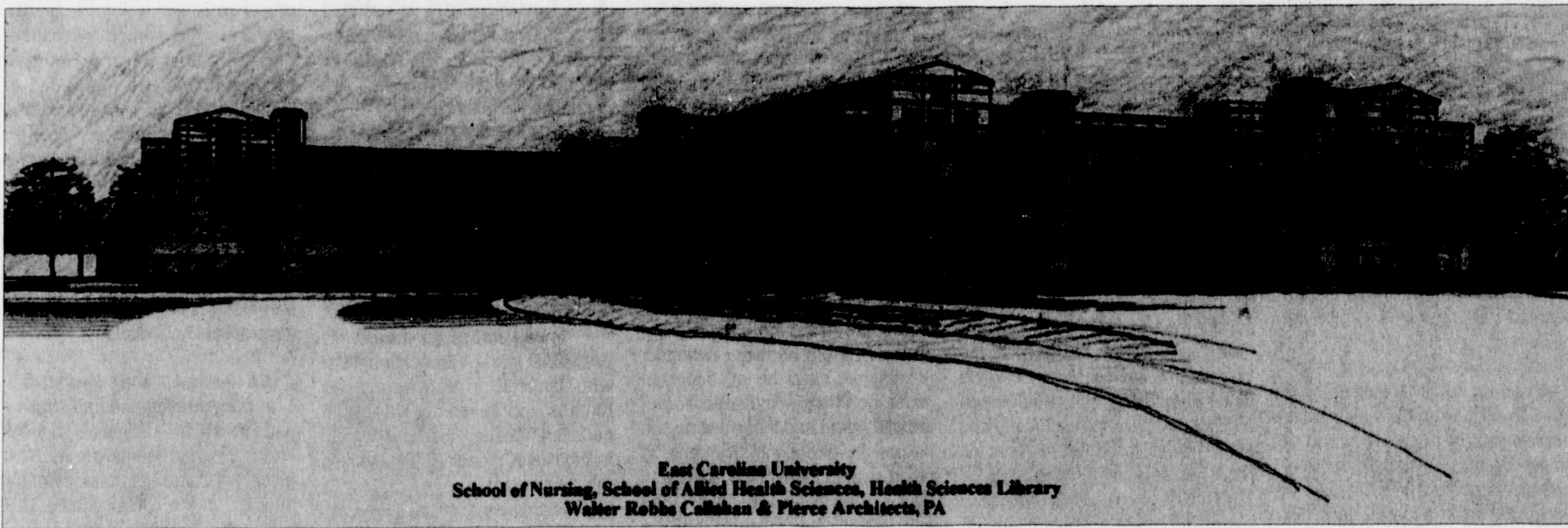
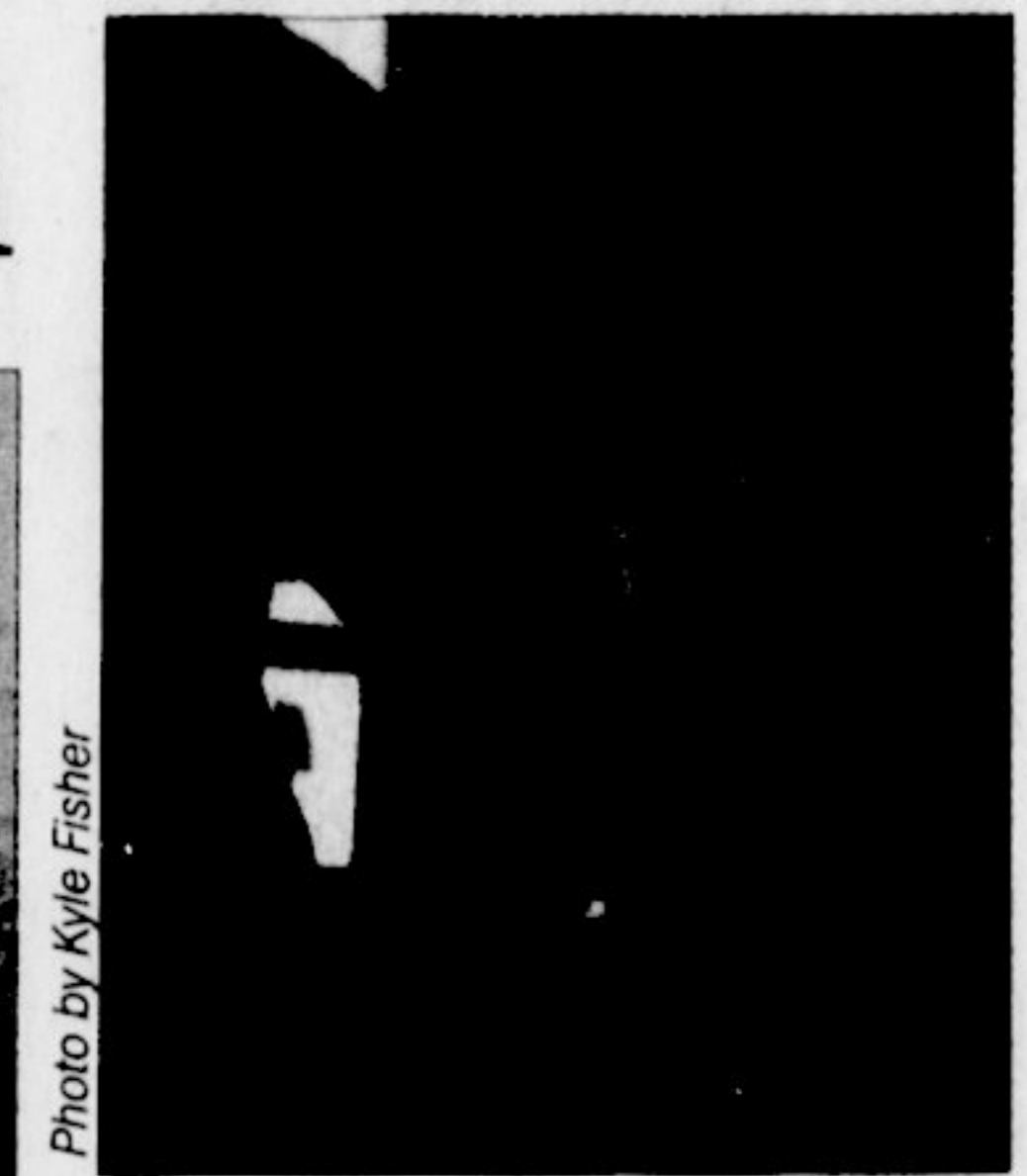


New medical building under construction



East Carolina University
School of Nursing, School of Allied Health Sciences, Health Sciences Library
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ABC inspects businesses making sure they don't offer alcohol to underage patrons.

ABC combats underage drinking

Cleaner downtown reduces problem

EDEN SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

In conjunction with Alcohol Law Enforcement and local police, the ABC law enforcement division is doing its part to keep students safe by enforcing underage drinking laws.

Allen Barrow, chief of ABC in Greenville, said their main focus is regulating and inspecting businesses that sell alcohol.

"We do routine checking around ABC stores and businesses ... We use minors to test to see if businesses or restaurants will sell them alcohol illegally," said Barrow.

Barrow said routine checks are not everyday occurrences because there are only two ABC law enforcement officers for all of Pitt County.

Barrow said since the revitalization of the downtown area, not only have businesses cleaned up but there's an older crowd attending them.

"Five years ago, it was primarily underage drinkers downtown because the bars were rundown and some of the nastiest in the state," Barrow said.

Although the downtown area has cleaned up, Barrow said the number of tickets per year stays consistently between 300 and 400 even though the problem itself is getting more attention.

Barrow said binge drinking has increased over the last few years due to certain social venues and business promotions giving people misconceptions of how alcohol should be used.

"The intent of drinking a beer shouldn't be to get drunk or wasted, it should be to just enjoy it," Barrow said.

ABC takes note of businesses that promote large containers of alcoholic beverages, in connection with the number of people who leave these businesses and get injured due to their alcohol consumption.

"Many people don't like to cooperate with these investigations, but we are really just doing it to protect everyone," Barrow said.

During ECU's football season, Barrow said many tickets are written due to illegal consumption of liquor drinks. Liquor can only be consumed at a dwelling or at a business that has an ABC permit.

Barrow said a myth among students is that it is not unlawful to hold an alcoholic beverage for a friend.

"We hear it all the time, but it is unlawful to possess any alcoholic beverage if you are under 21 whether it is possession, in your bloodstream or in a cup," Barrow said.

Barrow said many students do not realize the severity of using a fictitious identification card. In North Carolina, possessing fraudulent identification can be punishable by up to 120 days in jail or by one year without a license.

"False identification can be an altered identification card or someone else's identification card," Barrow said.

Some students feel the ABC
see ABC page A3

Structure will house Allied Health and Nursing schools

MICHAEL HARRINGTON
SENIOR WRITER

A new building to house the school of allied health sciences and the school of nursing is under construction in the medical school community near Pitt Memorial Hospital.

The building will allow students from these majors to study in a modern facility with easy access to the medical community. The site is located off Highway 43, which turns into Fifth Street, making ECU's main

campus a quick drive down the road.

"I think the students will be the winners ... they are going to have the latest technology," said Steve Thomas, dean of the school of allied health.

Thomas said the modern amenities of the building will teach the students how to work in a health care setting that increasingly relies on technology.

