



The ban could prevent smoking in congested areas.

ECU faculty approves smoking ban

New policy would affect high traffic areas

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ECU's Faculty Senate approved a resolution in their Dec. 7 meeting, calling for a ban that would prohibit smoking in all high traffic areas of campus.

ECU Chancellor Steve Ballard, who will make the final decision on whether the ban will be implemented, is currently evaluating the resolution.

If passed, the ban would prohibit smoking in a number of high traffic areas on campus, such as entrances to buildings, exterior stairwells, stairs, stairwell and elevator landings and partially enclosed corridors.

The areas affected by the new policy would be marked with no-smoking signs and an educational effort would take place to ensure that students, faculty and staff are aware of the ban.

If it gains approval from the chancellor, a task force would be assembled to determine how to properly implement the ban.

The resolution was brought forth by Robert Morrison, professor in the department of chemistry, who has a sister fighting her way through lung cancer.

Morrison said his sister, Cathy Day, is a dedicated runner who never smoked cigarettes, but managed to acquire lung cancer through the effects of second hand smoke. Both Day's parents and her former husband of 20 years were smokers.

Another motivating factor for offering the resolution Morrison said, was looking at ECU and its role in the area.

"One of the pillars of the institution is health care, so we have a responsibility to improve the health care in this region and in this state," said Morrison.

"One of the primary reasons of poor health in this area is the use of tobacco products."

Karen Warren, director of wellness education, said campuses all over the country have been looking into implementing smoking bans.

In March 2004, ECU's Wellness Education Department began surveying students to determine their attitudes on smoking.

"When we asked how strongly second hand smoke affects you, 81 percent said it concerned them," said Warren.

The wellness education survey indicated 15 percent of students at ECU smoke, but 43 percent of those students are social smokers who light up on weekends or only at certain locations.

Warren said the increased difficulty a ban would bring to the smoking process might encourage some of those students who are not seriously addicted to quit.

Georgia Childs, assistant director for peer health at wellness education, said she attended a conference in September held by the Tobacco-Free Colleges

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Illegal music downloading results in big penalties



Directors continue to do battle against music piracy on campus

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ECU students are continuing to illegally download music despite vast efforts by ECU directors to put a halt to music piracy.

Though the problem has decreased in severity - from last year's 41 students who were reprimanded to this year's 28 - it is a continuing struggle to get the message across that this is illegal.

Many students don't realize that when they sign onto a site that offers free music downloads, they are opening up a gateway to their computer.

Clay Hallock, information technology security analyst for the information technology and computing services of ECU, stressed this fact.

"By using these programs without making sure your computer is completely protected, you are basically signing away your computer's life," said Hallock.

Hallock is one of many who work to detect problems in computer systems all over campus. He said they don't go in and look at people's personal computers unless that computer is causing problems for the system. Popular peer to peer file sharing programs such as Kazaa, Morpheus and Aimster can cause problems for the computer and surrounding computers.

"If a computer is putting out a tremendous amount of traffic, we will then take a look at what is going on with that individual computer," Hallock said.

Hallock explained the various worms and viruses that can crawl into your computer through the action of uploading and downloading.

"Each infection varies, and they can totally take over one computer, a whole dorm of computers or even the whole Internet system for the university," Hallock said.

The damage that can be caused by downloading, plus the legal issues that come along with it, makes it imperative that disciplinary action be taken upon those who are involved.

The Recording Industry Association of America, takes the issue of illegal downloading very seriously.

Margaret Olszewska, assistant director of student conflict resolution, explained the correlation between ECU and the RIAA.

"It's not ECU that is tracking students down," said Olszewska. "It's the production companies, RIAA, that flag individual files and then trace those files."

It is easier for the RIAA to concentrate on major networks such as ECU, rather than trying to combat individual households. The RIAA notifies ECU, and it is then the university's job to look at the IP address and try to identify the owner of the computer.

"If we do not send the RIAA a return e-mail telling them that all of the cases have been addressed, we could face a fine of \$25,000," Olszewska said.

When the individual students are found, if it is their first offense, the department of student conflict resolution will meet with the student and give them a warning. On a student's second offense,

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Greek organizations create new quarterly publication

The Chapter House' to promote Greek issues

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A new all-Greek publication entitled *The Chapter House* has become available to students to further educate them on the Greek community and events.

The goals of this publication, according to Edward Freeman, former public relations chairman for the interfraternity council, are to strengthen the Greek community as a whole, publicize accomplishments and promote the organizations.

"The magazine is called *The Chapter House* to mock the assumption that we are all in one big Animal House," said Freeman.

"ECU's chapter of Greek life is a tight-knit community. We are all in one big chapter house together."

Greek organizations are hoping to show people on campus there is more to Greek life than all of the commonly known social aspects. They want people to realize they are service organizations in addition to being social organizations and they perform services to benefit the community as a whole.

The publication will keep people in the Greek community informed on current events.

"The other two public rela-

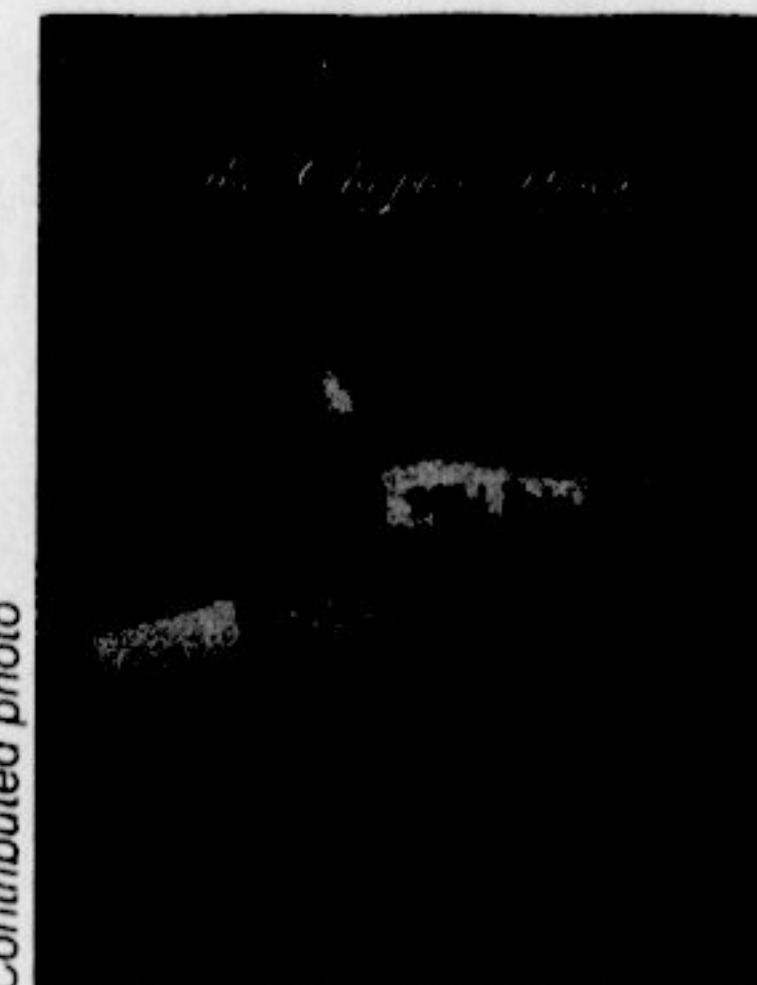
tions chairmen and I thought it would be a good idea to help strengthen our community as a whole by keeping everybody in the Greek community updated on events, give them insight into what is happening within the governing bodies and let them know about happenings on campus that affect us," Freeman said.

"The magazine evolved into the concept that is has today."

While *The Chapter House* is being offered quarterly for now, Freeman said he believes the number of issues per year will increase significantly in a very short period of time. The chairmen decided to start it off slowly so they don't get ahead of themselves. They also want to be

certain there is an interest in the all-Greek magazine before they take the steps necessary to have more issues available to readers.

The media board has given permission to distribute the magazines on campus. The magazines will be either on racks placed around campus or there will be people passing the magazines out in the brickyard at Wright Circle. They will be available to students and the Greek com-



THE CHAPTER HOUSE

be up to each individual to get something from this magazine.

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College applicants increase in numbers

Changes to admission taking place

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Currently underway in the admissions process, ECU is receiving an increased number of applications, allowing acceptance of higher qualified students, in turn benefiting the university.

According to Anthony Britt, senior associate director of the office of undergraduate admissions, the increase in applications is mainly a result of demographics. Increased birth rates in recent years have led to more students graduating high school. Subsequently, this allowed admissions faculty to choose better-qualified applicants.

Britt said ECU needs to consider class sizes in order to prevent overcrowding of classes, dining and residence halls. ECU has, however, anticipated this increase and is expecting things to function with minimal problems. Several construction projects are underway, including the West End Dining Hall and dormitory on College Hill to help accommodate the projected increases.

Britt said there has been an improvement in the quality of courses prospective students take in high school. In years past, students would be taking required courses during their senior year of high school, meaning they were not attempting advanced level courses in preparation for college. Currently, students are challenging themselves with advanced placement and international baccalaureate classes.

"We want to see that the students [have] taken courses that are appropriate for their motivation and abilities," said Britt.

He said this is one major difference between ECU and other schools. ECU wants students to take AP courses that conform to their field of interest. He said it does not make sense for a student who specializes in social science to take AP calculus to impress colleges.

In comparison to UNC Chapel Hill, ECU is more objective during the admissions process.

Britt said UNC Chapel Hill is swamped with highly qualified candidates and bases acceptance on how likely it is the student will actually enroll there if accepted. ECU is less rigid in its decision-making.

"We look at a number of credentials in the academic formula," Britt said.

He said ECU is somewhat controversial in the way it measures high school GPAs during admissions.

Unlike other universities, ECU primarily looks at unweighted high school GPAs. He said problems arise when looking at weighted GPAs because different high schools have different methods for calculating them. The weighted value forms a sketchy perception for admissions officers who have to figure out if the "A" or "B" a person received was bona fide in accordance to ECU standards. He said it is not fair to compare students from different high schools, considering different schools offer different quantities of AP/IB classes.

ECU also places much less emphasis on standardized test scores than other colleges, as they only account for 18-20 percent of the admissions formula.

Britt said standardized tests are mainly used as a "national yardstick" to see how different colleges rank amongst each other.

The Internet has allowed students to apply online, allotting a less complicated and timely application process.

Applying to ECU via online is increasing, with 67 percent of applications completed electronically this year. This quickens the entire process, and allows ECU to respond rapidly.

Britt said ECU's popularity and reputation are improving. He cited medical/health sciences, fine arts, business and education programs as being the biggest draws for ECU.

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Campus News

Cancer Prevention

Look for Pi Kappa Delta tables promoting cancer prevention outside Wright Plaza Feb. 22 - 24 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Get informative pamphlets and enter to win a DVD player and other great prizes.

ECU Graduation Expo

ECU May graduates are invited to a special Graduation Expo featuring everything students need for graduation including graduation announcements, diploma frames, class rings and other accessories. The expo will take place in the rear dining room of Wright Place Feb. 22 - 24. On Thursday, vendors will be available from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. For more information, call 328-6731 or visit studentstores.ecu.edu.

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The ECU/Loessin Playhouse is sponsoring this comedy about three convicts on a work furlough. Employed by a family they became fond of, they learn the family may lose their business and inheritance. Possessing criminal minds and hearts of gold, they set matters right and in doing so redeem themselves as real life angels to the grateful family. The performance will be Feb. 24 - 28 at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday in the McGinnis Theatre. Call 328-6829 for more information.

Heritage Fest

The NAACP will hold the Heritage Fest Feb. 25 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Thomas Foreman Park.

Black History Reception

The Office of International Affairs and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will hold a special reception at the LWCC Art Gallery to commemorate Black History Month Feb. 25 from 3 - 5 p.m.

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News Briefs

Local

Woman pinned under

Amtrak train at Raleigh station
RALEIGH, NC - A woman was struck by an Amtrak passenger train and briefly pinned beneath it Tuesday while waiting passengers at the nearby station watched.

The 41-year-old woman was conscious and breathing when she was removed from beneath the train, but authorities gave no additional details on her condition and did not release her name.

It took rescuers about 45 minutes to free her.

Police were sorting through conflicting statements from witnesses as they tried to sort out what happened, Lt. R.B. Embry said.

The woman was struck about 20 yards from the station as the northbound Carolinian arrived at about 12:20 p.m.

One witness, Martha Kelder, said the woman walked slowly toward the train as it approached, stepped onto the tracks and turned her back to the train. It struck her and then came to a stop. "I wondered why she was up so close to the train," said Kelder.

Teacher pleads guilty to

indecent liberties with student

CHARLOTTE, NC - A former high school English teacher has pleaded guilty to taking indecent liberties with a 16-year-old student, but avoided going to prison because she had no previous criminal record.

Mecklenburg Superior Court Judge Gentry Caudill on Monday placed Nicole Pomerleau, a former teacher at Olympic High School, on probation for two years and ordered her to perform 60 hours of community service and turn in her teaching certificate.

The judge also told Pomerleau,

32, that she could not have sexual contact with, or teach, anyone under 18 during her probation.

The crime doesn't require that Pomerleau register as a sex offender. Mecklenburg Assistant District Attorney Barry Cook told the judge that Pomerleau had admitted having sexual intercourse with the 16-year-old student on two occasions - in January 2004 and February 2004. The prosecutor said the teenager's mother found e-mails between her son and Pomerleau that led her to think something was going on between the two. The mother contacted school security. The sex took place, Cook said, once at Pomerleau's home and another time at a friend's home. Defense attorney Robert DeCurtins said Pomerleau, who is married and has two young children, had been involved in what he described as "an ill-advised relationship."

National

Costs mount as deadly

storms soak Southern California

LOS ANGELES - Homes slipped down saturated hillsides, a surging river tore through an airport runway and storms that are more treacherous soaked Southern California.

Yet more rain fell early Wednesday, bringing the weekly total to more than nine inches, as the state struggled to recover from weather that has left nine people dead, including a man who was killed when a eucalyptus tree fell on his pickup truck Monday in San Diego County.

In Ventura County, officials closed the small Santa Paula airport Tuesday after more than 155 feet of runway collapsed into the rushing Santa Clara River. Chunks of concrete crumbled

into the water throughout the day. "We've lost nearly the entire west third of the airport," said Rowena Mason, president of the Santa Paula Airport Association. "This is millions and millions of dollars worth of damage."

Authorities said dozens of homes were evacuated or red-tagged - marked as uninhabitable - because they threatened to collapse from sliding hillsides.

Forecasters said another strong system that was expected early Wednesday could bring severe winds and drop an additional inch or more of rain on Southern California.

Forensics at ground zero

end with 1,161 still unidentified

NEW YORK - The medical examiner's office has ended its effort to identify the remains of those killed at the World Trade Center site on Sept. 11, 2001, leaving more than a thousand victims unidentified.

"We've finished making identifications for the World Trade Center," Robert Shaler, director of forensic biology at the medical examiner's office, told the *New York Daily News* in Wednesday's editions.

The forensic effort failed to identify more than 1,100 victims, or almost half of the 2,749 who died there, according to the *Daily News*.

Since the attacks more than three years ago, the medical examiner's office identified nearly 1,600 victims, although progress had slowed considerably in recent months. Since September, only eight victims have been identified.

The city has about 10,000 unidentified bone and tissue fragments that cannot be matched to the list of the dead. The medical examiner's office will contact all victims' families who asked to be notified when the forensic

effort ended.

International

Iraqi interim vice

president says race far from over

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq's Kurdish interim vice president on Wednesday said negotiations to pick the country's new prime minister were far from over, as Iraq's new political kingmakers sought to secure top jobs, including the largely ceremonial post of president.

Haggling over senior positions in the upcoming government came against the backdrop of more violence. A car bomb killed two people and wounded 14 in the northern city of Mosul, and a U.S. soldier was killed in a separate bomb attack north of Baghdad, officials said.

The dominant Shiite coalition on Tuesday chose Ibrahim al-Jaafari, one of two interim vice presidents and leader of a religious party that fought Saddam Hussein, as its candidate for prime minister - making him the overwhelming favorite for the post. But for al-Jaafari to take the premiership he must build a coalition to gain agreement from Kurds and others on the presidency and candidates for Cabinet posts before seeking the support of a majority of the National Assembly elected Jan. 30. Incumbent premier Ayad Allawi has shown no sign of giving up his own bid for the powerful post.

Al-Jaafari is "a man I can work with, but to discuss who will be the prime minister of Iraq, this still needs more time," Kurdish interim vice president Rowsch Nouri Shaways told reporters. "We aim to get high rank in the government institutions. We aim to get one of the top positions

and we aim to participate in the Council of Ministers, suitable with our percentage in the elections."

Queen will not attend

Charles' marriage, palace says

LONDON - Buckingham Palace said Tuesday that Queen Elizabeth II would not attend the civil marriage ceremony of her son Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles - but that her absence should not be interpreted as a snub.

The monarch will attend the church blessing at Windsor Castle after the April 8 civil ceremony in the local town hall and will host the wedding reception at the castle.

"The queen will not be attending the civil ceremony because she is aware that the prince and Mrs. Parker Bowles wanted to keep the occasion low key," a palace spokeswoman said. "The queen and the rest of the royal family will, of course, be going to the service of dedication at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle." The spokeswoman denied the queen was snubbing her son's second marriage.

"The queen is attending the service of dedication and paying for the reception - this is not a snub," she said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The queen's prime concern is that the civil ceremony should be as low key as possible, in line with the couple's wishes," said the palace spokeswoman. "Clearly if the queen were to attend, the occasion would no longer be, by definition, low key."

Britain's Press Association reported that Charles' sons, Prince William and Prince Harry, and Parker Bowles's grown children, Tom and Laura, were expected to attend the civil wedding in the Guildhall at Windsor.

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Coalition, a group of 15 colleges interested in addressing tobacco use behaviors on campus.

Childs said she left the conference with an action plan intended to address the problems of tobacco use at ECU over the next few years. When the faculty senate passed the resolution banning smoking shortly after the conference, Childs said she was pleasantly surprised.

"It's a huge step in the right

direction," said Childs.

Daniel Stiling, junior drafting and design major, said he feels sympathy for smokers because they are being pushed out of everywhere, but thinks the ban would be a good decision.

"It's going to happen eventually, so why not just ban it now," said Stiling.

As a non-smoker, Stiling said walking by a group of smokers can be a little bothersome.

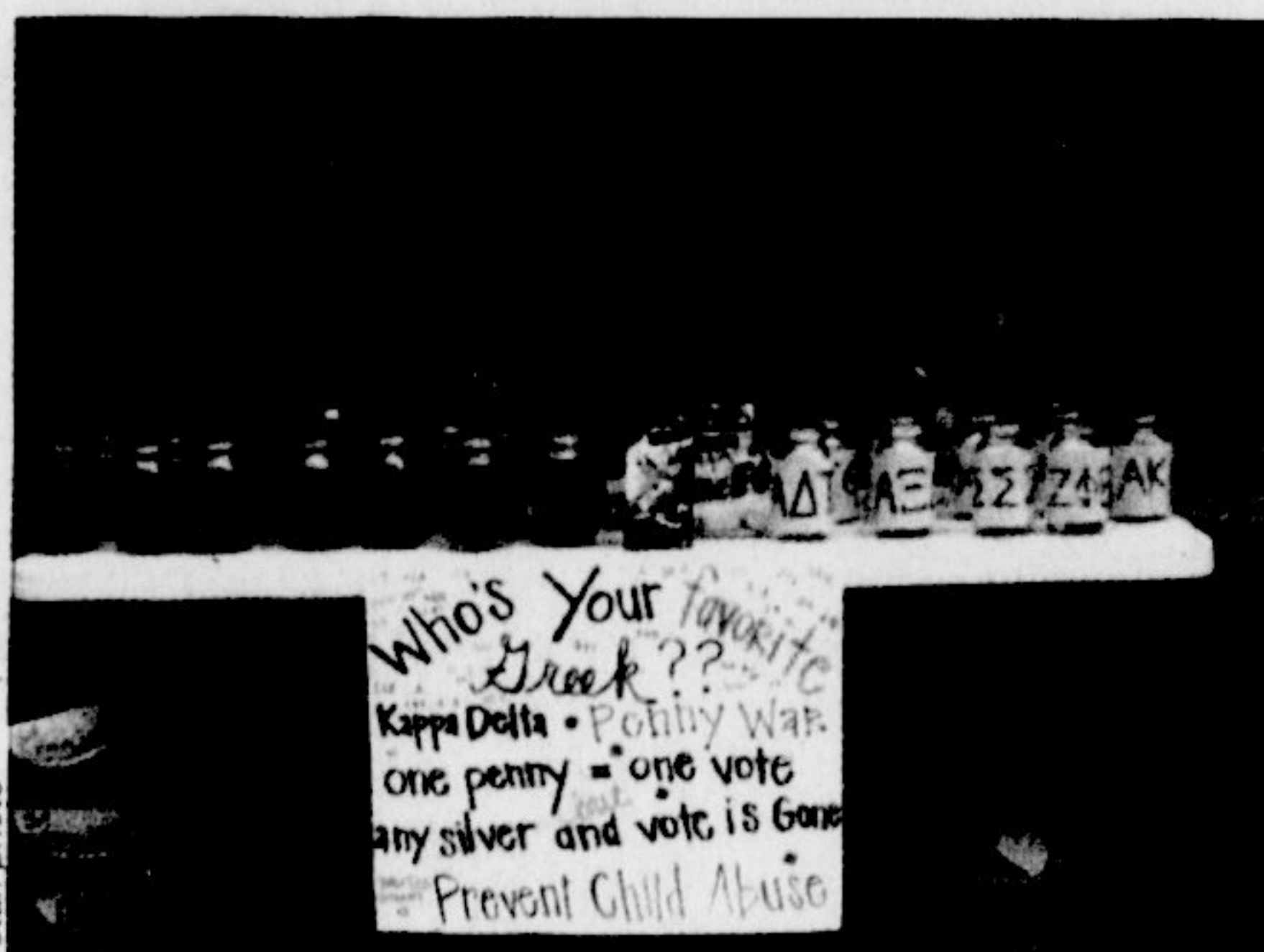
"I would say it's pretty annoying when I've just taken a shower and I walk by a group of smokers and my clothes end up smelling like smoke," Stiling said.

