

ECU prepares for expansion

Surrounding properties to fulfill future university needs

NEWS EDITOR

With the increased year-toyear enrollment of both students . and faculty, ECU is in the process of purchasing surrounding Greenville properties to accommodate the future needs of the university.



Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger elected as new pope, takes name Benedict XVI



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Recent properties ECU has purchased include the old Hardees restaurant on Cotanche Street and a former Amoco gas station located on the 10th and Evans Street intersection.

Studies of the office of the president of the UNC system have indicated the entire UNC system is projected to grow and ECU will reach 27,000 students in the next several years.

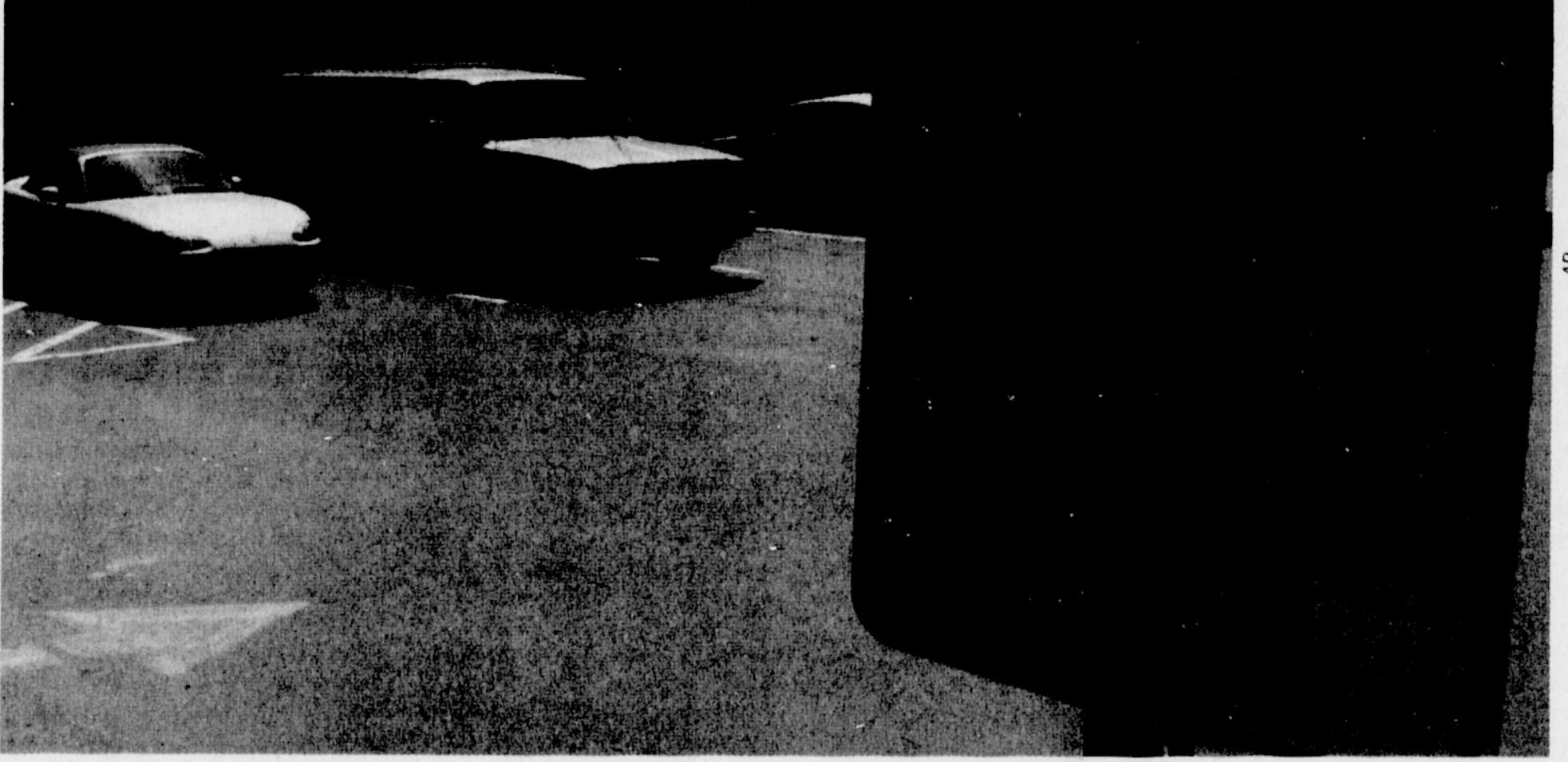
"Based on the projections, ECU will grow significantly," said Scott Buck, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Buck said ECU has always been in the process of purchasing surrounding Greenville properties, but not to this intensity. A This can be directly attributed of to the projected enrollment a growth which will call for additional space for various university needs including buildings and parking.

"ECU must be prepared strategically for what will happen in the future," Buck said.

"We can either choose to grow or not grow ... no student or faculty member wants to see ECU stop growing."

Buck said if ECU does not take action now in purchasing additional property and planning for the vital future needs of the



The old Hardee's restaurant on Cotanche Street is one of the several properties ECU has recently purchased in order to prepare for future expansion. ECU is in the process of looking at other Greenville properties to address future needs.

prepare for expansion. Buck cited future problems being insufficient office space, classroom space and parking.

Buck said a limitation ECU
t has in making this expansion
is funding. ECU is also being
considerate of the surrounding
Greenville residents who own
the properties ECU is considering
purchasing. All of the properties
purchased by ECU have been
under a mutual agreement with
the property owner and the
university.

challenges in accommodating the additional needs, ECU will meet the foreseen growth.

"Those are good problems to have. What if it were the opposite?" Buck said.

Mike Van Derven, director of parking and transportation services, is actively involved in addressing the parking issue in consideration of the projected growth and new properties to be

and then look at what we need to do to accommodate those needs," said Van Derven.

This increase in enrollment and expansion of property is having a positive effect with Greenville's efforts to revitalize sections of the city including the downtown area in order to overall improve the city's economic development.

"The economic impact of ECU

taurants, real estate and clothing stores would be enhanced with the university's growth, which will have a positive impact on the economic situation of Greenville.

Buck said the downtown area of Greenville would eventually be able to return to a dynamic area encompassing a variety of different businesses including movie theaters, restaurants and

Pope Benedict XVI greets and blesses the crowd Tuesday.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, the Roman Catholic Church's leading hard-liner, was elected pope Tuesday in the first conclave of the new millennium. He chose the name Benedict XVI and called himself "a simple, humble worker."

Ratzinger, the first German pope in centuries, emerged onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, where he waved to a wildly cheering crowd of tens of thousands and gave his first blessing. Other cardinals clad in their crimson robes came out on other balconies to watch him after one of the fastest papal conclaves of the past century.

"Dear brothers and sisters, after the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me – a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord," he said after being introduced by Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estivez.

"The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insuf-

university, the negative effects ECU is beginning to currently see would only intensify in the future years and it is crucial to

Buck is positive with the new

purchased.

"We have to extrapolate those [enrollment] numbers to determine what future numbers are

will have an economic impact on art galleries as it once did. Greenville," Buck said.

Buck said several different This writer can be contacted at markets including housing, res- news@theeastcarolinian.com.

ficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers," the new pope said.

"I entrust myself to your prayers."

The crowd responded to the 265th pope by chanting "Benedict! Benedict!"

Ratzinger turned 78 on Saturday. His age clearly was a factor among cardinals who favored a "transitional" pope who could skillfully lead the church as it absorbs John Paul II's legacy, rather than a younger cardinal who could wind up with another long pontificate.

The new pope is the oldest elected since Clement XII, who was chosen in 1730 at 78 but was three months older than Ratzinger.

Cardinals also had faced a choice over whether to seek a younger, dynamic pastor and communicator – perhaps from Latin America or elsewhere in the developing world where the church is growing.

Ratzinger is the first Germanic pope in nearly 1,000 years. There were at least three German popes in the 11th century.

Benedict XVI decided to spend the night at the Vatican hotel, the Domus Sanctae Marthae, and to dine with the cardinals, said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. He was to preside over a Mass on Wednesday morning in the Sistine Chapel and will be formally installed on

What is the main issue you want to see addressed by the Student Government Association?



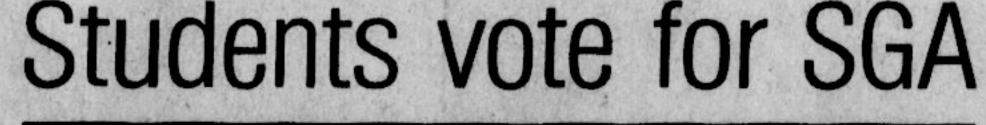
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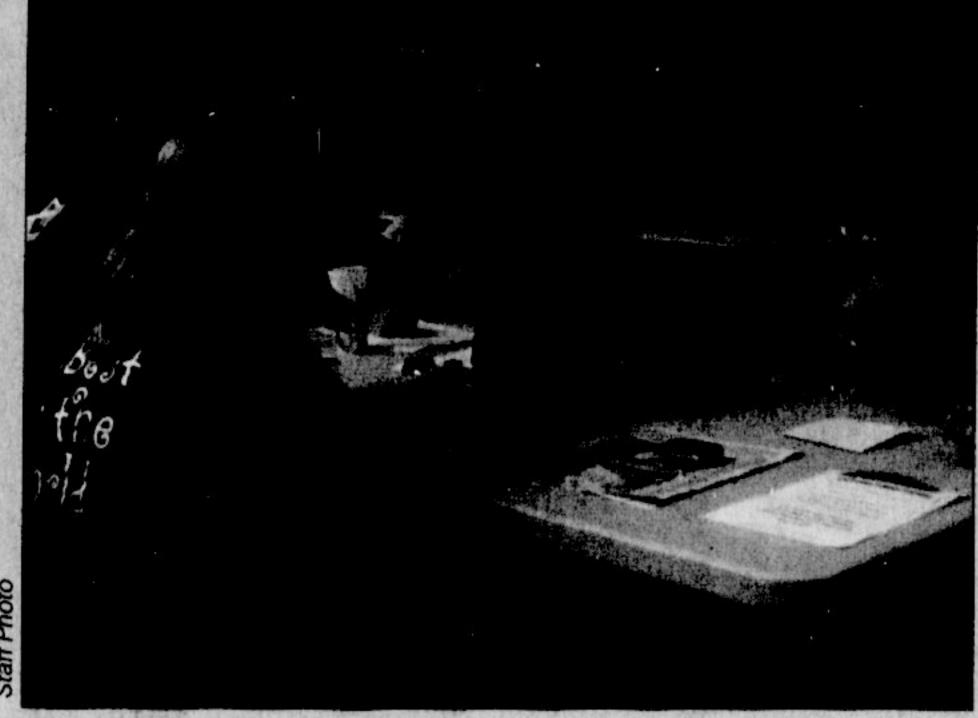


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SAMI BEHABEHANI SOPHOMORE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY "More nonsmoking areas. It is a big issue and people need to know about it. I am a cancer survivor and people need to know smoking causes cancer. "





Students cast their votes for the SGA officers of their choice. Voting is taking place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the Wright Plaza.





Planning in early

main reason why the renovations Mendenhall expansion and reno-



Pirates watch on concerned about the season as they take a hard loss to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

stages for Mendenhall, Ledonia Wright CASSIE DARKES

STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to accommodate the projected growth of the student population, Mendenhall Student Center will undergo an expansion project and a new Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will be built.

Bill Bagnell, director of facilities engineering and architectural services, has dealt with the surveys and the possible projections for the renovations.

"Before the bond referendum passed, we were at about 17,000 students and we are supposed to grow by about 1,000 students a year," said Bagnell.

"The current facilities need renovations because they are out of date."

The population of the ECU campus is only going to increase in the upcoming years and is the need to be done.

According to Bagnell, ECU's student population is expected to increase somewhere between 25,000 and 27,000 by 2010.

"We want to grow to accommodate that and hopefully beyond," Bagnell said.

The whole process is still very a early in the developing stages.

"We are currently working through programming and identifying options that will fall within the budget," Bagnell said.

A survey was recently conducted concerning students and the faculty and staff of Mendenhall. Bagnell said the survey tried to identify what the students, faculty and staff of Mendenhall need and want as a priority with the renovations. The surveys have been used to design the programming document for this project.

"What the programming document does, through interviews and the surveys, says all of the wants and desires of the

vation," Bagnell said.

"We have to work that into the square footage we already have and how much we would need to add while balancing that with the budget."

The budget for the Mendenhall and Ledonia Wright renovations and expansions is currently set at \$35 million. One of the main concerns in renovating Mendenhall is adding more meeting space for student organizations.

Chris Myers, junior communication major, had heard different things that Mendenhall was planning to do in their renovations. He was not aware of the plan to increase the number of meeting rooms.

"I think it is good that they are going to put in more meeting rooms because the student organizations definitely need more space to hold their meetings in," said Myers.

There is not only a shortage

Sunday at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. EDT). If Ratzinger was paying trib-

ute to the last pontiff named Benedict, it could be interpreted as a bid to soften his image as the Vatican's doctrinal hard-liner.

Benedict XV, who reigned from 1914 to 1922, was a moderate following Pius X, who had implemented a sharp crackdown against doctrinal "modernism." He reigned during World War I and was credited with settling animosity between traditionalists and modernists, and dreamed of reunion with Orthodox Christians.

Benedict comes from the Latin word for "blessing" and is one of a number of papal names of holy origin such as Clement ("mercy"), Innocent ("hopeful" as well as "innocent") and Pius ("pious").

The last pope from a Germanspeaking land was Victor II, bishop of Eichstatt, who reigned from 1055-57.

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WEDNESDAY April 20, 2005

Announcements

Percussion Players

The school of music is holding this concert April 20 at A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Call 328-4788 for more information.

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.

Advance Care **Planning Clinic**

News Briefs Local

Hundreds of NC education jobs at stake without new revenue RALEIGH, NC - The state could

eliminate hundreds of university jobs and reduce public school teaching positions next year without additional revenue, education budget writers said Monday.

The draft spending proposal released by the joint House and Senate education budget subcommittee also would provide little money beyond current levels to meet the demands of the Leandro school-district court decision.

Gov. Mike Easley has asked for \$30 million more this coming year to assist poor school districts and atrisk children. "There is no response to the Leandro court decision in this budget," Greg Malhoit, an attorney in the schoolfunding lawsuit since it began in 1994. "The courts have said students are to receive a sound basic education." The draft is \$137.7 million less than the \$9.36 billion lawmakers calculate as Easley's budget proposal for the public schools, community colleges and University of North Carolina system. "We realize the pain that's felt by many in this room when it comes to certain items," said Sen. A.B. Swindell, D-Nash, a cochairman of the Senate's education subcommittee. "We also fully recognize the fact that we were given ... a task, to come up with our targets, and keep our mcneys in mind." Rep. Doug Yongue, D-Scotland, Swindell's counterpart in the House, said the House would likely more closely follow Easley's recommendation on Leandro spending when it generates its version of the budget later this spring.

