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# UNC system students lobby against tuition increase proposals

ECU students actively involved

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Members of ECU's Student Government Association lobbied with a multitude of UNC system students in Raleigh Wednesday to oppose the tuition increases.

The final decision for the tuition increases of all UNC system schools will be decided by the Board of Governors of North Carolina in March.

Terry Gore, president of the Student Government Association senate, said he found the day productive.

"I thought today was a very good start to a really good initiative. I think if we follow up on it, it will be a very effective process," said Gore.

He said he and the SGA will work to get more students involved in addressing the issue.

Rick Glazier of the North Carolina House emphasized the importance of ensuring quality and accessibility to the public schools within the UNC System.

"One without the other harms society," said Glazier.

Glazier said quality means providing appropriate resources for enrollment growth and faculty salaries. It also means striving to develop research dollars at all the institutions and providing state of the art facilities for undergraduate and graduate programs. This would ensure the schools would meet the demands of the globally competitive society. He said accessibility to all high school graduates would always remain important.

"Access is important for all North Carolinians regardless of their socioeconomic status," Glazier said.

"Continued significant and indeed exponential increases threaten the diversity to the university and our state."

He said while scholarship funds have increased, combined state and federal financial aid still lags behind the need of many and the need tuition fees and costs continue to escalate.

"We are on the verge and if we are not careful of placing quality students out of a higher education in the state of North Carolina, and as a



Photo by Kyle Fisher

Students from the UNC System met in Raleigh to protest the proposed tuition increase that would go in effect next year.

policy matter, we have to at some point draw a line in the sand of fees and costs at which we cannot travel," Glazier said.

It will be a difficult budget year for the state of North Carolina considering the anticipated \$1.2 billion budget deficit.

Mark Fleming, vice president of the university system provided some hope for college graduates in North Carolina. He said hundreds of thousands of jobs have been lost in the state within the furniture, textile and tobacco industries. The majority of jobs being created to take the place of those jobs require college educations.

Fleming also emphasized the importance of access.

"The key is making sure there is a strong investment in higher education and our number one priority is access," said Fleming.

He said this includes ensuring enrollment funding and financial aid are sufficiently endowed to allow every high school graduate in North Carolina to attend college. This would be the key for the state's economic future.

Representative Alma Adams of the North Carolina House and recipient of the Tom Sanders Award, said throughout

the UNC System there are more than 180,000 students who have a voice in decisions such as tuition increases.

"Now tell me you shouldn't be able to get whatever you want with 180,000 votes. That means you will have to work," said Adams.

"You [students] collectively make a difference."

Adams emphasized that students need to lobby and make their voices heard with the issue.

Amanda Devore, president of UNC Association of Student Governments encouraged the student lobbyists who attended the day's event to continue pressing their concerns and making themselves heard.

"Today is just the start," said Devore.

She encouraged the students to talk to individuals and tell them their personal stories of how the tuition increase would affect them.

Enrollment growth funding and a continuation budget, a student vote on the Board of Governors, tuition, and faculty and staff salaries are the four main concerns of the students in attendance, tuition being the main issue.

"You all here cannot afford

another year ... of the same levels of tuition increases," Devore said.

Devore said both Governor Easley and Brad Wilson, chairman of the BOG, do not support the tuition increase and we need to make sure every member agrees with them and realizes the increases need to stop. She said while faculty and staff workers of the universities have seen little increases in their salaries over the past several years, their pay raises cannot come solely from tuition increases.

Ben Ruffin, former chairman of the BOG said he understands the struggles of college students who pay their own tuition because he paid his way through college.

Ruffin said five years ago, 12 percent of the University of North Carolina's budget came from tuition. This has increased to 17 percent. In addition to this increased expense, the state's budget has also cut funding.

"We're going up on the students, down on the state," said Ruffin.

He said he would like to see some alternatives used to help this issue, such as giving universities additional tax dollars.

Ruffin said higher education is often bragged about among state officials serving as the

economic engine of the state.

"If we are going to be bragged about and they're going to use us when they need us, then give us funds to fund our universities so we can continue to be the economic engine for North Carolina," Ruffin said.

Matt Cohen, junior political science major and administrative vice president of SGA, said he pays for his own room and board making the increases a "close to home issue." Cohen said he pays tribute to the former legislators who have made sacrifices in making tuition in the UNC system schools as low as they are today. He said he thinks the students' efforts in the day's events will impact the further decisions to be made.

Dan Spuller, director of external affairs in SGA, who pays for his own tuition, said it is important to halt the tuition increases because they have gone up each year and placed a number of people out of higher education.

"Public schools in this state are meant to be affordable so that all can afford to go to college in a public atmosphere," said Spuller.

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John Balaban reads various works of poetry at the forum.

## Renowned poet speaks at reading

Event celebrates 40th anniversary of forum

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The ECU Poetry Forum held a reading Feb. 2 in honor of their 40th anniversary with guest speaker John Balaban, poet-in-residence and professor of English at NC State University.

The event was held in the Bate Building where a few dozen faculty members, students and poetry enthusiasts were on hand to listen to Balaban read a handful of poems he has written or translated from Vietnamese.

Many of the poems read by Balaban were inspired by his experiences as a conscientious objector in Vietnam.

"There is a Vietnam experience lurking behind these poems," said Balaban.

Balaban read a few poems in Vietnamese before reading their translations in English, some of which were dated from centuries ago and were passed down through oral tradition.

Balaban managed to capture some of these oral tales while traveling through Vietnam and talking with the people of the country.

"I spent a year ... walking the countryside with a tape recorder," Balaban said.

Other works read by Balaban drew inspiration through a hitchhiking trip he took across the country starting on an interstate in Pennsylvania and making it all the way to the deserts of New Mexico.

Peter Mackuck, director of the ECU Poetry Forum and English professor at ECU, said bringing poets like Balaban to campus is an important step for ECU's creative writing program.

Mackuck said the poetry of Balaban attracts him due to his aversion to statement and paraphrase and the poet's ability to step back from his own work.

"He provides us with unforgettable moments," said Mackuck.

Mackuck began the event by introducing Balaban and listing some of his accomplishments, which include receiving a master's degree from Harvard University and authoring 11 books of prose and poetry.

Of the 11 books authored by Balaban, five have won or been nominated for various literary awards.

The ECU Poetry Forum was formed in 1965 by Vernon Ward, who Mackuck credited with first bringing talented writers to campus.

The forum meets twice monthly in a workshop format where aspiring poets can read their work and listen to others.

Sandy Carawan, senior English major at ECU, said she was inspired by one of Balaban's poems in particular, the last poem read.

"The last poem was very good," said Carawan.

"It summarized a lot of the poets of the last 50 years."

David Johnson, sophomore English major, said he enjoyed the reading because of how many parallels he could draw between Balaban's poems inspired by Vietnam and the current events of today.

"His poetry was based in the sixties but it resounded with what's happening now," said Johnson.

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## Bush urges Congress to save Social Security



President George W. Bush smiles as he is welcomed to the House Chamber to deliver the annual State of the Union Speech before a joint session of Congress.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush challenged a hesitant Congress on Wednesday to "strengthen and save" Social Security, saying the nation's costliest social program was headed for bankruptcy unless changed. Bush's plan would cut guaranteed retirement benefits for younger Americans but would not affect checks for people now 55 and older.

Bush, in his State of the Union address, pledged to work with Congress "to find the most effective combination of reforms," although he has ruled out some remedies such as raising Social Security taxes.

Democrats said that Bush's

proposal to divert Social Security revenues into private investment accounts was dangerous and that there were better ways to fix the program, the 70-year-old centerpiece of the New Deal.

Republicans stood and cheered when Bush urged lawmakers to approve "voluntary personal retirement accounts." Democrats sat in stony silence, underscoring the partisan divide on an issue likely to dominate the year in Congress. Democrats also groaned and grumbled when Bush said Social Security would require drastically higher taxes, massive new borrowing or severe benefit cuts unless the system is changed.

Bush's speech spanned problems at home and abroad, but it was the first State of the Union address since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that focused most heavily on domestic issues. Despite Democrats' criticism, he offered no hint of a timetable for a troop withdrawal from Iraq.

He pledged to confront regimes that promote terror and pursue weapons of mass destruction, and singled out Syria and Iran. Returning to his inaugural address' theme of spreading democracy, Bush hailed the success of Sunday's elections in Iraq.

"And the victory of freedom in Iraq will strengthen a new ally in

the war on terror, inspire democracy reformers from Damascus to Tehran, bring more hope and progress to a troubled region," he said.

Bush also promised to push forward for Mideast peace, including \$350 million in aid to the Palestinians.

"The goal of two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace, is within reach, and America will help them achieve that goal," the president said.

With more than 1,400 Americans killed in Iraq and the United States spending more than \$1 billion a week on the war, Bush urged Congress to support his request for an additional \$80 billion. "During this time of war, we must continue to support our military and give them the tools for victory," he said.

While key allies like Germany and France opposed the war, Bush said his administration "will continue to build the coalitions that will defeat the dangers of our time."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, delivering the Democratic response, challenged Bush on Iraq.

"We all know that the United States cannot stay in Iraq indefinitely and continue to be viewed as an occupying force," she said. "Neither should we slip out the back door, falsely declaring victory but leaving chaos. ... We have never heard a clear plan from this administration for ending our presence in Iraq."

Emboldened by his re-election, Bush called on lawmakers to move on several controversial

fronts, including liberalizing the nation's immigration laws, imposing limits on medical malpractice lawsuits, simplifying taxes and extending the life of the tax cuts enacted during his first term.

He also urged passage of long-stalled energy legislation and promised to send Congress a budget next week that holds discretionary spending below inflation. Warning Congress that it will face painful choices, Bush said his budget would substantially reduce or eliminate more than 150 federal programs.

Bush said his wife, Laura, would lead a nationwide effort to reduce gang violence by encouraging young people to remain crime free. In a nod to conservatives, he renewed support for a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Transforming Social Security is a political gamble for Bush and for Republican allies wary of taking big political risks. While Bush cannot run for another term, most GOP lawmakers face reelection next year and are nervous about tampering with a system that Americans like and see no immediate need to overhaul.

Democrats, on the other hand, face a risk of appearing as obstructionists if they simply oppose all of Bush's plan.

Under Bush's Social Security plan, workers would be allowed to divert up to two-thirds of their payroll taxes into private investment accounts, according to a Social Security expert who was briefed on the plan Wednesday.

## Graduates experience tsunami before, after



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### ECU alumnus, diver survives tsunami

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A graduate of ECU experienced the devastating tsunami that ravaged the coastal areas of Asia and East Africa firsthand.

Brian Rilinger, who graduated in December 2001, was leading a scuba diving expedition off the coast of Thailand when the tsunami hit.

"We were underwater and there were four students that myself and an instructor were supervising," said Rilinger.

"I was quickly swept away faster than anything unprotected should ever be traveling underwater."

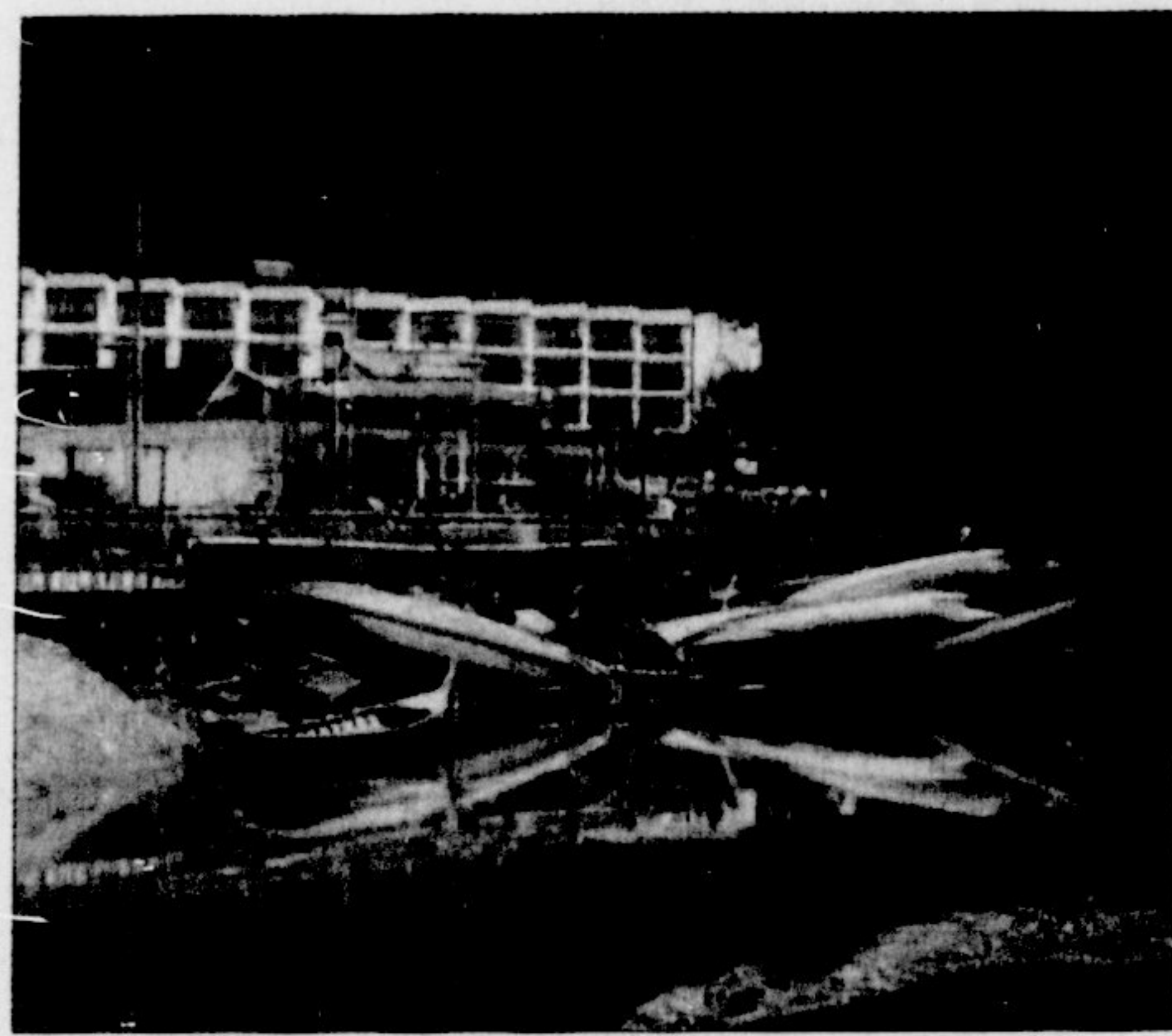
As he was being swept away, Rilinger said he could make no sense of his surroundings and eventually found himself around 200-meters south of where he and the diving expedition had been earlier.

Because the others in the diving expedition were exploring a large rock known as Koh Bida Nok, they were protected from the tsunami surge. Rilinger was carried away because he was swimming free from the cover of Koh Bida Nok.

Rilinger said he was around 8-meters underwater when he noticed a great deal of fish and debris heading his way. Seconds later, the surge from the tsunami hit him.

"I looked into the distance because I felt a pull like you feel when you are in the ocean and a wave is about to break," Rilinger said.

"I thought to myself 'what is going on' and before I had time



Destroyed boats and debris gather on Phi Phi Island.

to think anything else, I was swept away."

Rilinger said he managed to struggle his way through the surge and take shelter behind a small rock, where he waited for the conditions to die down before swimming back to the dive site and surfacing to the boat they had traveled on, meeting up with the group.

Rilinger said when they returned to Phi Phi, there were Thai doctors and military authorities already present on the beach, catering to the many on the island who were affected by the tsunami.

"Phi Phi Island is probably the most popular tourist getaway in the south, and it was completely wiped out," Rilinger said.

"There were 1,000 casualties, many of them foreign on that island alone."

On the way to the island, Rilinger said they had to pick up stranded people floating among the trash and debris from broken boats.

Rilinger said their boat probably survived the tsunami because the water in the area they were diving was not conducive to creating a crest wave to go along with the surge.

The Associated Press has reported an estimated 143,877 - 178,081 have perished in the tsunami disaster, with many of the survivors losing their homes and belongings.

Luckily, Rilinger said his home in Krabi was unscathed due to a seawall surrounding the town.

Rilinger said Thailand does not have the same system of benefits U.S. citizens enjoy, which makes the future appear very challenging for the Thai people.

"The Thai government doesn't have social security or FEMA as we would know it, so the people get a payout if they lost a loved one, but only enough to live for a year or two," Rilinger said.

"I don't know what they will do past that. Many people have been moved to sheet metal houses that our government would not allow you to live in."

Another problem, Rilinger said, is the negative economic effects that will occur from the drop in tourist revenue, a major source of income for the Thai people, especially those living in coastal areas where the tsunami struck.

"There are very few tourists here now, and many shops and hotels are ... in the process of shutting down," Rilinger said.

"There is going to be a big problem here if the tourists don't come back."

The drop in tourism is a problem that Rilinger faces with the Thai people.

"I came here to work in diving. Now I cannot, I will in all likelihood have to leave," Rilinger said.

"I sold everything of reasonable value to accomplish this dream of mine and now it is gone."

Rilinger said he can't allow himself to feel self-pity despite the challenges he is facing.

"In comparison to what I am surrounded by, my plight is pretty miniscule," Rilinger said.

The island group departed to the dive site from, known as Phi Phi Island, was also used in filming the Leonardo DiCaprio film *The Beach*.

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### Herring works to solve environmental issues

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An ECU graduate is working with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to help alleviate environmental problems associated with the tsunami aftermath.

Mike Herring, senior environmental health scientist at the CDC and captain in the U.S. Public Health Service said right now he is on assignment in Atlanta with a division of the CDC that works with emergency and environmental health services. He said he heads a technical assistance team where he promotes workforce development and does consulting work.

When a natural disaster like a tsunami occurs, he and the CDC have to work with common problems such as water safety, waste water, solid waste, food protection and vector control. He said in a flooding situation, they usually work to prevent West Nile Virus and other diseases that can come from the surge of mosquitoes to the area.

Herring said he is usually tasked with water protection. He works with this concern a lot after hurricanes when flooding can be extensive, but this is also a major problem with the tsunami. He said it is phenomenal how much land was covered and a lot of contaminated water ran into local wells.

Herring and his team at the CDC are trying to help develop guidelines that will keep the people affected by the disaster safe and healthy, but they have encountered obstacles they have never had to deal with before.

He said the unique problem with the tsunami is related to the sheer magnitude of the toll on human life, which is leaving dangerous toxins in the area. Morticians who are left with the task of collecting and identifying all these bodies are also generating a lot of waste which they store in tanks, but have no idea how to dispose of.

Herring said the CDC has never had to face a problem like this before, so developing guidelines for the people to use has been a challenging job.

Most of the other problems associated with the aftermath have not been as difficult to create guidelines for, according to Herring, since people at the CDC have dealt with them many times before.

Herring said the CDC is best equipped to handle disastrous situations like the tsunami because they are probably the world's leading public agency. He said he is "awed by the amount of knowledge and skills" when it comes to disease prevention. He also said the organization "carries an enormous amount of prestige" around the world.

During the fall, Herring led a CDC team to help a Florida health department with health



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situations after Hurricane Ivan. He said as a Public Health Service Commission Officer, he has traveled to help with many natural disaster sites and has periodically moved to work everywhere from Alaska to Texas.

Herring graduated from ECU in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in environmental health. In 1993, he received a master's degree in public health from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

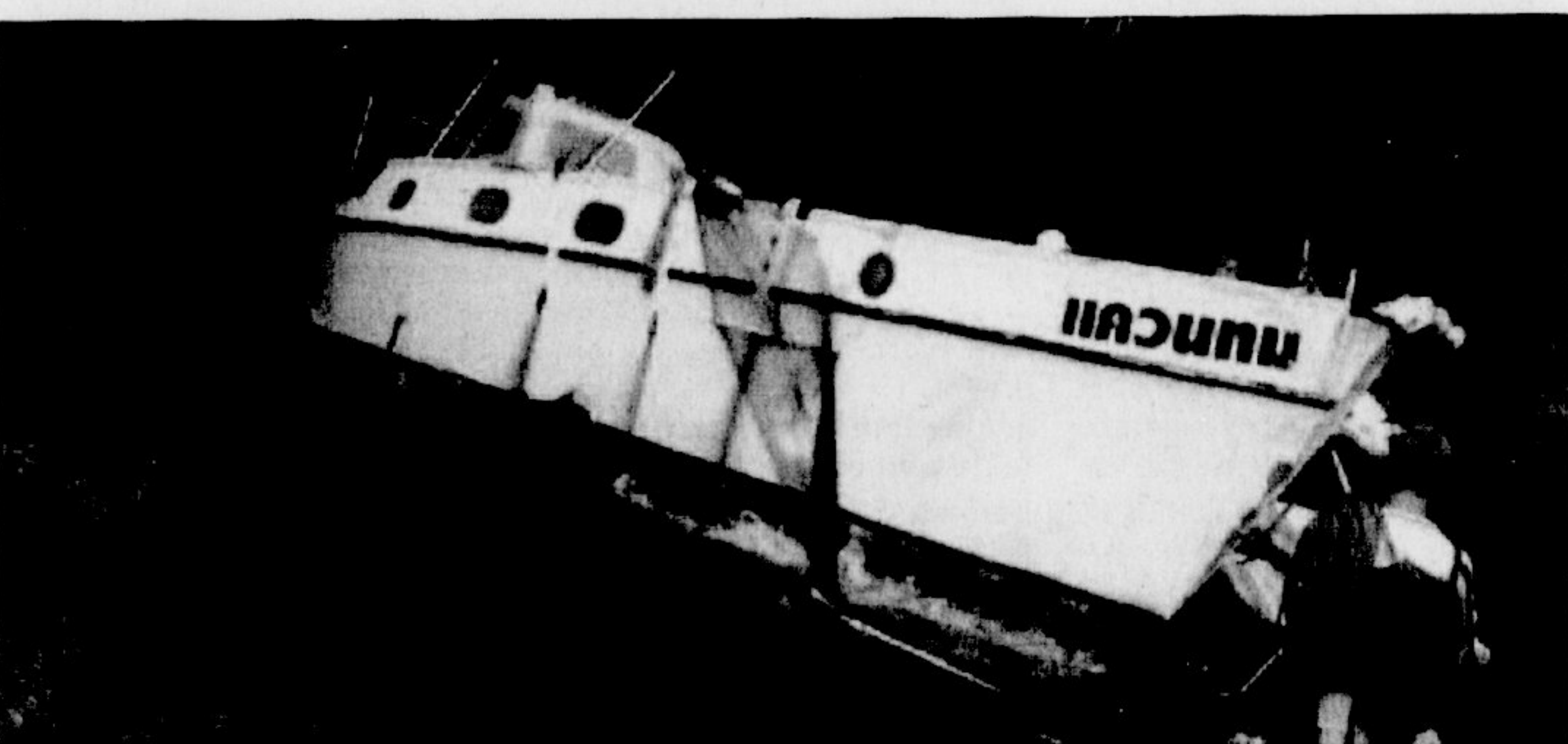
Herring has been with CDC for three years. He said the job at CDC has been one of his most challenging jobs and a great opportunity.

"It's a great agency, and I love it," Herring said.

"I will probably retire from here."

Herring said the CDC is made up of 12 centers, institutes and offices whose goal is to improve environmental health.

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Two people on Phi Phi Island investigate the damage done to a boat on the rocks.

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## News Briefs

### Local

#### Charlotte school bus driver arrested

CHARLOTTE, NC – A Charlotte-Mecklenburg school bus driver was charged with driving with alcohol in his system after a student on the bus called 911 from a cell phone and said the driver was asleep at the wheel. Vernon Tobias Wallace, 23, was charged Tuesday after police and Charlotte-Mecklenburg school officials pulled over his bus near Eastway and Woodland drives. Police would not release test results of Wallace's blood-alcohol level but said it was below 0.04 percent. North Carolina law says people can't drive on public roads with an alcohol level of 0.08 percent or more. But the law is more stringent for those driving commercial vehicles (0.04 percent) and school buses and daycare vans (0.0 percent). None of the 30 or so students on bus No. 260 headed for Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology were injured, said CMS spokeswoman Jerri Haigler. Wallace was released from jail on a \$1,000 bond. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police did not release the name of the student who called 911. During the call, the boy said he is 16 years old. For 38 minutes, as he rode through neighborhoods, the boy told 911 where the bus was and what the driver was doing.

#### One killed, one injured in Brunswick Co. plane crash

SHALLOTTE, NC – One person was killed and another taken to a hospital after a single-engine plane crashed Tuesday evening about six miles from an airport, authorities said. "We thought a car wrecked or something," said Kelvin Ferguson, who lives about 50 yards from the crash scene. "I ran up the road and

the pilot stood there, quite bloody in his face, and he stated that his engine had shut off and that he was trying to make the highway. Then he broke down crying, saying that his friend didn't make it."

Authorities did not release the names of the deceased passenger or the pilot, who was taken to Brunswick County Hospital.

The plane, a Canadian-registered Cessna 210, crashed at 6:50 p.m. six miles northeast of the Ocean Isle Airport in Brunswick County, said Christopher White, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta.

The pilot contacted air traffic controllers in Myrtle Beach, SC, and reported mechanical difficulty before the crash, he said.

Civietown Fire Chief Jeff Sheetz, one of the first to arrive at the scene, said the plane burst into flames as he arrived.

"He talked to us, he was conscious and alert," Sheetz said of the pilot. "We had to stop him from trying to go back to the plane to get his friend."

State Highway Patrol 1st Sgt. J.O. Holmes said the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration would investigate the crash Wednesday. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office also arrested two men and charged them with tampering with debris at the site of the plane crash.

Jeffrey Sellers and Derrick Morton, both of Supply, were charged with hinder, obstruction and delay for removing debris from the wrecked plane. Both were being held on a \$500 secured bail at the Brunswick County Jail.

### National

#### Jackson judge says he has enough prospective jurors

SANTA MARIA, Calif. – The judge in the Michael Jackson molestation

case ended the first stage of jury selection a day early, in part because of a surprisingly large number of prospective jurors who said they were willing to serve.

Santa Barbara County Judge Rodney S. Melville said roughly 250 of the 430 prospects screened Monday and Tuesday were willing to serve during the six-month trial.

He called off plans to interview 300 prospects Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, saying there were plenty of people who could serve on the panel of 12 and eight alternates.

"I think we have enough jurors," said Melville.

Trial watchers said the jury selection process had been sped along by the high percentage of prospects who had no objections to serving.

"Normally when you have a trial where judges estimate six months, you're gonna get two-thirds, three-quarters or more saying they can't do it for one reason or another," said Michael Brennan, a law professor at the University of Southern California.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting a teenage boy and plying him with alcohol at his Neverland Ranch in early 2003. He also is accused of conspiring to hold the boy and his family captive.

#### Teens charged in slaying aspiring actress

NEW YORK – Two teenagers – one a 14-year-old girl – were charged Tuesday in the shooting death of an aspiring actress who challenged a group of muggers on a Manhattan street.

Rudy Fleming, 19, was charged with murder, robbery, attempted robbery and weapons possession, said Assistant District Attorney Robert Hettelman. If convicted, he could face up to life in prison and possibly the death penalty. Hettelman said. The girl was charged with second-

degree murder and robbery, prosecutors said. Police said her mother brought her to the police station on Monday.

