

Lecture by award-winning attorney raises serious issues

Domestic violence an epidemic in the U.S.
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A lecture sponsored by the women's studies program attracted a crowd of students Monday and forced the sponsors to find a larger classroom to accommodate the attendees.

Peter Romary, attorney at law, spoke about the issue of domestic violence in America and its impact on the economy and those who experience it.

"Every hour, 56 women are victimized in the U.S. This year, there have been 52 murders contributed to domestic violence in North Carolina," said Romary.

According to Romary, even as domestic violence costs the economy \$67 billion per year and the Center for Disease Control has categorized it as an epidemic, there is little attention and education devoted to this problem.

"This is a cancer on our society," he said.

Romary began his lecture by quoting a question he had been asked and posing it to the audience.

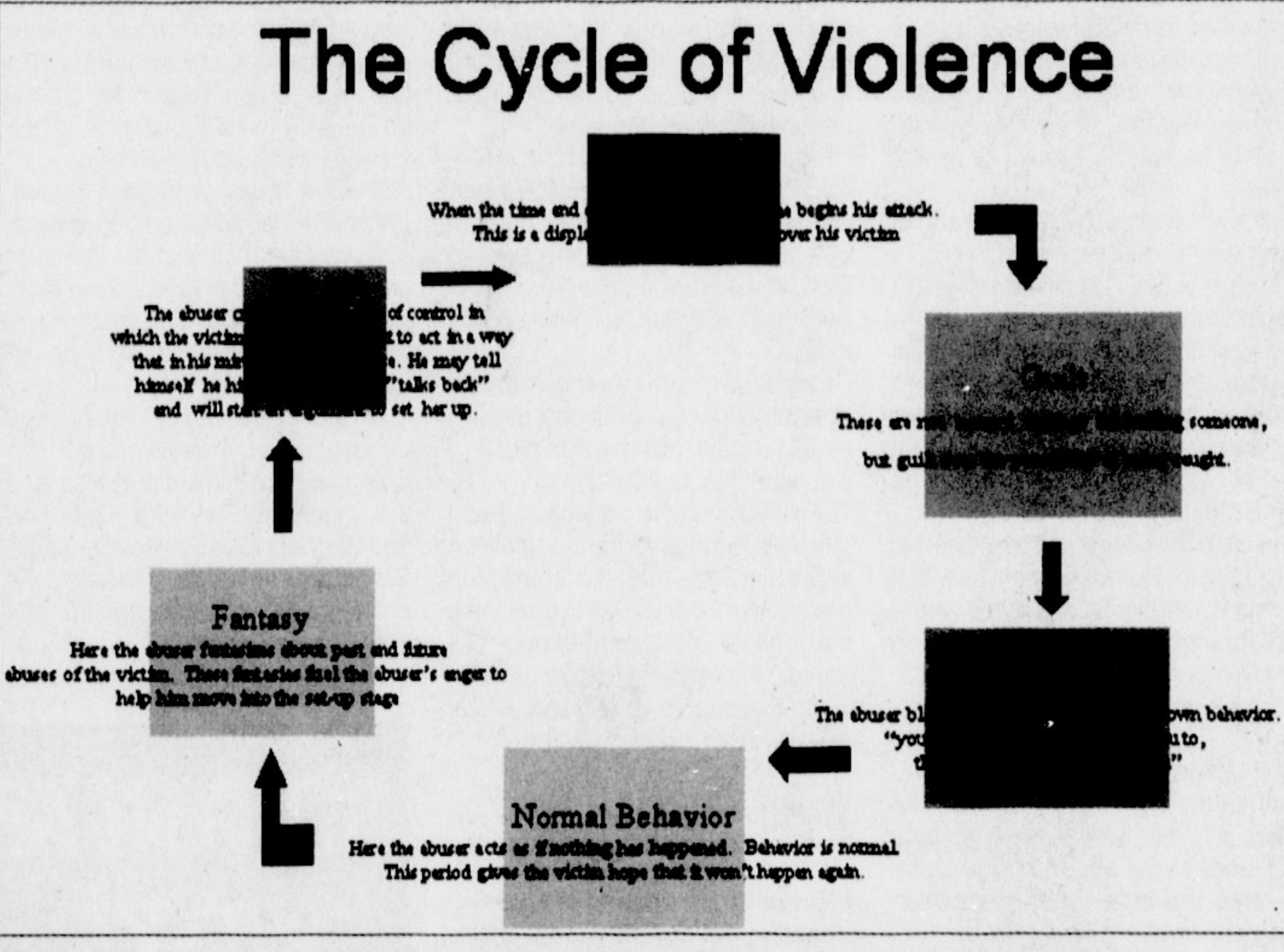
"If I go home and beat the s*** out of my wife, what the s*** does it mean to you?" Romary said.

The room was silent for a long moment as he posed the question again.

"There are more work days lost due to violence to women than any other reason," Romary said.

Sixty-six percent of all CEOs say their business would benefit by educating employees about the effects of domestic violence, Romary said.

Examples given by Romary of laws in North Carolina pro-



Domestic violence is something Romary considers to be an epidemic in the United States.

tecting women from domestic violence include NC Statute 50B, which protects all victims within any type of relationship, NC Statute 50C, which protects against stalking and Chapter 95, which allows businesses to get restraining orders on behalf of their employees.

However, there's a problem with the implementation, lack of education and enforcement of these laws, Romary said.

Romary asked the audience if anyone there knew how to get a restraining order. After a few valiant attempts by a few members of the audience, Romary explained how the state of North Carolina expects the average citizen to know they must go

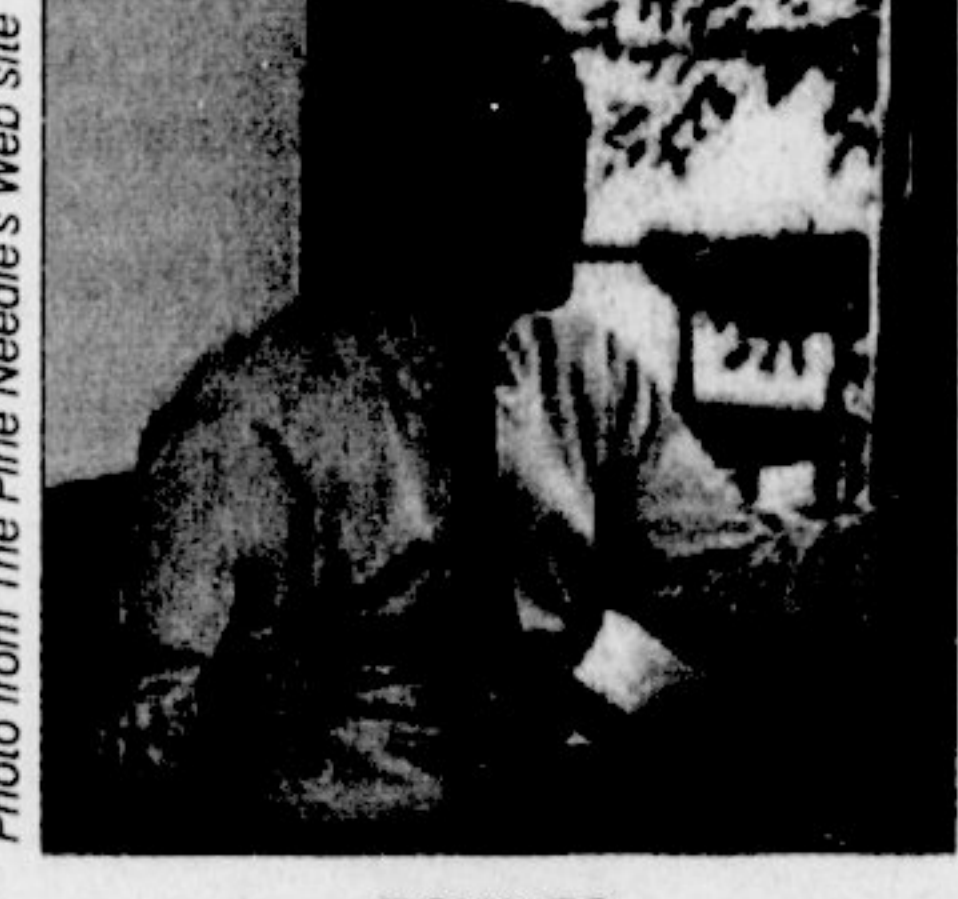
to the Civil Division of the Clerks Office to get the paperwork and the individual must fill it out.

"It scares me that people are not given this information on a regular basis," Romary said.

Romary also pointed out that there is a problem with non-enforcement and a lack of education that renders these statutes ineffective.

Romary cited a U.S. Supreme Court case that he argued in which the Court said police were under no mandate to enforce a restraining order. The case was *Castle Rock v. Gonzalez* and the mother, who had taken out a restraining order against her husband, sued the police when, after several pleas for help to the

Retiring UNC system president honored, Erskine Bowles chosen to succeed



BOWLES
Changes to UNC universities' leadership
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Last Saturday, retiring UNC President Molly Corbett Broad was honored at ECU during the Educator's Hall of Fame, four days following the Board of Governors recommendation to install Erskine Bowles, former deputy White House chief of staff, as her successor.

Broad and 20 other award-winners were acknowledged. She had been president of the UNC system since 1997. She is retiring at the conclusion of the fall semester.

"President Broad has been instrumental in keeping teacher preparation and pre-K-12 initiatives as strategic priorities of the UNC System," said Marilyn Sheerer, dean of the College of Education. "She has been a champion for public education at all levels and models the kind of leadership we need to address our challenges."

Bowles received a unanimous recommendation from the Presidential Search Committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to become the sixteenth president.

"The president's job takes a unique blend of skill, character and passion. We searched for a president who possesses all three and no one possesses that blend more than Bowles," said Bradley Wilson, chairman of the Presidential Search Committee. "The president must understand at a deep level the teaching, research and outreach that constitute the mission of the University of North Carolina. The challenge for the president is also to have a good understanding of how to assemble the resources to carry out that mission - Bowles has both."

Wilson and the search team looked at 80 possible candidates to take Broad's position. They eventually chose Bowles, who will take over, effective Jan. 1, 2006.

"We were fortunate to have met with some extraordinary people, but Erskine Bowles matched up closely with the presidential qualities listed in the Board's Leadership Statement," Wilson said. "In the end, the search committee concluded it would have been unfair to disclose the identities of the other applicants when Erskine Bowles had unanimous support from the committee."

The Leadership Statement holds the duties, responsibilities and character necessities involved with being president of the 16-constituent UNC system.

"The president is expected to build consensus and establish a singular vision for the University," according to the Leadership Statement.

Bowles is becoming the head of an educational system that consumes more than \$70 million of North Carolina's budget. The educational aspect of the

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Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsors breast cancer fundraiser



Hope is part of the message in fighting breast cancer in America.

Sorority raises awareness with bracelets and information

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Last week, Alpha Kappa Alpha took the initiative to fight breast cancer by raising money and educating students passing by Wright Plaza.