Durham County district attorney who successfully prosecuted novelist Michael Peterson for the death of his wife, was named to a new Superior Court judgeship Monday by Gov. Mike Easley.

Hardin, the district attorney for the past 11 years, will be designated a special Superior Court judge, meaning he can serve across the state as needed.

Hardin has worked in the Durham County prosecutor's office for nearly two decades.

"I am confident that he will bring the same commitment and dedication that was displayed during his 11-year tenure as District Attorney to this judgeship," Easley said in a news release.

case of Peterson, who was sentenced

to life in prison without parole in

Hardin personally prosecuted the

I would play," says the woman, who is in her 40s.

She figures she lost \$60,000 on video poker before admitting she had a problem and enrolling in a gamblingaddiction treatment program.

Maryann, who doesn't want her last name used, is among a growing number of women across the nation, who are getting hooked on gambling.

A state agency that tracks gambling addiction says compulsive female gamblers in Oregon outnumber compulsive male gamblers 32,000 to 29,000, an estimate based on results of a statewide survey. Nationwide, men make up two-thirds

of problem gamblers. But that may be changing in states where video gambling is no further away than a

she once told sheriff's deputies she feared Jackson had a plan for her and her family to disappear from his Neverland ranch in a hot air balloon. However, she accused Mesereau of taking the comment out of context. " told police that [Jackson associates] had many ways to make us disappear, she said.

"And someone mentioned to you a hot air balloon?" Mesereau asked. "That was one of the ways," she said.

The mother also denied repeatedly that Jackson or anyone associated with him had tried to help her and her family when her son was stricken with cancer.

International

in earlier volumes to the Japanese military's germ warfare and sex slavery of Asian women. They only briefly mention the Nanjing Massacre of 1937, when Japanese soldiers killed tens of thousands of Chinese civilians.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Chinese President Hu Jintao to meet this weekend in Jakarta, Indonesia, where all three will be attending the Asia-Africa summit.

Insurgent attacks target Iraqi soldiers, civilians

BAGHDAD, Irag - A suicide car bomb outside an Iraqi army recruitment center and other attacks Tuesday killed a dozen Iragis and wounded more than 50, police said. Elsewhere in the capital, parliament briefly adjourned after a legislator belonging to a radical Shiite group claimed he had been roughed up at a U.S. checkpoint. The blast occurred in the Azamiyah section of the capital about 18 yards from the front gate of the recruitment center, killing at least six Iraqis, including two soldiers, and wounding 44, said police Col. Hussein Mutlag. In other violence targeting the military, insurgents opened fire on Iragi soldiers in Khalidiyah town, 75 miles west of Baghdad, killing four soldiers and wounding seven, police and hospital officials said. One of the main goals of the U.S.led coalition in the two-year-old war is to train Iraqi security forces to replace American soldiers in the field, and insurgents often target centers where such security forces are being recruited and instructed. Insurgents also targeted civilians and the U.S. military.

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The Health Ministries of the Memorial Baptist Church and the End of Life Care Coalition of Eastern Carolina are offering a free advanced care planning clinic Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30 p.m. in the church at 1510 SE Greenville Blvd. An educational session will be provided until 7 p.m. and trained advanced care planning will also be on site until 8 p.m. to assist those who have additional questions. Please call 847-0868 if you have any further questions.

Summer Work Study

ECU students who are not taking summer classes and can work 40 hours each week can participate in the work-study program this summer. First go to Student Financial Aid in 250 Flanagan and pick up a "Hiring Authorization Form." Then attend a brief information session at Student Professional Development on the corner of Fifth and Jarvis Streets. Sessions will be held April 20 from 2 - 2:30 p.m., April 21 from 10 - 10:30 a.m., April 22 from 10 - 10:30 a.m. and April 25 from 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Business After Hours

Join Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce and members for an evening of networking April 21 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Bailey's Fine Jewelry. Spend your time with other business professionals as you enjoy great food and exchange ideas. For more information, call 752-4101.

Easley names Durham DA to Superior Court judgeship RALEIGH, NC - Jim Hardin Jr., the

October 2003 for the death of his second wife, Kathleen Peterson. Her body was found at the foot of a back staircase in the couple's Durham home. Prosecutors suggested the couple argued when she found e-mail he had sent to a male escort, and he beat her to death knowing her life insurance payout would smooth over

their tight financial situation. Peterson maintained that his wife must have fallen after an evening of drinking in celebration of a movie deal for one of his books.

Hardin graduated from Duke University in 1979 and got his law degree at Mercer University in 1983. He was in private practice before becoming a prosecutor.

National

Video poker machines blamed for women hooked on gambling SALEM, Ore. - Maryann started gambling 10 years ago, playing video poker machines in hotel restaurants in Oregon as she traveled for her job. "It got so any place I would see a lottery sign and that was a restaurant or other place that was comfortable.

corner deli or tavern.

researcher who has conducted

Accuser's mother says Jackson

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - The mother of

Michael Jackson's accuser lashed

out at the pop star from the witness

stand Monday, declaring that Jackson

"really didn't care about children, he

cared about what he was doing with

The woman resisted answering

questions by defense attorney

Thomas Mesereau Jr. and began

her fourth day on the witness stand

She looked at Jackson across the

courtroom and said: "He managed

to fool the world. Now, because of

this criminal case, people know who

Jackson is accused of molesting one

of the woman's sons - a teenage

cancer patient - in February or March

2003, giving the boy alcohol and

conspiring to hold the boy's family

captive to get them to rebut a TV

During another combative day on

the stand, the woman admitted that

documentary about the singer.

by making speeches to the jury.

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studies of problem gambling.

'managed to fool the world'

Video gambling machines have Court decision in Japan fuels particular appeal to women, said feud with China Rachel Volberg, a Massachusetts

TOKYO - Inflaming already tense relations with China, Japanese lawmakers said Tuesday they plan to visit a shrine that critics say glorifies Japan's militarist past, and a Tokyo court ruled against Chinese victims of wartime atrocities.

Such developments would ordinarily infuriate the Chinese, but in the current atmosphere they could be explosive.

Sometimes violent anti-Japanese demonstrations involving tens of thousands of protesters have erupted in several Chinese cities in recent weeks over a government-approved Japanese textbook that critics say whitewashes the country's past militarism.

The protesters, who also oppose Tokyo's bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council, smashed windows of Japan's diplomatic missions in Beijing and Shanghai and damaged Japanese restaurants and cars.

China has refused to apologize or pay compensation, saying Japan sparked the protests by offending the Chinese people.

The textbooks approved earlier this month condense or omit references

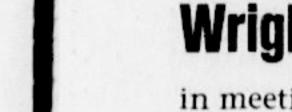
In the capital, masked men armed with machine guns and traveling in two cars in the capital shot and killed Professor Fuad Ibrahim Mohamed Al-Bayati as he left his home for work at the University of Baghdad, police said.

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Step Show

The ECU National Pan-Hellenic Council is sponsoring the ECU Greek Classics IV step show, cosponsored by SGA, Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in Minges Coliseum. This is an annual event consisting of teams representing the nine affiliate organizations of NPHC, the umbrella organization for historically black fraternities and sororities. This year's show will also host guest steppers and the winners of the Residence Hall Step Off, the Green Hall Step Team. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall.

Contra Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a contra dance Friday, April 25 at the Willis Building at First and Reade Streets. The beginners' lesson begins at 7:30 p.m. and the contra dance will be from 8 - 10:30 p.m. Live, old-time and Celtic music will be provided by a string band. Price of admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the general public. This will be the last contra dance of the school year. For more information, please call 752-7350.



(From left to right) Erick Smithwick, Mark Romano, Steven Klund, Olivia Murray, Sheena Burns and Julie Phillips pose for a picture during the state convention.

Organization prepares for future plans

KRISTIN DAY

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU's chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill received the NAMI On-Campus Appreciation Award at the state convention April 1.

Every spring all NAMIs assemble at the North Raleigh Hilton where more than 30 counties are represented. ECU NAMI received the award at the conference in recognition of their efforts to raise awareness

Crime Scene April 13

eliminate the stigma associated with mental illnesses. Olivia Murray, English lecturer and advisor for NAMI ECU,

of mental health issues and to

said winning the award among all other campus chapters means a lot to the organization.

"It means that we care and that we are working ... to see that mental illnesses are brought out of the closet," said Murray.

Erick Smithwick, president of NAMI ECU, was grateful for receiving the award and for being able to work with the chapter.

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Professional Fitness Workshop

The human performance lab at ECU will host the "Gold Standard" health and fitness professional certification exam offered by the American College of Sports Medicine May 14. The certification exam is designed to ensure that local professionals who work directly with the public in areas of health and fitness are gualified and held to the highest industry standard. The two-day workshop will help prepare fitness professionals for the certification exam and those who already have certification can gain continuing education credits. For more information, contact the ACSM Certification Center at 1-800-486-5643.

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Larceny of wallet A wallet was stolen from the Student Recreation Center's men's locker room.

2:30 p.m.

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7:57 p.m.

Simple assault. A person struck a female on her face with their closed fist at West Dining Hall.

April 17

2:51 a.m.

Possession of marijuana, DWI, escapee/resisting arrest

The subject fled arrest and possessed marijuana when stopped on Fifth Street.

3:22 a.m.

Arson Someone set fire to a bulletin

10:50 p.m. Possessing drug paraphernalia and marijuana A person was found with marijuana and paraphernalia at Clement Hall.

April 18

2:22 a.m.

Underage possession of alcohol and fictitious ID

An underage subject was found possessing alcohol and a fictitious identification card at the Student Recreation Center.

> Weekly **Crime Tip**

Everyone should exit the building anytime you hear a fire alarm. You never know when the fire is real. People who begin fires are held responsible for any damage and injury that results in a burning building. Remember: ECU residence halls have installed cameras to monitor the building.

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"I'm real honored that we were able to get the chapter started ... I think NAMI ECU is going to make a difference in a lot of students' lives," said Smithwick.

Murray said mental illnesses affect more people than generally thought. She said out of a class of 25 - 30 students, three to seven could suffer from depression. NAMI ECU serves as a safehaven for these students.

"We are a safe place on campus for these people," Murray said. "If we don't recognize this

illness early ... people are going to end up in homeless shelters and prisons."

NAMI ECU is the first campus chapter in North Carolina. Murray and Smithwick had been members of the Pitt County NAMI, which her husband Carlos was founder of for three years before they thought about a campus chapter. "We decided it was time for it to be on campus," Murray said. Some of the reasons she wanted to begin the organization were because of her two sons, one who has a mental illness. "I can honestly say ... NAMI saved our lives. It's that strong of a force," Murray said. NAMI ECU has been asked to help UNC Chapel Hill set up a chapter, making it the second campus chapter in North Carolina. They are also talking with counseling services so NAMI

ECU can be recommended to students in need. Murray said they are thinking about bake sales and inviting speakers to their meetings as well. They are also hoping to receive a grant that will allow them to go to the

national conference. Some other goals for NAMI

include working toward having insurance companies recognize mental illnesses in their policies and to continue trying to break the stigma associated with mental illnesses.

Murray said currently they have eight dedicated members and she plans on growing. "I look forward to working

with the chapter and helping it grow," Smithwick said.

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NAMI

Interim Joyner Library director addresses library concerns

Director focused on progression, advancement

CHRIS ADAMS STAFF WRITER

> Darryl Davis, who has been a faculty member of ECU for 30 years serving as former dean of the college of technology for 10 years and associate vice chancellor for four years, is currently serving as interim director of Joyner Library.

> Davis assumed the role after the recent resignation of former director Carroll Varner.

> Davis is optimistic about his role as interim director and understands the demands of his position.

Concerning 24 hour opera-"I want to make this a place tion, Davis said there are several factors that tie into the decision where when you come to work to implement this new schedule, in the morning you want to be one major factor being safety. here," said Davis. "[Joyner Library] is a difficult "I want the atmosphere to building to keep an eye on," be one of cooperation and collaboration where you respect Davis said. "Also, as a guardian of the your fellow worker and they resources, we have millions of respect you." Davis said he has committed dollars worth of materials in this library that I have an obligation to serving as interim director as to make sure we do not lose." long as it is necessary for him Davis understands the need to do so. There is currently no students have for efficiency in search underway for a permalibrary operation and sees shiftnent director because there are ing operation hours, specifically internal issues in the library that on the weekends, to accomtake precedent over finding a modate a larger flow of student new director. traffic and allow for maximum "Issues such as budget concerns, 24 hour operation and library usage. Though temporary, Davis said he is going to act to putting more focus into a digital benefit the students of ECU. library need resolving before a search for a new director takes "I am the type of person who place," said Provost James Smith. is willing to push initiatives that I believe are the best for the uni-Smith said a probable date versity," Davis said. that he considered dangers to the for the naming of a new direc-"I am going to try to do what tor would be the beginning of is right here ... you cannot stop January. Davis sees there is a need for these internal issues advancing." to be resolved and he will take This writer can be contacted at an active role finding solutions news@theeastcarolinian.com. for them.

One issue Davis said he sees room for advancement in is the digital library. There are currently items in the Special Collections Department that are not available for extensive viewing due to their fragile nature. As well as allowing Special Collections items to be viewed, an online library will give greater freedom to students who need to search for materials but do not have ample time to go to the library. Budgetary constraints currently prohibit this advancement. "We have had to prepare sce-

narios to deal with a 2 - 4 percent budget decrease," Davis said.

"That is not good news when you are considering expanding hours or looking at a new technology infrastructure."



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in meeting space, there is also a shortage in banquet rooms.

"We have banquet facilities that are probably too small to accommodate the size of the groups that wish to use them," Bagnell said.

Bagnell said many decisions have not been confirmed yet. He said the only thing they are positive about is that

Mendenhall must be renovated and expanded. Once they talk with more students and staff and figure out more of the wants and needs of these groups, they will be able to move further with the project.