Sarah Gajan, senior English major, said the ban is unfair.

"When I get out of class and I want a cigarette, I think I should be able to have one," said Gajan.

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their Internet access will be put on hold for six months. If there is a third offense, privileges are taken away for one year. The fourth offense results in suspension of the student.

"Ninety-five percent of the cases that we see end with a warning," Olszewska said.

Many of the students brought into Olszewska's office do not even realize that there has been so much activity on their computer. Once the programs are downloaded onto the computer, they are con-

stantly active, even if the student has not used the software. The software has to be completely deleted off the computer and there are ECU employees who can do that for students to make sure the program is completely gone.

Brian Peters, sophomore business major, commented on the issue.

"I used to download music all the time. I really like the idea of accessing any song I want at any time, but it's too risky now. I wouldn't want a fine or

anything," said Peters.

Jennifer Wegman, senior recreation and leisure studies major, did not seem too afraid of the consequences of downloading.

"I guess I'll just take my chances. I have not had a problem yet," said Wegman.

Though the issue of music piracy is decreasing with time, it is still an issue that ECU is addressing.

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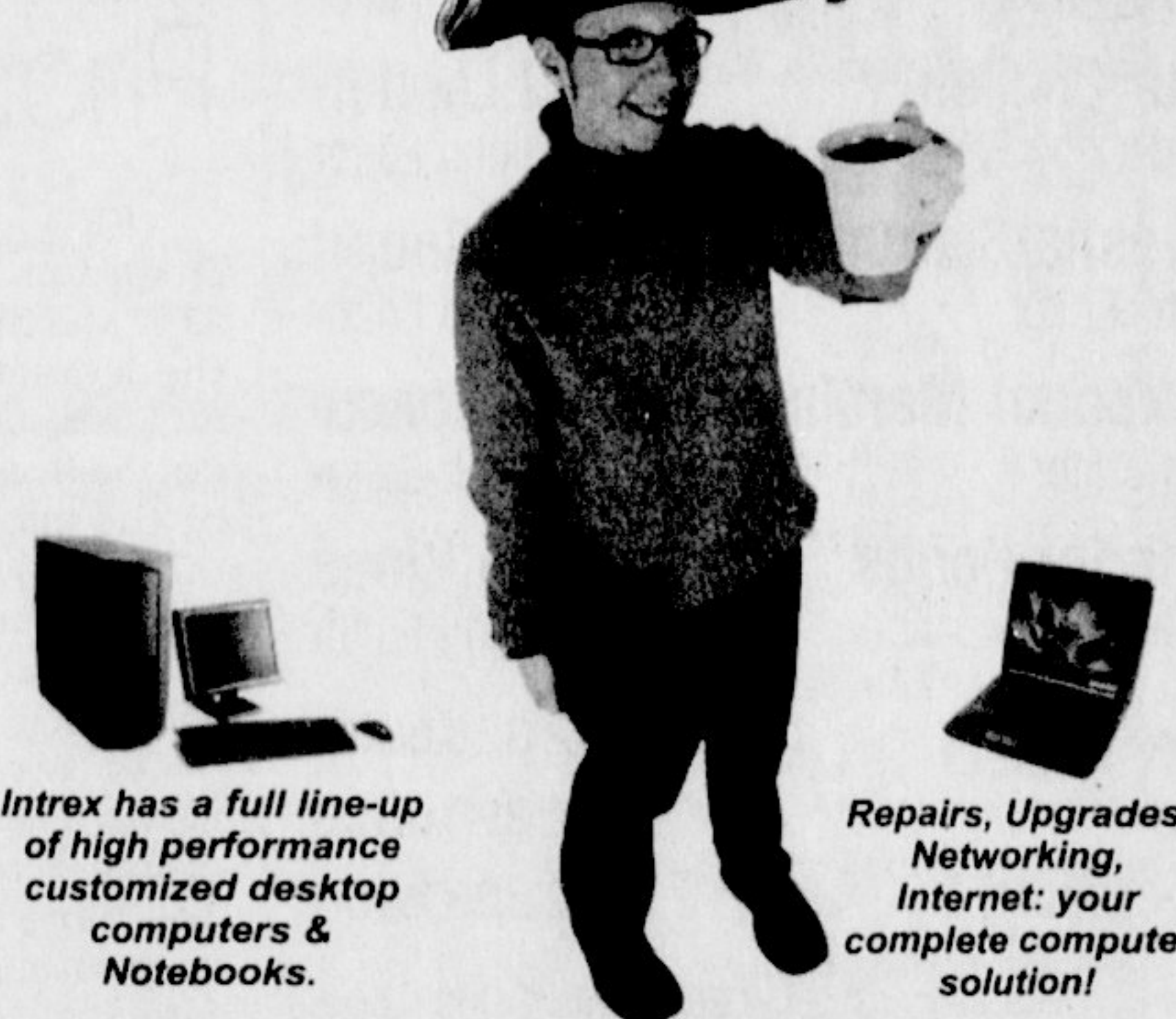
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Our View

Campuses should accommodate file sharing, not punish

The front-page of this edition got us thinking about an issue that is always a hot topic among college students – the issue of downloading music.

The Recording Industry Association of America has been experiencing decreasing sales, largely contributing that number to the increases in digital downloading.

According to RIAA, 60 million people download 2.6 billion files each month, with the vast majority being done illegally.

ECU is also cracking down on illegal downloading – a student with a fourth offense can even be suspended. While *TEC* isn't encouraging students to break the law, we know downloading is a common occurrence for college students who have more time than money to spend on music.

Rather than threaten a student with loss of Internet privileges or suspension, ECU should look to a solution that will help serve the students – a decision similar to Penn State.

In 2002, Penn State formed the Joint Committee of Higher Education and Entertainment Industry to find a solution to widespread student file sharing. A year later, Penn State allowed students to download with a legal form of Napster – student technology fees covered the monthly fees.

It is our opinion that file sharing among students cannot be stopped as long as free services continue to be available on the Internet. And since the Internet is almost impossible to regulate, officials on all campuses should work to create a solution that would benefit, not punish, their students.

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Televangelism good, breast-baring a sin?

There are two sides to every coin

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LIBERAL AGITATOR

I have a confession to make. I hate football. I find it arbitrary and about as interesting to watch as the grass growing on the field. Nevertheless, every year at the end of January, I usually end up being subjected to the Super Bowl, simply due to the fact that wherever I happen to be in eastern North Carolina on Super Bowl Sunday, the game is invariably blaring out of every television in sight.

Last year, there was one little extra tidbit of drama which made the game about as watchable a game as I can recall. I will give you a hint. It belonged to Janet Jackson. I remember thinking "Wow that was a pretty bold thing to do. Good for you, Justin Timberlake." And then, out of nowhere, the torrent. Every god-fearing Christian and social Conservative from here to Kalamazoo was acting like Jackson and Timberlake had engaged in some type of deviant sex show on national television, when in fact a whopping three-second shot of a woman's exposed breast was all that the public saw. In fact, some weeks later, when Timberlake's invitation to the Grammy's arrived in the mail, it included a clause which would force him to publicly apologize for the indiscretion. Jackson chose not to attend.

It seemed like the nation was just waiting for something to pounce on. New arguments about decency on television rang out far and wide from every Conservative pulpit in this country. The Republican Right and every neo-Christian with a microphone was publicly denouncing the American slide into broadcasting debauchery, calling for stringent laws about what can be shown on television, and to a large extent, they were accommodated.

Michael Powell, former Chairman



of the Federal Communications Commission, introduced a host of new guidelines and suggested that all live television be broadcast from now on with a several second lag time, allowing the network censors to effectively blur any possible exposed breasts, penises, buttocks or other controversial body appendages. Leading this charge, from day one, was a little network called T.B.N. (for all you godless atheists and heretics out there that would be the Trinity Broadcasting Network, the ultra-conservative Televangelizing private television system based in Southern California).

I have always had some issues with televangelism. It seems there is not one program broadcast by T.B.N. (trust me, I have watched them all, and if anyone is curious, it is something akin to having every one of your fingernails pulled out with a pair of pliers) which does not, at some point in the broadcast, ask the viewer for money. Whether in the form of paying for a prayer from the minister (who, by the way, may very well be MC Hammer), a prayer handkerchief (that's the best one) or simply a donation to guarantee you remain on the good side of the Lord, the entire network is based around bilking people out of their money.

The best thing about televangelists, as far as I can tell, is their durability. Pat Robertson (most dangerous man in America) has gone on record, several times, accusing Islam (the entire reli-

gion) as being "wicked" and "heretical." Jerry Falwell has remained one of the most hardcore anti-abortion reactionaries and advocates for more faith in government for decades, yet he emerges as clean as the driven snow. Jimmy Swaggart has gone on record saying that it is funny to kill gays, and was caught with his hand in the proverbial cookie jar with a young woman who was most certainly not his wife. He apologized, "I have sinned, Lord," and what do you know, all was forgiven. He continued, by the way, to advocate violence against homosexuals and preach the goodness of marital faithfulness.

Only one televangelist, Jim Baker, actually saw his career disintegrate before his eyes. Apparently, stealing money from parishioners and lying about it is a much more serious transgression than adultery.

But not all televangelists are bad. Rev. Billy Graham is one of the most beloved religious figures in the nation, regularly advising presidents and Congressional leadership. He is the only televangelist I can think of who seems genuinely more interested in saving the souls of his flock than in financing a new BMW and swindling Americans out of their hard earned money. Apparently, persons with a weekly television program can publicly spew hatred for gays and Muslims, but Jackson's breast is just too much for the American people to take.

We need to enforce a standard – a standard which everyone is forced to live by. If Jackson's breast is inappropriate, sexual promiscuity on reality TV and bamboozling televangelism (some of which can be classified as hate speech) should be inappropriate as well.

As far as I am concerned, until the outcry for decency in broadcasting and the suppression of the First Amendment is applied equally to everyone, we should just forget about the whole business. What good are laws, meant to "protect" Americans from the evils of breasts and gratuitous violence, unless they are applied everywhere?

In My Opinion

Phobia against fat is ultimately making us sick

(KRT) — During National Eating Disorders Awareness Week (Feb. 27 - March 5), we hear a lot about the devastation that anorexia, bulimia and compulsive overeating can wreak on the lives of our citizens. However, in the midst of our everyday media messages, what we often miss is a sense of how our hostile attitudes toward fatness and fat people fuel disordered eating.

Today's media, for instance, point to the values of our culture, and make examples out of those who conform and those who transgress. A host of programs centered around bodily transformations – from "The Biggest Loser" to "The Swan" to "Extreme Makeover" – remind us that fat folks, those icons of the obesity epidemic, should not exist as anything but the ghosts of "before" pictures.

There's a certain logic here: "Epidemic" is one of those words that seems hard to argue with – it instantly confers the status of seriously ill health on all those it affects. But after a lifetime of being fat, I have begun to wonder whether obesity itself is always the plague it's been made out to be. There's a creepy way in our culture in which hype about the obesity epidemic feeds

anti-fat prejudice: "Not only are these people choosing to be unhealthy, but they're costing the nation billions in insurance costs and lost days of work in the process." If we can tell a different story about fat lives, one that takes into account the contradictions, we might end up creating better health for everyone.

I started getting fat around puberty, although I started to diet two or three years before that time. My father was fat, and my parents worried that I, his spitting image, would suffer the same indignities he had experienced all his life. I attended my first Diet Workshop meeting at age 10 – it felt odd being the only child among so many anxious adults. They let me be the first to sample the diet ketchup, and rigged the raffle so that I would win the Diet Workshop canvas tote.

When I was brave enough to carry the tote to school the next day, I was promptly "outed" as a dieter by a rowdy boy in my fourth-grade class and mocked relentlessly. I took away a strange lesson. Nobody made fun of my body – it wasn't really fat yet, after all – but they did make fun of my attempt to change it by seeking support from fretful grown-ups. Dieting became

embarrassing.

Embarrassment did not stop me from intense weight-cycling for the next 10 years. When I started to gain weight in early puberty, my well intended parents researched my options. I tried Overeaters Anonymous in seventh grade (too religious, and the language of addiction didn't seem right for me, though I did lose 15 pounds) followed by Weight Watchers in ninth grade (25 pounds lost, but then gained back when I stopped teetotaling and tried to live normally).

During high school, I went to Weight Loss Clinic, which required thrice-weekly weigh-ins, and lost 40 pounds, all of which I gained back. By my first year of college, I was over 200 pounds and, awed by Oprah, began a liquid diet. For three and a half months, I consumed 505 calories a day in the form of powder mixed either with water or diet pudding. My teeth seemed about as useful as my appendix. I lost enough weight – 70 pounds – to be classified as "normal." When I started eating actual food again, the weight came back within a year. Finally, at 22, I became a vegetarian and an obsessive devotee of the Stairmaster, and lost a hundred pounds.

Pirate Rant

To the ranter who complained about the "terrible excuse for the new jungle." If you haven't figured this out yet, when new trees are planted they take time to grow. The trees will not be that small forever, and the "dirt pile" you speak of is elevated to provide fans in the jungle a better view of the game. The "administration's new baseball field" is a sparkling gift to the entire baseball community. You probably don't realize this because your first game last year consisted of your presence at the game only to blast cheesy music and play beer pong rather than actually watching the baseball game.

Yes, if you choose to have sex, you should have to deal with the consequences – like having a baby. But what about rape or incest? Would you want to keep the baby of your attacker or your crazy sex-obsessed uncle? I sure wouldn't.

Just so all you freshmen know, not all busses go to the Hill. Stop asking me that stupid question. Get a map. Transit gives them away for free. And no, I will not make a special stop for you.

To the person who attributed 10 percent annual tuition increases to the policies of Ronald Reagan; I sure hope you didn't learn that in an ECU economics or history class. You only have to look around the campus at ECU to see why your tuition has increased every year, not in a casket in California. Your chancellor lives rent-free and earns over \$200,000 a year. The expansion of Joyner Library cost tens of millions, as did the addition to Ficklen Stadium, the Sports Medicine Complex, the General Classroom Building and all the other things you take for granted. Reagan had nothing to do with any of that. The ECU Board of Trustees had everything to do with that. Blame them, not Ronald Reagan.

I would think people are smart enough to skip reading any rant they don't want to read. If you're too ignorant or whiny to handle political discourse, don't read it and just skip it. It's that simple. First we're too apathetic about politics and now we need to shut up? Take a hike, buddy.

Just to remind Tony McKee: The biggest law to intrude on the American people was the Patriot Act.

I find it a little contradicting that people will drive around for 30 minutes waiting to find a close parking spot to the SRC so they don't have to walk. You're going to work out right? Find a spot somewhere else. It makes it a lot nicer not to have to walk a mile to my car at midnight when I get off work.

To all of you who have kept up your "lofty" New Years resolutions, I apologize for earlier comments. To those of you who are now stealing machines at the gym because you are trying to desperately acquire a Bahamas body within the next three weeks, I now loathe you.

Anybody ever wonder why we have to consider another tuition increase here at ECU? Hmm, maybe it has something to do with the fact that now we have three head football coaches on the payroll (of which only one is currently at the school), and now a head basketball coach, not to mention at least two chancellors, etc. How about school administrators start using our money more efficiently before asking us to shell out more? I'll be thinking of all those coaches enjoying \$100,000 payouts next time I'm popping open another bag of ramen noodles. Hopefully I won't be the only one.

Poor Bill Herriion ... but I guess Terry Holland is doing what he was brought in to do.

Last time I checked we weren't in high school anymore. So why are people still writing on the back of bathroom stalls? "Ashley loves Daz" isn't really news that needs to be spread around campus.

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.

Suspicious man concerns Tar River area residents

Authorities advise
against hiring strangers

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A man walking around the Tar River area since November asking to do yard work and becoming belligerent when denied has caused concern for the university area.

Peg Gemperline, chairperson of Tar River's Community Watch, said she received a call a few weeks ago from a resident who said a man came over to her house after dark asking to do yard work. She was concerned because when she refused, he "went away angry."

Whenever anything suspicious occurs, Gemperline contacts about 30 long-term residents of the area to see if they know anything. This time, many of them reported similar stories.

Block captains of the community watch started reporting

incidents as well.

An older resident said she was harassed by a man who cleaned her gutters without permission and wanted to be paid. A married couple also had a confrontation when the man refused to leave until he was paid for work the woman did not know he was hired to do.

Michelle Lieberman, student neighborhood relations facilitator, said she had formerly worked with the local police and she knows about this particular man. There are other people in the neighborhood doing the same thing, but he is there the most. She said this particular man does have a criminal record.

Lieberman said he pressures residents into letting him do work for them, but students who report the incidents say they feel more awkward than scared.

"I think sometimes they felt uncomfortable, but I haven't had any reports of violence ... but some larceny," said Lieberman. One student reported to

Lieberman that the man might have stolen a lawnmower after cutting someone's grass.

Gemperline said Greenville police have not been able to do much about the situation because it is not illegal to ask to do yard work. The police do ask, however, for residents to call them if this man comes to their home.

"What the police want to do is discourage him," Gemperline said.

Lieberman said students should just be aware there are potentially dangerous people out there.

"If somebody approaches their house they should call the police and report it ... don't open your door for strangers," Lieberman said.

Tar River and the surrounding area have faced problems like this before. Gemperline said that in past years, students have felt sorry for people and did not recognize the danger.

"I know a girl who used to leave things in [her] garbage

cans," Gemperline said.

"That's just not safe."

Lieberman also said students should think twice before doing favors for strangers, such as giving people rides or money.

"If you try to help, these people will take advantage of the situation," Lieberman said.

Students could help alleviate problems like this by being active in the neighborhood. However, because many students change housing each year, it is difficult for community watches to recruit college students.

Lieberman sent out an off-campus alert when she first received an e-mail from Gemperline about this man. She plans to begin sending these alerts for future situations.

The Tar River Community Watch stretches around Reade Circle, 10th Street, the cemetery and the river.

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

Safety Tips From Greenville Police

These are a few suggestions that the Crime Prevention Unit have to help you and your community to become a safer place.

1. If you see anyone that makes you feel uncomfortable or makes you think they are up to something, call the Greenville Police Department's non-emergency number: 329-4300.
2. If you see this man in your neighborhood walking around, call the non-emergency number for the police department so they can speak with him.
3. If anyone comes to you and asks you to give them money or to work in your yard, tell them no and ask them to leave your yard.

4. If this person is getting pushy or aggressive, walk away and call the police department.
5. If anyone comes to your door that you don't know, do not open the door. Ask the person what they want without opening the door. If the person still does not sound legit, call the police department.
6. Keep your eyes open for your neighbors as well. If you see someone in your neighbor's yard that does not belong there, call the police department's non-emergency number.
7. Report all suspicious persons by calling the non-emergency number.



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Death toll in Iran earthquake rises to 500



A man mourns over loved ones who died in the earthquake.

SARBAGH, Iran (AP) — Rescue teams using dogs and heavy machinery pulled more bodies from the ruins of flattened villages in central Iran on Wednesday, raising the death toll from a powerful earthquake to at least 500. The number of dead was expected to climb even higher.

Teams were hampered by bad weather and the mountainous terrain, working in a cold, heavy rain after a night in which temperatures dropped below freezing.

Mohammad Javad Fadaei,

deputy governor of Kerman province, said more bodies had been discovered. "The death toll is now 500, and there's a possibility that the figure will increase," he told The Associated Press.

Tuesday's magnitude-6.4 quake affected an estimated 30,000 people in several small villages and many survivors were left homeless, living in tents and surviving on food rations.

Search efforts were concentrated in the remote villages of Hotkan, Sarbagh and Dahouei, which rescue workers had the most difficulty reaching. Rescue efforts were finished in other villages.

Zehra Mirzaei, 18, looked around her after being pulled Wednesday out from under the rubble in Hotkan.

