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Chemistry club hosts elementary students



Belvoir Elementary held experiments at ECU. Students receive hands-on experience

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NEWS EDITOR

A group of fifth grade students from Belvoir Elementary School, located in northern Pitt County, visited ECU Friday to participate in a number of chemistry experiments.

Kyle Nichols, senior chemistry major and president of the chemistry club, said the purpose of the event was to expose students to chemistry and the university because few of the students had any kind of background in those areas. Their school does not have access to any kind of scientific equipment.

"[Belvoir] is really a needy area," said Nichols.

He said he hopes the day's events may inspire them to further pursue science.

"Hopefully they'll be interested in pursuing science in their studies or maybe even as a career," Nichols said.

Nichols instructed the students through an experiment geared toward teaching the use of the scientific method. In the experiment, students took film

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Roker reports weather from PCMH



Roker poses with medical resident Jessie Lieberman and his wife during his visit to Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

'Today Show' comes to surprise medical resident

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Al Roker of the "Today Show" visited Pitt County Memorial Hospital Monday morning to broadcast the national weather.

There was also a surprise for a local disabled medical resident, Jessie Lieberman. The "Today Show," which broadcasts from New York, shot a segment dedicated to Lieberman with the department of internal medicine at ECU's Brody School of Medicine.

Crowds began to collect outside the neonatal intensive care unit waiting room at about 5:30 a.m. while WITN local anchors were also there for the early broadcast.

More people showed up as the hours passed and there were approximately 50 people in attendance by 7:30 a.m. when Roker gave his first national broadcast surrounded by screaming fans with posters and messages.

The "Today Show" featured Lieberman and his wife last November, as they told their story of brave triumph. This Valentine's Day, producers decided to come back and surprise the Liebermans, with a theme of everyday heroes.

Jessie was a third year medical student at Wake Forest University when he fell from a third story balcony and broke his neck. The fall left him paralyzed from the waist down and limited use in his arms and hands. After two weeks in the hospital and eight weeks in intense physical therapy, he returned to school and managed to graduate.

He then married his girlfriend Michelle and began his internship at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, which he is scheduled to complete by next year.

Jeannine Hutson, spokesperson for the Brody School of Medicine attended the event and spoke fondly of Lieberman.

"It is amazing that he was able to come back and graduate with his class after suffering from a paralyzing accident," said Hutson.

"He is still working toward his dream of becoming a physician."

"Today Show" producers along with Pitt County Memorial Hospital staff

worked for two full days to make the surprise a perfect one.

Anissa Davenport, director of marketing for Pitt County Memorial, worked in making the event possible.

"We're so pleased to have the opportunity to highlight the great story of Jessie Lieberman. It stays true to our mission in health care," said Davenport.

Susan Worthy, a Greenville resident was enthralled at the sight of Roker.

"This is just huge for Greenville. I love the 'Today Show' and would have never thought it would make its way down here," said Worthy.

Greenville residents were joined by Petee the Pirate who made his entrance along with some ECU cheerleaders dressed in uniform and as always, full of spirit.

Inside the neonatal waiting room, one half had been set up and decorated with red and pink roses, balloons and hearts. This was the area prepared for Lieberman's surprise entrance and Roker's final broadcast. The opposite half of the room was set up for musical guest, Michael Buble.

Buble is a rising star from Toronto. Many have said he is the next Frank

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Tilove read excerpts from his book about MLK streets.

GeoClub hosts lecture on MLK

Event focused on naming streets after King

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The ECU Department of Geography sponsored a lecture at the Willis building, where they unveiled a Martin Luther King pamphlet and Jonathan Tilove spoke.

Tilove is a race and immigration reporter and author of *Along Martin Luther King: Travels on Black America's Main Streets*. He traveled from his home in Washington, D.C. to speak to a crowd of approximately 50 people, ranging from doctors to mothers to grandfathers and students.

Tilove read numerous excerpts from his novel and discussed the different interpretations of streets named after MLK.

"For many whites, a street name that says MLK tells them they are lost. For blacks, seeing a street name that says MLK tells them they are found," said Tilove.

Tilove discussed the issue of the naming of streets and spoke of his travels throughout the country, where he looked and researched every MLK street he could find. "Every King street tells a story," Tilove said.

He also spoke of the way some white Americans perceive MLK streets as they are seen by many as marking the "bad" side of town.

Tilove has been on these streets and has experienced the life of each street. Though he stated it would better honor MLK if those who lived on the streets would keep them looking worthy of having the name, he did not speak down on the appearance. He rather spoke highly of the rich, loving history he found on his travels down the MLK roads of America.

"King streets guide two strangers to the glory of his people," Tilove said.

Along with the readings, there was another aspect of Tilove's lecture.

A pamphlet was constructed by ECU's GeoClub with much thought and appreciation for MLK. Derek H. Alderman, assistant professor of geography, expressed his interest in the subject.

"The pamphlet presents some interesting data on MLK street-naming as a national movement, the politics of getting King's name on a street and even a comparison of Greenville's street versus the one in New Bern," said Alderman.

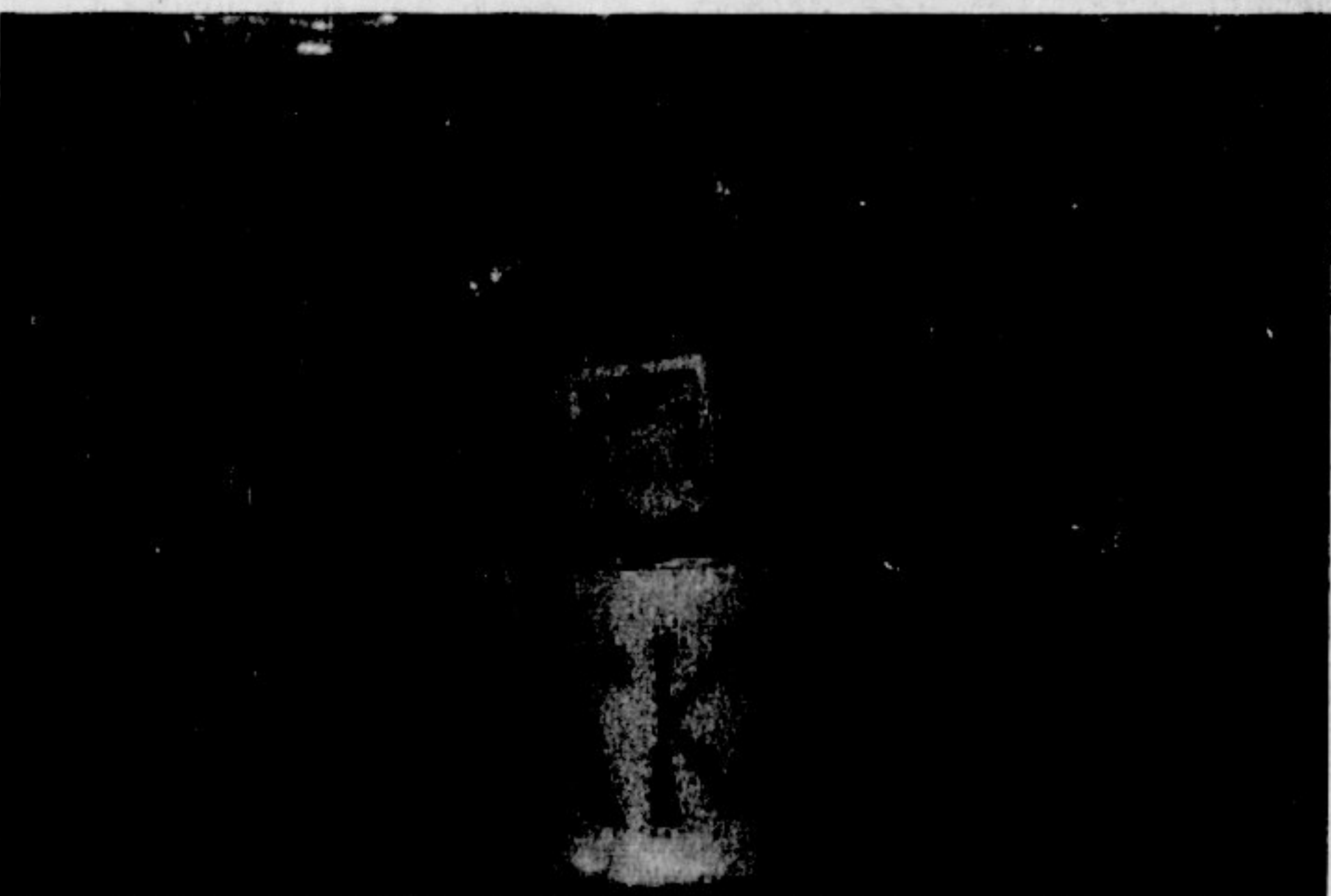
Alderman said more than 10,000 copies of the pamphlet will be distributed to the local area and national civil rights organizations, such as the King Center and civil rights museums across the country.

The GeoClub, along with the ECU Student Government Association, covered all expenses of printing and producing the pamphlet. Mustafa Nizami, senior special education major, enjoyed the event.

"I thought it was great. As far as community awareness, it definitely helps. We can always use more of that," said Nizami.

This event is one of several activities being held in honor of Black History Month.

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Alpha Phi sorority collected donations for cardiac health.

Alpha Phi hosts Heart Throb charity event

Annual fundraiser benefits cardiac care

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Alpha Phi sorority raised nearly \$2,000 to benefit cardiac care in its annual Heart Throb fundraising event last week, in which nine ECU fraternities and local businesses participated.

In the Heart Throb fundraising event, Alpha Phi kidnapped two fraternity men from nine fraternities and held them hostage in their house, where they received pizza and other prizes before they were bailed out by their chapter presidents. During the following week, a booth was then set up in Wright Plaza with donation jars for each organization. Proceeds went to benefit the Alpha Phi foundation, which goes toward their sorority's philanthropy of cardiac care.

Alpha Phi also received donations from various businesses throughout Greenville.

The goal of the event was to raise money and raise awareness for their philanthropy and the seriousness of cardiac care. They said they wanted to get Greek life more involved in a friendly, competitive way.

Heart Throb

Businesses that contributed:
UBE
Chicos
Bolls
Cold Stone
519 Club
Tan N Bed
Pizza Hut
Kamalii Style
The Cavern

Fraternities that participated:
Chi Phi
Delta Chi
Kappa Alpha
Pi Kappa Alpha
Pi Kappa Phi
Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Tau Kappa Epsilon
Theta Chi

Alpha Phi raised \$1,900 overall and is still in the process of receiving donations from other sponsors.

Pi Kappa Alpha was ultimately named the winning fraternity, donating a total of \$393. Adam Sizemore, sophomore

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Great Decisions event reveals issues with global poverty



Omoruyi lectured on global poverty during the weekly event.

Professor calls for more aid to poor countries

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Numerous ECU faculty and students visited Rivers Auditorium Saturday to hear about world poverty during the fourth Great Decisions forum.

Poverty is an issue that affects millions of people throughout the world, but often does not get the deserved attention.

"Here we are talking about a quiet tsunami of poverty," said Leslie Omoruyi, assistant professor of political science.

Omoruyi attributed the poverty pandemic to five problems - hunger, lack of water, agriculture, disease and a burden on women.

He said this is a subject many people do not care about. There are many different definitions of poverty and the poorest class of people in the United States has it better than the middle class in less developed countries.

To put it into perspective, he pointed out that one billion people live off less than \$1 per day and 2.7 billion live off less than \$2 per day.

Omoruyi gave two reasons why wealthy countries should give more foreign aid. He said it was the humanitarian thing to do and it is in the interest of national security. He quoted Paul Wolfensola, president of the World Bank, who gave a reason for helping the poor, based on altruism.

"I have a collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity, at the global level," said Wolfensola.

As far as security is concerned, extreme poverty is an incubator for hatred and aggression according to Omoruyi. Not to mention the fact that poor countries hold a lot of minerals that are important to western economies.

Omoruyi thinks ending global poverty is within our reach.

"Never in the annals of human history has such a great cause required so little from so rich," Omoruyi said.

"We can do it if we make it a priority."

He said the problem is we spend so little on foreign aid compared to everything else.

The U.S. spends \$6 billion on basic health care for everyone, whereas \$11 billion is spent on ice cream in Europe and \$17 billion

is spent on pet food in the U.S.

Omoruyi suggested appropriating less of the budget to military in order to alleviate the problem.

