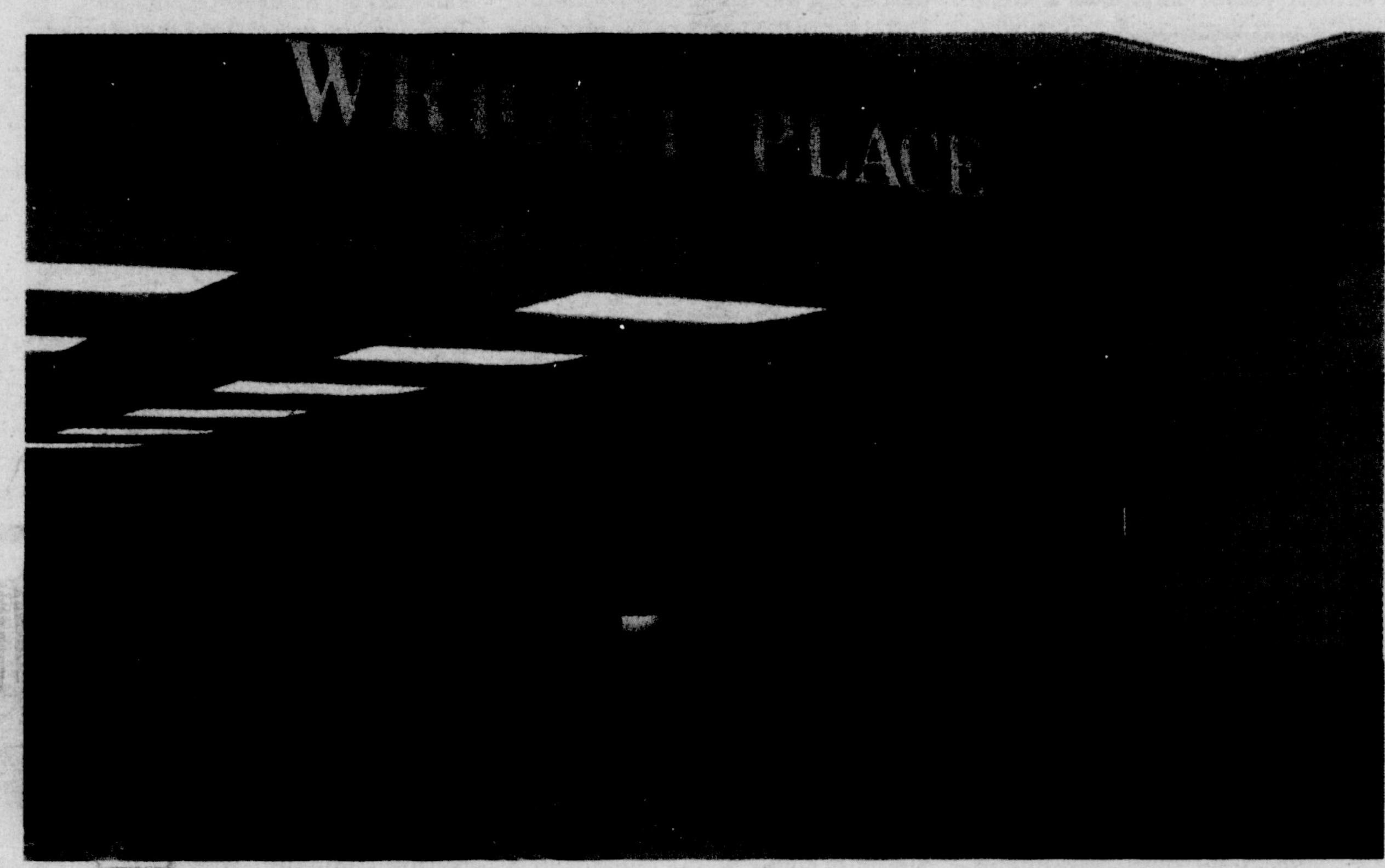
Wright Place under construction



The Wright Place has already been cleared out in order to remodel the interior to include a Sbarro's.

Heart of campus receiving facelift

SHANNON KEITH STAFF WRITER

For the first time in over a decade, the Wright Place will be closed to students and faculty as it undergoes renovations this summer.

The Wright Place, long recognized as the center of campus activity, will reopen in August sporting a new and updated look and offering patrons more food choices than ever before. However, the other facilities in Wright Plaza, such as the student store and counseling center, will remain open.

The Department of Dining Ser-

vices has planned this update for several years, but found it difficult because the facility is the only one on campus that is open to students and faculty year-round.

However, according to Joyce Sealey, ECU food service director, the years of constant use have taken their toll on the facility, and it was necessary to shut down this

summer and make improvements.

"That building has been in constant use for 10 years and has been 8 worked hard," said Sealey.

"It was just time."

In addition to new floors, fresh paint and new equipment, Aramark, ECU's food service provider, has acquired a Sbarro's franchise to be placed in the location.

"A lot of thought went in to what would work in that location," Sealey said.

"We thought Sbarro's would go over well."

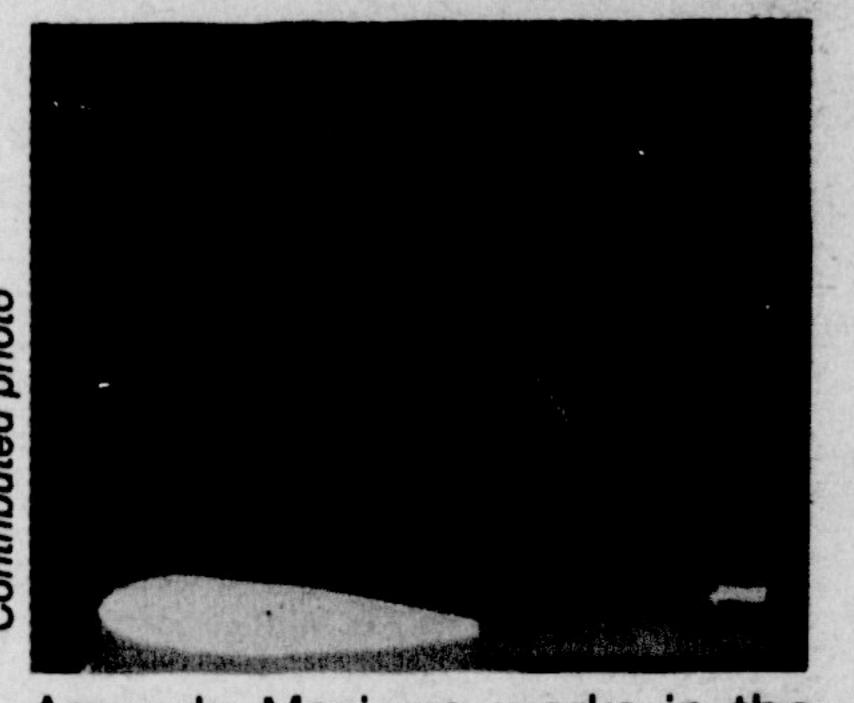
Total cost of the renovation is expected to be close to \$120,000-\$200,000 for the renovations and \$70,000 for the Sbarro's franchise.

The money for this project will come out of the Dining Services Fund Balance, which funds all projects done by ECU Dining Services.

"We pay for all our own projects," Sealey said.

The Wright Place renovation is the first of several changes being made around ECU's campus this summer. The Spot, also a favorite among students, will be moved to the old Mendenhall Dining Hall, making room for the new SGA offices that will be located in its place.

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Amanda Mozingo works in the classroom as she is observed through an Internet program.

Technology improves interning

Students and educators observe classrooms on the Internet

TAWANDA CARLTON STAFF WRITER

The advancement of technology has saved time, energy and now gas with the help of ECU's College of Education and other area public school systems.

Polycom, a technical device that allows professors to observe interns via the Internet, permits easy access inside classrooms.

Director of ECU's Latham Clinical Schools Network, Vivian Covington, said the technology allows for educators and students alike to cut down on traveling and still be able to participate in area school locations and remote areas.

"It allows farther counties to participate as partners with us," said Covington.

The program, which was piloted this year, has been working for several years to get permission from students and parents alike.

The intern process consists of an initial visit in which the intern develops repor with the school where he/she will be interning. The interns then complete four visits to their chosen school.

"The initial visit builds trust and is a good start for the interns in our program," Covington said.

"We would not want to give up the face to face interaction, but who knows? Technology could make it very comfortable and very real."

The Polycom system could make traveling to another school system a thing of the past, but Lon

New sports studies degree offered at ECU

Program is a first for the UNC system

LAUREN ELLIS

STAFF WRITER

The voices of ECU sports lovers have been heard, and a new Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies will be offered to students.

This degree is meant for students who have an interest in sports but don't want to be PE teachers or sports scientists (physiologists) and who want to use that interest in a sport-related career.

Students have shown an extreme interest in the sports program, and, according to the program's creator, Anthony Laker, ECU now has "a critical mass of faculty who will be able to meet the student demand for our classes."

Both the university and stu-

dents stand to benefit from the degree. Students will benefit from this degree since the sports industry brings in more than \$400 billion and is still expanding fairly rapidly.

"ECU will benefit by having a degree that has the potential to attract more students to the university," said Laker.

ECU is the only school in the UNC system to offer this program. Students think the unique degree shines a positive light on the university.

"It's kind of cool that ECU is offering something that other schools aren't," said Joesph Brickhouse, graduate student at ECU. "[It] makes us look cool."

As well as being an interesting degree, sports students will also participate in four hours of sports activity elective courses. Toward

the end of the program, students will work closely with individual faculty in culminating a project that should integrate the content of the degree with a look at sports in the real world.

"The degree takes a liberal arts and social science perspective to look at sports in its broadest sense, from pro football to recreational activities to health and fitness programs," Laker said.

"Students will take classes that deal with sports sociology, sports psychology, international sports, sports in the media and so on. Students will learn about sports as a major factor in human society and in a variety of cultural settings."

Students will have to complete 120 hours to obtain this degree, and a minor is required. This will enable students to tailor their degree to meet their career aspirations.



Minors that would benefit with this degree include communication, business administration and marketing.

Aaron Forbis, senior, said the new degree allows him to study what he is interested in and will

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Announcements

City Council Meeting/ **Public Hearing**

The Greenville City Council will hold public hearings during the June 9 meeting at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers. Issues discussed during the public hearing include rezoning various areas of Greenville.

Dyno Shootout

The ECU Police Department is holding a fundraising event at Ron Ayers Motorsports June 11 from 7 am - 2 pm. The event will be a "Dyno-Shootout," which is a motorcycle horsepower contest. There will be music, food, door prizes and a motorcycle ride through Greenville. The event will benefit the Special Olympics of North Carolina. For more information, contact the ECU PD at 328-6787.

viewing

Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Smith with the National Guard will show his DVD of his experience while serving in Iraq June 16 at noon in 339 Rawl. This video captures all of a National Guard soldier's duties, including his visit to local schools to give donations from Greenville and ECU, and gives an in-depth look into life as a soldier. Officers with the National Guard will be available for questioning afterward.

'Grease'

The theatre classic Grease will be performed June 21 - 25 at 8 p.m. in the McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$30 for the general public, \$27.50 for senior citizens and current ECU faculty and staff and \$20 for youth or ECU students in advance, or \$30 at the door. For more information, visit ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/ mcginnis/SummerTheatre.cfm or call 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Driving for a Cure

The Marley Fund will hold its third annual o "Driving for a Cure" golf tournament June 23 at Ironwood. Registration and lunch, provided by Outback Steakhouse, will begin at 11 a.m., followed by the shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Coastal Beverage Company and Minges Bottling Group. There will also be a \$20,000 putting contest and prizes including a Harley Davidson and Nissan Altima for hole in ones. Anyone can sign up for a four-person team with a \$400 donation. For more information, call Marley Fund at 215-0925.

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News Briefs

Local

Pender County says sheriff right to fire cohabiting dispatcher

BURGAW, NC - Pender County's sheriff was simply obeying the law and doing his job when he told a dispatcher to marry her live-in boyfriend or find somewhere else to work, the county attorney says.

Trey Thurman III made the argument in a motion filed Monday that sought the dismissal of a lawsuit filed on behalf of Debora Hobbs.

Hobbs, 40, alleges her boss, Sheriff Carson Smith, told her to get married, move out or find another job after he found out she and her boyfriend had been living together for three years. The couple did not want to get married, so Hobbs quit.

Thurman said Smith was simply ordering Hobbs to obey a 200-year-old state law that forbids unmarried couples to live together. The rarely enforced law carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and as much as 60 days in jail.

"She was basically told, 'You have to obey the law," Thurman said.

"That's the bottom line. It's not something new. It was in the personnel policy." The lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union contends that the law is unconstitutional. The organization believes a 2003 U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down a Texas antisodomy law might undermine North Carolina's cohabitation law.

Thurman's motion also says that because Hobbs technically never said whether she was sleeping with her boyfriend which the law stipulates her case has no merit.

The motion says Hobbs never said she "lewdly and lasciviously associates, beds or cohabits, and her complaint therefore fails to state any claim for which relief can be granted."

National

White House says North Korea not indicating willingness to resume nuclear talks

WASHINGTON - The White House said Tuesday that North Korea, in talks with the United States, gave no indication that it is ready to return to six-party talks on halting its nuclear weapons program.

The two sides met in New York Monday, their first meeting in a month. The U.S. aim is to resume six-nation negotiations after a yearlong impasse. The meeting came as the United States withdrew a threat to try to punish the North Koreans soon with U.N. sanctions.

"We're hopeful they will return to the talks," said Scott McClellan, spokesman for President Bush. However, he said, North Korea did not indicate in Monday's meeting that it was ready to resume negotiations. He said the meeting in New York was a forum to exchange messages, not

to negotiate.

