

# Suspicious backpack near Jenkins Fine Art Center gets authorities' attention

Canines, bomb squad brought in to handle situation

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While students were departing campus for fall break last Friday, authorities found a suspicious backpack behind the decorative bushes at the Jenkins Fine Art Center around 11:30 a.m.

"They had a canine sniff the bags... there were chemicals in there that were of concern," said Nancy McGillicuddy, public affairs officer for ECU News Bureau.

A construction worker working near the area purportedly left his bag on the ground. The bag was later found to have contained copper tubing.

Upon finding the bag, Pitt County officials sent an explosive-detection dog to campus. The Marine Corps was also involved Friday. They sent a bomb squad there to open and inspect the bag.

Major Frank Knight, from the Greenville Police Department, said they were reasonably sure it was innocent but they wanted to take extra precautionary measures. He called it a "non-threatening situation."

After the bag was found the bomb squad used a device called a "water cannon" on the bag. The water cannon is designed to disrupt timing devices inside bombs. They used this in case there was indeed an explosive device in the bag. The water cannon accounted for the loud blast-like noises that could be heard in the afternoon. They were not explosions though.

Students living in Garrett Residence Hall were asked to stay out of the building while tests were being done next door at Jenkins Fine Art Center. Knight said they were able to return by 4:30 p.m.

ECU and Greenville Police are running normal precautionary measures following last Friday's incident. Officers typically go through dormitories once each shift.

However, there is a new sense of alert in wake of the Georgia Tech bomb scare Monday, Oct.

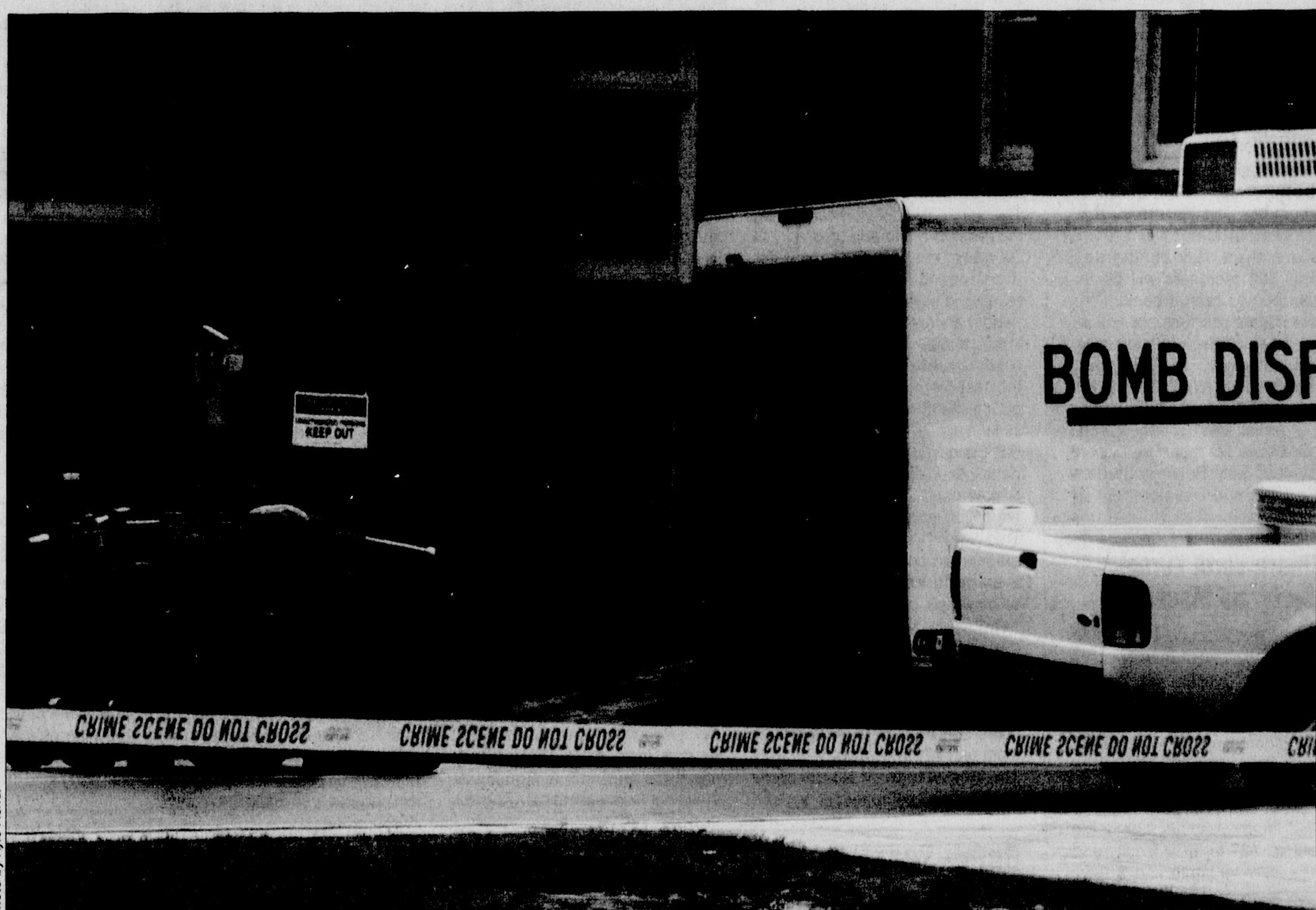
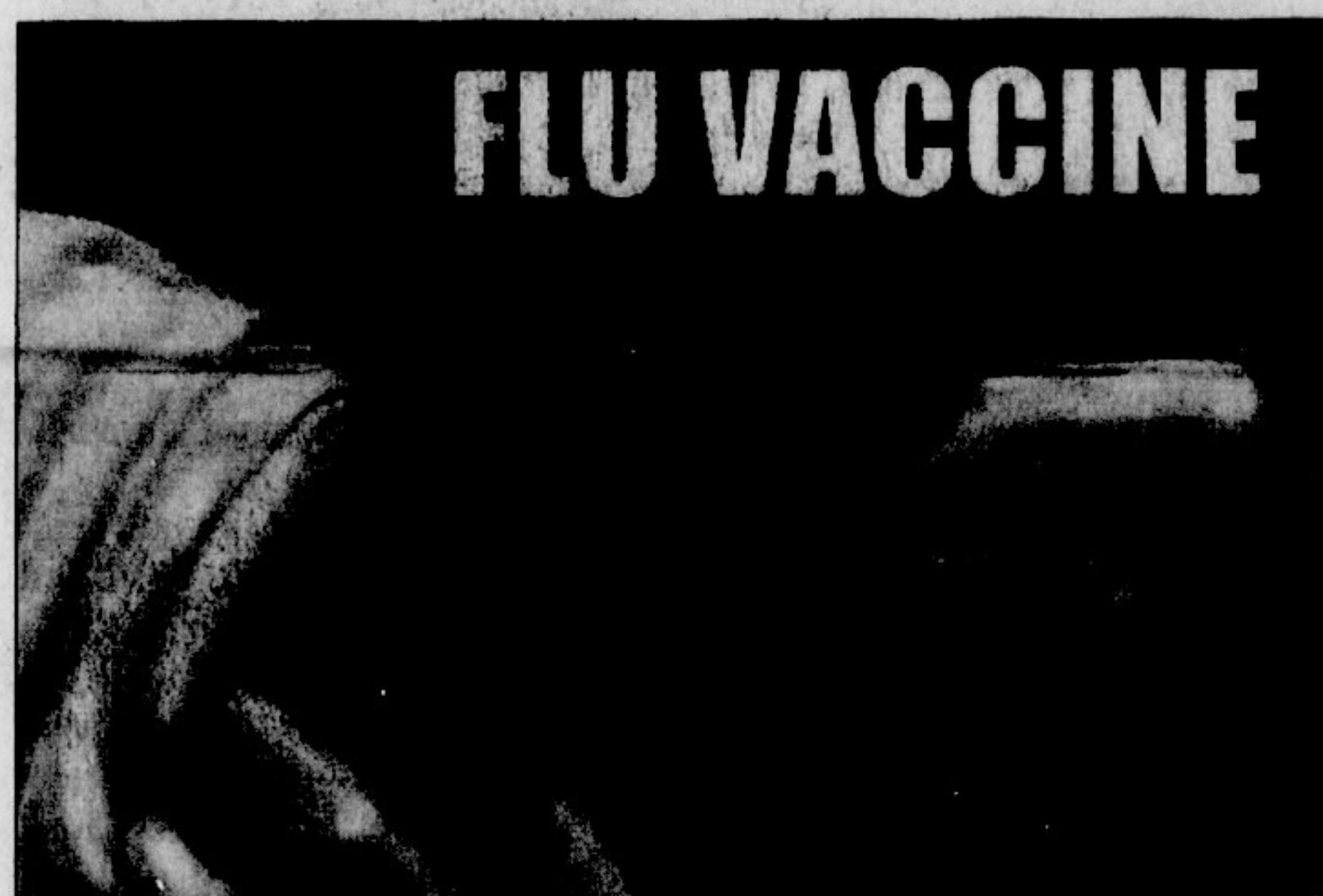


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Marine Corps bomb squad officials alleviated any chance of an explosion by using a water cannon after canines found suspicious smells in the bag.



Flu vaccinations are available to everyone on Oct. 24.

## Flu season coming in weeks ahead

Illness prevention important in fall, winter months

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The next few months are a time when humans are most susceptible to flu sickness, and the key to preventing such sickness is through good hygiene practice.

However, it may be necessary to consider vaccinations and remedies available through the Student Health Service. They are preparing for both flu season and Halloween. These are important time periods to the Student Health Service because of the implications they have on the well being of thousands of people who attend ECU.

Ellen J. Goldberg, nurse manager at the Student Health Service, said flu season starts in late October, picks up in November and December and continues until about the time of spring break. She said there are not many good indicators as to the severity of an upcoming flu season.

"There is not a whole lot that can predict it," said Goldberg.

Goldberg suggested plenty of ways to avoid flu suffering. Hand-washing/hand sanitizing, being aware of crowded places, having good hygiene, getting rest, eating right and exercising are supposed to be effective methods for flu prevention. It also helps to know how the flu can be spread.

"It's spread by respiration droplets, so that's sneezing, coughing... obviously the best thing we can tell [students] is

hand-washing," Goldberg said.

The Center for Disease Control identifies the following problems as symptoms of flu: fever (usually high), headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose and muscle soreness.

What are some treatments that are used to prevent the flu?

Starting Monday, Oct. 24, the Student Health Service, Brody School of Medicine and other clinics will administer flu shots. Until then, they are reserved for high-risk patients such as asthma sufferers, pregnant women and the elderly. There is also the alternative preventative vaccine, FluMist. FluMist is a nasal vaccine designed to prevent illness attributed to influenza A and B viruses.

Meanwhile, the CDC is studying the possibility of an avian influenza (bird flu) outbreak. The CDC believes the flu can come from tainted poultry, however, they are still not aware enough of effects.

"To date, human infections with avian influenza A viruses detected since 1997 have not resulted in sustained human-to-human transmission," according to CDC.

"However, because influenza A viruses have the potential to change and gain the ability to spread easily between people, monitoring for human infection and person-to-person transmission is important."

There has been no indication at this point of any shortage in flu vaccinations like last year. Goldberg said the Chiron com-

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## ECU continues to be excellent in online degree options, number one in education

Online MBA program is best buy in nation according to study

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Several of ECU's degree programs, including computer science and business, have been ranked among the top three in the U.S. by college research group, GetEducated.com.

The online program for MBA and computer science degrees are each ranked number one. The online education degree is rated number three.

"ECU has strived not only to increase access through online programs, but also to ensure that the programs are the best they can be," said Elmer Poe, assistant vice chancellor for academic outreach.

"ECU's online programs are taught by the same faculty who teach on campus, and often the online students are in the same virtual classrooms as the campus students."

The MBA program is considered the most cost-effective degree to get online. The top

25 programs were ranked with respect to the in-state price tag. ECU is number one for in-state tuition, costing students only \$3,578. That is more than \$1,000 less than the number two school, Western Illinois University, where it costs \$4,744 to attend in state.

ECU's out-of-state tuition only amounts to \$13,212. That is cheaper than the in-state tuition of the lower 13 schools on the top 25 list. No other North Carolina university made the list.

GetEducated.com is an organization geared toward consumer-oriented students looking to get an education at an affordable cost. ECU's online computer science program is number one among a plethora of other public colleges competing for students.

"Not surprisingly, eight of the top 10 best buys came from publicly funded universities," said Vicky Phillips, GetEducated.com CEO and chief analyst.

"Many publicly funded universities in low-cost education states in the South and Midwest are beginning to offer their degree programs online for one flat fee. This means prospective students nationwide can

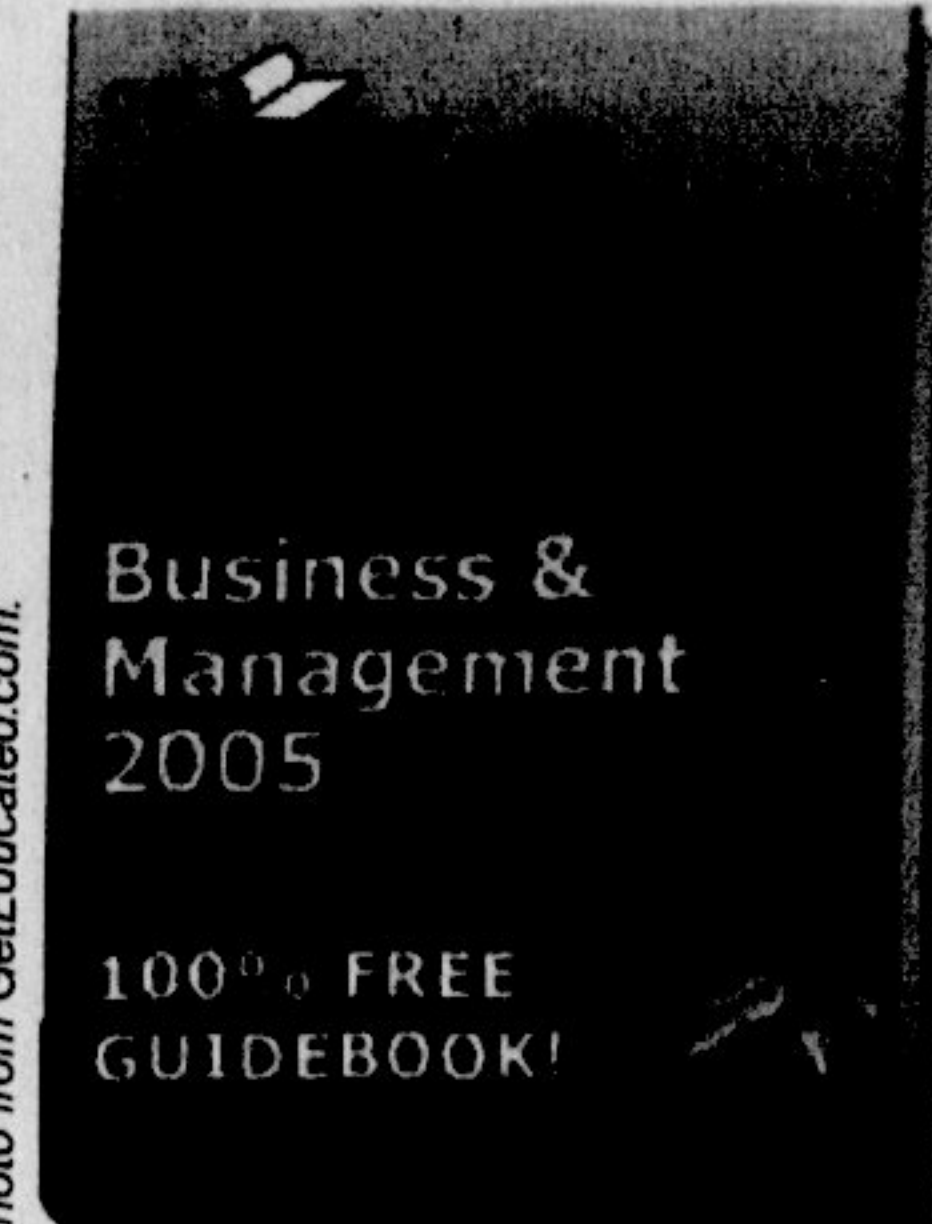
begin enjoying low public college tuition rates that were once available only to the residents of selected states."

Online programs and distance education have grown increasingly popular at ECU, the state leader in DE programs. Last year, there were around 50,000 semester hours offered through distance education.

"We have more to offer because our faculty has stepped up to the plate and put these programs on," said Carolyn K. Dunn, coordinator of marketing and summer study abroad.

There are about 3,700 students who are enrolled in more than 50 of ECU's undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs. In today's global wired society, it is beneficial for ECU to be able to offer programs to people who would otherwise miss the opportunity to get a college education. Distance education encompasses many forms of technology and gives students a chance to learn without having to commute long distances.

"Distance learning may occur by surface mail, videotape, interactive TV, radio, satellite or any



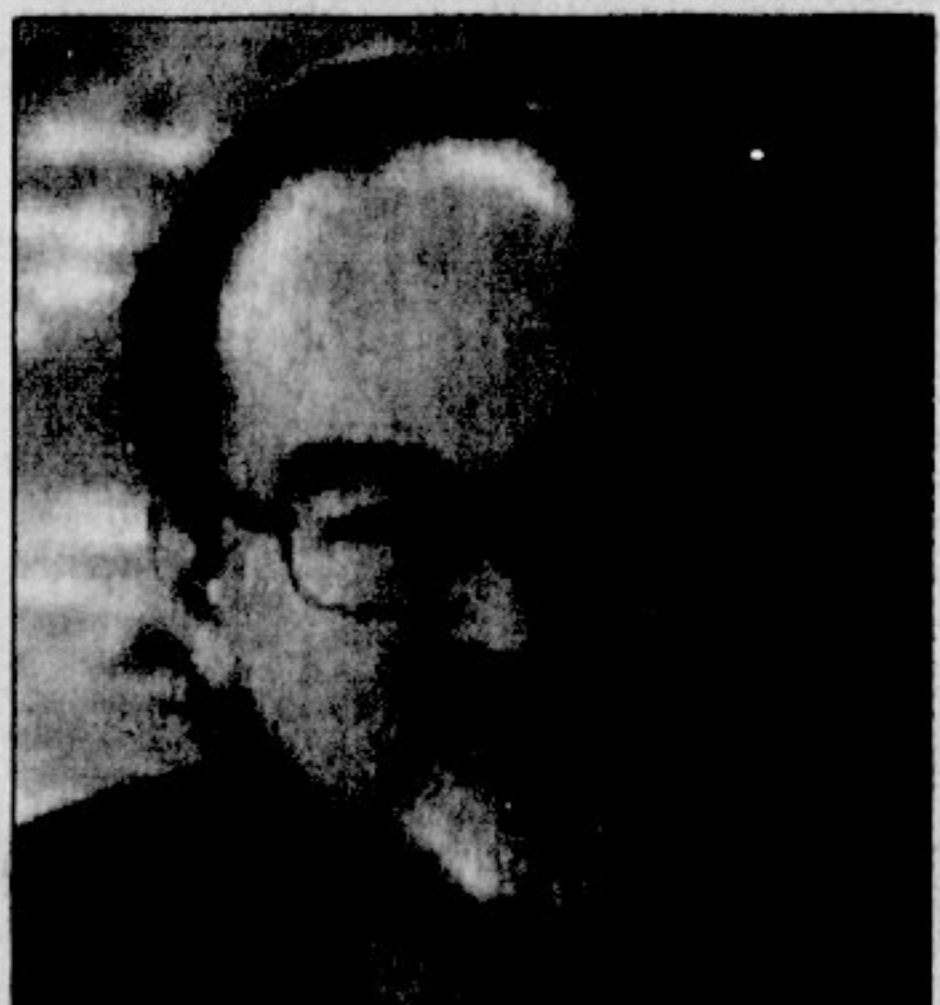
One guidebook for 2005.

number of Internet technologies such as message boards, chat rooms and desktop computer conferencing," Phillips said.

It is important for prospective students to understand what constitutes an accredited online university though. Trouble can arise from believing Internet scams that promise lavish degree options in minuscule periods of time.

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## Professors concerned about proposed legislation



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Academic Bill of Rights could alter classroom environment

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A new piece of legislation making its way through state Congresses and the U.S. House of Representatives could affect the way professors are allowed to conduct their classes and lectures.

The Academic Bill of Rights, authored by David Horowitz, essentially states that there shall be "no political, ideological or religious orthodox... imposed on professors" as well as students.

The bill says campuses should have a "plurality of methodologies and perspectives," meaning all views should be given equal opportunity for representation.

In print, the bill appears to reinforce common beliefs about academic freedom held by most of the population.

However, critics say the bill is an attempt by the right wing to correct what they believe is a liberal bias in university classrooms. Some conservatives believe this bias prevents more conservative-minded students from being able to voice their opinions in class for fear of retribution from liberal professors.

"The Academic Bill of Rights is based squarely on the almost 100-year-old tradition of academic freedom that the American

Association of University Professors has established," said Horowitz in an article he published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"Although the AAUP has recognized student rights since its inception, however, most campuses have rarely given them the attention or support they deserve. In fact, it is safe to say that no college or university now adequately defends them."

