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ECU graduates use the JET program to teach English in Japan.

Graduates go to Japan to teach

English speakers needed for exchange program

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Students looking to venture outside of the United States for careers met in D-103 Brewster Tuesday, Oct. 25, when the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program visited ECU.

From a statement on the program's Web site, their mission is "to promote internationalism at the local level by inviting young, overseas graduates to assist in international exchange and foreign language education . . . it seeks to foster ties between Japanese citizens (mainly youth) and JET participants at the person to person level."

In the program, American college graduates are exported to Japan to teach in English programs. Some recruits are assistant language teachers assigned to local junior and senior high schools, as well as school boards, to teach English.

Others are trained as international relations coordinators and work in Japanese government offices. A new position gives members a chance to work as a sports exchange advisor, striving to better international relations through sports.

"The only way to gain a true understanding of another country is to live and work among its people," said Daniel Lintz, former JET member.

"Through daily interaction . . . participants can view Japan from a candid perspective available to few others."

This is the first year the program has come to ECU to recruit. On hand to spearhead the effort was Jessica Cork, advisor for educational and cultural affairs for the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta.

"It's definitely a great opportunity to immerse yourself totally in a different culture," said Cork.

The program began in 1987 and has since had more than 41,000 participants. Fifty countries have sent people to Japan, with close to 6,000 participants currently in Japan. Nearly half of those are Americans.

All majors are accepted as long as the degree is received the July before departure. Proficiency in Japanese is not required, but members should have excellent English skills and have an interest in learning and becoming part of the Japanese culture.

Members sign a one year contract with the option of renewing the contract twice for a maximum tenure of three years.

"The best thing about this job is the people," said Orla Thompson, former JET member.

"These people are the coalface of internationalization. If you're a 'people person,' this is the job for you."

The Japanese government

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\$2.8 million health center being built for uninsured

James D. Bernstein
Community Health
Center work underway

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NEWS EDITOR

The building of a new health center geared toward providing health coverage for uninsured patients was underway beginning last week.

The James D. Bernstein Community Health Center will be a 15,000-square-foot structure that takes 3.5 acres of land on Easy Street near the intersection of NC 11 and 33 North. In order to complete the project, Access East, the non-profit group who will own the facility, is getting a total of \$2.8 million from donors like E.R. Lewis Construction, The Duke Endowment and the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation. The center was named in memory of Bernstein, the founder of the NC Office of Rural Health. It is estimated that the center will be completed and patients will receive service in five years.

Dr. Thomas G. Irons, associate vice chancellor for Regional Health Services and professor of pediatrics, said the center is about addressing the needs of people who have little or no access to basic health care.

"This is really about bringing primary health services to these people - good-quality, systematic primary care," said Irons.

William J. Cromartie, distinguished professor of microbiology at UNC Chapel Hill, wrote in his article "A Weight on our Conscience" that about 15 percent of people are lacking health coverage in North Carolina.

"The 15 percent who are uninsured are, for the most part, working people who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, the

insurance program for the poor, and too little to be able to buy private health insurance," said Cromartie.

"They pay taxes but still are not able to participate in the tax-supported system of health care that benefits the other 85 percent of North Carolinians."

Irons went a step further and described the problems specific to Pitt County.

"Thirty-one percent of the people in northern Pitt County don't have health insurance, and the majority of those people work and could not possibly afford to insure themselves," Irons said.

Irons said Access East is going to find sustainable ways to provide medications for people at better than half the normal price and could make it free for those who are most in need.

"We will be able to offer medications at a sharply discounted rate," Irons said.

"We'll get the same prices the V.A. negotiates with pharmaceutical companies."

Access East is partnering with Green County Health Care to complete the new health center. Green County Health Care will run and operate the center.

