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Utility bills an issue when apartment shopping

Greenville Utilities offers some suggestions

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With many students in the process of deciding where to live next year, Greenville Utilities is offering suggestions to reduce the costs of utility bills when seeking a new residence.

Andy Yakim, Energy Services Supervisor of Greenville Utilities, said the main concerns for students should be what type of heating system the building has and the age of the structure.

Heating and cooling is often 80 percent of a utility bill. Some ways to identify if the heating system is a heat pump is if the thermostat has a setting for emergency heat, often with a red indicator light. It will also have a setting for auxiliary heat, often with a green, blue or amber indicator light. The lights are located on the front of the thermostat.

However, Yakim said to

remember all thermostats do not have these lights.

A heat pump runs off of a compressor-driven refrigeration cycle that yields to customers around 12 - 13 British Thermal Units of heat per watt. Electric resistance heating systems such as electric furnaces or electric baseboard heating give exactly 3.4 BTU per watt.

"The biggest difference in these two systems is economics of operation. Electric resistance heat is three times more costly to operate than a heat pump," said Yakim.

Yakim said even though Greenville Utilities has suggested that some older apartment complexes install heat pumps during renovations, they have refused due to the cost of installing the systems.

"These places often refuse because when installing a \$2,000 - \$3,000 central air conditioning unit, they don't want to spend the extra \$300 it would cost to put a heat pump in instead,"

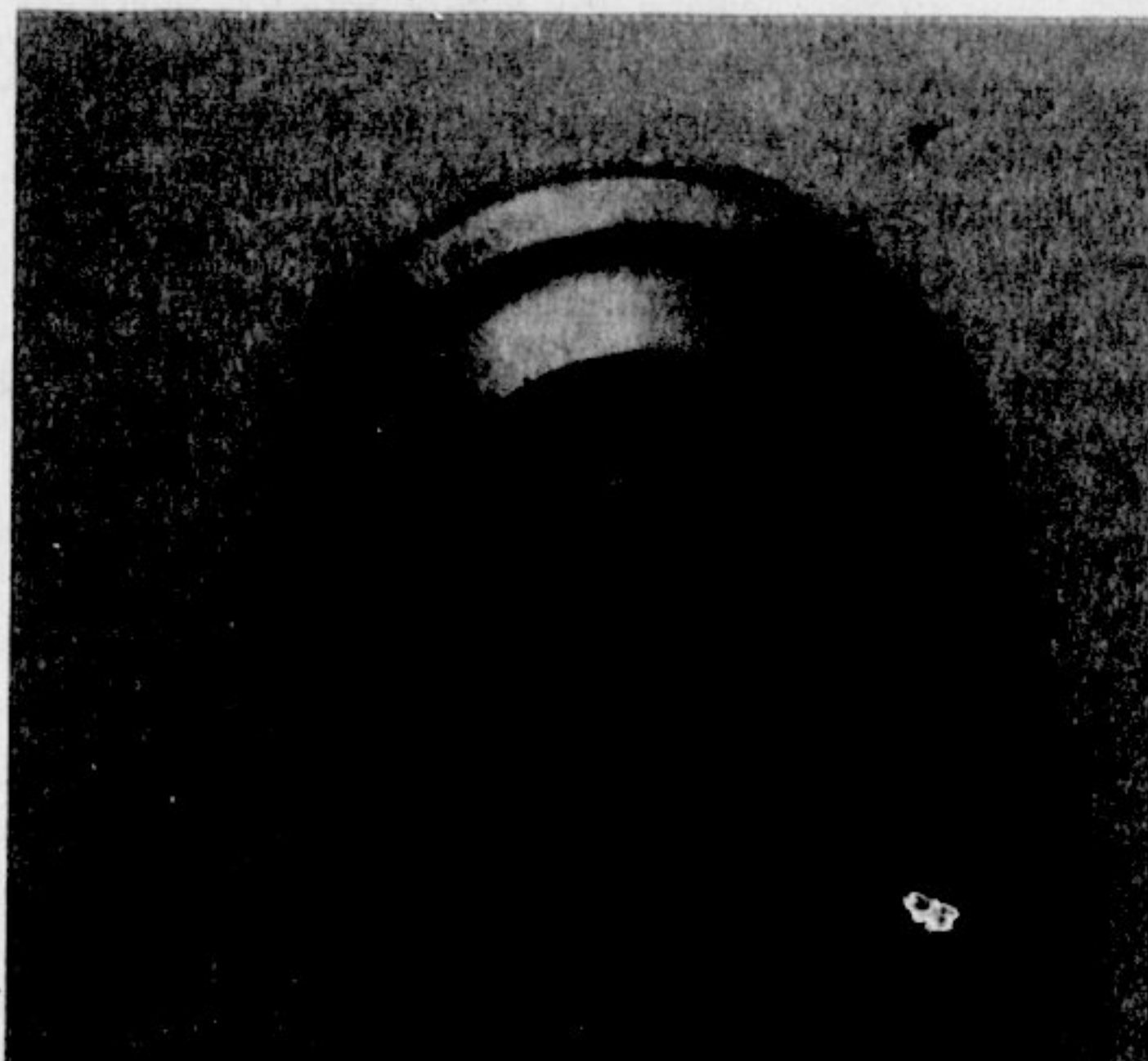
Yakim said.

He said another key factor to look for when looking for an apartment is the age of the building.

"Newer is always better because they are built up to the newest building codes and have better insulation and are more air-tight," Yakim said.

Greenville Utilities suggests getting a copy of the previous tenants' utility bills prior to moving in. Students can do so by calling Greenville Utilities' customer service. Students are also encouraged to ask the landlords or apartment representatives what type of heating system they use prior to signing the lease if they want to have cost efficient heating.

Yakim said not all apartment workers are knowledgeable about heating systems and may not be able to effectively answer a student's questions. He encourages students to request to speak with the apartment maintenance worker or manager to get definite answers.



Thermostats are indicators of the type of heating system a residence uses.



Thermostats with emergency heat, often indicated by a red light, is an indicator of a cost efficient heat pump system.

Katherine Powell, sophomore communication major, said knowing this information would make looking for housing much easier this year.

"Understanding the high costs of not having a heat pump will absolutely affect my deci-

sion on leasing an apartment, as it would ultimately affect my wallet," said Powell.

Blair Evans, senior marketing major, wishes she had known how much her heating system would cost prior to moving in.

"If I had known how much the previous tenants paid for utilities before I moved in, I probably would've kept on looking for a place," said Evans.

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Murray poses with group of chapter members.

NAMI opens chapter at ECU

Provides support for those with mental illnesses

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The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill has opened a chapter at ECU in an effort to provide peer to peer support and advocacy for those on campus who suffer from mental illnesses.

The group meets the first Thursday of every month in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center and is open to those affected by mental illnesses and their friends and family members.

The meetings are confidential and provide a place to communicate and provide support for one another.

"What is discussed at our meetings stays at our meetings," said Erick Smithwick, sophomore nursing major and president of the NAMI chapter at ECU.

Smithwick said the main goal of NAMI is to eliminate the misconceptions people often hold about those who suffer from mental illnesses, such as illnesses can be controlled through willpower or someone has to be crazy to have one.

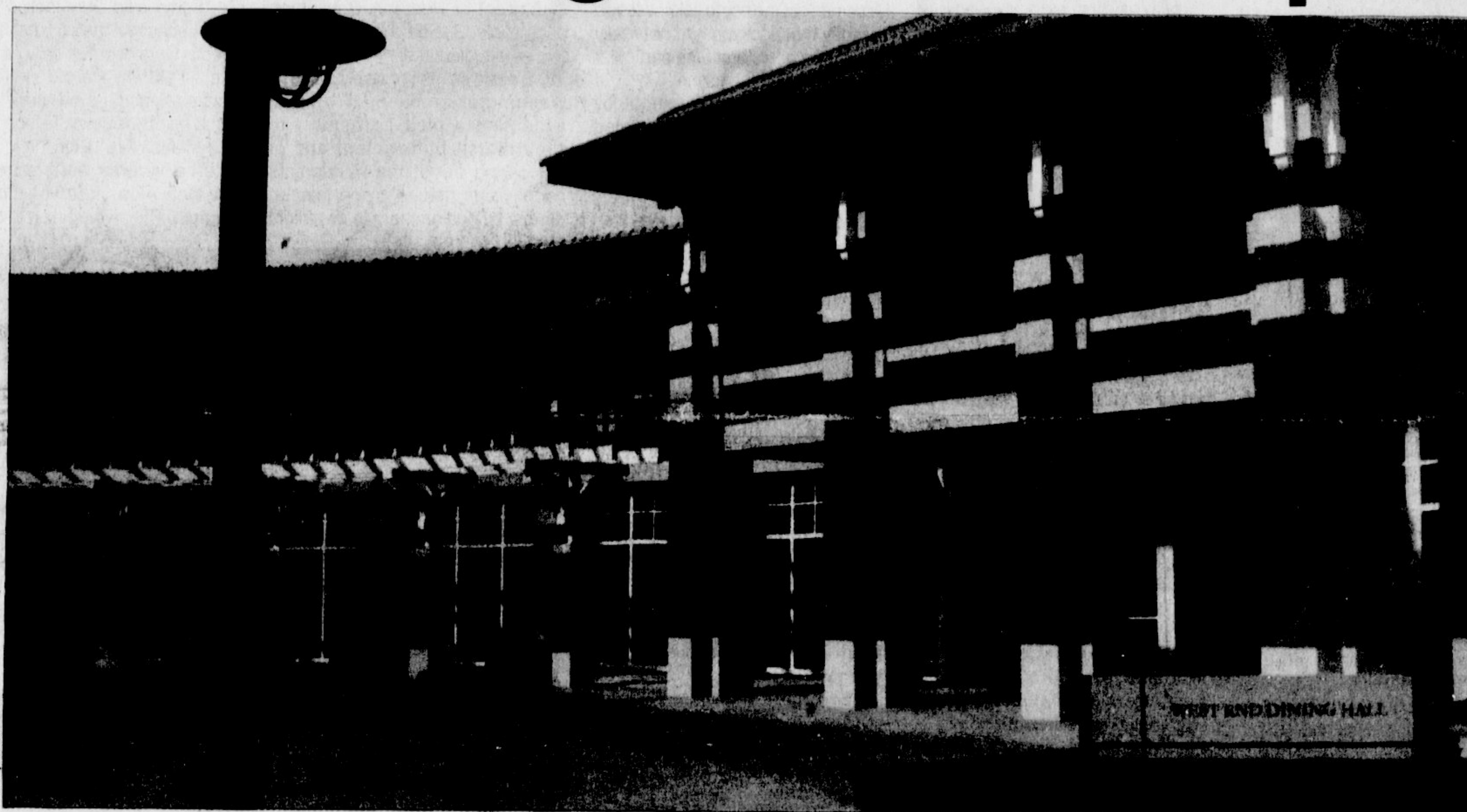
NAMI is an international organization, with a number of chapters in North Carolina, including one in Pitt County. The idea for a campus chapter came from the discussions between Smithwick and Olivia Murray, lecturer in the department of English and faculty adviser to NAMI at ECU, at the monthly Pitt County NAMI meeting held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville.

The organization has made such an impact on their lives that they decided to form a chapter at ECU, the first NAMI chapter at a NC university. Their first meeting was held in November.

Murray said the five major mental illnesses are major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder.

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West Dining Hall set to open



The West End Dining Hall is set to open March 20 for dinner hours. All systems will be in full effect at this time. A Subway will open in the Reade St. Market Convenience Store, also a part of the dining hall complex. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for April 1 at 11:30 a.m. in celebration of the building's opening. The cafeteria within Mendenhall is having its last day of operation this Friday.

English department reestablishes curriculum



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Fewer requirements in course load
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ECU's English Department has made adjustments to its curriculum in order to accommodate the needs of students.

"The impetus for change came from students," said Rick Taylor, director of undergraduate studies in English.

Taylor said the decision came from a committee of 12 professors who unanimously agreed the

changes were necessary.

Bruce Southard, chair of the English department, said the committee investigated what constitutes the requirements for English majors by looking at various other schools before the framework for the new curriculum was established.

"The change they made is keeping in the direction of which English study is going these days," said Southard.

He said the curriculum is maintaining its literature core and is still requiring students

to take courses from different historical periods in addition to a course that focuses on Shakespeare. It will allow students to direct their studies toward their particular literary interest or focus on other subjects within the major such as creative writing, film, linguistics and technical writing.

"I think it will help students prepare for careers outside of teaching," Southard said.

He said it will enable students to be well qualified for admission into graduate programs in English,

law, medicine and other fields.

The curriculum will also allow an easier combination with minors, allowing a more efficient system for students. Minors Southard cited included business, public relations and journalism.

The main changes were fewer required courses, more choice of electives and the option to choose both writing and reading concentrations. The department now offers a bachelor of

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Guest speaker to offer insight on Japanese history

Topic of lecture to be 'The Last Samurai'

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The author of *The Last Samurai: The Life and Battles of Saigo Takamori* is coming to ECU March 22 to discuss the historical facts of his book in comparison to Hollywood's film *The Last Samurai*.

Mark Ravina is a history professor and director of the East Asian Studies program at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He is also chair of the Southern Japan Seminar.

Ravina developed an interest in Takamori because of his failure

to "fit in the timeline of history." He said Takamori was a samurai "caught between traditional Japan and modern western things."

"Saigo is the type of person who wouldn't fit neatly in any sort of box," said Ravina.

"He wouldn't fit neatly in a samurai box."

Ravina first wrote about Takamori years ago as a closing paragraph of a doctoral dissertation.

An editor took interest and asked him to write a biography on Takamori - Ravina took the challenge. Ravina will focus his lecture on Takamori's life and some of the misrepresentations of him in the movie. Aspects of the film that do not match history

cannot be fully blamed on Hollywood as historical information was recorded incorrectly in textbooks.

"There are certain myths about Saigo even historians get wrong," Ravina said.

Ravina will be explaining some of the "interesting ways to get history wrong" by changing minor details.

The stories, myths and legends of a culture are important in understanding how cultures view themselves and the world around them. The story of Takamori is one the Japanese are proud of.

"If the Japanese wanted to know how Americans think, they should watch John Wayne

movies," Ravina said.

"It's sort of a Japanese John Wayne movie."

While students watch the movie, Ravina wants them to think about "what is just a standard Tom Cruise movie."

"Because it's a Tom Cruise movie, it's like a lot of Tom Cruise movies," Ravina said.

He said moviemakers tend to take what works and use those ideas again and again.

Ravina will speak about how the Japanese view Japan and he wants students to think about how the movie shows American views of Japan.

John Tucker, history professor at ECU and director of the Asian

studies program, is helping run the event. Tucker hopes students come and gain "a more in-depth understanding of the interrelationship of history and popular culture in relation to Japan."

ECU students look forward to Ravina's revelations on Japanese history and the showing of *The Last Samurai*.

"It sounds interesting," said Kristen Holtzman, sophomore dance performance major.

"I think it will be a great opportunity for students at ECU to learn about Japanese history."

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Campus News

AA Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings will be held every Wednesday at noon in 242 Mendenhall Student Center and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in 14 MSC. For more information, call 760-500-8918.

National Symphony Orchestra

Emil de Cou will conduct a concert March 10 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. The concert will include Haydn's *Symphony No. 94*, a *Surprise Symphony*, Friedman's *The Throne of the Third Heaven of the Nations Millennium General Assembly* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 7*. Tickets are \$10 - 35 and the event is presented by the office of cultural outreach and S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series. For more information, call 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Saturday, March 12 in the Willis Building at First and Reade Streets downtown. A Pot Luck dinner will be at 6 p.m., a concert at 7 p.m., beginners lessons at 7:30 p.m. and the contra dance from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old-time and Celtic music will be performed by a string band. Admission for students is \$3, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. Please call 752-7350 for more information.

North Carolina Sportsman Magazine's Fishing School

The NC Sportsman Magazine and Greenville Recreation and Parks Department are holding a fishing school March 12 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at South Central High School in Winterville. For more information, please call 910-278-4575 or 329-4562.

St. Patrick's Day Auction

The Farmville Downtown Partnership will hold a St. Patrick's Day Auction at Woodside Antiques on South Main Street in Farmville March 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. The proceeds are to benefit the beautification of downtown Farmville. Please call 753-4670 for more information.

S&D Gun Show

The S&D Gun Show will take place March 12 - 13 at the Greenville Convention Center. For further details, please call 745-5647.

Application Deadline

March 15 is the application deadline for anyone interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services. Applications can be ordered online at ecu.edu/rehb or from the department of rehabilitation studies in 312 Belk building. Please contact Dr. Martha Chapin at 328-4424 for any questions regarding the degree.

Meshuggah-Nuns

The Farmville Community Arts Council will host this spring performance of *Meshuggah-Nuns* March 17 - 20 at 111 North Main St. in Farmville. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Call 753-3832 for more information.

Salsa Dance

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville and the ECU Folk and Country Dancers are holding a salsa dance March 18 in the Willis Building. The lesson begins at 7:30 p.m. and the dance begins at 8 p.m. Call 752-7350 for details.

Eastern Carolina Outdoor Expo

The Eastern Carolina Outdoor Expo will be held March 18 - 20 at the Greenville Convention Center. Call 222-3321.

NCSO Basketball Tournament

The North Carolina Special Olympics is hosting a basketball tournament in Greenville March 18 - 20. Games will be played at high schools throughout the county. Call 919-719-7662 for more information.

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News Briefs

Local

Dole wants answers for homeland security money

CHARLOTTE, NC - U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole is demanding answers from the Homeland Security Department about why money appropriated by Congress to fight textile smuggling has not been used to hire new customs inspectors.

"It is my understanding from reports by the textile industry that not one single new agent has been hired as a result of these actions," Dole, R-NC, wrote to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in a letter released by her office Tuesday. Dole noted funds for such hirings have been included in the last two Homeland Security budgets.

Many textile executives have complained that the Bush administration has ignored their concerns about smuggling and moved too slowly to crack down on illegal imports.

After Congress appropriated money in 2003 to hire 47 agents to focus on enforcing textile agreements, Dole urged Homeland Security to quickly put the new agents in place.

A spokesman for Chertoff said Tuesday he would have to check with the secretary to see if he had a response to Dole's letter. A Dole spokeswoman said the senator was not available for comment beyond what she said in her letter.

Dole also wrote to Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez this week, urging his department to expedite the release of import trade data to allow the government to make decisions about whether some limits should be placed on Chinese imports.

Lumbes create veterans office to help tribe members

PEMBROKE, NC - Leaders of the Lumbee tribe say too few of their members who served in the military are getting the benefits they are due, largely because of cultural differences.

But a veteran's affairs office they opened in October is helping to change that.

About 2,200 Indian veterans live

in Robeson County, the home of the Lumbee tribe. Tribal officials said Indians are underserved because of cultural differences, and are mistreated when they seek help.

