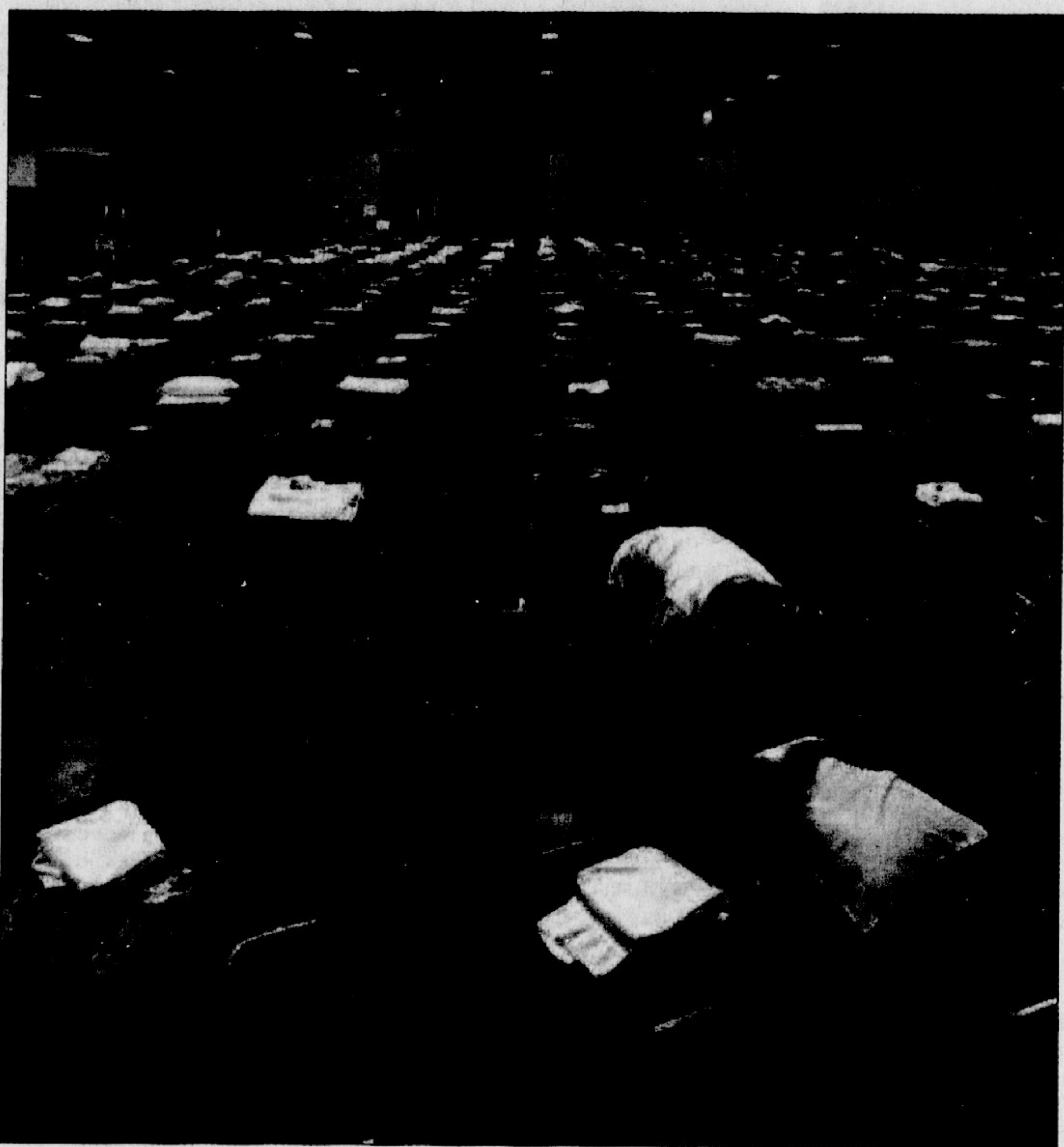




Katrina aftermath unavoidable



Red Cross volunteer Liz Quail moves one of hundreds of cots set up at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center to accommodate the arrival of Hurricane Katrina evacuees, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, in Louisville, Ky. About 500 storm survivors are expected to arrive in the city this week.

Damage continues to pile sdsdsds

CHRIS MUNIER
NEWS EDITOR

Despite missing the worst of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans was turned into a city-sized bathtub last week and questions about preparedness have come to the table for America's leaders.

Hurricane Katrina was at one point a category-five hurricane and hit the coast with the strength of a category-four storm. Although the damage done to the Gulf Coast cities was immense, it is possible for even worse storms to strike the U.S.

"I don't want to say they got lucky, but the storm did go to the east of New Orleans," said D. Reide Corbett, assistant professor of geology.

"The brunt of the storm hit Mississippi and Alabama."

Corbett said New Orleans was at least fortunate enough to miss the right quadrant of the storm. That area is the strongest part of a hurricane.

Corbett knows the Gulf Coast well since he did his post-doctoral research in the area.

Even if New Orleans missed Katrina's worst, the category-four hurricane was enough to destroy the city's protective measures and

inundate several streets.

"During the storm they lost power, so pumps stopped working - at least two pumps stopped working and without these pumps, you can't move water out of New Orleans," Corbett said.

There was also the dilemma of levees falling apart. "Over the last 24 hours after Katrina passed is when they started seeing most of the problems with levees breaking," Corbett said.

He said the levees work to keep water out of the city, but in some cases, keep water inside when the water goes over a levee.

Critics are blaming the federal government for not emphasizing flood control enough. *New York Times* writer Paul Krugman criticizes the government for not being prepared for the catastrophe in New Orleans, slowing flood-control work and diminishing the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness.

"Why wasn't more preventative action taken? After 2003, the Army Corps of Engineers sharply slowed its flood-control work, including work on sinking levees," said Krugman.

However, Corbett does not think the Army Corps of Engineers should shoulder the blame

for levees breaking. He said they raised New Orleans' hurricane defenses up about 10 years ago in response to hurricane damage.

"They brought New Orleans up to the standard of a category-three [hurricane]," Corbett said. "They raised levees and restructured bridges."

He said even if New Orleans was prepared for a category-five storm, the levees would likely break. Nature's wrath is uncontrollable for humans sometimes.

Rather than controlling nature's wrath, non-profit organizations would like to remedy the effects of it. Unfortunately

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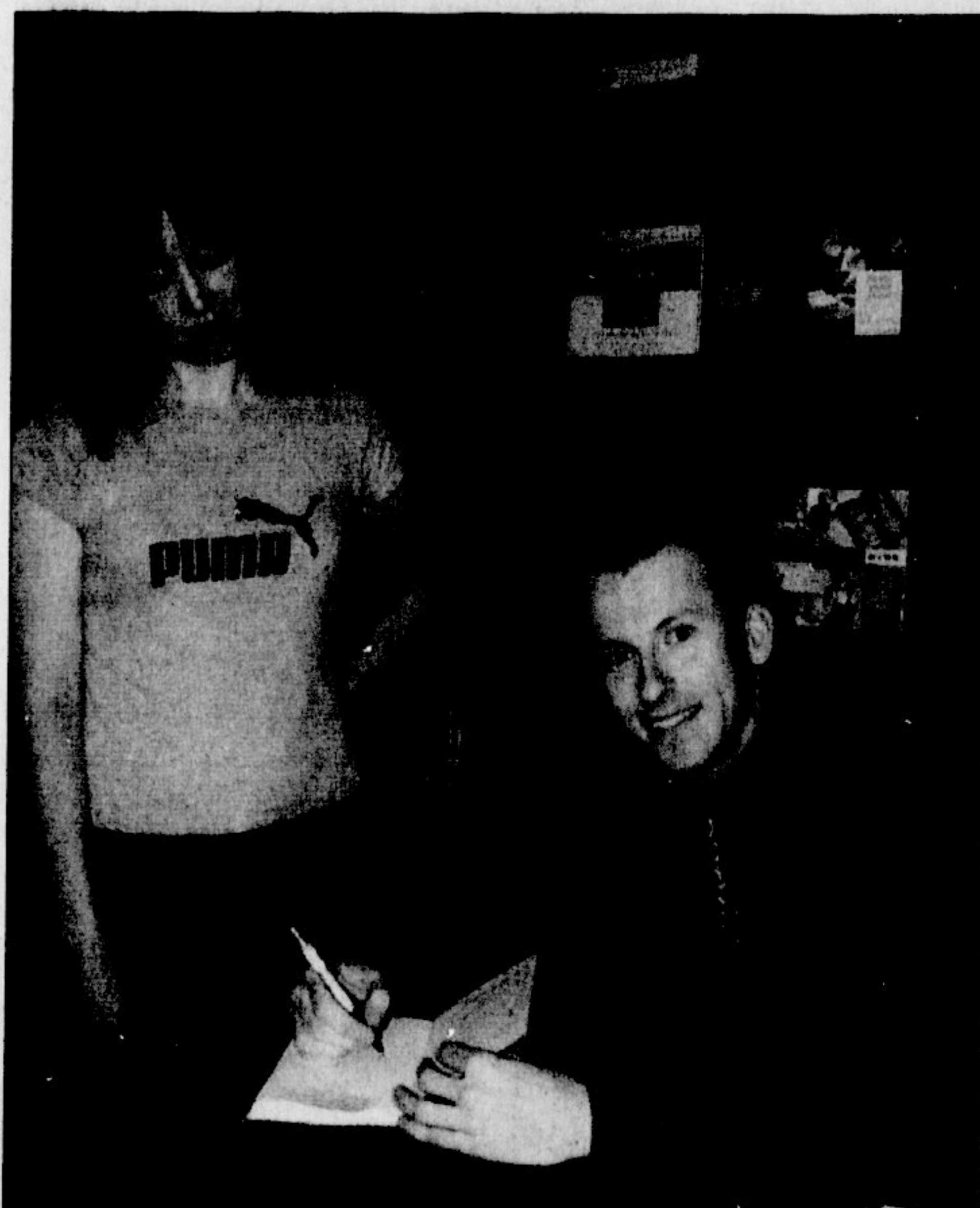
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Movie made on ECU graduate's teaching career



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ECU alumnus, Ron Clark, visited the Greenville area and the local Barnes & Noble for a book signing.

TNT movie coming in January

CHRIS MUNIER
NEWS EDITOR

Former ECU teaching fellow Ron Clark, who is now an elementary school teacher, will have his teaching experiences portrayed in a made-for-television movie titled, *The Ron Clark Story*.

Clark will be played by "Friends" star Matthew Perry. The movie will premiere on television in January.

Along with being a teaching fellow, Clark majored in history before graduating from ECU in 1994.

Clark did not initially plan to teach after college but ended up teaching after he came back to the U.S. from Europe.

"I was traveling around Europe and became sick in Romania and flew back home to Belhaven. My mom begged me to take a teaching position at Snowden Elementary School because a teacher there passed away in the middle of the school year," Clark said.

"I visited the school, talked with principal, saw the kids and knew that's where I was supposed to be."

Clark's teaching methods have garnered a lot of attention because of the approach he takes to generate a vibrant classroom environment, and at the same time, maintain order. The grounding for his ideas is noted in his book, *The Essential 55*.

"My class definitely isn't dull. It's a lot of fun, but at the same time I am extremely strict and my students must follow my 55 essentials - those are my 55 rules I have for them dealing with manners, respect and how to be a good student," Clark said.

When Clark spoke at the ECU College of Education's 2002 commencement, he described his way of balancing liberality and punishment.

"Some people say, 'don't smile until November.' That's hogwash because you have to let those kids know you love them and you have to discipline them as well ... it's got to go hand-in-hand," Clark said.

Some of the rules found in Clark's book include, "do not ask for a reward (Rule 15)" and "if you are asked a question in conversation, ask a question in return (Rule 6)."

Mary Beth Corbin, director of the North Carolina teaching fellows program, said Clark has taught in eastern North Carolina as well as in Harlem, New York. Clark has been involved with many students from low-income areas.

"He brought southern roots to the north, visited their homes and met with parents," said Corbin.

Corbin met Clark through the teaching fellows program. She said Clark sometimes comes back to ECU and takes students

to tour New York. He also takes his own students on trips to places like the Statue of Liberty.

Clark said his style of teaching was born out of necessity. His methods have to change to meet the needs of students.

"I have done everything from dressing up like presidents, to recreating the Battle of the Alamo with water balloons, to painting my entire classroom electric blue, to throwing raw eggs across my classroom to bring the education alive," Clark said.

"I get my students out of the classroom and we travel around the state and country so that my students can see the world that is out there and the opportunities before them."

Clark said he received plenty of support from his parents as well as his mentors at ECU. He also called his days at ECU, "the best four years of my life."

"I am purple and gold to the heart. I have swam in the fountain, painted my body purple and streaked across the field during a football game on ESPN, camped out for a weekend for tickets to the Peach Bowl, tailgated to the point I never made it to the stadium and pulled many an all-nighter studying in the stacks at the library," Clark said.

Clark has even won the acclaim of former President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Clinton. He was pleased to see his students gain recognition. Clark said having his students be commended by the Clintons was a greater feeling than any personal award.

Oprah Winfrey also met with Clark. He said meeting her gave him a voice in education.

"I have contributed my ideas to school systems around the globe, and that is an overwhelming feeling," Clark said.

Clark's message to ECU students is for them to try to make a difference in the lives of others, regardless of their profession.

"There is nothing more rewarding than helping those who are less fortunate, and by doing so it will make your life rich and full of meaning," Clark said.

Clark will be teaching fifth grade social studies to students in inner city Atlanta in 2006 at the new school he is opening, the Ron Clark Academy.

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Underwater classroom makes waves

Students dive for shipwreck conservation

LISA DEVRIES
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If you think it's hard enough to wake up for school on a Monday morning, try doing it with sand in your underwear and a stingray that's a little too friendly.

A diverse group of 12 students, including three from ECU, traveled to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary for two weeks to conduct an underwater class with the guidance and patronage of the Partnering Archaeology with Science and Technology Foundation.

Annalies Corbin, assistant professor of nautical archaeology in maritime studies and

founder and director of PAST, and Sheli Smith, the PAST Foundation's director of operations, led the team of students to the Sanctuary's Shipwreck Trail. The Shipwreck Trail is a line of nine sunken ships in the Florida Keys that span three generations of shipbuilding: the oldest ship sunk in 1733 and the latest ship was sunk intentionally in 1987 to create a barrier reef.

"We chose the Marine Sanctuary because we like to work in marine protected areas, places where there are shipwrecks that have not yet been studied," said Corbin.