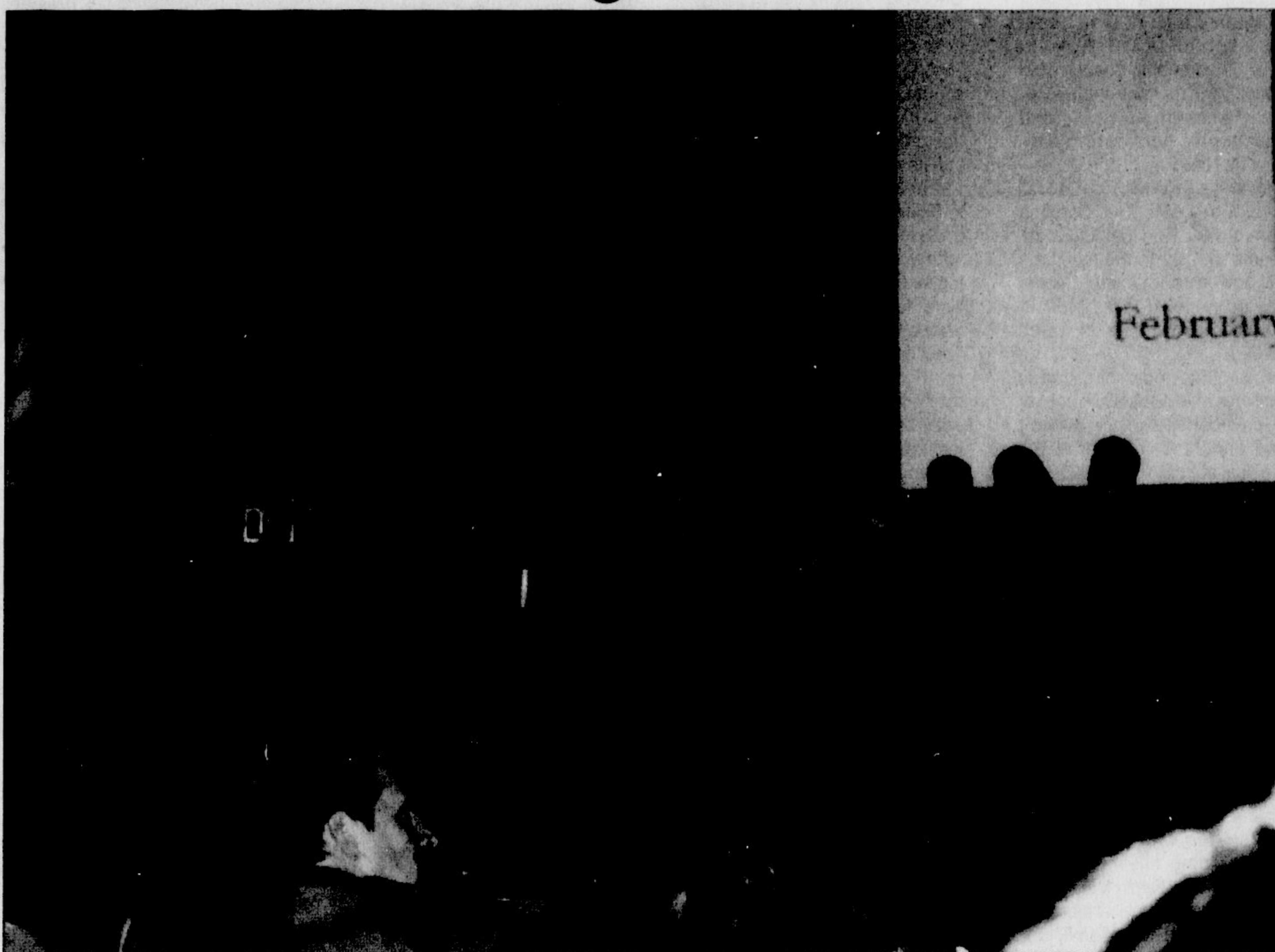
"We made the decision at Access East that if we could find the space, the land and money to buy this building, we would partner with Green County Health Care and they would operate the facility," Irons said.

Access East not only tries to provide health services for low-income people, but also offers job training and classes for things like computer skills and learning Spanish. There will also be classes directly related to health needs.

"We'll be teaching child birth classes and CPR in the facility," Irons said.

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Rosa Parks, a legend remembered



Rosa Parks was honored by students and faculty at Hendrix Theater Wednesday. Garrie Moore, M. Cole Jones, Patricia Dunn and Catherine Rigsby were among those who spoke. The ECU Gospel Choir sang the black national anthem also.

Memorial service for Rosa Parks

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Students, staff and faculty came out yesterday to Hendrix Theater, in the Mendenhall Student Center to celebrate the life of an American hero, Rosa Parks.

Rosa Parks, the "mother of the civil rights movement" was one of the most important citizens of

the 20th century. Her refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus in December of 1955 sparked a citywide boycott of the bus system by blacks that lasted more than a year. Her refusal to move raised an unknown clergyman, Martin Luther King Jr., to become one of the most prominent civil rights leaders in our nation's history, and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to outlaw segregation on city buses. Ever since then, she has helped to

make Americans aware of the history of the civil rights struggle.

The program opened with the National Anthem and a welcome by SGA President M. Cole Jones. The ECU gospel choir delivered the black national anthem and Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for student life, gave remarks on Parks.

Moore said it is important to remember what we sit down for and what we stand up for.

"When you have the right people on the bus, things happen," said Moore.

Moore also said. Parks helped many of us re-examine our commitment to democracy.

"Leaders like Rosa Parks give us hope and courage," Moore said.

Patricia Dunn, Greenville City Council member at-large, also gave remarks concerning the

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Federal Reserve raises interest rates again



The Federal Reserve raises interest rates to combat rising inflation after this year's hurricanes.

Concerned with inflation, the board has raised interest rates once more

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STAFF WRITER

Keeping in step with the trend of the last 16 months, the Federal Reserve has now raised the Fed Funds rate from 3.75 percent to four percent.

This marks the 12th consecutive time rates have been raised.

The reasoning behind this move was concerns about inflation after the recent hurricanes that have ravaged the southeastern coastline. Inflation is the general rise in prices over time. If the economy is performing at too high a level, inflation sets in and prices rise.

Interest rates serve as a means of controlling the money supply, thus regulating the performance of the economy. When the economy is doing poorly, interest rates are often lowered to encourage

people and businesses to spend more money rather than save. When the economy is doing well, interest rates are raised to control inflation by encouraging people and businesses to save more rather than spend.

Interest rates are now the highest they have been since June 2001, when the Federal Reserve began cutting the Fed Funds rate to resuscitate the economy from the effects of the tech bubble, then the Federal Reserve was forced to cut rates after the 9-11

attacks, which was a major blow to the economy. If the Fed Funds rate had not been cut at that time, it is likely that a severe depression would have occurred.

The fact that the economy grew at a solid annualized rate of 3.8 percent during the time of the hurricanes indicates how healthy the economy is at the present. Some economists believe that without the effect of the hurricanes, the annualized growth rate would have been well over 4 percent.

The Federal Reserve also hinted at further increases as they try to assuage inflation concerns. When Ben Bernanke replaces Alan Greenspan as Chairman in early 2006, it is expected that he will perpetuate Greenspan's policies because Bernanke is considered to be nearly identical in philosophically to Greenspan on monetary policy. Many analysts believe the Fed will keep raising interest rates at its final meeting of the year on Dec. 13 and at its first meeting of 2006 on Jan. 31, bringing the Fed Funds rate to 4.5 percent. Excessive rise in interest rates might foster concerns about deflation, the opposite of inflation. Deflation is a general decline in prices and can bring

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ECU graduate seeks election on Greenville City Council

Goals to improve university neighborhoods

TAYLEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

When asked why he wants to run for Greenville City Council, 1999 ECU graduate Larry Spell said he wanted to improve neighborhoods throughout the city.

