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What do you think about cameras at stop lights?



CHAKOHA HAMLET
SOPHOMORE BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAJOR

"I feel like our money can be invested in something more important than that."



TRACY HELLIN
FRESHMAN SPEECH AND HEALING SCIENCES MAJOR

"It's a good idea because there are pedestrians walking across intersections, and people are more likely to get hit if someone runs a light."



ROOSEVELT MOSS
SOPHOMORE ACCOUNTING MAJOR

"It's a good idea. Greenville has a good deal of traffic accidents and most are due to running lights. I think it will cut down on accidents and save lives."

Greenville implements red light cameras at intersections

System intended to increase driver safety

MICHAEL HARRINGTON
SENIOR WRITER

Greenville installed two red light cameras in late December in an effort to increase safety and decrease accidents on area roads.

The two cameras are on Memorial Drive, one at the intersection with Arlington Drive snapping shots of drivers heading south and the other at the intersection with Westhaven Road monitoring drivers heading north.

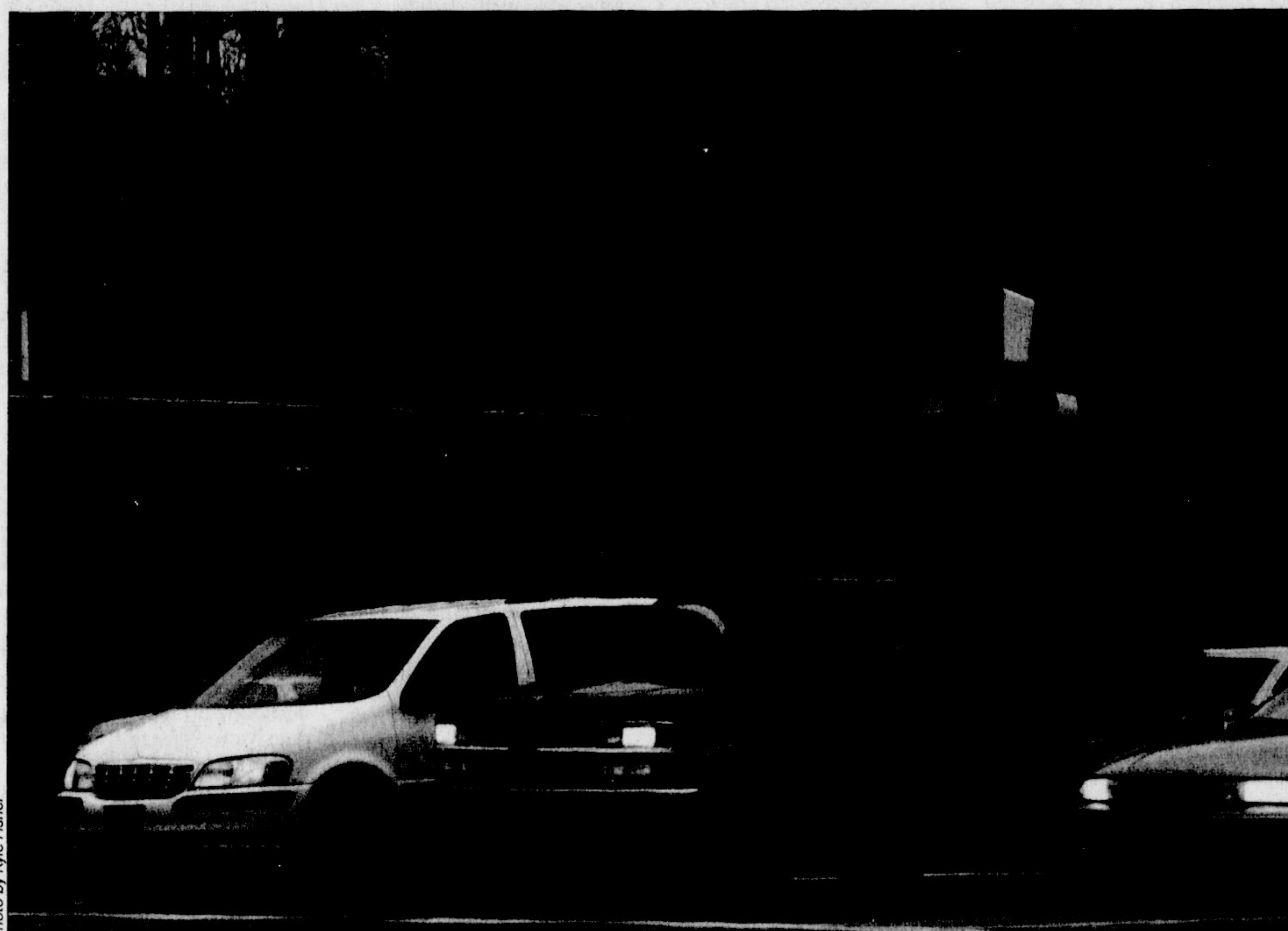
"We are trying to change drivers' behaviors to either reduce or eliminate drivers running red lights," said David Brown, city engineer.

There is a grace period which ends in late February where the offending automobile owner will only be sent a warning in order to give the drivers in the area advance notice of these cameras and allow them the ability to correct their driving behavior. After the grace period ends, drivers caught by the cameras will be sent \$50 fines for having their vehicle captured by the cameras in the act of violation. No points will be assessed toward their licenses.

State legislation permitted the use of these cameras in 2000 and numerous cities, such as Charlotte, Rocky Mount and Raleigh, installed cameras in attempts to make their roads safer.

Brown said programs in these other cities worked well. Red light violations decreased, showing a conscious effort by drivers to improve their road behavior.

Greenville recently passed an ordinance, which adopted the use of the technology after viewing other cities' success with



Cars are stopped at a red light at a Greenville intersection. The city placed two cameras on Memorial Drive to capture drivers who pass through stop lights after they have turned red.

the red light photo systems, settling on the two Memorial Drive locations.

The red light photo system works by snapping a still photo of a car in violation and taking a video clip of the vehicle. From the still photo and video clip, they get the license plate number of the car and send out a ticket to the owner. The lights are programmed to catch only those who go through on a red light.

"It does not begin to monitor until after it's red for a certain period of time," Brown said.

Steve Yetman, city traffic engineer, said the early indications from the cameras have shown there are certainly problems with drivers running red lights at the two intersections.

"Initially it was an average of about seven a day at Arlington and about 18 a day at West Haven," said Yetman.

The red light photo system is being serviced and provided by Redflex, one of the primary red light camera vendors in the state.

For every portion of the fines paid by violators caught on the camera system, Redflex will receive a small portion for installation and maintenance fees.

Mike Thormann, freshman criminal justice major, said he does not care for red light photo

systems.

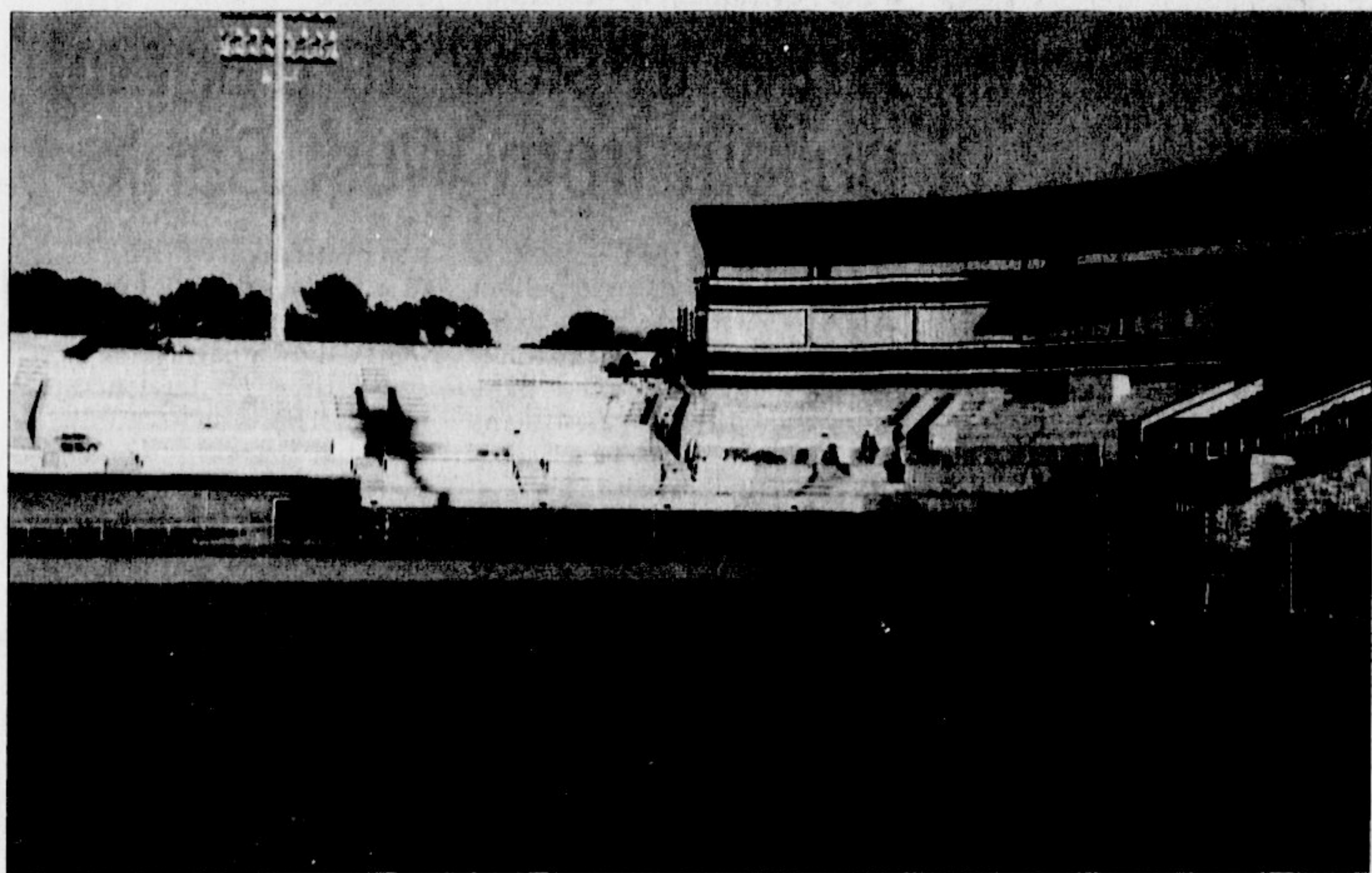
"I don't think it's fair ... they're not catching you in the act," said Thormann.

Paige Clark, freshman biology major, offered a different viewpoint on the cameras.

"They're a good thing, they'll stop people from running red lights," said Clark.

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Baseball stadium project nearing completion



The Clark LeClair Stadium on Charles Boulevard will be finished by the end of February.

Improved facility receives positive reactions

AMBER PAYNE
STAFF WRITER

Construction of ECU's baseball stadium, which began at the end of last year, is on schedule for completion by the end of February, just in time for the opening home game March 4.

The ECU Baseball Team has taken its success to a new level and now, with the private funding of the Pirate Club and a \$1.5 million contribution from the William H. Clark family, they will be able to run the entire baseball program from the stadium.

The new stadium will be called the "Clark-LeClair Stadium." LeClair was the former

Stadium Information

Opening game in the Second Annual Keith LeClair Classic, on March 4, is against Michigan.

head coach of the Pirates from 1997-2002 until he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

The total cost of the reconstruction is \$9.7 million, which includes new dugouts, locker rooms, souvenir stands, an indoor batting tunnel and offices for the coaches and staff. The stadium has turned the 1,800 bleacher seats into 3,000 permanent structured seating with backings. The new stadium will have a cook and additional concession stands will be offered.

"It is exciting to have this new

stadium because it really shows the success of the team. They are going further in tournaments and playing better ball," said Todd Marshall, project manager.

Marshall said more fans are showing up for the games than before so more seating is essential.

"It gives ECU more of a hometown atmosphere, more advantage," Marshall said.

Students are excited about the completion as well. The new change has included a larger "Jungle" for the devoted ECU fans.

"We are the only school to have a 'Jungle' and that is, in my eyes, what gets people roared up for the games," said Carly Myers, senior education major.

The Jungle will expand the length of the outfield and be raised three feet above the baseball field so fans will have a

see **STADIUM** page A2

Alcoholics Anonymous sessions offered at ECU

College drinking

Highlights of a new report on alcohol use by U.S. college students, ages 18 to 24:

Alcohol-related incidents per year

- Deaths: 1,400
- Injuries: 500,000
- Assaults: 600,000 students assaulted by student who had been drinking
- Sexual assaults: 70,000 victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape
- Sex: 100,000 said they were too drunk to know if they had consented to having sex
- Driving: 2.1 million drove under the influence of alcohol

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Source: U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, KRT Photo Service Graphic: Judy Treibele, Lee Hulting

Meetings to address alcohol-related issues

JONATHAN CROCKER
STAFF WRITER

ECU is making an effort to combat the heavy drinking habits of some students with weekly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Mendenhall Student Center.

