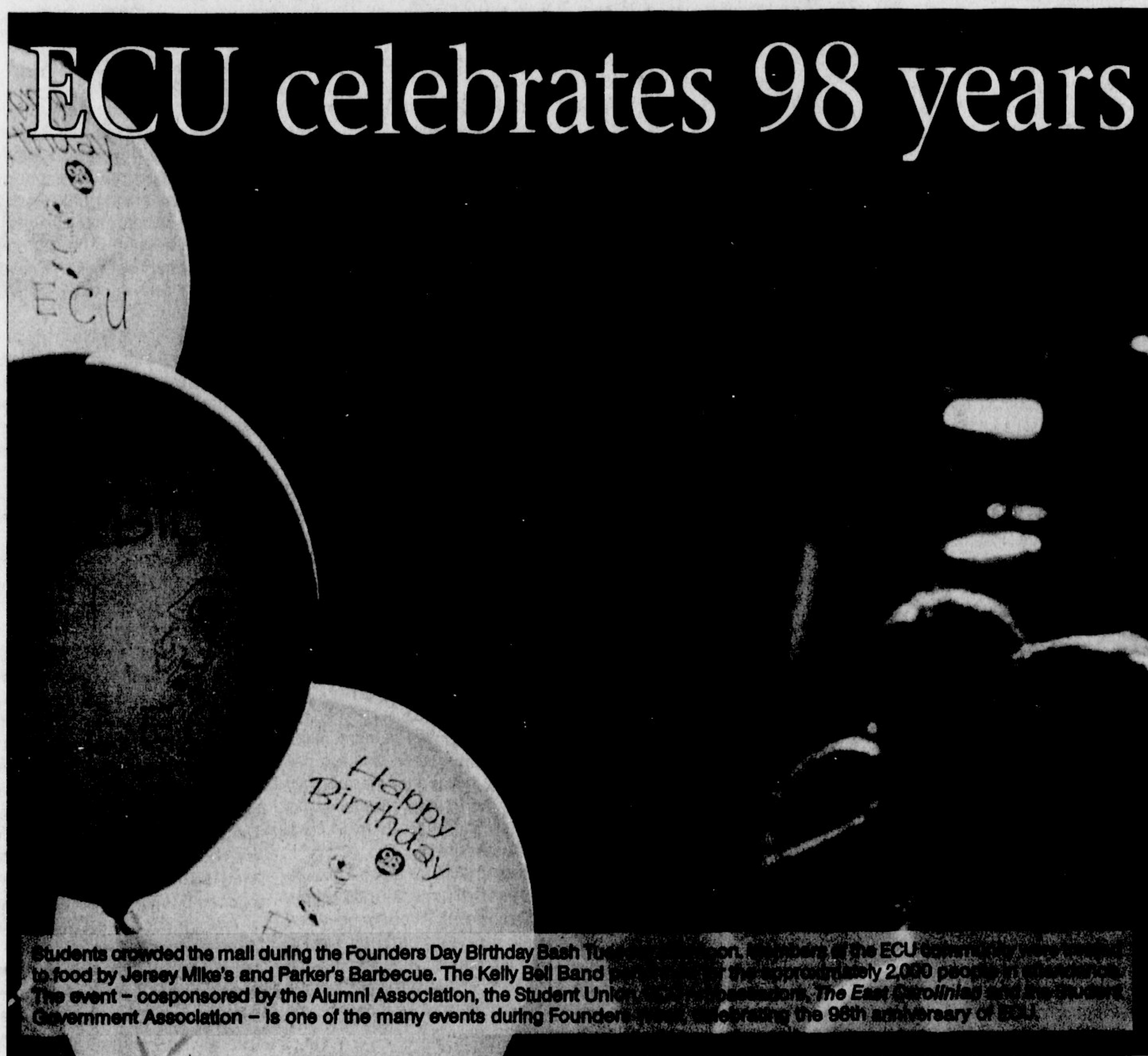


ECU celebrates 98 years



Students crowded the mall during the Founders Day Birthday Bash Tuesday night. The ECU event drew approximately 2,000 people. The event - cosponsored by the Alumni Association, the Student Union Government Association - is one of the many events during Founders Day.

Gambling use rises among students



The number of college students becoming active in gambling, especially poker, has increased dramatically over recent years.

Popular trend causes legal concerns

CHRIS ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

Gambling, especially in the form of poker in a commonly played game entitled "Texas Hold'em," has seen a revival among Americans recently, especially with college students. This rising trend raises legality concerns among some states, including North Carolina, where gambling is illegal. ECU has been subject to this trend. Many people attribute this recent increase to the entertainment industry and ESPN's "World Championship of Poker."

According to Article 14-292 of the North Carolina General

Statutes, "any person or organization that operates any game of chance or any person who plays at or bets on any game of chance at which any money, property or other thing of value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

ECU's Code of Conduct lists gambling as a violation of the code in Article O. Students who are caught in the act of gambling will receive varied disciplinary action depending on their level of involvement in the situation.

Mary Louise Antieau, director of Student Conflict Resolution, has some concern for this rising trend among college students. She said in addition to gambling of any form within North Carolina being illegal, compulsive gambling is a waste of time and

resources.

"Poker and gambling are high risk behaviors," said Antieau.

"What is striking is that there are a certain number of personalities that are attracted to these behaviors."

Antieau said disciplinary action would be different for someone who is hosting an event as opposed to just participating in a game.

"Those who host are allowing something illegal to take place," Antieau said.

Punishment for those who are only participating in an event could include writing an educational paper or doing research to find out what specifically makes gambling illegal.

Resident advisors are required to report any violations of the ECU Code of Conduct to the

residence hall coordinator.

"I have witnessed gambling," said Burton Morris, sophomore communication major and resident advisor in Scott Hall.

"The media is encouraging a lot of young people to get in the game when those people are not educated about how to properly use their money. The gamblers on TV are elevated to stardom and young people try to get to the level of a professional player."

The Office of Student Conflict Resolution's goal is to educate students on specific rules and laws before any serious consequence is administered.

"In this office, our first attempt is to educate unless there is some form of extreme violence," Antieau said.

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ECU offers educational opportunities to Fort Bragg military base



Soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg, like Spc. George Perez pictured above, will soon be able to complete online courses from various universities including ECU.

Distance education courses to be offered to stationed soldiers

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SENIOR WRITER

ECU will offer distance education courses to the soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville beginning in August.

The soldiers will be able to choose from a variety of courses and work toward a major while serving the country.

ECU will be setting up an office at Fort Bragg over the summer so students taking online distance education courses can speak with a representative and discuss academic matters face to face.

"We've found that students want to be able to talk to someone directly," said Steve Duncan, director of military programs at ECU.

Another positive feature of the distance education program is the flexibility it offers to the soldiers.

"When they deploy, we can go along," Duncan said.

A high number of soldiers from Fort Bragg have and will be deployed, but with distance education courses offered online, the soldiers will in most cases be able to take their coursework with them when they travel overseas.

Duncan said ECU has a history of working with the military community and in recent years it has declined. In the past, professors would drive to the bases and teach courses, which took a lot of time and effort and became less attractive as the traveling wore on.

With distance learning programs, ECU is able to provide their resources online using Blackboard.

Photo by Kyle Fisher

Studies have shown that military bases create an estimated \$1.8 billion for North Carolina, making their presence crucial to the continued financial success of the state, Duncan said. This has led the state to aggressively pursue the retention of these bases.

Offering classes to soldiers is one way of keeping the bases where they are.

"We're trying to show that we are interested in the military," Duncan said.

Regardless of where the soldier comes from, in-state tuition will be offered if they are stationed at Fort Bragg.

ECU partnered with Fort Bragg after bidding with a variety of other universities. Overall, a total of eight schools, including ECU, were chosen to begin offering courses at Fort Bragg.

The seven other schools offering courses are UNC-Pembroke, Liberty University, Central Texas College, Methodist College, Campbell University, Troy State University and Webster University.

Fayetteville State University and Fayetteville Technical Community College will continue offering courses to the base.

Duncan said he expects the program to start out small but grow in the future once it starts rolling due to Fort Bragg's size and interest.

"There are about 44,000 service members ... a good percentage of them take a course or more," Duncan said.

"The administration at ECU has played a major role in forming this partnership with Fort Bragg."

"Every person that I have spoken with in leadership has been very supportive."

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Internet site assists students with registration by ranking instructors

RateMyProfessors.com gives teacher reviews

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The upcoming registration has many students visiting the Web site RateMyProfessors.com to get a sneak peek into their professor's classrooms prior to enrolling in the course.

John Swapceinski, founder of RateMyProfessors.com, said he began the free Web site for rating college professors after he experienced a dastardly professor at San Jose State University.

"I decided I needed to warn others," said Swapceinski.

Out of the 3 million ratings listed on RateMyProfessors.com, the Web site has ratings for professors at more than 4,000 schools, and 1,354 ratings for ECU professors alone.

Swapceinski said the closest competitor to RateMyProfessors.com currently has about 25,000 ratings.

While the Web site was created to simply allow stu-

dents to share their opinions of professors with other students, many professors are against the Web site.

"We get threatened with legal action by professors on pretty much a weekly basis," Swapceinski said.

Of the negative commentary received by Swapceinski, he said for the most part he tries to ignore it unless he can use it to find a way for it to better his Web site.

While the majority of the feedback left by students on the Web site is honest and professional, there are occasionally inappropriately irrelevant comments students make when evaluating a professor they may have had a negative experience with.

Under the rater guidelines of the Web site, students are told to provide an honest evaluation of the professor's professional abilities and not get personal in their evaluation remarks. The Web site clearly states students are prohibited in providing

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Do you think gambling should be made illegal?



AMY JO EVERS
SOPHOMORE
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

"No, because I think everyone can make their own decision."



PATRICK CLARY
JUNIOR
FINANCE

"Yes and no. If it's controlled and if it's a game between friends, then it is OK."



FRED BOWEN
GRADUATE
STUDENT
CREATIVE
WRITING

"No, because I don't think it ever hurts anybody. I don't see the harm in it."

Announcements

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.

2005 GPD/Special Olympics Golf Tournament

The Greenville Police Department is sponsoring this year's Special Olympics Golf Tournament April 1 at Bradford Creek Golf Course in Greenville. A 2005 Nissan Altima will be offered as a prize for a hole-in-one on a designated hole this year. For more information, call 329-4357 or 329-4703.

Cops on Doughnut Shops

ECU police will be on the roof of the Krispy Kreme store 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 2. They will lower buckets to collect donations from passersby and will also be inside serving customers and talking to people about Special Olympics and the Torch Run. The ECU cheerleaders and PeeDee the Pirate will be there and the dipping station for kids will be operating.

Youth Arts Festival

ECU will host its first Youth Arts Festival April 2 at the mall on main campus. This is a day long event including more than 100 visual and performing artists. Children will also have the opportunity to create their own artwork. For a schedule of events, visit ecu.edu/cs-admin/foundersday/youthartsfest.cfm.

Home Run

Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County will be sponsoring the sixth annual Home Run April 2 at the City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville. The Home Run is a major fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Events begin at 8 a.m. behind the hotel. To register or obtain additional information, visit habithatthomerun.com or call 758-2947.

HOSA Meeting

HOSA will hold a monthly meeting Tuesday, April 5 from 4:30 - 5 p.m. in 241 Mendenhall Student Center. Members will be discussing Relay for Life fundraising. For more information, please contact joellenb@gmail.com.

Greeks for Breast Cancer Awareness

Sigma Omicron Epsilon is hosting a breast cancer awareness event April 6 noon - midnight at Courtyard Tavern. Proceeds from this event will go to the Susan G. Koman Foundation. Each Greek Organization gets 30 coupons to represent their group. Any organization that needs more than 30 coupons should contact Sigma Omicron Epsilon President Ericka S. Williams at ew0309@mail.ecu.edu.

Choosing Child Care

Adult and Commuter Student Services and Childhood Development and Family Relations with Sharon Ballard will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding finding the right child care place for you and your children April 5 at 6 p.m. in 2006 Bate. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at the event.

Someone's Sister

Someone's Sister, the acoustic guitar group that played during the intermission of the Vagina Monologues, has a number of local performances during the next month. The group plays April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sci-tech Auditorium at ECU and opens for Michelle Cliff as part of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference.

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

News Briefs

Local

NC man in court over alleged threat to Michael Schiavo

ASHEVILLE, NC - A NC man acknowledges he made a mistake but never intended to harm anyone when he sent an e-mail offering a \$250,000 bounty on Michael Schiavo's head, a defense attorney said Monday.

Richard Alan Meywes, 37, appeared in federal court and waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of murder for hire and transmission of an interstate threat. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

"He wants to make it clear to the court and the world this was a terrible lack of judgment on his part and he wants to cooperate in every way he can," defense attorney Sean Devereaux told U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell. Meywes did not enter a plea Monday.

Meywes allegedly wrote an e-mail that claimed to pass along word that a multimillionaire was willing to finance a \$250,000 bounty for the death of Michael Schiavo and \$50,000 for that of a judge. He sent the e-mail to two news organizations in the Tampa, Fla., area and to a nationally syndicated radio talk show, the FBI said in an affidavit supporting the arrest Friday.

Michael Schiavo has been at the center of an often-heated debate over his wife, Terri, who suffered brain damage 15 years ago. Schiavo insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially and he has fought her parents for years to carry out what he says would be her wish. March 18, a Florida judge ordered her feeding tube removed, and since then activists opposing the move have vilified Michael Schiavo on talk shows, the Internet and in protests at his home.

House working on education lottery bill

RALEIGH, NC - House Speaker Jim Black chose his top lieutenant Monday to lead a special committee whose mission is to fashion an education lottery bill on which the full chamber can vote.

Rep. Bill Culp, chairman of the House Rules Committee, will also chair the 14-member House Select Committee on the Lottery, which will meet for the first time Tuesday afternoon.

Black won't serve on the committee but handpicked its members. They will examine three lottery bills introduced this year in the House before generating their recommendations.

Black, D-Mecklenburg, and Culp said a floor vote could be held next week, although the panel has until April 11 to file a report.

Even lottery supporters have acknowledged there are only about 50 votes in the House right now to pass a bill with no statewide referendum attached - not the 61 needed. But that could change.

"I think it's close. I think it's closer than some of the numbers I've seen," said Culp, D-Chowan.

The panel is comprised of 10 Democrats and four Republicans.

National

Tribal chairman's son arrested in probe of school shooting

RED LAKE, Minn. - The investigation of a shooting spree that left nine people and the gunman dead on a Minnesota Indian reservation took a new turn when a source familiar with the probe said the tribal chairman's teenage son was arrested.

Louis Jourdain, a student at Red Lake High School, was arrested as part of an investigation into a potentially wider plot, a law enforcement source on Monday told The Associated Press, on condition of anonymity.

The source said Jourdain had been arrested Sunday.

Jourdain is the son of Floyd Jourdain Jr., the public face of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa since March 21, when 16-year-old Jeff Weise killed nine people before taking his own life.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Michael Tabman had said Weise appeared to be acting alone and the motive was unknown. Authorities have said little about the case since then.

But The Washington Post, citing two unidentified law enforcement officials familiar with the investigation, reported Tuesday that the teenager was suspected of helping Weise plan the assault and had expected to take part.

Some residents who have been interviewed by federal authorities said they believe the investigation is expanding, perhaps to include Weise's friends.

Judge allows testimony about other allegations

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Prosecutors in the Michael Jackson case have waited more than a decade for what a judge has now granted them - the chance to tell jurors about past sexual abuse allegations that never led to criminal charges.

In a blow to Jackson's defense, Judge Rodney S. Melville ruled Monday that prosecutors can introduce evidence that the pop star molested or had designs on five boys, including actor Macaulay Culkin and two youngsters who reached multimillion-dollar settlements with the singer.

Prosecutors say the evidence will show Jackson's behavior with his current accuser follows a pattern of abuse that included molesting one boy in 1990 and another in 1993. Both received settlements in 1994.

"I think there's probably a feeling that at least there will be some justice in regards to the events from '93 and '94," said Jim Thomas, an NBC News

analyst and former Santa Barbara County Sheriff who investigated the cases. "It will show the jury and other people that there's more to this than what has been portrayed in this case so far."

Witnesses testifying Tuesday were expected to include Stan J. Katz, the psychologist who interviewed Jackson's current accuser.