One of the team's goals was to identify and catalog approximately 100 artifacts recovered from the *Adelaide Baker*, a timber carrying ship bound for Savannah that crashed into the Coffins

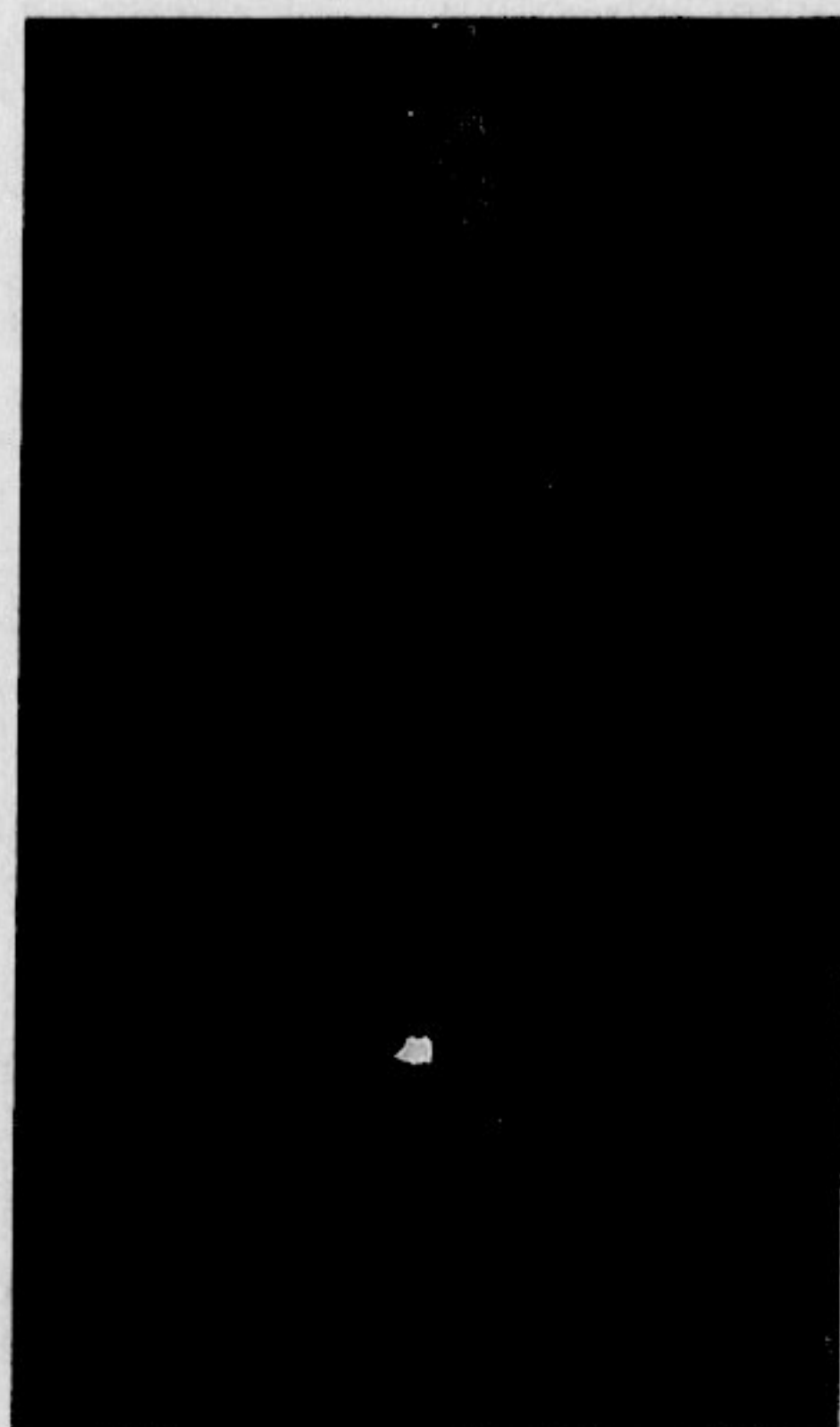
Patches Reef in 1889.

Treasure hunters stole the artifacts in 1992, a problem which has been increasing for marine archaeologists. Fortunately, the items were later won in a court case by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and given to the PAST Foundation to study and identify for conservation. Taking objects from any of the sunken ships within the sanctuary is illegal, but Smith said it happens rather frequently.

When asked why the team did not dive at the *Adelaide Baker* site Smith said, "There really isn't anything left. It is a popular dive site and likewise popular for treasure hunters."

The other focus of the class

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ECU students conduct underwater class in Florida Keys.

Announcements

Decoration Contest

Are you ready for some competition? Get ready to decorate your office doors in commemoration of the signing of the US Constitution. How creative can you be? Beginning Sept. 12 ECU will be observing Constitution Day (Sept. 17) with a week long Celebration of events. All Department of University Union offices are encouraged to participate. Doors must be completed by Sept. 12, 2005. University students and staff will have the opportunity to cast their vote at the Welcome Center using the following categories: Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Most Historical and Best Overall. Please contact Hank Bowen at 4965 with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to your participation.

Mentors Needed

Want to be a mentor? Now recruiting volunteers for East Carolina Friends organization. More info at www.ecu.edu or contact Aadil Lodhi (ECF Pres) at 910-286-1080.

ECU Ambassadors

The ECU Ambassadors invite you to submit an application and join them for the Membership Recruitment Social, Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. The social is a great opportunity to meet current Ambassadors and learn more about how you can join and serve ECU. The social takes place at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center, located at 901 E. 5th Street (at the intersection of 5th Street and Biltmore Street). ECU Ambassadors network with campus leaders and officials, help recruit student athletes and form lasting friendships. Applications for membership are available at the Alumni Center and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9. Ice cream will be provided, applications will be available, and prospective members should be able to sign up for an interview time. For more information on the Ambassadors visit their Web site at Ambassadors.PirateAlumni.com or call 328-6072.

Freshman Roundtable

Freshmen Roundtable (Thursday, Sept. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m., Ledonia Wright Cultural Center) These roundtables are designed to provide freshmen with pertinent information about resources at ECU. This will also be an important networking opportunity. Various ECU staff and administrators will present information about how they assist students. For more information, call us at 328-6495.

Bingo

Thursday, Sept. 8 Welcome Back Bingo (7 p.m. Destination 360, Mendenhall) Free for students (plus one guest). Student ID required. Prizes awarded to winners. Sponsored by the Student Union, Spectrum Committee.

Fall Bowling Leagues

Fall 2005 Outer Limitz Classic Bowling League. Bowling in the Outer Limitz every Thursday night for 11 weeks with Pirates like Yourself. Registration is \$5 per person and \$5 per week. For more details come to Outer Limitz Bowling. Come Get Your Bowl On.

Peace Week

Peace Week, Sept. 18-24, your participation is needed. This is a yearly event that celebrates world peace through a variety of programs that is meant to bring students together. This year Peace Week starts on Sunday, Sept. 18 until Saturday, Sept. 24. We are looking forward for your organization to help, promote and support this program to make it another success.

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Local

More than 1,000 evacuees are in North Carolina

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - North Carolina continued to welcome refugees from the Gulf Coast on Tuesday, and started to face the challenge of finding jobs, housing and classrooms for those forced by Hurricane Katrina to flee their homes. "We want the people who are here and across the state who have been evacuated out of New Orleans and Mississippi to feel good about North Carolina," Gov. Mike Easley said before he toured a shelter set up at a vacant office complex near the RBC Center in west Raleigh. "They do now. I want them to feel good in two days, three days, in a month or however long they are here and that means we all have to step up and do our part." So far, more than 1,100 people seeking refuge from Katrina have

come to North Carolina, spreading out in shelters across the state. The state's cities and counties are preparing to accommodate more. The bulk of the refugees in the state are in Charlotte, where more than 800 have come through a shelter set up at the Charlotte Coliseum. About 350 are staying there, said Mecklenburg County spokesman Danny Diehl. Another 385 are at the shelter in Raleigh; more than 100 evacuees have come to Greensboro. Some are in hotels and some are staying with family and friends, said Melanie McDonough, director of public support for the Red Cross' Greensboro chapter. She said Greensboro has agreed to accept 500 evacuees.

National

Stocks surge on declining oil prices, Dow up 141

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street rallied

Tuesday as oil prices tumbled, the service sector reported strong growth, and investors embraced large-cap stocks such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Coca-Cola Co. and Home Depot Inc. The Dow Jones industrial average gained more than 141 points. Investors rejoiced as crude oil and gas futures dipped following the decision by industrialized nations to release 60 million barrels of crude from strategic stockpiles in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. A barrel of light crude settled at \$65.85, down \$1.61, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while gasoline prices on the exchange fell 13 cents to \$2.05 per gallon. "Today was a relief rally; it was an oil price relief story," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist of the investment strategies group at Bank of America. "Oil prices are still very high, but much more moderate than the worst fears of last week." The Dow rose 141.87, or 1.36 percent, to 10,589.24, its best

one-day gain since July 8.

International

With Chirac in hospital, potential successors take front and center

PARIS (AP) - Jacques Chirac's hospitalization for a vascular problem in his eye has been described as minor, but it appears to have galvanized possible successors and caused a media uproar about the naked ambitions of Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy. The 72-year-old president, who has clocked more than four decades in politics, seems less likely than ever to run for re-election in 2007. Chirac, primed on the notions of grandeur dear to his mentor Charles de Gaulle, has always left open the possibility of seeking a third term, a way to gain leverage over rivals. But the president has been weakened in recent years by a series of political

setbacks, most recently the "no" victory in France's May 29 referendum on the European constitution. The president had staked his political honor on passage. Now, he is as politically vulnerable as he has ever been. That Chirac was hospitalized just as his party was holding its annual summer meeting added to the symbolism and gave new weight to internal rivalries. The jockeying was highlighted by a public show of differences between Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, Chirac's protege, and Sarkozy, the government's pugnacious No. 2 who has openly eyed the presidency for several years. Chirac's health "makes his political future more difficult," said Pascal Perrineau, a political analyst with the Center for the Study of French Political Life. "It reminds people he is in his seventies and makes it highly improbable that he will run for president again. ... This accelerates the campaign."

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for groups like the Red Cross, New Orleans was too dangerous to get into to provide relief, even days after the storm passed. After the storm surge, it was too hazardous to send aid workers into the disaster area because FEMA helicopters were being shot at by disgruntled victims.

John Minges, Pitt County commissioner for district three and Red Cross volunteer, said the Red Cross had opened 149 shelters by Sept. 2. These shelters were offered to people who had gotten out of places like New Orleans, Biloxi and Mobile. Many people were still trapped in the city at that point though. Homeland Security did not want the Red Cross to be there at that time.

Now, the Red Cross is operating shelters in places like the Houston Astrodome.

According to Minges, people in North Carolina have been generous with donations. This generosity comes despite rising costs of fuel that have left some

people strapped for cash. "There has been a steady stream of people coming into the offices," Minges said.

The national Red Cross would like people to make donations. Donations can be made by check by putting "Hurricane Katrina" into the memo line of the check or by dialing 1-800-Help-Now and donating over the phone.

Locally, the Pitt County Red Cross is asking for monetary donations. Minges said Best Buy is accepting water and non-perishable items. Beasley Broadcast- ing stations are collecting donations as well.

Pitt County Red Cross Director of Emergency Services, Travis Strack, is looking for people to give anything they can. He said we should be generous because next time it could be North Carolina that gets hit by a powerful storm. "It's only a matter of time before we get hit," Strack said.

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Waging the war on insect bites

An inside look on a new disease and helpful hints to prevent it

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Although the end of summer approaches, many of us may still feel the presence of those pesky mosquitoes.

Along with their irritability factor, mosquitoes also carry and transmit disease. One of the most common diseases is the West Nile virus.

The West Nile virus is a disease that is carried by wild birds and transmitted by mosquitoes. Although the virus is commonly found in places like Africa, West Asia and the Middle East, West Nile cases have been found in the states since 1999.

The virus can be contracted through mosquitoes that carry the disease, blood transfusions and mother to child contact, such as breast-feeding. Because the virus must have a vector to travel through West Nile cannot be contracted by touching.

The time between bite-to-infection can take anywhere from three to 14 days and approximately four out of five people infected with the disease will not show symptoms.

For those who unfortunately

feel the effects of the bite, symptoms include high fever, headache, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and even paralysis. According to Alice Anderson, professor in the ECU College of Health and Human Performance, symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

"West Nile Virus and viruses similar to it like Eastern Encephalitis, have been known to cause serious nerve problems," said Anderson.

Most people wonder who is most at risk for the disease. The response to that is: anyone who is exposed to an area where the virus has been recognized at risk. Additionally, people over the age of 50 have the highest risk of severe disease.

"Immune compromised people are also prone to infection," Anderson said.

While the disease is usually present in the summer, infection time runs into the fall months as well. However, don't let that fool you, the virus can still be transmitted year round.

In late July, the first case of West Nile in North Carolina turned up in Pitt County. The second case showed up in Cumberland County in early August.

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How should one go about preventing the disease?

Dr. Anderson gives us some tips on staying bite free:

1. "Make a habit of using insect repellent when outdoors and spray repellent on exposed skin and clothing."
2. "Prime feeding times for mosquitoes are usually dusk to dawn so pay special attention to protection during these hours, or avoid being outdoors altogether."
3. "Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home. Mosquitoes breed in standing water, so check your yard once a week: get rid of containers that aren't being used, like flower pots."

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VISIT:

Rehnquist's body lies in repose, Bush to speak at conservative chief justice's funeral Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teary-eyed Supreme Court justices, a somber President Bush and one-time clerk John Roberts led a long line of Americans paying their last respects to William H. Rehnquist, the chief justice whose conservatism helped drive the high court toward the right.

Washington protocol underscored a changing of the guard Tuesday. Roberts, the former Rehnquist clerk named to succeed his old boss, was among the pallbearers carrying the flag-draped casket up the court's long steps and into the Great Hall.

Rehnquist died Saturday at 80 after battling thyroid cancer.

Bush, his head bowed, and first lady Laura Bush spent about a minute standing near the casket and a short time looking at the portrait of Rehnquist on a stand nearby. Justice Antonin Scalia escorted the couple.

On Wednesday, funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, open to friends and family. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney plan to attend, and Bush is to speak, along with retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Rehnquist family members.

Bush initially nominated Roberts, a federal appellate judge, to replace O'Connor, who announced in July that she would step down. The president said Monday that he would nominate Roberts to be the nation's 17th chief justice instead and that the list of possible nominees for O'Connor's seat was now "wide open."

Flags, including the one above the court, were at half-staff in honor of Rehnquist, a President Nixon appointee who served on the court for 33 years and was elevated to chief justice in 1986 by President Reagan.

In an acknowledgment of the period of mourning, Roberts' confirmation hearings, which had been scheduled to begin Tuesday in the Senate, were

delayed until next Monday.

Bush and Senate Republicans are pushing to confirm Roberts before the new court session that begins Oct. 3. Democrats cautioned against a rush to judgment now that Roberts is a candidate for chief justice and at age 50, could shape the court for decades.

"I would hope all senators, Republicans and Democrats, would ask very substantive questions because this is, after all, a lifetime position," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee.

In a simple morning ceremony, six justices, along with former clerks and court staff lined the steps outside the court, awaiting the arrival of the hearse bearing Rehnquist's casket. Seven men and one woman — most of them former Rehnquist clerks — carried the casket past the line that included a crying O'Connor.

In the Great Hall, Rehnquist's casket was placed on the Lincoln Catafalque, the structure on which President Lincoln's coffin rested in the Rotunda of the Capitol a century and a half earlier. Two sprays of flowers and the portrait were on display.

At the east end of the hall were the doors leading to the court chamber, a reminder of Rehnquist's years of service.

The Rev. George Evans Jr., the Rehnquist family pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Virginia, read from psalms and led the Lord's Prayer. There were audible sobs from the family.

Rehnquist's personal employees were the first to make a circle around the coffin. A stream of other court workers followed. Absent were Justices Anthony M. Kennedy and David Souter.

After the brief ceremony, a long line of people formed outside the court and people began walking inside past the coffin.



Public mourners file past the casket of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, as his body lies in repose in the Great Hall.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., were among those who paused before the casket.

Among the first was Sarah Chusid, 24, an intern at Mobilizing America's Youth, a private organization that seeks to increase the involvement of young people across the political spectrum.

Although she considers herself a liberal, Chusid said she respected the influential

role that Rehnquist played on the court for more than three decades. "This is a pivotal time in the court's history; I had to come down and bear witness to this event," she said.

Rehnquist was involved in two extraordinary interventions in the executive branch — the impeachment trial of President Clinton and the settlement of the 2000 election in Bush's favor. He oversaw a court that dealt

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ment. "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job," Bush said.

Later in Biloxi, Miss., Bush tried to comfort two stunned women wandering their neighborhood clutching Hefty bags, looking in vain for something to salvage from the rubble of their home. He kept insisting they could find help at a Salvation Army center down the street, even after another bystander had informed him it had been destroyed.

And at his last stop that day, at the airport outside of New Orleans, Bush lauded the increasingly desperate city as a great

town because he used go there and "enjoy myself — occasionally too much."

Unlike his galvanizing appearance in the rubble of the World Trade Center just days after the 2001 attacks, Bush has stayed far from the epicenter of New Orleans' suffering. His only foray into the city was to its edges to watch crews plugging one of the breached levees on Friday.

On Monday, he skipped the hardest-hit coastal areas entirely, choosing instead to visit Baton Rouge — a town about 80 miles northwest of New Orleans that sustained no damage. He also

went to Poplarville, Miss., to walk the streets of a middle-class neighborhood that seemed to suffer little more than snapped trees, a couple off-kilter carport roofs and a downed power line or two.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the president avoided New Orleans to stay out of the way of search-and-rescue operations.

"It's going to be almost impossible to overcome the perception about the president that he didn't show compassion and didn't get control of the policy failures," American University political scientist James Thurber said. "The

vivid images that are coming across the television are really destroying his image as a leader."

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said the president and his aides are unconcerned for now about the unrelenting criticism.

"Emotions are running high. People are tired," Bartlett said. "If we focused more of our attention on decisions that have already been made, rather than on those before us, there's potential for making far greater mistakes. ... We really don't have time to play the political game right now."

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My Random Column

Smile and the world smiles with you

Today is the first one of my many columns that have to deal with nothing in particular, but seem to make some sense to me. Every Wednesday I will focus on something different dealing with the world today.