Although drinking is not a problem with all students, ECU is considered a party school around the state. Many ECU students attend parties with intentions of drinking and some find themselves drinking more than they intended. The AA sessions are for those who find themselves in circumstances similar to this or who may not even believe they have a problem but want to attend just to make sure.

"Basically what I am trying to do is form a group," said the chairperson on the AA sessions, who chose to remain anonymous

due to AA's strict policy on anonymity among all persons involved.

"An interest has been expressed and so I have come along and been able to get these sessions offered. Before now, there have been no sessions of this kind offered on campus."

The chairperson said the meetings are open to anyone who feels they have a drinking problem.

"College students everywhere drink," the chairperson said.

"I don't believe there is any more or less here at ECU. Students need the option of attending and that's what we are here for as an organization."

AA meetings are confidential and participants are not required to state their name. These meetings are for students who think they have a problem and could benefit from weekly meetings.

"These meetings are a personal decision, and we are there to save ourselves, as well as lend

support to others," the chairperson said.

Patrick McLamb, junior business major, said he believes offering these sessions openly to students is a great idea.

"I really feel they will benefit those who are in need of assistance, and I hope the sessions really take a jumping start and are around for a long time," said McLamb.

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AA Session Information

The sessions are being offered on Wednesdays from noon until 1 p.m. as well as Thursdays from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in 14 Mendenhall. For further information regarding these sessions, contact the chairperson at (760) 500-8918.

Campus News

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.

Gamma Beta Phi

The first meeting of the semester for Gamma Beta Phi members will be Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in 1031 Bate. All members please make sure to attend to find out about service projects and dues. If weather conditions are a concern once again, assume the meeting is cancelled.

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.

Regional Band Festival Concert

The school of music will host this performance Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. The concert will feature the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the ECU Jazz Ensemble. For more information, please call 328-6851.

Great Decisions

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

Spaghett Dinner

ECU medical students are actively seeking donations for their upcoming trip to Kenya and will be holding a spaghetti dinner the second week of February to raise money. Keep reading TEC for the official date, time and location. 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."

Crime Scene

Jan. 30

3 a.m.
Escape from custody or resist, drunk and disruptive
A named suspect refused to comply with the officers' commands and was intoxicated at a Reade Street parking lot.

3:30 a.m.
Weapons - possessing and concealing
Subject possessed a weapon, a silver 40-caliber handgun and ammunition, at a Reade Street parking lot, which is also ECU property.

Jan. 31

8 a.m.
Possession of marijuana
A 19-year-old white male was arrested for possessing less than a half-ounce of marijuana in his vehicle, which was stopped on Fifth Street. The man also had lottery tickets.

Feb. 1

12:06 a.m.
Weapons - possessing fireworks
Police were called to Tyler Hall when fireworks were shot off at the building. The resident was found with 14 fireworks.



Weekly Crime Tip:

ECU does not tolerate weapons on campus and you can be arrested if found on campus in possession of the following:

- martial art weapons
- firecrackers
- knives/switchblades
- blackjacks, brass knuckles
- paint guns
- all other guns

For all ECU hunters, "campus" includes all parking lots owned by the university, so be careful about what you leave in your trunk.

News Briefs

Local

Paramedics, doctor made mistakes in NC false-death case

LOUISBURG, NC - Paramedics and the county medical examiner all made mistakes when they declared a man dead when he was not, according to county report.

Larry D. Green, 29, of Louisburg was pronounced dead at the scene of the Jan. 24 accident at the intersection of U.S. 401 and NC 39. Two hours later, a medical examiner at the county morgue discovered he was still breathing.

Green remained in critical condition Monday at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

The report states that at least twice on the night of Jan. 24, paramedics told a doctor they thought Green might be alive.

Still, medical officials made no efforts to resuscitate him and instead, sent him to the morgue, according to a report released Monday by Franklin County commissioners. It was more than two hours after he was hit by a car that it was determined he was alive and Green, 29, was taken to a medical facility.

The NC Office of Emergency Medical Service suspended the licenses of two paramedics, Wade R. Kearney II of Henderson and Paul Kilmer of Louisburg for EMS rules violations and Franklin County fired them.

Discrimination in

Robeson County, hispanics say
LUMBERTON, NC - Miguel Quiroz says city's refusal to rezone property for a proposed Hispanic community center proves that he and other Hispanics in Robeson County face discrimination.

City officials disagree, saying public buildings are open to anyone and Hispanics face no discrimination. The debate is significant in a county where the population already is delicately balanced among whites,

blacks and American Indians. Quiroz claims Hispanics often are turned down or face extra restrictions when they try to rent buildings in Lumberton.

"It's not easy to get their places, but they don't want us to have a place of our own, either," said Quiroz, who speaks little English.

Quiroz wanted to rezone a building in an industrial area near Interstate 95 for use as a Hispanic community center. He planned include a flea market and space for English classes or health and legal advice at the facility.

But his request was rejected at a recent Lumberton City Council meeting by council members, who said the property should remain industrial.

Celia Cortez, a freelance interpreter who translated for Quiroz at the meeting, contended that city employees are sometimes rude to people who do not speak English. Cortez said she checks her clients' claims of discrimination by calling businesses and other places using a Spanish accent.

Often, she said, she is told buildings are booked. In some cases, she said, when she calls back speaking unaccented English, she has been told that the buildings are available. The city's recreation director rejected Cortez and Quiroz's discrimination claims.

National

Second murder of student in Baltimore

BALTIMORE - The killing of a Hopkins senior Jan. 23 has underscored the sense of vulnerability students feel in a city where there has been virtually a murder a day since the beginning of the new year.

Students, many just returning from winter break, held a rally Monday night in front of university President William Brody's home to encourage

school officials to beef up security. About 100 students took part in the rally, which Hopkins spokesman Dennis O'Shea described as non-confrontational. Brody came out and spoke with the students about new security measures, and the university provided hot chocolate.

Earlier Monday, Hopkins announced stepped-up measures, including hiring off-duty Baltimore police officers to patrol the Charles village neighborhood at night and overnight. The officers will be in the municipal police uniforms, armed and will patrol on foot and in vehicles.

The university also will contract with a security agency to provide foot patrols near campus and the agency will also staff the security desks at two off campus apartment complexes.

The university is speeding up plans to install surveillance cameras, a suggestion by iXP Corp., the security consultant hired by Hopkins. Plans call for installing cameras on campus as well as at off-campus areas with heavy student traffic.

The school is exploring other measures to bolster security and already has improved lighting and an emergency telephone system on campus, O'Shea said.

Prosecution wraps up case against defrocked priest

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Prosecutors rested their case against the defrocked priest at the center of Boston's church abuse scandal with testimony on recovered memory, a topic the defense also hopes to tackle.

Prosecution witness James Chu, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School, said it is not uncommon for adults who suffer trauma as children to repress memories of the experience.

The testimony was an attempt to bolster the account of a 27-year-old firefighter who says he remembered in early 2002 he'd been repeatedly raped and molested by former priest

Paul Shanley from 1983 to 1989. Under cross-examination from Shanley attorneys, Chu acknowledged there is an intense debate within the psychiatric community about the validity of repressed memories. He also conceded false memories can be implanted in a person's mind through repeated suggestions by someone they trust.

Following an off day Tuesday, Shanley's lawyer plans to call only one witness - Elizabeth Loftus, a University of California psychologist who has challenged the reliability of recovered memory.

Shanley, now 74, became one of the scandal's most notorious figures after archdiocese personnel records were released showing church officials continued to transfer him from parish to parish even after they knew he publicly advocated sex between men and boys.

Shanley's accuser says he recovered his memory after talking with Greg Ford, a close friend who also accused Shanley of raping him at St. Jean's in the 1980s.

International

Iraqi president says troops should stay

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq's president said Tuesday it would be "complete nonsense" to ask foreign troops to leave the country now, although some could depart by year's end. Officials began the final vote tally from elections to produce a government to confront the insurgency.

Meanwhile, Iraq reopened its borders Tuesday and commercial flights took off from Baghdad International Airport as authorities eased security restrictions imposed to protect last weekend's landmark voting.

In Baghdad, about 200 election workers Tuesday began the second - and possibly final - stage of the count. They reviewed tally sheets prepared by workers who counted ballots

starting Sunday night at the 5,200 polling centers across the country and began crunching the numbers into 80 computer terminals. Officials said no figures were expected to be released Tuesday.

The Sunday ballot, which occurred without catastrophic rebel attacks, raised hopes that a new Iraqi government would be able to assume greater responsibility for security, hastening the day when the 170,000 U.S. and other foreign troops can go home.

Official calls tsunami catastrophe for world tourism

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia - The top U.N. tourism official called Asia's tsunami the worst-ever catastrophe for the world's tourism industry, and Indonesia announced Tuesday that it found the bodies of 1,000 additional victims - more than five weeks after the disaster.

U.N. World Tourism Organization chief Francesco Frangialli told delegates attending a special tourism conference in Thailand that the disaster "was the greatest catastrophe ever recorded in the history of world tourism" because of the high number of tourists and industry workers who died - outranking even the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

However, he said he was optimistic that it would do no permanent damage to "Asian tourism, which is in full expansion," as industry delegates met to draft emergency plans to lure tourists back to the region's beaches.

In terms of tourist arrivals, the disaster "will deal nothing but a glancing blow to world tourism," he said.

Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah on Tuesday became the first foreign head of state to visit Aceh province, the region most severely slammed by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami. However, he wasn't the most high-profile visitor.

Distance education students delay in completing evaluations

ECU offers incentives to complete surveys

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

With distance education continuing to expand each year at ECU, officials are striving to ensure the program is effective by increasing the number of instructor evaluation surveys received.

Chuck Rich, associate director of institutional effectiveness, said there are several reasons why it is important to complete evaluation surveys. Survey ratings are used to evaluate and improve the DE courses and are taken into consideration when deciding on various issues for the instructors. Nineteen of the items on the DE Surveys have been approved by the ECU's Faculty Senate for use in determining whether a professor is qualified for promotion or tenure. The surveys are also the students' chance to recognize and exercise their role in helping improve their education.

While the response rate has already increased over the past year from an average of approximately 40 percent to 60 percent, the response still lags behind the response rate of surveys with traditional face to face classroom settings.

Rich said this increase is due to such initiatives as multiple e-mails to students and faculty and other incentives including two \$50 gift certificates to the University Bookstores students who fill out the surveys are randomly drawn to win.

The more students respond, the more validated the surveys are, which the faculty members tend to appreciate more.

"Faculty tends to feel more confident in the results of the survey when more of



Contributed Photo

Jenniffer Boyd, ECU student who took a Distance Education course, receives her award for completing her evaluation.

the students respond, since the results are then more likely to reflect the class as a whole," said Rich.

"[Surveys] will enhance the overall use of the information to improve instruction, inform decisions of promotion and tenure, improve our own research in support of DE programs and promote the DE programs in general."

The ratings are taken and used to configure a standardized report that is sent to the chair of the department.

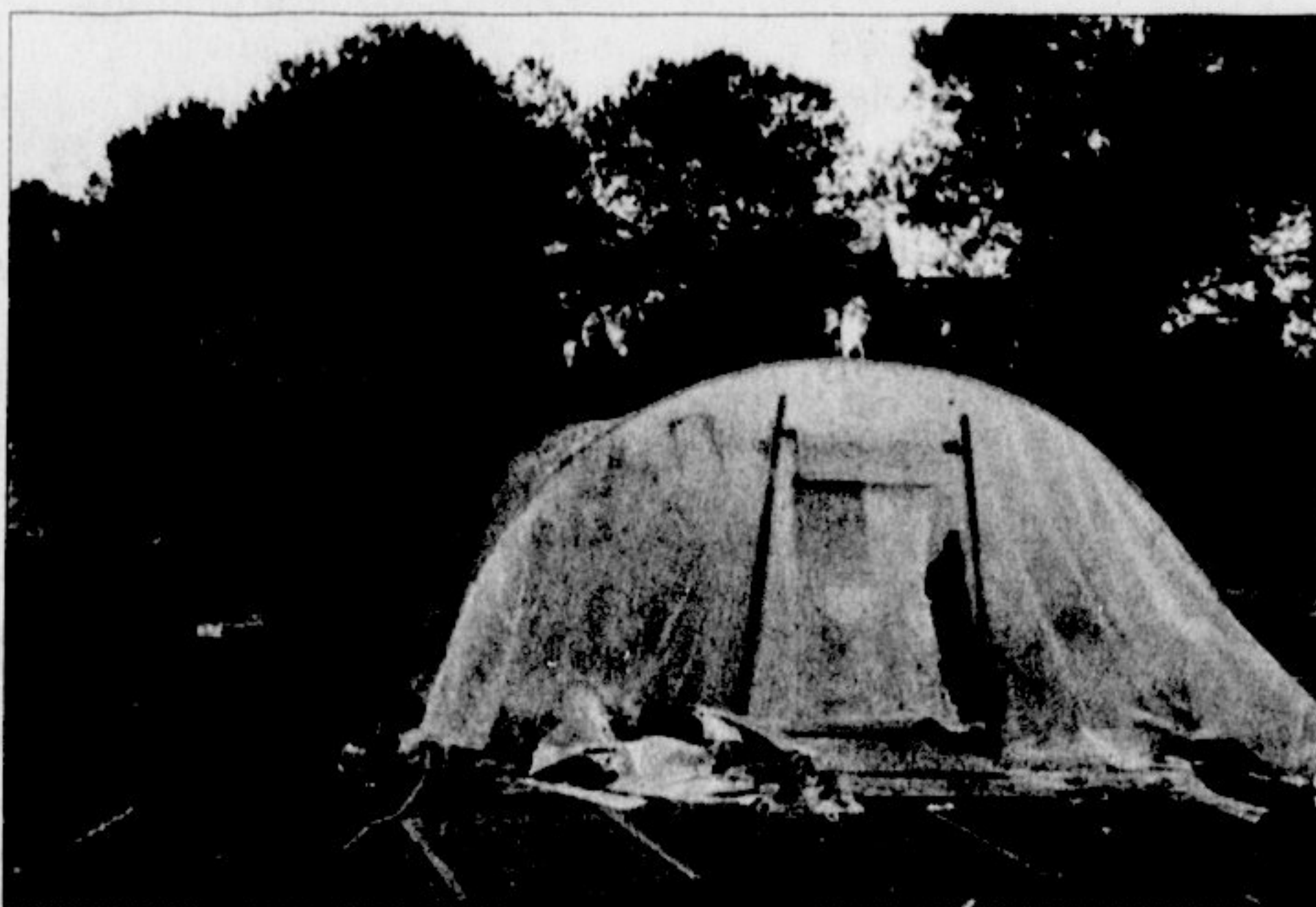
Michael Poteat, director of institutional effectiveness, said it was believed the overall ratings would tend to be lower with the DE courses,