This year alone, it is estimated that 40,410 women will die in the United States of breast cancer.

This figure, provided by The American Cancer Society, prompted the sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha to act. Alpha Kappa Alpha provides "service to all mankind," and they provided it this month by sponsoring a fundraiser designed to promote awareness at ECU and give back to the community in a unique way.

"We try to incorporate programs every month, and we have national program targets that we are required to target each month," said Yolanda Mitchell, Alpha Kappa Alpha member and junior special education major.

It was decided that since

... it's a worthy cause," Mitchell said.

Although the sorority has not decided exactly where the funds will go, Mitchell said the money will be given to either a local or national breast cancer foundation, where it can be put to its intended use. The sorority will conduct a meeting Sunday to decide the final destination of the money.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is not the only campus organization attempting to educate the ECU community. ECU Student Health Services, who contributed fliers for the table, also "provides education concerning breast health, breast exams and consults with students about any breast health concerns." Student Health Services can be reached at 328-6841.

For additional information on breast cancer, including important statistics, prevention and risk factors, readers may consider visiting The American Cancer Society's Web site at cancer.org.

"Everybody in some way has been touched by breast cancer, - whether it is a mother, grandmother, family or friends," said Amber Jones, Alpha Kappa Alpha member and senior psychology major.

"It's very important that we make the effort to make the community aware of this issue."

This is especially true in consideration of the fact that there is much about breast cancer that researchers still do not understand.

"Seventy percent of breast cancer patients have none of the classical risk factors," according to Student Health Services.

"Women may create a false sense of security for themselves [and may] suffer from needless excessive worry."

However, women are not the only ones who need to know the risk factors. The American Cancer Society cautions that "men should be aware of risk fac-

... it's a worthy cause," Mitchell said.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the sorority would order and sell 100 pink breast cancer bracelets, modeled after the ever-popular, yellow "Livestrong" bracelets, made famous by Lance Armstrong.

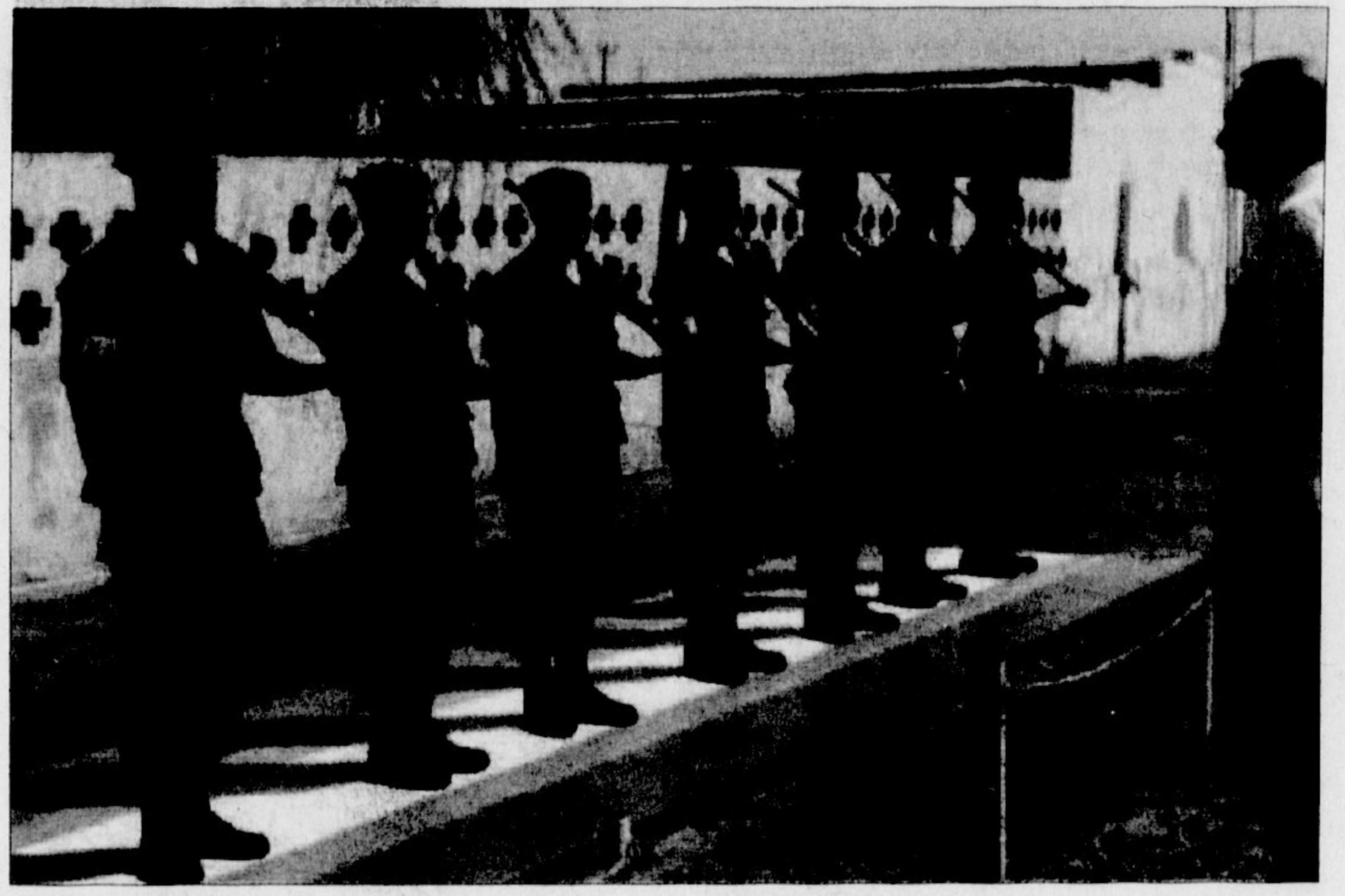
Every day last week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., several members of Alpha Kappa Alpha set up a table in front of Wright Plaza and covered it in information, including breast cancer fliers from ECU's Student Health Service, pink ribbons attached to statistics and the bracelets, which sold for \$2 each.

By Wednesday morning, 70 of the 100 bracelets had been sold. In addition, people were making donations, sometimes in amounts of up to \$20.

"[The fundraiser] has really exceeded our expectations because we have raised a lot of money and, basically, people have come up to us and told us they have family members touched by breast cancer," said Adriane Spivey, Alpha Kappa Alpha member and junior nursing major.

"It's benefiting a lot of people here at ECU... a lot of people have come up to the table and bought bracelets because they've had a loved one with breast cancer

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African Union soldiers were captured in the Darfur region of Sudan until their release on Sunday.

Darfur rebels release 36 African Union personnel, including American

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Rebels have freed 36 members of an African Union team, including an American monitor, who were kidnapped in Sudan's western Darfur region, an AU spokesman said Monday as international envoys warned the region was again sliding into violence.

Two members of the team, its Senegalese leader and a translator were still being held, and an AU military high commander has gone to the Tine region near the border with Chad to negotiate their release, said Nouredine Mezni, spokesman for the African Union in Khartoum. The 36 were set free late Sunday, he said in an e-mail statement that gave no details on where the detainees were released.

The abductions occurred a day after two AU troops were killed by another rebel group - the first fatalities suffered by the pan-African body since it deployed peacekeepers to Darfur in April 2004.

"The international community should be very alarmed by

these events because the situation is getting out of hand and we are sliding backwards," Baba Gana Kingibe, the organization's top envoy to Darfur, told The Associated Press. "We have had some very terrible tragedies, but this is one of the lowest points, if not the lowest, that we have had."

Kingibe's concerns were echoed by a top United Nations envoy, who said Darfur could again be engulfed by the type of indiscriminate violence that made it one of the world's worst humanitarian disasters two years ago.

"We have not turned the corner," Juan Mendez, the U.N. special adviser on the prevention of genocide, said Monday days after returning from a trip to the region and delivering a report to the U.N. Security Council. "I found the situation much more dangerous and worrisome than I expected it to be."

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton raised the possibility of new sanctions against Sudan, saying the council needed to do more about worsening security. He later told

The Associated Press that one possibility was to put more controls on weapons flowing into the country.

"Sanctions were put in before, it's not clear they're being adhered to," Bolton told AP. "The question (is) whether we should do something else in that area in terms of arms into the country."

The Sudanese government has condemned the abduction and killing of AU mission members in Sudan but said it was up to the African Union to stop the attacks. Khartoum also urged the international community to pressure rebels in Darfur to abide by a cease-fire agreement signed with the government.

"Serious measures should be taken by the African Union to halt this targeting of (its) personnel, of the civilians and of relief workers in Darfur by the rebels" the official Sudan news agency said Monday, quoting a statement issued by the government delegation to peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria.

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What's Hot

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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. Gretchen Wilson
2. Sheryl Crow
3. Three 6 Mafia
4. Toni Braxton
5. Kanye West

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. "CSI"
2. "Desperate Housewives"
3. "Lost"
4. "Without a Trace"
5. "Grey's Anatomy"

Top 5 DVD Rentals:

1. The Longest Yard
2. Fever Pitch
3. Crash
4. Monster-in-Law
5. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Top 5 Books:

1. Anansi Boys
2. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
3. Goodnight Nobody
4. The March
5. The Da Vinci Code

Horoscopes:

Aries - If at first you don't succeed, join up with a group. The more-the-merrier, and also the more creative ideas.

Taurus - Important people are watching, and they're impressed with your performance. Accept the applause graciously.

Gemini - Self-discipline is a wonderful habit to acquire. It makes just about everything else achievable. Practice.

Cancer - If things aren't going quite as expected, take a break. A trip to the mall will help you gain a fresh perspective.

Leo - If things don't go according to plan, don't dismay. Consult an expert and modify.

Virgo - It's becoming more obvious what needs to be done. Set up a routine so the money automatically flows into your pockets.

Libra - After a slight disappointment, you'll find everything going smoothly. Don't dwell on your loss - ignore it.

Scorpio - You have more than you need set aside to make your place more to your liking. All it takes now is imagination, and you have plenty of that, too.

Sagittarius - Go back over the material one more time just to make sure. You almost have it memorized by now.

Capricorn - Now's the time to ask for money. The people who have it will be feeling generous. Be respectful and make even more.

Aquarius - You'll be able to tell when conditions have changed in your favor. It'll feel like the leash just broke and you're free.

Pisces - Something you've kept hidden away has increased in value. Discover the assets you didn't know you had in your own closets.

Fun Facts:

Sandra Bullock is allergic to horses.

"The Muppet Show" was banned from Saudi Arabian TV because one of its stars was a pig.

It was discovered on a space mission that a frog can throw up.

The human brain is insensitive to pain.

In Oblong, Illinois, it's punishable by law to make love while hunting or fishing on your wedding day.

Oenophobia is the fear of wines.

When corrected for weight differences, men are proportionately stronger than horses.

More than 90 percent of shark attack victims survive.

Woodpecker scalps, porpoise teeth and giraffe tails have all been used as forms of money.

In 1987, American Airlines saved \$40,000 by eliminating one olive from their First Class salad.