"We have a lot of American Indian veterans out there who can't cope and are not getting the help they need," said Larry Townsend, the assistant veterans affairs officer. "We see a lot of anger and frustration because some are being denied because of who they are or there is a lack of sensitivity or understanding when it comes to dealing with Indian veterans."

The Lumbee Office of Veterans Affairs is helping the tribe's veterans apply for aid in housing, health care and education - disability benefits and pensions for survivors.

Hundreds of Lumbees have contacted the office since it opened, Townsend said. The office is setting up a database to keep track of the number of veterans it serves, and workers are visiting veterans' homes to see whether they are aware of the benefits available to them.

National

Jackson lawyer challenges accuser's brother

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Michael Jackson's attorney tried to damage the credibility of a key witness in the singer's child molestation case by getting him to contradict his own testimony and that of a psychologist who interviewed him and his brother.

The 14-year-old brother of Jackson's accuser testified Monday about allegedly witnessing two molestations in the master bedroom at Jackson's Neverland Ranch.

But defense attorney Thomas Mesereau got the boy to acknowledge Tuesday that Jackson had not really shown him or his brother a particular sexually explicit magazine.

The boy appeared caught by surprise when Mesereau confronted him with his testimony from Monday that Jackson showed him and his brother a magazine called *Barely Legal*, which was displayed by

District Attorney Tom Sneddon as a significant piece of evidence seized from Jackson's home.

The boy reiterated he was sure it was the exact magazine Jackson showed them in a suitcase full of magazines.

"Michael Jackson never showed you that magazine, *Barely Legal*, did he?" Mesereau said in an accusatory tone.

"Yes," said the boy.

"But when you look at the date it was August 2003," Mesereau said, pointing out that the family left Jackson's Neverland ranch for the last time in March 2003.

"I didn't say it was exactly the one he showed us," the boy said defensively, adding later, "I said he showed us those type of magazines." Jurors took notes.

Witness says driver had to know 'something wasn't right'

HOUSTON - One of the men charged in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt told jurors the driver of a tractor-trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants seemed to care more about his rig and the \$7,500 he was paid than his human cargo.

Abelardo Flores, who admitted he had a long history of immigrant smuggling and cocaine use, testified Tuesday that Tyrone Williams had to know "something wasn't right. You open the doors if you care about the people."

"The people had to be making noise. I'm sure the people were hitting the walls," said Flores, who pleaded guilty earlier and agreed to testify against Williams.

The smuggling attempt resulted in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants. The tractor-trailer was discovered at a truck stop in Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Seventeen people died inside the trailer while two others died later.

Defense attorney Craig Washington accused Flores of accepting a plea agreement to avoid harsh punishment and of not caring about the immigrants because he helped place them in danger by putting them in an airtight

tractor-trailer.

Williams, 34, a Jamaican citizen who lived in Schenectady, N.Y., is the only one of 14 defendants in the case who could be sentenced to death if convicted.

Prosecutors said Williams faces the death penalty because he was the only one who could have saved the immigrants but instead ignored their cries for help. The defense said Williams tried to help by giving them water but couldn't understand their pleas because he doesn't speak Spanish.

International

Food poisoning kills at least 27 children in southern Philippines

MANILA, Philippines - At least 27 elementary school children died and another 100 were hospitalized after eating a snack of cassava - a root that's poisonous if not prepared correctly - during morning recess Wednesday in the southern Philippines, officials said.

Francisca Doliente said her 9-year-old niece Arve Tamor was given some of the deep-fried caramelized cassava by a classmate who bought it from a regular vendor outside the San Jose school.

"Her friend is gone. She died," Doliente told The Associated Press, adding that her niece was undergoing treatment.

The roots of the cassava plant, a major crop in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, are rich in protein, minerals and vitamins A, B and C. However, it is poisonous without proper preparation. Eaten raw, the human digestive system will convert part of it into cyanide. Even two cassava roots contain a fatal dose.

"Some said they took only two bites because it tasted bitter and the effects were felt five to 10 minutes later," said Dr. Harold Gallego of Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital in the nearby town of Talibon, where 47 patients were taken.

The victims suffered severe stomach pain, then vomiting and diarrhea. They were taken to at least

four hospitals near the school in Mabini, a town on Bohol Island, about 380 miles southeast of Manila.

Police find 35 corpses in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqi officials said Wednesday that 35 bodies - some bullet-riddled, others beheaded - were found at two separate sites and they believe some of the corpses are Iraqi soldiers kidnapped and executed by insurgents.

Twenty of the corpses were found late Tuesday in a field near Rumana, a village about 12 miles east of the western city of Qaim, near the Syrian border, police Capt. Muzahim al-Karbouli said.

Each of the bodies had been riddled with bullets - apparently several days earlier. They were found wearing civilian clothes and one of the dead was a woman, al-Karbouli said.

South of Baghdad in Latifiya, Iraqi troops on Tuesday made another gruesome discovery, finding 15 headless bodies in a building inside an abandoned former army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said.

The bodies included 10 men, three women and two children. Their identities, like the others found in western Iraq, were not known.

Yassin said some of the dead men in Latifiya were thought to have been part of a group of Iraqi soldiers who were kidnapped by insurgents in the area two weeks ago, Yassin said.

Wednesday's truck bombing in central Baghdad shook nearby buildings in the heart of the capital, injuring dozens of people and covering a huge swath of sky with acrid black smoke. Volleys of automatic weapons fire could be heard before and after the explosion.

Police said a group of insurgents wearing police uniforms first shot dead a guard at the Agriculture Ministry's gate, allowing the truck to enter a compound the ministry shares with the adjacent Sadeer hotel. Guards in the area then fired on the vehicle, trying to disable it before it exploded.

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arts degree allowing 24 semester hours of elective credit.

The focus of these changes is to allow more student choice and provide a more representative core. The faculty wants to diversify the course load and allow majors to explore new areas like multicultural literature and linguistics.

Taylor said students who are further along in the old curriculum may elect to stick with their academic paths or switch to the new one. New students are finding these implementations to be exciting. He hopes the changes being made are good and a dramatic revolution in curriculum will not be necessary any time soon.

Taylor said he and other faculty members researched other UNC school systems and saw a more diverse curriculum was a better fit for students.

The history and Shakespearean reading classes will remain required but other classes will be introduced. Furthermore, students who are writing majors are being allowed more leeway to pursue literature courses and reading concentrations will have the same for writing courses.

Taylor named several new classes that will be available including introduction to professional writing, introduction to rhetorical studies and a pervasive writing class.

Students have showed positive reactions to the new curriculum.

"I think it's good because I've always felt restricted," said Bridget Todd, sophomore English major.

She said the increased amount of leeway would be overall beneficial to her and she feels it would draw additional students to the major.

Mark Romano, freshman biology major, said he was considering English as his second choice, but eventually ended up choosing biology as a major. He said if it does not work out he would definitely look at English again and possibly make a change in that direction.

Michael Ashby, graduate student in English and general manager to *Expressions* magazine, feels the changes will improve the program.

"It increases the freedom of expression and education ... I wish it would have happened four years ago," said Ashby.

According to Taylor, the English department services 196 majors and more students should consider English as a major because of the diversity of course work. He said skills obtained from this kind of education are very helpful for students' futures.

There were a number of other faculty members that were involved with academic changes.

Michelle Eble, Donna Lillian and Ellen Arnold, assistant professors of English, contributed to the improvements. They are very proud of the improvements that have been made and are pleased they were reached with unanimity among faculty members.

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"In a class of 25 to 30 students, you may have three to seven who suffer from at least depression," said Murray.

Mental illness runs in Murray's family and she has a son who was forced to drop out of college due to the hardships he faced with an illness. Murray said if NAMI had existed on her son's campus, things might have been different.

The illness of her son led Murray to attend NAMI meetings, where she found an atmosphere of support and sharing.

The advocacy part of the organization involves making sure professors and the administration at ECU understand the hardships faced by those who have a mental illness and make accommodations for these students.

"I've had some difficult experiences with the administration and their knowledge of mental illnesses," Smithwick said.

The chapter currently has eight members and is hoping to expand and raise money in the future.

Smithwick and Murray both stressed that NAMI is not a place where you meet with counselors. It is a peer to peer support organization.

At this year's state convention of NAMI, the chapter at ECU will be honored for becoming the first on-campus branch of the organization.

"This group is making history," Murray said.


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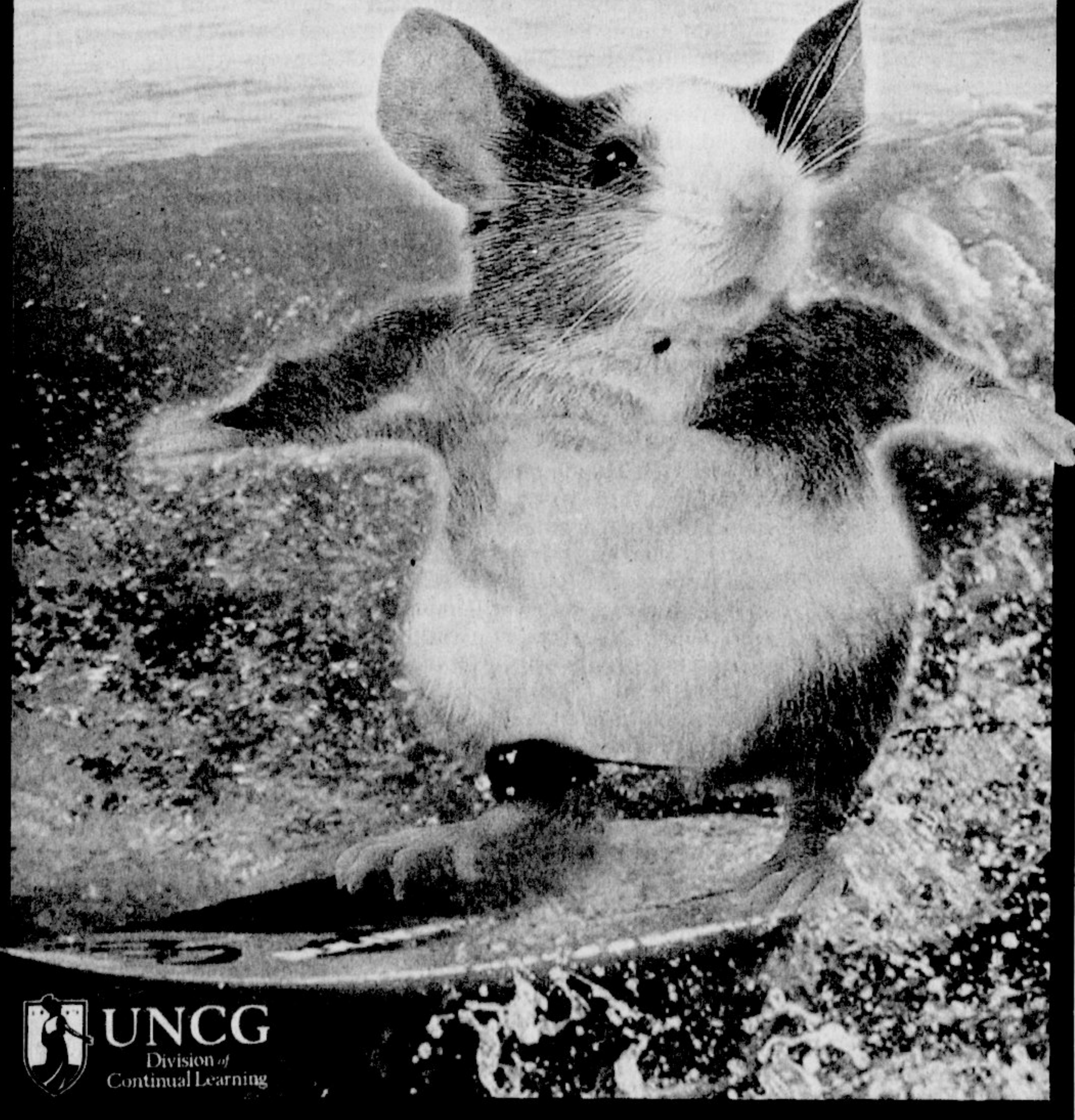
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Community leaders meet to address homicide

Thirteen year old boy
killed by gunfire

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A meeting of community leaders, law enforcement officials and concerned citizens was held at Phillippi Church of Christ in Greenville to discuss the recent shooting death of 13-year-old Jamehl Rashaad Little.

The shooting occurred March 6 at 11:15 p.m. on West Third Street in Greenville. Another man, 21 year old Donique Rich was also struck by gunfire in the incident and is being treated for his injuries at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

The meeting was organized by the Pitt County NAACP and stressed uniting as a community to rid Greenville of crime and taking a more active role in parenting to prevent future incidents of violence from occurring.

"Today we are here to say no more," said Calvin Henderson president of the Pitt County NAACP. Henderson said the children of our community cannot be our future leaders if they are in jail or a grave.

The Pitt County NAACP

began a sub-committee a few months ago known as Citizens Against Violence in an attempt to prevent incidents of violent crime in the area.

Henderson said this shooting was a setback to the group's goal of prevention.

The meeting brought out a handful of top law enforcement officials from Greenville and Pitt County to voice their concern over the shooting and ask the community to assist them with their search effort.

Mac Manning, Pitt County sheriff, spoke at the meeting and introduced a catchphrase he would like the community to adopt.

"We need to put children in their place," said Manning.

The suggestion of parents taking a more active role in parenting was made by many of the speakers at the meeting.

Manning said the proper places for children are schools and Sunday school classes, not the streets.

"Every parent... has to take on the responsibility," Manning said.

There are two things, Manning said, law enforcement officials are concerned with, which are enforcement of the law and prevention.

Manning said enforcement officials need cooperation from the community to solve this crime. In order to prevent future incidents of violent crime, Greenville has project safe neighborhoods to involve the community in the effort.

County Commissioner, Melvin McLawhorn, said prior to the meeting he received a call from a parent whose daughter knew Little and was terribly affected by the incident to the point where she was having trouble sleeping.

"It's a total community problem," said McLawhorn.

Little was a seventh-grader at E.B. Aycock Middle School. Delila Harris-Jackson, principal of Aycock, attended the meeting and asked the community to get involved to prevent any future incidents.

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Java City cashier arrested for financial card theft, identity fraud

Suspect faces possible
prison sentence

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An ARAMARK cashier working on campus was arrested after being questioned about two financial cards belonging to members of the ECU community.

Police said Lawanda Patrice Draughn, 22, worked at Java City in Wright Place when she allegedly kept financial cards from two customers.

"The two individuals went to Java City and purchased coffee ... and then they walked away without their cards," said Major Frank Knight with the ECU Police Department.

Once the victims realized they did not have their cards, they called the credit card company. The company representatives told them purchases had been made since the cards were lost. More than \$200 was spent on one card and more than \$1,000 on the other.

ECU police went to the stores where the cards were used, spoke with cashiers and viewed store videotapes.

"It was good leg work by the

police officers," Knight said.

After police matched tapes to a suspect, Draughn admitted she had used the stolen cards.

Draughn was charged with two counts of financial card theft and 23 counts of financial identity fraud. She was placed under a \$15,000 secured bond and a \$25,000 unsecured bond. Draughn does not have to pay any money for the unsecured bond unless she misses her court date, but probably has to pay about 15 percent of the secured bond to get out of jail.

If Draughn is found guilty, she could receive a prison sentence since both charges are felonies. However, Knight said she might not see any jail time at all.

"Normally in these cases, they pay restitution and are placed on probation," Knight said.

If Draughn has any prior convictions and is found guilty, it is more likely she will be sentenced to prison.

Allison Metcalf, marketing program manager for ECU Campus Dining/ARAMARK, said in a statement that they do not condone such activity.

"ARAMARK Campus Dining at ECU is a committed partner to the ECU community. We support the protection of our customers,

clients, vendors and employees," said Metcalf.

"In order to do this we conduct thorough background checks on all potential employees during the hiring process. When rare instances arise, we cooperate fully with authorities."

Metcalf did not release information about Draughn's job status, but said continued employment with ARAMARK is based on job performance, personal conduct, authoritative/judicial decisions and the general welfare of internal and external customers.

Knight said people should remember to stay aware when making purchases with a credit card.

"Ensure that [you] receive your credit card back from the cashier," Knight said.

"This is uncommon - 99 percent of cashiers are good ... there's always one or two who are going to hang on to it."

He also said people need to notify the credit card company and police as soon as they notice their card is missing so authorities can take immediate action in an investigation.

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Woman files civil suit against Bill Cosby, alleging assault, defamation



Bill Cosby's suburban Philadelphia home is seen in Elkins Park, Pa., Wednesday. A former Temple University employee filed a civil suit against Cosby after prosecutors deemed insufficient evidence.

(AP) PHILADELPHIA — The woman whose molestation accusations against Bill Cosby were deemed insufficient evidence by prosecutors has filed a civil suit against the comedian.

The woman, a former Temple University employee who now lives in Canada, came forward in January with accusations about the incident she said happened a year before. Prosecutors last month said they had not found sufficient evidence to support charges against Cosby.

The civil suit was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

"That prosecutor was out of line," said Delores Troiani, an attorney for the woman. "It is not a comment on her credibility, or the evidence in this case."

Cosby has denied the sexual-assault allegations, and in an interview with *The National Enquirer* last week said, "I am not going to give in to people who

try to exploit me because of my celebrity status."

Cosby's attorney, John Schmitt, released a statement through the comedian's publicist saying his client "will address this matter through the judicial process and not through the media."

The woman claimed Cosby gave her three blue pills that rendered her semiconscious, then sexually molested her at his home in suburban Philadelphia in January 2004. She said she awoke to find her bra undone and her clothes in disarray.

According to the suit, the woman also said that after the investigation became public, Cosby's representatives falsely told reporters that her family had asked him for money before going to police. She is seeking defamation damages.

"He has compounded it by

making it appear as if she tried to extort money from him," Troiani said.

In the *Enquirer* interview, Cosby was quoted as saying, "Looking back on it, I realize that words and actions can be misinterpreted by another person."

"I'm not saying that what I did was wrong, but I apologize to my loving wife, who has stood by my side for all these years, for any pain I have caused her," he said. The article did not elaborate.

The long-married Cosby, best-known as a warm, wisecracking TV dad, has provoked debate this past year with blunt remarks on personal responsibility aimed at the black community. In 1997, the year his son Ennis was murdered, he acknowledged a brief affair with the mother of Autumn Jackson, a young woman convicted of extorting him.

Our View

Greenville should be painted purple and gold

Assistant Sports Editor Brandon Hughes brings up a good point in his opinion piece in today's issue – why on Earth are there no billboard advertisements for ECU in Greenville?

This is a region of the state where people bleed purple and gold and can't stand to see colors that even come close to representing baby blue, brick red or deep blue (not to mention the fact that students make up a third of this city's population). Yet, the only sports advertisements in the entire city of Greenville are for the Wolfpack of NC State. And not only that, these billboards are for their baseball team – a squad ECU annihilated earlier this season.