However, the AAUP is one of the bill's strongest critics. Professors in the union feel the bill could curtail the freedom to teach as they see fit and proper.

"There are already mechanisms in place to protect this principle [academic freedom], and they work well," the AAUP said in a statement on its Web site.

"Not only is the Academic Bill of Rights redundant, but, ironically, it also infringes academic freedom in the very act of purporting to protect it."

Political science professor Richard Kearney says the bill is

unnecessary if professors follow common sense in the classroom.

"Professors should stay in their area of expertise and be tolerant on both sides," said Kearney.

"I think there is a responsibility to be respectful. Our political culture's not and you don't make progress like that."

It is the bill's emphasis on including alternate viewpoints in the classroom that is causing some to worry it could result in biology professors being forced to teach Biblical creation alongside evolution, or a Nazi being hired to teach philosophy to satisfy a mandate requiring all perspectives receive equal representation.

Bill sponsors deny the possibility of this kind of situation, but the talk does not sit well with many college professors across the country.

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## Announcements

### Salsa Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers are sponsoring a salsa dance Friday, Oct. 21 at the Willis Building located in downtown Greenville on First and Reade Streets. Instruction will be provided by Propocio and Heidi at 7:30 p.m. The dance will be from 8:30 - 11 p.m. with music provided by DJ Ramon. The cost is \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the public. This is a non-smoking event. For more information, contact 752-7350.

### Career Fair

The Career Center will be hosting the All-Majors Fall Career Fair Thursday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mingos Coliseum. More than 125 companies and 300 recruiters will be on campus to recruit seniors for permanent positions and juniors for internships. Information on the employers attending and the positions for which they will be recruiting is available at the Career Fair's Web site at [ecu.edu/e3careers](http://ecu.edu/e3careers). For more information, contact Jane Rahm in Student Professional Development at 328-6050.

### Opera Verdi Europa performs Macbeth

Opera Verdi Europa will present an operatic version of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* Thursday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. The interpretation of the tragedy is considered one of Verdi's best, and Verdi has drawn sellout crowds and standing ovations at previous ECU performances. Individual tickets are \$39 for the public, \$37 for ECU faculty and staff, \$19 for youth and \$10 for ECU students. Subscriptions and packages are available for tickets to other performances this year. All tickets are \$39 at the door.

### Open House at Queen Anne's Revenge Archaeological Conservation Lab

The public is invited to view artifacts recovered from Blackbeard's ship, the *Queen Anne's Revenge*. Conservators, scientists and archaeologists will be on hand to discuss treatment and study of the recovered items. The ship sank in Beaufort Inlet in 1718 and was discovered in 1996. The event will take place from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the ECU West Research Campus at 1157 VOA Site C Road in Greenville. For more information, e-mail [wendy.welsh@ncmail.net](mailto:wendy.welsh@ncmail.net).

### Senior Choreography

Dance concentration seniors from the School of Theatre and Dance will perform original choreography at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 and at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 in the studio theatre. Tickets are required and seating is limited. For more information, call 328-6829.

### Headley presents Whitchard Lecture

ECU history professor John Headley will present "The West in Its Search for a Universal Community" at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 in room OC-307 in the Science and Technology Building. The lecture covers a time period from 330 b.c.e. - 2000 c.e. and is a part of the ECU Whitchard Lecture series.

### Asian Studies Lecture

Steve Heine, professor of religion and history at Florida International University, will present "Zen Hermits and Zen Samurai" as part of ECU's Annual Lecture in Asian Studies from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the Science and Technology Building. Heine is the author of several books, including *White Collar Zen: Using Zen Principles to Overcome Obstacles and Achieve Your Career Goals and Opening a Mountain: Koans of the Zen Masters*. For more information, contact John Tucker at 328-1028.

## New Briefs

### Local

#### NC students lose a few points in nationwide reading, math tests

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - North Carolina students had a little trouble with their reading skills, with scores on achievement tests dropping slightly in a national measure of student performance released Wednesday. Nearly 40 percent of fourth-graders and 31 percent of eighth-graders performed below a basic level of proficiency in reading, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.

But math scores held steady for both grade groups, and the North Carolina students generally performed at or slightly better than the national average in both subjects.

The biennial NAEP test is considered the best benchmark of progress over time and across the country. It assesses mathematics and reading in several areas, converting performance into a scale that ranges from 0 to 500.

North Carolina students have taken the test for more than a decade, but the 2003 report was the first to include results from all 50 states. The U.S. Education Department required participation that year since the test is now used to gauge the rigor of education in the states.

This year, North Carolina fourth-graders did better than the national average in mathematics, scoring an average of 241 points to the nationwide average of 237, and equaled the nationwide average score of 217 in reading.

But it was a slight drop from the state's 2003 results, when the students scored an average of 242 points in math and 221 in reading.

The percentage of fourth-grade students who performed at or above

basic proficiency also dipped in both subjects, from 85 percent in 2003 to 83 percent in 2005 in math, and from 66 percent to 62 percent in reading where 38 percent performed below the basic skill level.

North Carolina's eighth-grade students held steady in mathematics, raising their average score one point from 281 to 282, and maintaining a 72 percent average of students who performed at or above basic proficiency in the subject. They, too, beat the nationwide average math score of 278 points.

But like their younger counterparts, they struggled a bit in reading, dropping their average score from 262 points in 2003 to 258 this year, two points below the national average score. Only 69 percent reached basic proficiency or better, down from 72 percent in 2003 and below this year's national average of 71 percent.

Within the state, math scores were again statistically even among males and females in both age groups, while North Carolina girls outstripped the boys in reading. Fourth-grade girls scored an average of 8 points higher in reading than the boys, while the eighth-graders had a 15-point gender gap.

### National

#### Situation at troubled Taunton, Mass., dam stable, but 'extremely volatile'

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) - A weakened dam that threatened to send a wall of water through the city was under control but volatile, forcing thousands of residents to stay out of their homes, the mayor said Wednesday.

Mayor Robert G. Nunes said the city remained under a state of emergency and there was still a significant amount of water behind the 173-year-

old Whittenton Pond Dam. "However, we are winning," he added.

"We're erring on the side of caution," Nunes said. "We don't want to jump and say everything is OK, and, God forbid, have something happen."

Crews have been working to relieve pressure from the dam, which buckled earlier in the week under heavy rain in this working-class community 40 miles south of Boston.

Nunes canceled school for a second day Wednesday, and downtown businesses and all government offices and state courts were closed.

"It's better to be safe than sorry," said Brian Bishop, who has a curtain and bedding store on Main Street. "I've got a lot of money to lose if this thing goes and water comes tearing down the street."

Crews have opened floodgates on the wooden dam, and adjusted the flow on a second dam upstream. National Guard troops have placed sandbags upstream in an effort to slow the flow of the rain-swollen Mill River. "Both dams are performing as they should," said Fire Chief Joseph Rose. "But there is still a substantial amount of pressure on them."

Since the beginning of the month, Taunton has received 11 1/2 inches of rain, including more than 7 inches from Friday through Sunday.

The mayor on Monday ordered about 2,000 residents who live near the Mill River to evacuate. Though the rain has stopped, the situation at the dam worsened after some of the dam's timbers washed away. Dive teams were standing by in case rescues proved necessary.

Officials fear that a break in the dam could send 6 feet of water surging through downtown Taunton, flooding businesses and destroying homes. They also worry that if Whittenton Pond Dam collapses, so could the Morey's

Bridge dam upstream, because it no longer would have counteracting pressure on its downstream side.

The 12-foot-high Whittenton Pond Dam dates to 1832, and is near homes and businesses about a half-mile upstream from downtown Taunton. It was built to power a textile mill, but no longer has any industrial purpose. The city last flooded in 1968, when the same dam broke.

### World

#### Defiant Saddam goes on trial for 1982 massacre of Shites

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Saddam Hussein went on trial Wednesday for a massacre of his fellow Iraqis, turning immediately argumentative and challenging the legitimacy of the court as he appeared before a five-judge panel in the former headquarters of his Baath Party two years after his capture.

Saddam pleaded not guilty after he and seven former members of his regime were formally charged with murder, torture, forced expulsion and illegal imprisonment for a 1982 massacre of nearly 150 Shites in the town of Dujail. They could face the death penalty by hanging if they are convicted.

At the opening of the trial the 68-year-old ousted Iraqi leader looking thin with a salt-and-pepper beard in a dark gray suit and open-collared white shirt stood and asked the presiding judge: "Who are you? I want to know who you are."

"I do not respond to this so-called court, with all due respect to its people, and I retain my constitutional right as the president of Iraq," he said, brushing off the judge's attempts to interrupt him. "Neither do I recognize the body that has designated and authorized you, nor the aggression

because all that has been built on false basis is false."

The presiding judge, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, a Kurd, tried to get Saddam to formally identify himself but Saddam refused and finally sat. Amin read his name for him, calling him the "former president of Iraq," bringing a protest from Saddam, who insisted he was still in the post.

The other defendants include Saddam's former intelligence chief Barazan Ibrahim, former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan and other lower-level Baathist civil servants. Most were wearing traditional Arab robes and they complained that they were not allowed to have headaddresses, so court officials brought out red headaddresses for them. Many Sunni Arabs consider it shameful to appear in public without the checkered scarf, tied by a cord around the forehead.

The trial is taking place in the marble building that once served as the National Command Headquarters of his feared Baath Party. The building in Baghdad's Green Zone, the heavily fortified district where Iraq's government, parliament and the U.S. Embassy are located, was ringed with 10-foot blast walls and U.S. and Iraqi troops, with several Humvees and at least one tank deployed outside. U.S. soldiers led sniffer dogs around the grounds, looking for explosives.

The world will be watching Saddam's trial to see whether Iraq's new Shiite and Kurdish leaders can rise above politics and prejudice and give the former dictator a fair hearing. Human rights group have criticized the government for trying to influence the trial and that considerable U.S. logistical and financial aid to the tribunal could lend credibility to charges that it will mete out "victors' justice."

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10. During that morning, three explosives were found at residence halls on Georgia Tech's campus.

"Around 8:45 a.m. during routine grounds cleaning, a facilities worker picked up an item believed to be trash in the courtyard between the Glenn and Cloudman residence halls on the southeast side of campus and it exploded," wrote Matthew Nagel, public affairs writer at Georgia Tech.

As a result, 100 students were evacuated from dorms while the police and fire departments investigated.

"The Atlanta Police Department bomb squad detonated the remaining two devices shortly before noon and students were

allowed to re-enter the residence halls," Nagel wrote.

"The facility worker was taken to a clinic for evaluation and released."

ECU authorities put out alerts on Monday and Tuesday of this week about the Georgia Tech incident. Officials are making more efforts to watch out for suspicious bags and boxes left behind in areas. They want the ECU community to be on the lookout as well.

Greenville Police is continuing to investigate the suspicious backpack situation and charges are still pending.

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"There is currently a big boom in 'state approved' schools offering degrees via distance learning, especially from California," Phillips said.

"Many states regulate private training and trade schools by putting them through a state approval process. This process is not the same as accreditation. Sometimes it simply means that a license to do business has been granted."

More information about ECU's distance education programs can be obtained from the Division of Continuing Studies' Web site, [ecu.edu/cs-acad/options/index.cfm](http://ecu.edu/cs-acad/options/index.cfm). There is also information at the Web site about their coordination with Fort Bragg and Wayne County.

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# Religious Studies department plans for trip abroad to India

India provides a rich culture for students to study

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In the summer of 2006, Derek Maher, assistant professor of Religious Studies, will lead a team of students to India for one month to study the country's vast range of religion and culture.

"India is one of the most dynamic, religiously diverse places in the world," said Maher. During the first half of the trip, students will visit a variety of temples, monuments and other sacred sites, including the Taj Mahal, Varanasi, Khajuraho, Sarnath and Bodhgaya to name a few. The last two weeks will be spent in the northern town of Dharamsala, where students will undertake their own self-directed study and produce a class project from their experiences.

"Religion is so much more public in India. We will focus a great deal on how adherents encounter their own sacred space," Maher said.

India is home to some 800 million Hindus, 200 million Muslims and also a variety of other religions like Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity and Sikhism. Students will be able to experience all of these different traditions enmeshed in Indian

culture, but the main focus will be on Indo-Tibetan Buddhism.

A rough estimate for the cost of the trip is \$4,200 - a cheaper cost than many study abroad groups from ECU. Students can earn six credit hours in humanities for the class.

"For out-of-state students, it is probably the cheapest way to earn credits during summer school," Maher said.

Maher hopes to have 15 to 20 students on the trip. "Everyone should travel abroad at least once in their lives because it is such an eye-opening and self-fulfilling experience. You learn so much about other cultures and yourself," said Wes Borton, junior religious studies and history major.

After studying the Tibetan language with Maher, Borton spent two months this summer studying at Tibet University in Lhasa, Tibet in a joint program with Columbia University and the University of Virginia. He also plans to attend the study abroad program to India this summer.

It is not expected that all or even most students attending the trip will be religious studies majors. Maher anticipates a variety of students like biology, music and political science majors because of the self-directed portion of the trip. In Dharamsala, the seat of the Tibetan govern-

ment-in-exile, there are about 10,000 Tibetans, including the Dalai Lama. Many cultural institutions have sprung up to preserve Tibetan traditions, such as the Medical and Astrological Institute, the Performing Arts Institute and the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. In essence, a music student could study music at the Performing Arts Institute or a biology student could study Tibetan medicine. For those who are unsure of what they wish to study, there is also the option of gathering an oral history from townspeople. Students will also study cultural forms in Dharamsala like metal castings, scroll paintings, art and architecture.

"You could lead a trip to India every year and it would be different every time. There is such a depth of tradition here that seems to be lost to us in the west," Maher said.

For those who are interested in the study abroad trip to India, Maher suggests they enroll in PHIL 2692: Buddhism, as it will provide a good prequel to the trip. Topics discussed will include several sites the group will be visiting. For more information on the study abroad trip to India, please e-mail [maherd@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:maherd@mail.ecu.edu).

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pany had its licensed pulled last year and could not mass-market vaccinations. This resulted from a plant in Liverpool, England suspending productions because of safety concerns.

"The plant was slated to provide between 46 million and 48 million doses of flu vaccine for the U.S. market for the imminent 2004-2005 flu season, almost half the expected nationwide supply," according to a Congressional Research Report article.

The Student Health Service is equipped to handle flu outbreaks through their various protocols. They track certain illnesses that are prominent in particular areas around campus and confine them. Along with that, they also administer masks for contagious patients with heavy coughs and distribute hand sanitizer to them as well. There are often practices and drills employees go through to ensure promptness.

The Student Health Service is also prepared to help students with gastrointestinal illnesses and meningitis. Meningitis is something Goldberg said could be critical, albeit rare. A vaccination is highly recommended. Bacterial meningitis can be prob-

lematic, but so can an instance of viral meningitis.

"Viral can be pretty bad because with viral there are no antibiotics," Goldberg said.

Fortunately though, viral meningitis is not contagious. It comes from other infections.

Georgia Childs, assistant director for Peer Health at the Student Health Service, is preparing several informative sessions designed to educate students on health concerns. The most particular emphasis will be on the upcoming Halloween partying. Next Tuesday's Haunted Health program, hosted by Healthy Pirates, will address some of the health problems at Halloween parties. Students must present an ECU OneCard to attend.

"People will learn more about how to be safe on Halloween," said Childs.

Haunted Health is Oct. 28 at Todd Dining Hall from 6 - 8 p.m. The primary goal will be to familiarize students with the effects of heavy drinking in overcrowded areas.

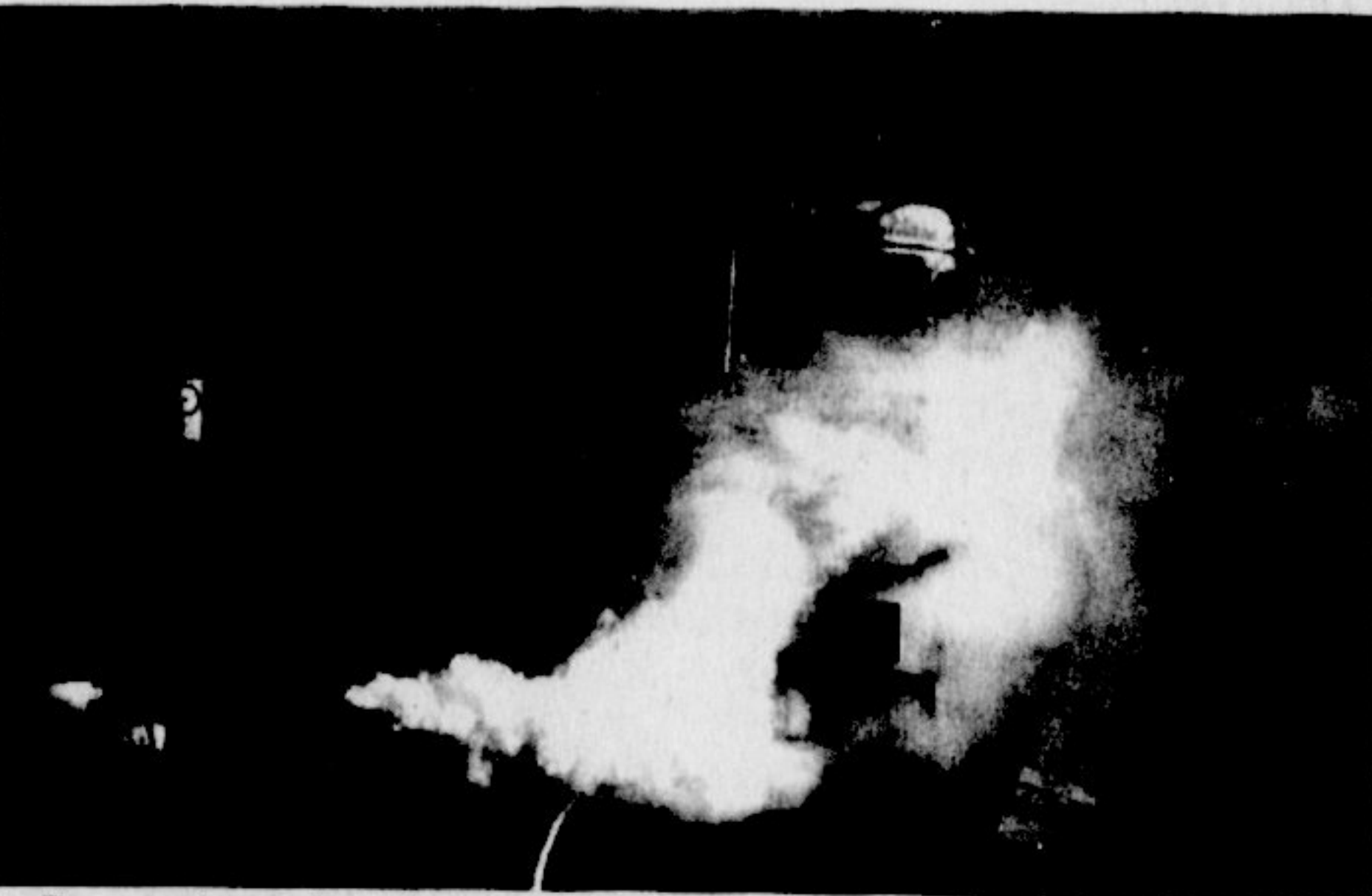
"We don't tell people not to drink," Childs said. "[We tell them to] learn ways to be safe about it . . . everything in mod-

eration, make sure you're traveling with groups of people and go home with the same people you went to a party with."

The Healthy Lifestyles Team and Healthy Pirates are also sponsoring a program at the Student Recreational Center titled World of Wellness Expo. On Oct. 27, from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m., students have the opportunity to examine health aspects like food, sex, alcohol and stress through activities involving international metaphors like Mount Stressless, Oktoberfest, Sextopia and Fantasy Food Island. The event is also designed to showcase Healthy Pirates. Healthy Pirates is an acronym that stands for Peers Influencing Responsible Actions Throughout Everyday Situations. Healthy Pirates has also started efforts in breast cancer awareness.

Goldberg suggests getting FluMist and flu shots earlier because bodies need a time to develop immunity from influenza. She said people could always improve their chances of avoiding the flu by improving self-care habits.

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In Romania, a disinfectant train fights against the bird flu.

## Bird flu causes panic for China, 2,600 reported dead

BEIJING (AP) - Some 2,600 birds have been found dead of bird flu in northern China's grasslands, the government said Wednesday, amid reports of new outbreaks in Europe and Russia.

Preliminary tests detected the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain in samples taken from a region south of Moscow where hundreds of birds died suddenly, the Agriculture Ministry said Wednesday.

If confirmed, the discovery in the Tula region, 125 miles south of Moscow, would mark the first time the lethal strain has appeared in European Russia, west of the Ural Mountains.

Elsewhere, tests carried out by experts in Britain confirmed the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain in a second location in Romania's eastern Danube Delta region,

Romanian officials announced. Authorities have killed all farm birds in the area and finished disinfecting the areas, including people's houses and yards.

Specialists worry that infected birds in the Danube Delta, a large wetland reservation home to 323 species of birds, could spread the virus to Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece and Africa when they migrate later this year.

In Brussels, an EU official said bird flu was suspected in Macedonia, where authorities started Wednesday to cull 10,000 chickens in a small southern village as a precaution.