The building will also feature a health sciences library and an eatery.

The school of allied health is currently located in the Belk building, next to the intramural fields and the school of nursing is located in the Rivers building on east campus.

ECU is split into the divi-

sion of health sciences, which is comprised of the medical-related schools on campus and the division of academic affairs which houses all the other schools.

The move would allow the entire division of health sciences to unite in one common area of ECU. The new location would also be beneficial to the students because of its close proximity to a major medical facility.

The total cost of the building project is \$6.8 million with financing coming from bond revenue. Completion is scheduled for spring 2006.

"We'd like to have classes up and running after spring break," Thomas said.

A link on the school of allied health's Web site will take you to

a live camera trained on the construction site to view the progress.

Once the school of allied health has made the move to the new building, the Belk building will be renovated to provide room for the school of human health and performance.

Space is something that is needed for the school of allied health, which currently overflows into six trailer units outside the Belk building.

Small rooms are divided into cubicles to provide office space for professors, with only a small barrier in between areas, creating a lack of privacy for the professors and their students who come to visit. The bathrooms are tiny and inaccessible to handicapped individuals and a few of

the classrooms are also used as storage space, creating a cramped learning environment.

Gia Covington, earning a master's degree in occupational therapy, said the move will be helpful.

"We need a lot more space ... there's just not enough room for everyone," said Covington.

Dustin Daugherty, earning a master's degree in occupational therapy, said the new location might help with scheduling issues.

"If we have more room, we might be able to get more of our classes done in a shorter time," said Daugherty.

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Faith in White House an issue for America

Topic draws varying opinions from nation

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Christians throughout America have shown support for President Bush and his stances toward certain issues. His principles, however, have brought some resentment among others.

President Bush has brought his personal faith and religious convictions into practice in the White House, making Christian principles a factor upon which he bases some decisions. The three most controversial principles that President Bush is addressing are the sanctity of human life, the sanctity of marriage and public acknowledgement of God.

The sanctity of human life continues to be a volatile topic in this country as Bush seeks to ban abortion practices.

The Rev. Rob Schenek of Faith and Action, a Christian organization located in Washington D.C., gave his insight into the dilemma of abortion.

"The very word sanctity originates in the Latin language in the form of sanctus, which means that something is holy or has spiritual value," said Schenek.

"Life as we view it has a special quality originating with God. Therefore, every human life has inherent value regardless of their ability to contribute to the world. Bush is working hard for public

policy and laws that recognize the unique place human life has in the world."

Dispute over the issue of abortion is the result of different opinions of when life begins. The position that many Christians take is the idea that a fetus is human during any stage of development due to their beliefs about the creation of life.

"Human life is created in the image of God," Schenek said.

"Therefore, we should not treat human life as expendable."

Other U.S. citizens do not share this viewpoint including Scott Cayton, president of the ECU College Libertarians.

"A fetus of up to several months old has not and will never live on its own outside of the womb without massive amounts of advanced scientific care," said Cayton.

"A fetus cannot have rights if it has never had its own life. I call for all abortions to be completely legal and unregulated by the government up to the point that the fetus has a reasonable chance of living outside the womb."

The sanctity of marriage is similarly an explosive topic to discuss in America. Bush seeks to amend the Constitution to dictate that marriage is a practice available only for heterosexuals.

"Marriage is the building block of human culture," Schenek said.

"The complimentary aspects between males and females are of incalculable value. The best place for child development is

in a two-spouse, heterosexual, monogamous relationship."

Keller Stem, campus minister for Campus Christian Fellowship of ECU, agrees with Schenek.

"God intended the unity relationship of marriage to be between a man and a woman," said Stem.

"It's about time that we have a president who is willing to take a stand on this type of issue rather than straddle the fence and make everybody happy."

The issue of same-sex marriages is not the only objection to President Bush's position.

"The Libertarian position on this argument is that the federal government should not be issuing marriage licenses to anyone," Cayton said.

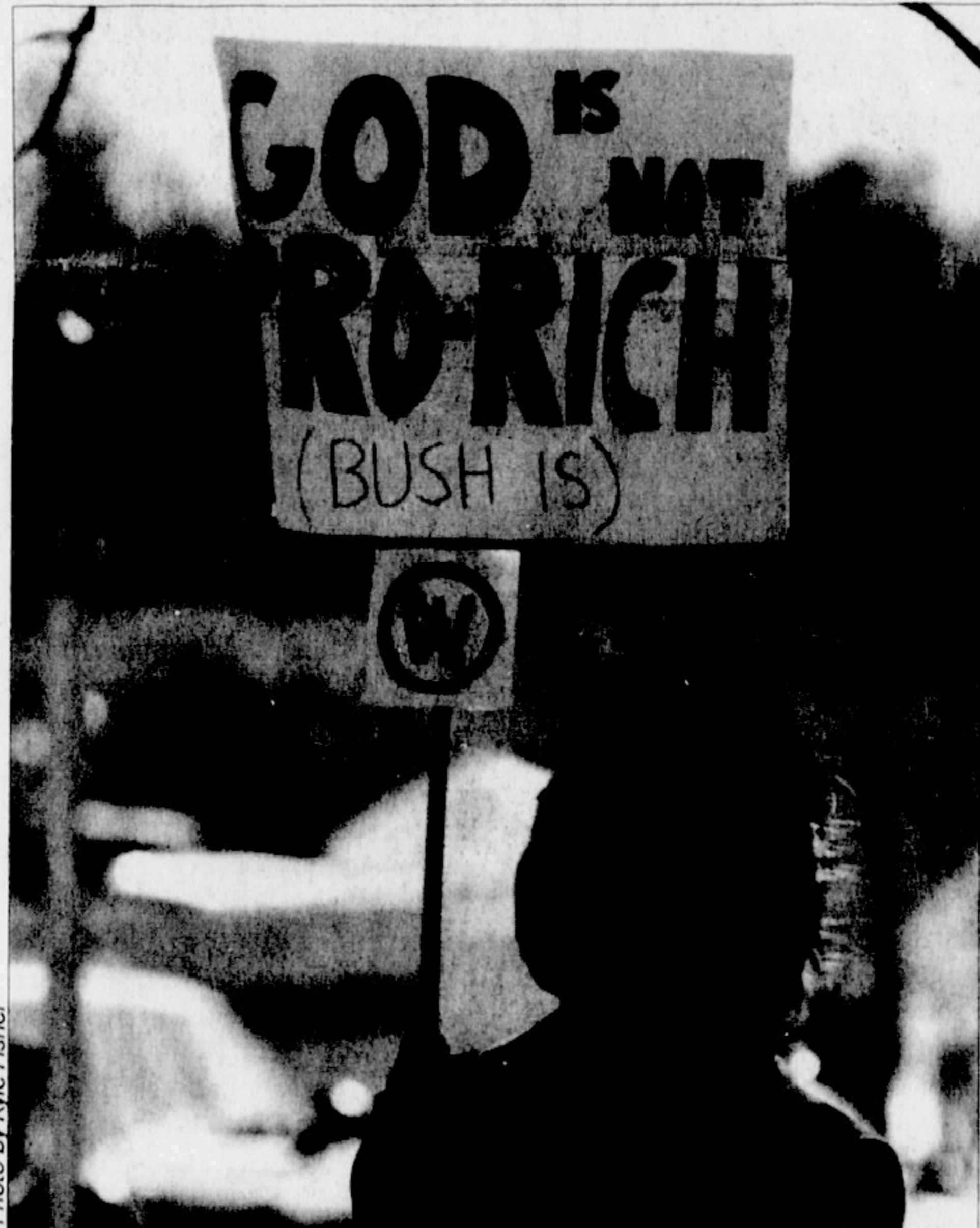
He said the idea that anyone, gay or straight, can only be legitimately married by the government is so completely absurd that words cannot describe it.

Matthew Griffin, executive of media for Bi-Sexual Gay Lesbian Against Defamation organization of ECU, disagrees with Bush's stance toward the issue.

Griffin said denying homosexuals the right to marry is denying them the right to be human and does not represent what America stands for.

"It is unconstitutional because the Constitution was not set to deny people any rights," said Griffin.

"I think it is wrong to base the country's laws on biblical standards because not everyone



A protestor holds a sign during Bush's recent visit to Raleigh.

is a Christian."

The public acknowledgment of God has been an issue under heavy debate for several decades in America. People feel the recognition of God is important because it demands higher moral absolutes.

"This idea reflects our understanding that we are accountable to higher moral and ethical standards than ourselves," Schenek said.

"Governments are account-

see FAITH page A3

Majors fair, assessment seminars being held

Events scheduled to help students

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The ECU Academic Enrichment Center has deemed March as Majors Month and is offering several ways to help students choose the major that best suits them.

One of the events is an assessment seminar, in which students can sign up for one of the six scheduled times to be held in Joyner Library. The seminars are scheduled from 3 - 4 p.m. and are based on a new concept.

"We wanted to meet students' needs in a more up to date way," said Karen Floyd, assistant director of the academic enrich-

ment center.

"We want it to feel more personal so they can leave knowing they have learned something about themselves."

The seminars are restricted to 21 students, the number of accessible computers. Students will conduct a self-directed search tool where they will enter personal information including likes, abilities, values and many more. After filling out the information, the program will give each student a personalized three-letter code, which will then correlate with possible majors that match their interests.