International

Indonesian rescuers digging through rubble find 330 bodies

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia - Indonesians searched through smoldering rubble for survivors on Nias Island Tuesday and relatives wept over the bodies of the dead after an 8.7-magnitude earthquake hammered the region, triggering a tsunami scare and killing at least 330 people. Some officials said the death toll could rise as high as 2,000.

U.N. and other relief agencies rushed to ferry aid supplies to the island, which bore the brunt of the quake almost three months to the day after an even bigger temblor nearby sent waves crashing into coastlines around the Indian Ocean's rim, killing at least 174,000 people.

Fears of a second tsunami faded Tuesday when seas failed to rise up in the hours after the overnight quake, but at least 13 aftershocks between magnitudes 5.0 and 6.1 kept nervousness high.

In Gunung Sitoli, the biggest town on the island of some 600,000 people, an Associated Press reporter saw many residents huddled around candles outside their homes, too fearful to spend the night indoors after the aftershocks that set some buildings swaying.

Budi Atmaji Adiputro, a spokesman for Indonesia's Coordinating Agency for National Disaster Relief, said rescuers found 330 bodies in the rubble Tuesday. The toll was expected to rise

because more bodies were believed to be trapped in collapsed buildings, he said.

Iraqi lawmakers fail to agree on parliament speaker

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqi lawmakers ended a chaotic session Tuesday without agreeing on who would serve as their speaker, exposing deep divides among the National Assembly's diverse members. The short session - mostly held behind closed doors after a nearly three-hour delay - adjourned until this weekend.

Hussein al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric and member of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's coalition, said the parliament speaker likely would be chosen Sunday, giving Sunni Arab lawmakers time to come up with a candidate.

"We saw that things were confused today, so we gave them a last chance," al-Sadr said. "We expect the Sunni Arab brothers to nominate their candidate. Otherwise, we will vote on a candidate on Sunday."

Nearly two months after Iraq's historic Jan. 30 elections, negotiations to form a new government have stalled over Cabinet posts and how to include the fragile nation's Sunni minority - dominant under former dictator Saddam Hussein and believed to make up the core of the ongoing insurgency.

The bickering exposed tensions in the newly formed parliament, with Allawi storming out of the session, followed by interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab who turned down the speaker's job.

"What are we going to tell the citizens who sacrificed their lives and cast ballots on Jan. 30?" al-Sadr said earlier. Shiite, Kurdish and Sunni representatives were trying to come up with a Sunni Arab candidate that legislators promised would be announced during Tuesday's session.

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"We try to get them to understand what the concern was about."

Although ECU has seen a recent increase of interest in these activities, it has not become a detrimental problem. The Office of Student Conflict Resolution has no violations of Article O in their database.

"We haven't had a great deal of it here," Antieau said.

"It might be because our students value their money more."

Antieau feels because a portion of the student body works two jobs to keep themselves in school, they do not have extra money to waste.

According to several ECU students, gambling indeed occurs on ECU's campus.

Students at ECU feel the media's presentation of gambling has much to do with the current rising interest.

"The more you see something the more likely you are to do it," said Craig Thomas, an undecided freshman.

"It is being shown in a positive way instead of a negative way. Instead of seeing it as damaging to your life, people view it as a sport and want to participate in it."

Thomas says the current interest in gambling is healthy as long as gambling is done in moderation, without compulsion and addiction.

Students who suffer from compulsive gambling habits can find out more information on how to quit their addiction from The Center for Counseling and Student Development here at ECU.

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Christine Cranford, a communication professor at ECU, has positive feedback of the Web site.

"When I was in school, we would always ask friends about professors and courses. I don't think there is anything wrong with it," said Cranford.

FAQs

How do I sue your Web site?

Before you do, consider this information we received from the Electronic Frontier Foundation: 47 USC Section 230 - the federal law that permits many entities to "host" other people's content without being liable for defamation/libel etc. "By its plain language, § 230 creates a federal immunity to any cause of action that would make service

providers liable for information originating with a third-party user of the service." Zerun v. AOL, 129 F.3d 327, 330 (4th Cir. 1997).

Does this change when we delete inappropriate comments?

NO. You are still protected as long as you do so in good faith. Under 230(c)(2)(A), "(2) Civil liability. - No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be held liable on account of - (A) any action

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Further: The Supreme Court of the United States has held that anonymity of speech is protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution

Debates sustain over stem cell research

ECU community divided over ongoing issue

CHRIS ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

Controversies surrounding the research of adult and embryonic stem cell harvesting continue to be a source of debate and discussion in America.

Moral and scientific issues, such as the definition of humanity and the practicality of stem cell usage, further the gap between reaching an agreement on how to properly utilize stem cells from the human body. Although there is no agreement on the morality of the issue, incomplete knowledge of stem cell research is also a cause of the continual debate and disagreement.

Stem cell research is divided into two areas. Adult stem cell research, which is the harvesting of stem cells from adult human beings, receives little coverage in the media. Embryonic stem cell research, which involves terminating the life of an embryo in order to extract stem cells, is the cause of most of the debate between science and morality.

"People don't understand that there are two types of stem cell research," said Barbara Lyons, executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life, a non-sectarian organization that takes a non-theological approach to the issue of stem cell research.

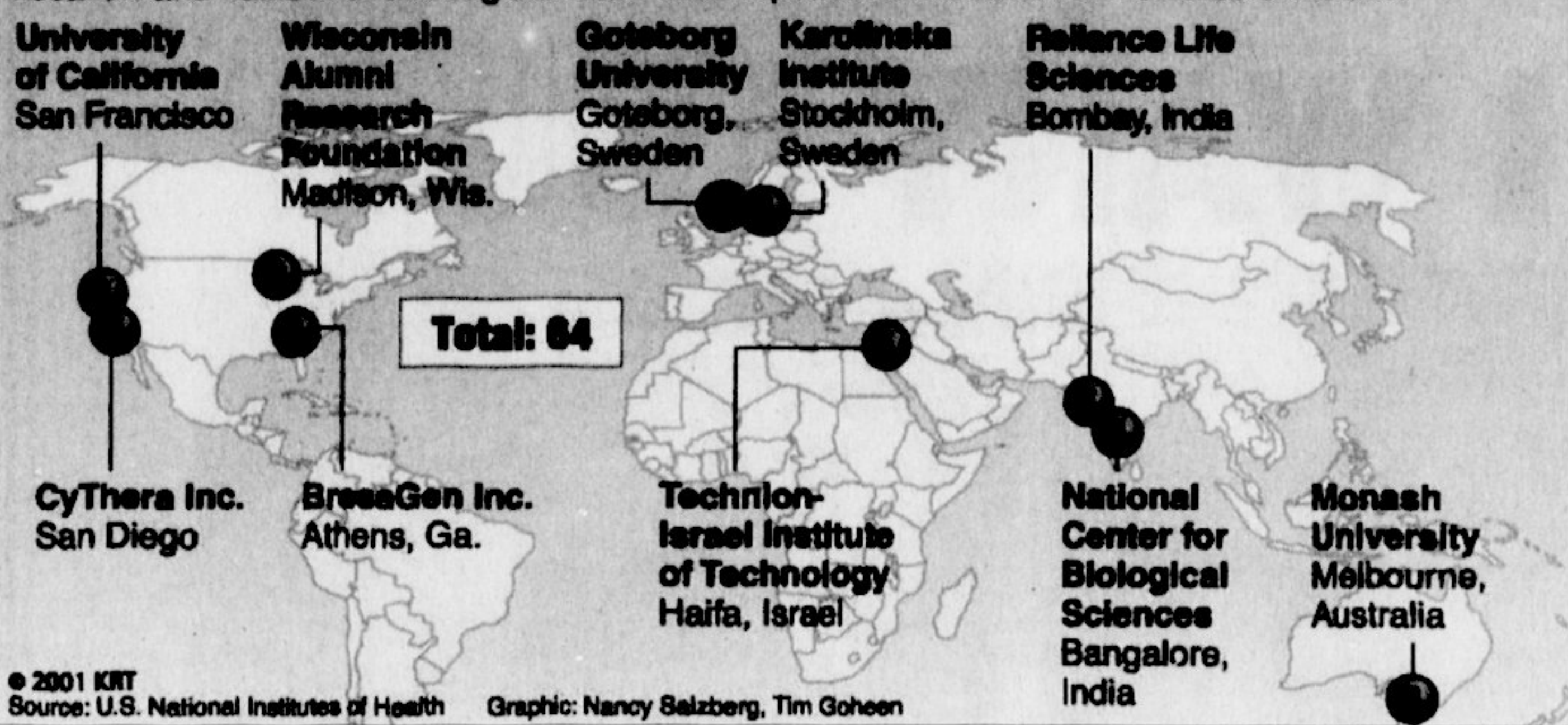
"With adult stem cell research, there is no moral controversy involved in helping people because there is no destruction of life necessary."

Lyons said the organization supports the research of adult stem cells because of the practicality of their extraction methods and usage.

Adult stem cell research causes little controversy because of the procedures used to extract the stem cells. These cells can be

Existing stem cell lines

Location and number of existing stem cell lines reported to the National Institutes of Health:



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taken from any part of the adult body, including fat cells and skin cells. After harvesting, the adult stem cells are cultured in a laboratory and then injected back into the host body, where the stem cells seek out areas of the body that need treatment. Fifty-six different human illnesses, including eyesight problems and heart conditions, have successfully been treated by the use of adult stem cells.

Stem cell research among embryos has, however, led to controversy. In order to extract stem cells from an embryo for research, an embryo must be destroyed causing speculation on ethical values.

"It is a basic scientific fact that when you join a sperm and an egg, you create a new individual," Lyons said.

"At conception, attributes like gender and eye color are already determined. It is a separate life form with its own genetic makeup."

The cells of embryos in early stages of development have not been differentiated into specific cell types. When the cells are extracted in a laboratory, they can be placed into an

environment of different cell types that will cause the stem cells to differentiate into the cell types of their surroundings.

Lyons said embryonic stem cells have not aided in the treatment of human conditions because of the danger involved in their use.

Emily Preslar, Catholic minister at the ECU Newman Center Campus Ministry, agrees with Lyons' position.

"I believe that life begins at conception," said Preslar.

"As Catholic Christians, it is our obligation to protect the most vulnerable forms of life. Therefore, I do not support embryonic stem cell research."

Preslar said if we focused most of the research on adult stem cells, moral issues could be avoided completely.

Others at ECU do not share these views.

"I support embryonic stem cell research because embryonic stem cells hold more promise than adult stem cells," said Alexander Murashov, assistant professor in the department of physiology.

"There are a lot of fetuses discarded for a number of reasons, why not use them for therapeutic

research?"

Murashov said adult stem cell research should not be overlooked. He said not much is known about either type of stem cell research and that more money should be put into both fields of research.

Issues such as cloning are also involved with embryonic stem cell research.

"Currently, using frozen embryos taken for the purpose of in vitro fertilization is a way to gather embryonic stem cells," Lyons said.

"However, there is a lot of talk about making embryos for the purpose of only stem cell research."

Even though moral issues other than the destruction of life arise with embryonic stem cell research, some feel there is still a need to further study embryonic stem cells.

"The good that can result in embryonic stem cell research far outweighs any slippery slope argument," said James Leroy Smith, recently named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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College student newspaper draws controversy

First Amendment rights called into question

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The campus of Craven Community College has gained the attention of the public due to a situation involving the campus student newspaper, *The Campus Communicator*.

The controversy is stemming from the publishing of a sex advice column in *The Communicator* that contained an "offensive" word used to describe a sex toy. The administration of the college feels the newspaper needs to utilize better editorial control and has since ordered a council to be appointed over the newspaper in order to prevent objectionable content from being published again.

According to Mitzi Ponce, a staff member at *The Campus Communicator*, the controversy goes back to previous controversial events at the college involving the newspaper.

An altercation took place between two students leading to arrests being made on campus. The public records of the arrest were obtained by staff of *The Campus Communicator* from the Craven County Sheriff's Office. In the article reporting the arrest of the students, the editor of the paper felt it was appropriate to publish the name and the address of one of the students involved. When this information was revealed to the administration, they felt for the sake of the safety of the student, it was necessary to erase the address from the paper. Since the newspapers had already been printed, the administration placed the papers under lockdown and would not make them available to distribute until the address of the student was eliminated from the paper using white-out.

Ponce feels *The Communicator's* right to free speech has been violated by the forced elimination of the address and the appointing of a council who has final approval on the content of the newspaper.

"The paper needs to be free to experiment and push boundaries to see what the students want," said Ponce.

"If they [the administration] take control of content away from newspaper, a danger arises because the paper is not there to stand up for students."

According to Scott Ralls, president of Craven Community College, censorship is not the main goal of the administration.

"One of our concerns in that people have expectations of the student paper," said Ralls.

"I believe strongly in the fact that we need to have a student paper and I don't need to tell them what goes in the paper."

The process of establishing policies and guidelines for the paper was not exclusively a result of the publishing of the articles in question.

"It [the questionable article] came during a process of developing guidelines and it has accelerated the process," Ralls said.

Ralls does feel the advisor is not meant to be a form of censorship, but rather the newspaper should listen to the advisor and exercise good judgment.

"I think we have a good student paper," Ralls said.

"It has just distracted from the mission of the college in the last couple of months."

Ponce feels that control is being taken away from the newspaper by the establishment of an advisor to oversee content that was put into place by regulations imposed by the administration. If the editor and the advisor over the paper cannot reach an agreement on whether or not an article will be published, a

five-member advisory board is called upon who will be the final authority concerning issues and complaints.

Ponce does feel that some policy should be in effect that regulates the publishing of articles, but these policies should not limit control from the newspaper staff themselves.

"If the paper operated in a vacuum, this would be repeated endlessly," Ponce said.

"But I don't think the policy should exercise the First Amendment rights only in accordance to the college's wishes."

Ponce feels the controversy has also been blown out of proportion due to the population of the New Bern area.

"Complaint is that community standard has been breached," Ponce said.

"We are talking about a college with average student age of 30 ... we just pushed the ultra conservative button."

Ultimately, Ponce feels the paper should be there to write for the students of the college, not the community of New Bern.

Amanda Lingerfelt, editor in chief of *TEC*, said it's a shame when anyone, especially the administration, attempts to censor a student newspaper.

She said if the administration begins to have a say in what the newspaper prints, they could withhold information that may be important to students like an administrative scandal, information on tuition or anything unfavorable concerning the college they might not want printed.

"If they [the administration] start being able to censor them now there's no telling where it will stop or how far they will go to censor the paper," said Lingerfelt.

Lingerfelt said she may not have allowed the specific article to be printed, but feels it is solely up to the newspaper's student staff

what goes in any student newspaper publication.

"It is the editor's responsibility and no one should take that from the editor," Lingerfelt said.

Lingerfelt said a more appropriate response to the situation would have been for the administration to write a letter to the editor, which would run in the paper and could encourage others to express their discontent with the paper.

TEC had a similar situation with an opinion article about the Confederate flag earlier this school year that caused an uproar among flag supporters throughout the nation. An online petition, spearheaded by an ECU graduate who now serves as an attorney in Charlotte, gathered a number of online signatures which he presented to ECU's Board of Trustees and requested disciplinary action be taken on both Lingerfelt and the writer of the article. The ECU administration declined to pursue the matter and the situation was soon after dropped.

"Our administration understands our role as a voice of the ECU community and chose not to intervene, even though they may have disagreed with the content of the article," Lingerfelt said.

"I hope the administration at Craven Community College will do the same."

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2005 GPD/Special Olympics Golf Tournament

The Greenville Police Department is sponsoring this year's Special Olympics Golf Tournament April 1 at Bradford Creek Golf Course in Greenville. A 2005 Nissan Altima will be offered as a prize for a hole-in-one on a designated hole this year. For more information, call 329-4357 or 329-4703.

Cops on Doughnut Shops

ECU police will be on the roof of the Krispy Kreme store 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 2. They will lower buckets to collect donations from passersby and will also be inside serving customers and talking to people about Special Olympics and the Torch Run. The ECU cheerleaders and PeeDee the Pirate will be there and the dipping station for kids will be operating.

Youth Arts Festival

ECU will host its first Youth Arts Festival April 2 at the mall on main campus. This is a day long event including more than 100 visual and performing artists. Children will also have the opportunity to create their own artwork. For a schedule of events, visit ecu.edu/cs-admin/foundersday/youthartsfest.cfm.

Home Run

Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County will be sponsoring the sixth annual Home Run April 2 at the City Hotel & Bistro in Greenville. The Home Run is a major fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Events begin at 8 a.m. behind the hotel. To register or obtain additional information, visit habithatthomerun.com or call 758-2947.

