teams in offense, but on a team that set almost every school and conference offensive record, Minicozzi's numbers from last season took the backseat to five, maybe six other players. I expect Cozz to emerge from the shadows of the 2004 offensive machine, and to become one of C-USA's elite players. The conference seems to concur. They named Minicozzi to the preseason all conference team last Wednesday.

While not the most powerful hitter on the squad, Drew Costanzo will make serious contributions to the run

total as well. Costanzo hit .320 a year ago, but his best games were in the postseason when it mattered the most. He has a big game mentality, which was best displayed in last year's night contest against Clemson in the Leclair Invitational in which he belted the game winning home run in a pinch-hit effort in extra innings to lead the Pirates to victory. His greatest virtue however, just might be his patience. Costanzo was third on the team in walks, but the most amazing part of that statistic is he drew more walks than bushwhackers Trevor Lawhorn, Darryl Lawhorn and Ryan Norwood. If Drew can continue to be a selective hitter and work opposing pitchers into deep counts, the Pirates will have a double-edge sword at the plate in Costanzo.

Let's be honest. Most people do not expect ECU to repeat last year's success, mainly in part to the overwhelming loss in offensive production. But since when do you have to annihilate every opponent? The Pirates won most of their games going away last season, and though it

was great entertainment, a one run win would have been just as important as a 12 run victory.

The Pirates need a catalyst to jumpstart another run to the top of the polls and ultimately Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series. How about the coaching staff? Randy Mazey and company love small-ball, and they will have plenty of opportunity to display their coaching prowess in a lot of close contests.

I believe having one of the nation's toughest schedules will only make the Pirates a better team, and once the postseason arrives, they will have seen it all.

Everyone thought last year was the year for Omaha, and this season would be a rebuilding year. Recipe for Omaha - great starting pitching, deep bullpen, great coaching, lots of small-ball, timely hitting and a desire to be there in the end. ECU has all of these, so why not this year?

I'm calling it right now, Pirates to Omaha in 2005.

This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

MOVIES

February 2 - February 6

Shark Tale (BB)

Oscar (Will Smith) is a fast-talking fish that dreams big. But his big dreams land him in hot water. Oscar finds out what being a real hero is all about. For more information, check out <http://www.sharktale.com/>

Donnie Darko Director's Cult (MC)

Writer-director Richard Kelley's bold debut film is a social satire, a dark comedy, a science fiction time-traveling fantasy, and a suburban nightmare about an extremely intelligent teenager (Donnie Darko played by actor Jake Gyllenhaal). Kelly's film perfectly captures the unease that scratches under the surface of suburban late 1980's life! For more information, check out <http://www.donniedarko.com/>

February 9 - February 13

Saw (BB)

Two men find themselves victims of a bizarre murder designed by a psychopathic genius known only as "Jigsaw". They are given a few hours to unravel the puzzle of their fate in the midst of mounting terror. For more information, check out: <http://222.sawmovie.com>

The Motorcycle Diaries (MC)

This is a true story of a 23-year old medical student from Argentina, Che Guevara (Bernal) who travels across South American on a motorcycle with his friend Alberto Granado (de la Serna) during 1951-52. The story revolves their personal odyssey which would ultimately inspire Che Guevara to become a revolutionary who has a profound effect on the history of several nations. For more information, check out <http://www.motorcyclediariesmovie.com/>