All of the ECU alumni and Pirate Club members are so concerned with dumping money into the athletic programs that they completely missed the opportunity to really paint this town purple and gold. The only thing close to an advertisement that displays ECU athletic events and ticket information is the brick message board at the intersection of Charles and Greenville Boulevard. And that is downright pitiful, especially since we have seen day-old scores and ticket information sliding across the board on many occasions.

Where is the Pirate pride this place is supposed to be known for? Skip Holtz and every other coach who has come in here has always said they were amazed by the love people had for ECU and its athletic programs, no matter what kind of a downward spiral the big-revenue sports have been in for the last four years or more. What they never comment on however, is how much people bash the ACC around here. That has to change.

Greenville residents need to hoist that chip back on their collective shoulders like they had in the early to mid 1990s. Stop hating ACC schools for being ACC schools and start focusing all your energy at ECU and supporting the programs here. Stop moaning and complaining about everything west of I-95 and slap up a few billboards of your own. And then, when NC State, Carolina or Duke come to town, fill the stands at Dowdy-Ficklen, Clark-LeClair or Minges and cheer your hearts out.

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Opinion Columnist

Assisted suicide continues to raise questions

Dr. Death revisited

PETER KALAJIAN
KEVORKIAN SYMPATHIZER

An old man sat quietly in a Michigan courtroom April 28, 1999 waiting to hear the sentence he would serve for his role in the deaths of two elderly Alzheimer's patients some months before. He had white hair and thick glasses, and projected the very grandfatherly image which his lawyers had been so keen on cultivating. His name was Jack Kevorkian, but since his multiple arrests and trials in the name of assisted suicide, the national media had dubbed him simply "Dr. Death," a moniker which invokes the malicious and malevolent images that a 73-year-old grandfather can so quickly dispel.

Kevorkian was portrayed as a killer, but due to the polarizing nature of his crimes and his seeming indifference to the laws and regulations of the state of Michigan, many Americans saw him as an angel – a crusader in the fight for dignified death and an end to long, painful illnesses and the mere continuation of life for its own sake. The idea that this man would have the audacity to literally kill people in the name of science and human dignity was unbelievable to many Americans, except of course those Americans suffering with an incurable or degenerative disease. To them, Jack Kevorkian was not only justified in his actions, he should not have been held legally responsible for his "crimes" in the first place. The practice of "mercy killing" had been around for centuries, but not until the appearance of Jack Kevorkian had a member of the medical profession come out so strongly in defense of euthanasia.

Kevorkian's sentence of 25 years to life, while still under federal appeal, had little to do with his blatant violation of the Hippocratic oath taken by all doctors (to do no harm) and everything to do with his almost pathological desire to continue assisting in the deaths of his terminally ill patients, after it had been made clear to him that his actions would eventually result in jail time. Prior to his 1999 conviction, Kevorkian was acquitted four other times by four other juries in similar cases. Until 1999, jurors simply could not bring themselves to sentence a man who was really not hurting anyone, just alleviating pain, and the fact that he looked like a kindly old man did



nothing to hurt his chances of acquittal. Kevorkian even went as far as to invent his own suicide machine, very similar in design to the device used by many American penal institutions in the "humane" execution of inmates by lethal injection. He is currently serving out his sentence in a maximum security Michigan penitentiary.

Very recently, national media attention has focused on the case of Terri Schiavo, the severely debilitated Florida woman who has been the subject of multiple attempts to remove her from artificial life support. Gov. Jeb Bush apparently felt that his intervention was warranted, and forbid the removal of the feeding tube which keeps her alive 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Schiavo's husband Michael has, since the late 1990s, been embroiled in a tug of war with his wife's parents over the fate of their daughter. Michael Schiavo claims that his wife's condition, characterized by court-appointed specialists as a persistent vegetative state brought on as the result of serious brain injury, is completely hopeless and that keeping her alive artificially violates both Terri's stated desire "not to live like this" and her husband's right to decision making under the current situation. Michael has been fought by Terri's parents, who have insisted that the feeding tube which has kept her alive since 1998 not be removed, a sentiment which was reinforced by the Feb. 25 ruling of a Florida judge which extended the use of the feeding tube for an additional three weeks, enough time for various other legal wrangling to come to fruition in order to keep this poor woman in the artificial prison which has been created for her by well-meaning, if not misguided, parents.

Euthanasia is a very sensitive issue. The American judicial system is not set up to calculate mitigating factors,

such as serious injury or incurable and degenerative disease, so as a result the question of whether a person has the fundamental right to die has been largely avoided by the legal establishment in the United States.

For a people who not only enjoy but expect freedom and individual rights, what could be more fundamental than the ending of a life? People have the right to own all the deadly firearms they please, travel freely throughout the country and end an unwanted pregnancy, why should the inherent right to a peaceful and painless demise be any different. Of course this rationale does not apply to everyone, and as I am by no means an advocate of suicide, that point should be stressed.

Unhappy teenagers suffering through the unfortunate throws of adolescence and persons confronted with overwhelming family tragedies should not have suicide as a legal option. These are the people to whom we should be offering assistance, but when life has run its course, that's it. A man who has lived 80 years, but has had the misfortune to be stricken with a terminal, wasting disease, deserves the option of dying with dignity, instead of suffering through his last days attached to ventilators and breathing tubes. This is a fundamental human reality, above democracy and self determination on the sliding scale of human rights.

The right to die crosses all cultural and ethnic boundaries, binding us inexorably together as a species. Hope is a powerful thing, and should never be devalued, but when that continued hope for loved ones survival comes at the price of that person's dignity and causes unnecessary suffering, the line must be drawn. Government should have no power to legislate an ailing person's right to die with dignity, and the case of Terri Schiavo perfectly illustrates how parental intentions and blind hope can contribute to the continued and unnecessary suffering of so many decent people. There is nothing more fundamental than that, and I for one would not hesitate for a moment to relieve the agony of a loved one, if they so wished.

Keeping a loved one alive through artificial means for selfish reasons is an abomination of morality, and the issue of assisted suicide and the right to die need to be further examined by the judicial and legal establishments of the United States.

In My Opinion

World of sports wishes you were here, Joe DiMaggio

(KRT) — America's world of professional sports is in great turmoil, facing the most serious challenges in its history. A world of role models and superheroes has gone into eclipse. Society – particularly its youth – puzzles over that loss and over ways to replace the multiple social-symbolic functions that sports personalities have embodied.

In the last few months we have witnessed an astonishing array of incredible incidents. Basket brawlers run amok in Detroit. At least two pro-football players do jail time in the off-season. The entire National Hockey League season is canceled because of money matters. Steroid use injects suspicion and recrimination into the baseball world. The media have examined every sordid aspect in detail.

Professional sports have reduced to the bare essentials: a group of overpaid "show me the money" performers, hardly interested in being the role models they once might have been.

Charles Barkley has long stated his intention not to be a role model. Mickey Mantle, perhaps the greatest sports hero of the latter 20th century, also admonished youngsters not to follow his example.

Just how overpaid are our star athletes? Consider a typical annual star salary of \$10 million. That same amount would support a good university science researcher working on possible cures for cancer, AIDS or the common cold for 100 years. You could pay a complete four-year Ivy League education for all 50 of your children – or, tired and infirm from child rearing, you could pay for the last 200 years of your life in a nursing home.

Absurd? Of course, and as illustrated, the concept of absurdity helps one appreciate the reality of paying star athletes (and other celebrities, and corporate moguls) such salaries. Even most early teens – a group eagerly looking for role models – agree that athletes are overpaid.

Still, there are a few star athletes, like Derek Jeter or Oscar de la Hoya, who set high standards and try to live up to them through charity, personal foundations and genuine commitment. But this kind of activity is generally underreported, because professional sports are now a series of Romanized spectacles. They are consummate escapist entertainment, the ultimate in vicarious living. The dynamic of this transformation is embodied in today's equivalent of the Roman parasitic mob member: the diehard fan.

Despite this abysmal situation, athletics – as opposed to professional sport – is of tremendous importance to society, as both Greeks and Romans knew. Participation in athletics is one sure way to develop leadership, personal excellence and teamwork skills. Without teamwork, no project of large scale can be undertaken. Without excellence, no project will ever be done well. Without leadership, society possesses the inertia of blindness.

Pirate Rant

When I go to a pool hall, I want to be able to use the pool tables. I don't want to pay \$10 to see some bad local band who thinks they are the next Nickelback. What local show do you actually pay \$10 to see anyway?

Isn't it enough to live with most of the nation telling us we are "wrong" and "sinful" than to add the ban on gay marriage and completely deny us our constitutional and unalienable right to marry who we love?

To the person that stole my iPod out of my truck in Pirate's Cove: It'd be really nice just to get it back.

If smoking is banned in certain spots, why are the smelly ashtrays still outside the door?

Please do not send me e-mails asking if there is a test in class tomorrow. If you came to class you would know these things.

Whoever stole the swing off my front porch, you forgot the hook to hang it up.

Guys, if you have a girl at home please at least tell the girls you're flirting and groping with at parties that you're not single.

No matter how hard I try, there is probably nothing I can say to that cookie cutter girl reading this right now to change her mind about her "awesome" wardrobe. So let me put it in a different perspective: I will now take a moment to salute those who stand out in the crowd; I definitely take notice of your individuality and it makes me smile.

Hey girls (and guys): Do you really need to be going to the tanning bed in March? Why don't you just wait until the summer like the rest of us? Skin cancer at 30 sounds and looks awesome.

Stop signs, unlike speed limits, are not merely suggestions, especially on campus. And please don't blow your horn or yell at me during your slow and go. Pedestrians do still have the right of way.

Don't preach to me about how gross and unhealthy cigarettes are and then bum five off me when you're drunk, you hypocritical mooch.

To the hypochondriac who thinks their asthma got worse because of second-hand smoke: wake up. It's the weather and pollen. I don't want to read any rants about your asthma when the pollen season comes. Grow up.

People need to stop acting like they are walking through a factory on the way to class. I don't smoke and I really don't notice anything. If you really want to complain about smoke how about that stinky smoke coming out of the ground by Brewster?

Flip-flops are not appropriate to be worn during the winter season. Let's be real. It's 30 degrees outside and you are wearing your feet out like you are going to the beach. If you are that hot on a 30-degree day, leave your coat at home and wear your flip-flops. Let's prevent some of the simple sickness and cover our feet during the cold and flu season.

To the guy who complained about everyone wearing Sperrys: For your information, I'm a girl that does have a boat, knows how to drive it and loves to fish. Do I have your permission to wear them now?

I guess when the university paves over the disc golf field it will also be the end of the student tailgating field for football. Odds are it will become a Pirate Club lot, so really, what traditions do we have left?

Will Patterson is the coolest guy on campus.

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Delta Sig would like to congratulate Kappa Delta on your great job this past weekend with your Shamrock event. We were glad to see everyone out there helping out.

Congratulations to TKE, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Delta Epsilon Phi for being the top 3 of the Penny War. Thank you for your donations!

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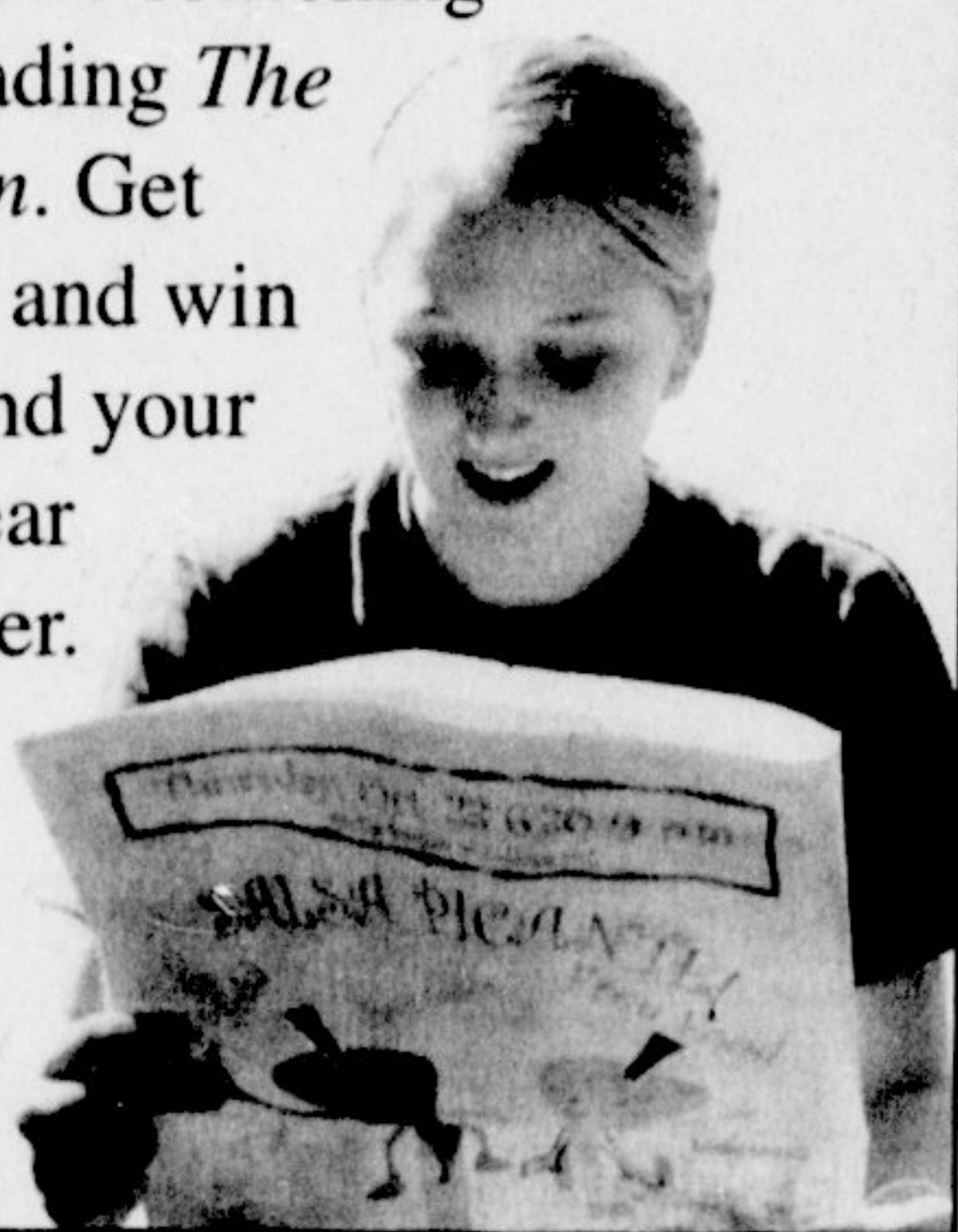
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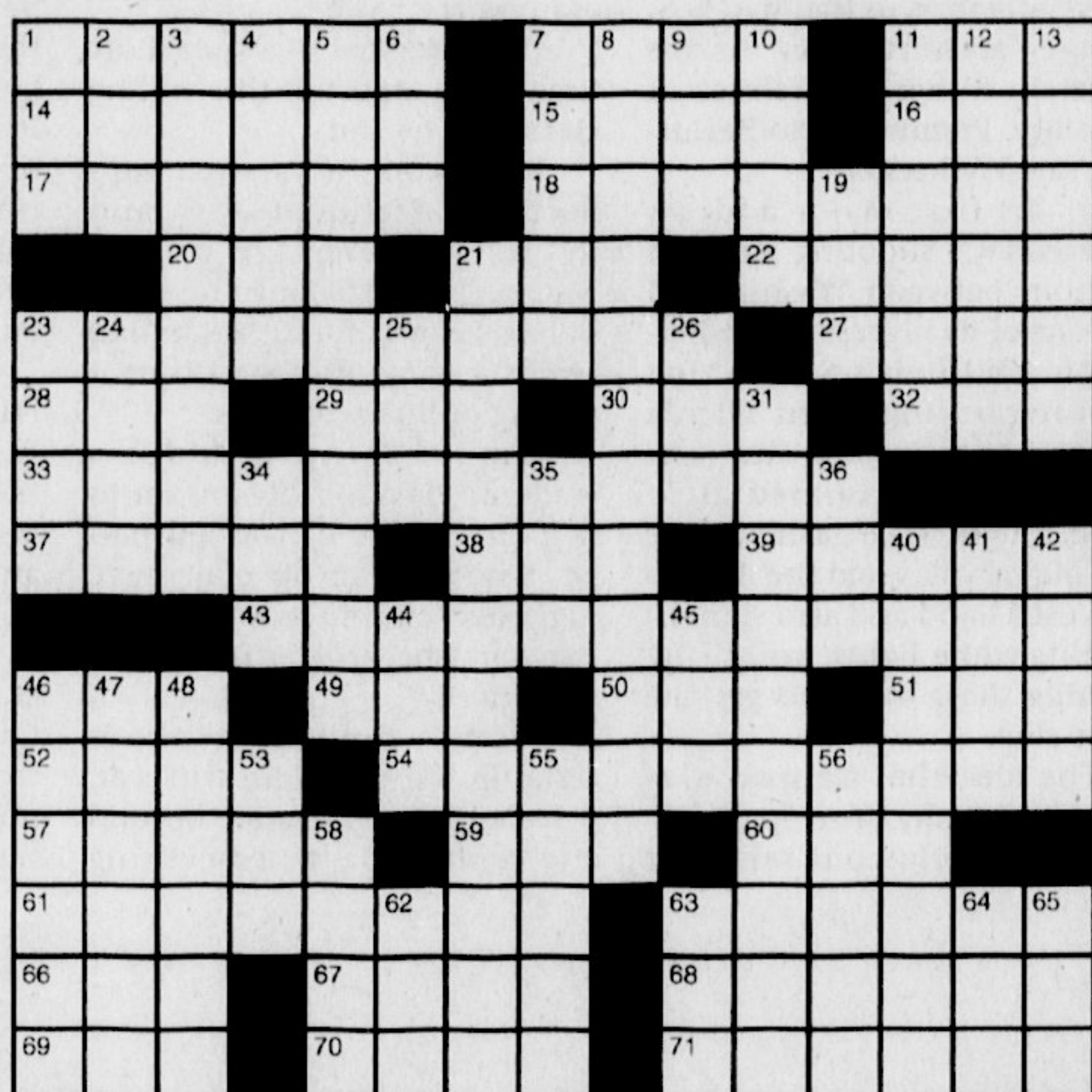
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The KRONICLES

DON'T KNOW HOW UP ON THE COMIX SCENE ALL OF YOU ARE... BUT WE LOST ONE OF THE GODS OF THE INDUSTRY, PRETTY RECENTLY...



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ANYHOO... I HAD THE HONOR OF SITTING ON A PANEL WITH MR. EISNER A FEW YEARS BACK... SOMETHING CALLED "THE SUNDAY FUNNIES" AT THE WONDERCON COMIC BOOK CONVENTION IN OAKLAND, CA...

UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS AT THE SAME TIME AS A STAR WARS MOVIE PREVIEW... (INSERT CRICKET NOISES HERE) ...SO NO ONE ATTENDED OUR PANEL...

