

Sexual assault is college's 'silent epidemic'

Students can learn how to protect themselves

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Most people regard rape and sexual assault as something distant from their own lives that occurs only in dark alleys, perpetrated by masked figures toting weapons, but in nine out of 10 cases of sexual assault, the victim knows the offender.

Recently, a new office has opened in the Center for Counseling and Student Development whose goal is to provide sexual assault awareness for students and offer safety tips, counseling and also representation for sexual assault victims. Also, this past week, Sept. 19 through the 23, was "Sexual Assault Awareness Week." The program was kick-started last Monday night with the "Take Back the Night March" followed by a candlelight vigil. Other events included open-discussion workshops, a self defense seminar and T-shirt painting. Plans are also in the making for the

Sexual Assault Awareness month in April.

Why is sexual assault a "silent epidemic"? Only 40 percent of attacks are ever reported in the U.S., and sexual assaults carried out against men are even less reported, with only three to four percent on record.

"This is not just a female problem," said Sue Molhan, the ECU Sexual Assault Victim Advocate.

"It affects everyone in our community."

Embarrassment is usually the cause. Some victims blame themselves because of making the wrong decisions regarding their personal safety or because of their impaired judgment, or are afraid to tell anyone for fear of ridicule, not to mention that rape is a traumatic event in and of itself. Sometimes even when assaults are reported, proving rape has occurred can become a she-said, he-said game with the judicial system. It is sometimes difficult to prove that intercourse was not consensual, which is why it is important to report an assault as soon as possible.

Most assaults on college campuses involve drug and alcohol usage, and according to the Bureau of Justice, 75 percent of the time, the offender or the victim has been drinking. For the 2004 - 2005 school year, there were three reported rapes. Most of the on-campus assaults involved date-rape situations in the victim or suspect's resident hall room. "Alcohol and/or drugs are also involved in many of the cases," said Wayne Knight, ECU police officer.

When asked why she felt self-defense knowledge is important, Jessica Lindsey, freshman meteorology major, was most concerned about security.

"You need to feel secure where you live," said Lindsey.

Knight also offered the following tips on how to stay safe on and off campus.

"Do not accept an unopened beverage container from anyone unless you have watched the individual (i.e. bartender) pour the beverage," Knight said.

"Individuals have been

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Students learn self-defense techniques to prevent assault.

Regional Development Services provides a gateway to the East

Japan Center East's agenda is twofold

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Japan Center East, one of many economic and cultural outreach programs of the Regional Development Services, began its cultural enrichment series with the "Taste of Japan" event last Tuesday.

RDS has been working under the umbrella of ECU to bring cultural and economic prosperity to Greenville.

"Providing economic and community development services and conducting applied research in eastern North Carolina since its founding in 1964," according to RDS.

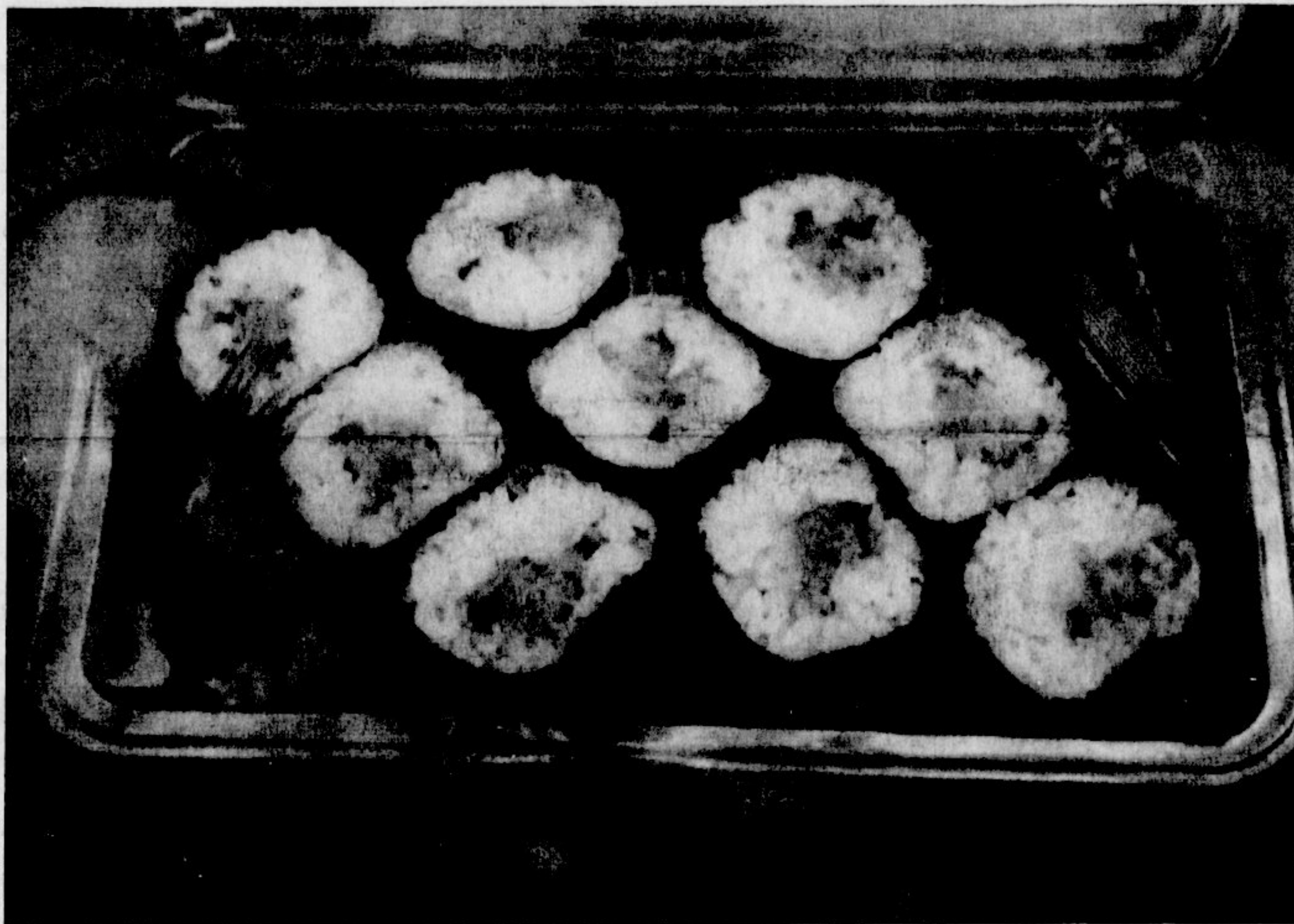
Chikako Massey, Interim Director of JCE, hosted the "Taste of Japan" event at the Greenville Country Club. Guests were provided a cooking demonstration and sake tasting by Rie Ishida, a notable Japanese chef from Hiroshima who had to fly in her mother, also a chef, from Japan just to help cook.

"I was surprised at the overwhelming response to our first event," said Massey.

"We planned for 30 tickets to be sold, and instead we sold 100."

Guests were provided with recipes for all the dishes served, such as traditional Chirashi sushi, umami and tofu panna cotta, as well as instructions on how to make their own sake.

"Japanese cuisine is an orchestrated symphony of



Japan is home to many lavish dishes like Chirashi sushi.

art," said Ishida.

Massey emphasized that Japan Center East's purpose for eastern North Carolina is cultural enrichment and economic development. There are approximately 150 Japanese companies in North Carolina creating what Massey calls an "economic engine," eight of them located in eastern North Carolina, such as ASMO and Asahi. There are also many American companies that do a good deal of business with Japan, like DSM, Metrics and SpeechEasy, only to name a few.

"We are trying to create a diversity-friendly community to bring more foreign business here," Massey said.

She also added that Japan

Center East helps the eastern North Carolina community celebrate cultural differences.

Japan Center East also has a handful of tentatively scheduled events planned for the year. In February, they are hosting the "Art of Bonsai," followed by the Japan Travel Information Seminar in March. If traveling in the off-season, tickets to Japan can be found for as low as \$550. In April, Greenville's annual International Festival, JCE will host a public performance of the Bon dance, an ancestral appeasement ritual, which last year was performed by the ECU football players and dancers from ECU's school of dance. For the following autumn, plans are in the making for a tea ceremony

and a theatrical showing of a Kabuki performance. JCE hopes that in the near future, all planned events will be more participatory and engaging.

Students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome to attend any and all events led by JCE. Massey said she has a "paperless outreach" policy, so all events can be viewed at ecu.edu/rds/japancentereast/japancentereast.htm, or by contacting Chikako Massey at masseyc@mail.ecu.edu to join her e-mail list.

"If we can enrich the culture, we can create more jobs," Massey said.

Health Major Fair gives major help

Fair provides valuable information for medical related career paths

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The 2005 Health Majors Fair sponsored by the Academic Enrichment Center was held Tuesday at Wright Plaza from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and the crowds gathered around the booths were perhaps a sign of the interest and success of the event.

The fair was geared toward freshmen and sophomore students who are interested in the medical profession and involved several academic departments related to health.

"Since there is no pre-med major, we thought it would be helpful to have an informational fair for students who want to pursue a medical career, but don't know where to start," said Shelly Meyers, director of the Academic Enrichment Center.

"There are lots of representatives here - representatives from Kaplan are here to offer help for those taking tests for post graduate admissions, as well as any department that offers study that could lead to a career in health."

The most common question among students is also the most confused areas of study, according to Meyers.

"Occupational and physical therapy careers generate a lot of interest among students, but not many people know these areas of study are graduate programs and there are other undergraduate majors that will prepare you for those careers," Meyers said.

Meyers admits planning out an education for a career in the medical profession is confusing, and she contends her office can make the decision much easier.

"Students can make an appointment to come by our office, and we can talk about majors and careers and take some self-assessment tests to identify areas of interest and competency," Meyers said.

"All you need to bring is yourself."

Angela Kidd, a representative from the Brody School of Medicine, was also present at the fair to inform students how the medical school application process is carried out and how to best prepare as an undergraduate.

"You don't have to be a biology or math major to make it into medical school as long as you meet some basic criteria and take some basic pre-requisite courses," said Kidd.

Of course, there are other variables that the school looks for in their decision as well, according to Kidd.

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"A student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher, a 27 total on the MCAT and no lower than an 'N' rating in writing," Kidd said.

"We also look at volunteering, community service and shadowing experience to see if the student is a well-rounded individual and whether they have high levels of recommendations."

Environmental health was represented by William Hill, a visiting professor in the environmental health department and a lively proponent of his area of study.

"This is a great field of study with a large amount of flexibility and variety," said Hill. "You never do the same thing everyday."