When an audience member asked about the problems less developed countries had with corrupt governments, he said it is an issue that must be addressed before any economic development can begin. The distinction between bilateral and multilateral aid is important to understand.

The U.S. gives bilateral aid to different countries most of the time. Omoruyi said the problem with this is the resources are controlled by elites who are self-interested. Multilateral aid is aid given to global agencies, like the World Bank, that can distribute resources based on needs.

Omoruyi is a Fulbright Scholar to Nigeria and has seen, first hand, the problems associated with disease and corruption.

Last year, he returned to Nigeria for the first time in years and was astonished by the kinds of diseases that existed there - diseases that have been almost completely vanquished in the United States.

The knowledge to contain diseases like malaria and AIDS is there, but it is a question of priorities.

"I cannot divorce myself from what is happening there," Omoruyi said.

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Great Decisions

Next week Jim Chesnutt, president and CEO of National Spinning Corporation, is expected to speak about the topic of outsourcing jobs in the fifth Great Decisions event.

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Campus News

Correction

In the Feb. 10 edition of features, we published a photo of dogs nosing a box of chocolates. It is important to note to our readers that TEC does not endorse feeding your dogs chocolate - it can be extremely unhealthy for them. We also must stress that no dogs were harmed in the taking of the photo.

This week is Sexual Responsibility Week at ECU
The ECU Healthy Pirates and Wellness Education are sponsoring Abstinence and Contraception Education Feb. 15 at Wright Plaza from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tsunami Relief
The College Democrats will collect \$1 donations all week at Wright Plaza.

Pacemaker Contest
Tuesday by 5 p.m. is the final deadline to enter the Online Pacemaker contest. The contest is open to college publications with a Web site. Don't miss your chance to have your publication judged against the best of the best. Enter the contest online at studentpress.org/acp/onlinepm.html.

Dialogue on Diversity
Chandra Cerutti will present "Race, Culture and Ethnicity: What's the Difference?" Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

VM Raffle Winners
The raffle winners from this weekend's performance of *The Vagina Monologues* should be posted on their Web site by Wednesday. Visit ecu.edu/wost/event.html to see who won.

Spring Career Fairs
The first of many career fairs will be held Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Science and Technology Building. This fair will include information for careers in industrial technology and computer science. These career fairs are provided by Student Professional Development. For additional information, visit ecu.edu/e3careers or call 328-6050.

Chili Bowl Sale
The school of art and design's ceramics guild is sponsoring a Chili Bowl Sale Feb. 16 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Jenkins Fine Arts Center lobby.

Gamma Beta Phi
The Gamma Beta Phi honor fraternity will hold its second meeting of the semester Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in 1031 Bate. Dues are to be paid at this meeting.

Slam Poetry Jam
The Spectrum and Cultural Awareness Committees are sponsoring the Slam Poetry Jam in the Pirate Underground Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

A Tribute to Motown
The school of music will host a concert honoring Motown artists Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Carroll V. Dashiell, Jr. will be the director for the evening. Call 328-6851 for more information.

Symphonic Concert
The ECU Symphonic Band is performing Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium. Chris Knighten will be conducting for the night. This event is free.

ACSS Workshop
Adult and Commuter Student Services and Janie Sowers, clinical director of child development and family relations, will present a series of workshops designed to help students keep a healthy relationship with their significant other while balancing school, work and a family. These workshops beginning Feb. 18 will cover topics including money, roles in a relationship, sex, children, fun and relaxation. All workshops will be held in 212 Mendenhall from 12 - 1:30 p.m. For more information, please call 328-6881.

Salsa Dance
The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a salsa dance Feb. 18 at the Willis Building downtown. Students can be admitted for \$3, FASG members for \$5 and the general public for \$8.

News Briefs

Local

UNC board freezes in-state undergraduate tuition for year
WILMINGTON, NC - State university leaders agreed Friday to freeze in-state undergraduate tuition rates for the next year after deciding that students couldn't afford another hike. The University of North Carolina Board of Governors also agreed to defer action on tuition for out-of-state students and graduate students until March, when it will also review proposed increases in student fees. Fourteen of the state's 16 public universities asked the board for tuition increases \$200 - 300 a year. The North Carolina School of the Arts made no request, while NC A&T State University Chancellor James Rennick withdrew his school's request Thursday. Administrators say they need money for pay raises, graduate student support, more classes, smaller classes, library materials, financial aid for needy students and other priorities. But the members of the board of governors decided they didn't want to increase costs again, just a year after they approved tuition hikes at all schools ranging last year from \$225 - 450.

"The presentations by the campuses offered compelling arguments. There was no question... that the campuses needed additional resources, but they were trying to balance that need with the need to keep the campuses affordable," said Joni Worthington, a spokeswoman for the UNC system.

Wake Forest, competitor tussle over ownership rights
RALEIGH, NC - Wake Forest University and a commercial competitor are battling over who owns an invention that speeds the healing of wounds and has helped the university earn millions in research-related profits. Wake Forest made \$34 million in patent-related profits last year from the procedure for hard-to-heal

wounds and is battling to shut down a competitor that it says closely copies its technology. The competitor, in turn, accused Wake Forest and its business partner of trying to establish a monopoly and has asked a federal court to invalidate Wake Forest's patents. Such disputes aren't unusual. "The minute you have a success, you need to be ready for this sort of thing," said Marc Crowell, UNC-Chapel Hill vice chancellor and new president of a national association of intellectual property managers at universities, research institutes and other outfits. At issue, and the source of most of Wake Forest's record profits, is the Vacuum Assisted Closure System. Invented by two professors on the Winston-Salem campus in 1990, the invention improved treatment of burns, surgery incisions, diabetes lesions and bedsores. Before the legal wrangling, Wake Forest officials spoke freely about the VAC, as the system and device are known.

National

Colleges making health insurance mandatory
TOLEDO, Ohio - A growing number of public universities are requiring that students have health insurance before they step into the classroom, a move aimed at saving the uninsured from huge bills and college hospitals from getting stuck with the cost. Most public universities still leave the decision up to students, who can buy into a school's student health care plan or obtain their own insurance. However, surveys from insurers and schools indicate that anywhere from 10 percent to 30 percent do not have insurance. Most are still covered under their parents' plans. College officials also are finding that some students are forced to drop out when faced with the medical expenses. "What makes it a tough decision is the potential added costs," said Jim Mitchell, director of student health

services at Montana State University, which has required insurance for nearly 20 years. "But there's compelling reasons to do it." More schools have started mandating the coverage in the past four years. Hospitals no longer absorb the costs because of increasing health care expenses. The University of Connecticut, Ohio State University and all 10 schools within the University of California system now require health insurance. The University of Utah is looking into it. Others, including Old Dominion, Kent State University and South Dakota's board of regents, have decided against the idea.

Police say Oregon man solicited suicides over Internet
PORTLAND, Ore. - In an Internet chat room, a man reached out to more than two dozen emotionally fragile women, but prosecutors say he wasn't looking for dates. Instead, he allegedly tried to persuade them to end their lives on the day love is celebrated. Gerald Krein, 26, is charged with solicitation to commit murder for organizing a mass suicide on Valentine's Day, possibly while the female participants were all logged online at the same time, said Klamath County Sheriff Tim Evinger. Prosecutors were expected to add an attempted manslaughter charge on Monday, when they were expected to take the case to a grand jury. "The common theme is that these were women who were vulnerable, who were depressed," said Evinger. "He invited them to engage in certain sexual acts with him - and then they were to hang themselves naked from a beam in his house." Combing through old chat room records, investigators discovered that Krein had been trying to entice women across North America to commit suicide as far back as 2000, the Evinger said. Krein told investigators he had been in touch with 31 women, authorities said.

County Prosecutor Ed Caleb said no one knows for sure whether Krein intended to bring participants to his home or conduct the suicide over the Internet. Because Krein was living in a mobile home while organizing the suicide, the idea of hanging bodies from beams may indicate the idea was a fantasy. "Because he lived in a mobile home, it's clear that he was either engaging in some kind of fantasy. Or else that he planned for it to happen somewhere else," said Caleb on Sunday. No deaths had been found that were linked to Krein, the sheriff said. However, he said he would not be surprised if someone had killed herself as a result of Krein's alleged activities.

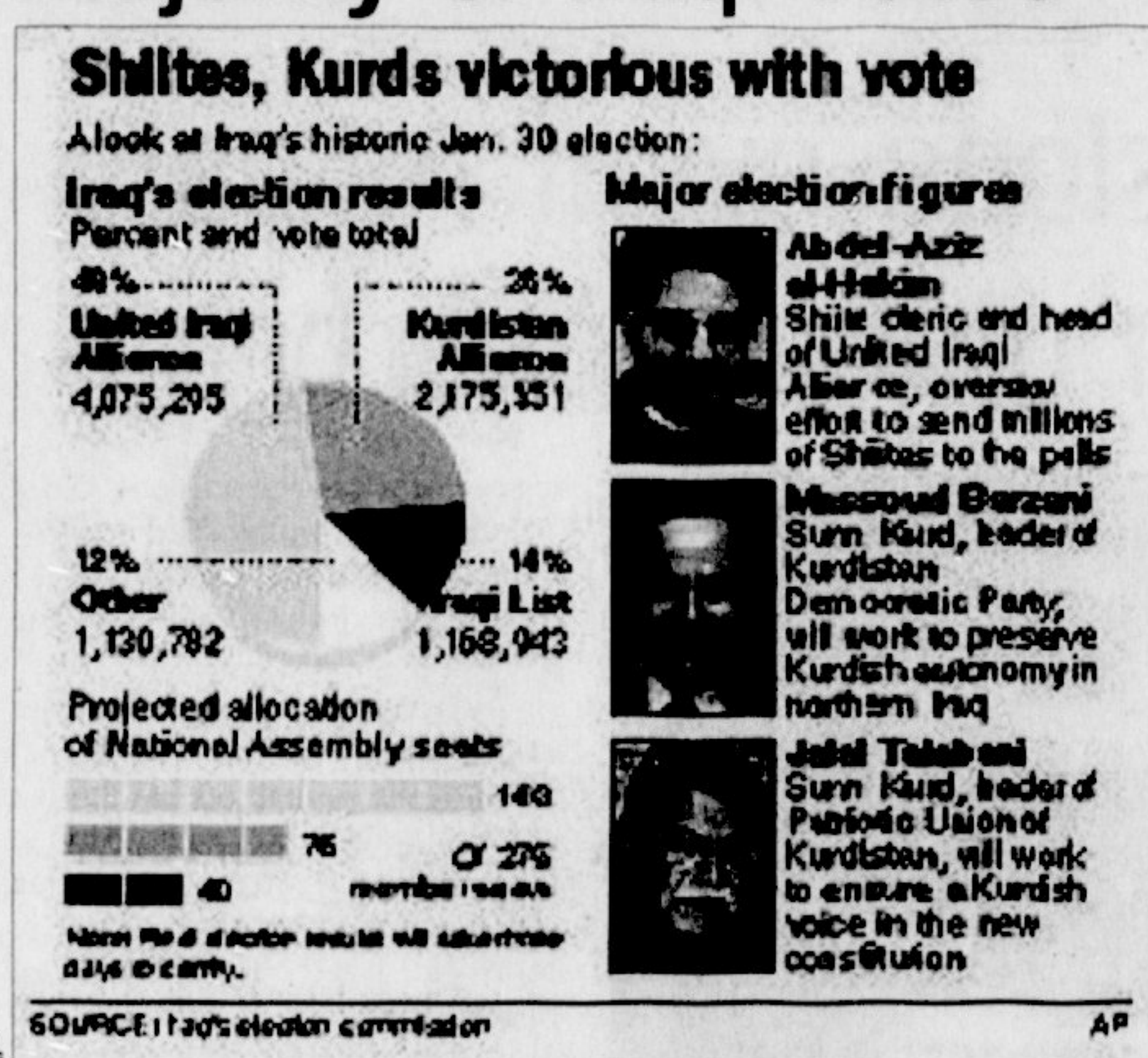
International

National strike hits Togo capital, police patrol in riot gear
LOME, Togo - Police in riot gear faced off with crowds who blocked roads and intimidated residents Monday during a general strike to protest the army's installation of Faure Gnassingbe to succeed his late father as president. Businesses shut down in response to the strike call and the tension that has been growing since President Gnassingbe Eyadema died of a heart attack Feb. 5 after 38 years of oppressive rule. His son has defied international and domestic calls to step down. A spokesman for Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, who heads the 52-nation African Union, said his country would do whatever was needed to ensure peace in the region. Obasanjo has spearheaded efforts by West African leaders to pressure Togo to reverse the installation of Gnassingbe as president. "Whatever it takes to not only protect the territoriality of our nation, but also to ensure there's peace, democracy and stability in the West African sub-region, we will do," said Femi Fani-Kayode, a spokesman for Obasanjo.