Nicole duFresne, 28, her fiancé and another couple were leaving a bar in the Lower East Side, a once-gritty section of Manhattan now known for its hip nightspots, early Thursday when they were approached by a group of youths who demanded money, police said.

Witnesses said one of the men grabbed for the other woman's purse and duFresne intervened, asking: "What are you going to do, shoot us?"

Fleming then fired a single shot into her chest, police said.

He and four others were picked up for questioning late Sunday, police said. Two of the four were charged in an attempted robbery the same night but not in duFresne's slaying. The remaining two were considered witnesses, police said.

Police said the 14-year-old girl confessed to police that she was with the group and had taken a cell phone from the stolen purse, according to a criminal complaint provided by the Manhattan district attorney's office.

### International

#### German president bows to Israeli parliament

JERUSALEM – Germany's president told Israeli lawmakers Wednesday he bows his head "in shame and humility" before the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, and he promised that Germany would wage a determined battle against anti-Semitism.

The president, Horst Koehler, also denounced Palestinian suicide bombings as indefensible acts of terror and said Germany would always stand by Israel and its people. Germany is encouraged by recent Mideast peace moves and would try to help Israel and the Palestinians

resume their negotiations, he said. Koehler, marking 40 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries, began his speech in heavily accented Hebrew – a gesture that prompted his hosts to smile – before switching to German. Before the address, several Cabinet ministers and legislators said they could not bear the thought of hearing German spoken in parliament and would stay away.

Koehler is the second German president to address Israel's parliament, following a speech by then-President Johannes Rau in 2000. Koehler arrived in Israel on Tuesday, visiting the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and meeting with Israeli President Moshe Katsav.

#### Pope's spokesman says 'no cause for alarm'

VATICAN CITY – Pope John Paul II had difficulty breathing as he battled the flu and will spend a few more days in the hospital, the Vatican confirmed Wednesday, but it said tests showed his heart was functioning normally and the pope had rested for several hours overnight.

The 84-year-old pontiff had "just a little fever," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in elaborating on a terse medical bulletin issued by the Holy See. He told Vatican radio the pope would spend "a few more days" in the hospital, but added that there was "no cause for alarm."

"The cardio-respiratory and metabolic levels at present are within the norm," the bulletin said.

The pope was being treated Wednesday for respiratory problems in the Gemelli Polyclinic. He was rushed there late Tuesday from his Vatican apartment, where he had been battling the flu for several days, Vatican officials said. No further medical bulletins were expected Wednesday, they said.

## Campus News

### Great Decisions

The Great Decisions program will continue Saturday in Rivers West Auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon. This week's discussion will be on Chinese politics.

### Regional Band 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.

### Free Practice Test

Kaplan's Test Drive will be offering a campus-wide opportunity for students to take a free GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT or DAT administered under simulated testing conditions Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. in Bate. To register, members may call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit online at kaptest.com/testdrive.

### Spaghetti Dinner

ECU medical students will be holding a spaghetti dinner Feb. 19 to raise money. Keep reading *TEC* for the official 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/ECU."

### '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 ecuarths.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, please e-mail srb0907@mail.ecu.edu or bjh0218@mail.ecu.edu.

### Criminal Justice

#### Application Deadline

Students interested in applying for admission into the criminal justice program need to submit applications by Feb. 15. Applications are available outside 270B Rivers. If you have any questions, please call Virginia Parker at 328-4695.

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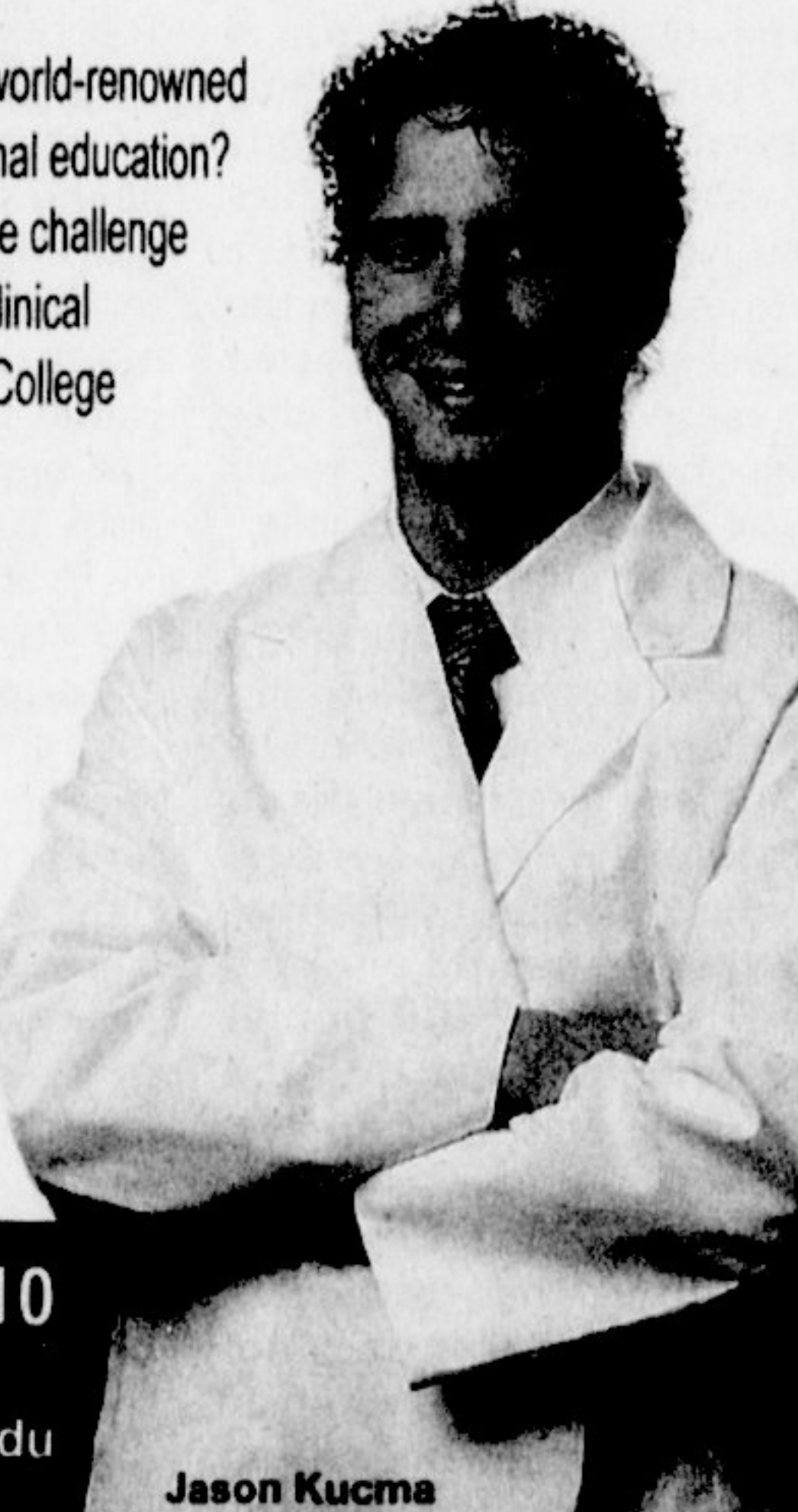
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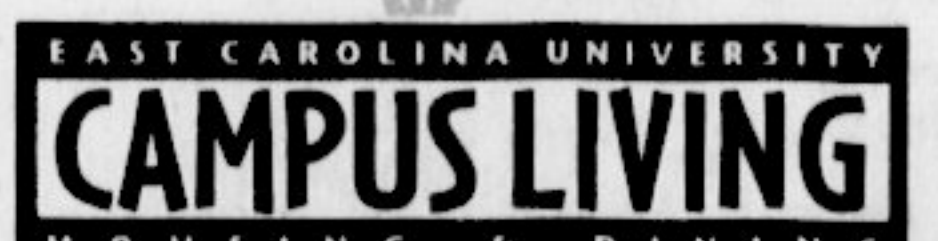
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## Our View

### Super Bowl Sunday filled with too much nonsense

Whenever Super Bowl Sunday is mentioned, people usually think of large groups of people gathered together, great grilled food, commercials worth watching for once and – oh yea, football.

Something isn't quite right there. The Super Bowl isn't about getting together, eating and watching commercials. The NFL title game is all about the two best teams in the land playing for one of the most prestigious sports honors.

The first two Super Bowls attracted about as much attention and attendance as a WNBA regular season game. When the Kansas City Chiefs played the Green Bay Packers, there were almost 30,000 empty seats in the stands. No one cared about the big game. It simply wasn't the big game yet.

Then along came Joe Namath. Good ole' Broadway Joe brought a strut and young, reckless confidence to the big game. Not to mention the Jets were playing Johnny Unitas' Colts, a team said to be unbeatable that year. Namath and company ended up toppling the all-powerful Colts in Super Bowl III, and that marked the beginning – when the game actually started to matter.

Although, it has gotten better at attracting attention to the game itself, there's entirely too much nonsense on Super Sunday.

The halftime show has only been around for about 13 years – and it's a good form of entertainment, don't get us wrong. But it gets larger and more ridiculous every year. Last year's breast-baring incident by Janet Jackson is probably remembered more across the country than who actually won the 2004 Super Bowl. The commercials are fine and a great way to attract and keep the viewers' attention, but we usually hear more about the best commercial the day after Super Sunday than the winner of the game.

So, when you watch the big game Feb. 6 this year, try to remember, it's not, "Damn, how hot does Alicia Keys look?" It should be more along the lines of, "Man oh man, he just made one of the hardest hits I've ever seen, what a game."

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## Opinion Columnist

### Is an Iraqi life worth less than an American life?

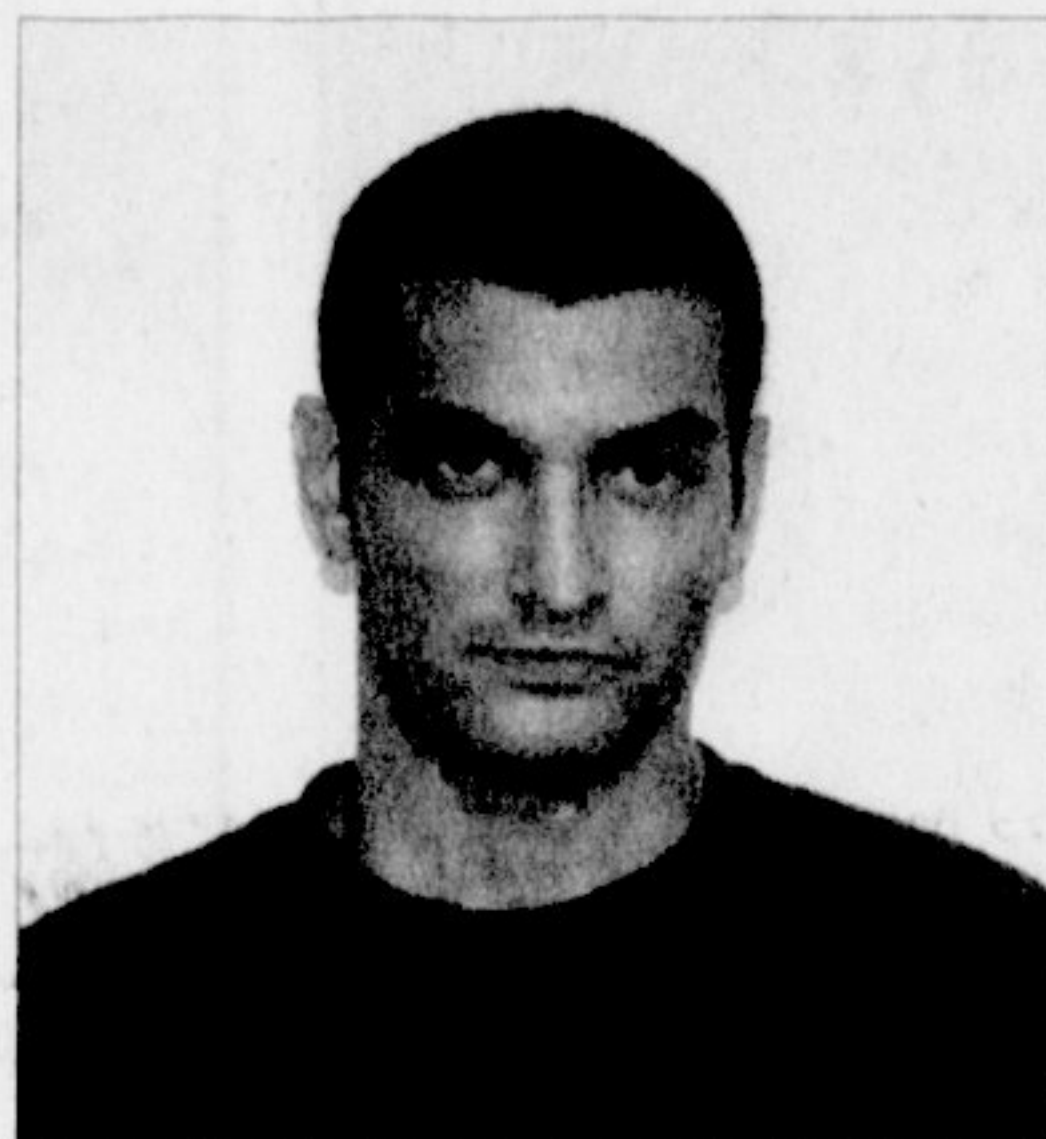
*Outcry over civilian deaths reaches a fever pitch*

**PETER KALAJIAN**  
CONCERNED AMERICAN CITIZEN

Since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, the issue of civilian casualties has been quietly moved to the backburner of American news organizations, particularly when those deaths are caused by American air strikes and mortar attacks. The national media is more than willing to vividly describe the deaths of innocent Iraqi civilians when they come at the hands of insurgents, but when the question of American responsibility for the death of innocents (including women and children) is raised, the entire federal government rears up on its haunches and prepares for a fight.

Unfortunately, the Pentagon does not keep (or does not report) accurate figures concerning the violent deaths of innocent men, women and children – people whose only crime was they happen to live in a country under U.S. occupation and they were a little too close when that 500-pound bomb was detonated at the end of their block. "Smart Bombs" (though one could argue that nothing intended to end the life of another human being should be referred to as "smart") are lauded by American commanders and military analysts as the "new age" of military technology and the best weapon to avoid unnecessary civilian casualties. Unfortunately, a great number of those "smart bombs" were dropped into densely populated urban areas, killing the innocent along with the guilty. The issue of civilian deaths is one of the most significant in the struggles over the new Iraq, and the U.S. government should take more of an active interest in avoiding the unintentional murder of innocent human beings.

Of course, this is not to imply that American forces have ever intentionally killed innocent civilians, but eventually, intent becomes peripheral to the real issue. Whether they meant to or not, the fact remains that thousands of innocent people have died as a direct result of coalition military activity. This



fact is beyond dispute.

In September 2004, the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University conducted a survey to try and glean some information about Iraqi civilian casualties, and their findings were alarming. A total of 7,800 randomly chosen Iraqis were interviewed, answering questions about deaths within their own families and violence which they may have otherwise witnessed. According to the study, "80 percent of deaths reported were directly caused by coalition forces and 95 percent of those deaths the result of air strikes or allied mortar attacks."

Ninety-five percent? Apparently, those "smart bombs" are not quite as "surgical" as the American public has been led to believe. Surgical would be a sniper, killing one target then disappearing back into the desert. Surgical would be a small platoon of Marines seeking out and eliminating one specific target. Dropping a 500-pound bomb into a neighborhood to kill a small group of insurgents is not surgery, it is barbaric.

Estimates about civilian casualties, unfortunately, are just that – estimates. The Pentagon claims that it does not take note of innocent people who may or may not have been blown up by an Allied air strike, and many times the bodies of the victims of these strikes are so badly damaged that identification is impossible. Unlike Vietnam, where daily news reports about civilian atrocities and the pictures to go along with them were piped directly into American living rooms, our news from Iraq is highly filtered. With estimates of

civilian dead between 10,000 by some American groups and 37,000 by one Iraqi group, I have yet to see one newscast showing the charred corpses of women or small children on American TV (Arab news networks like Al-Jazeera are somewhat different).

If the shoe were on the other foot, that is, if the United States was being "liberated" by the Iraqi army and 15,000 innocent American men, women and children had already been slaughtered by errantly dropped bombs or overzealous Marine patrols, you can bet that the insurgency being witnessed inside the United States would look like a day at the proverbial beach. The Second Amendment, which for 216 years has kept this country armed to the teeth, would explode upon the "liberating" army marching down Pennsylvania Avenue like a whirlwind. You can believe that every time the Iraqi government accidentally killed a 6-year-old American boy or a family of four driving home from soccer practice, every news agency in this country would be all over it like flies on horse manure. The American insurgency would bleed the invading forces, just like our troops are being bled by the Iraqi insurgency.

Every time someone dies needlessly, it is a tragedy. An American soldier has no more right to his existence than an Iraqi civilian, and by noticeably avoiding the issue of civilian casualties as a result of U.S. military action (whether right or wrong), the American media apparatus is neglecting the fundamental undercurrents of the president's war. By de-emphasizing the importance of innocent Iraqi lives, the United States demonstrates to the Iraqi people that all of the rhetoric about "a free Iraq" and "an end to tyranny" is nothing but window dressing. It's not worth the lives of 10 innocent people to ensure the death or capture of a few. If one believes that between 10,000 and 37,000 (estimates are always higher by Iraqi groups) innocent Iraqi citizens have been killed as a direct result of the coalition occupation, and that approximately 3,000 innocent Americans died on Sept. 11, 2001, then I ask you: Is an Iraqi life worth less than an American life?

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
I'm writing about Meredith Stewart's anti-marijuana propaganda piece titled "A Date With Mary Jane: Marijuana, effects, consequences" [Jan. 27].

Stewart didn't mention the worst effect of marijuana use – getting arrested and thrown in jail with violent criminals. Last year we had more than 700,000 arrests for marijuana violations and almost 90 percent of the arrests were for possession only.

We had more arrests made for marijuana violations than for murder, rape, armed robbery and assault combined.

Marijuana is a natural herb that has never been documented to kill a single person in the 5,000-year history of its use. On the other hand, if we drink 65 cups of coffee in a single day, we have a 50 percent chance of dying as a result.

So why don't we criminalize coffee

instead of marijuana?

If we smoke the most potent marijuana all day long, the worst effect would be a severe case of the munchies.

Kirk Muse  
Mesa, AZ

Dear Editor,

In the interests of setting "a good example for tomorrow's leaders" (Re: A Date With Mary Jane, published Jan. 27), I'll state for the record that I have little faith that this letter will be printed, and none that the editors at *TEC* will concede the following facts:

Drug prohibition, just like alcohol prohibition early last century, has led to drastic increases in youth access to illicit contraband and per capita homicide rates. Furthermore, marijuana laws have been associated with increased demand for cannabis and much more

dangerous substances like opiates and inhalants.

Why do people risk their very freedom to smoke marijuana? Because it effectively ameliorates pain, nausea and stress with far less deleterious side effects than "approved" alternatives.

Why do people legally smoke cigarettes, drink beer or use pain killers? Because Congress prefers to wage war against Americans over pot. Meanwhile, they ignore the annual deaths of 1.1 million Americans caused by manufacturers of defective and deadly drugs that would otherwise be forced to compete on an open market with marijuana.

War on drugs is counterproductive at best, and is likely illegal, violating several antitrust and Constitutional laws.

Any questions?  
Jose Melendez

## Pirate Rant

How did my professor get a job at ECU? All she does is read out of the book. Anyone can do that.

ECU finally won a game against a conference opponent in men's basketball.

Out of all the food joints on campus, why is there not a Bojangle's?

I don't think any of the ECU professors come to work to hear the latest ring-tone you downloaded. Have some courtesy and turn your ringer off before entering the classroom.

Commuter Students: If you would like to stop being left at the last stop in Minges and end up being late for class, why don't you try showing up about 20 minutes earlier to catch the bus? According to the bus schedule, Minges park and ride shuttles run as early as 6:45 a.m. Give it a try. You may actually make it to class on time.

Why is it in every one of my classes there is someone who has read about, seen, experienced or thought about everything the professor is talking about? And then they want to voice it in class? Sure, I like to contribute something to class once in a while, but not so much that my nose is perpetually brown. To all the brown nosers out there, chill out, relax and let someone else talk for a change.

Great, not only do I barely have heat in my dorm room, now there are mice in my dorm room as well.

Don't you love the laugh of giddy schoolgirls talking horribly loud when you're trying to write a paper? Hey school girls, shut up or go outside. We're trying to get an education here.

To the person who needs the Student Recreation Center track all to himself or herself: I walk that track with my friend almost every day and watch in awe as the people like you run by us. We can only try and pray to be as athletic and in shape as you are. So, please just run along with your 2 percent body fat self and let us continue our "five-minute New Years resolution."

To the person who made the comment about the Uggs worn with mini skirts, you may want to flip through a magazine because that is the style this season. If Hollywood does it, so will the rest of the United States.

I think the wonderful people who drive those trucks on the sidewalks think we are asking for an early grave. I never thought I would be so scared of being run over when I'm on the sidewalk.

To the person who wrote about embracing Michael Moore or another person who speaks strongly about their personal views: Instead of embracing them or just agreeing with them, why don't you come up with your own views and thoughts and express them? Quite an idea, eh?

Honestly, how can a professor, who we all pay, not show up for class three times in the first few weeks of class? Note: Students are only allowed three misses all semester. Normally I would be OK with missing class but there are never any e-mails, just post-its on the door when you get there. Ridiculous.

To the ranter who claimed the SRC track as his own: Perhaps if you pulled your head from your nether regions to look up, you would see that walkers and joggers have assigned lanes, so no it is not your personal space.

I don't know what hurts more, to think it was a weekend thing, or to actually know it was.

So Tony McKee is anti-identity theft? Gee, that's a controversial stance, Tony. What's your next article's topic? Puppies are good?