Senegalese women spend an average of 17.5 hours a week just collecting water.

The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.

Each nostril of a human being registers smell in a different way. Smells that are made from the right nostril are more pleasant than the left.

A bird 'chews' with its stomach through peristalsis.

People that suffer from gum disease are twice as likely to have a stroke or heart attack.

Taken from hookedonfacts.com

Small cars rule the world

The newest fads in the car craze

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This year has seen a whole host of new cars and car accessories, but the one that sticks out the most are smaller vehicles. Hybrids, Beetles, Scions and Mini Coopers made by various car companies are flying off the lot. Evidently, if it's small, it's hot.

Smaller compact cars are being seen on the hottest television shows, and many celebrities are doing away with large SUV's for customized Mini Cars with English style. The design European cars have been utilizing for years is making its way to the U.S., and we are catching on that bigger isn't necessarily better.

One reason smaller cars are taking over is because they run so much better on gas. In the midst of today's ever-rising gas prices, conservation of money is a huge factor in a buyer's mind. This is why more people are choosing the Honda Civic Hybrid when considering fuel efficiency.

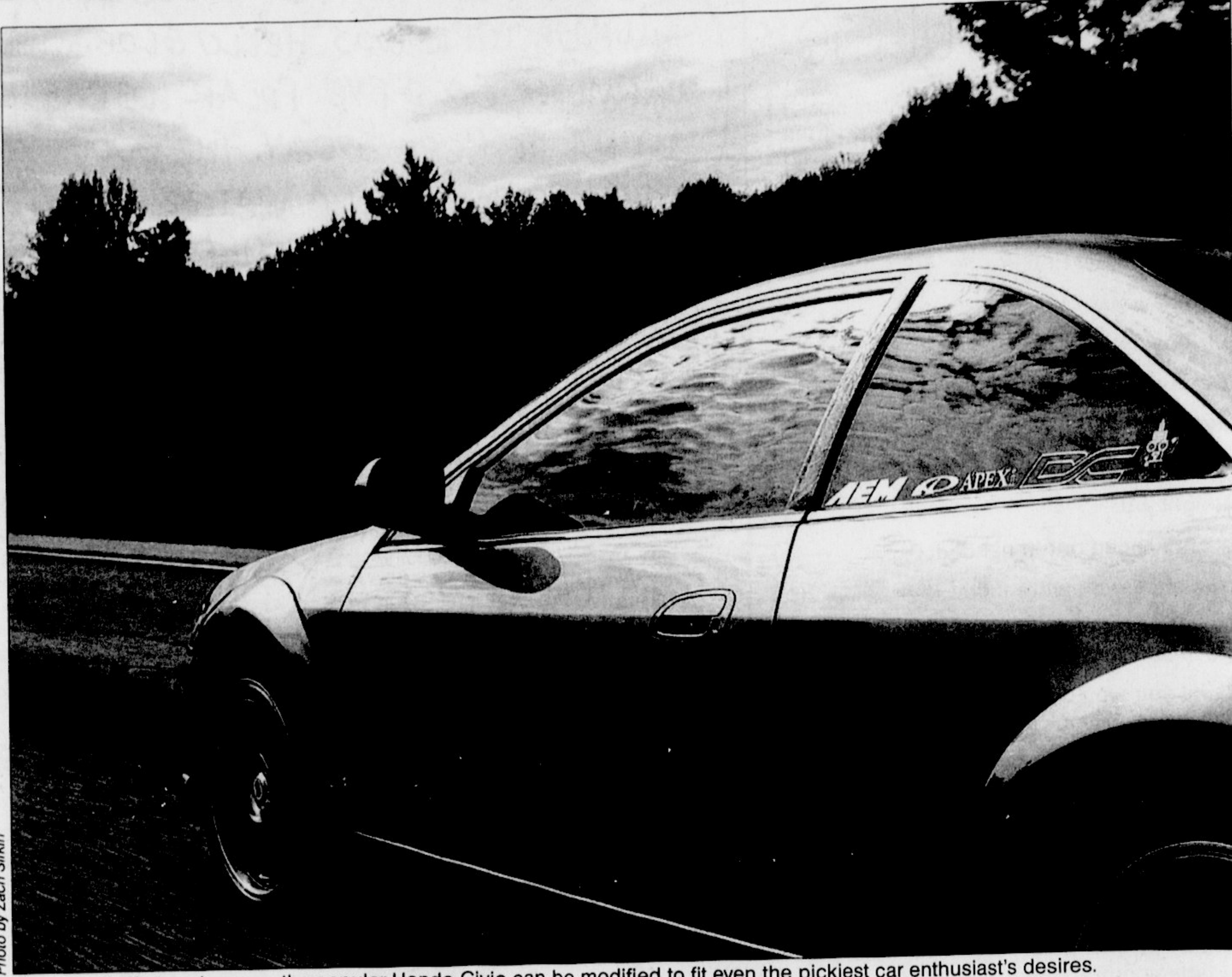
The 2005 Honda Civic Hybrid was rated the third most fuel efficient car sold in the U.S. based on the Environment Protection Agency miles-per gallon ratings for city and highway travel. The Hybrid has a small, sleek appearance and costs around \$20,000.

The Hybrid is so environmentally friendly that it is eligible for a clean-fuel tax deduction. Honda also has an Accord Hybrid series.

Another hot car is the revamped Volkswagen Beetle TDI. This car has a unique shape and comes in a variety of colors. The tiny flower that comes in the dashboard is a distinctive and charming accessory that sets the Beetle apart from any other vehicle.

The TDI Beetle was ranked fourth in the "Top 10 Most Fuel-Efficient Cars for 2005" according to the EPA formula. Although this car looks small from the outside, once inside it's quite spacious and it's always cool to be able to zip through traffic and easily parallel-park.

"I bought my Beetle because it is great on gas and has a good sell back value. It's compact, cute and different. It defines me in that way because it's not like



With some effort and money, the popular Honda Civic can be modified to fit even the pickiest car enthusiast's desires.

everybody else's car," said senior clinical laboratory science major Shanna Sauls.

Scions are popping up all over the roadways. They have a cool eclectic commercial out, and many people are tricking out their Scions with chrome, custom paint jobs, rims and low rider tires.

Scions come in three hot styles. The xA, xB and the tC. The xA has a rounded box shape. The xB has the clean-cut box shape and the tC has a basic compact shape. The xB is the design that is most interesting and mostly seen around Greenville.

It has a futuristic look and tons of things can be done to it to make it unique and distinct from other cars. This is definitely a car to be seen. The xB Scion sticks out from all the other standard cars and turns heads with its innovative design.

The Scion xA is ranked eighth on the top ten most fuel efficient cars for 2005 list. The Scion xB grabbed the ninth spot on the list. Not only are these cars stylish, they are cheap on gas too. What more could a broke college student ask for? The Scion Web site offers many accessories that can be used to customize any Scion. Some accessories include clutches and a number of other car gadgets.

Another extraordinarily designed vehicle that is hot in 2005 is the Mini Cooper. This eclectic car is showing up all over the big screen and television. The Mini Cooper is the epitome of European taste. This car comes as a 2-door coupe, convertible, sports coupe or a 4-passenger family coupe.

The Mini Cooper sells for \$17,000 - \$25,000 depending on which of the four models one

chooses to buy. Even though the car's title implies that it is a miniature version of a standard car, the Mini Cooper has tons of head and foot room. With its cool oval shaped headlights and tailored design, the Mini Cooper will be here to stay for years to come.

So the hottest cars of 2005 aren't just stylish and they aren't just small, they are also fuel efficient and more environmentally friendly. Smaller cars are simply fantastic, easy to manage and their unique shapes just make them that much hotter.

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Top 10 fuel-efficient cars of 2005

1. Honda Insight
2. Toyota Prius
3. Honda Civic Hybrid
4. Volkswagen Golf TDI
5. Volkswagen Jetta TDI
6. Volkswagen Beetle TDI
7. Honda Civic Hybrid
8. Toyota Echo
9. Toyota Corolla
10. Scion xA

Gas guzzlers are hot



The Ford F-Series has always been popular. It is amazing how many different ways it can be customized.

Hot trucks and SUVs

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Gas prices are on the rise after the disaster of Hurricane Katrina sent the American economy into turmoil. Despite urges from President Bush to conserve gas, people are still heading to their local dealership to buy gas guzzling trucks and SUVs. The demand is high for vehicles that offer versatility as well as style.

Full size pickup trucks are an American classic because they bring storage capacity and off road capabilities to the average consumer. You see them everywhere, while driving in the city or cruising through back roads, they have become a staple vehicle in our society.

The Chevy Silverado is a popular choice with half, three quarter and one-ton capacities available, as well as a number of cab configurations - this truck can fit the needs of any individual. Its solid construction and

quietness are two features that outweigh its low gas mileage.

The Nissan Titan is a more luxurious full size pickup than others because it not only offers various capacities, but also features two cab configurations and three trim levels as well as optional side-curtain air bags. The wide opening rear doors are great for families because they open wide to allow for comfortable transitions both into and out of the truck.

Refinement and ride comfort are the Toyota Tundra's claims to fame. There is a vast amount of front seat space which allows both the driver and passenger room to be comfortable, not cramped like in many other trucks. Another pro for this vehicle is the high resale value that it possesses. This may not be an initial priority for most buyers, but it is something buyers should consider.

Compact pickup trucks are an affordable way to enjoy the benefits of having a truck without breaking the bank. These