If you don't have a fear of minor confrontations and an interest in public safety this might be the career for aspiring health majors.

"There are some confrontations because we're out there in the community ensuring the public is protected from things they may never see - people are really surprised to learn we inspect places like tattoo parlors regularly," Hill said.

"Folks take us for granted, they drink water and they know it's safe - they don't hear about us unless there's an outbreak."

Other groups at the fair included the College of Human Ecology, School of Nursing, Health Services and Information Management, the Career Center, College of Health and Human Performance, National Association for Mental Illness, Healthy Pirates and the Pre-Physical Therapy Club.

The Brody School of Medicine has a large amount of literature available to students interested in the field of medicine.

For more information, call 816-2500.

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Don Adams, TV's secret agent on 'Get Smart,' dies at 82

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don Adams had only one notable role in a television and movie career that spanned more than 40 years - but what a role it was.

As Maxwell Smart, a bumbling secret agent with a nasally voice, he won three Emmy Awards as best comedy actor in the hit 1960s TV series "Get Smart." He also created two national catchphrases, "Would you believe...?" and "Sorry about that."

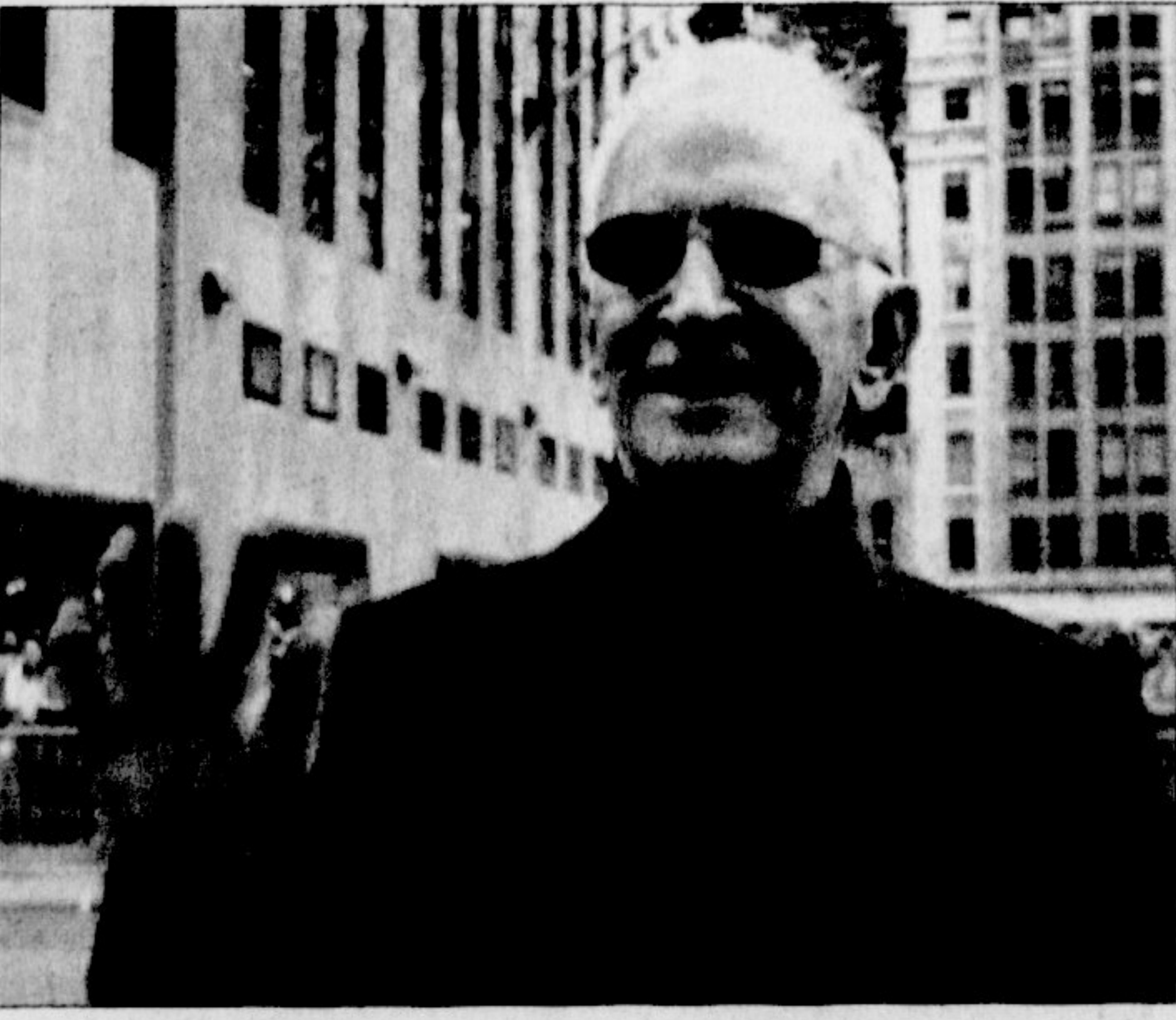
"It was a special show that became a cult classic of sorts, and I made a lot of money for it," Adams once recalled. "But it also hindered me career-wise because I was typed. The character was so strong, particularly because of that distinctive voice, that nobody could picture me in any other type of role."

Adams died Sunday of a lung

infection at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He was 82 and had been in declining health since breaking a hip a year ago, his friend and former agent Bruce Tufeld said.

As inept Agent 86 of the super-secret federal agency CONTROL, Adams somehow overcame his bumbling each week to defeat the evil agents of the rival KAOS spy agency.

Whenever he gave an explanation that failed to convince the villains or his boss, he would try another tack, asking "Would you believe...?" When they shook their heads in disbelief, he would ask again, with each scenario becoming more ridiculous than the previous one.



Don Adams' acting career lasted more than 40 years. He died at 82.

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NEWS

Announcements

Homecoming

Attention all student organizations. The ECU 2005 Homecoming Planning Committee would like to remind you to turn in your Homecoming Participation Packets along with your \$30 by this Friday, Sept. 30 before 5 p.m. at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni House located at 901 E. Fifth Street.

In order to be registered to compete in any of the Homecoming Festivities this year, your packet and fee must be turned in. No late packets will be accepted.

For more information, please visit the official 2005 Purple Reign Web site at Homecoming.PirateAlumni.com, or contact the Alumni Center at 328-1839.

ECU to host Military Appreciation Day

ECU will celebrate Military Appreciation Day Saturday, Oct. 1 to recognize and honor the sacrifices made by the men and women of the armed forces and their families.

ECU faces Southern Mississippi in a Conference USA football matchup at 6 p.m. in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The day will feature many military festivities along with recognition of military dignitaries and hometown heroes.

A discounted ticket price is available for all current and former military members and their immediate family members. Tickets are available for \$15 with a military ID. The price includes a game ticket and a concessions voucher for a hot dog and a Pepsi fountain drink. In addition, ECU will be offering bus service to and from the game to participating military bases in eastern North Carolina.

Tickets are available on all participating military bases and through the ECU Athletic Ticket Office (1-800-DIAL-ECU). They may also be bought the day of the game.

ECU Jarvis Lecture

Event Date: Thursday, Oct. 13
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Harvey Banquet Hall, Minges Coliseum

Summary: Duke ethicist Stanley Hauerwas will examine America's love of longevity and fear of death at ECU's annual Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture series. Details: Hauerwas will compare American versus Christian views on death and talk about why Americans tend to put too many expectations on physicians and the medical profession.

Web site: ecu.edu/religionprogram

Contact: Calvin Mercer at mercerc@mail.ecu.edu or call 328-6121.

Local

Woman accused of scamming private school for free tuition with war stories pleads guilty

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - A woman who attended a private women's college thanks to free tuition in appreciation of her military service pleaded guilty to scamming the school and impersonating an officer.

Lisa Jane Phillips, 34, of Apex, admitted Monday that she impersonated a U.S. Air Force captain for almost three years, allowing her \$42,178 in free tuition at Meredith College.

Phillips also pleaded guilty to lying to federal agents, wire fraud and misuse of military medals.

A sentencing date was not set. Her lawyers have said she will have to repay the college as part of her sentence.

Probation officials also said in court that Phillips recently tested positive for hydrocodone, a morphine-like drug. She is undergoing drug treatment and has been struggling with an addiction to prescription narcotics since 2001, prosecutors said.

Phillips began attending the Raleigh school in January 2002, and beginning two months later she began wearing an Air Force captain's uniforms and medals that investigators say she had bought online or at military surplus stores. She twice claimed to have been wounded while deployed, investigators and fellow students said.

She won over college executives, students and faculty members with tales of fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq, investigators said. She even consoled other students with loved

ones who had been deployed, students said.

In the end, college officials were so touched by Phillips stories that they waived her tuition.

College officials have not explained how Phillips, citing student privacy laws, fooled them.

Campus police chief Frank Strickland became suspicious of her tales and reported the matter to the FBI. Phillips admitted her fraud to investigators during an interview in January, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kelly Perry said Monday.

National

High court to consider campaign fund-raising, spending limits

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court agreed to review a campaign finance law in Vermont, where reformers are trying to limit donations and spending in state political races Tuesday.

The Vermont case has been watched closely by campaign finance reform advocates around the country, and by those who argue that limiting political contributions or expenditures would violate the First Amendment's free-speech guarantee.

In 1976, the Supreme Court came down squarely on the free-speech side of the argument when it decided *Buckley vs. Valeo*, which is the law of the land on efforts to limit campaign spending. That decision struck down campaign spending limits imposed by Congress.

The Vermont Republican State Committee, Vermont Right-to-Life and other groups asked the Supreme Court in May to overturn a ruling from a federal appeals court that largely

upheld the 1998 Vermont campaign finance law.

It limits individual contributions to a candidate to \$200 or \$400 in a two-year period, depending on the office being sought, says no one running for governor can spend more than \$300,000 and sets smaller spending caps for lower-tier candidates.

Vermont's law has been tied up in court and never has gone fully into effect. Gov. James Douglas spent nearly \$682,000 to get re-elected last year, and other candidates spent well over the law's caps.

The Vermont law also limits political parties' contributions to candidates to \$2,000 per election cycle. With the law tied up in the courts, Douglas and Democrat Peter Clavelle got six-figure contributions from their national parties last year.

Races for the U.S. House and Senate would not be affected, since they are governed by federal, rather than state, campaign finance laws.

World

Early results suggest Karzai rivals, reputed Afghan warlord to win parliamentary seats

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Two

main rivals of President Hamid Karzai and a reputed warlord reviled by rights activists are likely to win seats in Afghanistan's parliament, partial preliminary election results suggested Tuesday.