In addition to the seminars, the academic enrichment center is holding a Majors Fair March 2, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Bate building.

The Majors Fair is similar to a career fair. The theme of the event is "Mapping Out Your Future, Find the Right Major for You." More than 30 ECU schools, departments and colleges will have booths set up at the fair that covers the majority of majors offered at ECU.

The fair is free for all students and anyone is welcome to go and speak to students who are already in certain majors, along with advisers who are knowledgeable.

"We will also be doing some thematic ideas which will be incorporated with the fair. Treasure maps, mapping out your future is one of the potential ideas," Floyd said.

Figuring out what major is right and sticking to that choice can be very difficult for students. The academic enrichment

center has been active for approximately one year and has worked to assist students. In past years, various workshops have been offered and advisers are always available for assistance in deciding a major.

"We want to help students break down the catalog and figure out how to make themselves marketable. We want to make sure students have enough information about ECU's 102 possible majors to make strong, supported decisions," Floyd said.

Arty Haraway, sophomore undecided major, has trouble with the process.

"It is definitely hard because you think you know what you want to do, but then you take a few classes and it turns out that was the wrong choice for you,"

said Haraway.

Whitney McCoy, sophomore undecided major, liked the idea of the events.

"I plan on attending the majors fair. I think it would be interesting to talk to other students who have taken the classes required for that major. They could be really helpful," said McCoy.

The academic enrichment center is ready and willing to help each and every student.

"Even after these events, students are welcome to come in and take the computer profile and speak to us about their problems deciding on a major. Our door is open to all ECU students," Floyd said.

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Campus News

Correction:

Carroll Varner, former director of Joyner Library resigned from his position. He was not terminated as it stated in the article entitled "Bomb threat shakes Joyner Library" in Tuesday's issue.

Majors fair

ECU's Academic Enrichment Center is hosting a Majors Fair March 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the first floor of Bate Building. Come find out which major is best for you.

Navajo author speaks at Brody

Dr. Lori Alvord, a surgeon and author, will present "Walking in Beauty, Living in Balance - A Navajo Philosophy of Healing" at the Brody School of Medicine March 2 at 12:30 p.m. in 2W40 Brody. Alvord is a member of the Navajo tribe and will discuss how she incorporates ceremonies and balance into her surgical practice as a way of creating healing environments. The event is open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Virginia D. Hardy at 744-2500.

ACSS workshop

Adult and Commuter Student Services and Janie Sowers, clinical director of child development and family relations, will present a series of workshops designed to help students keep a healthy relationship with their significant other while balancing school, work and a family. The second workshop is March 4 in 212 Mendenhall from noon - 1:30 p.m. These workshops will cover topics including money, roles in a relationship, sex, children, fun and relaxation. For more information, please call 328-6881.

Speaker Bev Smith

Bev Smith, African American award-winning investigative journalist and talk show host will speak at ECU's Murphy Center March 4 at 5 p.m. Smith is the former host of Black Entertainment Television's talk show "Our Voices." Her radio and television career has spanned two decades, and she is the first African American consumer affairs reporter. This event is free and open to the public. Please contact Tonya Jacobs at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center at 328-6495 for more information.

Old Time Music Concert

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers and Folk Arts Society of Greenville will present a program of traditional bluegrass, western swing, gospel, old-time duets and fiddle breakdowns with the Hometown Boys reunion Saturday, March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Willis Building. The Hometown Boys are an all-acoustic string band who originally formed 25 years ago in Greenville. Their music includes tunes from the bygone days accompanied by an ever-changing array of stringed instruments and outstanding vocal harmonies. Cost of admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. For more information, call Mike Hamer at 830-0349.

Social Work Fundraiser

Students with the social work department are hosting a fundraiser on behalf of the Little Willie Center, which is located on Martin Luther King Drive. They will be holding a raffle the week of March 7 and plan to have a table set up in Wright Place and Mendenhall March 7 and March 9. Raffle prizes include a \$100 Food Lion gift certificate, \$75 cash and a \$50 gas card. Their goal is to raise \$1500. For more information, please call Yolanda Burwell at 328-4201.

Want your event printed in TEC? Please send your announcements with date, time, location and contact information to assistant newseditor@theeastcarolinian.com.

News Briefs Local

Police say UNC student's beating a hate crime

CHAPEL HILL, NC - Police say an attack on a gay student who was beaten by a gang of six or seven men was a hate crime, but no witnesses have come forward to help investigators. The victim suffered broken bones but wasn't hospitalized, police said. His attackers, described as six or seven white males around the age of 20, have not been identified.

Police still have few details about the attack other than what the 21-year-old student at UNC-Chapel Hill could recall.

The student was walking alone around 2 a.m. Friday near the intersection of Franklin and Columbia streets when he was taunted by the group of young men. They made derogatory comments about the victim's sexual orientation before assaulting him, said police spokeswoman Jane Cousins. Although the victim was walking along a popular stretch of roadway, no witnesses have come forward, Cousins said.

"We don't have a lot to go on," she said. "Anyone who might have seen anything, we'd like them to call."

Police categorized the incident as a hate crime because of the attackers' comments, Cousins said.

"It came as an absolute, total surprise," said David Ruskey, a UNC senior and member of the executive board of the university's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Alliance.

Duke researchers seek system to help marine mammals

BEAUFORT, NC - As scientists puzzle over why dozens of whales beached

themselves here in January, Duke University researchers are working on a system to help the military steer clear of marine mammals along the East Coast.

The research comes as authorities investigate whether the Navy's use of sonar has caused beachings elsewhere. Sonar technology bounces sound waves off underwater objects to define the underwater landscape, and is used by Navy vessels to detect threats and navigate.

But those sound waves also are suspected of causing problems for whales, perhaps damaging their hearing or causing them to rise to the surface too quickly and get the bends. More than 30 whales died during the mysterious mass beaching along the Outer Banks. It isn't clear why, though officials have said the circumstances of the incident lead them to doubt the Navy had anything to do with it.

The Duke team's research is aimed at predicting where and when whales, dolphins and other animals swim off U.S. shores. The information could be used by the Navy to keep away from the animals during all kinds of potentially harmful operations - protecting the animals from collisions with ships, polluting discharges and explosives.

National

Supreme Court strikes down death penalty for juveniles

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the Constitution forbids the execution of killers who were under 18 when they committed their crimes, ending a practice used in 19 states.

The 5-4 decision throws out the death sentences of about 70 juvenile

murderers and bars states from seeking to execute minors for future crimes. The executions, the court said, were unconstitutionally cruel.

It was the second major defeat at the high court in three years for supporters of the death penalty. Justices in 2002 banned the execution of the mentally retarded, also citing the Constitution's Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishments.

The court had already outlawed executions for those who were 15 and younger when they committed their crimes.

Tuesday's ruling prevents states from making 16- and 17-year-olds eligible for execution.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, cited the fact that most states don't allow the execution of juvenile killers and those that do use the penalty infrequently. The trend, he noted, was to abolish the practice. "Our society views juveniles ... as categorically less culpable than the average criminal," Kennedy wrote.

Man shot in lobby of radio station during rapper's interview

NEW YORK - Police are investigating a shooting at a Manhattan hip-hop radio station where rapper 50 Cent was making an on-air appearance. The victim, a 24-year-old Los Angeles man, was shot in the left leg. Officials said he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and was listed in stable condition early Tuesday.

According to Newsday, the injured man was a member of 50 Cent's entourage. The newspaper reported that the shooting happened after 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, announced he was dropping his protégé The Game from his hip-

hop clique, G-Unit.

The shooting occurred around 10 p.m. Monday in the lobby of WQHT-FM, or Hot 97, police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Farrell told The Associated Press. 50 Cent, who was at the station promoting the upcoming release of his new album "The Massacre," was not harmed in the incident. No arrests had been made. Spokespeople for 50 Cent and his label, Interscope Records, were not available for comment Monday.

International

Missing French reporter in Iraq pleads on video

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A French journalist who vanished in Iraq nearly two months ago said in a video that surfaced Tuesday that she was in failing health, pleading: "Please help me... It's urgent."

Florence Aubenat, 43, a veteran war correspondent for the leftist daily Liberation, and her Iraqi translator, Hussein Hanoun al-Saadi, were last seen leaving her Baghdad hotel on Jan. 5. The video was dropped at the offices of an international news agency in Baghdad, and it was not possible to verify when it was made. Appearing pale and alone in front of a maroon-colored background, Aubenat, her hair uncombed, grasped her knees with her arms as she spoke. She said she was in bad health and pleaded with French lawmaker Didier Julia to help win her release.

"Please help me, my health is very bad," she said in English. "Please, it's urgent now. I ask especially Mr. Didier Julia, the French deputy, to help me. Please Mr. Julia help me, it's urgent,

help me."

Julia, a maverick lawmaker from President Jacques Chirac's governing party, caused an uproar last year when he helped mediate the release of kidnapped French journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot. The two were freed in December after four months in captivity. Julia was accused by French authorities of meddling in the government's attempts to release the two men, almost sabotaging it. He defended his actions, saying he had hoped his contacts in the Middle East would enable him to make progress where, he claimed, France's government has failed.

Bin Laden enlisting operative in Iraq, intelligence indicates

WASHINGTON - Osama bin Laden is enlisting his top operative in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, to plan potential attacks on the United States, U.S. intelligence indicates.