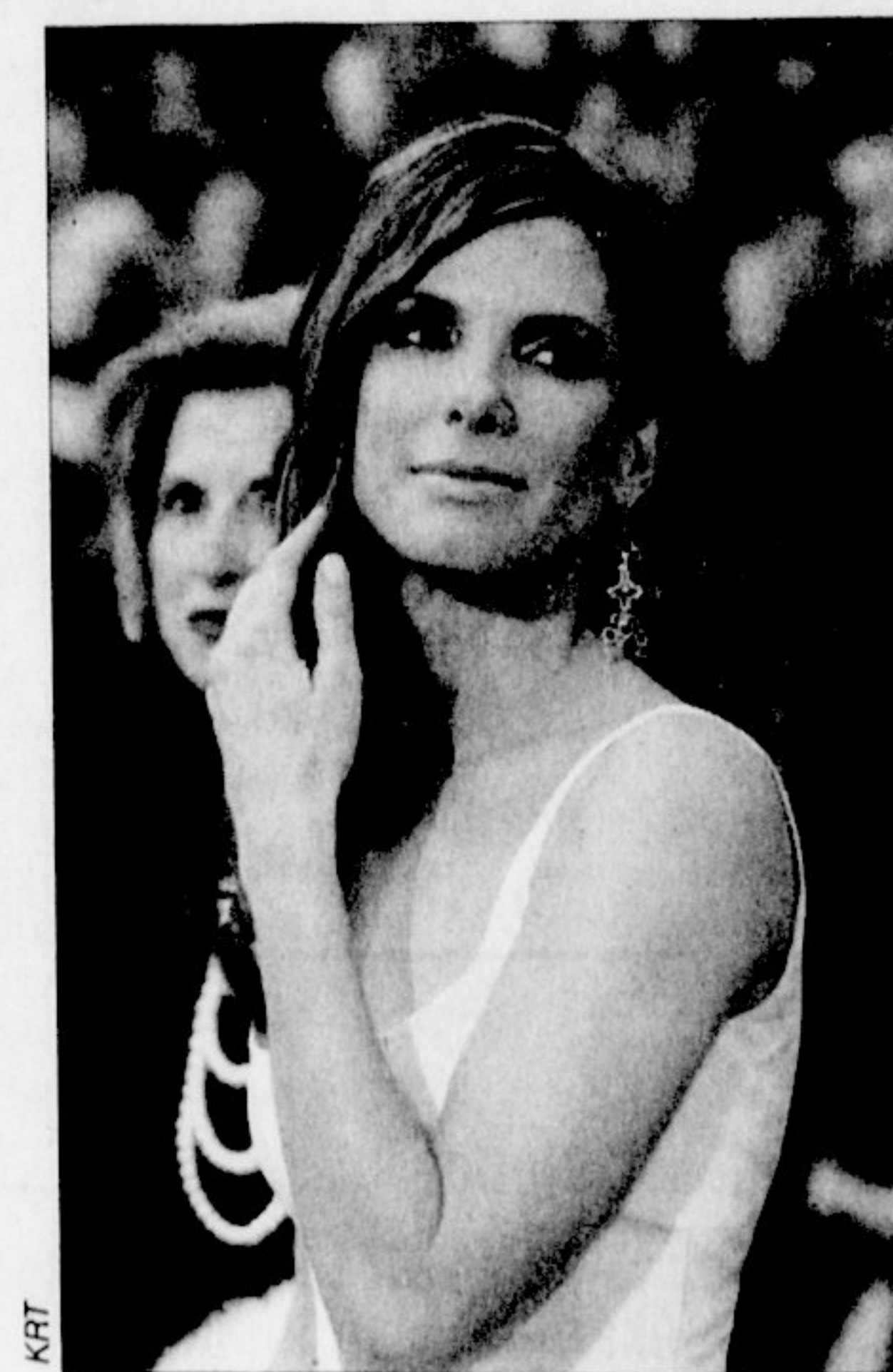
trucks weigh no more than 5,500 pounds and offer the same advantages that full size pickups do. They have the ever important storage capacity and off road capabilities - the only difference from a full size pickup is the amount of these elements is less prevalent.

The Ford Ranger has been an American favorite for a number of years now. They are now offered with a variety of features to choose from such as cab style and engine choice. The four-cylinder engine offers better fuel economy than the V-6 for those trying to conserve gas. Overall, the driving ease and maneuverability of this truck make it a good choice no matter what options you choose.

For those who want a big, tough truck and don't care how much fuel they use, try a Ford F-Series. The new F-150 has been a best seller for Ford with all of the rugged, yet comfortable options that are available. The F-Series

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Celebrity Profile: Sandra Bullock



Bullock is stunning at the Academy Awards.

How an ECU dropout became America's sweetheart

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In 1985, Sandra Bullock was a 20-year-old aspiring actress leaving ECU with a dream, her dog and anything else that would fit into her Honda Accord as she migrated to New York City to try her luck at acting. The only thing she forgot, though, was her degree - she was three credits short of getting her BA in drama.

Fast-forward to 2005 and Bullock is an A-list actress with millions of fans and even more dollars. Just imagine what she could have accomplished if she had stuck around and gotten that degree.

Bullock was born on July 26, 1964 to John and Helga Bullock. Her father was an Alabama-born, Julliard scholar working in the upper-echelon of the US Army. Her mother was a German opera singer living in Nuremberg. The two met and within three years, were married. Eventually the

pair moved to Arlington, Va., where John worked as a contractor for the Pentagon. Before too long they had their first child, Sandra.

Bullock's formative years were spent bouncing between Germany and the United States. Overseas, she would live in Salzburg and Nuremberg with her aunt and grandmother and attend German schools. Bullock began studying ballet and singing in choruses.

At age 10 she moved back the United States for good but after so many years in Europe, was quite different from the students in Arlington. Bullock was teased and humiliated by her classmates for the way she acted, the way she dressed and the way she looked.

However, the awkward phase would be short lived and by high school, Bullock had developed into a lovely young lady who excelled at cheer-leading and drama. Her senior class named her Class Clown in 1982 and after graduating she enrolled at ECU to pursue

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Together Forever: Celebrity couples

They may or may not stand the test of time

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In all aspects of the media, celebrity couples seem to be holding the spotlight. Stars are no longer known for their work, but rather for the company they keep. While some couples seem to be breaking up as fast as they get together, others are furthering their commitments with surprise engagements and, in some cases, weddings.

No matter how perfect for one another some people seem to be, more often than not there is some sort of trouble in paradise. Let's examine some star couples who recently made headlines not for being successful, but rather for failing to stay together.

Well, it was no shock when it was announced that Renee Zellweger and Kenny Chesney were getting a divorce after only four months of marriage. Considering the short amount of time that they dated before eloping, they were pretty much doomed before they said even said "I do."

Another celebrity couple calling it quits after only five months of marriage are the stars of the WB show "One Tree Hill," Chad Michael Murray and Sophia Bush. Paris Hilton and her fiancée Paris Latsis seemed to be the perfect match with everything in common right down to their names, but things went astray, causing their engagement to be very short lived.

Who could forget the split of American's sweethearts, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston? The end of



Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey



Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher



Melania Knauss and Donald Trump

their marriage has been attributed to several things, which include Brad's reported affair with co-star Angelina Jolie as well as Jen's resistance to start a family.

What about Jessica Simpson and her hottie husband Nick Lachey? Those two cannot seem to stay out of the headlines and each magazine article seems to say something different. "The ring is back on," "They are definitely divorced," or "Still in love." Who can keep up? Being in the public eye must be hard, but what leads to rumors like these?

These couples were on "heart-break-avenue" with the disappearance of the fundamental ingredient, love. Not to say that these couples were never in love, but toward the end of their relationships you could tell the love was fading. Relationships can withstand almost anything if the two people involved are willing to work through it, but when love is lost there is no hope.

While some celebrity couples seem to be on the rocks, others are thriving and growing to new heights. Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore tied the knot a few weeks ago after two years of dating. There is a 15 year age difference between the two, which makes some wonder how strong their commitment to one another is. Now that they are married, I fear Kutcher will fold under the pressure of having to fill not only the role of husband, but stepfather as well.

There has been buzz of Matthew McConaughey planning to propose to girlfriend, Penelope Cruz since last February. Nothing has come of this gossip - however, McConaughey has recently been promoting an upcoming film and during several interviews spoken of his love for her. There is no doubt in my mind that if these two decide to further commit, they will have no problem surviving. By keeping their relationship out of the media,

they are giving themselves a chance to be together without public scrutiny.

One couple that never seems to leave the spotlight are newlyweds Donald Trump and Melania Knauss. After marrying in January of this year, the two have been in magazines and on entertainment shows almost everyday. Now the two are making waves with the announcement of Melania's pregnancy. Why are the two in such a hurry to start a family? I'm sure Melania is going to make sure she has a Trump heir just in case the marriage ends in divorce, which is highly likely considering their 24 year age difference. In this case, I believe the term "gold digger" is the best description of Melania.

While some celebrities are destined to split, there are other couples who I have no doubt will be together forever. Take Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, this pair

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a degree in drama.

While attending ECU, Bullock supported herself by competing in dance competitions but after a breakthrough performance in a production of *Three Sisters*, decided that the time was right to move forward with her career — despite being so close to getting her degree.

She moved to New York and was accepted to the world-renowned Neighborhood Playhouse School of the Theatre, a school whose graduates include Steve McQueen, James Caan, Diane Keaton and Gregory Peck. Studying under Sanford Meisner, she began doing auditions and slowly made a name for herself.

Soon movie and television roles started coming her way. In 1989, she had a role in *The Preppie Murder* and in 1990 she played the Melanie Griffith role in the TV adaptation of *Working Girl*. The show didn't last, but Bullock persevered.

Later in 1990, while filming *Love Potion #9*, she fell for co-star Tate Donovan. After the film wrapped, Bullock moved to Los Angeles to live with Tate. *Love Potion #9* bombed when it was released two years later.

Things began slowly for Bullock in Los Angeles, but in 1993, she won a small role in *The Vanishing*. After a short time, a Warner Brothers executive recommended her for a role in *Demolition Man* co-starring Sylvester Stallone and Wesley Snipes. *Demolition Man* was an important film for Bullock because it was a mainstream film which she could display her talent but most importantly for what it would lead to.

Demolition Man producer Joel Silver was so impressed with Bullock that he recommended her to director Jan De Bont. At the time, De Bont was working a film about a deranged criminal who planted a bomb on a bus and should the bus drop below 50 mph, it would detonate. The film was *Speed*.

De Bont offered Bullock the role of Annie Porter, the feisty

passenger-turned-bus driver with a suspended driver's license. Initially producers were livid that De Bont cast a virtually unknown in the role of Annie instead of a famous, busty blonde, which they wanted.

However, the ends justified the means. *Speed* grossed well more than \$100 million domestically and became one of the biggest hits of 1994. As a result, Bullock became one of the biggest actresses in Hollywood and quickly became a bankable lead actress.

Since *Speed*, Bullock has headlined string of successful films including *Miss Congeniality*, *While You Were Sleeping* and *A Time to Kill*, and has even segued that into a successful producing career.

Bullock, however, has never let her success go to her head and is said to be one of the most genuine, warm and down-to-earth celebrities in America. Julia Roberts and Meg Ryan can pretend to be America's sweetheart on screen but reportedly, they're tyrannical and self-centered when the cameras are off. Bullock truly is America's sweetheart. Not bad for an ECU dropout.

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Sandra Bullock's Top-Ten Grossing movies (domestic)

Speed - \$121,248,145

A Time to Kill - \$108,766,007

Miss Congeniality - \$106,807,667

The Prince of Egypt - \$101,413,188

Two Weeks Notice - \$93,354,851

While You Were Sleeping - \$81,057,016

Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya

Sisterhood - \$69,599,016

Hope Floats - \$60,053,195

Demolition Man - \$58,055,768

Crash - \$53,404,817

Courtesy of BoxOfficeMojo.com

Restaurant Review: The Pita Pit

A healthy alternative to downtown

EMILY JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

The Pita Pit opened its doors to Greenville on Aug. 22, 2005. Located at 214 East Fifth St., it is in the heart of the downtown area. Offering a variety of fresh and fast healthy choices, The Pita Pit adds a new spin to most of the greasy spoons that you'll find downtown.

From the street, the restaurant looks like a typical fast food joint, minus the drive-thru. There are Pita Pit trademark characters painted on the windows that tell you you're about to enter fun-land instead of a restaurant. The walls inside are colorfully painted with similar cartoonish Pita Pit characters — there's even a pita driving a car.