With 92 percent of ballots counted from Kabul province, Karzai's top challengers in last year's presidential election Mohammed Mohaqeq and Yunus Qanooni had the most votes, according to results posted on the Web site of the U.N.-Afghan election board.

Abdul Rasul Sayyaf, a powerful former guerrilla leader who Human Rights Watch says is implicated in rights abuses, was running fourth in the province, which includes the Afghan capital.

The results could change significantly as more votes are counted after the landmark Sept. 18 polls, in which Afghans voted for a national assembly for the first time in more than three decades as well as provincial councils.

But candidates currently leading have a good chance of winning seats in Kabul, which will have 32 representatives in the Wolesi Jirga, or lower house of parliament. Nine of those seats are reserved for women.

In another potential setback for Karzai, Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali, who has expressed frustration over the alleged involvement of officials in Afghanistan's burgeoning drug trade, said Tuesday he is resigning to return to his academic career.

Jalali, 63, scheduled a news conference for Wednesday to give his reasons for stepping down. Karzai's chief of staff, Jawed Ludin, played down the impact of Jalali's resignation on the government, saying, "Individuals come and go."

In the partial election results released so far, Mohaqeq, a former anti-Taliban militia commander, was first with 5,392 votes, according to the Joint Electoral Management Body. Mohaqeq was third in the October 2004 presidential election.

Qanooni, who finished second to U.S.-backed Karzai last October and leads a coalition of parties opposed to the president, was second with 4,194 votes. Sayyaf had 1,269 votes.

Observers have said the presence on the ballot of warlords responsible for past bloodshed could have kept some Afghans away from the polls. Electoral officials have estimated turnout at about 55 percent, down from 70 percent in the presidential election.

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known to slip 'date-rape drugs' into the beverages of unsuspecting victims. Always go with a group of friends you trust to the night spots. Agree amongst yourselves to look out for each other and don't let your friend leave with a stranger (especially if they have been drinking alcohol). Never invite someone you've just met back to your room or go to their room to look at their 'etchings.' Walk in groups when traveling after dark to both on- and off-campus locations. Look around and be familiar with the nearest blue-light (emergency phone) locations on campus. Report suspicious persons and/or situations to the ECU police immediately. Use your cell phone and call 328-6787 (ECU Police) or 911 (you will get Greenville police, who will relay the information to ECU) or use the nearest blue-light phone.

The SAFE Ride program, Student Patrol Officers and ECU police officers are available to provide security escorts on campus and to limited off-campus locations. Alcohol is involved in most sexual assault situations. Do not over indulge. Besides, no one likes a sloppy drunk, except those who intend to do harm to you. Always be aware of your surroundings, whether in a club or walking on campus. Immediately report suspicious activity or people whether or not you are directly involved (i.e. individuals hanging around residence hall doors trying to slip in after a student enters the dorm). Summon help for a fellow student who may have overindulged and is unable to fend for themselves."

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Smart was also prone to spilling things on his boss, the Chief, and would always quickly apologize with a "Sorry about that, Chief."

Like James Bond, Agent 86 came armed with an array of spy gadgets, the most popular of which was his shoe phone. It always rang at inappropriate times.

Barbara Feldon played Smart's beautiful partner, Agent 99, and she was as brainy as he was dense.

"He had this prodigious energy, so as an actor working with him it was like being plugged into an electric current," Feldon told The Associated Press Monday.

"He would start and a scene would just take off and you were there for the ride. It was great fun acting with him."

In real life, she said, Adams was anything but a bumbler.

"He wrote poetry, he had an interest in history ... he had that other side to him that does not come through Maxwell Smart," she said.

Adams was initially lukewarm about taking the role until he learned that comic geniuses Mel Brooks and Buck Henry had written the pilot script. The show lasted five seasons and won Emmys as the best comedy on television twice.

It lived on in syndication, as a cartoon series, in the 1980 theatrical film "The Nude Bomb" and the 1989 television movie "Get Smart Again!" In 1995 the Fox network revived the series with Smart as chief and Agent 99 as a congresswoman. It lasted only seven episodes.

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My Random Column

Why I am a Mac user

My entire life I have been around Macintosh computers. Everyone thinks I am totally crazy for wanting to work on them but it is what I prefer.

You are probably wondering why it matters, but today out of all of the workdays, we are struggling to produce the paper that you are reading right now. Servers are crashing, and chaos is taking over and we are all losing what bit of sanity we have left. I am a Mac user, have been and will be until they create another PC that fits my standards.

With the iPod craze, both PC and Mac users have discovered this useful piece of technology that puts CD players to shame. A mini status symbol, this product will soon take over the market with its household name (with products such as Q-Tip and Jacuzzi). I myself have yet to acquire one, but both my Mac and PC user friends all have theirs out and about almost daily.

What makes me laugh is the fact that PC users have to download iTunes to be able to run their handy device. This Apple program comes standard on all Mac computers but had to be adapted to work on different PCs. Macs have always been more adaptable to PCs than the other way around.

PC people think that PCs are easier to understand because they are simpler. I don't think this is the case. I think with everything if you understand it (a hairdryer, a computer, a car etc.), it would be easier to work and know what is wrong when it doesn't.

I think they have been brainwashed with popup menus, the "My Computer" window and a "less complicated" version of a Macintosh system. Mac computer owners know keystrokes, shortcuts and probably 10 different ways to get to a file. Why can't PC people? It doesn't seem that complicated to me to switch from a Mac to a PC. So how can it possibly be that hard for a PC user to adapt to a Mac?

To me it says a lot about the person. If you can't adjust to a lousy computer because of being stubborn, how can you adapt to other changes throughout life?

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NEWS: CALIFORNIA JUDGE SAYS SCHOOL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL



Opinion Columnist

'The Casual Observer' on 'The Casual Observer'

Why I write and what I think

BENJAMIN CORMACK
THE CASUAL OBSERVER

I started writing for *TEC* about a month ago. In the beginning, I really didn't know what I was going to write about or what people were going to expect from me.

Sometimes, like in the case of this article, I'm up late at night just writing about whatever comes to me. I was watching an episode of the old show "Quantum Leap" where Sam leaps into the body of a Klan member, trying to stop the hanging of a man leading black people on a march to register to vote. While watching it, I recalled a thought I had earlier that day about how Jim Henson's Muppets taught me the joys and wonders of a diverse world. Look for this article some time in the future.

Since there is already a conservative writer on the staff, some may have expected me to write more like a liberal. I'm not really liberal myself and would probably consider myself more of a conservative. However, when I think about conservative and liberal views, it's more about ways of thinking than political affiliation. Unfortunately, political affiliation appears to be what being conservative or liberal is about nowadays. I think that you have to look at problems from different perspectives,

be they conservative or liberal, and choose whichever view provides the most beneficial solution to a problem.

Some may wonder what my feelings about President Bush are. Well the truth is that I feel like I should support him since so many lives depend on the decisions he makes. However, I'm also not stupid. Politics is a game where you gain more points with the more favors you promise, provide or are provided for you. It's not my kind of game. Also, I think that if being a politician was emphasized as an honor and privilege rather than something with privileges and if we had more regular people involved in politics instead of businessmen, lawyers and other such individuals accustomed to privilege, then maybe our government wouldn't be facing such scrutiny. Also, in Bush's defense, if someone had tried to have my father assassinated as Saddam Hussein has been alleged to have done in 1993 against former President Bush, being nice to them is not the first thing that would come to my mind.

I'm something of a religious person. Frankly though, I haven't been to church in a while. Bottom line is as long as you practice a religion that promotes something close to the Golden Rule, I don't really have a problem with religions different from my own. I think most religions believe that what you put out is what you get back in the end - you do good things, you'll receive

good things - do bad things, and you'll receive bad things. I do believe that if more of us practiced and kept in mind at least some of the Ten Commandments, maybe people in our society wouldn't feel the need to post them outside of a courthouse. I mean come on. I think there's a couple of them we can all agree on. Murder: Bad, Stealing: Bad. Have we just completely forgotten right and wrong, or am I just naive?

Some would say I'm pretty black and white, and I'd have to agree with them. That doesn't mean I don't see gray. I've done some pretty stupid things - I've been kind, I've been mean - I've tried to be good and instead done bad things. I've even been faced with situations no one would want to be in, including a hostile situation involving a gun. I'm not perfect, but I strive to be a good person. I succeed, I fail and I keep on going, trying to find meaning in a world with very few answers relevant to my questions. This is my way of working in an apology to a friend of mine that I wouldn't trade for anyone or anything, and I hope he realizes that.

I guess this opportunity as a writer for *TEC* for me is a chance to maybe reach some people and share some of my experiences and insights of life so that maybe in some small way I end up helping them. For me, that is what being a writer is about.

In My Opinion

Gender inequality in the corporate world

(KRT) — People who think Martha Stewart got burned because of who she was, not what she did, should watch closely what's happening with Bill Frist.

Appropriate questions have been raised about whether the Senate majority leader improperly sold stock benefiting a medical company with family ties.

As with Stewart, these questions have to do with timing. Why did Frist sell stock when he did? The answer to a similar question posed to Stewart landed the millionaire businesswoman in prison. Will millionaire Dr. Frist be taken down the same road for his ill-timed dump of Hospital Corporation of America stock? Not likely.

In March 2004, when Stewart was found guilty of four of the five counts against her, one of the jurors celebrated the verdict as "a victory for the little guys."

Stewart, ratted out by friends, was found guilty of lying to the government about her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. stock in December 2001, the day before the stock plummeted.

The day after she sold her stock came news that regulators had rejected an application for a cancer drug by ImClone.

It was the timing of the stock sale that signaled to authorities something might be fishy in Miss Martha's kitchen. It's that same pungent smell that has some people wanting regulators to look

into Dr. Frist's black bag.

The Washington Post reported last week that questions are being raised about the timing of Frist's decision to dump all HCA stock in June. HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, was founded by the senator's father and owns hospitals nationwide. Frist's brother sits on the HCA board.

A month after Frist sold, HCA's stock took a 9 percent hit. It's not the day before, as with Martha, but it still seems odd.

Consumer watchdog groups such as Public Citizen wonder why Frist, who put his stock into a blind trust, chose to sell when he did. They wonder if he knew something other stockholders didn't. The same questions were asked about Martha.

The timing is also suspicious, critics say, because Frist always claimed there was no conflict of interest. Since the sale, however, he's claimed it was done to avoid the appearance of having any conflict.

Last week federal prosecutors in New York subpoenaed HCA documents related to Frist's sale. The SEC also is looking into the matter.