Even with the meeting, the situation has not changed, said another senior Bush administration, who spoke on delicacy of the diplomacy involved.

The U.S. position calls on North Korea to return at an early date without any preconditions.

In Tokyo, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he believed North Korea wanted to return to the negotiations and resolve an international standoff over its nuclear weapons program.

"I believe that North Korea really does want somehow to hold six-party talks and resolve the matter," the Kyodo news agency quoted Koizumi as telling reporters during a visit to the 2005 World Expo in Aichi.

International

Mortar shell strikes Gaza settlement greenhouse

JERUSALEM - A Palestinian mortar shell struck a greenhouse in a Gaza Strip settlement, killing a Palestinian and an Asian worker Tuesday, the Israeli army said, hours after Israeli soldiers killed a top militant in a gunbattle in the West Bank.

The attack on the Ganei Tal settlement also wounded five other non-Israeli workers, the army said, amid a barrage of Palestinian attacks on southern Israel that further undermined a fragile truce.

Hamas claimed responsibility for firing six mortar shells at the settlements in southern Gaza Tuesday afternoon, condition of anonymity because of the although it was unclear if those included the attack on Ganei Tal.

The militant group said the attacks were in retaliation for a scuffle at a Jerusalem holy site Monday and the separate killings of the Islamic Jihad militant and a person who jumped the border fence between Egypt and Gaza, Tuesday.

The army said none of the other mortar shells caused any injuries.

"The Zionist enemy shoulders the full responsibility for its escalation and the Palestinian resistance has the right to retaliate against these aggressions," Hamas spokesman Mushir Al Masri said.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad both said they had no intention of pulling out of the Feb. 8 truce.

Morwah Kamil, 25, head of the Islamic Jihad military wing in Jenin, was killed in a lengthy gunbattle that erupted when Israeli troops entered the town of Qabatiya, near Jenin, in an arrest raid, witnesses said. The Israeli army confirmed Kamil was the object of the raid.

Another gunman was killed, and five Palestinians were wounded, witnesses said. The Israeli army said one soldier was slightly injured in the confrontation, in which Palestinian gunmen in several locations traded fire with soldiers.

Former LA officer discusses safety



Bob Martin speaks on the importance of acknowledging intuition.

Lecture concentrates on prediction, intuition

KRISTIN DAY

NEWS EDITOR

A former Los Angeles commanding officer visited ECU last week and spoke about campus and community safety to an audience including police officers, students and faculty.

Bob Martin was with the LAPD for almost 30 years and is currently the vice president of Gavin de Becker and Associates, a California firm that

advises people and departments on "the assessment of situations that might lead to violence."

Martin said he first encountered serious violence during his first year as a police officer after a domestic dispute ended in a gruesome murder. During his career, he saw 500 more murder cases.

He said these days, the fear of violence is everywhere, stating a said. surge in the problem is possibly a result of a changing society.

"Certainly we are all easily aware of the violence around us," said Martin.

David or Chuck Norris. This fighter was glamorized until about 100 years ago when fighting became intolerable.

Concerning personal safety, he said one common mistake people often make is assuming certain people are incapable of violence or that particularly disturbing crimes are inhuman. Jeffrey Dahmer was called inhuman by the public, when in fact, he was not the first to commit such crimes.

"What they are is precisely human," Martin said.

"They do what humans do ... Nothing human is foreign."

The key to protecting oneself, according to Martin, is by first believing it can happen.

"If you can't believe it, you can't predict it. If you can't predict it, you can't prevent it," Martin

Asking the questions you want to know is also a good method. Martin said children are 100 times more likely to be molested by someone they know than by someone

Martin said a fighter used to they don't, yet parents tell their be a hero whether it was Beowulf, kids not to talk to strangers. He says this is because people are in denial. Nobody asks the babysitter if they ever molested anyone because they don't want to be rude or embarrass someone, but that is the question they really care about.

"Make fast choices to exclude people, make slow choices to let people in," Martin said.

Martin said people must also learn how to distinguish making a threat and posing one. There is not one recorded case in history where someone both threatened and attacked a public figure. Posing a threat is more dangerous.

Martin said no one is dangerous to everyone all of the time, and everyone is capable of great violence. It depends on the situation a person is put into. He said violence is a process.

"It is not a spontaneous act out of the middle of nowhere," Martin said.

"Nobody ever, ever, ever just snaps. There are warning signs."

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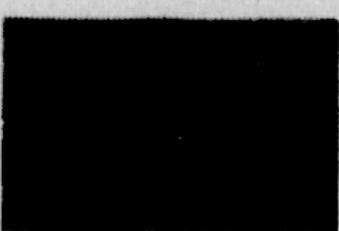
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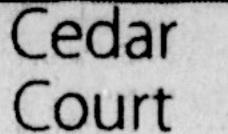
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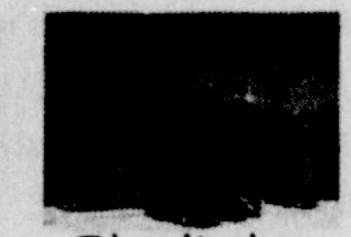
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Pierce, assistant professor at ECU, says the program is successful, but they are not 100 percent ready.

"It's just another method to use technology and the resources available to ECU and the school systems we serve," said Pierce.

Some of the school systems that have participated in this interactive experience include Lenoir County with Kinston High School and Eastern Wayne High School of Wayne County.

"Students can benefit from real time teaching experience and then have the opportunity to debrief right after with the use of this system," Covington said.

Covington also noted that the video conferencing provides an opportunity to faculty and students to observe educators and classrooms without disrupting the natural flow of the classroom setting.

Ivan Wallace, professor and chairperson at ECU, said interns

were aware of the ongoing observations, but it was no disruption. Due to the physical presence of the video system and not the actual professor, the interns reacted differently because they didn't feel they needed approval from a professor and they acted naturally.

The cameras allow an observing professor to pan the room and zoom in on a teacher-student interaction without being obtrusive.

Aside from traveling, the Polycom video system unit is also inexpensive compared to most technology, and three to four of ECU's systems are rented out to other school systems for a certain amount of time. The school systems like the program so much that they are interested in purchasing some equipment of their own.

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help him with career decisions.

"I have always loved sports, but never really wanted to be a PE teacher or athletic anything, so now that this is offered, I feel better about going into the real world because now I actually think I know what I want to do,"

said Forbis.

For students who are still interested in sports but have already declared a major, there is also a minor program offered.

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Intuition, knowing without seeing all of the evidence, is a natural defense everyone has, but rarely uses. Anything relative to safety humans put into intuition immediately. For example, if a car on the road seems suspicious to a person, he will slow down and wait for the car to pass.

"The human brain is never more miraculous than when its host is in trouble," Martin said.

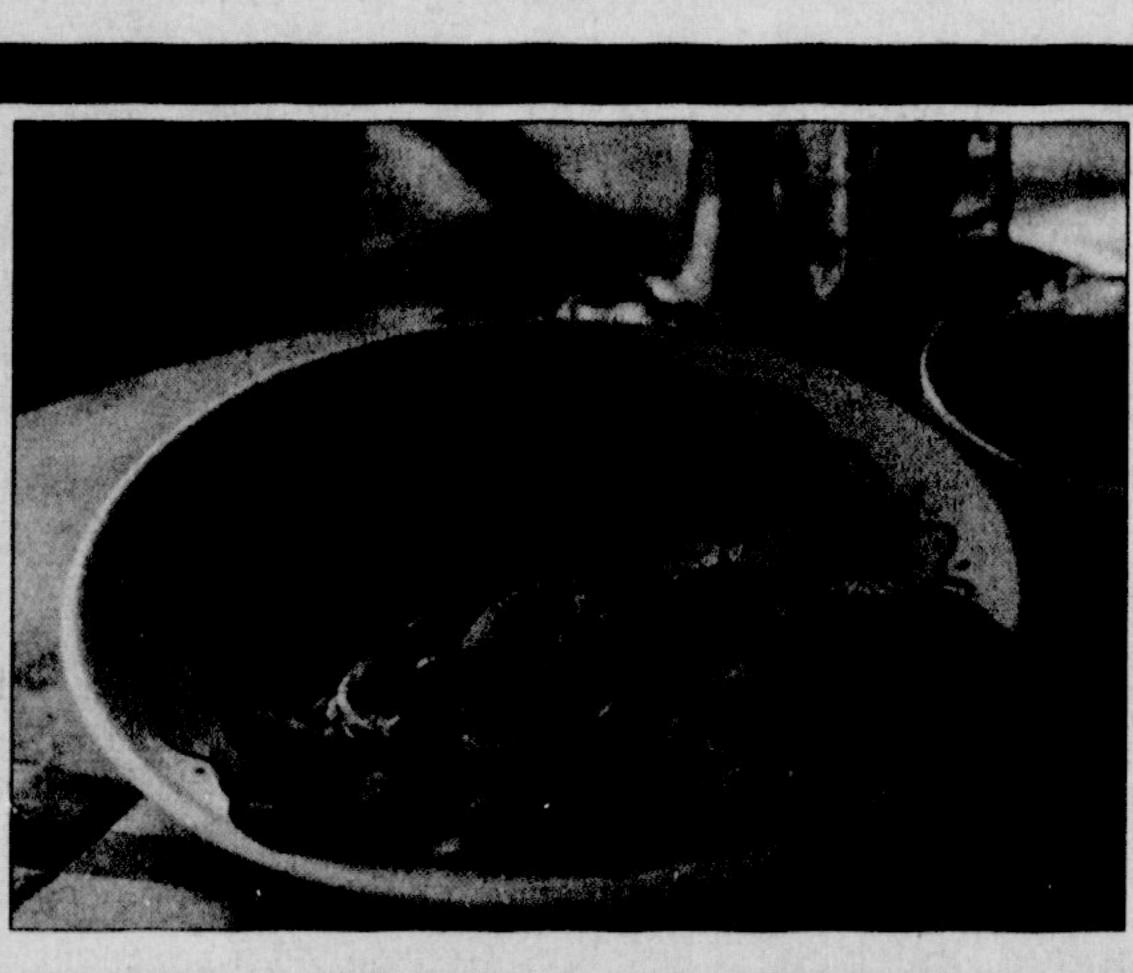
Humans predict how people act in everything, but violence is the easiest to predict. Yet people are the only beings that will rationalize and override their intuition.

Violence may be the easiest thing for humans to predict, but there is still no explanation for it. Humans understand violence in every other creature on earth but themselves.

Martin also discussed fear and worry and the uselessness of the latter. He said fear is the response to a present hazard. Worry is everything else. It is all in memory and imagination, therefore nothing to worry about.

Martin said one of the greatest risks is ignorance, and those who deny the risk are those who worry the most.

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Pirate Rants

Why can't I get a Coke? Isn't school about choice? Learning different aspects? I like Pepsi, but I also like Coke!!!

I love construction! It's great!!!

To the hot bus driver that always drives the commuter bus on Wednesday afternoon, I know that I'm always looking at you so just talk to me. I know you want to.

Why do I have to get up and be awake and ready for class at 8 and not be late, but it is OK for me to wait until 10 minutes after 8 when the professor decides to come to class? If I am late and I get in trouble, shouldn't they?

Walking to class in the rain is the worst. Teachers should just cancel class when it rains.

To the guy that parks his blue station wagon on Oak St. You are hot.

I need bubble sheets. Where can I get them past 5:00 p.m. on campus?

To the hot bus drivers: even though you get me to class 15 minutes late every day, I'm still glad that your hot body takes me to class. Next time the bus is full, can I sit on your lap?

Forget Ciara, my cookies don't stay in the jar!

My instructor wants to choke the class. It's called tae kwon do and only the most fun class I've taken at ECU.

Why does the professor's brain take a vacation when we need them in summer school? At least try to teach us. These tests are hard every week.



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In My Opinion

Liberals voice statements that contradict

Who is feeding the country with lies?

TONY MCKEE

CONSERVI-NAZI

It has been confirmed beyond any doubt: The Liberal/Democrat powers-that-be are racist, divisive, sexist, intolerant, politically incorrect, lying, immoral, immature nut cases.

This is a paraphrased quotation I ran across recently on the Internet. The funny thing about this quote is that I found it on one of the many liberal Web sites that I frequent, so don't howl in outrage at me. While I agree whole-heartedly with the sentiment, I didn't pen them. But, since we are on the subject anyway...

In conversations about current events with many people recently, including my extremely intelligent (minus the lapse when she married me 21 years ago) wife and after reading some "literature" that was thrust upon my daughter when she left the subway during a recent school trip to Washington, D.C., I can see how even some liberals are finally coming to their senses.

Democrats (liberals) claim to be stalwarts of unity, racial equality, sensitivity, political correctness, reason, truth, justice and the American Way. They say they "care" and "feel for" the plight of women, minorities, the poor and any other group who has been treated unfairly by life. OK, we'll give them that. Anybody can make claims about themselves or their group. They can even delude themselves into believing what they claim about themselves is true. The real test, however, is when reality meets rhetoric. Do they walk the talk or just talk a good game? Just for fun, how about we examine the Democrats' performance based on their stated claims.

Civil Rights: When the country was going through the agony of the Civil Rights movement, the staunchest opponents were Southern Democrats. They did everything

in their power to block the legislation, including filibusters. The only reason that Civil Rights legislation passed was because the Southern Democrats were bribed with, and promised, other things for their support. If that hadn't happened, we may still have separate drinking fountains, schools, etc. all through the South. So, after such an auspicious start, how have liberal Democrats fared?

The vast majority of the obstructionism, racial epithets and slurs being voiced today are coming from liberals. We have been treated to the disgusting sight in recent years of the Democrat/liberal leadership and Civil Rights groups vilifying and attacking minorities like Clarence Thomas, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Janice Rogers Brown, Miguel Estrada and many, many others. These attacks have included racist insults, innuendo, cartoons, editorials, slander, libel, lies, defamation of character and more.

