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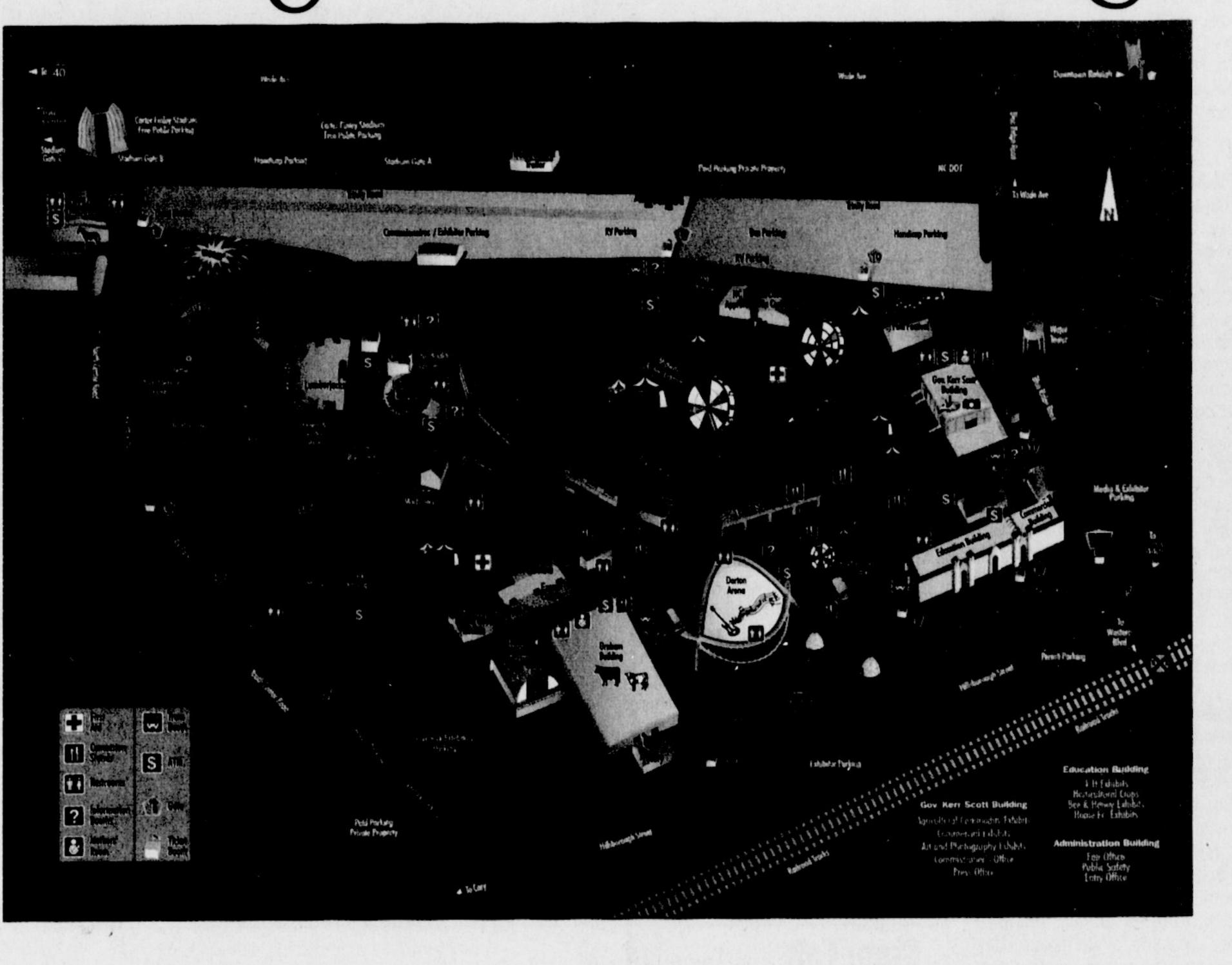
Fair open from Oct. 14 through Oct. 23

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The North Carolina State Fair will begin events, competitions and exhibits in Raleigh Oct. 14 and will culminate Oct. 23.

There are four themes to this year's fair - "Sense of Wonder, Sense of Excitement, Sense of Adventure and Sense of Tradition." The fairgrounds are open from 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. This year's fair will mix the tradition North Carolinians cherish with some changes to this year's fairgrounds.



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"The most visible difference on the grounds is the large building that has taken up a portion of the old Midway, where the Red Cross Lounge once stood," said Brian

Long, fair director.

"The Exposition Center, which is twice the size of the Kerr Scott Building and half the size of the Jim Graham Building, will house the State Fair Ark,

horticultural, bee and honey exhibits this year, plus an exhibit highlighting memorabilia from various presidencies."

From 2002 - 2003, attendance of the state fair went from 696,977 to 833,955, and in 2004, Raleigh saw a record 836,319 visitors. Saturday is usually the most crowded day, and weekdays are considerably less busy. Each day is full of events like duck racing, Circle C Racing Pigs and a fireworks display each night.

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Honduran immigrants get chance to contact families

"We have to understand

better. We have to recognize

North Carolina nurses are in short supply

Scarcity of nurses impacts patient care

LISA DEVRIES STAFF WRITER reports that within the next 25 years, the number of adults over age 65 will double, which greatly increases the demand for nursing staff in nursing homes.

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pleased with the improvements

in communication. It is very

moving to see someone receive

a video letter from home," said

David Griffith, professor of

anthropology who is helping to

been set up in Durham and

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Families can communicate

through e-mail, video letters

and audio letters. Many families

have been split apart by the

move to the U.S. Often, fathers

leave their wives and children

or young married couples come

Communication centers have

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the communication problem and begin to have regular communication," said John Sabella, director of the NC Agromedicine o Institute.

Raquel Isaula, a researcher 💐 from the Development Network g A pilot program known as El in Tegucigalpa has established 불 Puente, or The Bridge, is being 103 communication centers conducted by researchers at ECU, throughout the country. The along with the NC Agromedicine Institute to improve and increase majority of laborers involved in communication between Honthe study hail from Chinacla in § duran migrant workers and their the state of La Paz, primarily a § coffee growing area hit hardest Q "People have been very

by Hurricane Mitch.

There has been a great influx 2 of Honduran migrant laborers to 8 North Carolina since Hurricane Mitch's destruction to the country in 1998. Durham, NC has the largest Latino Credit Union and El Centro Hispaño. It also boasts a quickly growing Latino population, and it is greatly affecting the migrant workforce.

"Immigrants have a huge impact on workplaces in North Carolina," Griffith said. The other major industries immigrants go into are opening restaurants and other businesses. Many Hondurans have training in professional fields of work,



Migrant workers pick crops in the fields of North Carolina.

but are either unqualified by U.S. standards or do not yet speak English.

The overall aim of the study is to discover the impact of good communication in the workplace. Common ailments described by migrant workers are depression and anxiety from worrying about family at home. Depression is often associated with occupational injury. If communication can be improved, the hope is to

lower the workers' depression and anxiety.

"We are trying to create a healthier workplace," Griffith said.

One hundred percent of workers involved in the study provided feedback that being able to regularly communicate with their families had reduced their stress a great deal.

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North Carolina is facing a dangerously high nurse turnover rate, which is greatly affecting long-term patient care.

According to their most recent survey, done in June, the NC Center for Nursing reports the turnover rate for long term care (i.e. nursing homes) is as high as 45.3 percent, with home health and hospice turnover rates as high as 28.7 percent. In 2004, the center reported that in longterm care facilities, 45 percent of RNs, 38 percent of LPNs and 58 percent of nursing assistants in the state left their jobs, or "turned over."

Where have all the nurses gone?

"Nurses feel like they don't have enough time during their workday to do what they were trained to do," said Lisa Keel, family nurse practitioner at ECU Student Health Clinic.

"Nurses deal with more paperwork than patients, are understaffed and usually work overtime to make up for the high turnover."

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Perhaps most crippling to the medical industry are the financial consequences incurred every time a nurse quits his/her job. Hospitals spend anywhere from \$62,100 - 67,100 just to replace one RN. High turnover rates cost a great deal of money and can make it even more difficult to hire new nurses. Other consequences of high turnover reported by the state survey are unacceptably high workloads, declines in the quality of patient care, the need for hospitals and nursing homes to close beds or defer patients to another facility and the loss of revenue for healthcare organizations. Likewise, reduced staffing can lead to more medical errors, higher patient mortality rates, larger patient loads for nurses and perhaps the root of the problem, lower levels of job satisfaction. Nurses seem to be "burning out" at a high rate.

"Getting people interested in nursing isn't the problem. We just can't accommodate them all with our current facilities," said Linda Lacey, the associate director of

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Two Americans, German share Nobel physics prize for work in optics

Colorado, and Haensch, 63, of STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) tion. the Ludwig-Maximilian-Univer-- Americans John L. Hall and sitaet in Munich, won "for their Roy J. Glauber and German contributions to the develop-Theodor W. Haensch won the ment of laser-based precision 2005 Nobel Prize in physics spectroscopy, including the Tuesday for work that could lead optical frequency comb to better long-distance comtechnique."

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here to work.

The prize was given to the three for their work in applying modern quantum physics to the study of optics. Engineers have used their observations to improve lasers, Global Positioning System technology and other instruments.

Glauber, 80, of Harvard University, took half of this year's Nobel for showing how the particle nature of light affects its behavior under certain circumstances. Although those conditions are rarely observed in nature, they are often relevant when using very sophisticated optical instruments.

Hall, 71, of the University of

Hall and Haensch will split one half of the \$1.3 million prize, with Glauber receiving the rest.

"It's a huge surprise, a great pleasure," said Hall, noting that the work was a team effort.

Speaking from his office in Munich, Haensch called the award a high point of his career. "I was speechless but of course

very happy, exuberant," he said. "Now, I am trying to get used to this."

He said the fruits of their work could eventually be applied to improving communication across the globe. The research could also be useful in helping spacecraft navigate more accurately on long journeys, or creating better digital anima-

"Eventually, we may be able to enjoy three-dimensional holographic movies," said Haensch.

"The important contributions by John Hall and Theodor Haensch have made it possible to measure frequencies with an accuracy of 15 digits," the academy noted.

"Lasers with extremely sharp colors can now be constructed, and with the frequency comb technique precise readings can be made of light of all colors."

"This technique makes it possible to carry out studies of, for example, the stability of the constants of nature over time and to develop extremely accurate clocks and improved GPS technology."

Hall works for JILA, an institute run by the University of Colorado and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Two other JILA physicists, Eric A. Cornell and Carl E. Wieman, won the Nobel in physics in 2001.

Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics. However, JILA decided to keep the name but drop the meaning in 1994 as the scope of its research widened.

Of the six Nobels, the physics prize has perhaps the broadest scope of research, making speculation ahead of the announcement difficult.

Alfred Nobel, the wealthy Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite who endowed the prizes, left only vague guide-

lines for the selection committee, saying in his will that the prize should be given to those who "shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind" and "shall have made the most important discovery or invention within the field of physics."

In the past decade, winning physics discoveries have ranged from explaining the makeup of faraway galaxies to creating high-speed electronics that led to

Theodor W. Haensch toasts after winning Nobel prize in physics.

breakthroughs in how information is transmitted worldwide at superfast speeds.

Last year's prize was given to Americans David J. Gross, H. David Politzer and Frank Wilczeck for their explanation of the force that binds particles inside an atomic nucleus.

The prize is the second Nobel to be announced this week. Monday, Australians Barry J. Marshall and Robin Warren won the 2005 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for proving, partly by accident, that bacteria and not stress was the main cause of painful ulcers of the stomach and intestine.

The awards for chemistry, peace and literature will be announced through the end of the week, with the economics prize to be awarded Oct. 10.