A Frist spokeswoman told reporters the senator "did not have any conversations with HCA executives about HCA stock when he was making the decision to divest." Wordsmiths ought to study that quote. It will likely come up again. Incidentally, Stewart was never con-

victed of insider trading, just lying.

Actually, "She got in trouble because her reputation as a vicious, humorless ice-queen overshadowed her talents," wrote Henry Blodget, a former securities analyst, in *Slate*. By contrast, Frist, charged with nothing, is seen as a squeaky-clean Marcus Welby, M.D. That may soon change.

The rules that applied to a woman named Stewart in New York don't necessarily apply to a man named Frist from Tennessee. Reportedly, at least seven HCA executives sold 574,882 shares worth nearly \$20 million between May 17 through June 10.

Don't expect what happened to Stewart to happen to Frist. Frist is not only a mover and shaker in Washington, he's also one of the most powerful Republican allies in Congress for the Bush administration. The Bushvold need him as much as they need House Majority Leader Tom DeLay who, by the way, is up to his neck in naughty. Senate Ethics Committee investigations into his alleged wrongdoing have gone nowhere. Boys will be boys.

Meanwhile, Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who strutted like a peacock over his congressional connections, is now singing like a canary about his business relationships, one of which was with DeLay. Abramoff was indicted last month on wire fraud and conspiracy charges.

Pirate Rant

I can't believe people have the audacity to insult New Orleanites for living where they (used to) live. If someone had said that to you after Hurricane Fran, Floyd or at least a dozen other hurricanes, you'd have a hard time not lashing out violently. Think about that the next time a hurricane hits your house, over and over, over and over, over and over, again, and again, and again.

To the girl that complains about not being treated like a female: If you want to be treated with class, don't wear clothing that screams for a booty call. It's that simple.

This is for everyone who is in any kind of social organization, club or group: The second you define yourself by that organization, club or group is when you become just another stereotype.

Why do people have to ride their bicycles down the sidewalks between Austin and the dance building? Last time I checked, it was a side-WALK, not a side-bike.

To the lady making coffee in Java City at the Wright Place... WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY EVERY DAY? We're sorry that we want coffee and it gets busy in the morning. You get paid to make coffee... try to be nice while doing so.

Hmm? Who really picks what rant is published?

Why did we need the comment about black people not being African-American? The last time I checked my ancestors, and yes I am African-American, were brought over here and the "black people" you see here today are descendants from them. Whoever wrote that comment is ignorant and that is why there is still racial tension today. That's why we "black people" can't just let things go, because it's people like YOU that remind us of it everyday.

The sorority girls in my marketing class continuously make outlandish and stupid comments. Their dire need to speak out when the teacher is speaking is motivated by their involvement in some feeble organization that promotes ideals of self-service and promiscuity. Most people at this school do not like or agree with Greek life, so represent your organization with tact and use less topics of conversation that insight that you're mildly impaired in the brain.

God Bless the hot girl that was sunbathing on the grass in front of West End Dining Thursday around 11:30. Seeing you sure did put a smile on my face!

Why do I always get stuck behind the three "ladies" that insist on walking slower than molasses down the sidewalk? I wouldn't mind if they didn't take the whole sidewalk up, making me and others have to walk in the bushes or the street to pass them.

Thank you features section for printing all these recipes. Thanks to you, I've got dinner and drinks planned for this weekend.

Kristin Murnane needs to keep writing features opinion pieces. That article on taking classes with freshmen was hilarious. Keep writing, you're finally bringing some excitement to your section.

I am the person who made the comment to the person who made the remark about African Americans in Louisiana and I do have my facts straight, obviously you don't. I didn't make the rant because you called African Americans black - I made the rant because you made a slick comment about them not evacuating. I consider myself African American and you or nobody else can change that. What a person wants to call themselves is their business not yours.

You think people would realize by now to turn their cell phones off or at least put them on vibrate before coming to class. It's really annoying when someone's obnoxious ring tone comes on when you're trying to listen to the professor.

I noticed that you don't run Tony McKee's pig are beside his column any longer? Is this a strategic move to increase circulation?

To the person who criticized the sorority girl for misspelling a word: I hate to break it to you, but people who aren't Greek actually misspell words too. In fact, it's a pretty common error made by people worldwide - WEIRD? I know. It's about as common as ignorant statements made by judgmental and misinformed individuals toward certain groups, which they seem to know nothing about.

Just because I go to ECU does not mean I want to waste my college years "getting wasted." Some of us want an education and a good GPA, thank you.

In response to the a** that wrote about African Americans in Louisiana and their economic status or whatever, I know everything does not have to be politically correct but there is a call for that at times and African American is the proper way to address people of African descent. Furthermore if you are born in Africa and you move to the U.S. you are still African. If you were born in the U.S. then it might be another issue. Just try to be more respectful.

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Horoscopes:

Aries: Love is the most persuasive tool in your entire collection. Not the jealous type - that won't work. Be compassionate.

Taurus: You'll find that once you get your workspace arranged just the way you want it, production will increase enormously with much less effort.

Gemini: You don't mind doing the research when it means you'll win in the end. In this case, the people you love win, too. That's really a win-win situation.

Cancer: You'll find that the money you put into real estate and/or home improvement is an excellent investment. It'll grow even more than expected.

Leo: You're climbing up to the next level of enlightenment. It's a thrill, but you'll also notice there's still a ways to go.

Virgo: Ask the people who owe you to pay you. It certainly won't hurt, and could even give you enough to pay off somebody else you know.

Libra: New friends will fill you in on the rules of a new game. You'll be very good at this, once you get a little practice.

Scorpio: Your secret communication channels are open, but take care. It's best if they don't know how much you know, or how you found out.

Sagittarius: Travel looks very good now, as do contacts with foreigners. You could end up with a lot more of whatever you want than you expected.

Capricorn: The best offers that you're getting won't pay off for a while. This is OK; you're very good at deferring gratification.

Aquarius: Defer to one with more experience. There's no shame in saying you need assistance. Offer your appreciation, too.

Pisces: Streamline your routine and make your workspace more efficient. You can crank out a lot more stuff, and increase your profit margin.

Fun Facts:

C3PO is the first "character" to speak in Star Wars.

Dragonflies have six legs and are not able to walk.

It is illegal to be a prostitute in Siena, Italy if your name is Mary.

18 percent of an average American's income is spent on transportation.

A chameleon's tongue is twice the length of its body.

Heineken beer is designed to 'foam' for exactly five minutes.

The human heart pumps about 1 million barrels of blood during an average lifetime.

On Sunday, it is illegal to sell cornflakes in Columbus, Ohio.

Mussolini dodged the Italian draft.

Before toilet paper was invented, French royalty wiped their bottoms with fine linen. The rest of the population...

Budget decorating: It can be done

Trends that won't hurt your wallet

EMILY JORDAN
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College life can be expensive. Students have to buy their books, school supplies, clothes and some even have to pay for their own tuition. And the last thing you want to worry about is how you're going to decorate your house or your dorm room, because it's going to cost a small fortune. But, it doesn't have to.

There are plenty of discount stores around Greenville, like Wal-Mart, Ross and TJ Maxx that can all offer great ways to decorate on a budget. These stores are great places to get decorating accessories at very reasonable prices. Target, however, seems to offer the most hip and trendy things that college students are looking for to spruce up their cribs.

At Target you can buy almost anything but a kitchen sink, which is ideal for the all-in-one-shopper who doesn't like to shop around. Greenville traffic can be hard to navigate at times and Target offers ways around that stress. While it can be fun to venture out to the store, Target.com easily categorizes your decorating needs all at the click of a mouse. You can shop by dorm room, living room, kitchen, bedroom, office and even by laundry room.

Great for students on a budget, the dorm room option allows you to shop by price, though items for your kitchen, bathroom and living room are

also listed in this option. For less than \$10 you can buy towels and various lighting fixtures. They have tons of cool string lights, perfect for decorating and lighting those tiny dorm rooms.

For fewer than \$15 you can get really nice, heavy glassware, wild and colorful shower curtains and pillows. Beanbag chairs are a comfortable and inexpensive way to furnish your dorm room or even your living room - Target lists them for fewer than \$20. If you're not into bean bag chairs, dish chairs are lightweight and come in a variety of colors. Always wanted a down comforter for your bed? You can get them for about \$27, which certainly beats the price anywhere else. Big furniture items are going to cost more, of course, but you can still find wooden bookcases for less than \$60.

Say you just moved into a new apartment and you don't have any furniture, well Target offers those large furniture items, like beds, dressers, armoires, entertainment centers, tables, chairs, couches, you name it. Futons are great for space saving, and you can buy one for fewer than \$200. A natural wood colored 5-piece dining set is only \$199.99 - that's a great price compared to the prices at furniture stores.

As you can see there are tons more options if you shop at Target online compared to physically going to the store - this is because each individual store caters to the specific needs of that specific area, while the online store must cater to a broader