Spell, who is running against incumbent council member Ric Miller, will represent District three, the district ECU occupies. The neighborhood boundaries include Reade Street in the western boundary, the Tar River along the northern border, 10th Street along the southern border and parts of Greenville Boulevard.

Major plans include proposing his Council of Neighborhoods, aimed toward keeping neighborhoods beautiful, safe

communities for residents live.

"[I want to] join old and new neighborhoods and people of all walks of life to build stronger communities across the city," said Spell.

Spell wants neighborhoods to be inviting places. The new council will serve as a liaison with City Council focused on unifying neighborhoods. Currently, Greenville does not have such a program.

Not all neighborhoods have their own association, but Spell's goal is to make sure all neighborhoods eventually do. The plan has already gained support from several neighborhood associations, including College Court-Coghill, Tar River University Neighborhood and Stratford Neighborhood.

Each association will elect a representative to serve on the

Council of Neighborhoods as a whole.

"My vision is that it should be a group of citizens who propose solutions to different problems neighborhoods may face," Spell said.

"It represents the will of the people."

"Anytime we see City Council, it's during a crisis. We would like to see a program that can address concerns before they become problems," said Charles Ewen, president of the Tar River University Neighborhood Association and professor of anthropology.

"I can't think of anything better than to have the Neighborhood Association endorsed by City Council," Ewen said.

One chief function of the Council of Neighborhoods is to support each individual neighborhood association. The goal

is to have leaders running each association in order for them to train new representatives.

"I see the spreading of neighborhood associations as a primary function of this body," Spell said.

Another aspect that gives value to neighborhoods around ECU is the greenway that currently runs from Greensprings Park on Fifth Street to College Hill. Spell wants the greenway eventually extended toward the south bank of the Tar River and throughout the city.

The greenway is important for peoples' health because it will encourage others to walk and ride their bikes. The alternative transportation will also cut costs on gas spending.

"It's a long term commitment, but we must put in the

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Announcements

Bowling for Diabetes

The Student National Medical Association of the Brody School of Medicine at ECU will host the second "A.C.E. Bowl-a-thon" (Awareness, Change and Education) to raise money for diabetes testing supplies and community service projects Sunday, Nov. 6.

The bowl-a-thon will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the AMF East Carolina Lanes, 700 Red Banks Road. Teams with up to five members will bowl three games - teams should raise at least \$150 in pledges. Last year's event raised \$8,000.

Registration and information is available at acebowlathon.com or by calling the Academic Support and Enrichment Center at the medical school at 744-2500.

James G. Jones Family Medicine Lecture

The director of the San Diego Center for Patient Safety will present the annual James G. Jones Distinguished Lecture in Family Medicine at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6 in room 2E-92 at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU.

Dr. Joseph E. Scherger will speak on the future of family medicine during the lecture honoring the founding chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at ECU. Scherger is clinical professor in the Department of Family and Preventative Medicine at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. He is also director of quality improvement in correctional medicine at UCSD. For more information, contact Jeannine Hutson at 744-2911.

Think-In Technology Fair

Academic Outreach and Information Technology & Computing Services will host "Teaching with Technology 2005: A Think-In of Best Practices" Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Rooms. This event will provide ECU faculty the opportunity to share their expertise using technology in both face-to-face and distance education courses. Faculty are invited to submit proposals for laptop poster sessions. The poster sessions should include course demonstrations that showcase the use of technology. Faculty and staff attendees will have the opportunity to judge presentations and a first prize will be awarded in each category. For more information, visit ecu.edu/cs-acad/academicoutreach/think-in.cfm.

Friends of Joyner Library Benefit

The Friends of Joyner Library will be having a banquet and silent auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 in Joyner Library. The event will support the library's efforts, ensuring students have the research materials they need to become world-class graduates while also providing literally millions of valuable resources to faculty, citizens and other patrons. Margaret Hoffman, author of *Blackbeard: A Tale of Villainy and Murder in Colonial America*, will share why for almost 300 years the infamous pirate still haunts our coastline. We will revisit the fascinating history lesson and view artifacts from the pirate's ship, the *Queen Anne's Revenge*, courtesy of the N.C. Maritime Museum, all from a lit skyline providing a spectacular view of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and Bagwell Field. Tickets are \$40 for the individual, \$65 for a couple and \$250 for a sponsor. For reservations and information, contact Sarah Dickens at 328-5685 or dickenss@mail.ecu.edu.

Dance of Universal Peace

Dances of Universal Peace will take place in the Mendenhall multi-purpose room from 4 - 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 with sacred singing and simple, heartfelt movements. No experience is needed, and trained professionals will be on hand to instruct. Live music will be provided. The event is free for all and refreshments will be provided. For more information, visit danceofuniversalpeace.org/main/.

Announcements

Local

Embattled lottery commissioner

Geddings resigns from post
RALEIGH, NC (AP) - A North Carolina lottery commissioner who resigned Tuesday had financial dealings with a potential gambling vendor more recently than previously disclosed, according to documents filed with the state.

Kevin Geddings had financial ties to Scientific Games Corp., a leading provider of instant-win tickets and lottery software, during this year's legislative session, according to a filing Tuesday with the Secretary of State's Office.

The company paid Geddings' public relations firm \$24,500 this year for "communications consulting services" and other work. That included \$5,000 paid to Geddings to prepare Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, for a debate on the lottery, the filings showed.