*Editor's Note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.*

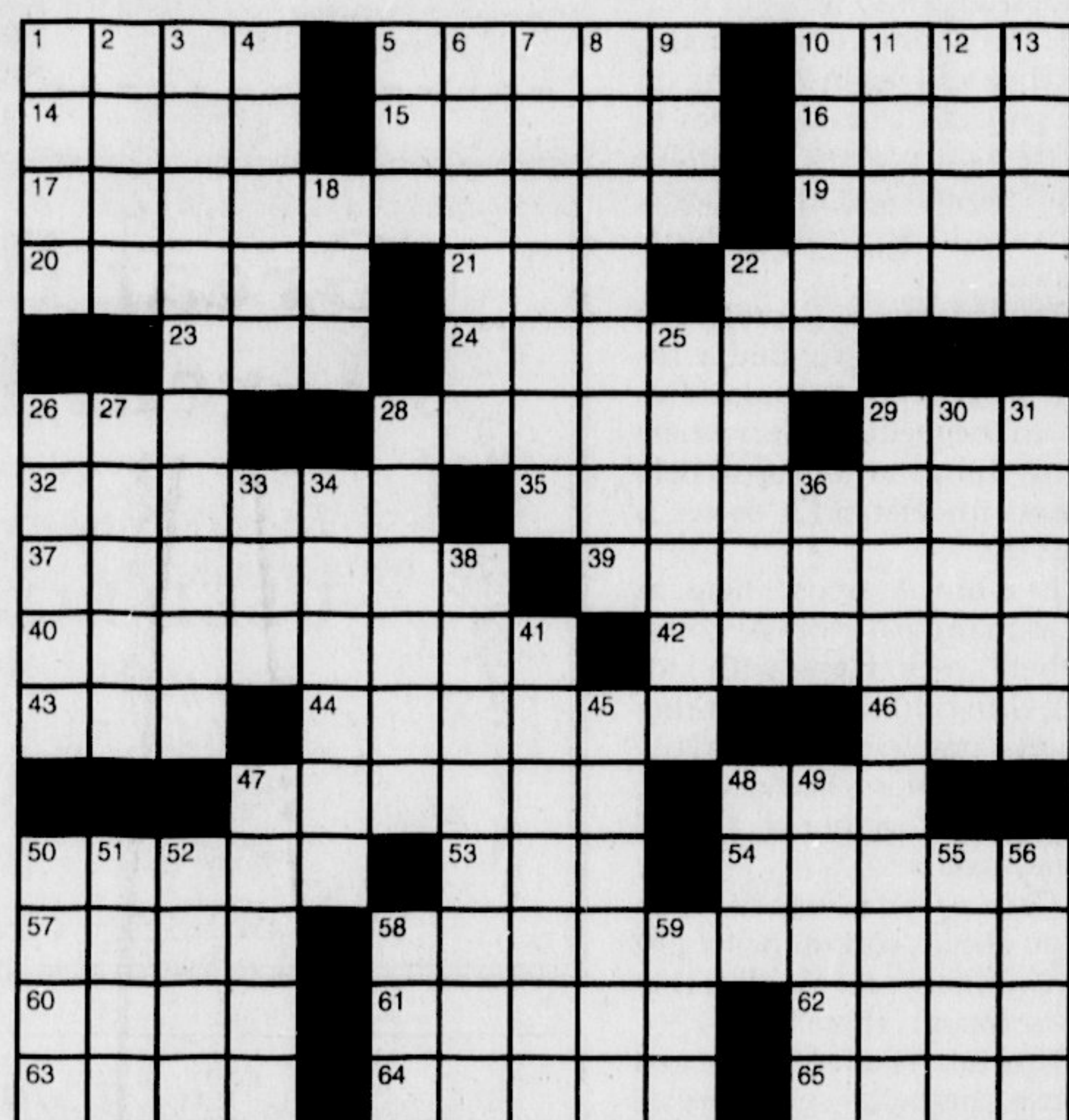
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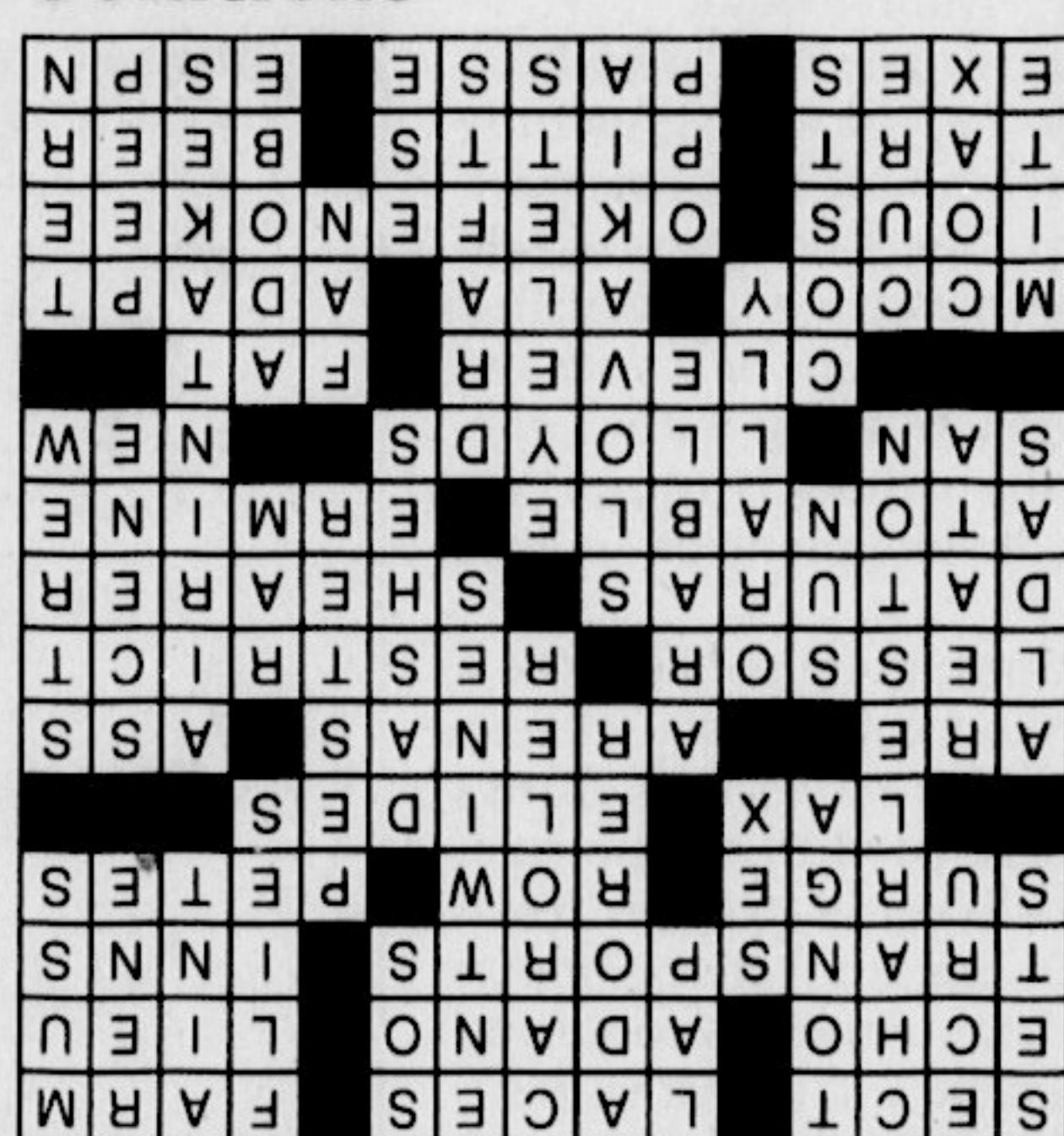
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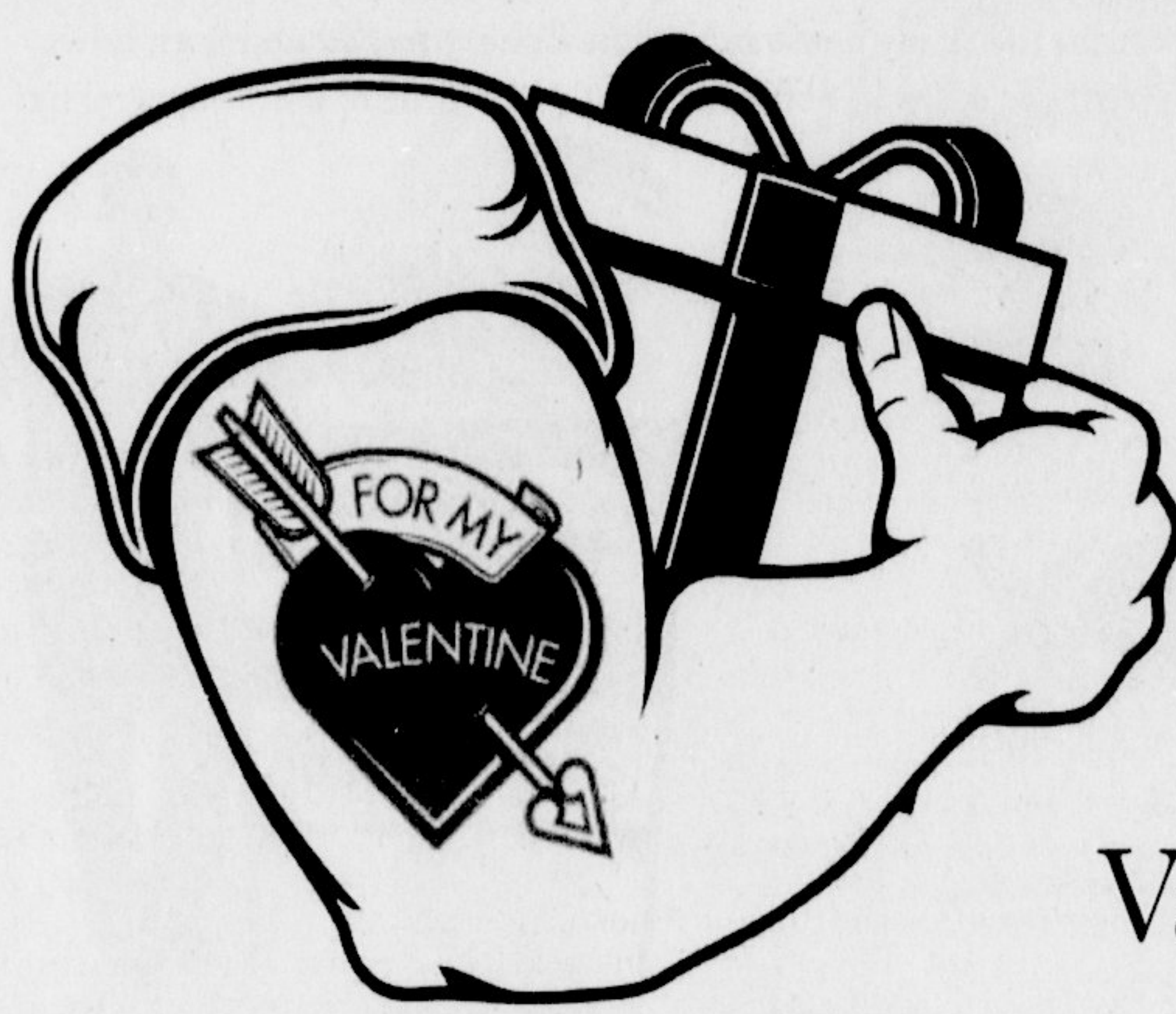
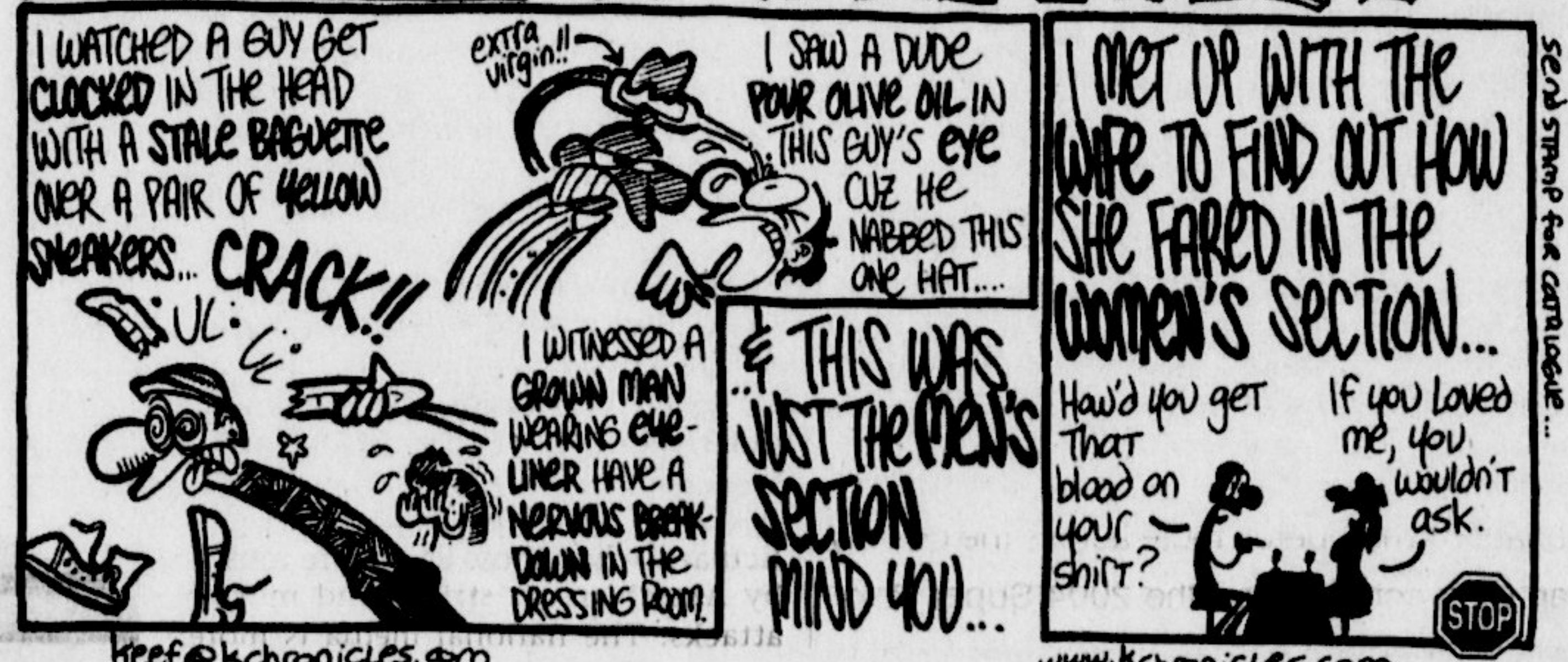
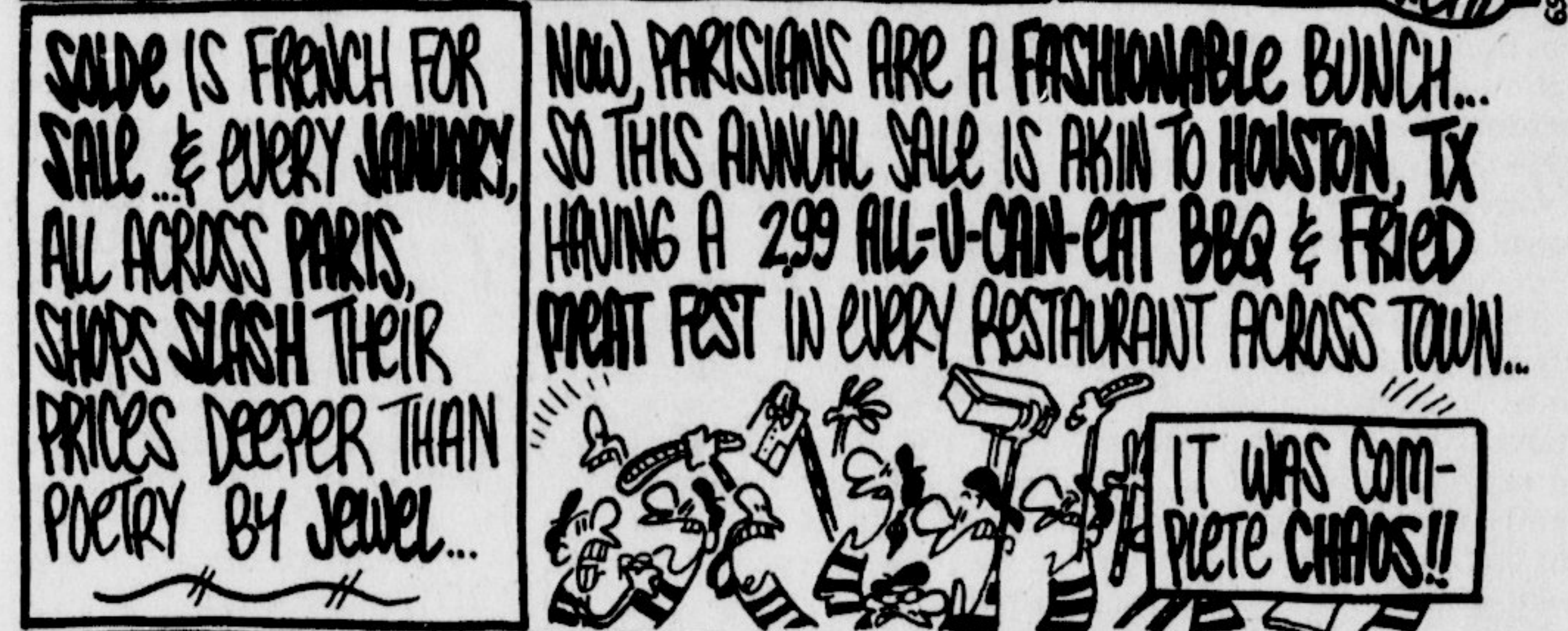
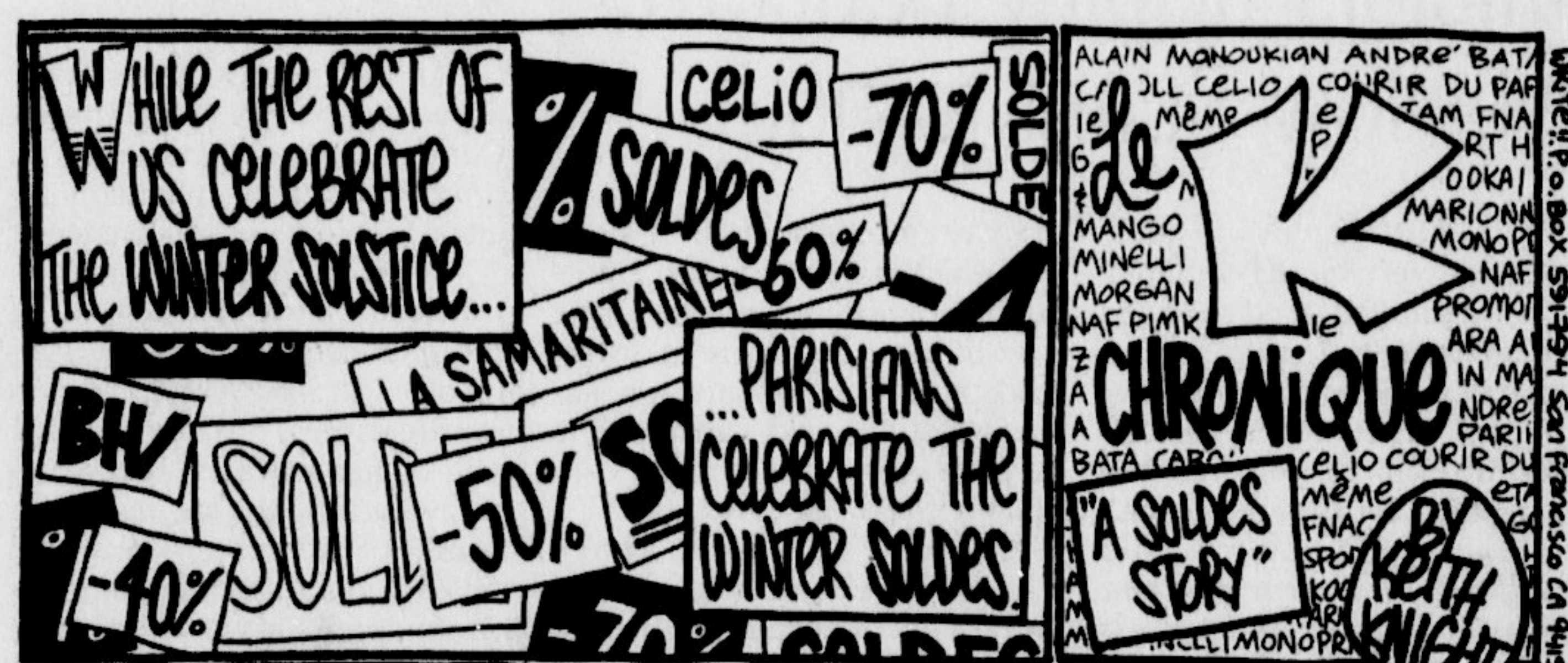
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## Officials display concern over low Sunni turnout

(AP) CAIRO, Egypt — Middle Eastern governments say they hope to establish good relations with whatever leadership emerges from Iraq's landmark election but expressed concern over the low Sunni Muslim turnout and the rise in Shiite Muslim influence.

Some commentators and newspapers had warm words for Sunday's election, in contrast to virulent pre-polling criticism from many quarters in the region. Others continued to question the legitimacy of the election, pointing to the death of voters in many Sunni areas, though there were no firm figures for the turnout yet.

The limited Sunni participation was no surprise. Iraq's Sunni leaders had called for a boycott to protest the U.S.-led military occupation. The raging insurgency, which carried out numerous attacks on election day as threatened, may also have kept Sunnis away from the polls. Sunnis make up about 20 percent of Iraq's 25 million people.

Jordan, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates were quick to praise the polls and pledge to work with Iraq's future government. But Jordanian government spokeswoman Asma Khader stressed Sunni participation was crucial for "achieving security and stability in Iraq."

Under Saddam Hussein, Iraq's Sunni minority was the coun-

try's dominant force. But since the ex-dictator's ouster, Iraq's long-suppressed majority Shiite community has risen in influence and its representatives are expected to wield considerable power within the country's 275-member National Assembly.

Some commentators believe a Shiite-influenced Iraq may forge a strategic alliance with Shiite-controlled Iran, a worrying prospect for the Gulf region's predominantly Sunni-controlled regimes, who are opposed to Shiite minorities in their own countries seeking a greater say.

Egypt's pro-government Al-Ahram newspaper said Sunni-led regional powers, like Saudi Arabia and Jordan, "deeply disagree with the potential results of the (Iraqi) elections, which will escalate existing fears (concerning increased regional Shiite influence)."

Iraqi Shiite leaders insist they do not seek a government based on neighboring Iran's religious establishment, while Iran has tried to cool concerns of a Shiite power grab.

"We are ready to cooperate with future government of Iraq, regardless of its tendency," Iranian government spokesman Abdollah Ramezanzadeh said Monday.

Shiite-Sunni tensions are problematic for several Gulf regional countries.

## Professor creates project with NCA



Photo by Kyle Fisher

DUMLAO

Middle school students to learn through media

KRISTIN DAY  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

An ECU professor is serving on a panel with the National Communication Association to promote diversity and media literacy to middle school students.

Rebecca Dumlao, associate professor with the school of communication, said she became involved with NCA's family communication division because one of her primary focuses is studying how the media affects families. She then joined a group called Communicating Common Ground, which works to create partnerships between ECU's Communication Department, the Pitt County Alliance for Youth and Communities in Schools organizations.

"About four years ago, the NCA started this project where they encouraged communication departments to partner with some community organization, or maybe a school," said Dumlao. "The communication students at the colleges would teach or help kids learn about things related to diversity and to help stop hate crimes."

Dumlao said there are projects all over the country to support this objective. She decided to write a proposal to the NCA over the summer to use students from her media literacy classes to develop a product for local middle schools.

Last semester, she tested the project with one of her classes. They focused on cyber-bullying and created mediums such as comic books, videos and trial Web sites.

Her two sections this semes-

ter are still learning the basics of media literacy, but they soon will work with interviews of middle school students to find out what would be appropriate to make, then they will begin working on their projects. Dumlao hopes to take the best projects and make a professional-quality sample, which could go to the middle schools.

Dumlao said this project is significant because media literacy, in general, is important. She said the media is everywhere and anything they can do to help students understand it better is necessary.

"In a broader sense, here, as well as many parts of the country, there are problems with kids doing things like bullying other kids and problems with having different groups polarized and not working together real well," Dumlao said.

"One of the reasons I'm excited about working with Pitt County Alliance for Youth is that kind of focus is there."

Dumlao is also involved because she believes in service learning.

"You teach in such a way that you get students involved in experiencing, learning and working with people in the community," Dumlao said.

Dumlao sees this project as the first step in what hopefully will become an ongoing partnership. She said they would probably have their first finished products sometime next year and can begin working with something she thinks is important to the development of today's youth.

"I think there seems to be a popular conception that if we keep kids away from certain things then we're good," Dumlao said.

"I believe we need to teach our kids something that is important outside of the classroom and about media and how it works."

Alice Keene, co-facilitator for Pitt County Alliance for Youth, said the organization is an inter-agency organization formed in 1997. She said their goal is to work together to get basic resources to and for children.

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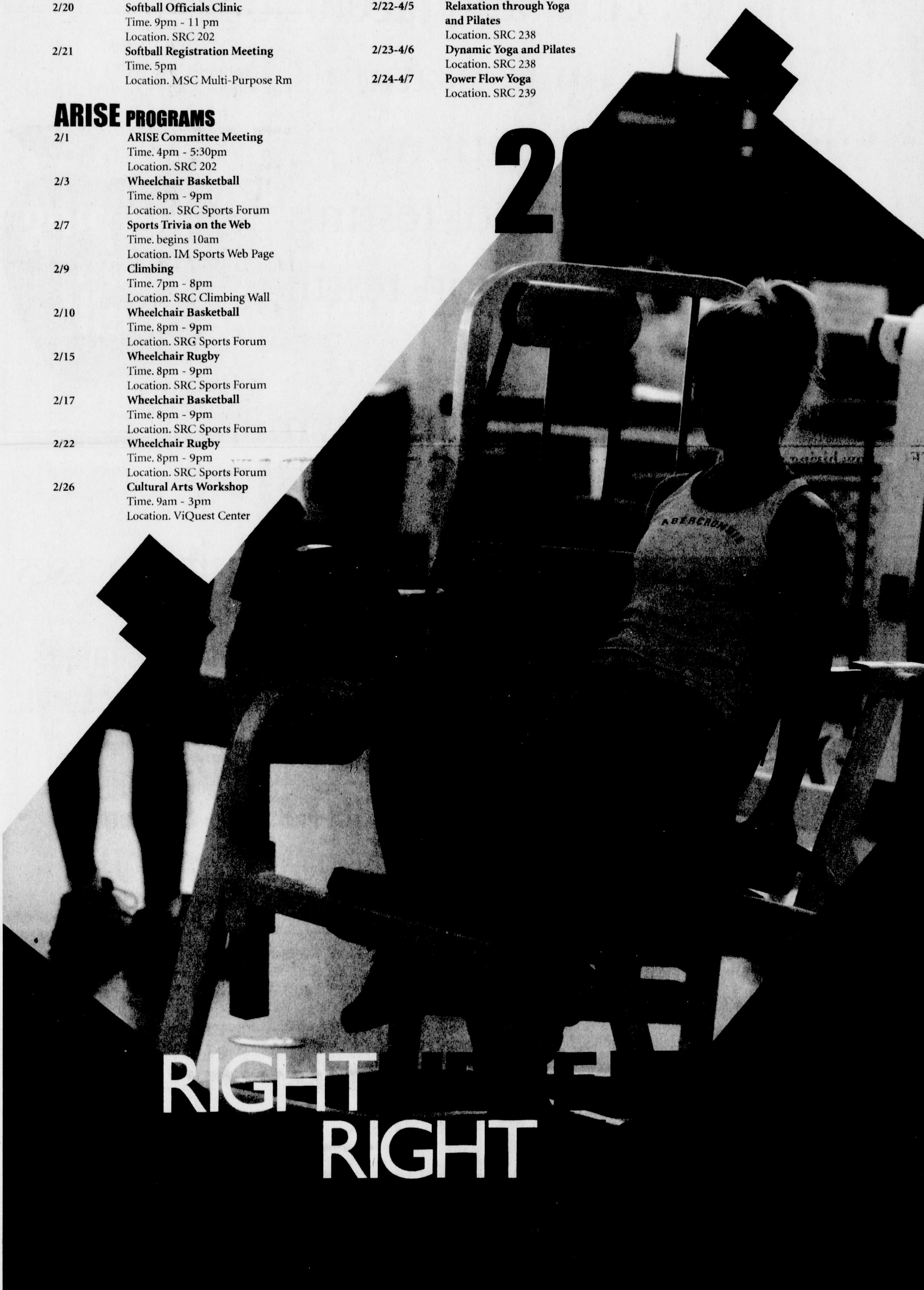
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- 2/22-4/7 Tai Chi  
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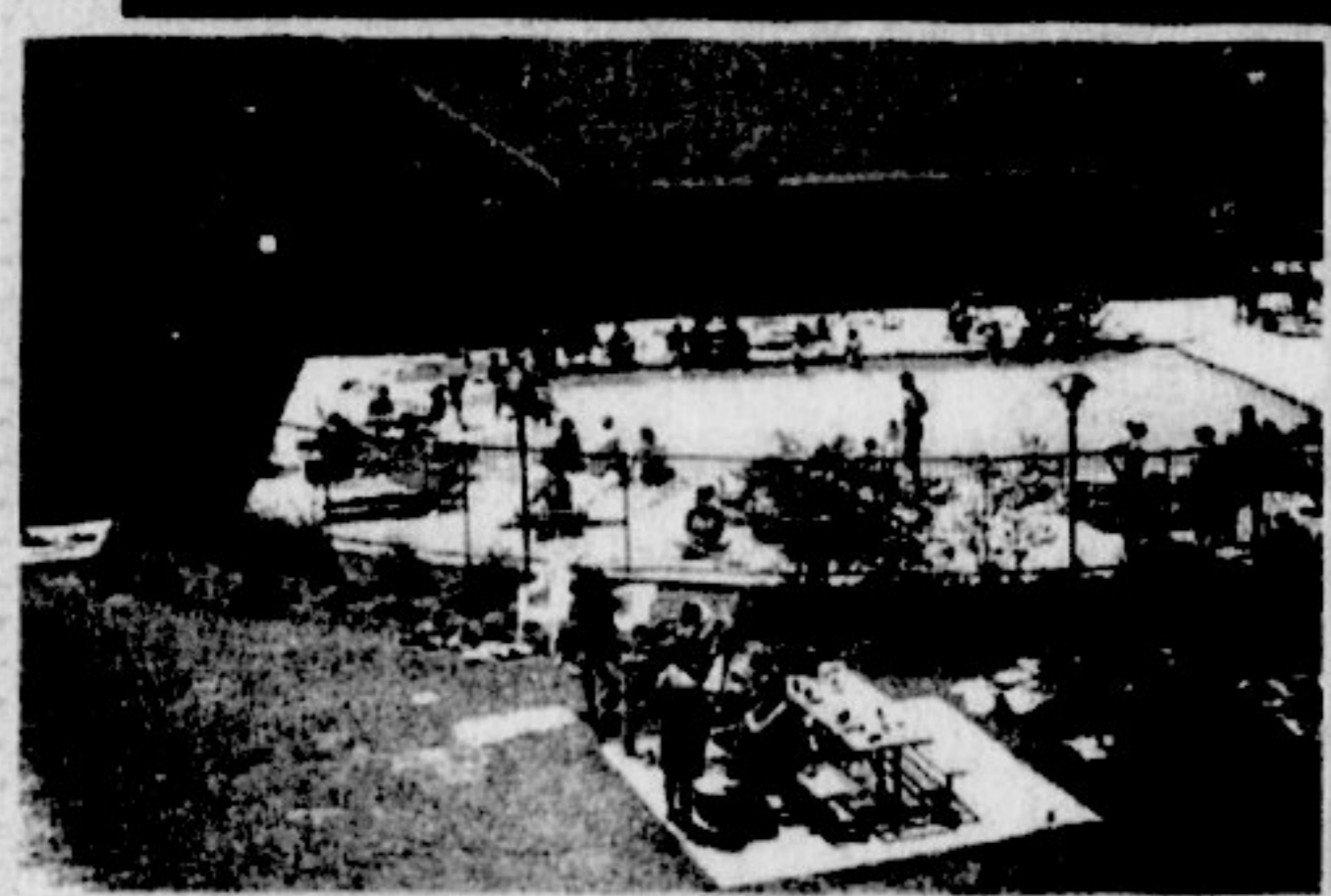
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Josh Groban featuring Chris Botti will be at the RBC Center in Raleigh Friday, Feb. 4.