"This is not my village, this is not Hotkan — I wish I had died with the others," she said, beating her head and chest in grief.

Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei offered his condolences Tuesday to the families of the victims and urged rescue workers to speed up their efforts.

"I extend my deep grief and sorrow over the deaths of several hundred fellow countrymen and injury of a large number of citizens," Khamenei said in a statement carried by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

President Mohammad Khatami also offered the nation his condolences and called upon officials to provide the Cabinet with reports on relief operations.

The Iranian Army said a crisis center has been established to assist with relief and that a number of aircraft had been used to haul aid from Tehran to Kerman airport.

The Japanese government announced Wednesday in Tokyo that Japan would send blankets, tents and other aid worth \$191,400 to aid quake victims.

"It has been raining and gotten cold there and many houses collapsed. The victims have been forced to live insufficiently," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said, hinting Japan may provide additional support. "We would like to monitor the situation and talk further with the Iranian government."

Some 40 villages were damaged in the quake, which struck a region 150 miles from Bam, site of a devastating earthquake in December 2003 that killed 26,000 people and leveled the historic city.

The quake was centered on the outskirts of Zarand, a town of about 15,000 people in Kerman province about 600 miles southeast of the capital Tehran, Iran's geological authority said.

Though comparable in strength to the 6.6-magnitude Bam quake, Tuesday's quake hit a more sparsely populated area and was centered far deeper — some 25 miles compared to six miles for Bam — limiting the damage.

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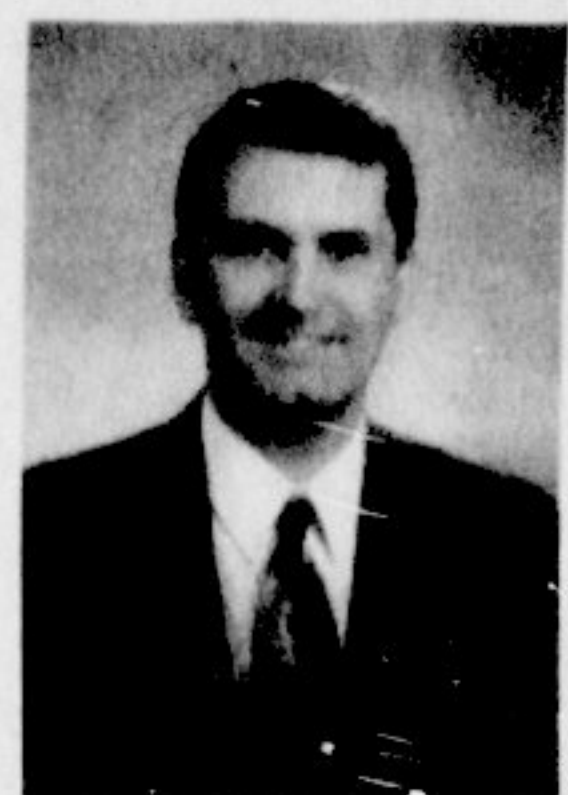
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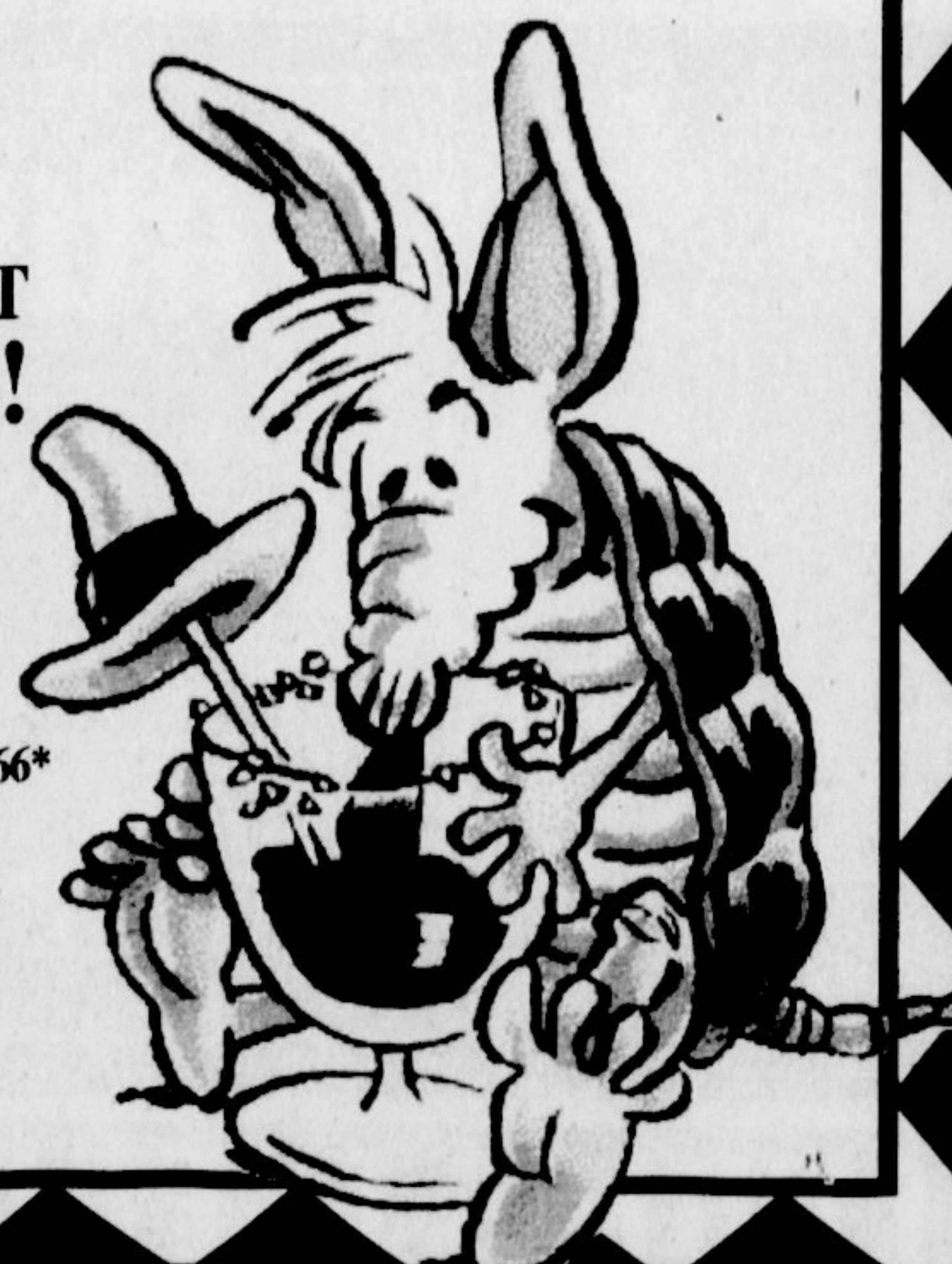
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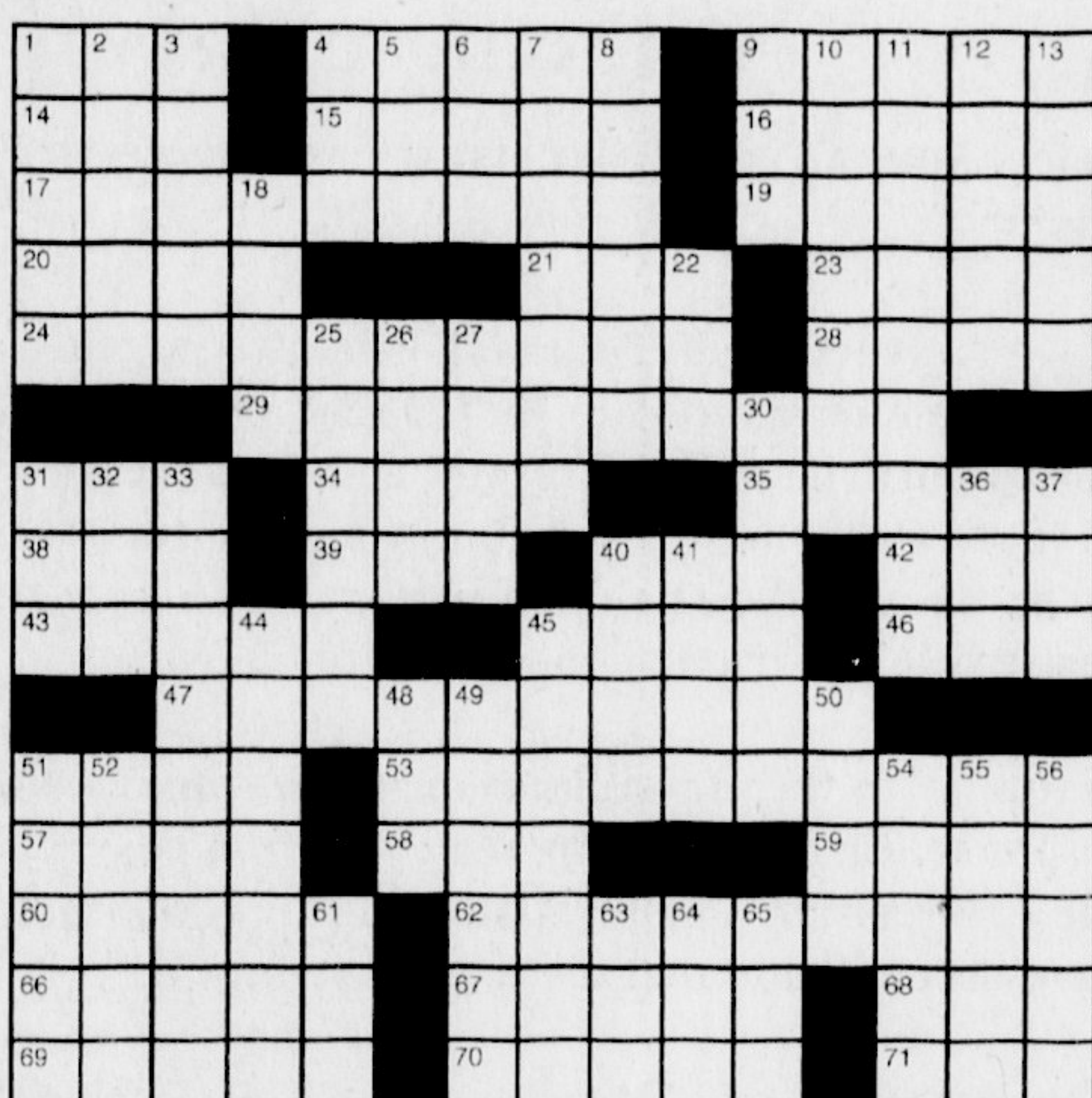


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 - Altar vow
 - Musical symbol
 - Moocher
 - Gold powder
 - Parking ticket enforcement gadget
 - "Annabel Lee" poet
 - Mix
 - Merge
 - Large vase
 - Call for help
 - Flying mammal
 - This moment!
 - Serenity
 - Male progeny
 - Holy cow!
 - Measured against

- Justice Bader Ginsburg
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- Endeavor
- Resounding defeat
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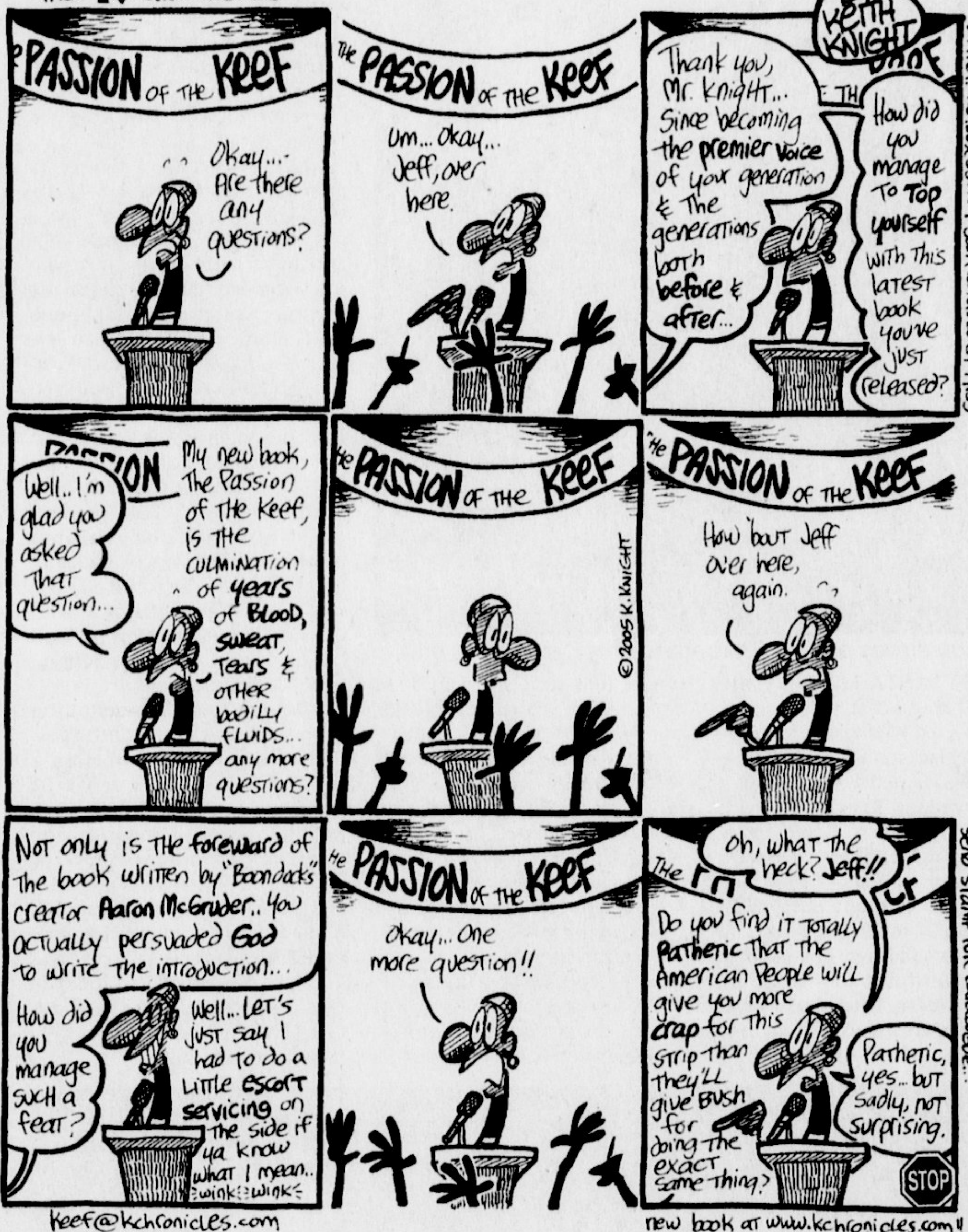
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Jury selected for Jackson trial



Jackson arrives at Santa Barbara County Supreme Court.

(AP) SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Well ahead of schedule, a jury was selected Wednesday to decide Michael Jackson's fate on charges that he molested a teenage boy at his Neverland Ranch. "We have a jury," Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville announced. The panel consists of four men and eight women, ranging in age from 20 to 79. The racial and ethnic breakdown appeared to be: seven whites, four Hispanics and one Asian. After the jury was sworn in, attorneys moved on to the selection of eight alternate

jurors. Jury selection had been expected to last several weeks, but took only five court days, which were interrupted by a one-week break due to the death of an attorney's sister and another one-week break because Jackson was hospitalized with flu-like symptoms. Selection moved at a fast pace when the judge imposed tight time limits on how long each prospective juror could be questioned. Among the jurors were a woman who said her grandson was required to register as a sexual offender because of a

crime — a woman who said she was related to the pilot of Flight 93, one of the planes that went down on Sept. 11 — a 20-year-old man who likes "The Simpsons" TV show — and a man who is interested in Western art and country music. One of the jurors had been asked during selection if he recognized celebrity witnesses in the case including self-help guru Deepak Chopra. He responded, "I think he's a rapper."

The 46-year-old singer is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy, plying him with alcohol, and conspiring to hold him and his family captive. During questioning, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. asked prospects about their interest in the arts, their feelings toward Jackson, and whether they believed child witnesses could be led to lie. The defense will argue that the mother of Jackson's accuser has told him to lie. Senior Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen's questions included whether prospects were fans of Jackson, and whether they had seen a recent Fox News interview with Geraldo Rivera in which Jackson said many of the news reports about him are untrue.

Jackson took a moment after jury selection convened Tuesday to discuss the latest in a series of elaborate outfits he has worn to court, which often include cravats, armbands and emblems. He briefly answered a reporter's questions about a chain of sparkling ornaments draped over a gold vest he wore under his black coat. But he was at a loss when asked to identify a deer-like animal on the coat's emblem. "My wardrobe guy puts it together," he said.

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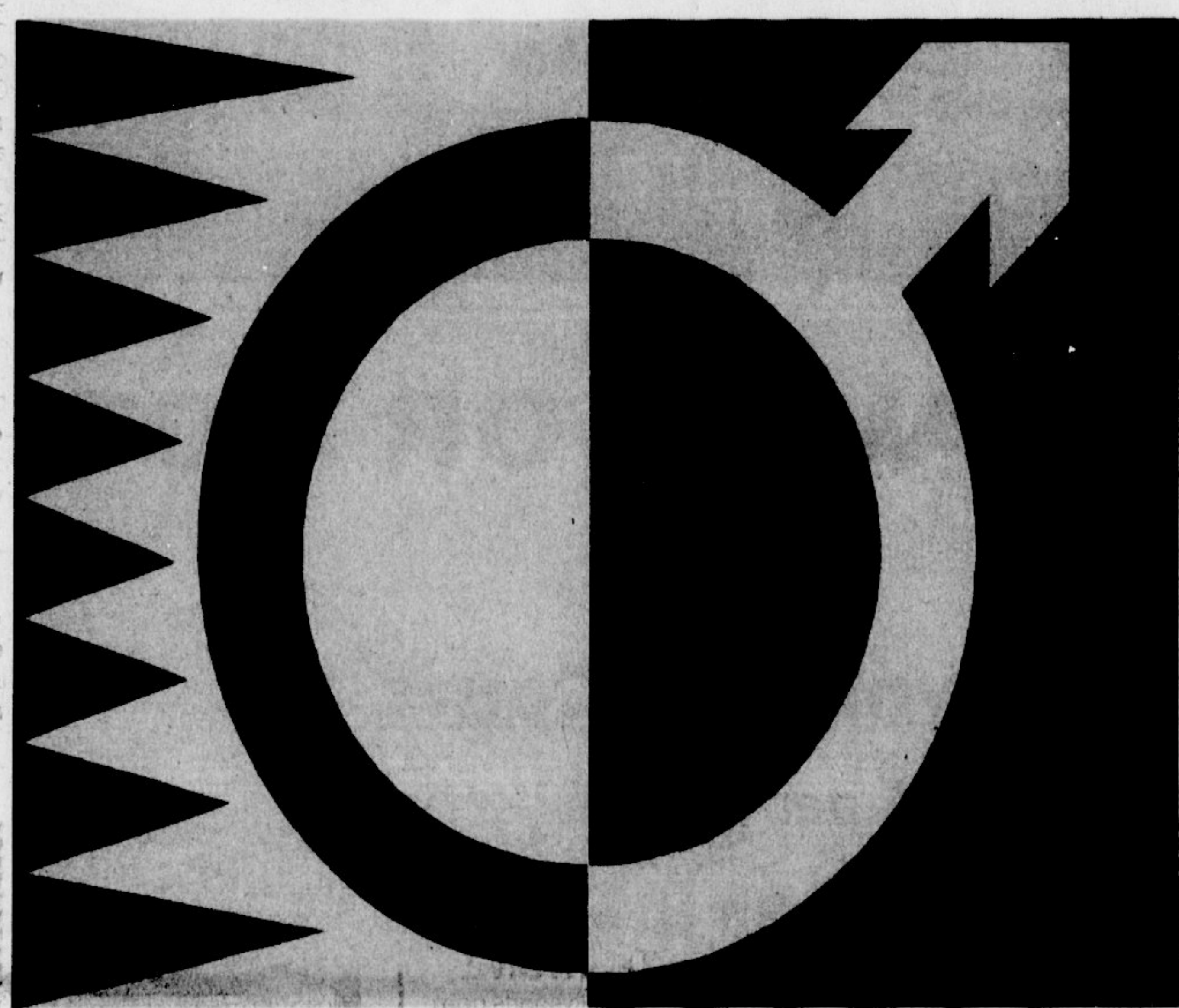
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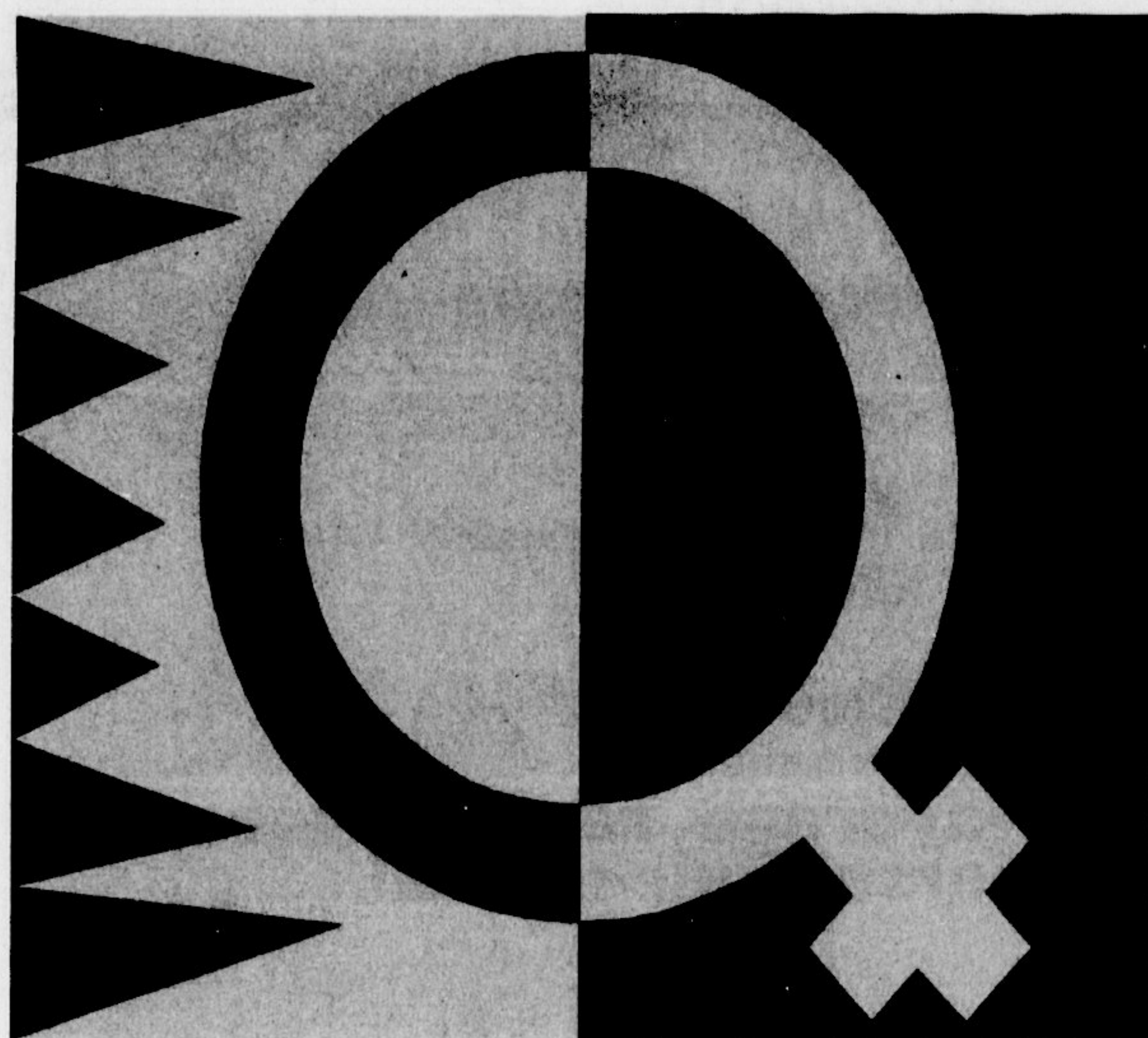
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Local Concerts