Geddings resigned Tuesday because of criticism over his past ties to Scientific Games, but the vendor's filing puts its financial connections with Geddings as much more recent. Geddings disclosed last month that he is friends with Alan Middleton, the vice president for government relations at Scientific Games. He also said he had hired Middleton several years ago, before Middleton worked at the company, to work on public relations projects.

An appointee of House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, Geddings had pledged to recuse himself from any final votes on the hiring of lottery contractors to avoid the appearance of impropriety. He had repeatedly said he intended to remain on the commission.

The vendor's filing showed that Geddings & Phillips Communications firm received \$9,500 for its work on behalf of Scientific Games a day after Black appointed him to the lottery

commission Sept. 22.

Scientific Games also released more information on the work performed by Meredith Norris, Black's former political director who is already being investigated by the Secretary of State's Office about whether she violated lobbying laws for her work with the vendor.

Norris was paid or promised \$40,000 for the work she performed on the company's behalf, which largely included taking out legislative leaders and others for meals, according to Tuesday's filing. The report lists 18 occasions in which Norris took out different lawmakers, sometimes including Black, Senate leader Marc Basnight, D-Dare, and Rand, at a cost of \$4,592.37.

Rand told The News & Observer of Raleigh that he recalled meeting Norris, Geddings and someone else in late May at his Fayetteville office before the local lottery forum. Rand said he had dinner afterward with Geddings, but he didn't know whom Geddings represented.

According to Rand, Geddings and Norris gave him some information about lotteries in other states. Rep. Hugh Holliman, D-Davidson, one of the co-sponsors of the lottery legislation signed into law by Gov. Mike Easley in August, urged Geddings last week to step down. "I really believe that the members of the commission should be above reproach, and he certainly had a conflict of interest," Holliman said.

National

Bush outlines strategy to prepare for potential flu pandemic

WASHINGTON (AP) - Faced with how to stretch scarce vaccines and where to put hacking patients when hospitals overflow in the next super-flu crisis, cities and states are awaiting instructions on how to make President Bush's \$7.1 billion

plan work.

States already got an unpleasant surprise Tuesday when Bush said he wants them to purchase millions of doses of an anti-flu drug with their own money to supplement the federal government's stockpile.

"They expect us to pay 75 cents on a dollar for flu medicine that's going to be a tough pill to swallow," Republican Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, chairman of the National Governors Association, said through a spokeswoman.

Bush outlined his strategy to get ready for a possible worldwide flu outbreak, emphasizing better early warning systems to spot super-strains of influenza before they reach the United States and better ways to brew vaccines to protect against them.

On Wednesday, the Department of Health and Human Services was releasing crucial details on how the plan will work, including how cities and states will get vaccine and medications to panicked citizens. "Every nation, every state in this union and every community in these states must be ready," Bush said.

Pandemics strike when the easy-to-mutate influenza virus shifts to a strain that people have never experienced before, something that happened three times in the last century.

It is impossible to say when the next super-flu will strike, and Bush sought to reassure a jittery public Tuesday that there's no sign one is imminent. Still, concern is growing that the bird flu strain known as H5N1 could trigger one if it mutates to start spreading easily among people. Since 2003, at least 62 people in Southeast Asia have died from H5N1; most of the victims regularly handled poultry. Topping Bush's strategy is a \$2.8 billion investment to create ways to manufacture flu vaccines in easier-to-handle cell cultures, instead of today's slow method that relies on millions of chicken eggs.

The idea is that when scientists spot a super-flu emerging abroad, they eventually would be able to produce enough vaccine for every American within six months. That's a huge change that will take years to implement. Bush's goal is 2010.

World

Some 10,000 Iranians denounce U.S., Israel in protest marking seizure of U.S. Embassy

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Thousands of Iranians burned flags and chanted slogans against Israel and the United States on Wednesday in the largest demonstration in years outside the former U.S. Embassy in Tehran. More than 10,000 demonstrators shouted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" in front of the former embassy compound, marking the 26th anniversary of the Nov. 4, 1979 seizure of the embassy by student militants.

The demonstration came a week after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for Israel's eradication, saying the country should be "wiped off the map," comments that caused a flood of international condemnation and criticisms from moderates in Iran that he was needlessly stoking confrontation with the West.

Ahmadinejad has stuck by the comments, and on Friday he joined hundreds of thousands of demonstrators marching in Tehran and other cities to denounce Israel in the country's annual Quds or Jerusalem Day protest.

Wednesday's protest was far smaller but it was still the largest turnout in years for the annual protests organized at the former U.S. Embassy. Demonstrators carried a large picture of Ahmadinejad emblazoned with his quote, "Israel must be wiped off the map." They burned U.S. and Israeli flags and effigies of President Bush

and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Some wore a traditional Palestinian kaffiyah headdress, symbolizing their readiness to fight Israel.

"We have to continue our confrontation with the United States and Israel. This could help the world get rid of the arrogant powers," the hard-line Jomhuri Eslami daily said in an editorial.

Since the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iranians have celebrated the Nov. 4 takeover of the embassy by militant students. The students took 52 American diplomats hostage for 444 days.

Though the annual protest drew massive crowds during the heyday of the Islamic Revolution in the 1980s, during the lifetime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the past few years they have gotten smaller, drawing several thousand each time.

But Wednesday's was the first embassy rally held since Ahmadinejad's surprise victory in June presidential elections, which sealed the decline of Iran's reform movement and solidified the control of hard-liners over the government. Some Iranians fear Ahmadinejad - a longtime member of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards - will bring back the policies of restrictions at home and confrontation abroad seen under Khomeini.

The demonstrations were held two days early this year because of an upcoming religious holiday, which officials were concerned would hamper their efforts to mobilize school students to participate.