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Announcements

Poetry reading at ECU: Al Maginnes

Event Date: Wednesday, Oct. 5 Time: 7:30 p.m. Where: ECU Campus, Bate 1031

Details: Al Maginnes is an ECU alumnus and an award-winning poet. He is the author of Taking Up Our Daily Tools (NC Poetry Council's Oscar Arnold Young Award winner) and The Light in Our Homes (Lena Miles Todd Competition winner).

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program

The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program is looking for advocates for abused and neglected children. Volunteers are trained. then appointed along with an attorney advocate to represent the child's best interests in juvenile court proceedings. The program works with other agencies to locate and develop resources that would benefit the child and his/her family. Volunteers can assist by speaking up for a child's right to grow up in a safe and caring environment. For more information, contact Catherin Darby at P.O. Box 1391, Greenville, NC or call 695-7325. Training volunteers will begin in early November.

Local

Raleigh considers mandatory estrictions on water use

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - While some cities are still considering voluntary restrictions on water use, the city of Raleigh has learned that merely asking doesn't work.

Last week, the city council warned that a request made in September to scale back use could turn to an order unless residents and business cooperated.

"Over the past weekend, average use still hovered about 60 million gallons a day," said City Manager Russell Allen.

So the council was scheduled to consider Stage One conservation rules Tuesday, which would mean restrictions such as watering lawns only three times a week and only

Meanwhile, water officials in Greensboro are still considering voluntary restrictions.

CHRIS MUNIER News Editor

"We're hemming and hawing at this point," Water Resources Director Allan Williams said while he reviewed weather forecasts.

"We're getting close."

Almost a quarter of Greensboro's water soon will come from water plants in Burlington, Reidsville and Winston-Salem.

Williams said the city has increased its water purchases since the city's three main reservoirs started to drop in the past months.

Nearby High Point already has invoked voluntary conservation measures. including a limiting lawn watering. Perry Kairis, public services director in High Point, said just two or three inches of rain over an extended period of time would boost reservoir levels from their current 79 percent

Bush portrayed Miers, who never has been a judge, as a strict constructionist, someone who "will strictly interpret our Constitution and laws."

ZACK HILL Assistant News Editor

"She will not legislate from the bench," said the president as the 60-year-old former private attorney stood with him in the Oval Office.

"If confirmed, I recognize that I will have a tremendous responsibility to keep our judicial system strong and

to help ensure that the courts meet their obligations to strictly apply the laws and the Constitution," said Miers.

who has worked on previous judicial nominations with many of the same senators who now will judge her

candidacy. She immediately began visiting senators in the Capitol, meeting with Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and Senate Democratic leader

on NBC's "Today" show. With Miers' selection, Bush was looking to satisfy conservatives who helped confirm Chief Justice John Roberts without inflaming Democrats who repeatedly warned against the selection of an extreme conservative to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who has voted to uphold abortion rights and preserve affirmative action.

World

In momentous step, EU opens membership talks with Turkey

LUXEMBOURG (AP) - The European Union overcame last-minute doubts and opened membership talks Tuesday with Turkey - a historic move to include a predominantly Muslim nation that both sides said would benefit all of Europe.

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for showing "great statesmanship." "Every enlargement that has taken place within the European Union has made both the existing and the new member states stronger and more

prosperous," said Straw. "I'm in absolutely no doubt that the benefits will follow from this enlargement and bring a strong secular state which happens to have a Muslim majority into the European Union.' German Foreign Minister Joschka

National Depression Screening Day

Event Date: Thursday, Oct. 6 Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 - 9 p.m. Where: Joyner Library Details: National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 7 - 9 p.m. on the second floor of Joyner Library. This is a free screening for students, faculty and staff for anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder. Contact the Center for Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661 for more information.

'The Pajama Game'

Event Date: Friday, Oct. 7 - Tuesday, Oct. 11 Time: Oct. 7 at 8 p.m., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m., Oct. 9 at 8 p.m., Oct. 10 at 8 p.m., Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. Where: McGinnis Theatre Tickets are: General Public-\$17.50, Senior Citizens and current ECU Faculty/Staff-\$15, and Youth/ Current ECU Student-\$12 in advance, \$17.50 at the door. Details: Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful as sparks fly between Sid Sorokin, the new superintendent, and Babe Williams, leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a pay raise, setting off both a conflict between management and labor and a battle of the sexes.

at night until the city's water supply increases.

Those who break the rules would face fines ranging from \$50 for a first offense to \$500 for a second.

The changes also would affect eight towns that depend on Raleigh for water: Garner, Wake Forest, Rolesville, Fuguay-Varina, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Wendell and Zebulon. The Raleigh area, which normally gets four inches of rain in September, has gotten just .82 inches. Monthly rainfall this year, except for April and July, has been well below normal. "Nobody plans for this until there is a problem," said Charles Bell, president of American Pride car washes and a member of the city's water conservation task force. "Water is cheap. Maybe if water went up like the price of gasoline, people would conserve."

capacity to about 90 percent.

National

Republicans, Democrats allke conflicted over Miers nomination to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's decision to make White House counsel Harriet Miers his second Supreme Court nominee is causing some strange friction on Capitol Hill, with some Republicans unsure about her conservative credentials and some Democrats seemingly supporting her.

The mixed signals create some uncertainty about how Miers will be received in the Senate as the Judiciary Committee prepares for another round of confirmation hearings before the end of the year.

Harry Reid, all of who had words of praise for her.

In a round of television interviews Tuesday, White House counselor Dan Bartlett sought to reassure conservatives who have expressed concern that Miers might not be conservative enough for their tastes because she had no strong record on hot-button issues like abortion and gay rights.

"She shares President Bush's judicial outlook and that is that justices shouldn't be creating law from the bench, they should be strictly interpreting the Constitution," said Bartiett on CBS' "The Early Show." Bartlett said that Bush had not asked Miers her views on issues like abortion or gay rights. "President Bush thinks it's very important not to impose a litmus test on judicial candidates," Bartlett said

"We have just made history," said British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw after chairing the opening of the momentous talks.

He added that the future for the union is "an EU based on values, not just history. Turkey has always been a European country."

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul, who flew to Luxembourg late Monday to attend the brief, middle-of-thenight ceremony to formally open the negotiations, said both Europe and Turkey stood to gain.

"Our relations with Europe began in 1963, a period of more than 40 years. We have arrived today at a historic stage," he said.

"It is not just Turkey that will win, but also the European Union will win." It took last minute wrangling among EU foreign ministers during arduous Sunday-Monday talks to secure a joint Fischer agreed. "It's a historic step Europe has won today. It's a big chance for both sides,"

Fischer told reporters. The agreement and the ceremony with Gul, however brief, was a rare point of light in a gloomy year for the EU.

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with Ankara.

position on opening the negotiations

Austria had demanded that Turkey

be granted a special partnership

deal, not full membership, raising

last-minute doubts about letting the

predominantly Muslim country join as

Straw told reporters the EU crisis talks

were "grueling" but commended both

the EU and the Turkish government

a full-fledged member.

Last spring, a proposed EU constitution was shot down in French and Dutch referendums. The EU economy is in the doldrums - an illtempered mid-June summit left the EU without a budget for 2007-2013 and last month's German elections cast doubts on the political direction of the EU's biggest economy. Failure to start entry talks with Turkey

would have been another blow to the credibility of the EU, which made Turkey an associate member in 1963 with the prospect of future membership.

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the NC Center for Nursing.

"One professor can handle only a small number of students at a time."

The state is in great need of more teaching faculty and clinical sites to host nursing students. "It's happening slowly," Lacey said. Nursing recruitment is still in full force.

"The state needs to focus less on recruitment and more on maintaining their current

attempts to lower their turnover rate. Some healthcare organizations are offering a weekendsonly work option, assigning mentors to new hires, conducting public recognition programs for nursing personnel and offering retention bonuses to name a few.

ECU turns out the greatest number of nursing graduates in the state, followed by UNC Chapel Hill.

Peter Romary to speak Oct. 10 Local domestic violence attorney Peter Romary will present "With Justice for Some: How the Legal and Education Systems Have Let Down Victims of Crime (and What Can Be Done)" Monday, Oct.10, at

4 p.m. in Bate 1021. One of America's top-ranked trial lawyers and victims advocates, Romary will illustrate how both the justice and educational systems in the U.S. have failed victims of crime - especially victims of domestic violence - and will discuss how these problems can easily be remedied.

Romary has received a number of international humanitarian and service awards for his pro bono work with domestic violence survivors, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. In 2004, he was one of only 52 men honored by Lifetime Television in its Time Square Project for his tireless work to end violence against women. This event is being coordinated by the women's studies department.

The Procrastinators use pots, pans, barstools and water bottles to perform at the fair.

Of course, a huge part of North Carolina fairs is the food aspect of it. There will be numerous cooking contests including the Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crust Championship, Crisco "My Favorite Pie" Contest, K.C. Masterpiece Memorable Meals Contest and The Martha White Cornbread Challenge.

"Eleven cooking contests will be held during the Fair with cash prizes totaling \$3,825, said Lisa Prince, cooking contest coordinator.

"The deadline to enter any of the contests is Oct. 8. Bring your best creation and you could be the next blue-ribbon winner."

Tickets to the fair can be bought at the gate or they can be purchased in advance from now

until the start of the fair. The benefit to buying in advance is saving half off the cost of rides and \$1 off admission.

On Oct. 18, Former U.S. Senator Bob Dole will be on hand for Senior Fun Festival. Seniors can enjoy the jazz band Leon Jordan's Continentals at Dorton Arena. Oct. 20 is Food Lion Hunger Relief Day. Admission is free if four canned goods from Food Lion are donated at the fair. The food will be contributed to needy people in North Carolina.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has laid out some guidelines to help fairgoers avoid diseases that can be contracted from animal exhibits. "The recommendations

include hand-washing facilities, a barrier between animal bedding and patrons to reduce contact with manure, increased signage warning of the risks associated with animal contact and the elimination of food,

drinks, strollers and pacifiers from animal areas," according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Web site.

The first State Fair was held in 1853. Electricity came to the fair in 1877 and in 1895, the main attraction was chicken incubators. Former Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush have spoken to fairgoers.

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nurses," Keel said. Hospitals and long term care facilities are making more

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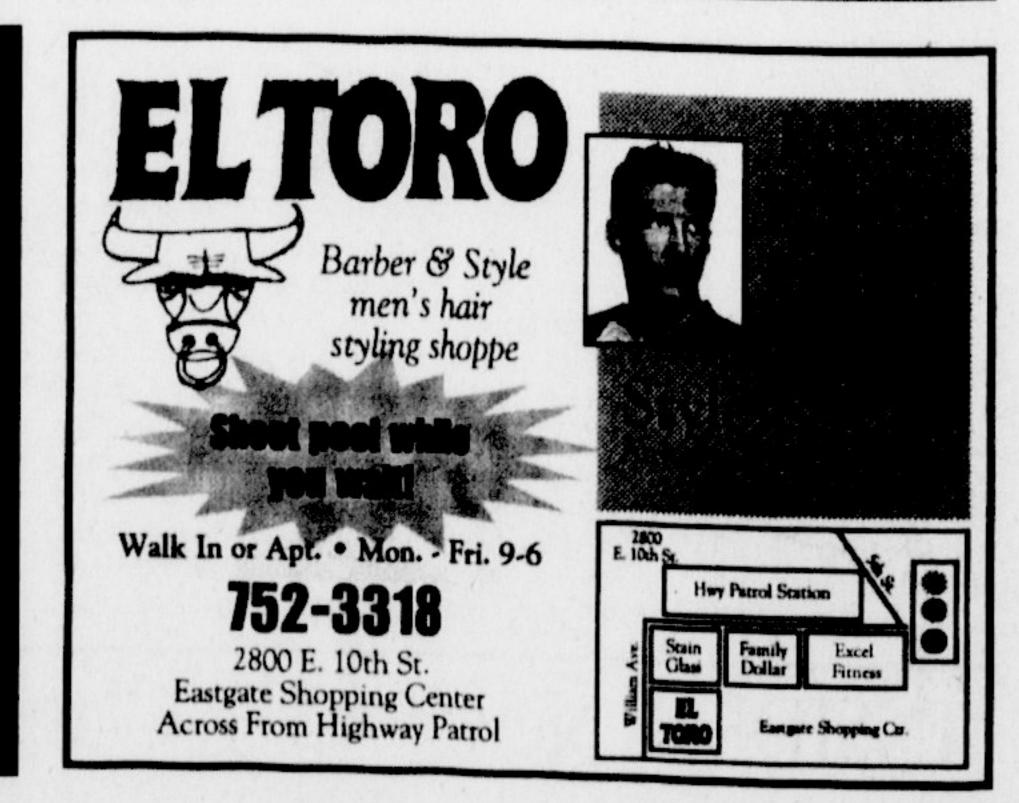
communication centers have already been placed in Vera Cruz, Mexico by a Mexican research team.