WONDERCON'S LOSS WAS MY GAIN... I GOT TO SIT & CHILL WITH MR. EISNER FOR ALMOST AN HOUR!! I GOT TO PICK HIS BRAIN WHILE HE CHECKED OUT MY WORK... HA!!

CHANCES ARE, I'LL NEVER WIN AN EISNER AWARD... BUT I THINK I SCORED SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE SPECIAL THAT DAY... THANK YOU WILL EISNER... R.I.P.

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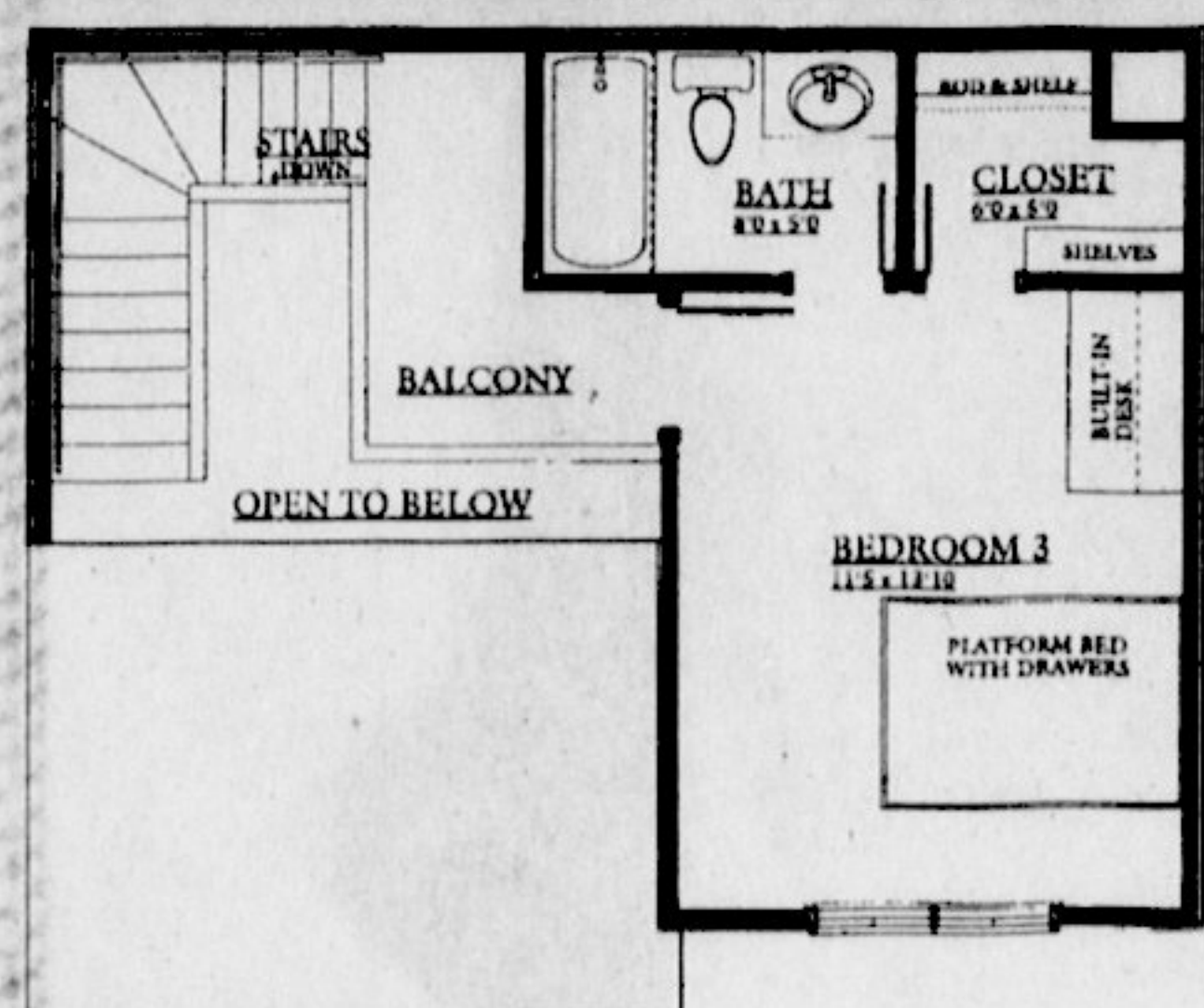
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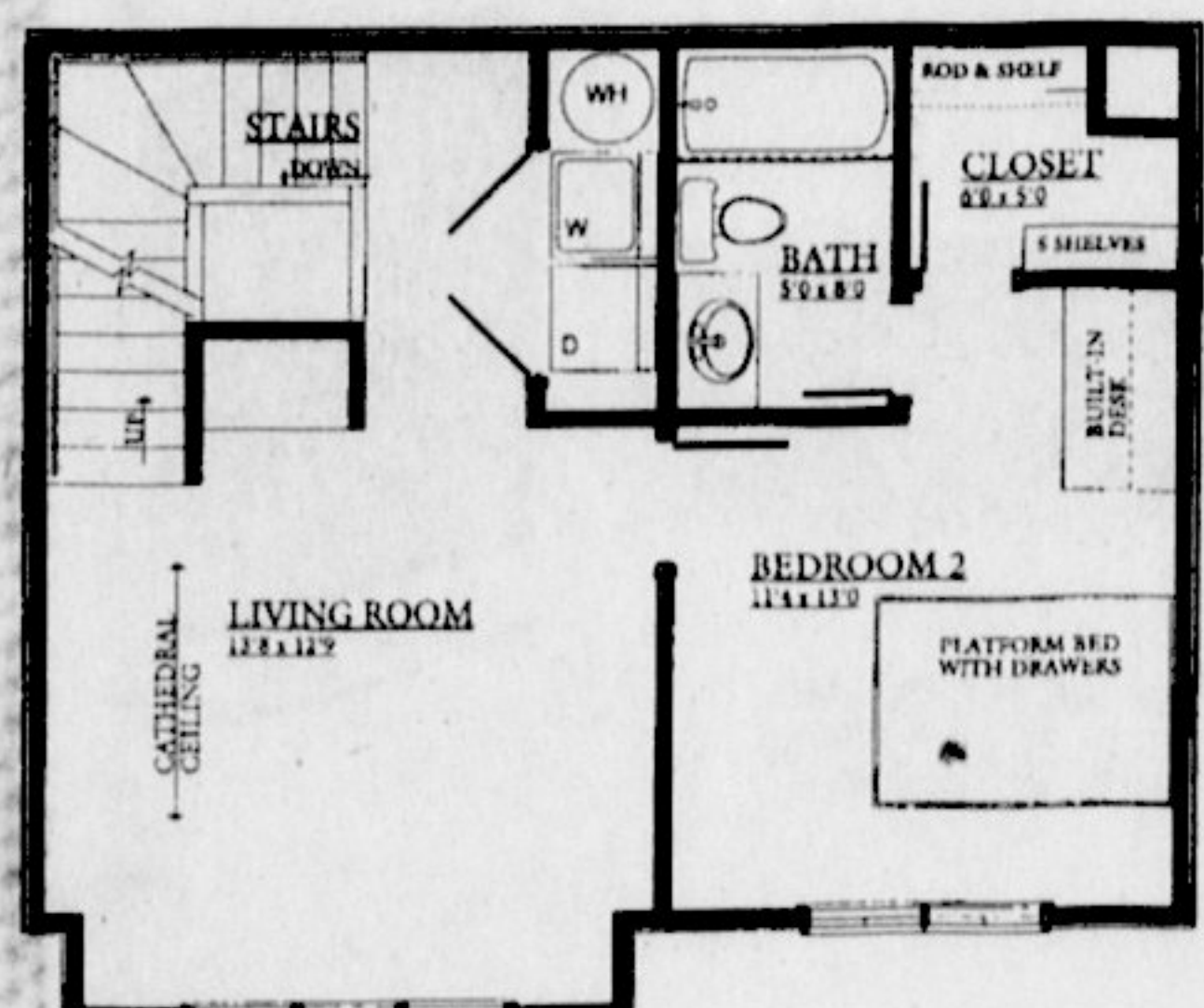
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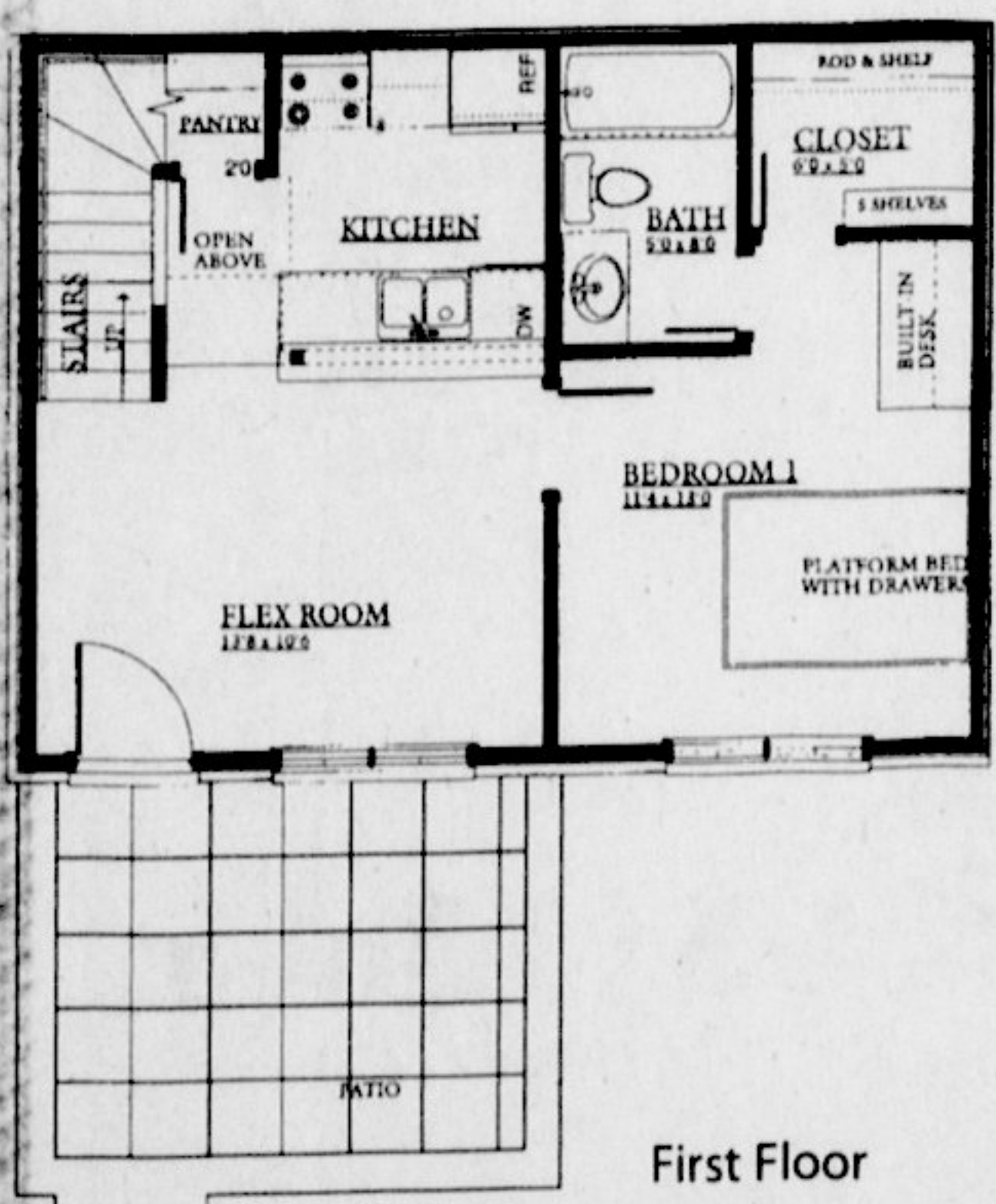
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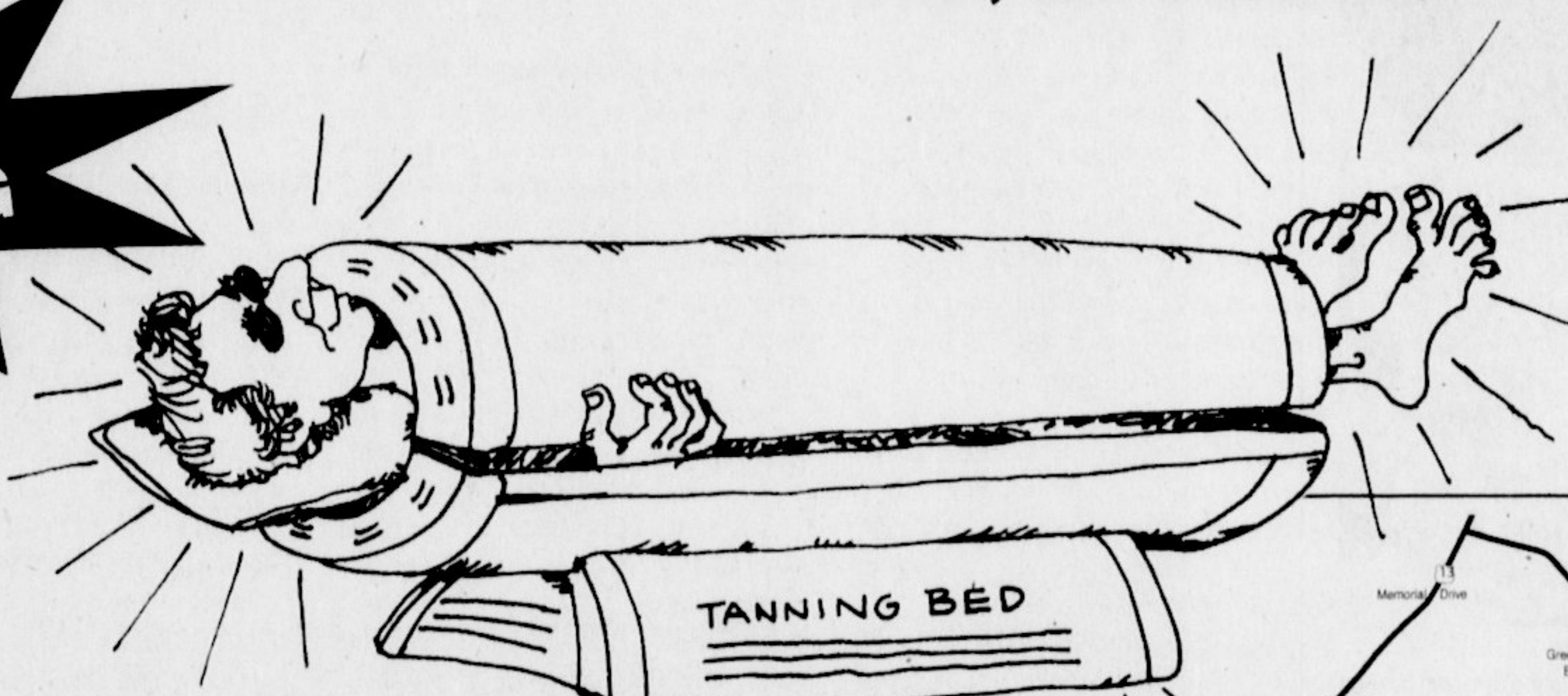
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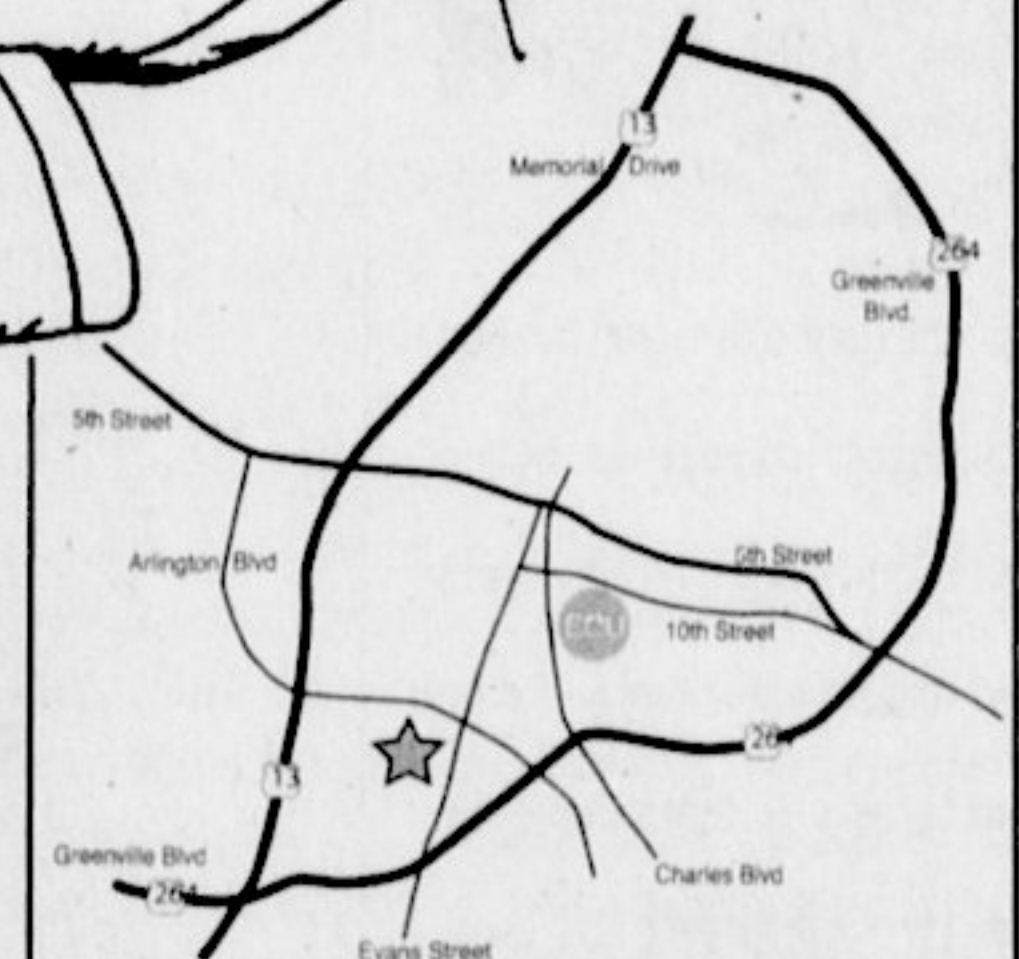
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Bush not planning to get petroleum

(AP) COLUMBUS, Ohio — President Bush said Wednesday he understands public concern about rising gasoline prices, although his spokesman said the White House won't tap an emergency petroleum supply in response to the problem.

"Higher prices at the gas pump and rising home heating bills and the possibilities of blackouts are legitimate concerns for all Americans," Bush said from an auditorium at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial here, as gasoline prices hover at more than \$2 a gallon and imported oil is in the \$55 a barrel range.

Bush instructed Congress to enact energy legislation that he says addresses both supply and conservation issues.