The protesters also supported Iran's nuclear program and asked the government not to give it up. The United States, which broke off diplomatic relations with Iran since the embassy takeover, suspects Iran's nuclear program is a front for developing weapons. Iran has denied that and says it is interested only in generating electricity.

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sponsors the program, and members are selected by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Post and Telecommunications, the Ministry of Education, culture, sports, science and technology. Local authorities are also involved in making the decision as to who is accepted.

Airfare is provided and accommodations are arranged by the host institutions. Participants also receive health benefits.

The application process begins the fall before the candidate is scheduled to leave. The process lasts through the spring until late July, when the member leaves for Japan.

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Irons said Access East has made it their trademark to listen to members of the community and find out what they want in health care. People will have a lot of say in what goes on with the health center.

"The community has to take a lead in deciding what we do," Irons said.

"This is a partnership. The board which will oversee this facility will be 60 percent composed of actual clients of the center from the community."

Irons has found out people are very concerned about chronic health problems, substance abuse, medications, mental health services and diabetes.

This center will also open up opportunities for ECU students in different health departments.

"I have met with more than 30 faculty, deans, department chairs and so forth who are keenly interested in using this community health center environment as a focus for education and training students at the undergraduate and graduate level in areas ranging from health psychology to education to occupational therapy," Irons said.

A quarter of the building space will be devoted to an edu-

Accommodations can be made for engaged or married participants to be assigned to the same area, but the program cannot guarantee couples will end up in the same place.

A salary of 3.6 million yen is offered, which corresponds to about \$32,000 U.S. that is not subject to American taxes.

Junior English major James Tyndal has previously traveled to Japan and is intrigued at the prospect of returning.

"I loved the place before, and this time I'll be getting paid good money," said Tyndal.

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Airports in eastern North Carolina are competing for business travelers as well as vacationers.

Airports using perks to lure flyers from top competitors

JACKSONVILLE, NC (AP) - First, there's the drive - every bit of 125 miles just to get there.

Then there's parking. It's a long way off, and folks need a shuttle just to get back to the terminal. Once there, most face a long line to get a boarding pass and an even longer line to go through security.

This is what Onslow County residents have to endure to fly out of Raleigh-Durham International Airport. For many, it's not worth the trouble. They would rather fly closer to home.

Airports throughout eastern North Carolina are competing for these business travelers and vacationers. It's a competitive market, exemplified by a new advertising campaign by the Kingston Regional Jetport. The "Fly Kingston" billboards seen along Jacksonville thoroughfares are

targeting customers in Onslow who might otherwise choose the short drive to Albert J. Ellis Airport near Richlands, where they can fly direct to Charlotte and Philadelphia on U.S. Airways.

Customers who prefer Delta Airlines can take the one-hour drive up U.S. 258 to the Kingston Regional Jetport and fly to Atlanta. Among the perks Kingston advertises in its campaign is free parking.

Travelers who want more nonstop destinations can take the 50-mile drive down to Wilmington.

The airports are competing for passengers by constantly trying to recruit new airlines, add new destinations and offering perks in the airport to make the wait more enjoyable.

The closest of the three airports to Jacksonville sits just off

NC 11 near Richlands. Albert J. Ellis Airport would like to keep residents from driving to Kingston or Wilmington if they want to go to Atlanta by getting direct service of its own.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta announced recently the airport received a \$500,000 grant through the Small Community Air Service Development Program. Airport Director Jerry Vickers said Ellis officials have been in negotiations with an airline about service to Atlanta, but talks are in limbo.

"We're in a bit of a standstill right now given the nature of what's going on in the airline industry with the bad economics," he said.

Vickers also would like to see the airport possibly begin service to Washington-Dulles airport.

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Security heightened at U.S. base where suspected terrorist escaped

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Security has been tightened at the U.S. military prison in Afghanistan following the escape of a suspected al-Qaida leader, a U.S. official said Wednesday. Indonesian anti-terrorism officials accused Washington of failing to tell them of the breakout.

Omar al-Farouq, born in Kuwait to Iraqi parents, was considered one of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenants in Southeast Asia until Indonesian authorities captured him in 2002 and turned him over to the United States.

He was one of four suspected Arab terrorists to escape in July from the detention facility at Bagram, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan. It was not clear how long he had been held in Afghanistan.

Although the escape was widely reported at the time, al-Farouq was identified by an alias and the U.S. military only confirmed Tuesday that he was among those who fled.

A video the four men made of themselves after they escaped from Bagram was broadcast on Dubai-based television station Al-Arabiya on Oct. 18, the broadcaster said.

In the video, the four men said they escaped on a Sunday when many of the Americans on the base were off duty, and one of the four — Muhammad Hassan, said to be Libyan — said he picked the locks of their cell, according to Al-Arabiya.

In the video, apparently shot in Afghanistan, they show fellow militants a map of the base and the location of their cell. Another shot in the video showed Hassan leading the others in prayer. Editors at Al-Arabiya would not say how they received the video.

An Indonesian anti-terrorism official, Maj. Gen. Ansyad Mbai, on Wednesday sharply criticized the U.S. government for failing to inform him that al-Farouq was no longer behind bars.

"We know nothing about the escape of Omar al-Farouq," he said. "He is a dangerous terrorist for us, his escape will increase the threat of terrorism in Indonesia."

"We need to coordinate security here as soon as possible to anticipate his return," he said. "The escape of al-Farouq could

bring fresh wind to the operation of terrorism and could energize the new movement of terrorist actors in Southeast Asia and the world."

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, asked by CNN about Mbai's comments to The Associated Press that Indonesia was not told about the escape, said: "I don't know all the facts of this particular incident. Obviously, we consider this a very serious problem and one we'd have to look into the details of."