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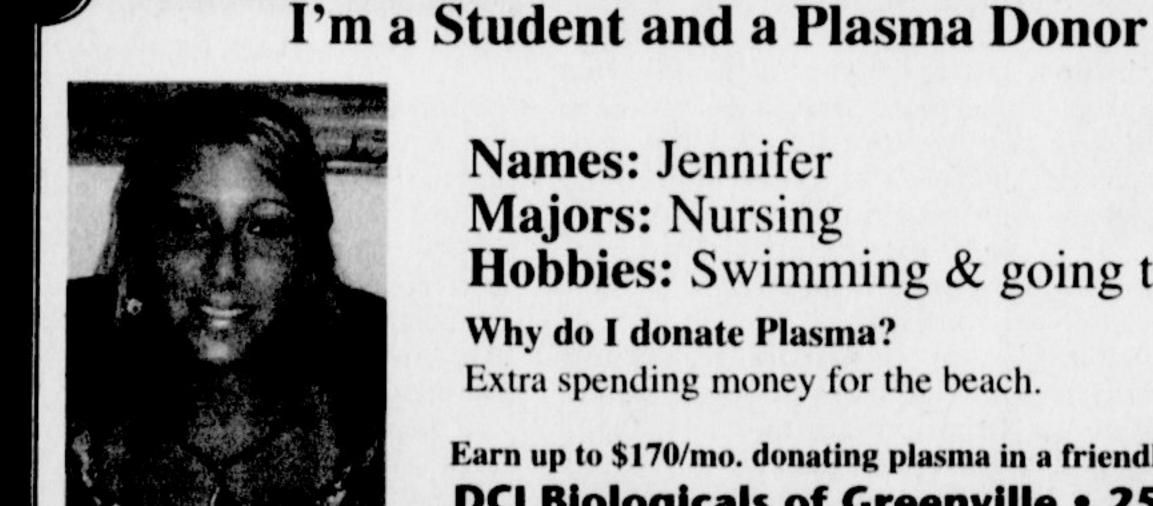
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so why aren't you laughing? I have always had a problem with saying things before I think about what I am saying. Do you know that feeling? The "Oh no! I hope I didn't offend anyone" that runs through your brain the split second that a comment comes out of your mouth.

I have always been a joker, I love to laugh and crack jokes and the people who know me, know that if I am joking about it, that it is NOT how I feel about the situation. I know they say that 50 percent of jokes are truth, but unless I have a major issue then mine are just that, jokes.

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Pirate Rant

Why did West End Dining just have a grand opening? Didn't it open last spring?

To the guys sitting behind me in class: when there are 30 people in a small classroom and only two people are talking, we can hear you. That's a sign to shut up.

To all the girls who drive Jeep Wran-glers: You're hot and I love you.

To the guy who insists on taking off his shoes in the middle of class: if I want to see Hobbit feet, I'll watch Lord of the Rings.

Hey ECU running backs, getting past the 20 doesn't put points on the scoreboard. HOLD ON TO THE BALL!

Why would anyone want to vandalize their own property? You're really stupid, seriously. That place looks better than it ever has. Don't get pissed because your organization, or ex-organization I should say, can't make it look as good as that

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Saying this, I want to dedicate this column to the ladies in my MWF class who read this every week. They get to hear me ramble in class about whatever is going on that day and they willingly read and give me feedback to my ramblings here. I feel as if I can make it through the 50 minutes when I start off the class with one of them complaining about life and the people they encountered. That is one of the little things that make me laugh and get me through my late afternoon class right before the weekend.

On the subject of things that make me laugh, my best friend is an apparel merchandising major and we usually discuss the topics they talk about in class as far as fashion goes. One topic that was up for discussion was the interesting selection of footwear here on campus. I come from the NC mountains and until moving here had never seen a pair of Rainbows, let alone knew what a Sperry was. But I come over here and almost half of all the people I see have one of the two brands on.

Not that I am saying they are bad (because from what I hear they are some of the most comfortable shoes in the world) but do you really need



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Why is racism thriving in today's world?

Soft spoken racism

BENJAMIN CORMACK THE CASUAL OBSERVER

I was walking toward West End Dining Hall, glancing over the paper to see my latest article, when I overheard something strange. There was a group of young women walking toward me, and as they passed I heard the two following sentences:

"Have y'all seen that show ... 'Orange County Choppers'?"

"Ohyeah, it's some white people's show." I have to admit that I was kind of surprised by what I heard. While I am a fan of the show that she was referring to, known as "American Chopper," it wasn't what was said about it that surprised me, instead it was the statement another of the young ladies made about it being a "white people's show." Some would probably call me naïve for the statement I'm about to make, but I'm still surprised that within our present society, especially within my generation, there exists such a sense of division among us.

In almost every men's room I've gone in, on and off campus, I've noticed various racist statements among the "for a good time call" and "peace in war out" statements scribbled over the restroom walls. I've always thought that the kind of person who would write a racist statement, or any statement for that matter, on a public restroom wall is not really capable of making an educated argument. I imagine a few of these people have

shown-up at Ku Klux Klan rallies and marches. Who takes these guys seriously anymore? More people go to their rallies who are against them rather than supporting them. They obviously aren't doing it for their self-esteem. The only time they are taken seriously is when they're staring at a judge for committing a murder or a hate crime. When will people like this understand that we as a society will not tolerate, nor do we approve of this kind of behavior?

I just don't understand why some people would choose to fill themselves with hatred or to make hatred such a large part of their lives, especially when hatred has been the motivation for some of the most horrible crimes in history - the church bombing so many years ago that killed four little girls, the Holocaust, the constant fights and terror in Israel, the Oklahoma City bombing by Timothy McVeigh and Sept. 11 just to name a few. If anything good can be said about such tragic travesties, it's that they show us the error of our ways and sometimes steer us on a nobler path. I guess some just haven't chosen to follow it. Finally, I have to say that I just don't understand stereotypes. That is to say, I don't understand how some people find some sense of absolute truth in stereotypes. In a way, I think I feel this way because of those years of my childhood when I watched the works of Jim Henson and his characters the Muppets. I pondered over this even more this weekend, when I saw that the first season of "Fraggle Rock" had come out on DVD.

Whatever show or movie of Jim Henson's I watched, whether it was "Sesame Street," "The Muppet Show" or "Fraggle Rock," reflecting on them I have found a few very powerful elements that they all shared: pride in diversity, fun in diversity, love in diversity and acceptance of diversity. If Henson had one message in life, it was that the same things that made things different about us or our world are also what made us and our world so special. "Sesame Street" to me was about living, interacting and learning from all kinds of people. "Fraggle Rock' was about seeing the world beyond what we knew and finding what was beyond it - was about learning. There was also a sense of acceptance for how the world worked, yet still a drive to try to understand those that were different. Finally, "The Muppet Show" and the Muppets themselves were about family and friendship going beyond aesthetic differences. Bottom line, it didn't matter whether you were white, black, young, old, human, monster, fraggle, dooser, gorg, frog, bear, pig, dog, chicken or whatever Gonzo was -what you were about and who you were on the inside is what really mattered. Even if what was inside them was a hand, it is still something I think all of us can learn from.

"fraternity" has.

There were more mushrooms than lettuce. The avocados were brown. The tomatoes still had stems. The chicken was over-processed. I still paid \$4.99 for the salad. Thank you, Campus Dining. Thank you.

To the police officer who was issuing parking tickets outside the SRC Monday night. Although I choose not to buy a parking pass, I also choose not to park where I and all others who do not have passes should on the side roads off campus.

Get rid of the Intramural forfeit fee!

A Republican: globally reckless, closed-minded religious zealot and puppet to corporate self-indulgence. A Democrat: internationally diligent, voice of reason and levelheaded economist. A good week: Tony McKee unavailable to write his reactionary, egotistical dribble.

How can three treadmills on the top level of the SRC possibly be enough for the thousands of students that workout daily? The reason for my "inevitable saddlebags" is because I'm on a waiting list to actually workout.

The double doors located in every building on campus are just like driving on the roadway. Stay to the right and not in oncoming traffic. Move it or lose it.

Hey Tony McKee, you forgot about this one ... independent: not influenced or controlled by others; thinking or acting for oneself. Maybe we should stop classifying ourselves and instead think for ourselves.

School has been in session a little over a month and I've only had one exam, but this week I have three exams all in one week. Do the professors get together and do this to me on purpose?

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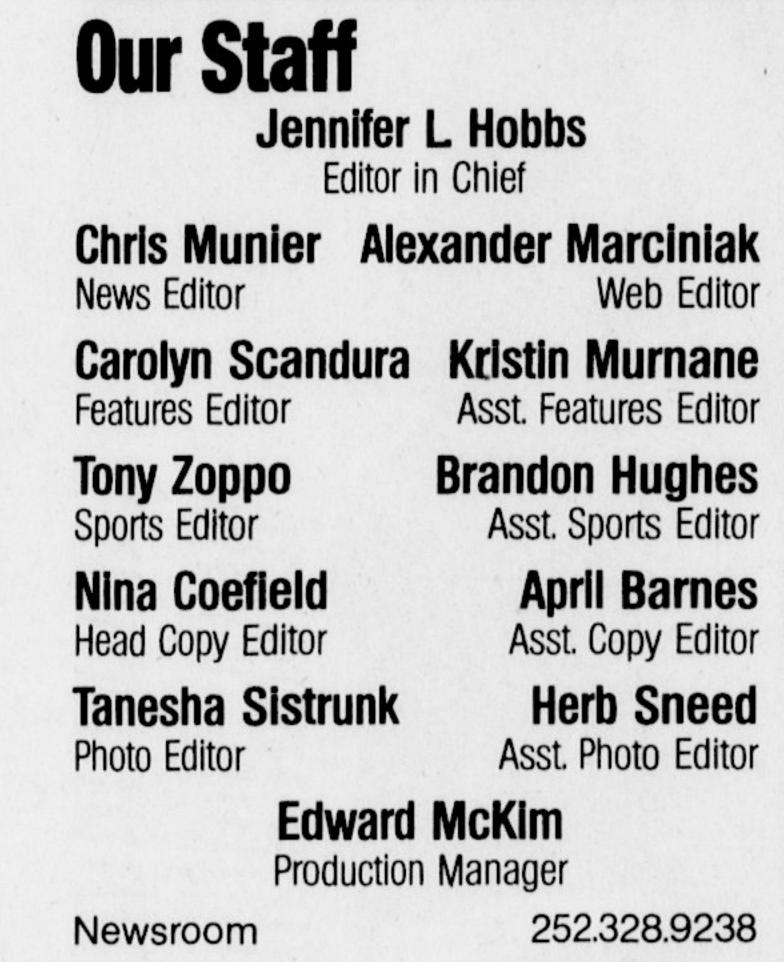
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to wear them every day of your life?

But I guess you could say the same about my tennis shoes, so fell free to laugh at my shoes while I laugh at yours because then at least we all would be laughing. Wouldn't the world be a better place if everyone smiled and laughed with In My Opinion each other instead of yelling and frowning?