For my first column I want to focus on the fact that even though most people go through their days with no human interaction beyond their normal meetings, that extra smile or "hi" can make a difference.

Do you ever just stop when someone holds the door and say "thank you?"

Do you smile while in class, speak up, or encourage others to talk?

Do you smile when walking through campus on a busy day?

And if you do smile, or acknowledge other people do you do it for yourself?

Southern hospitality only goes so far.

Ladies, don't take advantage of the guys who hold the door. If you don't say "thank you," chances are the guys will stop holding them for others eventually.

And guys, I am sure you would appreciate a little gratitude for your chivalry. I know it must be hard to go unnoticed throughout the day.

Not all hope is lost, but ladies give a little bit of extra gratitude and that will exceed your expectations on the feedback you will receive.

So today as you are walking through campus, take the time to smile. Wouldn't the world be happier if everyone walked around happy? Walk with a purpose, head held high and your eyes open because that will help you notice the other people walking in the opposite direction hopefully smiling back at you.

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Opinion Columnist

Slanted reporting on New Orleans catastrophe

Is the bash on Bush necessary?

TONY MCKEE
THE CONSERVATIVE CORNER

Even in the wake of one of, if not the worst natural disasters to befall the United States, the national media has been unable to rise above their own shortsighted, egotistical, hate filled, politically motivated "business as usual" pettiness. Instead of using this opportunity to bring Americans together in assisting those affected by hurricane Katrina, the national media is using the catastrophe, and the suffering of fellow human beings, as a weapon in their latest "Bush-bashing" campaign and as a means of furthering their own Liberal agenda.

Shortly after Katrina hit we started seeing reports blaming global warming for the force of the storm and saying that this was the United States' "punishment" for not signing the Kyoto treaty. These stories were printed despite the fact that several years ago these same media quoted oceanographers, meteorologists and climatologists (people who actually know what they are talking about) as saying that the Atlantic was beginning a periodic, cyclical warming trend that could last decades. Such periodic warming would likely cause Atlantic hurricanes to be stronger during this period. The "news" stories forgot to mention that little tidbit.

Of course, forgetting, or ignoring, inconvenient facts is a media staple. Since the levees failed and New Orleans flooded, the media have stated, in no particular order:

1. The levees failed because President Bush's administration cut funding for upgrades/improvements 2. The people who remained behind were poor and couldn't get out 3. The government knew that the levees would fail and didn't care 4. FEMA's (purported) slow response to the disaster is President Bush's fault 5. There weren't enough National Guard to help with rescue efforts because they were in Iraq 6. The relief effort was deliberately slow because the victims were poor and black (leave it to Liberals to play the race card, again). This is not by any means a definitive listing of the media's complaints, but it is a good starting point.

Third: the government knew that the levees would fail and didn't care. Talk about half-truths and misinformation! When the levees were built decades ago, everyone involved had to make decisions. How high should they be? How strong? How long? Decisions were made using the best information they had. Yes, the government has known for a long time that those levees were built to protect against a Category 3 hurricane only. That would be the city, parish (county), state and federal governments. Since it is the job of the local governments to provide for immediate needs, if any government "didn't care" it would be them.

Let's examine them, shall we?

First: the levees failed because the Administration cut funding. There is an interesting, and unreported, fact about this: the areas of the levee that failed were not part of the request for upgrades because they were considered completed projects.

This information comes straight from the Corps of Engineers (who have responsibility for the levees) and other people involved with the project. Even if the funds were provided it wouldn't have made a bit of difference.

Second: the people who remained behind were poor and couldn't get out. While that may be true for some, this is an outright exaggeration. Every time there is a major storm we see people on the news who refuse to leave their homes. This time was no different. Besides, if New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin is so concerned about his constituents, why did he not order New Orleans evacuated and arrange transportation to shelters? Here is a relevant part of Louisiana's disaster plan: "The primary means of hurricane evacuation will be personal vehicles. School and municipal buses, government-owned vehicles and vehicles provided by volunteer agencies may be used to provide transportation for individuals who lack transportation and require assistance in evacuating." (pg 13, para 5, dated 01/00)

There are interesting photos of dozens of school buses up to their roofs in water. Why were these not used to get people out? Why weren't the public buses used? Where was the concern when it would have mattered?

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A perfect example of this is Mayor

Nagin's order that 1,500 police officers abandon rescue operations and deal with looters instead. He was quoted as saying that New Orleans would not be embarrassed in front of the country and the world. With that order the Mayor consigned untold numbers to their deaths. Who doesn't care?

Fourth: FEMA's slow response was President Bush's fault. What slow response? Even before Katrina hit FEMA had crews and supplies staging in the area. Additionally, and ignored by the media, Katrina initially did more damage in Mississippi and Alabama. New Orleans had weathered the storm fairly well. FEMA responded to the areas that needed it most. New Orleans didn't flood until the next day. On top of that, several of the major roads into New Orleans were damaged or impassable. They had to be repaired before large amounts of supplies could get to people.

Fifth: There weren't enough National Guard. There are over 10,000 National Guardsmen in Louisiana to help with rescue efforts. The National Guard is controlled by the states Governor, in this case Kathleen Blanco, not the President. The President and/or military control them only after they have been federalized. Any delay in the National Guard getting into the area is laid at Governor Blanco's feet, not the President's. After seeing the scope of the disaster, President Bush said he would federalize the Louisiana Guard if that is what it took. Governor Blanco said "NO".

Sixth: The relief effort was slow because of racism. Anyone who believes that needs to pull their heads out. FEMA required first responders to coordinate with local government agencies before going in. That has been procedure. It appears the local leadership was more concerned with looters than saving people's lives. The Mayor of New Orleans is black. Is he a racist?

This current Bush-bashing frenzy by the media is astonishing and despicable. Instead of asking why the infrastructure in New Orleans collapsed like it did (the Mayor and Governor are Democrats) they blame the President. In their rush to further their agenda, the media deliberately fuels the fires of racism and classism, turning American against American in a time of National tragedy and mourning.

Despicable.

In My Opinion

(KRT)—If you're a woman or care about the health of women you know, you rely on the FDA and people like Dr. Susan Wood, a woman you've probably never heard of and never met. She was in charge of the Office of Women's Health at the Food and Drug Administration — one of those nameless, faceless bureaucrats in the alphabet soup agency world of Washington. Your tax dollars paid her salary and she really cared about making your world safer. And that meant safer medications, safer vaccines, safer implants and safer food.

You can't rely on her anymore. She's gone. She quit the FDA this week, explaining that the FDA is making too many decisions that are based on politics rather than science. She was especially upset that the agency did not approve nonprescription access to Plan B, the emergency contraception that can prevent pregnancy for rape victims and other women who have unprotected sex.

The FDA's refusal to approve the use of Plan B without a prescription is a rallying cry for the millions of Americans who believe that contraceptives are good, not evil. Plan B consists of several birth control pills, taken together to prevent — not to end — pregnancy. It has nothing to do with abortion, but you'd never know that from hearing the arguments against it.

But, if you, or someone you love, were raped at gunpoint, for example, Plan B could help make sure the rape victim doesn't get pregnant as a result. The problem is that Plan B only works during the first few days after unprotected sex — usually 72 hours. Every year, thousands of date rape victims, rape victims and other women who desperately need the pills find it difficult to get a doctor's appointment and fill a prescription during those crucial first three days.

Plan B is not fun to take — it causes nausea and other unpleasant side effects. That's why it is not the kind of medication that is likely to be abused or misused. In fact, it's been used safely for years, and even the FDA commissioner admits in his official statement that it is safe for women over 17. The American Academy of Pediatrics says it is also safe for adolescents.

For more than a year, the FDA refused to decide whether or not to approve the use of Plan B without a prescription. It was only when two U.S. senators, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Patty Murray, courageously refused to allow the Senate to vote on President Bush's choice to head the FDA that the administration promised a decision would be made by September. Rather than waiting to make sure the promise was kept, the two senators allowed the Senate to vote on the new FDA Com-

missioner.

As a result, Lester Crawford, a veterinarian who worked at the FDA, has been commissioner for several weeks. While he was waiting for Senate confirmation, Crawford had avoided any controversial decisions. Almost as soon as he was confirmed, however, he got busy. Under his leadership, the FDA announced their intention to ignore their own scientists by approving silicone gel breast implants for the first time. Soon thereafter, the FDA announced that it would ignore its own scientists by NOT approving Plan B.

In her letter of resignation, Dr. Wood pointed out that the FDA commissioner ignored the science, ignored the agency's scientific staff, and made the political decision to do nothing. Women across the country will be harmed as a result. In addition to dismissing his own scientists and harming women across the country, the FDA betrayed the senators' trust by failing to make a decision.

Why'd he do it? Why embarrass himself, his agency, and the senators who trusted him? The commissioner made lots of excuses about how complicated the issue was, but the real reason was clear: to please religious extremists who oppose birth control — even in cases of rape — and avoid making a clear decision at least until after the next election.

Pirate Rant

If I miss class it can drop me down a letter grade, if a professor misses class, should they get a pay cut?

After four years of eating in the dining hall, I think they should post nutritional information for the foods that are being served. Thanks.

Safe Ride told me to drive home when I was drunk!

For many, this is your first year of college. Statistics show that 25 percent of you either will not finish this year or will not come back for your sophomore year. How does downtown look now? You better show up for class (sober), study and go to bed early. Regardless, come May, the herd will thin itself out. Welcome to ECU.

Where have everyone's manners gone. Riding the bus to campus the other day I was shocked to find that no one would give up his or her seat to a 7-month pregnant woman. Come on people, have some compassion, walking campus is hard enough.

What's the deal with the latest trendy oversized sunglasses the chicks are wearing? All these J.Lo wannabes look like a bunch of insects flying around with those bug eyes.

Has anyone seen the smelt?

My roommate Steve is the worst Madden player I have ever seen. He's bad.

Who can help me get the rider board going in force? Our students need this to work right away. Many thanks, Paula Kennedy-Dudley 328-6881.

Can we get the rider board up and running? Many students are asking for the service. Paula Kennedy-Dudley, Adult and Com-muter Student Services.

PAINT IT PURPLE ... means to wear PURPLE (or other school colors) Not Paint it American Eagle, or red, or cute little mini with strappy tank ... PURPLE! I was very disappointed to see the lack of school spirit on campus today ... even faculty and the Dowdy Student Store staff seemed to have ignored the memo. Sad.

Why can't girls live on the fourth floor of Aycock instead of guys? You gals could get to tone those fabulous legs of yours and you save the gents a treacherous slog up all those stairs in Greenville heat. Everyone wins.

My God, I thought there was a waterfall in the Park and Ride bus the other day. Everyone in the back half got drenched because the air conditioner leaked so bad. That bus is in need of servicing.

People chill out about the gas. It's going to be OK, use your bike or walk. And also, EC/Greenville cops need to stop with the constant driving, that's where all the gas in Greenville's going. What a waste.

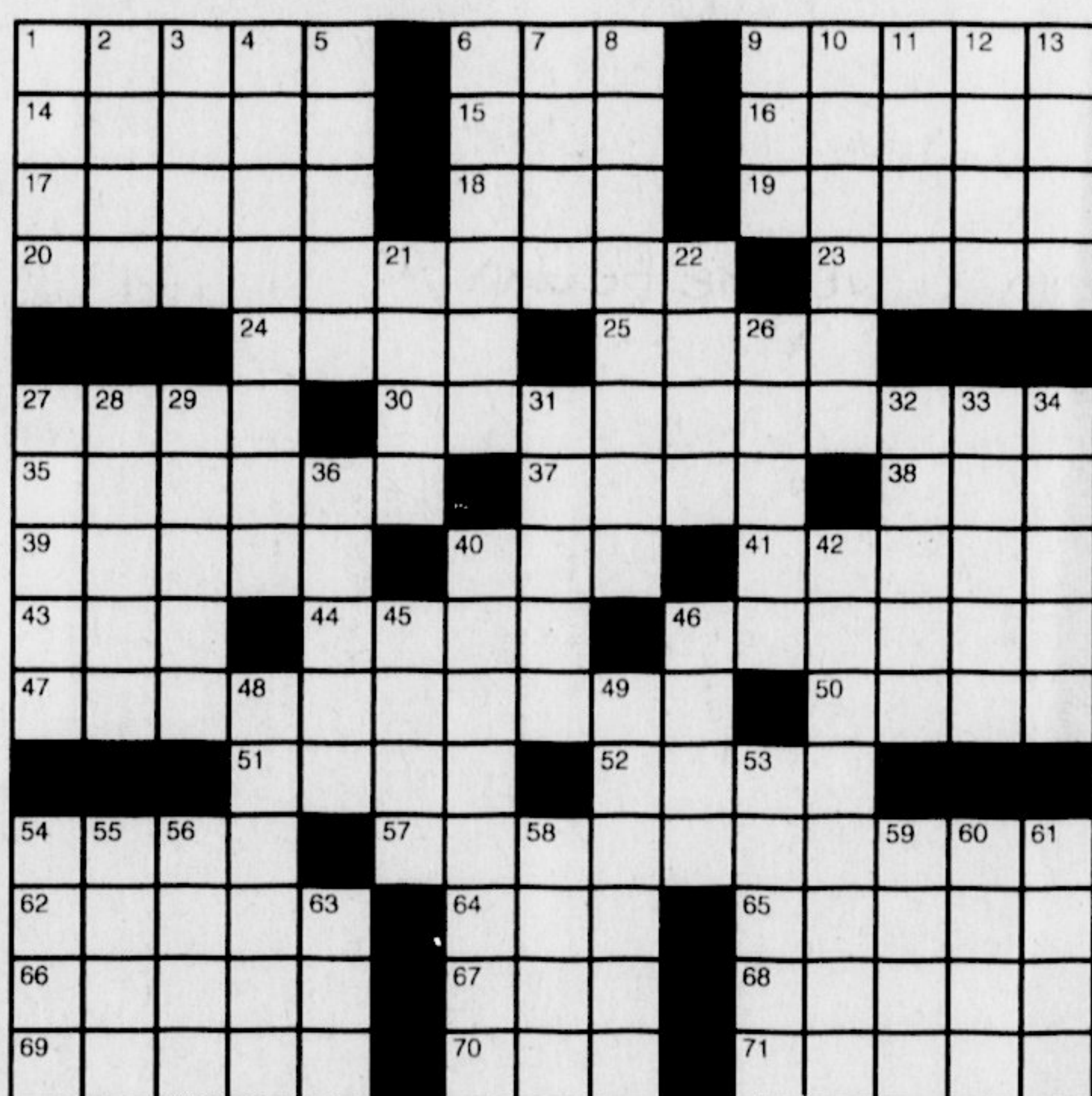
ATTN GIRLS: Oversized sunglasses make you look like cheap repulsive TRASH. Pick a new fad, please. ATTN GUYS: Where are all the pink shirts this year? Did you finally remember that pink is for girls?