Ryan Cabrera will be at the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50. No cameras allowed.

Rascal Flatts featuring Blake Shelton will be at the Colonial Center in Columbia, SC Saturday, Feb. 19. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Jimmy Buffet will be at the Charlotte Coliseum Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Elvis Costello and The Imposters will be at the Grady Cole Center in Charlotte March 8.

Reba McEntire and Brad Paisley will be in Raleigh Sunday, April 17. The location has yet to be announced.

Ani DiFranco will be at the Carolina Theatre in Greensboro April 23.

Kenny Chesney will be at the Colonial Center in Columbia, SC Saturday, April 30.

## Weekly Recipe:

Here are some recipes that are sure to make any Super Bowl party memorable.

### Hearty Sirloin Chili:

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1/2 cup flour  
Salt and pepper  
2 pounds sirloin, bite size chunks  
2 large onions, chopped  
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
2 jalapenos, seeded and chopped  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon cumin  
1 teaspoon oregano  
12-ounce bottle ale  
2 cups low sodium beef stock  
4 cups crushed tomatoes  
2 cups canned black beans, drained and rinsed  
2 cups canned kidney beans, drained and rinsed  
Garnish: Shredded cheddar, red onion, scallions, sour cream

Heat oil in large heavy pot over medium high heat. In a pie plate combine salt, pepper and flour with a fork. Toss sirloin cubes in flour to coat. Shake off excess flour. Brown sirloin in pot on all sides and remove meat to a plate. If necessary add more oil to pan and add onions. Cook onions over medium heat until they begin to soften. Stir in green, red and jalapeno peppers and cook for 3 - 5 minutes. Add chili powder, cumin and oregano. Return browned meat to pan and pour in beer and beef stock. Bring to a boil and cover and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for 45 minutes or until meat is tender. Add crushed tomatoes and cook for 20 minutes. Stir in black and kidney beans and gently simmer for 10 minutes. Serve with cheddar, onion, scallions and sour cream.

### Maple Chicken Wings:

3 to 4 pounds chicken wings  
1/3 cup teriyaki sauce  
1/2 cup lite soy sauce  
2 tablespoons minced garlic  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
1 tablespoon onion powder  
1/2 tablespoon black pepper  
1 to 2 cups maple syrup  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut off chicken wing tips and snip the skin between the joints. Place in disposable large baking pan. Add the maple syrup, soy sauce, teriyaki sauce, garlic, garlic powder, onion powder, and black pepper, toss to coat. Place pan on baking sheet and bake for approximately one hour, turning every 15 - 20 minutes. The liquid will gradually evaporate the longer you cook it. After one hour, increase the oven temperature to 425 degrees F. Turn wings to cook evenly and cook an additional 45 minutes.

# The Leaders of Black History



Six important men who paved the way to where we are today

KYLE BILLINGS  
STAFF WRITER

Like Easter in the spring and Thanksgiving in the winter, every year we make room in our calendar for annual celebrations. For the month of February, we recognize blacks of the past, with Black History Month.

In the land of the free and the home of the brave, America prides itself on liberty. This liberty is restricted to law, and to the mindsets of many throughout the country. While some of these men may not have fought directly for equality, their works along with thousands of others have created a front against bigotry and

for respect, despite obvious obstacles and cynics. We therefore recognize six black male leaders, who proved that every man created equal should not be a selective fraternity.

Heading up the list is Frederick Douglass who lived from 1818 - 1895. Douglass served as an eloquent spokesman against slavery. He was an aide to President Lincoln and was later appointed by President Rutherford B. Hayes to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Columbia. Douglass founded two thriving newspapers, wrote three autobiographies including most notably *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* and maintained clout as a political figure in Washington until he died. All these feats are nothing short of spectacular considering Douglass was a man with no formal education.

George Washington Carver, born in 1864 and died in 1943,

was a man who went from being a former slave to a scientific extraordinaire. Carver's work illustrated his diligence and dedication to his vocation. Carver invented the crop rotation method, which revolutionized southern style farming. He discovered various uses for foods such as peanuts, soybeans and pecans. He was awarded the Spingarn Medal of the NAACP, giving annually to outstanding achievement by a Black American, in 1923. Many credit Carver as the inventor of peanut butter. He also received the Theodore Roosevelt Medal in 1939 for distinguished achievement in science.

At a time when leadership was needed from all sides of the table, Jesse Owens was born in 1913 living into his late sixties in 1980. During the reign of Adolf Hitler, the stage was

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## Women important in black history

Contributions we couldn't live without

TOMEKA STEELE  
SENIOR WRITER

It's that time of year again ... Black History Month. This month is meant to look at some of the well-known and not so well known black women of black history whose contributions changed not only America but also the world.

Some of the contributions the blacks have made are the stop light, the gas mask, the golf "T," the pencil sharpener, the baby carriage, the automatic gear shift and many more. These contributions are staples in U.S. history. There are many women that come to mind when we think of black history and many that are not as well known. Some of these women are Sojourner Truth, Ida Bell Wells-Barnett, Madam C. J. Walker, Mary McLeod Bethune, Rosa Parks, Zora Neale Hurston and Ethel Hedgeman Lyle. All of these women have made contributions that were everlasting and still present in society today.

Sojourner Truth was born into slavery in 1797. A fact that many people don't know is that her real name was Isabella Baumfree. She was sold a number of times and in 1827 New York law emancipated the slaves but by then she had already run to freedom with her youngest child.

Later she learned that one of her sons, who was emancipated under the New York law, was sold back into slavery in Alabama, she sued the court and won his return. In 1843 she took the name Sojourner Truth because she thought it was a message from God and she became a traveling preacher on the "journey of truth." Throughout the 1840s and 1850s, she worked with abolitionists and spoke about women's suffrage.

Another great black woman in history is Ida Bell Wells-Barnett who was born in 1862. She became a well-known journalist most known for her anti-lynching campaigns in Memphis, Tenn. Where she lived, black men were getting lynched for being accused of raping white women. Wells-Barnett spoke out against these allegations and lynching by writing about them under the pen name "Iola."

She wrote for papers such as the *Indianapolis Freeman*, the *Detroit Plaindealer* and the *New York Sun*. Wells-Barnett was also the first black to become a probation

officer in Chicago and she started a suffrage club for black women.

The amazing Madam C.J. Walker (Sarah Breedlove) was born in 1867. She is known for being the first self-made woman millionaire. She made her millions by creating a treatment for straightening hair. She sold her products door to door and gained popularity and her fortune. In 1905, Walker started her own business in Denver. She began traveling in the south, promoting and selling her products. It went so well she opened a second business in Pittsburgh in 1908. In 1910 both offices were transferred to headquarters in Indianapolis where a plant was built to make Walker's products. In 1918 Walker made a donation to the National Association of Colored Women to buy the home of Frederick Douglass so it could be preserved.

Mary McLeod Bethune was born in 1875 in South Carolina. She founded the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute for Negro Girls (Bethune-Cookman College) in 1904 and served as the school's president. She was also president of the NACW and served as a consultant to the U.S. Secretary of War for selection of the first female officer candidate. Bethune was also vice president of the NAACP.

"Rosa Parks comes to mind when I think about black history because she was the cause of African-Americans to be able to sit at the front of the buses and she started a boycott," said junior Kenya Ayers.

Rosa Parks is well known as being the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." Parks was born in 1913 in Tuskegee, Ala. Later she moved to Mont-

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## Black History Month

Why it should be remembered

MARTHA HILL  
STAFF WRITER

The celebration of Black History Month is owed in part to Carter G. Woodson. The son of former slaves, he began his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. Woodson went on to attend high school and eventually obtained a Ph.D. from Harvard. His concern was that history books and the study of America ignored the Black American population.

In 1915, Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now known as the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Woodson chose the month of February to celebrate Black History because of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men who greatly influenced the well being of the African-American population.

Many people associate Black History Month with the Civil Rights Movement. In the late 1950s, the movement began with the aid of Martin Luther King Jr. He, like many others, wanted equal benefits for all Americans. Not only was integration of schools and public facilities important, but the eventual change of government to give preference to minorities in job hiring, admission to colleges and other areas of American life.

In an interview with the Reverend Ethel Williams from Kinston, NC, she recounts her experiences during the Civil Rights Movement.

"At one time I was on the bus going someplace to work. The bus driver asked me to get up when a

white man got on, to let the white man sit down. The white man said sit where you are. This made the driver look small because I had paid my fare just like the white man. He just told me to sit where you are and I was able to sit and go on. That's the way it was before the Martin Luther King struggle," said Williams.

Reverend Williams eventually moved to New Jersey in 1958 in order to find a better paying job.

"I felt more released and relaxed when I went. I had the freedom of speech, freedom of places to sit, freedom to enter at the same restroom and restaurant, than to have to go to the back door," Williams said.

Many African-American's had this same struggle. Greensboro, NC made history in the 1960s when black college students demanded to be served at a segregated lunch counter. These nonviolent protests were the key to desegregate America, allowing everyone the freedom to go to supermarkets, libraries, restaurants and other public facilities. Protests did not go on without a struggle but the movement reached its climax in 1963 with the massive march on Washington D.C.

Much of the younger generation does not take into consideration the struggle their relatives and friends had to endure in the 1960s. It has only been 40 years since the Civil Rights Movement. The United States has come a long way to eliminate discrimination of minorities.

"Black History Month is about American history," said Rhonda Thompson, graphic design major at UNC Charlotte.

"We need to acknowledge the past so that it won't be repeated. This month should remind us all to be better people."

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Ledonia Wright's campus impact is shown through structural entities like Bloxton House.

## Ledonia Wright, campus legend

One of many hidden treasures on campus

DANIELLE WIGGINS  
STAFF WRITER

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center is one of the many treasures ECU has to offer. Often times the center is overlooked or many may be unaware of the facilities and resources that are offered to students and staff of every culture. The center also offers featured events year round promoting cultural awareness around ECU and surrounding high schools.

"We think of a concept and work to make sure that the history and contributions are not overlooked or dismissed," said Lathan E. Turner, assistant vice chancellor, student

life, and director of LWCC.

It also serves as a spot for numerous organization meetings such as the Christian Organization and Baptist Student Union. Not only does it recognize success among minority students, but offers academic programs as well.

"Centers such as this one folds into the university to help contribute and benefit the educational interest of all students," Turner said.

Located in front of the Student Recreational Center, and adjacent to Green Hall, LWCC was named after a former counselor and advisor of ECU, who graduated from Shaw University, attended Yale and taught at Harvard. Wright made a difference for minority students making her a prominent figure in ECU history. The former "Y" hut was renamed three years

after Wright's death in 1979. The center was then rebuilt and relocated in 1995 where it currently stands.

For those curious to know what the LWCC has to offer, just take a look inside, where you will find computers, a quiet room for reading and group meetings, access to television and VCR, a kitchen area and art gallery. If that was not enough, take a look at their year round calendar for interesting events.

"I love the cultural center, it's like I live here because I consider the people to be my family away from home and Dr. Turner is a great mentor," said Teresia Paul, senior family community studies major.

"I come to use the computer and do homework, it's very relax-

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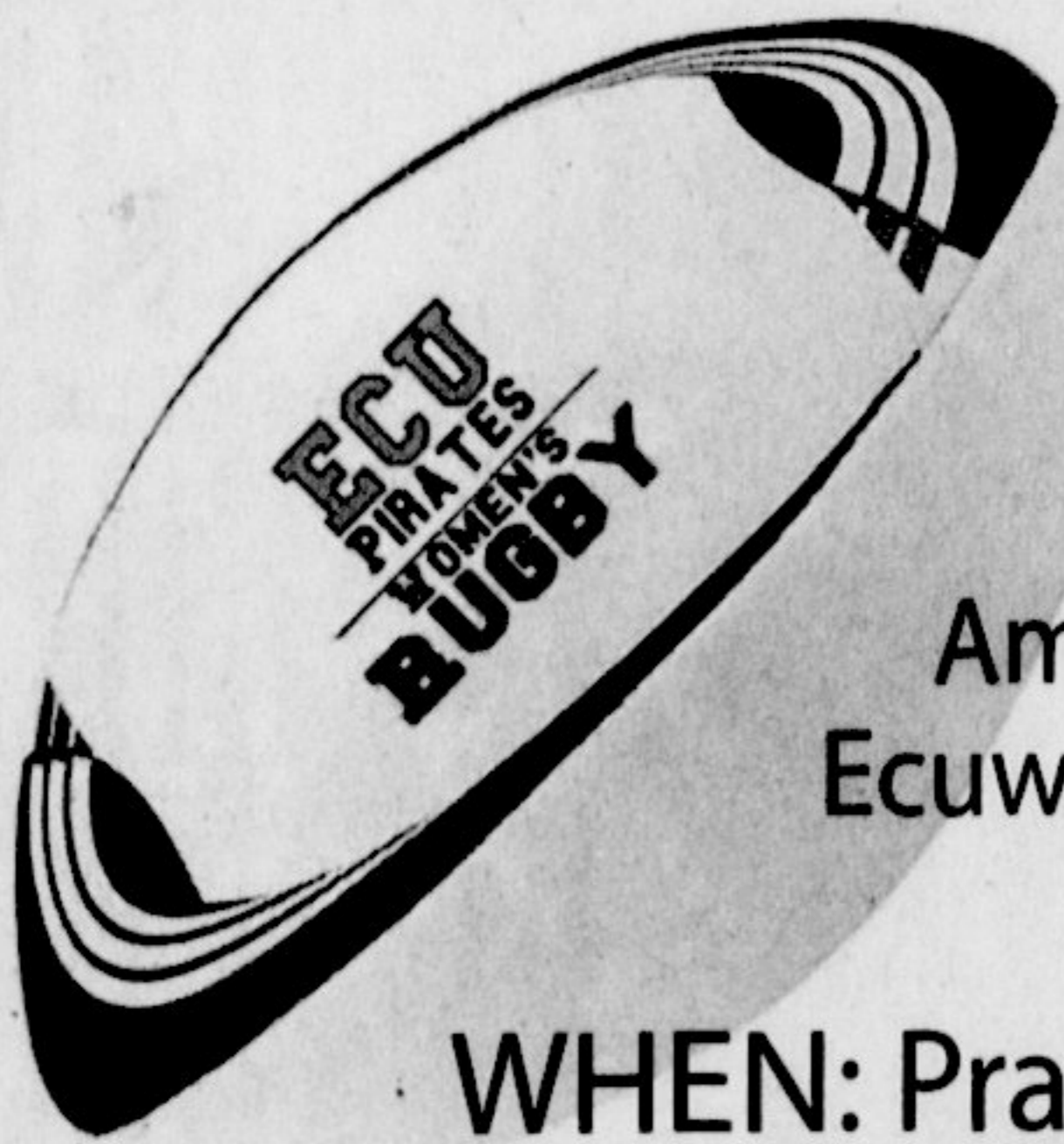
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## Leaders from page B1

set during the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin when Hitler asserted inferiority of all non-Aryans. Ohio State alumnus Jesse Owens made history winning four gold medals, to the shock of the Hitler regime, who refused to recognize him. Owens was later presented with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, Living Legend Award and the Congressional Gold Medal. Owens' triumph helped to guide many people through a time of confusion.

Sidney Poitier, who was born in 1924 and is still alive today led a movement in Hollywood that black actors would be taken seriously and were not fit for the age-old stereotypes. He made a name for himself breaking barriers, becoming the first African-American male to be nominated for an Academy Award for his work in *The Defiant Ones*. He then won the coveted award in 1963 with the film *Lilies of the Field*. Poitier also caused controversy with the first movie kiss between a black man and a white woman in the classic *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. Other films of his include *In the Heat of the Night* and *A Touch of Blue*, where Poitier remained strong and poised through his charac-

ters. African-American's roles have not been the same since Poitier shined on the screen.

In 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. was born. Killed at the young age of 39, King led a full and influential life.

"The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers."

The impact of King is hardly imagined with a yearly day off. King was a martyr, who died preserving his dream, his hope that one day his "children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." An adamant proponent of nonviolent reform, King fought for justice through nationwide speeches. The marquee symbol for the Civil Rights movement, King's presence and fervor for equality have had effects that cease to influence modern culture and thinking.

Tupac Shakur, always a controversial name, though seldom can you hear a modern hip-hop album without some reference to Shakur. The son of a Black Panther, as a child it is said

that his punishments consisted of reading an entire edition of the newspaper. His upbringing proved a catalyst for his rap career, which has come to be one of the most celebrated in history. His lyrics targeted society as a whole, commenting often that "misplaced hate makes disgrace to races." Shakur is considered a revolutionary who changed the game by becoming political and using his status to question the forces that be. Shakur became the highest grossing rapper of all time, with classic albums such as *2pacalypse Now*, *All Eyez on Me* and numerous posthumous albums. Born in 1971 and killed in 1996, this rap legend will live on in the heart of many forever.

Despite their chosen fields of work, these men maintained perseverance through adversity. Their accomplishments paved a way for acceptance and respect, on the grounds of intelligence and talent, if not given to them automatically as American citizens. We therefore take a month to celebrate, learn about and recognize the achievements of these men and countless others during Black History Month.

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## Women from page B1

gomery and joined the local NAACP. She served as secretary from 1943 - 1956.

It was in 1955 when Parks boarded a city bus after a long day's work and refused to give up her seat for a white man. Parks was arrested and this act began the bus boycott in Montgomery. This boycott helped to end the segregation of buses throughout the United States.

Author Zora Neale Hurston was born in 1903. Later she attended Howard University and in 1925 went to New York City and began writing fictional stories. She then attended Barnard College and after worked as an ethnologist.

She put together her talent of writing fiction with her background education in culture and began publishing poetry and fic-

tion. Hurston is best known for her work published in 1937, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, a novel that was controversial because it didn't portray the stereotypes of other black stories. Later she worked at NC College for Negroes in Durham.

Pioneer Ethel Hedgeman Lyle was born in 1885. It was this woman who thought up the idea of starting the first black Greek sorority in 1908 at Howard University. This sorority was named Alpha Kappa Alpha. This organization grew and gave rise to other black service oriented sororities. ECU has a chapter of this very sorority.

"A prominent black woman that I think of when it comes to black history is Oprah Winfrey. I think she is a perfect example of a successful black

woman because she was the first black woman to have a talk show and have it expand in the way that it did. People respect her because she's so articulate and innovative," said LaToya Toney, junior apparel merchandising major.

Winfrey, the founder of Harpo, her broadcasting company and the host of the popular daytime talk show is a perfect example of how black women in history can influence someone to succeed.

All these women have contributed their ideas, thoughts and hearts to black America and the world and we owe them our thanks not just for a month, but year round.

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## Ledonia from page B1

ing here. It is also a great place to meet new people, coming to the LWCC made me learn more about the programs like the NAACP and NPHC which I am a part of now," said Devyn Studavant, senior communication major.

Featured events are offered to all students. For the month of February there will be an African-American Art Collection featuring Moneta Sleet, photographer of art during the Civil Rights era, the Freshmen Roundtable

Program for students of color Feb. 9, Dialogue Diversity Feb. 15, FAST, Faculty and Students together Feb. 17, "I Am What I Am; Woman Black" Feb. 23 and "Poetic Expressions: Readings, Rhymes, Rhythm" high school poetry contest Feb. 28.

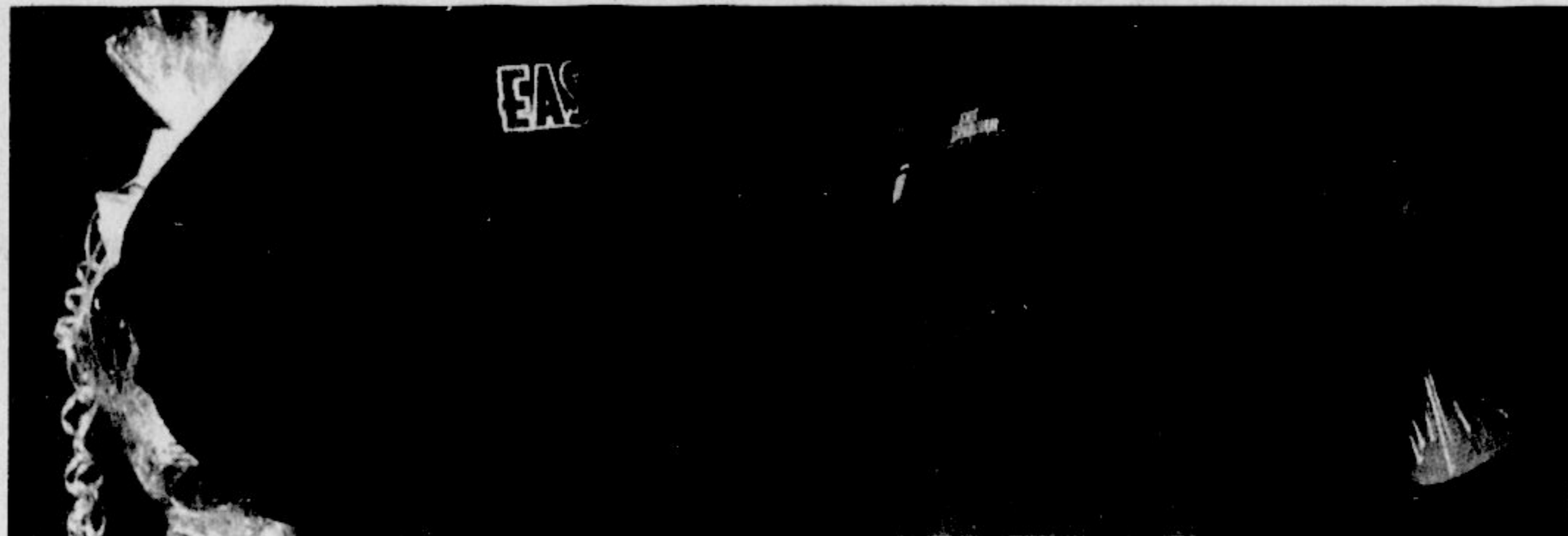
"I encourage everyone to come in and learn, enjoy and see what it is all about," Turner said.

LWCC is open Monday - Thursday from 8 a.m. - 8

p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Wright helped guide and unify students in the ECU community and continues to do so even after her death. Her influence can be seen all over campus but the LWCC is a special place that celebrates a special woman.

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# Holtz inks 2005 recruiting class



Football team builds for future in-state, pick up 14 from North Carolina

ERIC GILMORE  
SENIOR WRITER

Skip Holtz promised to recruit Greenville first and expand outwards. He delivered true on his word on National Signing Day. Wednesday was the first day that recruits can sign letters of intent, thus guaranteeing they attend the school of their choice upon passing admission requirements.

Holtz inked 14 of his 23 newcomers from the Tar Heel State. Holtz and his staff scoured N.C., getting recruits from major cities like Charlotte, Greensboro, Wilmington, Fayetteville, New Bern and Rocky Mount. Holtz also addressed certain position needs such as the offensive line, running back and defensive back.

The 40-year old ECU head coach also grabbed three junior college players that can add experience to provide immediate help.

When evaluating players, the coaching staff's formula is a little different than the previous regime. Adding an emphasis to the surrounding geographic region, Holtz stressed academics. With newly appointed Athletic Director Terry Holland implementing a strict academic policy, Holtz felt the

need to find players in good academic standing.

After players were filtered by academics, Holtz then looked at a potential recruit's character. The first-year head coach wanted players that would be good citizens in society and represent this university and his staff in an honorable manner.

Finally, Holtz looked at the game film. Holtz needed for a recruit to emanate toughness. Aside from size and skill, Holtz filtered football players by their willingness to get dirty. The staff also stressed the need for athleticism. Holtz disregarded the players with a great frame, but could not move laterally.

He then looked at height and speed in the same manner. In Holtz's mind, he can beef players up through off-season lifting and conditioning as they age. However, he can't teach a player to grow or become faster.

Many of these new players will not see the field for years to come, but Holtz deemed it more important to build a foundation for the future in order to reap the rewards down the road.

Below is a breakdown by position and thumbnail sketches of the recruits:

(All stars are based on scout.com ratings. Players with no stars are not listed in the database.)

## Quarterbacks

\*\*\*Robert Kass, QB 6-4, 243 lbs. (Lake Mary Prep HS/ Lake Mary, FL)

\*\*\*Brett Clay, QB, 6-2, 190 lbs. (Jay M. Robinson HS/ Concord, NC)

Robert Kass was one of the first few commitments for the new coaching staff. The Florida native knew he wanted to be a Pirate after his visit and accepted Holtz' scholarship offer immediately. Kass has a huge frame, which will allow him to see receivers with relative ease. He completed 55

percent of his passes totaling 1,300 yards. Kass did not receive major attention, mostly in part because he played on a team that only went 3-8.

Brett Clay is familiar with Skip Holtz because the

*"As the defensive coordinator, I can promise you three things: We'll play hard ... we'll be well-coached ... and we'll win."*

*- ECU Defensive Coordinator Greg Hudson talking about the Pirates' defense*

Concord quarterback attended Holtz' camp at South Carolina. Clay played on a newly formed high school team at J.M. Robinson High School. Clay has a very quiet release and possesses accuracy.

Neither quarterback has the star power to come in and start as a true freshman. However, both can provide depth at an unproven position in 2005.

Grade: B+

## Running backs

\*\*\*Brandon Fractious, RB, 5-9, 180 (Chaffey College/ Rancho Cucamonga, CA)

\*\*\*Ahmad Mayo, RB, 5-8, 206 (Griffin HS/ Griffin, GA)

\*\*\*Dominique Lindsay, RB, 5-10, 198 (Independence HS/ Charlotte, NC)

Running back was a defined need for the Pirates. With Robert Tillman and Chris Johnson the only two backs on scholarship, Holtz felt the need to go the junior college route. Fractious is very similar to Johnson in that he will use his speed to accelerate past defenders. The California native will compete for the starting job.

Ahmad Mayo is interesting because he packs so much power in a small frame. Holtz referenced him to a fire hydrant in the way he is built. Mayo has the muscle to bowl people over and is very similar to current running backs coach Junior Smith.

Dominique Lindsay is a scat back used in a very similar offense at Independence High School.

Lindsay liked Holtz' spread offense that will help to open gaps for him to run through.

Holtz added talent to a depleted position hit hard by graduation. However, the height of the added backs is a problem. Also, a bigger back that can run through the tackles would have helped immensely.