Al-Zarqawi, who rivals bin Laden as the nation's public enemy No. 1, has been involved in attacks in the Middle East but has not been known before to have set his sights on the United States.

The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, which spokesman Brian Roehrkasse described Monday as "credible but not specific."

The intelligence was obtained over the past several weeks, officials said. The United States has no immediate plans to raise its national terror alert level, Roehrkasse said. However, the intelligence "reiterates the desire by al-Qaida and its associates to target the homeland," he said.

Gender issues topic of student leadership event

Differences between communication issues will be the focus

CHRIS ADAMS STAFF WRITER

The student leadership development programs office is planning and sponsoring an event on campus meant to raise awareness of leadership and communication issues between men and women.

This is the first time the office is holding an event catering to different gender issues. The main purpose of this retreat is to focus on ways to enhance the understanding level between different genders. Topics to be discussed include different leadership styles, courtship and marriage, health issues and gender related career issues all based around the different perspectives of men and women.

Katey Slagel, graduate assis-

tant in the student leadership development programs office, was optimistic about the event.

"This will be a great opportunity to grow," said Slagel.

"Men and women relate to things differently. They understand things differently and they think differently. We want to celebrate that."

Throughout the day, several workshop sessions will take place where men and women can learn to communicate their differences in an open and safe environment.

Anne Bakker, president of ABG Designs, will be a keynote speaker at the event. Stephen Gray, director of Mendenhall Student Center and director of student activities, will also speak at the event.

Not only will there be two different workshop sessions open for both genders, there will be separate activities that are gender specific.

The session called "Becoming an Exceptional Woman" will

deal with issues women face on a day-to-day basis. Women will also learn what characteristics make a woman exceptional.

"Men of Honor" will look at different expectations men are meant to achieve in today's society.

"This event will cause the students to grow personally because they will be challenged," Slagel said.

"They will learn about different issues that will cause them to gain an understanding about the opposite gender. Hopefully, they will be able to get something out of this event that they will be able to take back to the classroom."

To further allow gender issues to be resolved, the students will be involved in a "Double Take" session. This will be a session where men and women will be able to ask each other questions in order to further understand the opposite sex.

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Crime Scene

Feb. 23

9:15 p.m.
Larceny of motor vehicle parts
By unknown person(s) removing radio antenna from outside of vehicle.

11:30 p.m.
Possessing less than a half ounce of marijuana/paraphernalia
A subject was found in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Umstead Residence Hall.

Feb. 24

3:30 a.m.
Possessing less than a half ounce

of marijuana/paraphernalia
A subject was found in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in Fletcher Residence Hall.

Feb. 25

9:40 a.m.
Larceny from building
An unknown person stole a flute and its case in Fletcher Music Center.

11:45 a.m.
Financial card theft/financial identity fraud
An Aramark cashier was arrested for having others' financial cards.

Feb. 28

5:13 p.m.
Larceny
A subject entered a locker and took items from a wallet in the Student Recreational Center.

Weekly Crime Tip

Not providing the police with correct information when they ask for your name and date of birth is a crime and you can be arrested for it. One of the best ways to keep yourself out of trouble is to be honest.

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REVITALISE program connects educators

Project uses technology to bridge gaps

MICHAEL HARRINGTON
SENIOR WRITER

The college of education is in the process of using technology as a way to retain teachers in rural areas of North Carolina.

A program, called REVITALISE, allows middle and high school science and math teachers from rural areas in the state to connect on an access-grid and share ideas with educators in Illinois.

The program is a collaborative effort with the University of Illinois-Champaign and is being funded by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

Yokima Cureton, director of communication in the college of education, said teachers in science and math are difficult to recruit and retain.

"People that major in science and math are typically going to higher paying jobs," said Cureton.

"We're seeing such shortages in science and math."

In rural areas, teachers are often less likely to stay because there are more amenities offered in urban areas and a feeling of isolation can sometimes form.

The aim of REVITALISE is to create a feeling of unity among teachers and create fresh excitement for the education process, while also allowing them to share concepts and learn how to use technology to strengthen their abilities.

In the program, teachers from rural areas of Illinois and North Carolina will connect using a high-speed network with multimedia capabilities known as an access grid.

While working together in the REVITALISE program, teachers will have the opportunity to learn how to develop advanced visualization modules which can be

integrated into their classrooms.

ECU hosts the program in the Science and Technology building which has the necessary equipment.

Cureton said the program started in 2002 with \$1.4 million in funding and is currently in its last year.

"Right now, I'm getting nothing but a positive response from the participants," Cureton said.

"They feel that it is a great professional development program."

Teachers from the counties of Camden, Chowan, Bertie, Pitt, Wilson, Onslow, Wayne and Nash are participating in this program.

Cureton said retention and renewal of teachers is a problem that has been statistically proven in North Carolina.

"More than half the school systems in the state have a vacancy in math and nearly half in science," Cureton said.

Heather Lasch, junior elementary education major, said she used videoconferencing in one of her classes to connect with students in Kansas.

"I think it's a good idea ... we learned some different ways to integrate teaching," said Lasch.

However, Lasch said while conferencing might be useful, teachers are still primarily interested in the pen and pencil hands on experiences that teaching brings.

Charles Thompson, L.W. King professor in education, said he finds using technology as a means of connection is extraordinarily useful.

Thompson said he had a conference with teachers from distant locations and wasn't forced to travel.

"It saved a bundle ... I didn't have to travel to Texas to have a three-hour conference," said Thompson.

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able to those higher standards just as individuals are."

Some feel that any mention of God in relation to the government is a violation of the Constitution.

"The public acknowledgment of God, particularly of a Christian variety, is so flagrantly unconstitutional that there should be no discussion here," Cayton said.

"The first amendment directly and inarguably deals with this situation."

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"The students will be able to relate to each other," Slagel said.

Students have given positive feedback about this upcoming retreat.

"I think it is such a great idea," said Sara Girmus, sophomore nursing major.

"I know that every girl could benefit from a better understanding of male communication patterns."

Other students shared the same enthusiasm.

"This will be a great opportunity for me to grow as an individual," said Nathan Woodcock, sophomore construction management major.

"I hope I can learn a lot from this event."

The event is taking place from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on March 5 at Mendenhall Student Center. There is no cost for the event and lunch will be provided and it is open for all ECU students to participate.

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Other positions on the public acknowledgment of God include those of religious freedom for all, Christianity or not.

"It is not right when other religions are given special treatment over Christianity," Stem said.

"Christians should have the freedom to express religious faith just as any other person has the freedom to."

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should concentrate on businesses not paying enough attention to identification cards.

"I've gotten into a club as I'm under 21," said Samantha Savitske, sophomore psychology major.

Mallory Harrison, sophomore elementary education major, said she rarely has to show her identification card downtown and is let in without question.

However, other students feel that ABC is doing their job at keeping underage drinking to a minimum.

"Most places do a good job, but there are some places that serve to almost anyone. You can't expect them to stop everyone," said Nathan Woodard, junior hospitality management major.

Woodard suggested ABC regulate one universal code for people who are more than 21.

"Using wristbands to identify if people are of age would cause less confusion," Woodard said.

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Correction:

There is a factual error in the article titled, "Black Student Union Heritage festival," which ran in the March 1 edition. The NAACP was the sponsor of the event while the BSU simply participated.

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Oscar Knockout



Foxx and Eastwood's 'Baby' Among Academy Winners

KYLE BILLINGS
STAFF WRITER

The most glamorous and anticipated night in Hollywood has come and passed, and the 77th Academy Awards came with all the elements of a good drama. We laughed, we cried, and the evening was filled with unforgettable moments. Chris Rock was welcomed to his Oscar Hosting Debut with a standing ovation to start off the night. His presence was an appealing departure from the monotony of past hosts, who usually make hosting the show a career affair. The star of *Pootie Tang* kept the attention of Hollywood's elite throughout the night, creating the comedic aura as winners such as Clint Eastwood and Jamie Foxx gave the night its dramatic flair. Eastwood demonstrated that his movie-making aptitude has matured with age, as his movie *Million Dollar Baby* was the big winner of the night, taking home four wee little men, three of them in four major categories.

Aside from the host, this year's awards had other noticeable changes in the landscape of the most watched awards show. For select - and to many less meaningful - categories, the nominees clustered together on the stage for the opening of the envelope to reduce the time it takes for the winner to walk onstage. Other winners were announced in the audience, with a microphone setup in the aisles for the winners.

The first award of the evening was given to *The Aviator* for Art Direction, a trend that would last for the next five categories that *The Aviator* was in the running for. The film nabbed five

awards throughout the night, including Best Supporting Actress for Cate Blanchett's daunting performance as Oscar winner and Hollywood icon Katherine Hepburn.

Some of the anticipation leading into the night was quieted early, with the second award given to Morgan Freeman as Best

Supporting Actor for his role in *Million Dollar Baby*. The overwhelming sentimental favorite, this was Freeman's fourth nomination and first win.

Unfortunately for Martin Scorsese, the continual trend of losing the Oscar would continue. Scorsese was nominated in the Best Director category for the

highly touted Howard Hughes piece *The Aviator*, but the award was given to the big winner of the night Clint Eastwood for *Million Dollar Baby*. Often described as the Susan Lucci of the Academy Awards, this was Scorsese's fifth consecutive loss in the category of Best Director.