HOSA Meeting

HOSA will hold a monthly meeting Tuesday, April 5 from 4:30 - 5 p.m. in 241 Mendenhall Student Center. Members will be discussing Relay for Life fundraising. For more information, please contact joellenb@gmail.com.

Greeks for Breast Cancer Awareness

Sigma Omicron Epsilon is hosting a breast cancer awareness event April 6 noon - midnight at Courtyard Tavern. Proceeds from this event will go to the Susan G. Koman Foundation. Each Greek Organization gets 30 coupons to represent their group. Any organization that needs more than 30 coupons should contact Sigma Omicron Epsilon President Ericka S. Williams at ew0309@mail.ecu.edu.

Choosing Child Care

Adult and Commuter Student Services and Childhood Development and Family Relations with Sharon Ballard will be available to discuss and answer questions regarding finding the right child care place for you and your children April 5 at 6 p.m. in 2006 Bate. Childcare and refreshments will be provided at the event.

Someone's Sister

Someone's Sister, the acoustic guitar group that played during the intermission of the Vagina Monologues, has a number of local performances during the next month. The group plays April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sci-Tech Auditorium at ECU and opens for Michelle Cliff as part of the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference.

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

News Briefs

Local

NC man in court over alleged threat to Michael Schiavo

ASHEVILLE, NC - A NC man acknowledges he made a mistake but never intended to harm anyone when he sent an e-mail offering a \$250,000 bounty on Michael Schiavo's head, a defense attorney said Monday.

Richard Alan Meywes, 37, appeared in federal court and waived his right to a preliminary hearing on charges of murder for hire and transmission of an interstate threat. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

"He wants to make it clear to the court and the world this was a terrible lack of judgment on his part and he wants to cooperate in every way he can," defense attorney Sean Devereaux told U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell. Meywes did not enter a plea Monday.

Meywes allegedly wrote an e-mail that claimed to pass along word that a multimillionaire was willing to finance a \$250,000 bounty for the death of Michael Schiavo and \$50,000 for that of a judge. He sent the e-mail to two news organizations in the Tampa, Fla., area and to a nationally syndicated radio talk show, the FBI said in an affidavit supporting the arrest Friday.

Michael Schiavo has been at the center of an often-heated debate over his wife, Terri, who suffered brain damage 15 years ago. Schiavo insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially and he has fought her parents for years to carry out what he says would be her wish. March 18, a Florida judge ordered her feeding tube removed, and since then activists opposing the move have vilified Michael Schiavo on talk shows, the Internet and in protests at his home.

House working on education lottery bill

RALEIGH, NC - House Speaker Jim Black chose his top lieutenant Monday to lead a special committee whose mission is to fashion an education lottery bill on which the full chamber can vote.

Rep. Bill Culpepper, chairman of the House Rules Committee, will also chair the 14-member House Select Committee on the Lottery, which will meet for the first time Tuesday afternoon.

Black won't serve on the committee but handpicked its members. They will examine three lottery bills introduced this year in the House before generating their recommendations. Black, D-Mecklenburg, and Culpepper said a floor vote could be held next week, although the panel has until April 11 to file a report.

Even lottery supporters have acknowledged there are only about 50 votes in the House right now to pass a bill with no statewide referendum attached - not the 61 needed. But that could change.

"I think it's close. I think it's closer that some of the numbers I've seen," said Culpepper, D-Chowan.

The panel is comprised of 10 Democrats and four Republicans.

National

Tribal chairman's son arrested in probe of school shooting

RED LAKE, Minn. - The investigation of a shooting spree that left nine people and the gunman dead on a Minnesota Indian reservation took a new turn when a source familiar with the probe said the tribal chairman's teenage son was arrested.

Louis Jourdain, a student at Red Lake High School, was arrested as part of an investigation into a potentially wider plot, a law enforcement source on Monday told The Associated Press, on condition of anonymity.

The source said Jourdain had been arrested Sunday.

Jourdain is the son of Floyd Jourdain Jr., the public face of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa since March 21, when 16-year-old Jeff Weise killed nine people before taking his own life.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Michael Tabman had said Weise appeared to be acting alone and the motive was unknown. Authorities have said little about the case since then.

But The Washington Post, citing two unidentified law enforcement officials familiar with the investigation, reported Tuesday that the teenager was suspected of helping Weise plan the assault and had expected to take part.

Some residents who have been interviewed by federal authorities said they believe the investigation is expanding, perhaps to include Weise's friends.

Judge allows testimony about other allegations

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Prosecutors in the Michael Jackson case have waited more than a decade for what a judge has now granted them - the chance to tell jurors about past sexual abuse allegations that never led to criminal charges.

In a blow to Jackson's defense, Judge Rodney S. Melville ruled Monday that prosecutors can introduce evidence that the pop star molested or had designs on five boys, including actor Macaulay Culkin and two youngsters who reached multimillion-dollar settlements with the singer.

Prosecutors say the evidence will show Jackson's behavior with his current accuser follows a pattern of abuse that included molesting one boy in 1990 and another in 1993. Both received settlements in 1994.

"I think there's probably a feeling that at least there will be some justice in regards to the events from '93 and '94," said Jim Thomas, an NBC News

analyst and former Santa Barbara County Sheriff who investigated the cases. "It will show the jury and other people that there's more to this than what has been portrayed in this case so far."

Witnesses testifying Tuesday were expected to include Stan J. Katz, the psychologist who interviewed Jackson's current accuser.

International

Indonesian rescuers digging through rubble find 330 bodies

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia - Indonesians searched through smoldering rubble for survivors on Nias Island Tuesday and relatives wept over the bodies of the dead after an 8.7-magnitude earthquake hammered the region, triggering a tsunami scare and killing at least 330 people. Some officials said the death toll could rise as high as 2,000.

U.N. and other relief agencies rushed to ferry aid supplies to the island, which bore the brunt of the quake almost three months to the day after an even bigger temblor nearby sent waves crashing into coastlines around the Indian Ocean's rim, killing at least 174,000 people.

Fears of a second tsunami faded Tuesday when seas failed to rise up in the hours after the overnight quake, but at least 13 aftershocks between magnitudes 5.0 and 6.1 kept nervousness high.

In Gunung Sitoli, the biggest town on the island of some 600,000 people, an Associated Press reporter saw many residents huddled around candles outside their homes, too fearful to spend the night indoors after the aftershocks that set some buildings swaying.

Budi Atmaji Adiputro, a spokesman for Indonesia's Coordinating Agency for National Disaster Relief, said rescuers found 330 bodies in the rubble Tuesday. The toll was expected to rise

because more bodies were believed to be trapped in collapsed buildings, he said.

Iraqi lawmakers fail to agree on parliament speaker

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraqi lawmakers ended a chaotic session Tuesday without agreeing on who would serve as their speaker, exposing deep divides among the National Assembly's diverse members. The short session - mostly held behind closed doors after a nearly three-hour delay - adjourned until this weekend.

Hussein al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric and member of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's coalition, said the parliament speaker likely would be chosen Sunday, giving Sunni Arab lawmakers time to come up with a candidate.

"We saw that things were confused today, so we gave them a last chance," al-Sadr said. "We expect the Sunni Arab brothers to nominate their candidate. Otherwise, we will vote on a candidate on Sunday."

Nearly two months after Iraq's historic Jan. 30 elections, negotiations to form a new government have stalled over Cabinet posts and how to include the fragile nation's Sunni minority - dominant under former dictator Saddam Hussein and believed to make up the core of the ongoing insurgency.

The bickering exposed tensions in the newly formed parliament, with Allawi storming out of the session, followed by interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab who turned down the speaker's job.

"What are we going to tell the citizens who sacrificed their lives and cast ballots on Jan. 30?" al-Sadr said earlier. Shiite, Kurdish and Sunni representatives were trying to come up with a Sunni Arab candidate that legislators promised would be announced during Tuesday's session.

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"We try to get them to understand what the concern was about." Although ECU has seen a recent increase of interest in these activities, it has not become a detrimental problem. The Office of Student Conflict Resolution has no violations of Article O in their database.

"We haven't had a great deal of it here," Antieau said.

"It might be because our students value their money more." Antieau feels because a portion of the student body works two jobs to keep themselves in school, they do not have extra money to waste.

According to several ECU students, gambling indeed occurs on ECU's campus.

Students at ECU feel the media's presentation of gambling has much to do with the current rising interest.

"The more you see something the more likely you are to do it," said Craig Thomas, an undecided freshman.

"It is being shown in a positive way instead of a negative way. Instead of seeing it as damaging to your life, people view it as a sport and want to participate in it."

Thomas says the current interest in gambling is healthy as long as gambling is done in moderation, without compulsion and addiction.

Students who suffer from compulsive gambling habits can find out more information on how to quit their addiction from The Center for Counseling and Student Development here at ECU.

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Professor from page A1

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Christine Cranford, a communication professor at ECU, has positive feedback of the Web site.

"When I was in school, we would always ask friends about professors and courses. I don't think there is anything wrong with it," said Cranford.

FAQs

How do I sue your Web site?

Before you do, consider this information we received from the Electronic Frontier Foundation: 47 USC Section 230 - the federal law that permits many entities to "host" other people's content without being liable for defamation/libel etc. "By its plain language, § 230 creates a federal immunity to any cause of action that would make service

providers liable for information originating with a third-party user of the service." Zeran v. AOL, 129 F.3d 327, 330 (4th Cir. 1997).

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Debates sustain over stem cell research

ECU community divided over ongoing issue

CHRIS ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

Controversies surrounding the research of adult and embryonic stem cell harvesting continue to be a source of debate and discussion in America.

Moral and scientific issues, such as the definition of humanity and the practicality of stem cell usage, further the gap between reaching an agreement on how to properly utilize stem cells from the human body. Although there is no agreement on the morality of the issue, incomplete knowledge of stem cell research is also a cause of the continual debate and disagreement.

Stem cell research is divided into two areas. Adult stem cell research, which is the harvesting of stem cells from adult human beings, receives little coverage in the media. Embryonic stem cell research, which involves terminating the life of an embryo in order to extract stem cells, is the cause of most of the debate between science and morality.

"People don't understand that there are two types of stem cell research," said Barbara Lyons, executive director of Wisconsin Right to Life, a non-sectarian organization that takes a non-theological approach to the issue of stem cell research.

"With adult stem cell research, there is no moral controversy involved in helping people because there is no destruction of life necessary."

Lyons said the organization supports the research of adult stem cells because of the practicality of their extraction methods and usage.

Adult stem cell research causes little controversy because of the procedures used to extract the stem cells. These cells can be

Existing stem cell lines

Location and number of existing stem cell lines reported to the National Institutes of Health:



taken from any part of the adult body, including fat cells and skin cells. After harvesting, the adult stem cells are cultured in a laboratory and then injected back into the host body, where the stem cells seek out areas of the body that need treatment. Fifty-six different human illnesses, including eyesight problems and heart conditions, have successfully been treated by the use of adult stem cells.

Stem cell research among embryos has, however, led to controversy. In order to extract stem cells from an embryo for research, an embryo must be destroyed causing speculation on ethical values.

"It is a basic scientific fact that when you join a sperm and an egg, you create a new individual," Lyons said.

"At conception, attributes like gender and eye color are already determined. It is a separate life form with its own genetic makeup."

The cells of embryos in early stages of development have not been differentiated into specific cell types. When the cells are extracted in a laboratory, they can be placed into an

environment of different cell types that will cause the stem cells to differentiate into the cell types of their surroundings.

Lyons said embryonic stem cells have not aided in the treatment of human conditions because of the danger involved in their use.

Emily Preslar, Catholic minister at the ECU Newman Center Campus Ministry, agrees with Lyons' position.

"I believe that life begins at conception," said Preslar.

"As Catholic Christians, it is our obligation to protect the most vulnerable forms of life. Therefore, I do not support embryonic stem cell research."

Preslar said if we focused most of the research on adult stem cells, moral issues could be avoided completely.

Others at ECU do not share these views.

"I support embryonic stem cell research because embryonic stem cells hold more promise than adult stem cells," said Alexander Murashov, assistant professor in the department of physiology.

"There are a lot of fetuses discarded for a number of reasons, why not use them for therapeutic

research?"

Murashov said adult stem cell research should not be overlooked. He said not much is known about either type of stem cell research and that more money should be put into both fields of research.

Issues such as cloning are also involved with embryonic stem cell research.

"Currently, using frozen embryos taken for the purpose of in vitro fertilization is a way to gather embryonic stem cells," Lyons said.

"However, there is a lot of talk about making embryos for the purpose of only stem cell research."

Even though moral issues other than the destruction of life arise with embryonic stem cell research, some feel there is still a need to further study embryonic stem cells.

"The good that can result in embryonic stem cell research far outweighs any slippery slope argument," said James Leroy Smith, recently named provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

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College student newspaper draws controversy

First Amendment rights called into question

CHRIS ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

The campus of Craven Community College has gained the attention of the public due to a situation involving the campus student newspaper, *The Campus Communicator*.

The controversy is stemming from the publishing of a sex advice column in *The Communicator* that contained an "offensive" word used to describe a sex toy. The administration of the college feels the newspaper needs to utilize better editorial control and has since ordered a council to be appointed over the newspaper in order to prevent objectionable content from being published again.

According to Mitzi Ponce, a staff member at *The Campus Communicator*, the controversy goes back to previous controversial events at the college involving the newspaper.

An altercation took place between two students leading to arrests being made on campus. The public records of the arrest were obtained by staff of *The Campus Communicator* from the Craven County Sheriff's Office. In the article reporting the arrest of the students, the editor of the paper felt it was appropriate to publish the name and the address of one of the students involved. When this information was revealed to the administration, they felt for the sake of the safety of the student, it was necessary to erase the address from the paper. Since the newspapers had already been printed, the administration placed the papers under lockdown and would not make them available to distribute until the address of the student was eliminated from the paper using white-out.

Ponce feels *The Communicator's* right to free speech has been violated by the forced elimination of the address and the appointing of a council who has final approval on the content of the newspaper.

"The paper needs to be free to experiment and push boundaries to see what the students want," said Ponce.

"If they [the administration] take control of content away from newspaper, a danger arises because the paper is not there to stand up for students."

According to Scott Ralls, president of Craven Community College, censorship is not the main goal of the administration.

"One of our concerns in that people have expectations of the student paper," said Ralls.

"I believe strongly in the fact that we need to have a student paper and I don't need to tell them what goes in the paper."

The process of establishing policies and guidelines for the paper was not exclusively a result of the publishing of the articles in question.

"It [the questionable article] came during a process of developing guidelines and it has accelerated the process," Ralls said.

Ralls does feel the advisor is not meant to be a form of censorship, but rather the newspaper should listen to the advisor and exercise good judgment.

"I think we have a good student paper," Ralls said.

"It has just distracted from the mission of the college in the last couple of months."

Ponce feels that control is being taken away from the newspaper by the establishment of an advisor to oversee content that was put into place by regulations imposed by the administration. If the editor and the advisor over the paper cannot reach an agreement on whether or not an article will be published, a

five-member advisory board is called upon who will be the final authority concerning issues and complaints.

Ponce does feel that some policy should be in effect that regulates the publishing of articles, but these policies should not limit control from the newspaper staff themselves.

"If the paper operated in a vacuum, this would be repeated endlessly," Ponce said.

"But I don't think the policy should exercise the First Amendment rights only in accordance to the college's wishes."

Ponce feels the controversy has also been blown out of proportion due to the population of the New Bern area.

"Complaint is that community standard has been breached," Ponce said.

"We are talking about a college with average student age of 30 ... we just pushed the ultra conservative button."

Ultimately, Ponce feels the paper should be there to write for the students of the college, not the community of New Bern.

Amanda Lingerfelt, editor in chief of *TEC*, said it's a shame when anyone, especially the administration, attempts to censor a student newspaper. She said if the administration begins to have a say in what the newspaper prints, they could withhold information that may be important to students like an administrative scandal, information on tuition or anything unfavorable concerning the college they might not want printed.

"If they [the administration] start being able to censor them now there's no telling where it will stop or how far they will go to censor the paper," said Lingerfelt.

Lingerfelt said she may not have allowed the specific article to be printed, but feels it is solely up to the newspaper's student staff

what goes in any student newspaper publication.

"It is the editor's responsibility and no one should take that from the editor," Lingerfelt said.

Lingerfelt said a more appropriate response to the situation would have been for the administration to write a letter to the editor, which would run in the paper and could encourage others to express their discontent with the paper.