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Meetings

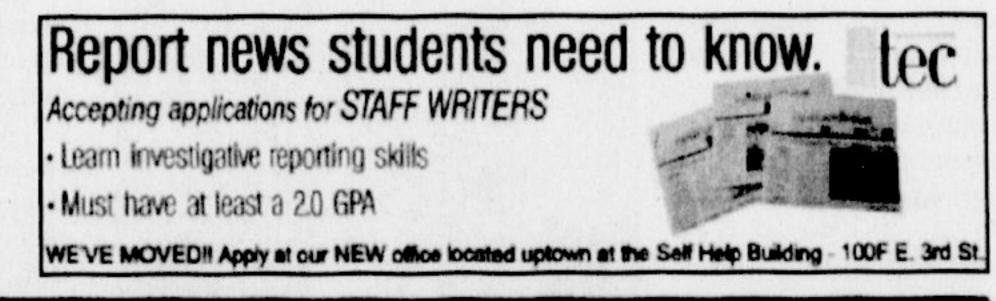
NAMI ECU meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center all year, including during semester breaks. The organization welcomes all who suffer from a mental illness or those who have friends or family with an illness to their monthly meetings for support and to work toward erasing the negative stigma. For more information, please call Erick at 355-5217 or Olivia at 758-1294.

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On Monday, Ratzinger, who was the powerful dean of the College of Cardinals, used his homily at the Mass dedicated to electing the next pope to warn the faithful about tendencies faith: sects, ideologies like Marxism, liberalism, atheism, agnosticism and relativism - the ideology that there are no absolute truths.

"Having a clear faith, based on the creed of the church, is often labeled today as a fundamentalism," he said, speaking in Italian. "Whereas relativism, which is letting oneself be tossed and 'swept along by every wind of teaching,' looks like the only attitude

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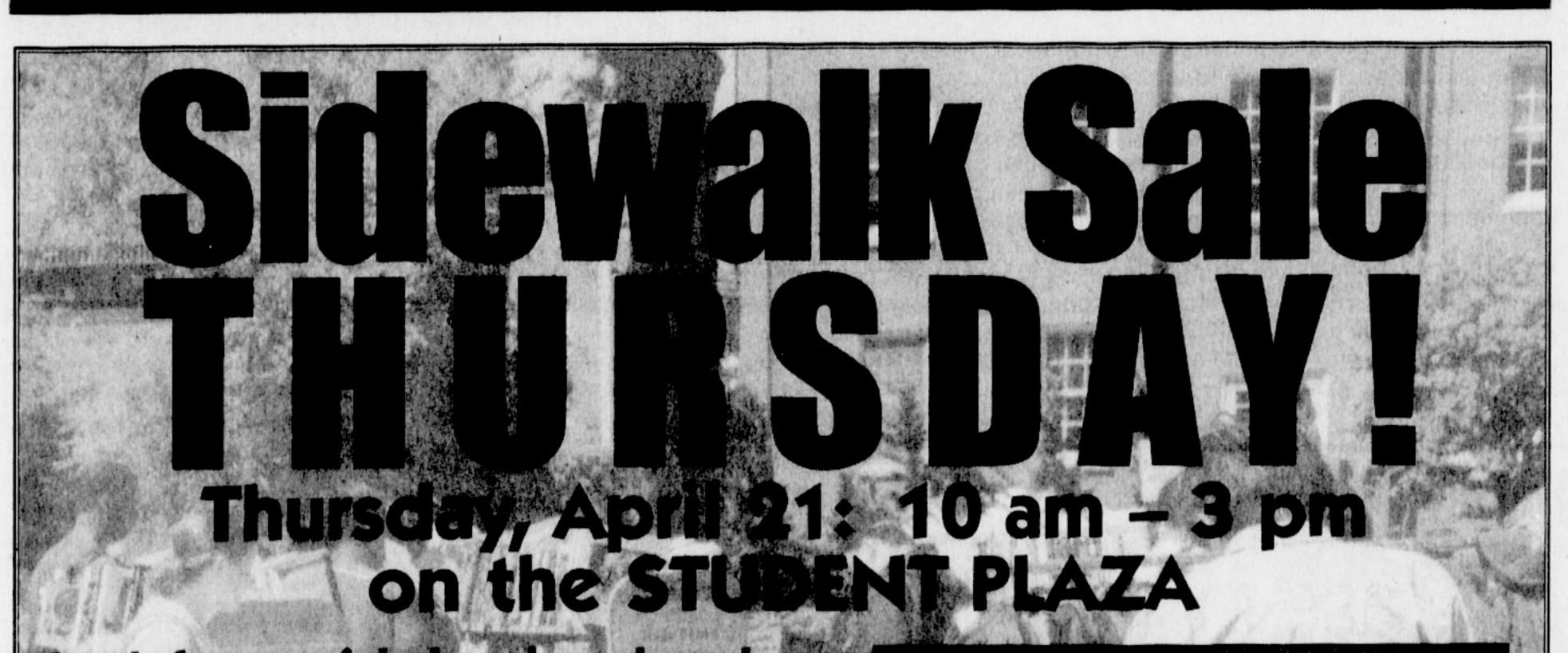
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Our View

Proposed bill removes smut, violates copyrights

Congress approved Tuesday the use of a new technology that edits out objectionable scenes in popular films. The bill will now be sent to President George W. Bush for approval.

The bill, titled the Family Movie Act, allows independent companies to edit out nudity, violence or vulgar words for sale to a family friendly audience. However, the controversy surrounding this bill is that it exempts these companies from copyright laws, so editing companies do not have to pay royalties to the studios or directors of the popular films that they are altering.



Pirate Rant

I can't believe I actually read the words "I work out so I can smoke more." I haven't heard something that illogical since Tony McKee's last column. H really hope you are not considering procreating.

To the idiots who voted for President Bush because of "morals:" I bet you regret it now when you look at these high gas prices.

To the guys in my classes that like to play the "tangent game:" I didn't pay good money to watch you distract the professor. While there is a time and place for thoughtful questions about the topic, it is not when we're already behind with only a few days left. That's why professors have office hours.

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Rep. Diane Watson, D-Calif. told the AP, "While I support family friendly entertainment, I believe this method is not only a viciation of filmmakers' copyright protections but also an infringement of their artistic vision."

We agree with Watson. Artists are just like any other profession in that if someone works hard on something, they deserve the credit due.

If the Family Movie Act becomes legislation, who's to say it won't set a dangerous precedent? Other digitized works could also be censored, such as artwork or books.

While we understand that protecting children from profane material is the ultimate goal, we can't help but wonder if this legislation could be in turn harmful for our children. Marshall Herskovitz, producer of the Oscar-nominated film The Last Samurai, mentioned some of these consequences in an interview with The Salt Lake Tribune. He asked readers to imagine the outcomes of deleting war scenes from Saving Private Ryan, or taking it as far as deleting black actors from films.

Opinion Columnist

Spend everything down to last second

Balancing today's account with tomorrow's investment

RACHEL LANDEN STAFF WRITER

In just a matter of weeks, thousands of graduates from ECU and other colleges and universities across the country will be tossing their mortarboards, receiving their diplomas and preparing to enter what, as of yet, remains an unknown realm to most of us - "the real world."

It's both an exciting and frightening prospect, leaving familiar territory in order to enter a new phase in life, whether it be a shift in academics, pursuing a career or starting a family. Whether you are lamenting the passage of your college years, cheering the fact that they are almost finally finished or just completing the first of four, five or more years, at least one common thread unites you and your fellow 18 to 20somethings. You're young. Deep insight for an editorial, huh? I know those two words come as no surprise to you now but what may be more shocking is how quickly they will expire. We'd like to think we'll be young forever. After all, it's hard to imagine any other way when that is all we've ever been. The feeling of eternal youth, even immortality, helps explain the behaviors often associated with people of our peer group - the fast cars, fast food, fast relationships and indulgence in alcohol, cigarettes and sun. But why fear the effects of these vices when, like Peter Pan, we'll be forever young? Perhaps because the truth is that this time is only a fleeting one in our lives. The hours we've spent studying, partying and working quickly add up to days, weeks and months. Likewise, these soon become years and before we know it, we're making plans for graduation and the rest of our adult lives.



I am constantly amazed, living in

of the day, I would lose the remaining balance. However, the following day, I would start again with a new balance of \$86,400.

If this were true, I would spend every penny of the money before the day was through, and then eagerly await the next day when I could do it all over again. I wouldn't waste a single cent – I would spend it all.

Although no one is contributing these kinds of funds to me on a daily basis, I, along with everyone else, receive a similar bequest everyday. We don't get paid in money, but rather, in seconds. A full day equates to 86,400 seconds. Yet, unlike the financial example, I find myself wasting seconds, lost them forever. The good news, however, is that tomorrow I will have 86,400 more. So how do we balance this desire to live completely in the moment while also, as we are often instructed to do, preparing for the future? George Carlin, the comedian, said that when he got old and looked back, he wanted to regret the things he did and not the things he didn't do. Yet, the inspirational writer Og Mandino cautioned that what you plant now, you will harvest later. life's tenet? I prefer to think that you don't have to choose one or the other. We can be young and free without being reckless and irresponsible. It's not my purpose to tell you how to will figure it out on your own in your daily quest to spend every second, while also laying a foundation for a tomorrow that will give you an even better return. And when you do solve this puzzle, let me know. Until then, I'm just as baffled as the rest of you.

not spending them all, whether wisely or foolishly. At the end of the day, the wasted seconds are gone, and I have is \$2.27 for regular now. So whose words do I use as my balance these seemingly conflicting desires. Instead, my hope is that you

I transferred here from a school that didn't allow skateboarding on campus. Thank you, ECU for giving me the chance to watch hot boys on skateboards as I walk to class. It never fails to make my day.

To the ones who throw water balloons out the window everyday and then hide when they hit me with one: Grow up. You're in college. If you are going to do it, at least show your face next time.

To all guys out there: Whoever started the greasy, hard as a rock, spiked hair look is prob? ably no longer with us, so please let the trend pass just as he did. As a woman, I can understand your need for manageable hair. However, I do not understand the need for us women to have our hands punctured with porcupine needles when we cuddle with you.

To all the people who ask tons of questions during class; please meet the people who know all the answers in my classes. You would make the perfect couple. You should come up with something more intelligent than, "I would be a better president than Bush." OK, how about you liberate a whole country and provide clean drinking water and electricity for 70 percent of the country that didn't have jack before? We as a country can sacrifice a few tax dollars to help out an oppressed people and don't say it's for oil because gas

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"The notion that someone else sits in an editing room across the country and decides what's going into the film is absurd ... You're worried about your children seeing objectionable material? Your choice is not to show it to them," said Herskovitz.

We acknowledge Hollywood sometimes pushes the limits of taste and children should not be exposed to those situations. However, we don't agree with this legislation simply because it does not pay creative artists for their hard work - work that many have spent years on, only to have it dramatically changed in less than a few hours.

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almost a state of disbelief, when I think about how fast three years of college have passed. People and events in my young life that seem to have been a part of my "just yesterday" are much farther removed from my present than I often realize. And from what I hear, this phenomenon only gets that much stronger as we get older and see the years going by in the manner of that "blink of an eye" cliché.

Since we can't slow the passage of time, I wonder what, at the very least, we can do to savor it. My high school English teacher liked to quote a line from the 1950s movie Auntie Mame. "Life's a banquet," he would shout, "and most poor suckers are starving to death."

Despite the dramatic flair that often overshadowed the meaning of those words, I now recognize a real kernel of truth in them. If life were a meal, would we want to rush through each course or would we want to fill our plates to the point of overflowing before slowly chewing each bite and taking in all the flavors?

A friend of mine recently sent me an Internet video that asked what I would do if someone put \$86,400 into an account for me each morning. If I hadn't depleted the account by the end

All you Bush haters or Republican haters in general: Wait until you get out of college, start making money and become a little more politically inclined before you make judgements on Bush and the right wing. Your liberal views are probably borne through a lack of funds right now and the impression that the government should do everything for you. Get educated and then talk.

Why is it that our campus is like a minefield for the steam sewers? You have to dodge those steam sewers every few minutes or else you'll go through a whiff of the steam and smell like rotten ham for the rest of the day.

Attention northern people, give barbecue (yes that's a noun) a try. It's delicious.

Every time we "nice guys" do stand up, the supposedly nice girl laughs in our faces. We hear the same lines over and over: "You are such a nice guy, why are you single?" Then there is, "A girl would be lucky to have you." Translation: "A girl other than me would be lucky to have

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(KRT) — If anything's likely to boost support for the flat tax, it's the annual nightmare of tax season.

Imagine junking all the paperwork the current system requires and replacing it with two simple postcard-sized forms that tax income only once and at one low rate. Imagine a simple and fair tax system that required all Americans to play by the same rules, regardless of how many lawyers and accountants they had on the payroll. And imagine politicians having no ability to put loopholes in the tax code in exchange for campaign cash.

These are all strong arguments for the flat tax. But there's an even bigger reason to support it: It would be good for the economy.

Globalization has dramatically increased the importance of good economic policy. Investment funds now have almost unlimited ability to cross national borders. Jobs and capital are fleeing high-tax welfare states for lowtax jurisdictions.

This means the rewards for good economic policy are greater than ever. By the same token, though, the penalties for misguided class-warfare policies are greater than ever. In other words, international competition has made tax policy much more important. Nations have to compete with each other if they

want faster growth and better jobs.

A flat-out case for tax reform - the flat tax

Other countries certainly seem to realize the importance of "tax competition." Eight nations in Eastern Europe have adopted flat taxes, for instance, including a 13 percent flat tax in Russia. Two of the countries adopted the flat tax this January, and Poland just announced that it will be hopping on the flat-tax bandwagon.

All of these former Soviet countries recognized that it was very difficult to overcome the legacy of communism while burdened with high tax rates and discriminatory taxes on saving and investment. Leaders from these nations understand that a flat tax draws jobcreating capital. They understand that a low tax rate rewards productive activity.

Other nations have cut tax rates deeply. Ireland doesn't have a flat tax, but it has slashed its corporate tax rate from 50 percent to 12.5 percent. Combined with other tax cuts, this helped turn the "Sick Man of Europe" into the "Celtic Tiger." Unemployment has dropped from 17 percent to 5 percent, and Ireland is now the second-richest nation in the European Union.

Tax competition has forced other European nations to cut their corporate tax rates. There has been so much progress that every nation in Europe now has a lower corporate tax rate than

America - even socialist countries such as France and Sweden!

America needs to regain its status as a contender in the tax-competition battle. If we want to remain the world's strongest economy, we can't rest. Yes, the Reagan tax cuts resuscitated the U.S. economy in the 1980s. And yes, the Bush tax cuts are helping America grow faster and create more jobs than most other industrialized nations.

But growing faster than France and Germany is nothing to brag about. America needs to watch developing nations such as China and India. These countries are shifting toward free-market policies and are attracting investment. It's even rumored that China may adopt a flat tax. If that happens, America will face even more vigorous competition. Hong Kong has enjoyed incredible prosperity with a flat tax, so just imagine if the rest of China gets the same pro-growth tax system!