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- ACROSS
- Liquor container
 - Tucker's partner?
 - Old English county
 - Tori Spelling's dad
 - Self-image
 - Pay tribute to
 - Santiago's land
 - Bill's partner?
 - Boredom
 - Product logos
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 - Dutch cheese
 - Funny folk
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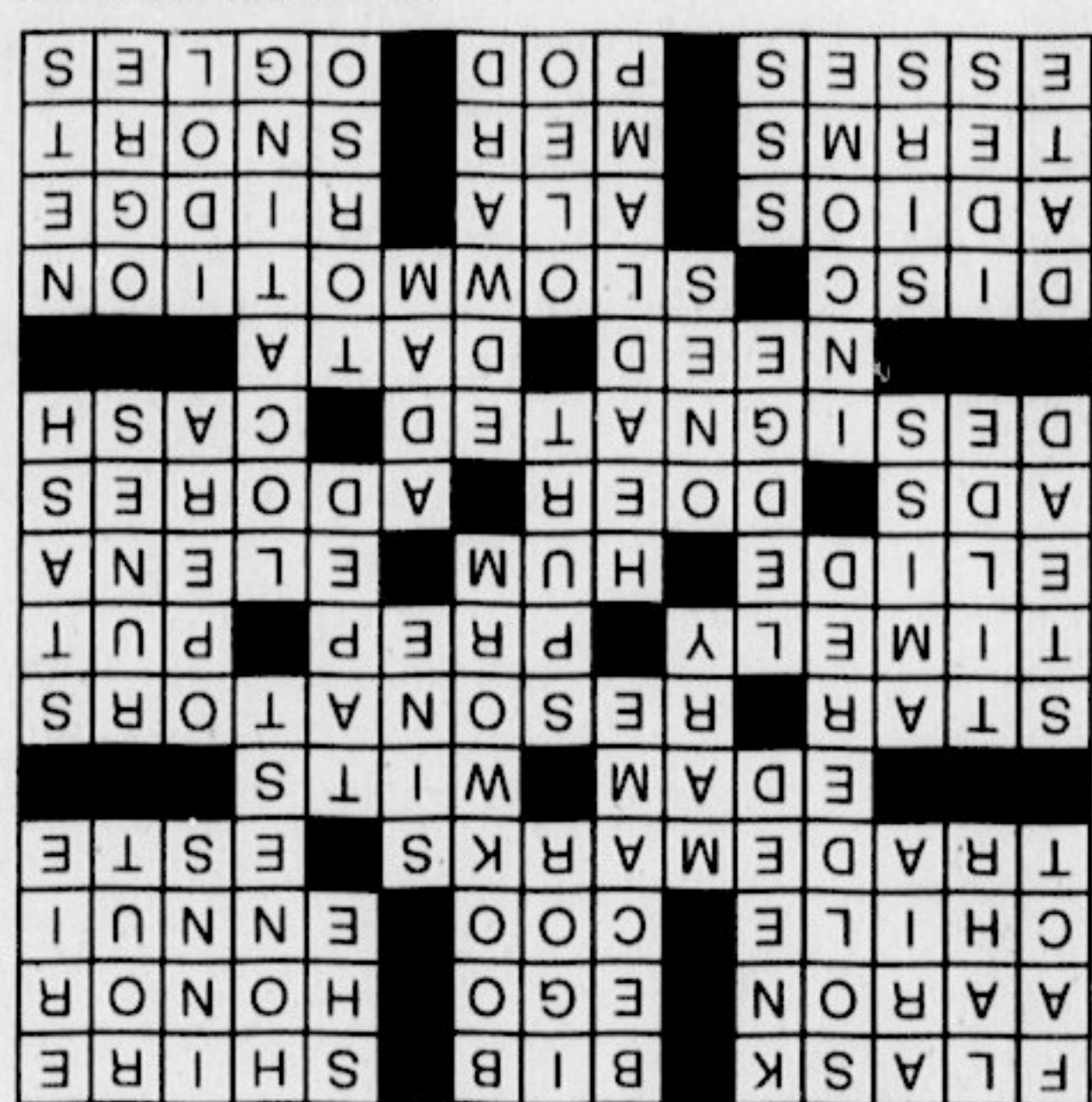
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 - Puccini song
 - Mended with melted metal
 - Struck with a bent leg



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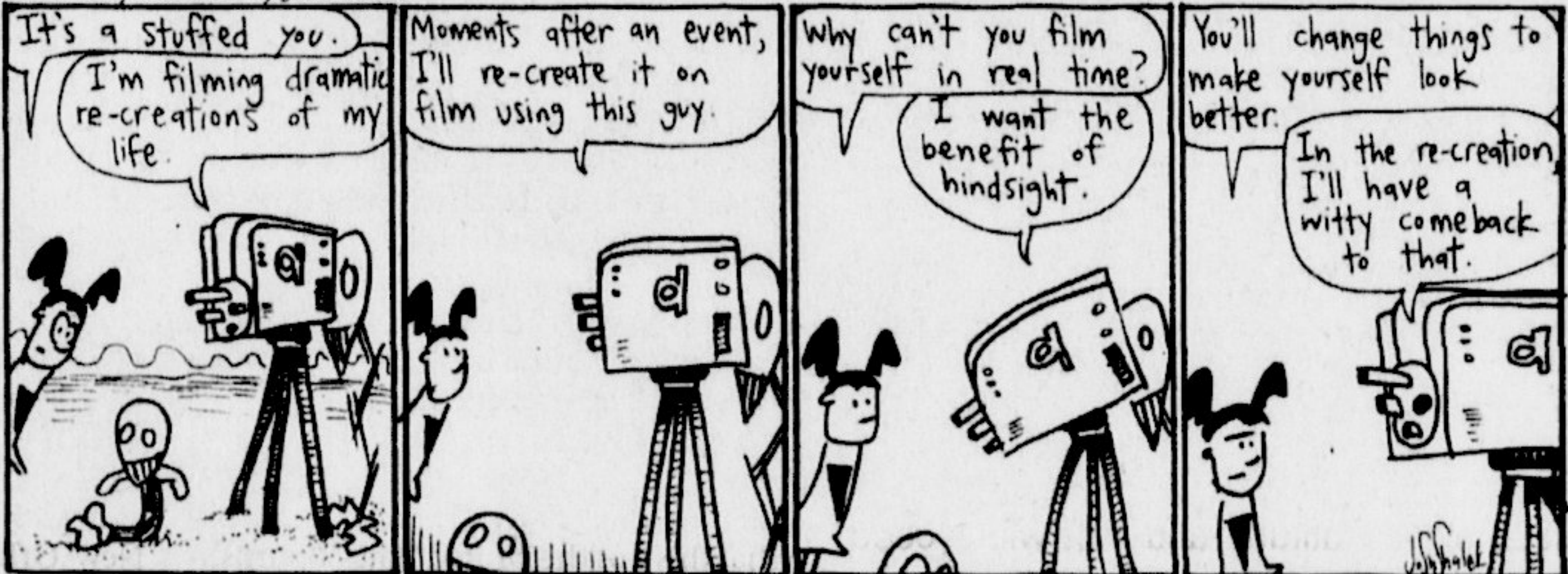
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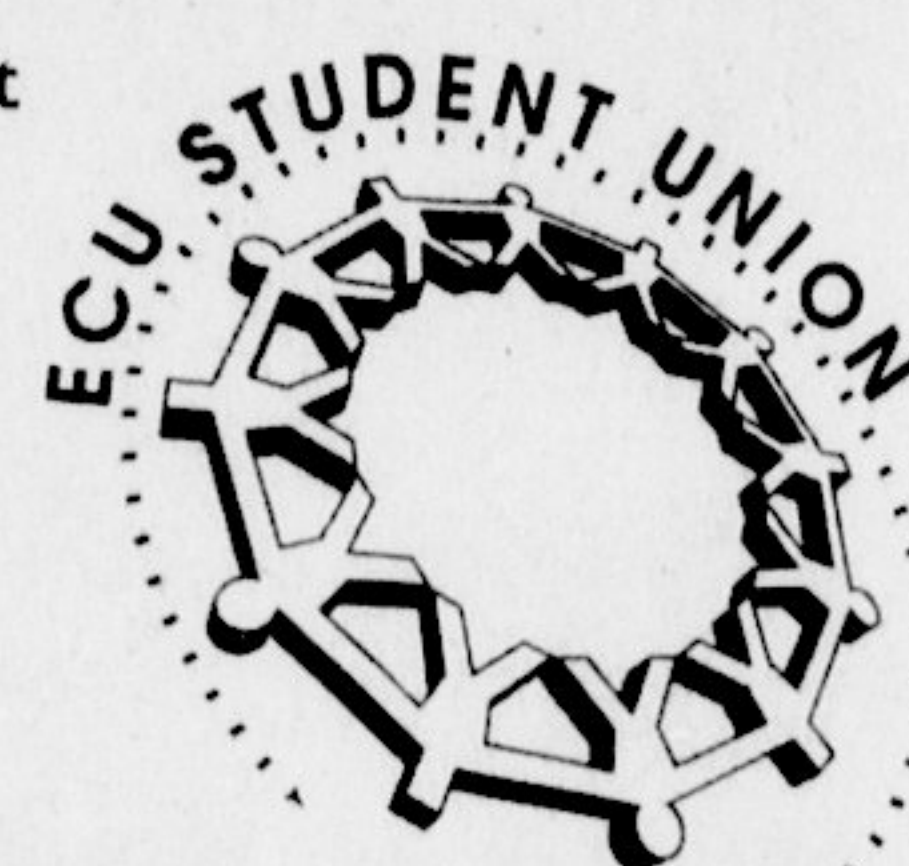
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GREEK PERSONALS

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Zeta Tau Alpha would like to wish the best of luck to all the sororities during recruitment!

Congrats to all the fraternities for getting such great guys! Love the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha!

Hope everyone has had a great first couple of weeks back to school! Love the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha!

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Egyptian government warns against demonstrations during presidential election Wednesday

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The government warned on Tuesday that it would not tolerate election day protests, and the opposition fretted about possible ruling party dirty tricks in Egypt's first contested presidential vote.

President Hosni Mubarak, who has led Egypt for 24 years and is certain to win Wednesday's balloting, calls the election a major step toward greater democracy in a country that has seen only authoritarian rule for more than a half century.

But many Egyptians are skeptical, and the opposition says the vote will do nothing to diminish Mubarak's power.

Hours before voting started, Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif took a tough line, warning that demonstrations were banned for election day.

The reformist group Kifaya had called for a rally Wednesday in one of Cairo's main squares to protest "corruption and oppression" and the continuation of Mubarak's rule.

"If there are demonstrations, they will be sabotaging the elections," Nazif told reporters. "It's the responsibility of the police and the security forces to secure the voters' rights to cast ballots."

George Ishaq, one of the founders of Kifaya, vowed that the group — whose name means "Enough" — would go ahead with the protest.

"We have taken the right to demonstrate, and we are not waiting for anybody to give us permission," he said. "All I can say is that the whole world will be watching."

Brig. Mahrous Shabayek,

the Interior Ministry official in charge of elections, was quoted by Egyptian news media as saying demonstrations on election day were "illegitimate" and would "be faced with firmness."

There have been several instances of police violence against demonstrators this year. During the May referendum that passed constitutional amendments setting up Wednesday's multicandidate presidential election, plainclothes officers and government supporters beat protesters. Kifaya activists also were beaten during a protest in July.

Some 32.5 million Egyptians were registered to cast ballots Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The election commission said counting could take up to three days and final results would

not come until Saturday.

Until now, the 77-year-old Mubarak has been re-elected in referendums in which he was the only candidate and voters' only option was saying "yes" or "no" to his continuing in power.

Mubarak has touted his decision to allow election challengers as a major reform and has promised further democratic steps if re-elected to a fifth 6-year term.

The president faced nine competitors but only two were considered significant — Ayman Nour of the opposition al-Ghad party and Noaman Gomaa of the Wafd party.

The prime minister said Tuesday that the vote will be fair, but opposition parties charged that the government was already trying to sway the election.

Past parliamentary votes

have been marred by widespread reports of vote rigging. In the May 25 referendum, the official turnout was 54 percent, but judges who supervised the polling stations denied that figure and said it didn't exceed 3 percent.

Judges will monitor Wednesday's vote as well. But the election commission, made up of judges appointed by Mubarak, rejected an administrative court ruling allowing independent monitors into poll stations. A higher court on Tuesday backed the commission.

Each candidate is also allowed to have representatives at the polling station.

But Wafd party officials complained that until Monday the government did not provide the voting lists needed to determine who the party can send to monitor voting stations.

A party monitor must come from the station's district.

"We have been fooled by the Interior Ministry and the election commission," said Hossam al-Kholi, a senior member of Wafd. "The only lists we received, two days ago, were full of mistakes."

Wafd campaign spokesman Mohammed Sherdi claimed other violations. He said police in the Suez Canal city of Port Said — a center of Wafd support — had collected the driving licenses of taxi drivers to force them to carry government supporters in groups to the polls.

"They are blackmailing people to serve such a corrupt government. I defy anybody who goes to Port Said and visit police stations and see how many cars are parking in front of it," Sherdi said.

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with the separation of church and state, the rights of states, affirmative action, abortion and gay rights.

Rehnquist was Lutheran, but his funeral will be held at a Roman Catholic church. Susan Gibbs, spokeswoman for the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, said Rehnquist's family had requested use of the church, primarily because of space. She said church rules allow it to be used for other Christian services if there is a need.

Gibbs said plans called for "just a very simple Lutheran service" led by Evans.

St. Matthew's was the site of President Kennedy's funeral in 1963. The funeral of former Justice William Brennan, a Catholic, also was held there.

Burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be private. Rehnquist served as a soldier in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

As chief justice, Rehnquist is entitled to a state-sponsored official funeral, a ceremony that includes a 19-gun salute, four ruffles and flourishes from drums and bugles, and the last 32 bars of the John Philip Sousa march "Stars and Stripes Forever."

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was to dive the *Slobodna*, a cotton bearing ship that sank in 1887 after colliding with the Molasses Reef. The site had been vastly understudied, so the students' goal was to create a comprehensive site map of the shipwreck and identify the ship's parts. No artifacts were taken from the site.

"It was really interesting to see the expanse of sea floor the broken ship parts covered — it was about a mile long," said Stephanie Allen, a graduate student in the Maritime Studies program.

Students were also asked to brainstorm ideas about ways to exhibit their findings to the public. The maps and artifacts will be used for educational purposes, and plans are being made for museum and school exhibits across the country. The greatest importance of their findings is most assuredly its accessibility to the public.

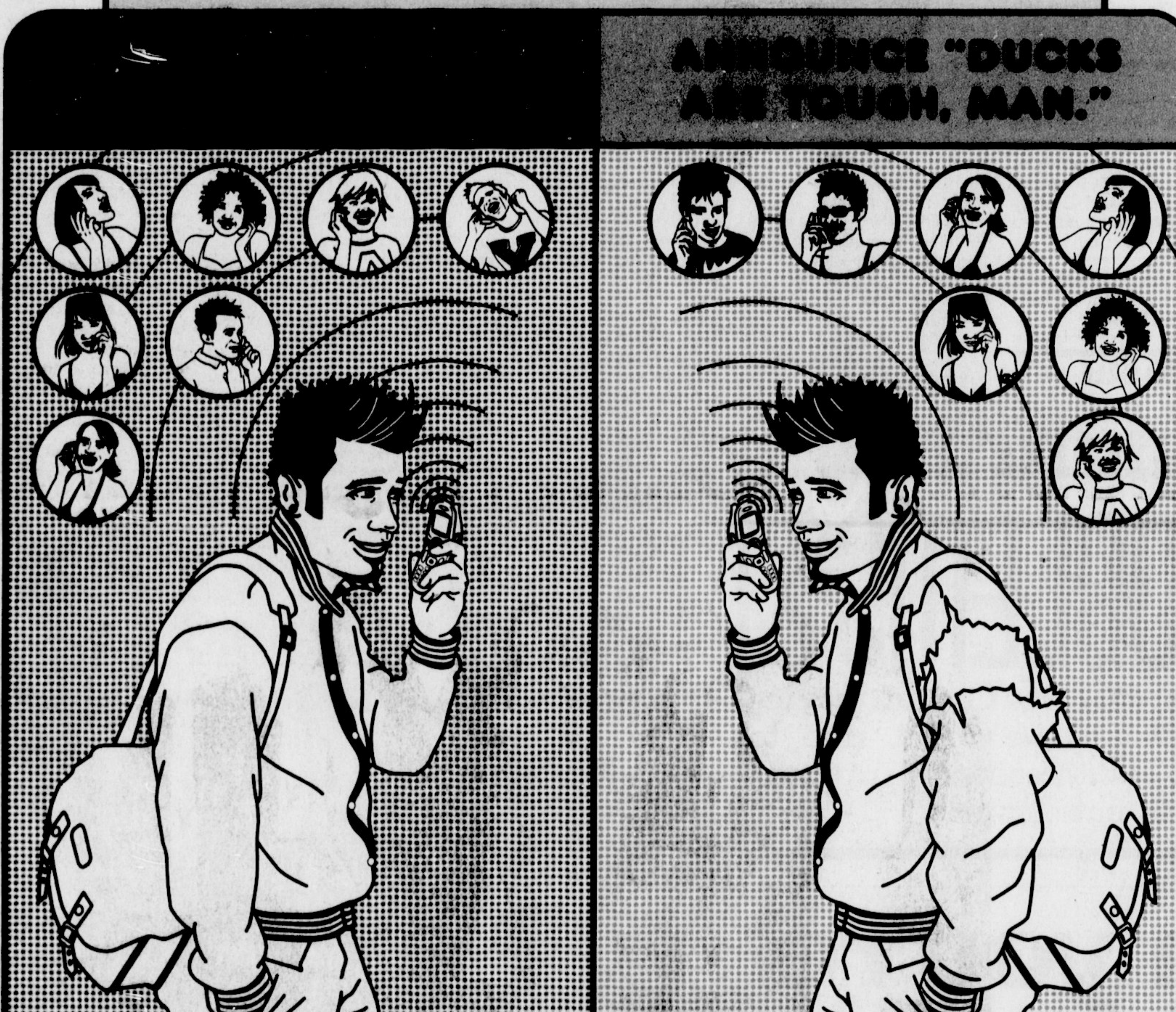
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Horoscopes:

Aries - After you've discussed the options and made your decision, the next thing on the list is to find and appropriate the funds. There is not a moment to lose. Opportunities like this are once in a lifetime.