The 15-nation Economic Community of West African States, or ECOWAS, demanded last week that Togo roll back the constitutional changes that legalized Gnassingbe's installation.

South Korea says it's too early to declare North Korea a 'nuclear state'
SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea's point man on the North cautioned Monday that it would be premature to declare North Korea a nuclear power despite its claim to having atomic weapons. Unification Minister Chung Dong-young noted North Korea has yet to conduct a nuclear test, unlike other nuclear powers such as India and Pakistan. "I believe it is early for us to call the North a nuclear state," when it has not been independently confirmed, Chung said in a speech to parliament. The secretive communist nation announced Thursday that it has built nuclear weapons and was staying away from international disarmament talks. The claim dramatically raised tensions in the two-year standoff over the North's nuclear ambitions. He said even senior U.S. officials who have pushed for a hard line on North Korea have said it's not clear if North Korea really has such arms. Chung, the South's point man on Pyongyang, noted Korea has said it has atomic weapons at least 10 times since 2003. "It's definite that North Korea possesses 10 to 14 kilograms of plutonium that can make one or two nuclear weapons," he said. However, he said there was no "conclusive evidence that North Korea made plutonium bombs" with the material, but that other countries suspect North Korea has one or two nuclear bombs. Chung urged North Korea to embrace the spirit of denuclearization, saying it will "be difficult for North Korea to become a trusted member of the international community if it holds and develops nuclear weapons."

Shiites, Kurds seize majority of Iraqi votes



BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Talks on who would get what in Iraq's newly-elected National Assembly were underway even before the final results came in, but the clergy-backed Shiites, whose winning margin was less than what they expected, may now have to compromise more than anticipated.

With barely 50 percent of the final vote in the 275-member National Assembly, the United Iraqi Alliance will not have control over the assembly, leading to speculation it may soon form a coalition with the independence-minded Kurds who won 26 percent of the vote. A two-thirds majority is needed to control the legislature.

Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the Shiite ticket's leader, was

meeting with political allies at his office Monday afternoon, associates said.

Al-Hakim, who lost 19 family members to Saddam Hussein's executioners, sat and wept as he heard the results on Sunday. He later told Iraqi television of the need for cooperation with disenfranchised Sunnis already alienated in postwar Iraq.

"We believe in the need for participation and will seek harmony among all segments of the Iraqi people," he told Iraqi television.

The election results highlighted the sharp differences among Iraq's ethnic, religious and cultural groups - many of whom fear domination not just by the Shiites, estimated at 60 percent of the population, but also by the Kurds, the most pro-American group with about 15 percent.

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finance and marketing major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, said he feels cardiac care is a good cause. He has diabetes and said heart disease is a major threat to diabetics.

"It's great to see funding going toward something that helps me out as well as everyone else," said Sizemore. He also said it felt good to be the victorious fraternity of the event. "It's good getting the Greek community out here in a positive light," Sizemore said. Scott Poag, junior hospital-ity management and marketing major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said he had fun and supported the event. "We think it's a very worthwhile cause, and we believe in supporting other Greek organizations in their charity events," said Poag. "It's a great event, Alpha Phi does a great job in putting the event on and makes community service fun while at the same time doing something good."

Poag added he thinks cardiac research is a very important cause to raise money.

They picked the guys up and entertained them at their house with refreshments and then had the whole week long competition.

Deena said from what she has heard from other Alpha Phi sisters, this year was one of the most successful years with participation.

She said the event shows the Greek community is not all about the social life, but concentrates on supporting their philanthropies and doing good deeds. She said she would like to thank all of the fraternities and businesses that were involved for their support, involvement and good sportsmanship.

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Chemistry

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canisters, filled them with different amounts of water and put an Alka Seltzer tablet in them before putting the top on. The Alka Seltzer would then have a chemical reaction with the water, making the lid fly off.

Students reacted positively toward the experiment. "It was pretty interesting," said Michael Gibson.

"The second time it [the lid] popped harder and farther."

Following the first experiment, the students participated in a glass blowing demonstration.

Joseph Walas, scientific glass blower of ECU, instructed them on how to effectively blow glass and make different types of chemistry lab equipment by connecting pieces of melted glass. He applied the blowtorch to the spinning glass and directed the children when to blow into a tube connected to the spinning glass. He also presented them with different scenarios through the process and allowed them a chance to try to guess what to do.

Walas enjoyed participating in the experiments with the children. "I probably had just as much fun, if not more so, than the kids," said Walas.

"You just watch the facial expressions and just knowing that you exposed them to another aspect of science that they might not have otherwise

had a chance." He said any hands-on experience is priceless for students.

Students enjoyed this experiment as well.

"It was a very unique experience. It was sort of hard yet fun," said Katelyn Mayo.

"It was science and I like science very much."

Following this demonstration, they visited another professor's office where they ran through a variety of scientific activities involving igniting flammable materials and experimenting with carbon dioxide.

Robert Hammond, chemistry professor, said the events were fun and allowed the students to be interested in science through participating in exciting things rather than memorizing facts and figures.

Following these activities, the students were treated to a pizza party before they departed.

Julie Howard, the classroom teacher who took the children to the events said she thought they got a lot out of going to the college. She said their school does not have any kind of equipment like they were exposed to.

Howard said many of them were taking notes and were fascinated by the activities.

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Sinatra. Buble and band warmed up their instruments around 6:30 a.m. The musical segment aired directly after Buble serenaded Lieberman and his wife with a song of sweet love. The music and setting moved a local man to propose to his girlfriend of 10 years.

Roker said that Pitt County Memorial Hospital should be transformed into the hospital of love, which was followed by a joyous cheer from the crowd.

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Our View

UNC Board of Governors makes decision in favor of students

On Friday, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors decided not to increase undergraduate tuition rates for the next school year. This decision came after 14 out of the 16 schools in the UNC system, including ECU, asked for increases as much as a \$300 a year.

TEC couldn't be happier with the board's decision not to increase tuition. Many of us are still feeling the effects of the last increase, only a year ago.

Naturally, administrators aren't going to be pleased with the board's decision. With an institution growing as fast as ECU, money is needed for pay raises, supporting the growing number of faculty and other various items. We understand the need for more money, but we also understand that students need a break, and we're glad the board finally saw that.

According to the Associated Press, Governor Mike Easley wrote to Brad Wilson, board chairman, on Wednesday asking the board to consider freezing in-state tuition.

"The system, and its campuses, cannot maintain the goodwill of the people while raising tuition year after year without a long-term plan in place that balances the need for additional resources, the need to maximize efficiencies and the need to keep college costs affordable," wrote Easley.

We wholeheartedly agree. A college education is something that should be available to those who wish to achieve, not simply those who are able to afford it. An increase in tuition would ultimately lead to an increase in stress for those paying for a college education, as well as increasing the amount of money loaned to students - an amount that is already too high.

According to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 64 percent of students attending public four-year colleges receive loans and of them, 39 percent said their debt levels are so unmanageable that they absorb more than 8 percent of their take-home pay. While a large debt is unavoidable for many of us upon graduation, this decision does help make a difference.

Thank you, Board of Governors, for recognizing students' needs, if only for this year.

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Opinion Columnist

Continuing the Social Security debate

Government program is headed for a meltdown

TONY MCKEE
CONSERVATIVE CORNER

Today's column is a continuation of last week's concerning Social Security. I do this only because entirely too many people have asked me (1) if I was serious about getting rid of Social Security, (2) why would I want to change something that isn't broke and (3) if I was some kind of Nazi.

In light of these questions I felt some clarification was needed. But first, let's have a little history lesson.

Way back in 1935, when dinosaurs roamed the earth ... wait, sorry 'bout that. I temporarily slipped into my teenage daughter's attitude. Let's try this again.

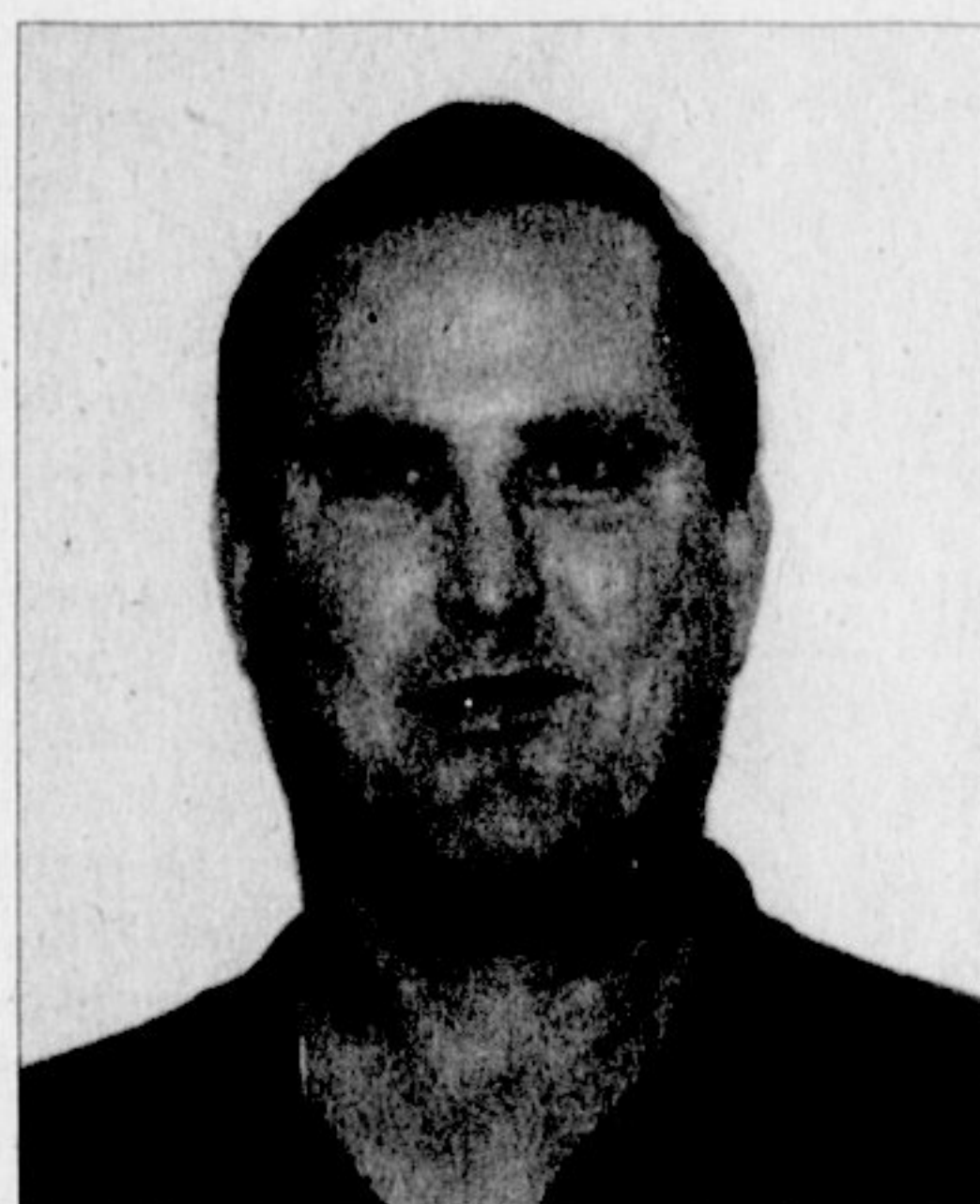
In 1935, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt passed the Social Security Act into law. Initially, Social Security was only to provide "old age benefits" for workers and their families. Disability and Medicare were not added until later.

As it was set up, and still is today, the employee's "contribution" is matched by their employer. Did you know that? When you get your next paycheck, see how much money was taken out for FICA, Medicare, etc. and realize that your employer was forced to match that amount. Then, multiply that by however many employees there are. And you wonder why you can't get a raise. Anyway ...

To get people to agree to this idea, the government promised that the tax would never exceed 3 percent individually, 6 percent total. They lied.

The rate today, just for Social Security, is 6.2 percent for the individual, 12.4 percent after the employer is forced to pay. That does not include Medicare "contributions."

Social Security is a legal, illegal



venture by the government. It is a "pay as you go" Ponzi pyramid scheme. The people who pay in first get the most benefits because the people who enter the system later pay them. Those who enter the system later though, when there are fewer people and less money, coming in, lose their money and get no benefits.