Aside from the youthful décor, the signage is a little less than impressive as well. It seems that the Pita Pit coordinators are all about simplicity. The menu is plain and with little choice. The to-go menu pamphlet looks as though someone designed it using a basic publishing program on their home computer, which does not profit the restaurant's professional appeal.

The choices the menu offers are limited to salads, pitas and smoothies. Essentially, you can put together any kind of pita you like from the meat, veggies, cheese and sauce lists. For meat lovers, there are several choices of non-veggie pitas, like grilled chicken, Philly steak, gyros, tuna, seafood, turkey and ham. The Pita Pit has a fair selection of fresh vegetables and vegetable spreads, which range from Babagoush, an eggplant spread, to hummus, a chick pea spread. The smoothie selection is rather bleak, as only four different flavors are offered on the menu.

Nutrition is a large contributing factor to The Pita Pit promise — "Fresh Thinking, Healthy Eating." PitaPit.com offers a nutrition scale. Click your choices from the menu and the scale will give you a total for calories, fat, protein, fiber, carbohydrates, sodium and cholesterol. The pita alone has only 260 calories and 0.4 grams of fat. Of course, the veggie pitas are generally going to have the least amount of fat. For example, a veggie pita with lettuce, tomato, green peppers, alfalfa sprouts, mushrooms, black olives and Babagoush spread has only four grams of fat. However, meat lovers can have an enjoyable pita for less than 10 grams of fat. And a seafood pita with just lettuce and tomato has only two grams of fat — that's impressive. It all depends on what you put on your pita.

A pita alone will fill you up, and it's not going to cost you an arm and a leg either. Pita prices range from \$4.95 - \$5.75 plus any extras, like bacon, cheese and meat. For a pita and a drink, it will run around seven bucks. The Pita Pit is a little more expensive than a fast food restaurant like McDonald's, but your health is worth the extra cost.



The storefront gives an inviting feel to students with its fresh look.

A Canadian native, The Pita Pit has more than 200 locations across Canada and the U.S. There are other Pita Pit's in North Carolina located in Charlotte on North Tryon Street and in Chapel Hill on Franklin Street. Founded in 1995, The Pita Pit is slowly popping up around North America.

The Pita Pit of Greenville is open Monday - Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 3 a.m., Thursday - Saturday from 10:40 a.m. - 4 a.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. Their late hours are perfect for those late-night munchies after all of the bars close at 2 a.m.

So, if you're a fast food junkie and you're looking for a quick nutritious fix, go to The Pita Pit. Or if you're too lazy to get off of the couch, let the Pita Pit come to you — they deliver!

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The Pita Pit

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has been together since 1988 and are still going strong. Their secret is staying out of the public eye as much as possible. Although both have had previous marriages, I can't imagine them being with anyone but each other. These two are crazy about one another. Kate Hudson and hubby Chris Robinson have been married for almost six years now, which is like a lifetime in Hollywood. The pair has already begun to build a family with their son Ryder Russell. After Hilary Swank won her second Academy Award for *Million Dollar Baby*, she solidified her place in Hollywood as a talented leading lady. One of the things everyone remembers most from her speech is how fondly she spoke of her husband, Chad Lowe. The pair has been married for eight years with no end in sight.

Who knows what the future holds for Hollywood couples? However, it's certain that some pairs will unite in marriage while others are destined for heartache. Time will only tell if love or fame will win and who will be together forever.

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If you want choices then the Chevy Colorado is your dream come true. This truck has three cab configurations, three suspension choices and optional roof-rail side-curtain airbags. However, one drawback is the low ride comfort.

SUVs seem to be everywhere these days with a diverse range of drivers. SUVs are a cross between trucks and cars. They offer the comfort of riding in a car and the storage capabilities of a truck.

The Jeep Liberty offers the comfort of a car while maintaining a high storage capacity. The seat comfort and support is substantial, as well as the steering and handling capabilities. There are a variety of options available with this SUV, including the choice of both two or four wheel drive and a newly available diesel engine.

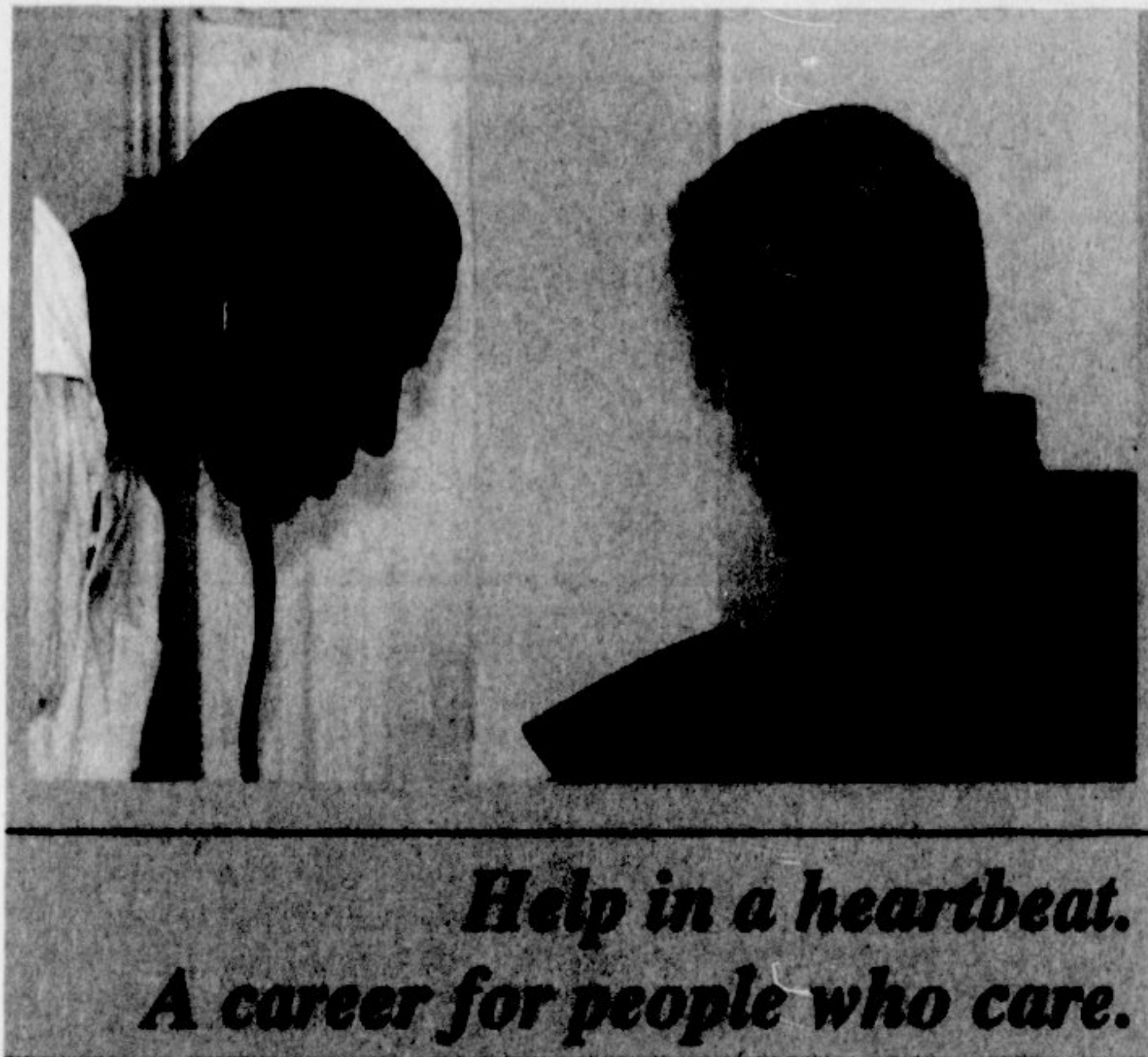
For those concerned with safety, the Saturn Vue earned one

of the highest crash test ratings in the industry. The handling and stability of the Vue is superb, providing drivers with great maneuverability. The interior layout, as well as easy entry and exit features, appeal to everyone.

If reliability is what you are searching for, Honda is the brand to trust. Their reputation for reliability doesn't falter when it comes to the Honda Pilot. The Pilot has a solid construction as well as abundant cargo space. Tire-pressure monitors, as well as an available navigation system, make the Pilot great for drivers who travel long distances.

These are just a few of the hottest trucks and SUVs on the market right now. Each one has features that appeal to some more than others. Finding the right vehicle for you depends on your expectations as well as intended uses. If you would like more information about these or any other vehicle visit cars.com.

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Roethlisberger for Jags

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger has been named to the end of the season game-winning drive against the San Diego Chargers. He was named the MVP of the game and earned a 9-yard pass to seal the victory. Roethlisberger, 26, has been the NFL's most accurate quarterback since joining the Steelers in 2003. He has led the team to a record of 15-1 in his first three seasons in Pittsburgh, including a Super Bowl win in January 2005.

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Patterson game after

Wake Forest's Wake Forest University basketball player Wake Patterson has been named the Most Outstanding Player of the game after a 75-64 victory over the College of William & Mary on Tuesday. Patterson, 22, had 22 points and 10 rebounds in the game. He is the first Wake Forest player to be named Most Outstanding Player since 1998.

Pirates former Dodger

Former Pittsburgh Pirates manager Dave Leggett has been named the manager of the Montreal Expos for the 2005 season. Leggett, 53, is the first former Dodger to be named manager of the Expos since 1995. Leggett spent the first three seasons of his career in Pittsburgh, where he won the National League Championship Series and the World Series in 2001.

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Sports Briefs

Roethlisberger could be ready for Jags

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has a hyperextended left knee and a bone bruise sustained during a game-winning field goal drive at the end of a 24-22 victory over San Diego on Monday night, but hasn't been ruled out of Sunday's game against Jacksonville. The injury isn't as severe as it initially appeared to be - immediately after the game, coach Bill Cowher said "it looked bad." Roethlisberger, 16-1 as an NFL regular-season starter, was injured with 1:05 remaining when Chargers defensive end Luis Castillo's helmet collided with his left knee as Roethlisberger was completing a 9-yard pass to Antwaan Randle El. Roethlisberger lay in pain on the turf for several minutes, clutching at his knee, before limping off the field. He was removed from the field on a cart, his knee heavily wrapped, after Jeff Reed kicked a 40-yard field goal with six seconds remaining, but he had no bandage on the knee when he got dressed shortly after that. Roethlisberger had an MRI test shortly after the team returned to Pittsburgh on Tuesday morning. Roethlisberger was the NFL's offensive rookie of the year last season after going 13-0 on a team that went a franchise-record 15-1 before ultimately losing to New England 41-27 in the AFC Championship Game. He was off to an excellent start this season, completing 52 of 86 passes for 913 yards, seven touchdowns and no interceptions. His quarterback rating of 123.8 is the best in the league. Backup Tommy Maddox sat out the San Diego game with a calf injury, but also could be available Sunday. Cowher said his injury also wasn't as bad as initially thought. If neither Roethlisberger nor Maddox can play, the Steelers would turn to 30-year-old Charlie Batch, the Lions' starter from 1998 until late in the 2001 season who has played little since signing with his hometown Steelers before the 2002 season.