Many of these people have raised themselves from the depths of poverty to the highest levels of government and corporate life. They should be held up as inspirational figures and examples of what is possible in our country. Instead, because they do not hold the same beliefs that liberals do, they are ridiculed and smeared. All compliments of the very same people who claim the mantle of protector of minority rights. Right.

The liberal record on gender issues is equally abysmal. If a woman should mindlessly spout the liberal mantra (such as many Hollywood actresses), they are instantly quoted, lionized and held up as a shining example of womanhood. But let a woman support issues such as traditional marriage, Right to Life or any conservative value and she is immediately and ruthlessly attacked, vilified, slandered, libeled ... you get the picture. Either that or her words are totally ignored by the media in the hopes that she will just go away. Phyllis Schaffley, the woman who nearly single-handedly averted the

disaster of the Equal Rights Amendment is living proof of that. Ever heard of her? Look her up. She is quite a woman. Another example of someone who could be held up as an example to women everywhere, but isn't. So much for women's issues.

And how about the claim that liberals are inclusive? Have you ever heard such a load of horse manure? Inclusive? Liberals make it a point to be as divisive as they can in as many circumstances as possible. Who is spouting that conservatives are trying to starve old people, going to turn back the clock on Civil Rights and sacrificing our children's education because accountability is demanded? Who engages in class envy/warfare, cries "racism" at the drop of a hat, wails that the "rich" have too much money, etc., etc., etc.? How is that inclusive? Anyone care to take a stab at that one?

How can any sane person believe that liberals are tolerant of individual differences or competing ideas? Whenever someone disagrees with them the name calling starts. These poor people are characterized on national TV and in the press as "ignorant, stupid, dumb as a stump, brain dead" for committing such a grievous sin.

The favorite insult recently includes all manner of Nazi references. Liberals have been calling President Bush, Republicans and even Democrats who stray from the Party line Nazis, fascists, little Eichmans, SS goons, you name it, for years. So tolerance is now defined as insulting and belittling people who disagree with you?

Are you beginning to get the picture? Liberals/Democrats have been feeding the country a pack of lies about themselves for decades. And many of you have fallen for them.

Look critically, and honestly, at what the Democrats/liberals truly stand for and ask yourself one question: "Do I want to be associated with people like this?" If the answer is "NO," look at the available alternatives. If the answer is "YES," you have the pity of truly compassionate people everywhere.

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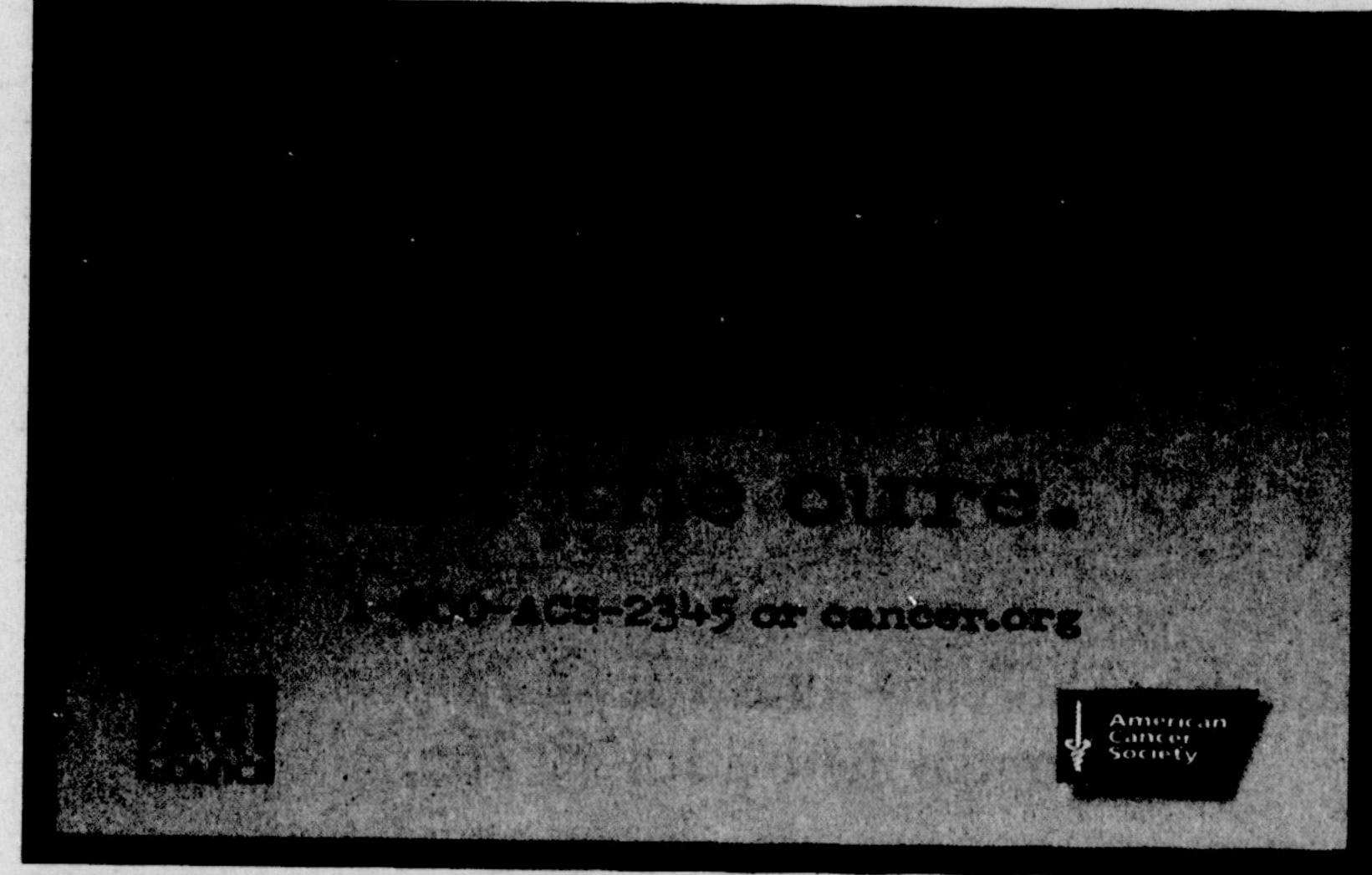
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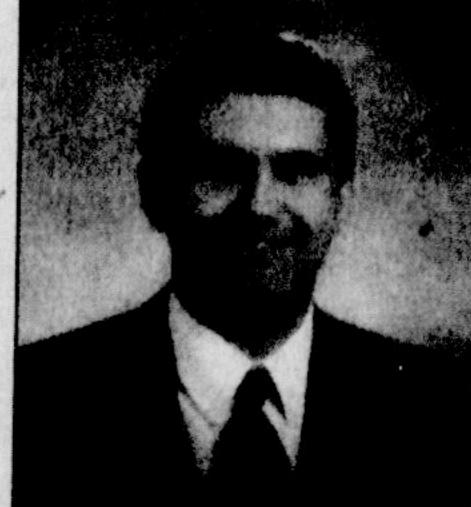




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Study shows ECU foreign language grades improved

Change in curriculum, textbooks cited as cause

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A study of ECU's Foreign Language Department has revealed students are making better grades

than they did almost a decade ago

in foreign language courses. The study, which examined every student's grade beginning in 1996 and ending in 2003, showed a slight increase in the grades for every foreign language offered. The languages examined included French, German and Spanish. Of the languages, German proved to be the most difficult with only approximately 45 students receiving a grade of C or better for 2003, compared to Spanish, which had about 600 students with grades of C or better. In 2001, close to 120 students passed French with grades of C or better. Spanish also proved to have the highest failure rate with at

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least 100 students failing in 2001.

Prior to the year 2000, students were required to complete only two levels of foreign language – which were basically introductory – before moving on to the third and fourth levels.

The third and forth levels were also taught using a different text-book, according to Frederic Fladenmuller Ph.D., associate professor of foreign language, who has been teaching at ECU for 18 years.

Fladenmuller said one factor that may have contributed to the increase in performance was extending the use of the book by one semester. He said he was not aware of the increase in the grades, but not surprised because of the academic changes that have taken place since the mid to late 1990s.

"There has been a change as far as French and Spanish are concerned," said Fladenmuller.

"Now we go three semesters with the same book. The reasoning behind was the fact that we could not be as thorough."

Fladenmuller said before the changes were made, any student

who had completed two semesters of foreign language and wanted to transfer to another school with different credit hour requirements could find themselves struggling to keep up with the pack. He said UNC-Chapel Hill's foreign language classes are worth four credit hours per week instead of three.

"It could be an inconvenience, harder to transfer some of the credits. If someone finished level two here and then transferred to Carolina, for example, for level three they are kind of behind," Fladenmuller said. He said that was one of the main reasons the department decided on the switch.

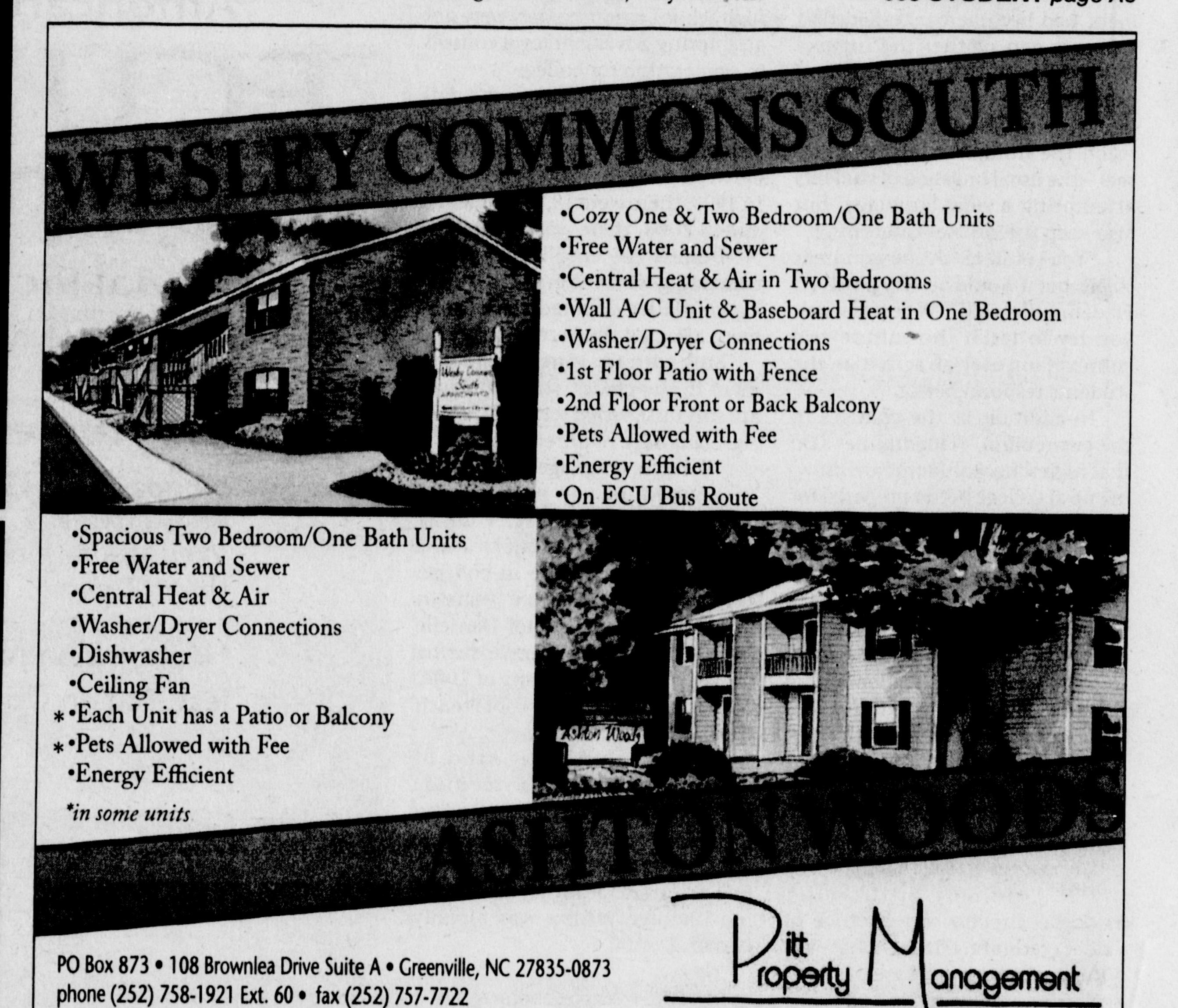
Fladenmuller teaches French during the regular semester and Spanish during the summer sessions. He sees the changes as very helpful to a course of study that has been known to be problematic for some students.

"We wanted to cover the basic material in three semesters," Fladenmuller said.

Keeping the material interesting and culturally relevant was also

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Pot clubs and patients vow 'business as usual'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A steady stream of customers filed into the Love Shack, where anybody with a city-issued cannabis card could buy \$5 pot brownies or spend up to 20 minutes inhaling premium marijuana that sells for \$320 an ounce.

It was business as usual at the medical marijuana club - one of dozens in San Francisco - even after the Supreme Court ruled Monday that people who smoke pot for medicinal purposes can be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws.

Crime fighters in California and other states with medical marijuana laws insisted they were not about to start looking for reasons to shut down the dispensaries. But Dwion Gates, who was sitting next to a pair of bongs, said he's "a little bit shaken."

"I'm hoping that San Francisco will continue to be the compassionate place it has been in allowing places like this to exist legally," said Gates, 48, who smokes pot regularly to treat the pain from a bullet lodged in his back since 1983.