People have been sent to jail for years for doing in the private sector what the government does everyday. But this isn't the worst provision of Social Security.

Social Security is not a trust fund. There is no account where all the money is kept for later use. The way the act is written, once the current beneficiaries are paid, any and all excess money is "loaned" to the federal government to use as they see fit. They are supposed to pay the money back at a later date, "as needed."

Think about that for one minute. Surplus Social Security payments (your money) are loaned to the federal government to spend on whatever they want. Since 1980, these surpluses have been running in the hundreds of millions of dollars and more. Anybody have any idea where the money went?

When the time comes to "pay

back" the money to Social Security to cover benefits because they don't have enough money (projected to happen around 2018 or so), where do you think the money will come from? Since the government has no money of its own it will have to cut spending on other programs, or more likely, raise taxes elsewhere to cover the expense.

In other words, you will have more money taken away from you to "repay" your original money that was spent in ways you didn't approve. Just to patch up the leaks. That's like putting a bandage on an amputated limb. The "patient" will eventually bleed out anyway.

The system is headed for meltdown. Every politician knows that. The Democrats have been saying this for years, using almost the exact same numbers that President Bush is using now. Because President Bush is the one suggesting it and actually has a plan to fix things, Democrats are outraged. God, what hypocrisy.

This is going to affect you and your children more than it does my generation. If you want to stick with the current broken system, it will cost you, literally. If you believe that privatizing a portion of your Social Security is the answer, there will be transition pains, but the system will survive and the result will be more money for you.

Or, the whole system can be scrapped and the responsibility for your retirement can be returned to where it belongs. That idea has been bounced around for years also.

All this information, and more, is available for you to find. Look it up, consider all the facts and do what this school teaches: use critical thinking and make up your own mind.

Anyway, to answer, the questions at the beginning: (1) Yes, I believe Social Security should be ultimately discarded, (2) only a delusional fool (or politician) thinks the system isn't broken and (3) grow up.

Pirate Rant

I'm tired of Pirate Rants in this section that aren't rants at all. No more praising this section or wheat wraps.

I'm so tired of hearing everyone cry about how the Eagles lost. They played a weak schedule in an even weaker division, and they couldn't cut it against a very solid team. And don't anoint the Eagles next year's champion like everyone did before this year, because, like most Eagles' fans, you're setting yourself up for a letdown.

If I see one more rant about the North and South article, I may lose my mind. Let's all just agree to act our age not our shoe sizes and get over it.

Hey Tony Zoppo, it's Mary-Kate Olsen, not Mary-Kate Olson. I know it's just miniscule, but aren't you an editor?

I'm sick with a temperature of 101 degrees, stuffy nose, goose bumps all over me and the Student Health Center will not write me an excuse to class, but they advise me to take the day off. I'm in college and if I'm this sick, I deserve a note so I don't infect other students and so I can get some rest.

To the uncouth individual who suggested "Support Our Corpses" stickers in Thursday's rant, let me remind you that those troops were courageously defending the country that you live in, defending people they didn't even know, defending people like you. Show a little respect.

Regarding last week's rant on Apple. I love my iPod, and it was money well spent. Apple is not dead - they are hotter than ever. Don't judge iPod until you have used one.

In regards to the cover story's photograph on the Feb. 10 edition, I have a hard time sympathizing with someone who protests tuition increases yet carries a Louis Vuitton bag on their shoulder. Ironic?

It's disgusting how liberal and anti-Republican so many of the cartoons are on the opinion page. Perhaps one day Democrats will grow up and realize that supporting a party that encourages the moral degrading of the country through homosexual marriage and the killing of innocent children will realize how wrong this is and join us on the right side.

Why is it if a guy is single he can just ignore the fact Valentine's is a lovey dovey holiday, but when a girl is single on V-day there are tons of articles telling her how to forget that she is lonely and single. Guys could care less about it, yet girls are made to feel sub-standard for not having a Valentine.

It's silly to think the whining and bickering in the Pirate Rant is better than the great columns and capable news that *TEC* provides. You shouldn't be going to a newspaper to hear silly drama (although Tony McKee might dispute that assertion). The Pirate Rant is a guilty pleasure and that's about it.

I am so glad Valentine's Day is over because I am sick of seeing people pretending to be in love for just that day and as soon as it is over they go back to business as usual.

Having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a peeing section in a pool.

I am from the North, and I am proud to be a Masshole. So you can kiss my Mass.

Is chain-link-fence the new campus decoration? It seems to be everywhere.

Valentine's Day sucks for everyone who is single. Why have a holiday to celebrate having someone when you aren't dating anyone?

The Grammy's sucked. It was garbage. What are awards shows coming to?

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As an avid disc golfer (notice I said "disc," not Frisbee), I was highly upset about Harrington's lack of research and his one sided approach to the disc golf course being changed for parking in his front page article published Feb. 8.

First of all, the sport is called disc golf, not Frisbee golf. I know many people call it Frisbee golf, but that is not the proper term used for the sport. If someone calls your paper the *TEC*, they are incorrectly calling it *The East Carolinian*. The same is true for this instance. Just because something is commonly called something, does not mean it is the correct term.

It would be very simple for Mr. Harrington to find this out also. In your very own paper this year (a paper I write for every week), I wrote articles on the history of disc golf, information on a disc golf tournament I ran and results from that disc golf tournament. In fact, in the summer, I wrote journal style entries of disc golf tournaments I played in, called the "Disc Golf Diaries." I did a search for "disc golf" on your very own Web site and 11 matches came up. How can Mr. Harrington as a writer, and the copy editors not notice the inconsistencies within their own paper?

The Daily Reflector recently ran the same story. Their article showed the historical aspect of the course, the negatives involved with this change and contacted the ECU Disc Golf Club president (me) and the Greenville Disc Golf president. Your article didn't do any of this. This would be where Mr. Harrington should begin his research.

How hard was it to find out information on the ECU Disc Golf Club? Not very. Our contact info is posted

on the Clubhouse Web site, a site that all ECU clubs must register on to become an official club and the ECU recreational service Web site. A visit to either of these sites would provide Mr. Harrington with my name, an e-mail for the club and our advisor's name and e-mail.

OK, the whole misnomer issue is one I can live with, after all, it's just a simple error. The thing that I am upset with the most is the one-sided part of this article.

At no point anywhere in this article was a disc golfer interviewed. If Mr. Harrington had asked a disc golfer instead of some random person about the change, he might have actually seen that there are people, like myself who are not happy with this change.

Perhaps if he had done this, he might have found the ECU course is the third oldest course in the state of North Carolina and many people around the country play disc golf daily as a form as recreation.

I urge you to please talk with the fellow members of your staff about what proper research involves and how the media is supposed to be unbiased. It was very obvious that Harrington was not concerned with either of these issues. If I had written an article this poorly, I would be ashamed to see it in print.

Robert Leonard
TEC Senior Writer and ECU Disc Golf Club President
Senior, communication major

Dear Editor,
I am writing this letter in response to Tony McKee's editorial entitled "Social Security encourages irresponsibility" in the Feb. 9 edition of *TEC*.

In recent weeks, I have sat idly by while Mr. McKee has repeatedly reproduced Rush Limbaugh's talking points for the masses here at ECU. But with this piece, I feel it my duty to respond, as it has become obvious his unabashed loyalty to the conservative media is getting in the way of the facts.

Especially egregious, is his inference that as president, Bill Clinton supported a fix to social security in the form of private accounts, and that Democrats are hypocrites for not supporting it now. "What changed," McKee asks, "other than the much-hated George Bush is now the one suggesting it?"

Well, I'm glad you asked Tony, because if you did an ounce of research you would have found your answer. In 1999, Bill Clinton proposed having the government invest a portion of the Social Security Trust Fund in the stock market in order to protect the guaranteed benefits that would otherwise be lost when the system goes bankrupt. The George Bush plan, however, allows for individuals to divert some of their taxes into their own private accounts for investment at their discretion, a plan that Democrats and many economists believe will result in a reduction of benefits even before the system goes kaput. But I can understand why you thought otherwise, if Sean Hannity says it, it must be true.

Mr. McKee, if you would research your pieces yourself instead of reshaping everything you hear on the Fox News Channel, you wouldn't embarrass yourself like this.

Lloyd Newman
Sophomore, political science

Announcements:

Baseball Stadium Tour
On Friday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. there will be a tour of the baseball stadium located on Charles Boulevard. Parking is available at the Ward Sports Medicine Building.

Gospel Choir Concert
The ECU Gospel Choir is holding an anniversary concert Friday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium.

Education Job Fair
ECU's College of Education is holding a job fair on Friday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Murphy Center. Employers on-hand will include people from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina recruiting professional educators, student support staff and school administrators.

Names in the News:

Janet's Nasty Men
Janet Jackson's bodyguards are really mean, nasty men, a fan from the Bronx basically charges. According to the *New York Daily News*, Leonard Salati, 39, has filed a \$120 million lawsuit (where on earth did he get that number?) against Jackson and her allegedly rabid pit bulls because they made Salati suffer "pain, injury (and) permanent damage" when they choked him so hard he passed out. Salati's suit, filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, claims Jackson's security detail first let him join the star's entourage at a New York club. But when he tried to pass Jackson a note, they assaulted him "without provocation." Jackson's lawyers declined to comment to the News.

Goodies for the Rich
Here's cheerful news from *People* mag's Hollywood Daily to make us feel even more wretched about our feeble excuse for a life AND to drive home just how entitled the rich and famous feel: at Sunday night's Grammys, presenters and performers, including Jennifer Lopez, Alicia Keys and John Mayer, will receive goodie bags worth \$34,418.95. So what do those beautiful celebs get for reading one another's names off cue cards so bravely? How about an Apple iPod U2 Special Edition? But we can't top this one: A \$5,600 coupon for Lasik eye surgery. The goodies also include something from packaged-goods giant Proctor & Gamble that celebs can regift to the servants: It's music to scrub the toilet to. "Take the Bore Out of the Chore," a three CD compilation, includes tunes by Ben Jelen, Aretha Franklin, Naughty by Nature and Grammy host Queen Latifah.

Exposing the Bables
The media is in a frenzy over Julia Roberts' decision to share photos of her twins, Phinnaeus Walter (Finn) and Hazel Patricia, born Nov. 28. The photos were taken by Julia's one and only, cinematographer and daddy Danny Moder, thus ensuring that those greasy, tobacco-chewing press photos would not invade the sanctity of the Roberts-Moder home. But there's more. The magazine reports that thanks to Pilates, Julia has shed all that nasty weight the burden of pregnancy imposes.

A 'Newlyweds' Mess
Is there trouble in that halcyon haven known as the Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey marriage? If you can believe the circumstantial evidence, things can't be all that peachy. Take the photos the tabloids ran showing Nick surrounded by a bevy of hot cheerleaders at a Super Bowl party in Jacksonville, Fla. Or news that Nick recently had dinner with his ex-girlfriend Jordana Jarura. It gets worse. The *New York Daily News* says that an ostensibly flirty Nick gave out his cell phone number to "a gorgeous blonde and brunette" at *ESPN Magazine's* Super Bowl party. Turns out the brunette is the News' own gossip, Jo Piazza, and the blonde is her best bud. Yet the made-for-TV couple almost convincing in their simulation of married people on MTV's "Newlyweds" insist there is nothing prurient about Nick's behavior. "I trust Nick totally, and he trusts me," Jessica said.