Taurus - You took on the assignment, and now you're eager to get started. The first thing you encounter is the next barrier to overcome. Examine it closely and then find a way to go around it, not over it.

Gemini - Although you're very flexible, it's nice to have a plan. Conditions are good for drawing one up concerning your career. Take your time and think things all the way through.

Cancer - The next few days will be perfect for cuddling at home with a good book and a loved one and maybe a couple of pets. Take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Leo - Proceed with caution today and tomorrow. It will be easy to get stuck. Stand up for whatever is most important to you while you're at it.

Virgo - You can afford to make an investment in your own education. First, study the best way to do that.

Libra - Use your imagination to find another way to supplement your income. Promise yourself you'll pay off bills.

Scorpio - You're coming out of your reverie, eager to get started on a new scheme. Wait, until you have a better sense of the cost.

Sagittarius - Delegate as much as you can, since your attention will soon be diverted. There is a job that only you can do, and it's coming due, quickly.

Capricorn - Friends want to get you involved, but take care. Don't promise to do something that benefits them more than it does you. Consider your own family and obligations first.

Aquarius - Don't talk about your pet project within earshot of a person who could turn out to be your major competition. Mum's the word. And don't forget: They are everywhere.

Pisces - You'd like to expand your territory, but there is something holding you back. It's kind of like you forgot to release the emergency brake. Release the brake and drive.

Recipe:

3 pounds mixed apples, Cortland, McIntosh, Golden Delicious, Gala; etc., cored and quartered
1/2 cup water
3/4 to 1 cup sugar, to taste
Juice of half a lemon
2 teaspoons cinnamon, optional

In a large saucepan combine the apples, 1/2 cup water and sugar, bring the liquid to a boil, and simmer the mixture, stirring occasionally and breaking up the apples, for 20 minutes. When the apples are tender and the mixture is the consistency of a chunky puree pass the apples through a food mill and return to the saucepan. Simmer the applesauce, gently, for an additional 5 to 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Adjust seasoning with lemon juice, sugar and cinnamon. Serve the applesauce warm or chilled.

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Paint it Purple

Pirate attire for every fan to show their spirit

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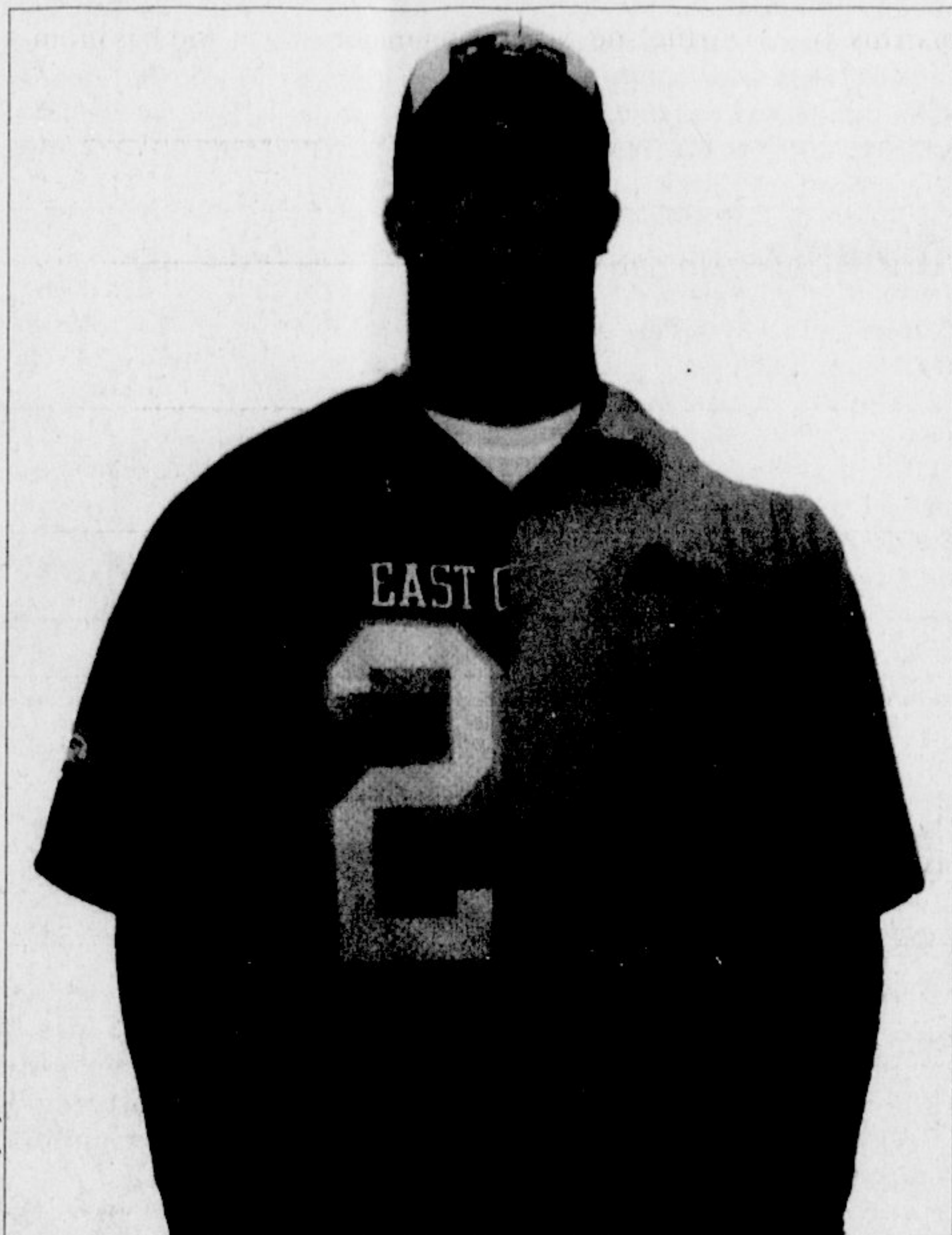
Pirate season is upon us, and with its arrival ignites increased school spirit. Many students are searching for ways to show their support for the home team. Perhaps the easiest way to do so is by decking out in Pirate gear. Many local businesses carry Pirate apparel that is both trendy and affordable.

A popular product for women are rainbow tees, which are available in a variety of colors and have "East Carolina" written in white. Another new product for women is a brown and pink hoodie. A gray and blue hoodie is an old favorite that never goes out of style because it adds a touch for school spirit to an everyday outfit.

Men have fewer choices when it comes to color and style, but are satisfied with some old favorites. Basketball shorts and gray tees are classics that compliment casual looks perfectly. Gray and black hoodies are also favorites among men.

"A staple item is the classic purple ECU t-shirt," said Wanda Scarborough, Director of ECU Student Stores. This tee is a best seller every year for both men and women.

If you aren't in the mood to be decked out in full Pirate gear all the time, accessories offer the perfect way to add a bit of spirit to your style. University Book Exchange's student employees



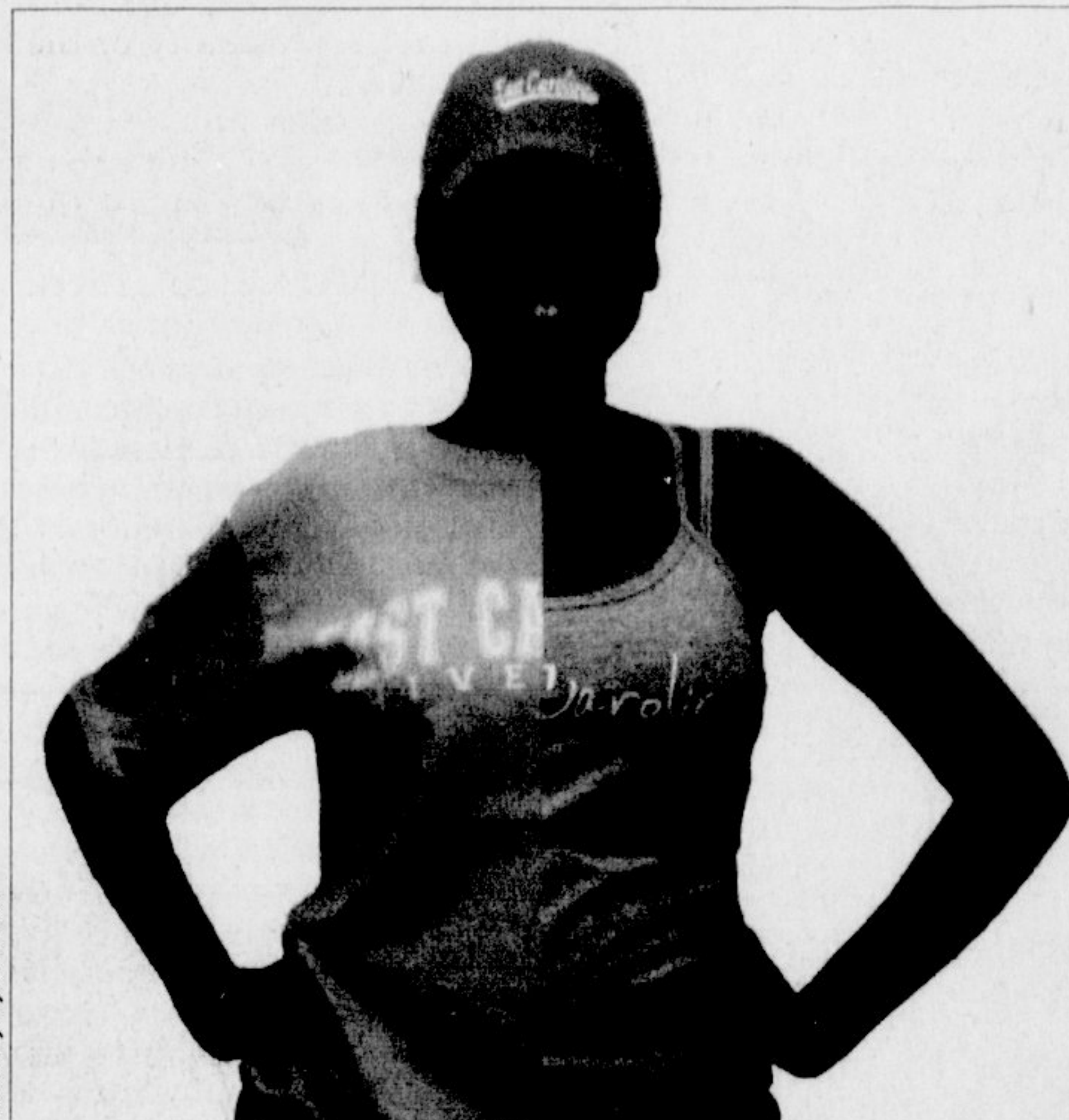
Freshman Athletic Training major Ryan Gieselmann models number 24 Jersey and the Pirate Polo that comes in tan, gray and black.

create handmade jewelry designs, which are crafted out of beads that add a touch of sparkle.

"I enjoy shopping at UBE. They have great selection at an affordable price," said sophomore Tracey Herrin, speech and hearing sciences major.

UBE has a wide variety of Pirate wear to offer custom-

ers this season. Their location on Cotanche Street uptown is within walking distance from campus and provides parking at both front and rear entrances to the store. If you don't have time to drop by the store, you can shop from the convenience of your home by visiting ubeinc.com. The Dowdy Student Store



Freshman Vocal Performance major Janelle Gladney models a pink hat, pastel ECU T-shirt and gray tank top that come in many colors.

also provides students with a convenient and affordable way to purchase Pirate wear. Their campus location in Wright Plaza gives students the opportunity to shop at just about anytime throughout the day.

DSS offers promotional opportunities with every football game. Before each home game, Pirate gear is 25% off. When the Pirates take it on the road, there is an opportunity to save up to 30% depending on the previous scoring record of the team. In hopes of rallying support

for our Pirate athletes, Fridays before ECU football games have been deemed 'Paint It Purple Fridays.' Everyone is encouraged to wear purple on these days. Supporting our fellow Pirates is an essential part of the morale the teams need in order to claim victory. Pirate Wear certainly helped lead the Pirates to victory over Duke. So let's all pull together and 'Paint it Purple' every Friday before a football game.

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Celebrity Profile: Hugh Hefner

Who would not want to be this revolutionary man?

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

On April 9, 1926, in Chicago, Ill., Hugh Hefner entered the world. Growing up he was an average kid, just getting by in high school. However, he had a genius IQ of 152. He invented his own unique style with extra-curricular activities. He started a school paper, enjoyed writing, drawing and even served as president of the student council. After high school, in 1944, Hef (his preferred nickname) joined the U.S. Army, serving as Infantry Clerk and drawing cartoons for several Army newspapers.

Hef's future seemed bleak until *Esquire*, a magazine he worked for, moved to New York. He decided to stay behind and start a magazine of his own. From that point on is history.

Hefner introduced *Playboy* in 1953, a mainstream lifestyle publication that celebrated sex. He introduced this magazine at a time when Americans rarely talked about sex in public. The first issue was produced in his South Side apartment kitchen. Hitting newsstands in December 1953 and flaunting Marilyn Monroe, more than 50,000 copies were sold. This was Hef's



Hugh Hefner, the ultimate successful ladies man, poses with Playmates at a party hosted by *Playboy* magazine for Super Bowl XXXIX.

sure sign that his idea would become globally notorious. *Playboy*, with much controversy, became a smashing success not only for the pictures of beautiful naked women, but also for its high-quality writing - or that's what they all say.

Hefner also opened nightclubs in the 1960s and 1970s featuring sexy women known as

"Bunnies." Hugh felt on top of the world, but after his stroke in 1985, his swinging lifestyle came to a halt. In 1988 he turned over his business to his daughter, Christie. After nearly a decade of being a husband and father, Hef began his old tricks again.

He's a swinging senior citizen with multiple girlfriends and a crazy sex life, of course.

The question everyone wants answered: how does he do it all?

What is it about Hugh Hefner that lures in beautiful women and makes guys everywhere so envious? Charisma, charm and money lure in the ladies and those characteristics, along with endless women, impress the men. Fortunately, he used his powers not only to build a multi-

million dollar corporation, but enticed hundreds of celebrities to join the unimaginable fun at the mansion.

"I would consider Hugh Hefner to be one of the luckiest men alive," said junior finance major Justin Gerock.

Although Hef doesn't por-

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Goodbye boredom, hello new fall gadgets



Cell phones and mobile devices like the Blackberry are hot this fall.

The hottest must haves

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

It doesn't take being observant to notice that many of this summer's hottest gadgets have been carried over to fall. It seems like everyone can be seen listening to his or her iPod between classes or talking on the new Motorola Razr. Other hot items such as the Blackberry, the Nokia flip and PC controllers have been updated from this summer to do basically everything imaginable. Technology is expanding with each passing day and with it comes tools to make boredom a thing of the past.

Ever since iPods hit the scene, they have been sizzling accessories for the people who love music. This tiny gadget stores all the songs you love and plays

them for you in your chosen order or a random combination that pleases. A new favorite amongst the different types of iPods is the iPod Shuffle made by Apple. This iPod has a shuffle setting that allows songs to be played at random and weighs as little as a car key. For a hundred bucks, a fraction of the cost of other iPods, it can be playing your favorite songs - at random of course.

Belkin, an iPod accessory-making company, recently announced the works for the Belkin Dock Adapter. This will allow the iPod Shuffle to connect to other accessories generally used by the regular-sized iPods. The adapter will be available for purchase in late September.

I-DOG is another hot gadget that has come to put a smile on everyone's face. This little robotic dog is an interactive music com-

panion. The dog is the size of a palm and has a simple but cute futuristic design.

The I-DOG works when placed in front of a speaker or when plugged into a headphone jack of an iPod or any music system. As soon as the music starts, the I-DOG does a dance number that includes lighting up his face and wiggling his head and ears.