The ruling does not strike down medical marijuana laws in California, Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont or Washington state. And state and local authorities in most of those states said they have no interest in arresting people who smoke pot because their doctors recommend it to ease pain.

Oregon, where more than 10,000 residents hold medical marijuana cards, stopped issuing new cards on Monday, but elsewhere officials assured the public the situation was status quo.

"People shouldn't panic. There aren't going to be many changes," California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said. "Nothing is different today than it was two days ago, in terms of real world impact."

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taken into consideration during the changes, said Fladenmuller. He said the foreign language department had become concerned that students had neither the interest in studying a different language, nor the desire to excel. He said the department should continue to teach the fundamentals of grammar - the usual bugaboo of students attempting a new language, but also keep the courses interesting.

"You could teach the grammar solely, but it would be very passive," Fladenmuller said. "Whereas when you try to teach the culture and context [and use] lab activities, the students respond better."

In addition to the changes in the curriculum, Fladenmuller said that high school students are showing up at college better prepared for demanding courses.

"The only explanation that I can come up with is that there is a correlation between that and a progressive improvement in the entrance scores. In other words, we may have better students now than we had in the past and/or that high schools are doing a better job. Foreign language requirements at the high school level have somewhat increased since 1996," Fladenmuller said.

In a recent article that appeared in TEC, Anthony Britt, senior associate director of the office of undergraduate admissions, was quoted as saying, "... there has been an improvement in the quality of courses prospective students take

in high school. In years past, students would still be taking required courses during their senior year of high school, meaning they were not attempting advanced level courses in preparation for college."

According to this year's fall enrollment history, there was an unprecedented increase in students between the years 2000 and 2003. In 1999, there were 18,811students, and in 2003, there were 21,766.

Despite the enrollment boom coinciding with the grade increase, Fladenmuller doubted the enrollment affected the better grades.

Still, with the general improvement in the grades, some students are still unsatisfied with ECU's foreign language requirements.

"Foreign language should not be required for any major except English and business. I don't remember half of the stuff I learned from foreign language in college, even though I took four years in high school," said senior Danielle Godsey, who took French during the fall of 2003 and spring of 2004. Godsey said she made a B for French 1001 and a D for 1002.

When asked what kind of changes she would like to see made to the French department, Godsey replied, "I would have the teachers teach more about the basics of the foreign language rather than starting like everything was already

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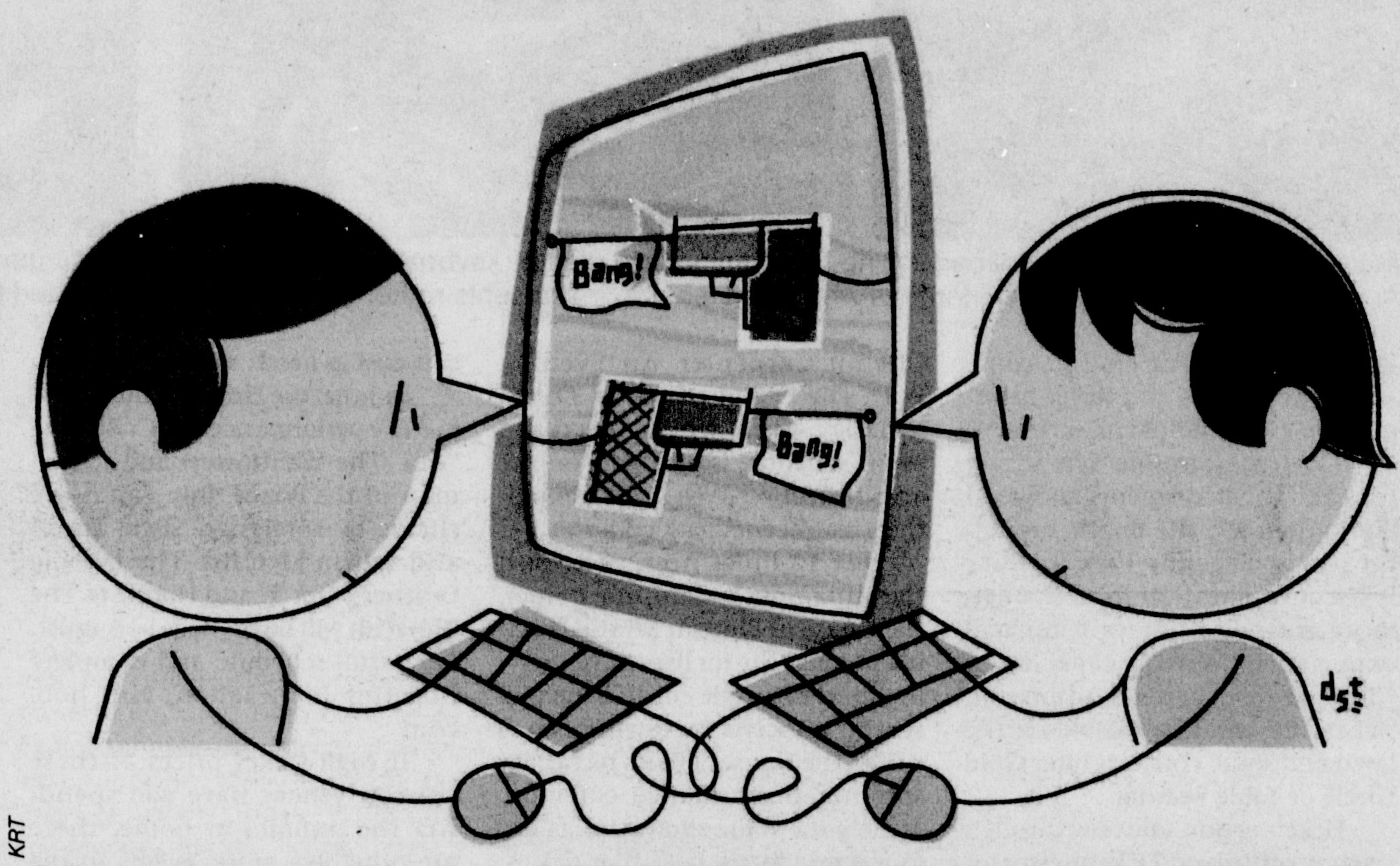
Get out of the sun and back to your game system

SCOTTY WILLIAMS

STAFF WRITER

It's getting to be that time again. Summer is in full swing, and many students are retreating from the world of to-do lists and course assignments and finding valuable shelter in the world of video games. The gamers can shake off the commitments of classes or jobs, plug in and play for hours with no regard to minute issues like time. The summertime affords ample time to entertain your fantasy side, and this summer gamers can rejoice, for once again the games on tap will satisfy both the hunger for new gaming horizons and the longing for updated classics.

A few well-promoted titles are already flying off video game \$ shelves and setting a good pace for the rest of the summer. The final installment of the Star Wars Saga, Episode III, carries with it a fun, impressive video game, Revenge of the Sith, that fulfills every child's ultimate fantasy. You get to wield a lightsaber and use the force to cut pitifully weak droid robots to pieces with a few light swings. The game packs a lot of combinations that will take lots of quality game



Online gaming has literally opened a whole new world of competition for gamers to compete globally.

time to master, so its game play will have a hardcore gamer sitting in front of the television for a while getting the timings right. Using the force in a game to throw things and destroy robots is pretty cool, too. Buy this game if you want to fulfill your Jedi fantasy, because that it will surely do.

Another title that has already

made its splash is the newest installment of the cult computer classic, Doom. A new version of Doom 3, titled Resurrection of Evil, gives firstperson shooter junkies something to chew on. It's an expansion of Doom 3, but not a very substantial expansion - it doesn't increase the time it takes the complete the game. As is the trick with the previous

Doom games, the basic plot is a man with an array of different weapons who has to shoot his way out of certain death, sometimes into the pit of Hell and sometimes out of it. However, the future in games of this kind lies in online play, and Doom 3 offers a lot of fun outside the realm of single player. After all, the future of video gaming is a

gamer playing online, shooting up enemies and friends from all over the world, such as in Halo. Many of the first-person shooter games are hitting this avenue and hitting it hard.

In later June, gamers will start into the heart of the summer lineup. The video game accompanying the movie Batman Begins will hit shelves just a few days before the movie is set to release in theaters. Also coming in June for Xbox players is a version of Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas for their platform. The game has enjoyed a tremendous amount of success on Playstation 2, as is the custom for the GTA series. The franchise, while featuring content that often raises serious ethical and moral questions among older generations, is very popular with younger gamers. Another tidbit for the multiplayer freaks: two new Tom Clancy games are scheduled to hit the shelves in the summer - Ghost Recon 2 Multimission and Rainbow Six: Lockdown.

In July and August, sports fans will get new updates on their favorite franchises, Madden NFL and NCAA Football. The Madden franchise attempts to build on its standing as the number one franchise in video game football with

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'Cinderella Man' knocks out critic expectations

The first sure-fire best picture nominee of the year

TREVOR KIRKENDALL

STAFF WRITER

Ron Howard has always been the kind a director to not make the same movie twice. He went from the Oscar-winning drama A Beautiful Mind to the western thriller The Missing. He went from directing Tom Hanks in the lighthearted comedy Splash to directing Hanks again 11 years later in the space epic Apollo 13. Howard's latest feature is a biopic on legendary boxer James Braddock titled Cinderella Man.

Braddock boxed in the days of the Great Depression. He lost everything during the Depression, including his boxing career. Eventually, he was given another chance to box, which helped resurrect his career. Soon, newspapers started calling him "The Cinderella

Man."

Don't worry. I haven't given anything away. If you've seen the previews, you know the story. Russell Crowe stars as Braddock, who, in some scenes, looks a bit like Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando's character in the classic On the Waterfront). Braddock was on the top of his game in the late twenties until the Depression hit. The Depression took him and his family out of their home and into a life of poverty, like much of the country. He lives off of the money he makes working at the docks, whenever he can get a shift. His boxing promoter, Jimmy Johnston (Bruce McGill), revokes his boxing license after a pathetic 15 round fight that's ruled a "no contest." Eventually, he gets another shot at boxing. And wouldn't you know it - he wins. Now he's being offered fight after fight. It's the perfect fairy tale story. So perfect, in fact, that he's offered a shot at the

title against the vicious Max Baer, the champion who has killed two men in the ring.

Alongside Crowe is Renee Zellweger as Braddock's wife, Mae. Mae has a subplot all to herself. Her subplot is the emotional side of living during the Great Depression. There's a great scene where she and her three children are breaking off the wood on a fence in the middle of winter so they can have something for the fire. Across the street from them, Mae sees a woman chasing her husband through the neighbor-

hood as he's leaving her for good. Paul Giamatti also costars as Braddock's boxing coach Joe Gould. Giamatti has gained some attention over the last couple of years in small films such as American Splendor in 2003 and last year's Oscar-winning comedy Sideways. Giamatti's portrayal of Joe Gould in Cinderella Man was the most powerful of the three. I wouldn't be surprised if Gia-

matti finally nets his long overdue Oscar nomination for this role.

There's something about boxing movies that makes them much better than any other sports-related film. Rocky and Million Dollar Baby are the two boxing films that have won the Oscar's top honor. There's a more emotional aspect to the lives surrounding those in the ring. With football or basketball movies, filmmakers direct their attention on multiple members of the team. It's hard to dig deep into the emotional background of that many characters in a two-hour time span. But with boxing, it's the boxer, the coach and in some instances, the boxer's lover. Three people at the most. Also, most boxing movies aren't just about the sport. A lot of the physical fighting that takes place in the ring can be very symbolic to the life that individual leads



Zellweger plays Braddock's wife.

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Summer heats up with hot musical acts

Outdoor concerts are a sign of the season

RACHEL LANDEN SENIOR WRITER

As a rock band of the 1970s declared, "School's out for summer." And even if you don't catch Alice Cooper in concert this season, there are plenty of other acts playing in the Carolinas during the next few months.

Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek is the premier location for outdoor concerts in North Carolina. Located just southeast of Raleigh, the pavilion schedules a full summer concert series with acts that represent the best in popular music. The venue sells tickets for reserved seating or general admission seating on the festival lawn. Tickets for each show can be bought at the pavilion box office or through ticket retailers, Ticketmaster and Next Ticketing.

This summer, Alltel Pavilion has announced and is already selling tickets for shows featuring Toby Keith, Dave Matthews Band, Destiny's Child, James Taylor and





Many of the groups and artists performing this summer use electric keyboards, drum sets and electric guitars to add to their performances. Audiences respond better to performers who play their own instruments rather than singing to a recorded background track.

Kenny Chesney. For a full schedule with dates, times and ticket information, visit alltelpavilion.com.

Located alongside Symphony Lake and situated among hardwood and pine trees, the Booth Amphitheatre at Regency Park in Cary is the ideal location for a smaller, more intimate outdoor musical experience. With a capacity of tickets are always available for the lawn and some concerts offer Gold Circle or Table Seating.

Tickets are on sale now through the box office and Ticketmaster for concerts by Aretha Franklin, Mary

Chapin Carpenter, An Evening With The Grand Ole Opry, O.A.R. and Clay Aiken. A full concert and event schedule is available on the amphitheatre's Web site at amphitheatreatregencypark.com.

Just 12 miles from the North Carolina-South Carolina border, the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach is a popular site for live music. Serv-7,000 people, general admission ing southern-style cuisine and presenting concerts to crowds of up to 2,200, the House of Blues has a busy summer performance calendar. Tickets for some shows are as low as the mid teens, but other tickets, like those for The Doobie Brothers,

can cost as much as \$85.