TEC had a similar situation with an opinion article about the Confederate flag earlier this school year that caused an uproar among flag supporters throughout the nation. An online petition, spearheaded by an ECU graduate who now serves as an attorney in Charlotte, gathered a number of online signatures which he presented to ECU's Board of Trustees and requested disciplinary action be taken on both Lingerfelt and the writer of the article. The ECU administration declined to pursue the matter and the situation was soon after dropped.

"Our administration understands our role as a voice of the ECU community and chose not to intervene, even though they may have disagreed with the content of the article," Lingerfelt said.

"I hope the administration at Craven Community College will do the same."

Nick Herne contributed to this article.

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Our View

College newspaper censorship strikes again in area

The *Campus Communicator*, the student newspaper of Craven Community College, is facing backlash from their administration over a recent sex advice column. Editor Corey Friedman has since dropped the column, citing numerous reader complaints.

However, the administration isn't satisfied enough with the paper's action. CCC President Scott Ralls is proposing a policy calling for advisers to review the content of the paper before publication. If the advisers and the students disagree on what's appropriate for the paper, the argument would be passed on to a committee made of students and staff for the ultimate decision. No doubt, the administration thinks this policy is smart.

"The last thing we want to do is be in a censorship role," said Ralls in an interview with the *News & Observer*.

But censorship is exactly what the administration is proposing. By having college representatives and a committee made up of people without a journalism background make the decisions, the administration is taking responsibility out of the hands of the student staff – the ones who should be ultimately responsible.

Making editorial decisions is a practice every journalist can benefit from, especially young, budding editors. We know how hard it can be when we make a poor editorial decision or a mistake and readers send in complaints. But each of those experiences is a learning experience we will take with us throughout our journalism careers. The staff of the *Communicator* should be allowed the same experience.

To us, it seems the *Communicator* has already made a move to correct their current problem by removing the column from the paper. This proves the editors are capable of making smart decisions and should be allowed the opportunity to continue to do so.

TEC encourages you to stand up for the rights of student journalists everywhere and let the administration of Craven Community know what their attempting to do is wrong and simply unfair.

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Opinion Columnist

Silence is golden, so are good manners

Cell phone etiquette is nearly nonexistent

RACHEL LANDEN
WIRELESS SUBSCRIBER

A recent Pirate Ranter asked "What is this national obsession with cell phones?" I have to wonder the same thing.

This may seem like the pot calling the kettle black as I have a cell phone myself and carry it nearly everywhere I go. However, there's a major difference between me and my cell phone use and that of the other wireless subscribers that provoke my ire. It's called cell phone etiquette, and it seems to be greatly lacking.

I think it is well known that you should turn off your cell phone or at least silence it when you are in a theater, classroom, church or library. In fact, many public places now post signs requesting people to quiet their phones before they enter. I don't find these demands to be unreasonable but instead, I appreciate them. I would be mortified if my cell phone rang during a movie or a concert, and I'm equally annoyed when someone else's disrupts a performance.

Accidents do happen, and I suppose I should overlook these particular instances of poor mobile manners. After all, this isn't where my real disdain lies. The intentional use of a cell phone in an unsuitable location, at an inappropriate time or in a rude



manner is what really bothers me.

For example, I have dined at restaurants with friends on several occasions when they have made phone calls during the meal, leaving me to twiddle my thumbs and occupy myself with the Sweet 'N Low packets. And believe me, after overhearing one end of the conversation, I can guarantee that it wasn't urgent and could have waited until after leaving the restaurant. I guess I should have said something to them at the time – criticizing them for their discourteous behavior – but in true passive-aggressive form, I only mention it in this tirade of mine.

Similarly, there have been plenty of times when I have wanted to tell strangers on their cell phones to shut up and hang up or at least to tone it down a bit. Fortunately for my health and well-being, that is not my style, and I have been the one to keep my mouth shut.

I just can't understand why these cell phone users conduct their conversations in public and often at such high volume as well. I may have had to sit next to you on the bus but I don't think that proximity makes us close enough for me to hear about that mole you're getting removed or the guy you hooked up with last weekend. If you're telling it to someone on the other end of the line and you're right next to me, even if I'm not listening, I still hear you (and yes, I heard both of those conversations).

So in the future, please keep it quieter, or better yet, delay your conversation for five minutes until you're off the bus, out of the restaurant or away from a crowd. I would appreciate it and I'm guessing others would too.

According to a survey conducted by the University of Michigan, 60 percent of respondents said the public use of a cell phone has "disturbed or irritated them." More than 40 percent of those questioned think there should be a law banning cell phone use in places like restaurants, theaters and museums.

Washington, D.C., New York and New Jersey have already outlawed the use of hand-held cell phones while driving, so maybe laws limiting conversations in public places are not that far off. I'm not sure that these are necessary – it shouldn't require legislation to prevent people from being rude. All it takes is good manners and common sense.

Then again, maybe we should start lobbying now.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Tony McKee's article "Starvation is 'dying with dignity'" in March 23's edition of *TEC*. Mr. McKee, why don't you do some basic research before you regurgitate your right-wing propaganda?

In the Terri Schiavo case, two physicians, Dr. James Barnhill, who was Schiavo's attending physician, and Dr. Vincent Gambone, both testified that Schiavo had been unresponsive "since lapsing into a coma almost 10 years ago, that her movements are reflexive and predicated on brain stem activity alone, and that she suffers from severe structural brain damage and to a large extent her brain has been replaced by spinal fluid." This brings up the well-publicized video tape of Terri responding to a balloon moved about by her father. Although it appears that Schiavo is following the balloon in the five-second clip shown in most news casts, most of the tape is unseen because it shows that Mr. Schindler (Schiavo's father) tried several more times to get Schiavo to follow the balloon, and she did not. If you examine this tape, which was done in the 2002 appeal, what the tape shows is an autonomic brain stem response, not any type of cognitive function.

In the original guardianship trial five people, including Schiavo's mom Mary Schindler, all testified that Schiavo had expressed the desire not to be kept alive in a vegetative state. Without any brain activity (or for that matter, a brain itself), death by starvation cannot be painful since there is nothing to perceive the pain, so that can't be the reason. It must be the Republican's desire to control every aspect of our lives, including how we die.

Tom Albright
ECU Student

Dear Editor,

Once again Tony McKee has decided to write a long essay on a topic he knows little about [March 23's "Starvation is 'dying with dignity?'"]. While we should all be used to his ignorant ramblings at this point in time, his Wednesday editorial on the Terri Schindler-Schiavo case has finally pushed me to write in an attempt to educate the self-proclaimed "proud member of the vast right wing conspiracy." While his

description of what a body endures when it is denied nutrition and hydration was no doubt moving and probably evoked sympathy, the chances of Schiavo feeling those effects are about equal to the chances of Mr. McKee writing an editorial with the correct information, which is to say, they are non-existent. Every Florida court-appointed official has found Schiavo to be in a persistent vegetative state with no function in her cerebrum. If you do your scientific research, the cerebrum is the section of the brain that controls who we are – our thoughts, feelings, personality, ideas and yes, even our ability to feel pain. While Schiavo has a fully functioning cerebellum, which allows for basic bodily function such as a pulse and respiration, experts have found her to have no cognitive abilities. The open eyes, the movement, the noises she makes are all involuntarily controlled by the cerebellum and do not belie any attempts on the poor woman's part to communicate with those around her. Schiavo and her family are in my prayers and I hope they finally have the compassion to let their daughter go. I'll also be praying for you Mr. McKee, and for the end of your uninformed, uneducated columns.

Caitlin Mattos
ECU junior, biology major

Dear Editor,

When a student is asked about the current state of ECU athletics, the first thing that pops into their head is the state of mediocrity we have settled in with basketball, or the embarrassing state that we now find ourselves in with football. Granted, the "big money" sports will always receive their due, which rightfully they should. But when the non-revenue sports are pulling in championships left and right, one would think they deserve at least some mention or something more than a paragraph buried within the sports section.

Kudos to Diane Parker, who recently concluded a great career at the NCAA Championships, and the other 15 ECU swimmers who made the Conference USA All-Conference team. Congratulations to track team's Eric Frasure and Mayo Porch for finishing first and third in the C-USA indoor championships in the weight throw,

with Frasure also finishing first in the East Regionals representing ECU, and being ranked eighth nationally as a sophomore. Chelsea Salisbury recently qualified for NCAA Regionals at UNC-Wilmington this past weekend in the javelin while throwing outdoors in poor conditions. Teri Davenport and Tara DeBrielle may have not matched the world record numbers of Merritt, but they have definitely shined for ECU nonetheless. Congratulations as well to Terron Amos and J.W. Gallagher for making the C-USA All Conference team for men's soccer, and our women's team for being awarded the 2004 College Women's Team Academic Award, as well as Meghan McCallion for her individual award being named to the All-South team. Oh, and did you know that Clyde Simms, a recent Pirate graduate now playing pro soccer was recently named to the U.S. National team? Probably not. And did anyone notice the cross-country team did well at the C-USA championships, and one of our runners, senior Kyle MacKenzie, was named to the C-USA Men's Cross Country All-Decade team? Interestingly enough, on the ECU athletics Web site, they did not manage to spell decade correctly when last I checked, so again, probably not. And finally a hearty congrats goes to Mike Hanley, the head athletic trainer for ECU (one of those hard-working and often under-appreciated individuals who keep our stars on the field), for garnering Athletic Trainer of the Year honors.

The big sports deserve their fair share of acclaim, and should be respected for all they do for our university. But when others are excelling in their sports, they should not be ignored. Football players failing out of school can get a front page huge article in the sports section, but none of the above qualified for more than a blurb in our student newspaper, if appearing at all. With enough negativity in our lives, I say it is time to focus the spotlight on the forgotten stars of ECU sports. Chances are, I have left someone out, and if so I apologize. All I can say on my behalf is, I just wasn't made aware – but hopefully now I am not the only one that is sorry.

Jose' Torres

ECU second major, biology and business management

Pirate Rant

To the person complaining about "college hillers" going to West End: Anyone is welcome there. It doesn't say "only people from central and west campus can eat here." It's for us all. Frankly, I don't give a damn where anybody eats, but don't act like it's yours because it's ours too.

Michael Jackson didn't do it. His previous accusers all settled out of court. I'm sorry, but there is no amount of money that could get me to settle if some man had sexually abused my child. They're just a bunch of money-hungry idiots who don't care that they've ruined someone's career, much less his life.

Easter candy gave me a cavity. Can I sue Jesus for the damages?

Is it just me, or is Fabulous in everyone's remix? Is there some kind of policy that says if you want to remix your song, you have to use some no-talent rapper?

Those new North Carolina driver's license photos are huge. Now when I go to buy beer the clerk can identify me not only by my hair and eye color but also by the zits on my face.

The Pitt County traffic court is the most inefficient system I've ever seen. It took four hours from my scheduled court time for the judge to tell me that I had to come back and do the same thing two months from now.

I'm glad you have a tan and you feel the need to point out how pale I am. I'll also be glad in 20 years when I have wrinkle-free, smooth skin while your skin will look like the pieces of rawhide my dog chews on.

If you walk or ride your bike to campus on a hot day, please invest in a good stick of deodorant and apply heavily ... especially if you are going to lean over me, asking me five million questions.

"Arrested Development" is the best show on television right now. It's comedy at its truest and best.

Is it just me or does Britney Spears reek of white trash now? Brit, what happened?

To my friends who complain that their rants don't get published: Maybe you should write something a little more creative instead of complaining about what people wear on campus or how people smoke in public. Come on, my rants are always published. I even bet this one will make it in the paper.

Don't you just love catching someone in a good lie?

How is Michael Jackson like a grocery bag? They are both made of plastic and should be kept away from small children.

More four-letter words that hurt: "BIOL," "CHEM," "ECON" and "Fail."

Anybody got any good April Fool's Day jokes I can play on my annoying, sexually promiscuous roommate? I thought about replacing her birth control with Tylenol so she can learn that her actions really do have consequences.

I've said it once and I'll say it again. Stop leaving your hair in the shower of the dorms, I don't want to take a shower with your nasty hair clinging to my shower shoes.

Why doesn't ECU offer more Internet classes over the summer? Some of us want to go home, but need those classes. Give us a break.

Don't you find it weird that there was a major earthquake on the day after Christmas (Christ's birth) and another one on the day after Easter (Christ's resurrection)?

Has anyone else seen "Dog the Bounty Hunter"? It is the best reality show on television.

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Be bold and bright for spring season

Spring fashion is all about color

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Spring has sprung and it is time to whip out the Visa and get some new clothes for the changing season. Before you head to the mall or downtown shops, there are some things to keep in mind as you plan your latest wardrobe.

This spring is all about color and lots of layers. According to the March issue of *InStyle* magazine, light jackets, polos, tank tops, trendy T-shirts and blouses are as popular as ever, offering consumers a great way to get creative.

Combine a bright, fitted tee under an open blazer or light cotton jacket for a hip and colorful look. Layering tees over a polo or long-sleeve T-shirt with contrasting colors adds to an outfit, as long as you keep it simple and don't go overboard with too many colors.

"If you try to combine more than three or four very bright colors in your outfit, you look like someone who just dove into the rainbow," said junior communication major Amanda Burger.

"Many times people overdo color and leave people dizzy trying to figure out where color starts and madness begins on their clothes."

You can, however, spruce up your outfit with a hip, bold-colored scarf or strip of material tied around your waist. You can go to any fabric store and buy strips of trendy, plain and patterned material for a cheap update or flash of color.

"By adding a piece of material with some similar colors, your outfit goes from bland to bright, from out-of-the-closet normal to out-of-the-magazine stylish," said Brandon Whited, New York & Company and Express employee.

Stylishly loose belts also seem to be a popular item this season, pairing well with traditional jeans and trendy new skirts. Frilly linen, colorful Boho and sporty cotton skirts are becoming increasingly prominent as the sun begins to warm up campus. Bland and neutral colors are fading as bright blues, purples, pinks and greens take their places on mid-thigh and mid-calf length skirts.

For the cooler days, cropped styles are also continuing to be a big hit. Capris, something that never seem to go out of style, are becoming baggier.

Popular stores like Old Navy, Target, Express and Abercrombie & Fitch have released lines of cargo capris in bright colors for day, neutral and black for nights out.

Three-quarter length shirts accentuated with gems, frayed material, pompom detailing and beads also provide a new, yet comfortable way to dress up. Most shirt styles this season come in varied colors, yet the seasonal colors overwhelmingly appear to be blues and shades of turquoise. Furthermore, turquoise stones and jewelry are widely available in stores to complement your outfit.

Once the outfit is completed, one of the most important necessities still remains. What will you wear on your feet? The biggest trends in shoes right now are chunky wedge sandals and strappy stilettos. Thick and wider sneakers are also becoming increasingly popular.

Shoe stores like DSW carry a broad range of shoes at prices below those at typical department stores. Payless Shoe Source also provides a large selection of inexpensive, yet stylish shoes.

So this season, spend your extra cash on colorful clothes. Check out the shops in downtown Greenville and those at Colonial Mall for stylish clothes at sensible prices.

And when in doubt, *InStyle* magazine claims you can never go wrong with red.

"It doesn't matter what hue sparks editors and buyers into the next passing seasonal frenzy. Red always works, delivers and delights."

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SPRING INTO FASHION

Men's fashion springs forward

Local retailers offer season's hottest

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This spring, men's fashions are bright and simple, making it easy for any guy to become a trendsetter. Any man can stop by local retailers to get the latest styles. The Colonial Mall on Greenville Boulevard is home to many high-fashion stores that fit a low-budget college student's lifestyle.

The spring collection at Gap is full of bright colors, heavy stripes and even a few items in camouflage. Nylon belts are predicted to be a hot item this season and are also available at Gap.

Polo shirts are among the most popular items for guys at Aeropostale, along with hats, colorful swimwear and khakis.

"Pink has been a hot color this year," said Heather Ali, store manager at Aeropostale.

At Pac Sun, pink has also been a favorite color for the guys, appearing in everything from T-shirts to shoes.

"Pink's been crazy," said Bryan Sims, co-manager at Pac Sun.

For guys who can't see themselves in pink, some masculine colors will be more prominent this season.

"Green [and turquoise are] supposed to be hot colors," Sims said.

According to Michele Morris, store manager at Pac Sun, white belts have also been popular lately.