Arguably the stiffest competition, for Best Animated Feature, was appropriately presented by Robin Williams. *The Incredibles* outdid fellow nominees *Shrek 2*, which is now the highest grossing comedy of all time, and *Shark Tale*.

Singer Beyonce stepped outside the realm of "Soldier" and "Bootylicious" to perform three of the five nominated tracks for Best Song. Beautifully incorporating the French language into her singing repertoire, Beyonce was accompanied by the American Boys Choir for "Look to Your Path" from the film *Les Choristes*. Beyonce, adorned with a truck load of diamonds, accompanied accomplished pianist and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber for his nominated song "Learn to Be Lonely," featured in the film production of *Phantom of the Opera*. She finalized the category with a duet with Josh Groban for the song "Believe," featured in the film *The Polar Express*. However it was the song sung by Antonio Banderas alongside guitarist Carlos Santana that won the award. "Al Otro Lado Del Rio" from *The Motorcycle Diaries* became the first song nominated and to win an Academy Award for Best Song in the Spanish language. The least surprising win was the Best Actor nod for Jamie Foxx, who wowed everyone with a stunning portrayal of Ray Charles in the biopic *Ray*. The legacy continues for Ray Charles, as he racked up countless Grammy's, his album *Genius Loves Company* topped the Billboard

Charts this past week, and the man who played him for the movie won the Academy Award for Best Actor. Jamie Foxx joins an elite fraternity as one of only three African-American actors to win the award for Best Actor - the other two being Denzel Washington and Sidney Poitier.

The evening included a touching tribute to late former host Johnny Carson, who was described as "the bridge" from Old Hollywood awards into the new. The president of the Academy also dedicated the awards to the thousands of American troops worldwide, wishing them "a swift and safe trip home." An endearing tribute was also given to the Lifetime Achievement award winner Sidney Lumet, who has been involved with movie making for the better part of a century, and has directed classic films such as *12 Angry Men*, *Serpico*, and *Dog Day Afternoon* throughout his tenure.

The most fitting testament may have been to the man whose work continues to progress and evolve with time. The man they call Josey Wales and Dirty Harry racked up the big wins of the night for his previously little known film *Million Dollar Baby*. For those who haven't seen the movie, it is the story of a girl boxer and took three of the most coveted awards given, including the annual title fight for Best Picture, Clint Eastwood for Best Director and Hilary Swank for Best Actress. In the last 20 years of the Academy Awards Presentation, 18 of the 20 films with the most overall nominations took home the most coveted Best Film Prize. Sunday proved to be a day for the dark horse as *Million Dollar Baby* eclipsed the eleven-time nominated *The Aviator* for the award.

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American Idol: TEC Predictions



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"Who stays: Jessica Sierra
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Who goes: Amanda Avila"

Tommy Lee Jones returns to comedy

New film hit with audiences

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Oscar winner Tommy Lee Jones is taking another shot at the comedy genre in his new film *Man of the House*. After the enormous success from the *Men in Black* series, Jones seems to be just as comfortable in this genre as he was in the dramatic roles, which won him an Academy Award.

Jones plays a by-the-book Texas Ranger named Roland Sharp. He tracks down a key informant with the help of ex-con turned preacher Percy Stevens (Cedric The Entertainer). The informant ends up being killed. Now, Sharp is assigned to protect the only witnesses to the murder. These witnesses are a group of cheerleaders from the University of Texas. In order to protect them, he must move in with these college coeds.

The film is directed by Stephen Herek, whose previous credits include *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, *The Mighty Ducks* and the live action rendition on *101 Dalmatians*. The idea of a man being thrown into this strange situation drew Herek to the project. Other elements drew



Lee plays the protector of cheerleaders who witnessed a murder.

him to it as well.

"The story also examines the idea of daughters and fathers and family relationships. So, although he's thrown into the worst place he could possibly be in, as the story progresses, we watch a man who has grown crusty over the years rediscover

his heart, which transforms his life," said Herek about his love for the story.

Man of the House comes from a screenplay originally written by John J. McLaughlin and Scott Lobdell. It was originally set to take place at a college in Virginia with the lead character being an

FBI agent. The story was relocated to Texas when producer Steven Reuther read the film's script and couldn't think of anybody better to play the part than Jones. Setting the film in Texas and making the lead character a Texas Ranger was what helped attract Jones to the project. Jones is a native of Texas. Reuther has previously worked with Jones on the films *JFK*, *The Client*, *Cobb* and *Under Siege*.

Rounding out the cast are the five cheerleaders who Jones is assigned to protect. They include Christina Milian, who has been seen in *Love Don't Cost A Thing* and *Torque*, Paula Garcés (*Clockstoppers* and *Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle*), Monica Keena (*Freddy vs. Jason*), Kelli Garner (*The Aviator*) and Vanessa Ferlito ("*CSI: New York*"). Academy Award nominated actress Anne Archer (*Fatal Attraction*) also stars as Jones' love interest.

If you're interested in checking out Jones' third shot in a comedic role, *Man of the House* is a film that promises to make you laugh. This film will not win Jones his second Oscar, but he will win over audiences with his winning comedic ability.

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Paris Hilton plays a starring role.

Paris' new DVD

'Good Life Gone Bad'

MEREDITH STEWART
STAFF WRITER

Image Entertainment, Inc. announced the home release of the independent film, *The Hillz*, will be on store shelves March 8. The featured cast will be Paris Hilton, Rene Heger, Jesse Woodrow and Jason Shaw.

Image Entertainment, Inc. is a leading independent license, producer and distributor of home entertainment in North America. The company is headquartered in Chatsworth, Calif. and has released more than 2,500 DVD titles in domestic release and 300 programs internationally.

Saran Barnun, the director of *The Hillz* has a personal story that was his inspiration to the darkly

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comic, violent saga of teens who take a drug and sex filled detour. Barnun had a friend who delivered pizzas and was driving down the street when two kids, no older than 14, threw a rock at his car. When the delivery guy got out and finally caught the two kids, they immediately pulled a gun on him. The only reason his friend did not get shot was because the gun jammed. His friend's random encounter with violence ignited an idea for a film.

Saran grew up watching movies like *Pulp Fiction*, *Mean Streets* and *Boyz n the Hood*. Just after graduating from college, he launched his script from his feeling of disconnection to his friends who had chosen not to go to college. He could see how down hill most of his friends

went, especially the one who started selling crystal methane. From all of this *The Hillz* was created. It's an "action, comedy, drama, cult" film about Steve 5 who returns from college to find his friends had turned their once peaceful neighborhood into an "ultra-violent crime zone." A place where sex and drugs were plentiful as candy.

"I wanted to comment on the growing violence and casual sexuality of our culture," said Barnun in a press interview.

Steve 5 discovers his best friend Duff (Heger) has become a sadistic gang leader. He is the guy behind the radical change of the once beautiful suburban hills. Duff finally has the respect, cash and cool new friends he always wanted. With Steve 5 being lured

into Duff's new life, he struggles to follow his dream of becoming a professional baseball player. Steve 5 is also trying to win over the sexy, but attainable Heather (Hilton.)

This is Paris Hilton's feature film debut in a lead character role. And just as in real life, Hilton plays the role of a girl who is "the object of every guy's desire." Barnun said that working with Hilton was a pleasure. She actually worked for free and even did her own hair and make-up.

This twisted comedy that is semi-based on reality will make you look at the life of the "rich" in a different way. They all aren't as perfect as they seem. Maybe we aren't all as different as we think.

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No knight in shining armor

Greg Brown falls short

KYLE BILLINGS
STAFF WRITER

If Greg Brown's guitar is his sword, then his armor of vocals and lyrics needs a slight (make that a major) touchup. The instruments are great, with all the elements of a potentially decent rock band. Each song has a certain flair reminiscent of the good ole days of rock and roll. Greg Brown has skill with a guitar, however this skill fails to extend to his singing and song-writing abilities. Brown sounds like a raspy Bruce Springsteen or perhaps a worn out Neil Diamond. His guitar riffs with his voice make it seem as if he's experiencing a middle age crisis and trying to rekindle his youth through a recording studio.

The opening trio of cuts from this album is the most intolerable. "Introspective Man," "Redneck Love" and "Middleclass Blues" respectively wholly subtract from the musical talent that should be Brown's trademark. Lyrics of the opening song "Introspective Man" state, "Whiskey and nicotine running through my blood running from the man and a forgotten childhood." It seems as though Brown is trying to reconnect with that forgotten childhood, but his vocals and lyrics hardly provide a successful medium. It's also hard to believe that a man from Connecticut knows anything about "Redneck Love" as his second song would

indicate. That track sounds like a Huey Lewis song left in the recording studio, where it should have stayed. The third song into the album, reaches into a deeper abyss of bad music with this tired ode to the "Middleclass Blues." The guitar is left to salvage the disparity of the vocals and lyrics.

Thankfully Brown changes gears to the delight of the listener, with highlights in the tracks "American Knight" and the introspective "The American Book of the Dead." Brown slows down for the title song, and finally sets a decent rhythm and tone to match his raspy voice. The song succeeds where "Middleclass Blues" failed, with a clever metaphor for the American knight, concerning the blues of the middle class man. The strength of his guitar is emphasized as the song begins and ends gracefully. Finally the 1980s hard rock approach works in "The American Book of the Dead." Without sounding too much like grandpa singing along to Whitesnake, Brown takes a look at American authority figures, providing an insightful view.