'Dance 2005' rocks McGinnis Theatre

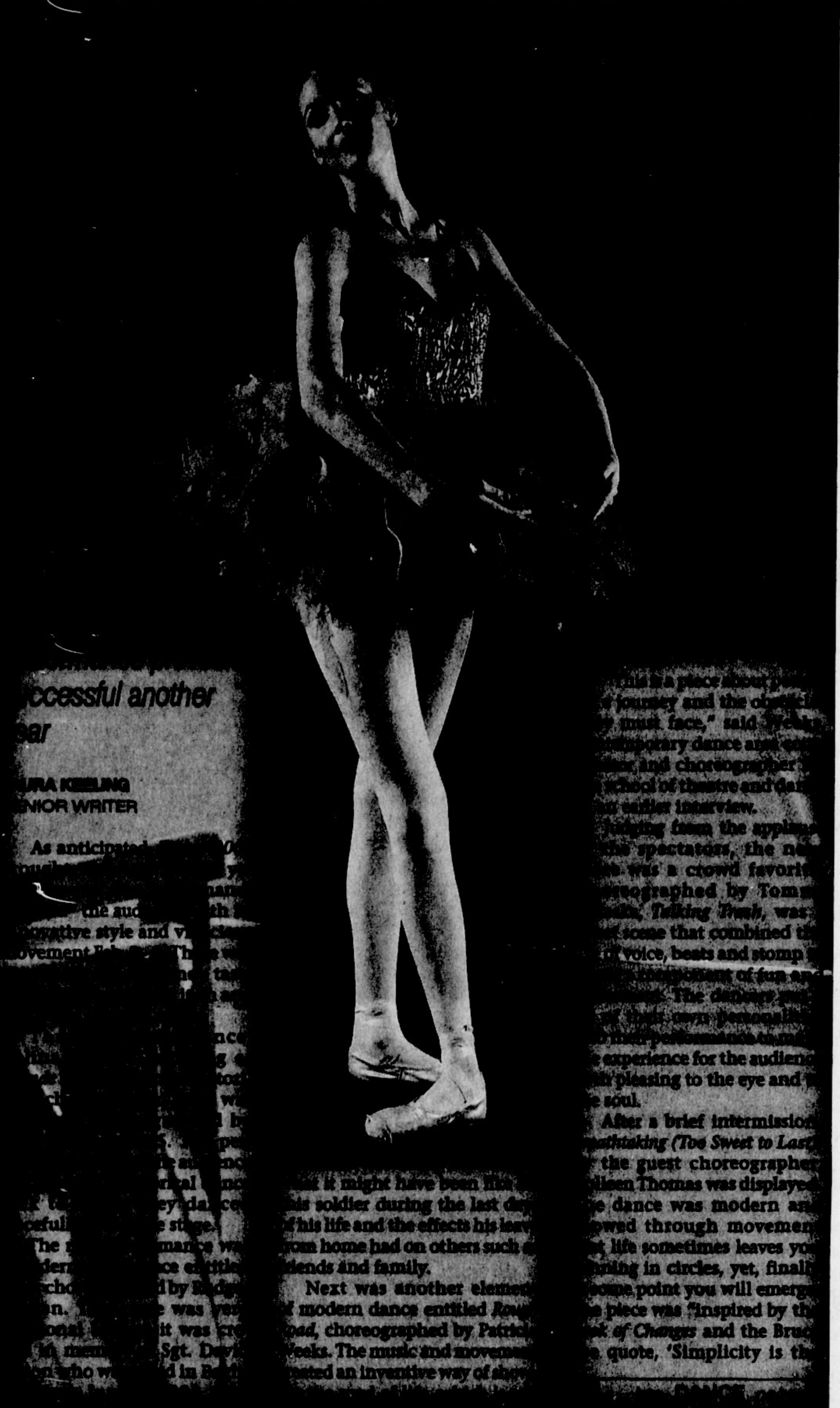


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The cast gathers on stage to receive their standing ovation.

'Vagina Monologues' opens, auditorium full

Audience filled with laughter, tears

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This year's performance of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* opened Friday and closed with a standing ovation for the cast of 18 female students, professors and members of the community.

The show opened with the thought that the word "vagina" sounds like an infection, or a medical instrument.

"Hurry nurse," the cast member said.

"Bring me the vagina."

The cast members gathered on stage and announced various nicknames for the vagina Ensler heard during her interviews like pookie, powder box, monkey box, happy dugout and split knish.

When Ensler asked women what their vagina would wear, they reported everything from a leather jacket to sweat pants to a tutu. Women also said their vagina smelled like sweet ginger, pineapple, roses, wet moss and somewhere between fish and lilacs.

One segment was dedicated to what happened to different women when they had their first period. The responses ranged from being terrified to excitement to always using pads because their mother told them "you don't want to put anything in your sugar dish."

The monologues ranged from humorous to heart-

breaking consisting of stories from women during childhood and into their 70s. One monologue called "The Flood" was dedicated to a 72-year-old woman who had never had an orgasm until her therapist advised her to go home and masturbate. The woman cried when she succeeded.

"Because he liked to look at it" is about a woman who thought the sight of her vagina was ghastly until a man named Bob told her how beautiful it was.

A crowd favorite was "My Angry Vagina" performed by Georgia Winfree, in which she proclaims that tampons, thong underwear and medical exams are simply a way for people to torture her vagina. Her alternative to the paper and cold equipment during examinations is purple velvet and warm "duck lips."

"The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy" performed by Marlo Holsten tells of a former lawyer who became a sex therapist. She described an array of moans including the elegant moan, the wasp moan, the diva moan and the college student moan: "Oh I should be in class studying."

Other monologues like "My Vagina was My Village" and "Under the Burqa" spoke of rape and oppression, bringing tears to most of the crowd. "The Little Cootchi Snorcher That Could" gave an account of a 10-year-old's near rape and how her first experience with another woman later in life freed her from the agony of

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Women's club rugby have a tight bond on and off the field.

Women's Rugby

Blood, sweat and tears

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"So wait, ECU actually has a women's rugby team?" is a common question directed toward the girls who walk around campus with the gray sweat suits that say "ECU Women's Rugby Team" in big gold letters.

The general response? "Yeah man, want to play?"

The ECU women's rugby team is in its fifth year of existence and currently thriving. Senior Lauren Schaffer has been on the team since one of the first semesters, and said the best thing about ECU rugby is the instant family she got after joining.

"At first I liked the camaraderie, then I began to love the sport and all the work that went into it. I had never played a sport before, but the girls were so nice and rugby is so fun I had to stay," said Schaffer.

Rugby is a rough sport, and it can be hard at times to recruit new players because it is not well known or played in high school. Freshman rookie Alicia Arnold, or ALuv as she is nicknamed, said out of all the things she thought she would be doing in college, rugby definitely would not have been on that list, but now she doesn't know what she would do

without it. "Through all the blood, sweat and tears there is a team of awesome girls that are always there to pick you up when you fall," said Arnold.

The girls play games almost every weekend, and practice three times a week, making it almost impossible to not form a strong bond and as Schaffer put it, "life-long friendships."

With constant determination and effort by the players, the team has grown into not only a stable team, but a winning one as well. The women are knee-deep in their competitive matrix season this spring with a record of two wins and one loss.

Senior Ryan Whited and captain of the team has only good things to say about the season.

"Everyone has worked really hard this semester and has shown great dedication to improving as individual players and as a team. We've got an awesome group of girls and the season looks promising," said Whited.

On Jan. 29, the ladies took on Duke at home, beating them with a score of 26 - 0. Whited scored three tries during that game and rookie freshman Elisa Ford scored as well. Junior Busta Blindauer had her best game, tackling and rucking through opponent after opponent and junior Nichole

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Student opportunities broadened through ECU business fraternities



The Bate Building is home not only to the ECU College of Business but also Alpha Kappa Psi.

Alpha Kappa Psi, others offer further experience in business

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Alpha Kappa Psi is a co-ed business fraternity for students with a major or minor in business. It began at the New York University in Washington Square during the 1900s.

The vision of AKPsi is to be "recognized as the premier developer of principled business leaders," according to akpsi.com.

Professionals come to speak to the frat on the various aspects of job hunting and recruiting, résumés and what it takes to climb the latter with integrity.

Done Edwards, a major business owner of Greenville, who is running the restoration of downtown Greenville and owns U.B.E., came to speak to AKPsi.

"I was very impressed by Don Edwards and his speech. What he plans to do with downtown Greenville shows that business isn't always about being on top, but making a difference or change for the better instead," said Erica Carter, a senior public

relations major.

A business fraternity has a mixture of benefits from looking good on a résumé, to networking to going on trips and retreats across the United States.

Officer training is held in Atlanta and this summer there is a trip to Las Vegas planned for the National Convention and reunion in August for AKPsi.

AKPsi is also involved with many events and community services throughout Greenville. They worked at Free Boot Friday downtown and have helped out at the Ronald McDonald House, Boy's and Girl's Club and Habitat for Humanity. Students in AKPsi also work at U.B.E. during the beginning of the semesters and book buy-back to raise money for the fraternity.

There is a close relationship between current students in AKPsi and alumni, which keep doors open for job opportunities when students are graduating. It is also interesting to look at where the alumni are now.

There are about 40 people in ECU's chapter of AKPsi and they meet once a week for an hour. Rush is each fall and spring with \$150 dues each semester.

"This fraternity has been a good way for me to meet

people within my major and I have gained insight within the business world," said Michelle Termaath, a senior management information system major.

The five principles that AKPsi go by are: brotherhood, knowledge, integrity, service and unity. AKPsi carries out these goals and principles by staying involved in the community, with each other and with the business world.

Alpha Kappa Psi is only one of the many business fraternities at ECU.

Delta Sigma is another professional business frat. Pi Omega Pi is a National Business Education Teacher Honor Society and is one of the college honor societies that is affiliated by the Association of College Honor Societies.

Delta Pi Epsilon is a National Honorary Graduate Society that promotes excellence and the teaching of business.

Research, networking, leadership skills and community service seem to be the most important purposes or reasons for students in business to get involved in one of the many business fraternities.

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Attention ECU Sophomores

(Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours)

If at least 30 of your credit hours were completed at ECU (not counting Math 0001 or 0045), you are required to complete the

Sophomore Survey

before you can pre-register for either Summer or Fall 2005 courses.

If your earned credit hours fall within these criteria you will receive a message at your ECU Exchange email address asking you to participate in the survey, and your record will be "tagged" so that you cannot register until you have completed it. If you do not receive the email notice, it means that the survey and registration restriction does not apply to you.

If you are in the survey, as soon as you submit your survey responses the "tag" will be removed from your record so that you can pre-register. Registration staff can verify that your responses were received and that the tag was removed.

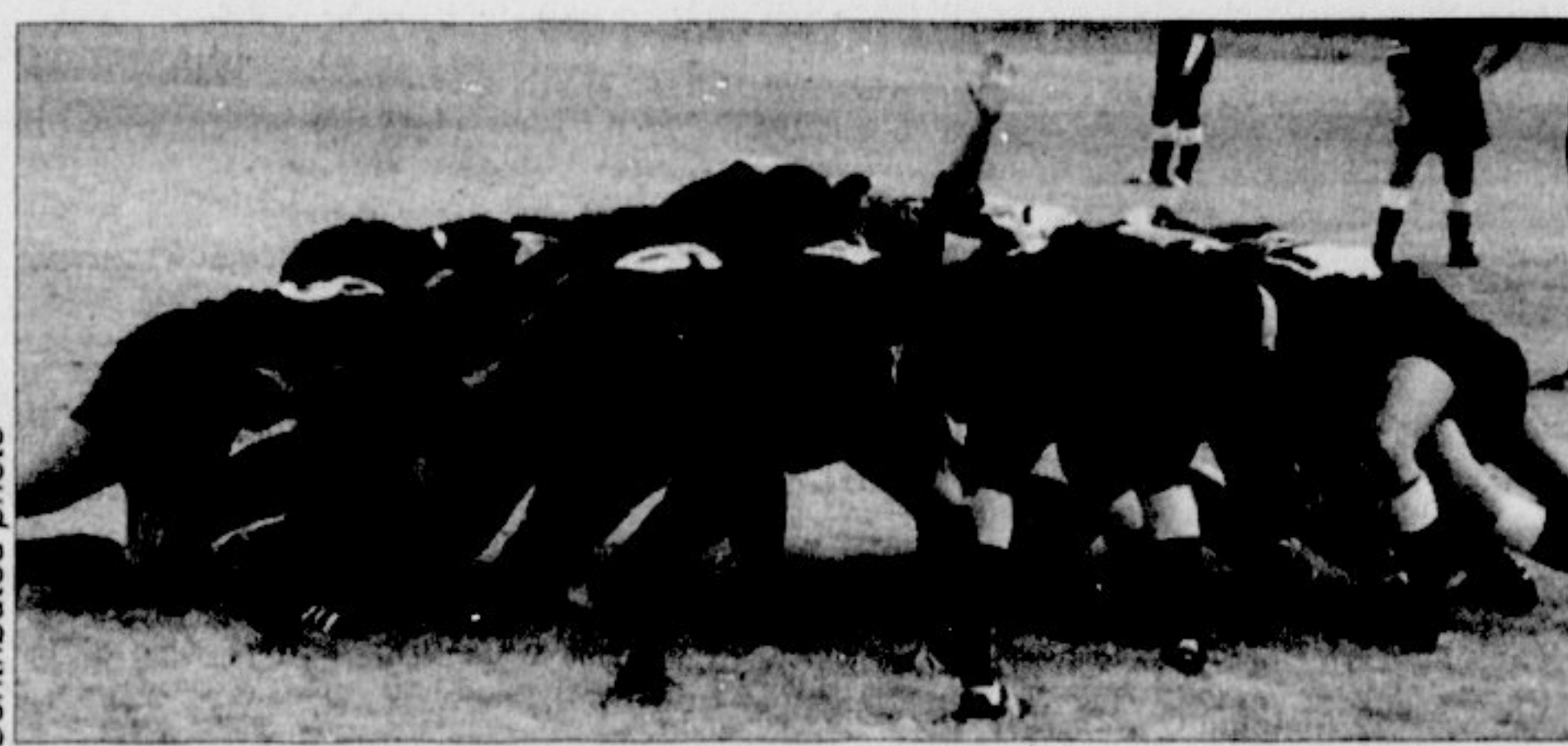
The survey period is March 3 – April 25. During that period you can complete the survey by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

Mendenhall Computer Lab, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, and Joyner Library East.