Fax Advertising McKee's talent with propaganda is fabulous. The generalization of environmentalists shows how closeminded he is. Intelligent opinions only please.

I saw The Swash Improv's first show at the Pirate Underground and it was awesome! I think I have a little crush on the guy named Dick. He's so funny! I look forward to seeing him and everyone else at their next show.

TEC should put more articles in the paper about the successful sports programs here at ECU instead of the constant articles about the football and women's soccer teams always losing. Our cross-country team is very good and they are having a good season, but you would not know about it because TEC only cares about the moneymaking sports.

Dude, music appreciation is cake. Maybe if you studied and went to class and listened to the music assigned, you wouldn't think it is a "pain in the rear."

Dear TEC: If you're going to stick an ad in the paper to encourage readers to conserve energy, could you please find someone a little more inspiring than President Bush to headline it? What a joke!

I may not exactly be the skinniest person on campus, but I don't need any attitude when I move over so you can have a seat on the bus. No one said you had to sit beside me.

You can call me whatever names you'd like, but I always have a guaranteed comeback: you're short, and you have little-man syndrome. And you know who you are.

In defense of 'helicopter' parents

when parents face the dreaded "empty nest" syndrome. Sending a child away to college is a traumatic experience, even though many teens lighten the load considerably by becoming so surly and grouchy that some parents secretly, or not so secretly, yearn for the release. Turns out, however, that many par-

ents aren't quite ready to let go. Some colleges complain that they're crowding campus orientations, meddling in registration and complaining about their children's housing assign-

ments, roommates and grades. Branded as "helicopter parents," they refuse to back off and let their kids learn how to solve their own problems, college officials gripe. They're still hovering, fixers at the ready.

The University of Vermont hires "parental bouncers" – students trained to divert moms and dads who try to attend programs, including registration, with their kids. Colgate stopped supplying parents with a list of administrators' phone numbers; now parents get a statement about Colgate's philosophy of self-reliance.

Boomers. But it's misguided.

Suffice to say there is parenting in theory and parenting in practice. Those who consult parenting manuals learn early that they don't cover the tricky terrain of the human heart, and can't account for the full force of the biological imperatives that alter the normal fun-loving human brain into the everalert parental unit. And they don't tell you that there's no going back.

Of course parents should guard against overprotective, smothering instincts. But what's so terrible about a helicopter? It hovers lightly, ready to swoop in for emergencies, fielding a frantic request, say, for a child whose laptop has suddenly expired. Like a hummingbird, the wise helicopter parent alights delicately, and only for so long as absolutely necessary.

The true helicopter parent may realize, guiltily, that the kids, having been sheltered and pampered much of their lives, lack certain survival skills. College officials say that some freshmen lack basic street smarts. They have trouble negotiating for what they need or getting along with others in a tight, shared space. They may not have a clue about how to stay safe: Universities have had to warn students about dangerous moves like propping their doors open at night.

(KRT) — This is the time of year other pejoratives splattered on Baby in the unexpected moments. The unguarded and exuberant chattering of a gaggle of preteen girls in the backseat of the car is far more entertaining than most movies.

> As a result of all that chauffeuring part of all that hovering – we suspect many parents also enjoy far closer relationships with their kids than previous generations of parents did. Many of those kids are far more accomplished and sophisticated for it.

> And that's wrong ... exactly how? There are all sorts of parenting styles, and many of them yield the desired result: a child who grows into a self-sufficient, healthy adult. Some kids get there sooner, some later.

Whether to hover or not to hover is an intensely personal decision, dictated in large part by the child's needs. Some kids seek, and desire, almost constant parental contact. The cell phone is their lifeline, or as it has been described, the world's longest umbilical cord. Others crave the opposite. They plot the farthest point from home and apply for college there. And really, most kids don't have much trouble telling intrusive parents when to back off. In past generations, you loaded the station wagon with your worldly belongings and you unpacked them in the dorm. There was an awkward hug between you and your parents. And then they were gone. If you called once a week, they were happy. Or at least they said so.

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This is a country built on the notion of self-reliance and the romance of learning the hard way. Parents who refuse to allow their kids to grow up, to make mistakes, to work through their various crises and catastrophes, risk finding their kid boomeranging home after college. They'll be back on the family couch, doing nothing so taxing as reading the ingredient label on the Cheetos bag. Or worse.

The relatively recent "helicopter" epithet seems well on its way to joining "The Me Generation" and a number of

Maybe, some parents will reflect, there was too much time spent shuttling the kids to play dates, dance practices, piano lessons, hockey games, and a staggering array of other activities, rather than allowing the kids more room to explore solo.

But they also know this: There was joy

You grew up. They grew old. That is still the way of things. If parents today linger a bit, if they dwell in the lengthening shadows, ready to unfurl a ladder from the helicopter in case of emergency, who can blame them?

Why is it that every time I see a hot girl (brown "DC" shirt), I can't help but noticing that horrible cancer stick in her hand? Is this something I should overlook as a non-smoker?

Aren't computer labs meant for studying and doing class work? So for those of you who think it's to socialize-go to the "social" rooms for that. That way I can do my 15-page paper without your noise!

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Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies:

1. Flightplan 2. Serenity 3. Tim Burton's Corpse Bride 4. A History of Violence 5. Into the Blue

Top 5 Pop Albums:

1. Disturbed 2. Bon Jovi 3. Kanye West 4. Various Artists 5. Barbara Streisand

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. "CSI" 2. "Desperate Housewives" 3. "Lost" 4. "Criminal Minds" 5. "CSI: Miami"

Top 5 DVD Rentals:

. Crash 2. Monster In Law 3. Sahara

Fall fashion kicks into high gear

What's hot this season to strut around campus

AMANDA WINAR STAFF WRITER

It might seem as though "Super Sized" Americans have meshed the progressing obesity problems in the United States with current fashion trends. Fall 2005 fashion has expressed a divine obsession with over-sizing everything.

From wearing the gigantic black-plastic Alain Mikli sunglasses and chunky jewelry, to carrying the suitcasesized purses and hobo bags, accessories have created a bold

nate route from the flowing skirts, draped wide-legged pants have become increasingly popular. With slimming waist definition, these wide pants provide a fun and comfortable way to look stylish even if you just throw on an old ECU sweatshirt with them to go to class.

Contrasting to the wide and flowing styles that accentuate anyone's bottom half, fitted and crisp coats have found their way back into the cooler-weather wardrobe. This fall's seasonal styles stress rich and intricate details on thick, eloquent materials such as velvet and suede.

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Top 5 Books: 1. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince 2. The Da Vinci Code 3. The Historian 4. Polar Shift 5. Lipstick Jungle

Horoscope:

Aries: Providing for your own future security is a good idea. If you don't know how, get advice from one who has lots of money in the bank.

Taurus: A good strategist would be helpful now to set priorities. You're good at multitasking, but this is ridiculous.

Gemini: Devise your strategy. Define your goals, and then you'll see what you need to do to get from here to there.

Cancer: Conditions are excellent for family planning and planning a family, not necessarily in that order. Just plain old relaxing at home works, too.

Leo: A private conversation with a close member of your family deepens your understanding. Be curious and listen.

Virgo: Loving attention to detail is one of your endearing qualities. Don't be sidetracked by fantasies, stick with statement already this season.

Although accessories have taken control of the fall season's focal point, creative and feminine trends in pants, shirts and dressy clothing have also exploded on the runway. After seasons of crayon color-splashed outfits, designers have decided to reintroduce black as well as dark blues and browns as the foundational colors. The addition of embroidery has grown predominant as well, as a way to complement these darker materials.

Slim-lined skirts which show off the toned and shapely body have integrated themselves in with long and flowing skirts to provide both a fun yet sexy look for women.

For those looking for an alter-

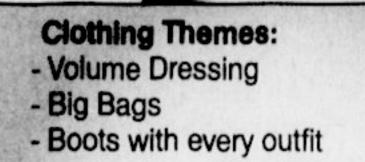
Must-have items: Military-inspired jacket or coat Animal prints Fur trims Embellished jeans Bold jewelry - especially cuff bracelets Kate Spade Animal Bag & Metallic Shoes Kara Ross Jewelry Botkier Bag Henry Dunay Necklace Born & Bolo Boots PONO Jewelry • BCBG Bag • Kiton Bag and Shoe

popularity, but must be done in a subtle way if worn during the day since bright golds and silvers better serve as outfits for the downtown scene at night.

With cooler weather approaching, the downtown scene might look altered with the classy, comfortable trends of the fall 2005 season. The fall will bring small details with big impacts for all who are interested in keeping up with style and impressing those who have fallen behind. Models are Cori Nilsen, junior elementary education major and Athanasios Stergioulas, sophomore com-

munication/business major.

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Items from Last Season: -Boho, layered tiered skirts -Shrugs, ballet tops and long camis -Chunky, eclectic jewelery -Metallic shoes and bags -Cropped pants -Hoodies -Large ladies sunglasses - Bright polo shirts for men



the important stuff.

Libra: Conditions are good for making money now, so don't just sit there. Imaginative, creative work pays especially well.

Scorplo: It's always darkest just before the dawn, and you're about to emerge triumphant. You end up looking good.

Sagittarius: Find a quiet hiding place to rest and ruminate. You need some time and quiet to let new ideas sink in and allow yourself to be creative.

Capricorn: Time's right to call your team together for a planning session. Once you've got the big picture, the little stuff will be easy.

Aquarius: Don't get too far out when explaining your latest innovation. Keep it simple, so even your boss can understand you.

Pisces: Venture a little farther out than you've ever gone before. Conditions for you now indicate a positive outcome. Think outside the box and make some creative changes in your life.

Fun Facts:

A male baboon can kill a leopard.

Seaweed can grow up to 12 inches per day.

Some asteroids have other asteroids orbiting them.