Grade: A-

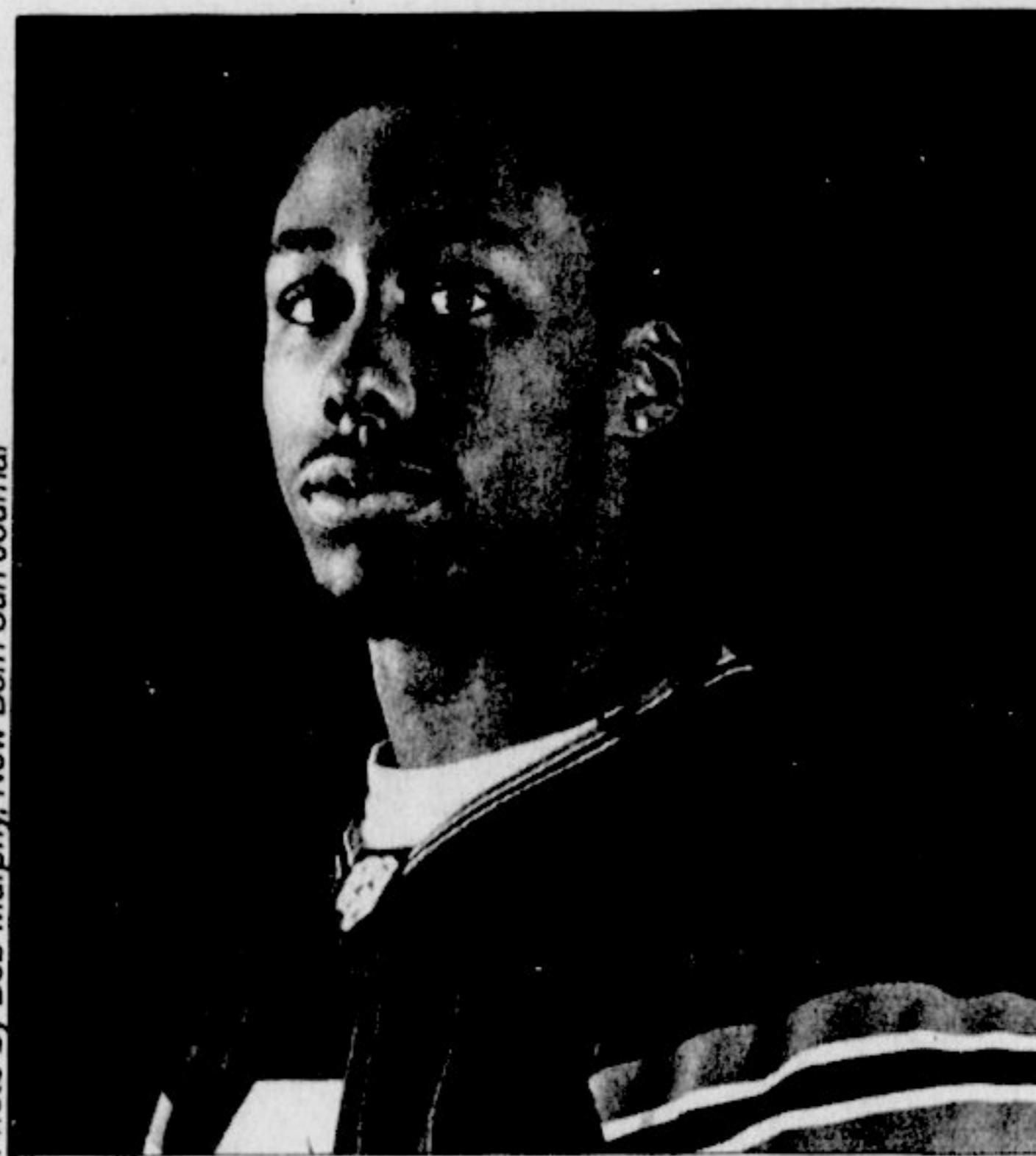
## Wide Receivers

\*\*\*Kyle Johnson, WR 6-2, 192 lbs. (Harding University HS/ Charlotte, NC)

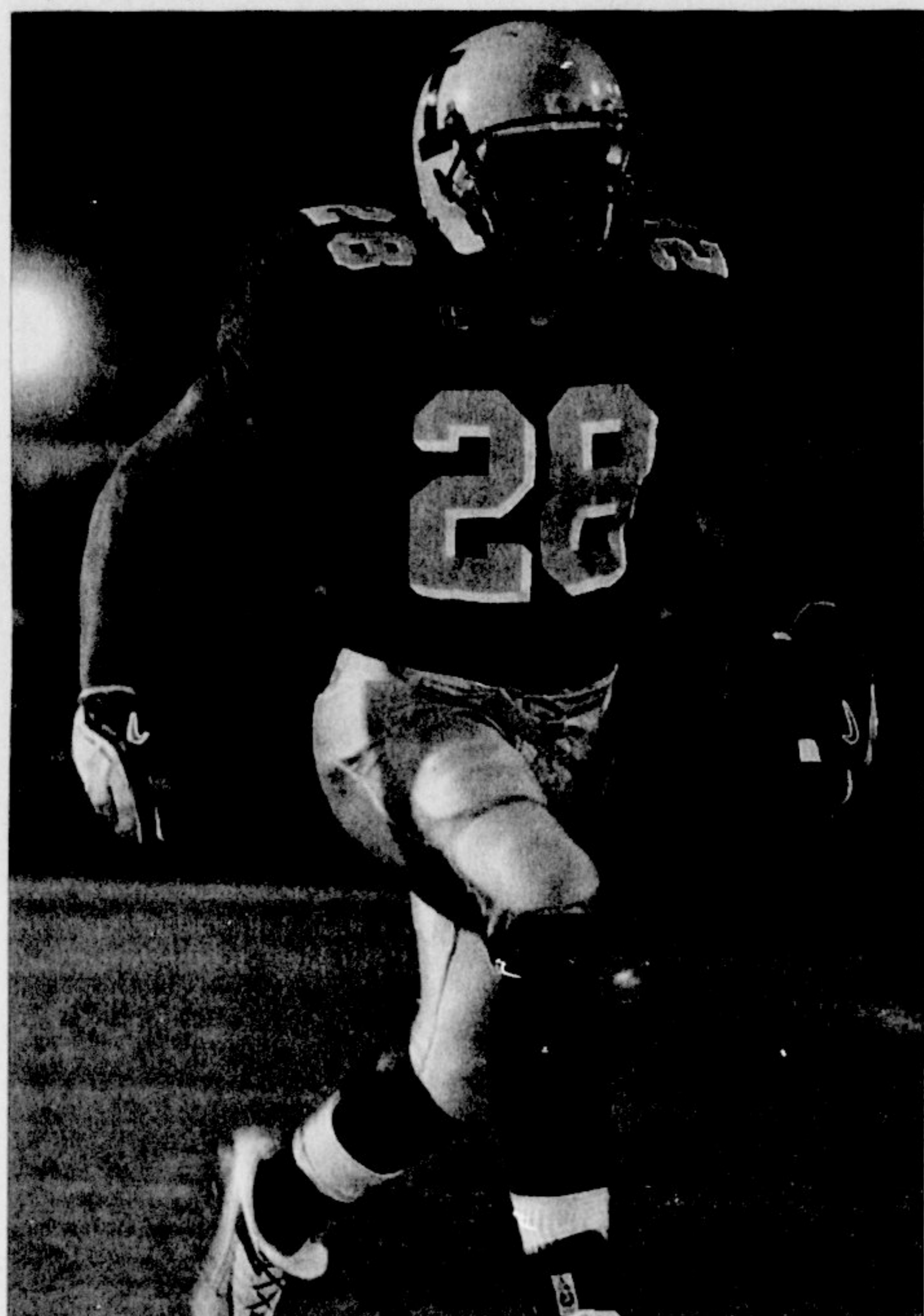
\*Alex Taylor, WR 6-4 193, lbs. (SW Guilford HS/ High Point, NC)

\*Aundrea Allison, WR 6-0, 186 lbs. (Georgia Military College/ Milledgeville, GA)

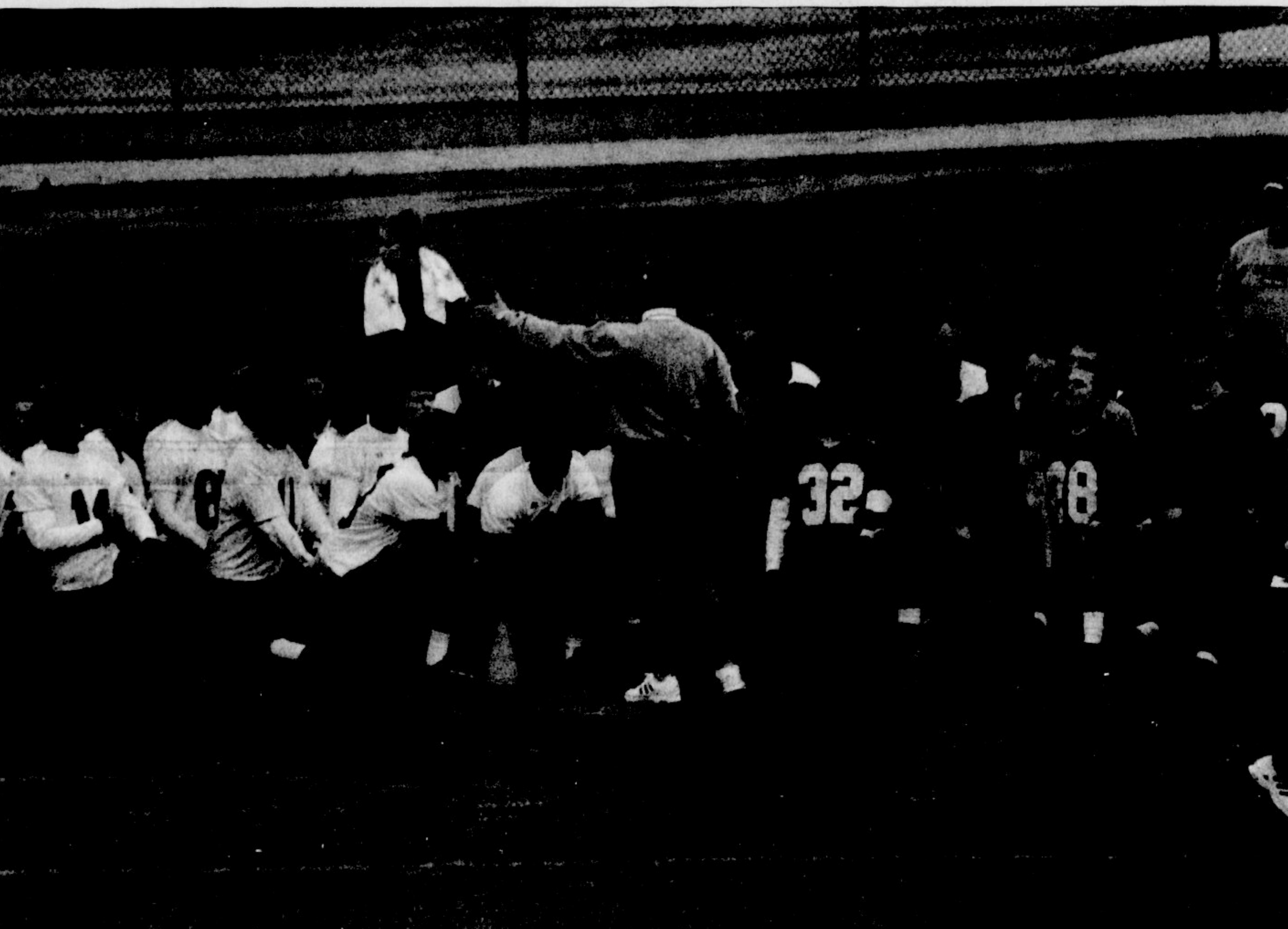
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Mattocks



Lindsay rushed for more than 1,000 yards and scored 17 touchdowns during his senior season at Independence High School.



Head Coach Skip Holtz talks to his team after conditioning drills Wednesday afternoon in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

# Defending NFL champs favored but forgotten

Media brushing Patriots aside for Owens hoopla

## OPINION

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I honestly don't know what it's going to take. A Super Bowl win in 2001 didn't do it. Another title just two years later didn't do it. A 14-2 season followed by a 20-3 shellacking of the best offensive team in the NFL didn't do it. Waxing the 15-1 Pittsburgh Steelers in Pittsburgh didn't do it. And now, the Patriots, although favored by seven in Super Bowl XXXIX, still aren't getting any credit or attention.

What the hell is going on people?

I'll be the first to admit I liked Terrell for a long time, even when he acted like a classless jackass here and there. Bottom line is, the guy brings it to the max every game and has a great desire to play and win football games. I know you're all just waiting for the "but" to come. Stop waiting, because there is no "but."

Owens has a big mouth and may be sucking up all of the attention before Feb. 6, but I sincerely don't think it's his fault. Rather, not the majority of the blame should lay on his shoulders. Blame the majority of the media for all of this crap.

Is Owens' ankle that important? Is it necessary to incessantly ask every Philadelphia Eagle what they think about the situation

and if number 81 is going to step on the field Sunday? Do folks honestly believe this guy is going to be ready for Super Bowl Sunday in the first place?

If Owens goes, he'll be 85 percent at absolute best. There is no possible way this guy can come back and play a little more than a month after twisting his leg in a way that would even make Gumbo cringe. Marvel comics character Wolverine couldn't heal that fast.

Furthermore, if Owens miraculously does play at full strength, you can bet top-dollar that Bill Belichick and Romeo Crenell will be ready for it. Being over-prepared never hurts and that is exactly what Belichick and Crenell are going to do, prepare for an Owens at 100 percent. If he plays at less than full-strength (which he will), then it's all the better for New England.

But seriously people, we're concentrating on a single player on an underdog Eagles' team instead of talking about a squad that has the possibility to go down as one of the greatest teams in NFL history.

Until now, a modern-day dynasty was considered a paradox. It's the free agency and salary cap era where players possess much more power than in the past. In almost every instance, players hold all the cards as to where they want to play. The NFL is truly a league where any team can win the title from year to year.

The Patriots have changed that in the last few years. This is

a team that hasn't lost a single starter or key player since their Super Bowl victory in 2001, with the exception of Antowain Smith. Instead, they added Corey Dillon this past off-season, the most underrated running back in the league for the past seven years.

And the term "key player" when referring to New England doesn't mean the same thing like it would for an organization like the Eagles. No disrespect to Philadelphia, they're a solid team, but you can name the Eagles' key players all on one hand - Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens, Brian Westbrook, Jevon Kearse and Brian Dawkins. But if you want me to name all the "key players" for the Patriots, I'd have to list the entire offense, defense, special teams lineup and then some.

This team is a well-oiled machine. They are phenomenal at executing in every aspect of the game. They have allowed 15 points or less per game in each of the last two seasons and boasts a combined record of 37-4.

They have the only quarterback in the league who is anywhere near comparable to Joe Montana. The "San Francisco Great" won four Super Bowls with the 49ers in eight years (1982, 1985, 1989, 1990). The 'Niners drafted Montana in 1979, which means his first title came three years after his first year in the league and, coincidentally, when Jerry Rice entered the picture. However, to Joe's credit, he wasn't the number one quarterback

until 1981 even though he played half the season in 1980. Tom Brady also didn't start until his second year and won the NFL championship that very year with far less offensive firepower than Montana. He's also undefeated in postseason play, if you haven't heard yet.

The Patriots also have a coach who has tied Vince Lombardi's record as a head coach in the playoffs at 9-1. He owns four

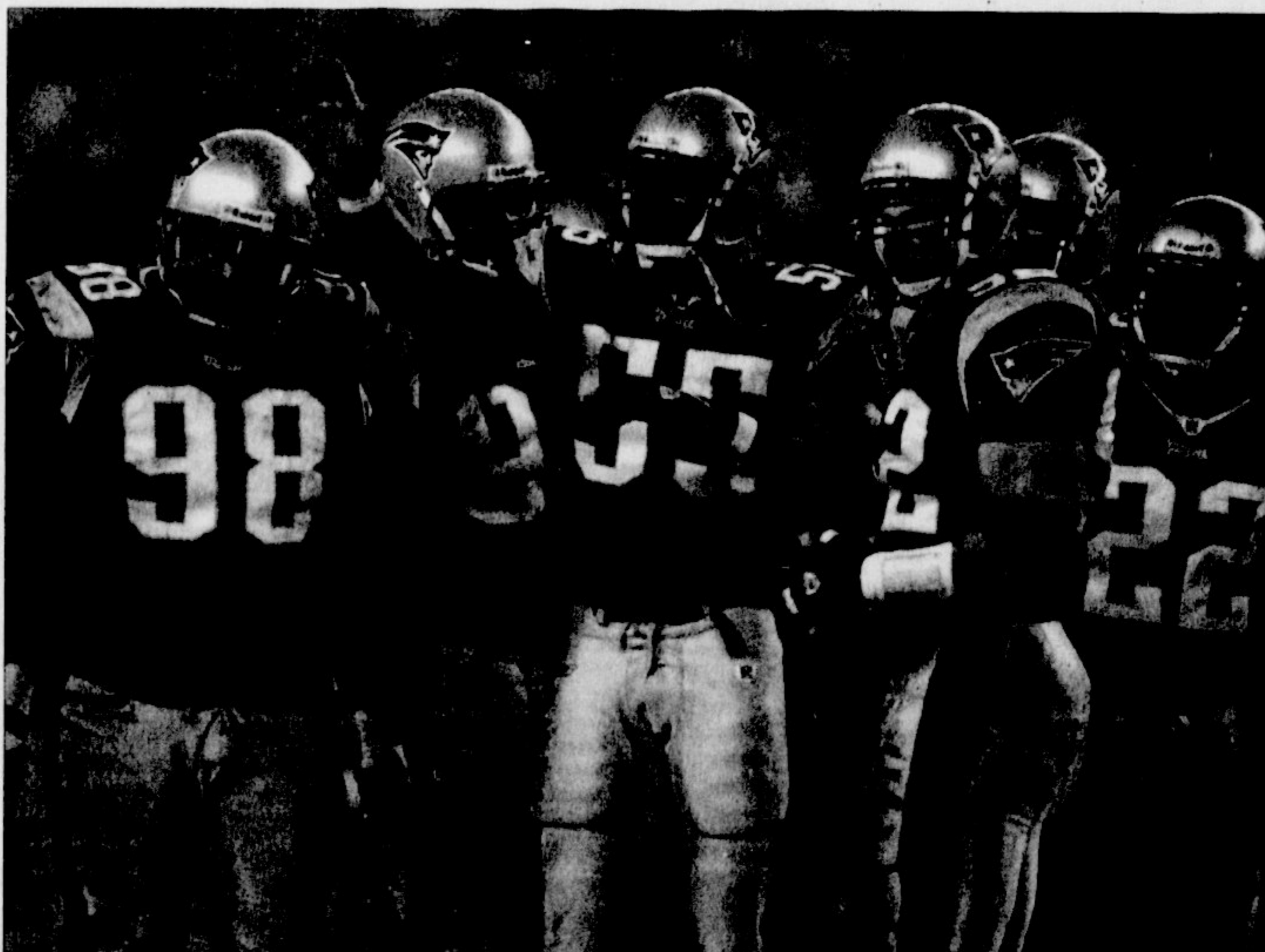
Super Bowl rings. That's right, four. Bill Parcells didn't win those NFL titles in 1986 and 1991 by himself - Belichick coached a Giants' defense that paved the way for those two championships. The hooded genius is now 61-27 as New England's head coach and has acquired 55 of the current 62 players on New England's active roster since taking over in 2000.

And we're here talking about

an All-Pro, loud-mouthed wide receiver's ankle. The Eagles' wide out said Tuesday afternoon, "If you don't believe in miracles, just wait till Sunday."

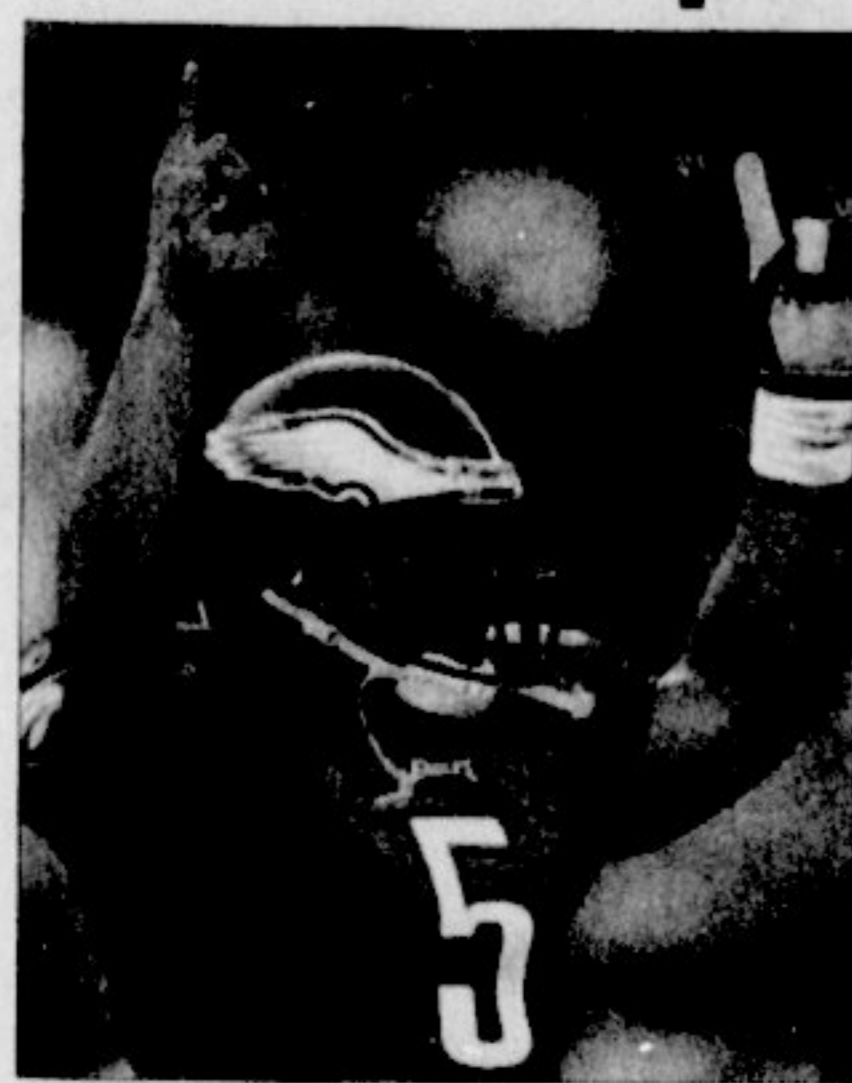
Yes. Wait until Sunday. The miracle might just be that everyone will talk about how good the Patriots really are for once.

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They are not a bunch of Pro-Bowlers, but all of these guys make up the best defensive unit in the NFL.

# Super Bowl Trivia



1.) Joe Montana tossed 11 touchdowns in four Super Bowls. How many interceptions did he throw?

2.) Which Super Bowl quarterback completed 22 of 25 passes (88 percent) with three touchdowns?

3.) The movie, "Black Sunday" incorporated video footage from which Super Bowl?

4.) Who said this of the Super Bowl, "If it's the ultimate game, how come they're playing it again next year?"

5.) Which was the first Super Bowl to have the words "Super Bowl" inscribed on the game tickets?