As seen at Gap, stripes and bright colors are also predominant at American Eagle. The collection features polo tees, plaid shirts, cargo shorts and flip flops. As for accessories, messenger bags and wrist bands — mostly brown leather ones — have been the hot sellers.

At Foot Locker, New Balance shoes are always in style, but other brands offer new trendy choices. Reebok has just released their new G Unit collection and Michael Jordan recently began selling his new Jordan XXs. A new color of Jordan XXs should be available at Foot Locker toward the end of March.

This year's spring collections from the major designers also use a lot of color and textures but they incorporate some new ideas as well.

The Versace Men's collection plays with stripes, bright colors and a few Speedos.

Calvin Klein pairs lots of bright blues, greens and reds with suit jackets for a casual sense of style.

Louis Vuitton Men and Emporio Armani Men both employ different designs with stripes in their clothing but fail to use much color. Vuitton uses lots of white and white variations while Armani mainly focuses on white, black, gray and silver. One new accessory Armani brings for men is a faux flower attached to a nice jacket.

Guys around ECU are already getting their spring wardrobe set with these trends.

Vincent Moses, freshman business finance major, said his latest outfits come from styles he picked up during his Spring Break in New York, but what he wears changes daily.

"In general, it depends on the day," said Moses.

Moses said he thought the pink fad was weird last spring, but he now owns a shirt, hat and doo rag in that color.

However, the pink craze hasn't affected everyone on campus. Junior communication major Danny Stutts said he hasn't bought anything pink because it just isn't him.

"I usually wear jeans and T-shirts," said Stutts.

Whatever spring trend a guy finds himself wearing — polos, pink, stripes or swimwear — local retailers offer great styles with relatively low prices to keep ECU men in the latest styles.

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SPLURGE — Gold Hawk Loose Shrug, \$180. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — Gap Supersoft Shrug, \$14.99. www.gap.com.

SPLURGE — Burberry Trench Coat, \$950. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — Old Navy Belted Multi-Stitch Trench Coat, \$29.50. www.oldnavy.com.

SPLURGE — Cole Haan Macrame Espadrille, \$185. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — BP Shoes Cecilia Sandal, \$49.95. www.nordstrom.com.

SPLURGE — Marc Jacobs Grace Bag, \$995. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — Banana Republic Leather Buckle Satchel, \$198. www.bananarepublic.com.

MEN'S

SPLURGE — Burberry Striped Shirt, \$135. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — Gap Premium Striped Shirt, \$54. www.gap.com.

SPLURGE — Lacoste Classic Pique Polo, \$72. www.neimanmarcus.com.

SAVE — L.L.Bean Double L Polo, \$19.50. www.llbean.com.

SPLURGE — 7 For All Mankind Boot-Cut Jeans, \$143. www.neimanmarcus.com.

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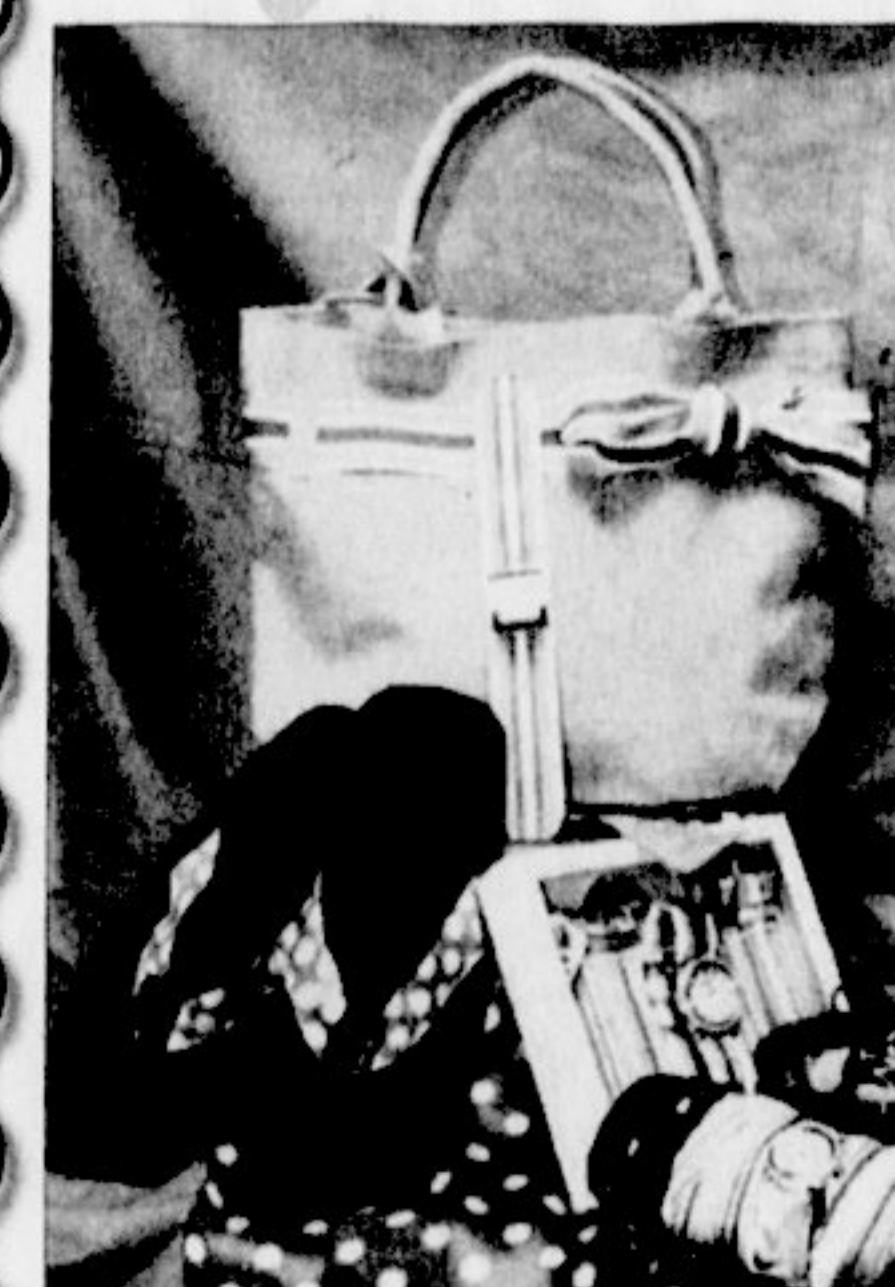
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3. *The Ring Two*
4. *Robots*
5. *The Pacifier*

Top 5 Tape Rentals:

1. *Ladder 49*
2. *Flight of the Phoenix*
3. *Taxi*
4. *The Notebook*
5. *Exorcist: The Beginning*

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. "American Idol"
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3. "Survivor"
4. "Cold Case"
5. "House"

Top 5 CD's:

1. *50 Cent*
2. *Various Artists*
3. *Jack Johnson*
4. *Green Day*
5. *The Game*

Top 5 Books:

1. *The Da Vinci Code*
2. *Honeymoon*
3. *The Rising*
4. *The Broker*
5. *With No One as Witness*

Horoscopes:

Aries - The goal you've been after for so long is almost within your reach. Conditions are in your favor, finally. There's not a moment to lose.

Taurus - Tally your resources and figure out what you have and what you don't. You're in for at least one pleasant surprise, and you'll know where to focus attention.

Gemini - You're wise to keep your opinions to yourself for a little while. The odds are not good that you will, but it would still be wise.

Cancer - A change in how you do a job will free up a lot of your time. It's OK to get assistance, that's not cheating in any way. If you're running late, delegate.

Leo - Your relationship grows stronger the more stuff you do together. Declare your intentions then ask the questions that lead to a solid commitment.

Virgo - You're close to making a change that you've been contemplating for ages. It has to do with your home, family or possibly your decor. You'll know when the moment is right.

Libra - Don't be stopped just because you have no idea what you're doing. You're a quick study, especially now. Hurry up, before anyone knows.

Scorpio - Keep pushing, your reward is closer now than ever before. Accept more responsibility, and the included benefits.

Sagittarius - You're lucky in games because you've got a few tricks up your sleeve. Amaze them with your fabulous sense of humor, too. You're the star.

Capricorn - Push to get a household job wrapped up in the next day or two. You get extra points for using stuff you already have in storage. Be creative.

Aquarius - You're in an excellent frame of mind to learn an amazing trick. Something that was impossible is about to become commonplace. Be on the leading edge.

Pisces - The effort you have put forth earns you more than a much larger paycheck. You also are granted more respect and quite possibly, a promotion. Keep up the good work, people notice.

CD Releases:

March 22:

Queens of the Stone Age - *Lullabies to Paralyze*
Moby - *Hotel*
Louis XIV - *The Best Secrets are Kept*
Lifehouse - *Lifehouse*

March 29:

Beck - *Guero*
The Bravery - *The Bravery*
Thrice - *If we could only see us now*

April 5:

Hot Hot Heat - *Elevator*
The Crystal Method - *Community Service II*
Reel Big Fish - *We're not Happy 'Til You're not Happy*
A Static Lullaby - *Watching the Sunlight Burn*

'Guess Who' ran out of ideas

Mac and Kutcher remake a classic

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

There must be a shortage of new ideas in Hollywood. Week after week, the American movie-going audience is subjected to fewer and fewer original or creative films while the marquee outside of the local multiplex fills with more and more sequels, remakes and adaptations.

Guess Who, which was released March 25 and stars Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher, is an updated version of the 1967 classic film *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner was a landmark film in cinema. In the film, Joey Drayton (Katharine Houghton) has fallen in love with a wonderful man, John Prentice (Sidney Poitier) is a rich, intelligent, noble young man who serves United Nation's committees in his spare time. The young Drayton decides to bring her new beau to her parent's home, seeking their approval.

Only there's one problem: Joey Drayton is white and John Prentice is black. And so the story begins. With a flight leaving for Geneva at 10 p.m., Prentice must quickly win over the parents, played by Hollywood legends Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.

Despite being knocked in retrospect for coping out with idealized and implausible situations, the film was a landmark film and tackled a very controversial topic, interracial marriage, at a time when the topic was largely regarded as taboo.

Now fast forward to the early-2000s. "That 70s Show" star Ashton Kutcher had begun developing a remake of the film with Bernie Mac in mind to star opposite him. Oddly enough, when approached with the idea, Bernie Mac was also in the process of developing a remake with a similar premise as Kutcher.

"... it has turned out to be a great collaboration," said Jason Goldberg, Kutcher's producing partner in a press statement.



Kutcher (above) and Bernie Mac, star in 'Guess Who,' a remake of 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner.'

"We really joined forces and it has made for an amazing partnership."

Kutcher and Mac had worked together previously in "The Bernie Mac Show."

"It was so effortless and so much fun, that I knew pretty quickly we were well suited to work together," said Kutcher in a press statement.

The pair jumped at the chance to work together on *Guess Who*.

The film was during Mac and Kutcher's hiatus from "The Bernie Mac Show" and "That 70s Show,"

respectively. To make things tougher, Mac pulled double duty, reprising his role in *Ocean's Twelve*, all the while working on *Guess Who*.

Guess Who is not a direct remake, as it doesn't follow the original point-by-point. Rather, the film takes the route as similar upcoming remakes such as *Bewitched* and *The Honeymooners*. Take the same basic premise, stretch it out and add a twist to make it 'original.' The twist in *Guess Who* is that in this film, the filmmakers have inverted the

racial disparity to give it a more contemporary twist while incorporating the themes of family loyalty and commitment.

In *Guess Who*, Mac assumes the Spencer Tracy role as Percy Green, a father who's very protective of his daughter. When his daughter, Theresa brings her new boyfriend home to meet the parents Mac acts as the typical father. Skeptical of every boyfriend his daughter has ever brought home, Percy, using his position as a bank loan officer runs a credit check on There-

sa's new love, likes the results and actually looks forward to the meeting.

But Percy's vision of somebody who is part Denzel Washington, part Colin Powell is dashed as Theresa introduces Simon Green, played by Ashton Kutcher in the role Sidney Poitier was born to play. Green is in an awkward position as he has already proposed to Theresa and plans to announce the engagement at her parent's 25th anniversary party. The rest of the film consists of Simon's attempts, which at times prove futile, to win Percy's acceptance.

Despite the differences to the *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *Guess Who* holds true to most of the messages left by the original. Most important is that race will always be an issue in interracial marriages but also incorporates themes of prejudice, acceptance and devotion - just not to the extent of the original because, after all, *Guess Who* is at its heart a slapstick, confrontational comedy.

So is it any good? It depends on who you ask. Claudia Puig of *USA Today* gave the film a scathing review, saying that, "Guess Who is just a success of tired race jokes made worse by the bad comedic timing of the bland, under-talented Ashton Kutcher."

Puig suggests that the film borrowed more from the hit film *Meet the Parents* than *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. The point was echoed by Rene Rodriguez of the *Miami Herald* in a much nicer fashion saying, "By the film's end, you realize you've sat through an effective rip-off of *Meet the Parents*."

However, a majority of the reviews of the film are mixed rather than negative. Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* said that the film "works efficiently on its chosen level." Basically, the film is not trying to make some sort of social message, instead, *Guess Who* is trying to make people laugh and if movie fans go in expecting that and only that, they should get their money's worth.

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ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With a stellar lineup featuring internationally recognized artists Foo Fighters, Coldplay, Good Charlotte, Garbage, The Crystal Method, Social Distortion, Interpol and Billy Idol, just to name a few, the 16th annual HFStival is the must-see concert

of the summer.

The former Washington, D.C. modern rock station, 99.1 HFS was flipped to Spanish in January and thanks in part to petitions and protests conducted by rabid HFS listeners, the station has returned to "Live 105.7" on nights and weekends in neighboring city, Baltimore.

However, nothing could stop the yearly summer festival and party that most east-coast rock fans fondly refer to as simply

"the festival."

"The HFStival is a landmark for radio station festivals. It's more than a concert, it's an event that people of all ages look forward to all year long. This year's line-up is an excellent representation of the bands featured on WHFS throughout the station's 34-year history," said Lisa Worden, WHFS program director.

The HFStival is being held at Baltimore's M&T Bank Stadium Saturday, May 14. This event was last held at this venue in 1999 and brought in a sell out crowd of more than 80,000 people.

With three stages, a main stage inside the stadium, a street stage for up-and-coming bands, and a local's stage, in addition to a "Trancemissions tent," formerly known as the "Buzz tent," with live DJ's all day, the HFStival can quench any music lover's thirst for diverse music.

Tickets go on sale this Saturday, April 2 at noon through Ticketmaster. General Admission tickets are \$40 and club level seats run for \$65.

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'Millions' for all to see



This film portrays the wishes of boys and girls all over the world.

British film huge on heart

KATHERINE DAY
STAFF WRITER

From Danny Boyle comes the heartwarming story of two brothers and the "millions" that proved miracles do exist. The British movie *Millions* came to the United States with positive reviews. It opened in limited release March 11 and has been

steadily expanding since then.

The acclaimed director of such hits as *Trainspotting* and *28 Days Later*, Boyle took on this project knowing that it would be a departure from his more edgy, adult-oriented films. He was captivated by the originality and cleverness of Frank Cottrell Boyce's script.

A tale for the whole family, *Millions* tells the story of nine-year-old Anthony and his younger brother Damian. In the wake of their mother's death, the two are pulled together when a huge sum of money falls miraculously from the sky.

The imaginative Damian is convinced that the money that fell into their hands was a miracle, while the more realistic Anthony tries to look at the situation with a practical mind. Damian considers the money to be a gift from God, and uses it to try to better the lives of those around him. Anthony, however, wants to spend the money on himself and further his popularity. The money distracts them from the

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"Who stays: Carrie Underwood
Who goes: Anthony Fedorov"

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grief caused by their mother's death and the hardships faced with moving to a different town and dealing with the fact their father has been acting distant since then.

What the two young boys do not realize is the money actually came from a heist and the robber, known only as "The Man" in the script, is hot on the trail for his missing money. It was his perfect plan, within a week of Europe switching to the uniform "Euro," the robber (Christopher Fulford) stole the money from a train, but now must track down his missing money before the UK says goodbye to its British pound and his money becomes worthless.

Knowing they only have a week to spend their money, the two boys start by giving to the homeless and taking them out to eat. Damian looks to his imagination, where advice is given from the Saints, all of whom he knows inside and out. He has memorized the names and statistics of them all, his favorite being St. Francis of Assisi, and listens when he is told to give all the money to the poor.

Anthony advises against this, telling him that spending too much money will draw attention to them. Damian still spends the money, giving 10,000 pounds to a charity. Instead Anthony uses his money to help make friends at his new school, offering money to kids in exchange for their friendship.