Macedonia borders Greece, where the EU was already investigating a possible outbreak of the H5N1 virus, which has killed

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# Rice outlines strategy of 'clear, hold and build' in clearing out insurgents



Rice meets with Senator Lugar before her testimony.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Wednesday outlined a strategy for helping Iraqis clear out insurgents and build durable, national institutions as she sought to reassure jittery members of Congress about the path to peace in Iraq.

Rice said the United States will follow a model that was successful in Afghanistan. Starting next month, she said, joint diplomatic-military groups—Provincial Reconstruction Teams—will work alongside Iraqis as they train police, set up courts, and help local governments establish essential services.

Even as Rice tried to crystallize the strategy before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Republicans and Democrats pressed her for more specifics that they say will help Americans determine when U.S.

troops in Iraq can return home.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the committee chairman, questioned whether Iraqis should have benchmarks for progress. "At what point do we try to set some markers?" he asked.

"They are taking over responsibility for some of the toughest places—those are good benchmarks," Rice responded.

Democrats urged her to explain how the strategy would impact the number of U.S. troops serving in Iraq.

"I'm not looking for a date to get out of Iraq," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the top Democrat on the panel, said. "But at what point, assuming the strategy works, do you think we'll be able to see some sign of bringing some American forces home?"

Rice demurred to the opinions of military commanders,

saying: "I don't want to hazard what I think would be a guess, even if it were an assessment, of when that might be possible."

By State Department design, Rice testified before the committee just days after Iraq apparently approved its first constitution since a U.S.-led coalition ousted Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003. Her appearance also coincided with the start of Saddam's trial in Baghdad for a massacre of 150 of his fellow Iraqis.

At the White House, press secretary Scott McClellan praised Saddam's trial as "a symbol that the rule of law is returning to Iraq."

Rice heralded the referendum on the charter as "a landmark" and said the U.S. strategy was moving from a stage of transition to a stage of preparing a permanent Iraqi government.

"Clear areas from insurgent control, to hold them securely, and to build durable, national Iraqi institutions," Rice said.

"Our strategy is to clear, hold, and build," she said. "The enemy's strategy is to infect, terrorize, and pull down."

With Iraqi allies, she said, the United States is working to dismantle the insurgent network and disrupt foreign support for them, maintain security in areas insurgents no longer hold, and build national institutions to "sustain security forces, bring rule of law, visibly deliver essential services, and offer the Iraqi people hope for a better economic future."

Rice said that to ensure success in Iraq, the country's ethnic

sects must work together to build the new permanent democracy, and the new government must show financial accountability and professionalism while demonstrating a willingness to make tough decisions.

Continuing her recent stepped-up criticism of Syria and Iran, Rice said Iraq's two neighbors must do more to help stop the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq. "Syria and, indeed, Iran must decide whether they wish to side with the cause of war or with the cause of peace," she said.

With President Bush's poll numbers dragged down by public discomfort over Iraq, Rice was seeking to reassure lawmakers—who are feeling the heat from their war-weary constituents—that U.S. policies toward Iraq are sound.

Republicans and Democrats alike are raising questions about the Bush administration's diplomatic and military plans in Iraq amid a rising U.S. death toll, soaring costs and slumping public support for the war.

"Even if withdrawal timelines are deemed unwise because they might provide a strategic advantage to the insurgency, the American people need to more fully understand the basis upon which our troops are likely to come home," Lugar said.

Biden drew on the White House's frequent explanation of a strategy, saying: "Staying the course is clearly something the American people will not follow—will not follow. So tell us, what are the standards?"

## Legislation from page A1

of the bill, has appeared in more than a dozen state legislatures. States like Colorado, Pennsylvania and Ohio have passed variations, albeit resolutions less powerful than Horowitz's original version.

"It's an attack on freedom of speech from professors," said Kearney.

"The goal is to restrict liberal speech in the classroom, and I think that is a dangerous thing to do. It would set a dangerous

precedent."

A version of the bill is currently up for debate in the House and although the enforcement of the bill could be weak because universities would probably self-regulate enforcement, some are worried schools would have to bow to partisan politics in an attempt to gain funding.

There is also a growing concern that students could sue professors and universities because of conflicts over viewpoints and

teaching methods, or that teachers could be fired for not teaching views they don't find viable.

Horowitz founded students-foracademicfreedom.com last year to garner support for the bill. So far, the group has supporters on more than 130 campuses nationwide.

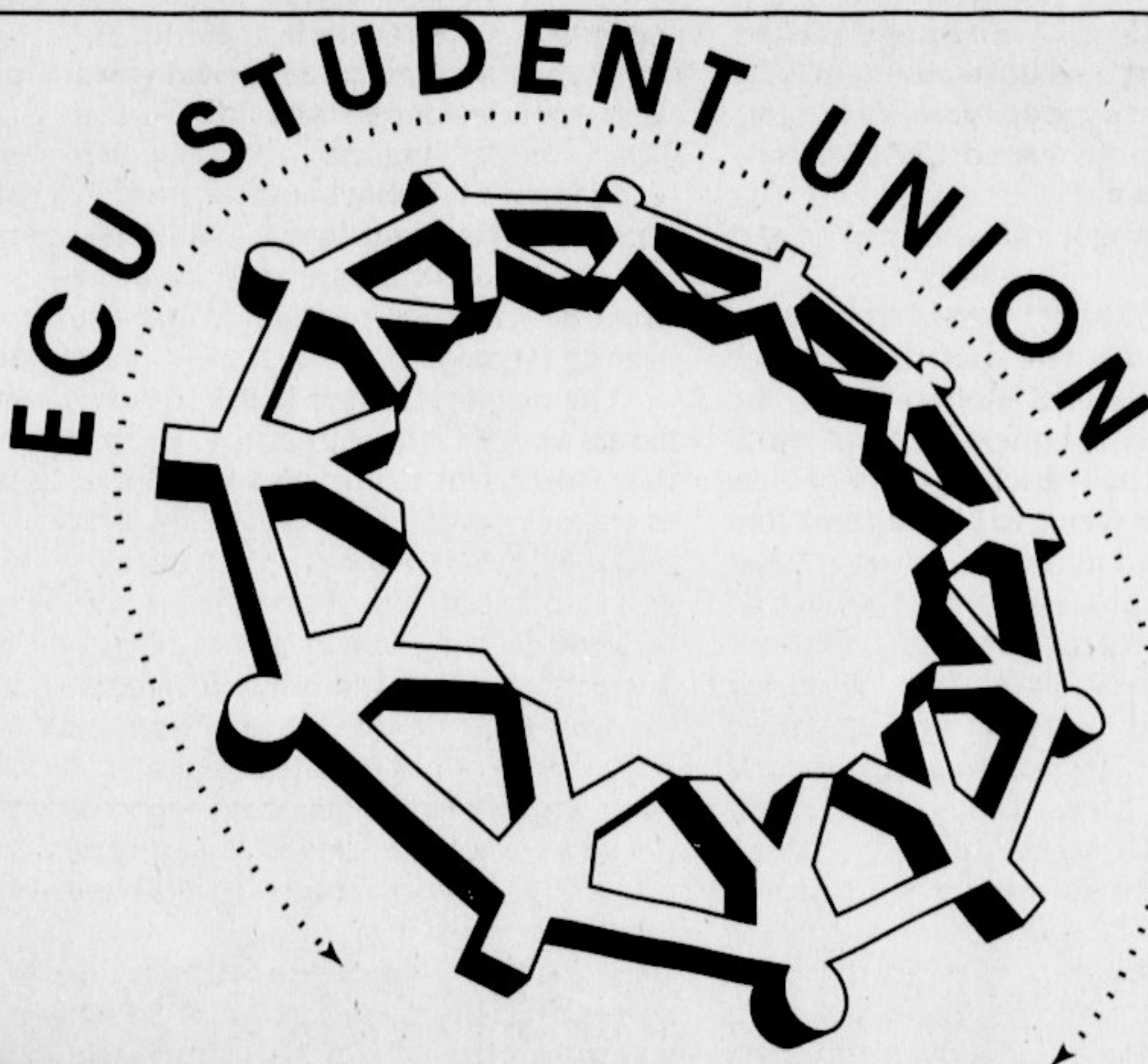
The faculties at several UNC universities including Appalachian State University, North Carolina State University and the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill have all passed resolutions opposing the bill, along with the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly, which represents all 16 UNC schools.

"In America, the only place for free expression of ideas is universities," Kearney said.

"The Academic Bill of Rights would infringe on that."

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## Our View

People have an overzealous fascination with abomination

It has become the case that our loyal readers have expressed an interest in stories pertaining to crime, violence and chaos. Yes, in the Pirate Rants, there have been at least two or three requests for stories about sexual assaults and drug dealers. Aside from a few requests for cross-country coverage and a couple other sports topics, there have been a remarkably low number of suggestions for stories outside the realm of entropy. Are you folks the same people that have to pull over to see the wreckage and carnage of a highway accident? We know you have more things to do with your time than worrying about the pain and suffering of strangers. Also, the whole spiel about caring about drugs or campus safety is a lie. You want to read about drugs and rape for the same reason you want to slow down and check out the car wreck: fascination with abomination. By the way, slowing down to look at a wreck is just as annoying as cell-phone walking.

We could probably spend long amounts of time documenting America's culture of violence but there is not enough space in the newspaper. The quick solution to the problem: turn the stupid cop dramas and pro wrestling off for a little while.

There are a number of newspapers that provide readers with a section about arrests and crimes. *TEC* does not run a section like that. This is partly because other papers that do this are doing it out of desperation for readers. While we do run a Pirate Rant section that is grounded in whim and abomination, *TEC* primarily focuses on publishing works about the most important subjects to the student community. When violence and chaos is worthy of coverage, we cover it to the best of our ability. When it involves peoples' feelings or mindless violence, it does not absolutely have to be printed. Furthermore, drug dealers are hardly breaking news. If we print the story on drug dealers, you will just be bored by yet another cookie-cutter drug article. Maybe it would be better to read Plato or a book on Yoga instead?

Today's edition is evidence of how we will publish stories about confusion and suffering when they are relevant. Our always-capable news editor was good enough to submit stories on unpleasant topics like bomb scares and the flu. Dear readers, I ask thee, does this satiate your desires for abominable news? Please continue to submit your suggestions. We are always willing to entertain them somehow.

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## Opinion Columnist

It's time to curb police's abuse of power, abuse in general

Are they using power to protect and severely assault?

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Who would win in a fight: a samurai or a ninja? Stalin or Hitler? Godzilla or Voltron? These are the things that I think about a lot and on the rare occasion that I get together with friends, they're the main topics of discussion.

Say what you want about hypothetical fights – call me immature if you like – but some of the most thoughtful and entertaining conversations that I have ever engaged in revolved around them.

The only bad thing about these hypothetical fights is that sadly, they're just hypothetical and most of would never be possible. So unfortunately, there can never be a decisive outcome to the lively debate surrounding them.

That's why I was thrilled on October 11 when one of my longest, most heated arguments was finally settled in New Orleans: who would win in a fight between a group of police officers and a 64-year-old retired schoolteacher. And guess what – I was right – the schoolteacher got the snot kicked out of him.

If you haven't heard the story by now, here's the gist: In the wee hours of October 8, Robert Davis, the schoolteacher in question, was walking around the French Quarter of New Orleans. This seems to be the point that both sides can agree on, however what happens next that provokes the beating is in question and I'll discuss it later.

What is clear is the beating, which was recorded on video by a spectator and witnessed by several people including a news crew. The video clearly shows Smith, a grandfather, being grabbed by three officers and thrown against a brick wall. Overpowered by the three who were eventually joined by some sort of government agent, Smith didn't seem capable of doing too much against the attack, however that didn't keep one officer from landing

four to five wicked blows the back of Smith's head and then throwing him to the ground.

As the blood flowed from Smith's face, the officers jumped on top of him and continued to pummel him. One officer felt the best tactic would be to put Smith in some sort of Ultimate Fighting ankle-lock – the reasoning, I guess being that should Smith somehow manage to escape the officers, he wouldn't get far with a broken leg.

All the while, a police officer on horseback felt it was more important to try and block the recording of the incident with his horse rather than attempt to bring some semblance of order. Although I'm guessing had he gotten involved, it would have meant even more trouble for Smith – horses can do a lot of damage.

So what provoked the horrific incident? That's where the stories differ dramatically. Smith says that he was downtown getting a free dinner for people who lost their homes during Hurricane Katrina – which he did – and afterwards decided to take a walk and have a smoke. When he asked the officer on horseback about curfew, another officer interrupted. Smith called the officer rude and began walking away when he was sucker punched and the beating ensued.

The officers' lawyer Frank DeSalvo paints a very different picture. He says that Smith was drunk and belligerent as he walked down Bourbon Street. After bumping into the horse, which must be a serious offense in New Orleans, the officers deemed Smith to be dangerously intoxicated and put him against the wall to frisk him. It's odd because I always thought police frisked suspects to find out the contents of their pockets, not their skulls. Apparently, according to DeSalvo, the officers were following "proper procedure."

I've got a big problem with DeSalvo's explanation. First of all, if Smith was stumbling down the street and couldn't stand on his own DeSalvo claims, would it really have been neces-

sary to have three to four men taking him down? It seems like it would have been much easier for them.

Second, Smith says that he's a recovering alcoholic who hasn't had a drink in 25 years. Granted, he's had a bad month and if he slipped and had a drink, I really wouldn't blame him. But if he's kept it straight for 25 years – I'm going to take his word on that. I know from experience that recovering alcoholics do not mess around when it comes to their sobriety. It's a big issue for them. To me it seems like the police were looking for the standard excuse and it's blown up in their face.

Even if he had been drinking and the charges against him – public intoxication, resisting arrest, battery on an officer and public intimidation – were true, do they justify what the police did to him? I've seen the video over and over and the only resistance that I can see is when he put his arms up to try and protect himself from the savage beating. Is that a crime? It's a natural instinct.

I've seen interviews with Smith since the incident and I believe him about what happened. He's a well-spoken, pleasant man caught by the gross abuse of the power that police officers already have a huge amount of. It's a job where they don't even require a high school diploma and somehow they can control the lives of everyone surrounding them.

I know it's a difficult occupation and I know that all officers don't act the way that the officers in New Orleans did. But I also know that it does happen and has happened a lot in the past. I won't bring up the name Rodney King – oh wait, I just did. It's appalling what those officers did and it's time to make a statement. Police officers are not god-like figures.

The three police officers involved have been charged with battery. If they skate on this one like the officers involved with the Rodney King situation did, there better be a riot. And I'm going to be there.

imagine the immaculate and proper Condi Rice saying it, especially to a "brotha" who has made a fortune playing the bad boy, it makes me laugh.

Which is to say Marlette's cartoon hit the mark. It was sophisticated, irreverent and funny. His use of West's own language to parody the rapper's political statement was, in fact, the art of the cartoon.

Yet certain campus groups and administrators were outraged. This, even though the same student government that pulled ads from the Alligator is paying West to drop the N-bomb in concert at the university in a few days.

It's hardly surprising that students don't understand that the First Amendment, which protects Marlette's and Brandes' right to voice unpopular opinions, also protects West's "music," as well as their own right to protest.

It's disturbing, however, when faculty and administrators' understanding is little better.

The painful irony is that minorities are historically the first to suffer when free speech goes. Not so long ago, blacks were lynched in this country for trying to voice their opinions at the polls. Which is why African Americans – and now Arab Americans troubled by the specter of discrimination – should be the loudest voices supporting the freedoms that permit even speech they find offensive.

It's a messy job, but everybody's got to do it.

## Pirate Rant

Students that pay absolutely no attention in class whatsoever don't have the right to be here. Your parents would not be proud.

How can a person that doesn't know any Spanish learn the language when the professor only talks in Spanish? Please be a little nicer!

I wonder what the ratio of smokers to non-smokers is around here. Considering how many people smoke around here, I bet you it's outrageous.

The career fair is being held at Minges because it has grown so large that there is nowhere else that can accommodate all the employers. You can park Minges!

If you have never listened to a live Grateful Dead show you're crazy. I guarantee you will love it and immediately burn all your other music. P.S. Pink shirts are not cool!

Girls who wear shirts that start with "if you want to get with me..." – you're just looking to be called a derogatory word, so don't be mad. You're proud anyway.

When a professor states in their syllabus that cell phones are to be turned off, guess what? That means they don't enjoy a cheap rip-off of "Barbie Girl" ringtone going off in their class.

Why is it that no one in the library knows how to make copies at night? I prefer to go to the dentist than ask anyone else there for help!

Even though my roommate kept me nearly locked in our room when I had a paper due the next morning and wouldn't let me go anywhere until it was done, thank you. I got a good score because of that.

The Career Fair is going to be Huge!

The New ECU colors: purple, gold and construction zone orange. It is all over our campus so it might as well be one of our colors. Hold off on the construction and let us enjoy our beautiful campus.

Professor, you had us buy a \$40 textbook, and you've had us use it all of three times so far... and I don't anticipate using it much for the rest of the semester. I could have used that money for coffee to stay awake in your boring class.

Why is it that some of you ECU transit bus drivers decide to shut the doors in my face and speed away just as I approach the bus after hauling my way from the commuter parking lot? Do you find this amusing? Can you not wait two more seconds for me to get on when other drivers graciously wait five minutes for riders taking their time to the bus?

Quiet hours may have been established for a reason, I mean, wow, we might actually be sleeping while you go running and screaming down the hall like elementary school kids.

I hate it when you see a pretty hot girl walking to class and as you look closer, she blows out a plume of smoke. Ladies – it's not attractive, and frankly, it makes you and your breath smell awful.

Hey Guys! Go easy on the body spray, or actually take a shower. Covering your stench to the point of making your cologne so thick in the air it's taste-able doesn't make you smell good.

If an assignment is pass/fail, how do you get a "p"?

Did I miss the memo on how to be cool, or did a truckload of ugly sweaters just decide to attack and cling to people?

The rice pudding in Todd scares me.

To the guy who laughed when our fire alarm went off at 3:30 a.m. in the rain: How do you like having your fire alarm go off three times in 24 hours?

Yarr! Ah figured, mateys, tha' if Ah actually got me rant in, might as well talk like ye booty-stealin' sailors of th' high seas!

You mean waking up to the smell of cooking ramen at eight in the morning on a Saturday is unwelcome?

That's right people – I was going to the B-GLAD meeting and proud of it. Try not to stare too much, most people find it rude, and besides, didn't your parents teach you some amount of decency?

Does anyone else hate this lady: "I'm sorry; your call could not be completed. Please try again later."

To the girl behind me who made a scene of opening and drinking her coffee during class – thank you. The look on the professor's face was just priceless, perhaps now he'll realize just how boring his class is.

To the guy listening to his iPod during class: I have one of those too. At least I know how to listen to it when the Professor isn't lecturing the day before a test. Next time turn it down or just turn it off. Or on second thought, don't sit near me. There's plenty of space in the front of the class.

Thank you ECU bus routes, for being completely useless. You never come on time. I either miss the bus because you came way too early and I was out there on time, or I'm late to class because you took your sweet time getting up the Hill.

I agree with Java City's problem of never having any supplies. There's nothing better than to go to the Library at 10 p.m. and order an iced white mocha extra shot of espresso to find out they don't have ice and don't have white chocolate. Hmmm guess I need to find another way to stay awake for my study session.

This is to the girl who sits in my Chemistry Class M, W, Th, F from 8-8:50 a.m. (the front row of the left section first seat on the right). If you have so many questions, instead of stopping the class every time please go to his office. Better yet, so you don't take up the whole hour because he sees so many students, please set up an appt. with him.

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## In My Opinion

(KRT) — The First Amendment has been getting a workout in recent weeks on two college campuses – the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – where students are learning that free speech is a messy business.

The two cases, one involving a columnist at UNC and the other a political cartoonist at UF, have inflamed minority groups – Muslims and blacks, respectively – provoking protests and debate. That's the good news; protest and debate are the currency of free speech.

What's not such good news is that the UNC cartoonist was fired, and the Florida cartoonist has been condemned and threatened. Both students have been virtually abandoned by university officials, some of whom apparently are more concerned about burnishing their multiculti self-images than in supporting an increasingly embattled founding principle.

Jillian Brandes, a former columnist for UNC's Daily Tar Heel, wrote a column making a case for racial profiling in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks that began hyperbolically: "I want all Arabs to be stripped naked and cavity-searched if they get within 100 yards of an airport."

Then she proceeded to quote several Arab students and a professor who said they wouldn't mind being searched. Some subsequently claimed their remarks had been taken out of context, an unprecedented development in jour-

nalism. Brandes was fired.

One could make a strong argument that Brandes' column was silly, amateurish, lacking in taste, strident and ineffective. But people have a clear and protected right to be both silly and amateurish.

Brandes' editor claimed that he fired her for "journalistic malpractice," for taking quotes out of context, not in response to pressure. I can only say that in 25 years with newspapers, I've never known anyone to be fired when a story's subjects didn't like the way quotes were used.

In Gainesville, Fla., cartoonist Andy Marlette drew an image that has angered some black groups. Marlette is the nephew of Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist and author Doug Marlette, whose talent as an equal-opportunity offender apparently seeped into the family gene pool.