Electric Wildlife will be performing at Wimpies in Winterville, Saturday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. This band features ECU students performing rock music. Look for a review/preview of the concert Tuesday, March 1 in Campus Scene.

Interpol featuring Blonde Redhead will be at the Disco Rodeo in Raleigh Sunday, Feb. 27.

Universoul Circus will be performing at the Alltel Pavilion in Raleigh, March 8 - 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Rachel Juliana Theory will be at Cat's Griddle in Carrboro Wednesday, March 9.

The Eagles will be performing at the RBC Center in Raleigh March 11. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Lenny Kravitz will be at Owens Auditorium in Charlotte Sunday, April 10. Tickets are \$42.50.

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

Green Day featuring My Chemical Romance will be at the Cricket Arena in Charlotte Wednesday, April 20. Tickets are \$35.

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 23.

Recipe:



Chocolate Calzone

1/2 pound premade pizza dough, purchased at grocery store or local pizzeria
2 (15-ounce) containers whole milk ricotta
2 cups superfine sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
3/4 cup bittersweet chocolate, melted in microwave or double boiler, plus 1/2 cup chopped bittersweet chocolate
Pinch salt
2 egg whites, beaten until frothy

Preheat pizza stone in 450 degree F oven for at least 30 minutes. If not using a pizza stone, use a flat sided or upside-down cookie sheet.

Place the ricotta cheese in a bowl. Add one handful sugar and the vanilla and whisk well. While whisking, add in the melted chocolate, little by little. On a lightly floured pizza peel or board, roll pizza dough out into two (12-inch) rounds about 1/4-inch thick. Spoon one cup of chocolate filling into center of each round. Place the remaining chopped chocolate on top. Brush the edges of the dough with beaten egg white and fold each round in 1/2. Fold edges over as you would a piecrust and press to seal completely. Brush off excess flour from dough, brush with more of the egg white and sprinkle with sugar. Slide chocolate calzone onto preheated pizza stone and bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Recipe from foodtv.com.

Spring
Bling
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Photo by Kyle Fisher



Foiled highlights are a way for girls and guys to get a spring update as seen above at Envy.

Accessorizing tips for him and her

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

Spring is on the way and with it comes warmer temperatures. It's time to start shopping for spring and shed those heavy winter trends for some light funky styles. Spring is all about accessorizing. Hairstyles, make-up, perfumes and colognes, bags, jewelry and spring footwear will be the main staples in spring fashion this year.

Contrary to popular belief, it's not all about the outfit that makes a fashion statement. Without the right bag, tie or hairstyle an outfit can go from being nice to nice last year. Hair is an accessory so this spring you need to

use it. Turning on the television one can see that for women it is all about curly and wavy hair. Curls are easy to maintain and do not take much work. Once your hair is curly it pretty much lasts all week with low maintenance. It is also better for the hair because there is less heat used curling the hair with hot curling irons everyday.

To draw more attention to your hair or outfit women should choose a brightly colored patterned silk scarf to tie around their head. Hair scarves are an easy way to spruce up a plain outfit. A fresh flower worn in the hair is like advertising spring and is a wonderful accent to the hair itself.

For men this spring hair is just as important. The look for men will be clean cut hair. This look can be accomplished in many dif-

ferent ways but the main thought to keep in mind is to keep it GQ. A low cut fade or short cut hair is in this spring. Using moose is way out and messy yet maintained hair is still in when it comes to hot hair trends. Men should do away with long side burns and opt for the soft and clean edged up style.

"Pink is definitely in for guys, especially pink Polo's. However, the popped collar thing was never in. Also, brown leather sandals/flip flops are going to be in as well. Its spring, so bright colors and pastels should be worn, plus they make your tan look good," said Glenn Lucas, sophomore health education major.

Eyebrows are an accessory as well to both women and yes ... men too. If you have a uni-brow, get it under control. Women should focus more on natural

thick brows with some shape. Over tweezing and razoring are extinguishing rapidly. Thin penciled in brows have gone by the way side. It is all about having a shape and actual eyebrows.

This spring women should keep their make-up light and airy. Less is definitely more. Mascara is the perfect way to accentuate the eyes and is inexpensive and quick. Instead of using basic black eye liner, try colored eyeliner to add a touch of spunk to an outfit. Applying a dab of blush to the cheek bones is an easy way to look fresh and youthful but don't overdue it. To finish daily make-up off, try a soft pastel colored lip-gloss or lip glass. Lip glass by MAC is something every woman must have this spring. Men should always keep some Chapstick handy for those chapped moments.

Men love women who smell good and vice versa, so for spring find a scent that suits you. Men should select something light and sweet. Women should choose scents in the citrus and flower scented category. Light musk's are always in both for men and women when it comes to colognes and perfumes.

Bags are necessary to complement any outfit. A big tote that a girl could fit her life into is what accessories are all about. There are tons of bags out there with flower prints and mixtures of bright colors and patterns. Every woman should have at least one brightly patterned tote. It is the perfect bag for spring day trips and a cute way to carry books to class without hauling an eight-pound book bag. Men need bags

see SPRING page B2

'Skinny' on effective spring skin care methods

How to prepare your skin for show-off season

LAURA KEELING
SENIOR WRITER

Caring for skin is one of the most important tasks that should be dealt with on a daily basis. Being a girl or a guy does not mean that you should or shouldn't be taking care of your skin. By not taking care of your skin, you heighten the risk for problems such as acne, rosacea, psoriasis and skin cancer. Winter is the time to take care of skin the most so it will look healthy and refreshed for spring and summer months.

In an article on their Web site, the American Academy of Dermatology makes several suggestions for caring for skin during winter months.

"When the temperature outside drops and the temperature inside rises, your skin is under assault. Low humidity, coupled with heavier clothing and longer, hotter showers and baths can leave your skin feeling dry and itchy," said the article.

The article goes on to say that by showering or washing your face with warm instead of hot water, your skin will not lose its essential, natural oils. The oils in your skin are what keep it from drying out and becoming unhealthy.

On another skin care Web site, pioneer.com, there is an

article by famous Hollywood make-up artist, Bob Sidell. Sidell has been a make-up artist for 30 years and has seen it all. In his article he offers advice on daily skin-care regimens and easy steps to keeping your skin at its optimum.

"Caring for your skin requires a daily regimen, a process you repeat everyday, no matter what," said Sidell.

Sidell suggests four easy steps that will take five minutes out of your day. The first step is to steam. Either using a facial steamer or a warm cloth, cover your face for one to one and a half minutes. This step allows pores to open and release toxins. The next step is to cleanse. By using a small amount of facial cleanser and warm water make a lather,

being sure to wash both face and neck. Rinse soap away with warm water and pat dry thoroughly. The third step is to tone. Apply a small amount of an alcohol-free toner to a cotton ball. Rub the cotton ball over your face and neck. The last step is to moisturize: Using a small amount of face lotion, apply lotion over face and neck if needed. This easy five-minute regimen is very simple and aids in prevention of acne and other skin conditions.

A daily regimen is not the only key to successful skin. There are many elements of daily life that can make good skin go bad. Stress, not drinking enough water, not taking vitamins, bad eating habits, not getting enough

see SKIN CARE page B2



Great skin shows by the pool.

Mouth appearance speaks loudly

Ways to keep your mouth looking good

MEREDITH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

It's common knowledge that carbonated drinks, smoking and coffee, among other things, stain your teeth. Instead of having white teeth, these culprits turn teeth yellow or sometimes even a tint of brown. And not too many people find that attractive.

So what can you do to make your smile white again? Thanks to modern science, fixing this problem has become easier than ever. Teeth whitening (also referred to as teeth bleaching) has become the most popular way for dentists to help their patients obtain the smile they've always wanted. This simple process consists of a clear plastic tray that is filled with whitening gel. It is then placed over the patient's teeth. The bleaching trays are worn multiple hours a day, over a few weeks. Before you know it your teeth are shiny and bright. The effects of this type of whitening can last indefinitely, but in most cases a "satisfactory" shade change is found to last 1-3 years. Of course once initially whitened, it's simple to "touch-up" your teeth with additional bleaching. And the most common question, how much does this actually cost? Well it's not exactly cheap, but this process ranges anywhere from \$150 - 260.

Not really trying to spend that much money? Whitening strips are an alternative to brighter teeth at a lesser cost. So what exactly are "whitening strips?" They are thin, flexible pieces of plastic that have been coated on one side with a

thin film of hydrogen peroxide bleaching agent. For the best effect, the strips should be worn 30 minutes a day, twice a day. This process should continue for about two weeks. Compare \$22 - 35 to the cost of bleaching and we'll see which one you try.

"I used Crest White Strips and they made my teeth whiter, it's like a cover was placed on my teeth," said Ashley Yopp, freshman political science major.

Another aspect of your mouth that you should keep in mind is your breath. No one wants to get close with someone whose breath is horrible. Certain foods that contain garlic, onions or are spicy, are absorbed into the body and can cause one's breath to smell awful. Most bad breath originates from the surface of the tongue, below the gum line, between the teeth and other hard to reach areas. So what can you do to prevent this rejecting characteristic? Be sure to brush and floss at least twice a day.

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However, times change and so did the music industry. With a demand for portability and higher quality, the 8-Track cas-

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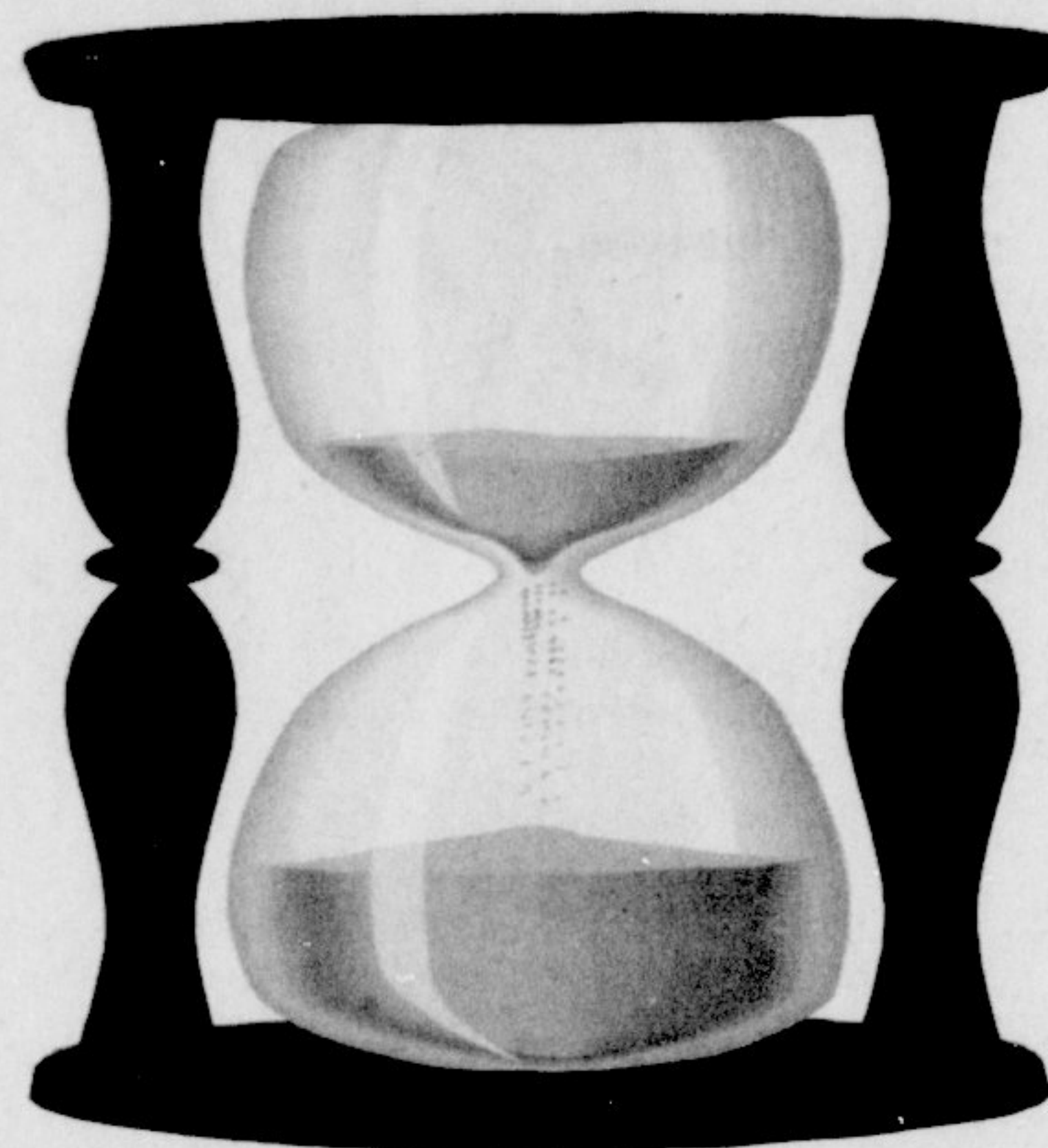
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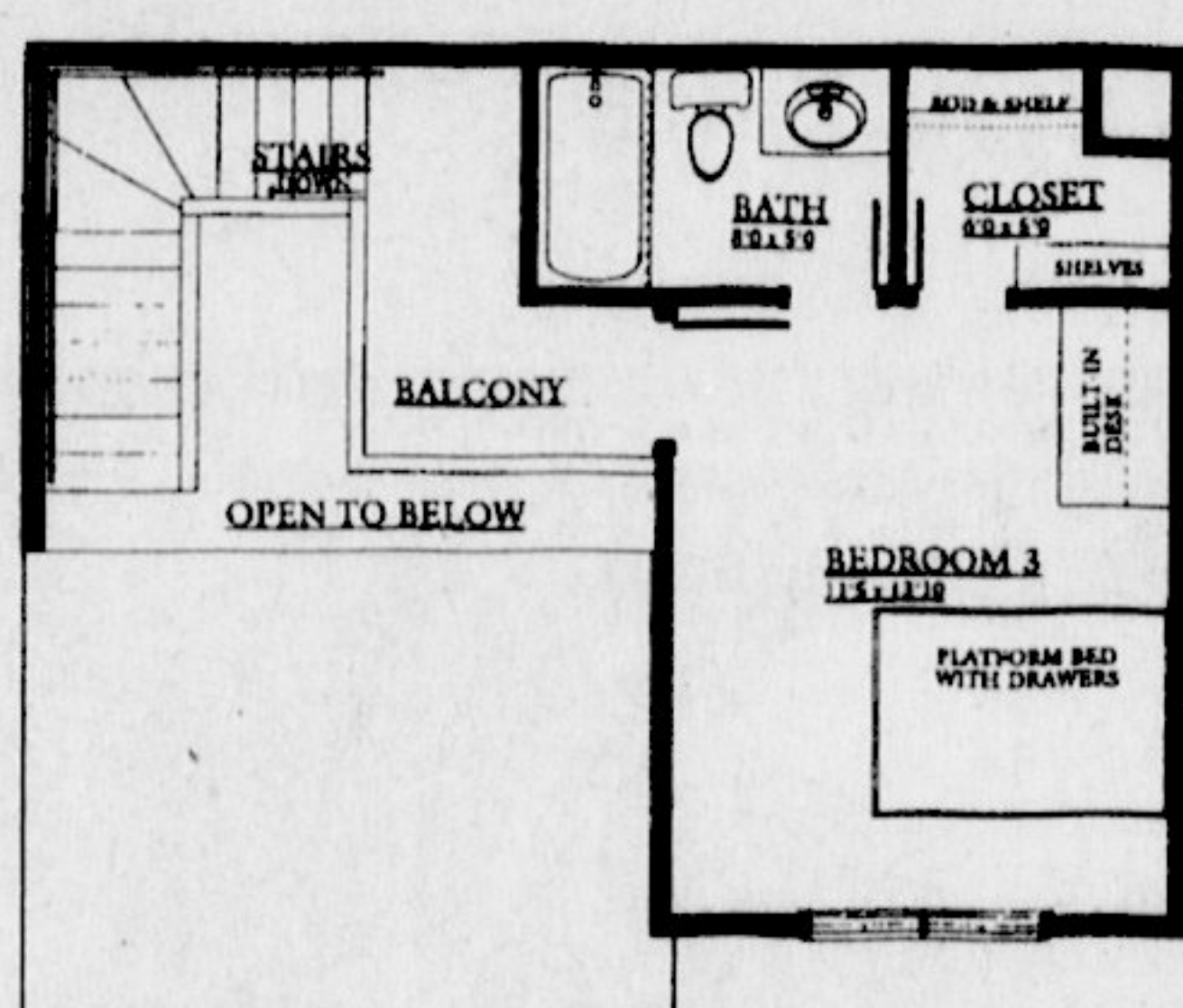