What to wear in 2006

Recapping NYC fashion week SARAH CAMPBELL

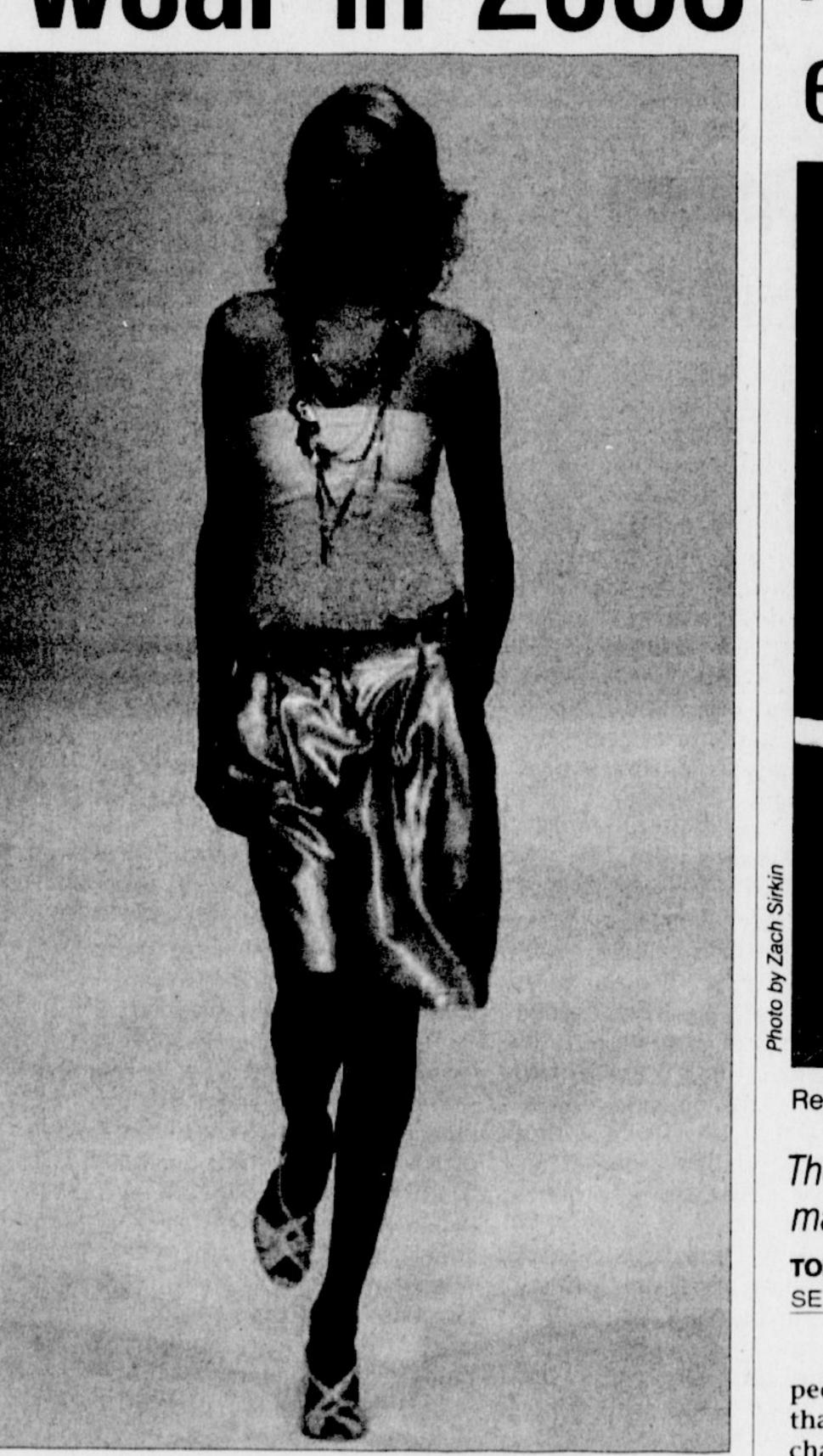
STAFF WRITER

In today's society, fashion and beauty go hand in hand. The demand is high for designers to create unique and versatile clothing for every walk of life. Since 1993, Fashion Week has been held twice a year in order for designers to showcase their collections for upcoming seasons.

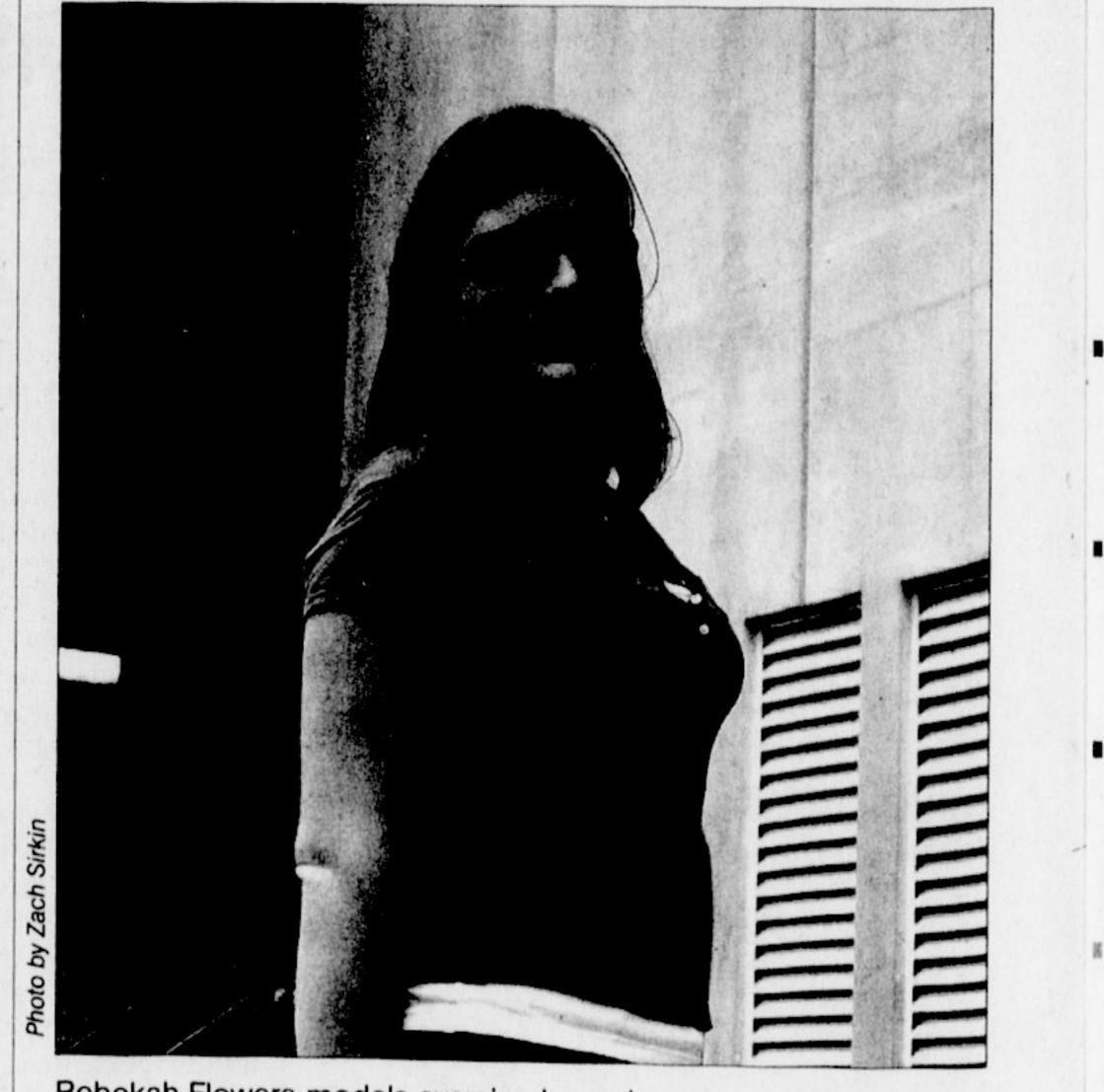
This year's fall show was held Sept. 9 - 16 in New York City's Bryant Park. During this week, hundreds of designers showcased their latest designs through runway shows. The style forecast for 2006 says the spring and summer style will vary dramatically from this past year.

"I enjoy fashion week because I get to see what the designers are creating, and I can mimic them with a twist of my own personality," said Mary Bates, freshman English major.

Remember those crinkled shirts that stretch to hug you in all of the right places? Well, the idea of crinkling is back and better than ever in 2006. The look is given a bit of elegance by being added to finer fabrics such as silk and satin rather than just cotton like we've seen in the past. Almost every designer had some semblance of wide leg pants in their line. These pants give every body type the appearance of longer, leaner legs. They can be found in a variety of luxury fabrics with small details added for a touch of femininity. This year's color palette has been all about bright, bold colors, but next year, designers are toning it down a bit by using mainly neutral colors such as black and beige. These colors tend to bring out a classic beauty in every woman. If you are looking for a sexy way to show off your body without showing to much skin, a tulip skirt may be just what you need. This skirt hugs the waist and curves toward the legs at the hem providing an hourglass silhouette for the lower half of the body.



Accessories are an essential element



Rebekah Flowers models oversized sunglasses.

They are what really makes the outfit **TOMEKA STEELE** SENIOR WRITER

Apples are 25 percent air.

35 percent of people using personal ads for dating are already married.

More than 400,000 houses in the U.S. still lack indoor plumbing.

There are more insects in one square mile of rural land than there are human beings in the world.

You share your birthday with at least nine million other people in the world.

The city of Las Vegas has the most hotel rooms in the world.

The heart of an astronaut actually gets smaller when in outer space.

Even a small amount of alcohol will make a scorpion go crazy and sting itself to death.

22 percent of us skip lunch daily.

Taken from hookedonfacts.com.

The model above fashioned two important fall trends: Neutral colors and the optical illusion created by draping sheer fabrics.

A major trend among designers at the show was the idea of an optical illusion. This idea was expressed by draping a patterned fabric with a sheer overlay. Optical illusions provide a unique look that anyone can pull off with a variety of colors and patterns.

Designer Joanna Mastroianni said in an interview for the magazine Impact 210, "I don't believe in trends. I believe in timeless elegance. Trends will go in and out. Elegance and beauty will always remain."

Many designers live by this mantra and hope to produce

styles that are an updated version of classic looks. The styles for 2006 should prove to be as timeless as ever with old ideas being reintroduced with a unique twist. For more about fashion week visit olympusfashionweek.com.

Many other countries have had their fashion weeks lately, and the trends expressed in the United States seem to be common worldwide. Have fun with your clothes, try the runway style one day and strut your stuff.

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Let's be fashion forward, people. Sometimes it's merely that hat, those boots, those hot chandelier earrings or a stainless steel watch that really makes an outfit stand out. It's the simple things that catch our eyes. Get with it, people - accessories are clearly where it's at when it comes to fall fashion.

During the cooler seasons, boots, slides and pumps are a must. Cowboy and cowgirl boots are the hot new craze that will sweep the campus this fall. BCBG has come out with a full line of western style boots that women will adore.

The boots are classic in style with a punk twist accomplished by combining textures like snake print and color mixing such as pink and brown. Cowboy boots aren't only hot for women, but

also men. Every guy should have a broken-in comfortable boot to wear during the cooler months of the year. Any guy with an edgy wardrobe should own a fresh pair of Timberland boots. These boots are classic and great for fall and winter weather.

The "wedge" pump has undoubtedly made a huge comeback in women's accessories. For fall, opt for a round toed sling back wedge. Printed pumps are a chic way to add pizzazz to a shoe. Shoe companies are utilizing subtle floral prints and are using fall fabrics such as corduroy and snake skin to make customized pumps for any woman.

"The ultimate fall fashion accessory for women is definitely long, colored beaded necklaces. They are very stylish and can make even the most casual outfit a little more glam," said Tiffany Bonaparte, senior sociology major.

Long, bohemian style necklaces are a major hit this fall for

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Schwarzenegger plays many roles MEREDITH STEWART

SENIOR WRITER

For a policeman's son born in a tiny village near Graz, Austria, Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger has done very well for himself. Growing up, Arnold and his older brother Meinhard were always competing against each other whether it was in school or competitive sports.

During a soccer team field trip to a local gym, Arnold was introduced to weightlifting. After watching the bodybuilders there, he became obsessed with it himself. Arnold's father, Gustav, was not supportive of his decision because bodybuilding was the least popular sport in Austria. Arnold began training with former Mr. Austria, Kurt Marnul, seven days a week.

In 1965, he turned 18 and



The popular movie actor constantly gains ground as a politician.

Barbarian, but as an actor Arnold became very popular after he starred in the 1984 hit The Terminator. Following his acceptance into Hollywood, he made a number of successful films such as Commando, The Running Man, Red Heart and Predator. In 1990, Total Recall – at that time, the most expensive movie ever made - netted Schwarzenegger \$10 million and 15 percent of the gross. He gained much fame after the production of this film. In the same year, the comedy Kindergarten Cop was released and was also a huge success. After many movies, he began to express his interest in politics. Unlike the majority of the Hollywood population, Schwarzenegger is a Republican. In 1990, he was appointed Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in the administration of George H. W. Bush. He later served the same position in California under Governor Pete Wilson. In 2003, he decided to run for governor of California after the recall of Gray Davis.

through movie was Conan the he needs to be recalled and this is why I am going to run for governor," said Schwarzenegger in his address to the public announcing his candidacy.

After that decision, every news station and media interest began referring to him as the "Governator." Despite the vulner-

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women. They are trendy, inexpensive and come in a variety of colors, textures and lengths. Women can pair a necklace up with a thick bangle. Bangles are back - and not just the average bangle. What's hot for fall are thick, earth-toned bangles. Wooden, jade, silver, gold and faux leather bracelets can spruce up any outfit.