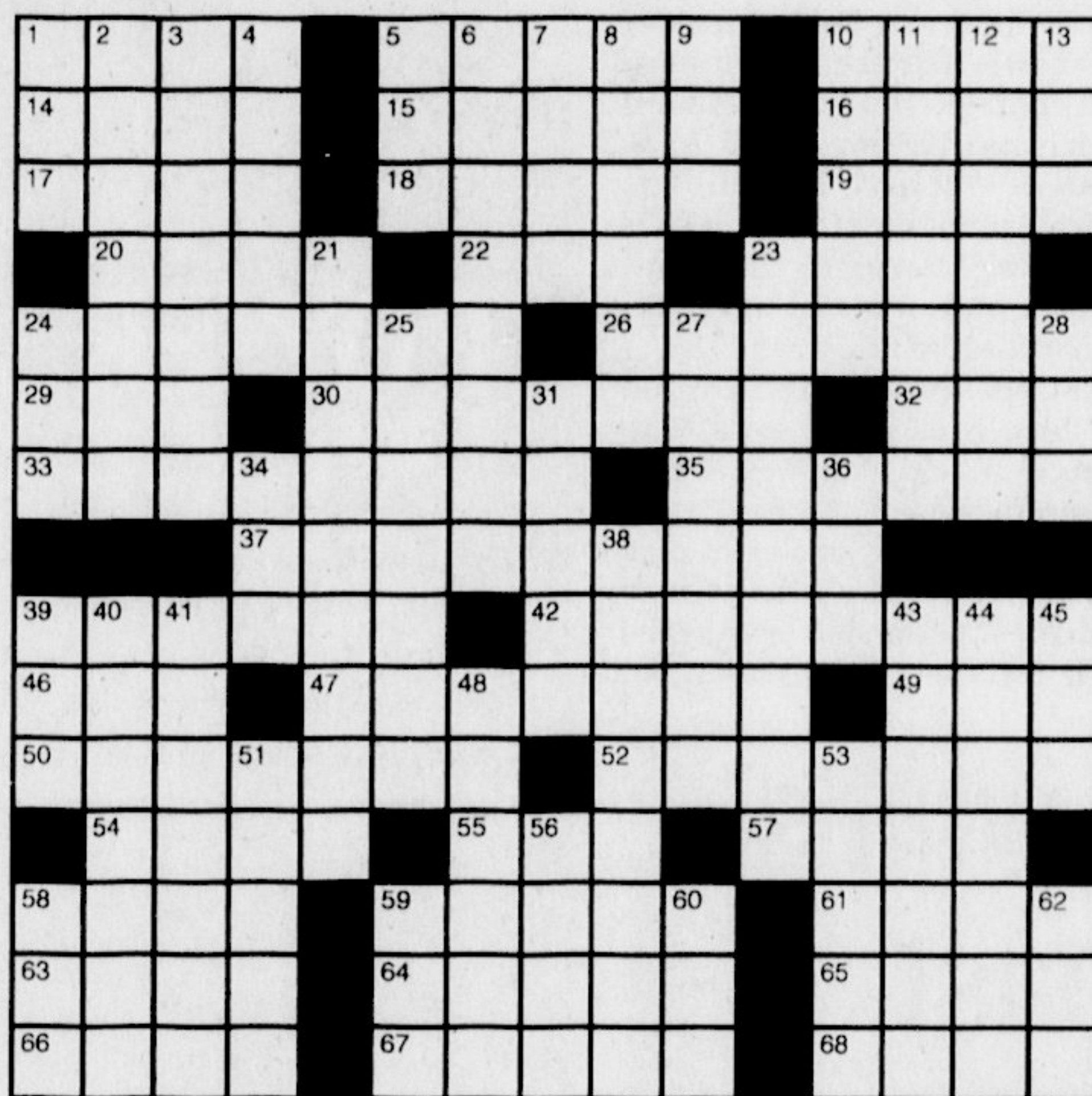
Marlette the Younger's cartoon in the Independent Florida Alligator was a commentary on rapper Kanye West's remarks following Hurricane Katrina that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." Marlette drew a cartoon of West holding an oversized playing card labeled "The Race Card," with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying, "Nigga Please!"

The N-word makes me cringe... especially every time I hear Kanye West say it. His songs, including his current hit, "Gold Digger," are liberally seasoned with the word, often couched in violence and obscenity. But when I



## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Subdue
  - 5 Roam stealthily
  - 10 Border on
  - 14 Sharif or Epps
  - 15 Type of race
  - 16 Albacore
  - 17 Creche figures
  - 18 More than chunky
  - 19 Truth twister
  - 20 Software support person
  - 22 Cold War letters
  - 23 Formal dance
  - 24 Most on edge
  - 26 Rap group, — Boys
  - 29 Loophole
  - 30 Disgrace
  - 32 Harry's successor
  - 33 Of a meal
  - 35 Red gem
  - 37 American desserts
  - 39 Get steamed
  - 42 Really big
  - 46 Coffee container
  - 47 Ballroom dance
  - 49 Lennon's lover
  - 50 Open porch
  - 52 Author of "Knots"
  - 54 Ah, \_\_\_ off it!
  - 55 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - 57 Jazz singer
  - 58 Fitzgerald
  - 59 Sewing case
  - 59 Kind of poll
  - 61 Is just the right size
  - 63 Becomes pudding
  - 64 Actress Della
  - 65 Division word
  - 66 Citrus drinks
  - 67 Pontificate
  - 68 Vanities
- DOWN
- 1 Cruise in Hollywood
  - 2 Pastime athlete
  - 3 Purplish red
  - 4 Idle and Ambler
  - 5 Golf club employee
  - 6 Confutation
  - 7 Corrida calls
  - 8 Japanese horseradish
  - 9 Detergent ingredient
  - 10 Book of maps
  - 11 Not detachable
  - 12 Different
  - 13 Veteran seafarer
  - 21 Listening equipment
  - 23 Vampires?
  - 24 Lid
  - 25 Scholarship allowance
  - 27 Stored, as fodder
  - 28 Slithery fish
  - 31 Guinness and Baldwin
  - 34 Styron's Turner
  - 36 Orbiting loc.
  - 38 Yankee dish
  - 39 4Runner or Highlander
  - 40 Put up
  - 41 Along the way
  - 43 Making dirty
  - 44 Lipstick tree
  - 45 Cabin component
  - 48 Christian celebration
  - 51 Out of whack
  - 53 Caine film
  - 56 Length x width
  - 58 Continental NASA equivalent
  - 59 B'way theater sign
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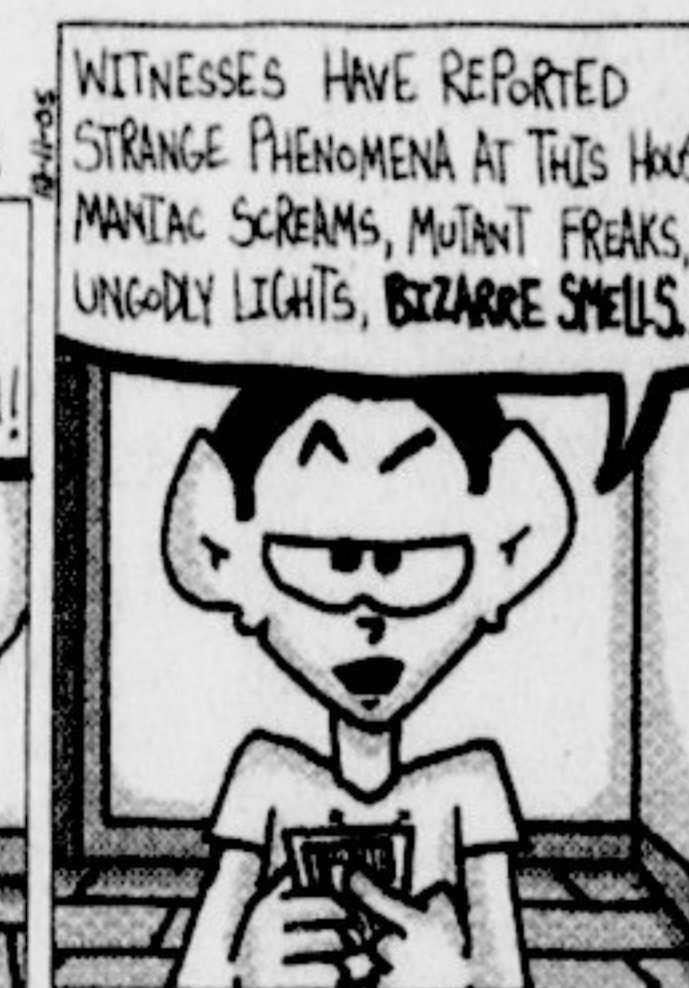


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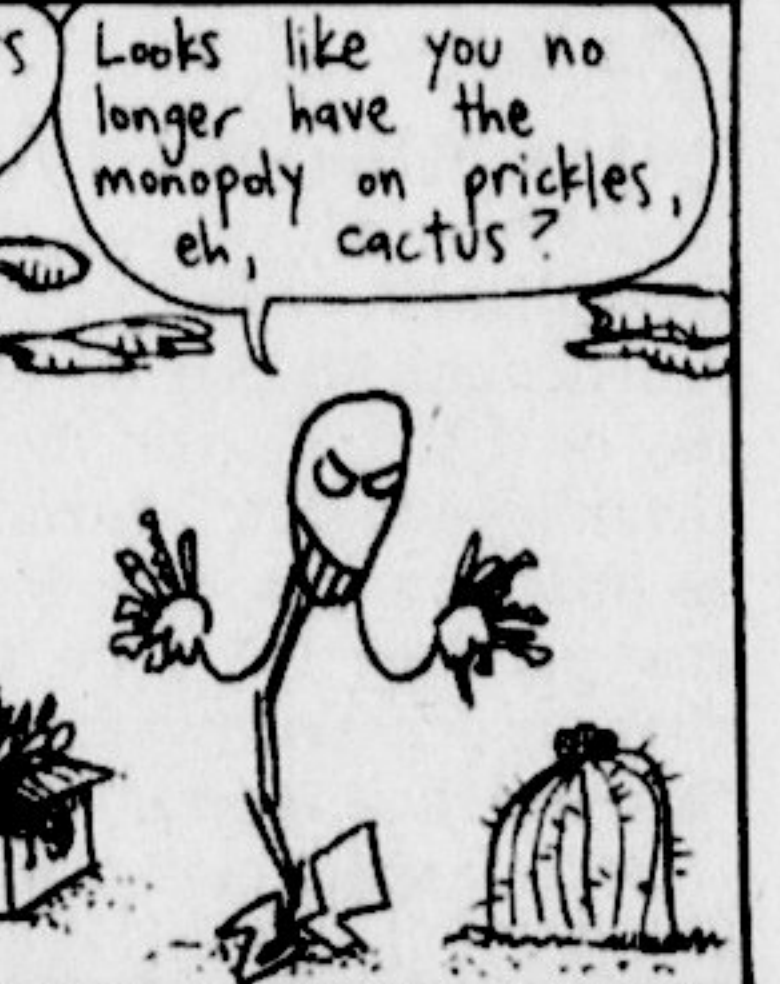
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## China from page A2

60 people in Asia. The lethal flu strain also has been confirmed in Turkey.

Scientists fear the H5N1 virus, which is difficult for humans to contract, could mutate into a form more easily transmitted between people and lead to a pandemic.

To prepare, the United States and European governments have been stockpiling vaccines, and on Wednesday the British government said it was inviting manufacturers to tender for a contract to supply a vaccine if a pandemic strain emerges.

The Department of Health said Wednesday it would need approximately 120 million doses to be available as soon as possible. "We can't prevent a flu pandemic, but we can reduce its impact," said Liam Donaldson, Britain's chief medical officer.

EU health officials have warned that most of the bloc's 25 countries lack sufficient stocks of anti-viral drugs, and said they are planning a simulation exercise of a flu pandemic by the end of the year to improve preparedness.

At the same time, the EU's disease control agency Wednesday tried to downplay anxiety about bird flu spreading to humans on the continent.

"The risk of infection for most people in Europe is close to zero," said Zsuzsanna Jakab of the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

The agency gave two guidelines for people to minimize the risk of being infected: Don't touch dead or sick birds, and only eat poultry and eggs that are well prepared.

Also Wednesday, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization warned that the risk of

bird flu spreading to the Middle East and Africa has markedly increased following the confirmation of outbreaks in Romania and Turkey which showed the virus was spreading along the pathways of migratory birds outside southeast Asia.

In Germany, the environment minister said farmers would be ordered to keep poultry indoors away from contact with migrating wild fowl.

And officials of the Israeli and Jordanian veterinary services will meet at the border between the two countries Thursday to work on a plan to combat bird flu, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said.

The dead birds in China were found in a breeding facility in Tengjiaying, a village near Hohhot, the capital of the Inner Mongolia region, the official Xinhua news

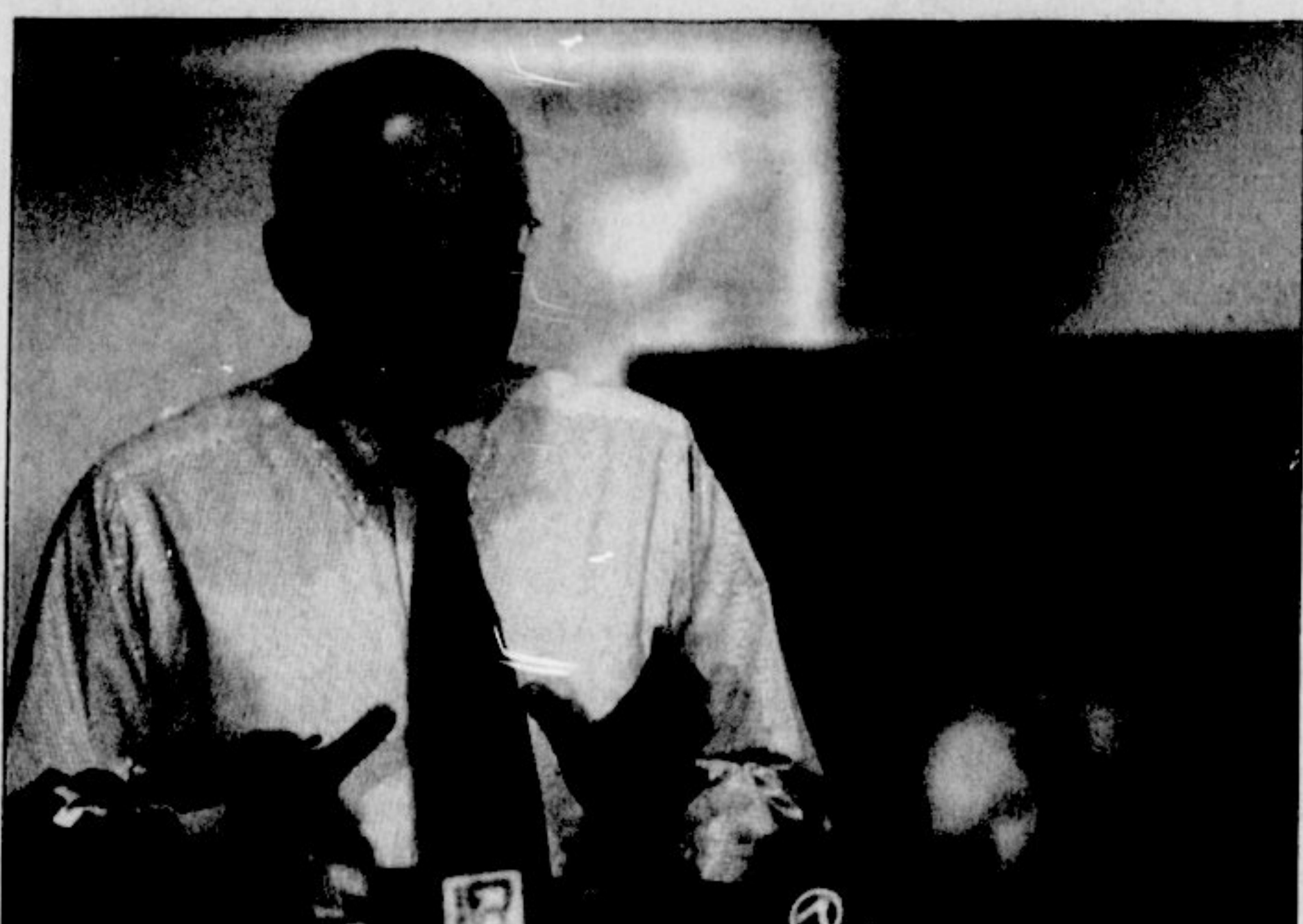
agency reported. They were infected with H5N1, Xinhua said, giving no further details.

"The epidemic is under control," the report said.

In Macedonia, the birds were being destroyed in Mogila, a village outside the southern city of Bitola, following an outbreak of Newcastle Disease, a common and contagious poultry ailment which has already killed hundreds of chickens. The cull was ordered after one of the chickens displayed irregular symptoms, and a sample was sent to Britain to test for bird flu.

EU spokesman Philip Tod said the bloc would send experts to Greece to help identify the bird flu strain there. Authorities have been disinfecting of a farm on a remote Aegean Sea island where a turkey was found to be infected with a strain of the disease.

## Hurricane Wilma gains 175 mph winds as it moves closer to the Gulf Coast



Mayfield discusses the potential for Wilma to strike U.S. soil.

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras (AP) — Hurricane Wilma brought heavy rains to Central America and Mexico on Wednesday as it swirled into the most intense Atlantic storm ever recorded, a Category 5 monster packing 175 mph winds that forecasters warned was "extremely dangerous."

Wilma spent most of its force at sea on the western Caribbean on Wednesday. Computer models showed Wilma possibly making a sharp turn as it hits upper-level winds blowing east,

moving through the narrow channel between Cuba and Mexico, where it threatened Cancun, before bearing down on Florida over the weekend.

"All interests in the Florida Keys and the Florida peninsula should closely monitor the progress of extremely dangerous Hurricane Wilma," the National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

At 8 a.m., the hurricane was centered about 340 miles south-east of Cozumel, Mexico, with maximum sustained wind was 175 mph, forecasters said.

It was expected to dump up to 25 inches of rain in mountainous areas of Cuba through Friday, and up to 15 inches in the Caymans and Jamaica through Thursday. A foot of rain was possible from Honduras through the Yucatan peninsula, the weather service said.

On Wednesday, Wilma's heavy rains soaked Central America and Mexico, parts of which were still recovering from the brunt of Hurricane Stan, and satellite photos showed the storm's arms covering much of Cuba.

In Mexico, the MTV Latin America Video Music Awards ceremony, originally scheduled for Thursday at a seaside park south of Cancun, was postponed.

A hurricane watch was in effect for the east coast of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, parts of Cuba and the Cayman Islands, and the National Hurricane Center warned of a "significant threat" to Florida.

Forecasters predicted Wilma would make landfall in south-western Florida and could bring devastating winds to the east coast. Officials ordered visitors out of the Florida Keys.

Wilma's confirmed, pressure readings Wednesday morning dropped to 882 millibars,

the lowest minimum pressure ever measured in a hurricane in the Atlantic basin, according to the hurricane center. Lower pressure translates into higher wind speed.

Forecasters said Wilma was stronger than the devastating Labor Day hurricane that hit the Florida Keys in 1935, the strongest Atlantic hurricane to make landfall on record.

But Wilma was not expected to keep its record strength for long, as disruptive atmospheric winds in the Gulf of Mexico should weaken it before landfall, Hurricane Center meteorologist Hugh Cobb. Gulf water is about 1 to 2 degrees cooler than that in the Caribbean, which should inhibit its strength more, he added.

The strongest storm on record, based on the lowest pressure reading, had been Hurricane Gilbert in 1988, which registered an 888 millibar reading.

U.S. Air Force reconnaissance planes measured Wilma's top sustained wind at 175 mph, making it a Category 5 storm, the Hurricane Center said.

"It does look like it poses a significant threat to Florida by

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the weekend. Of course, these are four- and five-day forecasts, so things can change," meteorologist Dan Brown said.

Jamaica, Cuba, Nicaragua and Honduras were getting heavy rain from Wilma, though it was unlikely to make landfall in any of those countries. With heavy rain, high winds, and rough seas already pounding coastal areas, flood-prone Honduras warned that Wilma posed "an imminent threat to life and property" and closed two seaports on its Caribbean coast.

Neighboring Nicaragua and the Cayman Islands also were on alert.

The head of Haiti's civil protection agency, said Maria Alta Jean-Baptiste said the storm's outer bands caused flooding and landslides that killed at least 11 people since Monday and forced at least

2,000 families from their homes.

"The situation is not catastrophic, but if the rains pick up, it could become very difficult for some people," Jean-Baptiste said.

Heavy rains were swelling rivers along Honduras' eastern Atlantic coast Wednesday, but emergency officials had not yet ordered evacuations.

Honduras and its neighbors already are recovering from flooding and mudslides earlier this month in the aftermath of Hurricane Stan. At least 796 people were killed, most of them in Guatemala, with many more still missing.

Cuba issued a hurricane watch for the western end of the island from Matanzas to Pinar del Rio, as well as the Isle of Youth. Mexico issued a hurricane watch for nearly all of its Caribbean coast from Punta Gruesa to Cabo Catoche, an area that includes the resort of Cancun.

Wilma already had been blamed for one death in Jamaica as a tropical depression Sunday. It has flooded several low-lying communities and triggered mudslides that blocked roads and damaged several homes, said Barbara Carby, head of Jamaica's emergency management office. She said that some 250 people were in shelters throughout the island.