Your initial email notice will have a link to the "One-Stop". During the survey period you will be sent a reminder email message and later a postcard, if you have not yet completed the survey.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on March 3rd—certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 28). This will also help you avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. All remaining tags for this survey will be removed from the student records on April 26, the day after the survey closes.

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In rugby, 'rucking,' as above, can cause big, sore leg bruises.

Peebles was there in support the entire game.

ECU women's first successful game served as great preparation for the next weekend's match against their rivals, NC State University. The first time the ECU women played NCSU three years ago, they lost 72-0. Since then, ECU has been able to put up a fight, but it has never been as close as the match Saturday, Feb. 5. ECU women lost by only four points with a final score

of 13-17. Scorers were Melissa Blakemore, a second-row who stepped in at prop for the game and Whited. Because the ECU women beat Duke and the score against NCSU was so close, strong wins against the last two teams in their matrix could set them up for the "Wild-Card" entry in South Regionals in Atlanta.

One of those strong wins came this past Saturday, Feb. 12 against the Guilford Quakes. The ECU ladies started out strong in the first half with clean tackles and

excellent back plays. Freshman rookie Jazz Rode scored her first try of her rugby career, which just happened to be the first try of the game, no more than 10 minutes into the game. From that point on, the ladies got five more tries and a three-point kick, and won the game with a score of 35-0.

The ECU women's rugby team has had the most successful and jam-packed season yet, and are looking forward to their remaining games. ECU takes on UNC-Greensboro Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Blount Intramural Fields in Greenville at 1 p.m. in a game that could determine their entry to regionals.

The ladies are always looking for new players, and no experience is required. For more information, check out their Web site at recserv.ecu.edu/club/clubs/womensrugby/ or e-mail them at ecuwomensrugby@yahoo.com.

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shortest distance between two points," said the program. The piece was also summed up as an investigation of "the many paths one can take to move, grow and change," also stated in the program.

Immediately following was Joseph Carow's restaging of *A Classical Divertissement*. This ballet piece was taken from the romantic era and brought history back to life as well as Panova's restaging of *Grande Pas de Quatre*. The piece was performed with a lot of talent brought forth by three solos and a trio of both bal-

lerinas and a ballerino. The four movements were taken from the famous ballets *Swan Lake*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *The Nutcracker*.

Last but not least was a hot little number by Clarine Powell called *Swing Sets and Red Hot Dots*. This was a dedication to the swing era set to tap. The dancers enthused the audience and tapped their way through numbers by Duke Ellington, Irving Mills, Erroll Garner, Benny Goodman, Harry James and Count Basie. The jazz number used tap to keep the beat while the music allowed the audience

to hum some of their favorite tunes from the era.

The show then ended with a huge round of applause from the audience. This year's *Dance 2005* was a huge success. After all their hard work, the dancers and choreographers were rewarded with appreciation from the audience for their fine performance. This was definitely a night to remember and the satisfaction that there is much to anticipate for next year at *Dance 2006*.

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her childhood experience.

Alex Knox, the narrator, reported fun facts such as, the clitoris having 8,000 nerve fibers, twice as much as in the penis, as well as horrifying statistics. The audience learned 132 million female mutilations occur in countries such as Europe, Asia, Africa and even North America. Two million young girls a year suffer from this act, which aside from infections and other problems, can lead to death.

During Saturday's performance, Cheryl Dudasik-Wiggs with ECU Women's Studies

received the Vagina Warrior Award. Dudasik-Wiggs said she was surprised and the honor is terrific.

Shanda McIver, freshman criminal justice major and Tricia Ben-Davis, freshman communication major, saw the show for the first time Friday.

"I loved it," said McIver. "It's weird because you're like, 'They use that word?'" "Cooter, that's my favorite one."

"I didn't expect it to be this funny," said Ben-Davis.

This year's annual event was produced by Diane de Groot, organized by Georgia Winfree

and directed by Anthony and Marlo Holsten.

More than 200 women of every race, religion and a few foreign countries were interviewed by Eve Ensler. Some monologues are taken from one woman's story and others from a collaboration of tales with similar themes.

The Vagina Monologues visit ECU every year, providing both male and female students with a different way of looking at the female psyche.

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Summer School 2005

Record-setting weekend for ECU

(SID) – The ECU men's and women's indoor track and field teams combined to break six school standards while earning automatic or provisional NCAA Championships qualification in three events during split-squad participation at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., and the Virginia Tech Challenge in Blacksburg over the weekend.

Freshman LaShawn Merritt enjoyed an unprecedented record-setting weekend, establishing new national, conference and school records during his performance at the Tyson Invitational.

After posting the third-fastest indoor 400-meter time in world history with a 44.93 clip Friday night, he followed with a 20.40 time in the 200-meter dash Saturday - setting a new ECU record and besting the NCAA automatic qualifying standard.

Merritt became the second-fastest man ever to run the indoor 400 meters, trailing only the legendary Michael Johnson's world record of 44.63, set in 1995, and Johnson's 1996 time of 44.66. However, it was the fastest time ever run by a junior (19-and-under) athlete indoors and also established a new NCAA, Conference USA and ECU record. During the sprint, Merritt defeated notables such as 2003 U.S. indoor champion Bershawn Jackson (45.70), Olympic 4x400m relay gold medalist Andrew Rock (46.01) and reigning world indoor title-holder Alleyne Francique (46.16).

He followed by winning the 200-meter sprint in a time of 20.40 at the Randal Tyson Track Complex, which rates as the second-fastest clip in the world so far in 2005 and marked a World Junior Indoor record. Junior DeAndre Hyman finished 13th in the event with a time of 21.61.

Other Pirate athletes turning in notable finishes at the Tyson Invitational include freshman distance runner Matt Dennish, who finished 12th in the one mile run (4:11.72) and senior sprinter B.J. Henderson, who clocked a career-best 47.43 in the 400 meters.

ECU also authored a strong outing at the Virginia Tech Challenge, shattering four school marks and reaching five East Coast Athletic Conference quali-



Merritt set the bar for the world's 400-meter participants a week ago when he registered a time of 45.95 in the Clemson Invitational, only to shatter that mark this past weekend as he clocked in at 44.93, good for 3rd best ever in the event.

fication marks and one NCAA provisional milestone.

In the men's division, sophomore thrower Eric Frasure captured a new ECU record and met a NCAA provisional qualifying standard with a weight throw of 19.22 meters, which topped his previous record-setting toss of 18.96 at the Clemson Invitational Jan. 22. In addition, Frasure also stood among the top 25 in the shot put with a throw of 14.49.

In the track events, Reggie Williams bettered his personal-

best with a 22.07 time in the 200-meter dash to finish 10th, while Kyle Yunaska (1:57.42) and Jason Diehl (1:58.84) each established new career-bests in the 800-meter run.

The Lady Pirates set three new school standards and earned two first-place finishes at Virginia Tech, the latter both coming from senior distance runner Tara DeBrielle.

DeBrielle broke Shauntae Hill's eight-year record in the 500-meter run with a first-place

time of 1:14.65 before also winning the 800-meter event in 2:11.24. Both victories also met ECAC qualifying times for DeBrielle.

Pole vaulter Lindsey Rosales turned in her top career effort at 3.85, besting the previous ECU record of 3.65 set by her last season, while the Lady Pirates' 4x400 relay squad, which consisted of DeBrielle, Portia Baker, Simone Baptiste and Terri Davenport, logged a 3:46.87 performance to erase a five-year-old

school standard and earn ECAC qualification status.

Other career-best women's efforts were recorded by Alisha Hopkins, who qualified for the ECAC Championships with a long jump of 5.74, Erica Montgomery (7.30 in the 55-meter dash, 25.38 in the 200 meters), Baker (25.34 in the 200), Simone Baptiste (58.10 in the 400), Hayley Flynn (5:26.07 in the mile), Aisha Bilal-Mack (2:19.13

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TOP 10 ECU RESULTS (men)

200 Meter Dash
(@Tyson Invitational)
1. LaShawn Merritt, *20.40

*NCAA Automatic Qualification - ECU record

200 Meter Dash
10. Reggie Williams, 22.07

400 Meter Dash
(@Tyson Invitational)
1. LaShawn Merritt, *44.93
7. B.J. Henderson, #47.43

*NCAA Automatic Qualification - NCAA, C-USA and ECU record.

Weight Throw
6. Eric Frasure, *19.22m
*NCAA Provisional Qualification - ECU record

TOP 10 ECU RESULTS (women)

500 Meter Run
1. Tara DeBrielle, *1:14.65
4. Aisha Bilal-Mack, 1:17.32

*ECAC Qualification - ECU record

800 Meter Run
1. Tara DeBrielle, *2:11.24
*ECAC Qualification

5,000 Meter Run
4. Johanna Allen, 18:10.69
10. Megan Walling, 20:15.10
4x400 Meter Relay
4. ECU "A", *3:46.87

(Baker, Baptiste, Davenport, DeBrielle).
*ECAC Qualification - ECU record

Pole Vault
2. Lindsey Rosales, *3.85m
8. Tammie Mentzel, 3.55m

*ECAC Qualification - ECU record

Long Jump
7. Alisha Hopkins, *5.74m
ECAC Qualification

Diamond Bucs drop first series



The Pirates dropped their first series of the year to the College of Charleston but will look to rebound in Myrtle Beach during the Baseball at the Beach Tournament this weekend.

Pirates finish weekend 1-2 against COFC

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

Brian Hastings hit a two-out, three-run walk-off home run to lift the College of Charleston to an 11-9 victory in game three, and a 2-1 victory in a weekend series against ECU. Hastings took Pirate pitching deep for the second time in three games in the ninth inning, with the winning blast in game three coming off of a high hanging Kevin Rhodes' breaking ball. Hastings first home run came in game one, when the Pirates led 6-3 in the ninth. That slam sent the game into extras, where the Diamond Bucs won 9-6

in 10 innings.

As for game three, ECU scored all but one of its' runs in an eight-run fifth inning that allowed the Pirates to nab their first lead of the game.

Drew Costanzo led off the fifth with a double off of the left field wall.

Two batters later, sophomore Mike Grace doubled to right, bringing in Costanzo. An error on Cougar fielder Olivar Marmol allowed catcher Jake Smith to take first, putting runners on the corners for Adam Witter, who then blooped a single to left, scoring Grace. Junior college transfer Jay Mattox reached on an infield single to load the bases. Second baseman Brett Lindgren's single scored two Pirates, cutting the Charleston lead to 5-4.

After a Brian Cavanaugh walk and a Billy Richardson strikeout,

Costanzo, batting for the second time in the frame, took relief pitcher Zach Piccola deep for his first career grand slam, giving the Diamond Bucs an 8-5 lead.

Charleston scored once in the bottom of the fifth and twice in the sixth, while ECU scored their last run in the top half of the sixth, setting the table for Hastings' heroics in the ninth.

Costanzo led the Pirates at the plate, going 3-for-6 with two doubles, a grand slam and four RBIs. Grace and Witter added three hits as well. Rhodes picked up the loss.

Game one was the only game in the series in which the pitching was stellar.

Jeff Ostrander, junior transfer from Louisburg College, tossed 5.1 innings, scattering five hits and three runs, one earned. The appearance was the first for the

southpaw in a Pirate uniform. After a shaky first inning, where he gave up all three of the runs, Ostrander settled down nicely, shutting down the potent Cougar offense for the next 4.1 innings.

The Pirates scored two runs in the first off of a Mike Grace single through the right side, and twice more in the second on hits by Brett Lindgren and Billy Richardson.