Patterson expected to miss game after surgery

Wake Forest cornerback Kevin Patterson is expected to miss Saturday's game at No. 14 Boston College after undergoing surgery Tuesday to treat abdominal pain, the school said. Patterson was admitted to a hospital Monday night and may have his appendix removed, coach Jim Grobe said. Football trainer Don Steelman later said doctors had taken Patterson in for surgery Tuesday, but it was unclear what procedure would be performed. Steelman was also unsure how long Patterson would be out. Patterson had a similar episode this summer, when hospital doctors believed he had appendicitis. He was released without further treatment after the pain subsided. Patterson has started all six games for the Demon Deacons (2-4, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference). Riley Swanson, who played in all 23 games the past two seasons, will probably replace Patterson. Swanson has a forced fumble and a pass breakup this season after being suspended for the opener for breaking a team rule.

Pirates move quickly to grab former Dodgers manager Tracy

Former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Jim Tracy was hired Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Pirates' manager, the Associated Press learned from a source close to the team who requested anonymity. Tracy, 49, was the front-runner from the start of the Pirates' search last week because of his long-standing ties to Pirates general manager Dave Littlefield, with whom he worked in the Montreal Expos' organization in the 1990s. Tracy beat out the only two known candidates for the job, former Oakland Athletics manager Ken Macha and Atlanta Braves coach Fredi Gonzalez. Tracy replaces Lloyd McClendon, who was fired on Sept. 6 during his fifth consecutive losing season and was replaced for the rest of the season by bench coach Pete Mackanin, who was not considered for the job on a permanent basis. Tracy managed the Dodgers from 2001 until the injury-riddled team finished 71-91 this season. The record was their second-worst since they moved from Brooklyn in 1958. He finished with a 427-383 record, guided Los Angeles last year to its first division championship since 1995, and had only one losing season in five, but resigned last week after a falling out with general manager Paul DePodesta. With the Pirates, Tracy takes over a team coming off 13 consecutive losing seasons, three short of the major league record, and a 67-95 record but one that broke in a half-dozen promising rookies during the second half of this season, including left-handed starters Zach Duke (8-2, 1.81 ERA) and Paul Maholm (3-1, 2.18 ERA).

Mazey dismissed, Holland not elaborating on details



Holland answers questions from the general media Tuesday morning after the press conference. Mazey was suspended on Holland's recommendation.

Mazey marks third coach ousted under Holland

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

ECU officials suspended Randy Mazey with continued pay from his job as head baseball coach on Monday afternoon effective immediately. Newly hired assistant coach Billy Godwin was formally introduced as acting head baseball coach during a press conference Tuesday.

According a release, Chancellor Steve Ballard made the decision upon Terry Holland's

recommendation. "These decisions are never easy," Ballard said.

"But I have complete confidence in Terry Holland's assessment of the situation."

Mazey signed a contract extension on August 9, 2004 with current associate athletic director Nick Floyd. Mazey's contract had a base salary of \$100,000 annually through June 30, 2008. Mazey's contract called for him to receive a \$5,000 bonus if ECU advanced to a NCAA Regional or won the Conference USA's regular season title or the conference tournament.

According to Mazey's signed contract, if ECU terminated the contract for cause, Mazey would be given 30 days notice and only be entitled to the amount of his salary upon his effective date of termination.

ECU officials declined to comment further on the situation due to NC statutes. Officials continued to refer to the State Personnel Act, which protects the rights of state employee's private records.

Kitty Wetherington, the interim university attorney declined to comment, wary of committing a misdemeanor by

violating the State Personnel Act. University spokesman John Durham also declined further comments.

ECU is currently paying seven former coaches no longer affiliated with ECU. Former head football coach Steve Logan has been paid \$200,000 annually since Dec. 2002. His settlement will have been fulfilled in Dec. 2005. John Thompson will be paid \$100,000 through Dec. 2007. Former basketball coach Bill Herrion is due \$100,000 through March 2008.

No settlement between Mazey and the athletic program has

been made public. Depending on the reason Mazey was suspended, the termination clause may forgo a possible settlement. According to Holland, money to pay former coaches comes out of the athletic budget.

Mazey met with the baseball team on Monday afternoon to let know he would no longer be their coach.

"Shock is the only word to describe it," said senior pitcher Carter Harrell.

"We've got to move on and go forward. That's what coach

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Godwin introduced as 'acting' head coach



Godwin speaks at a press conference Tuesday when he was announced acting head coach.

New Pirate assistant will lead baseball program

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Billy Godwin was introduced as 'acting' head ECU baseball coach by athletic director Terry Holland at a surprise press conference Tuesday morning. Godwin abruptly replaces Randy Mazey who has been suspended with pay by the university.

"I have every confidence that we have the right man at the right time and in the right place,"

said Holland.

"He will absolutely build a program that is built on trust and mutual respect that all of us can be proud of."

Godwin was hired away from Louisburg College to be the pitching coach by former coach Randy Mazey on June 9, 2005. Godwin is now thrust into heading a program that he has been affiliated with for only four months.

"I am very proud to be an ECU Pirate," said Godwin.

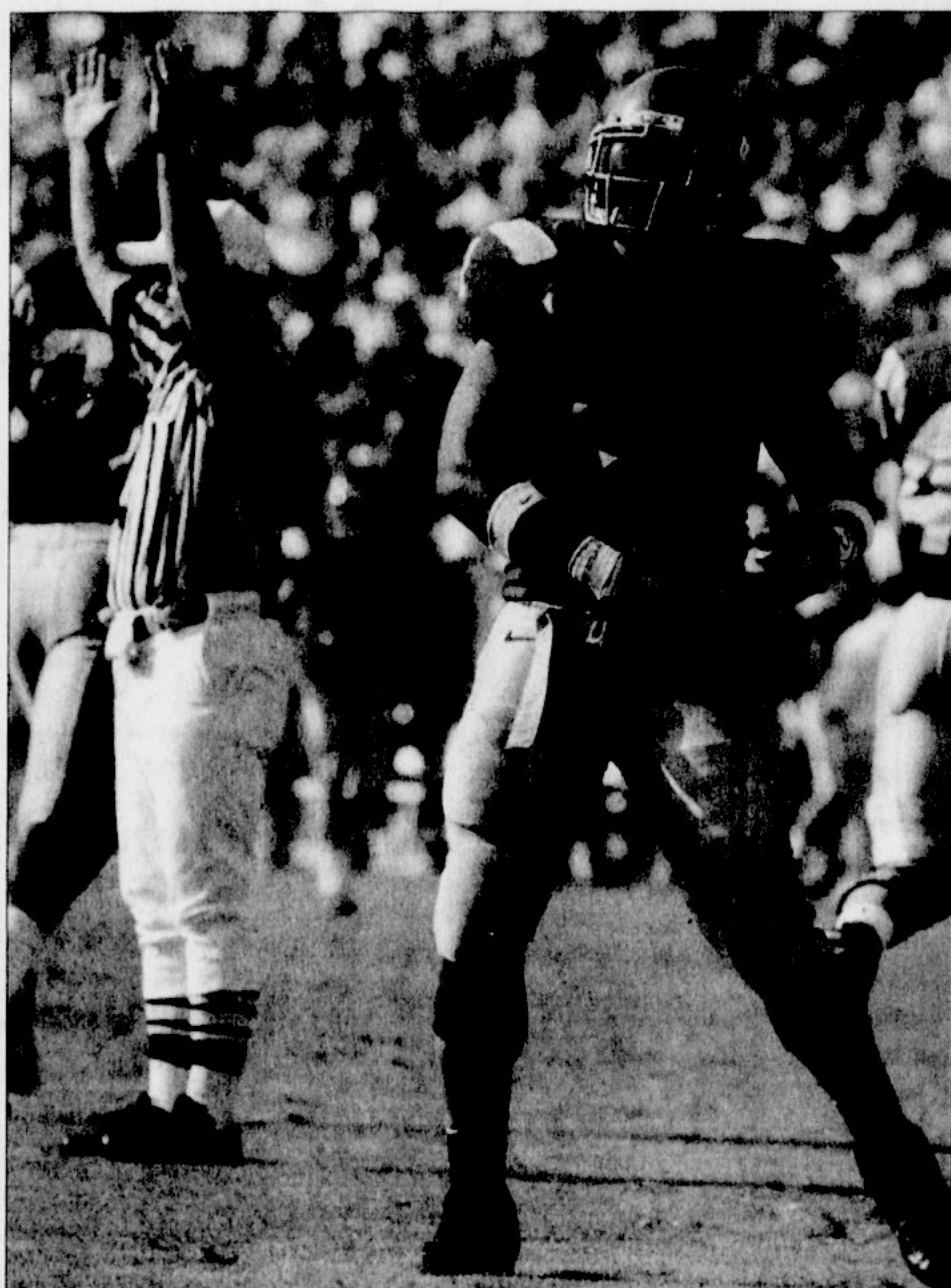
"I look forward to keeping the tradition of this strong program heading in the right direction.

I'm excited about this opportunity and will work relentlessly to make the Pirate Nation proud."

Godwin was made aware of Mazey's suspension late Monday afternoon. Mazey briefly met the team to explain the situation. Later, Godwin conducted a meeting of his own. The team conducted a workout Tuesday for the first time under Godwin.

At Louisburg, Godwin collected a 262-85 (.755) overall record. Godwin earned Region X Coach of the Year in 2005.

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Lendale White celebrates after scoring one of his four touchdowns.

Who can beat USC?

A select few teams have a shot at the Trojans

JEFF FELTON
STAFF WRITER

With their 42-21 win over the Arizona Wildcats Saturday, the University of Southern California Trojans extended their winning streak to 27 games. There is only one word to describe this team - dominant. I'll tell you what, this USC team I think could beat

the pathetic San Francisco 49ers of the NFL. I know that's hard to believe but come on! USC's offense is unstoppable, led by QB Matt Leinart and running backs Reggie Bush and Lendale White, the Trojans put up 724 yards of total offense against Arizona Saturday - 724. That's almost like playing the rookie level on Madden. But don't hand them the BCS national title just

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His 2005 Hurricanes finished the regular season with a 49-13 record and ranked sixth nationally by the Division I NCAA final regular season poll.

Godwin took the helm at Louisburg College in the fall of 1999 for legendary coach Russ Frazier. Godwin kept the Hurricanes in the national spotlight, where they averaged 43 wins a season. During the 2002 season, the Hurricanes finished 51-11 (a school record for wins) and made their tent trip to the College Worlds Series in Grand Junction, Colorado, finishing sixth in the country. In December of 2002, he was selected North Carolina College Coach of the Year.

"I think [Frazier's] shoes were 19 and a half so I'm used to stepping in with some pressure," Godwin said about taking over for Mazey.

"That doesn't bother me at all."

Holland indicated in his release on Monday that ECU would conduct a national search at the end of the 2006 season. There is no indication that Godwin

is secured the job past 2006.