Some Florida residents began buying water, canned food and other emergency supplies. The state has seen seven hurricanes hit or pass close by since August 2004, causing more than \$20 billion in estimated damage and killing nearly 150 people.

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the last minute anymore," said Andrea Yerger, 48, of Port Charlotte, Fla.

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In the Cayman Islands, authorities urged businesses to close early Tuesday to give employees time to prepare for the storm. Schools were ordered to close on Wednesday.

Forecasters said Wilma should avoid the central U.S. Gulf coast devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita earlier this year which killed more than 1,200 people and caused billions of dollars in damage.

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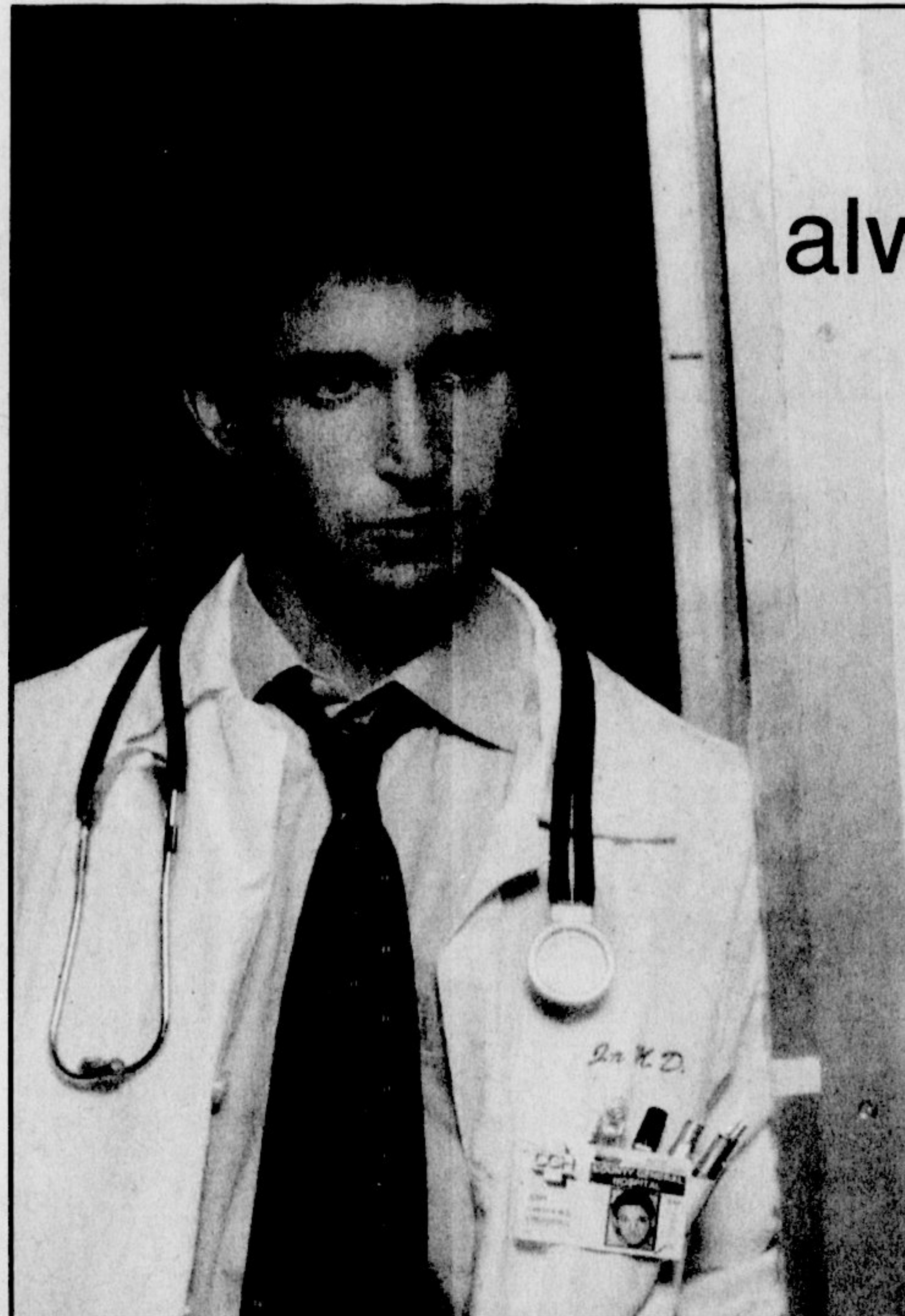
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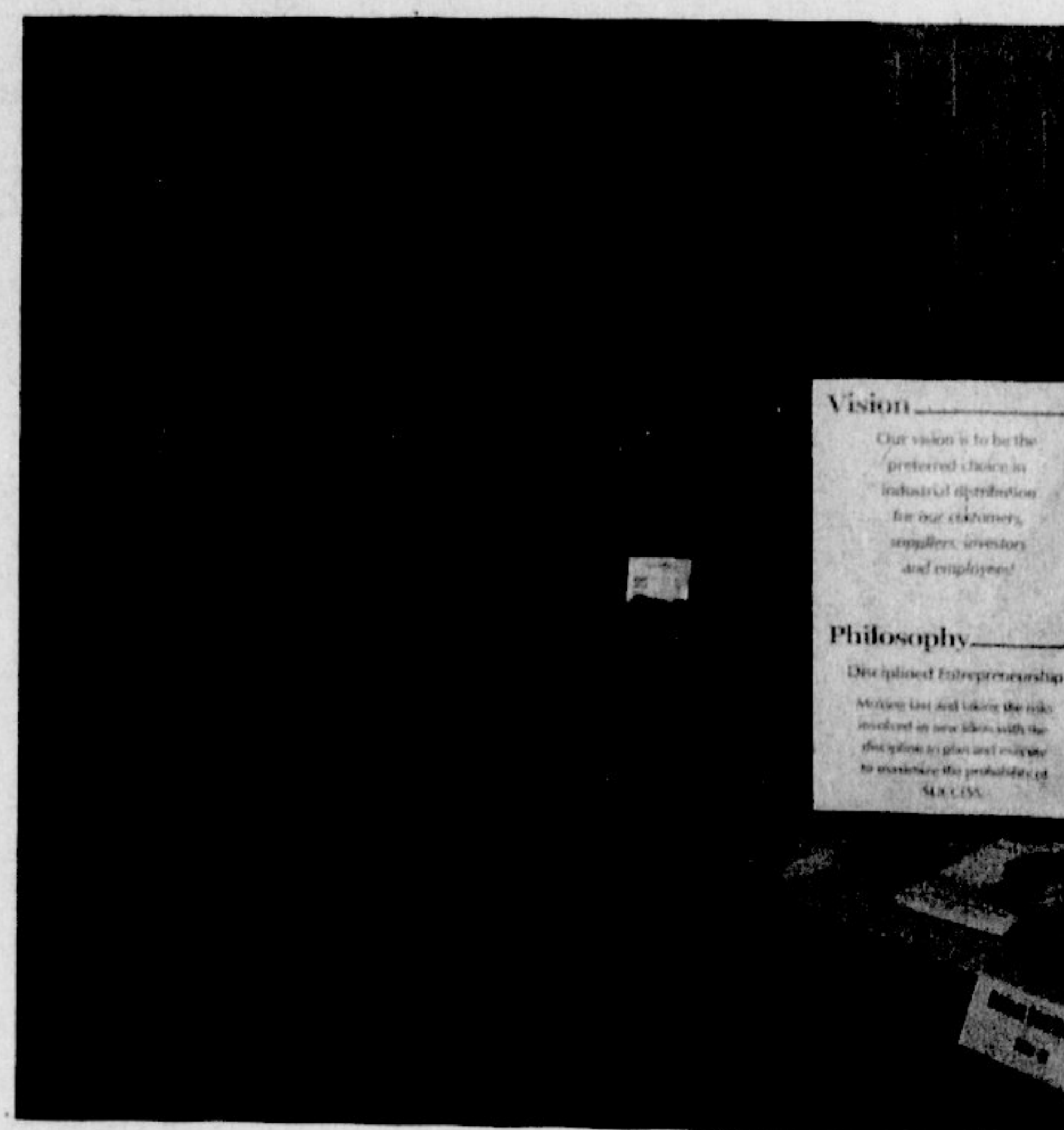
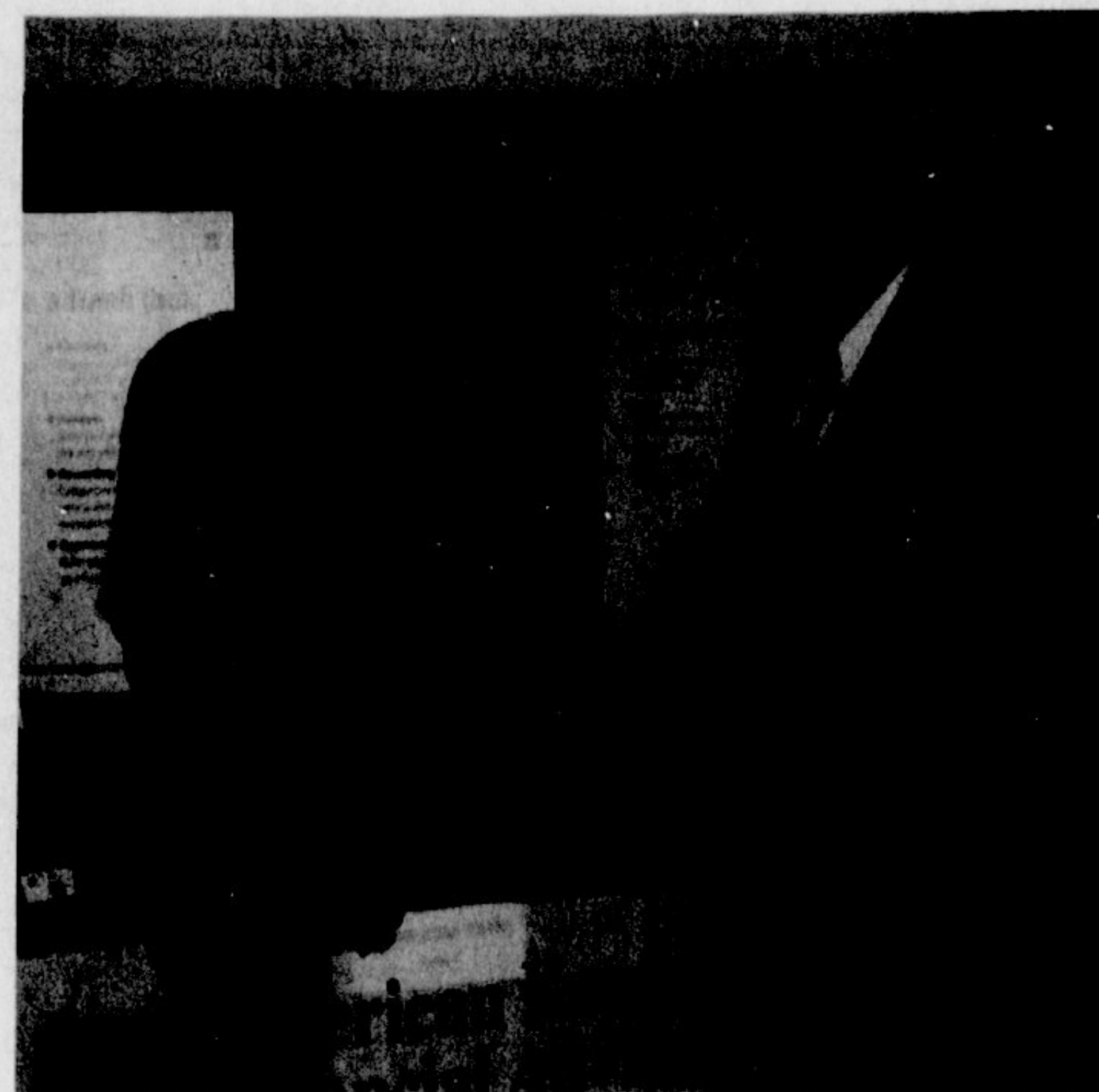
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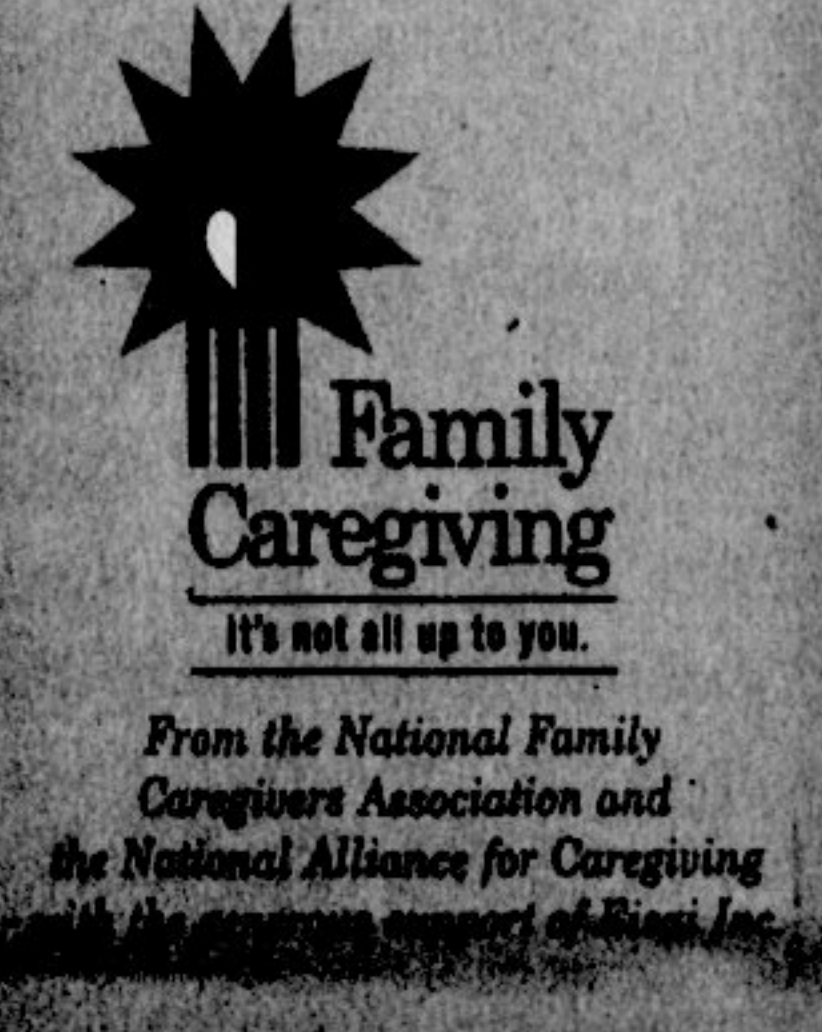
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## Got Problems?

Dear Features,  
I'm from out of state and I'm without a car here on campus. I had the hardest time finding a ride home for fall break and I'm wondering if there's an easier way to communicate with those from my home state and find more prospects for a ride home. Please help me.

Without a Car

Dear Without a Car,  
There are plenty of ways to get in touch with those from your home state or hometown. If you're looking for a ride, we would first recommend posting a topic on OneStop and see if anyone responds there. If that does not bring you luck, the popular Web site facebook.com has an abundance of groups involving your state or town that you live in. Try asking people there. Also, in the lower level of Mendenhall is a bulletin board for those looking for rides home. If all of those don't work, I'd suggest saving up for a plane or train ticket.

## Fit Tip of the Week:

Being fit and/or healthy is a lifestyle - Meeting with a Personal Trainer once or twice a week will not yield results, you must be active on those days you are not meeting with your trainer. Submitted by Nathan Sams, SRC Personal Trainer.

## Recipe:

### Pumpkin Roll Cake

#### Cake:

3/4 cup cake flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 1/4 teaspoons ground ginger  
3/4 teaspoon ground all spice  
6 large eggs, separated  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1/3 cup golden brown sugar, packed  
2/3 cup canned pumpkin, packed  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
Powdered sugar

#### Filling:

1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin  
2 tablespoons dark rum  
1 cup whipping cream, chilled  
3 tablespoons powdered sugar  
6 tablespoons plus 1/2 cup English toffee pieces for garnish  
Additional powdered sugar, for garnish  
1/2 cups purchased caramel sauce, warmed, for garnish

**For the cake:** Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Line a 15x10x1-inch baking sheet with parchment paper. Spray the parchment with nonstick cooking spray. Sift the flour, cinnamon, ginger, and allspice into a small bowl. In a separate bowl, beat the egg yolks, granulated sugar and brown sugar until very thick. Add the pumpkin to the egg mixture and combine at a low speed until incorporated. Add the dry ingredients and beat at a low speed until mixed. In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites and salt until stiff but not dry. Fold into the cake batter, stirring with a spatula, until most of the white streaks are gone. Spread the batter onto a baking sheet and smooth out. Transfer baking sheet to the oven and bake until a tester comes out clean, about 15 to 18 minutes. While the cake is hot, dust generously with powdered sugar. Loosen the edges and turn the cake out onto a kitchen towel. Fold the towel over the edge of the cake and roll up. Cool completely, edge down, for 1 hour in the refrigerator. For the filling: Soften the gelatin in the rum. Stir over low heat until the gelatin dissolves. Cool. Beat the chilled whipping cream and powdered sugar in a large bowl until peaks form. Fold in the gelatin and 6 tablespoons English toffee pieces. To assemble, unroll the cake and sprinkle with 4 tablespoons of English toffee pieces. Spread the filling over the toffee. Start at 1 long side of the cake roll and, using the towel as an aid, roll up the cake to encase the filling. Place the cake, seam-side down, on a platter. Trim the ends of the cake at a slight diagonal. Dust the cake with powdered sugar. Spoon some warm caramel sauce and the remaining toffee chips over the top of the cake. To serve, use a serrated knife to cut the cake crosswise into 1-inch thick slices. Drizzle more sauce on each slice and serve.

## Fun Facts:

If you shake a can of mixed nuts, the larger ones go to the top.

When nobody else is around, 47 percent of people drink straight from the carton.

The best recorded distance for projectile vomiting is 27 feet.

There are 92 known cases of nuclear bombs lost at sea.

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# Scott's 'Domino' hits the ground

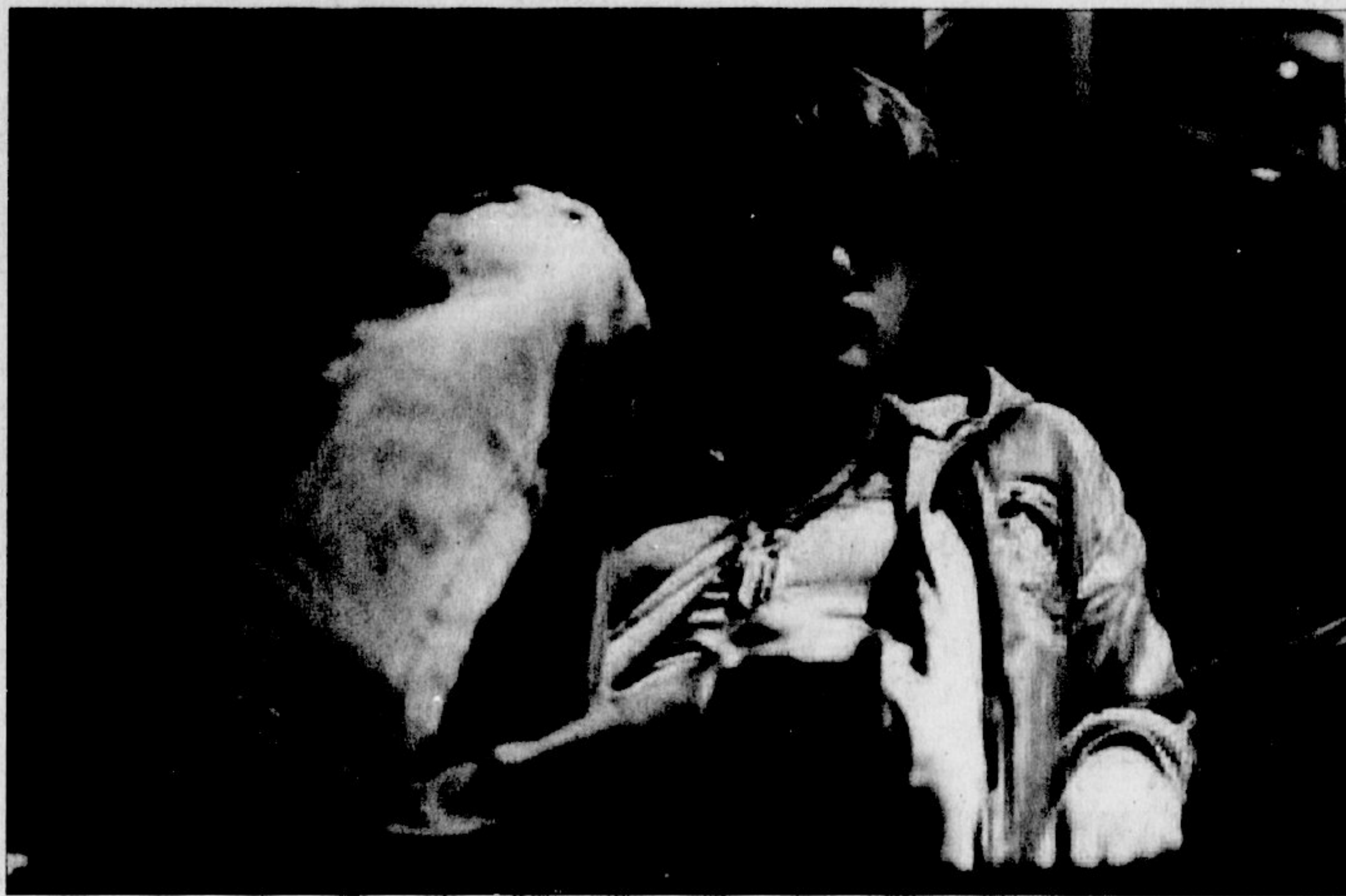
Action film is a sloppy mess and failure

TREVOR KIRKENDALL  
STAFF WRITER

Sporting a very impressive résumé, director Tony Scott is one of Hollywood's golden boys when it comes to big action flicks. His most famous is *Top Gun*, a film with a terrible screenplay, yet extremely impressive when the action is not on the ground. An even better Tom Cruise/Tony Scott film would be *Days of Thunder*. His career reached its apex with *Spy Game*, a little known and highly underrated film starring Robert Redford and Brad Pitt.