but the ratings are approximately the same as the face to face classroom courses. He agrees the surveys are important and said they are not only used by ECU but they also go to Molly Broad, the president of the UNC system.

"They [office of the president] have been interested in us demonstrating that students are satisfied with the DE programs ... it does appear they are satisfied with the instruction," said Poteat.

DE is defined as a course in which 25 percent or more of the course is not done in a face to face classroom settings.

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A supporter of the settlement movement holds a sign during a demonstration in front of the Knesset.

Israel to slow its planned pullout from West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is going to slow its planned pullout from five West Bank towns after a day of violence strained an informal cease-fire and it will stop the process altogether if Palestinians don't halt all attacks, Israeli security officials said Tuesday.

Despite the warning, Palestinian militants fired three mortar shells at a Jewish settlement in Gaza on Tuesday, following a barrage Monday. The shells caused no damage or injuries.

Also Tuesday, Israel's attorney general ruled that a secret decision by Cabinet ministers to seize Jerusalem land of Palestinians living in the West Bank violates domestic and international law.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz met late Monday with Palestinian negotiator Mohammed Dahlan to discuss a handover of West Bank towns to Palestinian security control. Mofaz told Dahlan that Israel would withdraw from one city at a time rather than from all five at once, apparently beginning with Ramallah, the seat of the Palestinian government, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The pullout might begin in coming days, but not necessarily before Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas hold their first meeting, tentatively set for Feb. 8, the officials said.

Palestinians objected to the new Israeli position on the West Bank handover. "We will not tell them to stop if they are withdrawing from Ramallah, but we want them to implement the previous understandings, the withdrawal from five cities," a senior Palestinian official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Mofaz-Dahlan meeting was overshadowed by the death of a 10-year-old Palestinian girl in a Gaza refugee camp Monday, followed by a barrage of mortar shells fired on Jewish settlements. The violence broke an informal cease-fire worked out by Abbas that had brought rare calm to an area torn by four years of bloodshed.

Norhan Deeb was standing in her schoolyard in the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border Monday when she was hit in the head by a bullet.

Palestinian witnesses said the gunfire came from Israeli forces on the border, but the Israeli military said soldiers did not open fire in that part of Rafah. Israeli security officials blamed Palestinians firing in the air to celebrate their return from the Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, but residents denied that.

Hamas threatened further retaliation "if the crimes continue." The military took that to mean the militant group was trying to set a pattern of retaliation for perceived Israeli acts of violence, within the framework of a cease-fire, security officials said. Mofaz told Dahlan that such an understanding was unacceptable.

Mofaz said the Palestinian Authority must stop the mortar fire, regardless of the explanation, and Palestinian police, who have deployed throughout Gaza in recent days for the first time in years, must restrain militants. He said their performance in Gaza would influence the extent to which Israel would hand over responsibility in the West Bank, according to the officials.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the Palestinian police "will exert every possible effort to stop such firing."

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Saturday, 7 p.m. and Midnight

Donnie Darko
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Friday, 7 p.m. and Midnight
Saturday, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7 p.m.

Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies

1. Are We There Yet?
2. Coach Carter
3. Meet the Fockers
4. In Good Company
5. Racing Stripes

Top 5 DVD's

1. The Village
2. Without a Paddle
3. Troy
4. Paparazzi
5. Anchorman

Top 5 TV Shows

1. "NFL Football"
2. "American Idol"
3. "American Idol"
4. "Desperate Housewives"
5. "Numb3rs"

Top 5 CD's

1. The Game
2. Green Day
3. Eminem
4. Lil Jon and the Eastside Boyz
5. John Legend

Top 5 Books

1. The Broker
2. The Da Vinci Code
3. The Five People You Meet in Heaven
4. State of Fear
5. Chainfire

Horoscopes:

Aries: Your new found status is leading you to meet new friends. Select the ones to trust from the standards you learned as a child, at home.

Taurus: Continue to solicit advice from a person who has already got whatever it is you are trying to achieve, acquire or become. It is time well spent.

Gemini: Keep working overtime to get some extra cash. By this weekend, you will have time and money for a jaunt.

Cancer: You are good at saving money, but you may be going about it the hard way. Get some expert advice.

Leo: A very imaginative person has everything figured out. Do not go along with the program if it won't be good for you or anyone else around you.

Virgo: You've learned a great deal from books and school, but the real test comes when you try these new skills out on the public. Do not worry, you will do fine, just stay confident.

Libra: Some people have to work harder to make more money. The opposite is true for you. You'll make more when the job's fun and easy.

Scorpio: You have amazing abilities to see the big picture now. Look at the big picture and be sure not to get stuck with a minor problem.

Sagittarius: Now that your curiosity has been aroused, or it will be, very soon, you are about to launch another quest soon and this one will be fun.

Capricorn: The coming few weeks could be quite profitable for you, without much extra work. The generosity of someone else and your good past deeds are the cause of this newfound windfall.

Aquarius: Accept a challenge that's similar to one you have done before. Your experience will give you the edge in capturing a very illusive profit.

Pisces: You've got the imagination, somebody else has the experience. Matched with another who has the energy, you cannot be stopped

The fight is on

2005 OSCAR BALLOT

And the winner is...

Can you predict how the Academy will vote? Choose your picks in these categories for this year's Oscars, to be presented Feb. 27:

Best actor

- ☐ Don Cheadle "Hotel Rwanda"
- ☐ Johnny Depp "Finding Neverland"
- ☐ Leonardo DiCaprio "The Aviator"
- ☐ Clint Eastwood "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ Jamie Foxx "Ray"

Best actress

- ☐ Annette Bening "Being Julia"
- ☐ Catalina Sandino Moreno "Maria Full of Grace"
- ☐ Imelda Staunton "Vera Drake"
- ☐ Hilary Swank "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ Kate Winslet "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Best picture

- ☐ "The Aviator"
- ☐ "Finding Neverland"
- ☐ "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ "Ray"
- ☐ "Sideways"

Best direction

- ☐ Martin Scorsese "The Aviator"
- ☐ Clint Eastwood "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ Taylor Hackford "Ray"
- ☐ Alexander Payne "Sideways"
- ☐ Mike Leigh "Vera Drake"

Best supporting actor

- ☐ Alan Alda "The Aviator"
- ☐ Thomas Haden Church "Sideways"
- ☐ Jamie Foxx "Collateral"
- ☐ Morgan Freeman "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ Clive Owen "Closer"

Best supporting actress

- ☐ Cate Blanchett "The Aviator"
- ☐ Laura Linney "Kinsey"
- ☐ Virginia Madsen "Sideways"
- ☐ Sophie Okonedo "Hotel Rwanda"
- ☐ Natalie Portman "Closer"

Best original song

- ☐ "Accidentally in Love" "Shrek 2"
- ☐ "Al Otro Lado Del Rio" "The Motorcycle Diaries"
- ☐ "Believe" "The Polar Express"
- ☐ "Learn to Be Lonely" "The Phantom of the Opera"
- ☐ "Look to Your Path (Not Sur Ten Chimin)" "The Chorus"

ALL ABOUT OSCAR

Cast in Britannia, an alloy of copper, tin and antimony

Plated with copper, nickel, silver and 24-carat gold

Since 1952, winners have signed agreement not to sell or auction Oscars without first offering them to the Academy for a \$1 token payment

Source: Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

- Best foreign film
 - ☐ "As It Is in Heaven"
 - ☐ "The Chorus"
 - ☐ "Bamako"
 - ☐ "The Sea Inside"
 - ☐ "Yesterday"

Best original screenplay

- ☐ "The Aviator"
- ☐ "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"
- ☐ "Hotel Rwanda"
- ☐ "The Incredibles"
- ☐ "Vera Drake"

Best adaptation for screen

- ☐ "Before Sunset"
- ☐ "Finding Neverland"
- ☐ "Million Dollar Baby"
- ☐ "The Motorcycle Diaries"
- ☐ "Sideways"

Best documentary feature

- ☐ "Born into Brothels"
- ☐ "The Story of the Weeping Camel"
- ☐ "Super Size Me"
- ☐ "Tape: Resurrection"
- ☐ "Twist of Faith"

Best costume design

- ☐ "The Aviator"
- ☐ "Finding Neverland"
- ☐ "Lemony Snicket's"
- ☐ "Ray"
- ☐ "Troy"

Best animated feature

- ☐ "The Incredibles"
- ☐ "Shrek 2"
- ☐ "Shrek 2"

Best visual effects

- ☐ "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"
- ☐ "I, Robot"
- ☐ "Spider-Man 2"

Best cinematography

- ☐ "The Aviator"
- ☐ "House of Flying Daggers"
- ☐ "The Passion of the Christ"
- ☐ "The Phantom of the Opera"
- ☐ "The Chorus"
- ☐ "A Very Long Engagement"

The year's most prestigious award show announces the nominees

KYLE BILLINGS
STAFF WRITER

The most glamorous night is almost upon us, as the stars strut out in their most glowing form to hopefully accept a wee little man. That man is Oscar, adored by women and swooned over by men. This little golden statuette holds the power to welcome newcomers to the Hollywood scene and to solidify the careers of proven veterans. The nominations are in, and the anticipation worsens until the big night.

For once, inner circles seem to have predicted nominees correctly this year, with most lists including the actual nominees. The Academy shows its loyalty to previous winner Martin Scorsese, whose movie *The Aviator*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, led the pack, garnering 11 nominations in various categories, including Best Picture. *The Aviator*, a biopic of movie maker/aviation tycoon Howard Hughes, was eclipsed in nominations by a little known film earlier in his career called *Titanic*, which was nominated for 14 little men, taking home 11.

DiCaprio is also nominated for Best Actor for his portrayal.

DiCaprio might have to wait until a later year to take home his man trophy. Betting circles around the country have their money on Jamie Foxx, whose stirring performance as Ray Charles in *Ray* was lauded and hailed as an Oscar frontrunner even before its theater release. The momentum for the actor's success may be at its highest, the passing of Mr. Charles this past year adding push for nostalgia. The fact that Jamie Foxx was nearly indistinguishable from the legend himself also helps. Foxx may have a couple of additions to his mantle after Oscar Night, he is also nominated for Best Supporting Actor for his work alongside Tom Cruise in *Collateral* (which was shown, as was *Ray*, at Hendrix Theatre). Emanuel Levy, author of *All About Oscar*, wrote in *USA Today*, "He's [Jamie Foxx] the actor of the year."

Other contenders include Don Cheadle (*Hotel Rwanda*), Johnny Depp (*Finding Neverland*) and Clint Eastwood (*Million Dollar Baby*).

The slugfest will continue for the winner of Best Picture. *The Aviator* took home the Golden Globe, but as Jim Carrey can attest, it is no indicator of the Academy Awards. This year's

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And the all-time winners are ...