"I'm assuming if I do a good job, I should get an opportunity," Godwin said.

"I think Coach Holland would take my resume. The only jobs I've ever had are year-to-year contracts."

Godwin pitched at what is now Barton College. During his career, he won 19 games while helping the Bulldogs to two 26 regular season crowns. Godwin spent two seasons as an assistant North Carolina Wesleyan College. Prior to taking the Louisburg job, Godwin served as athletic director and head baseball coach at Enfield Academy and Cary Academy, both high schools.

"He knows what he's talking about," said senior pitcher Brody Taylor.

"He's not going to let this opportunity slip out of his hands. He's going to do whatever it takes to get us to our goal."

Taylor is one of four players that played for Godwin while at Louisburg. Pitchers Carter Harrell and Jeff Ostrander and catcher Adam Hodges also transferred

from Louisburg.

"He's a hard nosed coach," said Harrell.

"If you drive by the office, he'll be there at 7 a.m. and he'll be the last one to leave. Our players will feed off of that. He's a great fit for East Carolina baseball."

Godwin earned his master's degree from ECU in education in 1995. He is married to a school teacher in Rocky Mount and has one daughter (Mallory).

Godwin takes over the program from an injury plagued 35-26 season. ECU finished fourth in Conference USA in 2005. The Pirates were invited to their seventh consecutive NCAA Regional.

"I certainly hope that everyone will provide great Pirate support for Coach Godwin and the team this season," said former coach Keith LeClair in Monday's release who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease.

"Our goal remains the same - getting to Omaha."

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Mazey would want us to do."

"He was really torn up," said senior pitcher Brody Taylor about his former coach.

"He lost his job, but also he lost being around us everyday. He considered us like 31 sons so he was upset more than anything."

Popular assistants Allen Osborne and Tommy Eason both left the program immediately following the 2005 season. Scott Forbes was hired to replace Osborne, chose to go to coach at UNC less than a month later.

Ironically, former coach Keith LeClair, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease made a comment in Monday's release. According to Holland, LeClair is paid by the university to be a consultant.

"My heart and prayers go out to all of last season's coaches who are no longer with the program," LeClair said.

"They are good friends and I appreciate everything they did to push our program forward."

Mazey posted a 120-66-1 record in three seasons at ECU,

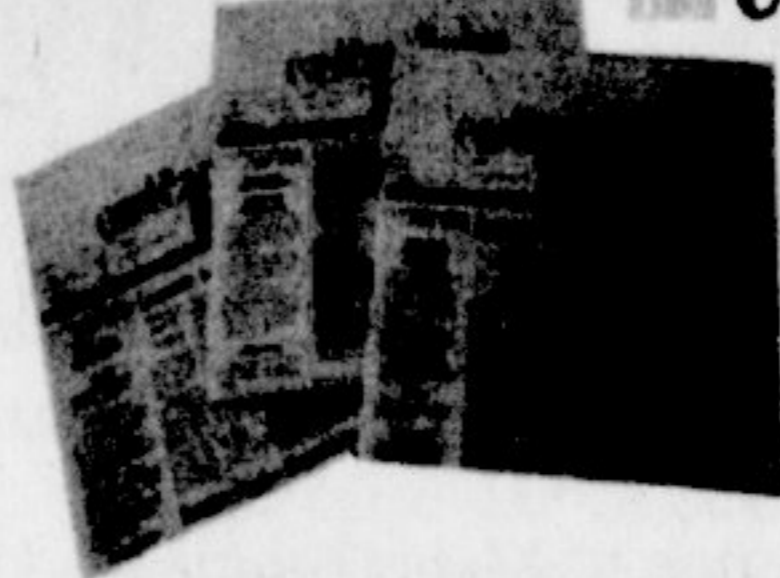
including an 8-12 postseason mark that featured three NCAA Regional at-large berths. He earned the Keith LeClair Coach of the Year Award in 2004 when ECU enjoyed a school record 51 wins. This spring, ECU finished fourth in Conference USA with an 18-12 record before ending the season with a pair of losses in the NCAA Tempe (Ariz.) Regional.

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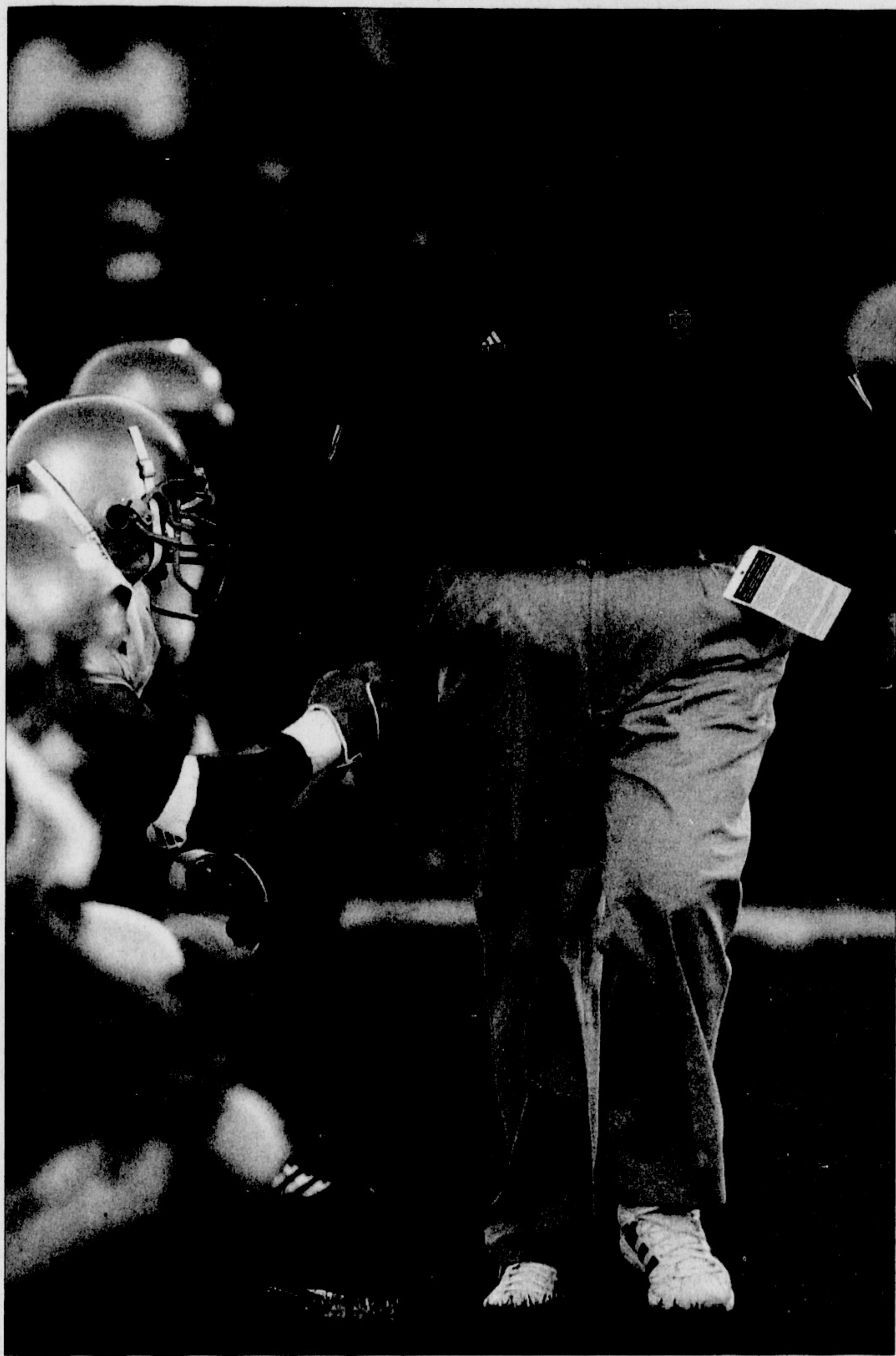
Employers are hiring for internships, part-time positions and Full-time positions.

Students can park in the Minges Commuter lot. Other transportation will be provided by ECU Transit buses with routes running from Christenbury Gym and the Joyner Library to Minges Coliseum every five minutes.

Students attending the Career Fair should come prepared with multiple resumes to distribute to employers and dress professionally.



South Bend gears up for a big weekend



Weis and the Fighting Irish will give USC one of their very few top ten match-ups since 1990.

(AP) — Tickets are being hawked for more than \$2,500, some hotels are charging \$1,000 for the weekend, requests for media credentials have come from overseas and ESPN is sending its "College GameDay" crew in a day early.

Oh, and a Friday night pep rally could draw as many as 50,000 fans.

Other than that, it will be a normal football weekend at Notre Dame, where anticipation for Saturday's game against No.

1 Southern California is already somewhere between through the roof and off the charts.

"I said to somebody: 'We have to pace ourselves. We can't get worn out early in the week,'" said Greg Ayers, executive director of the South Bend/Mishawaka Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"The eyes of college football will be on South Bend this weekend and it will be a terrific atmosphere."

An atmosphere that will gain intensity as the 2:30 p.m.

kickoff approaches. At stake is USC's 27-game winning streak, which includes three victories over Notre Dame.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Notre Dame normally holds its Friday night pep rally at the Joyce Center, which seats about 11,500. It's also where a team from California saw its monumental winning streak come to an end. That was UCLA basketball, the year was 1974 and the streak was 88 games.

Friday's pep rally will take

place at Notre Dame Stadium, weather permitting.

After hearing that some 5,000 fans were turned away from Notre Dame's pep rally before the Sept. 17 Michigan State game, coach Charlie Weis suggested they take the show outside.

"We felt the best thing for the fans was to give them an opportunity to be a part of the experience," he said.

This would mark the fourth pep rally held at the stadium and the first since 2000, on the eve of the Nebraska game.

"I know one thing," Weis said. "I am not going to exceed this one because I am 0-1 when I have exceeded. I have a plan for this one, as you would expect I would."

WHO'S SELLING TWO?

USC sports information director Tim Tesselone has no access to tickets for road games. And that's probably the good news. It means he doesn't have to sort through the numerous requests.

"The Notre Dame game is a tough ticket every year," he said. "This is a pilgrimage game."

Major university donors get first crack at USC's ticket allotment of 7,000. If tickets get returned, Notre Dame would sell them.

"But that's pretty unlikely," said Josh Berlo, Notre Dame's top ticket officer.

Scalping tickets in Indiana is legal as long as the transaction takes place off campus grounds, according to Ayers.

On StubHub.com, \$450 will get you an upper level end-zone seat and \$2,775 will land you a prime seat in Section 9. (The range for tickets to Tuesday's White Sox game is \$210 to \$2,332.)

But Berlo said his office has revoked "thousands of tickets from hundreds of people" who have resold their tickets for a profit.

"Be careful who you give them to," he warned.

MEDIA DARLINGS

The last time Notre Dame hosted a game of this magnitude, NBC Sports spent \$60,000 to bring in temporary lighting and ESPN, for the first time, sent its "College GameDay" crew on location to South Bend.