When they discover the money was actually stolen, Damian suggests that they give it back.

It is the moral dilemma and the possibility of miracles that make *Millions* more than just a children's fare. It is the beautiful story of how two young boys cope with loss and gain that make this a wonderful film.

Drawing influence from his own children, Cottrell Boyce gave his characters an energetic quality to enhance the magical ambience of the story.

"I'd always liked the idea of writing a film that my children could enjoy. As a man with many

children, I spend most of my time in the company of people who think they are pirates, or saints, or are suffering some kind of colorful delusion, rather than mixing with filmmakers, so it was quite easy for me to tap into that energy. The characters in *Millions* are actually quite sane compared to some of my own children. A couple of mine have yet to discover the Middle Ages is over, so I do spend quite a chunk of my day with people waving cutlasses and wearing helmets," says Cottrell Boyce when describing the film to members of the press.

Boyle took on the project after being advised by the film's producer, Graham Broadbent, that if he "was a brave man" it would be the perfect movie for him to direct. As a fan of Cottrell Boyce's writing style, it was impossible to refuse his newest script.

"Graham (Broadbent) sent me the script and I thought the idea was absolutely captivating. I was also very keen to work with Frank (Cottrell Boyce), who comes from a long line of amazing writers from the North West. He was someone I'd always admired and there's a warmth in his writing that is fantastic," said Boyle when answering questions about the film from the press.

Earning \$70,224 in its opening weekend in the United States, *Millions* has done well for its five-theater opening, averaging \$14,044 in each. Reaching 77 theaters currently, the movie has grossed \$379,673 domestically.

Film critic Roger Ebert calls it "a film of sophistication and whimsy, about children, money, criminals and saints," in his glowing, four-star review. *Millions* is "a family film of limitless imagination and surprising joy."

So if you ever make it to one of the larger markets, or enough buzz is generated on this film to make it into wide release, *Millions* should prove to be a joyous film for all to see and enjoy.

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Two 'Rings' don't make a right



Stars of *The Ring Two* trying to decipher recent events and how a video tape could cause problems.

Studio rushes sequel to successful horror film

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Somewhere, there is a videotape. Not just any videotape. This is a special videotape, which the person watching is guaranteed to die within seven days. Sound familiar?

For even the most casual of movie fans it should, as it is the premise for the highly successful film *The Ring*, which grossed nearly \$130 million domestically following its release in October 2002. What many of those casual movie fans don't know is that *The Ring* is a remake of the Japanese film *Ringu*.

The two versions had obvious differences but essentially followed the same storyline: Rumors begin circulating of a tape that brings death upon viewing it. Curious, a young journalist (played by Naomi Watts in *The Ring* and Nanako Matsushima in *Ringu*) decides to investigate only to get more than she bargained for when her son mistakenly sees the tape. Now it is a race against time to solve the

mystery of the videotape before her child's time is up.

As in most movies, the 'good guys' win in the end and, without revealing too many plot points, the main character tracks down the source of the tape and successfully lifts the curse surrounding it, saving her child's life while her significant other dies in the process.

Though a smashing success with audiences, *The Ring* didn't fare as well with movie critics. Lou Lumenick of *The New York Post* summed up the film, calling it "a stylish but distressingly generic and not particularly scary American remake of a phenomenally popular Japanese supernatural thriller that spawned two sequels and a TV miniseries."

While not exactly mirroring the success of the Japanese version, *The Ring* was a solid hit and like most horror films with moderate success, sequels were inevitable. Only this time, there would be a noticeable difference between *Ringu 2* and what would ultimately become *The Ring Two*.

Ringu 2 was a bit of a departure from its predecessor. The film no longer focused on Reiko

(Matsushima). The film centered on Mai Takano, the secretary to Reiko's ex-husband, who died at the conclusion of the original film. When Reiko and her son Yoichi disappear, Mai searches for them, only to find that Yoichi is now displaying powers similar to the evil Sadako, who created the videotape.

Despite the success following the formula laid out by the Japanese precursors, producers for the film decided to create a different story for *The Ring Two*. The film picks up six months following the events in *The Ring*. Rachel Keller (Watts) and her son Aiden have chosen to leave Seattle, the setting for the horrific events of the original film, to live in the small town of Astoria, Ore.

The pair hope to begin a new life in the new town but when a grisly murder occurs and a mysterious videotape is found at the scene of the crime, all hopes of living a normal life are dashed and once again Keller must fight and destroy the evil Samara. She digs deeper into the past of the ghostly Samara, hoping to find some clue which may tell her how to come out of the situation victorious.

The plot wasn't the only change made for the sequel. Gore Verbinski, director of *The Ring*, declined to helm the second installment. Eventually, Hideo Nakata, director of both *Ringu* and *Ringu 2* was selected to direct *The Ring Two*. Despite being the driving force behind the success of the Japanese versions, reviews for the latest incarnation have been mixed at best.

Kirk Honeycutt of *The Hollywood Reporter* gave the film one of its best reviews, yet still slammed it, saying, "... While nearly every shock comes at predictable moments, there is genuine ingenuity behind many, and the movie is surprisingly fresh for one made by a guy on his third go-round with the same material."

Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* also gave a mixed message about the film saying, "The charm of *The Ring Two*, while limited, is real enough - it is based on the film's ability to make absolutely no sense, while nevertheless generating a real enough feeling of tension a good deal of the time."

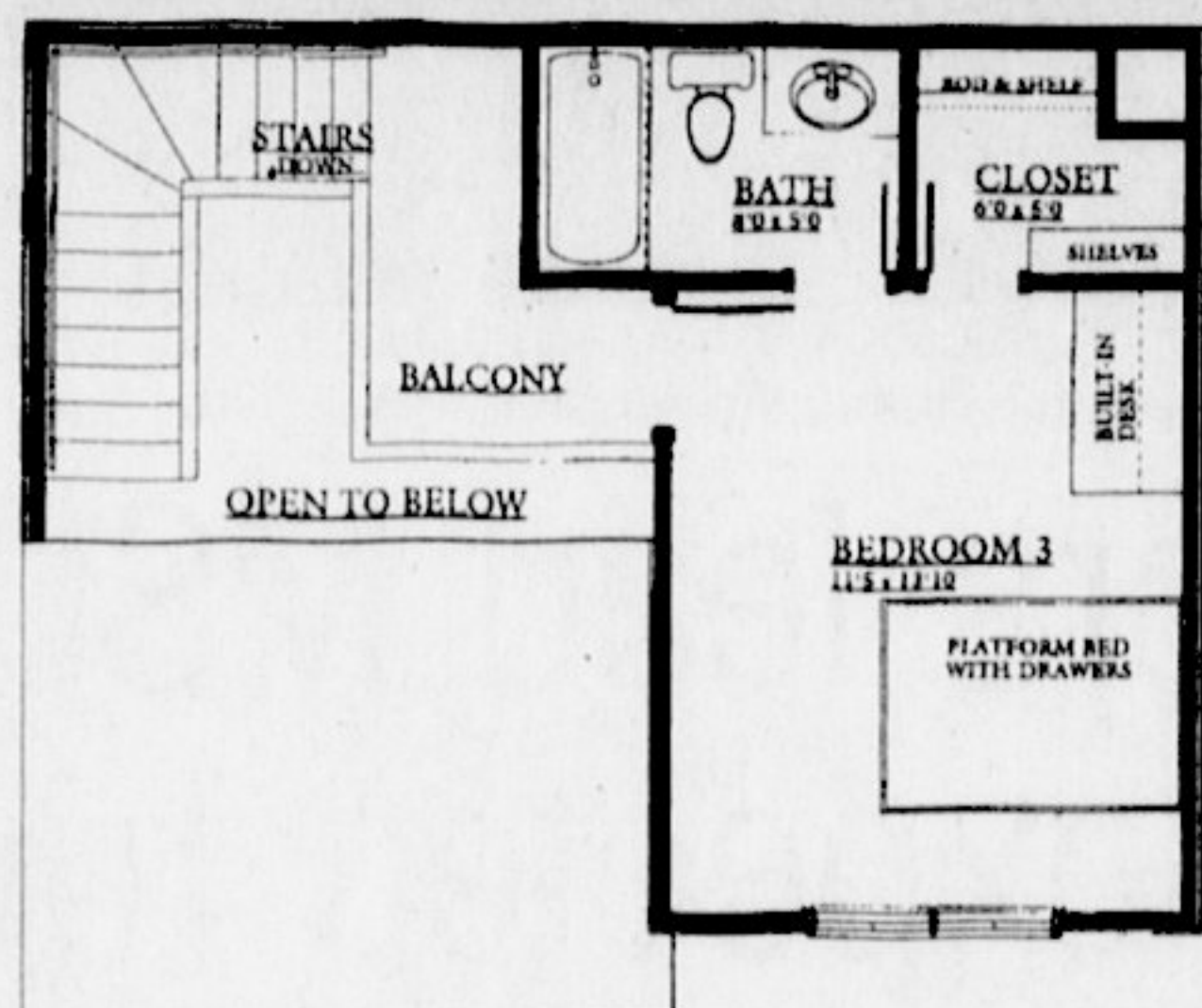
Other critics, though, were less vague with their assessment of the film and were also much less kind in their words. Lou Lumenick of *The New York Post* said, "Borrowing liberally from the *Exorcist* and *Omen* movies, and with little regard for credibility, *The Ring Two* has a familiar ring to it."

Meanwhile, Rene Rodriguez of the *Miami Herald* was able to boil the film down into three words: "Terrifyingly dull movie."

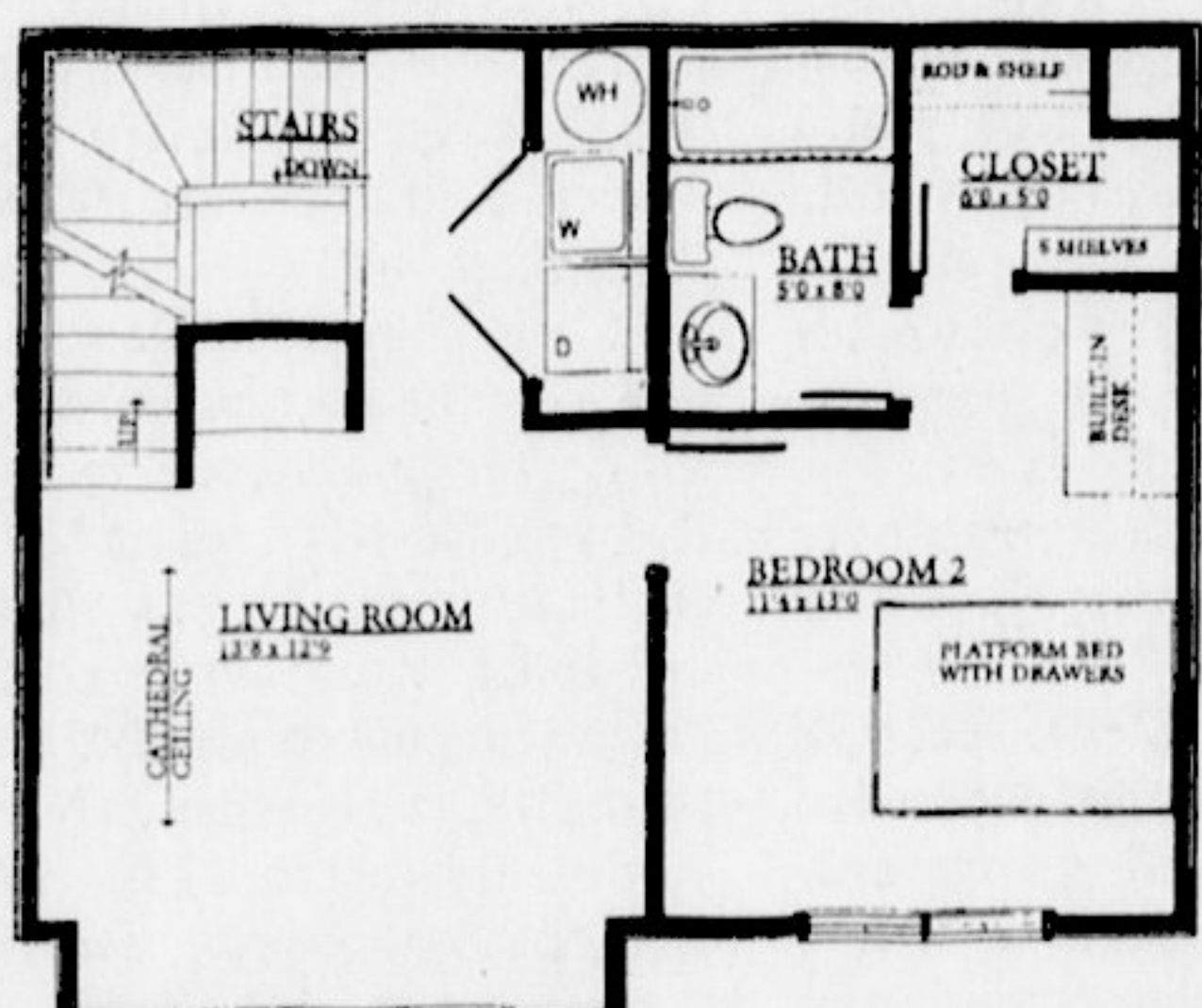
So what does all this mean to somebody who is looking forward to seeing *The Ring Two*? Absolutely nothing. Everybody is entitled to his or her own opinion and nobody necessarily has the 'correct' evaluation of a film. But beware, the film borrows a lot from the original *Ring* and breaks no new ground. If you loved the original though, maybe that's not such a terrible thing.