Films that have won the most Oscars:

Year	Movie	Awards
1959	Ben-Hur	11
1937	Titanic	11
1961	West Side Story	10
1958	Gigi	9
1987	The Last Emperor	9
1996	The English Patient	9
1939	Gone With the Wind	8
1946	The Best Years of Our Lives	8
1953	From Here to Eternity	8
1954	On the Waterfront	8
1964	My Fair Lady	8
1972	Cabaret	8
1982	Gandhi	8
1984	Amadeus	8

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Honesty shows in 'Napoleon'

Love it or hate it, a movie you will not soon forget

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Napoleon Dynamite made its debut last January at the annual Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. This premiere, in a small art house theater, spread around the country starting last June. Its popularity grew from there. Since its release on DVD, it has become a cult classic among many college students on campuses across the country.

The film follows the life of a high school outcast named, of course, Napoleon Dynamite (played by Jon Heder, a student from BYU). He is not the typical hero found in high school movies we are all familiar with seeing. From the first frame of the film, his presence is very amusing. Napoleon sports a tucked-in t-shirt with high-water jeans, snow boots, a goofy fro and unusually large glasses. He walks around the whole film with his mouth open and his eyes squinted.

He has a certain mannerism to his personality, which is where the humor in this movie comes into play. There are no jokes in *Napoleon Dynamite* that could be compared to any other movie. Instead, Napoleon's choice of words, the way he walks and the way he shows off his tetherball skills makes watching this film with a straight face virtually impossible.

Napoleon's adventure begins when he meets a new kid in school named Pedro (Efrén Ramirez). The two decide it



Unique style shining through.

would be a good idea for Pedro to run for class president against the most popular girl in school, Summer (Haylie Duff). Napoleon also becomes good friends with another outcast in school named Deb (Tina Marjorino). Napoleon, Deb and Pedro make up a trio of high school kids most of us probably knew in high school, but did not want to be within 50 yards of them.

Napoleon's home life is also amusing. He lives with his 30-something year old brother Kip (Aaron Ruel) and his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). Kip is hung up on meeting "hot babes" in Internet chat rooms, while Uncle Rico is still living in the 1980s, thinking he's a great high school quarterback who still has a shot at being professional. Kip and Rico begin selling Tupperware door-to-door, which Napoleon thinks is just plain silly. In fact, he is repulsed and annoyed just at the sheer presence of these two.

Napoleon Dynamite was

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Will Smith or "Hitch," is making a valiant effort to help Kevin James be smooth with ladies.

Will Smith's new 'Hitch' cure for the common man

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Though Will Smith is one of Hollywood's most popular and well-known superstars, as well as a witty heartthrob since his early days in "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," he has never starred in a big screen romantic comedy before. It's not because he hasn't tried, it was just a matter of finding the perfect romantic comedy for Will Smith's sense of humor.

In *Hitch*, Smith plays Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, a cool, self-assured man who helps shy men approach their dreams. From this job, he gets his name as "the love doctor." Smith acts cool and confident around women and is able to teach other men how to be the same.

Ironically, while Hitch has luck with women, he doesn't have a special relationship in his own life, due to a big heart-break he suffered back in college. Hitch has vowed to never open himself up to love (and pain) again. That's why Hitch made it his life's work to make sure other men don't have to experience that pain. He truly believes every man, except himself, can get any girl.

Hitch gets confused when he comes across a beautiful reporter who works for a New York tabloid newspaper, leaving him vulnerable and intrigued. For the first time in his life, he has met his match — a woman who has all the answers. He finds this very appealing. With his world conspiring against him, he is forced to show Sara Melas

(Eva Mendes) who he really is, rather than what he thinks she wants to see.

Sara forces Hitch to show the awkwardness that's inside everyone when they approach the one of our dreams. Mendes has already made appearances in films such as *Stuck on You* and *2 Fast 2 Furious* and was chosen for this role because of her light-hearted, yet certain attitude.

Kevin James plays a meek, awkward accountant, Albert Brennaman, who hires Hitch to help him get his dream woman. James currently stars in the CBS television series "The King of Queens."

Amber Valletta plays Amber Cole, the beautiful heiress and Albert's dream woman. Val-

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Healthy living guide

New book geared toward fitness for college students

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Think about the average day for the average college student. Alarm clock goes off at 9:30 a.m., just in time to wake up, get ready and run out of the door for a 10 a.m. class. Either get on the bus, in the car or on the bike and manage to make it in the building and through the classroom door just as the professor is calling your name on the roll. Sit through two or three classes, eat lunch, maybe go to more classes only to find out you might be pulling an all-nighter for the project due tomorrow in another class because it turns out you have to work until midnight. With all of these events, where do you find time to work out and eat a sensible meal?

There are some people out there who can do it all. They have super-human strength that allows them to put in a full day and still stay fit, yet for those that can't cram it all in, there is a new book by Michael S. Kamins called *Hotbody 101: An Easy Diet and Exercise Program to Help You Get Your Hot Body in 8 to 10 Weeks*, that might help out and share a few pointers.

"[This book] is a compact and complete exercise, weight-lifting and eating program, totally unlike any other on the market," said Kamins.

"No other book speaks specifically to the college student's lifestyle and limited resources."

Kamins is not an adult who thinks he knows everything about college students. He is actually a college student himself. His Web site states he used to be overweight and "... he discovered there was actually plenty of time to take classes, party and workout."

Kamins is a member of the National Endurance Sports Training Association, certified personal trainer, certified speed, agility and quickness trainer, professional member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and a trained bartender,

according to his biography on the Web site. He is currently completing a Master of Science degree in Negotiation and Conflict Management at the University of Baltimore. He earned his undergraduate degree in Conflict Analysis & Dispute Resolution from Salisbury University in 2003.

Kamins is certainly no stranger to the information and advice he gives in his new book. Throughout the book he offers easy workout routines, clear and healthy food choices, tricks to working out effectively, picture guides of workout equipment, tips on how to still eat sinful foods and tips on how to make your body spring break worthy.

Although there may be many plans out there to 'lose weight and feel great in three weeks' or eat certain foods to make your body a 'lean mean fat-burning machine,' there are not many diet plans that work for the lifestyle of a college student.

"They have everything else catered to different demographics, so why not have a diet plan for college students," said Thomas Sloan, senior business major.

"Our budgets, schedules and eating habits are a lot different from other groups of people."

Making the decision to become a healthier person is not out of reach. There are many steps that can be taken to eat better and exercise on a regular basis. Maybe this book is one, but really it all begins with the willpower to make it happen and realization that the health of your body now determines your health for the future.

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directed by Jared Hess and co-written with his wife Jerusha. They have created this character of Napoleon, and he is an accurate representation of the person most of us did not want to be while we were in high school. The difference between Napoleon and reality is that Napoleon is OK with this. He doesn't mind being the outcast. In fact, it is my opinion — based on some scenes in this film — he actually enjoys this. He looks like a complete goof while playing tetherball and no one wants to play with him because of this. However, he thinks it's because everyone is just jealous of his tetherball skills and they're afraid of getting showed up by the class nerd.

We can all relate to Napoleon. Every single one of us was a Napoleon Dynamite in someone's eyes while we were in high school. Even if you were the most popular person, there was still someone out there who looked at the way you walked, the way you talked, the answers you gave in class and the way you showed off your tetherball skills. And they saw in you, a Napoleon Dynamite. And you saw a Napoleon Dynamite in someone else. That's why this movie has much more truth in it than meets the eye. But more importantly, we

can actually laugh at it.

Gone are the films like *Grease*, *Risky Business* and *All The Right Moves* which look at a sample of the popular kids in high school, the ones we remember. More recently, movies have come out that give us a snapshot of the more unpopular kids. Most notably is one long time favorite *Dazed and Confused*. Even movies like *American Splendor* and *Sideways* show us what people like Napoleon Dynamite might look like several years down the road. It's about time movies outside of Hollywood have come about to show us the more honest side of life we tend to forget about, instead of the things we remember most about our past.

Napoleon Dynamite was released on DVD Dec. 21, 2004 and is still a hot item on video shelves everywhere. It's essential viewing material for anyone who has ever been to high school. On the surface, it's nothing more than a cavalcade of randomness that gives your abs a nice workout from just watching it. But underneath all of that, Jared Hess has given us a memorable and honest character in Napoleon who is just simply going to walk through life doing whatever he wants.

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nominees include three biopics, whose starring actors all got Best Actor nominations. *The Aviator*, *Finding Neverland* and *Ray* share the stage with Clint Eastwood's project *Million Dollar Baby* and the dark horse comedy *Sideways*.

The real race this year could be one without much hype. The nominees for Best Animated Feature Film include Disney/Pixar darling *The Incredibles*, matched up against *Shrek 2* and Dreamworks' *Shrek 2*, now the highest grossing comedy of all time.

The same two-step is avoided this year, as the elitists of Hollywood are now subjected to the host of a different breed. There will be no Billy Crystal, no Whoopi Goldberg and no Steve Martin this year. The master of ceremonies is none

other than Chris Rock. The formerly mentioned stars were cast in such timeless classics as *When Harry Met Sally*, *Ghost* and *The Jerk* respectively. Chris Rock did *Pootie Tang*. Tom O'Neill, in an interview with *USA Today* writes, "it's a brilliant choice in that it's a much more hip choice. It's the hippest choice they could make."

You can see the 77th Annual Academy Awards Sunday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. on ABC. You can cuddle up next to your loved one, comment on the outfits you love and hate on the red carpet, predict the winners of the night, listen to oft-musically shortened acceptance speeches and enjoy the antics of Chris Rock.

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letta has recently been seen in *What Lies Beneath* and *Raising Helen*.

Mitchell Rapaport plays Ben, Hitch's best friend who left the world of dating for marriage and is expecting a baby. Rapaport made his debut in *Zebra-*

head back in 1993 and recently starred in the acclaimed television drama "Boston Public."

Adam Arkin plays Max Trundle, Melas' editor at *The New York Standard*. Arkin is best known for his role on "Chicago Hope." Currently he's work-

ing on "8 Simple Rules" and "West Wing."

Director Andy Tennant, who displayed his romantic abilities in *Sweet Home Alabama* and *Ever After* adds a funny yet refreshing humanity to this movie which makes it a

"must see" on everyone's list. With a cast like this and a funny, romantic lead character like Will Smith, don't miss this one.