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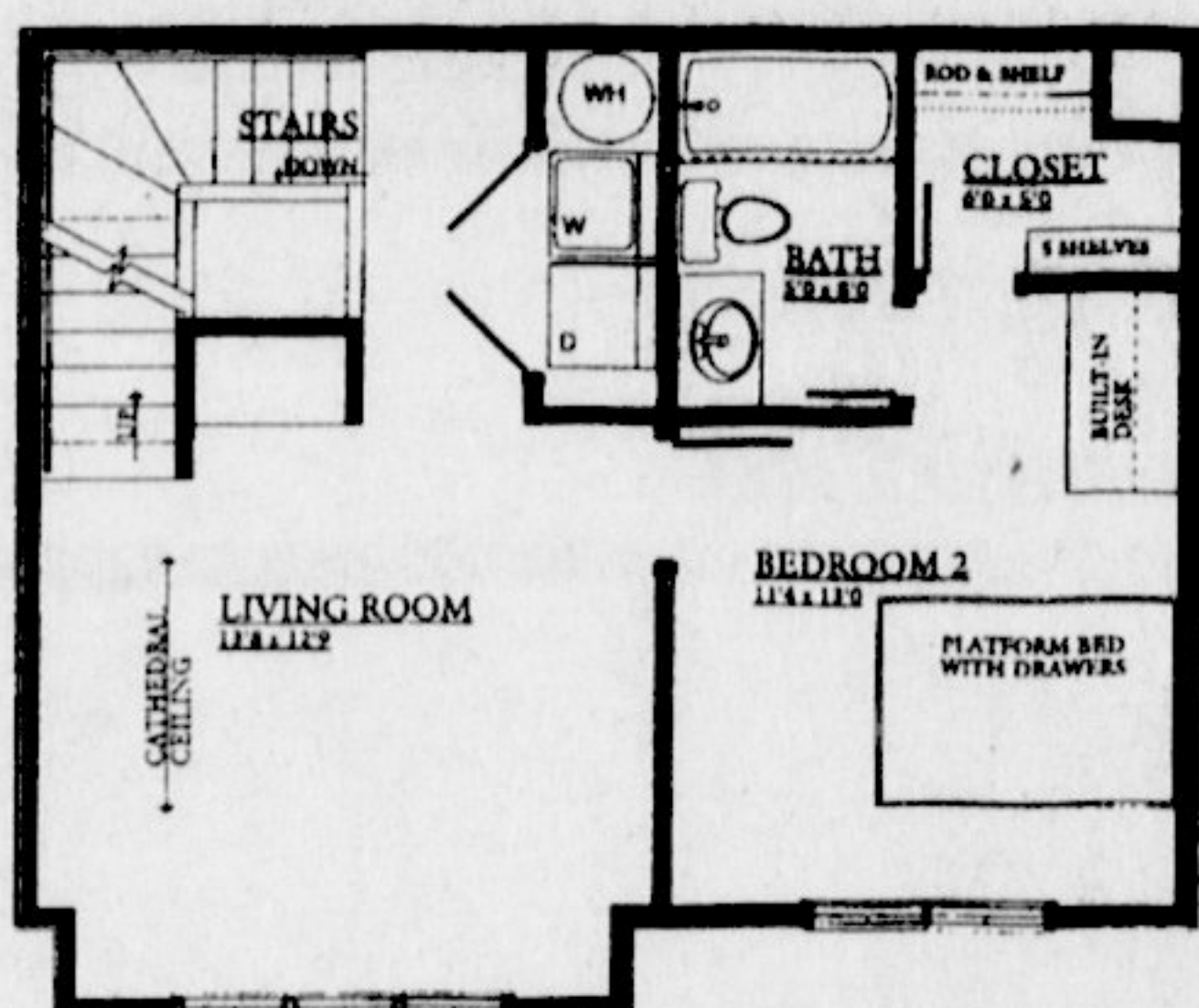
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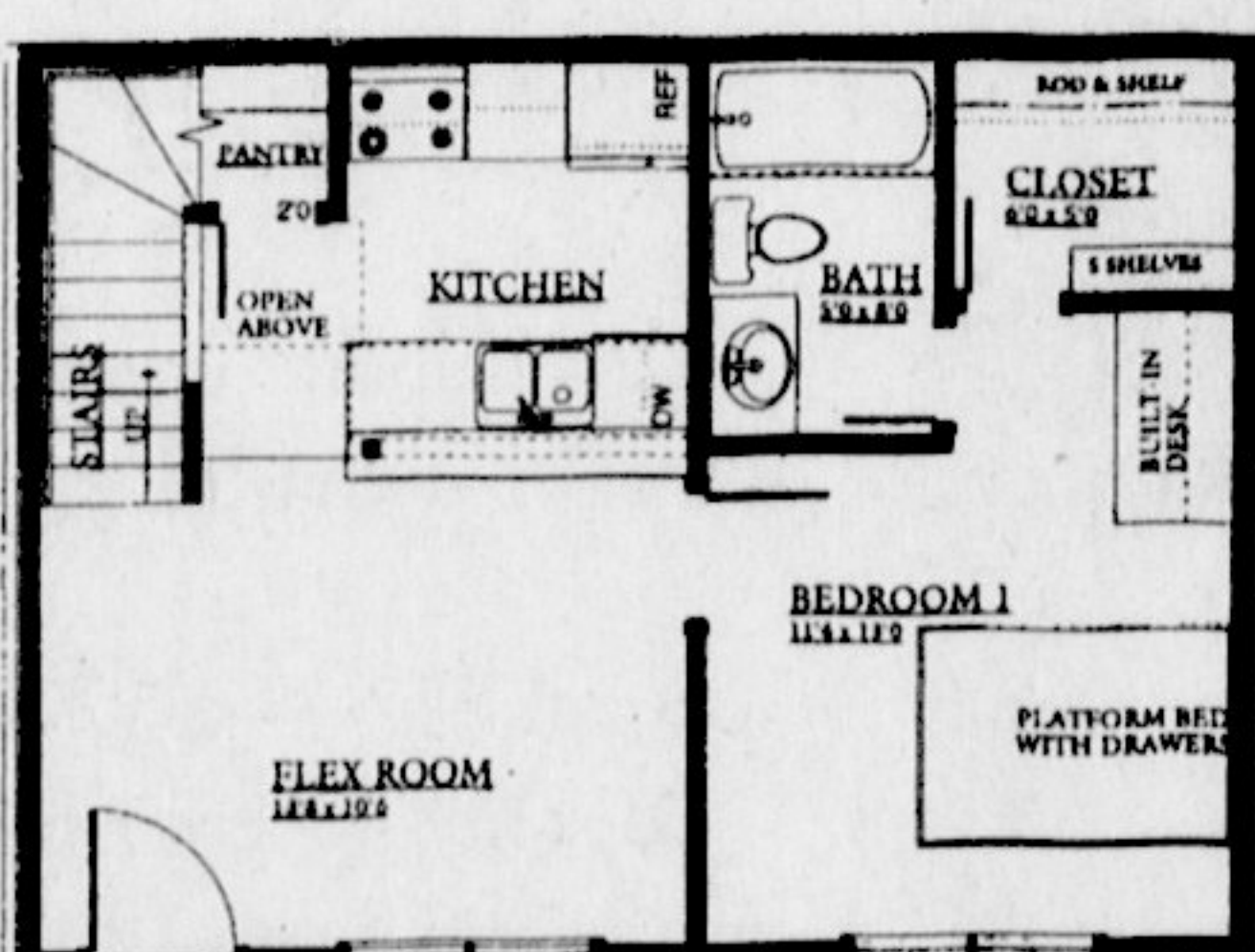
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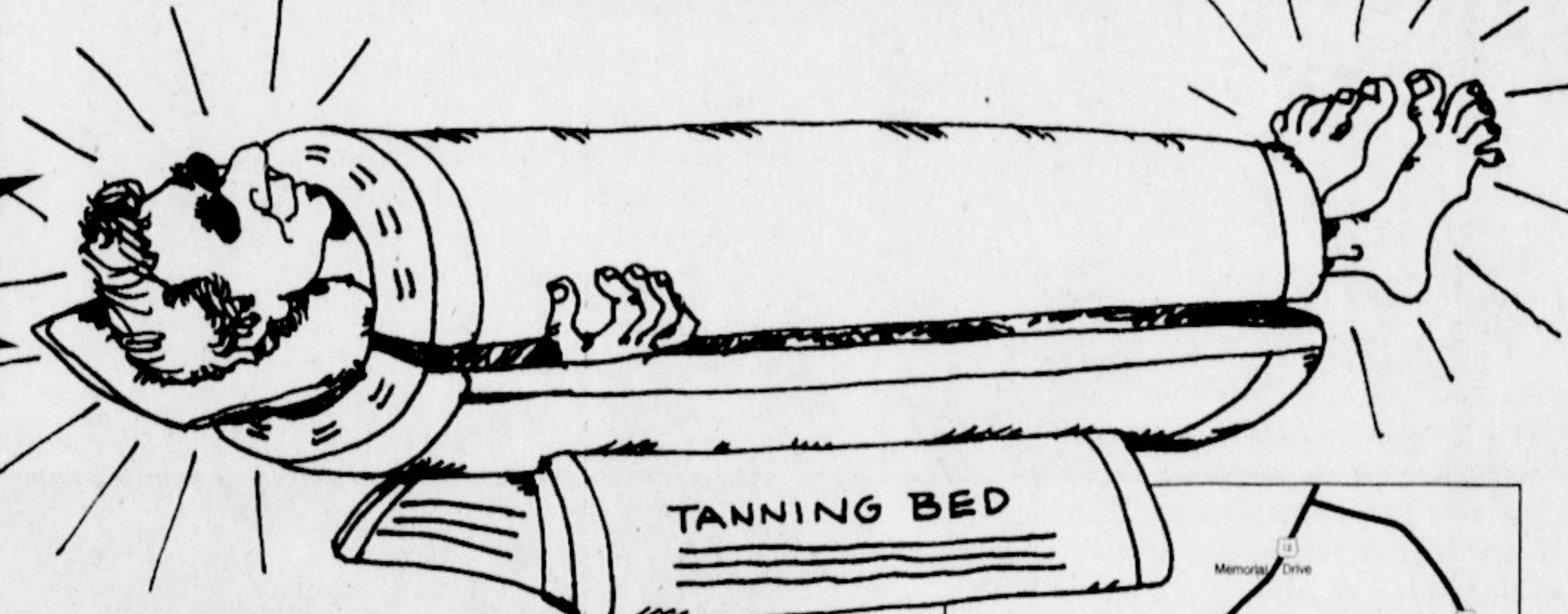


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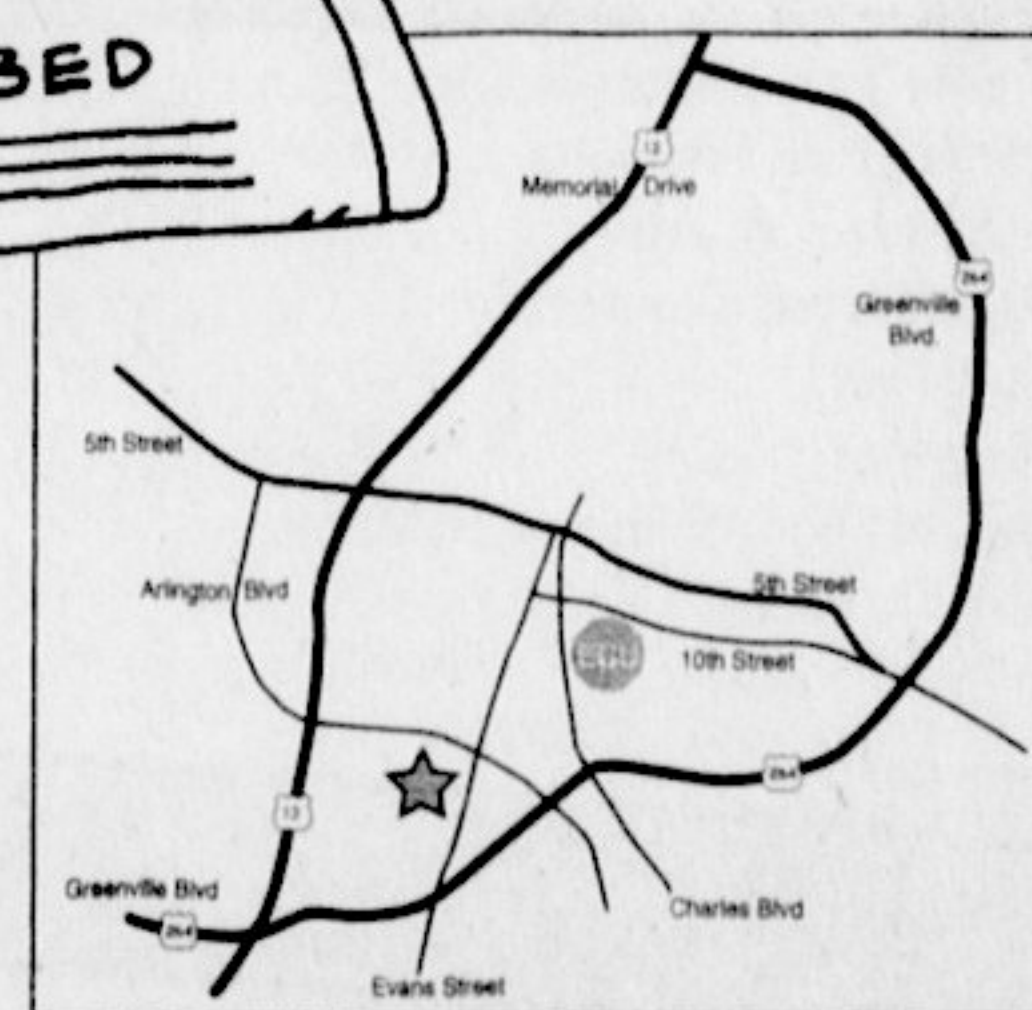
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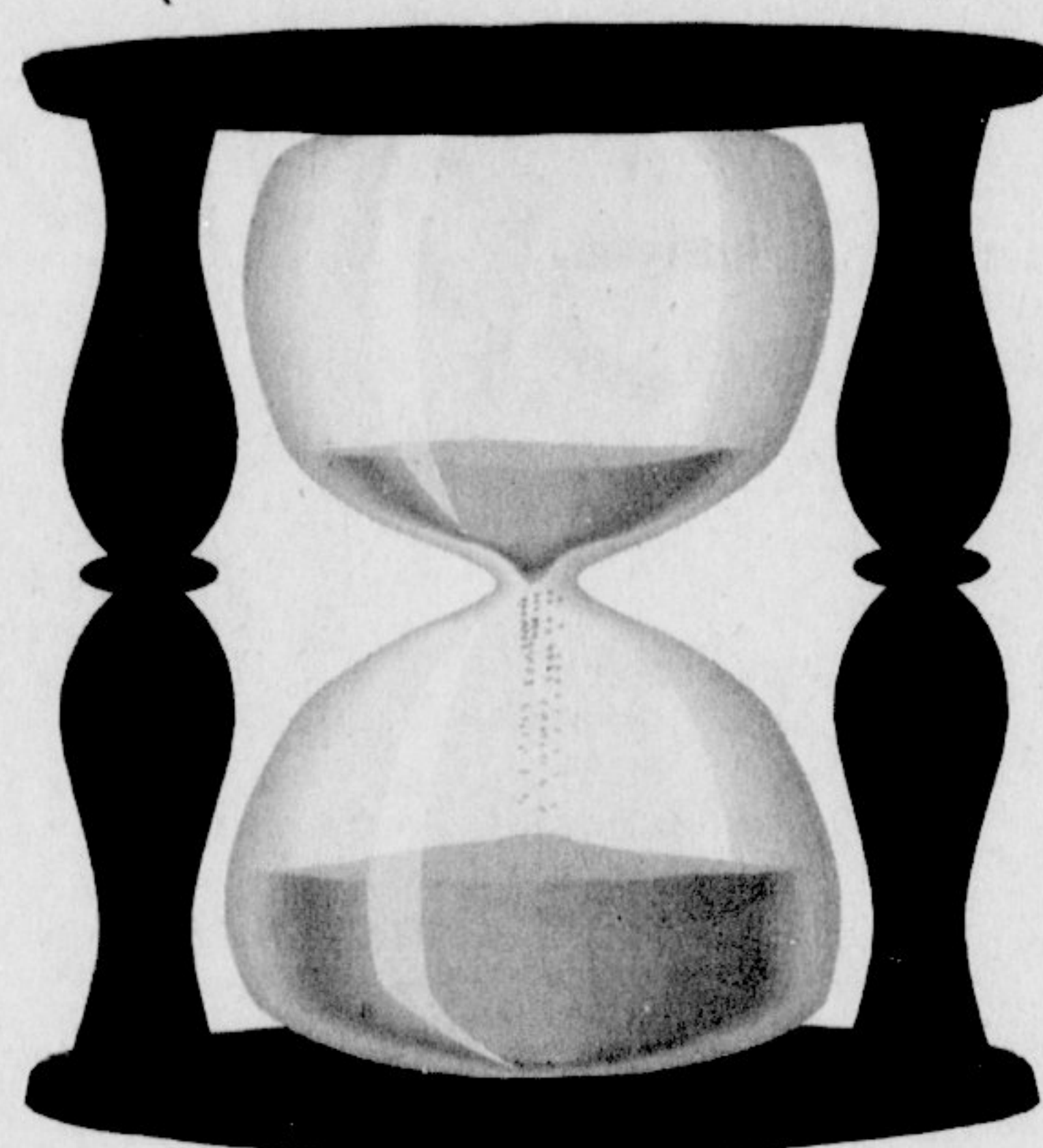
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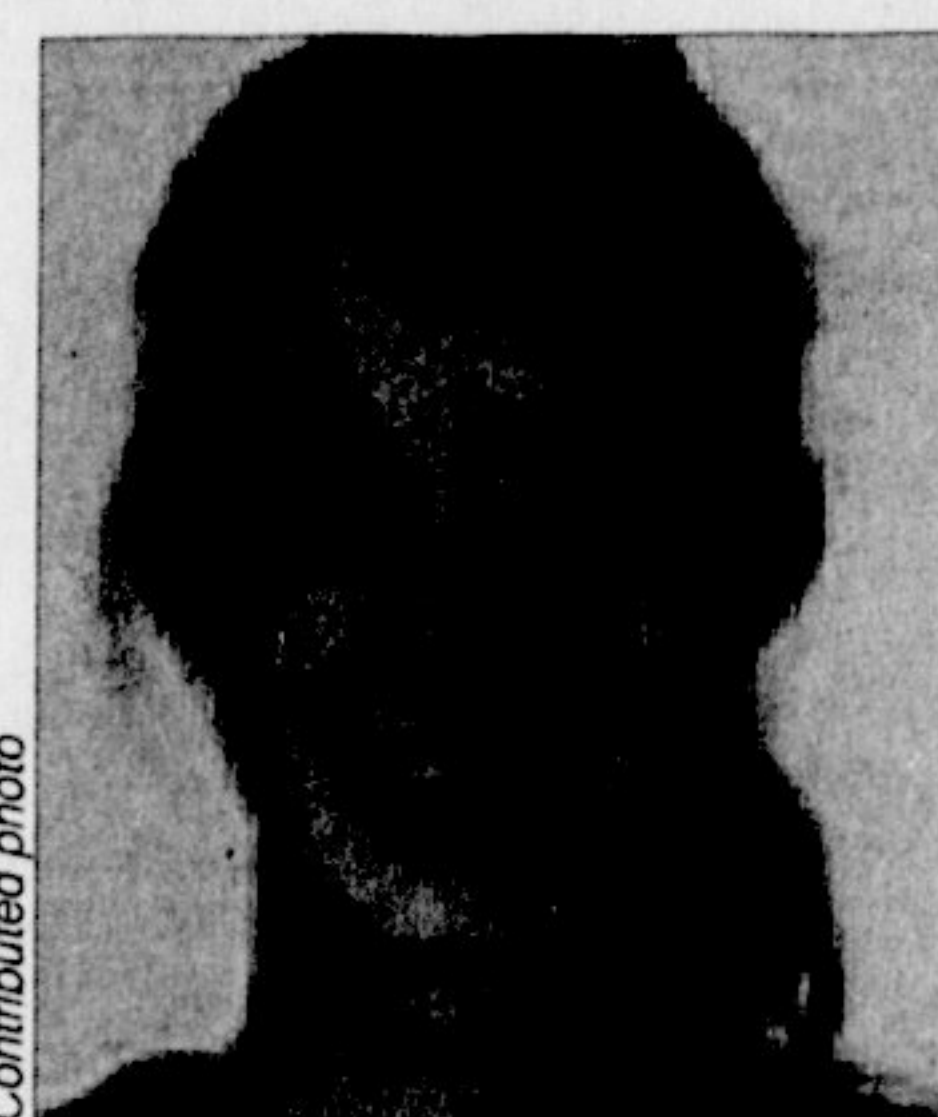
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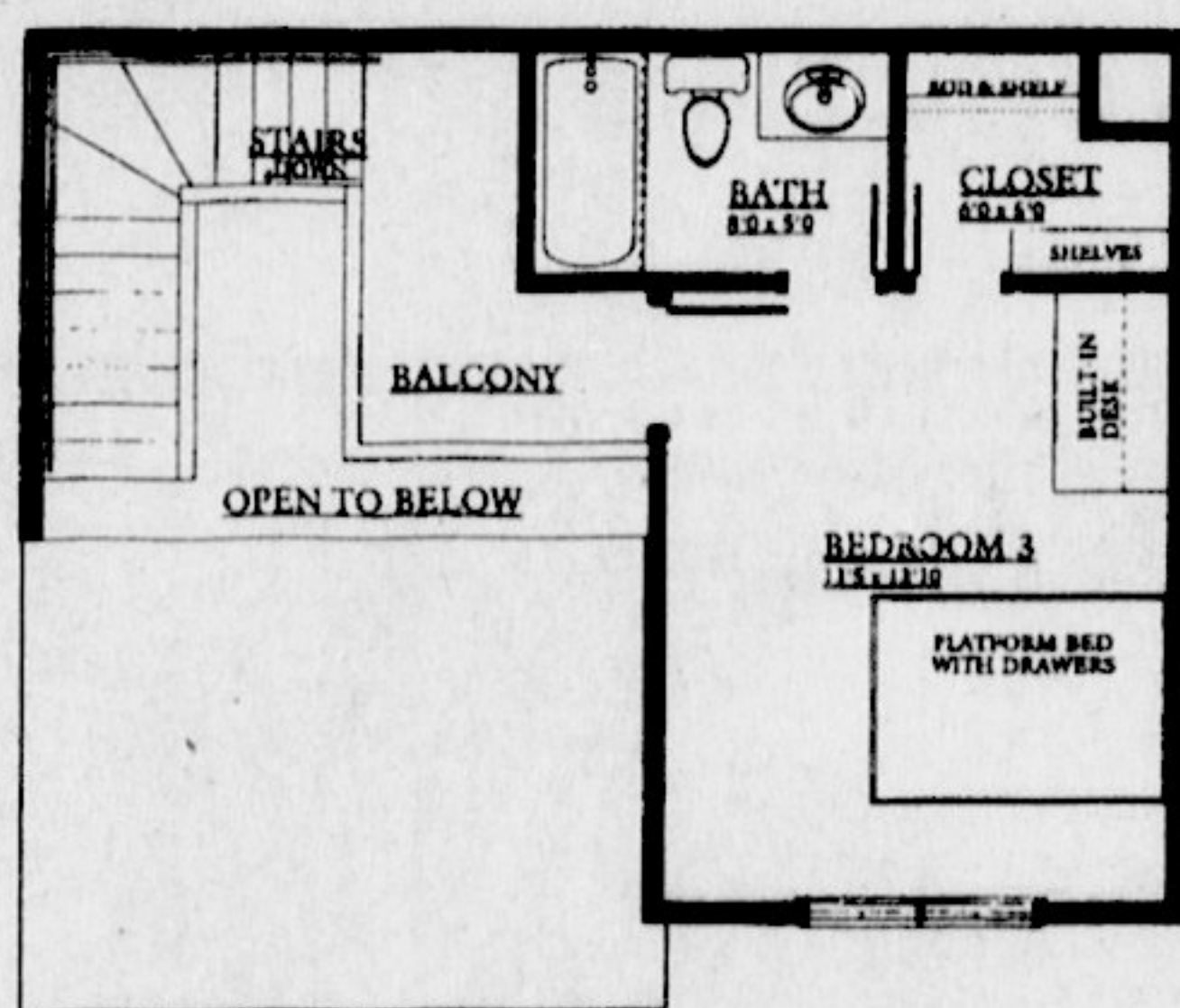
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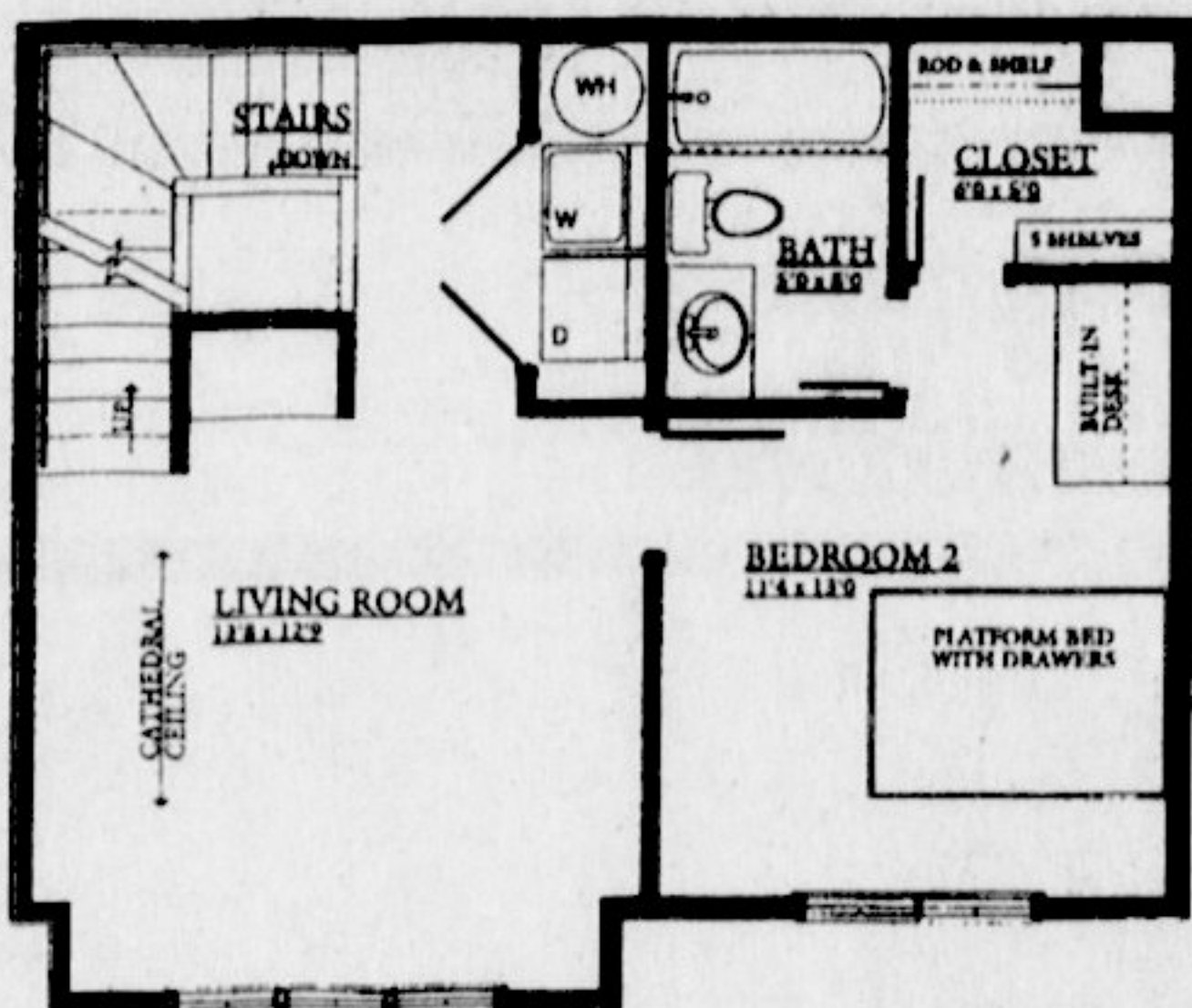