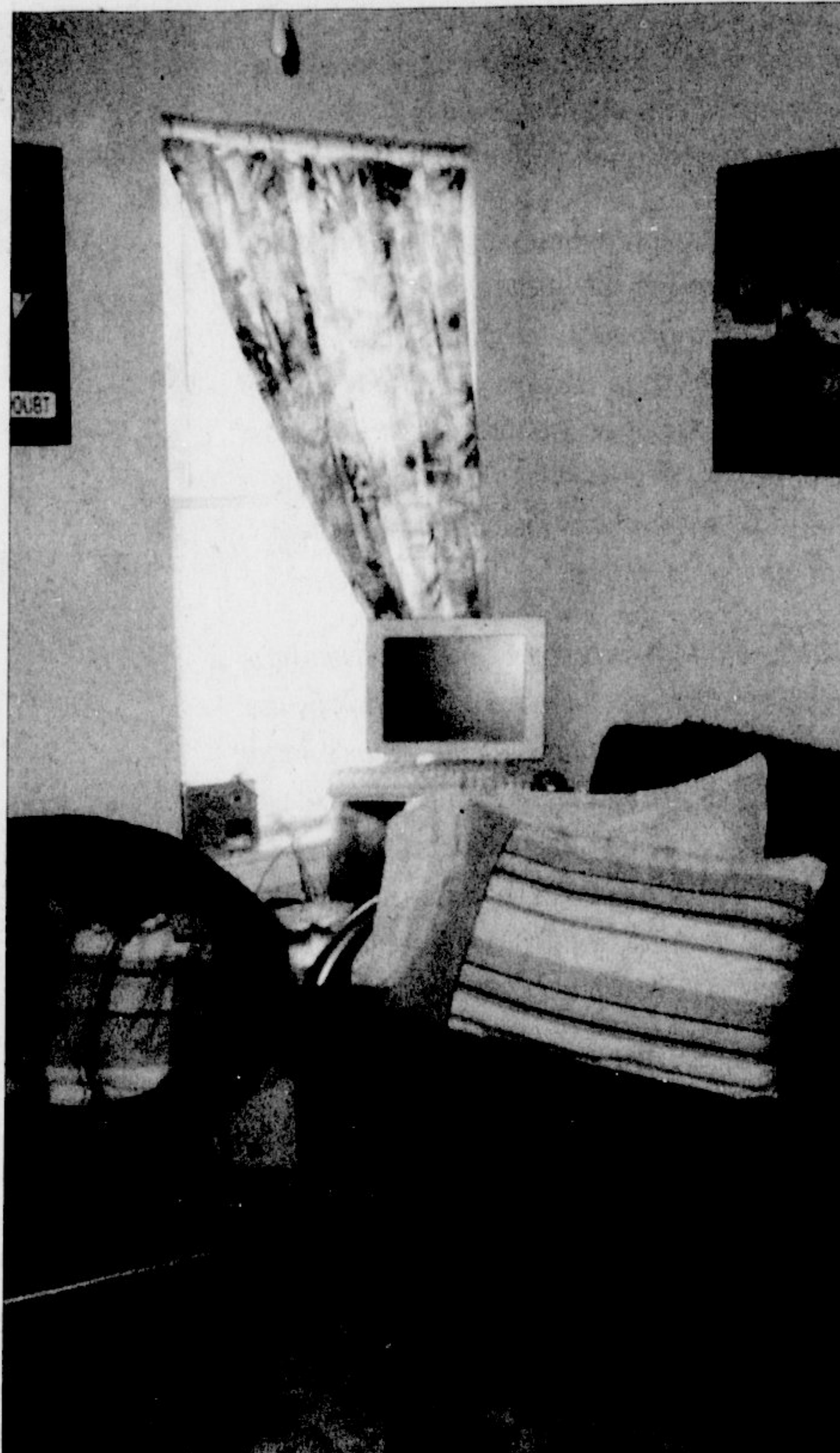
range of people. The biggest disadvantage to shopping online is that shipping and handling will be added to your bill - bummer, because those charges can get pretty hefty depending on the size of what you buy. So although there are more choices of items online, beware of buying heavy furniture online, unless you are prepared to pay for big shipping charges. Sometimes buying from discount furniture stores could be a good alternative. Basically, you'll just need to shop around for the best prices.

Junior elementary education major, Kristen Wall said, "Target is one of my favorite places to get new decorating items. We just moved into a new house and Target really helped keep the cost down and the aesthetic appeal up."

But for those smaller decorative items, the shipping costs won't be great. Target is known for carrying trendy items that are attractive, affordable and sometimes good quality, depending on the specific item. College apartments and houses are meant to be fun. Don't try to put too much emphasis on buying very expensive furniture when you can buy functional, fun things to tide you over until the real world.

Target provides an equal mix of fun furniture and decorating items and items that you will want in your home forever. So while in college, think cheap, think cute, try Target.

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Target sells everything from futons and dish chairs to fun curtains.

Celebrity Profile: Oprah Winfrey's success

Truly from rags to riches story

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Born in Kosciusko, Miss. on Jan. 29, 1954 during a time of immense racial tension, Oprah Winfrey has thrived from her hardships rather than allow them to drag her down. Instead of accepting her likely fate as an uneducated woman she learned at a very early age that hard work and dedication are the keys to success.

At the tender age of three Oprah began to read aloud and perform recitations on the farm that she lived on with her grandmother. When she turned six, she went to live with her mother in Milwaukee, but after suffering abuse and molestation she ran away at age 13. She eventually ended up living in Nashville with her father, Vernon Winfrey whose strict discipline forced her to read and write as much as possible.

"He had concerns about me making the best of my life,"

said Oprah at achievement.org. Lucky for her, his concern is one of the driving factors in her receiving an education. While still in high school at the age of 17 Oprah received her first job at WVOL radio in Nashville. Prior to graduating she majored in Speech Communications and Performing Arts at Tennessee State University.

During college she joined WTVF-TV in Nashville as an anchor and became the youngest and first African-American woman to work there. She first dabbled her toes in the talk show circuit in 1976 as the co-host of "People Are Talking" in Baltimore.

Her career skyrocketed in 1984 when she moved to Chicago to host the struggling talk show "AM Chicago." After hosting there for just one month the show's ratings increased making it the number one local talk show. The show extended its length to one hour and was renamed "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in less than a year.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" was syndicated nationally beginning in 1986 and soon became

the highest rated talk show in television history. Due to the success of her career Oprah found time for one of her other passions, acting.

In 1985 Oprah played in Steven Spielberg's adaptation of *The Color Purple*, written by Alice Walker. Prior to this performance she earned supporting actress nominations for an Oscar and Golden Globe award. Oprah was later praised for her work in the film adaptation of Richard Wright's classic novel, *Native Son*.

Oprah established her own production company, Harpo Productions Inc., in 1986 out of her desire to bring quality entertainment projects to life. Harpo Productions Inc. acquired ownership and responsibilities for "The Oprah Winfrey Show," in 1988. This acquisition made Oprah the first woman in history to own and produce her own talk show.

After such success Oprah found it was time to start giving back. Her first step in doing so was taken in 1991 when she ini-

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Oprah just celebrated the beginning of her 20th on-air season.

Underage drinking at ECU bad idea for students

It's not as cool as you think

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Underage drinking across college campuses and universities is on the rise in the United States. Many students that are underage consume alcoholic beverages like they are the legal age. Students need to be aware of the consequences that come with underage drinking on and around campus.

When people start drinking at a young age it makes them more susceptible to alcoholism. Many students may think that they don't have a problem because it's so easy to go to a party and down drink after drink and not have anyone tell them when they've had enough.

The repertoire amongst students is that drinking is cool and a way to enhance fun. Legal age student drinkers and underage drinkers should consider the penalties before taking a sip.

Most underage drinkers get their alcohol from a friend who is of age. What students don't understand is that since the legal age person bought the alcohol they will be partly responsible if something should go wrong.

The ECU police are out nightly downtown and around Greenville responding to calls that may charge those students

who are in violation of liquor laws. Students who are caught are fined after a breathalyzer confirms that they have drunk more than the legal limit if they are legal aged or underage.

The students that receive drinking tickets are sometimes fined, have to go to court and have to do community service or possibly have a curfew depending on the severity of the drinking offense.

Some consequences of underage drinking include car accidents, sexual assaults, unintentional death or injury, risky sexual behavior, suicide attempts, vandalism, violence and homicide. Most underage drinkers are still in the process of physical development and heavy alcohol use can have negative effects on development and brain structure.

According to a 2004 report from The National Academies titled *Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility*, individuals under the age of 21 commit 45 percent of rapes, 44 percent of robberies and 37 percent of other assaults and it is estimated that 50 percent of violent crime is alcohol-related.

With ECU's increasing number of robberies and sexual assaults over the last few years one can only wonder if those acts were alcohol-related. Date rape and alcohol go hand in hand around college campuses.

Students often leave their drinks unattended and criminals are lacing drinks with rohypnol. Date rapists use this untraceable, odorless, colorless drug to alter the states of those who drink it and render them incapable of making sound judgments. Students should be mindful of this and always protect their drink whether they are of legal age or not.

Senior recreational therapy major, Hayley Tate said, "Besides the fact that underage drinking is illegal, it can get you into way more trouble than it's worth. Waiting till you are 21 to drink responsibly and legally is much smarter."

If a person under the age of 21 drives with a blood alcohol level of .02 or higher (compared to the adult level of .08 or .10), that person will be considered in violation of the law, according to the *Journal of Studies of Alcohol*.

Students who are underage can always have fun without the presence of alcohol. ECU offers activities on campus during all major events such as Halloween where all events are alcohol free. It's a great alternative to the downtown scene and many students take this option instead of dealing with the madness of downtown Greenville.

It is essential to know the con-



Some students that host parties do not tolerate underage drinking.

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tiated a campaign to establish a national database of convicted child abusers. President Bill Clinton signed the "Oprah Bill" into law in 1993 which made this information available to law enforcement agencies and interested parties across the country.

Another way Oprah has given back is through her private charity, The Oprah Winfrey Foundation, which awards grants to organizations that support the education and empowerment of women, children and families in the United States. She also provides scholarships through "The Oprah Winfrey Scholars Program," to those students who want to use their education to give back to their communities.

Oprah's Angel Network was established in 1998 and has received \$30 million to date with 100 percent of audience donations going to nonprofit organizations. The network has helped establish scholarships and schools, support women's shelters and build youth centers

and homes across the country as well as throughout the world.

In 1998 she also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. As disclosed in *Forbes* magazine, Oprah became the first African American woman to become a billionaire. This year she was named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World.

The Oprah Winfrey Show has remained the number one talk show for 20 seasons and is seen by an estimated 49 million viewers a week in the United States alone. The show is broadcast internationally in 117 countries.

Oprah remains involved in humanitarian efforts, most recently donating \$10 million to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in hopes to help rebuild lives through the rebuilding of homes.

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sequences of underage drinking and over drinking. Something that may seem fun and innocent can potentially end in disaster.

If you are going to host a party, one great way to be sure that you do not get in trouble with the police is to check ID. Then there can be no dispute about whether you and your roommates sold alcohol to minors. It's hard avoiding alcohol

because this is college and most of the student population will drink at some point or another but students need to remember if they are underage it's still against the law and having underage drinking on your criminal record could hurt you or a potential career in the future.

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fridge facts

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LOST IN TRANSLATION
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- Butter** - Fat from the mammary glands of cows, sheep, or goats.
- Oil** - Fat from plants.
- Shortening** - Fat from plants that has been hydrogenated to be solid at room temperature.
- lard** - Fat from pigs.
- larder** - A place to store food.
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CREATIVE CALCULUS
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THE WHOLE TRUTH ON WHOLE GRAINS
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THE DRINKY ON FAT
Fat is an essential nutrient that provides energy and helps absorb vitamins. It is found in many foods, including oils, butter, and nuts.