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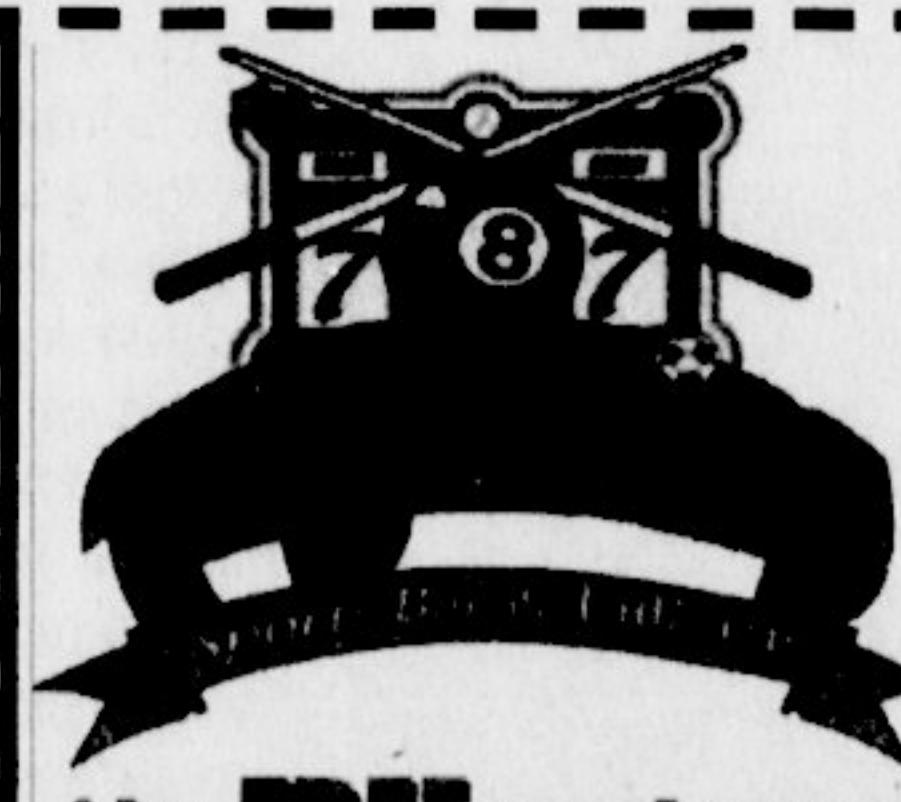
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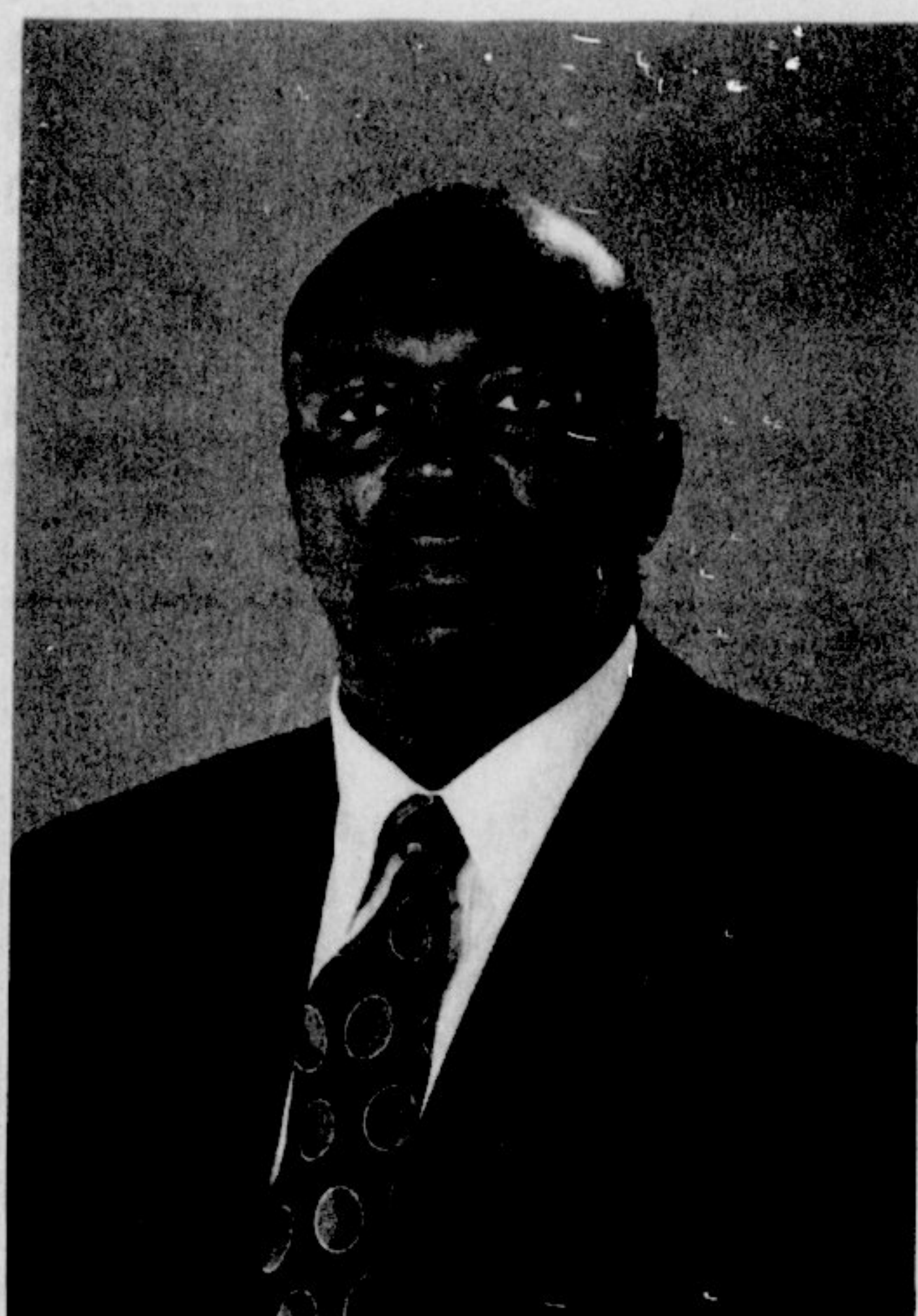
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New look for ECU football



Phil Petty
Quarterbacks Coach
Alma Mater – South Carolina, 2001



Donnie Thompson
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line
Alma Mater – Connecticut, 1974



Clifford Snow
Director of Football Operations
Alma Mater – Central Connecticut State, 1983



Steve Shankweiler
Offensive Coordinator/Offensive line
Alma Mater – Davidson, 1974

Holtz blends in his own flavor with ECU tradition in hiring coaching staff

ERIC GILMORE
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When Skip Holtz was introduced as ECU's 19th head football coach Dec. 3, 2004, he promised he would provide every ounce of energy, soul and life in his body to put ECU back competing at a championship level.

He also understood the enormity of each decision he made before the team even put the pads on. Unlike his predecessor, Holtz understood that in order to put an impressive staff together, he must hire a mix of experienced coaches that can relate to players while also commanding respect. He has coaches that are good at recruiting, some are good at X's and O's, and younger coaches that know what players are thinking.

Position coaches are tremendously valuable to how smoothly a program is run. They oversee the development of players, can make connection to players a head coach can't and help to break down film. A head coach is strung in so many directions that he needs a sufficient support team to help him to make daily decisions.

With National Signing Day on Wednesday, these new coaches have worked extremely hard mending together almost a full recruiting class. Seven coaches can be on the road at any given time, so many have had trouble helping their families adjust to moving to Greenville. In fact, many of them simply haven't seen much of their families.

A position coach has no glitz or glamour. The media avoids them and most of them can walk unbeknown to residents of Greenville. However, the position coaches make the machine work. They are important cogs in a complex system. That's a good thing for ECU because Skip Holtz hired some good coaches.

Steve Shankweiler – Off. Coordinator/O-Line Coach

Steve Shankweiler's ECU roots are so deep they are almost literally embedded into the ground. Shankweiler has watched Conference USA form, Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium add an upper deck and the ground between the stadium and Minges Coliseum become the Murphy Center. He has seen ECU come back from 17 points down in the fourth quarter at the 1992 Peach Bowl and also watched the Pirates give up a 30 point second-half lead to Marshall in the 2001 GMAC bowl. He's pretty much seen it all.

Shankweiler begins his third different stop as an ECU coach. The past two stops have both been as offensive line coach from 1987-1991 under Art Baker and then under Steve Logan from 1998-2002. Shankweiler was offensive coordinator under ex-ECU Head Coach Bill Lewis at Georgia Tech 1992-1995.

"Look at a history book, these kids now don't have a recollection of when ECU was winning," said Shankweiler at a press luncheon Dec. 8, 2004.

Coach Holtz worked with Shankweiler for one year at the University of South Carolina. Holtz confided in Shankweiler when inquiring about the ECU head coaching position.

"I appreciate the confidence that coach Holtz has shown in me," Shankweiler said.

"We have a very good working relationship. His offensive philosophies and mine, we're like two peas in a pod. It'll be a lot of fun."

Shankweiler's son, Kort, is a former standout quarterback at JH Rose High School and is a junior fullback on the team.

Phil Petty – Quarterbacks Coach

Phil Petty is the youngest coach on staff. Petty served as a graduate assistant coach mostly helping the quarterbacks at South Carolina in 2004. Prior to the 2004 season, Petty was offensive coordinator at a high school in Columbia, SC after completing his playing career in 2002.

Petty was the number one quarterback for the Gamecocks under then-offensive coordinator Skip Holtz at South Carolina for three consecutive years. Petty became one of the most winningest quarterbacks in recent Southeastern Conference history. South Carolina's team captain in 2001 won 17 of his last 23 starts including two consecutive Outback Bowls.

Petty will have to help redshirt freshman quarterbacks Devon Drew and Patrick Pinkney into the new system while mixing in some new recruits. Because of the circumstances, Petty will have quite a job ahead of him in 2005.

Junior Smith – Running Backs Coach

Junior Smith is the only coach that has suited up in the purple and gold. Smith is also the only one that can claim he is the best. The all-time leading rusher at ECU with 3,745 yards was a three-time All-American performer during his playing career from 1991-1994. Smith is remembered by Pirate fans for his determination and power he packed into his short frame.

After graduating, Smith played professionally for two years in the Canadian Football League. He migrated back to Greenville earning his degree from ECU in May of 1997. He then followed ex-offensive coordinator to Illinois State, Army and spent one year at Louisiana-Monroe.

Smith knows what being a Pirate is all about. He can tell recruits and players alike he has been through the battles for respect. He was there when ECU had no conference and played with a chip on his shoulder. Smith's expertise combined with his experiences made the hire for Skip Holtz an easy one.

Donnie Kirkpatrick – Wide Receivers Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Hiring Donnie Kirkpatrick is already reaping plenty of benefits. The recruiting class that is expected to come in this year represents the decision in Kirkpatrick's appointment. He has left no



stone unturned in North Carolina or the southeastern United States in finding quality players.

Kirkpatrick brings plenty of coaching experience as well. He most recently served as wide receivers coach at Western Carolina for two seasons. Prior to that post, Kirkpatrick oversaw the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga football program from 2000-2002. He also has some familiarity with C-USA having served as offensive coordinator at Louisville from 1995-1997.

The Catamounts and Mocs' respectively were among Division I-AA leaders in passing offense and receiving in almost every statistical category. Being a former head coach helps Kirkpatrick understand his role that much more.

"As an assistant coach, you make suggestions," said Kirkpatrick.

"As a head coach, you make decisions. It makes you really, really appreciate the guy you are working for."

Greg McMahon – Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator

Greg McMahon is making a coaching move for the first time in 14 years. In coaching years, that transpires to a lifetime. McMahon spent the past 13 years on the Illinois staff and wide receivers before adding more responsibility in 1997 as the program's special teams coordinator.

McMahon displays quite a resume. He has tutored numerous Illini special teams record holds such as former NFL kicker Neil Rackers. He has also tutored three different NFL tight ends, most notably Ken Dilger. With the special teams being a forte for the Pirates in 2004, ECU should be that much better in 2005.

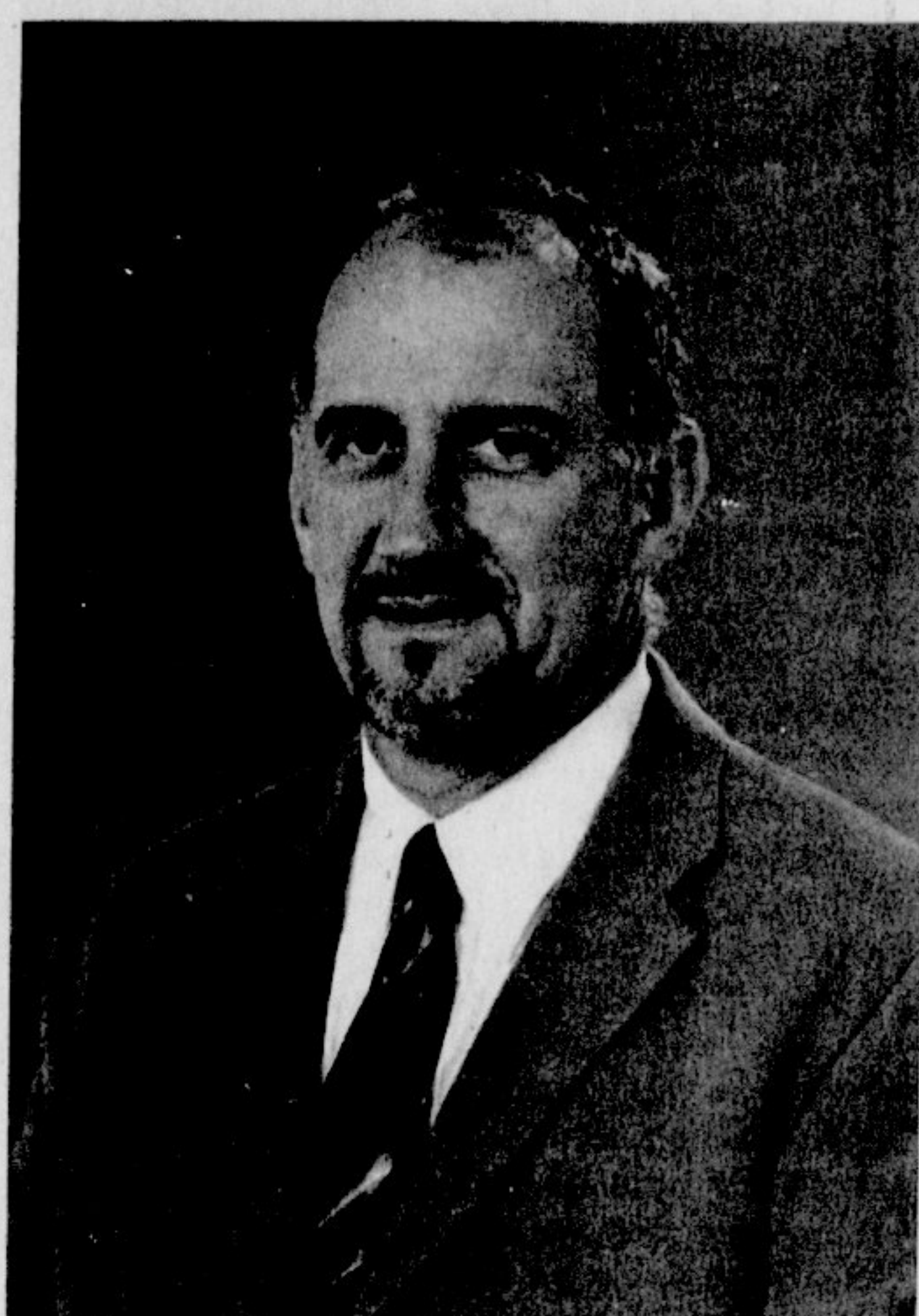
McMahon also headed the Illinois' discipline and conduct control as well as serving as the program's academic support staff liaison. McMahon is an intense coach that will not take any nonsense from any players.