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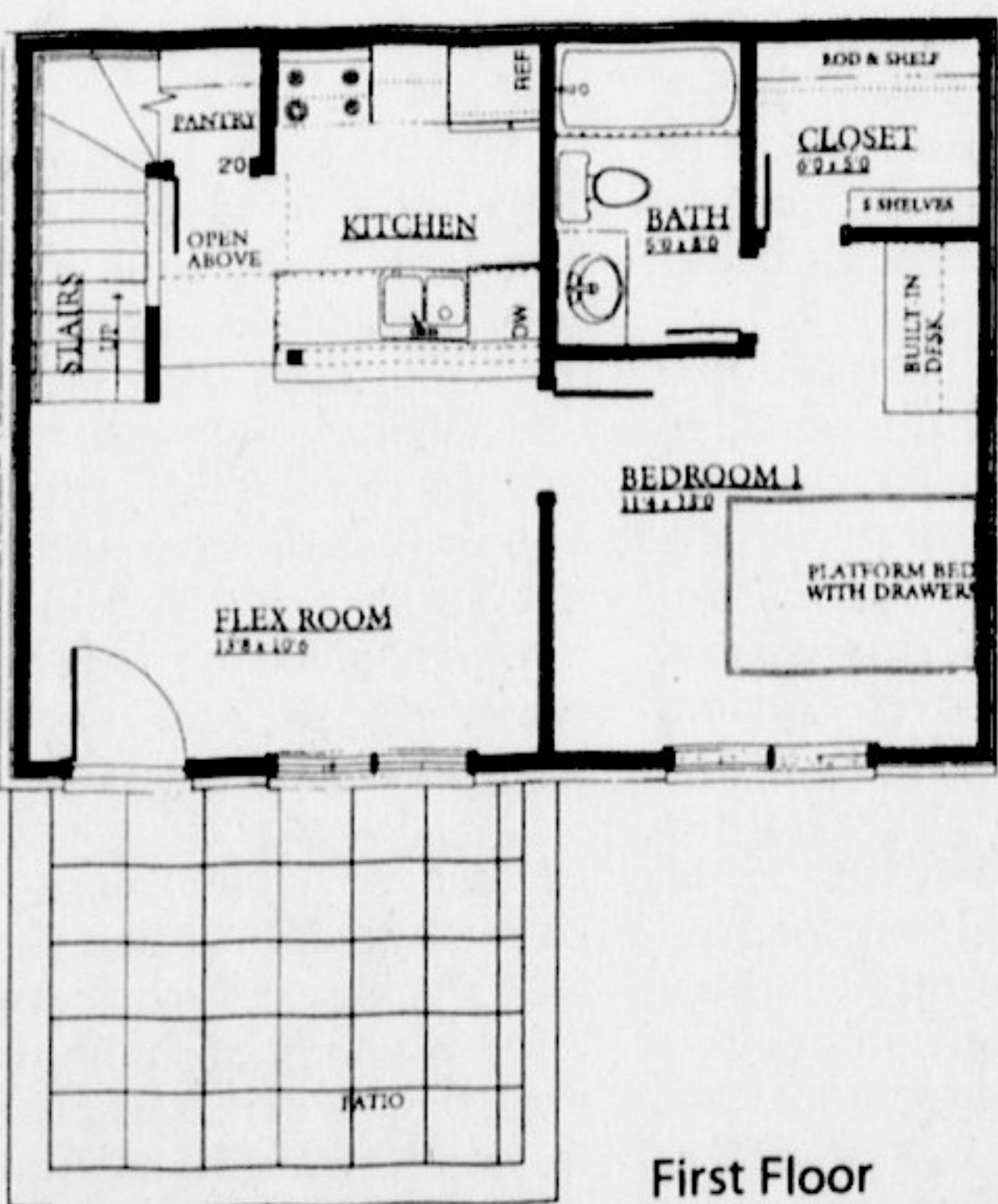
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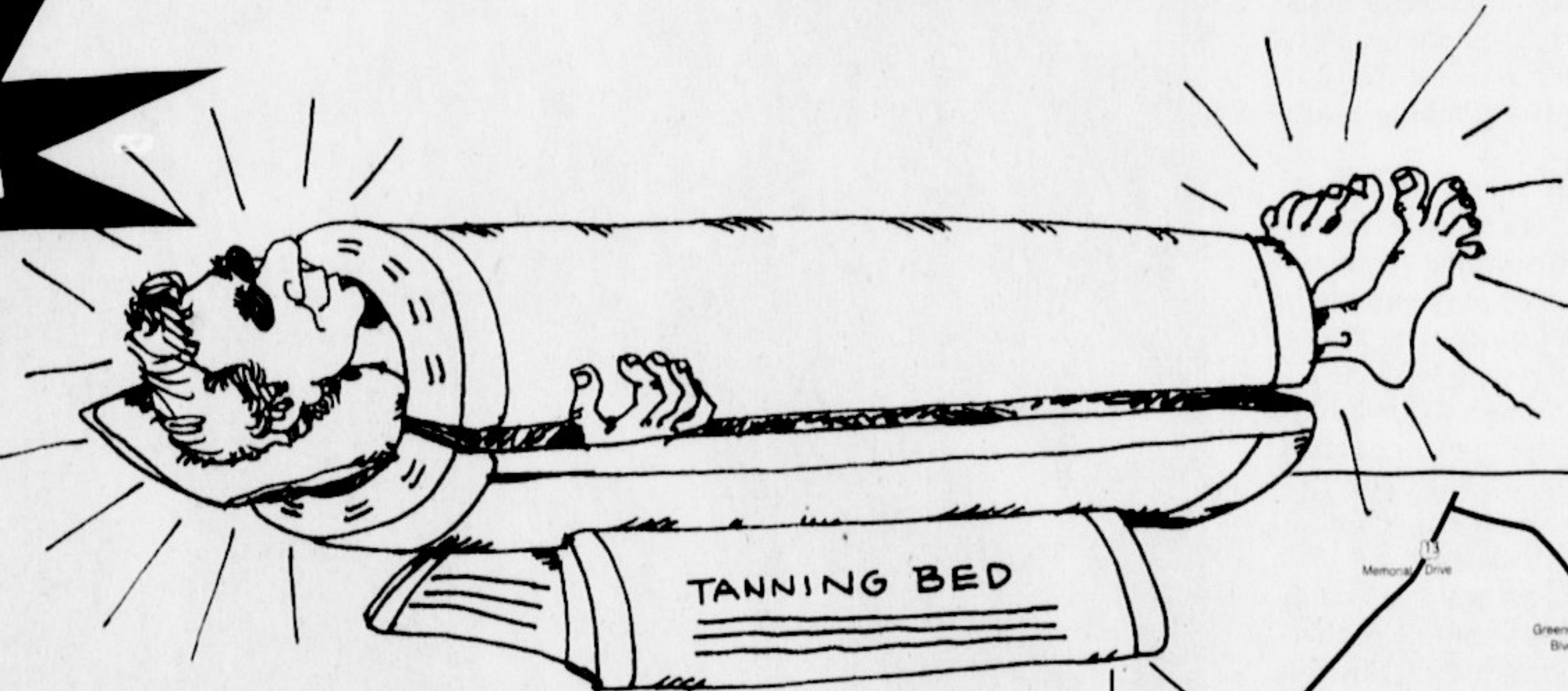
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2005 football game designations released

(SID) — ECU's first-ever Conference USA meeting against Central Florida Oct. 29 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium has been selected as the Pirates' 2005 Homecoming contest according to a release of ECU's football game-day designations and kickoff times Tuesday.

The Pirates and Golden Knights will kickoff at 2 p.m., one of just two home afternoon tilts scheduled for the 2005 season. ECU will host UAB in the regular season finale during Thanksgiving Weekend Nov. 26 beginning at noon.

ECU will officially open the Skip Holtz Era Sept. 3 with a 7 p.m. matchup against Duke at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on a Pirate Club Weekend before returning home to welcome Southern Miss and Rice to Greenville in back-to-back 6 p.m. contests Oct. 1 and 8, respectively. The Pirates will observe Military Appreciation Day and Band Day when

facing the Golden Eagles while conducting Family Weekend and Hall of Fame/Letterwinners Weekend when the Owls made their initial visit to eastern North Carolina a week later.

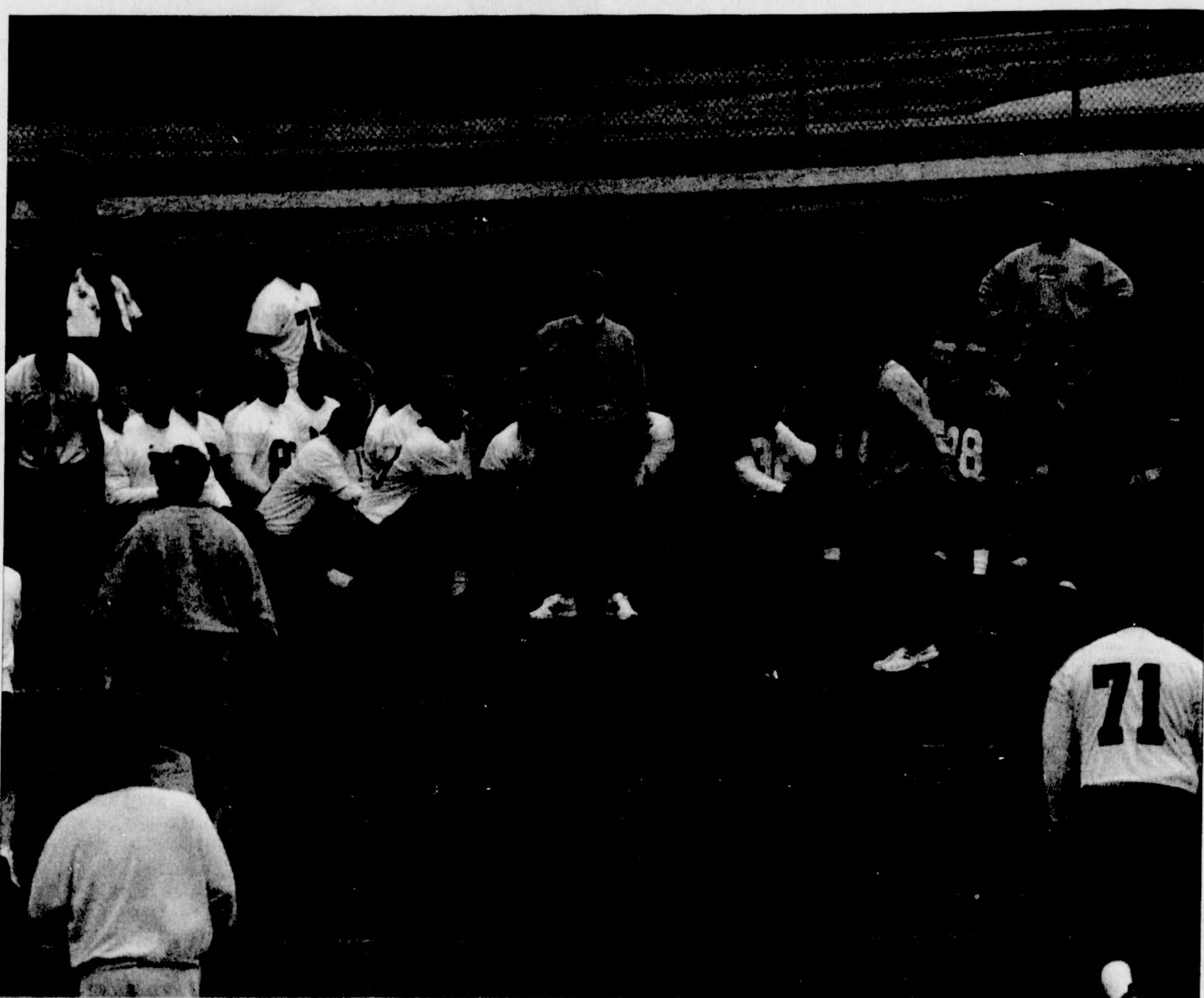
ECU's popular Academic Success Day will make a return to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium when the Pirates and Blazers meet at the end of November.

In addition, tentative start times for four of the Pirates' six road games have also been established with a 6:30 p.m. kickoff at Wake Forest (Sept. 17), 3 p.m./EDT at SMU (Oct. 15), 2 p.m./EDT at Memphis (Oct. 22) and 3 p.m./EST at Tulsa (Nov. 12).

Although announced, game times are still subject to change to meet possible television scheduling needs at a later time.

2005 Schedule

09/03 - DUKE, 7 p.m. - (Pirate Club Weekend)
09/17 - at Wake Forest, 6:30 p.m.
09/24 - at West Virginia, TBA
10/01 - SOUTHERN MISS, 6 p.m. - (Military Appreciation Day, Band Day)
10/08 - RICE, 6 p.m. - (Family Weekend, Hall of Fame Weekend)
10/15 - at SMU, 3 p.m.
10/22 - at Memphis, 2 p.m.
10/29 - UCF, 2 p.m. - (Homecoming)
11/12 - at Tulsa, 3 p.m.
11/19 - at Marshall, TBA
11/26 - UAB, noon - (Academic Success Day)



In addition to their regular season schedule, ECU will hold three inter-squad scrimmages in April, including the Purple-Gold game on the 16th.

Postseason debate: Strategy vs. Skill

(KRT) — Queasiness set in for Dean Smith shortly after he walked into the Los Angeles Sports Arena hours before the 1968 NCAA men's basketball title game between his North Carolina Tar Heels and UCLA.

Smith caught a glimpse of Lew Alcindor, the 7-foot, 2-inch walking prescription for antacid tablets for opposing coaches. Just the sight of Alcindor put the butterflies in Smith's stomach on red alert.

"Then it kind of grabbed me what was happening to me, and I thought it was ridiculous to feel that way," recalled Smith, 37 at the time and coaching in his first of five national championship games.

"So I decided to stick to my game plan. I thought maybe we could play (Alcindor) straight up. Except our center (Rusty Clark) was a future thoracic surgeon and theirs became Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Shows you what I knew."

Alcindor, who later changed his name to Abdul-Jabbar and became the NBA's all-time leader scorer, made North Carolina pay for not double-teaming him with 34 points and 16 rebounds in a 78-55 rout that was the most lopsided championship game in NCAA history until 1990.

Smith, who eventually won more games than any men's coach in NCAA history (879), learned a valuable lesson from that experience that had nothing to do with coaching on an empty stomach.

"Coaches play a big role in making sure you're improving as a team, how you react to injuries, and many important things about the job," Smith said.

"But players win championships."

Players author national titles yet even Smith concedes it is the head coach's signature that leaves the most indelible mark on a program.

The NCAA men's basketball tournament, another term for the coaching insomniacs convention that lasts three weeks every March, focuses inordinate attention on the men who lead the 65 teams lucky enough to get a bid.

For the Final Four coaches still alive in the tournament, the scrutiny increases with each step. But so do the rewards.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee coach Bruce Pearl, for example, added points to his coaching IQ in the eyes of major-college athletic directors in search of a head coach with surprise victories over Boston College and Alabama. That's why Tennessee named Pearl its newest head coach on Monday. And Pearl didn't even make the Final Four.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber probably could run for governor if he leads the Illini to a national championship as many expect.

Lute Olson of Arizona and Eddie Sutton of Oklahoma State are among the biggest celebrities

in their respective states. Bob Knight, Mike Krzyzewski, Roy Williams... the list of larger-than-life college basketball coaches goes on.

They make their reputations in March, but do they make the biggest difference in the tournament that defines their sport?

"I'm not into the whole, 'I'm smarter than you,' thing," said former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, who led the Razorbacks to back-to-back NCAA championship game appearances in 1994-95. Richardson's Arkansas team beat Duke in 1994 but lost to UCLA in 1995.

He did not consider himself a better coach than Krzyzewski after winning in the final year more than he considered himself a lesser coach than Jim Harrick after losing a year later.

"Basketball is a game of decisions and the guys who make the best decisions are going to beat you, so at tournament time you just tell the kids, 'You've been prepared, now just go out and play,'" Richardson said.

"Nothing fancy." In 17 years at Arkansas, Richard-

son did not believe in setting rigid times for pre-game meals, putting in specific plays on the days of games or developing elaborate scouting reports that occupy so many assistant coaches' time, especially with the quick turnaround between games during the tournament. The previous 24 weeks were for preparation more than the preceding 24 hours.

He based his philosophy from experience. When Richardson was a high school player his coach had the team spend the day before a district championship at his home studying every last detail so thoroughly that "by the time the game came, I was tighter than Dick's hat band," he said.

Former Louisville coach Denny Crum, who won national titles in 1980 and 1986, started preparing during the previous summer when the school finalized the schedule. He preferred beefing it up and building month-by-month to March, the only month Crum thought really mattered.

"We'd add a little wrinkle to our offense as the season progressed, so that by the time the tournament started, the real

coaching was over," said Crum. "My feeling was you do what you do all year and don't change things just because of the added pressure of the tournament. We never did."

To wit, before each national championship game in 1986, the Cardinals eschewed game-planning and the final practice focused on fundamentals with Pervis Ellison performing jump stops as if it were the first day of practice. Crum downplayed the notion of a 40-minute chess game and thought the biggest coaching challenge of the six-game season known as March Madness involved the media.

"You need to have a good sports information director who can isolate you from distractions," Crum said. "With players, they don't need to be motivated at that stage. Just be positive and supportive. From a basketball standpoint, there are not many moves you can make that will affect the outcome."

Though Crum still regrets one he never made. In the second round of a 1981 NCAA tournament game, Louisville led Arkansas by a point when the Razorbacks' U.S. Reed sank a 50-footer at the buzzer to oust the Cardinals, 73-72. Twenty-four years later, it still bugs Crum he never told the two players he assigned to Reed during a timeout

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Shannon Brown, right, grabs Kelvin Torbert after MSU beat Kentucky 94-88 in double-overtime during the Austin Regional Final Saturday.

Seniors lead MSU in unexpected run to Final Four birth

(KRT) — Kelvin Torbert isn't supposed to be going to this Final Four. He's supposed to already have been there and already gone to the NBA.

He and his senior classmates at Michigan State are supposed to have accounted for at least one Big Ten title and at least one more Final Four appearance than they have in hand.

That's because when Spartans Coach Tom Izzo brought in his group of newcomers four seasons ago, comparisons to former stars such as Mateen Cleaves and Magic Johnson were tossed out.

When Torbert, Alan Anderson and Chris Hill rolled into East Lansing, Mich., as freshmen in 2001, Michigan State was coming off its third consecutive trip to the Final Four, including a national-title season in 2000. That freshman class was supposed to keep the Spartans express rolling.

But this is the Spartans' first Final Four since 2001, and Izzo acknowledges an abiding appreciation for a group of seniors that were, he told the Detroit Free Press earlier this season, "beaten on, run over, spit on, you name it."

Michigan State's seniors aren't the stars, but they're the emotional fuel and force for a surprising Final Four run. Reaching Saturday's national semifinal as a No. 5 regional seed, the Spartans (26-6) face North Carolina (31-4) in Saturday's prime-time game at the Edward Jones Dome. The winner gets Illinois or Louisville in Monday's title game.

"We've kind of taken to heart that our five seniors have been

through a lot of things," said junior center Paul Davis, including fifth-year senior Tim Bograkov and walk-on Andy Harvey in the group.