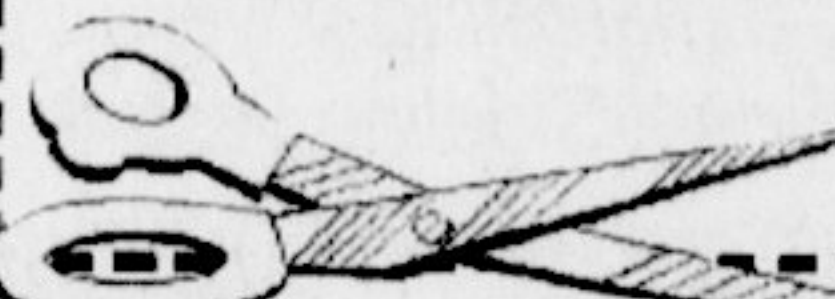
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Sports Briefs

Ladd gets maximum
rookie terms in deal
with Hurricanes

The Carolina Hurricanes signed first-round draft pick Andrew Ladd to a three-year contract — the most allowed for a rookie — and included bonuses, the team's president and general manager said Tuesday. The 19-year-old Ladd, selected fourth overall in the National Hockey League Entry Draft in 2004, will receive \$688,940 at the NHL level in the first two years of the contract and \$984,200 in the third year. Those salaries are the maximum for rookies drafted in 2004 under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, the team said. Ladd will also receive a signing bonus of \$590,520 to be paid in the first two years of the contract, the Hurricanes said. He also has the potential to earn the maximum entry-level performance bonuses, totaling \$850,000 per year. The contract is a two-way contract, allowing Ladd to play in the American Hockey League at the rate of \$70,300 per season. In 2004-05, Ladd played his final season of junior hockey with the Calgary Hitmen of the Western Hockey League, appearing in 65 regular-season games. He finished third on the team in scoring with 45 points (19 goals, 26 assists) while accumulating a team-high 167 penalty minutes. Ladd played in all 12 of Calgary's postseason games and led the team with seven goals. He added four postseason assists to rank second on the team in playoff scoring (11 points).

Aikman, Staubach
make first hire

Hall of Fame Racing made its first hire Tuesday when it tabbed Philippe Lopez to build the NASCAR team owned by former Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. Lopez was hired as a crew chief and will be in charge of getting the Nextel Cup team ready to debut next season. The team has yet to hire a driver for the car that will be sponsored by Texas Instruments. Lopez, who was most recently working in the research and development department at Richard Childress Racing, was one of the first hires the late Dale Earnhardt made when he formed his Cup team. Hall of Fame Racing also hired Len Batycki as vice president of marketing and John Fuller as comptroller.

Injury pains Jets,
Pennington —
Testaverde returns

Chad Pennington's season is done and his future with the New York Jets is in doubt as he heads for a second rotator cuff surgery. Coach Herman Edwards said Tuesday his starting quarterback is out for the rest of 2005 with a torn rotator cuff, the same injury he had repaired in February. Pennington re-injured his right shoulder in Sunday's 26-20 overtime loss to Jacksonville. Backup Jay Fiedler, who replaced Pennington, also went down with a serious shoulder injury, and Edwards said "it could be the season, as well" for him. Vinny Testaverde, 41, who led the Jets to the 1998 AFC title game and was the starter before Pennington replaced him in 2002, was signed Tuesday, although third-stringer Brooks Bollinger will start Sunday at Baltimore. Edwards said Testaverde will be the No. 2 quarterback, and the team planned to sign another quarterback. An MRI exam Monday revealed the tear to Pennington's rotator cuff. Pennington and Fiedler were both in Alabama on Tuesday consulting with Dr. James Andrews, the noted orthopedist who performed the surgery on Pennington's shoulder earlier this year. Testaverde, who started for Dallas last season, took a physical at the Jets' training complex before he was signed.

A Purple Fever fantasy

ECU marketing unveils the State Farm Student Sideline Pass

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

One of the most electrifying moments in all of ECU sports occurs on select Saturdays in the fall. The only place to experience this moment is in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, and the moment doesn't last long.

This is the moment when the purple smoke starts flying, "Purple Haze" comes blaring over the speakers at full blast and an army of unstoppable purple people eaters (apologies to Minnesota Vikings fans) emerges from the yellow tunnel. It's the peak of excitement for Pirates and pirate fans alike because that's the signal for game time. A week of predictions, press and preparation is over and the Pirates are ready to put up or shut up. At that moment, it's a near-guarantee that most of the fans would love to be wearing that purple and yellow and running out of the tunnel to thousands of screaming fans.

That chance is now available to every student at ECU. As part of a promotion sponsored by State Farm Insurance, ECU Sports Marketing is offering any full-time student the chance to experience an ECU home football game from the best seats in the house, right on the field. Every week before a home football game, a winner will be randomly selected and will be able to take a friend to the game to watch from the sidelines with the State Farm Student Sideline

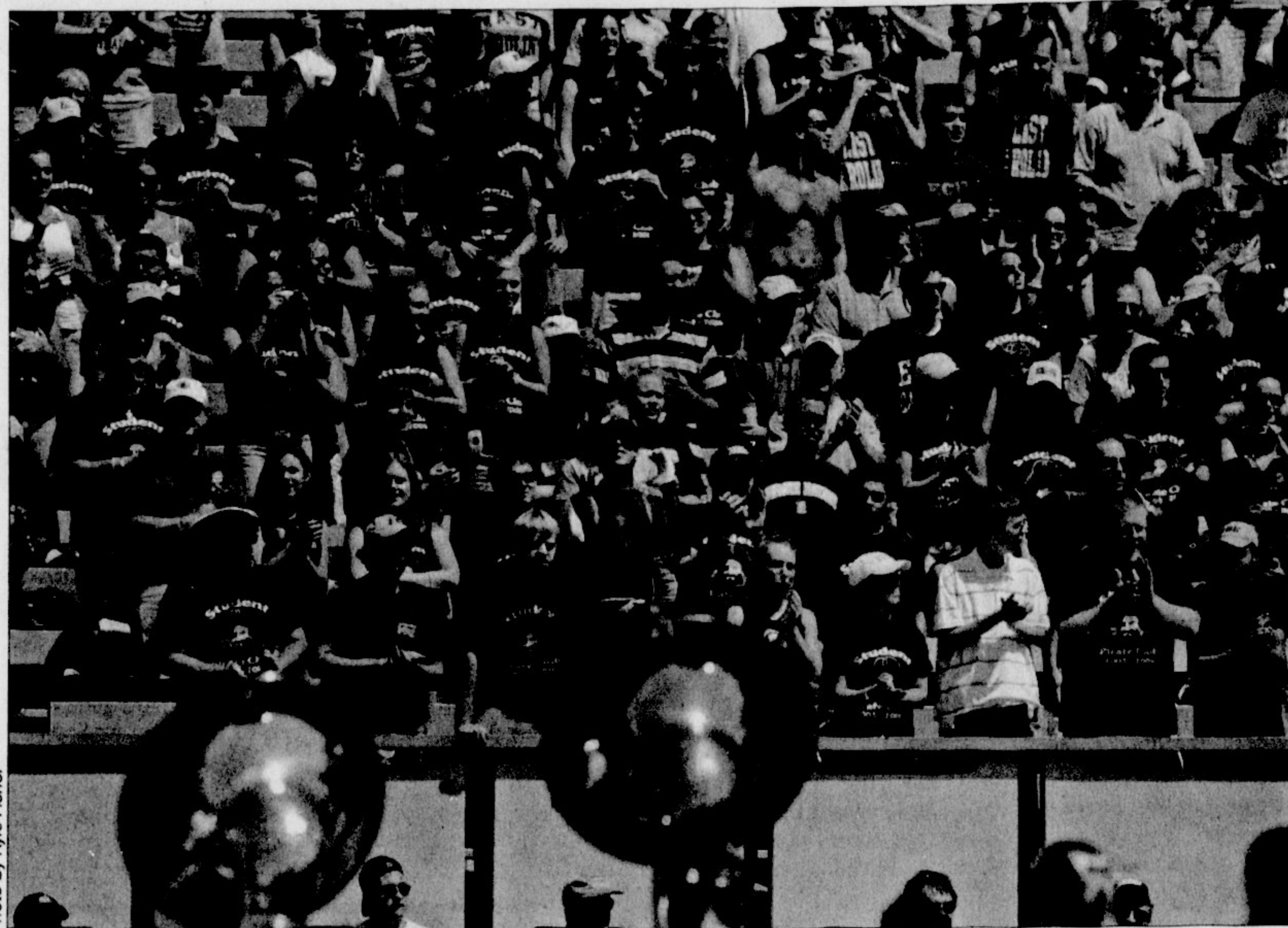


Photo by Kyle Fisher
Any one of these fans pictured could have the honor of watching a game from ECU's sidelines this year.

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Players would agree to
20-game suspension for
first offense of policy

(AP) — Baseball players are willing to again toughen the sport's drug policy, offering to accept a 20-game penalty instead of 10 days for first-time steroid offenders along with tests for amphetamine use.

The proposal, outlined Monday in a letter from union head Donald Fehr to commissioner Bud Selig, fell short of what management wants.

In an April 25 letter to the union, Selig called for a 50-game suspension for an initial positive test, a 100-game ban for second-time offenders and a lifetime ban for a third violation.

Fehr's response said Selig's proposal was meant to quiet criticisms of baseball's current policy, not deter steroid use.

"We share your concern about the criticism our program has received, and, in response, the players have demonstrated, several times now, their willingness to take all reasonable measures in response," Fehr wrote.

Nine players received 10-day suspensions this year under the MLB program, with Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro the most prominent.

"Doubling it is good," Orioles player representative Jay Gibbons said before Monday night's game against the New York Yankees. "I think 10 is a little light."

"Ten you can get away with as a team. You can do without a guy for 10 days, but 20, you're kind of hurting your ballclub, too."

Fehr's letter came ahead of Wednesday's congressional hearings on steroids in sports, the latest in a series of sessions on Capitol Hill. Selig and Fehr are expected to join the commissioners and union heads of the NFL, NBA and NHL in testifying about legislation to standardize testing and punishment.

One of the proposed bills is sponsored by Sen. Jim Bunning, a Kentucky Republican and former pitcher who's a member of baseball's Hall of Fame.

"It's an embarrassment. Donald Fehr has embarrassed the people he represents. He says to the American people in that letter, 'We don't care what you think; 20 games is all we think is necessary,'" Bunning said Tuesday. "He basically says, 'In your face. Twenty games, take it or leave it.' That's completely unacceptable to the Congress."

Fehr said he released the union's position because of the upcoming hearing and to ensure players are up to date before they scatter when the regular season ends Sunday. He's met separately with players on all 30 teams since April "to give everybody an opportunity to weigh in who wanted to."

"We knew we were dealing with 2006 all along. I never saw the crisis to do something in a short-circuited process," he said.

Fehr said the sides disagree "on what the first penalty should be and the first penalty range."

"We always thought there was a need for a review," he said. "You don't have a cookie-cutter approach. The better approach if you can is to gauge the individual facts and circumstances."