Greg Hudson – Defensive Coordinator/Safeties Coach

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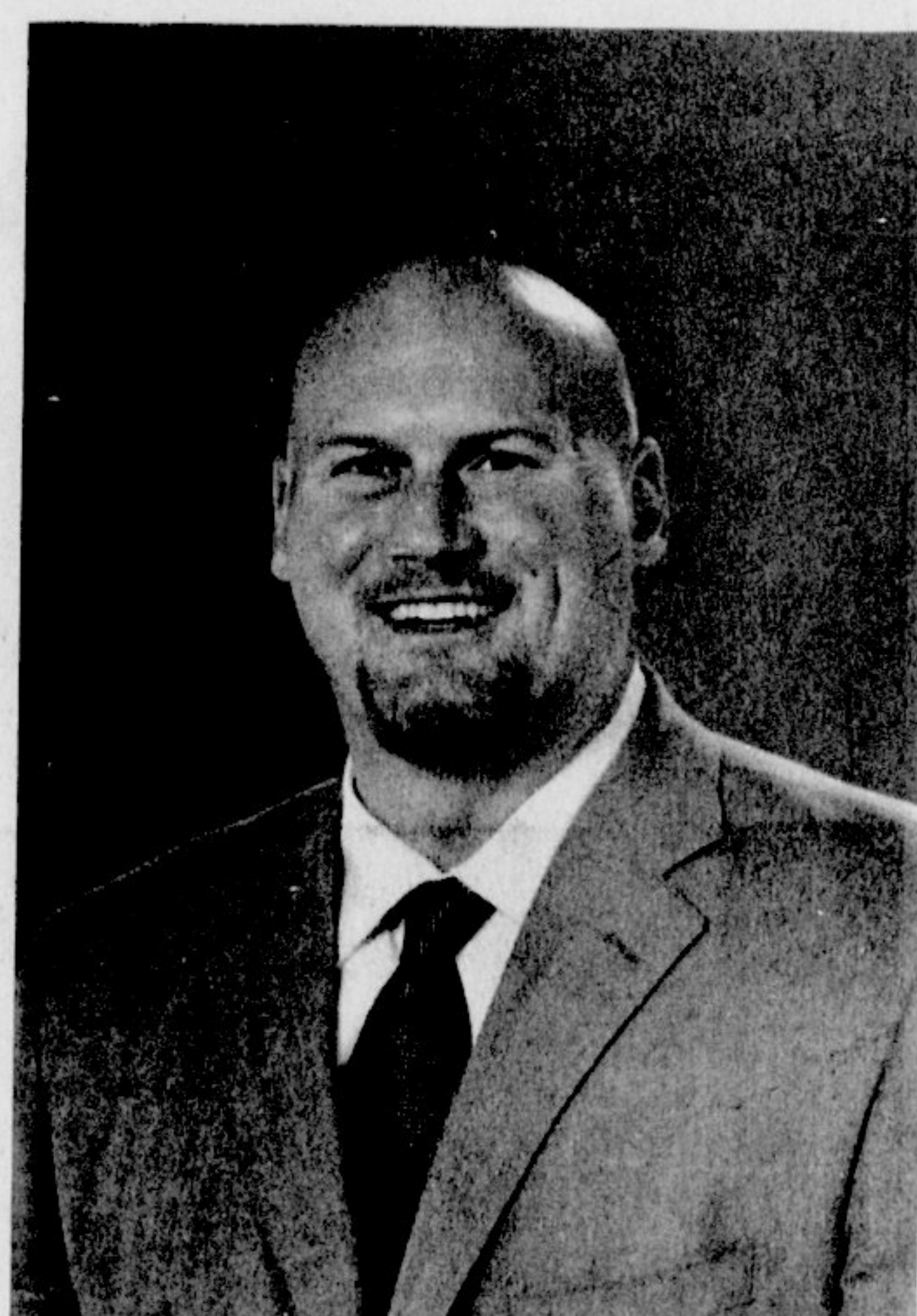
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Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator
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Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Alma Mater – Eastern Illinois, 1983



Wardell "Junior" Smith
Running Backs Coach
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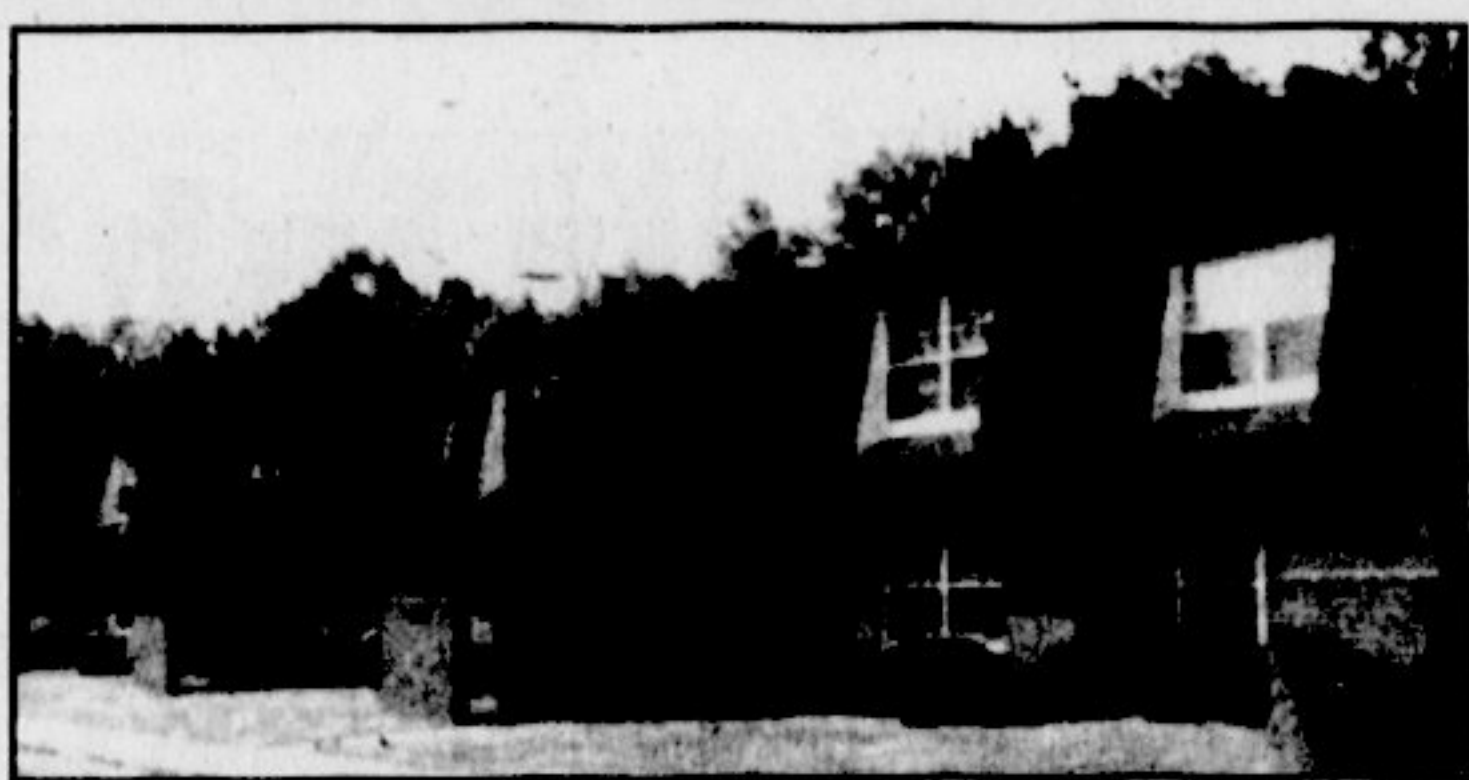
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Pirates starting to gain momentum



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With 7:10 left in the second half last Saturday against the 49ers of Charlotte and the Pirates down three, I made sure to stay seated. The dance team and cheerleaders were on the court for the media timeout, but I wasn't cheering. I wasn't standing up. I was thinking and damn near agonizing.

I was thinking about the past between ECU and Charlotte. I was thinking about how they always find a way to beat us. I was thinking about how much I sometimes wished our program was as respected as theirs.

I really hate those guys. If we only had one win all season and it came against them, I would be happy. We play them twice a year, once at Minges and once in Charlotte. ECU fans travel to Charlotte for the game at their place, Charlotte fans travel to Greenville for the game at our place. Most everyone here knows someone



Badiane broke the C-USA block record against Charlotte.

that goes to school there. Some of us, including myself, applied to go to school there. Two teams, one state, one conference - the rivalry is there.

The first thought that came through my head during this timeout was last season's home game against them. With hardly anytime left on the clock and the Pirates up two, Derek Wiley was put on the foul line. One free throw forced the 49ers to make a three - two hits from the line and the game was pretty much over. Wiley missed both free throws and Charlotte went for the win from the three-point line. After the miss, Calvin Clemmons grabbed the rebound on the way up and dunked it on the way down. We lose in overtime.

I have seen too many games like the one I saw Saturday in my time here. The Pirates were battling a superior opponent at Minges and keeping it close. But too many times the Pirates didn't win those games. During this media timeout, I honestly thought we would lose.

But Moussa would not let that happen. He got a clutch block, 294th of his career, which broke his own conference record for career blocks he had set

earlier in the half and drew a charge with seven seconds left.

Mike Cook was then fouled with the Pirates up a point. So here we are again. The Pirates on the line needing two free throws for a chance to finally beat those 49ers.

If he missed the first free throw, the 49ers could score any field goal to win the game. If he only hit the first one, would Charlotte go for the win? I thought so. After all, down two last year in this building they went for three.

If he hit both, all you have to guard is the perimeter because you know a shot from downtown is coming.

Perhaps that is what hurt the Pirates in last season's game. No one but the five 49ers on the court and their coach, Bubby Lutz, knew if they would go for the win or tie. Being up three this time instead of two is a huge advantage.

Mike Cook would make them both. Charlotte's Mitchell Baldwin got a good look for three to tie the game. I honestly thought it was in when he shot it. History said it would go in.

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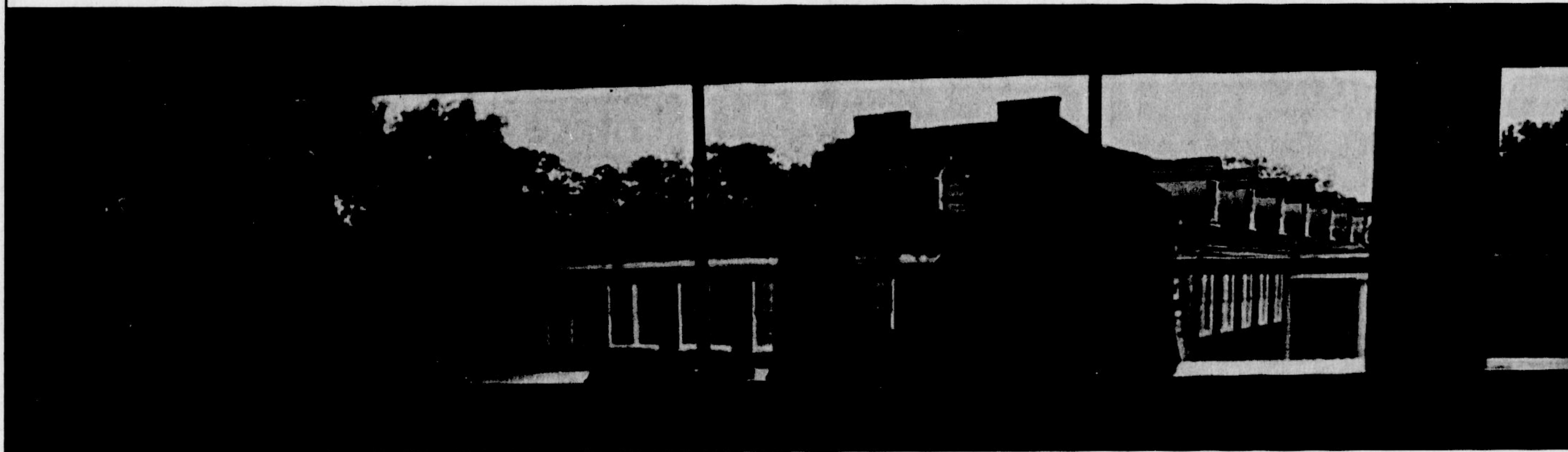
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Coaches from page A6

Greg Hudson and Skip Holtz are buddies. Their families are close. So close, that Holtz is the godfather of Hudson's child. Developing a working relationship isn't a problem either because the two spent three seasons together at the University of Connecticut.

Hudson left his defensive coordinator post of a bowl team in Minnesota to take the job here. Many peers called the job a step down, but Hudson saw it completely differently.

"I thought it was a great move," said Hudson.

"I didn't have to research the university and their commitment to football. That alone was enough to make my decision. The icing on the cake was that coach Holtz and I would get to work together again. It was minus-four [degrees] on the day I talked to coach and it was 71 here. Usually, you have to fly to Cancun to get that type of temperature swing. I was happy."