President Bush has appointed a Tax Reform Advisory Panel, which has been holding hearings and learning how the tax system undermines U.S. competitiveness. Members are expected to issue a report on July 31 and almost certainly will recommend that America move in the direction of a flat tax. Hopefully, they will be bold and suggest that the entire tax code be junked.

Hey, TEC: Being small and furry doesn't make an animal a rodent. I guess you missed that year in middle school science.

you."

Why do the ECU trucks take up four parking spaces per truck? There has to be some better place to park them. I think instead of buying a hang tag next year, I'll spend the money on painting my car to look like a truck, then I can have four spaces.

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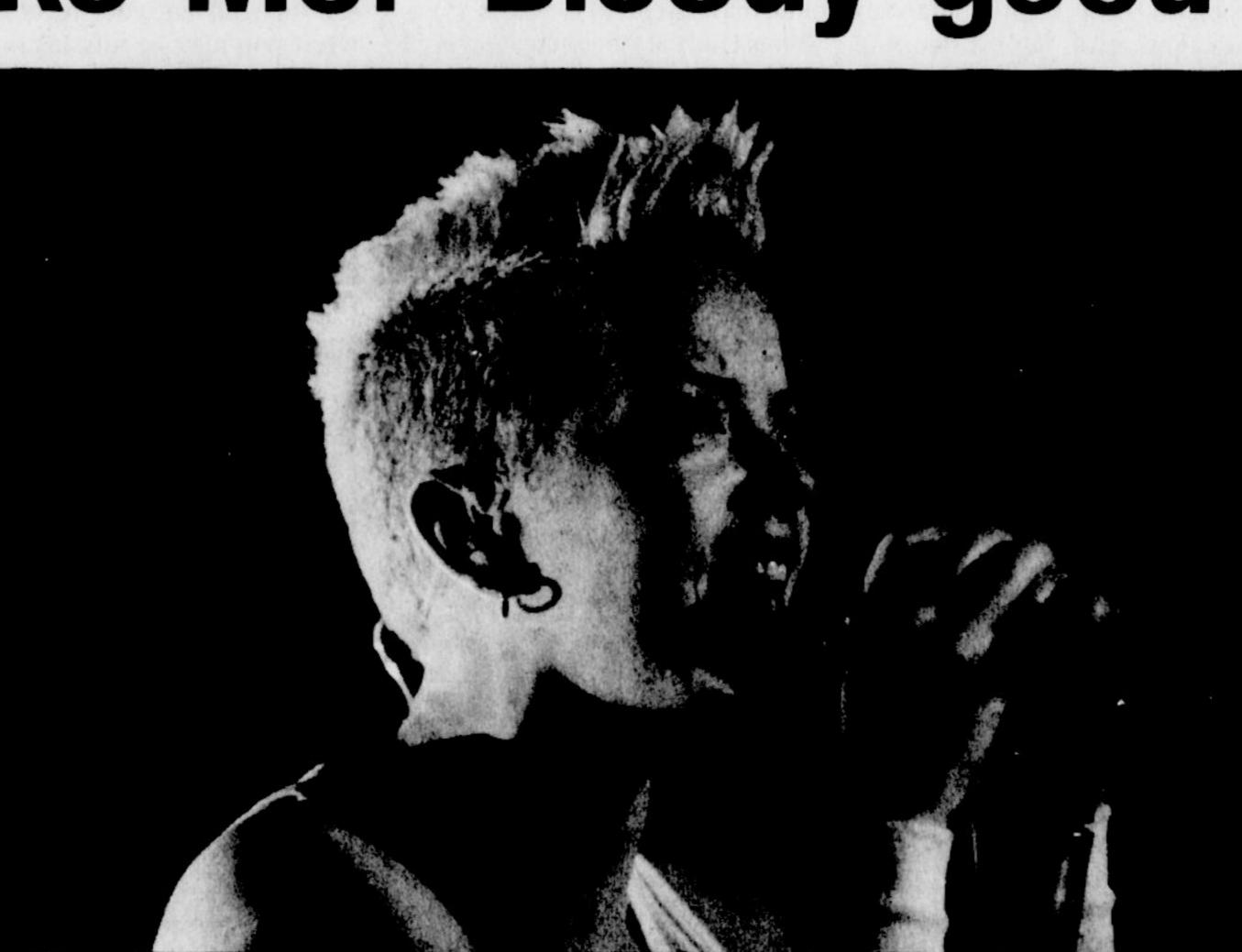
'Bleed Like Me:' Bloody good

CAROLYN SCANDURA Features Editor

Three producers and a unique girl will totally rock you GARY MCCABE STAFF WRITER

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Sometimes change is good, but in the case of Garbage, changing back is a lot better. And 15 seconds into "Bad Boyfriend," the opening track of their latest album Bleed Like Me - with its explosive drums provided by guest drummer and Foo Fighter Dave Grohl, powerful guitar licks and super-sexy purring of singer Shirley Manson - it's obvious that this is a drastically different Garbage than we've seen lately. Garbage isn't a typical band in any sense of the word. The band's story isn't one of childhood friends forming a band and working their way up to superstardom. In fact, when the S band formed in 1993, founding member and drummer Butch Vig was already a superstar in his own right for his work producing Nirvana's landmark album Nevermind, arguably the most influential album in the last 15 years. Vig only enhanced his prestige with his work on albums for The Smashing Pumpkins and Sonic Youth, making himself a key figure in the musical movement of the early 1990s. Garbage began with basement sessions between Vig and Steve Marker, another producer who co-founded Smart Studios with Vig in the late 1980s. Eventually, the two asked a third producer, Duke Erikson, to sit and jam with them. The three played for a year together and, encouraged by the results, sought out a singer. They found Shirley Manson, a fiery Scot with red hair and a host of personal demons. Tormented in grade school, Manson turned to sex, drugs and cutting herself during her teenage years to cope with the pain before finding rock 'n' roll. Manson played in the



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- 50 Cent Beck
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- The Da Vinci Code
- Star Wars: Episode III:
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Garbage lead singer, Shirley Manson, with one of her famous daring haircuts that makes her unique.

band followed that album with their second album Version 2.0, which included the hit songs "Special" and "Push It."

The albums were great for a few reasons. Because the band included three music producers, the rhythms for each song were intricate and original. With their production knowledge, the band used every trick in the book and every musical device they could think of to create a new sound Despite the band's micromanaging, though, it never took away from the core of the music's appeal: dark subject matter, loud guitars, catchy hooks and amazing vocals.

But like many bands before them, Garbage went and messed with a winning formula on their third album Beautifulgarbage. The album was much lighter than the first two and at points Manson even seemed happy. The loud guitars and drums were drowned out by intense overproduction and electronic filler. In essence, bands Goodbye Mr. Mackenzie Garbage went pop. Critics viewed the album as a mixed bag but Garbage fans had a more definitive opinion: they hated it. And few of those who did like it couldn't bring themselves to say that it was better than Garbage or Version 2.0. So I can understand if there is somebody out there who was apprehensive when they first heard that a new Garbage album was in the world. To be honest, I was a bit apprehensive at first. But I can say with complete honesty that not only am I pleasantly

surprised with Bleed Like Me - I'm astounded.

To call this album a return to form is an understatement. Not only have they ditched the aspects from Beautifulgarbage, they've ditched every other aspect which someone could find fault with. In the process, they've also taken everything that makes them great and cranked it up a notch. The band turned down the synthesizers and decided to let the guitars, drums and most importantly, Manson speak for themselves. The result is something louder, harder, angrier and altogether more enjoyable than you could imagine.

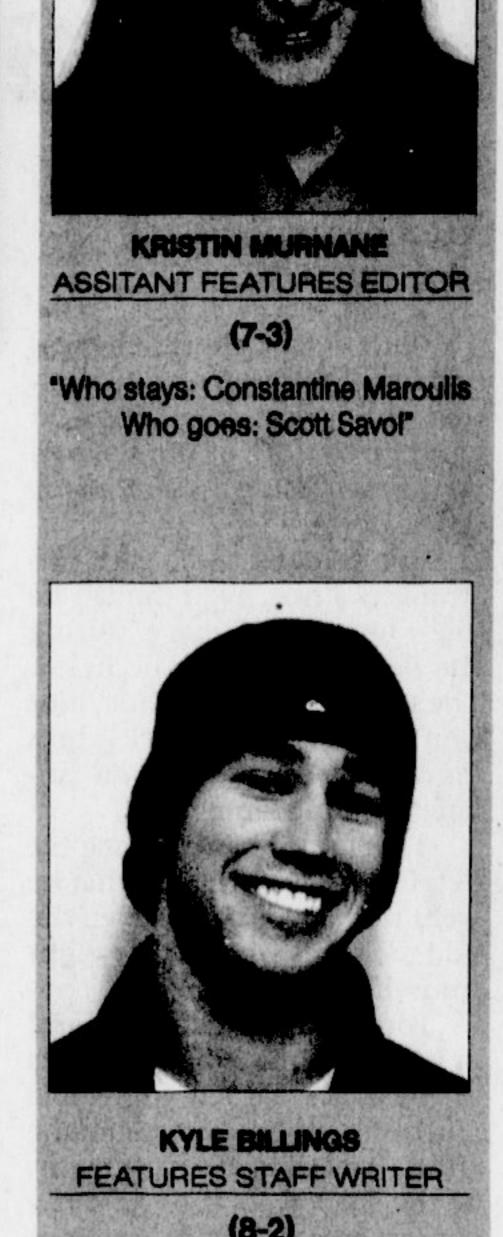
Where Garbage and Version 2.0 could be spotty at times, Bleed Like Me is very consistent throughout. The highlight of the album is the first single off of it, "Why Do You Love Me," a blistering track with its frantic, infectious chorus of "Why do you love me/Why do you love me/Why do you love me/It's

to-toe with not only Garbage's biggest hits but anything on the radio today.

The highlight of the album, though, comes toward the end. Bittersweet and beautiful, "It's All Over but the Crying" stands out from the other songs on the album. While the seven songs leading up to it move at such a frantic pace that you can hardly take a breath, this song is slow and heartbreaking, showcasing the depth of the band's song writing and restrained power in Manson's voice.

The album accomplishes a number of things. First, it should place Shirley Manson as the first lady of rock 'n' roll now that Gwen Stefani seemingly would rather be Britney Spears than Chrissie Hyde. Manson has the uncanny ability to draw you in with her enchanting voice and project each of the many emotions behind it onto you.

Second and most importantly, this album should bring Garbage back to the forefront of rock 'n' roll and back into the loving embrace of fans and critics. The band poured their heart and souls into the album - in fact, things became so tense during recording that Vig abandoned the project for four months - and the result is a rare album that's both poignant and thrilling. If you love rock 'n' roll, you should already own this album, a sure classic.





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Taurus - The Sun is coming into your sign, a lovely development. This is the perfect excuse for a private celebration in a beautiful setting.

Gemini - Start by cleaning out an area small enough to be manageable. Don't throw away things that belong to others, however, get them involved in the process.

Cancer - Friends can help you understand a complicated subject. Don't try to use what you're learning quite yet - it takes a lot more practice to gain expertise.

Leo - There's more money coming in, but less time to spend on romance. This is a temporary condition. Set your date for later in the week.

Virgo - It should be getting obvious, what will work and what won't. You've tried a lot of different things. Now, pare down to the best.

Libra - Figure out how much you've spent and what your income's been over the past few weeks. You didn't have time to do it then, but now you

and Angelfish until she was spotted on MTV by Vig. When she auditioned for the band, Vig, Marker and Erikson were blown away and hired her on the spot and began recording immediately.

> The band, sometimes referred to as "three producers and a girl" within the music industry, exploded onto the scene in 1995 with their self-titled debut album and scored hits with their songs "Only Happy When It Rains," "Stupid Girl" and "Queer." The

'Amityville Horror' remake

Reynolds plays George Lutz whose new house has demonic visitors.

driving me crazy" that will creep into your head, attach itself to your brain and never leave.

The album has a number of bright spots and I'd be interested to see which track they decide to release as their second single off the album. "Boys Wanna Fight" sounds most like something from their earlier albums and has an escalating guitar riff throughout the song that's incredible. "Run Baby Run," "Right Between the Eyes" and "Bad Boyfriend" are equally as good and can go toe-

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These space men look like they need a galaxy guide to save them.

Summer movie season kicks off with 'Hitchhiker's Guide'

A promising movie adventure, a mere prelude to rest of the summer blockbusters

is writing a new edition to the very famous book, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. This guide tells everyone everything they need to know to survive in the galaxy. Together, Dent and Prefect go on an adventure throughout the galaxy seeing many different things and meeting many different creatures. Also staring in this film are Sam Rockwell, Zooey Deschanel, Bill Nighy, Anna Chancellor and John Mal-



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Scorpio - For the next several weeks, you'll find yourself drawn into solid relationships. They'll be in business and your personal life. Pick the best.

Sagittarius - Hopefully, you're doing work you love. That way, you can trick yourself into thinking you're not working at all. Meanwhile, trick the boss into thinking you are.

Capricorn - As each old fear comes up again, gently speak it out. beloved counselor helps you spread them out in the sun, where they evaporate.

Aquarius - Conditions are excellent for counting the money and sorting it into categories. Decide how much you can afford to spend. Don't buy everything, cut the fluff.

Pisces - For the next several weeks, you'll find it easier to pay attention. This is a wonderful thing since you are often easily distracted. Use the phase wisely.

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On Nov. 14, 1974, at exactly 6:30 p.m., Ronnie Defeo screams for help at a local bar. Six men

1970s thriller hits a new

from the bar come to Defeo's call to find his parents and four siblings shot in their sleep. Later, Ronnie is convicted of these murders and he claims to have been pushed by voices and evil spirits to murder his family. One year later, a young family moves into this home not expecting what they have bargained for.

Here's one horror flick that has once again made its way back on the big screen. Based on a true story that took place thirty years ago, The Amityville Horror is back with a new cast, spectacular special effects and a plot much like the original. Fans of this classic are likely to see the newer version from the makers of the recent film The Texas Chain-

saw Massacre. Both versions of The Amityville Horror were based on the 1977 best-selling book, written by Jay Anson, who used many of the Lutz's family experiences while they were living in the house.

now than it was then. The Defeos lived in a three story Dutch Colonial home, which was built in the mid-1920s. Most can identify 112 Ocean Ave. with its eerie eye shaped windows and the sign that ironically hangs outside the house saying, "high hopes." The special effects and perfect casting set the movie up for high ratings and a 'must see.'

Amityville is a peaceful

waterfront community more so

Like the early version, the story begins with the murder of the Defeo family. A year later, George and Kathy Lutz and their three children move into their dream home with a reasonable price tag. After moving in, they find that their home has a dark secret and soon ignore the facts to hold on to their beautiful home. After 28 days of living in fear and unhappiness, they decide to leave their home after experiencing hauntings and eerie encounters.