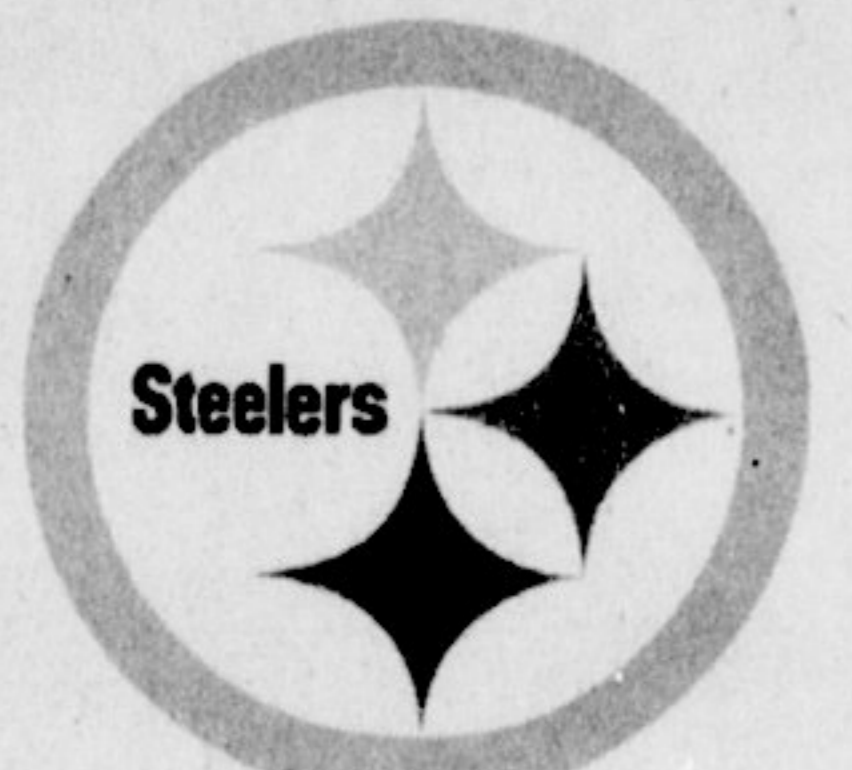
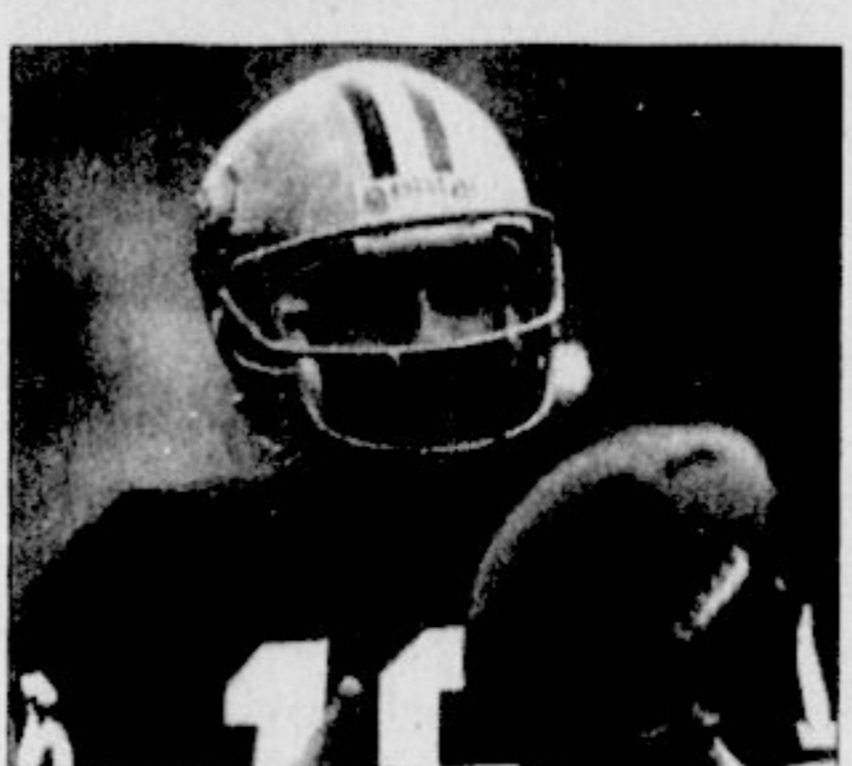
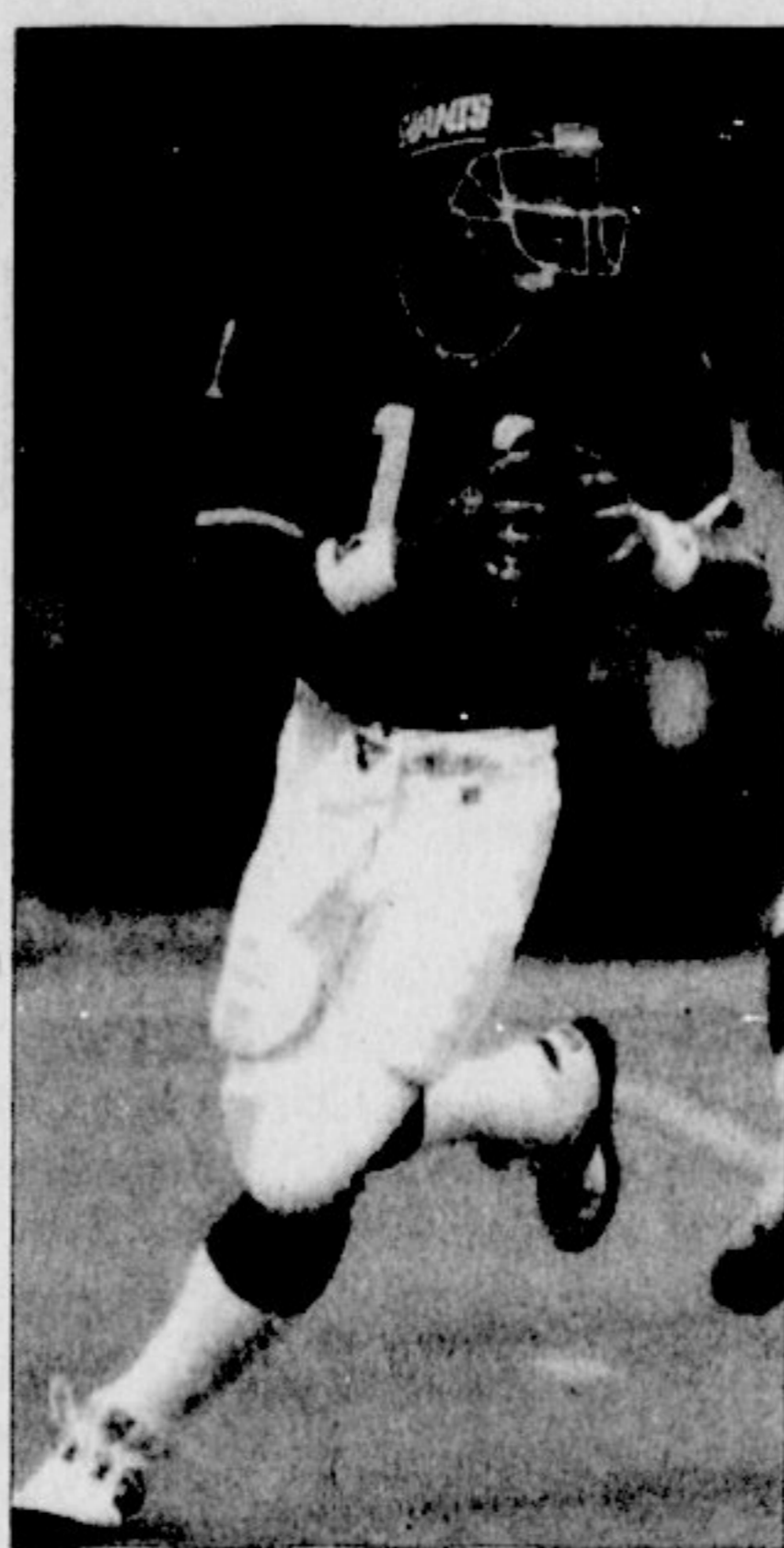
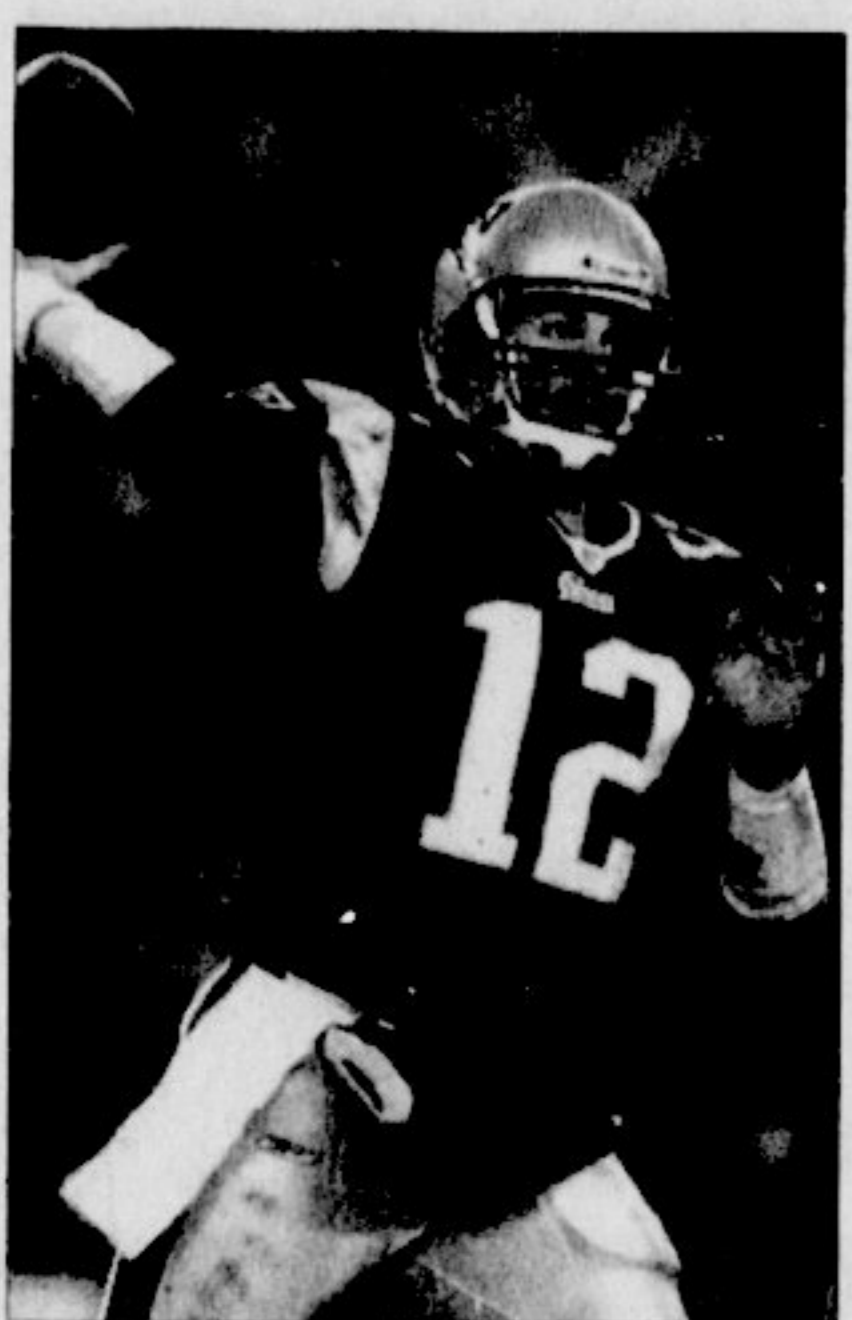
6.) What was the first Super Bowl to officially use a Roman numeral?

7.) Who is credited with inventing the name "Super Bowl"?

8.) The first Super Bowl was simulcast by which two major television networks?

9.) What was the first Super Bowl to charge \$100 per ticket?

10.) The math. What year is Super Bowl L scheduled for?



## ANSWERS:

(1) Zero. (2) Phil Simms, in Super Bowl XXI. (3) Super Bowl X (Steelers vs. Cowboys). (4) Duane Thomas, before Super Bowl VI. (5) Super Bowl IV (Vikings vs. Chiefs). (6) Super Bowl V (Cowboys vs. Colts). (7) Chiefs' owner Lamar Hunt. (8) CBS and NBC. (9) Super Bowl XXII (Redskins vs. Broncos). (10) 2016.

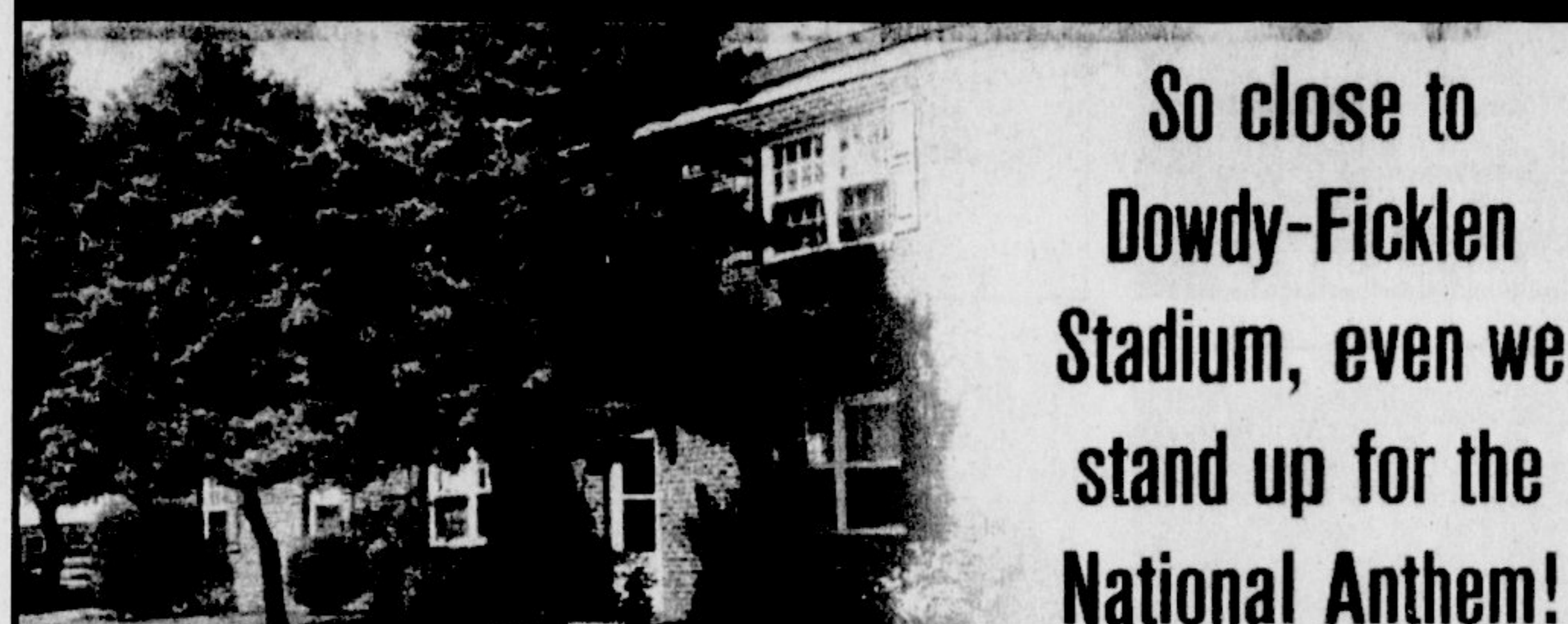
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# The Waskiewicz Diet Diary: Part I

*The hardest part is getting started*

DAVID WASKIEWICZ  
STAFF WRITER

I first realized that my weight was getting out of hand my freshman year of college. I came here weighing in at 180 pounds. Sure it was a little overweight according to BMI standards, but I didn't look big at all.

Well college life eventually set in and along with it came all-you-can-eat places such as Todd and extreme laziness. I guess I really did not notice a big difference until my clothes started to get tighter. I was in denial at the time, blaming the shrinking clothes on the washer and dryer. Then it happened, I stepped on a scale and it read 205 pounds. I was shocked to say the least.

I began to go to the Student Recreation Center to lose some of the weight I gained, but eventually my laziness kicked in and I found myself staying at home in front of the television. Throughout the rest of the year and the next, I always made the attempt to go back to the SRC but I just could never stay motivated more than three weeks. Unfortunately, my weight continued to increase and I began to feel worse physically.

Now it's the middle of my junior year and I am just fed up with the weight. After spending time at the SRC one day I saw an advertisement for a personal trainer. I figured I had nothing to lose so I went ahead and signed up for the program.

Personal training at the SRC ranges from one to 16 sessions and are priced \$25 to \$260 depending on the number of sessions. The prices at first

glance seem pretty steep, but other gym's prices for a personal trainer are almost doubled. A session is equal to one hour with the personal trainer.

On my first day of the program I didn't know what to expect. I waited at a table in front of the juice bar until my personal trainer approached me. Her name was Leslie Warren. Warren is a graduate student who has been a personal trainer with the SRC for six months.

My first impression of Warren was she had great enthusiasm toward personal training.

"I love personal training," said Warren.

"What I like about it is that I can work with people to meet their goals because I know how good it made me feel to lose weight and I would love for other people to experience that."

Warren took me upstairs to the fitness room and my first session began. My first day was going to be more of an initial assessment. My weight, height, blood pressure and endurance among other things were to be tested and recorded. Toward the end of the program the same kind of assessment would be given to show any form of improvement.

The first thing I did was have my blood pressure recorded. Not to my surprise it was kind of high. I figured it would be since my weight had increased dramatically over the last couple of years.

Then came the part I was curious about, the weight and height assessment. I stepped on the scale hoping it would be generous. Then it hit me, a whopping 271 pounds and only a 5-foot, 7-inch frame. I had no idea what to think when I first saw these assessments, except I have almost increased my weight by 100 pounds since I first came

to college.

I did a few endurance tests along with a pushup and curl-up test to round out the assessment. I feel that I did a pretty good job with that part of the assessment with an astounding 25 pushups and 70 curl-ups.

Warren was very helpful throughout the entire assessment. She explained thoroughly every activity I was going to do and gave words of encouragement the entire time.

When time was up I was kind of disappointed the assessment took up the entire hour. I was kind of anxious to get into the actual personal training, but I figured I had to wait until the next week.

The next day I woke up feeling the effects of the assessment. I had sore arms, sore abs, and a sore chest. I knew right then that I was truly out of shape when a few pushups and curl-ups could make me hurt as much as they did.

I hobbled to class wondering what was in store for me in my next few sessions of personal training. Warren told me to come up with some goals I wanted to accomplish through the program. I was able to come up with three: I want to lose weight, I want to tone my muscles and I want to increase my endurance. Hopefully, I will be able to accomplish these goals with the personal training program.

I hope that I will be able to stay motivated throughout the program. I don't think that I will lack the motivation like I have previously. I realize it is crunch time for me before my health starts to deteriorate. I mean after all I always felt the hardest part of exercising is getting started, and I am past that.

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## Recruiting from page B4

Skip Holtz added a junior college All-American in Aundrae Allison, originally from Kannapolis, NC. Allison originally committed to North Carolina, but failed to make the grades. He is already enrolled and will participate in spring practice. He will give the Pirates the deep threat that lacked at the end of the season.

Kyle Johnson is another speed demon with good hands as he was clocked at a 4.43 in the 40-yard dash. Alex Taylor has the most potential out of anyone in the receiving corps. He grew up a basketball player but was convinced to come out his senior year. With his 6-foot, 4-inch frame, he will be counted on to catch the fade route.

**Grade: B**

### Offensive Lineman

**\*\*Stephen Heis**, OL, 6-5, 275 (Anderson HS/Cincinnati, OH)

**\*Terrance Campbell**, OT, 6-5, 308 (Purnell Sweet, Maxton, NC)

**\*Jonathan Battle**, OG, 6-2, 301 (Lovejoy HS/Lovejoy, Ga.)

**\*Bryan Gibson**, OL, 6-3, 259 (Fairfield HS/Fairfield, Ohio)

**\*Larry Lease**, OL, 6-2, 257 (North Fort Myers HS, North Fort Myers, Fla.)

Holtz' staff used their Illinois connections in stealing away Stephen Heis from the Illini. The two-year starter has a body ready for Division I-A football, which is a rarity among the Pirates' beef up front. Campbell also shares the body for big time college football coming into his true freshman season.

Jonathan Battle, Bryan Gibson and Larry Lease were all late signees who will need to grow before they are ready to play. Battle has the potential to be a very good guard later in his career. Gibson and Lease will undoubtedly be redshirted.

Debatable the weakest position in 2004 combined with huge guard Joel Renaud transferring, the Pirates failed to get better quickly. Holtz will have to rely on younger smaller players to fill positions voided by graduation. A junior college lineman would have helped provide experience and depth.

**Grade: B-**

### Defensive Lineman

**\*J.T. McCoy**, DE, 6-4, 245 (Seventy-First HS/Fayetteville, NC)

**\*Jay Ross**, DL, 6-3, 267 (New Hanover HS/Wilmington, NC)

Both J.T. McCoy and Jay Ross are low-key signees that most other schools passed over. However, both have very good height and are bigger than most of the defensive linemen of a year ago. McCoy can be utilized similar to how Richard Koonce was played last year – a smallish defensive linemen that can access his speed.

Because John Thompson signed so many defensive linemen over the last two years, the position has a lot of untapped talent. If Holtz can buy a year with his current younger players McCoy and Ross can contribute in 2006.

**Grade: C**

### Linebackers

**\*Scotty Robinson**, OLB, 6-4, 205 lbs. (Salisbury HS/Salisbury, NC)

**C.J. Wilson**, LB, 6-3, 220 lbs. (Northside HS/Pinetown, NC)

C.J. Wilson is intriguing because of his size. He has the ability to become a very good middle linebacker if he packs on some pounds. However, in the video clips, he certainly has the nastiness and tenacity to play linebacker. Wilson did not receive much attention because he went to such a small high school. Wilson is the only player in question to qualify academically. A stop by a prep school is not out of the question.

Scotty Robinson was a very late signee. Like many of the recruits, he has very good height, but will need to gain weight before he sees the field. Look for him to redshirt.

It is the second year in a row that the linebacker position has almost been ignored. A large linebacker is desperately needed to plug holes because players such as Chris Moore and Jamar Flournoy are extremely undersized.

**Grade: C**

### Secondary

**\*\*Jeremy Chambliss**, S, 6-1, 200 (Douglass HS/Atlanta, Ga.)

**\*\*Chris Mattocks**, S, 6-0, 180, 4.5-40 (New Bern HS/New Bern, NC)

**\*\*Van Eskridge**, DB, 6-1, 190 lbs. (Shelby Senior HS/Shelby, NC)

Holtz improved the secondary positions better than any other position on the field. Chris Mattocks suffered an injury that caused most schools to shy away from him. However, he just beat New Bern teammate Montario Hardesty in a track meet a week ago. Mattocks isn't afraid to pack some wood on people either.

Eskridge played in the Shrine Bowl, which is a high honor for NC athletes. At 6-foot, 1-inch, he has the height to match up against taller receivers. He is a speedster who was a great late pickup. Chambliss will probably move to linebacker as he continues to work out. If he maintains his current speed, he could be a force in years to come.

Holtz addressed his need for a lockdown corner and physical safeties, something lacking from recent memory for ECU.

**Grade: A-**

### Athlete

**\*\*Terrell Hudgins**, ATH/QB, 6-3, 205 (Rocky Mount HS/Rocky Mount, NC)

**Jerek Hewitt**, ATH, 5-11, 184 (West Brunswick HS/Charlotte, NC)

Terrell Hudgins can play multiple positions on the field because of his athleticism. He played quarterback for Rocky Mount in a veer offensive formation, which lead to him carrying the ball quite often. Hudgins is willing to play wherever he is needed, which is a great asset to the coaching staff. He will probably end up at linebacker after redshirting a year. Hewitt is a late signee with blazing speed. Hewitt will be able compete for the return specialists job and will most likely be played at a cornerback position.

Holtz needs players that are willing to do anything to help the team win. Both of these guys are more than willing to do that despite not knowing their position.

**Grade: B**

### Specialists

**\*Robert Lee**, K, 5-10, 190, (Trinity Valley Community College/Athens, TX)

Robert Lee will take the position created by the graduation of Cameron Broadwell. Lee is a

junior college All-American from Texas. Special teams coordinator Greg McMahon will not be sweating bullets when it comes to placekicking in 2005 because of Lee's reliability.

**Grade: A-**

### Roster Additions

**\*\*Marcus Hands**, DE 6-6 245 lbs. (Hargrave Military Academy/Chatham, VA)

**\*\*Brandon Setzer**, DE 6-5 275 lbs. (Hargrave Military Academy)

**\*\*Quentin Cotton**, LB, 6-4, 215 (Glenn HS/Kernersville, NC)

**\*\*Mike Williams**, OL 6-3 263 (Boone HS/Orlando, Fla.)

**\*\*JJ Millbrook**, CB 5-9 181 4.47-40 (Monsignor Pace HS/Miami, FL)

The most confusing part of the recruiting process takes place in the five players not listed as signees. All four of the players graduated high school in 2003 and have taken different paths to Greenville. However, these five players are the most talented and will make the biggest splash.

Mike Williams is from the same high school as punter Ryan Dougherty. Williams is a gray-shirt, which means he sat out the fall semester. He waited to enroll in the spring and now is free to practice with the team.

Brandon Setzer originally committed to NC State a year ago before he was deemed academically ineligible. Setzer was granted his eligibility and can participate in spring drills and practice. Setzer will see plenty of field in 2005.

Marcus Hands, Quentin Cotton and JJ Millbrook are not yet affiliated with the team. However, all are enrolled and are waiting to be granted their eligibility. If they all qualify, they will be able to participate with the team in the fall. Hands and Cotton are certain starters while Millbrook is similar to Travis Williams.

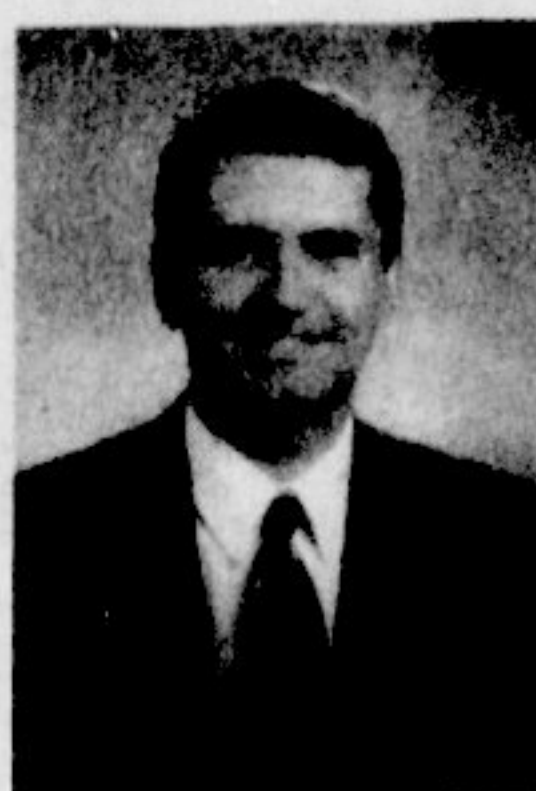
All five players are the works of the former coach, but it is these players that Holtz desperately need. If all of these players grace the field in 2005, look out because Holtz did one heck of a job.