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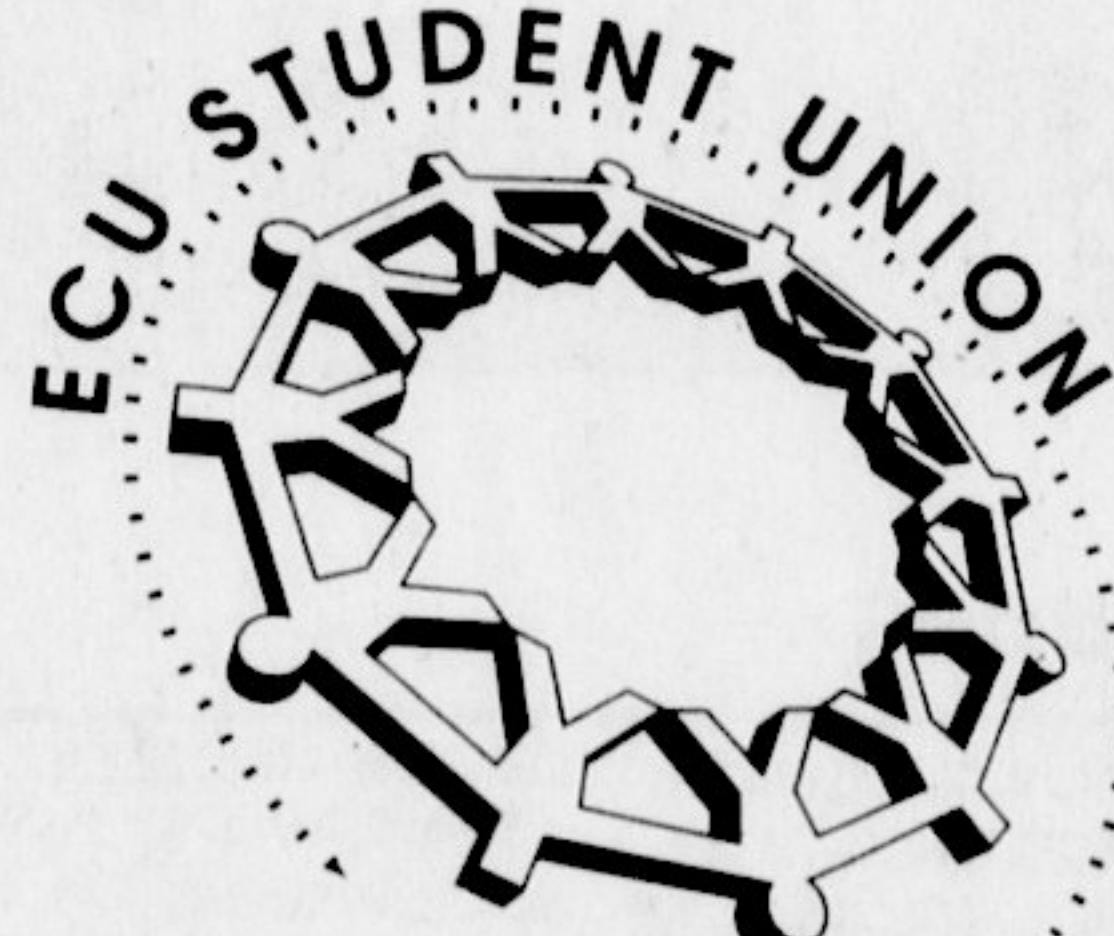
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GREEK PERSONALS

Sigma Sigma Sigma is so glad to have its 9 new members - its going to be a great semester! Sigma also congratulates the mens basketball team in defeating St. Louis, win or lose the games are great fun and you always have our support!

The Sisters of Gamma Chi Epsilon Sorority would like to congratulate our Spring 2005 Tota Pledge Class! Jacki C. Jennifer H. Ashley K. Jackie W. Good Luck Ladies! We love you!

Sigma Sigma Sigma welcomes all the new greek men to campus, hopefully we will have a chance to get to know ya'll. Especially the lambda chi guys that came to our house, congratulations!

The Sisters of Delta Zeta would like to invite you to an open house Wednesday February 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the sorority house on 801 East Fifth St. Call 252-758-8530 for rides. Also we would like to congratulate all the fraternities on a great rush.

Thanks Pi Kappa Alpha for a great social last Saturday night. We can't wait to do one again. Love the sisters of Kappa Delta.

Kappa Delta would like to congratulate sister Megan Ryan for being our sister of the week and doing a great job with recruitment!