It has been said that the Lutz family has amped up the popularity of the Amityville home because of their alleged encounters. Although, recent residents and those that have lived there before say the hauntings are

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TREVOR KIRKENDALL STAFF WRITER

With the summer movie season bearing down upon us, movie studios are gearing up to release their biggest blockbuster movies of the year. Although the kovich. summer movie season doesn't officially begin until Memorial Day weekend, some studios start releasing their big movies well

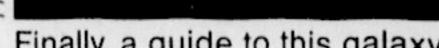
April as being the first big weekend for summer films. One of the early summer films this year is The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It is based on a series of books written by Douglas Adams.

before then. Many studios now

look at the very last Friday in

The film stars Martin Freeman as Arthur Dent, an ordinary man from the planet Earth. When the planet is scheduled to be destroyed by aliens to make E way for a new universe express way, Dent is taken off the planet from his good friend Ford Prefect a (Mos Def). Prefect is an alien who

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Finally, a guide to this galaxy.



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Acoustic paradise through Jack Johnson

New CD, 'In Between'

SARAH CAMPBELL STAFF WRITER

Does acoustic music soothe your soul, reminding you of simpler times when life seemed so carefree? If so then professional surfer turned musician Jack Johnson's latest album In Between Dreams may be the perfect fit for you.

A Hawaiian native, Johnson has already made waves on the mainland with previous hits, Brushfire Fairytales (2001) and On strate Johnson's more serious and On (2003). In Between Dreams side. Their lyrics have a realistic for \$35. is no exception.

Mellow is the only way to relate to his life. describe the album whose lyrics are whimsical yet meaningful. His corporation of bluesy sounds as well as a reggae feel give the

album an even more relaxing vibe. filmmaker and a film graduate "He's the comfort food of from the University of California. contemporary music, the relaxed Johnson cites musical greats and comfortable night in a busy such as Ben Harper, Nick Drake, musical week," said Bernard Zuel Otis Redding, The Beatles, G. Love and Special Sauce and Bob Dylan in the Sydney Morning Herald.

Johnson's lighthearted side is as some of his most profound musical influences. This comvisible in songs such as "Banana bines their styles to create a style Pancakes" and "Good People." He provides listeners with all his own, which encompasses energetic yet laid-back songs many different musical genres. Johnson is coming to Cary, that induce a foot tapping,

NC Sept. 9 at the Koka Booth On the other hand, songs Amphitheatre at Regency Park for a 6 p.m. performance. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster

> Check out the mellow, laid back and enticing tunes of Jack Johnson at jackjohnsonmusic.com.

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all a hoax and they have yet to have unordinary encounters. The Amityville Horror, a popular film of the 1970s, is now new and site. improved, ready to devour the young audience this year.

Even though critics may say otherwise, it is always best to see for yourself, you never know what you may be missing.

It is a "shadily made, boring and most shockingly without a single decent scare," said The New

York Post's Web site.

"At best, this is a disposable fright fest," said EOnline's Web

"There's nothing this Amityville won't beg, borrow, steal from or fabricate in trying to make your neck hairs sit up and quiver," said The Atlanta Journal's Web site.

Though the remake may be a little exaggerated from the actual story, it is entertaining and gives

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you a feel for what was going on in that home. Cast members include Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George and Philip Baker Hall. The Amityville Horror was released Friday, April 15. Check your local movie listings for times. Audiences are sure to become curious about the raw facts of this American dream gone bad.

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Brad Land's new novel

belong somewhere, Brad soon

followed his brother to attend the

university and even joins Brett's

was about the unity of brother-

hood aiming for the brothers to

have success in their lives, but

ation. These violent episodes

bring back Brad's nightmares of

the shadowed strangers and his

abduction. At the same time,

Brad felt a separation that's open-

ing wider between him and his

either stay with the fraternity

or accept the violence in order

to feel as if he belongs or to quit

the fraternity and live the rest of

his life in peace and perhaps in

The decision is upon Brad to

real-life brother Brett.

Brad finds out otherwise.

Brad thought the fraternity

During pledging, he became

what had happened.

fraternity.

head bobbing phenomenon.

such as "Sitting, Waiting, Wish-

ing" and "Breakdown" demon-

approach, allowing listeners to

guitar at the tender age of 14. Now

at age 29 he is not only a talented

musician, but a successful surfer,

Johnson began playing the

Harrowing memoir JOANNA WALDHOUR STAFF WRITER

With its taut, short sentences and minimal use of punctuation, this novel tells author Brad Land's true story of himself as a young man, using his same name in the novel.

As a teenager, Brad gave two strangers a ride, even though he knew he shouldn't have. During the ride, tragic events occurred. The strangers abducted him, beat him up, stole his car and left him for dead on the side of some isolated road in Florence, SC.

The novel presents the graphic involved in the fraternity's tradidetails of the attack and what he tion of brutal hazing and humiliwent through during it, even the odd moments when Brad caught himself talking to a fox.

Fortunately, he survives, and as he was reeling from the events of the attack, he felt vulnerable and suffered from post-traumatic stress. Wracked with nightmares of the shadowed strangers, the community in which he lives ignored what happened to him or made him feel as if he had done something wrong and that

he was at fault. Even the police loneliness.

Just as The New York Times officers that investigated the Book Review said, "Goat exerts a incidence questioned him about hypnotic power ... a page turner," After some time passed, Brad's there is a story that pulls readers into the novel. The events of younger brother Brett left home what happens and Brad's reaction to attend Clemson University in create that power of the pull. South Carolina. Feeling lonely and left out and wanting to

At times, it's hard to read the graphic and harsh violence, but there's a vulnerability associated with the narrator of Brad.

Good insight into what happens during the hazing rituals of fraternities that, unfortunately, still exist today.

Unique form of prose - very clipped, short and haunting.

Explicit language and profanity. May not be suited for all readers, and may be targeted toward specific reading audiences. May leave readers wanting more of the story. Only minimal use of punctuation and lack of quotation marks.

An amazing debut. Written by Brad Land. 208 pages. Published by Random House, Inc. A national bestseller.

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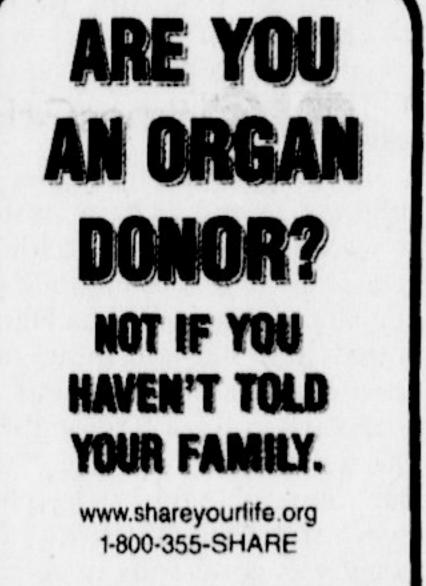
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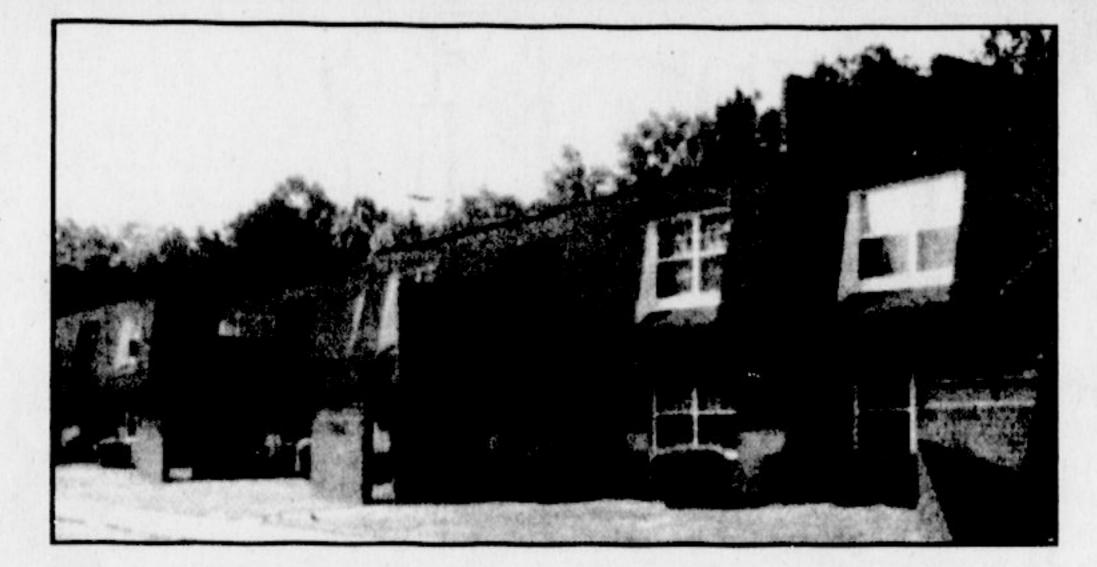
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This film is directed by first timer Garth Jennings. He's no stranger to being behind the camera. He has directed music videos for the band Blur and Fatboy Slim. The fact that Hitchhiker's Guide is his first feature film may have some fans of the book a little nervous, but rest assured, the producers wouldn't have hired someone for this high profile film if they weren't completely sure he couldn't get the job done.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy opens Friday, April 29, in theaters across the country. For a summer film season that has had its start date moved up earlier and earlier over the last few years means that Hollywood is confident that this will be a very successful summer at the box office. With such a highly anticipated film kicking off this weekend, one can only imagine what the rest of the summer will hold in the world of movies.

Hitchhiker from page A5 'The 10 Women you'll be before you're 35'



The cover lures in any reader Discover your true self

book are pages of insightful and mind-changing quotes to help encourage women. There are lists of descriptions and stereotypes of different kinds of women, definitions used in college and in the real world and stories offered as well to help readers feel as if they can relate to the experiences presented in this book.

These chapters explore the question of whom you are and give the readers the opportunity to ask themselves the question of who they really want to be in these following chapters: The New Graduate, The Dollarless Diva, The Worker Bee, The Party Girl, The Body-Conscious

Chick, The Chameleon, The Crisis Chick, Ms. Independence, The Wirl-Half Woman/Half Girl and The True You. Humor plays a role on these entertaining pages with the nonsense and chuckle-ridden prose. "Humor is very important to be able to laugh at some of the crazy things that we think, say or do when we're under stress. It's too bad that we don't often see humor until the experience is over, but I hope that this book will help women see the humor when they are going through these experiences," James said. Simple and direct, even about money, James offers a way for readers to understand, appreciate and have fun with what they read as they may discover things about themselves or approach an idea they never thought of. Answering the question of what advice she may want to offer to people graduating this year or to women in general, James said, "I think the most important thing to remember is that you are never stuck in one place in your life. You can take a job now and change your mind if it doesn't work regardless of your age. You can always change your life and make it what you want it to be." Great quotes. Great humor. Good fun and a fast read. Aimed toward a female reading audience. Some men might find this book helpful as well. As a reviewer said, "Whether you are looking for humor, advice or just want to have fun looking back on your misspent youth, this book is for you. A quick read, to enjoy over and over again." Written by Alison James. 241 pages. Published by Polka Dot Press.

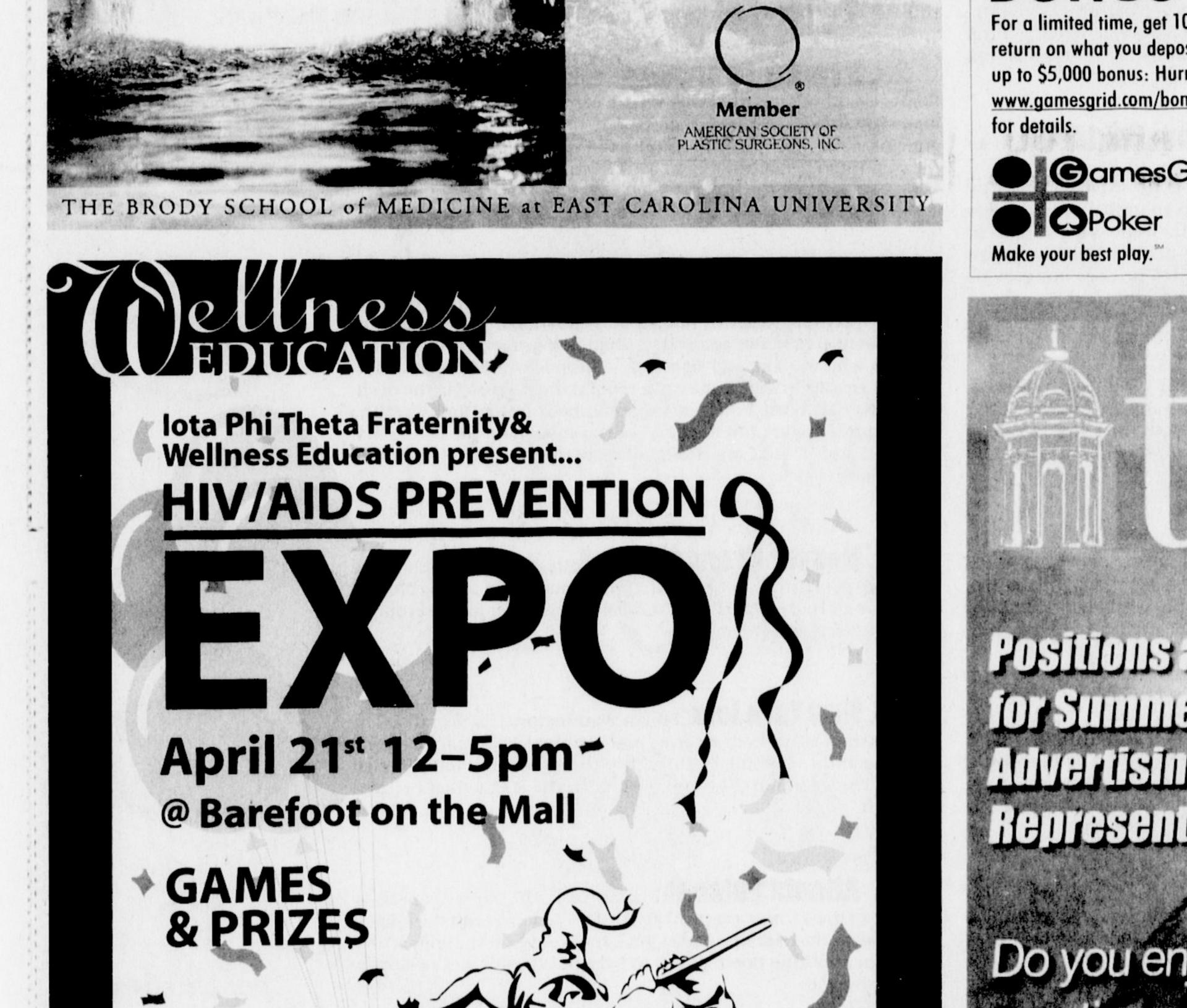
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"Don't laugh at a youth for [her] affections - [s]he is only trying on one face after another to find a face of [her] own," is a quote by Logan Pearstall Smith that ignites this self-help book into the plethora of advice written by Alison James.