Fehr said that while Selig publicly called for 50-game suspensions for first offenders, management negotiators proposed it be a range of 50-60 games, giving players the right to ask an arbitrator to lower it to 40 games.

Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner's office, did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

"Twenty games are not enough," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said. "Also, the union's proposal is not three strikes and you're out. It is three strikes and maybe you're out."

Baseball began testing for steroids in 2003, but players were not identified by name. Because more than 5 percent of tests were positive, penalties began in 2004 under rules that were scheduled to run through 2006. Players agreed in January to reopen the agreement, and agreed to suspensions for first-time offenders starting in 2005.

"I think it's great," Detroit's Brandon Inge said of the union's response. "I'm glad they're cleaning up the sport. I don't like it that anything can be tainted with an illegal substance. It's just going to make the playing field a little more level."

Fehr said that during recent negotiations with management, the union agreed to have:

Every player tested at the start of spring training and at least one additional time.

The possibility that a first-time offender's suspension could rise up to 30 games if there were aggravating factors, or be lowered to as few as 10 games if an arbitrator finds mitigating circumstances.

The penalty for a second positive steroid test increase from 30 days to 75 games, with the possibility an arbitrator could increase it to as many as 100 games or lower it to as few as 50 games.

The commissioner impose "such discipline as you believe appropriate, including a permanent ban" for a third positive test "provided that it is consistent with just cause and subject to arbitral review."

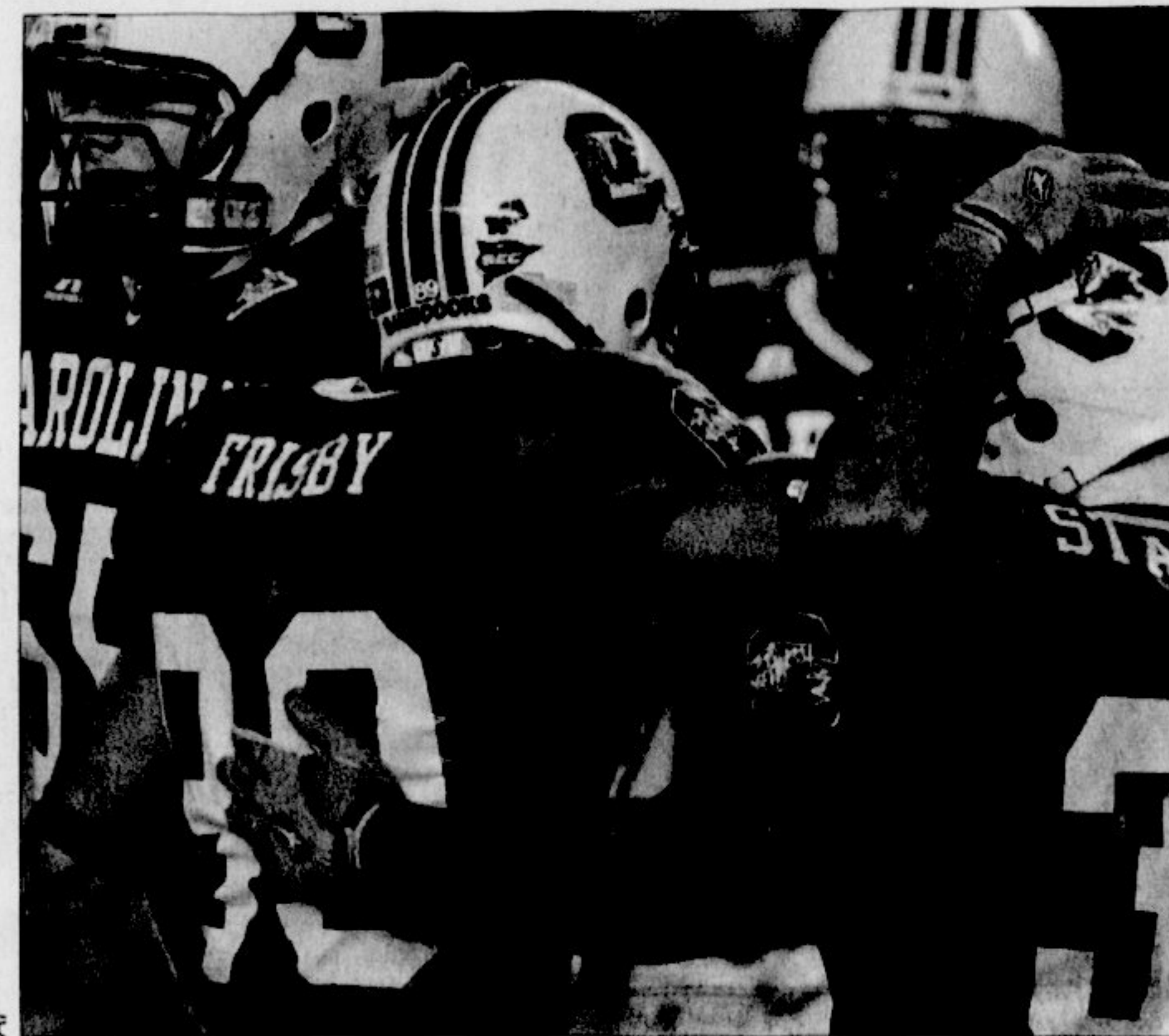
First-time offenders for amphetamine use receive treatment, with discipline starting with a second offense.

Much of the drug program's administration moved to a "jointly selected independent expert" from the current management-union joint committee.

The provision calling for the program to be halted in the event of a government investigation be narrowed.

Some congressmen have criticized baseball for not adopting the standard of the World Anti-Doping Agency, which in most cases calls for two-year suspensions for first offenses and lifetime bans

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Spurrier and USC could be one of many SEC squads the Conference USA will not have to deal with in the new-look Liberty Bowl.

Liberty Bowl now
a battle of David
and Goliath

SEC tie-in puts C-USA
on bottom rung

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

The AutoZone Liberty Bowl took a severe hit when it announced a tie-in with the Southeastern Conference on Wednesday. The bowl lost its grandeur in another quiet reminder that ECU needs to jump the conference ship as fast as possible.

The C-USA champion will now possibly play the No. 6, 7 or 8 team from the SEC. Instead of pitting two conference champions against one another, the C-USA champion will be forced with a third-tier SEC team.

The SEC champion will automatically qualify for a BCS bowl. The second team could also qualify for the BCS or be selected to the Capital One Bowl. If the second team is selected for an at-large berth in the BCS, then the Capital One Bowl would receive the third selection and so forth. The third through the fifth selections will be chosen from the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl, Outback

Bowl and SBC Cotton Bowl.

That's finally when the AutoZone Liberty Bowl comes into play. How sad is it that ECU could go undefeated and play a mediocre 6-6 SEC team? Terry Holland, say it ain't so.

Remember the mystique of the 2004 AutoZone Liberty Bowl? Two teams with one combined loss vying for national respect. The tainted and flawed BCS couldn't interrupt a great matchup between the C-USA and Mountain West qualifiers.

Louisville and Boise State ended up playing one of the greatest AutoZone Liberty Bowls of all time. Louisville won the classic New Year's Eve match-up 44-40 in Memphis, Tenn. in front of 58,355 people.

"This game was everything bowl fans could've dreamed of and more as the BCS games can only dream of being half this good," wrote Pete Fituak, a collegefootballnews.com columnist, immediately following the game on his Web site. "It had everything from big plays, clutch

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Weis used play from dying 10-year-old



Weis embraces Cathy Mazurkiewicz, mother of Montana.

(KRT) — No wonder we're falling in love with Charlie Weis. Notre Dame's new coach revealed Sunday he used a play sent in by a 10-year-old boy dying of an inoperable brain tumor on Saturday during his 3-1 team's 36-17 victory over Washington.

Weis met with Montana Mazurkiewicz, his mother Cathy and brother Rockne on Wednesday, three weeks after the boy had been informed by doctors there was nothing they could do to stop the spread of the tumor. Weis showed up at the Mazurkiewicz home in Mishawaka, Ind., just east of campus, and spoke with Montana about his tumor and about Weis' 10-year-old daughter Hannah, who has global development delay, a rare disorder similar to autism.

He told Montana about some pranks he played on Joe Montana while they were roommates at


Notre Dame. "I gave him a chance to hammer me on the Michigan State loss, which he did very well. He reminded me of my son," said Weis, whose son, Charlie Jr., is 12. "Then I was able to get a couple smiles out of him. His mom got to take a couple pictures. She said it was the first time he really smiled in about three months."

"He told me about his love for Notre Dame football and how he wanted to make it through this game this week," Weis said. "He just wanted to be able to live through this game because he knew he wasn't going to live very much longer."

As Weis talked with the boy, Montana's mother rubbed her son's shoulder trying to ease the pain. She told Montana, who had just lost feeling in his lower body a day earlier, to toss her a football Weis