En route here, White House press secretary Mark McClellan told reporters aboard Air Force One: "We do not believe it (the reserve) should be used to manipulate prices or for political purposes."

The reserve — 660 million barrels, or equivalent to more than two months of imports — is in salt domes on the Gulf Coast. It was created after the 1973 oil embargo to counter supply disruptions.

A number of Democrats in Congress have called on the president to release oil from the emergency reserve to ease tight market conditions, but the White House has repeatedly rejected such a move.

The impact of high-energy prices is particularly high on a manufacturing state like Ohio. Bush's audience sat quietly through most of his speech as he spoke of technical alternatives like hydrogen fuel, biodiesel and clean coal technology. But he drew loud applause from his supporters when he said Congress should allow drilling in the Alaska's wildlife refuge.

Environmentalists strongly oppose drilling there because the area is home to wildlife and a migration stopover for millions of birds. Bush said drilling there would create jobs and reduce dependence on foreign oil by up to a million barrels a day.

"We can now reach all of ANWR's oil by drilling on just 2,000 acres," Bush said. "Two thousand acres is the size of the Columbus airport."

Before leaving Washington, Bush talked by telephone with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi about the Middle East, Iraq and North Korea.

McClellan said Bush expressed hopes of resuming U.S. beef exports to Japan. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plans to take up the issue when she visits Japan soon, the press secretary said.

U.S. beef exports to Japan have been halted because of Japanese concerns about mad cow disease. "It's an important issue," McClellan said. We would like to see the market opened."

Slain agent had U.S. military permission for Iraq operation, Italian premier says



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi gestures after his address at a session in the Senate March 9.

(AP) ROME — The Italian intelligence agent killed by American forces in Iraq had U.S. military authorization for his operation to win the release of a hostage, Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Wednesday.

In his first major address since Friday's shooting strained relations between Washington and one of its biggest allies, Berlusconi told Italy's Senate that the car carrying agent Nicola Calipari and hostage Giuliana Sgrena stopped immediately when a light was flashed. The U.S. military has said the Americans used hand and arm signals, flashing white lights, and firing warning shots to try to get the car to stop.

The idea that Calipari was killed by friendly fire is "painful" to accept, Berlusconi said. But

he reassured lawmakers: "The United States has no intention of evading the truth."

"I'm sure that in a very short time every aspect of this will be clarified," he said.

Berlusconi, a staunch supporter of President Bush and the U.S.-led campaign in Iraq, is struggling to balance his decision to keep 3,000 troops in Iraq against heavy anti-war sentiment among ordinary Italians.

His 10-minute address made no mention of ransom to win the release of the journalist. Some Italian officials have suggested ransom was paid, but there has been no official confirmation.

"The case of friendly fire is certainly the most painful to bear. It feels like an injustice beyond any sentiment. It's something

unreasonable," Berlusconi said. "When Italian citizens have been victims of kidnappings, the government has always acted by following two directives: It has always rejected political blackmail, while at the same time activating all the political, diplomatic and intelligence channels to obtain the release of our nationals," he said.

Calipari was shot and killed Friday as he was heading to the Baghdad airport after securing the release of Sgrena, who had been kidnapped on Feb. 4. Sgrena and another intelligence officer in the vehicle were wounded.

On Tuesday, the top U.S. general in Iraq, Army Gen. George Casey, said he has no indication that Italian officials gave advance notice of the route the car was traveling.

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Local Concerts

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

Electric Wildlife will be performing at The Other Place, uptown Greenville, Thursday, March 10. You must be 21 to attend the show.

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 Ovens 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.

Recipes:

Seared Pork Tenderloin with Cocoa Spice Rub:



1 tablespoon whole white peppercorns
1 tablespoon whole coriander
4 1/2 tablespoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cloves
3 1/2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
4 tablespoons sea salt, preferably gray
2 (2-pound) boneless pork tenderloins
2 tablespoons olive oil

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, toast white peppercorns and coriander seeds until they begin to pop. Remove from heat and grind to fine powder in a spice mill or coffee grinder. Mix the ground pepper and coriander with remaining spices, cocoa and salt.

Trim the pork tenderloins of fat and silver skin. Rub with a generous amount of the cocoa spice rub. Heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium high heat until hot but not smoking. Sear each tenderloin on all sides until a rich brown color, about 2 minutes on each side. Remove tenderloins from heat and finish in the oven for about 10 minutes or until cooked through.

Let the tenderloins rest out of the oven for at least 10 minutes before carving.

Extra cocoa spice rub will keep in an airtight container for up to 3 months.

Italian S'mores:

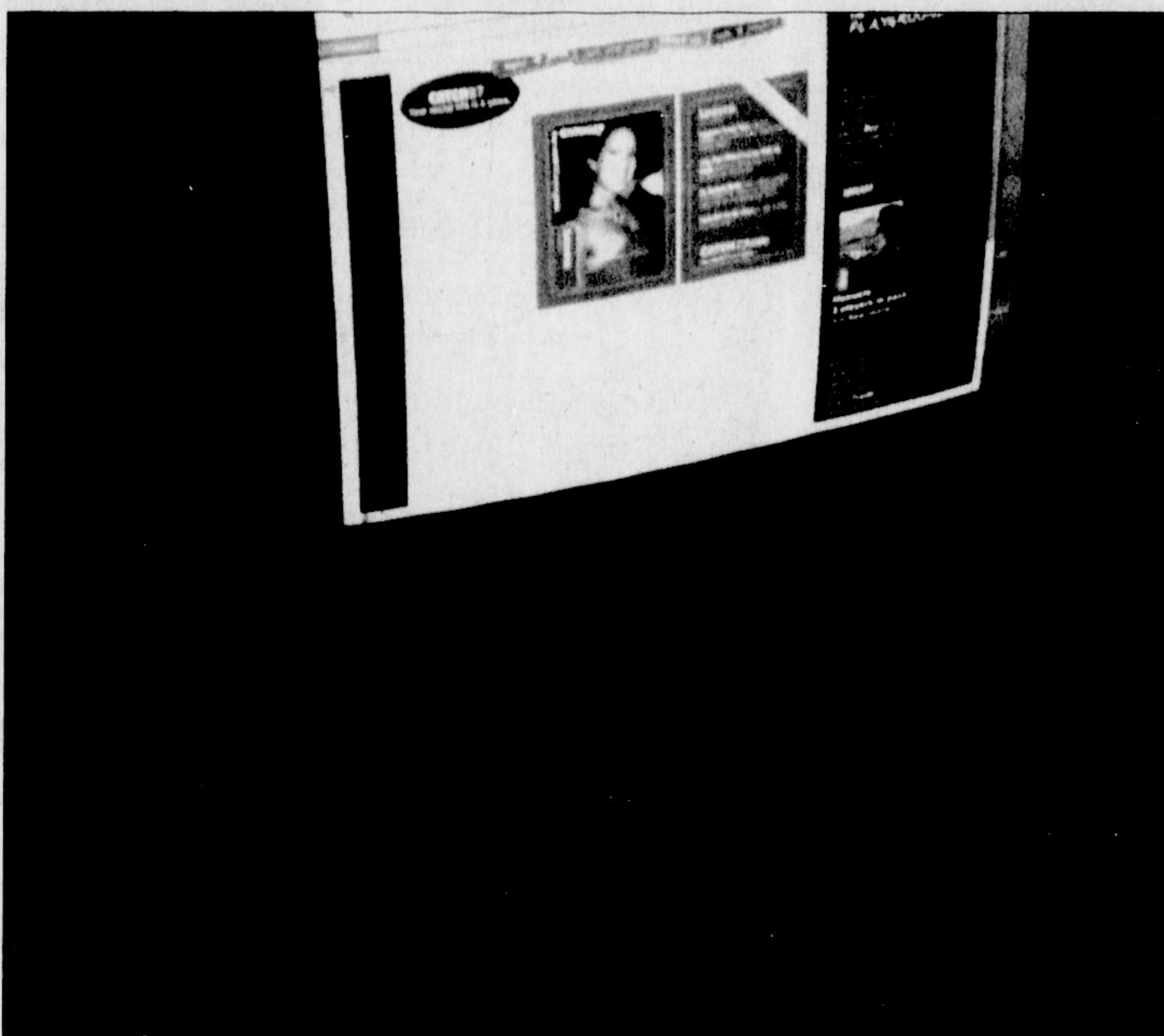


3 bars semisweet chocolate, chopped
2 cups best-quality chocolate sauce
1-cup cabernet sauvignon
1 bag large marshmallows, roasted
15 to 20 biscotti

In a sauté pan over medium heat, mix solid chocolate, chocolate sauce and cabernet. Mix well. Place 1 roasted marshmallow on a piece of biscotti. Top with as much chocolate cabernet sauce as desired (1 to 2 tablespoons), or just dip it into the sauce.

Seared pork tenderloin and s'mores recipes and photos from foodtv.com

all new devilish catch27



Staff photo illustration

Catch27 features trading cards, allowing patrons to buy and trade their friends for better, more attractive ones.

Facebook with a wicked twist

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

We've all heard of The Facebook. How can we miss it when it is everywhere we turn on the Internet? People are reconnecting with their first grade sweethearts and looking up that hot guy or girl in their psychology class and sending them a "poke." Some people have thousands of "friends" and some seem to only

have but a few. Catch27 puts an end to that problem by letting you buy and sell your friends.

Yes, you heard correctly, the object of Catch27 is to have as many "cool" friends as possible and when you have the hottest most awesome pack of 27 friends you can win a free iPod, all the more incentive to sign up and be a part of Catch27. You win nothing with The Facebook.

One can invite their friends to join and they will automatically show up on the "pack" page but the twist is

that you can trade their friends for sexier, smarter ones which would make any friend feel kind of used but you can always sell them in retaliation.

"I think the whole concept of Catch27 is hilarious. It's kind of neat how people have cards and can trade friends. I could never do it though because I'm too sensitive and if my friend traded me it would hurt my feelings," said Tiffany Bonaparte, junior sociology major.

Patrons can trade and buy friends for as low as \$0.99, for

a group of three, called a "wax" pack. The friends come in the form of an online card. Just like trading online baseball cards. A card includes your picture, name, city or school and your favorite quote on the front. On the back of the card are your "Stats" which include four interesting facts about you and they can be whatever you want them to be.

The value of your friendship or card will be based on how many people view your online page, how cute and smart you are, how many friends you invite and the number of people buying and trading you. So the value of your own card will fluctuate over time.

As well as having a trading card on Catch27, you can also create blogs other members can read. A blog can be made only after one creates their Personal Playing Catch27 card. The blogs on this Web site are very creative and get ranked. People put a lot of thought and excellent writing into their blogs. The blogs on Catch27 are some of the most frequently read in the world.

The cards also include a label. Just like in the real world, people label you all the time. Whether you are a dork or a babe is something you pretty much know from friends. When making your card there are nine choices to choose from which are Geek, Slut, Brain, Wisea**, Rebel, Star, Freak, Bitch and Jock.

Each page also includes a Playlist and an Itch List. A Playlist are more interesting facts about ones self. A Playlist ranges from "The coolest job you've had" to "Your most humiliating moment."

An Itch List is the list of qualities you seek in a significant other. This is a place where you include what things you like and dislike. The second object of

Catch27 is to hook up and meet cool people. The creators of the Web site expect everyone to be totally honest. If you are looking for a guy who won't mind holding your purse as you shop, that's exactly what they want you to list. If you are looking for a girl who drinks beer and swears then that's what you should say.

On Catch27 you can also communicate with other members by sending them a Wiretap. A Wiretap is the same thing as sending someone a message. They can respond to you by sending you a wiretap back.

Now for the good stuff ... how you can join. It's pretty simple. Just go to Catch27.com and sign up. There are no fees, you just sign up and start creating your Personal Playing Card and you better make it good if you want those prizes and high rankings.

Catch27 prides itself on being real and just like real life. Since life is seldom happy-go-lucky this evil game of social life is what makes it so interesting. The creator of Catch27 is E. Jean Carroll.

Carroll has a column in *Elle* magazine and she was nominated for an Emmy for her writings for "Saturday Night Live." Carroll has also written for *Esquire* since 1979. Carroll and her sister Cande Carroll created the well-known Web site greatboyfriends.com. This is a great Web site where women can recommend their ex-boyfriends to other women. Even Oprah thought this was one of the best ideas ever.

It's so wicked, so unthinkable we can't help but go and see what it's really about. But beware it's not your friendly facebook. Your friends can trade you for better ones.

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Date rape drug indicator now available for drinkers

Awareness is the key

JESSICA CRESON
SENIOR WRITER

Drink Safe Technology, Inc. has come out with a new way to stop sexual predators. They have invented small cards the size of coasters and test strips that are like business cards to discretely test your drink no matter where you are.

This is ideal for freshmen, people who are new to town and don't know the in's and out's of certain places and spring breakers.

"I would use them downtown especially where there is always the thought of something going



Photo by Tanesha Sistrunk

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Simply place a drop of your drink on the test strip and find out what is really in the drink the "friendly guy" from across the bar bought.

Dealing with long distances

How to survive long distance relationships

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

When beginning college many students are leaving behind their family and friends for the first time. It gives them a sense of freedom and excitement knowing they no longer have to abide by curfews or rules that seem utterly ridiculous at times. However, many students also leave behind significant others that have become a valuable part of their lives. Being miles away from them can create added stress and worry because you no longer have the luxury of seeing them whenever you want. Being in a relationship ultimately makes you vulnerable to heartache. Most people are willing to avoid this terrible feeling at all costs, which for some means ending a relationship when distance becomes a factor. This may be the right thing for some people to do, but there are ways to keep the flame alive even when miles separate you.

Moving away from your loved one gives you an opportunity to get to know yourself better by giving you a chance to be yourself without having to constantly think about someone else. This

new independence can be intimidating at first, but if taken advantage of can be the best thing that has ever happened to you.

"Get out there - sightsee, attend lectures, go to museums and plays, do volunteer work for a cause you believe in. Basically, explore your new hometown and be open to forming new friendships," said Sherry Amatenstein, author of *The Q&A Dating Book* in a recent article on *ivillage.com*.

By doing this you are opening yourself up to new experiences that allow you to explore your passions without limiting yourself to things that only you and your significant other enjoy.

"Try to think of this period of your life, not as the equivalent of dropping into the black hole of Calcutta, but rather as if you're embarking on a great adventure. And you are. It shows guts and ambition to move away from everything familiar to an environment where you're an outsider," Amatenstein said.

Long distance relationships require a vast amount of trust in order to survive all the emotions of doubt, jealousy and fear that accompany almost all relationships. You have to be able to trust your significant other because if you can't, you will constantly be worried about their faithfulness

to you. If you can't trust them enough to know they will not cheat on you then you obviously can't handle a long distance relationship because uncertainty will plague your mind and prevent you from being truly happy in your relationship.

"The failure of LDRs is a misconception. Couples break up for many reasons but my 10 years of research on this subject has shown that distance doesn't seem to be one of them. Indeed, couples in LDRs report the same levels of intimacy, trust, commitment and satisfaction as geographically close couples," said Dr. Greg Guldner, director of the Center for the Study of Long-Distance Relationships and the author of *Long Distance Relationships: The Complete Guide*.

The best benefit of a long distance relationship can be finding out if your significant other is indeed the right person for you. Having your relationship tested on a daily basis provides insight into how your life together might be in the future. Indeed, long distance relationships prove the legitimacy of the common cliché - absence makes the heart grow fonder.

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Photo by Russell Palmer

It is a common sight on campus to see students using The Facebook.

Facebook Me

New Web site serves up addiction to college students across America

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

There's a new Web site out that is taking college campuses by storm and turning students across the country into addicts of a new form.

If you have yet to discover the latest Internet craze, it's time you come out from your cave. The Web site is The Facebook, and it has allowed users to reconnect with people from their past, either in high school or from some other area of life.

For those who are addicted to checking out people's profiles and away messages on AOL Instant Messenger, The Facebook will only add to your stalker-like tendencies. All ECU students who are registered with The Facebook have access to all other ECU students' profiles. You can click

on the names and add anyone as your friend, as long as they confirm the friendship too.

The Web site also features many types of different searches. You can opt to search another school or conduct a global search and look for anyone at any college. Of course, not all colleges and universities in the country are accessible through The Facebook, but one day they will be.

You can also search high schools. The Web site allows you to search yours or any other graduating class from any high school in the country. This could be a handy tool in locating old friends if you moved away from a particular area.

The Facebook also gives you the option of listing all your classes out, so you can see who else is in your classes and add them as friends. There are also several groups you can join or create your own. They include topics from sports groups, band

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Choosing the perfect statues that look like the bride and groom are an essential cake accessory.

Graduating students walk down aisle

Wedding season has arrived

LAURA KEELING
SENIOR WRITER

For many students, the months April, May, June, July and August mark the ending of college life and the beginning of married life. Spring and summer are the biggest and most popular times for weddings, especially for younger couples.

"Spring always brings happiness, which is a good variable in planning weddings," said Tammy Whitley, event coordinator at Rock Springs Center.

"The stress level is a lot lower."

In 2003, it was estimated by the National Center for Health Statistics that there were 2,187,000 marriages in the United States. In North Carolina alone the same year, there were 62,708 marriages.

By this time, planning for the "big day" has been a top priority. For a bride, the entire year before the wedding is full of choices about flowers, cake, music, catering, dress, favors and all kinds of things that make the day perfect. This can be pretty hectic for a bride while still attending college.

There are many Web sites that aid in planning a dream wedding. Some of these sites include theweddingchannel.com, theknot.com and blissweddings.com

just to name a few. These sites help you find a place to host the reception and ceremony, have flower bouquet and cake designs and wedding gown and bridesmaids dress selections. These Web sites offer tips on how to have the perfect day and what the couple can look forward to.

Planning is the key for the ultimate wedding. Whitley said the very first things to be concerned with are the church site, reception and catering, photographer and DJ. These are things that have to be booked well in advance for the desired date. Planning for a wedding is not a last minute decision. To be fully prepared it could take a year.

The Web sites above offer certain areas that aid in planning in your area, budgeting and guest list tools. If an event planner is not in the budget, these tools might aid in planning on your own.

For those couples on a budget, there are many Web sites that offer discounted wedding favors, rentals and honeymoon packages. This way there might be enough money left over after the wedding for other things that are needed instead of coming up short.

Some couples choose to have a unique wedding. Getting married on golf courses, on boats, on the beach or even where the couple first met are popular places some choose in order to add ambience to the occasion. For

others, ceremonies in churches are what fit best. Traditional ceremonies are usually held in a place of worship.

Another tip for the bride and groom-to-be is to make sure to register for gifts at various department stores. Most places such as Target, JC Penney's, Belk and Dillard's have a wedding gift registry set-up that is easy to use for both couple and guests. If you make it easy for your friends and relatives to purchase gifts, you will get exactly what is wanted and save time by not having to return multiple appliances, dishes and other items.

This year, according to theknot.com, some of the hottest wedding trends are vintage items such as dresses and jewelry, the 'mermaid look,' wearing your hair down instead of up and mixing and matching colors with table cloths, plates and glasses on the table.