Divided into 10 chapters, each chapter representing a stage of a woman's life, starting with the new naïve graduate and ending with the firm confident person true to themselves this is a hilarious book offering advice, opportunity and words of wisdom with extra oomph and pizzazz.

"I want women to know they aren't crazy for feeling pulled in many different directions, that the pressure on us is real and we have a right to feel a little confused about what we want at times. You will continue to face new challenges all the time, but you will get through them and you'll be more confident because of them," said James in an interview about her new book.

James uses her personal experience, along with the experiences of hundreds of women she knows and her educational background in public policy and women's issues in order to help and inspire young women today.

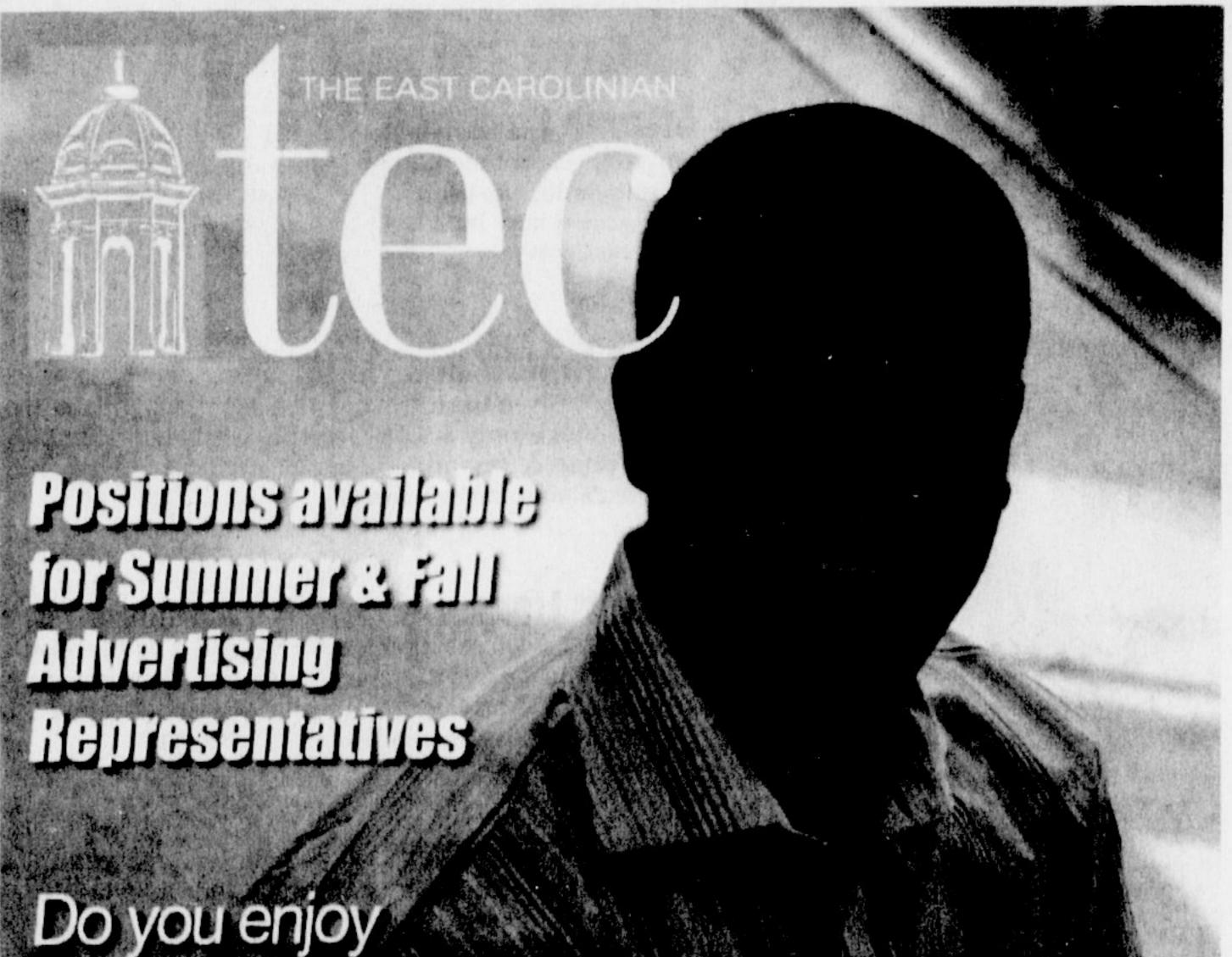
"I decided to write self-help because I had a very hard time in my earlier to mid 20s, figuring out what I wanted to do with my life and what was important to me. I wish someone had told me these things earlier in my life, so now I feel, maybe, I can help some younger women get through some of the tough times a little bit," James said. Also, adding to the flair of the

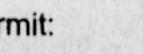
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Draft rich in running backs, quarterbacks RON CLEMENTS, STAFF WRITER

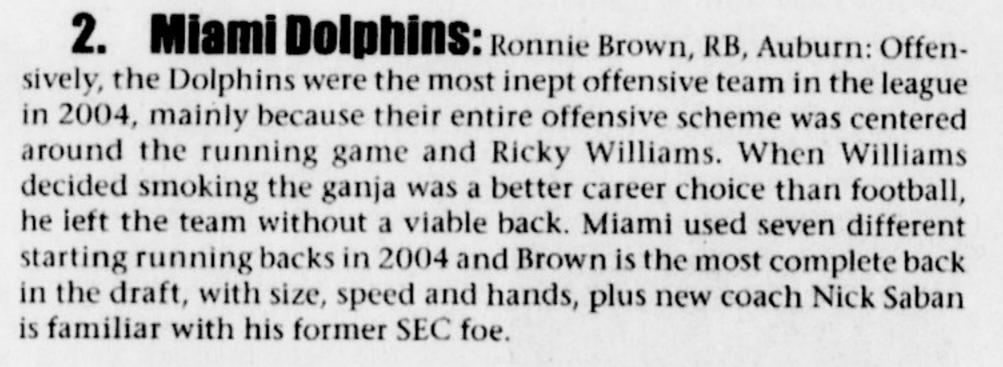


San Francisco 498rs: Alex Smith, QB, Utah: The Niners need a lot of help, but no other need is as glaring as quarterback. They have their choice between Rodgers and Utah's Alex Smith. Smith may be the most athletic QB in the draft, could be the best prospect in the draft, and reports are that San Fran has already begun talks with Smith's agent.

17. Cincinnati Bengals: Travis Johnson, DT, Florida State: The Bengals are going to select a defensive lineman to fill a hole and protect their best linebacker, New Bern product, Brian Simmons. The question is, which one? Johnson can move up and down the line, provide run support on 1st and 2nd down and could be switch to end for a 3rd-down pass rush.







3. Cleveland Browns: Aaron Rodgers, QB, California*:

The Browns cut Jeff Garcia and lost Kelly Holcomb to Buffalo, leaving the Browns without a viable quarterback. They signed Trent Dilfer, but Dilfer is not the future of the franchise. Rodgers is polished from his tutoring of Jeff Tedford at Cal and could be the opening day starter in the Dawg Pound.



4. Chicago Bears: Braylon Edwards, WR, Michigan: Edwards is the best receiver in the draft. Putting him aside newly signed Muhsin Muhammad will give QB Rex Grossman two very good, and big, targets to throw to.

5. Tampa Bay Buccaneers: Cedric Benson, RB,

Texas: Head coach Jon Gruden has his choice here at running back between Benson and Auburn's Cadillac Williams. Benson is bigger and the more complete back, which is why Gruden will lean toward the bruiser with the better hands. Benson can provide the up-themiddle runs of Mike Alstott with the versatility out of the backfield as of Warrick Dunn or Michael Pittman that Bucs fans have grown accustomed to over the last decade.

6. Tennessee Titans: Antrel Rolle, CB, Miami, FL: The Titans lost a lot defensively with free agency departures, including starting corner Samari Rolle, who is now a Baltimore Raven. Antrel Rolle can start right away and has a great ability to read runs as well as provide shut-down coverage on the outside.

18. Minnesota Vikings: David Pollack, DE, Georgia: By addressing their need at receiver with the seventh pick, the Vikings can continue to upgrade their defense by adding Pollack. The winner of both the Lombardi and Bednarik awards in 2004 has perpetual energy and a tenacious desire for the ball. He was ubiquitous on the Bulldawgs defense and Mike Tice will love to land him here.

19. St. Louis Rams: Khalif Barnes, OT, Washington: The Rams need depth on the offensive line and at corner. Auburn's Carlos Rogers is another option here, but the main priority is to provide a bookend for Orlando Pace.

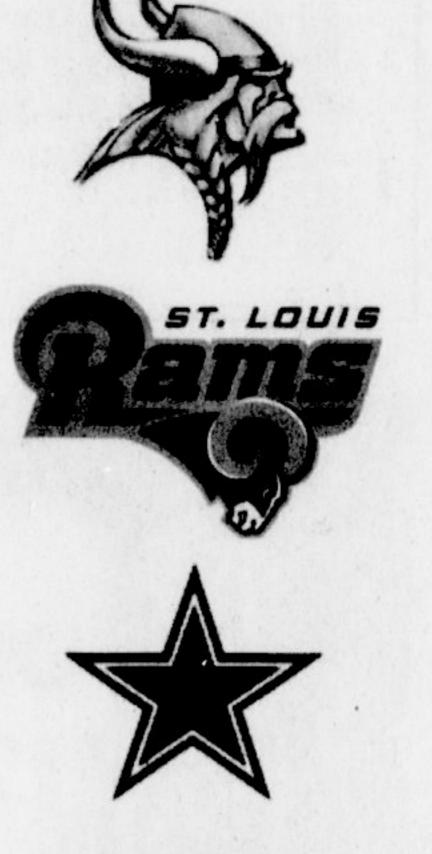
20. Dallas Cowboys (from Buffalo): Roddy White, WR, UAB: One of the fastest players in the draft, White can give coach Bill Parcells and new QB Drew Bledsoe the downfield threat Antonio Bryant has been unable to provide.

21. Jacksonville Jaguars: Troy Williamson, WR, South Carolina: With an aging receiving corps, the Jags can give Byron Leftwich's target audience a boost of speed with the talented Williamson.

22. Baltimore Ravens: Mark Clayton, WR, Oklahoma: The third Sooner to go in the first round is probably the most complete receiver in the draft. He is not the fastest or the biggest, but his instincts, hands and ability to find an open hole make him a big play threat for the receiver-dry Ravens.

23. Seattle Seahawks: Carlos Rogers, CB, Auburn:

Rogers is a physical corner that is very comfortable playing man-to-















Minnesota Vikings (from Oakland): Mike

Williams, WR, USC*: The Vikings cut ties with Randy Moss and picked up this pick from the Raiders in the Moss trade. Obviously now receiver is priority for the Vikes, who addressed several holes in their defense via free agency. Had the NCAA allowed Williams to play in 2004, he would be the first receiver drafted. Williams is just as big as Moss and has great hands, although he does not provide that lightning burst downfield that Moss provided them.

8. Arizona Cardinals: Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, RB, Auburn: After years of mediocrity at running back, culminating with the Emmitt Smith experiment the last two years, the Cards and Dennis Green can finally land a top-notch back who can be their workhorse of the future.

9. Washington Redskins: Adam "Pac-Man" Jones, CB, West Virginia*: Given the nickname "Pac-Man" at Morgantown, the diminutive Jones is only 5-9, but has the speed and instincts to gobble up opposing receivers and will be a nice addition to a secondary that lost Fred Smoot to the Vikings.

10. Detroit Lions: Erasmus James, DE, Wisconsin: With most of their needs on defense, the Lions can grab the best defensive end in the draft. The Big Ten's defensive player of the year led the conference in sacks and tackles for a loss in 2004 and can give the Lions something they have been missing – a pass rush.

11. Dallas Cowboys: Derrick Johnson, LB, Texas: The Pokes can get a serious upgrade on defense by adding Johnson, an athletic player who is tough on the run and is fast enough to provide coverage on most tight ends as well as any back out of the backfield. With the Cowboys' switch to a 3-4, Johnson will be superb on the outside to provide pressure on the quarterback.

man. Ray Rhodes just has to make sure he doesn't have the rookie growing pains like Ahmad Carroll had last year in Green Bay with the pass interference and illegal contact rules.

24. Green Bay Packers: Thomas Davis, S, Georgia: Davis is the best safety in the draft and can move up to play the run and possibly play linebacker in run support situations. The Packers lost three members of their secondary, including former All-Pro Darren Sharper who was cut and signed by division rival Minnesota. The Packers are cap-strapped and must rebuild the defense via the draft. Green Bay also lost both starting guards to Dallas and Carolina through free agency, but the Pack is deep enough on the O-line that they can wait to add an offensive lineman with one of their two second-round picks.

25. Denver Broncos: Matt Roth, DE, Iowa: Roth is the best pure pass rusher in the draft, but is under-sized at 6-4, 270, for defensive end but is a perfect fit at outside linebacker for the Broncos' new 3-4 defensive scheme.

26. New York Jets: Fabian Washington, CB, Nebraska: The Jets need immediate help at corner and Washington can fill that need. His time at the combine (4.28) in the 40 vaulted him into the first round. There shouldn't be any receiver in the league that he can't run with.

27. Atlanta Faicons: Justin Tuck, DE, Notre Dame: 6-4, 270, 4.7 in the 40, and a vertical jump of 38.5 inches with the longest wingspan at the combine makes Tuck impressive on the ends with a knack for knocking down passes to overcome for his lack of size for a defensive end.



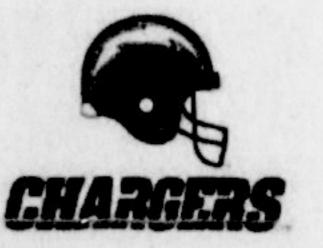








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12. San Diego Chargers (from New York Giants):

Shawne Merriman, DE, Maryland*: Merriman could go higher, but if he lands here the Chargers will get a guy who will give them a big push off the ball and upgrade a defensive line that was not very good in 2004.