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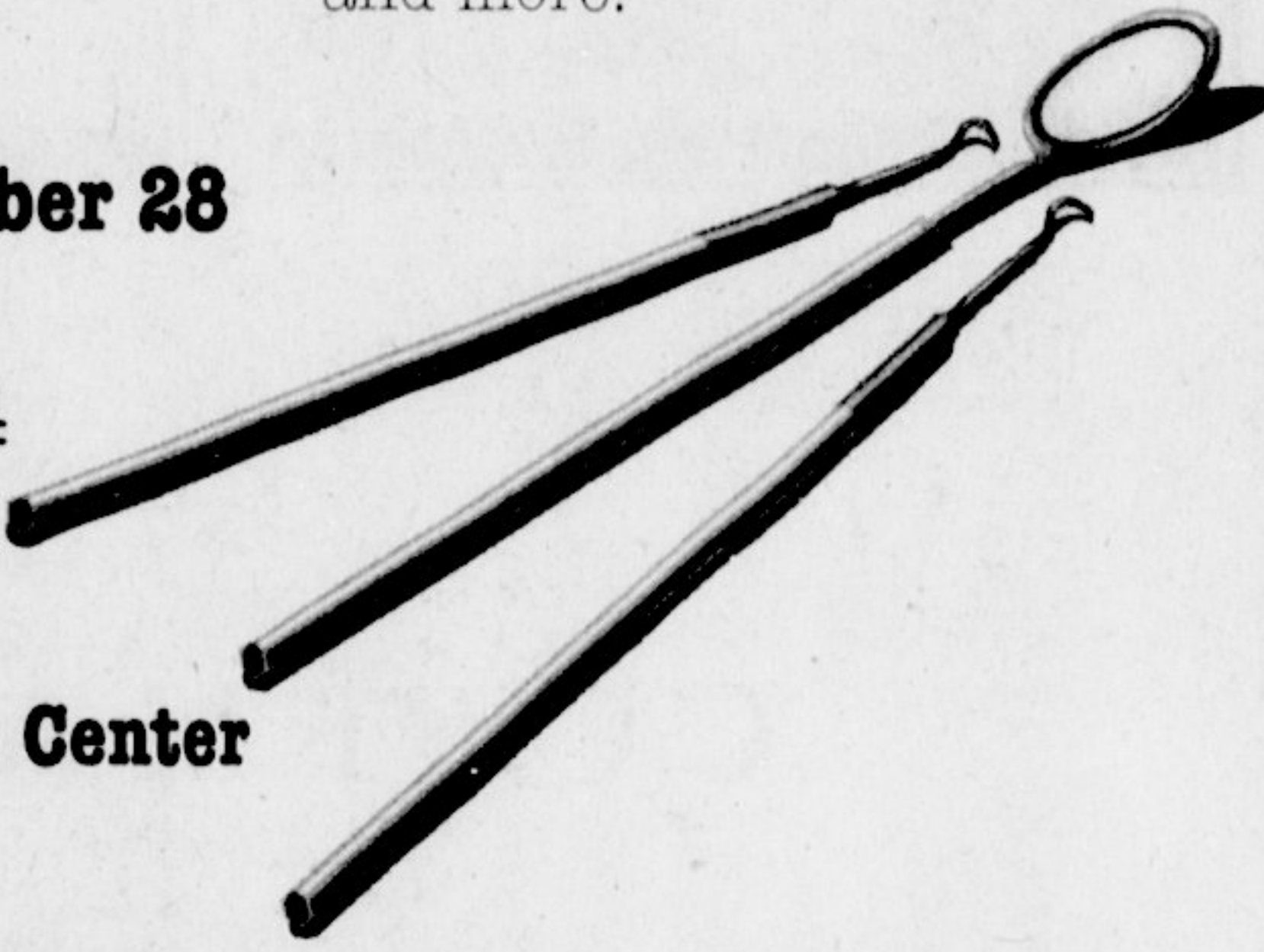
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performances and most importantly, fire and passion on both sides. This was one of the best non-BCS game match-ups since the new system began. Sure, Louisville is no longer in C-USA. But several good teams still are. All (with the exception of Marshall and UTEP) are in a close proximity to Memphis. It was only natural that C-USA's 7-3 record would help them be affiliated with their premier bowl as they had been since their inception in 1996. But the problem is that the SEC is in close proximity as well. Bowl officials wanted to draw on regional match-ups to peak fans' interest. Evidence was the announcement made Wednesday. "We are particularly excited about renewing our relationship with the AutoZone Liberty Bowl and being able to continue to place a championship caliber team in that bowl," spun C-USA Commissioner Britton Banowsky on C-USA's Web site in a press release. Banowsky has run C-USA into the ground. Taking over for Mike Slive (the current SEC commissioner), he added little punch in the realignment process. He moved the headquarters to Irving, Texas after forming this whacky Texas alignment. It's a shame that the SEC won't provide a quality quack. How much longer will ECU allow for Banowsky to settle? Until then, he will continue to dig our grave. I just hope then, it's not too late. This writer can be contacted at sports@theeastcarolinian.com.

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had given him. Montana tried to throw the ball, but could barely lift it. So Weis climbed into the reclining chair with him and helped him complete the pass to his mother. Before he left, Weis asked Montana if there was anything he could do. He agreed to let Montana call the first play against Washington. He called "pass right." Montana never got to see that play materialize. He died on Friday. Weis told the team about the visit and then dedicated the game to Montana. He called Montana's mother Friday night to assure her he still would call the play. "I just wanted our players to realize they represent a lot of people that they don't even realize they're representing," Weis said. Notre Dame received and got the ball on its own one, but Weis never forgot his promise. He called for a rollout right and the play wound up being a 13-yard completion from Brady Quinn to

tight end Anthony Fasano. It is now the newest chapter in Notre Dame folklore. Weis called the family after the game and arranged for the team to autograph a ball he brought to the Mazurkiewicz's house. BIG LEAST: The travesty of Big East football stares you right in the face every time the AP Top 25 comes out. Three former members of that conference - Virginia Tech, Boston College and Miami - who have left for the ACC are deservedly listed. And third-ranked Virginia Tech (4-0) looks like it has a legitimate shot to play in the BCS Championship Game at the Rose Bowl. Conversely, Louisville, considered to be the best team in the newly realigned Big East, fell flat on its face Saturday, losing to South Florida, 45-14, in Tampa and leaving the potential for either West Virginia or South Florida to play a Big Ten representative like Wisconsin in the Orange Bowl.

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for second positives. Last week, the president of Little League Baseball wrote to Selig and Fehr, urging them to adopt a tougher stance on steroids. "We all must accept the fact that children are affected by the actions of major leaguers," Stephen Keener said in a letter dated Sept. 22. "In the vast majority of cases, professional athletes provide fine role models. But, as we have seen, a few highly publicized cases can cause the public to perceive a stain on the National Pastime."

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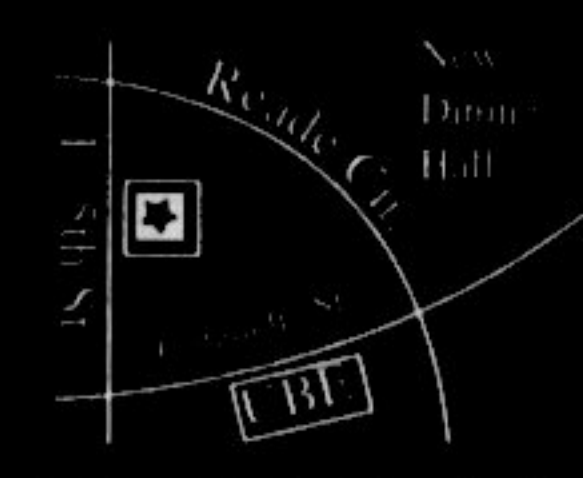
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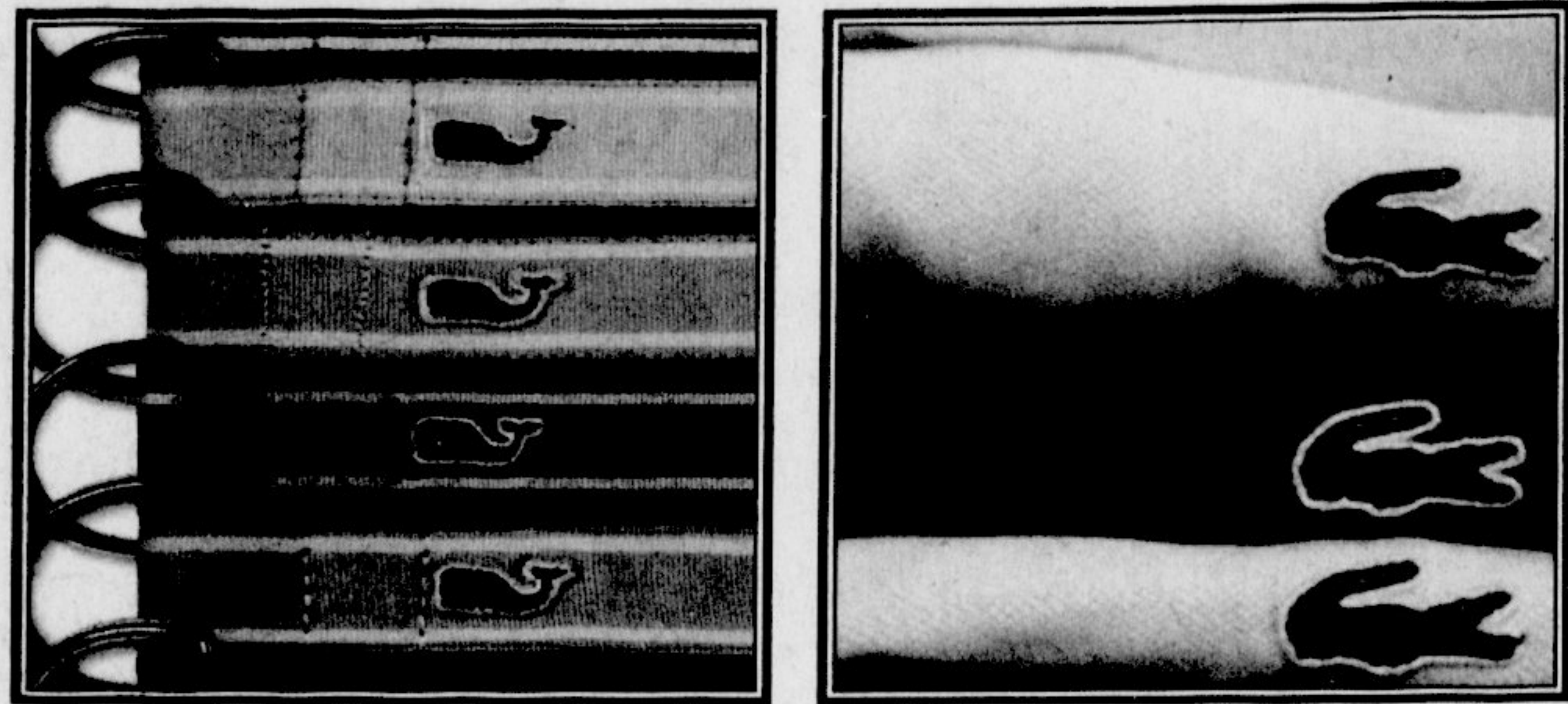
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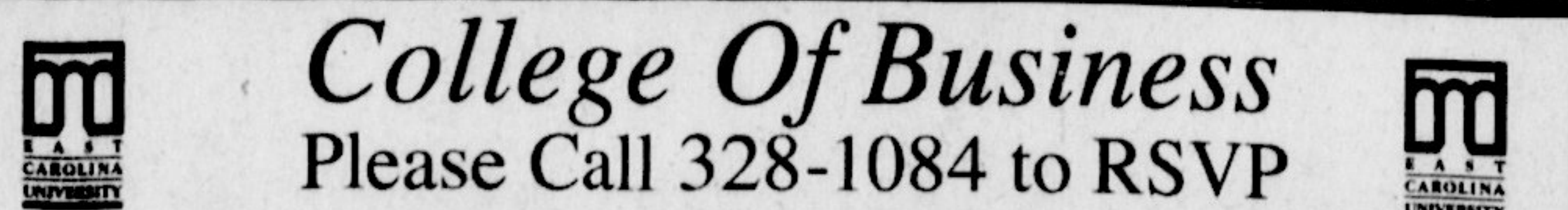
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