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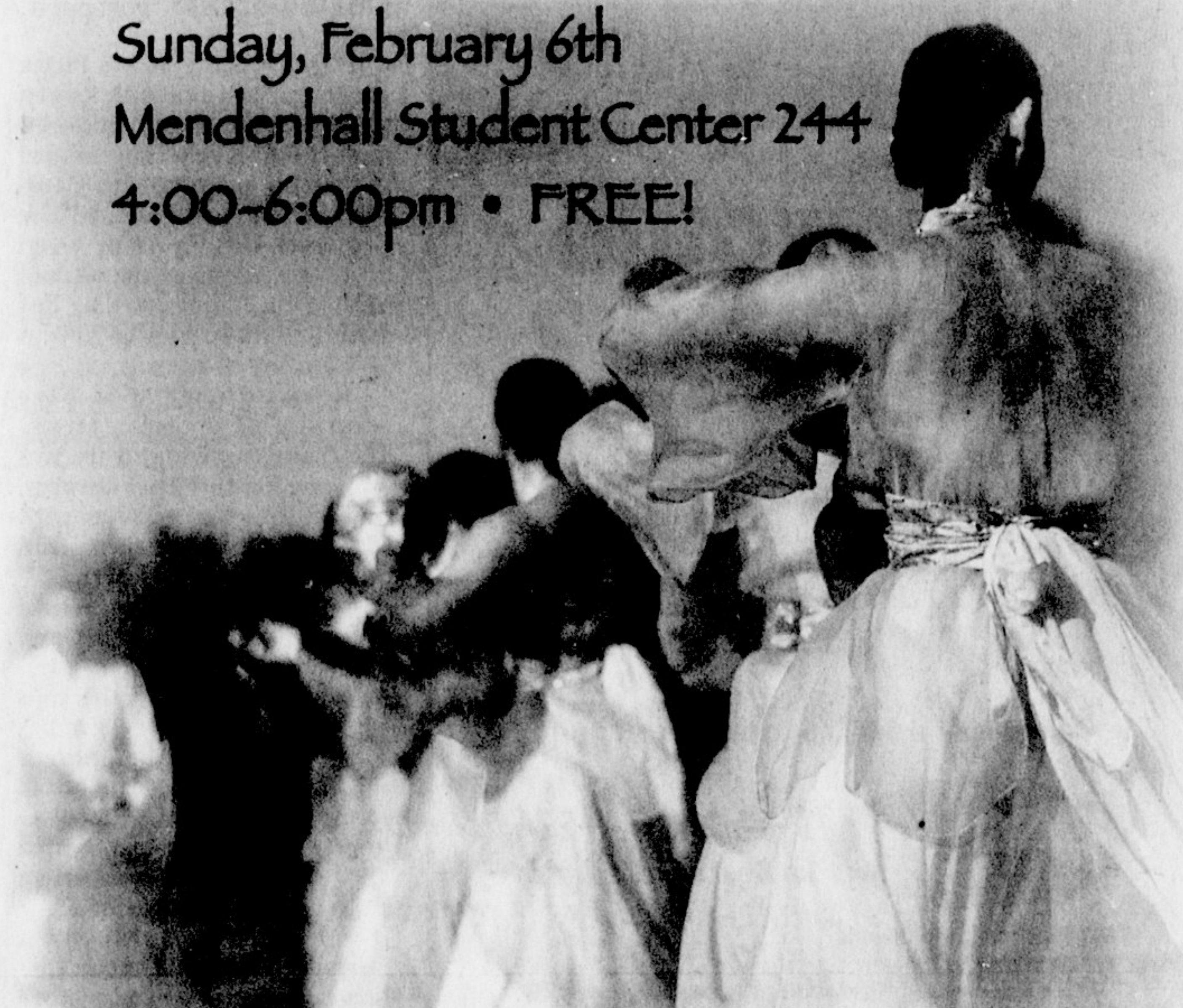
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