Hudson spent four years at Minnesota (2001-2004) and is also familiar with C-USA having spent four years at Cincinnati from 1997-2001.

Hudson will take over a team that was horrendous on defense in 2004. In every major defensive statistical category, the Pirates were ranked one hundred or higher.

Donnie Thompson - Assist. Head Coach/Defensive Line

Donnie Thompson is one of the most respected coaches in the coaching profession. Thompson has been successful wherever he has been and is one of the top recruiters in the nation.

Thompson spent the past four seasons at Illinois, beginning in 2001. From 1989 to 2000, Thompson helped the University of North Carolina enjoy unprecedented success on the gridiron. He helped recruit Ryan Simms, Ebenezer Ekuban and Julius Peppers.

Before sleeping with the enemy in Chapel Hill, Thompson laid the groundwork for the greatest ECU football team ever. Thompson spent two seasons on Art Baker's staff at ECU from 1987 and 1988 working as the defensive coordinator. Thompson's recruiting efforts included Car-

lester Crumpler, Jr., Jerry Dillion and Robert Jones.

Rock Roggeman - Linebackers Coach

Rock Roggeman's facial expression and physical stature can tell you everything about his personality. Don't mess with Rock. Coach Holtz described him as an intense person in every facet of life. In fact, he is so intense that I pity the linebackers heading into spring practice.

"We are going to develop from day one of the winter program, that was going to be tough, mentally and physically," said Roggeman.

"It will be stressed every single day."

Roggeman spent the past three seasons at Alabama State beginning in 2002. Roggeman has also coached at Alabama A&M, Louisville and Eastern Michigan, where he was defensive coordinator.

Roggeman shares a football letter from Notre Dame (1983-1984) with coach Holtz. Roggeman was a Parade All-American selection as a

linebacker coming out of high school.

Clifford Snow - Director of Football Operations

Clifford Snow is rumored to be the most organized man in the United States. Snow is the person who organizes recruiting visits for recruits and coaches. He is strictly behind the scenes and is vitally important for the day-to-day tasks that is desperately needed.

"He has climbed in and done everything with dealing with admissions to equipment, everything from A to Z," said Holtz.

Snow was on Holtz's staff at Connecticut as a defensive line coach from 1995-1998, including being named interim head coach when Holtz left for South Carolina. Snow ended up following Holtz to South Carolina overseeing all of the program's obligations including NCAA compliance, player development, financial aid and housing.

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Full Court from page A7

Finally, history was wrong. The fans stormed the court. I went out there and celebrated with my fellow Pirates. I wasn't out there for the big upset we had just pulled off, but for the history-changing event.

"We finally got em! We finally got em!" I kept shouting over and over.

There were so many good things in this game. I could have written an entire article about Moussa's record-breaking block, or how JaPhet McNeil shut down Brendan Playvich, the nation's leading three point shooter. No one is really talking about Tommy Hammonds' 16 point performance including

an amazing 4 - 4 from behind the arc. And how can we forget Corey Rouse's 11 rebounds in just 22 minutes of play, or how about assistant coach George Stachhouse's decision to play the box and one against the 49ers?

If we had lost I would have probably gone one of those routes in this article. But with all the

heartbreak I have experienced watching this team play over the years, especially at the hands of the 49ers, I had to write about beating those guys.

"We finally got em! We finally got em!"

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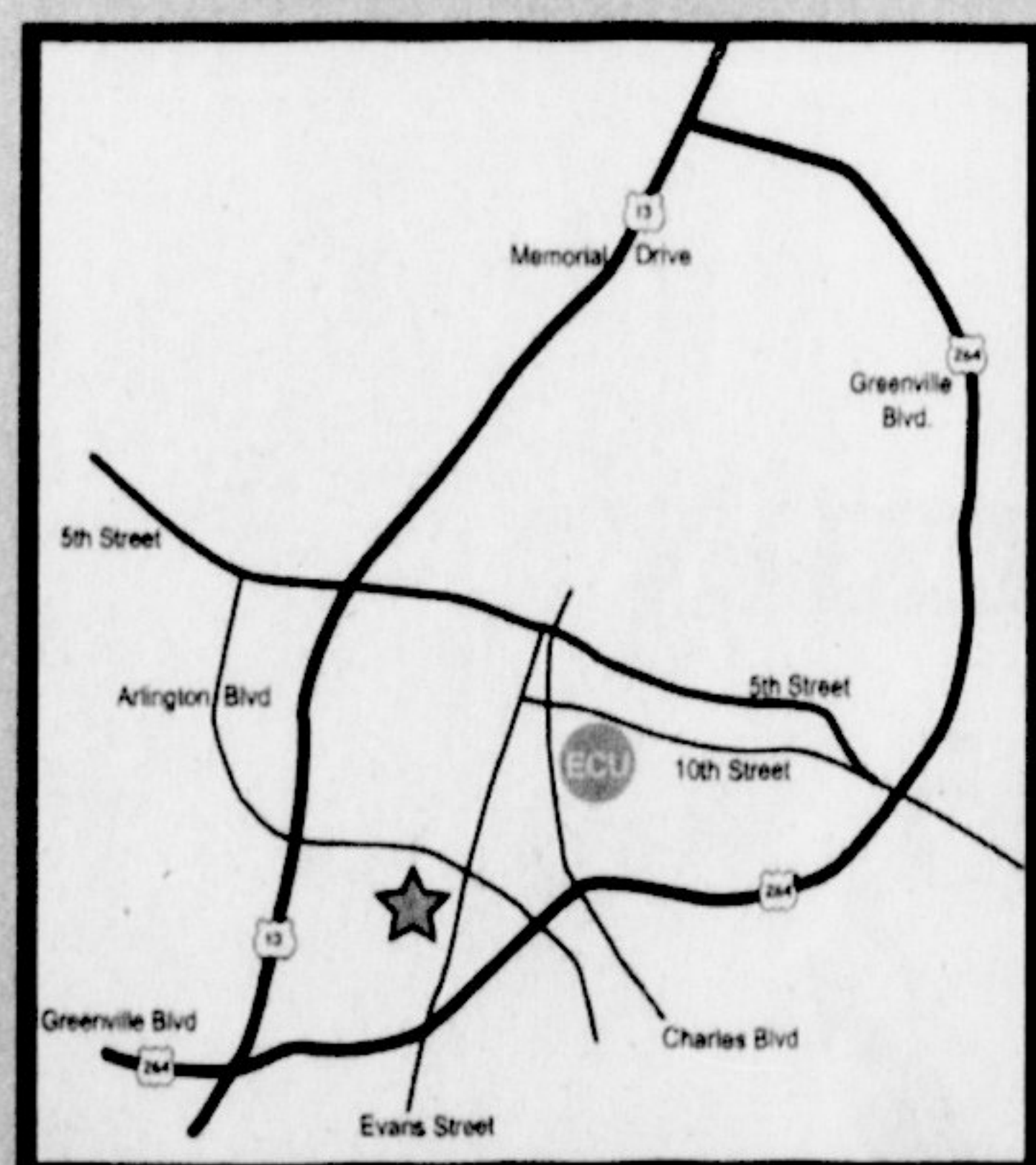
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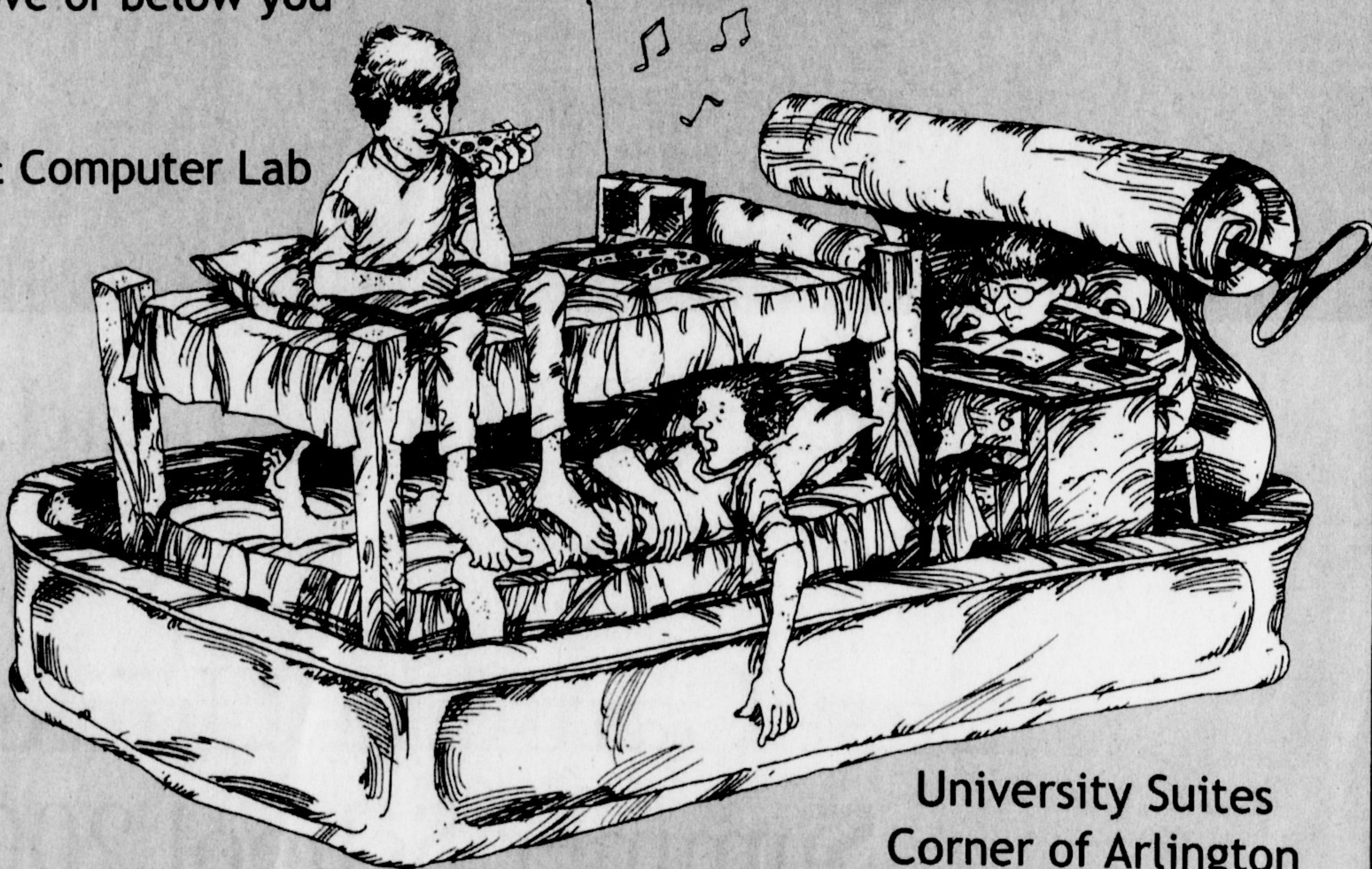
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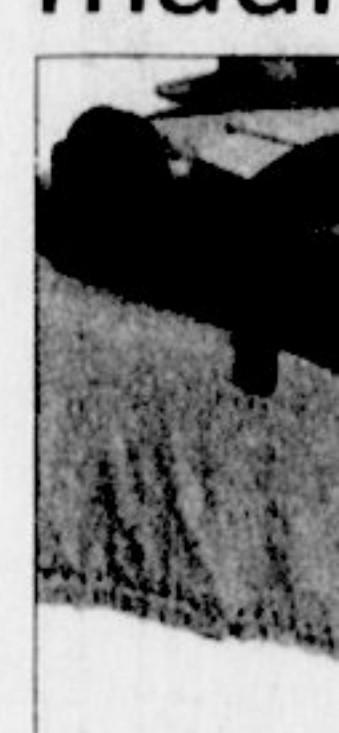


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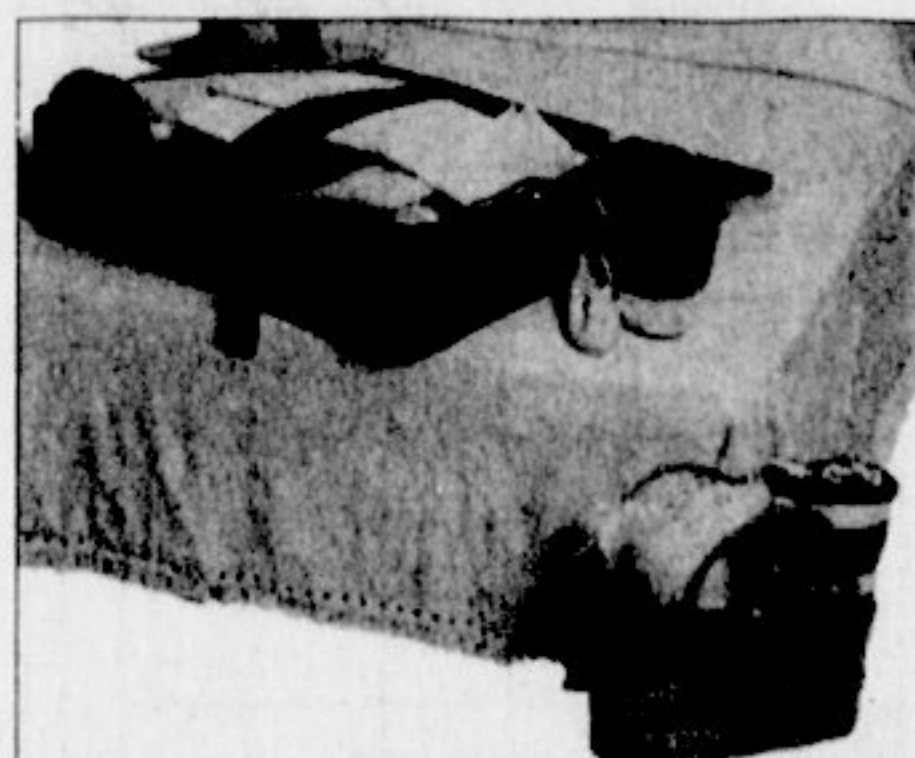
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Packing requires planning. Simple tips for your Spring Break suitcase

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

If you've planned your Spring Break trip, it's not too early to start thinking about what and how you are going to pack.