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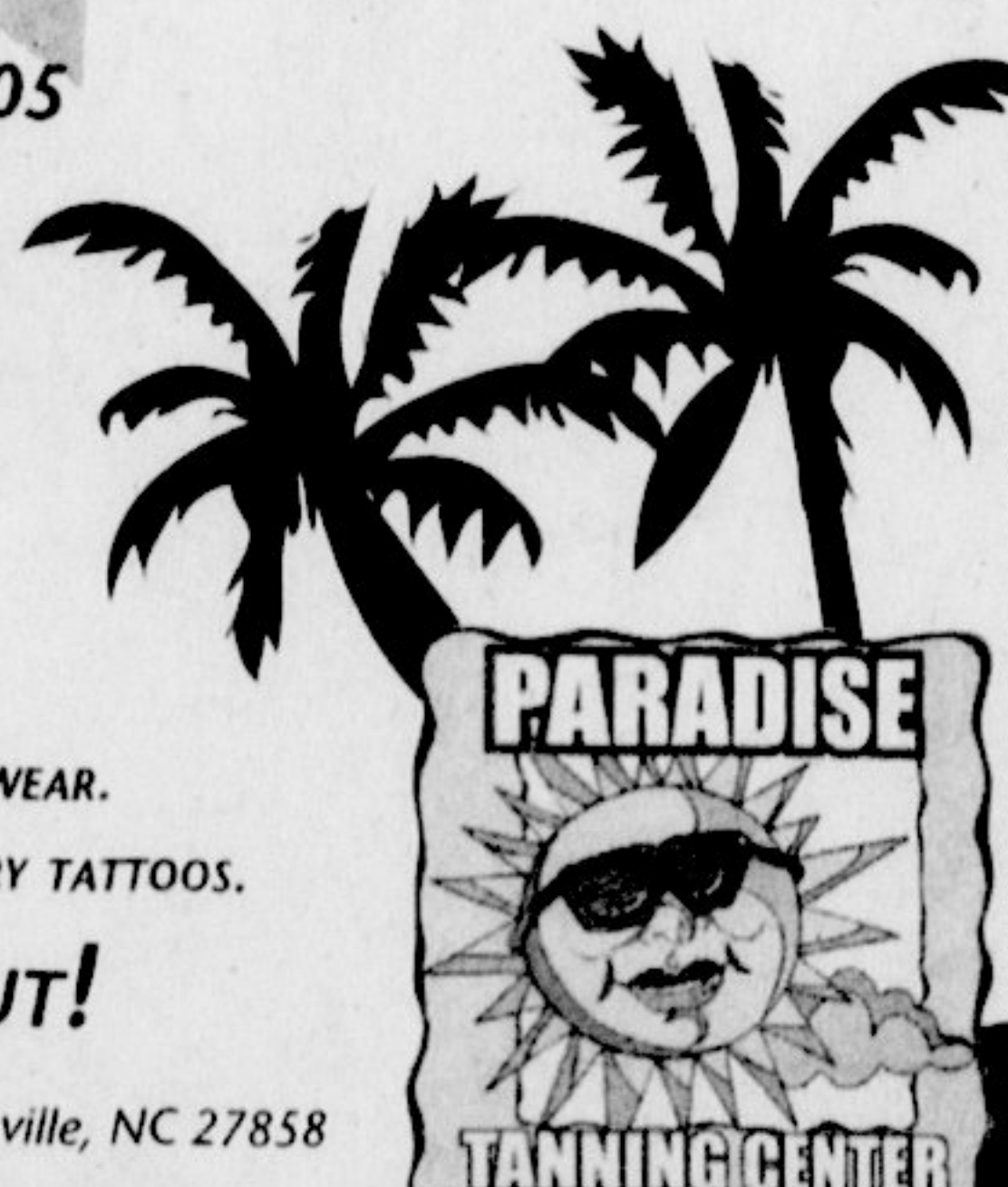
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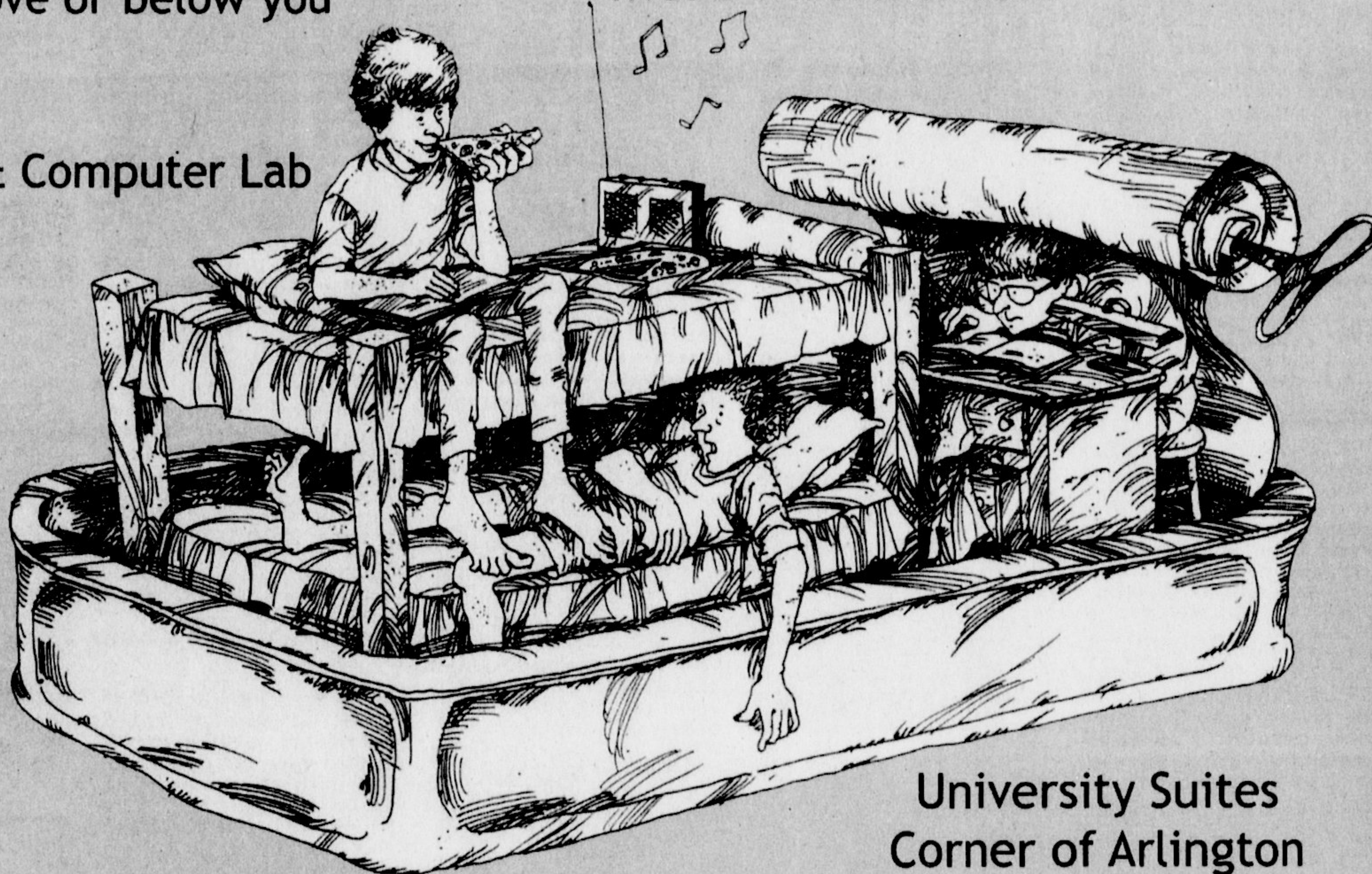
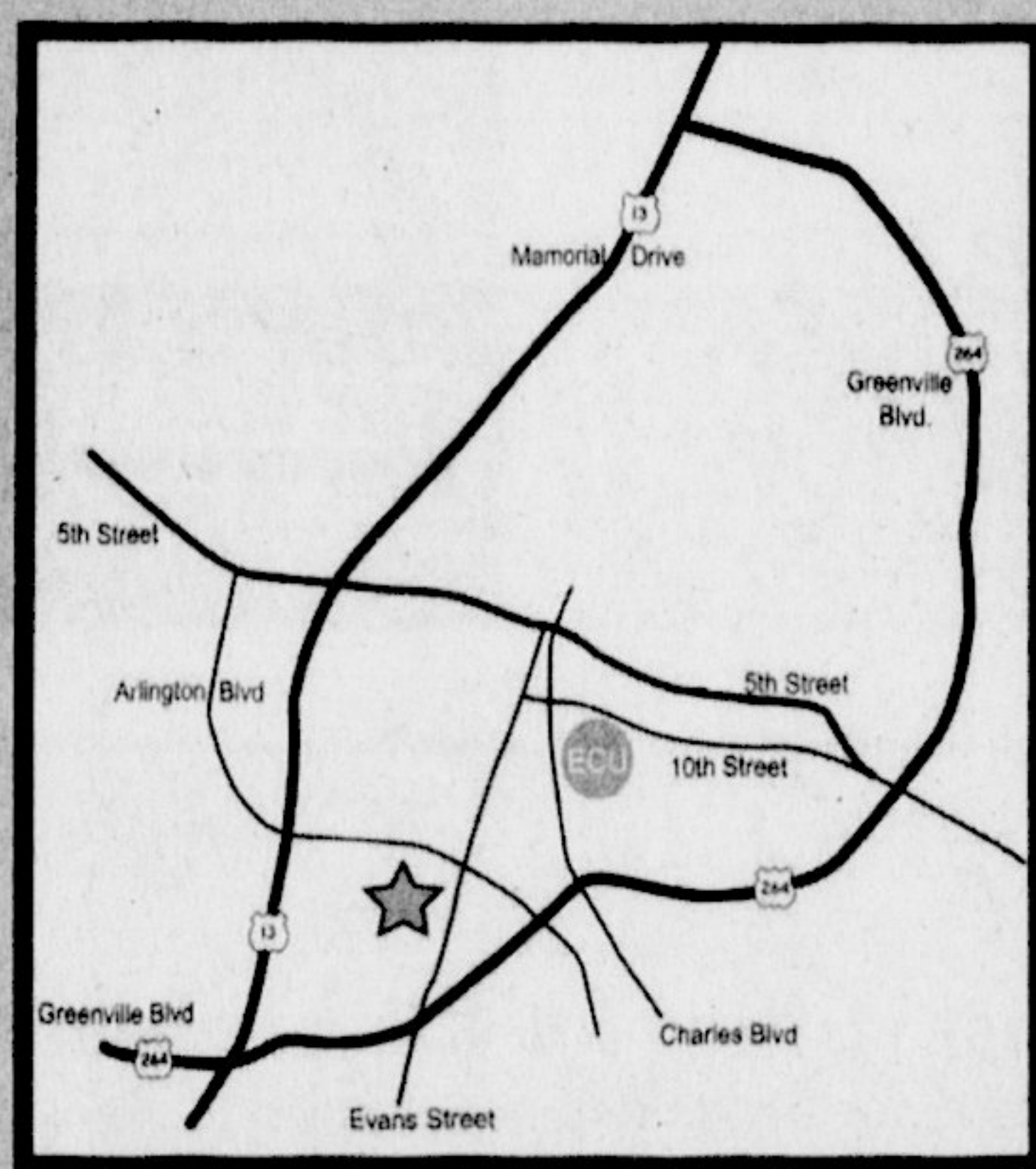
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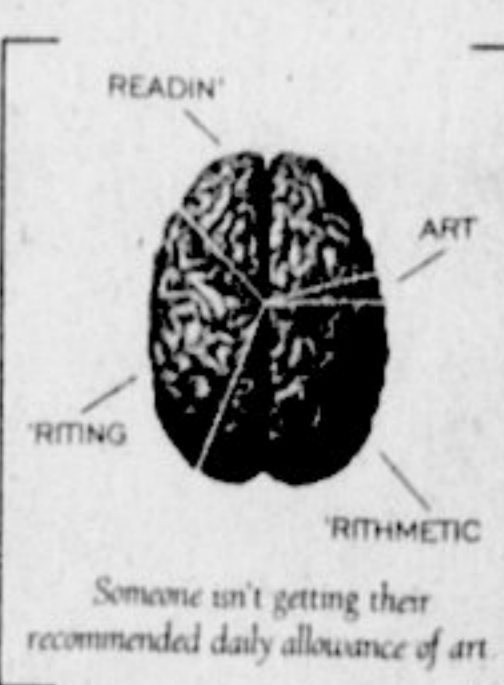
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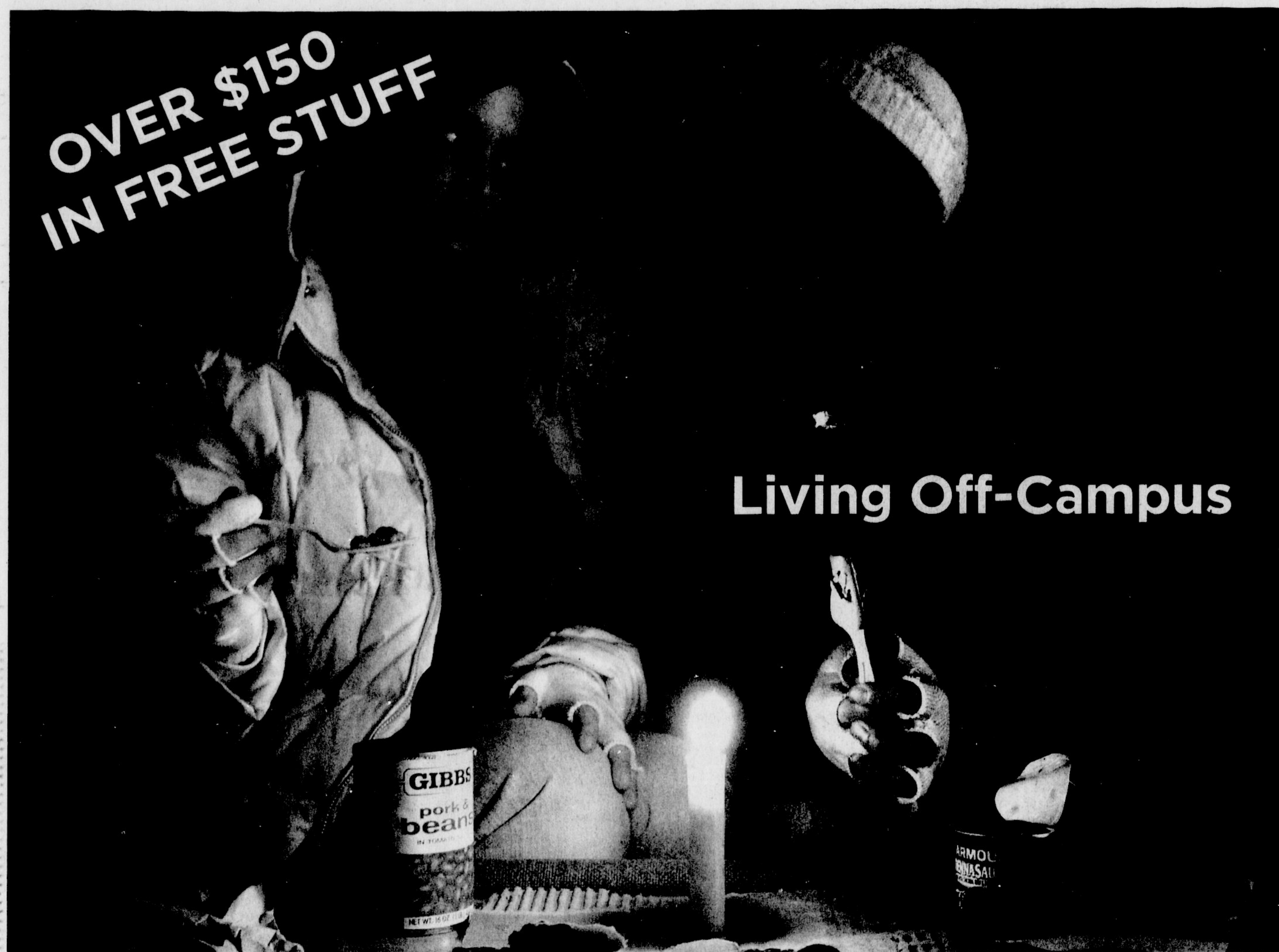
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# Super Bowl XXXIX: Dynasty or Destiny?

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Another year, another Super Bowl. Doesn't it seem like we've been here before? With Belichick, Brady, Vinatieri and rings for the whole Patriot gang? So many similarities from 2004.

However, 2005 certainly brings stark contrasts.

For starters, New England is an even better team than those who won Super Bowl XXXVI and XXXVIII. Experience, a squad that hasn't lost a face since 2001 and a guy named Corey Dillon have improved a team that has a chance to become a rare modern-day dynasty.

Secondly, a championship-stricken and ill-fated Philadelphia has finally made it back to a title game in one of the four major sports. The last time the city of Brotherly Love won a championship in one of the four majors was when Julius Erving led the 76ers to an NBA title in 1983. The last time Philly played on Super Bowl Sunday was in 1981 when the Oakland Raiders waxed the Eagles, 27-10 in Super Bowl XV. The last time they won an NFL title ... 1960, 16 years before Donovan McNabb was born.

This kind of unfortunate sports history has Philadelphia thinking it's time to do their best impression of the Boston Red Sox. Destiny is the word de'jour in Philly this past season and you can hear it on the lips of every fan now more than ever.

But is Philly faith enough to overcome a team with an undefeated playoff quarterback and a head coach with just one loss in the postseason? Here's the low down on the big game.

## Offense

Newcomer Corey Dillon has finally given the Pats a true running threat and piled up more than 1,600 yards this past season. His punishing running style helped New England combine for 61 points in their two playoff games against the Colts and Steelers. The Pats put up a blistering 41 points against a Pittsburgh defense that allowed an average of just 16 points per game in the regular season.

The Eagles have produced similar results but against two teams that perhaps didn't belong in the playoffs to begin with. Philly scored a combined 54 points against the Vikings and Falcons. The Vikings backed into the playoffs after losing their final game of the season to the lowly Redskins while the Falcons stumbled to a 13-win record and NFC South division title.

It is no mystery why the Patriots do so well on offense. Tom Brady, Charlie Weis, three physical wide receivers, a stud running back and a great offensive line make up the most efficient offense in the NFL. New England's offensive line is certainly adept to picking up the blitz, which is a necessity for a team that wants to beat the Eagles.

What will help the Pats on offense is how Brady and the O-line interact as far as pass protection. Philadelphia was able to hound Michael Vick all afternoon in the NFC championship because Vick's running preference plays into the Eagles' plans. Jevon Kearse is so fast on the end and Philadelphia's inside blitzes are so effective that it pushed Vick to the outside, a place he is more than comfortable running to but a place where he consistently met up with Kearse.

Brady is a completely different quarterback. He isn't nearly as mobile as Vick (that's a massive understatement) but his ability to feel pressure and step up in the pocket is second to none. Belichick and Weis know this and will

prepare accordingly. Expect the Patriots to come out in sets with a tight end in the mix on almost every down to push Kearse farther outside on the line of scrimmage. Keeping Dillon in the backfield as a blocker to contain Kearse or pick up the blitz won't hurt New England because he isn't a back who they look to receive out of the backfield – that distinction goes to fullback Patrick Pass (28 receptions, 215 yards in regular season play).

The key to Philly's success is the blitz but they won't be able to execute as well against the Patriots. Look for the Pats to do what they do best Sunday – control the ball, pound Dillon, dink and dunk their way down the field and go for the jugular when the time comes.

On the flip-side, McNabb is unlike any quarterback the Patriots have seen this season. His quickness and ability to move outside the pocket could give the Patriots a fit. Also, don't look for McNabb to make many mistakes throwing the ball. His accuracy has improved exponentially over the last couple of years, particularly in 2004-2005 as he threw 31 touchdowns as opposed to only eight interceptions during the regular season.

However, McNabb is susceptible to pressure and can be rattled. We saw in last year's AFC championship a few good shots on number five can do a lot of damage. McNabb cannot hold onto the ball well and will have to distribute the ball around the field in order to establish any offensive rhythm on this Patriots defense. If he relies on Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston and Greg Lewis only, Philadelphia will be in a lot of trouble.

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# Avoiding offense: Toned-down Super Bowl ads likely this year, but few will give exact plans for commercials

(AP) NEW YORK — As in years past, many Super Bowl advertisers are guarding the secrecy of their 30-second spots. Even so, one thing seems certain: Gas-passing horses and accidental bikini wax treatments will be nowhere in sight.

Just ask advertising executive Jeff Goodby, whose firm created the Budweiser spot last year in which a draft horse spoiled a romantic evening for a young couple riding in a hansom cab.

"This year, I think most advertisers are going to be incredibly well-behaved," Goodby said.

That ad and others aired during last year's game caused concern in some quarters that advertisers had gone too far in using ribald humor to grab the attention of the young, male audiences that marketers try so desperately hard to reach.

Goodby said advertisers are much more cautious this year.

"Everybody knows where the line is, and I don't think it will be crossed," he said. "It's implicit in the process that you're not going to get your client in trouble this year."

Fox, which is broadcasting

the Feb. 6 game, is asking \$2.4 million for each half-minute ad this year, up slightly from last year's \$2.3 million rate. Fox said it has sold about 95 percent of the ad space this year.

Most advertisers are keeping their spots under lock and key, hoping to create a sense of anticipation and mystery. That tactic worked wonders a generation ago for Apple Computer Inc., when it introduced the Macintosh computer during the 1984 Super Bowl with an iconic ad featuring a runner hurling a sledge

hammer against a giant image of Big Brother.

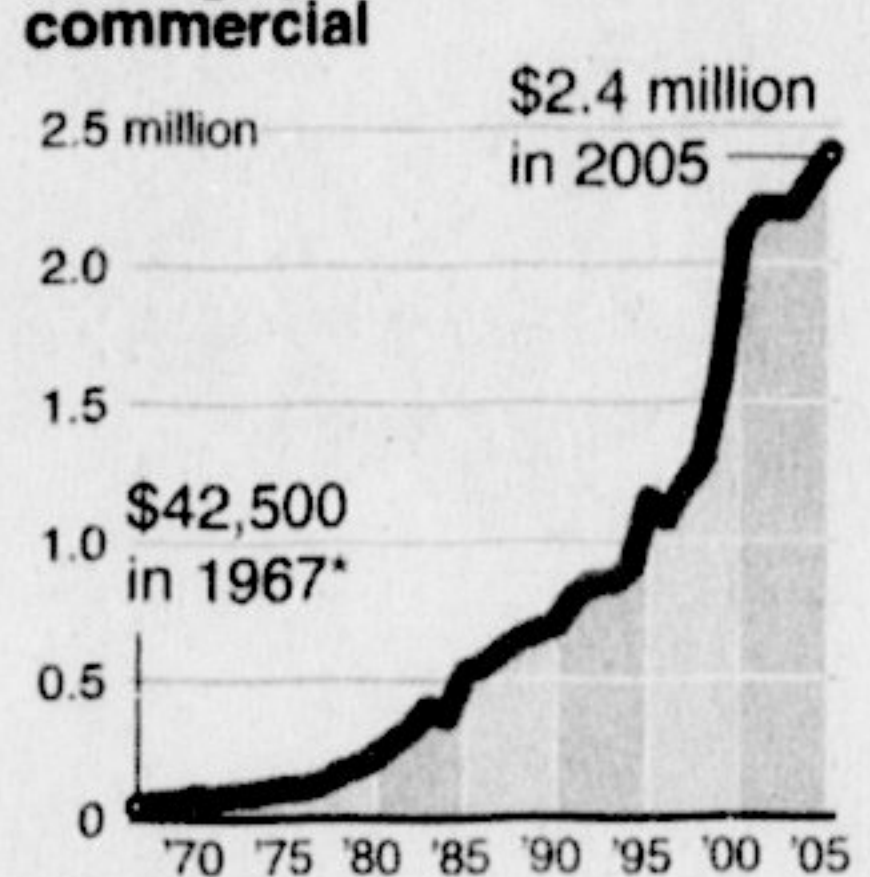
Anheuser-Busch, which again will be a top Super Bowl advertiser, purchased 10 of the 30-second commercial spots, but isn't saying what it plans to do. It also will have what's known as "category exclusivity," meaning that competing ads from Coors, Miller and other beer makers will be shut out.

Volvo, a first-time Super Bowl advertiser, will only say it put together a spot for its new V-8 sports utility vehicle.

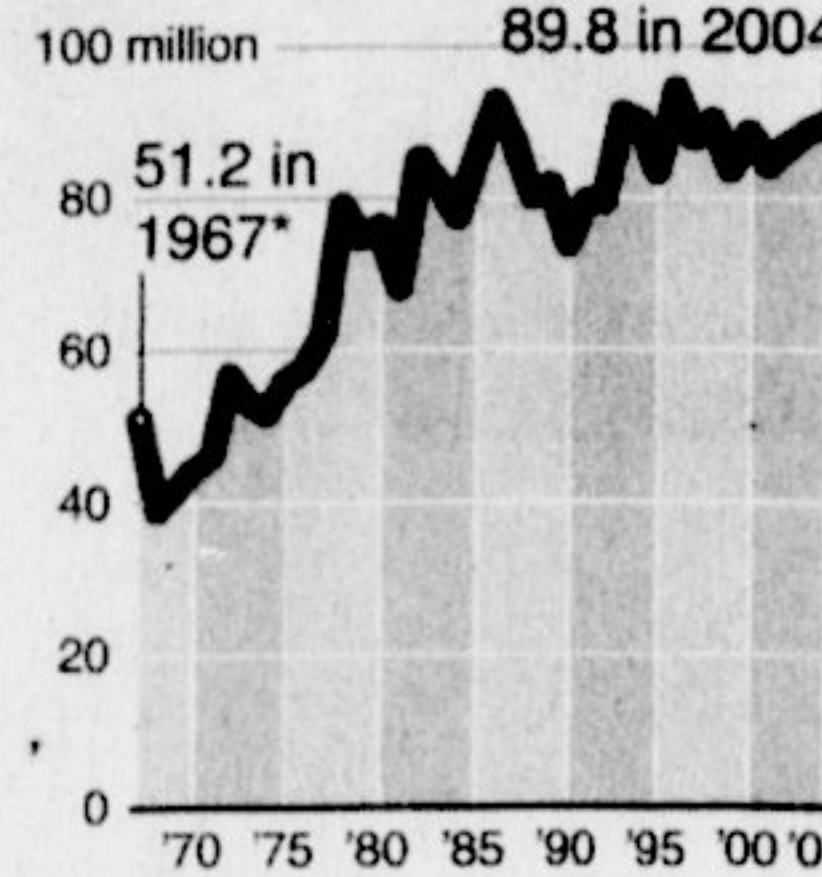
## Super price for a Super Bowl ad

The average cost of a 30-second commercial slot on television's annual top-rated broadcast has increased again this year.

### Average price for a 30-second commercial



### Number of viewers



\* Super Bowl I aired on both CBS and NBC, commercial price is CBS's, viewers are combined

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send him deep down field. For Philly to put points on the board, McNabb and Westbrook will have to make at least three big plays, all resulting in or leading to points.

When it comes down to it, this game is going to be about ball control and who makes the fewest mistakes. Without Terrell Owens, McNabb and Brian Westbrook will have the offense on their shoulders and cannot afford to waste possessions by turning the ball over. Consider also the Patriots faced Philadelphia last season and won convincingly with essentially the same team as they have this year.

New England has to keep their offense on the field and hold the ball for six to eight minutes at a time in order to slow down Philadelphia's blitz-happy defense. The Patriots have been here and done this time and time again against better teams than the Eagles.

### Advantage — Patriots

### Defense

There is no question the old saying is true — defense wins championships. Super Bowl XXXIX will feature two of the best and most physical defenses in the NFL.

In the beginning of the season, the Eagles had questions in the secondary with youths Lito Shepard, Roderick Hood and Sheldon Brown taking over the corner positions while New England boasted Ty Law, Eugene Wilson and Asante Samuel.

As the season progressed however, the three Eagles proved to be excellent defenders as Shepard made the Pro Bowl along with safeties Michael Lewis and Brian Dawkins whereas Ty Law and other Patriot defensive backs went down with injuries. Both units have done well throughout the season and have relied on their veteran leadership. Ninth year veteran Brian Dawkins is the hard-hitting anchor for the Eagles and has waited his entire career for a shot at the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Rodney Harrison, an even more physical version of Dawkins, led the Pats' patchwork defensive backfield.

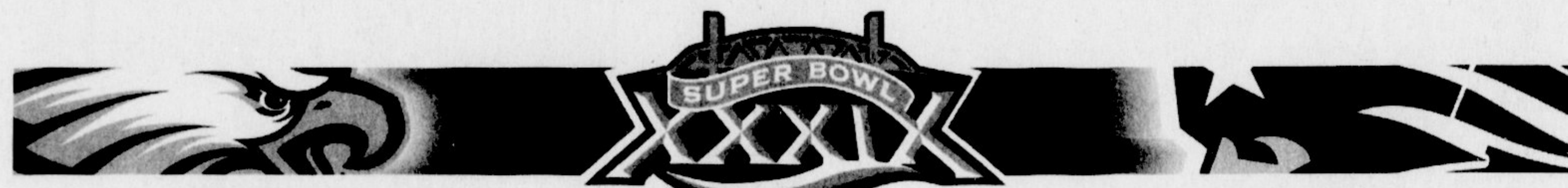
Philly's corners and safeties will be tested much more than New England's but their physical play will allow them to match up well with Patriot receivers David Givens, Deion Branch and David Patten. However, Bethel Johnson will test the Eagles' coverage down the field, as he is the speedster in the Patriots' wide receiving corps. If Brady has time in the pocket at all, it will be a tough test for the Eagles' secondary because they're in a lose-lose situation. They cannot protect for the deep ball and allow Brady to throw the short five to seven yard routes because the offense will settle into the rhythm they work out of best. However, if they're too aggressive, Johnson and even Branch have the deep play ability to burn Philadelphia. Hence, the key to success will be the front seven.

Both teams boast what may be hands down the best front seven combinations in the league. Kearsse is a terror on the Eagle's defensive line while Jeremiah Trotter backs him up at the middle linebacker position. This is a defense built to harry opposing quarterbacks and get upfield in a hurry. They finished the 2005 regular season with 47 sacks, good for second in the NFL. Defensive coordinator Jim Johnson won't hold back from attempting to put an enormous amount of pressure on the Pats' offense. Look for the Eagles to rush at least five to six every single defensive down of the game, particularly through the middle of the New England offensive line.

The Eagles may have an easier time stopping Dillon than stopping Brady and the passing game, which is like saying it may be easier for you to break iron rather than steel. However, if they can get in Brady's face and not allow him to step into that pocket he's good passing out of, it will go a long way in disrupting the Patriots offensive rhythm.

As far as defensive personnel goes, New England is very different from Philly up front. You won't see Romeo Crenell blitz every down but he is a master of disguise when he does decide to send a few extra rushers. The Pats' do a lot of zone blitzing. They will let guys like Willie McGinest and Roman Phiefer create pressure in the backfield and then drop athletic defensive linemen like Richard Seymour and Jarvis Green into coverage. While McNabb is a smart quarterback, New England's ability to pressure and create confusion in an opposing backfield can rattle the best of the best (i.e. Peyton Manning).

This is also a defense that moves laterally extremely well, which will go far in the Patriots' attempt to slow down Westbrook. Philadelphia likes to run Westbrook in the guard-tackle pocket and on the outsides where he can use his speed and



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Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. EST on FOX

### Offense

An Eagles victory would be their first in a Super Bowl and Philly's first NFL title since 1960.