Whitley said this year the chocolate fondue fountain is a favorite among couples. The chocolate comes in many different flavors and is coupled with a fruit display.

Through the stress of planning and all the hard work, the wedding day will be sure to hold very special memories for both the wedding party and guests.

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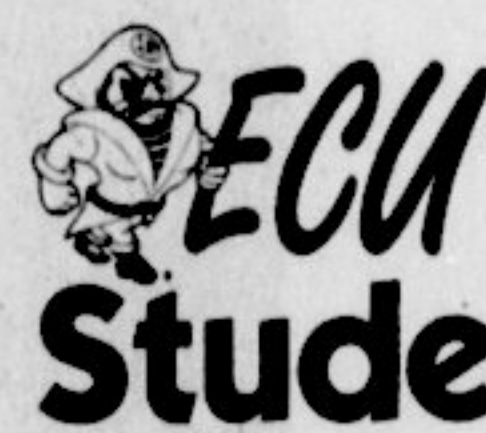
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wrong one night and some guy put something in my drink," said Mary Kaufman, junior communication major.

How it works: there are two tests per coaster and card and each test has two round spots where you put your drink onto both of them. Then smear each gently and wait until they are dry. If either spot turns dark blue, then it is highly possible someone has slipped a date rape drug into your drink.

On the back are further details including how important lighting is, so maybe going into a bathroom stall would work best and what drinks are approved for these tests. Straight fruit juices are not, but if they have liquor in them, then they are. Wine is not going to show up on the test and things with milk or heavy cream might have skewed results.

Although, drinks such as sodas, water, hard liquors, mixed drinks, beer and ales are going to work.

This all got started with a man named Francisco Guerra. He had a friend who was a victim of date rape due to the colorless, tasteless and odorless drug (most of the time it is GHB, rophynol (roofies) and ketamine). He saw

what she went through in order to get passed this one night.

"I think it's good that something is being done about the problem of date rape. It has been a problem with no real solution for a while," said Lauren Dykes, junior communication major.

These drugs have about the same effects, such as GHB produces drowsiness, dizziness, nausea, unconsciousness, seizures, severe respiratory depression and coma. Ketamine's original purpose was to be used as an anesthetic for medical purposes with humans and animals. Now, it is only used for animals legally.

According to drinksafetech.com, the Drink Safe Web site, emergency room mentions of ketamine rose from 19 in 1994 to 396 in 1999. This is a huge increase and a growing problem. The numbers are from big cities but that's where it all starts then spreads.

"I might use them in a place where I was unfamiliar with my surroundings like another school or a larger city," Dykes said.

Roofies are legally available in 60 countries, not the United States, for treatment of insomnia. The feeling a roofie gives off is like being drunk. Slurred speech

and poor judgment are the main results along with walking being a great challenge. The effects of one can be felt as quick as 10 minutes after ingestion and can last up to about eight hours.

If enough is ingested then there can be more severe problems such as respiratory distress, deep sedation and blackouts can last as long as 24 hours.

If there was a lot of alcohol already consumed or if drugs are in the system or taken afterward, overdose with possible death, if left alone, can occur.

The thought is very scary and if there is any chance of it happening, say over spring break or the beginning of college where people might take advantage of new-comers, then it would be a good idea to purchase these cards and strips. Even if they are never used, if there are a few stored in your wallet for an occasion that makes you nervous, it might ease the nerves.

"I think it is a great idea because being out at a bar and not knowing who is around you, it would be nice to know what's in your drink," Kaufman said.

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Greenville Museum of Art

New exhibit brings exciting artists to area

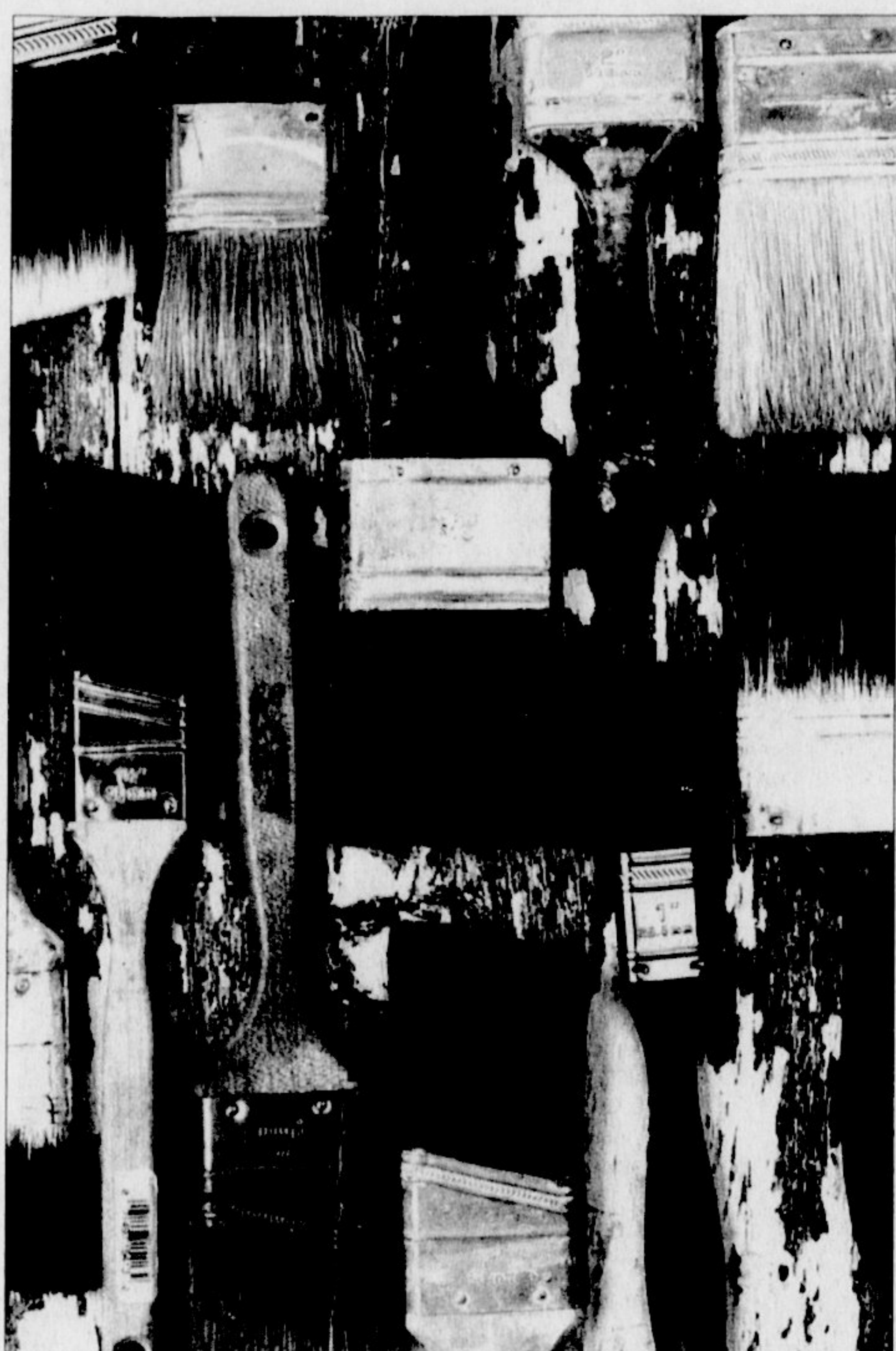
SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

The Greenville Museum of Art is one of the only local museums that has the ability to bring well-known artists' exhibitions to the area. Whether you are interested in art or could care less, a visit to the GMA will give anyone a profound appreciation for art. However, one trip to the GMA may not be enough to satisfy your hunger for beauty and fine art because once you walk through its doors you will never feel the same again. Being able to view paintings, sculptures and drawings that express the world in which we live in an abstract and yet realistic way is a gift that will last a lifetime.

The exhibition titled "George Bireline: The Many Roads Taken" will open March 4 at the GMA and run through May 6. Bireline, a NC artist and educator, will have 23 paintings on display covering a span of more than 40 years beginning in the 1960s through 2002. Bireline's most recent paintings included trompe l'oeil, social and cultural themes, as well as personal and figurative images, but his earlier paintings were mainly color-field.

"Bireline was one of North Carolina's most important artists and art educators and we are pleased to make this exhibition of his paintings available for the citizens of this state to enjoy," said Barbour Strickland, GMA executive director, in a recent GMA newsletter.

Born in Peroia, Ill., in 1923, Bireline studied art at Bradley University through the GI Bill after he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Later he received his master's of fine arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and went on to teach at NC State University College of Design for 30 years. His career as an artist however, took off in 1964 at the Andre Emmerich Gallery in New York where he sold his color-field paintings at a sold out show. In 1999 the idea for "The Many Roads Taken" exhibition formed



Greenville Museum of Art is featuring collections from various artists.

while having lunch with Strickland, but he never got to see it progress very far since he died in 2002, just three years short of its opening.

"Bireline's rich, complex and colorful paintings took NC art into realms it had never dreamed of," said Max Halperen, catalogue essayist, artist and art critic in *The Many Roads Taken* catalogue, which accompanies the exhibition and can be purchased for \$10.

The paintings included in the catalogue are all part of the exhibitions and relay a vivid use of color as well as unique approaches to everyday things and ideas.

"Symbols and allusions drawn from every era of man's history crowded his canvases and his frames as he tackled matters of belief, the environment, the homeless, AIDS, the nature of art, the fragile nature of our being," Halperen said.

His paintings are diverse and meaningful in ways the naked eye may not notice at first glance, but after some contemplation it becomes quite obvious.

The NC Arts Council, The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Wachovia Bank, NA, Bonny and Tony Breuer, ART Gallery, Ltd. and Melissa Peden and Robert Irwin sponsored this exhibition.

Last year more than 3,000 children participated in programs offered by the GMA and 12,000 visitors from Greenville and surrounding towns, counties and states visited to view various exhibitions. Besides exhibitions from well-known artists such as Bireline, the GMA houses works from various NC artists and a students' gallery, which features works by local students as well as works by students at ECU.

The Greenville Museum of Art is open Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday 1 - 4 p.m. Admission to the museum is free. It is located at 802 South Evans St., across the street from Ham's Restaurant. To view a calendar of upcoming exhibitions visit their Web site at gmoa.org.

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Wimpie's Steam Bar and Cajun Café

Seafood with a southern attitude

MARTHA HILL
STAFF WRITER

Wimpie's Steam Bar and Cajun Café is one of the best-kept secrets in Pitt County. Wimpie's offers a variety of appetizers and entrees that are prepared by Chef Richard, using only the freshest and finest ingredients.

"Seafood with an attitude," said Scott Joyner, owner.

"This is an independently owned restaurant. We've been in business for over 14 years, so we must be doing something right."

A great way to start off the evening is with the smoked ahi tuna, oyster rockefeller or crab dip. A combination of crab meat, herbs and cream cheese, baked golden brown and served with pita points is a must for regular patrons. One might also keep in mind to try one of their homemade soups: Hatteras style clam chowder, seafood gumbo or the restaurant's award-winning she crab soup.

Entrees will satisfy even the most discriminating palette. Some popular seafood entrees are Wimpie's pasta with jumbo shrimp and sea scallops pan seared over linguini tossed with homemade Alfredo sauce and baby vegetables, crab imperial with baked lump crab meat served with asparagus and a house salad or Wimpie's SS&C. This is a combination of shrimp, sausage and chicken sautéed in a jalapeno cream sauce and served over a bed of creamy grits. If seafood isn't your thing, one might try the spicy island chicken or an aged choice ribeye. For the people who want surf and turf there is the mixed grill. This includes a cajun ribeye, marinated medallions of tuna and skewered shrimp.

Come with an appetite because the dessert selection is fabulous. Homemade bread pudding, key lime pie and tuxedo cake are just a few of the options available.

Steamed oysters and shrimp are the foundation of the steam bar which is separated from the restaurant by a partition with easy access from one to the other. The fun thing about the oyster bar is that live entertainment is provided on Friday and Saturday nights, beginning around 7:30 p.m. The restaurant brings in local talent from Pitt and surrounding areas with a wide variety of sounds. Great times are to be had, as some patrons will hop up and dance to the beach music in between eating oysters and shrimp. It really is a fabulous atmosphere if you love southern hospitality and good music. Some upcoming bands include Electric Wildlife, Victor Hudson and Eddie Lilley.

Wimpie's is located in Winterville's old historical A.W. Ange and Company General Merchandise Store located on the corner of West Main Street and Mill Street. This building, built in 1922, was the Wal-Mart of the 1920s. Customers could come to buy food,

clothing, farm implements or a kitchen sink if they needed it. People brought in their own jars to fill with molasses that came in barrels and cut off the amount of cheese they needed from the brick. From Greenville, drive down Route 11 until you see signs for downtown Winterville. It's about a five minute drive from Pitt Community College. Turn left at the stoplight on Route 11 and turn on to West Main Street. Wimpie's is on the right at the stoplight.

Laissiez le bon temps rouler. Let the good times roll. And the good times are always rolling at Wimpie's.

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Wimpie's Info:

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Wimpie's has some of the best steamed oysters in Pitt County.

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fan clubs, movie fan clubs, hometown groups or political based groups.

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friends from school to school from North Carolina all the way to Hawaii.

This Web site has blossomed into popularity over the past few months. Its numbers continue to grow everyday with new signups and with new colleges being added weekly. Maybe one day, the popularity of The Facebook will replace the popularity of

AIM. There hasn't been an easier way to find the people you lost touch with over the years than The Facebook. So go ahead, and Facebook all of your friends. Get with the program and see what mysterious person you can dig up from your past.

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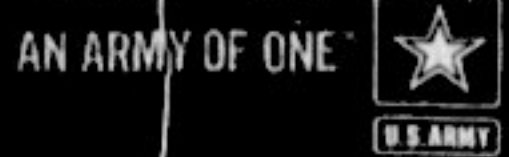
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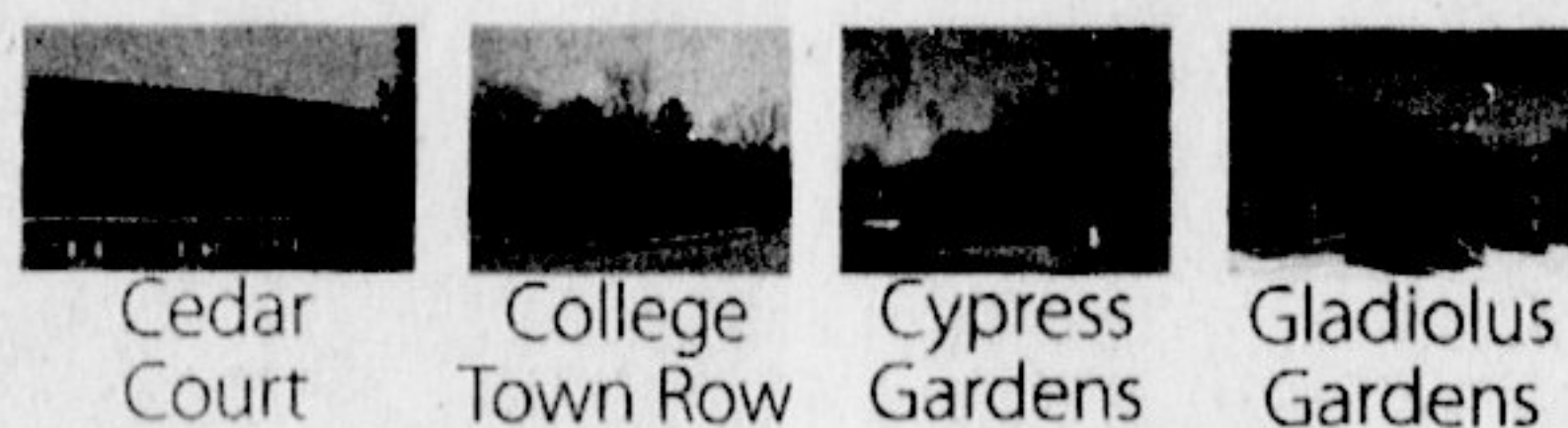
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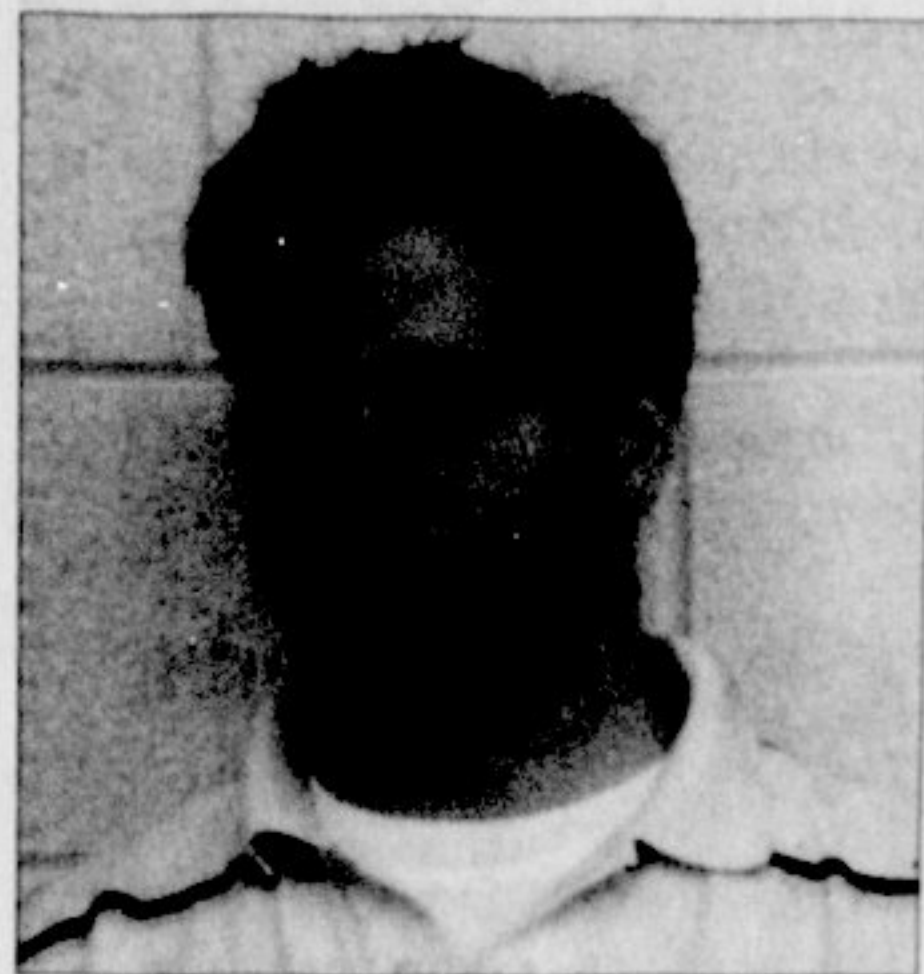