There are two versions of the I-DOG, an American version and a Japanese version. Apparently, the Japanese version does more things, such as having voice recognition and more sensors. The Japanese version of the I-DOG is making its way to the USA in the fall. The retail price will be about thirty dollars. Just watching the dog dance could be hours of amusing stimulation.

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What's Hot: Geeks

The not-so-typical nice guys finish first

EMILY JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

Remember that nerdy kid you sat next to in middle school with the giant glasses who always had his nose in a sci-fi book? Of course you do. When we were kids, the geeks were the social outcasts. Some geeks strive to be outside of the mainstream, instead choosing non-conformity just despite the simplicity of conformity, while most kids were concerned with who's going out with whom for the week. A senior athletic training major at ECU, Natalie Wright, says, "I don't think they choose non-conformity. They are just different."

Sometimes geeky people are simply those who experience life in a more distinctive fashion than the rest of us. And that is "A" OK.

Many associate geeks with technological gadgets, science fiction novelties and major fashion emergencies. While often these stereotypes are true, they are just as frequently untrue. Not everyone is the same, no matter how he or she is typified. It is simply easier to point out difference in a society of sameness.

We can all admit that we poked fun at the nerdy kids when we were younger. But, who has the last laugh? Take Bill Gates. He's a nerdy boy making mega bucks. Many geeks, like Conan O'Brien, are not sitting on the sidelines while normal people get the fame and fortune; they, instead, are using their geekdom to their advantage. Geeks in movies have been a huge hit, mainly since the '80s. There were some mighty weird kids in *Revenge of the Nerds*, *Weird Science*, the *Porky* series, *Ghostbusters* and even Ferris Bueller was a little on the nerdy side. But we loved all of those characters for their charm, charisma, intellect and, maybe, we felt a little pity for them also.



The typical 'geek' is a nice guy.

Well, feel pity no more. Today it seems that geeks are becoming large and in charge. Geek is chic. Showing up everywhere in stores are the latest geek trends, and you won't find popped collars on any of the mannequins. It goes to show that your clothes don't wear you; it's you that wears the clothes. Hollywood is generating quite a big deal over the new geek chic. In theaters now is the *40 Year Old Virgin*, featuring none other than a middle-aged geek who is slightly inept when it comes to women. And the list of geek movies goes on and on. Look at the technology we have today. Who else invented the pocket-protector but geeks themselves? Our technological market would be nonexistent without the brain power of geeky people everywhere.

But really, who doesn't love a geek? Say you're watching *Star Wars* and you need help understanding the plot. The geek is there to make it all clear. Your computer may crash the night before a 10-page paper for your English class is due, but your geek friend pulls through and your paper is saved. Though your geek may not be able to help you with fashion advice, or be able to tell you what happened in last week's

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tray masculine energy, he does not ever have to worry about proving his manhood. Many disapprove of this lifestyle, but there is no doubt he's the ultimate playboy. Even the squarrest guy in the world would not deny a chance to visit the Playboy mansion. And for an even bigger fantasy, who wouldn't love to be Hef's best friend?

At 79 years old, Hefner is still swinging with three girlfriends – all young enough to be his granddaughters. He has a full 70 person staff and six acres of play area with a private zoo. The public has caught glimpses of this fantasy lifestyle in the

movie *Beverly Hills Cop II* and the hit television show *Entourage*.

His mansion is now open to the public every Sunday at 9 p.m. on the E! Cable channel show *The Girls Next Door*. The show features his current girlfriends Kendra Wilkinson (20), Holly Madison (25) and Bridget Marquardt (31). Hef said he decided to do a reality show to fulfill the public curiosity of what it's like to live in the Playboy Mansion.

"I've watched the show and I think the idea of being a bunny has changed. Sure, all the girls are beautiful, but they don't look as fake as they use to," said freshman business

management major Stephanie Marshall.

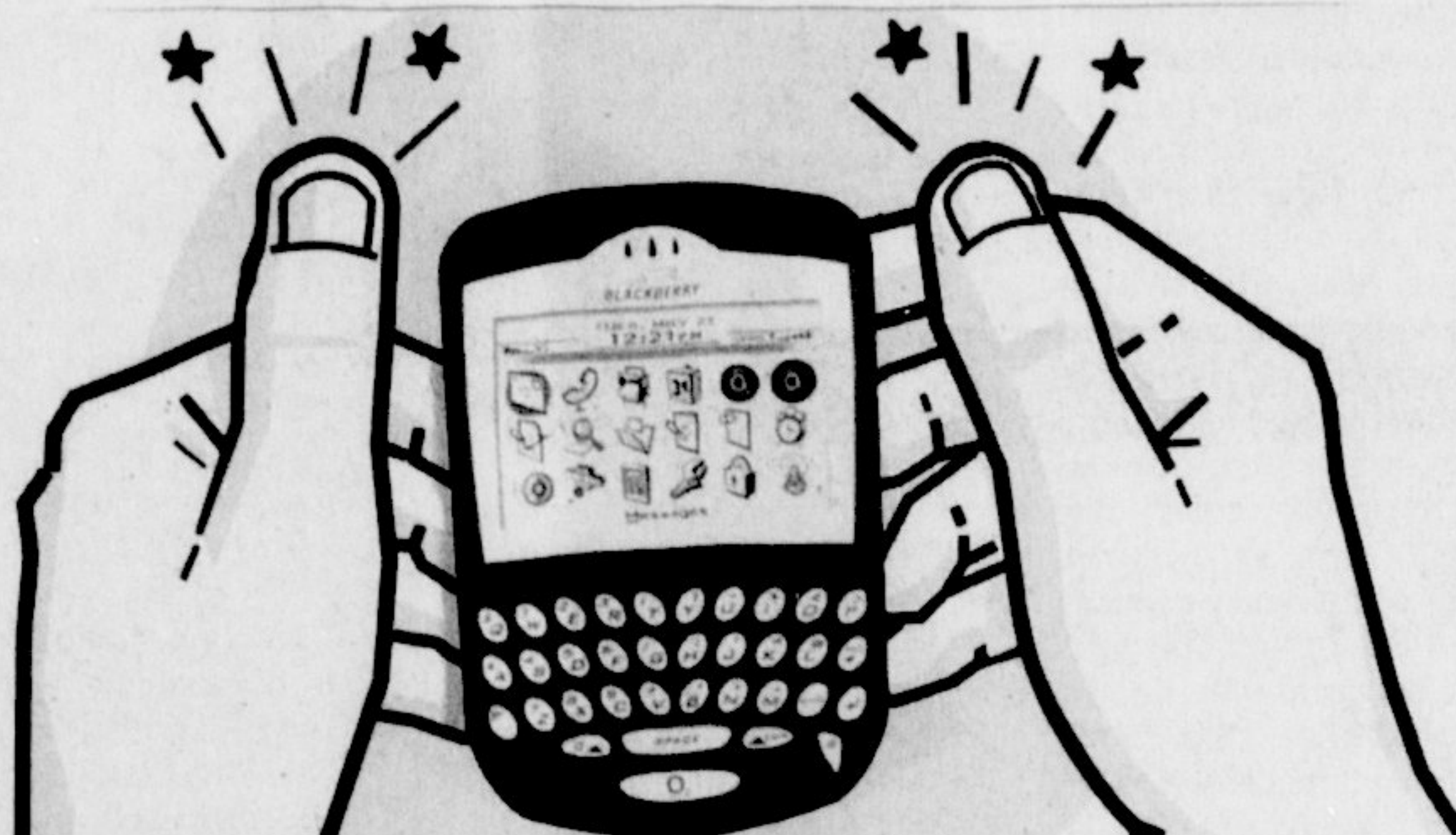
Since Marilyn Monroe was the first *Playboy* centerfold and really got Hef's business raging, he truly has a great respect for her. He plans to be buried next to her at Westwood Village Memorial Park Cemetery in California.

Whether you agree with his lifestyle or not you must give this indefatigable swinger credit for living the ultimate life no one ever thought possible. Every man wishes to be this successful with the ladies at his age.

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With the growing popularity of the BlackBerry, text messaging has become easier and more efficient.

The infamous BlackBerry has everybody talking, literally. Cingular has struck gold yet again with the newest BlackBerry 7100g series. This BlackBerry has access to Cingular's coverage plans as well as a new sleek phone design.

The 7100g has email capability, speakerphone and polyphonic ring tone support, web access and even has a new style keyboard that makes typing and dialing hassle free. This can surely come in handy when text messaging. The price for the BlackBerry 7100g, commonly called the "Crackberry," is up in the three hundreds but is well worth never having to leave your room.

"The hottest item [this fall] is definitely the BlackBerry. People are getting carpal tunnel [syndrome] from using it so much. It's seen in videos and movies and just the other day I saw a tennis match where Venus was using her

Blackberry while waiting for her match to start. The BlackBerry is big right now," said junior biology major James Polk.

Next up for hot items is the ErgoPointer. The ErgoPointer is basically a PC handle or a mouse. It is designed with a pistol grip style and has a tracking ball on top. The pointer fits in the palm of your hand with four grooves for your fingers, allowing your thumb to do most movements. The ErgoPointer may help prevent carpal tunnel syndrome and repetitive stress injuries that can occur from using a normal mouse.

PC's are burning hot with all types of innovative accessories. Dressing up your PC is like dressing yourself – the more unique, the better. Metadot Corp. has come up with an awesome keyboard, the Das Keyboard, which has blank keys.

The keyboard's design is like that of no other. The concept the

inventors have is that users will adapt over time and memorize where the letters and numbers go resulting in faster, more accurate typing. The Das Keyboard is a perfect fit for gamers. It has a white hot design and wants you to use your brain too. What more could a person ask for?

With this fall being hurricane season, weather is a big concern for everyone. If you are the type of person who looks to see what the weather is going to be like each day then the Discovery FX5000 Wireless Weather Station is for you.

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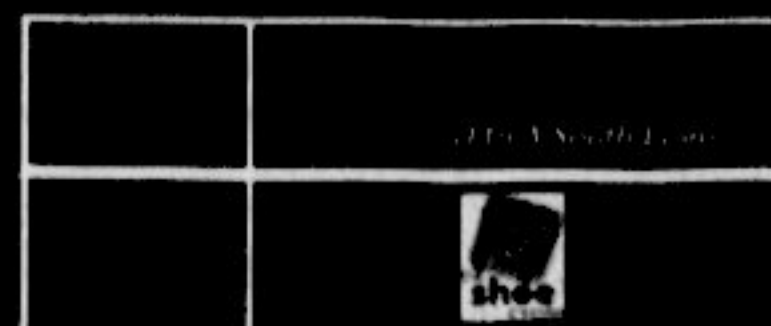
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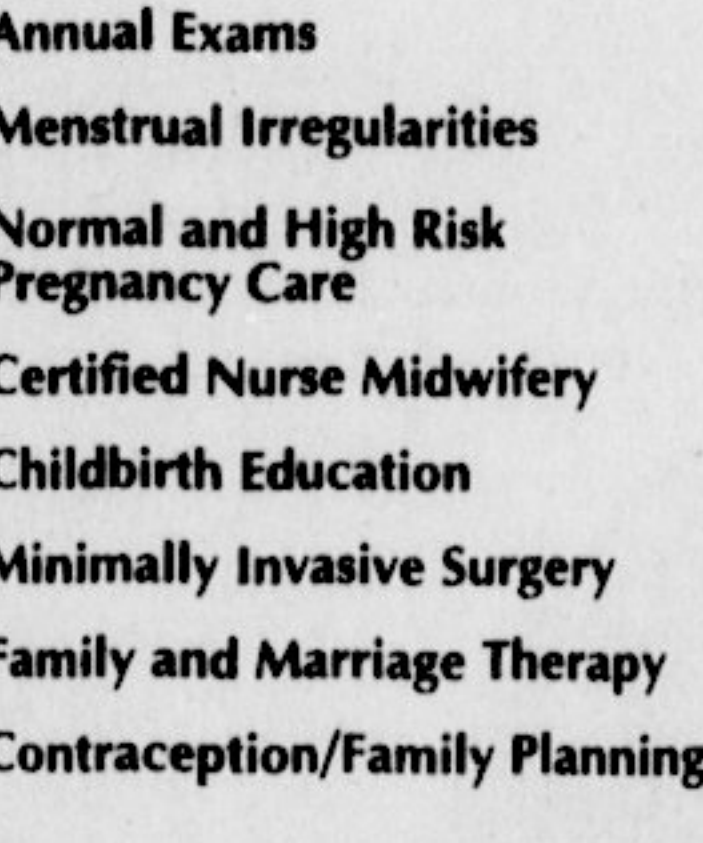
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Books made for big screen

Making reading obsolete since the 1930s

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

When television or movie producers begin brainstorming for their next project, it isn't some organic process where they lock themselves in a room, pounding their heads against a wall until a brilliant idea pops out. It's actually a much easier process. Sometimes, it can be as easy as opening a book.

Almost as long as they've been making movies, producers have been turning books into movies as well. In fact, many of the most memorable films in history originally were novels.

Some of these adaptations include classics like *Gone with the Wind*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Raging Bull*, *The Godfather* and *The Exorcist*. In fact, just this summer studios have released a handful of adaptations of novels – most notably *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *War of the Worlds* and *The Constant Gardener*.

So why is it so appealing to adapt a previous work rather than create an original work? Gary Edwards, an English major and senior at ECU, has a theory: "The process for writing novels is much freer than the process of writing screenplays. Instead of writing what movie audiences will pay to see, novelists can write anything they want to write."

"So when studios are looking for pictures to make, they have to be attracted to a project with great detail, with great character development, that is original. So they already have a good framework of what the film should be like. It can't hurt to pick one with a built-in audience either."

While it's true that having a built-in audience for a movie can be a big positive for a film, it can also bring a host of problems for the filmmakers. If they make a bad movie, not only are they charged with making a bad movie, they are also charged with ruin-

ing the reputation of the book.

And no matter how great a film is, many fans of the book are never satisfied. For instance, the *Harry Potter* series of books proved to be a phenomenon. The subsequent film versions, which generate staggering grosses at the box office and earn very favorable reviews from most critics, are tainted by diehard fans of the series who complain that certain scenes were cut from the movies or key changes were made simply because the changes were necessary for the story to translate to the big screen.

This demographic of diehard fans, though small, are vital to the success of the film because they are the ones the film is catered to. The producers are hoping that these diehards, of all people, will support the film and spread the word. Instead, many focus on the tiny discrepancies rather than the big picture.

Producers, however, have to take the good with the bad. If the 'bad' is the possibility of spoiling the reputation of a novel or upsetting obsessed fans, the 'good' is the allure of making a film which generates millions of dollars, wins truckloads of awards and amasses universal acclaim – something recent adaptations have done.

In that regard, the *Lord of the Rings* series of films should be the standard of how producers should bring books to the big screen in the future. Director Peter Jackson remained as true to the original books as possible – leading three films, each of which ran over three hours long. It was a huge gamble to make such a recognizable franchise but it clearly paid off. The final installment, *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King*, won 11 Oscars, tying the record set by *Titanic* and *Ben-Hur*. Overall, the series generated nearly \$3 billion from the box office worldwide.

In addition, many of the best reviewed films of the past several years originated as novels, such as 2005's winner for Best Picture from the Academy Awards *Million Dollar Baby* along with films *Side-*

ways, *City of God* and *Mystic River*.

With the success of these films, it is no small wonder that studios are preparing more and more adaptations in the coming years. In the near future, you can expect movies based on *The Da Vinci Code*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and *Proof*, a film based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Anthony Hopkins and Jake Gyllenhaal.

But the local multiplex isn't the only place to find these adaptations. Candace Bushnell, the woman who wrote, created and lived *Sex and the City*, is in the early stages of bringing another of her works to the small screen.

Sex and the City, debuted on HBO in 1998 and followed the lives of four New York women as they gossip about their sex lives and deal with the trials and tribulations of being a single woman in today's world.

The show, which ran until Spring 2004, was a cultural phenomenon. Now, Bushnell hopes lightning can strike twice with a new series based on her novel *Lipstick Jungle*. According to CanMag.com, *Lipstick Jungle* is the story of three forty-something career women in New York. This whole idea sounds a lot like *Sex and the City*, but just remember these are new women with totally new issues. As of now, there's no network deal in place but at the prospect of a fraction of the success of *Sex and the City*, any network should jump at the chance to work with Bushnell.

Bushnell seems to be sticking with the philosophy of "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" by maintaining the formula that made her millions with *Sex and the City*. But more broadly, both the television and movie business is sticking with that philosophy. Books are great, but people seem to enjoy them more when they don't have to actually read them. Until this fact changes, expect more paper to film adaptations.