A top security consultant in Jakarta played down concerns that al-Farouq would make his way back to Southeast Asia and rejoin Jemaah Islamiyah, the regional terrorist group linked to al-Qaida.

"He's Iraqi after all. If he's not hiding out (in Afghanistan or Pakistan), he's probably headed to Iraq to join the fight there," said Ken Conboy, who recently published a book on Jemaah Islamiyah.

Al-Farouq was recruited into al-Qaida in the early 1990s and went to the Khaldan training camp in Afghanistan from 1992 and 1995, Conboy wrote in his book *Intel*.

In 1995, he was sent to the Philippines, originally to enroll in a flight school so he could become proficient enough to commandeer a passenger plane on a suicide mission. He failed to gain entry and instead went to a camp in the traditional Muslim homeland of Mindanao, where he trained in jungle warfare tactics along with other Jemaah Islamiyah trainees, the book says.

From there, Al-Farouq traveled by sea to neighboring Indonesia, where in 2000 he set up training camps for radicals engaged in sectarian clashes with the nation's Christian minority. He was also reported to be planning a series of attacks on U.S. embassies and other Western interests throughout Southeast Asia, the book says.

In 2002, al-Farouq was captured in a town south of Jakarta. Indonesian security officials turned him over to the United States and he was eventually transferred to Bagram.

Yuri Thamrin, Indonesia's Foreign Ministry spokesman, said he had heard nothing about al-Farouq's escape, but conceded

that Washington may have directly informed security officials in Jakarta.

"We have to check and make sure whether the U.S. has given the information to Indonesia or not," Thamrin said.

Military officials have declined to elaborate on how the men escaped from the heavily fortified jail, the only detainees they say have managed to do so. But a spokesman said Wednesday that an investigation into the breakout had turned up weaknesses in security and that these have been corrected.

"Physical security upgrades include improvements to an external door and holding cells," Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara said, reading from a statement.

More than 500 suspected militants are held in the prison, a plain-looking building of about three stories in the heart of Bagram, next to the runways and the command center.

Several razor-wire fences surround the base and areas outside the perimeter remain mined from Afghanistan's civil war and Soviet occupation. Military teams patrol constantly, and the main entrance is a series of heavily guarded checkpoints.

A U.S. military statement issued in August about the breakout said an inquiry had found that "the guards and supervisors did not follow standard operating procedures" on the night it occurred.

"These failures led to the escape of the four detainees on 10 July," it said, adding that "action has either been taken or is in the process of being taken" to fix the problems.

The military conducted a massive manhunt after the breakout. U.S. troops, backed by Afghan police and soldiers, searched houses, manned roadblocks and zigzagged in helicopters across a dusty plain around the base.

Kabir Ahmed, the government leader in the area, said the American investigators had found where the men escaped from the base and fled through a field of wild grapevines.

"The soldiers found the escapees' footprints still in the mud," he said. "It was an amazing breakout. How they did it exactly I still don't know."

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legacy of Parks.

"She taught us what one person can do to make things right, she gave us a reflective mirror to see how things really were, to see our own way of racial prejudice," said Dunn.

Students who attended the service also recognized the importance of Parks' actions and the importance of the memorial service.

Lathan Turner, associate vice chancellor for educational services, gave the closing remarks.

"In places around the world people wear bracelets that say

what would Jesus do? So I want to say what would Rosa Think? If she were here right now, what would she think about what we are doing today? Her decision revolutionized this country," said Turner.

Catherine Rigsby, chair of the faculty senate, said it's time for us to all stand together equally privileged.

"Her death is a signal that we must continue to fight," Rigsby said.

"This was a very fitting tribute for a wonderful woman, the memorial service was great and

the gospel choir was outstanding," said Rev. Scott Wilkinson, United Methodist campus minister.

"This was a really great event for ECU and the campus community. The faculty, staff and students were here and it was great for everyone to learn from her example," said Tamika Walker, Senior, music education major.

The memorial service concluded with a community reception in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

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negative economic scenarios such as depression just like inflation can. Striking a balance or equilibrium among economic factors is essential for a healthy economy. Numerous statistical models are used to find optimum balance in the economy.

In keeping with Greenspan's policies, the Federal Reserve, under Bernanke, will also be on guard against the possibility of deflation.

"The US government has a technology called the printing press, or today its electronic

equivalent, that allows it to produce as many U.S. dollars as it wishes at essentially no cost to keep deflation at bay," said Bernanke.

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FARM SCENE: California county votes on farming chemical use

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — The tomatoes, basil and apples that Shelley Arrowsmith grows on her modest 2.5-acre farm in Sonoma County are produced without chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

Flowers surrounding her vegetable garden attract what she calls "good bugs" that eat the troublesome ones. In her beehives, grease pads draw mites away from the hives and are later eaten by ants.

While she has a choice about whether to use chemicals, she worries about a possible change in the county's agricultural industry that may leave her without a choice: the use of genetically altered crops.

Fear of having her produce contaminated by such crops prompted her to support a local measure on the Nov. 8 ballot. Measure M would ban the planting or cultivating of any genetically altered crops in Sonoma County, a region best known for its pastoral vineyards and lush orchards.

"The bees have no boundaries," Arrowsmith said. "They can go wherever they want."

Voters already have approved similar bans in three California counties, but rejected them in three others. Opponents of genetically modified

crops have lobbied for outright bans in Hawaii and Vermont, but California remains the only state in the nation with local bans.

If approved, Sonoma County would be responsible for enforcing fines up to \$1,000 for each violation.

Farmers have lined up on both sides and the campaigns have spent a combined \$850,000, approaching the most ever spent on a Sonoma County ballot fight.

Opponents of genetically modified crops say there's insufficient research on the health effects of eating contaminated food. Their campaign is largely funded by a local organic farm and education center. Arrowsmith, 54, worries they will migrate to her farm from nearby fields, perhaps through pollinating bees.