13. HOUSTON TEXANS: Alex Barron, OT, Florida State: The Texans need a left tackle to protect David Carr and the monstrous Barron is athletic and huge. At 6-7, 312 pounds, he has his own zip code, missed just one game over the last two years and was an All-American for each of those seasons.

14. Carolina Panthers: Heath Miller, TE, Virginia: Losing Muhsin Muhammad to the Bears takes a target away from QB Jake Delhomme, but with the return of Steve Smith and the development of Keary Colbert, the Panthers will be OK at receiver. What they don't have is a reliable middle man and Miller is far-and-away the best tight end in the draft and can provide that middle target area for Delhomme.

15. Kansas City Chiefs: Marcus Spears, DE, LSU: The Chiefs have been and still are horrible on defense (31st in 2004). Spears, at 6-4, 295, is a good run stuffer and provides a tremendous push into the backfield.

16. New Orleans Saints: Dan Cody, DE, Oklahoma: The Saints' main need, according to head coach Jim Haslett, is on the defensive line. Cody's versatility and size might make it easier for the Saints to trade away disgruntled Darren Howard.

28. San Diego Chargers: Brodney Pool, S, Oklahoma: The Chargers have a need at receiver and may trade up to grab Williamson, White or Clayton. They may even take a gamble on Arkansas' Matt Jones, but should the Bolts stay at 28, Pool is the safest pick and gives them a good safety, which will fill another need for Marty Schottenheimer's team.

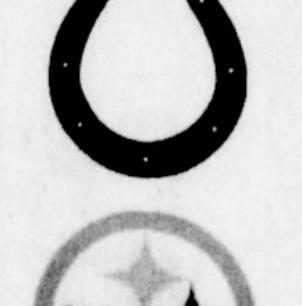
29. Indianapolis Colts: Channing Crowder, LB, Florida*: The Colts lost Rob Morris to free agency and Crowder is a quick backer that can play inside or outside.

30. Pittsburgh Steelers: Shaun Cody, DT, USC: Cody pushes 300 pounds on his 6-4 frame and can give the Steelers versatility and depth on the defensive front. Cody can play inside or out and is adept at stopping the run, but possesses the skills to get to the signal caller as well.

31. Philadelphia Eagles: DeMarcus Ware, DE, Troy State: Ware is one of those guys who is a bit of a question mark because he went to a smaller school, but his upside is huge and, if he pans out, he could be the steal of the draft for the all-ready talent-rich Eagles defense.

32. New England Patriots: Marlin Jackson, CB, Michigan: Ty Law is gone and the Pats need help in the secondary. Jackson can provide that help and could be an opening day starter for the Super Bowl champs.









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NFL Draft is receiver deep

Edwards tops list of WRs RON CLEMENTS STAFF WRITER

With two of the first three picks likely to be quarterbacks, the pool for the 2005 NFL Draft is deepest at the wide receiver end. With a potential of seven receivers going in the first round, this is clearly the position with the most talent. Braylon Edwards from Michigan, Mike Williams of USC, UAB's Roddy White, Mark Clayton from Oklahoma, South Carolina's speedy Troy Williamson, Vincent Jackson of Northern Colorado and former Arkansas quarterback, now receiver, the 6-6 Matt Jones could all potentially be off the board in the first 32 picks.

I have five of these players

and that could be Akron's Charlie Frye. Auburn's Jason Campbell figures to come off the board in the second round, as well.

The player who probably helped himself out the most at this year's combine was Nebraska cornerback Fabian Washington. Washington, a 5-11, 180-pound junior declared himself eligible for the draft 0 in January and was projected as a third-round prospect. After impressive workouts and a 40 time of 4.28 seconds, he now appears to be a lock to go in the first round. Other

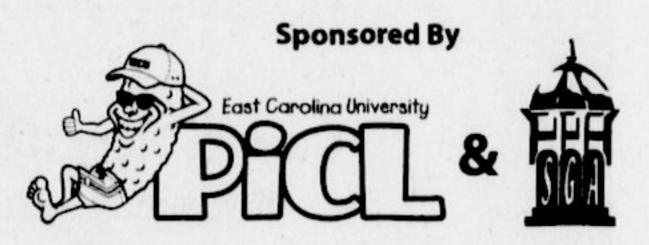
teams without first-round picks – Buffalo, the New York Giants and Oakland, which traded its 8th-overall pick away to Minnesota to acquire Randy Moss. The Raiders still need a lot

of help, however, on both sides of the ball and should look to upgrade their lines this weekend. Buffalo brought in Kelly Holcomb from Cleveland to backup probably starter JP Losman at quarterback and, Lee Evans and Eric Moulds, the Bills have some good offensive

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coming off the board with the first 21 picks and then would see Jackson and Jones being drafted in the second round by teams needing help at receiver like San Diego or Carolina.

After the first two quarterbacks are taken, Aaron Rodgers of Cal and Utah's Alex Smith, there will probably not be another drafted until Green Bay makes its first second-round pick with the 51st overall selection



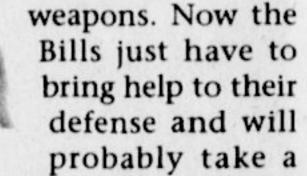
corners that should go in the first 32 picks are West Virginia's Adam Jones, Miami's Antrel Rolle,

Carlos Rogers from Auburn and Michigan's Marlin Jackson. NC State's Lamont Reid will probably be a day two pick. Look for him to be picked up somewhere in the fifth round.

Another Wolfpack player that looks to go in the fifth round is running back T.A. McLendon. Why he decided to come out early is beyond me, must be due to academics because he is simply not ready and another year of college could greatly benefit him. The nation's other great freshman of 2002, Maurice Clarett of Ohio State will be a secondday choice also for some team willing to gamble on the arrogant former Buckeye who had an embarrassing and disappointing showing at the combine last month.

Our Pirates really only have two NFL prospects, and both of those, Marvin Townes and Art Brown, figure to go undrafted but should get a look via free agency by some NFL teams. If they do, hopefully then can find success on a roster like Vonta Leach did last year in Green Bay.

There are three NFL



defensive tackle with the 54th pick to replace Pat Williams, who went to Minnesota. Wisconsin's Anttaj Hawthorne would be a nice fit. The Giants' need is on the offensive line as they desperately need help to keep Eli Manning upright for the season so that he can get the ball to newly acquired receiver Plaxico Burress. With the 43rd pick as their first draft choice, the Giants could grab Wisconsin guard Dan Buenning, Michigan center David Baas, or Oklahoma's behemoth tackle Jammal Brown.

The NFL Draft is hard to predict, even if the order remains static, but trades are inevitable as teams try to maneuver to get what they think is best. As Bobby Beathard probably figured out in San Diego, however, trades don't always help and sometimes it's better to stay put and draft where you were supposed to. The following is my attempt at predicting who will go where this weekend and I'll probably be watching in agony as draftday trades are made, making my prognostications null and void.

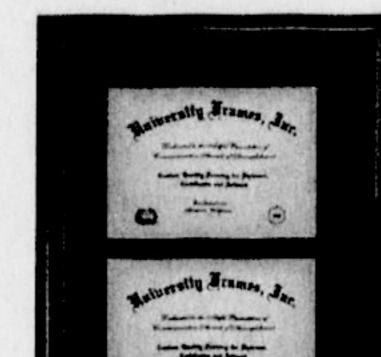
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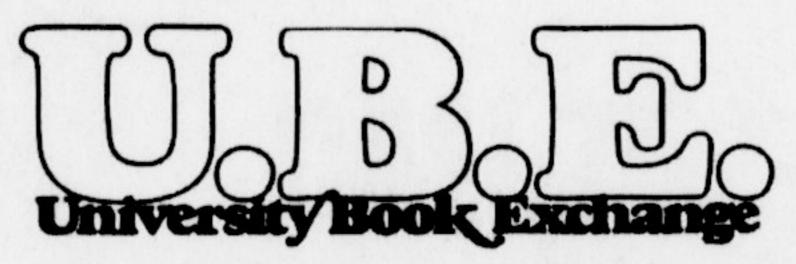
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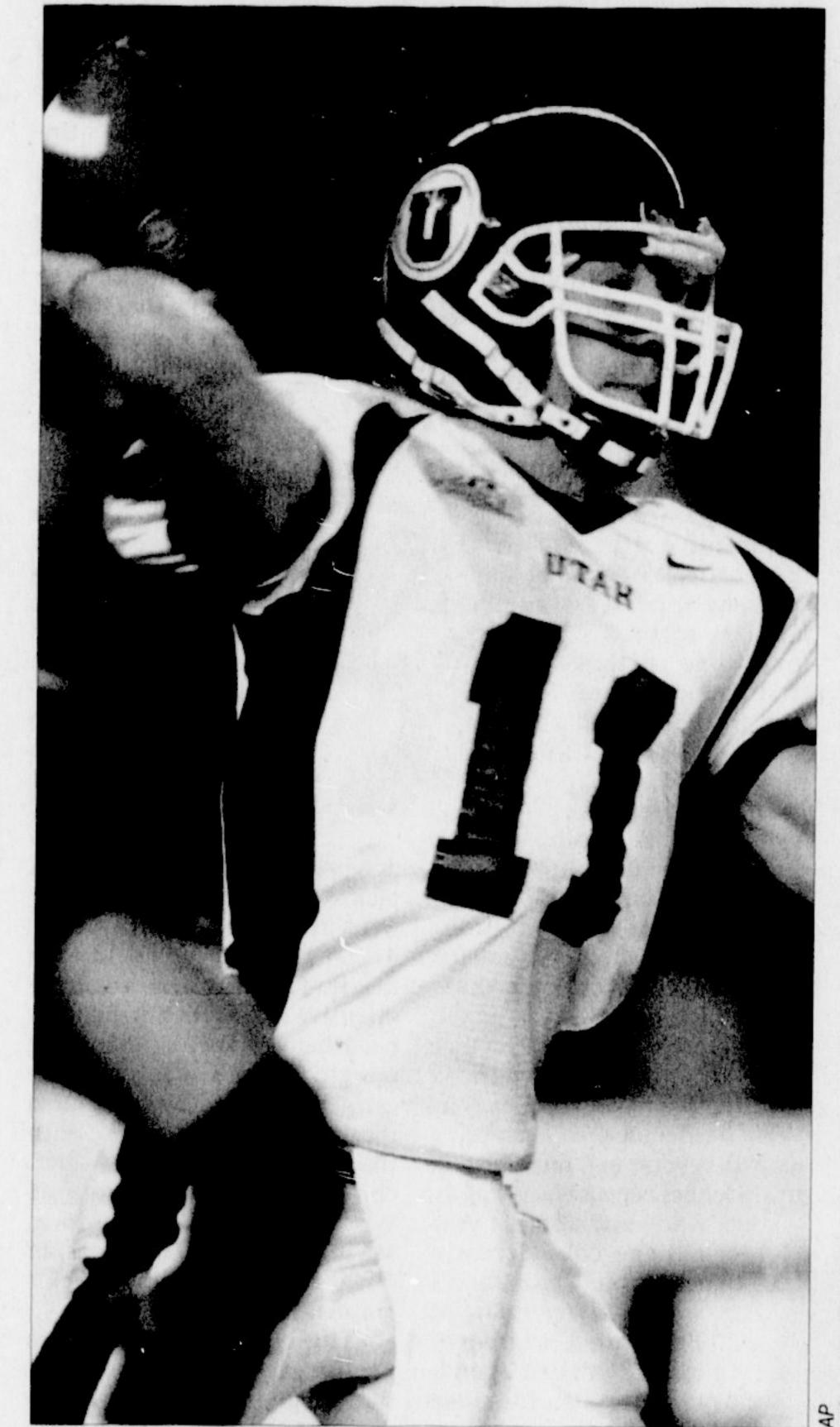
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Lions have options with 10th pick



(Maryland) and Erasmus James (Wisconsin); cornerbacks Antrel Rolle (Miami) and Adam Jones (West Virginia); and receivers Braylon Edwards (Michigan) and Mark Clayton (Oklahoma).

"There are a bunch of guys that would help us on offense and defense," Millen said.

"Some we might have to move up in the draft to go get. Some we could sit tight and be patient and get. Some we could trade down and still get."

"You never know until draft day what it's going to take to move up, or what you'll get to move down. I wouldn't be surprised if we did either. I know exactly what I want to do, but why would I say publicly?"

Millen has drafted players on offense with all five of his No. picks since 2001: tackle Jeff

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Detroit could possibly trade up and select quarterback Alex Smith.

(AP) — Matt Millen's approach to the draft has changed from the previous four years he was in charge of the Detroit Lions.

No longer does the team's CEO think the Lions must select an instant-impact player in the first round.

"We're in a much different situation because who we get doesn't have to start for us right away," said Millen Monday. "That's a good thing because it means we're finally getting some players around here."

"I'm not going to be afraid to draft anybody, him included, at any position if I think he can help us now or down the road," he said.

"If I really want somebody, 'm willing to move up to get him. But I'm honestly not locked into any one player, or one position with our first pick."

Millen said he could envision trading up, trading down or sticking with the 10th overall pick Saturday.

Detroit invited about 20

Backus, quarterback Joey Harrington, receivers Charles Rogers and Roy Williams and running back Kevin Jones.

If the Lions decide to bolster their defense for a change, Johnson seems as though he'd be a good fit at outside linebacker.

"He's a playmaker that would help us, or anybody that gets him," Millen said.

"He runs to the football really well and just has a knack for making plays."

The Lions started 4-2 last year before slumping to a 6-10 record, their best since Millen was hired after Detroit went 9-7 in 2000.

Millen went into this offseason looking to add a backup quarterback, safety and guard. He did with the signings of Garcia, Kenoy Kennedy and Rick DeMulling. Free-agent tight end Marcus Pollard was also signed and starting center Dominic Raiola re-signed.

"If each of them play up to expectations, we'll be OK," Millen said.

Detroit also wants to find a receiver to play alongside Williams and Rogers, if he's healthy for the first time in three years, and a defensive end via the draft or after veterans are cut during the summer.