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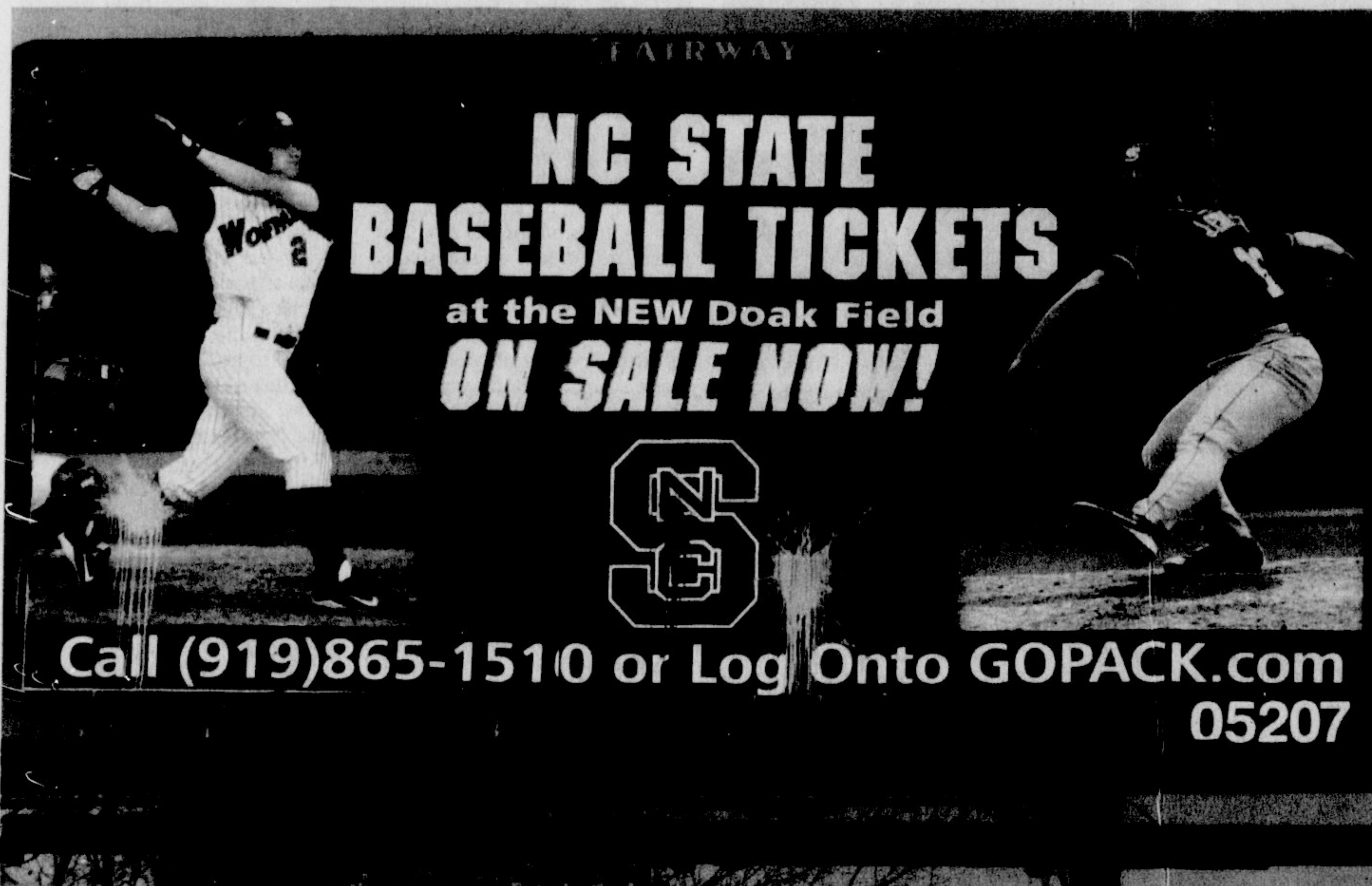
BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

You've had to have seen them. They are looming over Greenville with their beady red eyes.

There is one on Highway 264 just past the 10th Street intersection and another on Evans Street, both only a stone's throw away from campus.

NC State Wolfpack billboards are polluting the atmosphere. Instead of Purple Haze transcending across the sky, all I see is red. And that red is doing what scientists who research emotional effects from colors said it would do, make me very, very angry.

Driving toward my apartment, I often cruise past a local ECU merchandise store and adjacent used book store with PeeDee the Pirate scowling at passerby's outside with his black boots securely fastened to the ground and for obvious reasons.



One of two billboards around town for NC State baseball is pictured here at the corner of Greenville Boulevard and 10th Street.

What college student wouldn't want him as a lovely addition and decorative centerpiece to so eloquently match their Scarface posters and neon signs?

But towering above the purple and gold buildings are action shots of Wolfpack players belting baseballs into oblivion. Too bad

it's been the only instance NC State has thumped the ball in the same vicinity as the Pirates.

ECU ripped the Wolfpack 13-1 behind a dominating performance from pitcher Mike Flye on Feb. 26. Flye tossed 5 1/3 scoreless innings, Mark Mimicozzi went 4-for-6 with three RBI and Adam

Witter socked a grand slam in the Homewood Suites Shootout, the first of four meetings this season between the in-state rivals.

The Diamond Bucs have dispatched four ranked opponents this season including No. 7 Georgia in the final game of the first annual Keith LeClair Classic.

The Pirates defeated the Bulldogs handily in front of a sold out crowd as ECU's Jeff Ostrander earned Conference USA's Pitcher of the Week award after tossing 7 1/3 shutout innings, allowing just two hits while striking out seven.

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Holtz's squad excited to finally suit up for spring practice



Holtz looks on as his Pirates take to the field for spring practice Wednesday.

Team will practice in pads for first time today

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Football season used to run roughly from August to the end of November and hopefully December. Nowadays, football is a year

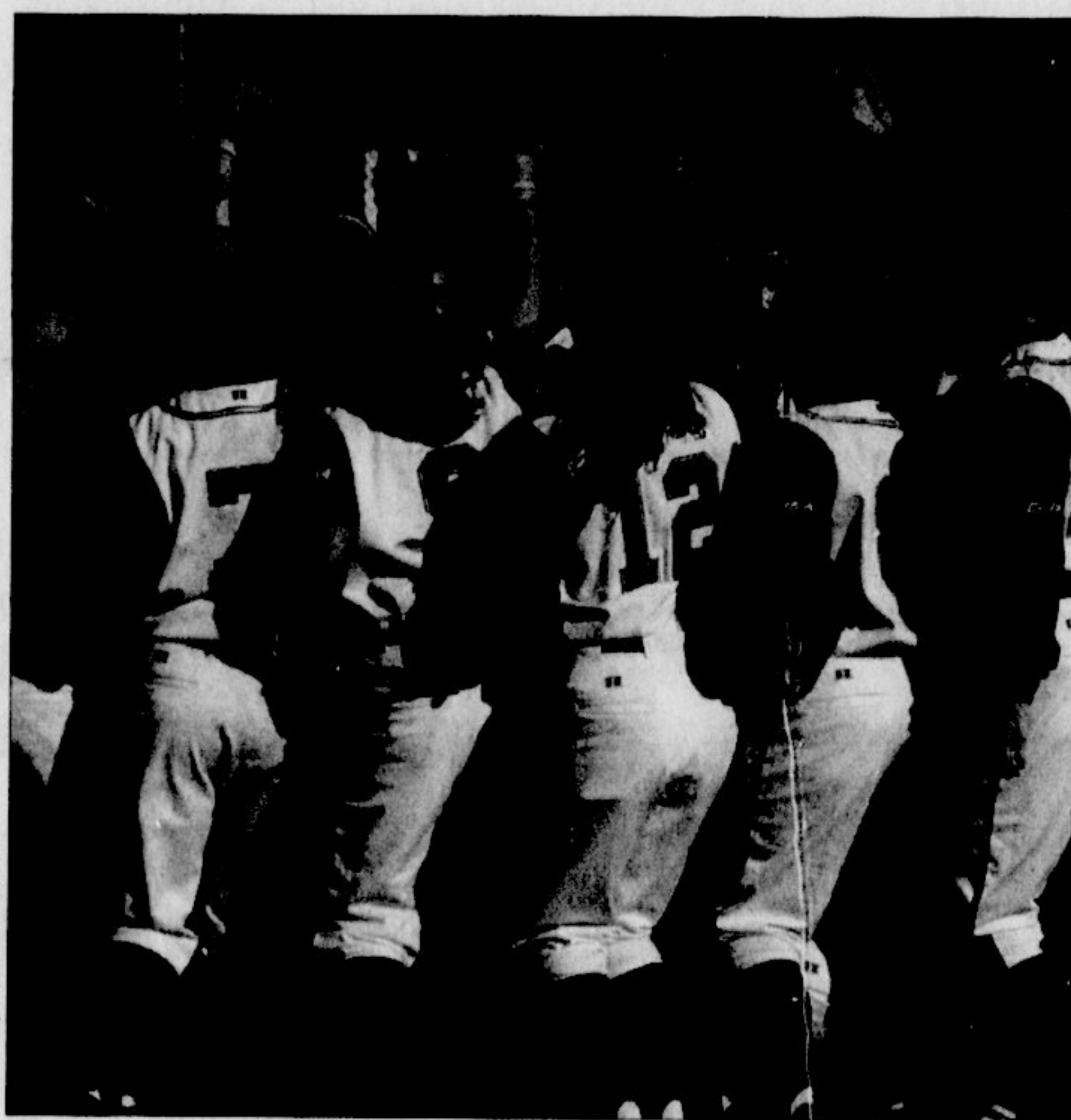
round sport. There are no breaks for players and now no real off-season. Spring is no exception.

"It's that time of year," said an exuberant Skip Holtz at a press conference a week ago referring to the start of spring practice. The team started their first official practice on Monday.

Each Division I-A team is

guaranteed 15 spring practices. It is up to the coaching staff to decide how they want to use their allotted time on specific days. Holtz held practices on Monday and yesterday in shorts, but tomorrow the team will be in pads for the first time. The

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The softball team took two out of three games from St. Louis.

Softball opens C-USA play in 'grand' style

Weekday series laced with drama, home runs

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU softball team opened their first conference series last Tuesday as they hosted St. Louis. The Lady Pirates, who were 22-4 at the time, have just come off of a disappointing showing at the Pirate Clash last weekend losing to Marshall in the semi-finals and were ready to prove themselves as one of the best in the land once again.

ECU sophomore pitcher Keli Harrell and junior Stephanie Hayes brought their A-game limiting the Lady Billikens to only three hits and combining for nine strikeouts on their way to a shutout in game one Tuesday afternoon. Harrell recorded her 11th win of the season as Hayes earned her first save.

The big highlight of the game came in the very first inning when freshman Paige Baggett capped off the team's scoring with a grand slam.

"It felt good to hit the home run, I was just looking to hit the ball hard, not to hit it out," said Baggett.

"The pitch was inside, I'm used to driving the balls out into right field I just got my stance right and took it."

Baggett's blast put the Lady Pirates up 5-0 and they never looked back, winning the

game 7-0.

The second day of the series featured a doubleheader with St. Louis. Unlike the day before, the Lady Pirates couldn't get anything going on offense in the first game. ECU junior pitcher Brently Bridgeforth allowed four runs in her first loss of the season before being pulled in the third inning.

ECU attempted to mount a comeback in the bottom of the fourth inning scoring two runs, but the team just could not get it going beyond that remaining hitless in the last two innings of the game. St. Louis won the game with the final score 4-2.

"I really thought our energy level was too low," said ECU Head Coach Tracey Kee.

"I felt like St. Louis was more energetic than us, they were hungrier than we were and they were able to pull that game from us."

In the final game of the series ECU found themselves down again 5-2 heading into the fifth inning, when Junior Krista Jessup started a rally with a two run shot to left field. The Lady Pirates went on to score three more runs in the inning and posting a combined 10 hits to put the team up for good, winning 7-5.

"The wins came on our sticks," coach Kee said after the game.

"Whenever you put ten hits

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ECU ties for fifth at Pinehurst

(SID) — The ECU women's golf team could not overcome the powerful winds at Pinehurst Golf Club and finished tied for fifth, place after a final round score of 330. The tournament was being held at the par-72, 6,009-yard Pinehurst No. 8 Golf Course.

Jessica Hauser (Germantown, NC) led the Pirates (74-32-2) posting a 54-hole score of 237 and finished tied for 19th. Senior Adrienne Millican (Fuquay-Varina, NC) was the only other Pirate to finish in the top-25 after she carded a final score of 239 (74-81-84).

Pirate freshman Emelie Lind, who was sitting in 38th place after two rounds, withdrew from the competition after falling ill on Monday night.

"The conditions Tuesday were brutal," said Head Coach Kevin Williams.

"After a great opening round, we were unable to adjust to the adverse weather and really struggled. We were able to pick up some quality regional wins that will help put us in great position for a postseason tournament berth."

Nationally ranked (No. 25) Washington State (918) cruised past the competition as the finished 21 strokes ahead of UNC Wilmington (939) for the team title. Oregon (No. 35) and Mississippi State (No. 27) finished third and fourth, while the Pirates (No. 48) tied with Conference USA foe Louisville (No. 57) for fifth place.

UNC Wilmington's Becky Berzonski and Michelle Jarman each claimed the individual tournament championship as they fired at 224, three strokes better than third place finishers Lisbeth Meincke (Georgia State), Anastasia Kostina (Wash. State) and Maria Kostina (Wash. State).

The Lady Pirates will hit the links again on March 25 when they participate in the Liz Murphy Intercollegiate in Athens, Ga.

Top Pirate Finishes

- T19. Jessica Hauser 73-81-83-237
- T25. Adrienne Millican 74-81-84-239
- T35. Heidi Helliesen 77-86-78-241
- T39. Michelle Williams 78-79-85-242
- WD. Emelie Lind 82-78-WD

Top Ind. Finishes

- T1. Becky Berzonski (UNCW) 73-73-78-224
- T1. Michelle Jarman (UNCW) 75-73-76-224
- T3. Lisbeth Meincke (Ga. State) 76-74-77-227
- T3. Anastasia Kostina (WSU) 74-76-77-227
- T3. Maria Kostina (WSU) 72-76-79-227

Top Team Finishes

- 1. Washington State 303-301-314-918
- 2. UNC Wilmington 312-306-321-939
- 3. Oregon 313-315-317-945
- 4. Mississippi State 319-305-322-946
- T5. ECU 302-319-330-951
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ECU seeking hall of fame nominations



(SID) — The ECU Athletics Hall of Fame is soliciting nominations for individuals to be inducted in 2005. Help the Hall of Fame Committee in its selection of 2005 inductees by sending in your nomination of deserving candidates. Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting ECU Athletics at 252-328-4600 or via e-mail at brittli@mail.ecu.edu.