Such fears are unfounded, said Lex McCorvey, executive director of the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, which opposes the ban and has raised money from farmers and wineries to fight it. He said different species of apples or tomatoes can be planted next to each other and not become contaminated. The risk of cross-pollination is very low for crops such as corn, he added.

Many foods commonly found in grocery stores also are the result of genetic tinkering, he said.

"We've been dealing with all these risks in agriculture since the beginning of time," McCorvey said.


The proposed 10-year ban on genetically modified crops could hurt Sonoma County farmers in the multibillion-dollar international agricultural industry, he said. In the United States, most packaged foods have some genetically modified component. Europe has imposed restrictions on genetically modified crop imports.

Art Lafranchi believes the 45 acres of genetically modified feed corn on his 255-acre Sonoma County dairy farm is much cleaner than the conventional corn he had before.

Over six years, he said the amount and strength of the pesticides his workers have had to apply to the weed-resistant crop has consistently dropped.

"We're using less chemicals, we're using chemicals that have far less impact, and it costs less and it does a much better job," he said. "What they (supporters of a ban) want flies in the face of what environmentalists want — having an environment that's less toxic to us."

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resources and energy to make sure the greenway is properly funded," Spell said.

Parks and open spaces are also important to Greenville's appearance. City Council received funding to turn nearly 119 acres of land off Highway 33 into a community park. "We should hold on to that land and use it as a park when the need arises," Spell said.

In efforts to improve Greenville's appearance, Spell has been a huge part of the city-wide Spring Clean Up every year. The Public Works Department identifies projects throughout the city that need extra attention, and Spell always encourages people to help clean their own community.

Since 2002, Spell has served on Greenville's Community Appearance Commission, responsible for making the city look appealing while assuring that commercial properties have enough trees and landscaping.

The idea is to make the city look more attractive.

"In the long run, it makes our neighborhoods look better, which makes people want to bring business here," Spell said.

Spell wants people to have a great quality of life in all neighborhoods in Greenville, even if that means constantly making sure landlords and homeowners are maintaining their properties. Everyone wants to feel safe in their home, "Whether you're 18 or 88," Spell said.

On Tuesday Nov. 8, Spell will find out whether or not he has been elected to Greenville's City Council. If elected, he will serve his term for two years.

Early voting has already begun and is available at the election annex north of the Tar River, just off Green Street.

Regardless of whether Spell is elected, he will work to establish the Council of Neighborhoods while continuing to serve on the Community Appearance Commission.

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Opinion Columnist

I'm not sure whether I should laugh or cry

Hitler Youth goes pop
with Prussian Blue

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I'm pretty open-minded when it comes to music. If you were to scan through my MP3 Player, which if you're curious is a Creative Zen Xtra - or as I affectionately call it, "the iPod killer" - you'd find a fairly broad cross-section of music. I've got the essentials: The Beatles, Bowie, Marvin Gaye, etc. and I've got a lot of off-the-wall stuff like Babyshambles, Tenacious D and Wham!

But the other day while I was listening to *The Ron and Fez Show* on XM 202, I heard music from a genre I didn't even know existed: white supremacist folk-pop. I know what you're thinking - "racism in music is nothing new."

Well here's the catch: the music Ron and Fez were playing is by two 13-year-old twins named Lamb and Lynx Gaede - collectively known as Prussian Blue. They're the Olson twins of the white power movement which is fitting because Lamb and Lynx look jarringly similar to Mary-Kate and Ashley.

Prussian Blue began performing in early 2003. Both girls sing. Lamb plays the guitar while Lynx plays the violin. Their girls' mother April, however, has the most important role in the group: indoctrinating the girls with the vile and venomous ideals of the Nazi party because April Gaede the band's manager and (surprise, surprise) is an active member of the National Vanguard organization, a splinter group made up of disaffected former of the National Alliance. Apparently the National Alliance wasn't racist enough for her liking.

At first I laughed at the concept and wrote them off Prussian Blue as some sort of harmless novelty act however the more I heard about them, the more disturbed (and angry) I became. It began with the origin of the band's name. I figured it was something along the lines having

Prussian blue-blood, of being pure Germans. Nope.

In an interview with *Viceland Magazine*, the girls dispelled my theory. "There is ... the discussion of the lack of Prussian blue coloring (Zyklon B residue) in the so-called gas chambers in the concentration camps," one of the girls says (the magazine didn't differentiate which one.)

"We think it might make people question some of the inaccuracies of the 'Holocaust' myth."

Holocaust myth? Then where did the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. get all those ghastly, heartbreaking photographs that they have on display? If there weren't a Holocaust, where did those millions of Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and handicapped people go? To the store?

But let's not stop Prussian Blue while they're on a roll. *Viceland* then asked the girls what the largest social problem facing the white race was. They're answer: "Not having enough white babies born to replace ourselves and generally not having good-quality white people being born." Let me reiterate - these are 13-year-old girls.

These are 13-year-old girls writing and singing songs with lyrics like these, found in their song "Sacrifice": Rudolph Hess, man of peace./He wouldn't give up and he wouldn't cease, to give his loyalty to our Cause./Remember him and give a pause./Robert Matthews knew the Truth. He knew what he had to do. He set an example with Courage so bold. We'll never let that fire grow cold./Dr Pierce, a man so wise, helped so many of us open our eyes, and see the future for what it could be, a future for our Race's eternity.

I did some research on who they were singing about in this song. Rudolph Hess, the "man of peace," was Adolph Hitler's third in command, the "deputy Führer" if you will. He flew to Scotland in 1941 to negotiate peace with Britain - basically he told Britain that if they left Germany alone, Germany would leave them unmolested.