"They have been places where not a lot of people have gone. They have been successful in those places. We want to send them off right. That's what we are doing it for. We're going to be fighting for them, and they'll be rolling along with us."

Michigan State's run through the Austin Regional, swarming top-seeded Duke and squeezing past second-seeded Kentucky in two overtimes, provided as much relief for the Spartans as it did appreciation. This is a team that once had an 11-game losing streak against ranked opponents.

Getting to St. Louis is especially gratifying for a coach who experienced pangs of guilt about his button-pushing with his senior class. Izzo admitted that following up with a three-year run of Final Four trips with a three-year drought and twice not getting to the Sweet 16 forced him to appreciate the Spartans' earlier success. And how rocky and winding the road can be.

He also said he wished he could have helped more when Zach Randolph bolted for the NBA after his freshman season in 2001. Randolph would have elevated the play of this year's seniors for one or two seasons. And Izzo admitted he overscheduled last season when the Spartans were 18-12, their worst season since 1996-97, and lost in the first

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Pearl celebrates after UW-Milwaukee upset Boston College, vaulting the Panthers to the Sweet Sixteen.

Weber is new kid on block in Final Four

(KRT) — Illinois coach Bruce Weber said he took one look at his coaching counterparts in the NCAA Final Four and discovered, "I'm the pup."

Weber, 48, will be coaching in his first Final Four when Illinois (36-1) faces Louisville (33-4) at 5:07 p.m. Saturday at the Edward Jones Dome.

Louisville's Rick Pitino (five), North Carolina's Roy Williams (five) and Michigan State's Tom Izzo (four) will have combined for 14 Final Four appearances after this weekend. Among active coaches, the three coaches rank among the top six in trips to the Final Four.

Despite Illinois' success this year, which now includes the school's first trip to the Final Four since 1989, Weber said he has a long way to go to be considered one of the top coaches in the game.

"I think you have to do it over the course of time," said Weber, who is in his seventh season as a head coach, the last two with the Illini.

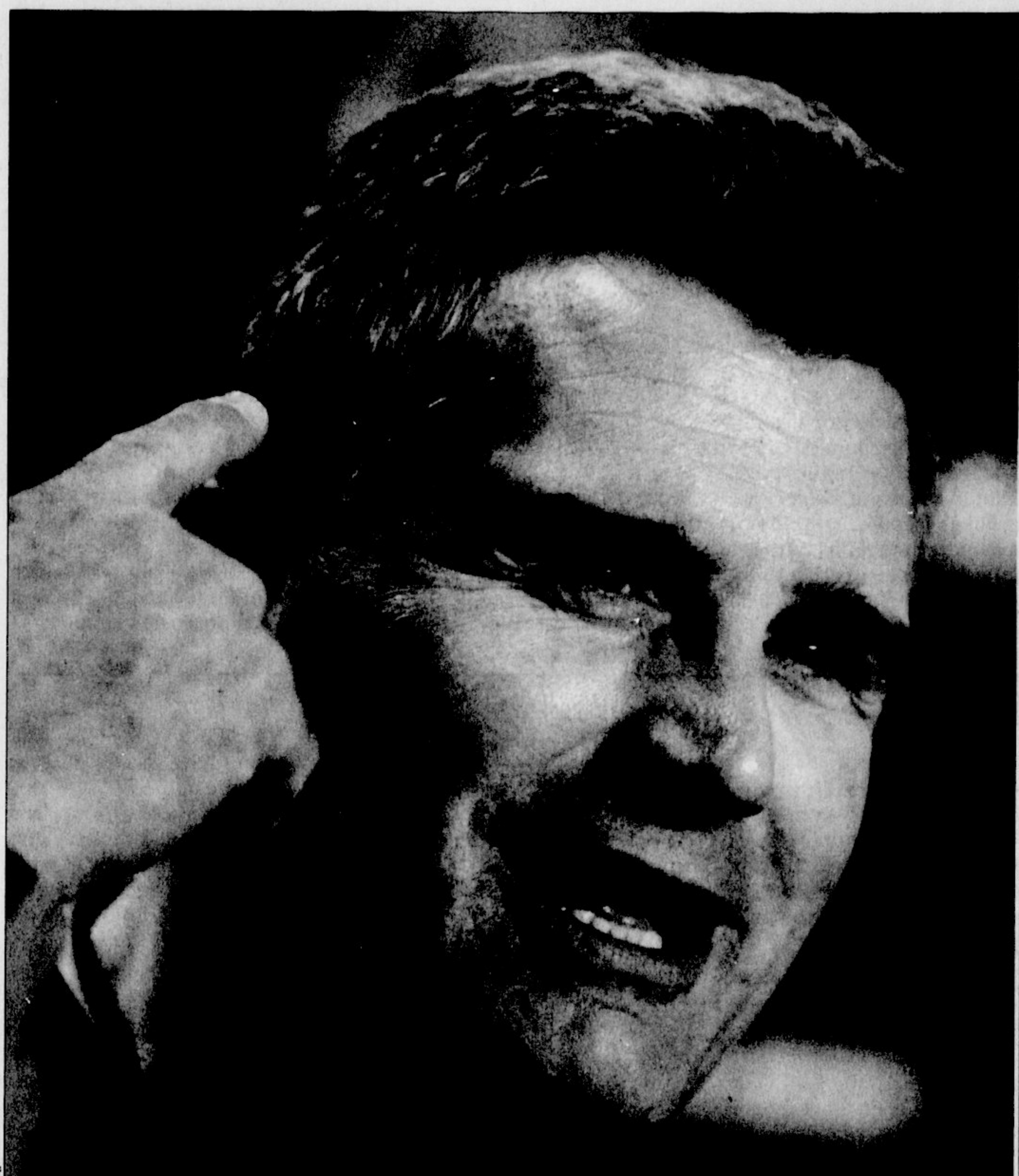
"It's a dream, there's no doubt. But there are so many coaches that have put in so much more time than I have. To have that opportunity to go, it's very humbling."

The hysteria from Saturday night's 90-89 overtime victory over Arizona has made it tough for Weber to realize the next step for the Illini. The Final Four is a whole new world.

"I'm not sure it's sunk in," Weber said.

"I've gone 20-something years (to the Final Four), but you go to a couple meetings, it's sort of a social, all the coaches having fun. This time, we're not going to get an opportunity to do that."

Weber has a busy itinerary in St. Louis. In addition to coaching the Illini on Saturday, he will attend two banquets for the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and The Associated Press to receive national coaching awards



Bruce Weber will be coaching in his first final four this weekend against Rick Pitno's Cardinals. Unlike Weber, Pitino has been this far in the Big Dance five times and with a record three different programs.

over the weekend.

Weber already has placed a couple of phone calls to colleagues to ask how they handled the business of playing in the Final Four. He left messages for Connecticut's Jim Calhoun and even Michigan State's Tom Izzo. Wait a minute. Izzo's in the Final Four.

"He'll call me," Weber said.

"The couple of comments I heard from different people were ... they wished they would have let their kids enjoy it more because, all of the sudden, it's over."

"I told them (Sunday), 'I know you're tired, I know it's a long season, but at the same

time, you're probably not going to get to come here again, the seniors for sure. Enjoy the fun.'" Weber admitted that while the Illini is playing for the national championship, it has felt like a relief advancing to the Final

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round of the tourney to Nevada.

"After what these guys have been through, I think this was the most satisfying of all of them," Izzo said.

"This one for me (is) special, there's no question. I felt guilty that I put these seniors through more than they deserved. Now it is rewarding. What didn't kill us made us stronger. We survived."

Said Torbert: "In the years I have been here, this is the team that has been through the most. We're still standing because we fought

our way through. It says a lot of all of us, not just the senior class."

While Hill, Torbert and Anderson have 292 career starts among them, only Anderson is in the starting lineup now. The seniors, though, lead a group of underclassmen that follow in force:

Davis has become the rebounding robot Izzo always envisioned. He posted double-doubles in both regional victories leading to the Final Four.

Sophomore Shannon Brown hit five 3-pointers against Kentucky, and he helped shake the

team out of a 3-point shooting slump late in the season.

Brown and junior Maurice Ager make up a high-flying perimeter tandem whose athleticism is tough to match.

And freshman Drew Neitzel supplanted Hill in the starting lineup eight games into the Big Ten season in Izzo's last-ditch effort to shake his senior point guard out of a shooting slump.

One reason Izzo stands in admiration for his seniors is that Hill did get better off the bench and didn't complain when

Neitzel kept starting. Torbert, a high school All-American some analysts thought might skip college altogether and go to the NBA has accepted his bench role, too.

"I feel like everything happens for a reason," said Anderson. "We took a lot in, and in the past year we felt like we were getting nothing out of it. ... We're in a senior year, and for the guys to step up and pick us up, it's just team ball, man."

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Track runs strong in Raleigh Relays

(SID) — Freshman Portia Baker, seniors Terri Davenport and Tara DeBrielle, and the Lady Pirates' 4x100 relay squad each turned in notable second-place finishes to guide the ECU women's track squad to a strong performance during the Raleigh Relays at the Paul Derr Track Complex over the weekend.

In addition, the men's team used six top 10 efforts, including a fourth-place finish by hammer thrower Eric Frasure, to officially open its spring outdoor schedule with participation in the Relays.

Baker stood second in the 400-meter dash sectional competition with a personal-best clip of 55.43, but ranked as the top collegian in the event — solely trailing Nike's Debbie Dunn (54.01). Davenport finished as runner-up in the 200 meters with a time of 24.14 while DeBrielle was clocked at 2:10.90 in the 800-meter run,

just .52 seconds behind champion Angeline Blackmon of NC State.

ECU's 4x100 relay squad, consisting of Baker, Davenport, Erica Montgomery and Chante Sesoms, also earned second-place status with a finish of 46.82. Sophomore Lindsey Rosales contributed a sixth-place showing in the pole vault with a 3.55-meter total and while Davenport recorded a career-best 11.96 mark in the preliminary round of the 100-meter dash but opted to compete in the 200-meter finals instead.

"It was an outstanding team opener," said women's coach Matt Munson, who took his entire team to Raleigh after opening the season last week in Wilmington with a partial squad. "Despite the cool and damp weather, I was really pleased with our effort. We should have

a slew of regional qualifiers by the middle of the week."

On the men's side, freshman Matt Dennish was sixth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:53.81 while senior Kyle Mackenzie finished eighth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a clip of 9:22.92. Junior Hector Cotto missed the NCAA Regional qualifying time of just .10 seconds with a 10th-place standing in the 110-meter hurdles (14.43).

Sophomore Eric Frasure recorded personal-bests in the shot put (6th/14.42 meters) and the hammer throw (4th/54.32). Sophomore Terrance Myers also established a new career standard with a 54.28 mark (5th) in the hammer while senior Mayso Porch stood 11th with a toss of 49.70.

Both ECU squads will return to action Friday and Saturday at the Charlotte Invitational.

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Four.

"Because so many people have pointed to it," he said.

"Every (computer) screen saver I see is 'March to the Arch.' It's all over the place. But that's what we talked about conveying to the players: 'Let's not be satis-

fied — let's go for the whole thing.'"

Then, Weber's name would be added to an elite list of coaches, those who have won national championships. In this Final Four alone, Pitino and Izzo have one title apiece.

Even if the Illini don't win,

Weber will have cashed in on at least one dream.

"As a coach coming up, you always watch the practices and kind of think, 'Man, I wish some day we have that opportunity,'" Weber said. "Now, people are going to be watching us."

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to make him dribble left.

"He could not have thrown it 50 feet with his left hand," Crum said.

"That's the only move I can think of I'd do over if I could."

Retired Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote can laugh about the time his biggest X-and-O miscalculation almost resulted in a Spartan SOS.

It was in the 1979 national title game and Michigan State led Indiana State by 16 just four minutes into the second half when Greg Kelser picked up his fourth foul. Heathcote pulled Kelser and left him on the bench longer than he should have, in retrospect.

"I almost blew it because they had cut it to six with about eight minutes left so I put him back in and crossed my fingers," Heathcote said.

"If he had fouled out, we probably would not have won the title. It was a gamble."

Heathcote never minded taking calculated risks on game days, such as devising a new play or defense to surprise an unsuspecting opponent. For example, against Notre Dame in a regional game during that 1979 NCAA tournament run, Heathcote called a play off the opening tip that exploited the Irish leaving nobody back on defense and pressed on the subsequent basket. Before a minute had elapsed, the Spartans led the rattled Irish 4-0.

"We always had something special for the tournament," Heathcote said.

"But the players set the tone."

Sometimes the coach invokes a Gipper speech.

The late Jim Valvano delivered a pre-game pep talk to a team of already highly motivated underdogs before the 1983 NCAA final that still can make the hair on former Wolfpack guard Der-

rick Whittenburg's neck stand if he thinks about it long enough.

Whittenburg, now the head coach at Fordham, remembers nearly every detail of that night when Valvano outcoached Guy Lewis of Houston in the NCAA final for a last-second, generation-defining 54-52 victory.

The box-and-one defense Valvano devised for shooter Michael Young flustered Houston. The way N.C. State scrapped its deliberate approach to go at the Cougars in the first half knocked their more talented opponents out of rhythm.

"He made us believe," said Whittenburg of Valvano.

"Then he did everything right."

As much credit as he and America give Valvano for that historic championship, the head coach in Whittenburg knows better than to romanticize the contributions too much.

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Attention ECU Sophomores

If you have earned 45-60 hours and at least 30 of them were completed at ECU (not counting Math 0001 or 0045), you are required to complete the

Sophomore Survey

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

If your earned credit hours fall within these criteria you were sent a message at your ECU Exchange email address asking you to participate in the survey and notifying you that your record would be "tagged" to prevent you from registering until you complete the survey. If you did not receive the email notice, it means that the survey and registration restriction does not apply to you.

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

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

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

For the sake of convenience your initial email notice had a link to the "One-Stop". During the survey period you are sent one or more reminder email messages and later a postcard, if you have not yet completed the survey.

If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so as soon as possible, certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 28). This will also help you avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. All remaining tags for this survey will be removed from the student records on April 26, the day after the survey closes.

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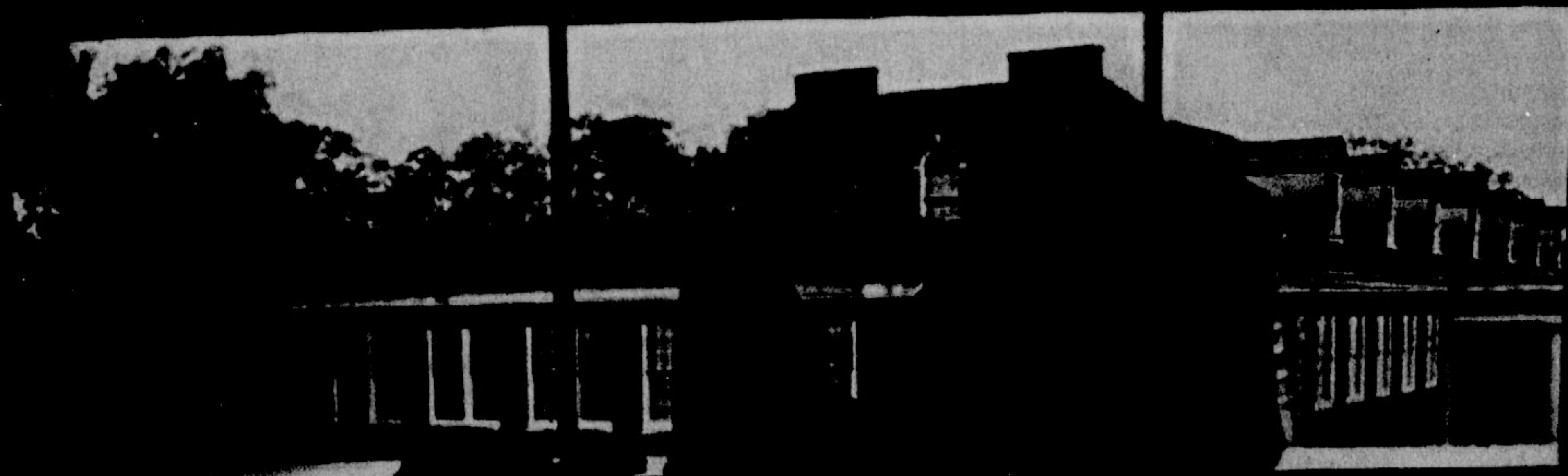
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