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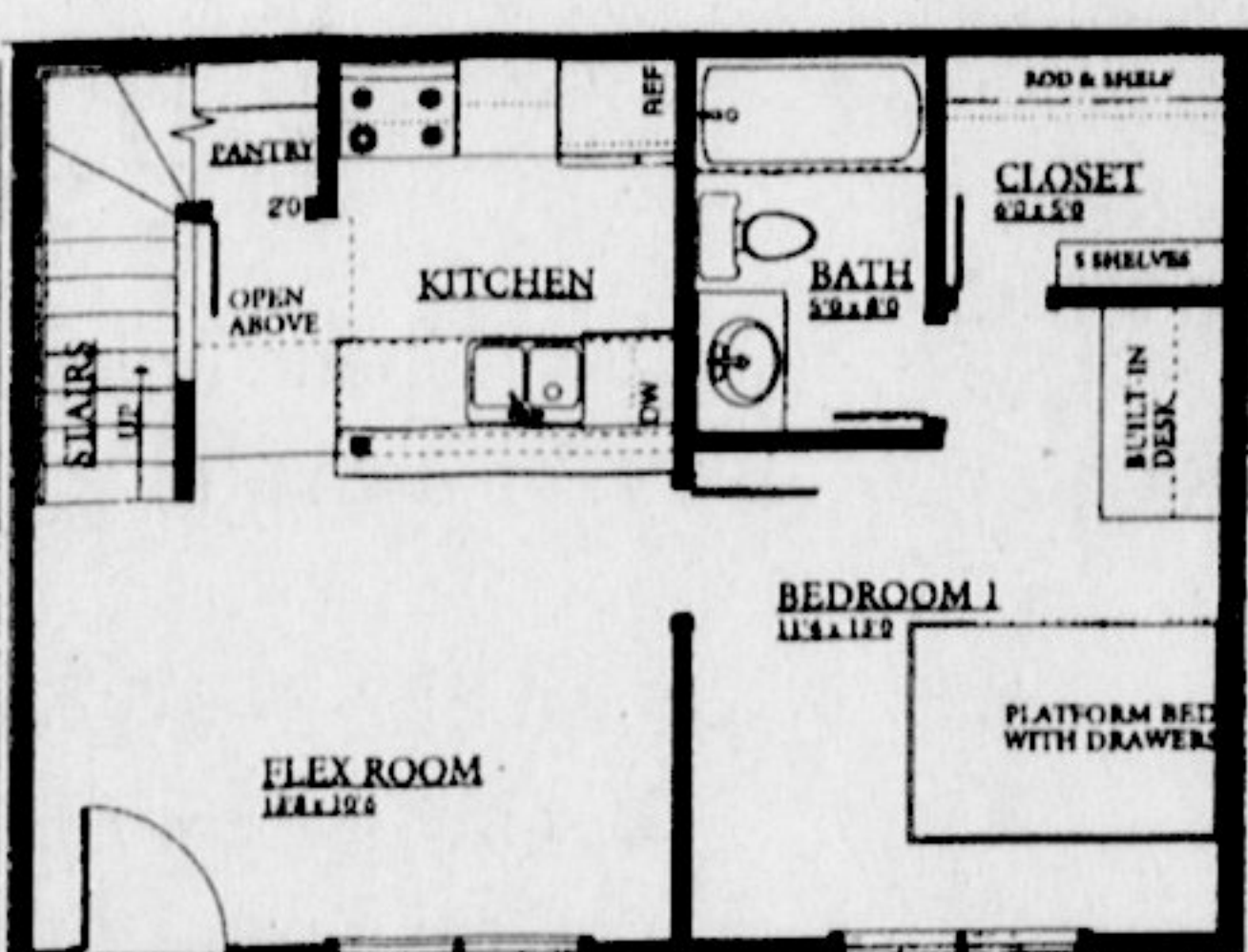
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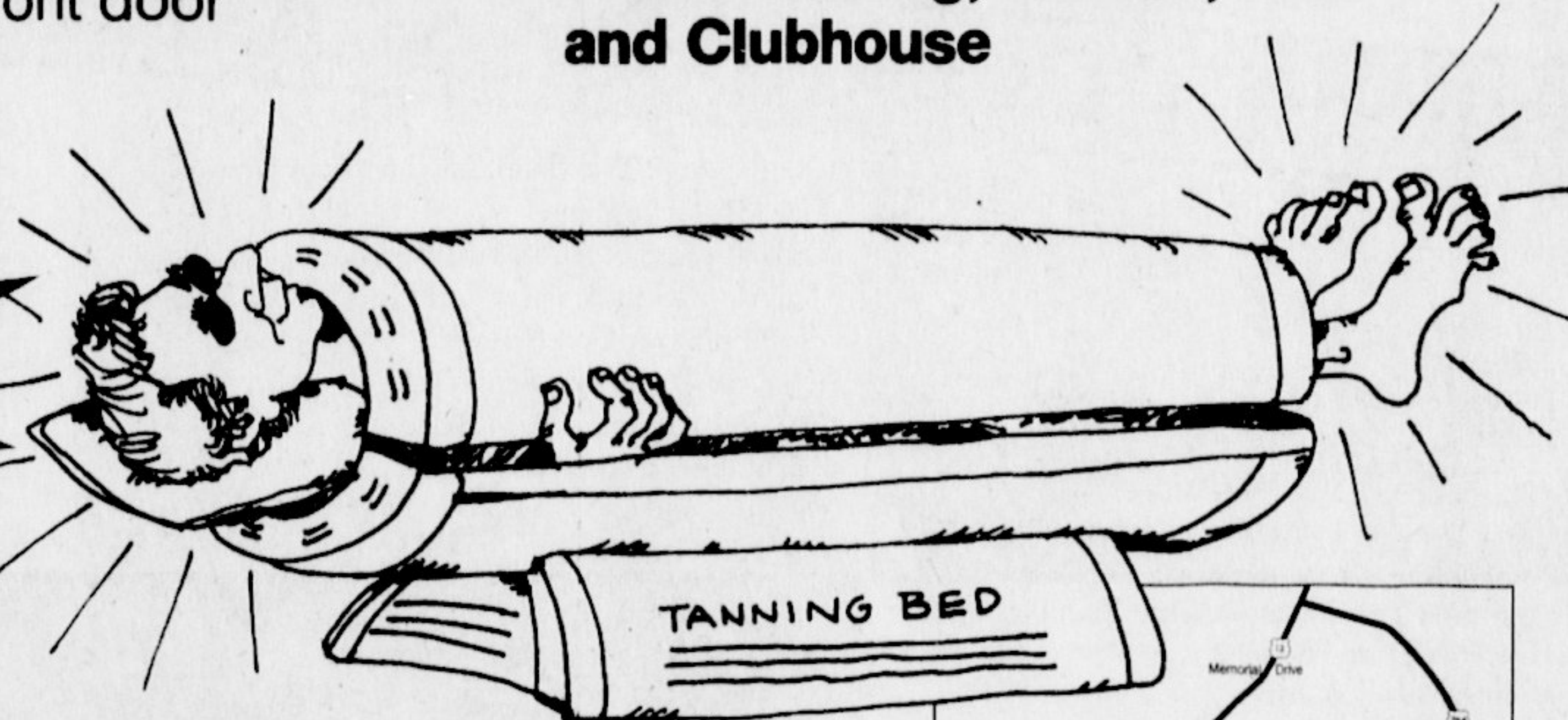
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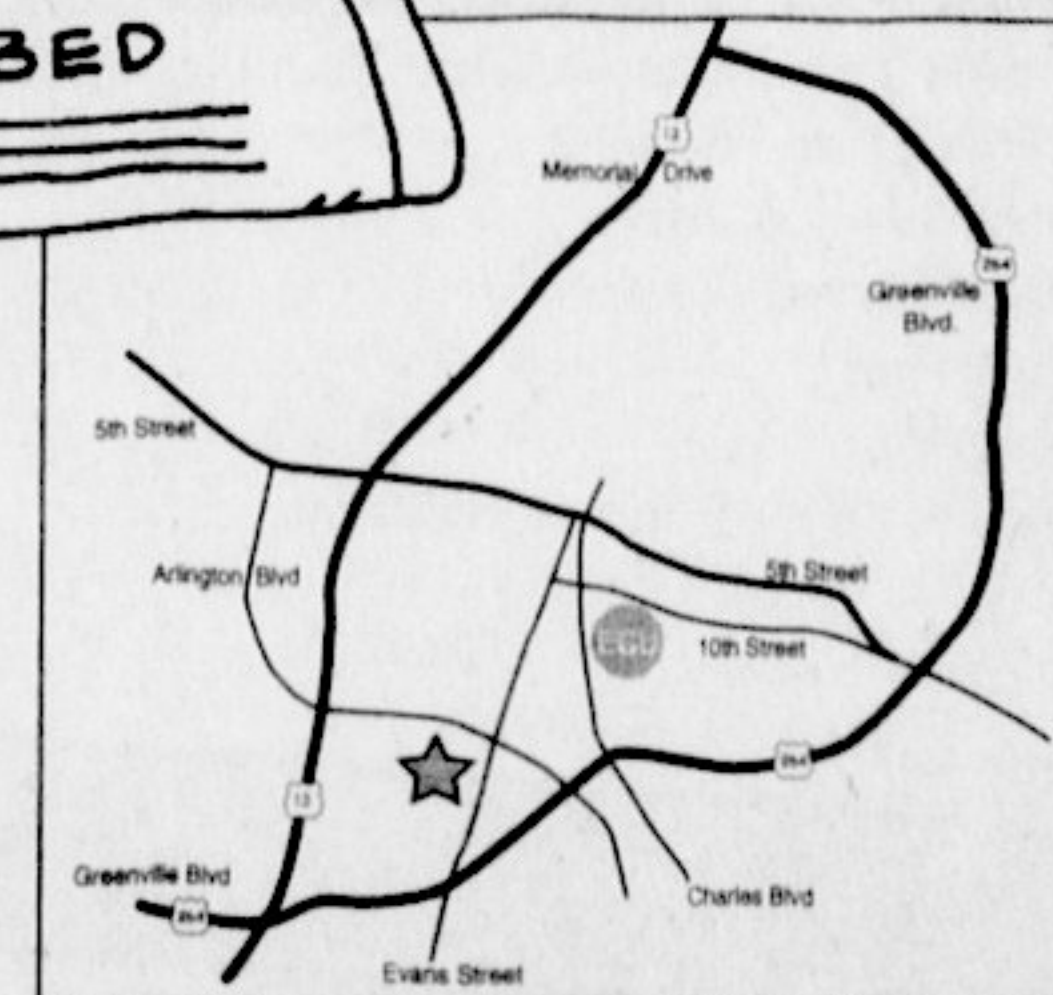
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Plastic surgeries, negative reality TV

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DANIELLE WIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Ever had the desire to become, "America's Next Top Model?" If not, ever find yourself wondering if you could ever be one to want plastic surgery? Have reality TV shows just gone overboard? What producers forgot to add are the dirty side effects of each cast member.

Reality television is all about showing what may be appealing and entertaining to the audience. The viewers are not always told the whole truth. In reality, how do these television shows help us? Weight loss has become a common priority to Americans and the media has a lot to do with this influence. Have weight loss shows like, "The Biggest

Loser" and "Celebrity Fit Club" motivated people to actually lose weight? In each show, the cast members are faced with temptations that challenge their determination.

"Viewers see weight loss shows as entertaining and humorous, but if those cast members make positive lifestyle changes, it gives others the encouragement to work to lose weight also," said Sam Combs, assistant director of fitness and lifestyle enhancement at the ECU Student Recreational Center.

Sometimes the shows fail to follow up on the cast members, months after they have taken on healthier habits, making the audience wonder whether the show really helped this person at all. Makeover stories are all the same, people will always look for improvement and professional stylists and fashion consultants to tend to their needs for an epi-

sode, all for those 15 minutes of fame. After the fixing and priming, the person will go back to his or her usual lifestyle, leaving with an outfit and a few beauty tips that may be difficult to repeat.

"They endure painful and sometimes risky reconstructive surgery to look like their favorite celebrity," said MTV about their show, "I Want A Famous Face."

For what reason may that be? Society has set the standard as to what beauty really is. J-Lo, Brad Pitt, Britney Spears, everyone wants to look like them and take desperate measures for this to happen. Television shows like, "The Swan" and "Extreme Makeover" have high paid surgeons to change one's physical appearance permanently. Years, even months after those operations, people regret to see that surgery cost them not only time and money, but negative changes in their body, giving viewers a reason to

think long and hard before deciding to have plastic surgery.

"Plastic surgery is not the way to go, people should first and foremost learn to accept themselves and then work on improving body image," Combs said.

People spend a large percentage of their time worrying about their images. Media often has an impact on society's self image.

"It doesn't take a reality TV show to make you leaner or stronger, all it takes is simple healthy living to make that difference," Combs said.

Most reality TV shows are there for simple entertainment, whether you see their consequence or not, you should always make the best decisions for yourself. Motivation and persistence is all you need because life is already a reality show.

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Crushed-velvet jackets reignited. Brocade coats and dresses dazzled over black satin shoes and, of course, de la Renta had versions of his cinched-waist dresses, this time in black satin and tulle, with poufy skirts.

A see-through black organza blouse and tuxedo short was a hot combo, and a wine-colored floral silk taffeta gown was wonderfully wintry. When a sparkling deep-purple gown with mustard-yellow flowers glided by,

Beyonce, wearing a soft yellow de la Renta skirt, glued her eyes to the train.

Betsey Johnson - This collection was surprisingly wearable, as Johnson's pieces took a vintage twist. Her skirts were short, the panty hose plaid. She served Guinness and, true to form, did her trademark flip after the show.

Definitely a going-out collection - 9-to-5ers need not apply. But for all their eccentricities (sequins and a

gypsy feel), Acra's pieces were pretty and seasonless. Models wore large colorful beaded necklaces with glittery gold, belted trenchcoats and snake-print flared charmeuse dresses. A black tulle skirt (yes, tulle) with chiffon camisole and cardigan was fabulous.

BCBG - Max Azria didn't give the shopper any room to experiment in his collection: If you buy one piece, you have to buy the whole ensemble. This was a grouping of strong con-

struction and visually soft pieces, with felts and sueded just begging to be touched.

The look was warm and sexy. An embroidered black wool jacket paired with a soft shift dress combined serious professional with fun. A green silk chiffon dress with navy tights and a cognac-studded belt was punkish and lovely at the same time. Burnt oranges and midnight blues were winter shades that popped.