Men accessorize just as much as women, and this fall guys should focus on the perfect hat. With cooler weather settling in, guys have to keep that head of hair - or no hair - warm. Fitted hats are the perfect way to go to be warm and look stylish. Guys can also sport knitted cabby hats which go well with sweaters and the prep look that's taking over campus.

"I think this fall, men are more into shades, watches and belts as far as accessorizing goes. My thing right now is belts. The belt has to match the shoes for me," said Tyrece Hayden, senior



joined the Austrian Army for mandatory service. His parents hoped the time there would fade his passion for bodybuilding, but he had a different plan. He continued his training and went on to win Junior Mr. Europe with a perfect score of 300. In 1966, he won Mr. Europe and one year later became Mr. Universe, a title he won five times. In 1970, he moved to America, where he won the title Mr. World and also became Mr. Olympia, a title he held for the next five years.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger took the hobby of bodybuilding and turned it into a global sport," said junior finance major Justin Gerock.

After conquering the world of bodybuilding, Arnold began to see it as a "go nowhere" career. This is when he began his career in acting. His unique muscular appearance landed him several movie roles. His first film appearance was as Hercules in Hercules in New York. His break-

"The politicians are fiddling, fumbling and failing. The man that is failing the people most is Gray Davis. He is failing them terribly and this is why

able expectations many critics had of him, Arnold has shown much success. At the end of May 2004, a poll was taken and he was voted the most popular Californian governor in 45 years.

In the spring of 2005, he called a statewide special election to vote in a series of reform measures he initially proposed in his 2005 State of the State Address. His supporters dropped by 35 percent.

"I know popularity goes up and down ... as soon as you start making strong decisions and sometimes they are not popular decisions," Schwarzenegger said in a press statement about his popularity drop.

Not letting the negative results get him down, he continues with success with the support of his wife Maria Shriver, his four children and the Republican Party of California.

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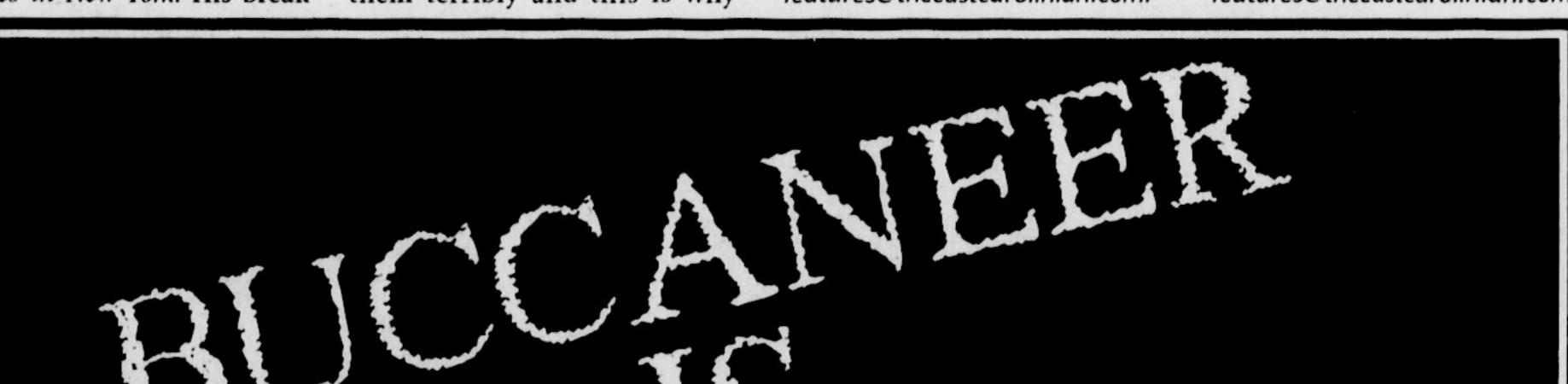
We can't mention accessories without considering the famous Horsebit hobo pocketbook. Gucci created this horse-shaped purse and ever since, there have been tons of affordable look-alikes.

TJ Maxx offers a wide array of name brand purses in every color, shape and size one can imagine. A pocketbook is a great way to spruce up a casual outfit. Suede, braided leather, faux snake skin and fur are making their way on to the classic hobo bags and are fast becoming the must have accessory for women this fall.

Don't forget about the accessories from last season like oversized sunglasses, hoodies, bright polo shirts and the ever popular boat shoes.

Whatever you do this fall, don't forget that accessories can be the addition to an outfit that pulls the whole thing together.

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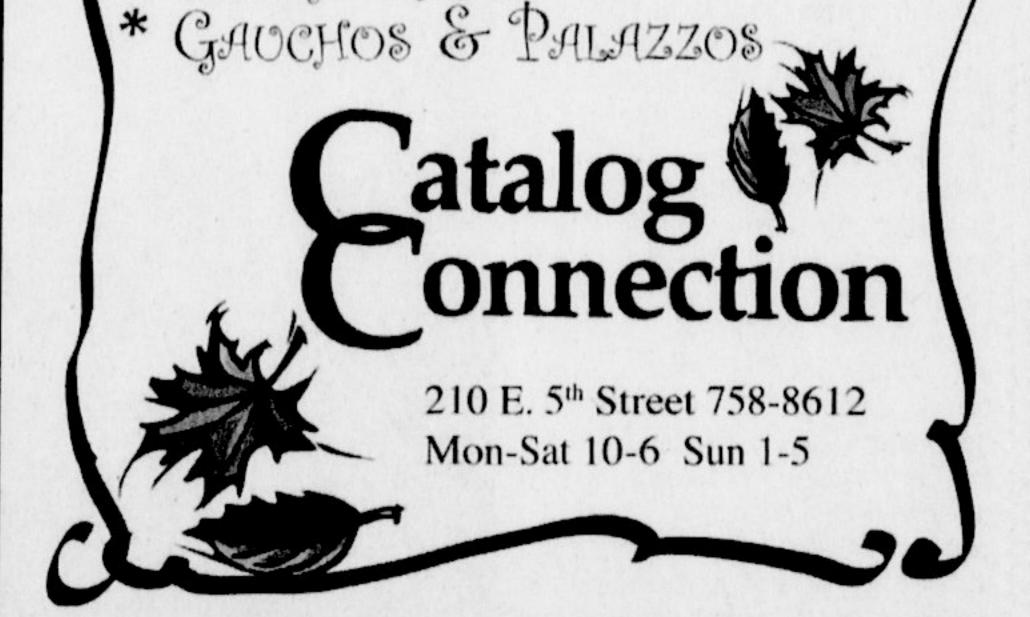
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Sports Briefs

Hurricanes sign left wing Estrada to two-year deal

The Carolina Hurricanes have signed left wing Kevin Estrada to a two-year contract that would pay him \$450,000 a year if he makes the club, the team announced Tuesday. If Estrada, 23, is sent to play for the Hurricanes' minor-league affiliate in Lowell, he will earn \$35,000 the first year and \$40,000 the second year. He also got a \$15,000 signing bonus. Estrada was a third-round pick out of Michigan State by the Hurricanes in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft. He had a goal and three assists during the 2005 Ottawa Senators NHL Rookie Tournament last month. The Hurricanes open the regular season Wednesday at Tampa Bay before returning to Raleigh for their home opener against Pittsburgh on Friday.

Tigers to welcome Leyland as

Yankees, Red Sox not clear favorites in American League this postseason

BRENT WYNNE SENIOR WRITER

The 2004 postseason was one that baseball fans will never forget. Boston became the first team in Major League Baseball history to overcome a 3-0 deficit to win a seven game series. They did it against their hated Yankees, then went on to destroy the curse of the Bambino and St. Louis in a World Series sweep. While it is very unlikely that we will have another playoff season like the one we had last year, it is fair to expect some exciting baseball this October. Let's take a look at the four opening five game series. Boston Red Sox (95-67) vs. Chicago White Sox (99-63):



Road to the Fall Classic

I think this may be the best of the four divisional series. Boston will come out in full force looking to a game from the Cardinals, this would be it. After that, it will be all Cardinals. If Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and David Eckstein aren't enough reason to believe that St. Louis will run away with this, how about the fact that the first three Cardinal starters, Carpenter, Mark Mulder and Jeff Suppan all have 16 wins or better. San Diego, as they have been the entire season, are completely outclassed here.

Prediction: Cardinals in four.

Houston Astros (89-73) vs. Atlanta Braves (90-72):



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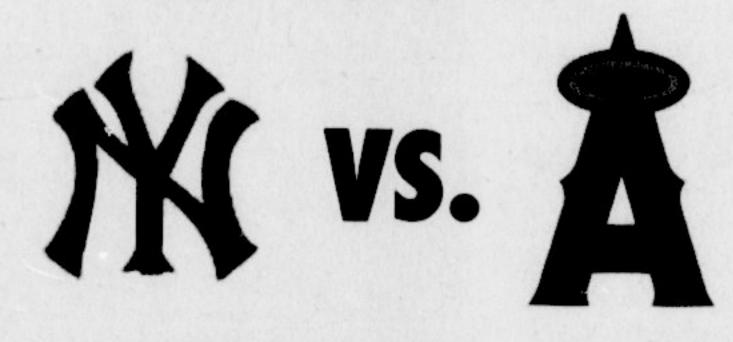
Jim Leyland has agreed to manage the Detroit Tigers, a person close to the negotiations told the Associated Press on Tuesday. The Tigers scheduled a "major" announcement for the late afternoon, but declined to say what it was about. But the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the announcement had not been made, said Leyland had accepted the job, a day after Alan Trammell was fired. Leyland won a World Series championship with the Florida Marlins in 1997. He has not managed since guiding Colorado in 1999. He was a two-time NL Manager of the Year with Pittsburgh. Tigers President and General Manager Dave Dombrowski was the Marlins' 'GM when Leyland won the title. The Tigers called Leyland on Monday morning to set up an interview. Dombrowski said Leyland is one of the best managers in baseball, adding that the 60-yearold manager is motivated to return to the dugout.

Tracy, Dodgers Part ways

Jim Tracy became the latest to be shown the door in Paul DePodesta's restructuring of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tracy's tenure as manager ended Monday, one day after he finished his first losing season in five years with the team. He and general manager DePodesta cited "philosophical differences" as the reason for the mutual decision to call it quits. The 49-year-old Tracy, in the second year of a two-year agreement,

American League Divisional Series

New York Yankees (95-67) vs. Los Angeles Angels (95-67):



Due to tiebreakers, the Angels received home field advantage in this series. However, the Yankees are playing their best baseball of the season, winning 16 of their last 21 to close the regular season as the AL East Champions. It took the Yanks 161 games to secure a playoff birth, so their starting rotation isn't in the order that they had hoped for. Rookie Chien-Ming Wang will start Game One, followed by Shawn Chacon. New York ace Randy Johnson isn't slated till Game Three, so this could hurt the Yankees if either Wang or Chacon turn in a bad outing. Los Angeles, on the other hand, has their rotation completely set. American League Cy Young candidate Bartolo Colon starts Game One for the Halos. John Lackey and Paul Byrd will pitch games two and three. Despite this obvious advantage, expect Alex Rodriguez to continue torching the Angels. Los Angeles won the season series six games to four, but Rodriguez was not part of the problem for the Yanks. In ten games, the third basemen hit .390 with five home runs and 11 RBI. Rodriguez, along with the rest of the ridiculous Yankee offense, will be too much for the Angels.