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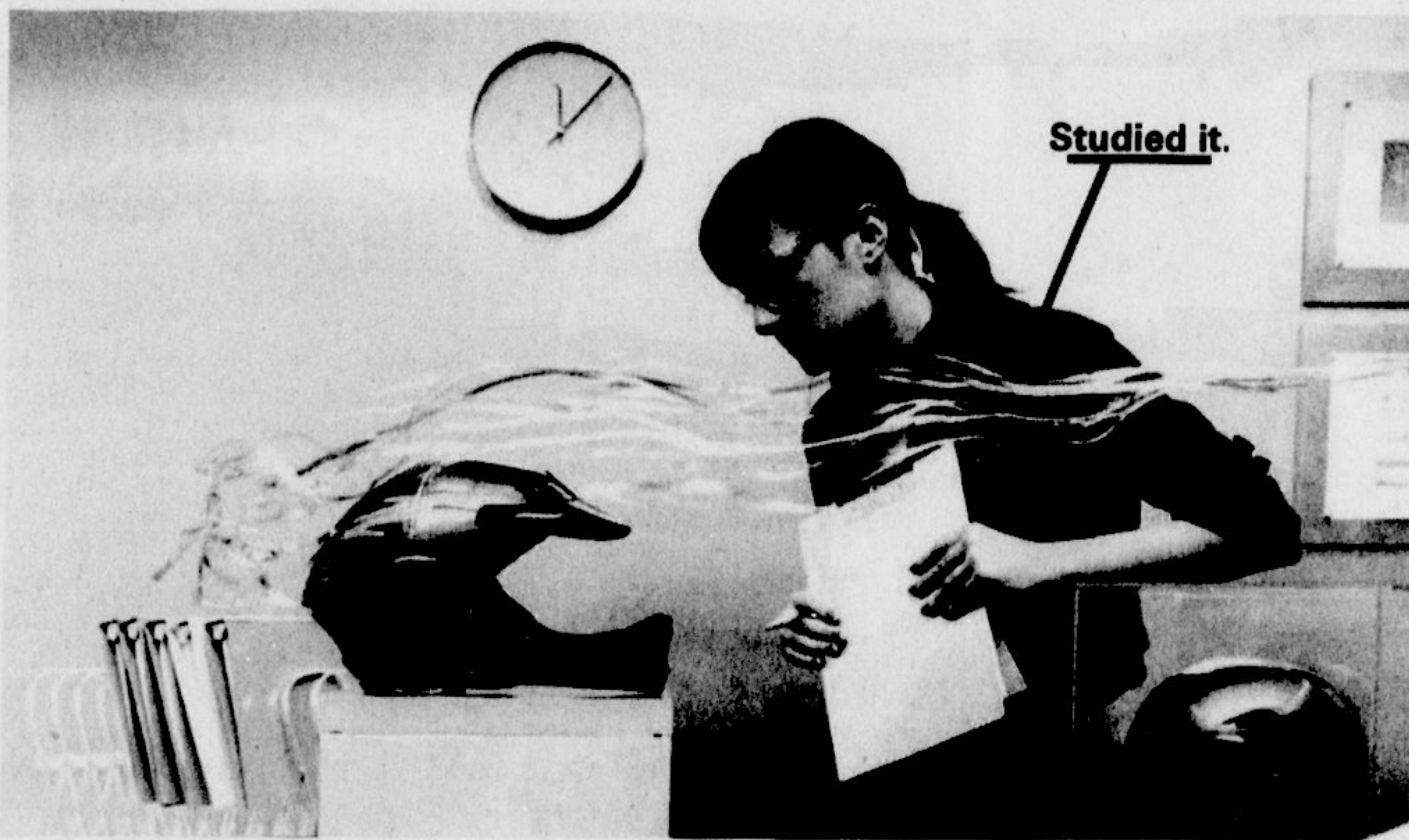


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episode of *Desperate Housewives*, he can be a friend through more important problems.

Why are geeks becoming such a hot topic? Nice guys are forced to be reckoned with. They're not about superficiality. They're real, and that's what people want to see. Real is what women find most attractive in men, not the number of goals they score, or the amount of beer they can chug at once. Women want to find men who don't just have strapping biceps and Fabio's square chin. Women want personality, looks aren't always a huge factor in the great man hunt. Julie Phanthay, a junior biology major at ECU says, "I like geeky personalities, and if I liked [the guy too] it would be a bonus!"

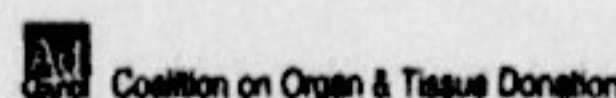
Geeks can be sexy because they are not bad boys, they are simply unique. Being slightly odd is slightly cool. So be nice to the geeks, because nice guys do finish first.

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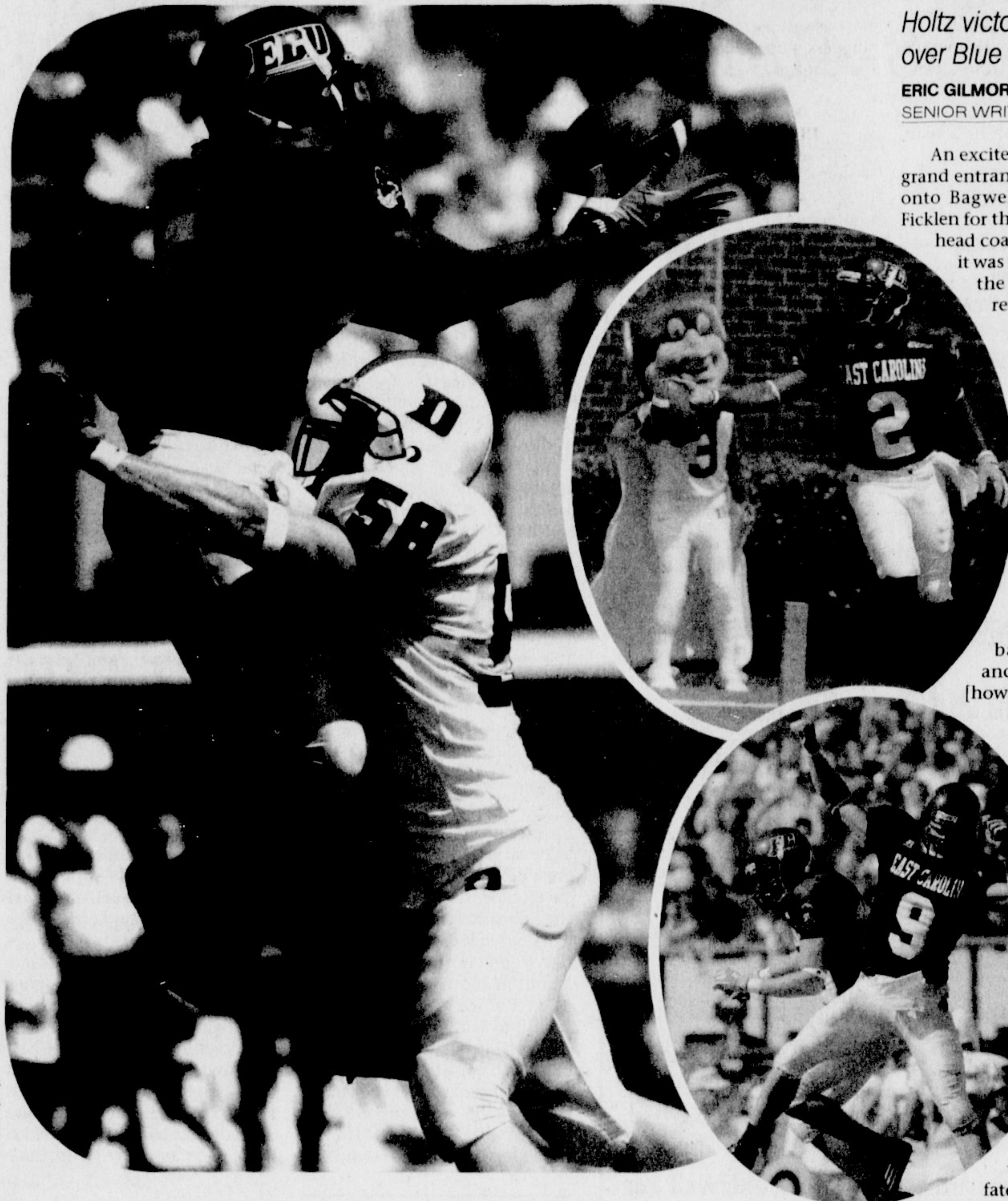
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Sports Briefs

Pinkney, McQueen earn C-USA honors

ECU junior quarterback James Pinkney and senior special teams performer Markeith McQueen have earned Conference USA Player-of-the-Week honors for their play against Duke Saturday according to a release from the league media relations office Tuesday afternoon. Pinkney, who directly accounted for all three of ECU's touchdowns and 266 yards of total offense during the Pirates' 24-21 win over Duke at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, also completed nearly 81 percent of his passes (17-of-21) for 235 yards and one TD while adding 31 rushing yards on 11 carries and a career-high two scores. He personally averaged 8.3 yards per play while directing a Pirate offense which racked up 338 yards on 57 plays - an average of nearly six yards per snap (5.9) - to lead ECU to its first opening day win in five years. He opened the scoring with his first career touchdown rush, a 1-yard effort in the first quarter, while also helping to seal ECU's victory with the Pirates' last TD, also a 1-yard run, to extend the lead to 24-14. Pinkney was also involved in a pair of big pass plays with receiver Aundrea Allison, hooking up with the junior on a 50-yard TD strike midway through the opening period before making a key 31-yard completion in double coverage on a 4th-and-5 play at the Duke 33-yard line which set up his scoring run at the end of the third quarter. McQueen opened the contest in impressive fashion, taking Duke's opening kickoff and returning it in a career-long 45 yards which ranked as the longest kickoff return by an ECU player in two seasons or since Damarcus Fox logged a 94-yarder vs. Memphis Nov. 1, 2003. He also turned in a notable effort on ECU's punt defense squad, helping keep Duke deep inside its own territory during the second half. After posting a solo tackle on Blue Devil returner Chris Davis for zero yards at the Duke 12-yard line on ECU's first punt of the third quarter, he then downed the ball inside the Blue Devil 5-yard line on a pair of punts in the fourth quarter to help preserve the win. McQueen finished off Ryan Dougherty's 59-yard punt at the Duke 5-yard line with 10:34 to play before downing a punt at the Blue Devil 1-yard line with just 2:29 remaining.

It's a whole new ball game



Photos by Kyle Fisher

Holtz victorious in debut over Blue Devils

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

An excited Skip Holtz made a grand entrance leading his team onto Bagwell Field at Dowdy-Ficklen for the first time as ECU's head coach on Saturday. But it was the emotion leaving the field that Holtz will remember.

"It was great," Holtz said referring to his first Gatorade shower as a Pirate. "Somebody said 'I watched after the game and you were jumping up and down.' I said 'them buckets of water are cold now. You have one thrown down the back of your shirt and you don't realize' [how cold they are]."

The Pirate defense held off a tough Duke squad in the waning moments to complete a 24-21 season opening win. Pierre Parker's first career interception of Duke quarterback Matt Schneider with only 1:16 remaining sealed the Blue Devil's fate.

"But like I told [the team] in the locker room, if we are only as good as our last game, then that wasn't the 117th best defense in the country," Holtz said. "The leadership of the linebackers... and some of the senior leadership that we are getting right now from the guys on the field, I just think that's what is making the wheels go round."

His trust in his defense showed when ECU was facing a late 4th-and-2 situation near midfield and with the 2:29 remaining. After initially deciding to put the offense on the field, Holtz opted to punt. Ryan Dougherty booted a critical punt that was downed by gunner Markeith McQueen near the goal line.

The drive ended with Parker's fourth-down interception. The sophomore safety finally notched the game-changing interception after having dropped two passes earlier.

"He has caught everything in camp," Holtz said. "He was catching balls off the goalposts."

Baker's counterpart, Zach Baker did catch everything thrown his way. Baker's two interceptions and fumble recovery almost didn't happen. The senior was inserted into the starting lineup due to Jamar Flournoy's suspension.

ECU junior quarterback James Pinkney culminated his suspenseful off-season with a 235 yard effort. Pinkney's 17-of-21 passing efficiency ranks sixth nationally. The Delray Beach, Fla. native also notched three touchdowns, two via short sneaks.

"He's a lot better than I thought he was going to be," said Holtz. "I think everyone else saw today what I've been looking at with him having that poise in the pocket. I really thought he

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Wild Card race tightening as October approaches

Who you will find in the playoffs this year and why

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

As Major League Baseball makes its turn down the home stretch of the regular season, we are once again able to visit our favorite cliché, "The Hunt for October." Although, I personally hate the saying, we are creatures of habit. So with that, let's take a look at who's in "The Hunt for October."

National League

Home of the best and worst division in baseball, the national league sports 10 major playoff hopefuls. The NL East is home to five of those teams, each of which have a winning record. The NL West on the other hand, well, what can you say except someone unfortunately has to make the playoffs from that division. So while debates rage on about how the west may be the worst division since the beginning of the wild-card era, we have to keep them in mind, solely for the fact that they will be represented in the MLB playoffs.

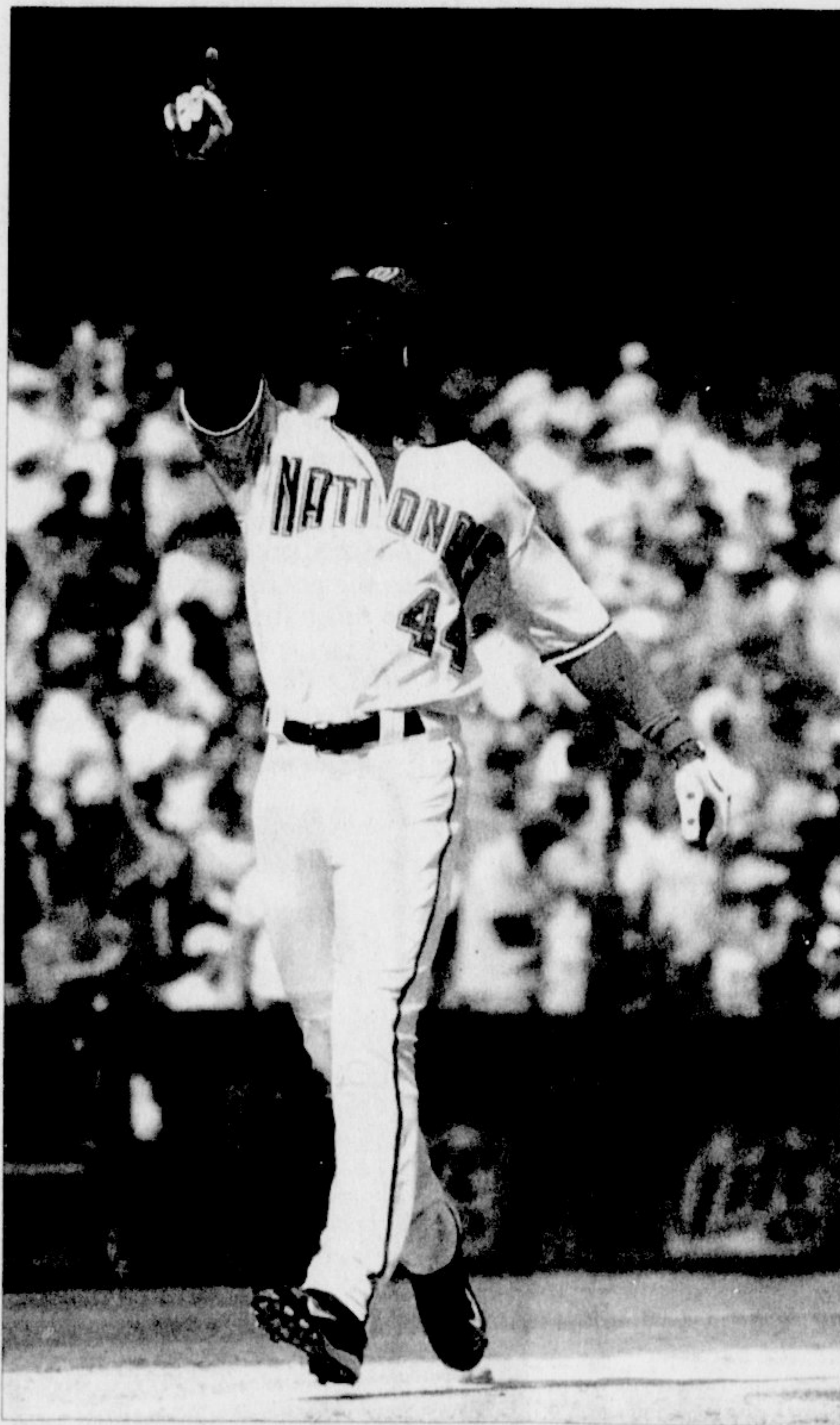
Lock: NL East - Atlanta Braves
Three and a half weeks away from 14 straight division titles. That speaks for itself.