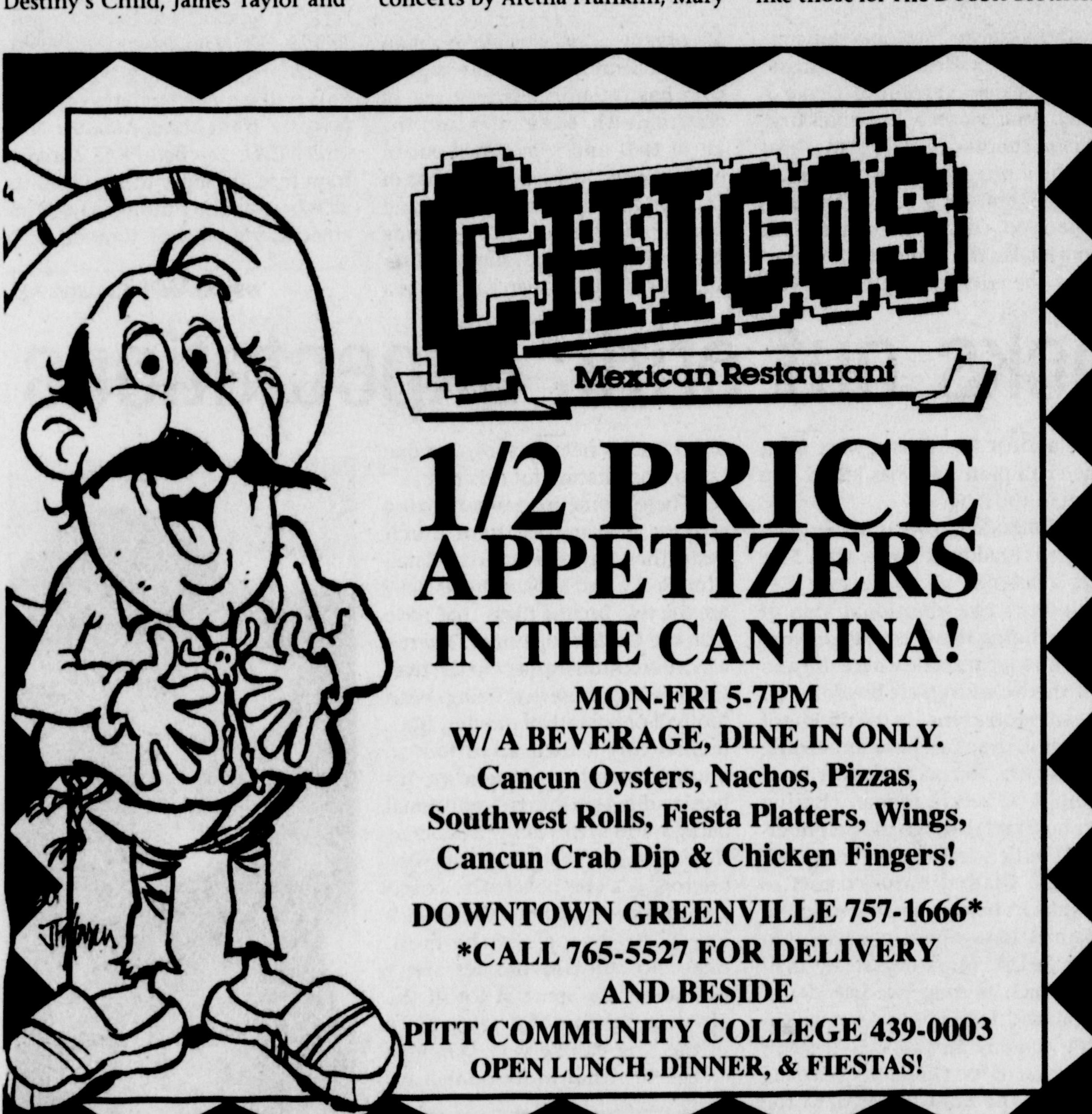
In June, the House of Blues will feature performances by Collective Soul, The Wallflowers and Chairmen of the Board. July will bring shows by Foreigner, Sister Hazel and Edwin McCain. The Doobie Brothers, O.A.R. and Hootie & The Blowfish will be on stage in August. For a full schedule and complete ticketing information, visit hob.

If high ticket prices at these concert venues have you spending the summer at home, there are other live music events in the region that are much easier on the

wallet. The Raleigh Convention and Conference Center and Mix 101.5 WRAL-FM, along with other sponsors, host Alive After Five at the Civic Center Plaza in downtown Raleigh. Held most Thursdays during the summer, the free music event starts around 6 p.m. and is over by 9:30 p.m. Vendors on site sell food and beverages, and small coolers are still allowed.

This summer, Alive After Five will present music by bands covering Jimmy Buffett, Dave Matthews and Journey songs. Here Come

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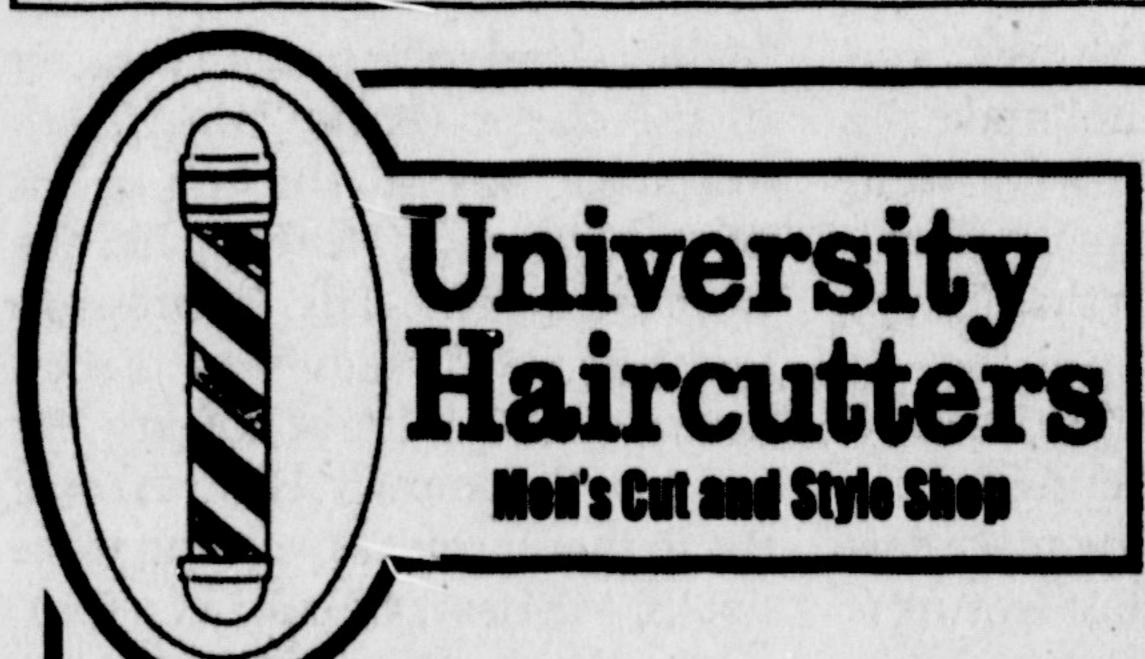
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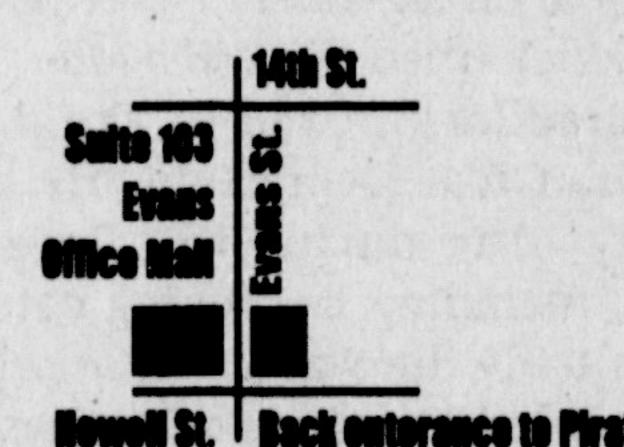
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Madden NFL 2006. The new game boasts a revolutionary new passing system called Quarterback Vision Control, allowing you to look off receivers and control exactly where the pass goes. Every year some problem with past games is corrected, so this title should be promising when it comes out in August. In July, the new 2006 version of NCAA Football comes out, hopefully with all the new realigned conferences in place. Game play on this title is always strong, but let's just hope Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit and Brad

Summertime is the time for gamers to get caught up with long-

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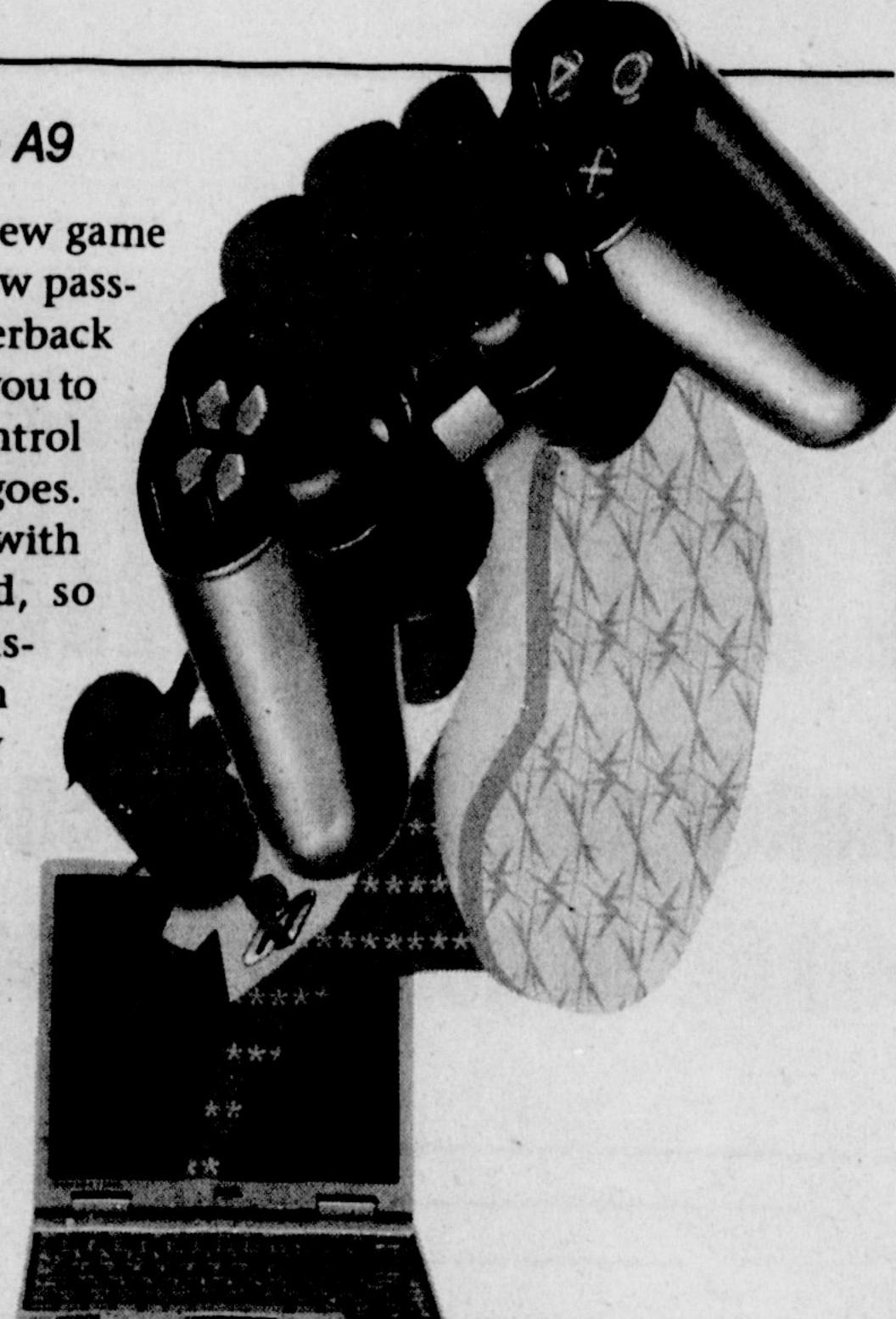
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lost games, rebuild dominant sports franchises and get back to that last part of the last level they couldn't handle. Most of them have the time, just save some room and brainpower for the new generation of video games, which are quickly becoming worldwide exchanges. Around the holiday season of this year, look for gaming to hit the next level with Xbox, Playstation and Nintendo all throwing

their hats into the battle with new systems that will have even more room to get interactive and explore the digital gaming world. Take your time, too. The worlds in these games are growing bigger by the second, and the sky isn't even close to the limit as far as what the