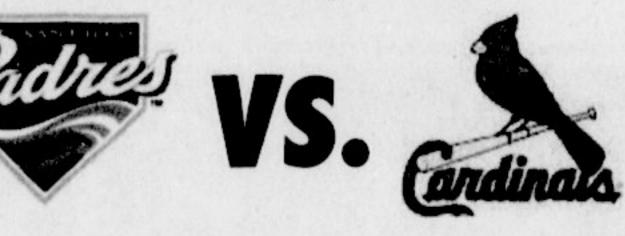
Prediction: Yankees in four.

defend their title, but the chip on the shoulders of the White Sox will help them keep pace in the series. While Chicago won the most games in the AL, no one seems to be giving them much of a chance to win it all. The key lies in their starting pitching. Mark Buerhle and John Garland, both of whom got of to torrid starts, faltered down the stretch and didn't pitch well. However, Game One starter Jose Contreras has emerged as the ace, winning his last eight starts of the regular season. Boston will rely on the raw power of Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz to counter the pitching of Chicago. If the White Sox offense can put together a good run of games, I think Chicago has a chance to knock off the world champs. Ultimately, I believe the downfall in this series will be the starting pitching of the Red Sox. Curt Schilling doesn't have the same pop as he had during his magical post-season last year and David Wells and Matt Clement haven't pitched well down the stretch either.

Prediction: White Sox in five.

National League Divisional Series

San Diego Padres (82-80) vs. St. Louis Cardinals (100-62):



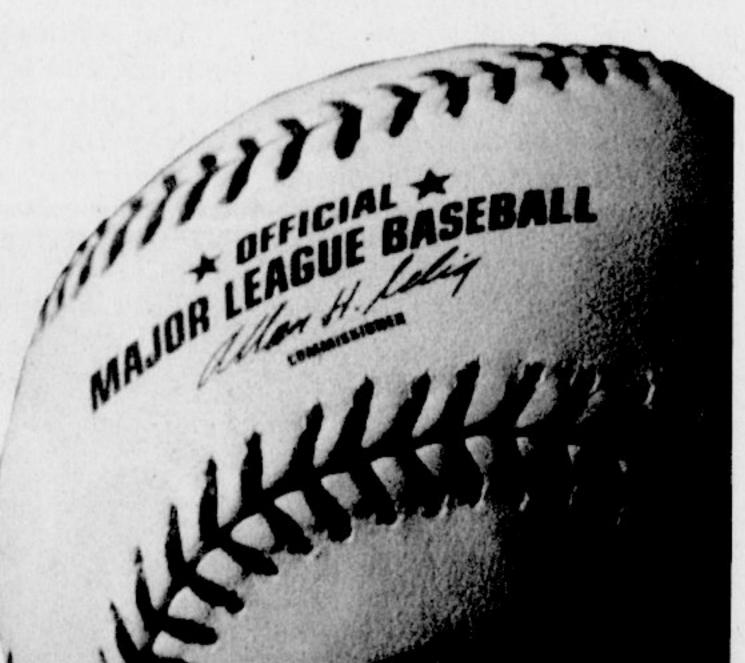
Everyone seems to be calling for the sweep here, but not so fast. National League strikeout leader Jake Peavy will square off against Cy Young candidate Chris Carpenter in Game One. This promises to be a great duel, and if there was ever a time the Padres could steal



If this were a seven game series, I'd be inclined to pick the Braves. However, this is a five game series, and this format obviously favors the Wild Card champs. Future Hall of Fame members Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens and Roy Oswalt will start the first three games of the series in that order. I don't care if you are the 1927 Yankees, no one would want to face these guys three games in a row in the playoffs. While the Braves will not go quietly, I do think the Astro pitching will prove to be insurmountable.

Prediction: Astros in five.

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was denied the contract extension he sought, and said he didn't want to be in the Dodgers dugout next year as a lame duck manager. He did not opt out of the final year of his contract, meaning the Dodgers will pay him for next season if he doesn't take another managing job. DePodesta has made a lot of changes since new Dodgers owner Frank McCourt hired him in February 2004. Among his moves, DePodesta cut ties with several key players from the 2004 division championship team, including Adrian Beltre, Alex Cora, Shawn Green, Steve Finley and Jose Lima. He also dealt Paul Lo Duca and Dave Roberts midway through the 2004 season. One acquisition last winter, Jeff Kent, had a fine 2005 season, but other newcomers such as J.D. Drew, Jose Valentin and Derek Lowe didn't contribute much. Last year, Tracy guided Los Angeles to its first division championship since 1995, but the Dodgers finished 71-91 this season. It was the franchise's second-worst record since moving from Brooklyn in 1958. Tracy pointed to a difference of opinion with the organization regarding the evaluation of players as a major reason why he won't be back. DePodesta said that, because of the differences with Tracy, even if the Dodgers had won 95 games this year, "We'd still be having this discussion (on the conference call) sometime this month." Tracy had a 427-383 record in five seasons.

Bulls send Curry to Knicks The Bulls agreed to trade center



ALB end-of-season Awards 2005

Jones, Ortiz take down my NL and AL MVP OPINION

JEFF FELTON STAFF WRITER

The 2005 Major League Baseball playoffs are upon us, and what a great season it has been. The Chicago White Sox early domination, the Atlanta Braves' 14th straight division title, the New York Yankees locking up yet another AL East title – the list goes on.

In a season where steroid hearings preceded the first pitch of spring training and Barry Bonds has three mysterious knee surgeries within three months of each other (ahem), it is time for

the playoffs. It's also time to hand out the hardware for personal achievements and dirty deeds. National League MVP

This one is tough, but I give the nod to Andruw Jones of the Atlanta Braves. Yes Jones' average (.263) is much lower than the other two contenders, but he led the Majors in home runs with 51 and led the National League

in RBI with 128. Consider this though, with two out of five of Atlanta's starting pitchers out, 3B Chipper Jones on the disabled list with injury, and a slew of rookies, Jones single-handedly put the team on his back and slugged the Braves into the playoffs. Honorable mention goes to 1B Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals and 1B Derrek

Lee of the Chicago Cubs. Though the Cardinals have a stacked lineup, Pujols' protection in the batting order was either knocked out with injury or poor play. The man still put up his regular gaudy numbers to the tune of a .330 batting average, 41 home runs and 117 RBI.

American League MVP

Another close one for the AL MVP, but designated hitter David Ortiz of the Boston Red Sox gets the award. With a .300 average, 47 home runs, 148 RBI and a score of game winning or game tying hits, the Boston Red Sox are not in the playoffs without him. Honorable mention goes to 3B Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees (.321, 48, 130), but with an All-Star lineup behind him the Yankees would still have gotten to the playoffs. NL Cy Young Award Yet another close one, but St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Chris Carpenter gets the Cy Young this year, barely edging out Florida Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis. Carpenter posted 21 wins, a 2.83 earned run average and 213 strikeouts for the National League's best team. Carpenter also posted seven complete games and four shutouts while pitching 241.2 innings with only five losses. Willis posted 22 wins, a 2.63 ERA and 170 strikeouts. Willis also threw seven complete games to go along with five shutouts. Oh yeah, Willis also put up a nice .261 batting average.



Eddy Curry to the New York Knicks on Monday, ending a contentious negotiation in which Chicago insisted the restricted free agent take a DNA test over a heart problem. Chicago also sent veteran center Antonio Davis to the Knicks, who traded away forwards Tim Thomas, Michael Sweetney and Jermaine Jackson. Several draft choices also changed hands in the deal, according to an executive in the Eastern Conference who spoke on condition of anonymity. The trade was expected to be finalized Tuesday. In making the announcement, an obviously frustrated Bulls general manager John Paxson did not specify what Chicago got in return and did not field questions. Knicks spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz said the team declined comment on Paxson's announcement. The standoff between Curry and the Bulls stemmed from a benign arrhythmia that caused the center to miss the final 13 games of the regular season and the playoffs.

Ortiz celebrates with teammates Sunday night during the Red Sox 10-1 win over the Yankees, which assured Boston a playoff spot.

AL Cy Young Award

This one goes to Bartolo Colon of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, who put up an AL high 21 wins, 3.48 ERA, and 157 strikeouts. Without those 21 W's the Angels don't win their division or make the playoffs. Colon

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dodgeball champions. DAVID WASKIEWICZ SENIOR WRITER

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More than 100 students showed up at the Student Recreation Center Sunday afternoon to take part in ECU's first ever dodgeball tournament. Most students came to participate in the inaugural event while others watched from the outside of the square confines of the SRC Racquetball Courts.

Angry Tunas, Beta Theta

Pi crowned inaugural

"I was really pleased about the turnout, we had 30 teams sign up and we had 27 out of the 30 show up which is a pretty

good turnout for a tournament on a Sunday afternoon," said Mark Parker, coordinator of intramural sports.

"Everything went real well and definitely met our expectations." The players were pumped up and ready to play as the Co-Rec teams entered the cubed dodgeball arena first. The games were quick and fierce in the double elimination tournament. One by one teams were eliminated until it came down to the final two. The Angry Tunas had already suffered a defeat earlier in the tournament and were now up against an

undefeated team. With a surge of momentum the Tunas were able to complete the upset by winning twice and becoming the first ever

Co-Rec Dodgeball Champions. In the men's league Beta Theta Pi swept through most of the competition on the way to the finals where they defeated their opponent 3-1, becoming the

first Men's Dodgeball Champion. "It feels really good to win," said Russell Palmer, a member of Beta Theta Pi.

"We talked about doing [dodgeball] last year, I know a lot of people wanted to do it and I am glad [the SRC] did it. It feels good to be the champion the first year out and we are going to be here again next year to do it again."

Overall the students that participated had a great experience. "It was a different type of experience," Palmer said.

"It brought the movie [Dodgeball] that came out into reality and it was very exciting. A lot of the guys really got into it and I think that is the motivation that kept us going until the end. It was real."

Due to the success of the dodgeball tournament it is almost certain that dodgeball will take place again next year at ECU.

"Due to the turnout there is a good possibility that next year there will be a dodgeball league instead of a tournament in the fall or possibly the spring," Parker said.

"Dodgeball was definitely a success."

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was far and away the best pitcher on the Angel's staff. Honorable mention goes to Johan Santana of the Minnesota Twins, who went 16-7 with an AL low 2.48 ERA and 238 strikeouts.

NL Rookie of the Year

Another tough one, but I would have to give it to Houston Astros outfielder Willy Taveras. He brought an element of speed to an old team with his 34 stolen bases plus he hit .291 with close to 200 hits. The main reason he wins the award over the other two contenders is that he played a full season. Honorable mention goes to 1B Ryan Howard of the Philadelphia Phillies who hit .288 with 22 home runs and 63 RBI in only 88 games played. Also OF Jeff Francoeur gets some props for hitting .300 with 14 homers, 45 RBI and 13 outfield assists.

AL Rookie of the Year

Hands down Oakland Athletics closer Huston Street. Street went 5-1 with a 1.72 ERA, 23 saves, and 72 strikeouts in 78.1 innings of work and was one of the key factors in Oakland's bid for the AL West title that just barely fell short.

his measly 10 game suspension.

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First he promises to clear the air about his failed test and tell his side of it (still waitin' on that one Raffy), then he puts in earplugs during an away game against the Toronto Blue Jays because he doesn't like the boos. Cry me a river.

He then subsequently blames his failed test on teammate Miguel Tejada, because Tejada gave him a B-12 supplement, which is perfectly legal and not against any baseball or team policy. Way to ruin a great* career - cheating, lying about it, acting immature, and throwing a teammate under the proverbial bus. Maybe when Barry Bonds retires he and Palmeiro can start a steroids users anonymous support group.