Lock: NL Central - St. Louis Cardinals

The Cards have been in cruise control all year, mainly in part to great play and such a slow start from the Houston Astros, who played the first month without slugger Lance Berkman. Look for superstars Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and David Eckstein to get some rest down the stretch as they prepare to make another run for the World Series.

NL West

While I would love to say that the Padres have finally seized control of the miserable west, the San Francisco Giants have for some reason reeled off six straight games to move within five games of the divisional lead. If Barry Bonds decides he must grace us



Preston Wilson has provided immediate offense for the Nats.

with his presence, this race may get really interesting down the stretch, because the Padres have shown the capability of going 2-8 in a 10 game stretch. Buckle your seatbelts, this might get wild.

NL Wild Card

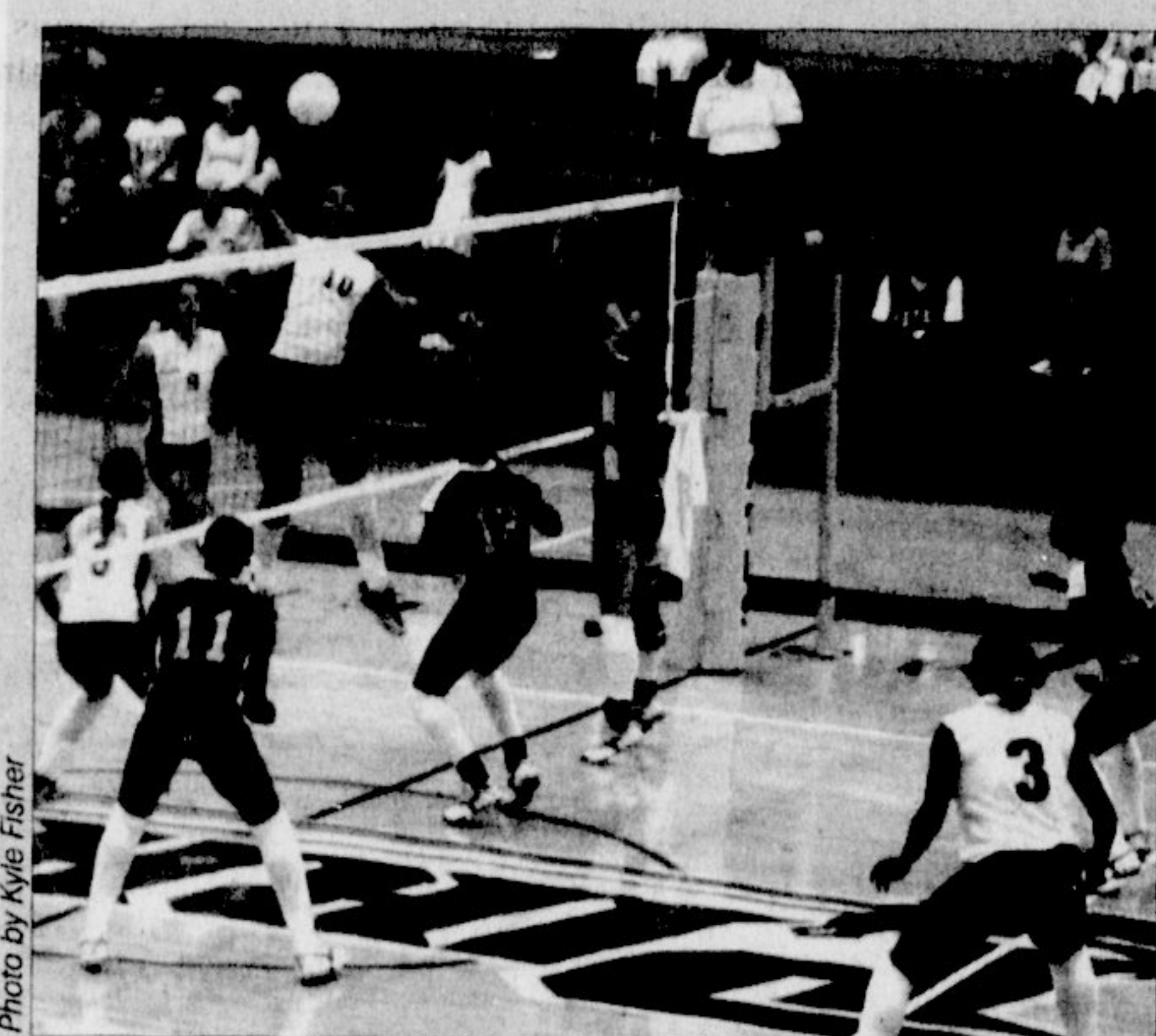
In case you took a few months off from the world, the wild card winner will not come from the west. With that in mind, here are the teams that I think still have a legitimate shot to make the post-season in the always-coveted

wild-card position.

Milwaukee Brewers
Did I say legitimate? In the case of the Brewers, I'll say they're mathematically still alive. All kidding aside, the Brew Crew have really stuck around in the race for the card as they find themselves five and a half games out.

You really have to admire the effort of the entire team, with special attention to slugger Geoff

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The Lady Pirates will head to Ohio this weekend.

Lady Pirates take two at Appalachian Classic

ECU bounces back from early-season loss

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After starting the season with a loss to William and Mary, the Lady Pirates were looking to get back on track last weekend as they entered the Broyhill Inn Appalachian Classic. Coming off of a win over NC A&T in their second game of the season, ECU had the momentum with them on the road.

Game one of the classic pitted ECU against the host, Appalachian State. ECU seniors Pam Ferris and Erica Wilson combined for 28 kills. Freshman Trish Monroe led the team on defense with 24 digs. Despite their hard effort, the Lady Pirates were not able to come up with the win as they fell three matches to one, 31-29, 24-30, 30-23, 33-31.

In the second game of the classic, ECU matched up against High Point. The Lady Pirates were able to jump out to an early match lead, winning the first match 33-31 and the second 30-27. High Point was able to pull out the third

match, winning 30-25 before ECU dominated the fourth and final match 30-17.

Wilson led ECU with kills in the victory with 23, while Ferris and freshman Kim Jefferson followed up with 16 and 14 respectively. Junior Heidi Krug set up much of the kills with her 60 assists in the Lady Pirates' win.

In the final game of the classic, ECU faced Tennessee Tech. The Lady Pirates were able to make quick work of their opponent, winning in a sweep 30-20, 30-27 and 30-23. ECU finished the game with an attack percentage of .252 compared to Tennessee Tech's .106. The win gave ECU an overall record of 3-2 this season.

Ferris and Wilson were named to the Broyhill Appalachian All-Tournament Team for their performance last weekend.

The road trip continues for the ECU Volleyball team as they travel to Bowling Green, Ohio this Friday. They will take part in the BGSU Invitational against Ohio State, Chicago State and Bowling Green.

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The Sports
Dic-tion-ary

Gridiron - Nickname for a football field (i.e. "The Pirates will take to the gridiron next week against Wake Forest")

Signalcaller - Nickname for a quarterback. Another common nickname is the "field general."

Red Zone - The area 20 yards from the goal line. When an offense reaches this in their opponent's side, it is called the red zone.

Sleeper - A team that has the talent to go to the playoffs or championship of their sport, but is not the favorite to do so.

Southpaw - Nickname for a left-handed pitcher.

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Jenkins, who is on fire in the last two months, and starters Doug Davis and Ben Sheets. You can't question the work ethic of this team, because they just refuse to give up when all others have.

The key is Carlos Lee. Lee, who got off to a torrid start, has to find his power stroke again if the Brewers want to be dancing in October. It's going to take a miracle, but don't sleep on this team, because they have a lot of heart and they will not shut it down until they are statistically done for.

NY Mets

I think the Mets have the consistency on offense that all other wild-card hopefuls long for at this point in the season, but what they have that isn't desirable is a tough September schedule. They are in the middle of a three game road series with the Braves, and right after that, they'll take to the road again, this time to face the Cards in a three game set.

All in all, the Mets only have three games remaining against teams below .500.

Sadly, those three games come in the last three games of the year, against Colorado, probably long after the Mets have been eliminated from playoff contention.

Washington Nationals

Raise your hand if you thought the Nats would be in this position this late in the season. No hands, wow, no surprise. After getting off to a magical first half start that saw the Nationals run out to a healthy lead over the Braves, Washington began their decline toward the end of the first half and continued in a downward spiral weeks after the all-star break. However, this team embodies a never-die spirit that has kept them in this wild card race, and only one and a half game out at that. John Patterson, with the exception of wins, has all the makings of a Cy-Young winner. The young righty is 8-4 with a 2.44 ERA, 155Ks and a 1.15 WHIP. Throw in another six wins, and he's right in the thick of things in the Cy-Young talk. You can expect him to win one before his career is over.

As for Livan Hernandez, this seasoned veteran doesn't understand the word "quit." He has been pitching in pain since the beginning of the second half and has refused to shut it down for the year because he believes in his team.

Jose Guillen carried the offensive load in the first half,

but with a deadline addition of Preston Wilson from the Rockies, the Nats now have two super sluggers in the middle of their lineup. This team has all the makings, good hitting, good starters, great bullpen. I think if they can solve their offensive problems at home, this team could emerge as the front-runner for the wild card.

Florida Marlins

A lot of people are asking why this team isn't in first place in their division, let alone the wild card. Well the answer lies in Atlanta, but surely a team this loaded has no business on the outside looking in of a wild-card chase. But that's exactly what we have. The Marlins are a game back in the card, but I don't believe in this team. Case in point, last weekend in a game at home against the Cards, the Marlins looked like the team that was in cruise control, but in reality, the Cards are the team that had no worries and a 10-0 lead in that particular ball game. I have to question the heart of this bunch because I haven't seen much yet.

Mike Lowell isn't hitting. Juan Pierre is very streaky. To make matters worse, they haven't had a home run from someone other than Miguel Cabrera or Carlos Delgado in over a month. You can't expect to be a two-man offense and make a serious run at the playoffs. The pitching is there, but it is Jekyll and Hyde.

Philadelphia Phillies

I hate to give the Phillies the same diagnosis as the Mets, but I'm afraid that's the case. Even though the Phils are only a half game out in the wild card, I absolutely hate their schedule in September. I think New York and Philadelphia will be in the same boat at the end of the season, wishing their schedule was more "below .500 friendly" down the stretch. If they could only dip into the west for a 10-game set, they'd be fine.

Houston Astros

The current leader in the wild card, and the front-runner to stay there, the Astros will have the bull's-eye on their collective backs as they try to close the deal on the rest of the hopefuls from the National League.

Whenever you have three future hall-of-fame pitchers - in this case in Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, and Roy Oswalt - you have to like your chances to win a playoff race. However, when the offense is as dormant as the Houston offense, there's

cause for worry. The key for the Astros will be the bats of veteran Lance Berkman and second-year phenom Morgan Ensberg. Ensberg is putting up record numbers for a Houston third baseman in his second season, and Berkman has returned from his injury on a mission. If rookie sensation Willy Taveras and Craig Biggio can continue to get on base in front of these two sluggers, I do expect Houston to come out of the national league with the wild-card.

National League**Playoff Predictions**

Braves, Cardinals, Astros and (cough-cough) the Giants

American League

Lock: AL East - Boston Red Sox (sorry Yankee fans)

Even though pitching has been a recurring issue for this team all season, it has become rather easy to overlook the problems there when the Sox continue to bash opponent pitching way worse than their pitchers are fairing. Yes, the Yanks are only three back, but there will be no race for the AL East title this time around.

Lock: AL Central - Chicago White Sox

After a tough week, the White Sox have won five in a row. They have a nine and a half game lead over a young Cleveland club. We will all see if this team is for real come playoff time.

AL West

Does someone have a coin? I think I might have an easier time predicting this division with a quarter, but I'll take a stab at it. I really like the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, California, but ultimately, I do believe the pitching of the Oakland A's will propel them to the west title.

Barry Zito and Rich Harden have been outstanding again this year, and even though Harden is hurt, expect him to return full force for his next start. Kirk Sarloos, Dan Haren and rookie Joe Blanton, who leads the team in ERA, all have had outstanding years, not to mention they have all had wonderful success against the Angels this year. Setup man Justin Duchscherer has been incredible, posting a 6-3 mark with a 2.14 ERA, 5 saves and 64 Ks in 71 IP. The man he sets up for has been even more un-hittable. Rookie Huston Street has filled in beautifully for the injured Octavio Dotel. The Texas graduate has 4-1 record with 18 saves, a 1.22 ERA and 64 Ks in 67 IP. It's hard to argue against any team with this kind of staff.

AL Wild Card

This isn't even close to being as complicated as the national league. Here, you really only have four teams vying for the wild-card crown. Those are the Yankees, the Indians and the non-winner of the west.

NY Yankees

I ask for just a little consistency please. If the Yankees can find any consistency at the starting pitching position, I think a solid staff, combined with that machine-like offense, will help the Yankees to squeeze into the wild-card spot.

Aaron Small has been awesome since joining the Yankees, going 6-0 thus far.

Randy Johnson and Mike Mussina have been so unpredictable, there's no telling what you're going to get on a start-to-start basis from these two. Triple Crown hopeful Alex Rodriguez and company will have to pound away until the Yanks solve the pitching problem, if they ever do.

Cleveland Indians

I love this team, and their September schedule. The starting pitching is not great, but it is solid in all facets. Reborn Bob Wickman has been lights out as the closer, and the Indian offense is as powerful as any in the central. I think the key to this entire run down the stretch has been the ridiculous second half of catcher Victor Martinez.

After having a horrible first half, Martinez has hot the ground running and never looked back, hitting .342 with eight homers and 30 RBI in his last 184 at bats. DH Travis Hafner leads the team in homers (24) and RBI (84) and has really increased his production since missing time from a concussion earlier in the season. Rookie shortstop Jhonny Peralta has to be the front-runner in the AL for the Rookie of the Year Award, as he is hitting .288 with 20 Hrs and 66 RBI.

A September schedule that includes seven games against the minor league-like Kansas City Royals, and three against Tampa Bay, the Indians are poised to run away with the wild-card if they beat the teams they are supposed to beat.

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did a great job."

Ten of Pinkney's passes were directed at junior college transfer Aundrea Allison.

Allison finished with 163 receiving yards, which ranks second nationally. The junior caught every ball thrown his way including a 50-yard touchdown strike down the left sideline in the first quarter.

"[Allison] is special," Holtz said. "You put the ball in his hands and he's going to do something electric and exciting."

Early on, the fireworks were on special teams. The Holtz era got off to a bang with a 45-yard opening kickoff return by specialist McQueen.

After the teams traded their first possessions, punt returner Travis Williams burned down the right sideline for 52 yards. Two plays later, Pinkney scored from the one.

The tables turned on the ensuing kickoff when Duke receiver Ronnie Drummer tied the score on a 100-yard return.

"Greg McMahon (the special teams coach) came up to me after the return," Holtz said. "He said 'Coach I'm sorry.' I said 'it's one to one, don't worry about it. We're even now.'"

Duke tied the Pirates with a one-yard touchdown run by Justin Boyle set up by a Chris Johnson fumble. The Pirates answered with an eight-play series ending with Robert Lee's 32-yard field goal before the half.

The Pirates offense, anemic a year ago, blasted out 338 total yards. Johnson led the Pirate running attack with 65 yards. The sophomore also notched four catches for 48 yards.

"We don't have that margin for error," Duke head coach Ted Roof said referring to his defense. "We weren't very good on third down. [ECU] did a good job, especially on third down, scrambling around and keeping drives in line."

ECU has an off week before they travel to Wake Forest on Sept. 17. The Pirates will practice hard Wednesday and Thursday before relaxing over the weekend.

"But I'm going to say it now even after we won," Holtz said. "How we respond to this game is going to be the key. We've come a long way. But we still have a long way to go."

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