But after last year's abysmal *Man on Fire*, I started having fears that this once great director was losing his flair. Sure, the cinematography and film editing was amazing (a nice tribute to the film styles of Brazilian director Fernando Mierelles and his masterpiece *City of God*), but why is a director that is this far ahead in his career making a drastic change in his film styles that's as different as night and day?

Scott's latest film is *Domino*, a film that is a study in how disastrous the "music video" style of cinema can be. Everything in this film showcases poor filmmaking. Scott has gone from being a good storyteller who also knows where to put the camera (a rarity these days, most directors can do one or the other, but not



Keira Knightley stars as a model-turned-bounty hunter named Domino Harvey in this new action film.

both) to being a director who is flashy with the camera, but losing track of the storyline.

*Pirates of the Caribbean* star Keira Knightley stars as real life model turned bounty hunter Domino Harvey, a close personal friend of Scott's who died recently at the age of 34. The film opens up with her telling a criminal psychologist (Lucy Liu) everything she knows about an armed robbery gone wrong.

This isn't easy for Domino

to tell from the point of the robbery, so she starts from the beginning when she was a little girl living in England. She tells us about her move from England to California after the death of her father, real life screen legend Laurence Harvey.

We see through flash-back how she hooks up with Ed Mosbey (Mickey Rourke) and Choco (Edgar Ramirez), two bounty hunters employed by bail bondsman Claremont

Williams (Delroy Lindo). We see how they became famous enough to be put on a new WB reality series produced by Mark Heiss (Christopher Walken).

To explain this plot in minimal detail would take more space than I'm allotted for this review. Also, the bare minimum would give too much away and I'm not in this business of giving away spoilers.

Director Scott is proficient with the camera, and after such

a long career I'd be concerned if he wasn't. His drastic change in film styles, however, has moved him away from being a good storyteller and into the realms of music video directors. *Domino* looks like one big music video with various lighting arrangements, handheld camera shots, quick starts and stops of action, reverse shots, different film types and difference color types. But this style of filmmaking has been done long before. Oliver Stone has been doing this kind of stuff since the middle of the 1980s. Why Scott is exploring this type of cinema today is beyond me.

It was solid in *Man on Fire* because Scott didn't get carried away with all the flashy tricks. The story suffered because of Scott trying something new, but in *Domino*, he loses all sight of what making movies is about. Yes, the explosions are cool and the action sequences are exciting, but they are far from intense. We got a better sense of tension in the action sequences in something like *Days of Thunder*. Why is that? Because we understood who the characters were and why we wanted them to win. Had he focused more on his characters, *Domino* may have worked.

Written by Donnie Darko scribe Richard Kelly, I was expecting this film to be full of twists and turns. Judging by the pre-

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## X-Fest six set to rock Kinston this weekend



99X's annual event features three of the station's most popular groups

TREVOR KIRKENDALL  
STAFF WRITER

The sixth annual X-Fest sponsored by New Rock 99X will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 in Kinston at the Kinston Dragstrip, located at 2250 Highway 11.

The X-Fest is an annual concert sponsored by radio station WXNR. Bands such as Puddle of Mudd, Three Doors Down and Sevendust have taken the stage to provide great hard rock music to all in attendance. Taking the stage as headliners this year are hard rock band Chevelle, still touring in support of their latest album *This Type of Thinking (Could Do Us In)*. Supporting Chevelle in Kinston will be two popular bands on the 99X rotation, Crossfade and Taproot.

Not only will this be a large outdoor music festival, but we will also see many other activities throughout the day.

A main attraction will be the ladies from Déjà Vu who will be putting on a show for all those too young to see them in the real club. There will also be the Miss 99X Girls of Carolina Bikini Pageant. Also, being that Halloween is right around the corner, the 99X Haunted Clown House will be out to give attendees a nice scare for those who dare to enter. Also, be sure to catch a glimpse of 99X DJs Renn and Skye attempting to juggle purple balls. Finally, the X-Fest Mall will be on display providing clothing, jewelry, surf and bike accessories, tattoos and more for those wanting to spend a little more money once they get there.

Other music at the X-Fest will be provided by a battle of the turntable DJs. The local 99X second stage will also be set up and will feature the best of local hard rock bands in eastern North Carolina. 99X has not disclosed the names of the bands that will be featured on this second stage yet.

Tickets for the X-Fest are

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Orlando Bloom and Kirsten Dunst play opposite each other in this new romantic comedy by Crowe.

## Next stop: 'Elizabethtown'

Cameron Crowe wins again with his latest southern romance

TREVOR KIRKENDALL  
STAFF WRITER

Cameron Crowe returns to the big screen with his first film since *Vanilla Sky*. The film is *Elizabethtown*, a film that is genuinely Crowe. You may remember some of Crowe's previous work as movies that are both romantic comedies and mellow dramas. He was the recipient of an Academy Award for Best Screenplay in 2000 for his masterpiece *Almost Famous*. He directed Tom Cruise to an Oscar nomination in *Jerry Maguire*. He propelled John Cusack to stardom with *Say Anything*. His first published screenplay, *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* (directed by Amy Heckerling) helped put house-

hold names like Jennifer Jason Leigh, Judge Reinhold, Forest Whitaker, Nicolas Cage, Anthony Edwards and Sean Penn on the map. This year, he attempts to do the same for Orlando Bloom.

Bloom (Legolas the elf from *The Lord of the Rings* series) plays the first real person role of his career that's been in full swing since the release of *The Fellowship of the Ring*. For the first time, he gets to wear regular clothing and carry around a cell phone as opposed to wearing body armor and carrying around a bow and arrow.

He plays Drew Baylor, a shoe designer from the Pacific Northwest. As *Elizabethtown* opens, we find that Drew has just cost the company close to \$1 billion in a recalled shoe. His boss (Alec Baldwin) proceeds to fire him.

Drew goes home with the plan on killing himself as he figures he has nothing more to

live for. His plans are put on hold when his sister (Judy Greer) calls him and tells him that his father, Mitch, has died while visiting family and friends in Kentucky.

Representing the family, Drew returns home to bring his father's ashes back home. His mother (Susan Sarandon) tells Drew that the family in Kentucky has always thought of her as the woman who stole their beloved Mitch from them. She tells him not to expect to make any friends.

He does in fact make friends. On the red eye flight to Kentucky, he meets flight attendant Claire Colburn (Kirsten Dunst). The two make conversation because Drew is the only one on the flight.

Once in Elizabethtown, Drew meets his extended family. He takes a liking to his cousin Jessie (Paul Schneider) who brags about being in a band that once

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## 'Macbeth' comes to life through Cultural Outreach program

Opera Verdi Europa visits ECU

SARAH CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

It's common knowledge that reading a play and seeing it performed live are two completely different experiences. In reading the play you are allowed to travel inside the minds of the characters and analyze the diction. However, in a live performance the characters come to life before your eyes and their lives become reality.

On Thursday, Oct. 20 there will be an opportunity to experience the thrill of live theatre right here on campus. Opera Verdi Europa will be performing the Shakespearean tragedy *Macbeth* at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

*Macbeth* is the last of William Shakespeare's four tragedies and is considered to be his darkest. Set

in Scotland the play is centered on Macbeth's rise to power. The play is enriched with murderous betrayals, supernatural elements and the key ingredient - unwavering ambition.

At the start of the play each character is enthralled in their own scheme, but as the play progresses they begin to intertwine, creating an element of suspense. One of the most prominent characters is Lady Macbeth. Her power over her husband is remarkable, it is evident that she is willing to do whatever it takes to make Macbeth king.

Macbeth on the other hand is a bit hesitant to act on his wife's requests, knowing the consequences of his actions could be severe. However, his own ambition drives him to act in uncharacteristic ways in order to achieve his goals.

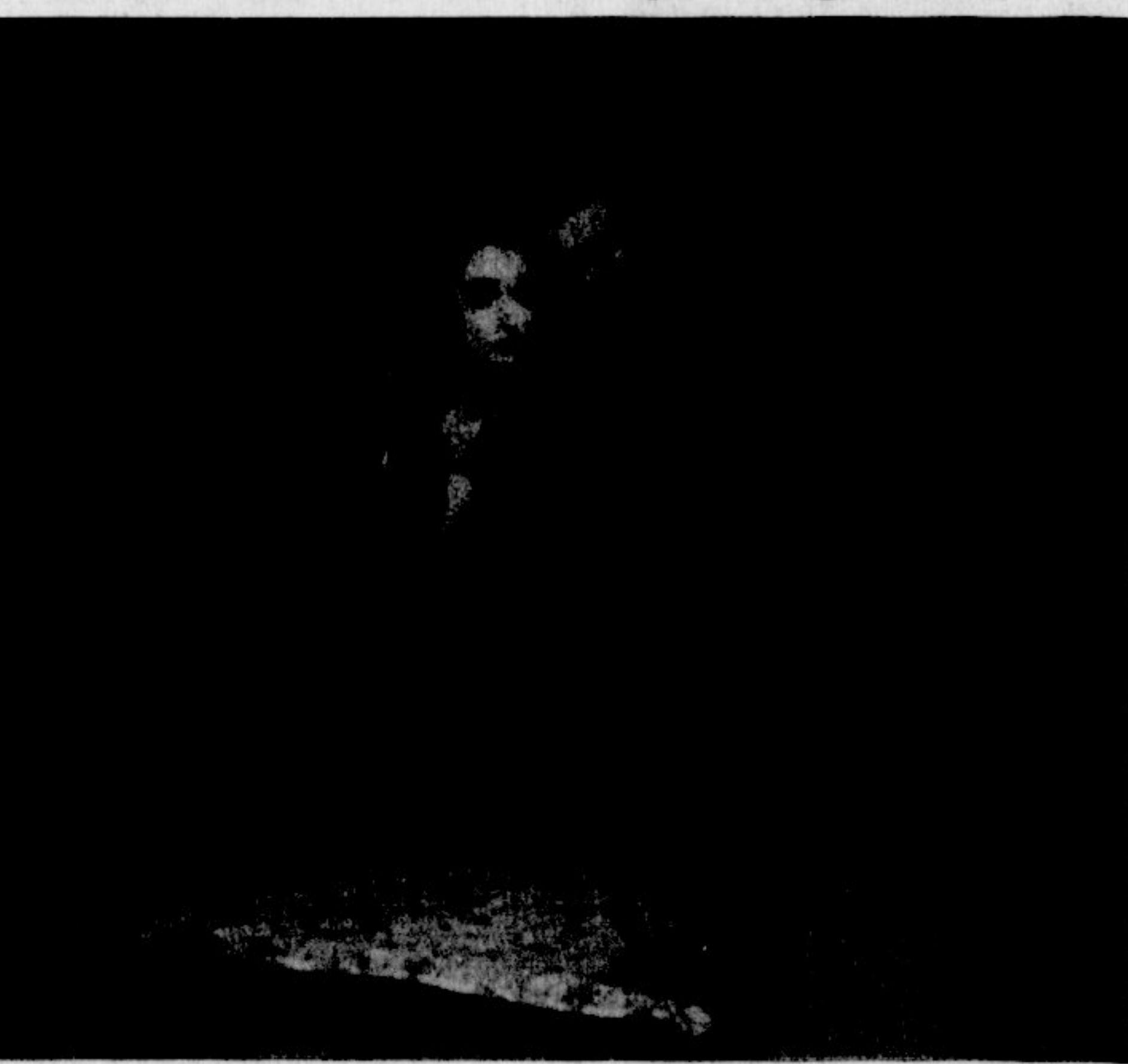
Shakespeare is considered to be one of the greatest playwrights

and poets of all time. Throughout his life he wrote 154 sonnets, several poems and 37 plays. He is most famous for his plays, which can be grouped into comedies, histories and tragedies. Today, his work has been translated into several languages and performed around the world by groups like Opera Verdi Europa.

Opera Verdi Europa travels around the world bringing classics to life. According to thedailyage.com, "the touring company is comprised of 48 musicians and more than 40 singers whose members were carefully selected from among the best Bulgarian musicians, singers and dancers."

If you would like to experience the tragedy of *Macbeth* live buy your tickets online at ecuarte.com or at the Central

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Opera Verdi Europa performs at Wright Auditorium as seen above.





Ann Curry is seen above helping build a Habitat for Humanity house for Hurricane Katrina victims.

## 'Today Show' news anchor

Working hard to bring news to you

MEREDITH STEWART  
SENIOR WRITER

Ann Curry has come a long way since graduating from the University of Oregon School of Journalism in 1978.

Just after graduation Curry began her broadcasting career at a NBC affiliate in Oregon, Medford's KTVC, where she served as a news reporter from 1977-1981. From there she became an anchor for KGW, another NBC affiliate in Portland Oregon until 1984. It wasn't until she moved to California and became a reporter for KCBS that she hit it big. There, Curry earned an Emmy Award for her live coverage of the October 1987 Los Angeles earthquake and another for her coverage of the explosion of a gas pipeline in San Bernardino. In 1990 she joined NBC News

and became a NBC Chicago correspondent in October. During this time, Curry showed up for another show, "NBC News at Sunrise," which was the network's early morning newscast. She was the awakening face to thousands of people every morning until July of 1996.

In March 1997, she became the news anchor of NBC News' "Today." Curry has been recognized for her exclusive coverage on some of the biggest history making events of our lifetime. Immediately following the September 11 terrorist attacks, Curry reported extensively from "ground zero" at the World Trade Center site interviewing firefighters, local officials, emergency workers and victims of the attack. She has also traveled to Balkans to report on the humanitarian refugee crisis in Kosovo and has been an important player in the Hurricane Katrina coverage.

Curry has also been able to

score some exclusive interviews. After following up that assignment up in November 2001 with a trip abroad the USS Theodore Roosevelt stationed in the Arabian Sea, during that time she got an interview with General Tommy Franks at Ramstein Air Force Base. She also scored with the parents of the Iowa septuplets in 1997. She was the only reporter who was allowed full access into the hospital, community and the McChaughey family. She has done follow-up interviews each year, updating viewers on the children's progress.

Curry not only anchors for the "Today Show" she also co-anchors for "Dateline NBC." Although she loves sitting in for Katie Couric and Matt Lauer she does not want a permanent position there. "I'm not looking for Katie's job," says Curry to press when asked where she would like to

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## Sevendust brings this album home

'Next' is a look backward and step forward

SCOTTY WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

The band Sevendust has been a household name in hardcore rock since the mid-1990s when they emerged from Atlanta packing low-end (only in name) rock riffs and a lead singer (Lajon Witherspoon) with both the capacity to scream in anger and scream with a emotional ring that made his voice very recognizable. After establishing an angry rock following, it came out with *Seasons* in 2003, an album that while packing some anger, was tame compared to its previous offerings.

Now, the new album *Next* provides a sort of benchmark for the "next" step in this band's career. Sevendust had to make a few changes before this album. Long-time guitarist Clint Lowery quit the band and is now playing with his brother in the band Dark New Day. With new guitarist Sonny Mayo, Sevendust is making the "next" step, and it sounds like a step in the right direction. *Next* is a blast from the past that fans will be amazed by.

Even without Lowery, the group's music doesn't sound highly modified, and casual rock listeners will still recognize the band's low and angry sound as well as the high emotional melodic voice of Witherspoon. Other than Mayo, Sevendust is the same band. John Connolly, Vince Hornsby and Morgan Rose are still rocking hard, and as a group

they're ready for this "next" step.

The album's first few songs easily establish that Sevendust is back on the scene with an old school feel. A laymen musical listener could tell a difference between "Praise" (which was a top track on their album *Animosity*) and "Enemy" (a top track and radio single from *Seasons*) because the anger and adrenaline in "Praise" doesn't quite compare to the toned-down, edged sound of "Enemy." It proves that even with the same instruments and familiar approach, songs can still sound words apart.

Now, *Next* is the band's attitude in song about a new direction, with an old engine. The album sounds great, and will please fans of Sevendust's older rock, while being a fair introduction to the band for any new listeners. New listeners should seriously consider making this a new direction for their collection, if the name Sevendust could possibly be new to them, that is.

The songs on the album have all the familiar calling cards of Sevendust. Every song is familiarly loaded with their bass-heavy riffs and well-paced tone, as well as driving drum work and the ever-present vocals of Witherspoon, whose voice alone makes Sevendust as recognizable as they are. The songs also show some of their nu-metal influence with some techno-type sound work and different sounds, but the sound won't disappoint classic Sevendust fans. Case in point - the song "Never" which begins with a very nu-metal type sound but gives way to a good-sounding

song with impressive vocals that makes this a high-quality offering.

Most Sevendust albums also have a few self-reflective slower songs, with enjoyable acoustic guitar work that showcases the band's range. Songs like this have been present on all their albums, such as "Angel's Son" on *Animosity*. That song was a tribute to James Lynn Strait of the band Snot, who died in a car wreck in December 1998. On *Seasons* the song was "Skeleton Song," a self-reflective acoustic song that proved to be one of the more attractive offerings from the album.

*Next* has an offering called "Shadows in Red" that also contains a moving acoustic melody and really utilizes the power of Witherspoon's voice to produce another stirring slow song. The beauty of this song is a jewel just like the ones you find in their other albums.

So the overall verdict is that *Next* is well worth the price of buying in the stores, and the band itself is more than powerful when heard live. All interested in seeing them live will have the opportunity soon, as Sevendust is actually going to play in Raleigh on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the 96 Rock Concert for the Kids. The concert will be at the Lincoln Theatre, and 100 percent of the ticket sales will go to the NC Children's Hospital. To see a band like Sevendust for \$15 is a value. On the way, use the money you're saving to buy *Next*.

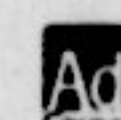
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view, I was certain that I knew everything I was getting into. I was wrong. Kelly's first screenplay since *Donnie Darko* is more like something that took four months to write and produce rather than four years. It is complex, but it's a mess.

At the age of 20, Keira Knightley has already racked up quite a few films, but we only know her as the love interest in *Pirates of the Caribbean*. A little known film released earlier this year called *The Jacket* was an attempt to get her away from that role. Due to lack of promotion and interest no one saw it. Her role in *Domino* is rather tough because she's playing a real person, but in a story that is fictionalized. She doesn't

carry this film well mostly due to the fact that we never identify with her in the ways that we should. We see her as a ruthless bounty hunter and not as a good girl gone bad, which is the thoughts of her mother.