Dis-honorable mention goes to Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle for getting shellacked down in Texas against the Rangers, and then claiming the reason the Rangers won was because their stadium has a light system in that flashes the pitchers signs to their hitters. Yeah, sure. Stand-up Guy of the

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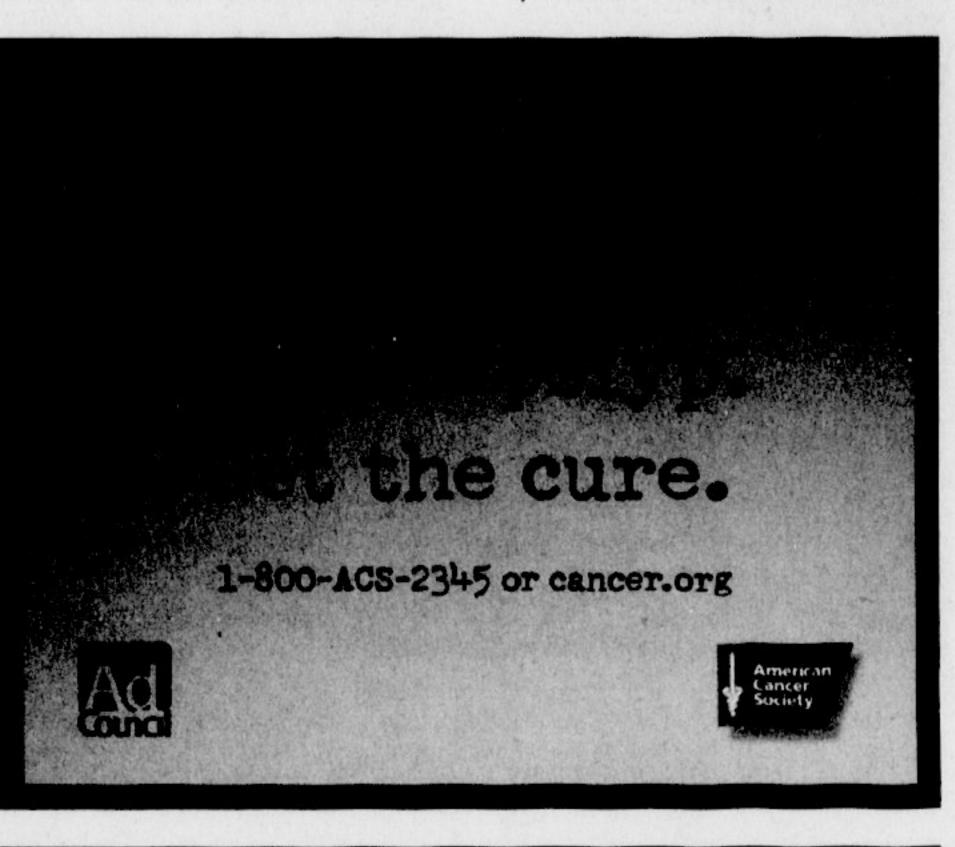
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Bone-Head of the Year

Rafael Palmeiro gets this one boys and girls. Not for pointing his finger at Congress saying he never took steroids, and then towards the end of the season getting busted and failing a steroid test. No, no, he gets this award for the way he acted after he returned from

Year Newly inducted Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg for calling out today's players and reminding them that the game should be respected and that baseball is not all about home runs. Amen.

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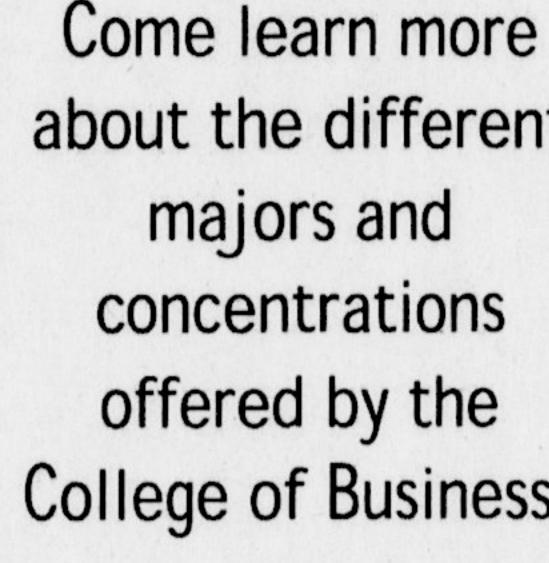
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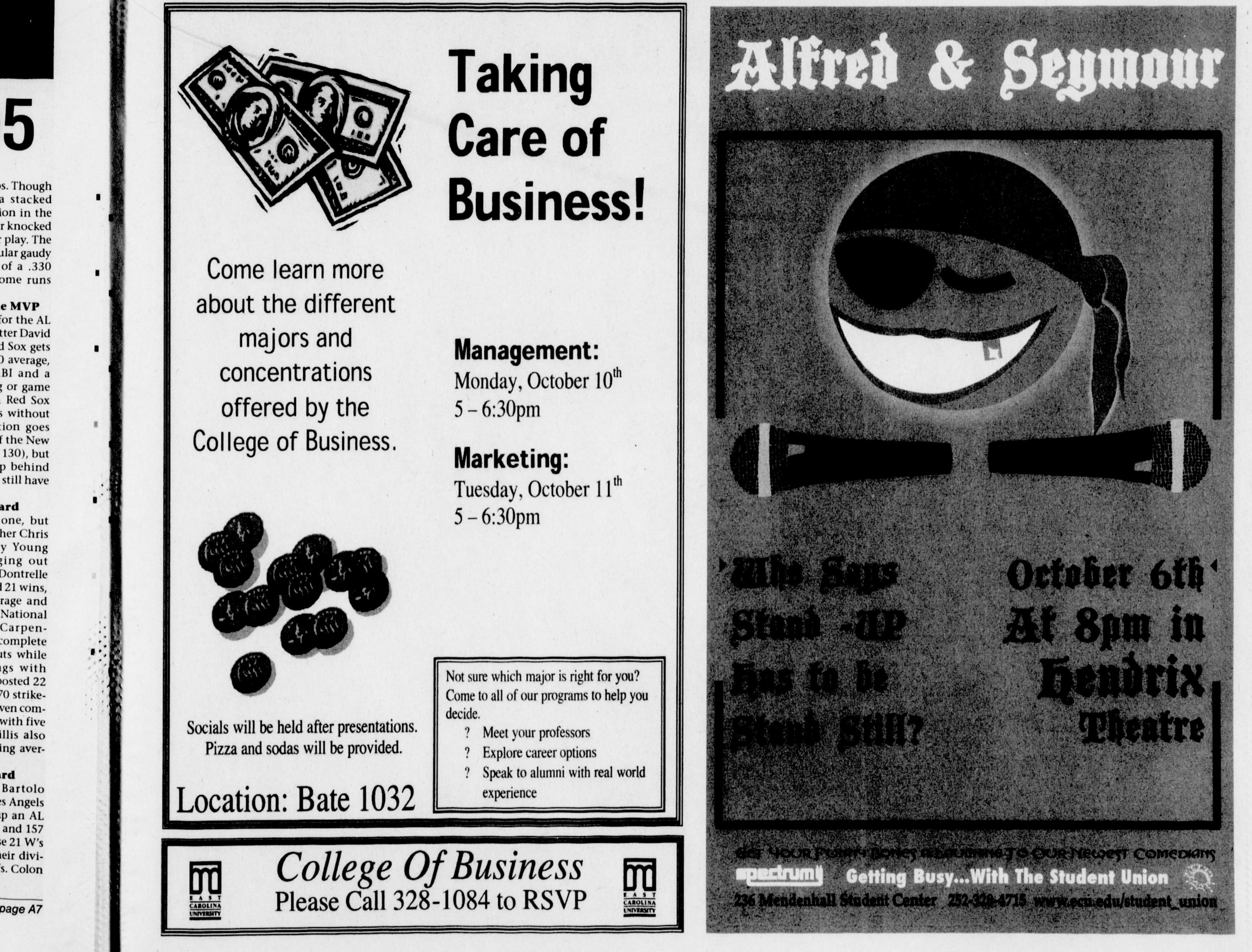


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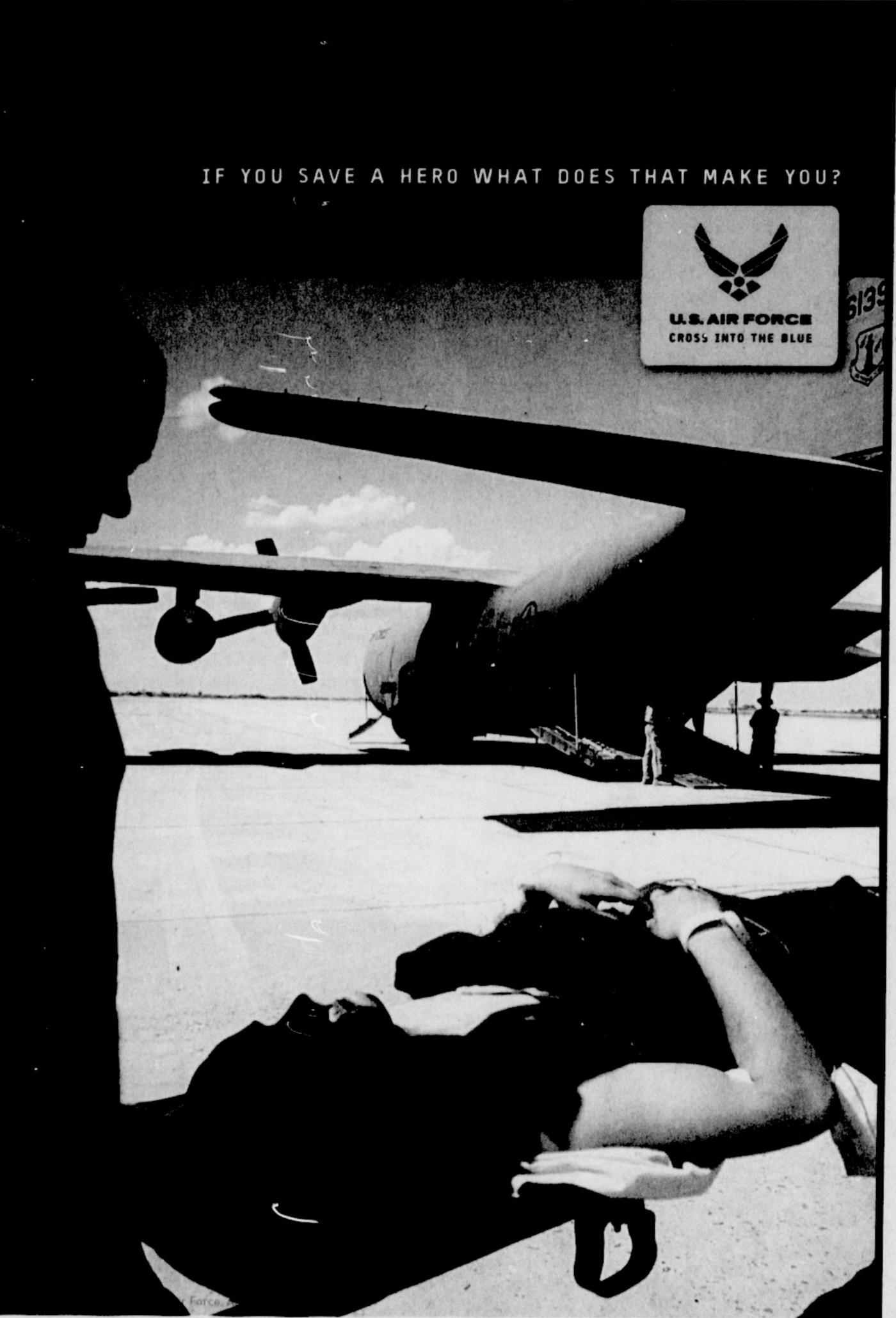
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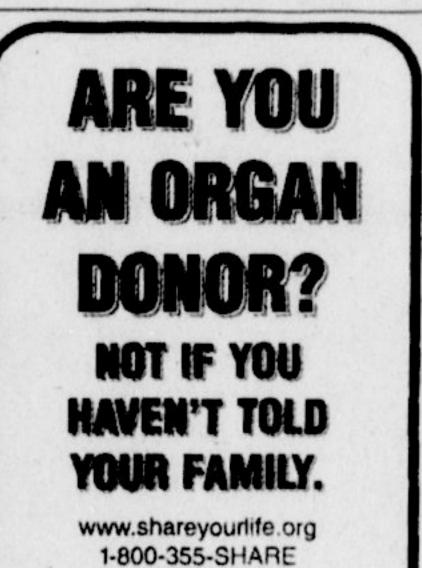
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