That was Nov. 13, 1993, and the event was the "Game of the Century," pitting No. 1 Florida State against the second-ranked Irish.

Permanent lights were installed in 1996, but NBC will beef up its coverage this time by adding to its normal array of 12

cameras. NBC is anticipating an aerial show, so the extra cameras will isolate battles between receivers and defensive backs.

ESPN, meanwhile, will dispatch "GameDay" commentators Chris Fowler and Lee Corso to South Bend on Thursday for a "SportsCenter" segment. ESPN2's "Cold Pizza" will originate from an area between the stadium and the Hesburgh Library on Friday.

"It's always our goal to be right in the center of the activity," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulwitz said. "Getting there Thursday gives us a chance to rev it up a little early."

As for media requests, Notre Dame has received one from a British publication.

That might seem fishy considering the sport will be the American version of football, but senior associate athletic director John Heisler was not taken aback.

"When you play a Big Ten team, there's a Japanese publication that routinely makes a request," Heisler said. "I've checked out their Web site. I can't read it, but they're defi-

nately covering these games."

Heisler expects all 330 seats in the main press box to be claimed. Additional work stations might be created by bringing in bar stools.

"These are nice problems to have; that's how we look at it," Heisler said.

THEY'LL LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON FOR YOU

St. Joseph County has added 1,500 hotel rooms since Notre Dame Stadium expanded before the 1997 season, bringing the total to 4,000. But, of course, this isn't nearly enough to accommodate everyone.

Ayers said the rooms sold out about a month ago. And every one requires a two-night stay, including the South Bend Marriott, which is fetching \$499 per night.

"It's similar to a Super Bowl or an Olympics, where the rates go much higher," Ayers said.

According to a 2002 study conducted by Notre Dame, an average football weekend generates \$6.3 million for South Bend-area businesses.

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yet. Media prognosticators have pretty much given it to them, but as ESPN's College GameDay Lee Corso says, "Not so fast my friend." I will tell you why. For starters, USC's defense has looked very shaky against subpar Pac-10 teams. Against Arizona State last week, the Trojan defense gave up 415 total yards. Granted, ASU has a good offense, but USC is the defending national champ and is a lock to be at the Rose Bowl again this year. Saturday the Trojan defense gave up only 245 total yards, but the game was back and forth in the fourth quarter until Leinart remembered who he was and who he was playing. The defense is not the only reason why we shouldn't be handing them the crystal football just yet. There are a few teams in my opinion that can beat them either during the regular season or in the championship game (that is if USC gets there).

USC takes on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame this upcoming Saturday, in what could possibly be the Trojans first loss of the season. Notre Dame under former Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss, is one of the top offenses in the country. Yeah, their defense is not all that, but the Irish will put up some big numbers and points against USC Saturday. Plus they have had two weeks to prepare for the Trojans and the game is at Notre Dame.

Texas is another team that can beat the Trojans. The two do not play in the regular season, but if USC runs the table, as does Texas, you can bet they will meet in the national championship game. Texas finally beat Oklahoma in the Red River Shootout this past Saturday, and their schedule sets them up for an undefeated season. The Longhorn's QB Vince Young, who is a Heisman Trophy candidate, could possibly run and pass all over the USC defense. Texas' running game is also stout, led by Freshman Jamaal Charles and Vince Young. If the Longhorn's defense can stop the Trojans offense, a Texas national championship is quite possible.

The Virginia Tech Hokies, currently third in the country, could also pull the upset. But Head Coach Frank Beamer has had a habit recently of losing the big game, a-la Miami. That big game should be at the end of the season against Florida State in the ACC championship game. The Hokies still may not get to the BCS championship game though. Their schedule includes a tough Boston College team and Miami. If they do run the table, they still more than likely will have to play Florida State for the conference championship. The Hokies perennially play excellent special teams, aka Beamer Ball. Their defense is one of the most dominant in the country this year with two shutouts in six games so far. Oh yeah, they also have some guy named Michael Vick's brother Marcus at QB. The Hokies offense is also rolling, scoring 236 points against 54 points given up. Look out for the Hokies.

Finally, the Florida State Seminoles also have a sporting chance at making it the National Championship game. The Seminoles schedule sets up favorably for an appearance in the ACC championship game and with a win there, you have to put them in the mix to play in the Rose Bowl. With stout defense and a surprisingly good offense led by a freshman QB and WR's, the 'Noles definitely have a chance of beating the USC Trojans. By the way, FSU has a coach named Bobby Bowden, maybe you've heard of him — he already has two national championships under his belt so he knows how to win the big game.

Be that as it may, once again we will probably have another BCS mess with rankings, computers, human error, etc. After what, eight years, the BCS still does not work and still does not satisfy every team. There is another chance that there could be four or five undefeated teams this year, which could make things pretty darn interesting for those BCS morons. Regardless, USC, look out. You haven't won anything yet. Last year was last year.

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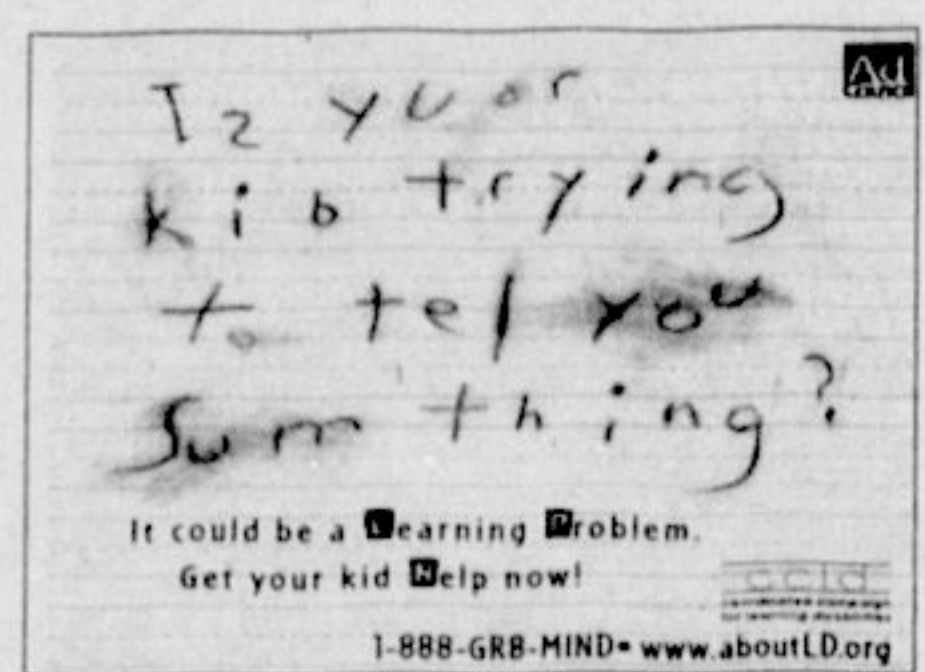
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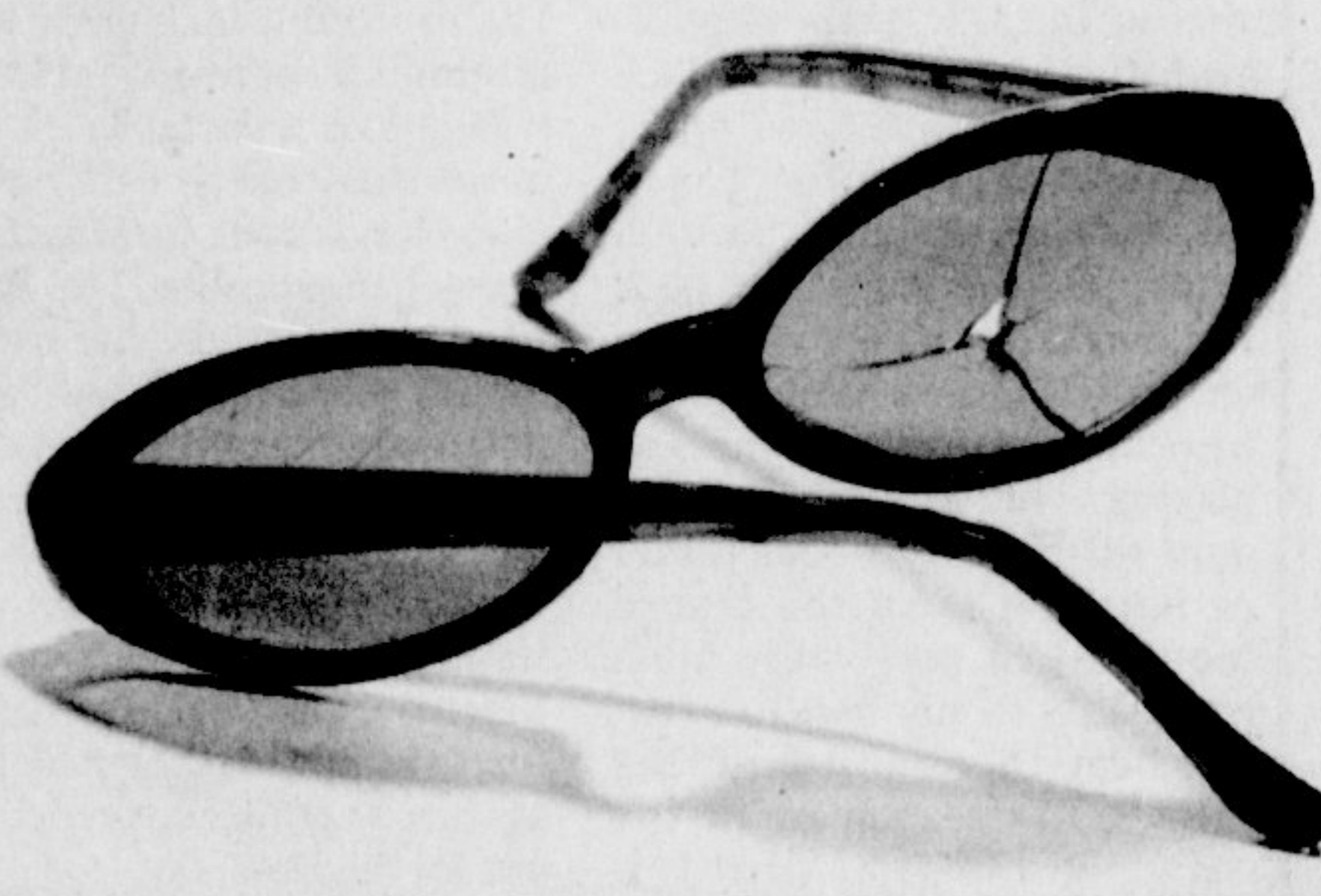




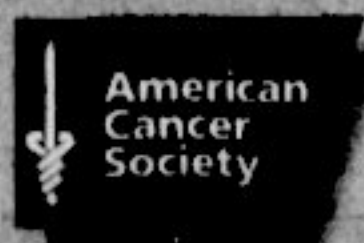
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