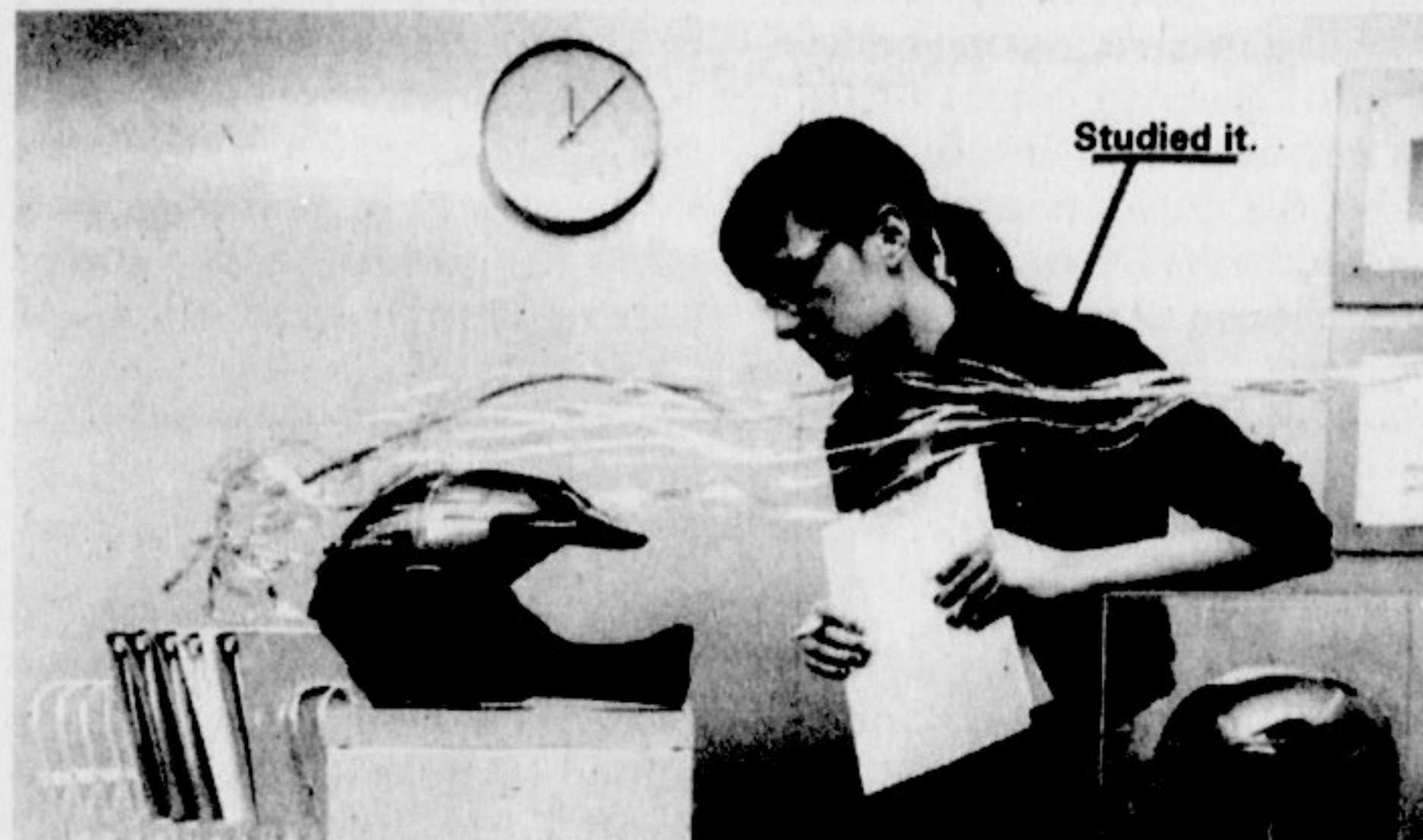
These "tough-girl" roles are not for her. She needs to get back to the damsel in distress roles before her career goes up in flames. Either that, or star in a film that earns her an Oscar nomination and propels her to try new roles from here on out leaving *Pirates of the Caribbean* far behind her. Many critics believe the film that will do this for her is an upcoming release, *Pride and Prejudice*. Until I see that, I'm holding strong to my opinion of

her right now.

For those interested in seeing a film that has more twists in it than *Donnie Darko*, maybe *Domino* is for you. I cannot, however, recommend it to all because of its sloppy filmmaking on the part of director Tony Scott. Films like these have to make one wonder if the last great directors of Hollywood are all losing their touch. If so, then we'd better treasure our favorite films of yesterday and forget abominations like this by tomorrow or we will all be in trouble.

**Grade: D**

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only \$20. They can be purchased in advance until Friday at 5 p.m. at all ABC Phone stores in Greenville and also at Expressions in downtown. Tickets will be \$25 once you get to the door.

It's the first weekend after fall break and the last weekend before homecoming, so if you're in search for something else to do than hang out in Greenville this weekend, hop over to Kinston and check out these great bands. 99X always puts on a good music festival and this year should be no exception.

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opened for Lynryd Skynyrd (even though you have to strain to read the name of his band on the flyer), and who also says that he raises his son to believe that Abraham Lincoln and Ronnie Van Zandt are one of the same.

Eventually, he meets up again with Claire and a friendship begins to blossom. At the same time, Drew has a difficult time trying to convince relatives in Kentucky to let him take his father back home with him. Most people don't want him to go a second time.

Writer-director Crowe has always been very proficient at writing funny and amusing films about very dramatic topics. His central idea has always been the idea of love. *Elizabethtown* is no different. It follows the same formula as every other Crowe film before it. The only difference is there's a lot more going on in this film and there are plenty more characters for us to

identify with.

People who live in the south will probably appreciate some of the southern humor to it. A favorite of mine was when Drew first steps out of the car and the surround sound in the theater house is flooded with very loud cricket noises, a very famous sound that we all hear on the humid mornings of the summer. The fact that Crowe has latched onto this idea, despite being from California, shows that he is connecting to a different audience than he ever has before. He has also written this film to not make fun of the people of the south, like many comedies do, but instead embrace the idea of southern hospitality that people from other parts of the country hear as a myth and don't believe it until they are a part of this.

Kirsten Dunst shines in one of her first major roles outside of the *Spider-Man* franchise. She is one of the most expressive young

actresses in Hollywood today and she does a phenomenal job at reading between the lines of her character. Crowe's leading ladies are always on the top of their game when acting out one of his screenplays. There are so many things that Crowe doesn't write out in basic dialogue, but instead he lets his actors go with what they think is right. Like Crowe's previous leading blondes (Renee Zellweger in *Jerry Maguire* and Kate Hudson in *Almost Famous*) before her, Dunst holds her own in what should be worthy enough for an Oscar nod.

Bloom, on the other hand, cannot keep up with her. His expressions are fake and his emotions fall short of moving the audience. He also has the worst excuse for an American accent that I've ever heard. I think Crowe may have settled a little to early on someone who is nothing more than a flavor of the month in Hollywood

instead of searching for someone with better acting skills.

Unfortunately for Bloom, *Elizabethtown* will not be the one to remove him from the swash-buckling epics he's been a part of since his career got started. He will not be mentioned as one of the leading men whom Crowe propelled to a superstar status. On the other hand, he may go down as the man who earned Dunst her first (of potentially many) Oscar nominations. Despite the far from perfect acting from his leading man, Crowe's *Elizabethtown* is a throwback to the style of film that made him famous in the late 1980s, but comes up short from being the masterpiece that *Almost Famous* was.

**Grade: A**

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**Ann** from page B2

work in the future.

She admits to press her ultimate goal, "I want Tom Brokaw's job."

Curry was chosen one of *People Magazine's* "50 Most Beautiful People of 1998." She has also received two Emmys, four Golden Mike's and received numerous awards for her charity work, especially her dedication to breast cancer research.

Not only does Curry have a very successful career, she is also married to Brian Ross and is the mother of two children.

It's a wonder how she manages all of her tasks, and in such a graceful manner at that.

Curry's aspirations signal how America has changed. Growing up in Ashland, Oregon. The child of a Japanese mother and white father she often watched "Today." Everyone she saw on the show was white, which she felt was a barrier in her life.

"When you're a child and you don't see people like you doing something, it doesn't enter your mind you could do it," Curry says

when asked by press about overcoming challenges that were presented because of her ethnicity.

"It's like looking through a shut glass door into a room that seems so tantalizing, but the door isn't open to you."

Needless to say Ann Curry has proved herself not only as a giver to those less fortunate, but an incredible news anchor, wife and wonderful mother.

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Rock legend ditches  
distortion for quiet  
contemplation

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Aside from Elvis Presley and Bob Dylan, Neil Young is arguably the greatest American-born rock 'n' roll star in history. While a lot of artists struggle to keep it together long enough for a second album, Young has managed to stay relevant for nearly 40 years while consistently delivering amazing material.

His career truly has been one of legend. His first hit song "For What It's Worth," recorded while with the Buffalo Springfield, became the definitive Vietnam protest song in 1967.

After leaving the Buffalo Springfield in May of 1968, he began jamming with his soon-to-be world famous backing band Crazy Horse and released his first album *Everyone Knows This Is Nowhere*. Soon after, he began working with rock 'n' roll's first supergroup Crosby, Stills and Nash.

Be it with the handful of bands he's played with or on

his own during his solo career, Young has a catalog of songs that stands up against the greats including his only number one hit "Heart of Gold," his distorted masterpiece slash misconstrued anthem "Rockin' in the Free World" and his controversial "Southern Man" which ignited a feud with Southern rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Young has continued that legacy with his latest album *Prairie Wind*, which was released on Reprise Records on Sept. 27. A far cry from his louder, angst-ridden hits like "Down by the River" or "Ohio," *Prairie Wind* is reserved and peaceful, but still vintage Neil Young.

Recorded in Nashville between trips to New York for treatment for a brain aneurysm, *Prairie Wind* is probably Young's most simple and subdued album to date. Primarily featuring acoustic guitars, a slide guitar, pianos and his hauntingly beautiful voice, Young finds himself in a contemplative mood following his recent health scare.

The album opens with "The Painter," a heart-melting portrait of a woman following her dreams which seem to lead her further and further from

the ones she loves. The song features some of the most rich and emotive slide guitar work since Duane Allman's work with Eric Clapton in the early 1970s.

For the second song on the album, Young gets a bit blues-ier with "No Wonder" and follows that with "Falling Off the Face of the Earth," his bleak cry for help. The album picks up the pace momentarily for "Far From Home," an old fashion blues/country mix compete with harmonica, a horns section and backing vocals from country legend Emmylou Harris.

The remainder of the album remains consistent. "It's a Dream" is about as sad and bittersweet as anything off of Warren Zevon's *The Wind*. The titular "Prairie Wind" sounds a bit too similar to "Far From Home," but Young manages to keep it interesting with his harmonica solos and singspeak style.

Depending on your outlook, "He Was the King" could be a hit or a miss. A quirky ode to "the king" Elvis Presley, as a straightforward blues song, it's corny – but as a satire, it borders on brilliance. I'd like to think that's the way Young meant it to be.

The final track "When God

Made Me," it can also be seen the same way – a hit or a miss. It's a very simple song with Young on piano singing lyrics that would fit better into a hymn and backed by a full choir. Sad and over contemplative, I think it's a bit too melodramatic but at the same time, it's the song I listen to most by choice.

Overall, I really enjoyed the *Prairie Wind*. Granted, Young may be far past his heyday in terms of popularity but he's never lost his touch. I still consider his voice to be the oddest, most moving aspect of all of rock 'n' roll and it's on full display on this album.

As I mentioned before, this album is vintage Neil Young with liberal political statements, near-perfect songwriting and heart-rending poignancy. Sometimes the lyrics verge on sappy but those instances are few and far between. Otherwise, if you're sick of albums that are too loud and say nothing and backed perfectly with his simple yet powerful arrangements, you could do much worse than purchasing *Prairie Wind*.

Grade: B-

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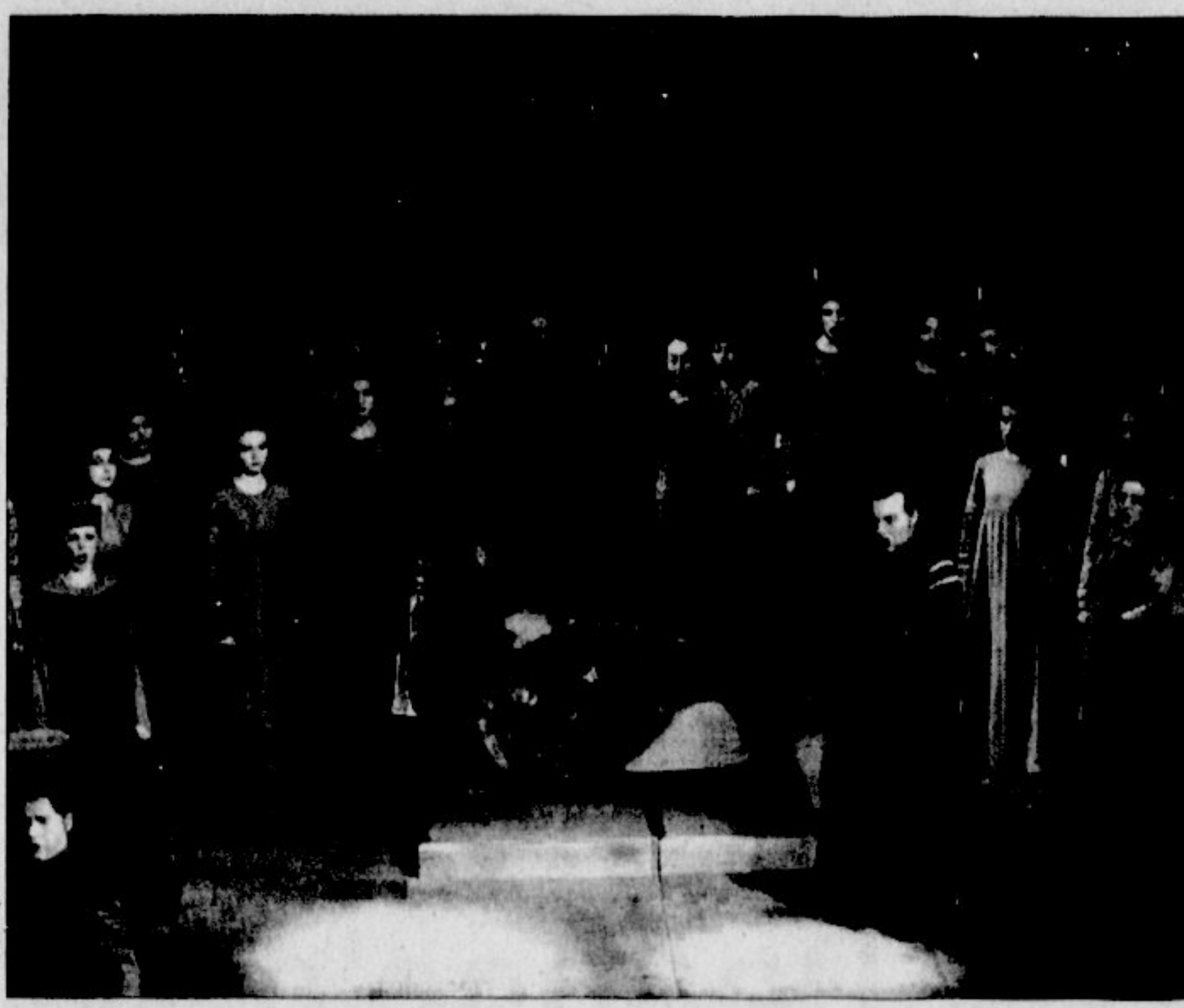
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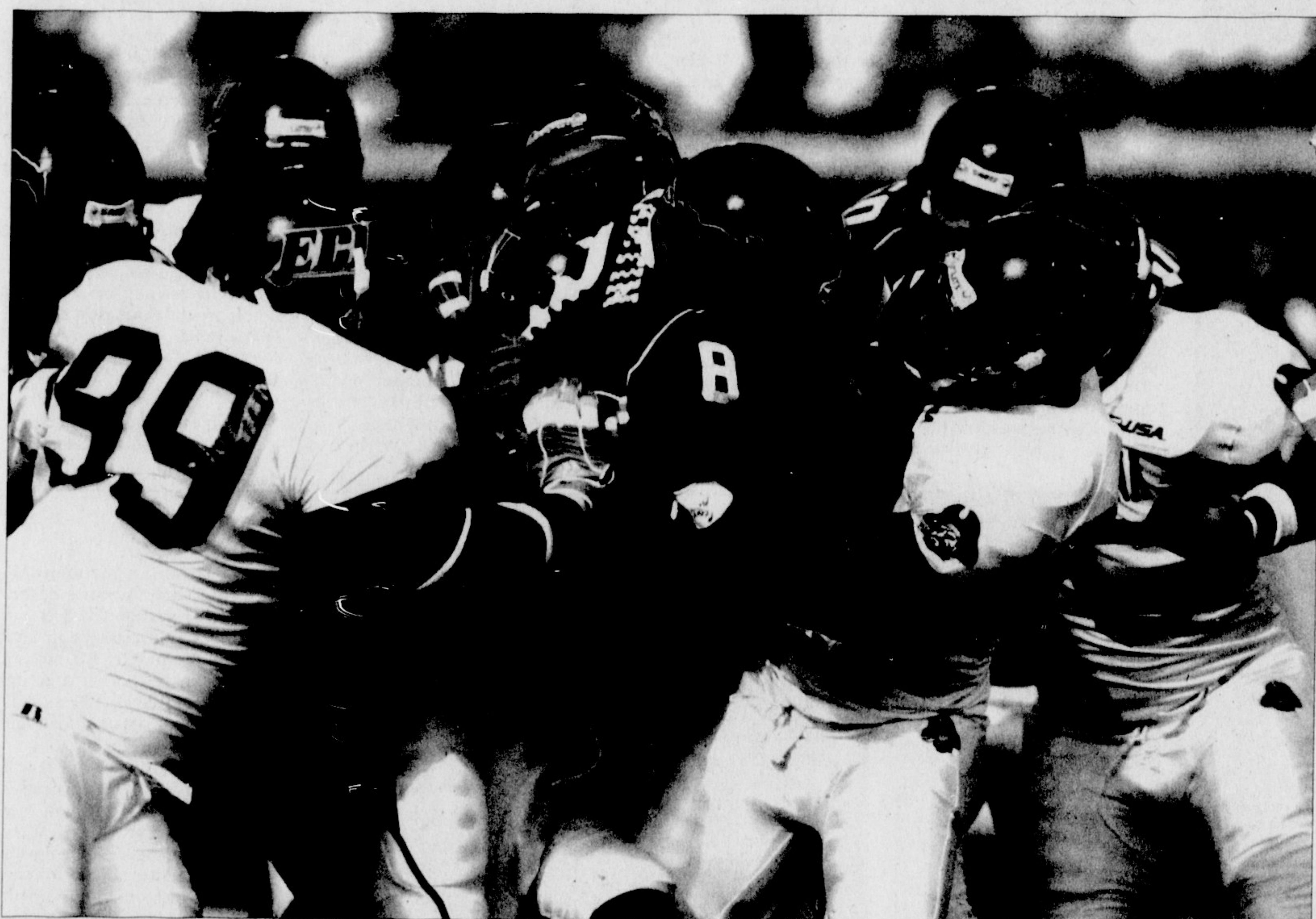
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# Pirates will try to avoid catching Tiger blues in Memphis this weekend



A host of ECU defenders corral SMU freshman running back DeMyron Martin last Saturday. Martin rushed for 129 yards on 22 carries.

ECU goes for third consecutive win

ERIC GILMORE  
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The Pirates sing the fight song after every win. For the first time in four years, the team rejoiced in a manly harmony during consecutive weeks. Now facing a trip to Memphis, the Pirates will have a tougher road to hoe to clear their throats once again.

Memphis is a city renowned for a different style of barbecue and as the birthplace of blues. But, the biggest attraction over the past three years hasn't been Graceland goers or even Beale St. Move over Elvis, B.B. King and FedEx.

DeAngelo Williams has achieved elite celebrity status as the ambassador for a resurgent Memphis program. Before the season started, the two-time defending Conference USA Player of the Year ignited a Heisman campaign. Memphis officials made 850 die cast cars lobbying media members for Heisman consideration.

Midway through his senior season, Williams has been driving Memphis. The senior running back leads the nation in rushing averaging 180.5 yards per game. His per game average is 14 yards better than second place. Williams finished with 198 yards and two touchdowns in last week's 35-20 win over Houston.

The projected first-round draft pick ran for 137 and 225 yards respectively in his last two games against ECU. In 2004, the Wynne, Ark. native scored four touchdowns to spearhead a narrow 38-35 Memphis road win.

What is impressive and equally worrisome for the Pirates is that Williams is logging his total without a passing attack to complement his run-

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## DeAngelo Williams heads Tigers attack

Senior running back has emerged as one of nation's top offensive threats

ERIC GILMORE  
SENIOR WRITER

Ask ECU defensive coordinator Greg Hudson about DeAngelo Williams. He'd respond with words like 'handful' and 'supremely talented.' Ask Mel Kiper, Jr. and he'd reply that 'Williams is a sure first rounder.' Ask Memphis coach Tommy West and he'd say "he's the Michael Vick of Memphis."

Ask DeAngelo Williams who he is. To him, he's just a regular college student.

But, he's hardly regular. The whole uncanny running ability thing makes him stand out. His combination of size and strength is rarely seen in the today's collegiate landscape.

"As far as my style of play, I say mine's unique," said Williams.

"It's pretty much my own."

Think LaDainian Tomlinson in a Horned Frog uniform. Williams is the same height as Tomlinson (5'10") and only four pounds lighter at 217. Wil-

iams prides himself in being a "3-D" back — one that can block, run over an opponent or one that can run around an opponent.

Williams faced a decision at the end of his junior season of whether to test the NFL waters. A knee injury in the GMAC Bowl 52-35 loss to Bowling Green helped Williams sway his own mind to stay.

"It was a hard for me," Williams said.

"It ultimately came down to the city of Memphis and the love I have for this outstanding city."

Williams hasn't received the same attention as USC quarterback Matt Leinart, another projected top pick that stayed for his senior season. In fact, Williams has been a mere blip on the national radar screen.

"I don't worry about [the attention] at all," Williams said.

"I don't care about the national exposure. It's great for our program as a whole. But individually, I don't worry about it at all."

Before the season started, the Memphis athletic media relations office promoted Williams by distributing 850 die cast cars to Heisman voters. The cars were meant to ignite debate about Williams being one of the best players in college football.