Leading 6-3 heading to the ninth, relief pitcher Mike Flye got the first two Cougar batters out with ease. But after hitting a batter and surrendering a single, Flye then gave up the game tying home run to the aforementioned Hastings, sending the game into extra innings.

ECU showed its character in the 10th by scoring three runs to put the game away. Richardson's one out singled and Costanzo's walk set up a Mark Miniccozzi double that gave the Pirates an 8-6 lead. Jake Smith's single allowed ECU to tack on one more run before finishing things in the bottom half of the inning.

Richardson led the Pirates in game one with four hits and two runs scored.

Jay Mattox and Lindgren both added three hits. Flye was credited with the victory on the mound.

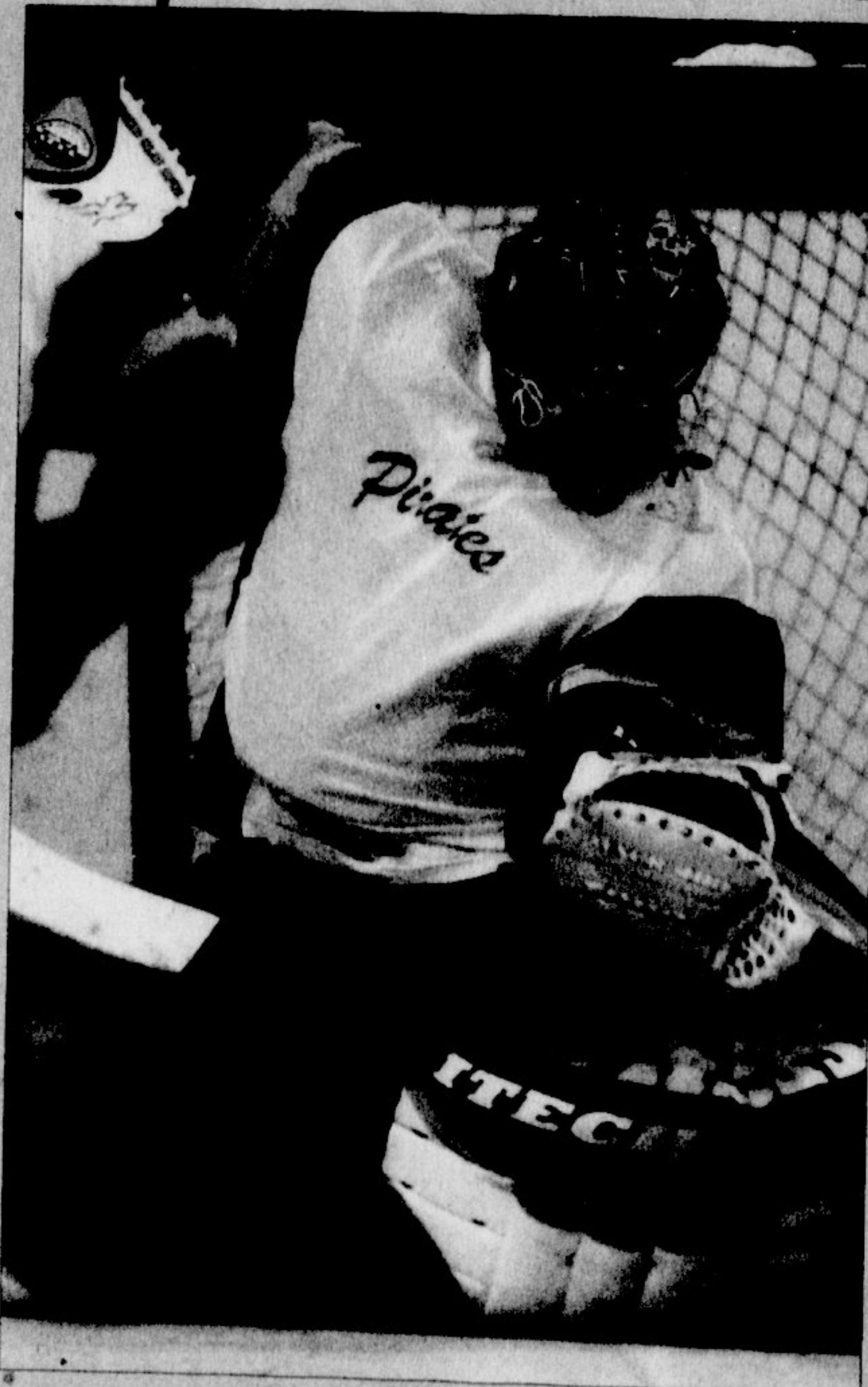
Game two however was ugly. Pirate pitching gave up 21 hits and 15 runs in route to a 15-7 defeat. The Cougars scored 14 times before ECU lit up the scoreboard.

Shane Matthews got the loss for the Pirates in game two. Offensively, Miniccozzi and Smith had two hits to lead ECU.

The Pirates (1-2) head back to South Carolina this weekend, this time to Myrtle Beach and the Baseball at the Beach tournament, where they will open up with Coastal Carolina on Friday at 4 p.m. They will play again on Saturday at 12 p.m. against West Virginia, then again on Sunday against the Clemson tigers at 4 p.m.

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No. 22 Pirates improve to 13-6



The ECU Roller Hockey team (13-6-1) finished this past weekend with 3-1 as they defeated South Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Division II Longwood while losing their lone contest to in-state rival NC State. Defenseman James Nowicki had an excellent series once again, scoring a total of 10 goals, six of which came against Longwood, while also chalking up 10 assists. He now has 41 goals on the season and 25 assists, totaling a stunning 66 points, and leads the Pirates in every statistical category. Nick Evans and Cameron Hardacre also had a great weekend, scoring nine and eight goals respectively while tallying two assists each. Trey Kennedy contributed to ECU's offensive output, adding six goals and two assists for the weekend. Goaltenders Mike Galiano and Scott Duffee started two games apiece, with Galiano winning both while Duffee split 1-1.



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Golden Eagles win at Minges in dramatic fashion

TRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

Travis Diener just was not going to let it happen again. The Marquette Golden Eagles had tested the waters at Minges Coliseum twice before Saturday night's game and both times the Pirates beat the nationally ranked Eagles in stunning form.

This year's Marquette squad might have even been expected to lose since they were not in the spotlight and in the middle of the Conference USA standings.

But Diener wasn't having it this time.

Marquette built a lead early on in the first half and stretched it to as many as 12 points in the second at 38-26.

ECU grinded back into the game and got within six at 51-45. After the Pirates scored on their next eight possessions to take a 63-56 lead, Marquette's fate in Minges looked a bit like a shipwreck once again.



Head Coach Bill Herion hangs his head in the second half of the Pirates' loss to the Golden Eagles Saturday night.


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"We shot 25 percent in the first half at home against a talented team like Marquette," said Bill Herrion, ECU head basketball coach.

"Then after the first five minutes of the second half our fans start to get behind us and we start playing better basketball. We made a great comeback in the second half and our kids made a great effort to comeback."

Diener connected on a pair of free throws with 1:07 remaining to pull Marquette to within two at 63-61. The Golden Eagles got the ball back with the same score, but poor execution on offense and a great defensive stand caused Marquette to turn the ball over via a shot clock violation.

Corey Rouse, who finished the game with another monster

performance of 18 points and 10 rebounds, was fouled and sent to the free throw line with just under 20 seconds to go. Rouse made one of two and Marquette found life once again.

"The free-throw line really hurt us," Herrion said.

"I thought we had a few opportunities to put it away from the free-throw line and we really didn't."

With Marquette trailing by three and just a few ticks left, one Golden Eagle may have felt right at home with the situation. Dec. 30, 2002, Steve Novak had an opportunity to hit the game tying three-point shot with just a few seconds on the clock left. Novak came up empty and the Pirates had upset the Golden Eagles for the second straight

season with a 73-70 triumph.

Marquette's original number one on the play in Saturday night's game may have been Diener, but the "basketball gods" made sure Novak would have another chance to redeem himself. He did just that, draining the game-tying trifecta and sending the game into an extra session.

"Our kids played a great game, but you have to give Marquette a lot of credit," Herrion said.

"They are just a very good basketball team, they are 17-7 and only two years removed from going to the Final Four, they have won and are experienced winners." In the extra period, Rouse hit a free throw with 14.8 left to tie the game at 69 a piece.

After two years of disappoint-

ment at Minges Coliseum, Diener finally had the chance to decide the game by himself. No Minges Maniacs, no ECU Pirates and no deficit to overcome, just Diener and the bucket. Diener trotted up court with the ball, pulled up in front of ECU point guard, Japhet McNeil, and sank his last ever shot at Minges, propelling the Golden Eagles to the 71-69 victory.

"We called the play in the huddle and I was just trying to make a play for the team," said Diener.

"I was going to take the shot if it was there. Anytime that you can come in here and get a win with the type of atmosphere that it was, it's big."

"Diener is a great player," Herrion said. "He makes everyone

work so hard and just runs you all around the gym. He is just a very tough kid to guard."

Diener proved to be tough to guard all night as he poured in a game high 31 points while dishing out seven assists and grabbing seven rebounds.

Mike Cook was the high man for ECU, netting 21 points in the Pirates' heartbreaking loss.

"This would have been a great win for our basketball program," Herrion said.

"The crowd tonight was great and they really got behind us. It was just a tough, tough loss."

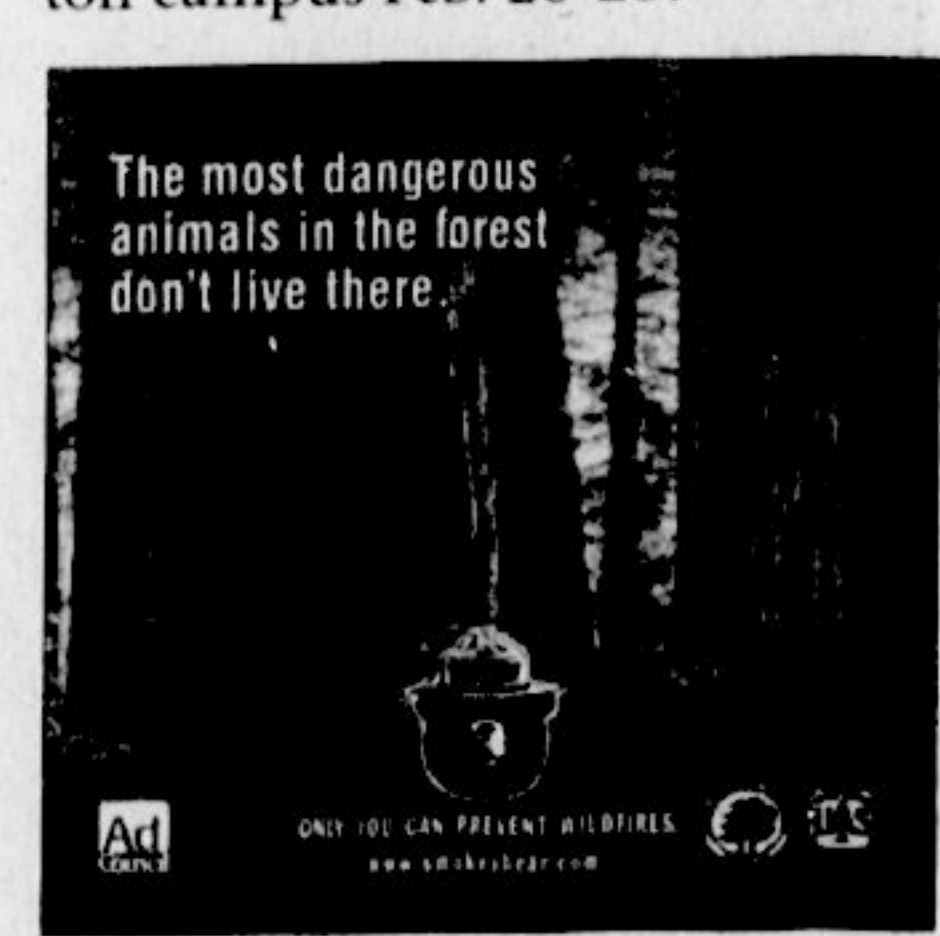
The Pirates (7-16, 2-9) travel to UAB tomorrow night. Game time is slated for 8:30 p.m.

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in the 800), Nicole Callahan (8.46 in the 55-meter hurdles), Danielle Lainez (3.10 in the pole vault) and Chelsea Salisbury (14.73 in the weight throw).