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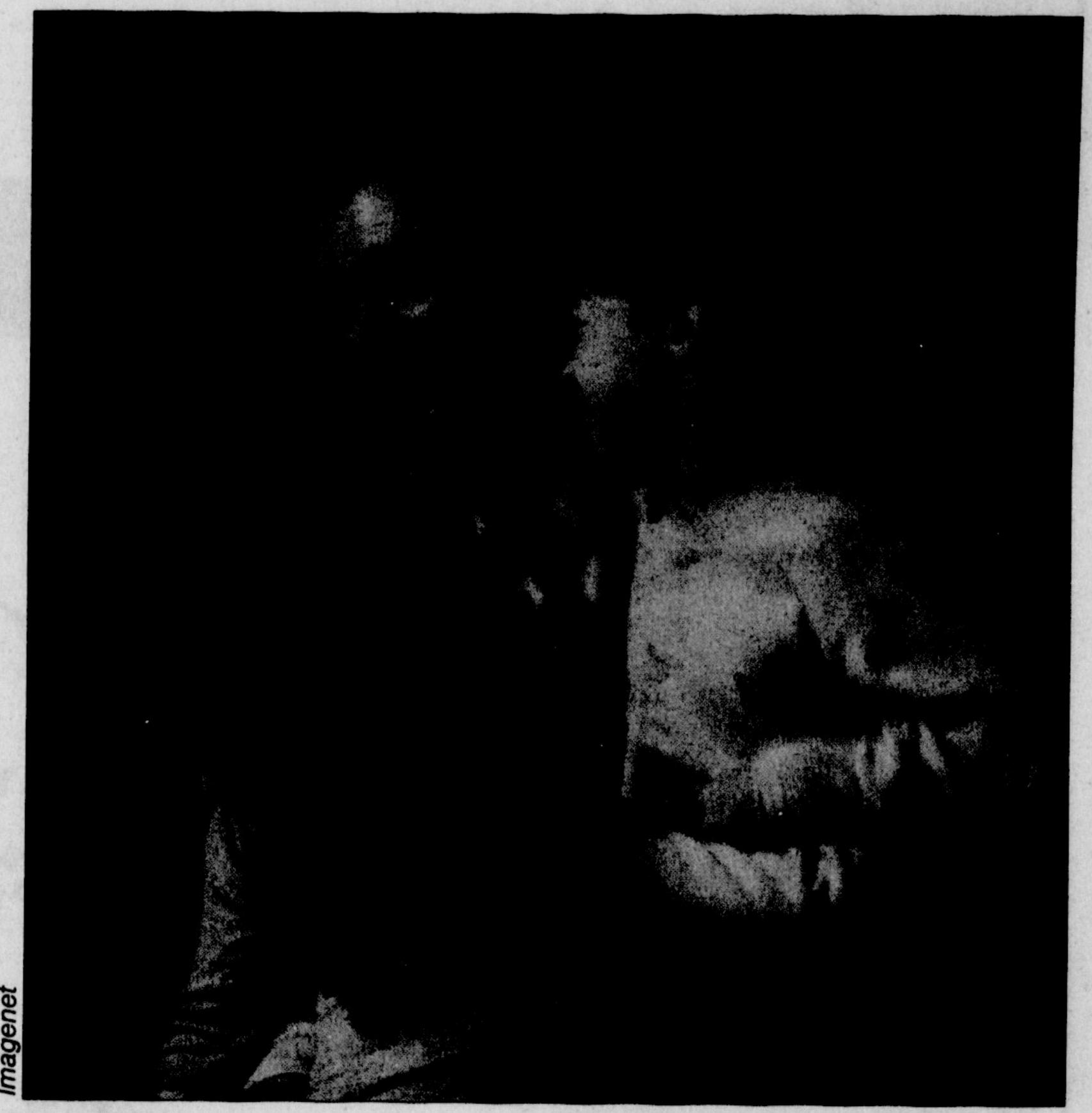
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outside the ring. In Cinderella Man, Braddock fights men in the ring while fighting to make ends meet on the outside, as well as fighting to keep his family together.

Director Howard knows this and uses this idea to his advantage. It's a riches-to-rags-to-riches story, much like another Crowe film, Gladiator. He starts the filmoff light, but then makes it take a nosedive to a very dark area. Everything from the music to the lighting effects change very quickly. The only problem is Howard keeps the film in a dark spot for too long. We already feel bad for him, so why keep us down for almost an hour?

Nonetheless, this is still a great movie. Howard shines once again as one of the most versatile directors in Hollywood. The man never does the same movie twice. He does, however, have a style all of his own. He keeps the movie intense throughout, but makes everyone feel happy as the credits roll.

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Russell Crowe plays James Braddock, a boxer and family man.

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the Mummies, Cowboy Mouth, Crush and Breakfast Club will also play at the event. The Alive After Five 2005 schedule can be found on the Web site for the Raleigh Convention and Conference Center, raleighconvention. com/aaf.html.

Another free outdoor concert series will take place in Raleigh beginning this summer. Raleigh Downtown Live, to be presented in Moore Square Park on the corner of Blount and Martin streets, will open at 2 p.m. and last until 11

p.m. No coolers are allowed into the park, but food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Six concerts will likely be held, with plans already for Better Than Ezra, Parmalee, Violent Femmes, Naughty By Nature and Squeezetoy to perform. A complete summer concert schedule, along with other important event information, can be found at RaleighDowntown-Live.com.

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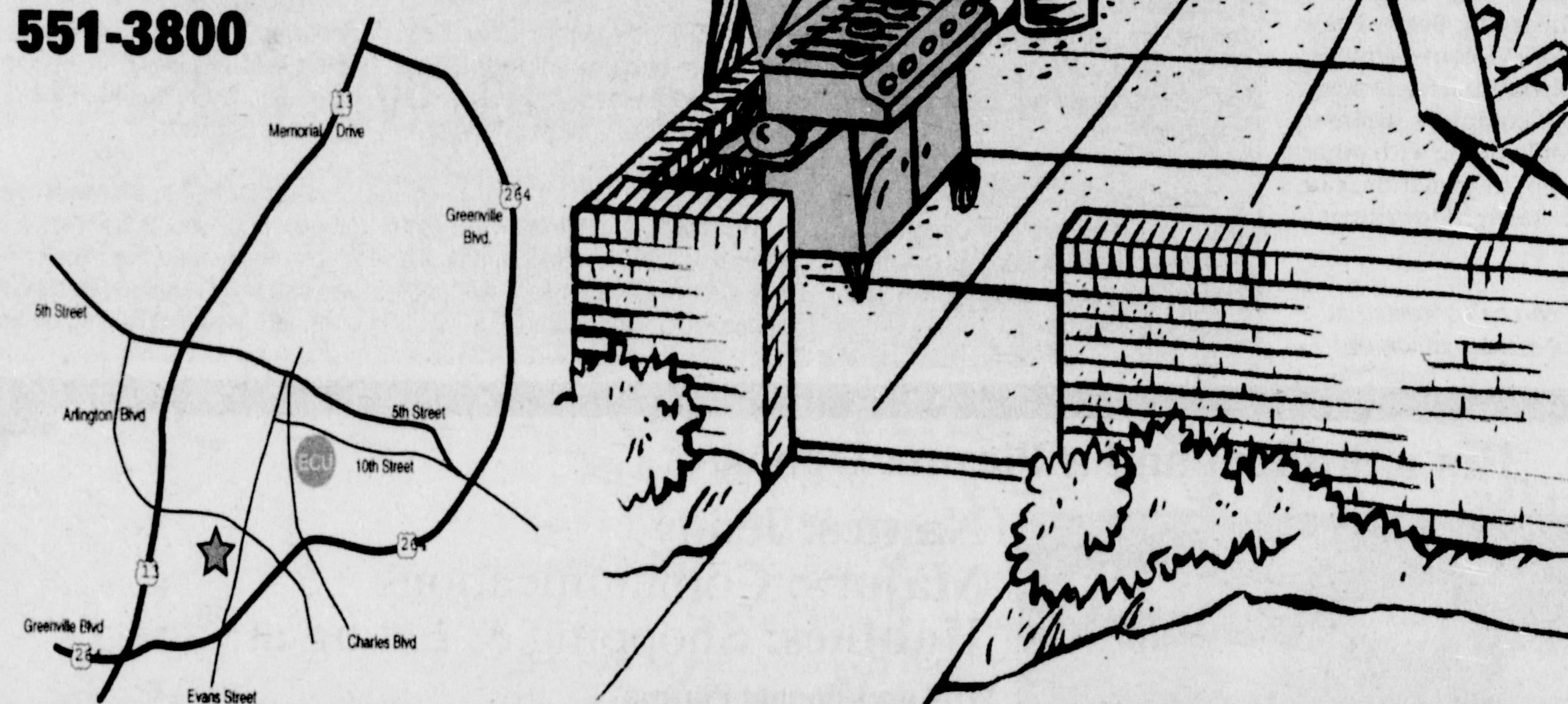
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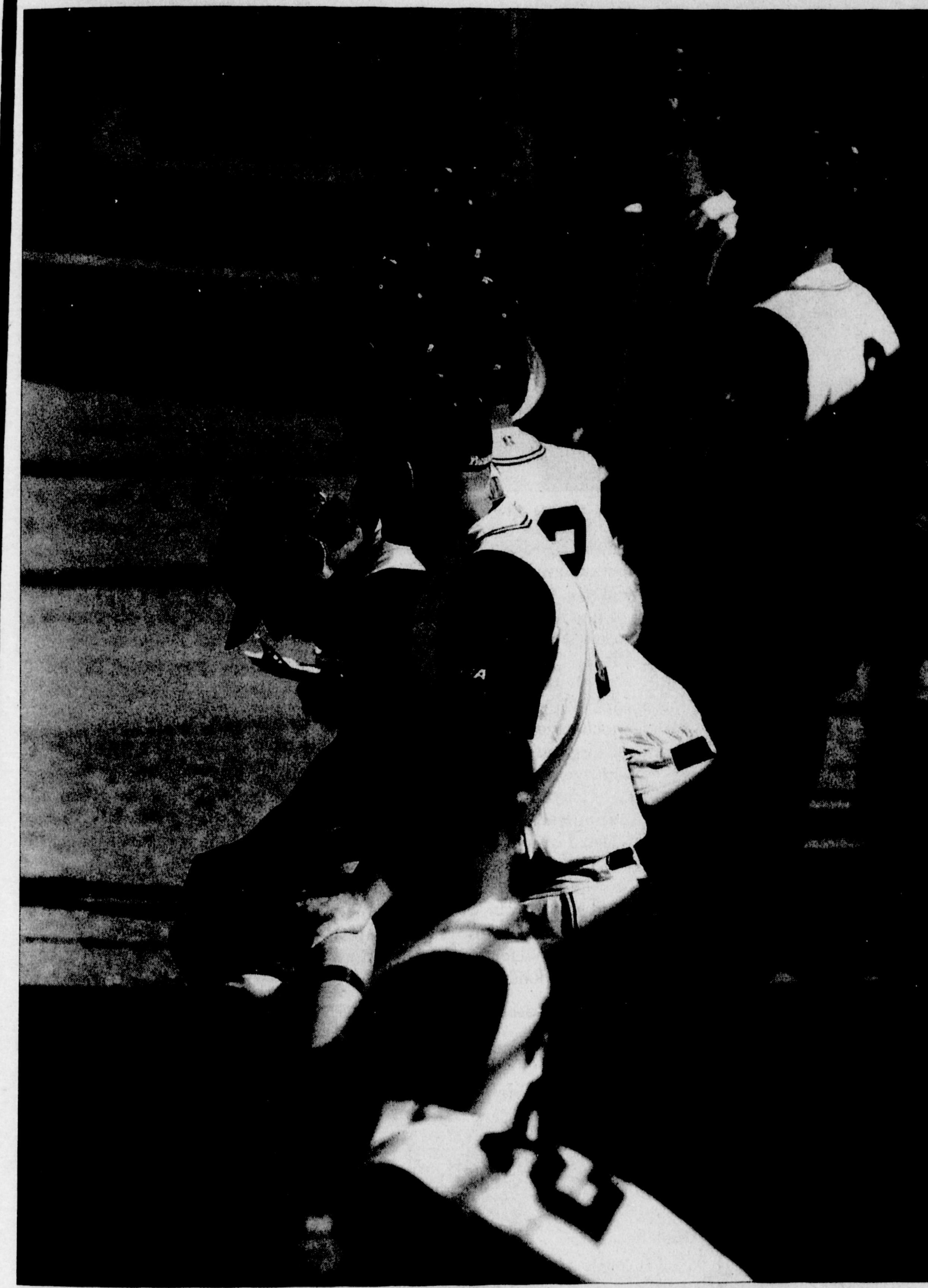
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Pirates lose assistant coaches

Mazey to retool coaching staff after resignations

ERIC GILMORE

SENIOR WRITER

Much like his pitching staff, ECU baseball coach Randy Mazey will now have to piece together a new coaching staff. Both of his prime assistants, Allen Osborne and former Pirate baseball great Tommy Eason, will not return for 2006. The

draft, which occurred yesterday, also threatens to snag some of his best players.

Osborne, the recruiting coordinator and hitting coach, left the return trip where the Pirates suffered a season ending 5-3 loss to UNLV. He began his new duty as hitting coach for the University of Georgia yesterday. Sources close to the Georgia program leaked the information during ECU's recent

trip to Tempe, Ariz.

The former Marshall catcher was hired by Mazey in 2002 away from Georgia.

Osborne spent three years three years at ECU. Osborne was instrumental bringing in luring top recruits to Greenville. He oversaw school records in at-bats (2,277), hits (725), doubles (153), home

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Soccer reigns supreme across sporting world

One writer's experience with athletics overseas

MATTHEW SAUNDERS

STAFF WRITER

For three weeks in May, I got the opportunity of a lifetime to study abroad in London. I got to see the great sites like Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London.

There was so much to see and do there, and I doubt I even saw half of the city during my visit, but while I was there, I had to check out the sports scene..

Before I even set foot in London, I had my mind set that I was going to see a soccer game in person, but unfortunately, that didn't work out. I did, however, get to see a few games on TV, including a Manchester United vs. Chelsea match, the FA Cup Final, featuring the aforementioned Man. U. vs. Arsenal and the Champions League Final, featuring Liverpool vs. AC Milan.

In England, and pretty much everywhere else in the world, except the U.S., soccer is referred



Fans celebrate in Liverpool.

to as football, and the British fans really get into it. There is no question that soccer is the national sport of Great Britain, and some of the locals eat and breathe the sport. Soccer's popularity in England is just as great as, and probably even

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Redskins star safety after pointing firearm

(KRT) — Former University of Miami All-American and current Washington Redskin safety Sean Taylor turned himself into police late Saturday and was charged with aggravated assault with a firearm and battery.