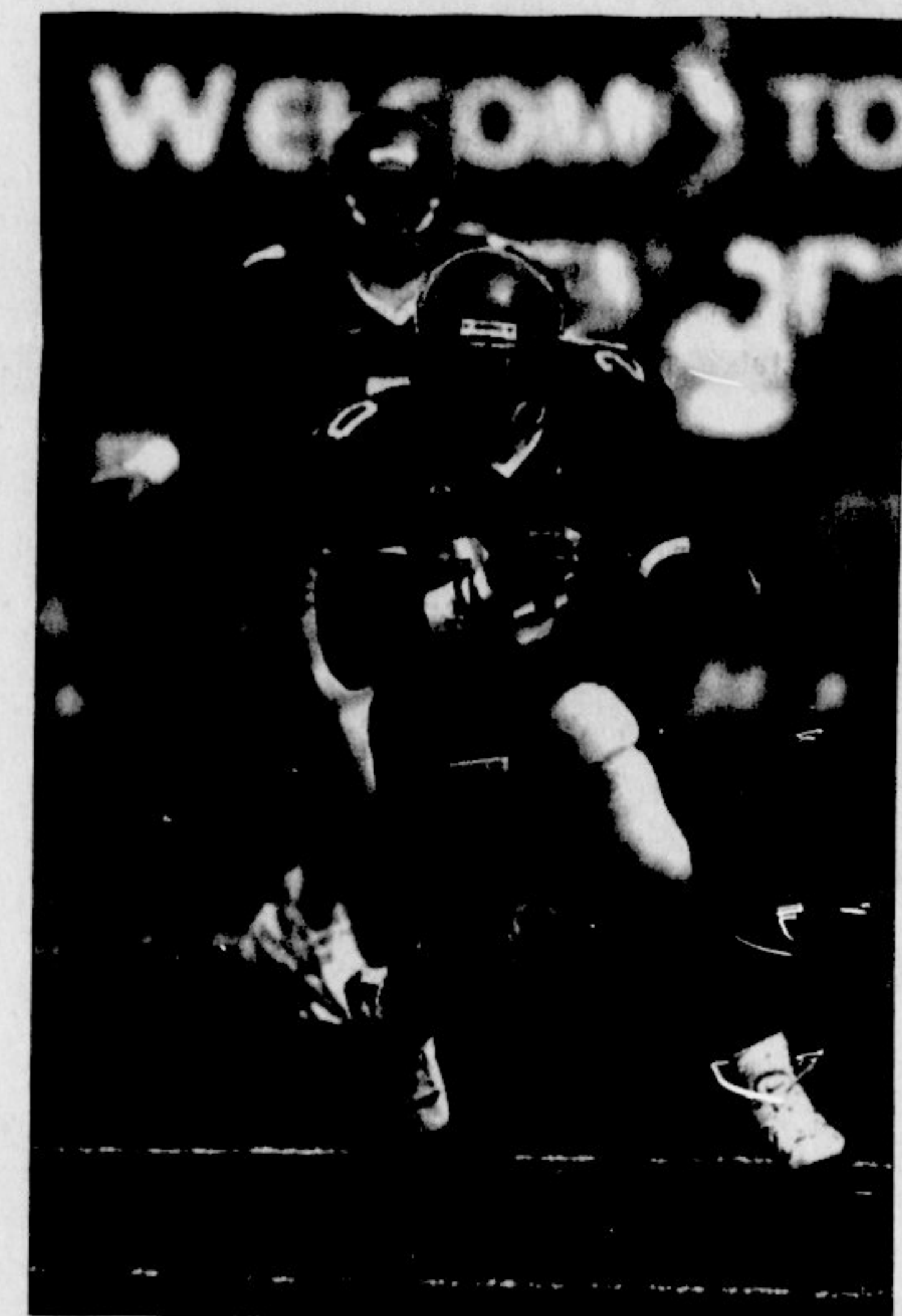
And he is, Williams is the two-time defending Conference USA Player of the Year. Williams led the nation in touchdowns (22) and was second in rushing yards (1,948) last season. During his sophomore year, Williams earned 1,430 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Williams surpassed McWelde Moore as C-USA's all-time rushing leader. The Wynne, Ark. native now ranks 10th all-time in NCAA history in rushing yards (5,145) and is No. 8 in all-purpose yards (6,618).

And again in 2005, Williams finds his name atop the rushing statistics. Williams is leading the nation in rushing with 180.6 yards per game. He's already amassed 1,083 yards in six games. The impressive statistic is the lack of help surrounding him on the Tiger offense.

Memphis has converted Williams' roommate Maurice Avery to quarterback after having two starters go down with season-ending broken legs. Williams has also run behind an immature offensive line. Junior center Blake Butler is the only returning

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Williams leads C-USA in rushing this season.

## TEC Top 10: Week 4 features key SEC clashes

Alabama, Texas put undefeated marks on the line

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Seven college football teams are undefeated midway through the season and three of them are featured in this week's edition of the TEC Top 10. Indianapolis remains the lone unbeaten in the professional ranks.

With the first few editions of the TEC Top 10, it's time to shake some of the cobwebs off this prognosticator and start generating some momentum. A decent showing last week brought my season record to .500. Now it's time to rack up some wins, let's take a look at this week's picks.

Last week's record: 6-4  
Season record: 15-15

**No. 10 Texas Tech at No. 2 Texas**

The Longhorns are pulling in some first-place votes in the top 25 polls and some experts believe Texas has the best shot at dethroning No. 1 USC. But first things first, Texas must escape the regular season unscathed to earn a national championship bid and that road goes through in-state rival Texas Tech. Always an explosive offensive-minded team, the Red Raiders come into the game averaging 53.7 points per contest. I think it's safe to say Texas won't allow even close to that total on Saturday. Heisman

Trophy candidate Vince Young will lead his team to a 7-0 start with a convincing 37-23 Longhorns win.

**No. 17 Tennessee at No. 5 Alabama**

Alabama may be the biggest surprise of the college football season, starting the year 6-0, including a 31-3 whitewashing of the Florida Gators. Tennessee comes into the game at a disappointing 3-2 and needs to establish the running game. Teams are stacking the line of scrimmage, daring the Volunteers to throw the football and with mixed success. That task will be even more difficult facing a threatening Alabama crowd. The noise will be overwhelming in Tuscaloosa and if Tennessee can't run the football, this game could get out of hand. I'll take the Crimson Tide, 27-20.

**No. 16 Auburn at No. 7 LSU**

Another SEC matchup and two more ranked teams. Both squads have just one loss this season and dropping this game could cost either team a shot at a BCS bowl game. The Auburn defense, which is allowing just over 10 points per game, will keep them in the contest, but I think LSU will be too much at home. LSU should run the table in the conference with the exception of a Nov. 12 meeting with Alabama. I believe the winner of that game will face Georgia for the SEC title. Needless to say, LSU wins this one 21-13.

**No. 23 Virginia at North Carolina**

Virginia pulled off a thrilling upset over previously unbeaten Florida State last weekend, with quarterback Marques Hagans throwing for over 300 yards and two touchdowns while the Cavaliers' defense held off a late Seminoles rally. Virginia picked off three passes in that game and should have even more opportunities against Tar Heels' quarterback Matt Baker. Baker has thrown eight interceptions to just six touchdowns this season. Expect the Cavaliers to feed off last week's momentum and beat UNC, 27-18.

**Marshall at UTEP**

So why the matchup between non-ranked Marshall and UTEP this week? Easy, this meeting between Conference-USA opponents will have significant implications involving ECU and the race for the conference title. Currently, seven teams have one conference loss, including the Pirates. Marshall (3-3, 2-1) comes into this game following a 20-19 win over UAB last week while UTEP has been impressive over the course of the season, compiling a 4-1 overall record. The Miners have a dynamic offense and should cruise over an average Marshall squad, 31-17.

**Pittsburgh at Cincinnati**

The Steelers dropped a game to the Jaguars last week without the services of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Backup Tommy Maddox was horrible in relief and Pittsburgh fans will be relieved to know Big Ben will be back on the field Sunday. Pittsburgh needs

to get the ground game going and that will be a tough task against the Bengals. Cincinnati's tenacious defense has been overshadowed by their high-powered offense, but the Bengals have some bite, allowing just under 15 points per game. I'll take Cincy to improve to 6-1 with a 27-24 win over the Steelers.

**Green Bay at Minnesota**

Without question the worst division in the NFL this season, and in recent memory, is the NFC North. Both the Packers and Vikings are 1-4, but just a game back of first place behind the equally unimpressive Bears and Lions. Just when quarterback Brett Favre's career seemed to be careening downhill, the Green Bay offense had a coming out party last week. Granted, it was against the lowly 49ers, but a 52-3 shellacking should give the Packers some confidence heading into Minnesota. Meanwhile, nothing is going right for the Vikings. Daunte Culpepper has been awful, the defense has been awful and to make matters worse, several players have been implicated in a sex escapade on a cruise ship. All of this equals a 30-17 Packers' victory.

**Denver at New York Giants**

How the Broncos are doing it, I have no idea, but Denver sits atop the AFC West with a 5-1 record after defeating New England last week. They are little more than average on paper, but the little things have won foot-

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Texas quarterback Vince Young will face Texas Tech on Saturday.



## Pirates from page B6

ning style. Tiger quarterbacks Patrick Byrne and Will Hudgens both suffered season ending leg injuries. True freshman Billy Barefield was inserted for two games before converted wide receiver Maurice Avery took over against Houston.

"They put the ball in their best athlete's hands as much as possible," said Skip Holtz.

"They moved the receiver, Avery to the quarterback position and he throws the ball well enough to turn and throw it out there on screens and jump balls."

In Avery's first game under center, he finished with 112

yards passing and two touchdowns while still running for 105 yards and a score. In 2004, Avery totaled 422 yards on 26 catches as a wide receiver. However, he also turned down formal offers from West Virginia, Louisville and UNC as a quarterback prospect.

The Pirate secondary is fresh off an impressive performance in Dallas. Demetrius Hodges had two interceptions, one of which helped to stymie a potential game-winning drive. Pierre Parker was named C-USA Defensive Player of the Week with eight tackles and two interceptions.

The real battle will come

from ECU's front seven. ECU is ranked 107th in rush defense giving up 206.3 yards per game. The Pirates have allowed for totals of 210, 142, 129 and 125 yards by different backs already this season. Of those, only Wake Forest's Chris Barclay is among the nation's top 65 backs.

The Pirates may be without budding defensive star Marcus Hands. The sophomore dislocated a shoulder in practice last week and didn't practice Tuesday. Hands had an MRI for further evaluation on Wednesday.

Offensively, ECU is still in search of a consistent running game. James Pinkney's passing

totals have been able to keep ECU in games, but icing them was a problem against SMU. Chris Johnson finished with only three net yards against Rice and 13 in the second half versus SMU.

Pinkney saw a new name emerge at the top of ECU's receiving chart. Sophomore walk-on Philip Henry grabbed an 80-yard pass on his way to a five-catch 123 yard day. Henry will likely split time with true freshman Jerek Hewitt due to Robert Tillman's hamstring injury. Tillman gingerly pulled up on an end-around last week and is listed as doubtful.

Star wideout Aundrae Allison quietly caught seven passes last week. His 78 yards crept him up the Pirate single-season record charts. With still five games remaining, Allison is tied for seventh (46) in the single-season receptions list.

Pinkney also etched his name into Pirate folklore with his 225 yard performance against SMU. The junior quarterback moved into fourth in career passing yardage (4,130) and completions (347). Pinkney currently trails David Garrard, Marcus Crandell and Jeff Blake in both categories.

The Pirates' are tied atop the

conference race with three other teams. Marshall, Southern Miss and UCF all stand at 2-1 in the Eastern Division. Memphis (2-2) trails by a half-game. Preseason favorite UAB is last at 1-2.

The game will be the second national television broadcast for ECU this season. The game is the featured CSTV Game of the Week set to begin at 3:30 p.m. However, the game will not be broadcast on Cox Cable. A tape delay of the broadcast will be played on high definition channel, InHD at 6 p.m.

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# ECU men's soccer still confident in face of adversity

ECU men not discouraged in C-USA competition despite winless start

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As the ECU men's soccer team plows deeper into its Conference USA schedule, the Pirates have two things on their minds — stay focused and qualify for the conference tournament.

Goals have been hard to come by for the Pirates, as they have scored just 13 goals in 10 matches, and ECU has struggled defensively, giving up an average of four goals per match. Following weekend losses to Marshall and Kentucky by identical 3-2 scores, ECU is still looking for its first win of the year and are trying to keep from being discouraged.

"If we win one or two games, we should have a chance of being in the conference tournament," said interim head coach Chad Halverson, "which is something

this team has never done."

Making the conference tournament of one of the premier soccer conferences in the country won't be an easy task as Conference USA gains more soccer powerhouses with the reconfiguration of the league. Joining C-USA this year are Southern Methodist, Marshall, Tulsa, Florida International, Central Florida, Kentucky and South Carolina.

With these new teams come legendary coaches. South Carolina's Mark Berson, FIU's Karl Kremser, SMU's Schellas Hyndman, UAB's Mike Getman and Bob Gray at Marshall are all longtime coaches at their universities and all rank near the top of the all-time list for career wins.

Halverson, who replaces Michael Benn as ECU's head coach, knows that knocking off a legend will go along way in the university removing the interim tag from his title and will give the team a much-needed boost of confidence.

"Regardless of the interim tag, just being a young head coach, to take on one of those

guys, hold your own and maybe knock them off in the end would be phenomenal and I can't wait," Halverson said.

"If you make the conference tournament and get some big wins, you probably stand a better chance of being retained as the full-time head coach. It's an opportunity for a guy like me who is just excited to have — that they would have the confidence in me to go through the season as the interim head coach."

Halverson was an assistant under Benn, who went to back his alma mater Lehigh, and is joined by assistant Brett Kelly, who is in his first year in Greenville after spending two years at Division III Gettysburg College, where the Bullets made the NCAA tournament each of the last two seasons.

On the field, the Pirates have talent and have been in games, but seem to lose control in the second halves. Junior Calvin Simon, who leads the team in scoring, believes the Pirates must finish more often on their scoring opportunities.

"[We need to] just need to concentrate harder, work harder and finish the opportunities that we do get," said Simon.

"Lately we have been getting decent chances. We just haven't put them in the net. We need to put together a complete game. We're confident that we can play with the better teams, and we did so against South Carolina. We just need to play all 90 minutes."

When the Pirates do score, junior keeper Chris Hicks feels there is always a letdown shortly after.

"Right after we scored, the other team has come down and scored — like we weren't focused after we scored," Hicks said.

"We were still celebrating basically and 20 or 30 seconds later, off the kickoff, the other team comes down there and they're always just really ready. We've been scored on quite a bit like that."

One remedy for that is to score quickly and flip the tables.

"I think our biggest problem is that a lot of times, we give

up goals early and then playing catch-up," Hicks added.

"It's not really a confidence booster."

Keeping a positive attitude is something Simon referred to as a key for the Pirates (0-11-1, 0-5 C-USA) to garner their first win.

"We need to stay together and keep together, and not get frustrated," Simon said.

"Keep playing as a team and stick to the game plan — knock it long and let the wingers play."

The game plan is Halverson's and he has approached this year and is approaching next year as if he is the man.

"I've gone forward and set my own policies and styles in place and just gone forward as though I am the head coach," Halverson added.

"Everything just pretty much goes as planned regardless of an interim tag. Recruiting is where it really only matters."

The Pirates are still hopeful of landing some top recruits from in and out of the state of North Carolina. Landing a speedy athletic recruit would fill

a need and boost ECU's program for the future.

"We don't have the fastest backs in the conference by far," Hicks said.

"We don't have the biggest backs. The people we have in the back are good, but if you're not focused for just a split second, someone like (South Carolina's Ayo) Akinsete can blow right by you and there's a goal."

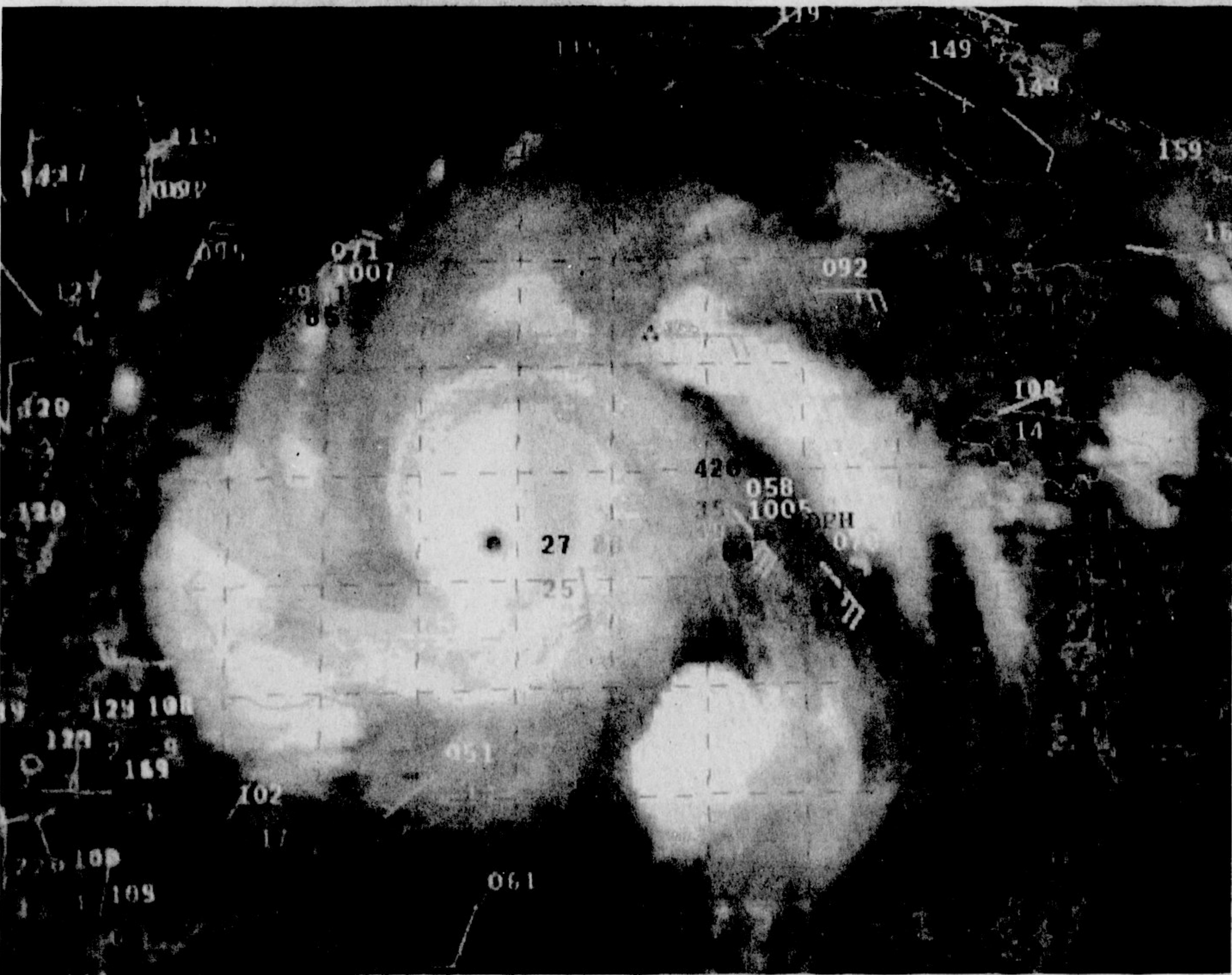
Hicks added that being in position to overcome lack of speed is crucial to the Pirates defense.

Before the Pirates can look to the future or qualifying for the C-USA tournament, they first must get their first win of the year. Halverson knows this is an audition year for him and he is "excited" about the season and will be much more so when he gets his first career win.

The next opportunity for Halverson and the Pirates to get that win will be Friday night when they travel to Orlando to take on Central Florida.

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## Georgia Tech-Miami game postponed by looming Hurricane Wilma



(AP) — Hurricane Wilma is giving Miami and Georgia Tech the weekend off.

With Wilma expected to arrive with potentially devastating force in Florida this weekend, school and Atlantic Coast Conference officials postponed Saturday's game between the Yellow Jackets and sixth-ranked Hurricanes.

The ACC did not immediately announce when the game would be played. Miami athletic director Paul Dee had said Nov. 17 and 19 are options but that would require the Hurricanes' Nov. 17 game at Wake Forest to be pushed back to Nov. 12, and that would also take away a national TV, high-exposure Thursday night game from the Demon Deacons.

"We are currently working with both institutions to reschedule the game," ACC commissioner John Swofford said.

It's the fourth time a hurricane has necessitated a schedule switch of a Miami home game; Hurricane Georges postponed a game with UCLA for more than two months in 1998, Temple's visit in 1999 was pushed back nearly three months by Hurricane Irene — and Florida State's trip south for the 2004 season-opener was delayed nearly a week by Hurricane Frances.

"These things are serious," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "We know that. If we don't know

it, we should just reflect back a few weeks to Katrina. It came through here as a Category 1 and trust me, we don't want to see much more."

Meanwhile, the Miami Dolphins were taking a wait-and-see attitude and monitoring the storm's path. The Dolphins are scheduled to host the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday afternoon.

"At this point, it would be premature to make a decision," Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said.

The NHL's Florida Panthers had not made any announcement about Saturday night's game against Ottawa.

Wilma was a Category 5 storm Wednesday, with maximum sustained winds of 165 mph. It was expected to hit southwestern Florida, then move quickly across the state and perhaps close to the greater Miami area by early Sunday.

Wilma would be the eighth hurricane to either strike or brush Florida since August 2004.

"That thing looks pretty dangerous to me," Georgia Tech coach Chan Gailey said. "It jumped from a tropical storm to Category 5 in about 20 hours. That's a little scary."

The postponement will give both the Hurricanes and Yellow Jackets some time to heal.

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