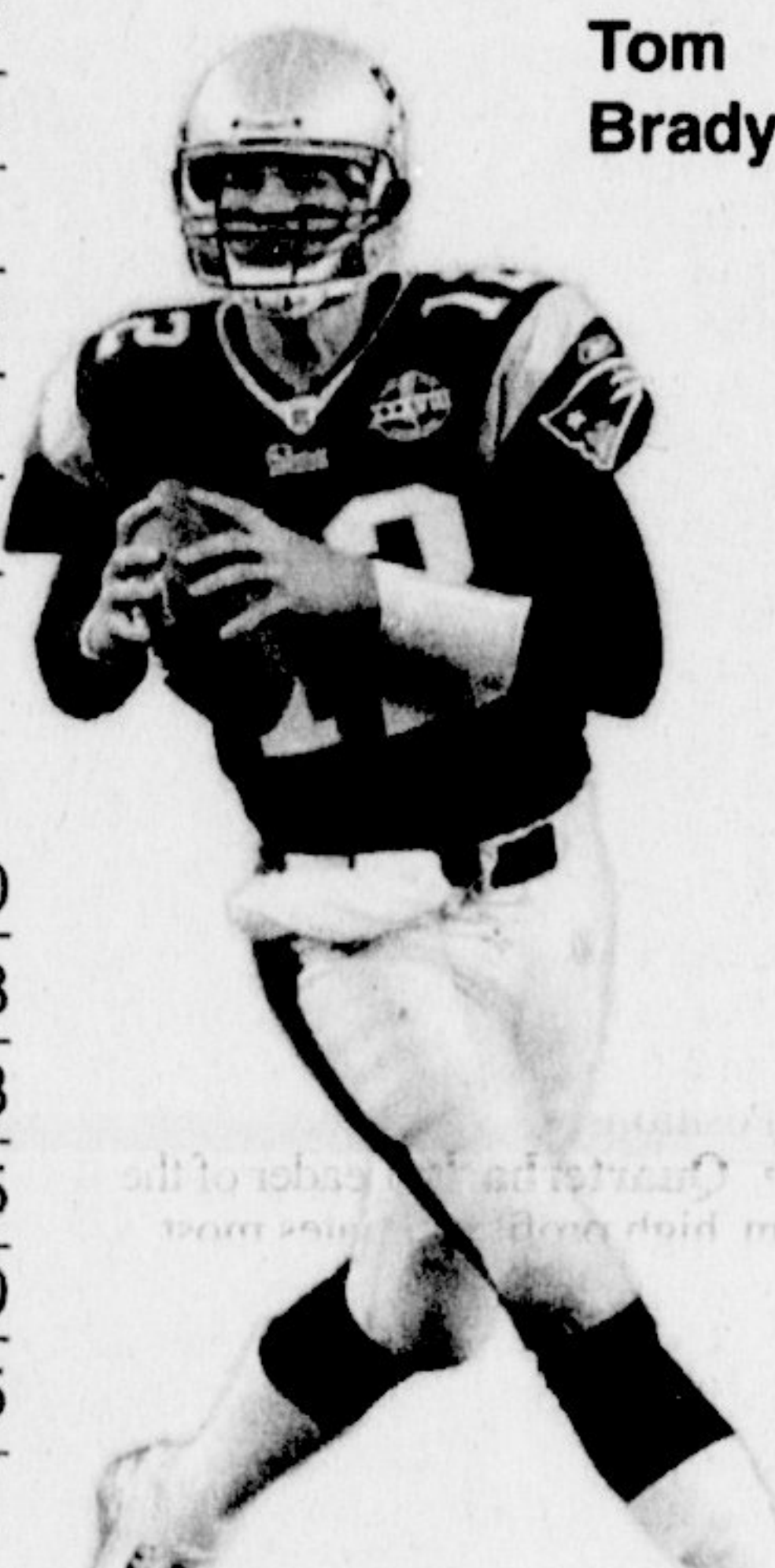
Donovan McNabb

Eagles (Playoff statistics in parentheses)		Patriots	
351.1 (360.5)	YDS avg.	(323.5) 357.6	
102.4 (132.5)	Rushing avg.	(168.0) 133.4	
248.7 (228.0)	Pass avg.	(155.5) 224.3	
37 (3)	Sacked	(5) 26	
11 (0)	Interceptions	(0) 14	
124 (10)	Penalties	(6) 101	
28:26 (30:25)	Poss. time avg.	(33:06) 31:22	
44 (6)	Touchdowns	(7) 49	
27/32 (4/4)	Field goals/FGA	(4/4) 31/33	
386 (54)	Points scored	(61) 437	

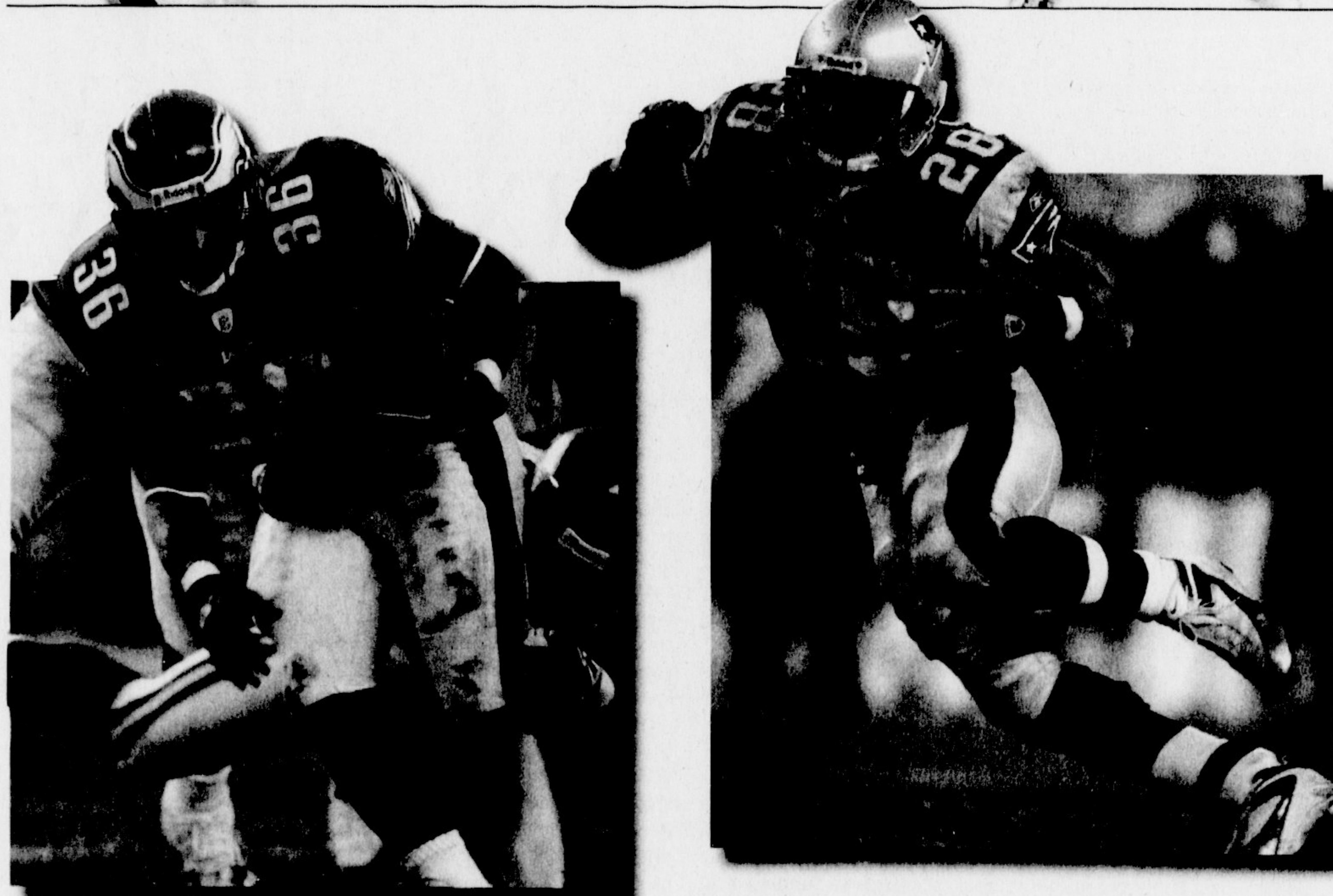
### Defense

260 (24)	Points allowed	(30) 260
319.7 (293.5)	Opp. yards avg.	(332.0) 310.8
118.9 (98.0)	Opp. rush avg.	(104.5) 98.3
200.8 (195.5)	Opp. passing avg.	(227.5) 212.5
17 (3)	Interceptions	(4) 20
47 (7)	Sacks	(2) 45
30 (3)	Opp. touchdowns	(3) 31

New England seeks a third Super Bowl championship in four years.



Tom Brady



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elusiveness to get down field. However, he will be facing a defense that tackles and moves to the ball better than any 11-man unit in the league.

### Advantage — Patriots

### Coaching

Is anyone better at scheming for an opponent than Belichick? If there is, for my money, it's Andy Reid. While Belichick and Weis Crenell get all the attention, many folks forget about Reid. The man has been to the NFC Championship four times in the past four years and has finally made it to the big game. He's very much built from the same mold as Belichick — simple, very smart, an excellent planner and motivational enough. The key is his guys buy into his system, just like the Patriots buy into Belichick. Oh yes, he's also 10-0 when he's had two weeks to prepare for an opponent.

As for Belichick and Company, is there anything left to say? He's 9-1 as a head coach in the playoffs and has a brilliant staff. The only advantage

he may have over Reid is that he's been here before (and he has more offensive talent on his team).

### Advantage — Push

### X-Factors

The number one X-factor in every Super Bowl is the pressure of the game and two weeks preceding the championship. New England has dealt with this twice in the last two years while Philadelphia has just one major player on the roster who has been in a Super Bowl (Kearsse). The hoopla surrounding Terrell Owens will only throw more gasoline onto the fire for the Eagles. We've seen Donovan McNabb already show his frustration about this during some of press week, along with a few other players.

As far as the personnel, the single most prominent X-factor is Troy Brown. If the Eagles attack anyone on the Patriots side, it shouldn't be Brown. This is a guy who has played wide receiver his entire career and started playing cornerback about 10 games through the season and proceeded

to shut down two of the best receivers in the league two weeks ago (Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokely). It's going to be very difficult for McNabb to find any open wide receivers Sunday without a healthy T.O.

### Advantage — Patriots

### Prediction

The Patriots are favored for the first time in their Super Bowl experience (seven points). They always play the underdog role and they love it that way New England will play like they're underdogs once again and will come out on top once again. MVI voters will find it difficult to give it to anyone but Brady again but Brown is the one who will receive the honors this time around as he will catch a touchdown pass, make an interception and return at least one punt for more than 40 yards.

Patriots 24, Eagles 13

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# Super Bowl for Dummies

## THE BASICS

Football evolved from the sports of soccer and rugby. In fact, the first football game between McGill University and Harvard looked pretty much like a rugby game.

The National Football League was born in 1920 when the official league documents were signed in a Hupmobile showroom in Canton, Ohio, beginning a long and profitable relationship between cars and professional football. In 1960, the American Football League was born.

In 1966, the AFL and NFL signed an agreement for the two leagues to merge and begin play as one league for the 1970 season. The following year, the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game — between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs — was played in Los Angeles. As the '70s dawned, the game commonly was referred to as the Super Bowl.

## ESSENTIALS

Here goes:

Football is a game of territory and strategy. The team with more points at the end of the game wins. Twenty-two players are on the field at one time — 11 per team.

An NFL game is made up of four 15-minute quarters, plus a 15-minute sudden-death overtime if the score is tied after regulation time. A 12-minute halftime falls between the second and third quarters. Each team is entitled to three timeouts per half — and TV gets a few as well.

There are three "teams" within one football team:

- 1. Offense:** Controls the movement of the ball and attempts to score touchdowns (worth 6 points) by passing or running.
- 2. Defense:** Attempts to stop the offense from scoring by tackling runners, deflecting passes, intercepting passes or causing fumbles.
- 3. Special Teams:** A group of specialists who take the field during kicking situations — punts, field goals, extra points and kickoffs.

## THE OFFENSE

The offense attempts to score by passing or running the ball to the end zone.

Positions:

- **Quarterback:** Leader of the team, high profile, initiates most plays.
- **Center:** Lines up over the football, in the center of the offensive line; snaps the ball to the quarterback to begin each play.
- **Guards:** Each offensive team has two guards who line up on each side of the center.
- **Tackles:** Each offensive team has two tackles who line up outside the guards.
- **Tight end:** Lines up just outside the tackle (close or tight).
- **Wide receivers:** Line up 10 to 15 yards wide of the offensive line; receive passes thrown by the quarterback.
- **Running backs:** Line up behind the quarterback in the backfield; run with the ball, block and receive passes from the quarterback.

## THE DEFENSE

The defense attempts to prevent scoring opportunities by tackling offensive players short of a first down or causing the offense to lose control of the ball (called turnovers).

Positions:

- **Defensive tackle:** Lines up on the defensive line; responsible for stopping the offensive charge; either one or two defensive tackles play depending on defensive formation.
- **Defensive ends:** Line up on the defensive line; responsible for containing the outside running game and for rushing the quarterback; a successful rush of the quarterback results in a sack; two defensive ends play at all times.
- **Linebackers:** Line up 2 to 3 yards in back of the tackles and ends; responsible for stopping the run and also for covering receivers on passing plays; occasionally rush the quarterback (referred to as a blitz; more on that later).
- **Cornerbacks:** Line up opposite wide receivers; responsible for covering receivers and providing support in stopping the running game; typically two cornerbacks play, depending on the defensive and offensive formations.
- **Safeties:** Line up 8 to 10 yards from the line of scrimmage; responsible for providing support in pass coverage (essentially the safety net against a long gain of yardage by the offense); typically two safeties play, depending on the defensive and offensive formations.

Another Super Bowl Sunday, another chance to look stupid.

This year, take a time-out before the party and read our football primer. We guarantee it'll make you feel like a pro.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Special teams are responsible for kicking a ball or returning a kicked ball from the opponent, and are frequently labeled kicking or receiving teams.

- **Kickoffs:** Start the game; start the second half; start play after team scores.
- **Field-goal attempt:** An effort by the offensive special team to score 3 points by kicking the ball between the uprights.
- **Punt:** An exchange of possession in which the offensive team tries to pin the ball in the defensive team's end of the field.
- **Kick returns:** After a kick or punt, the receiving team attempts to catch the ball and advance it as far as possible toward the opposite end zone.

## THIS IS WHAT THEY PLAY FOR

During the Fox broadcast (at 6 p.m. ET), you might hear the announcers mention the Lombardi Trophy. Awarded to the winning team at game's end, it's \$12,000 worth of sterling silver (7 pounds), 22 inches high, and made in Parsippany, N.J., by Tiffany & Co. It takes 72 hours to hand-craft.

**Pop quiz:** The Lombardi Trophy is named for:

- Pete Rozelle, former commissioner of the NFL.
- Joe Montana, ex-quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers.
- Vince Lombardi, former coach of the Green Bay Packers and Washington Redskins.
- William "Refrigerator" Perry, former defensive lineman for the Chicago Bears.

**Answer:** (Duh)

## BRING ON THE RING

The winners of the game will receive the prized Super Bowl ring.

The NFL pays for about 150 rings at \$5,000 each (plus adjustments for increases in gold and diamonds).

The league also graciously coughs up money for pieces of jewelry for the losing team. Each piece of the losing team's jewelry cannot cost more than half the price of the Super Bowl ring.

## WHAT A 30-SECOND AD WILL BUY

Fox is charging \$2.4 million for a 30-second commercial during the game. That's a lot of money for one commercial, but with the huge audience — the NFL said 144.4 million people watched last year's Super Bowl — many advertisers consider it a bargain.

Here are a few other things you could have fun spending \$2.4 million on:

- 80,032 Elmo Dancing Plush dolls (right).
- 34,295 copies of the "Star Wars Trilogy" DVD collection.
- 9,638 iPod minis from Apple Computer.

## THE CHEAP SEATS

Most lucky fans who have tickets to this year's game either got them through an NFL team or were selected from the league's random drawing. If you don't have a ticket but really want to see the game in person, you might secure a ticket through a scalper or ticket agency. Beware: Scalper and agency tickets are pricey, often starting at \$2,000 a pop. (Gulp!)

If you want tickets for Super Bowl XL in 2006, prepare to apply soon. Entries for the NFL's drawing are accepted between Feb. 1 and June 1. For more information, visit [www.superbowl.com/features/general\\_info](http://www.superbowl.com/features/general_info).

## THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Super Bowl XXXIX's pregame and halftime entertainment will feature a variety of music. Pregame performers include Alicia Keys (right), the Black Eyed Peas and country star Gretchen Wilson. Paul McCartney will perform the halftime show.



Some previous stars of halftime shows: Janet Jackson (2004); Shania Twain (2003); U2 (2002); Aerosmith and 'NSync (2001); Phil Collins, Christina Aguilera, Enrique Iglesias and Toni Braxton (2000); Stevie Wonder, Gloria Estefan and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy (1999).

## GRACIOUS HOSTS

Jacksonville, Fla., is the site of this year's game, marking the first time the city has been the host. The game will be played in Alltel Stadium, built in 1995.

Past hosts: New Orleans (9), Miami (8), Pasadena, Calif. (5), Tampa, Fla. (3), Houston (2), Los Angeles (2), Atlanta (2), Tempe, Ariz. (1), Pontiac, Mich. (1), Minneapolis (1), San Diego (3) and Stanford, Calif. (1).

## Future sites:

- Super Bowl XL, Detroit, Feb. 5, 2006
- Super Bowl XLI, Miami, 2007
- Super Bowl XLII, Glendale, Ariz., 2008

## BOWL-ING FOR DOLLARS

Sales of large-screen TVs increase about five times during Super Bowl week, according to the National Electronic Dealers Association.

- Most Super Bowls generate at least \$100 million from merchandise bearing the Super Bowl logo.
- Super Bowl weekend is the slowest of the year for weddings.

## BURRRP ...

No surprise here, but this is the top at-home party event of the year, surpassing New Year's Eve. Not only that, Super Bowl Sunday is the second biggest day for food consumption behind only Thanksgiving, according to the American Institute of Food Distribution. Fans spend more than \$50 million on edibles during the four days of the Super Bowl weekend (Thursday through Sunday).

Typically, Americans go through:

- An estimated 14,500 tons of chips and 4,000 tons of popcorn.
- 8 million pounds of guacamole.
- About 3,312,000,000 bottles of beer.
- And, appropriately enough:
  - Antacid sales increase 20 percent the next day.
  - Six percent of Americans will call in sick.

## NOW WHAT?

Grab a beer (or a couple, and down 'em with a beer helmet) and shout out a few key phrases:

- **Hail Mary** (noun): Desperation pass to the end zone in final seconds of a half or the game. Use in a sentence: "That pass reminded me of Roger Staubach's 50-yard Hail Mary in the Cowboys-Vikings game in '75!"
- **Red zone** (noun): The area from the 20-yard line to the goal. Use in a sentence: "Man, those Giants score 99 percent of the time they get in the red zone."
- **Blitz** (noun): A sudden charge by a defensive backfield player through a gap in the line in an effort to tackle the opposing quarterback. Use in a sentence: "That blitz really killed that drive"; (verb): to subject to a blitz; overwhelm or destroy. "What this team needs is somebody who really knows how to blitz — where's Ray Lewis when you need him?"



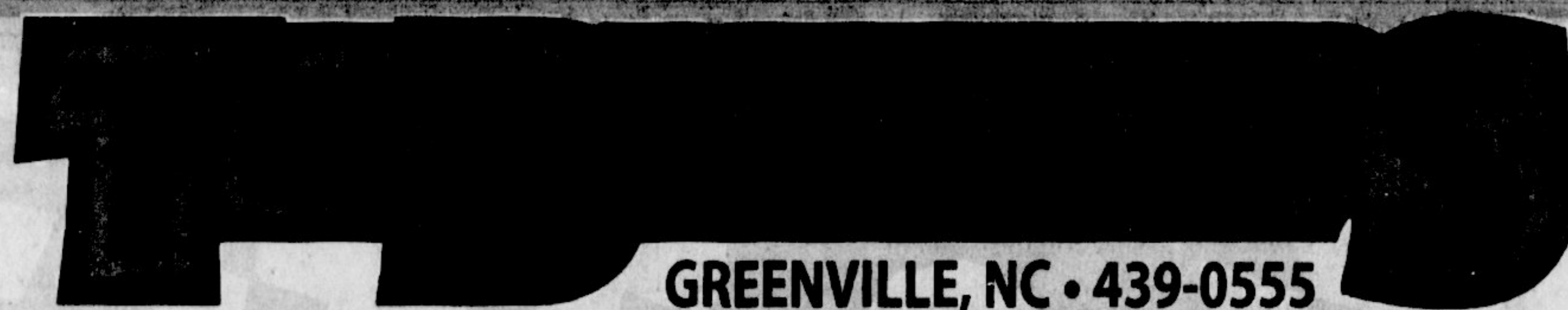
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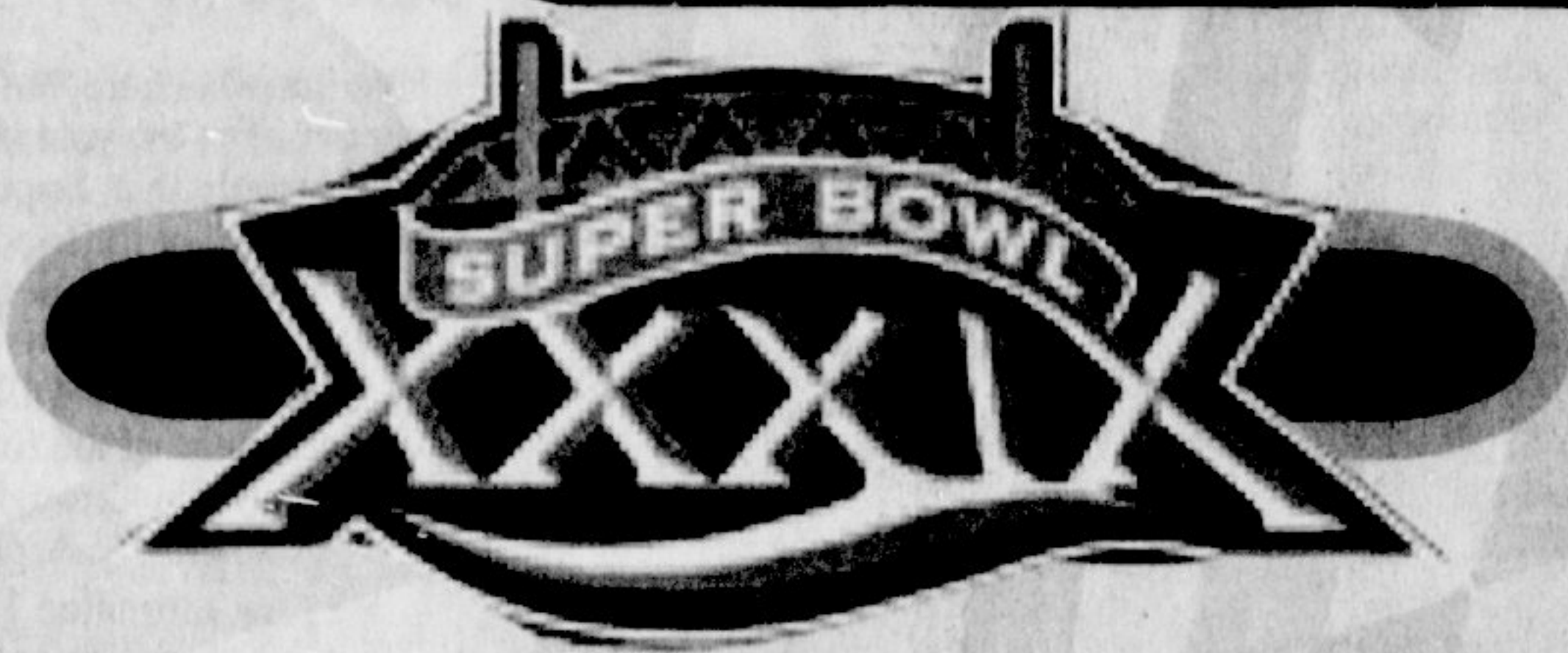
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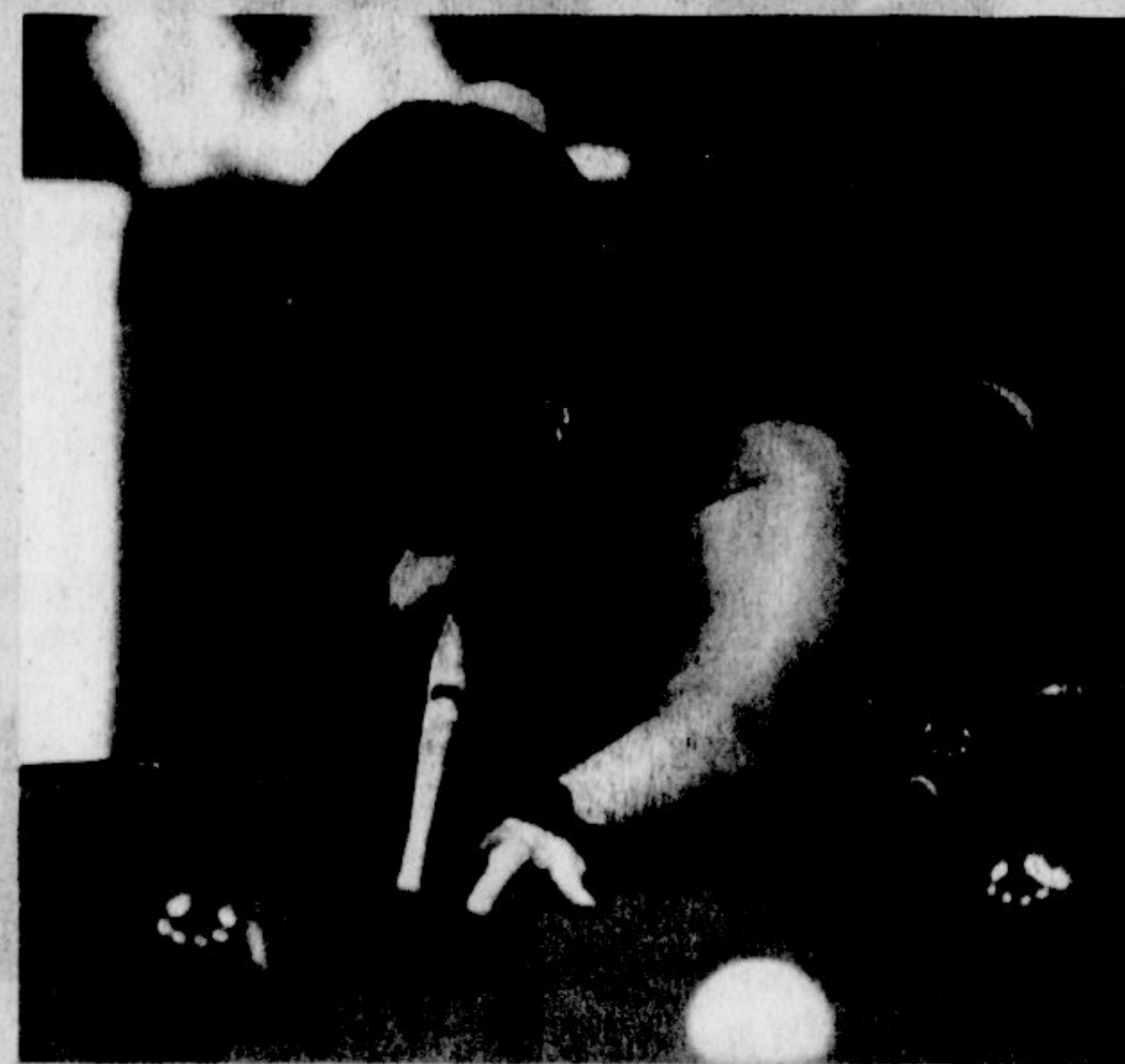
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