Taylor pointed a firearm at a person he suspected of stealing his All Terrain Vehicle and demanded to know where the vehicle was, according to Miami-Dade police spokeswoman Linda O'Brien.

The incident occurred about 1 team immediately following the on the Bulldog staff prior to his a.m. Wednesday, O'Brien said. No one was injured, but a car was damaged by gunfire.

Taylor turned himself in, accompanied by his lawyer, about 10 p.m. Saturday at the Cutler Ridge district police station, O'Brien said. He was taken to Turner Guilford

Knight correctional facility.

His agent, Drew Rosenhaus, refused to comment. His mother, Donna Junor, also declined to comment earlier in the day Saturday.

Taylor's father is Florida City Police Chief Pedro W. Taylor. He could not be reached Saturday night.

Police had been looking for Taylor since the shooting, which took place at SW 163rd Avenue and 176th Street, O'Brien said.

Police are investigating a second shooting Wednesday at a separate address they say is related, but Taylor has not been charged in that incident.

Taylor has been in Miami while negotiating a new contract with the

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greater than, American football is here in the United States.

In England, the soccer season lasts from August until May, and there are several different leagues, but the highest and most well known is the English Premiership league. The English Premiership consists of 20 teams, and the three teams at the bottom of the standings at the end of the season are relegated to the next lowest league, a practice that would bode well for some professional sports leagues here in the U.S.

In London, there are two very storied, as well as very wealthy, teams that seem to be at the top of the league every year - those teams being the 2004/2005 Premiership Champions, Chelsea Blues, led by Player of the Year midfielder Frank Lampard, and the 2003/2004 champs, Arsenal Gunners, led by striker Thierry Henry.

A few other notable Premiership teams in London include the Tottenham Hotspurs, Fulham Cottagers and the Charlton Athletic Addicks. While in London, I was able to tour Stamford Bridge Stadium, home of Chelsea, and walk around Highbury Stadium, home of Arsenal. Getting tickets

to a match is next to impossible for teams such as Chelsea and Arsenal, and my experience in trying to acquire one proved no exception. The English Premiership is such an exciting league, and I wish it got more coverage in the United States.

Another exciting sporting site that I got to visit in London was the world renowned All England Lawn and Tennis Club, better known as just simply Wimbledon. Even though the Wimbledon tennis tournament doesn't begin until the end of June, the facilities remain open all year round for various tournaments and tours. At Wimbledon, I had the opportunity to see Centre Court, where many of the all-time great Wimbledon moments have taken place, as well as the Wimbledon Museum. I also was able to watch a little Rugby on TV, as well as the ultra-boring sport of Cricket.

My trip to London proved to be an incredible experience, and I wouldn't mind going back in the near future. I now have a better understanding of what sports the British love, and realize just how passionate they are about their version of football.

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runs (100), RBI (481) and total bases (1,200) during the 2004 season.

Even more puzzling is the departure of pitching coach Tommy Eason. The former ECU standout catcher informed the team immediately following the completion of the season. Eason, who has no guaranteed job lined up, cleaned out his office Monday even though he has yet to officially resign.

Eason, who just completed his eighth season as an assistant for the Pirates, saw Pirate pitchers soar to new records. With his guidance, nine Pirate pitchers have signed professional contracts over the past seven years. Eason's coaching also earned ECU a school record in strikeouts (481) in 2004.

Speculation remains that relations had been strained between Mazey and his assistants. Mazey, who just finished his third year as the Pirate skipper, saw injuries and freak incidents occur throughout season. Five of the top pitchers were lost for the year and in the season finale reliever Kevin Rhodes fractured his nose during warmups when an errant ball struck his face.

The draft also could make Mazey do even more shuffling. The 2004 draft raided several underclassmen including both

Lawhorn twins, Darryl and Trevor, Greg Bunn, Matt Bishop and Ryan Norwood.

Only pitcher Ricky Brooks, who was projected between the fourth and sixth rounds, will likely make the jump to the minors. Brooks was picked in the 11th round by the Chicago White Sox coming out of high school. The sophomore went 5-5 with a 3.46 ERA. Junior Mark Mincozzi will weigh his decision based on where he was drafted.

It is a possibility that some of the 2006 recruits could be drafted and thus eliminate any possibility that they will play at Clark-LeClair Stadium. The recruits will have to look at their draft position while weighing the ever-changing coaching options. For many of the 2006 class, Osborne helped them persuade their decision to ink their letters of intent.

Mazey will now have to quickly patch holes in his own ship. The unsettling news is that two wellrespected coaches have left what many considered to be the most stable revenue program on campus. Then again, after this sports year, at least one head coach survived.

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Taylor has had a tumultuous beginning to his NFL career.

Redskins. Coach Joe Gibbs has been asking Taylor to join the team in voluntary workouts at their home Taylor missed spring mini-camp this year and has been asking to renegotiate his seven-year \$18 million contact, which he signed as a rookie in 2004.

Taylor was the No. 5 overall draft pick in the 2004 draft.

In late April, The Herald reported that Taylor was boycotting the Redskins' offseason workout program because he needed time away from football after a difficult rookie season.

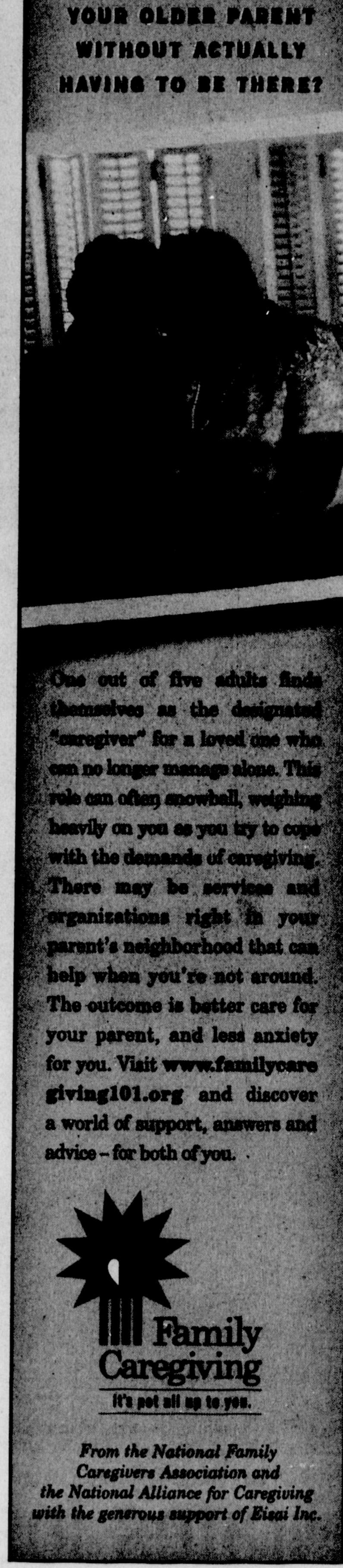
Taylor and another former UM standout, wide receiver Santana Moss, were the Redskins' only

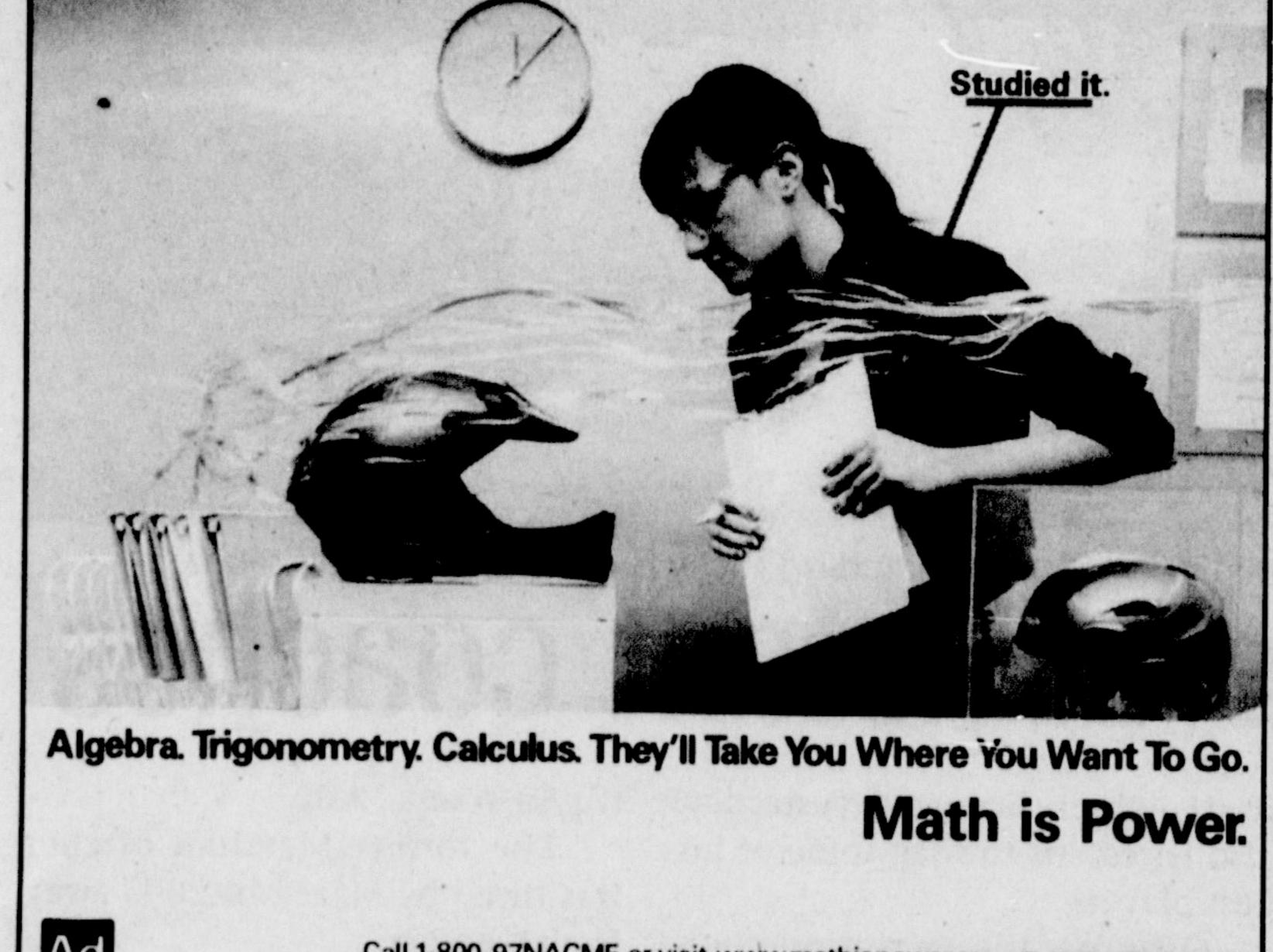
unexcused absentees from that mini-camp. Taylor, a second-year player, is considered to have had base in suburban Washington. a fine rookie year on the field, but caused the team problems off the

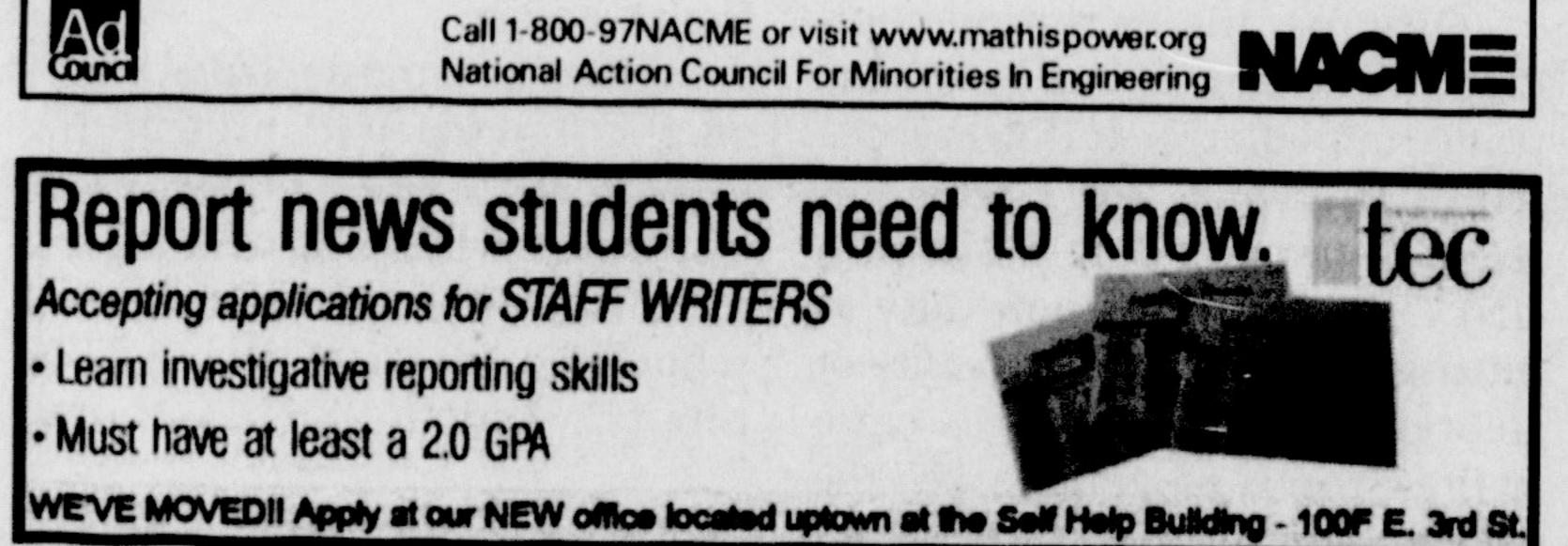
> He fired two agents, was fined for skipping a day at the NFL's rookie symposium and was benched for a game after being arrested on a charge of drunken driving.