The first thing to do once you know where you are staying is to call the location or check out their Web site to find out what amenities are available. Make a list of complimentary items the hotel offers since you won't need to pack things that are already there. Most hotels provide irons, blow dryers, alarm clocks, soap and other toiletries.

Next, make a list of all the things you absolutely have to take, starting with items other than clothing. For instance, any medications or contact lenses and solution should be first on the list. Also, don't forget your cell phone and charger or a prepaid phone card. You should let people know where you are going to be and give them a way to contact you at all times in case of an emergency.

If you want to take your own brand of toiletries, only include the basics, such as a toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant and a hairbrush or comb. Once you arrive, you can purchase anything else you have forgotten or decided not to pack. If you do take toiletries that might leak, store them in a plastic bag in case of a spill.

As for clothes, check the weather forecast in advance and plan your outfits based on the predicted temperatures and planned activities.

"I usually pack one outfit for each day I'm going to be gone," said Carolina Martz, senior sociology major.

"In addition, I pack one outfit in case I go out on the town, one church outfit and my work uniform."

Be sure to pack comfortable shoes and try to limit yourself to only a few pairs. You don't want to take too many shoes because they are heavy and take up a lot of space in a suitcase.

Depending on your destination, you may need to bring a swimsuit or a coat. Taking an umbrella or poncho is always a good idea.

"My packing is madness, but there is a method to my madness," said Amanda Seibert, junior theatre education major.

"I take into consideration the weather of the previous days. I generally pack all my favorite clothes, as well as some I won't mind getting dirty. Then once my suitcase has been crammed with clothes, I try and cram in my toiletries and shoes, basically ending up with enough stuff to last a couple months."

Besides an outfit for each day, a swimsuit and a coat, also pack a dressy outfit and something for sleeping. Try not to pack too much heavy clothing, which also doesn't leave much extra room.

"[Rolling clothes] saves room in the bag and helps to keep the wrinkles out of the clothes," said Amber Whitaker, junior nursing major.

Put all your valuables, such as jewelry, together in either a small box or bag and then store it inside a shoe for safe keeping. If you must take anything fragile, surround it with foam to prevent breakage.

Finally, bring an extra plastic bag to store your dirty clothes. If you plan to shop, it's also a good idea to pack a small duffel bag to carry your new purchases in when you return home.

The last and best thing to include when packing for your Spring Break trip is one of the smallest items, a camera. It's the easiest way to preserve the memories, fun and excitement that Spring Break is all about.

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Take a tropical trip this Spring Break

Get away from Greenville by car, plane or boat

MEREDITH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

As Spring Break approaches, students are preparing travel plans, taking trips to the tanning bed and searching for the perfect swimsuit. Going to a tropical destination, whether by car, plane or boat, is the ideal vacation for a stressed college student.

"Last year for Spring Break, three of my best friends and I got in my car and just headed south," said freshman Candice O'Neal.

"We made many stops but didn't have definite plans."

The hot beaches and cold drinks of Cancun make it one of the most popular spots for Spring Breakers.

"Eight of my closest friends and I are taking a cruise to Cancun for Spring Break," said political science major Ashley Yopp.

"I went last year but didn't get to stay as long as I wanted, so I'm definitely going to make up for it this year."

Making travel plans through an agency is becoming more rare as Internet travel Web sites offer

deals to more destinations. With the use of a credit card and just a few clicks, students can book flights, hotels and cruises on Web sites like travelocity.com, price-line.com and vacationstogo.com.

Many cruise lines also offer deals, including rebates, if you book a trip about a month in advance of departure.

"Last year I went to Mexico for only \$350," said English major Katie Baynes.

Closer destinations, including the beaches of North and South Carolina, provide similar activities and scenery but at a fraction of the cost.

"I usually just go to our family beach house in Myrtle Beach. There I can relax by day and go out and party by night," said freshman Aja Campbell.

Whether you plan to cruise to an exotic locale, taking a long road trip or just escaping Greenville for a while, Spring Break is a great time to leave school, jobs and stresses behind. This March, trade in your textbooks for a towel and your Java City coffee for a tropical drink. You'll be glad you did.

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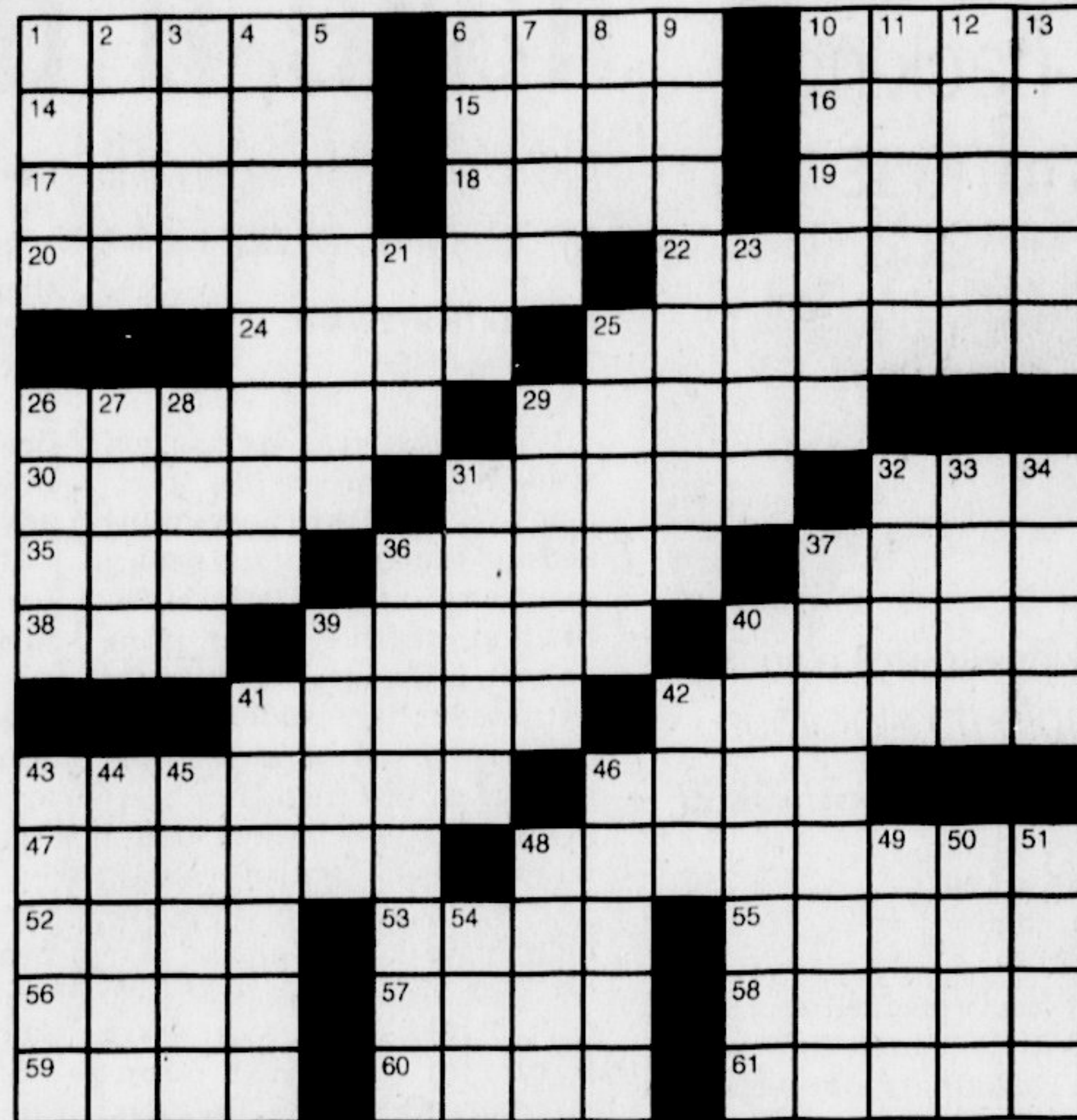
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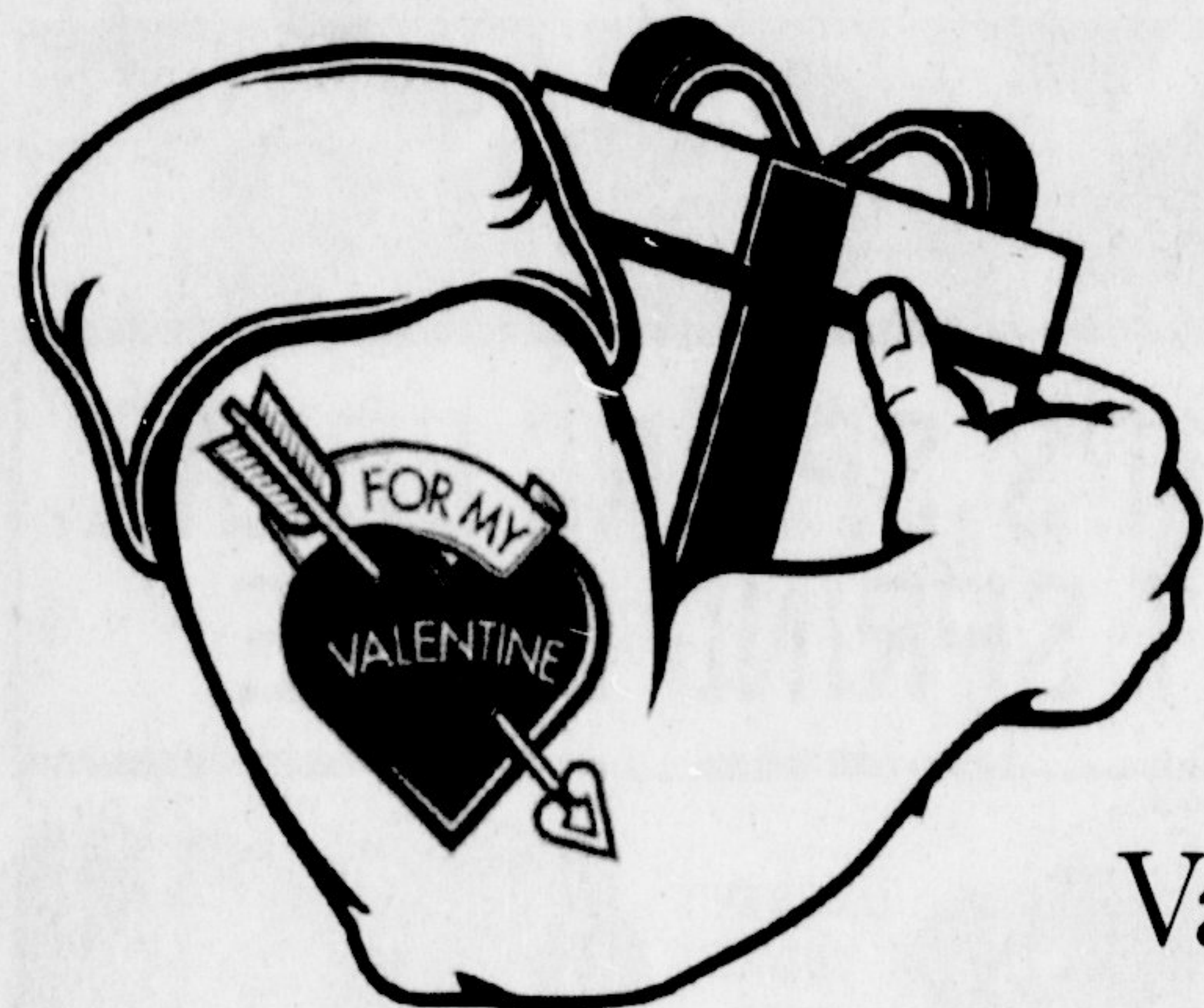
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