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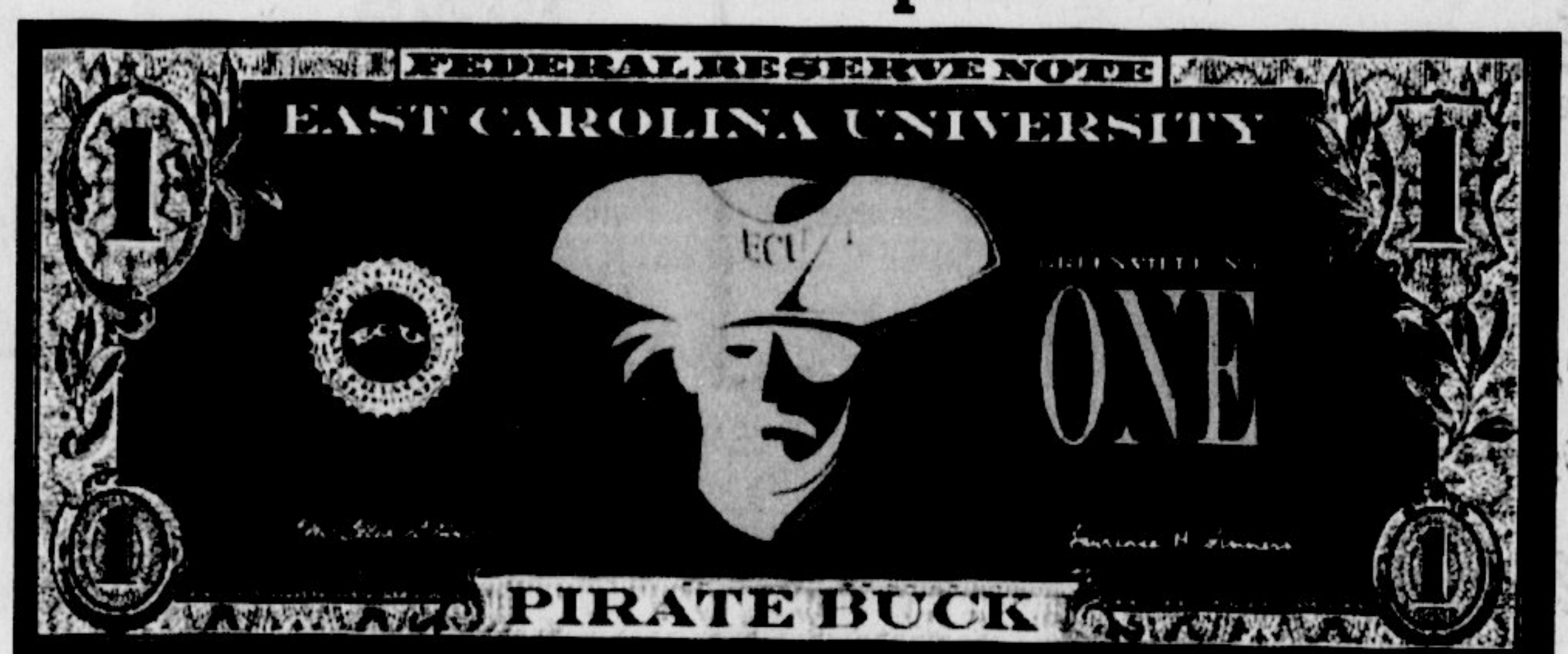
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Emotional night capped off by Pirate 'W'

Hardwood Bucs defeat Southern Mississippi amidst recent turmoil

TRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

"I am a basketball coach. I don't want to do any other job. I don't want to work in any other department. Coaching is my life."

ECU head basketball coach, Bill Herrion, recently asked to relinquish his position with the team at the end of the season, had plenty to say about the past few days in his life at the post game press conference following the win over Southern Mississippi. However, when all was said and done and Herrion delivered his closing comments, he wanted to remind the media and the ECU nation of what was most important and the present time.

"Concentrate more on the win and more on the kids," Herrion said after his team's 77-66 victory over the Golden Eagles.

"We still have two games left and I owe it to the kids to keep working hard and keep coaching."

Facing one of the toughest weeks of the year, the Pirate basketball squad responded by playing one of its most complete games on the season and was one Japhet McNeil free throw away from having all five starters score in double figures.

"It has been a tough couple of days emotionally just trying to keep everything under control," said Herrion.

"The biggest concern that I had as a basketball coach was were these kids willing to keep playing."

ECU built an early 12 point lead at 23-11 and look poised to run the Golden Eagles out of the gym, while locking up its fourth conference win on the season. Larry Eustachy's Eagles would not go away however, as Southern Miss closed the half on a 23-11 run, tying the score at 34.

Making sure that coach Herrion would not leave the gym with something else negative on his mind, Corey Rouse, Tom Hammonds and Mike Cook combined to score 33 second half points and lead the Pirates past Southern Mississippi in convincing fashion 77-66. With just more than a minute remaining, a 35-foot heave from Cook as the shot clock expired found the bottom of the net and sealed the deal on the Pirates' ninth win of the season.

"We don't want to backdoor our way into the tournament," Herrion said on his team's efforts to make the C-USA tourney.

	ECU	S. Miss
Points	77	66
Assists	19	12
Rebounds	43	31
Turnovers	12	10
FG %	47.5	42.9
3-Point %	41.2	31.8
FT %	60.9	83.3

"We want to earn trip there the right way and that is by winning. Tonight was step one."

Rouse lead the Pirates once again with another monster performance, scoring 21 and grabbing 13 rebounds. He continues to lead C-USA in double-doubles as last night's game up the total to 11.

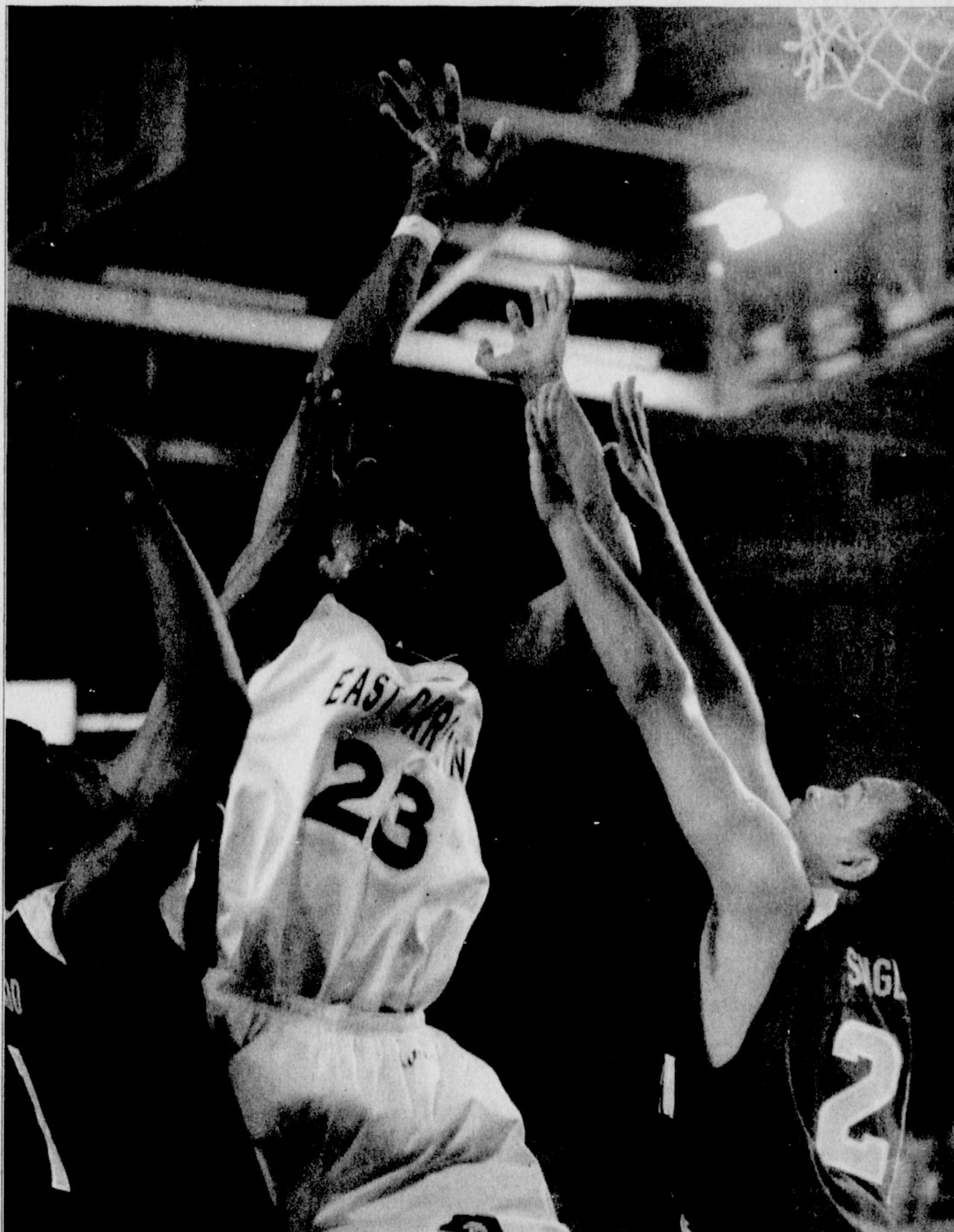
Cook and Hammonds finished with 19 and 15 respectively while Moussa Badiane, who will play his final game at Minges Coliseum this Saturday against Houston, finished up with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Pirates played solid basketball in the second half, including a run in the second half that broke a tie between the Pirates and Golden Eagles for good. Knotted at 51 points each, McNeil received the ball behind the arch and hit a three-point bomb, which sparked a flurry of ECU three-pointers. Hammonds and Cook hit two more from downtown directly after, making a 9-2 run. Cook put the exclamation point on the barrage with one more from way downtown when he heaved up a 32-footer as the shot clock ran out. The 6-foot 4-inch guard buried the shot and strolled off to the sidelines with a grin splitting his face ear to ear.

This was clearly the Pirates' night.

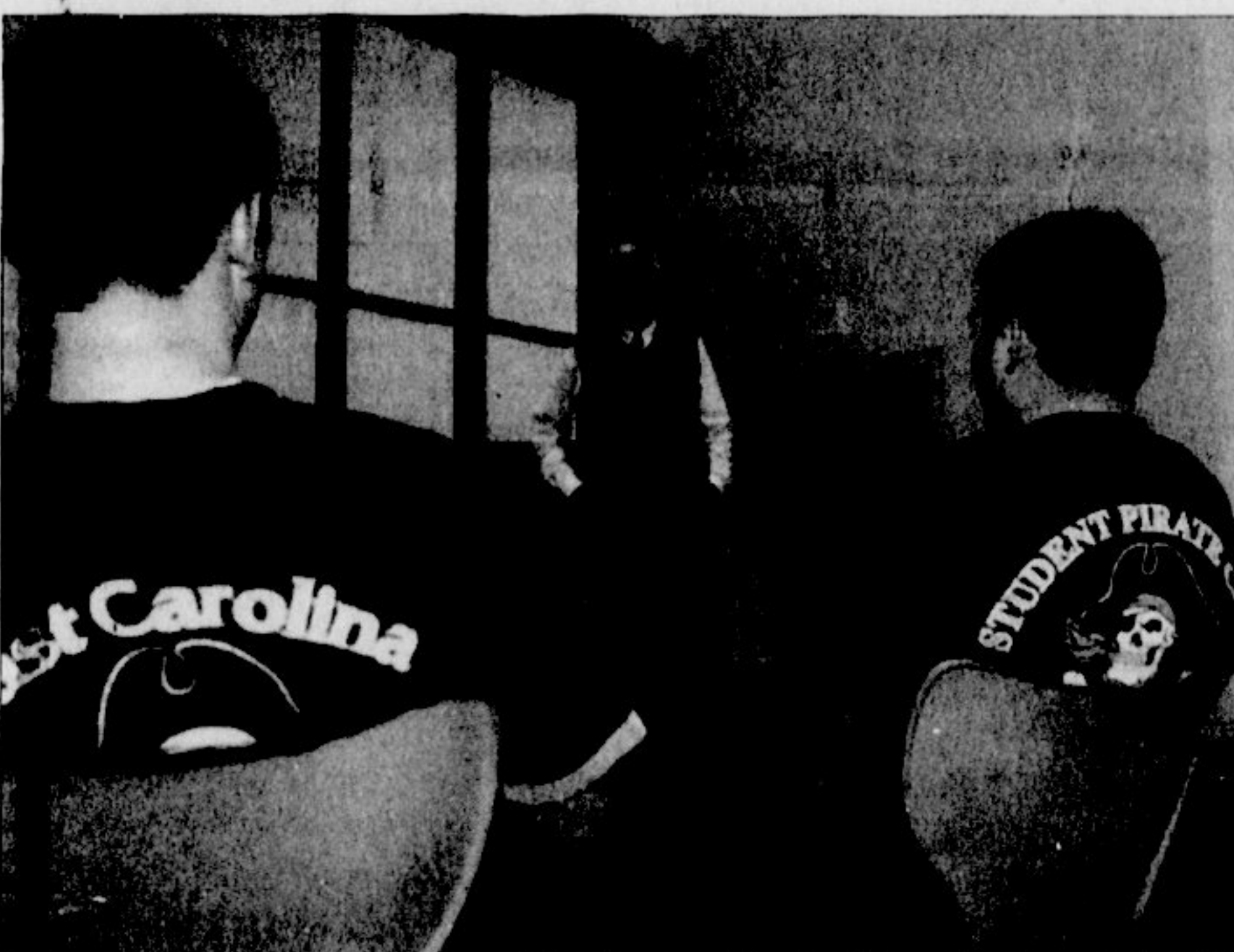
"It is going to be a really special weekend for

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Rouse was a monster inside against the Eagles, dropping 21 points and collecting 13 rebounds.

Holland opens dialogue amongst students before game



Holland speaks with various students Wednesday night.

Maniacs enjoy home win, honor Herrion

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Just a day after he was given an ultimatum for his job, Bill Herrion had both hands full during his post-game interview. In one hand, he had a towel to wipe the sweat off his face. Attached to the other arm was a basketball.

Herrion's perspiration was a little bittersweet after the 77-66 victory over Southern Miss. So was the basketball.

In a somewhat odd role reversal, the loyal Minges Maniac supporters etched their autographs on the basketball. Herrion smiled

as the small contingent of fans chanted his name.

"It felt nice," said Herrion in his thick northern accent.

"It feels nice to be appreciated and wanted. I think the fans do appreciate what we do here."

The fans and students alike have been sent into a state of shock with the announcement that Herrion had been offered another job within the department. Athletic director Terry Holland tried to ease the shock by speaking with students.

In a very informal manner, Holland answered most questions directed his way and ironed out any differences that students have with his decisions. He chose to decline any comments directly regarding the decision about

Herrion.

Holland did state, however, that neither he nor assistant athletic director Nick Floyd was prepared to make an announcement regarding Herrion's future on Tuesday. The manner was leaked to media sources and the university was forced to address the situation.

"I'm a basketball coach," Herrion said.

"I don't want to do any other job. That's all I know how to do."

Assistant coach and Herrion's best friend Greg Herenda joked about the manner before the game. He said that during high school, a personality test told him that he should be a farmer. Herenda alerted a crowd of supporters that he isn't planning on

being a farmer anytime soon.

"I was offered to become to become a fundraiser," Herrion said.

"I'm not a fund raiser, I'm a basketball coach. I want to coach basketball. This is my life. I've never done anything in my professional life other than be in gyms. I'm sure what it is, it's just not enough wins."

The fourth straight win in Conference USA over Southern Miss Wednesday night sweetened the news. Herrion and his team are focused on winning the remaining games and heading to the C-USA tournament in Memphis. ECU hosts Houston Saturday at 7 p.m. Herrion felt the win was a glimpse of what

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Herrion takes slap in the face

Holland's most recent firing is ridiculous

OPINION

ROBERT LEONARD
SENIOR WRITER

This Saturday will be Moussa Badiane's last home game as a Pirate. After his illustrious and record-breaking career, he deserves to be honored. Sadly, his recognition may be overlooked to a certain degree.

Why? The reason for this is rather simple. Tuesday afternoon, Terry Holland decided to get rid of Moussa's coach Bill Herrion. The guy that brought Moussa to this country before even seeing him play in person will no longer be the coach at ECU at season's end.

While I know his teams have had trouble with close games and on the road, Herrion is one hell of a coach.

He brought in a guy like Moussa who was on no one's radar. People thought he was crazy for recruiting a guy like that. Four years later, Moussa's the Conference USA shot block record holder and is an NBA prospect.

And how about this freshman class he has brought in?

Herrion has continually brought talent to this program. The amazing part of his recruiting is where this university is located. If a kid from Greenville Rose is considered the best high school basketball player in the country, 99 out 100 times he is not coming here. ECU is a

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Herrion will coach his last game in Minges Saturday night.

Holland made right decision

Herrion's hourglass ran out with Holland

OPINION

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Athletic Director Terry Holland was hired to make constant difficult decisions regarding the direction of ECU's athletic department. Though not a popular choice amongst Pirate fans to fire sixth-year basketball coach Bill Herrion, it was a matter of time.

Herrion did not win consistently in six years aboard the helm of the hardwood Pirates. Heading into last night's game against Southern Miss, Herrion's overall record with the team is 69-96.

The problem is that ECU has never had a tradition of winning in basketball. The only NCAA tournament invite was an improbable one in 1993. Alico Dunk, Lestor Lyons and company did not have a winning record while serving as a sacrificial 16 seed.

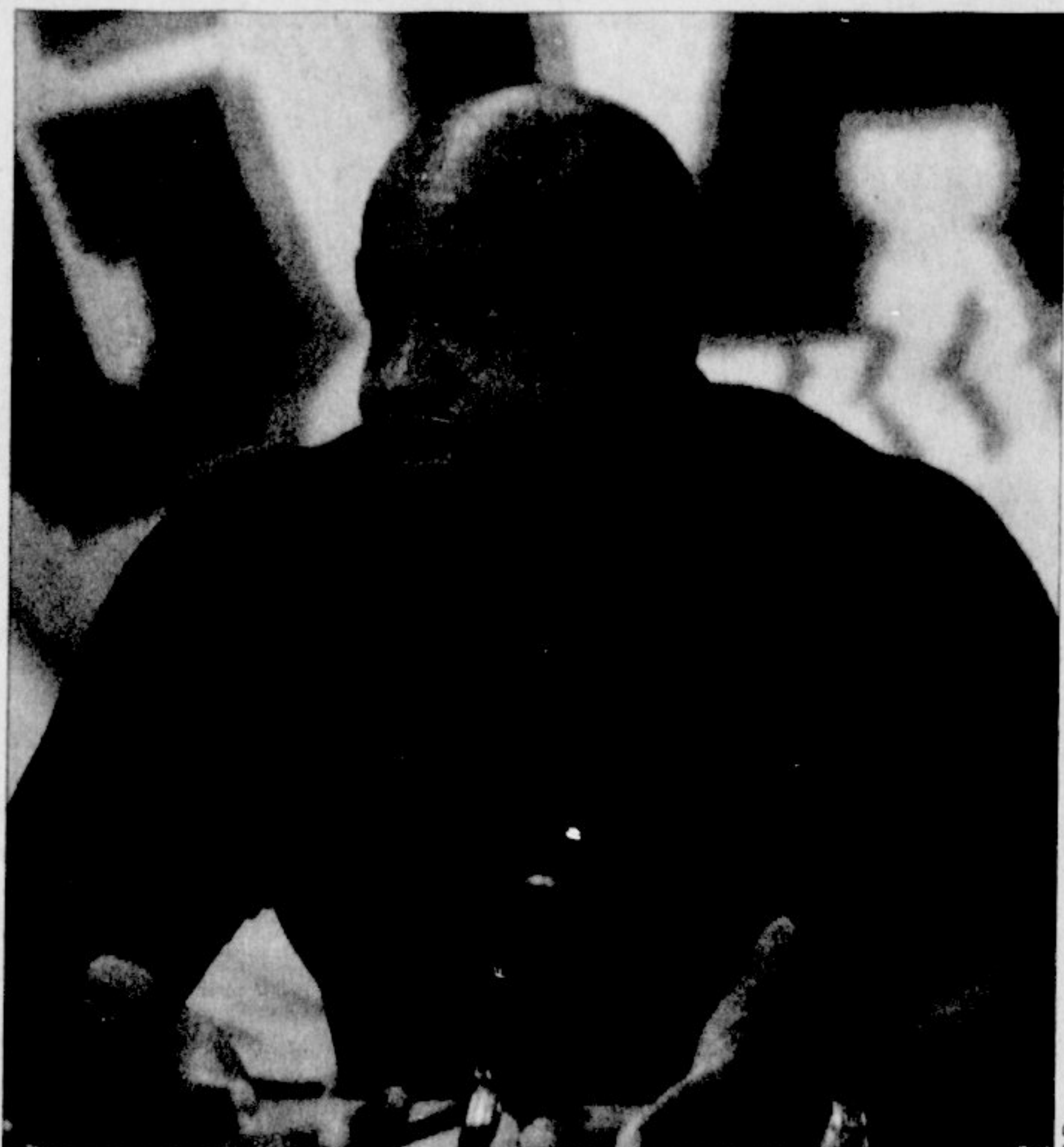
Herrion was a huge coup when hired before the 1999-2000 season. In replacing Joe Dooley, Herrion brought in a fresh attitude and a winning résumé. While spending eight seasons at Drexel, he compiled an impressive 121-32 record and led the Dragons to the NCAA tournament three times. Herrion's 1996 team tallied an impressive 27-4 record while recording the school's first-ever NCAA tourna-

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Holland has made two difficult decisions for ECU athletics.