To conclude the album, it transitions into a more melodic sound, less hard rock which seems to suit Brown's voice. The final three songs, while not polar opposites from the opening three, provide a different, somewhat more appealing approach. The final three tracks are more eloquent matches of Greg Brown's vocal talents to his undeniable musical presence on the guitar. "Blood and Soul,"

"No Surprise" and "Madman's Eye" could even be considered a choice sampling to play on a long drive. "Blood and Soul" has little to be critiqued or lauded about, except for the fact it is somewhat reminiscent of Tom Petty, always a compliment. "No Surprise" is smooth and mellow, even with decent lyrics. Shakespeare would be proud to hear, "When the golden sun comes alive, kiss your skin like the morning dew, wrap you up in dawn's sleepy eyes." The song cascades through easy-listening mode, ending with a relaxed and melodic guitar, which has been Brown's hallmark and saving grace. "Madman's Eye" starts out with the unsuccessful blending of 1980s rock and Greg Brown's voice, but the swan song corrects itself, with a choir joining and the tempo slowing down. These elements make the jerky start forgivable, and even lend credence to an aging musical style.

In the end, it's hard to be incredibly harsh to a musician who dedicates his album to his mother, as Greg Brown does. Listening to the album however, makes it easier to do so.

Throughout the country, bands play for family reunions and get-togethers in their garage, and within that category you might consider this ensemble of music above average. But Brown's music needs work in order to climb the industry ladder.

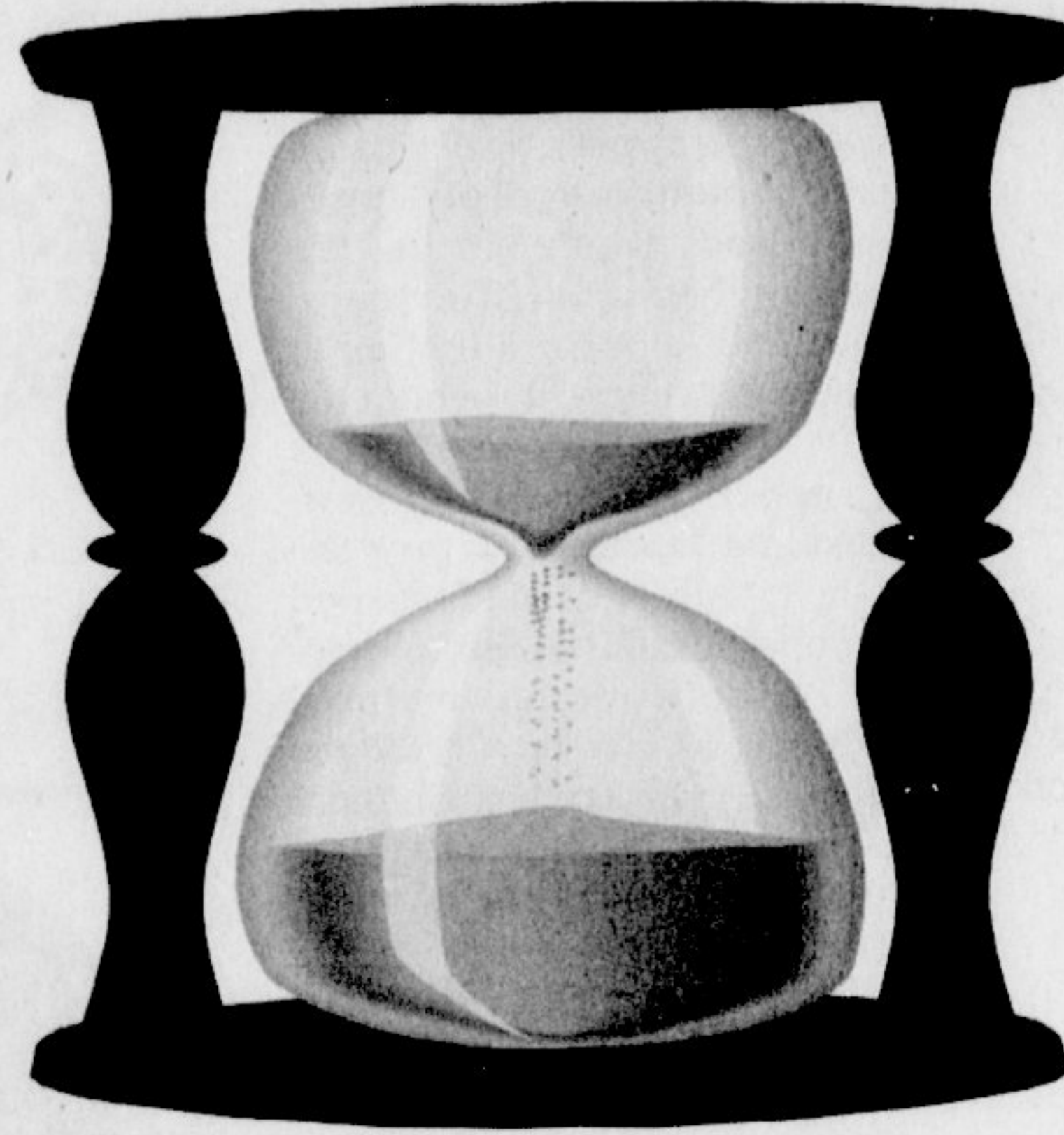
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Sports Briefs



Simms Signs With D.C. United

D.C. United announced today that the club has signed midfielder Clyde Simms, formerly of the Richmond Kickers and ECU. The Jamestown, NC native made headlines earlier this year when he was the only non-Major League Soccer player called into full U.S. National Team camp in preparation for the team's World Cup qualifier versus Trinidad and Tobago. Simms, 22, spent the 2004 season with the United Soccer League's Richmond Kickers. He appeared in 31 games and had more starts (28) than any other rookie in the league. Simms notched three goals during the year, two of which were game-winners. He was twice named to the A-League Team of the Week during the season, the only rookie to receive such an honor. At ECU, Simms was a two-time All Conference USA selection (2002-03), three-time captain and a second-team All Colonial Athletic Association (2000) honoree for the Pirates. He ended his career at ECU tied for fifth all-time in games played (72). In his senior season, he started all 17 games, tallying four points (one goal, two assists). Simms and his new teammates will kick off the 2005 season Saturday, April 2 against Chivas USA at 3 p.m. on ABC.



ECU women seeded eighth in tourney

The ECU women's basketball team will head into the 2005 Pepsi Conference USA Tournament as the eighth seed and will play Memphis (No. 9) at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at Charlotte's Halton Arena. The Lady Pirates earned their highest seed since joining C-USA in 2001-02 finishing 10-17 overall and 6-8 in league action. The winner between the two schools will take on one seed DePaul on Friday at 1 p.m. For ticket information, call (704) 687-4949. ECU, who will be making its third consecutive appearance in the C-USA Tournament under head coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener, will look to snap a three-game losing skid on the season. The Pirates faced Memphis earlier in the season inside Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum coming away with a 60-47 win.

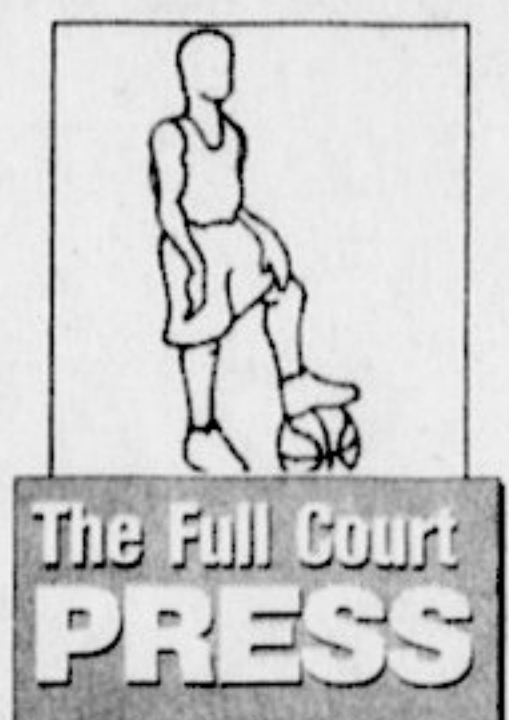
Correction

In the article entitled "Holland made right decision" by Senior Writer Eric Gilmore, it is not Alico Dunk who was on the 1993 NCAA tournament team for ECU men's basketball. Mr. Gilmore intended to name Ike Copeland as the second player in addition to Lester Lyons. Dunk played for the Pirates from 1997-1999. Mr. Gilmore would like to add that the men's team also made the NCAA tournament in 1971-72 in addition to the appearance in 1993. The 1971-72 team lost to Villanova in the first round.

Herrion will be greatly missed



Members of the Student Pirate Club give Herrion a basketball covered in signatures and well-wishes after the coach's home win against Southern Mississippi.



ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

It was loud. It was intense. The 2001-2002 season was the first year ECU was in Conference USA and the maniacs were preparing to give Rick Pitino a nice ECU style welcome for his first visit to Greenville. I was excited – a chance to see Rick Pitino walk onto the same court where I took EXSS 1000 doesn't happen often.

The list of great coaches who have come into Greenville and took on our beloved Pirates includes some of the top names in the sport. Along with Pitino, Bobby Lutz, Bob Huggins, Tom Crean, John Calapari and Larry

Eustachy have all come to the "Graveyard of the Atlantic."