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1. The candidate should not have represented ECU as a student-athlete for a minimum period of 10 years immediately preceding the date of induction or be deceased.
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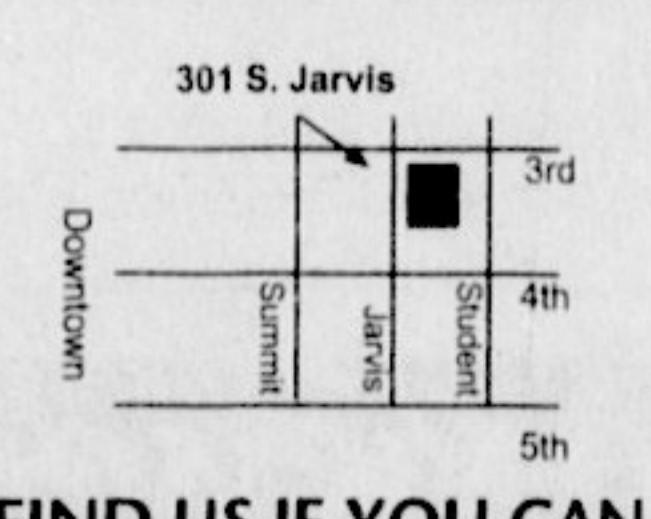
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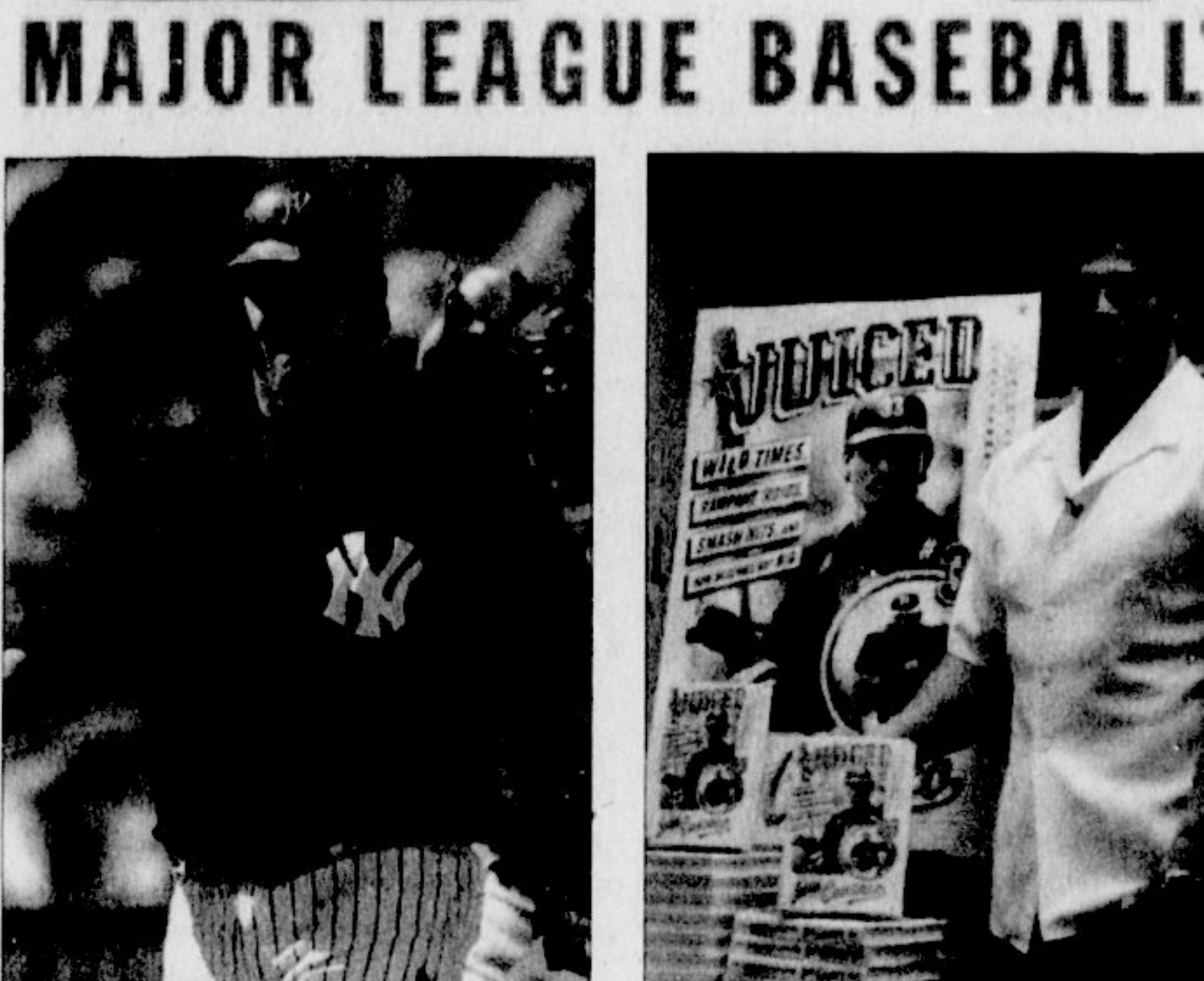
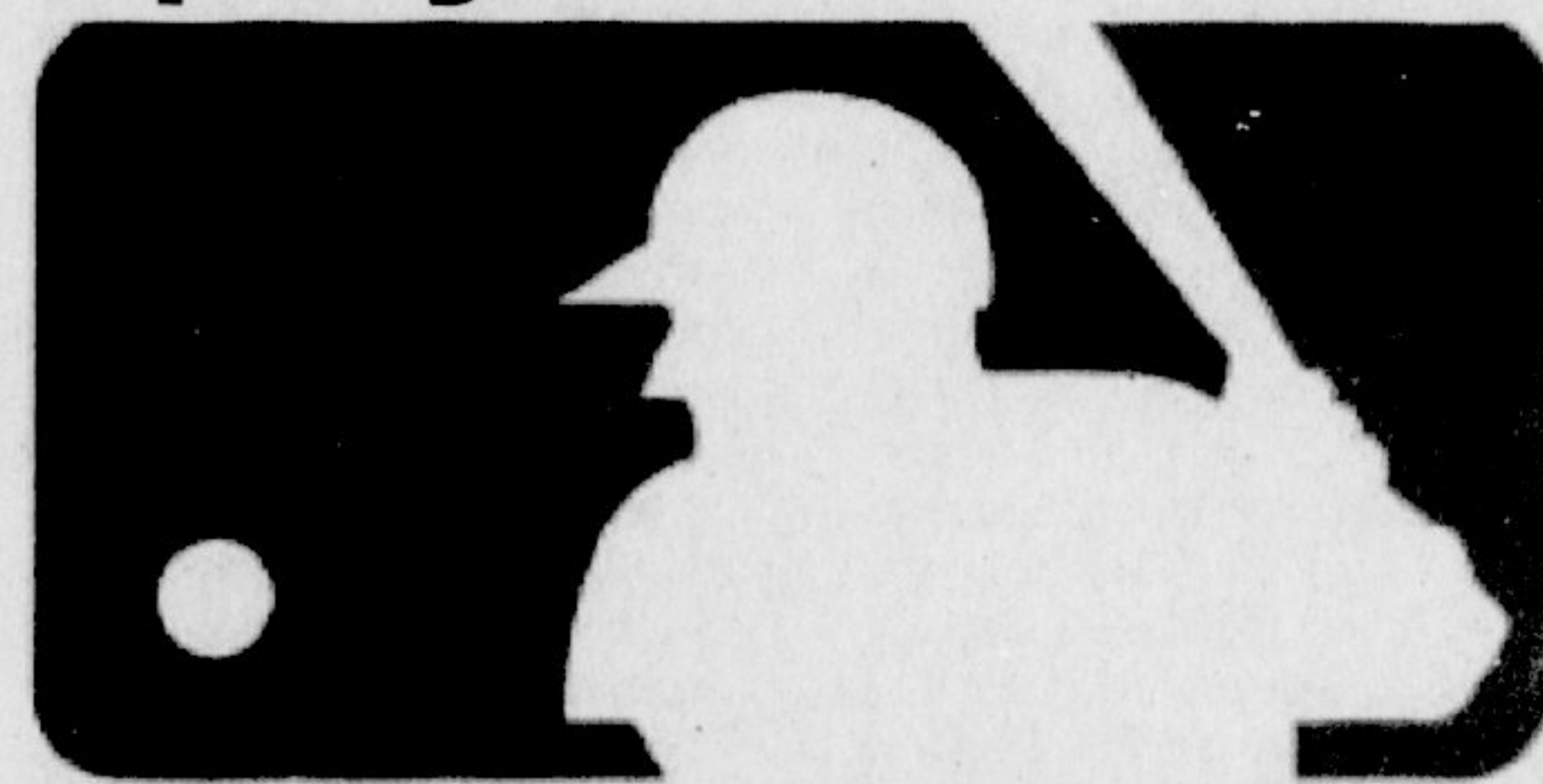
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Congress plays 'Home Run Derby'



Congress has subpoenaed (from left to right) Frank Thomas, Rafael Palmeiro, Jason Giambi, Jose Canseco and Sammy Sosa. Barry Bonds has not been called upon to testify in front of the congressional committee yet.

(AP) — The list of ballplayers invited to testify before Congress on the subject of steroids reads like a roster for "Home Run Derby."

If this is a coincidence, so is the continued orbit of the earth around the sun.

Mark McGwire, Jason Giambi, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Frank Thomas and best-selling author Jose Canseco have combined for 2,887 homers and are on the House Government Reform Committee's guest list for March 17. The lawmakers who drew it up were even thoughtful enough to ask Curt Schilling along to pitch.

To keep things light, they

also asked Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, union head Donald Fehr, executive vice president Sandy Alderson and San Diego General Manager Kevin Towers to put in an appearance.

Without further ado, we preview the opening few minutes from that day's broadcast on C-SPAN.

Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., committee chairman: "Gentlemen, let me welcome you on behalf of the House ..."

Selig: "Excuse me, congressman, isn't this a Hepplewhite mahogany table, circa 1810? I only ask because I'm a student of history, as you probably know, and ..."

Davis: "Excuse me, commissioner. But we didn't call you down here to talk about history, except as it relates to steroids."

Selig: "I'm a student of steroids, too. Not a very good one, I'm afraid, and not by choice, mind you. Everybody else around me seemed to know about 'juice,' or whatever they call it, so I tried to sit down and learn. Well, I still don't see what bulging muscles and a bad attitude has to do with home runs and acne, but my people assured me it's all related."

"Even so, when I heard that leaked grand jury testimony about someplace called BALCO and the 'clear' and the 'cream,' I

thought they were talking about 'Oil of Olay.' Even asked my wife about it. ..."

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif.: "Mr. Selig, we were inquiring about ..."

Selig: "Steroid use. Right. Do you know I once commissioned a study of androstenedione? Yeah, right after some snoopy reporter saw a bottle of it in Mr. McGwire's locker. Even hired some Harvard guys to do it. And you know what they found? You don't, huh? Well, frankly, sir, neither do I. It was loaded with technical jargon and really depressing. I put the darned thing in a drawer and

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Hughes from page B4

Georgia showcased a team ERA of under 2.00 before the match-up but the Pirates hung five runs in the fourth on their way to a 7-1 drubbing of the Bulldogs. There wasn't an empty seat in the house and hundreds of students lined the new "Jungle." Minus the alcohol. We'll see how long that policy remains intact.

No question in my mind that the Pirates can advance to the College World Series and the slogan "We're going." will eventually ring true. ECU filled up a \$10 million state-of-the-art baseball stadium, but I'd like to see a panoramic view of the complex with that catch phrase on a few

measly billboards. Or least rid the city of wolves glaring at my windshield at every stop sign.

I guess it's a free country and the university has no say in such matters. Free to advertise wherever and whenever for the right price but the community should put it's foot down and show some respect to a university that breathes life into this part of the state.

I shouldn't have to look at that billboard. I just recently noticed the eyesore over PeeDee on Evans Street after the other near the intersection of Highway 264 and 10th Street caught my attention several weeks before and nearly induced a 10-car pileup.

Yet another reason they should be taken down. Safety concerns. Too many times I have witnessed horrid acts of incompetence behind the wheel. But that's another issue irrelevant to sports. Although, the way some people drive, it may seem like NASCAR has transformed Greenville into Talladega, complete with trading paint and beer logos, except these are inside the car and not next to a number on the hood.

This is eastern North Carolina, also known as Pirate Territory. Sure, the ACC will always hold strong ties in the area with arguably as many supporters as the Pirates unfortunately. And

heaven forbid someone garners a NC State shirt on campus, but that is a freedom no one should take for granted. Students from around the world enroll at ECU and not every one bleeds purple and gold. But by the time your four years, or five, or six or half your life is up taking classes, have enough respect for your alma mater to want to rid Greenville of a rival team's advertisement two miles from campus encouraging you to buy tickets to their baseball games.

Take a short road trip to Chapel Hill and tell me how many Duke billboards you come across. Better yet, a shirt that is a

shade darker than Carolina blue or a person that actually enunciates Duke properly instead of an irritating Puke or Dook.

I set out on a mission and that mission was to scour the community for a "We're going." sign in the sky. Negative. Zilch. Zero. Maybe I didn't look hard enough. Perhaps if I drive through Raleigh, I will come across Pirates crushing and hurling baseballs with graphics informing me to call for ticket information. But I doubt it.

I've never been one to condone vandalism but it seems like the Wolfpack are the ones vandalizing our community and

some low down dirty criminal(s) decided to enact some revenge by splashing the Wolfpack billboard on Highway 264 with gold paint. Just a little hint, next time buy more than just one tube, get a brighter color and aim a tad higher. You thought paintball markers were designed to leave welts and bruises on your friends, but there are other mischievous uses. Not that I condone any act of vandalism.

So next time, I'll bring the purple and you bring the gold... To Clark-LeClair Stadium, of course.

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first-year ECU head coach will keep the same schedule when the team gets back after spring break.

Holtz thinks the first six practices will be critical to evaluating players and their talents.

"Getting out on the field has given us a little better perspective of what we have to work with right now," said Holtz.

With last year's starter James Pinkney no longer enrolled in school, Holtz will have to have to find a new quarterback. Red-shirt freshman Devon Drew and Patrick Pinkney, junior Kort Shankweiler and sophomore Pierre Parker will all compete for the starting job.

Pinkney, no relation to James, is hampered by a shoulder sur-

gery he had in the fall. Probably the favorite, he may not get as much of a look because he is not at full speed.

"We've got to make a decision rather rapidly with whom we are going to give this first shot," Holtz said.

"[The quarterback] is where you have to start on that side of the ball. We've got to identify a starter out of this group. If we try to get three ready, then we're going to end up with none. We have to at least come out with one."

If Holtz doesn't feel comfortable with the quarterback this spring, he may turn to one of the three freshmen set to arrive on campus in the fall. Rob Kass, Brett Clay or Terrell Hudgins could get

extended looks as true freshman.

Spring practice might hurt some of the more experienced players. Former starters Bobby Good, Hunter Wood, Sean Harmon and Shawn Levesque are forced to sit out spring practices because of various injuries. Other players who are on campus, but not eligible academically might be at a disadvantage as well.

"I'm certainly not penalizing them. It's very hard to be put on the two-deep depth chart when you're not practicing. For the people coming off injuries or sitting out for academics, we're going to go like they're not there."

Spring practice is always fun for the players. However, this year it might be all out war for

players trying to scratch their way to the top.

"Spring is time to earn a position. Fall is a time to get ready for a football game. As a young team without a lot of experience, we need to get guys ready to play. We can't be opening everything up to competition."

Competition will be the theme of spring ball, which usually is concluded with the 22nd Annual Great Pirate Purple/Gold Pigskin Pigout Party on Saturday, April 16 at 3 p.m.

Fans might be pleasantly surprised when the team will scrimmage against each other. Already, Holtz has been pleasantly surprised with his team is at considering they only won three

games in a two year span.

"The talent level is higher than I thought it would be. The attitude is much better than I expected it to be. The player's work habits and attitudes are much better than I expected it to be. If you look at a program that is 3-23, you expect everything to be broke. I've really been please with what I've seen through winter workouts.

Even so, Skip Holtz signed his disclaimer.

"There is still a long way to go. We just went through Phase One through the winter workouts. Now we are in Phase Two."

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The Lady Pirates look on from their dugout during the Pirate Classic this past weekend.

on the board you are probably going to win that ballgame. Our bats were there in the first game, they fell asleep in the second, they responded back in the third."

The Lady Pirates next competition comes this weekend as they take part in the Winthrop Invitational. The Invitational will feature such teams as Garner

Webb, Akron and East Tennessee State.

Coach Kee is going to use this weekend as more of a test for the Lady Pirates in order to see if any adjustments still need to be made for next week's conference dual against UAB.

"We have a long ten games on the road coming up," Kee said. "Our main focus is UAB next

week. We are going to utilize this next tournament to put us in a position to polish some things and then hopefully we will be ready for UAB. We beat them five times last year so obviously we know that they will be gunning for us."

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forgot about it. If you're really interested, I'll FedEx you a copy. Or you could ask Don for his."

Here Selig pauses and steals a glance at Fehr: "Unless, of course, he's already turned it into a fleet of paper airplanes."

Fehr: "What the commissioner is trying to say is that there isn't any steroid use by current major leaguers, thanks to the draconian tests we've instituted. All that advance notice had nothing to do with it. And even if there was, let's pretend there wasn't. It wasn't against the rules in place at the time. Bud is a student of history and he'll tell you there's no way to go back in time. At least not yet. So leave the records alone, too. Period, case closed. Can I be excused?"

Davis: "Excuse me, Mr. Fehr. There appears to be a dissenting opinion. The chair recognizes Mr. Canseco."

Canseco (wearing a silk tank top, sunglasses and rising out of his seat): "You sayin' this body

came naturally? You think I hit 462 homers eating chicken at every meal? But enough about singles hitters; let's talk about me.

"I nicknamed myself, 'The Godfather of Steroids.' Pretty cool, no? And I personally injected steroids into the butt of at least one guy in this room. And I have it on good authority somebody's second cousin told me or something like that - that more than a few others followed my instructions and did the same. I can't remember any more details, but they're all in my book, which just happens to be on top of The New York Times best seller list. Only \$25.95. In fact, I'll be signing copies later this afternoon at ..."

Waxman: "All well and good, Mr. Canseco. But these hearings are for us, not you, to get some badly needed pub. Is there anybody who can talk about whether the use of steroids was widespread, as most of America suspects, or confined to a handful of sluggers and a few dozen

wannabes? Mr. Giambi, can you add anything?"

Giambi: "I'm sorry."

Davis: "About what?"

Giambi: "Can't say. Sorry."

Selig: "Actually, congressmen, let me say all of us in baseball were sorry. I mean, what would you have done? We blew up the season in 1994 and everybody was mad at us, and then baseballs start flying all over the place and next thing you know we've got a renaissance on our hands. Hoo-hah."

"Remember Heather Locklear in that 'Chicks Dig the Long Ball' commercial? I loved her in that. I wasn't sorry one bit about that spot. But where was I? The renaissance. Right. Money is rolling in, everybody is getting a new stadium or angling for one, so who am I to stop the parade? I'll admit, I saw some guys that looked like Charles Atlas, but I figured maybe the horizontal hold on the TV was bad. Even asked my wife ..."

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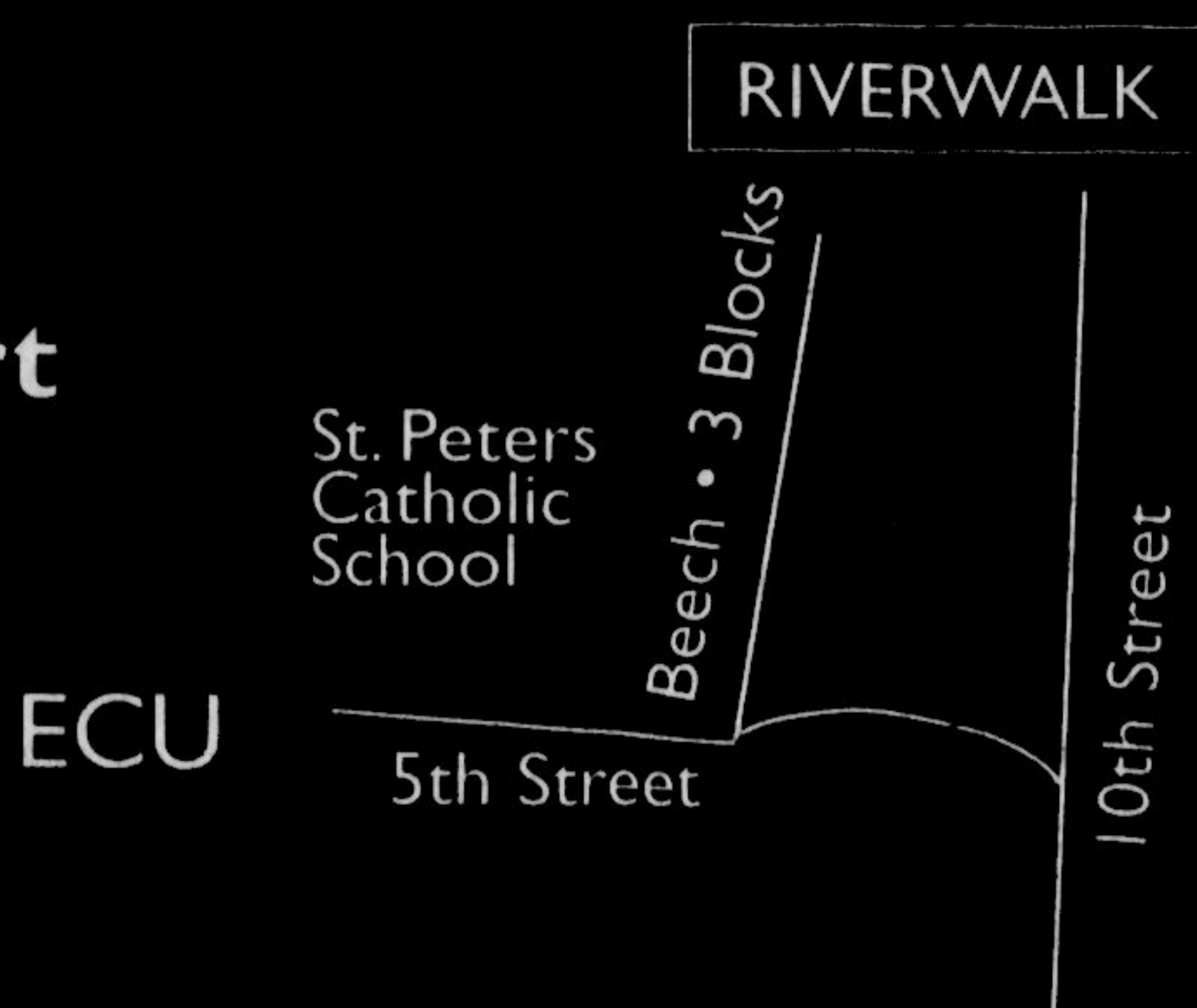
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