Bonds tired of old questions but still won't answer



Bonds answers questions during a press conference Tuesday.

(KRT) SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The truth, according to Barry Bonds, is that it's all my fault. Mine and all the other worthless, snooping reporters in the world who keep asking him about steroids.

Don't get cocky. The way Bonds keeps pointing fingers at everyone but himself, he might blame you next.

The way Bonds sees it, the media lies just for the fun of it. We make stuff up. We make a spectacle of the game.

We even — "gasp" — have the temerity to venture into the sanctity of his "office" and ask him questions.

Would the president of the Bank of America put up with such nonsense? Of course not, so why should Bonds have to endure such torment?

Bonds obviously believes the best defense is a good offense. He arrived at the Giants' spring training headquarters Tuesday and immediately began pimp slapping — figuratively, of course

— every sportswriter in sight.

There was no lack of targets, considering there must have been 75 to 100 of us crowded into the back of the press box converted into an interview room to hear Bonds divert every critical question regarding baseball's steroids scandal.

Give him credit for this, at least: Bonds grabbed a whip and a chair and walked into the lions' den without a whimper of fear, putting lie to the rumor that he would merely read a brief statement and decline to take questions.

He took them all right. And he fired them right back.

Apologize, like Jason Giambi did? For what?

"What did I do?" he asked. "What did I do?"

What he hoped, of course, was that his counterattack, his red herrings, his obvious attempt at intimidation, would stop us in our tracks.

Not quite. We were still firing salvos back when it ended after

35 minutes, but I can't say for sure that Bonds had a scratch on him. It's hard to hit a moving target.

Part of that was the result of the ground rules laid out by the Giants' PR staff: No questions about the BALCO investigation. Pending legal issues, and all that, they explained.

That didn't keep "Denver Post" baseball writer Mike Klis from asking Bonds straight up: "Have you ever, inadvertently or otherwise, used steroids?"

"Why do you keep asking the same questions?" Bonds responded. "I'm not a child, OK? You repeat things to children."

Of course, the questions continue to be repeated because he doesn't answer them.

Bonds didn't really answer much of anything, though he had plenty to say — most of it venom aimed at the reporters who vex him so.

"You guys are like rerunning stories," Bonds said. "This is old stuff. It's like watching 'Sanford and Son.' It's almost comical,

basically. ... Are you guys jealous, upset, disappointed, what?"

Probably all of the above, but that's beside the point, which is exactly the position Bonds wanted to take. We're upset, he said, because he hasn't let us into his private world. We're angry, he's told us, because he hasn't told us who he really is.

"I haven't given you guys what you want," he said.

And if it's not that, then it must be because, with 703 home runs, he's about to pass Babe Ruth's 714 on the all-time home run list.

"Because Babe Ruth is one of the greatest baseball players ever, and Babe Ruth isn't black, either," he said. "I'm black. Blacks, we go through a little more. ... I'm not a racist, though, but I live in the real world. I'm fine with that."

And why all the fuss about steroids in the first place? Why aren't we worried about alcohol?

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school in ACC country no matter how much any of us hate it. Knowing this, not wasting recruiting time, not wasting athletic funds, Herrion recruited mainly out of state.

However, my favorite thing about coach Herrion is the way he has turned players around. Look at a guy like Corey Rouse. The beanpole forward is from North Carolina and he is not at an ACC school, which probably means ACC schools didn't recruit him. Two and

a half years under Herrion and he averages a double-double in his junior year.

Herrion never tried to do things with his players he knew he couldn't do — he is a very smart coach. In the Herrion era, ECU really hasn't had many pure scorers or pure shooters. Knowing this, Herrion focused on defense and rebounding. In almost every game, ECU has out-rebounded their opponent and made them shoot below their season average.

While I know that coaching is a results-oriented business, you have to look at what this guy has done.

In only four years of C-USA play, he has beat Marquette twice, including the year they went to the final four. He took out Rick Pitino and Louisville. He beat Charlotte this season (they are now ranked 21 in the country) and most recently won at UAB, an NCAA tournament team from last season.

The worst part of this whole mess is that Herrion has earned next season. He has worked so hard for this program building it to where it is now. C-USA is a very tough conference to play in. Finally, next season, ECU will be a name in the conference and will be picked to finish in the top half of the league. ECU might finally taste its first basketball success in recent years and yet Bill Herrion will not be on the bench to enjoy it.

So let me get this straight, Bill does all the work and some new guy will come in and reap the benefits of Herrion's hard work?

The firing of John Thompson, while I didn't agree with it, I understood it. There is a huge difference here. I just don't understand this move. How can Terry Holland fire a guy who has worked so hard, done very well (sometimes success is not measured in a record) and loves this program?

Who's next? If ECU baseball

goes .500 this season, I guess that means that Randy Mazey is gone. What if LaShawn Merritt doesn't win the national title? I guess that means coach Bill Carson must go.

I support Bill Herrion. I support ECU basketball. I support ECU athletics. But after I heard this news Tuesday afternoon, I have stopped supporting Terry Holland.

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ment win.

However, Herrion's wins at Drexel never translated to wins at ECU. His teams have compiled a 16-45 mark in Conference USA play. ECU is 3-27 away from home. The lack of competition away from Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum has frustrated Pirate fans beyond belief.

In his first three years, ECU underwent a very difficult transition from the Colonial Athletic Association to C-USA.

In Herrion's first season, some controversy brewed within the uni-

versity when a player complained that Herrion encouraged fights in practice. Herrion's practice tactics were called into question, but no reprimand ever materialized.

In Herrion's second season, he enjoyed his best overall record at ECU going 14-14 in 2000-01. The team trailed off at then end of the season after being near the top of the conference standings, mostly in part to an injury to star player Evaldys Jocys.

Injuries, transfers and bad attitudes have all taken their tolls on Herrion's teams. Four-

teen players overall and four within the last year have left the program. Randy Barnes, David Taylor, Steven Branch and Jake Fugal all left Herrion's earlier teams. Car accidents and academics claimed Jason Herring and Brahim Howard. Jimmy Bishop was homesick. Fred Primus had trouble with grades. Devin Boddie and Jonathon Moore did not agree with Herrion's playing style. Just within the last calendar year, academics erased frontcourt players Keith Foster and Charles

Bronson. Belton Rivers was unhappy with playing time and Frank Robinson had to deal with family problems.

Whether bad breaks or not, player retention has been Herrion's problem during his stop in Greenville. Losing Foster and Bronson has caused the frontcourt burden to be on Moussa Badiane and Corey Rouse. The Pirates have had to rotate so many freshmen because of the loss of experience in Rivers and Robinson.

This season has been trying for everyone. With losses at

Gardner-Webb, Western Carolina and home versus Winthrop, frustration has been at an all-time high. Close losses at home to South Florida, Old Dominion and Cincinnati haven't helped either. The frustration mounted when the Pirates had Marquette on the ropes only to let it slip away due to missed free throws.

Even through it all, the Pirates (8-17, 3-10 C-USA) have their fate in their own hands, sitting only a half-game behind Tulane for the final spot available in the conference tournament.

Herrion has put forth every ounce of energy he has into the ECU program. He helped build the fictional Billville, sweats through his purple blazer and virtually paced a hole through the floor on the sidelines. He will be remembered fondly for his contribution to ECU basketball.

But after six years, it's time to stop meddling with mediocrity. After all, Holland knows it's just a matter of time.

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his team could have held in the future.

Primed for a breakout season in a watered down C-USA next year, Herrion feels good about the state of the program.

"Whoever comes in here, I guarantee you as I look you in the eyes will win games here," Herrion said with absolute certainty.

"I promise you ECU basketball will finally turn the corner with wins and losses.

"This place has been special to me and my family for six years. I don't want to leave."

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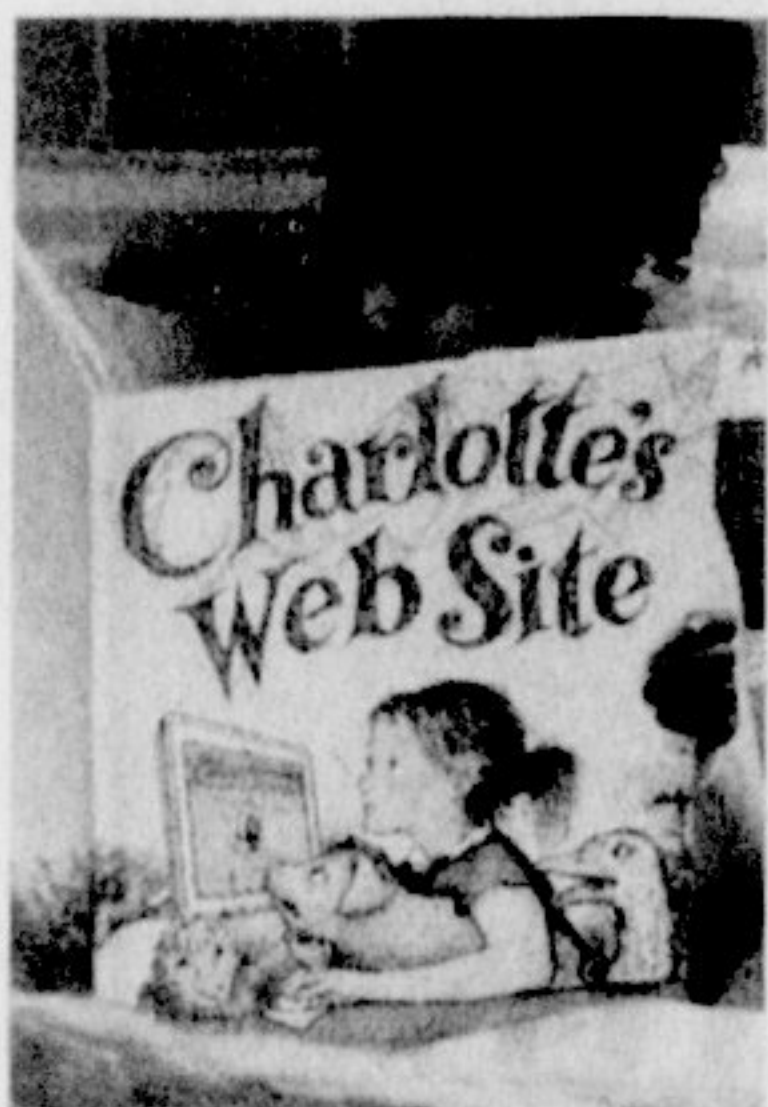
me especially since we have had all this stuff going on throughout the week," said Badiane about his last home game coming up on Saturday.

"But at the end of the day, it will just be another game that we have to win to get a step closer to the tournament."

"We have a great challenge on Saturday against Houston because they are a much improved basketball team," Herrion said.

ECU will tip it off at 7 p.m. this Saturday against the Houston Cougars in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. Saturday's game will also mark Herrion's last time coaching in front of the Pirate Nation.

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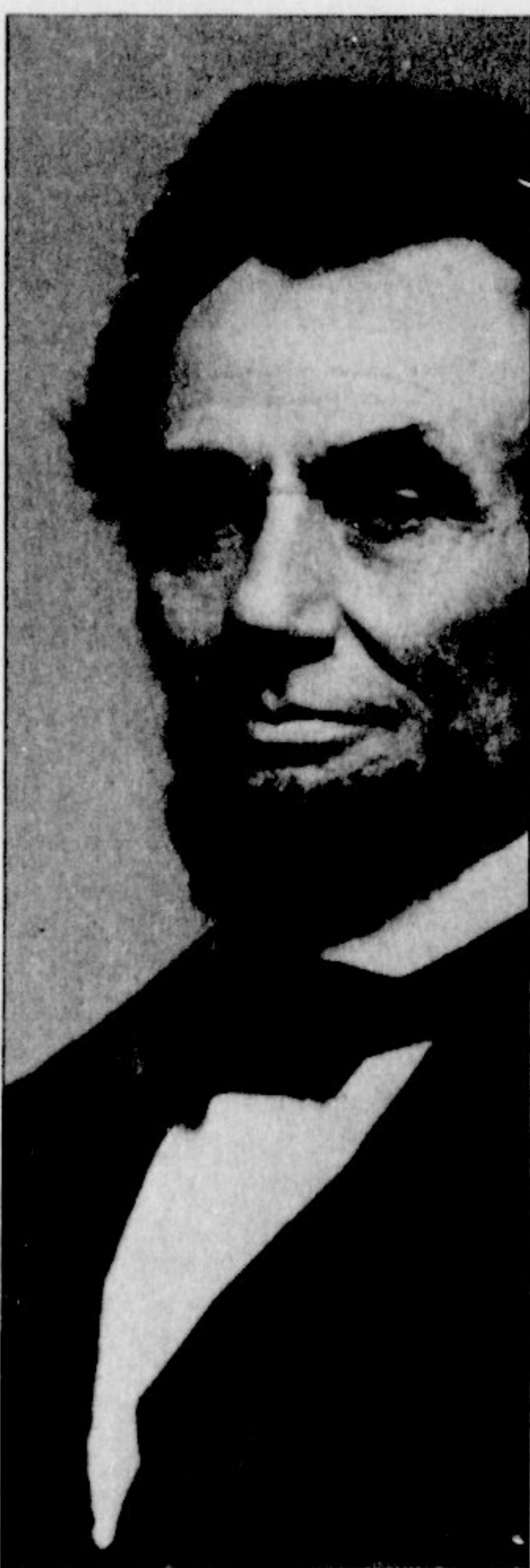


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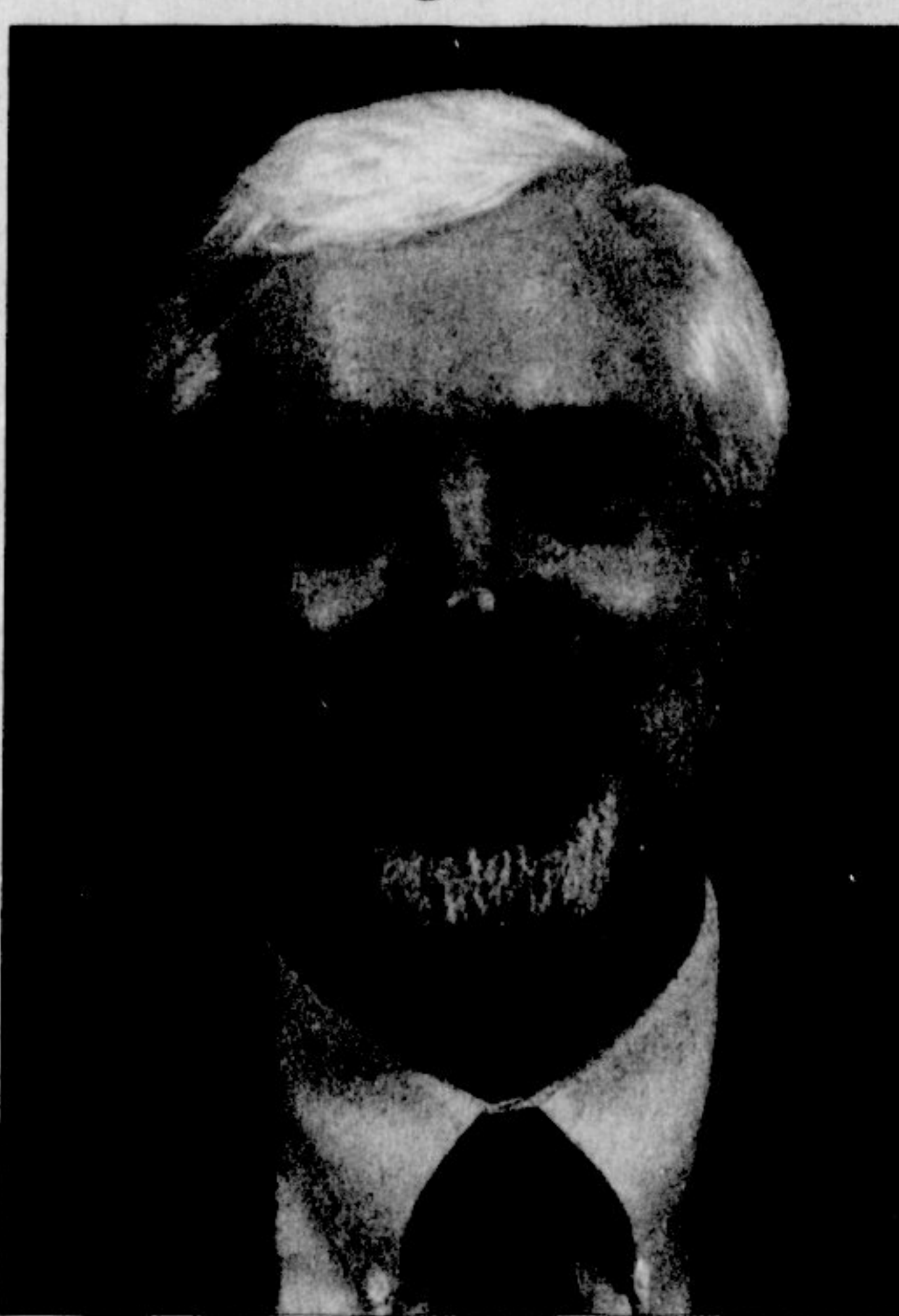
Niswander recognized by C-USA

(SID) — Dr. Frederick Niswander, the dean of the college of business at ECU, has been awarded the 2004-05 recipient of the Conference USA Award of Excellence.

Niswander will receive the award during Wednesday's men's basketball game between ECU and Southern Miss. The award was established by the Faculty Athletics Representatives in the conference to recognize and celebrate a member of the faculty or staff at each conference institution who has made substantial contributions to the institution and who has supported student-athletes and the goals of intercollegiate athletics.

In order to receive this prestigious award, a faculty or staff member must be nominated by student-athletes and approved by the University Athletics Committee. Niswander is a respected professor in the college of business and was a strong advocate for student-athletes in his role as chair of the Faculty Senate.

As chair of the Faculty Senate, Niswander served on the University Athletics Committee, bringing particular enterprise and knowledge to bear as the committee worked to address student-athlete concerns regarding violations by faculty of the University Excused Absence Policy. He has served on faculty panels during the orientation for new student-athletes dealing with strategies for the achievement of academic success.



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abuse? Or the environment? Or dogs and cats, living together?

"There are worse things going on in the world," he pointed out.

Sure there are, but baseball's biggest worry, especially with Jose Canseco's tell-all book receiving so much attention, is the steroids scandal. Bonds was fingered indirectly by Canseco as a steroids user.

"I don't know Canseco, besides hello and goodbye," Bonds said. "I don't put any weight into what he says."

"I was better than Jose then, and I've been better than him his whole career. If he wants to go make money, go ahead. ... For somebody who brags about what he did, I don't see any of your records."

Here's a stop-the-presses revelation: Bonds is all for looking ahead, not back.

"It's time to move on. Move forward and let it go," he urged. "Ya'll stop watching Redd Foxx

and rerun shows."

Cheat? Who, him?

"I don't know what cheating is," he said. "I don't believe steroids can help your eye-hand coordination, technically hit a baseball. I just don't believe it. That's my opinion."

Technically, he's probably right. And his amazing gain in muscle mass and exploding home run production, much of it after the age of 35?

"Hard work," he shrugged. "That's about it."

Sure, and maybe a little "flaxseed oil" applied in the right places.

If there was a burgeoning use of steroids all around him in baseball during the 1990s, why, he never noticed.

"I never paid any attention to it, nor do I really care," Bonds said. "I worry about me, that's it."

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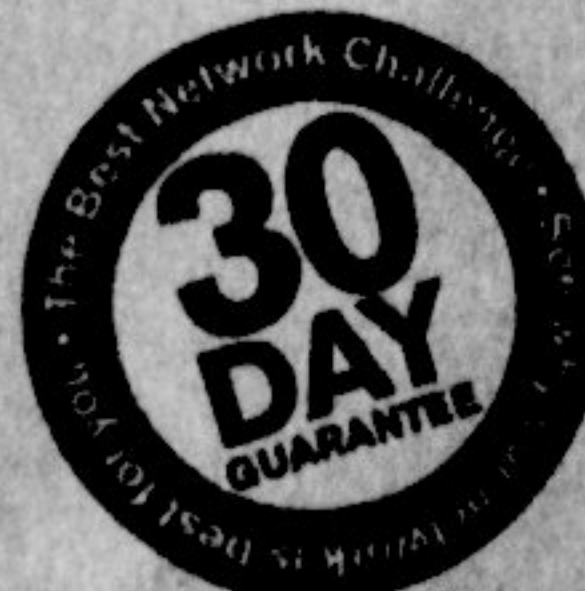
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