The list doesn't end at coaches either. Think about the players that have come to Minges in the Bill Herrion Era. Francisco Garcia, Jason Maxiel, Dwayne Wade and Travis Deiner are just some of current and future NBA players to all be heckled by the student section.

Every time one of these names in college basketball came into Minges, I was more interested in seeing them play then seeing ECU play. A chance to see coaches and players known around the country two miles from my apartment doesn't happen often.

About 100 feet away from the entrance where these coaches and players walk through is another entrance.

No one known on the national level has ever walked through this side. This doorway is where

the shortest player on the Pirates roster leads his teammates and coach Herrion out of the locker room into battle.

I can't begin to think how many times I have seen ECU players and staff go through this routine.

Last Wednesday, another name was added to that list of names that have come out of that entrance where Pitino, Huggins, and Calapari had all walked through – Larry Eustachy. Eustachy isn't known for his coaching status, but certain photos that anyone with ESPN or an Internet connection has seen. Regardless, he still is name to coach in Greenville.

I took my seat in section 113. Like usual, I started looking toward the entrance to see some coach walk out onto the court. However, my head was turned to the right, toward the Pirates' entrance, rather than the left

like usual.

I had to see Bill Herrion walk out. I wanted to see his reaction. I looked away from where Eustachy would come out. As many times as I have seen Bill, I couldn't wait to see him again – without a doubt the strangest feeling I have ever felt at a Pirate basketball game.

I was really interested to see how he would handle his recent firing. Would he try some things as a coach that he might not normally try? Would he just sit on the bench and not care?

These questions were answered quickly. Not this guy.

Bill was the same Bill. Protesting referee's calls, screaming out defensive assignments and calling timeouts when his team needed one.

Even though he will be unemployed in a month, Herrion was still a professional, and he was a coach. He will always be a coach.

I'm happy he turned down the athletic fundraiser position. As much as I want him a part of our program, he deserves to be coaching somewhere. Offering him that position was a slap in the face and was insulting. Basically, Terry Holland said, "Bill we like you and want you to be a Pirate, but not as basketball coach."

Herrion will be a very successful coach somewhere very soon. Some Athletic Director somewhere will see how much Herrion has done for our ECU basketball program and will want the same at their University.

I won't ever forget that moment watching Pitino walk out. Hopefully, future students will get the same feeling when they see Bill Herrion lead his new team out onto the court, but from the other side of the gym.

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ECU men suffer tough loss



The ECU men's rugby team traveled to Charlotte this past weekend and came out on the short end of a match for the first time since October of 2004 as the Pirates fell to Vanderbilt, 26-23. The Pirates were handicapped from the beginning when they lost senior Mark Borcharding due to a red card, forcing ECU to play a man short the entire game. The Pirates entered the second half down 21-0 but staged an unbelievable comeback that fell just short. Rob Hileman sparked the Pirates' rally with a try early in the second frame and teammate Jeremy Nobles picked up his play, scoring on a penalty kick and converting three tries. However, Vandy was able to score one last time and time eventually ran out for the Pirates. ECU has games left against the University of Elon, the Citadel and the Marines from Cherry point. The 30th annual alumni game will also be held this spring, April 9 at Blount Fields.

Women's Rugby dominates WCU



The women's team finished the weekend with a record of 3-1.

Lady Pirates advance to South Collegiate Championships

TONY ZOPPO
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU women's rugby team ended their competitive matrix season with a record of 3-1 two weeks ago after beating UNC-G 32-0 and became the Division II Conference D champions. ECU traveled to Athens, Ga. this past weekend to compete in the 2005 Division II South Quarter-Finals.

Teams from all over the South came to participate in this competition including schools like Vanderbilt University, University of Georgia, Western Carolina University and University of Central Florida. The Lady Pirates were to take on Western, Saturday at 11 a.m. and didn't disappoint as they smoked the catamounts, 43-5.

Western Carolina came to Athens with only 13 players and had no substitutes. However, their team had a lot of size and posed a considerable challenge for the much smaller Lady Pirates. In

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Duke, North Carolina lead all-ACC team

(AP) — After tying for the regular-season title, Duke and North Carolina headlined The Associated Press all-ACC women's basketball team released Tuesday.

The Blue Devils and Tar Heels each had three selections to the 2004-05 team, led by Duke junior Monique Currie. Currie was a unanimous first-team selection in voting by 74 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association.

Currie was joined by third-team picks Mistie Williams and Jessica Foley.

North Carolina sophomore Ivory Latta led the Tar Heel trio, earning 55 votes to make the first team. Freshman Erlana Larkins was a second-team pick, while sophomore Camille Little made the third team.

The teams each finished 12-2 in the league, but fourth-ranked North Carolina (24-3) earned the No. 1 seed in this week's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament by sweeping the season series. That included Sunday's 77-68 road win, their first at Cameron Indoor Stadium since 1997.

Sixth-ranked Duke (26-3)

is looking for its sixth straight tournament title.

Joining Currie and Latta on the first team is Miami junior Tamara James — the nation's leading scorer at 23 points per game — Maryland's Shay Doron and Florida State's Roneeka Hodges.

Currie, a second-team pick in 2002 and 2004, averaged 18 points and seven rebounds per game despite playing the past month with stress fractures in her left foot. But she had no problem coming up big when the Blue Devils, who had just eight players most of this year, needed her.

"It's difficult to defend her because she picks and chooses her spots when she's going to explode," Georgia Tech coach MaChelle Joseph said. "She kind of lulls you to sleep. You think you have her under control, and then she scores a huge amount of points quickly."

James' 59 first-place votes was second to Currie, and the junior continued her torrid scoring pace all season despite defenses keying on stopping her. She cracked the 30-point mark five times, with a high of 39 against Fairfield in December.

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the first half however, ECU came out firing on all cylinders as they scored less than two minutes into the game.

Senior Melissa Blakemore and junior Casey Perry, the two locks on the team, provided great support and strength to the pack. Captain Amanda Winar was very pleased with ECU's performance.

"We have quick and mobile loose forwards and back line players, so we just used that speed against Western Carolina," said Winar.

"Our flankers Amber Ferrell and Jacq Leblanc, not to mention some of our rookies like freshman Jasmin Rode, really stepped it up. Rode, our fullback, ran

up to participate in most of the back plays and kicked constantly, running around the pitch like a machine."

Captains Ryan Whited and Winar each scored two tries (five points). Freshman Elisa Ford, Rode and LeBlanc also scored one try each and Whited made four out of the seven conversion kicks (two points each).

The success for this Lady Pirates squad thus far is unprecedented.

"I don't think I've ever been more proud of my team," Winar said.

"We have really stuck by each other and the sport of rugby as a whole. With some amazing

talent, a lot of dedication and just love for the game, we have really accomplished something."

ECU will next compete in the 2005 Division I and II South Collegiate Championships in Greenville, SC. The Semi-Finals take place Saturday, March 19 when ECU takes on the College of Charleston.

The winners of the divisional brackets will move on to play in the Finals on Sunday with a chance of grabbing the Southern Championship spot in the National Championships held in Santa Cruz, Calif.

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Congratulations to Alpha Phi sister Kristina Orioco on being named Theta Chi's Sweetheart. We're so proud of you & love you tons! What an honor!