ECU will take next week off in preparation for the C-USA Championships, which will be held on the University of Houston campus Feb. 26-25.



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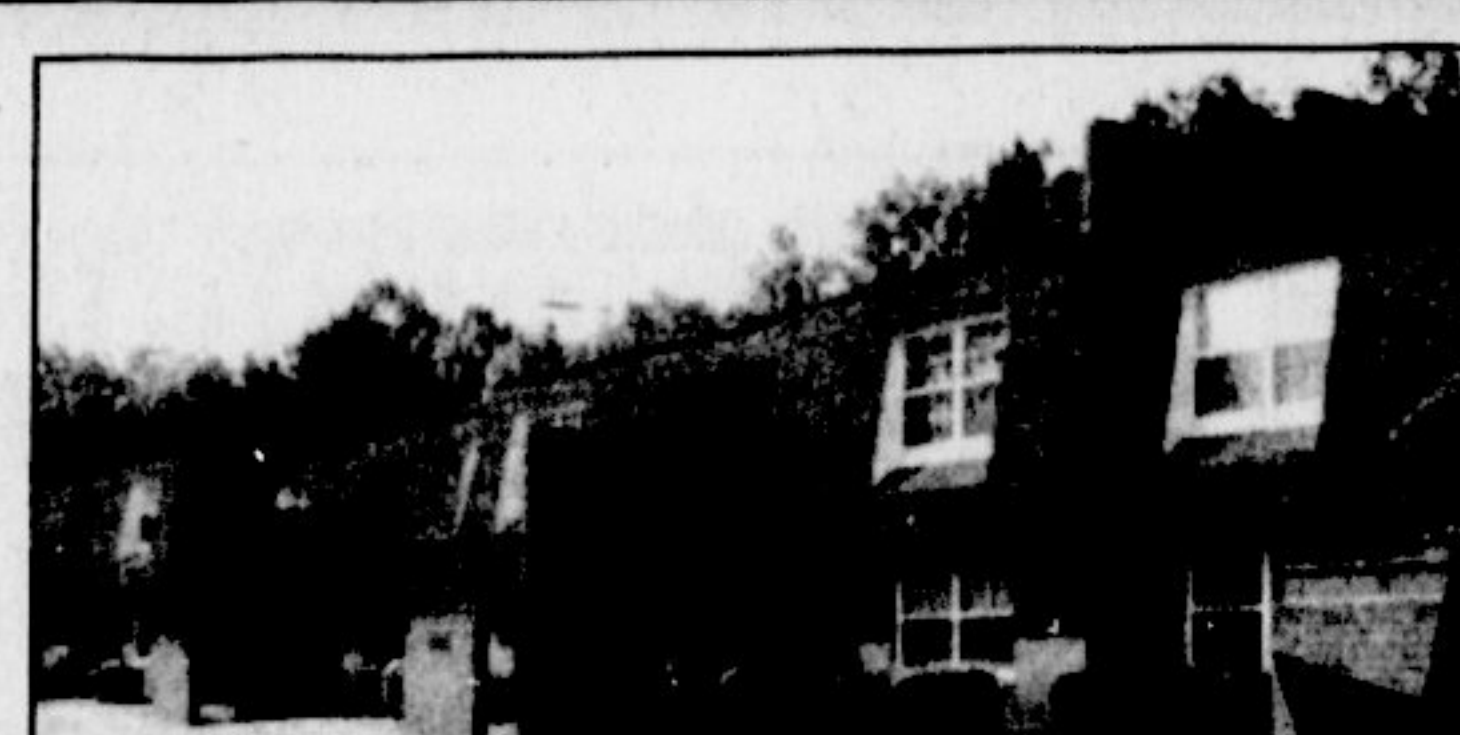
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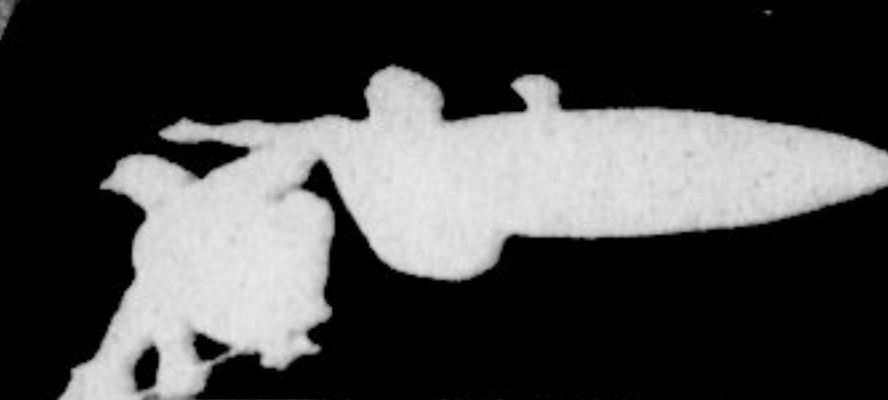
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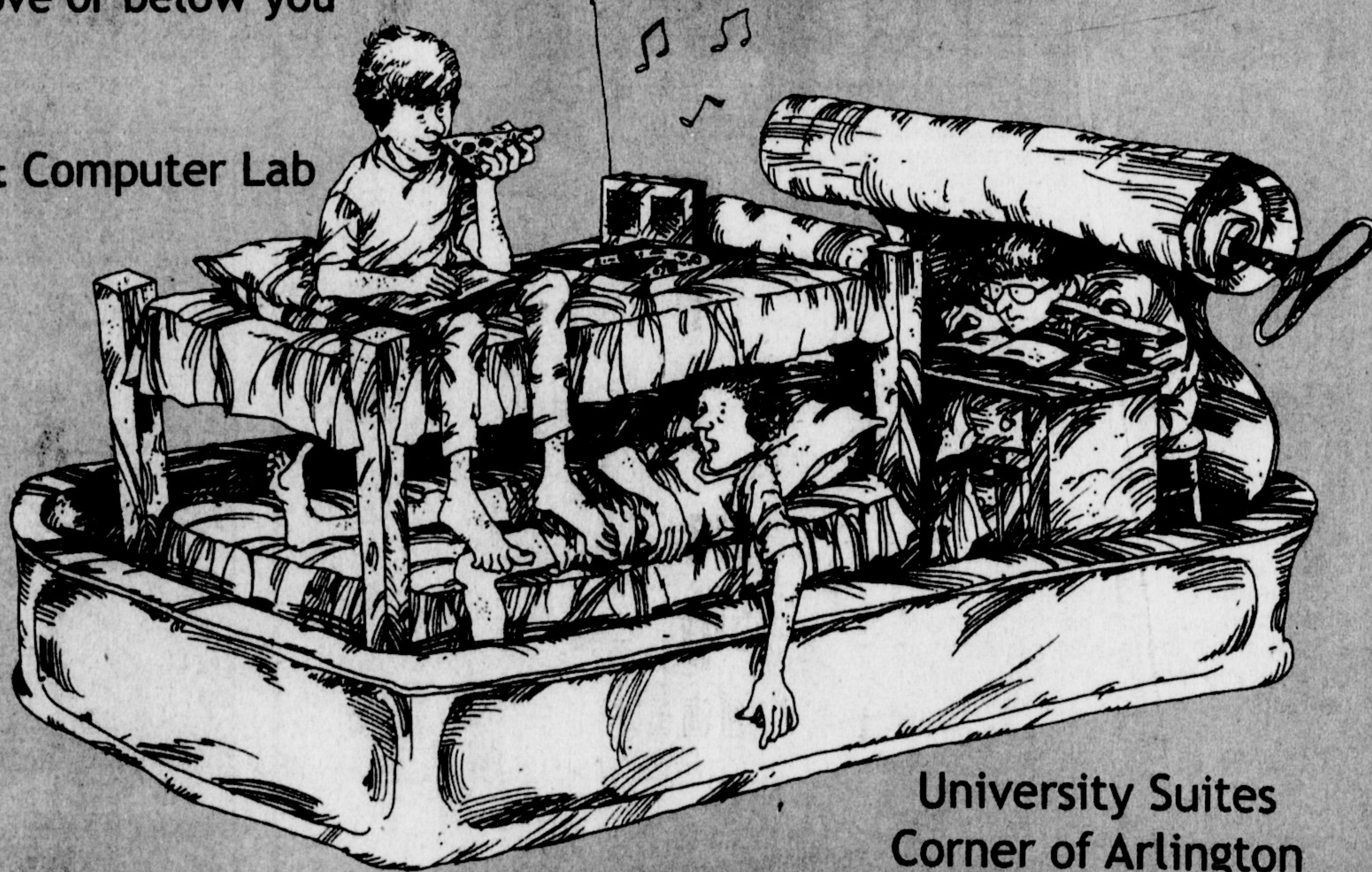
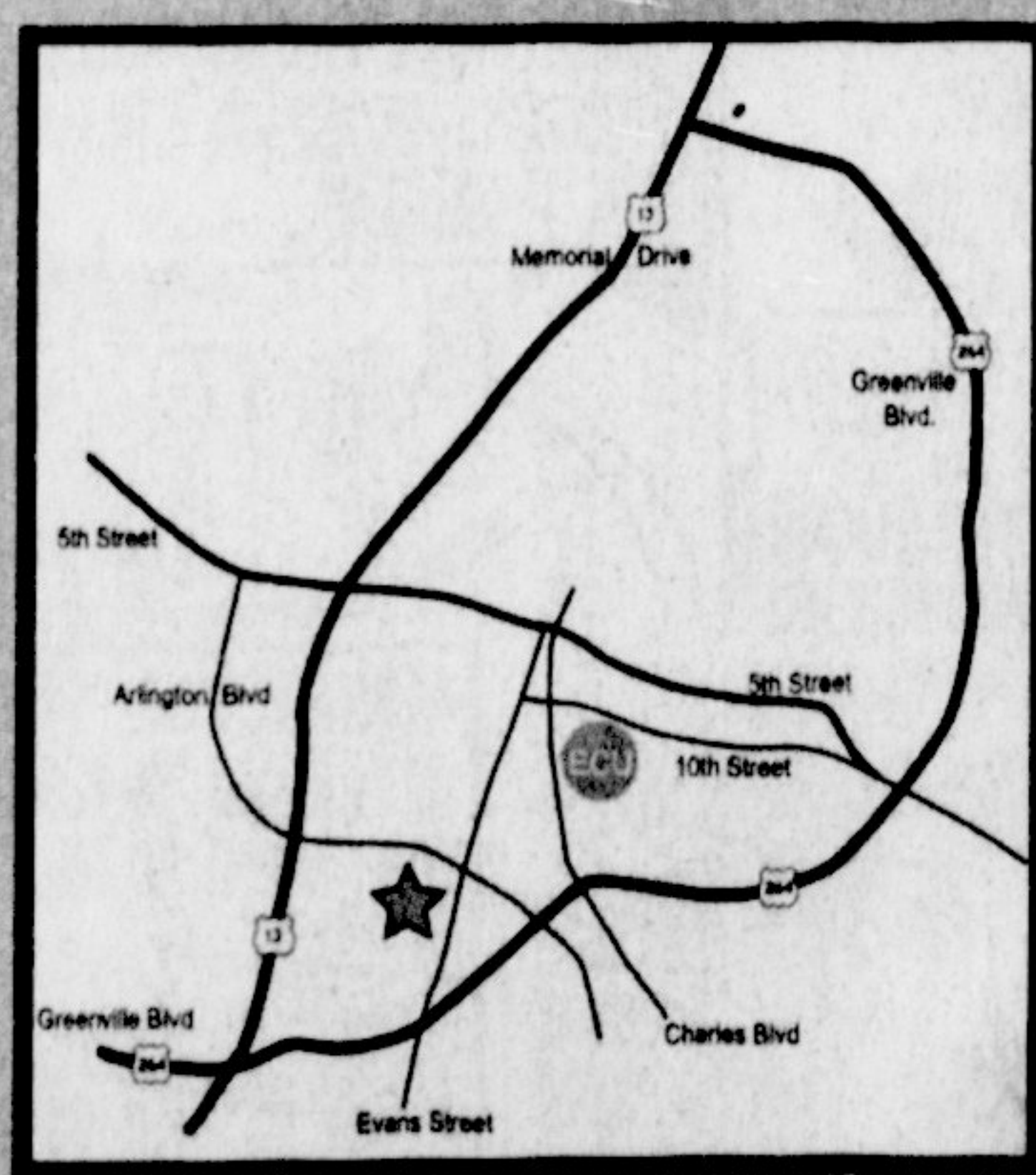
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