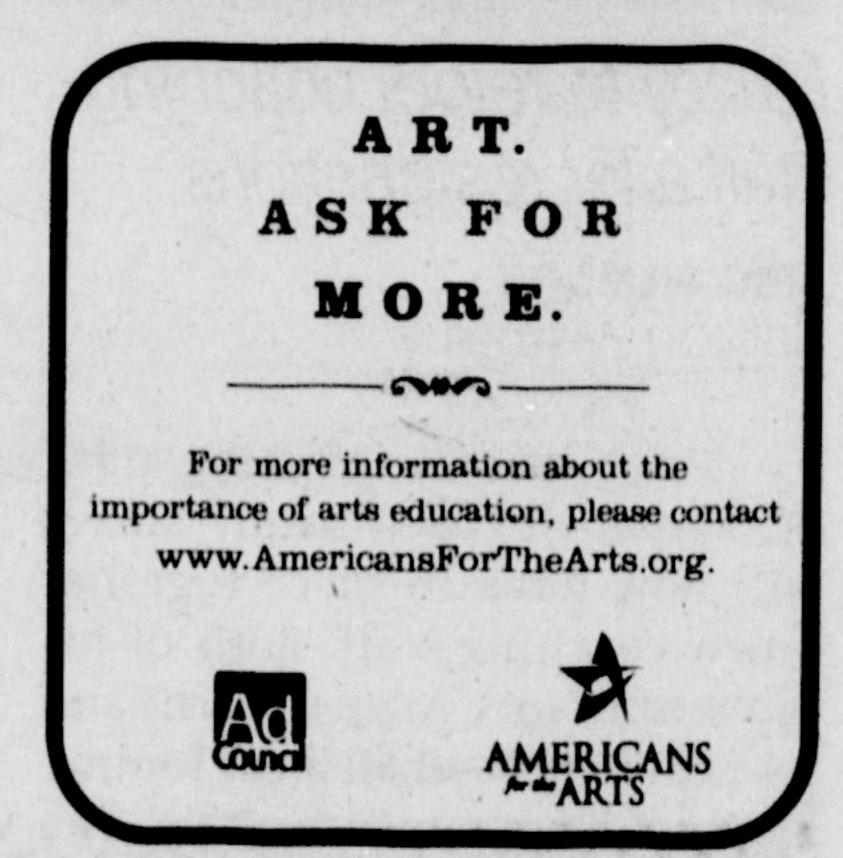
> In January, that charge was dismissed, but Taylor was still convicted of refusing to take a bloodalcohol test.

> Taylor left UM after a stellar 2003 season in which he earned All-America honors. He played high school football locally for the Gulliver Raiders.

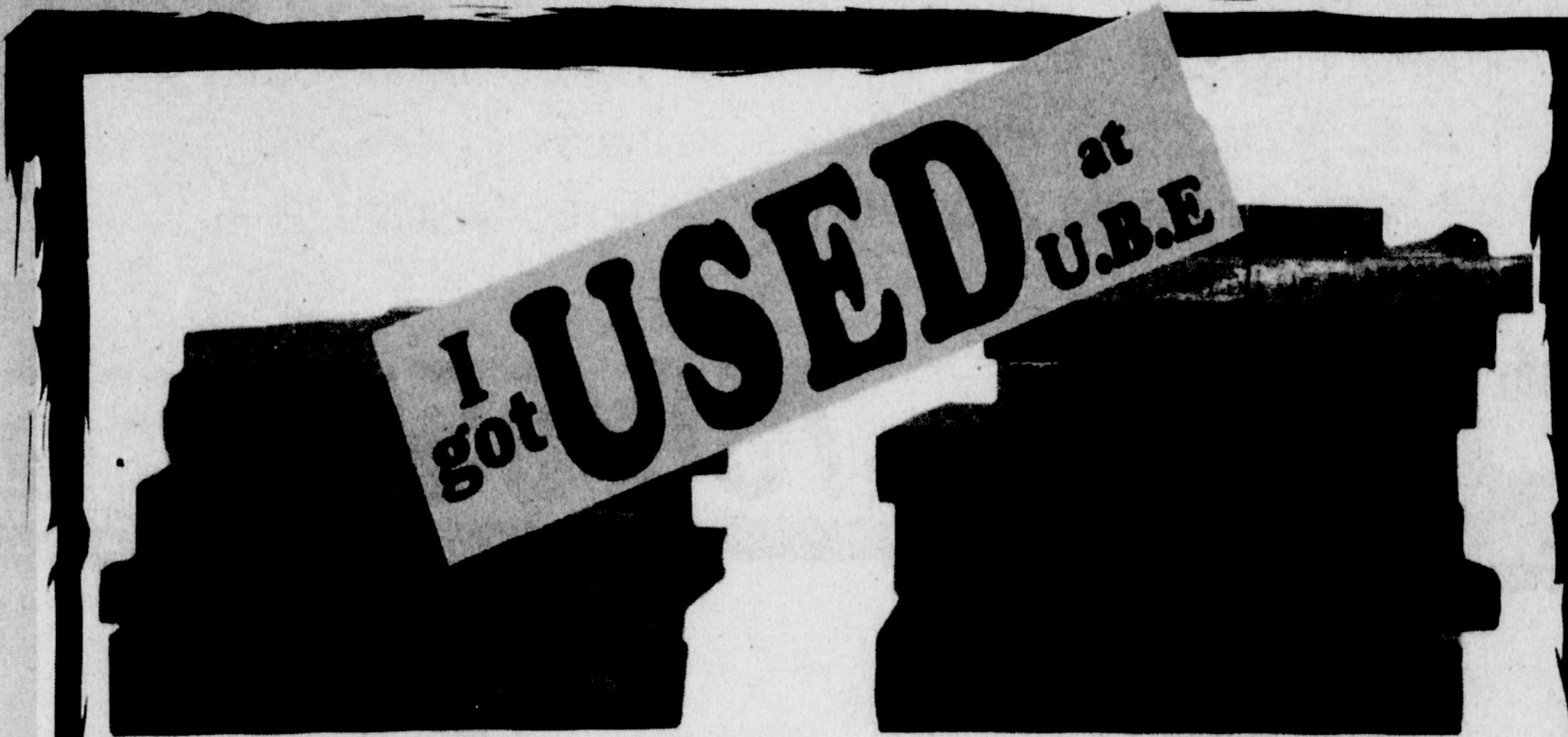






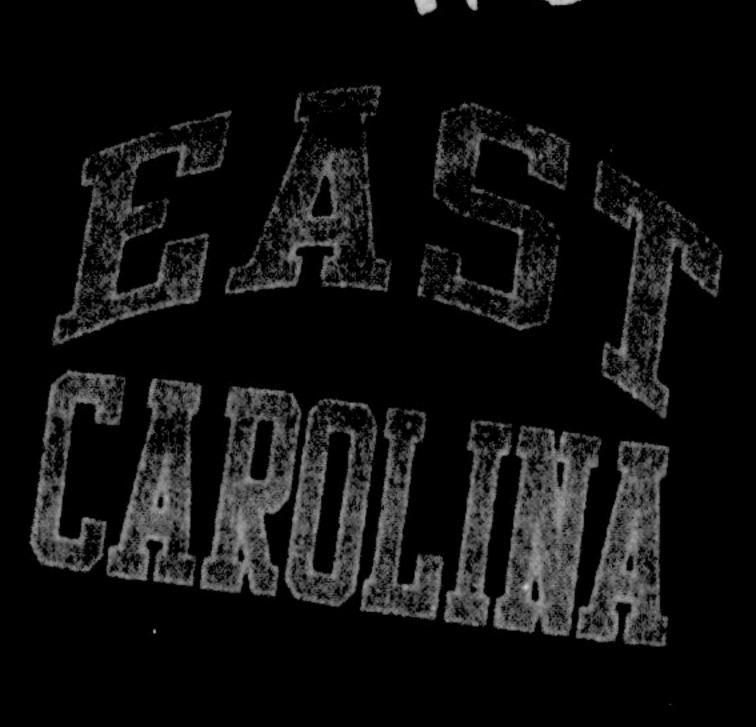


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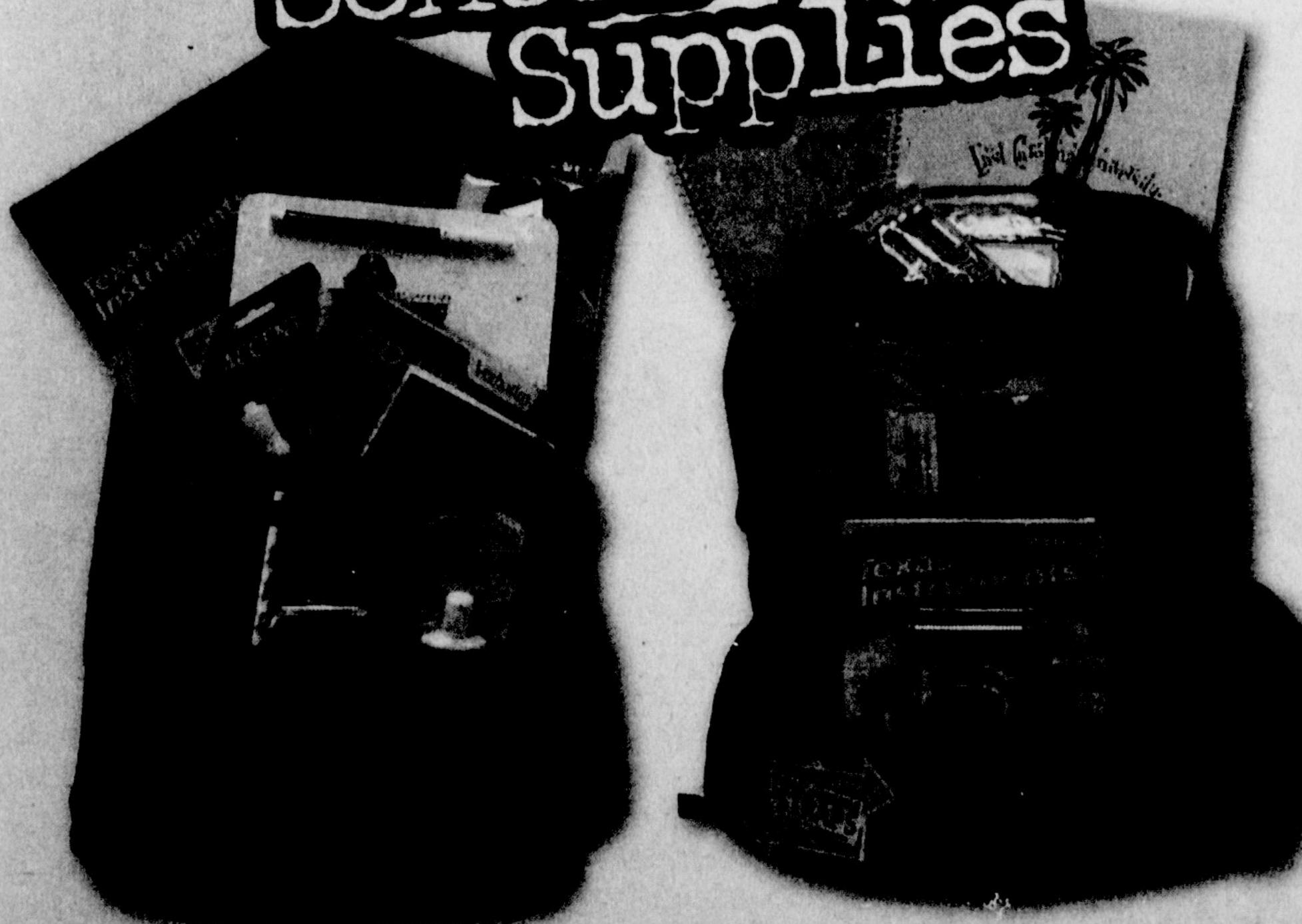


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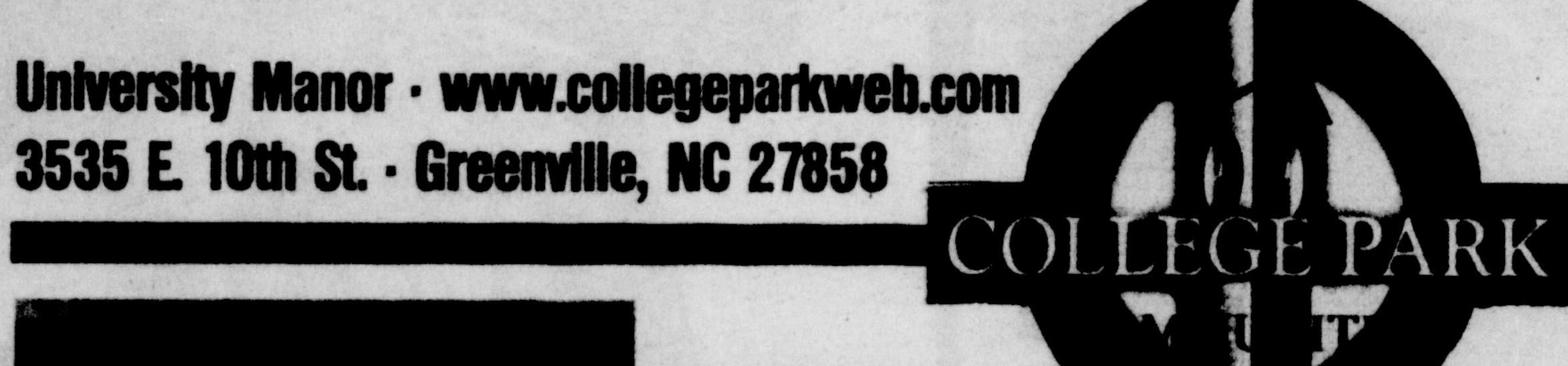
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