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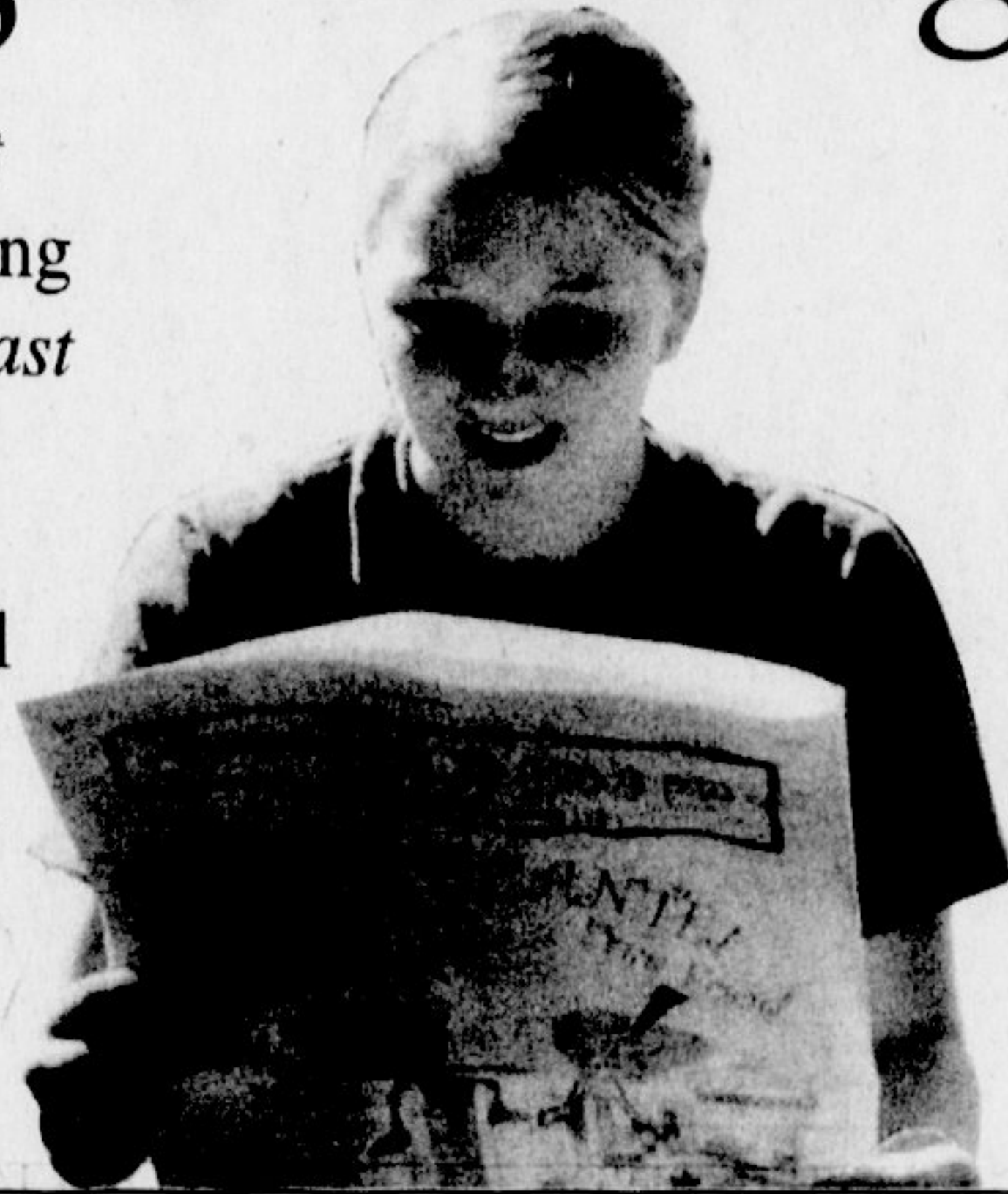
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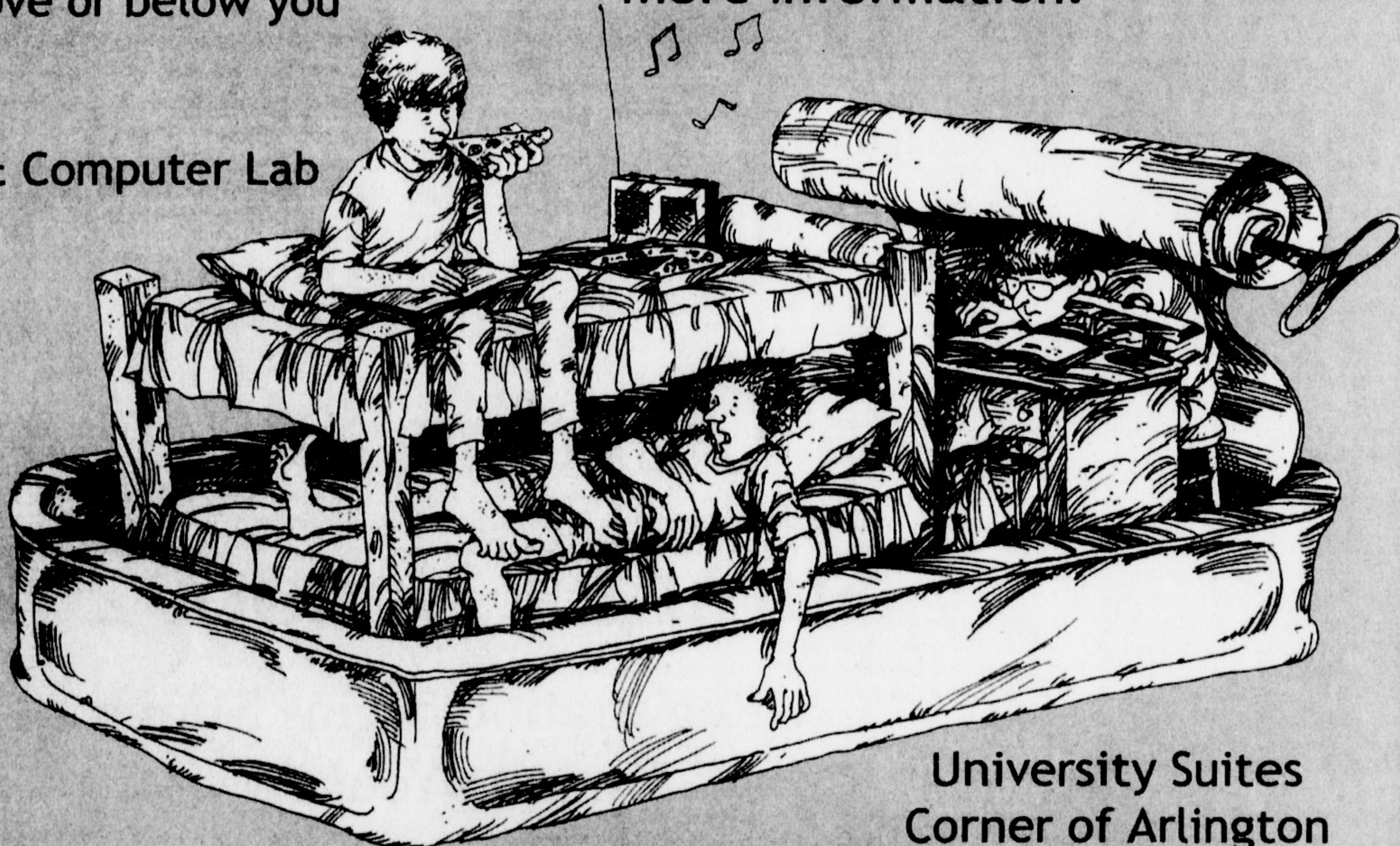
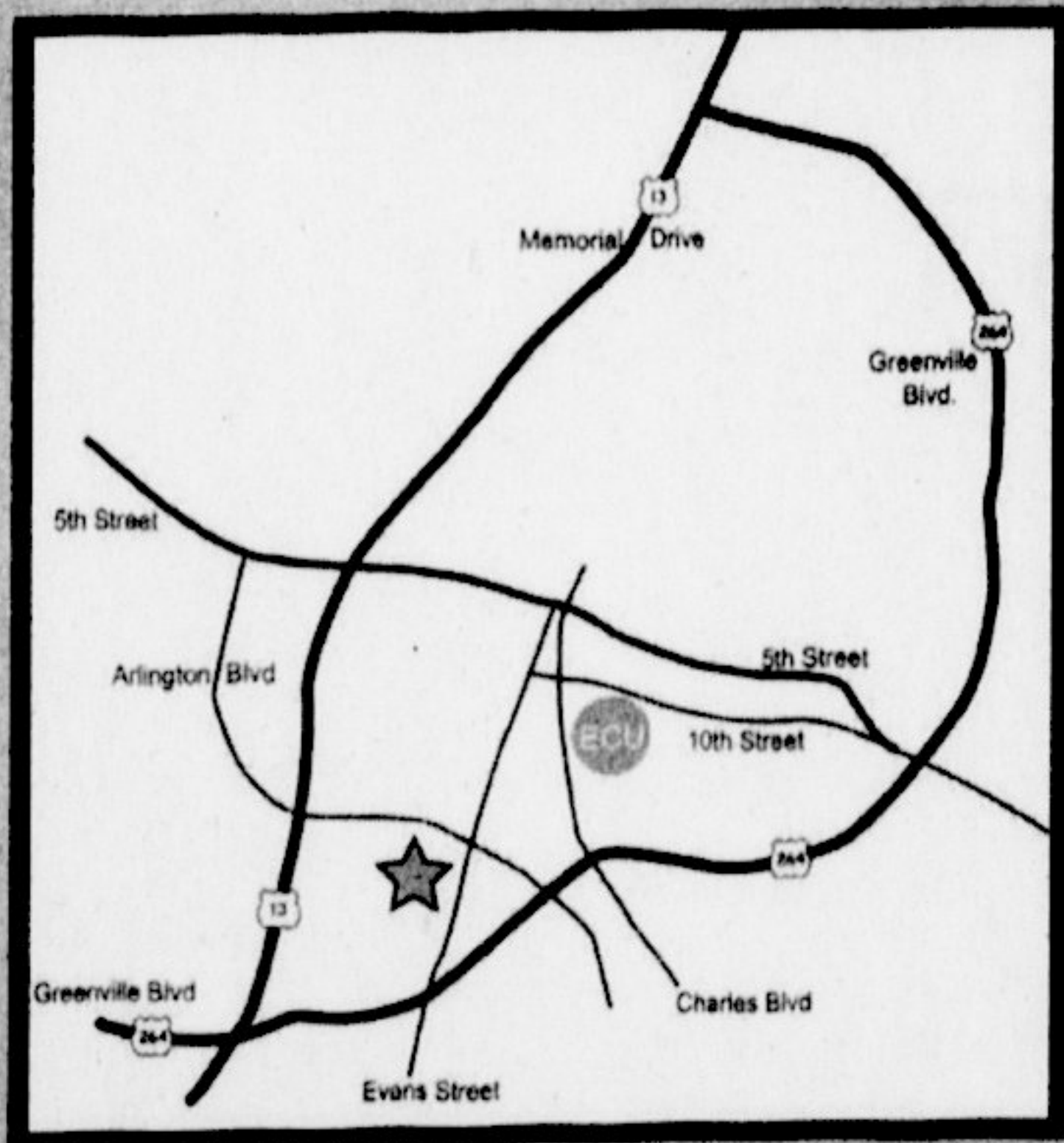
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