If Detroit doesn't add a starting right tackle to replace Stockar McDougle, Kelly Butler and Victor Rogers would compete for

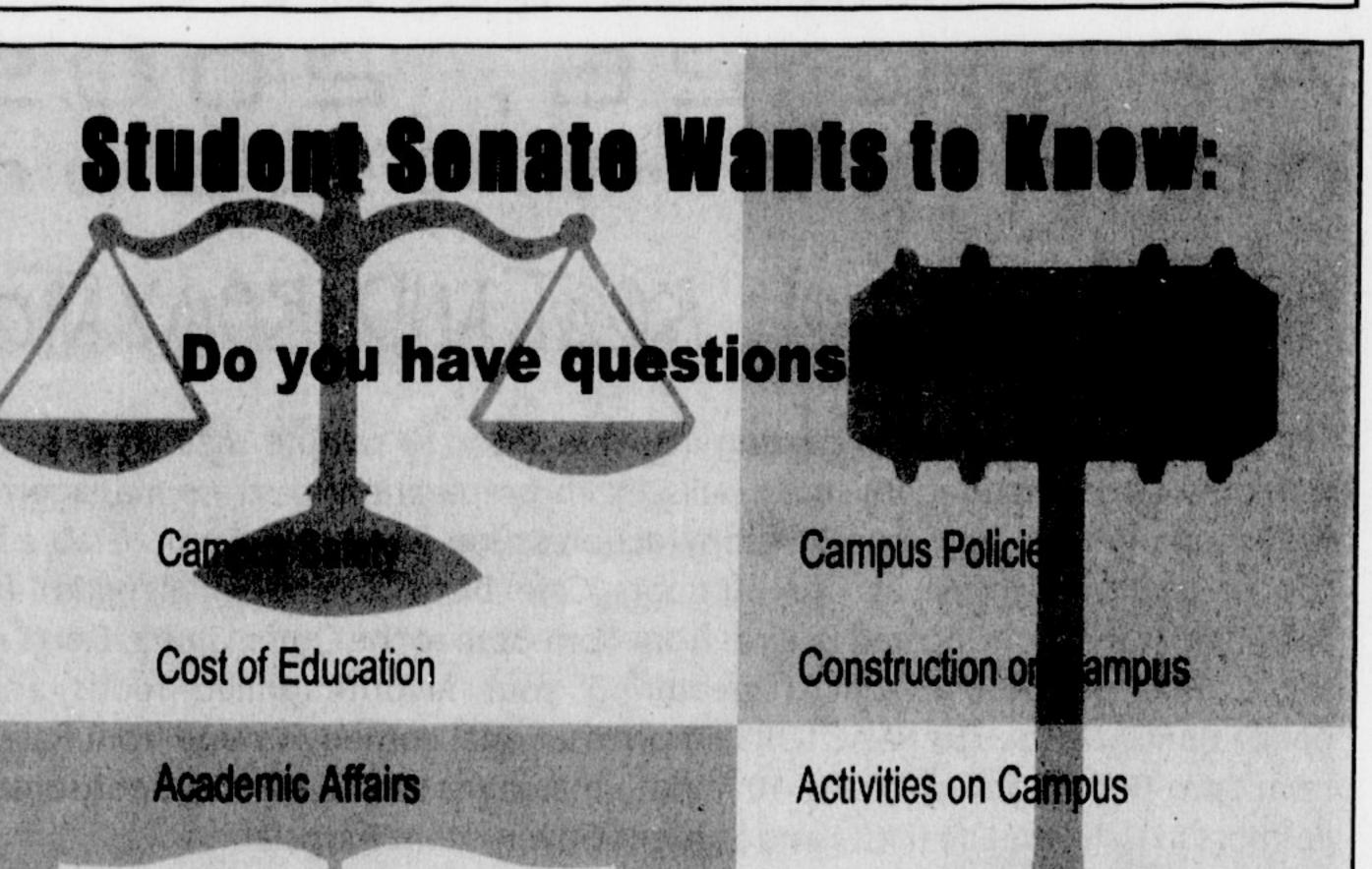
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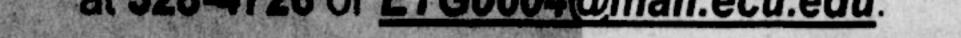


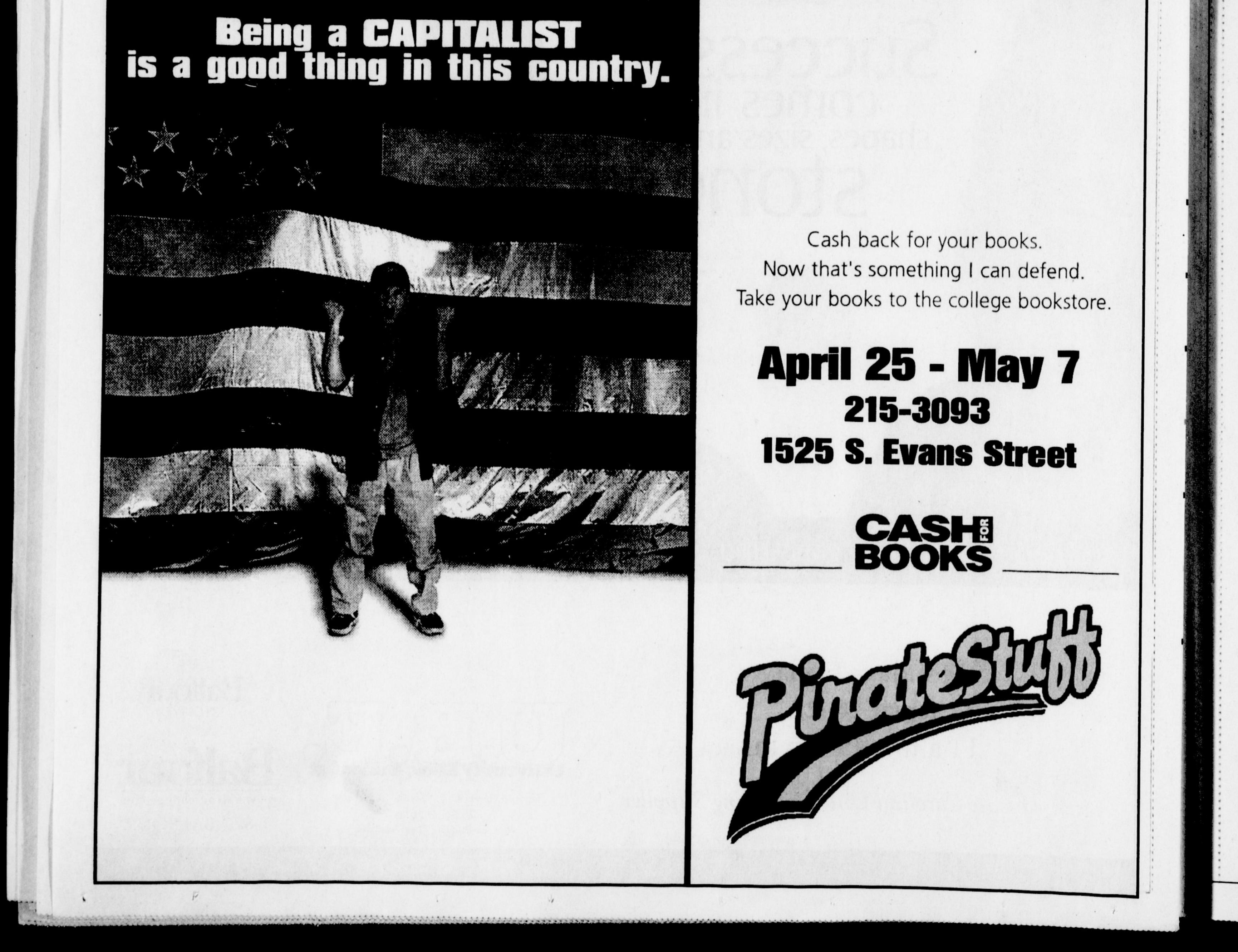
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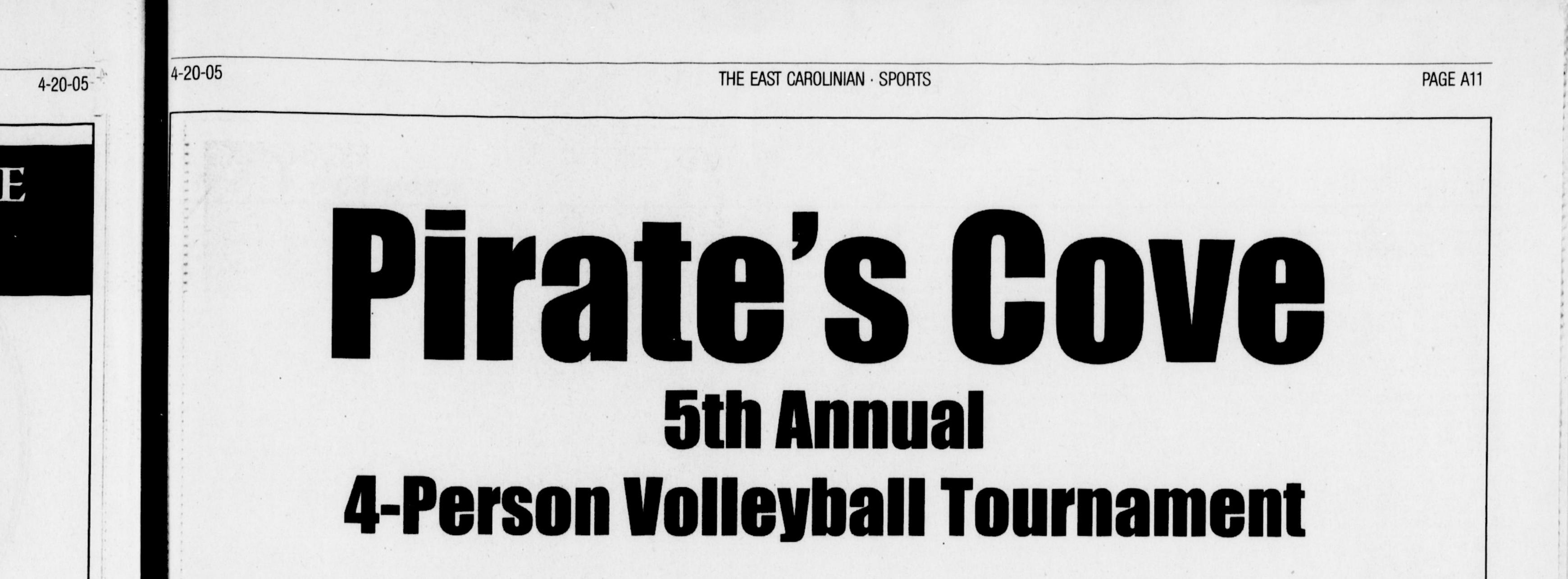
Millen was asked if such a backup player might be Utah quarterback Alex Smith, to play behind Joey Harrington and Jeff Garcia?

prospects to its headquarters, including Smith; linebacker Derrick Johnson (Texas); defensive ends David Pollack (Georgia), Shawne Merriman

the job. "Besides the draft, there's still things I want to get done," Millen said. "And, something could still get done before Saturday."







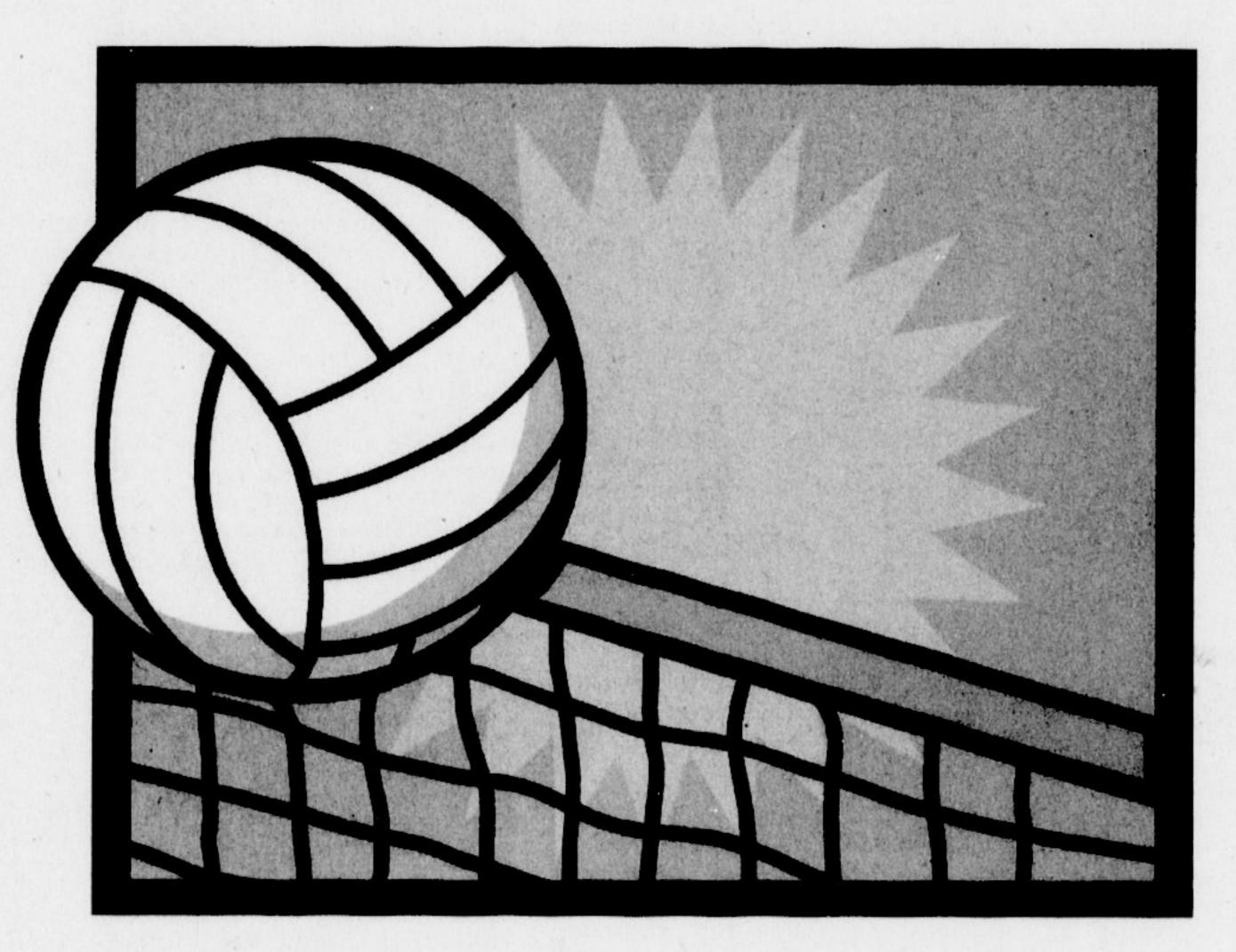


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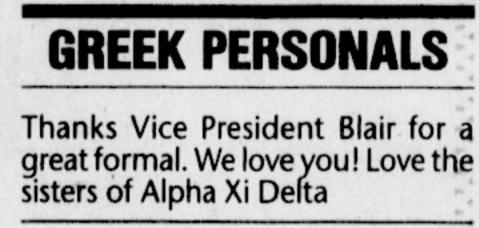
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