I wouldn't necessarily call the man who took dictation for

"Mein Kampf" a "man of peace." Dr. Martin Luther King was a man of peace, they should write a song about him ... actually that's just asking for trouble.

Robert Matthews was the leader of the white power terrorist cell The Order Bruder Schweigen (or the Order of the Silent Brotherhood.) Dr. William Pierce was the founder of the National Alliance, and the truth he knew, apparently, was spelled out in his book "The Turner Diaries" which violently depicted a future rife with race wars. These are heavy things to have on your mind even when you're in your 30s. Shouldn't 13-year-old girls be writing songs about Justin Timberlake or their puppy? But more importantly - I'm having trouble with how I should feel about Prussian Blue.

I hate their parents. I hate that there are people in this country so detestable as to instill that sort of barbaric mentality into their children. In essence, Lamb and Lynx's parents have brainwashed them and essentially, have eliminated any chance of the two having any sort of normal life. I mean, it's almost as bad as naming your children Lamb and Lynx.

But how should I feel about the two girls? Should I hate them for what they say or should I pity them instead. At 13 years old, should I expect them to break out of their parent's mind control or is that impossible after years and years of abuse.

Finally, there's the conflict between what I feel are issues that I feel most strongly being as socially liberal as I am, equality and freedom of speech. Should these girls have the freedom to promote inequality? Or should we just shake our heads and allow it to go on? It's a catch-22.

All I know is that when I hear a lyric like this - "When a mother's only children belong to her no more. And black masked men with guns come bashing down the doors. Where freedom exists for only those with darker skin" - my blood boils. Plus they're really bad singers - even for 13-year-olds.

Letters To The Editor

Dear students and faculty,

Larry Spell is running for City Council - for district 3. His motto is "Neighbors working together to build a stronger city" and I know Larry can help make that happen.

I have known Larry for several years and find him to be a man of great integrity. He wants the best for Greenville and its citizens and is willing to work hard to help Greenville grow in ways that will benefit us all. Larry aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in Greenville.

First, Larry Spell has long-term vision. He wants to plan now for the generations who will call Greenville home in the future. He knows that our property values will go up if we continue to build parks and green spaces into city growth plan, and he is able to bring people together to make this happen. People will want to live and work in a beautiful Greenville if planning is done now.

Larry's style of leadership is needed to make the center of town safe and strong, as we work to keep our fuel and transportation costs down. Larry has a plan to strengthen the center of Greenville as our population and economy continues to grow.

Second, Larry has good "people skills." Before he makes a decision, he talks with diverse citizen groups and helps them

come to an agreement. He does not make decisions alone. Larry will work with all the boards and commissions in the city at this time of enormous change and will increase citizen involvement in City Government.

He has served as chairman of the city Community Appearance Commission, and has guided that board in the direction of a more attractive Greenville. Larry has the skill to work with a broad range of people. He is a consensus builder.

Larry Spell will work with us to ensure a future that we can all be proud of.

Vote for Larry Spell Nov. 8!
Sincerely,
Alice Arnold
Associate Professor of Art
East Carolina University

Dear students and faculty,

A letter from 90 faculty and human rights organizations was recently sent to the Presidents and athletic directors of NCAA Division I colleges and universities urging them to adopt a policy to refrain from engaging in athletic competition with colleges and universities that maintain American Indian imagery in their sports mascots.

This initiative followed the August 5, 2005 ruling by the NCAA that it would no longer permit 18 member institutions with American Indian mascots

and imagery to host postseason sports tournaments. The NCAA also urged colleges and universities not to engage in athletic competition with those institutions on their list of 18, a practice already in place at the Universities of Iowa and Wisconsin.

The decision by the NCAA to intervene came after years of information gathering during which member institutions were given multiple opportunities to address why their sports programs should be permitted to remain outside the NCAA's non-discrimination policies. The ruling by the NCAA was based on a thoughtful review conducted by more than forty presidents of member institutions.

I write to urge you to work on your campus to establish a policy that would preclude your university from competing in athletic events with non-Native institutions that have American Indian sports mascots. In so doing, you would join the many American Indian nations who oppose the use of Indian mascots as well as the National Indian Education Association, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the NAACP, the American Psychological Association and many other civil rights, professional and religious organizations.

Stephen J. Kaufman
Professor
University of Illinois

Pirate Rant

Facebook.com is a very effective tool to assist in procrastinating. Wow! They even give you the option of making an online photo album! Those guys are geniuses. They keep coming up with ways we can procrastinate and stay in others' business.

Does the size of a girl really matter to guys? If so, how big is too big?

Gel deodorant in the cold is a very, very bad idea.

How come the Pirate Rant is the only section students read in the newspaper and nothing else?

Did the skit done by the Black Student Union offend anyone else? I know it was all in fun but I still do not think it was appropriate.

Great STI article, but I would like to know some statistics.

Just because you're pregnant doesn't mean you have to marry him.

What exactly is a friend? Someone you can depend on no matter what or someone who only calls when they need a ride?

Is anyone else tired of school already? I'm a sophomore and this whole medical school thing is wearing me out!

Go ahead hit me, and I'll call the police and you will go to jail. So get over yourself, and learn to drive. You are required by NC law to yield to pedestrians at or in a crosswalk.

Anyone else think our English professor is hot?

Why when you tell someone that you are Pro-Choice do they say "Oh, so you're for abortion?" No, idiot, I said I was FOR CHOICE. What's so heroic about having a child and not taking care of him or her?

The Pirate Rant is way too fun. I used to hate to read random jerks complaining, but much like a car crash I couldn't not look. Now that I'm one of those random jerks I can't stop complaining.

Why do I feel like I have to wear a helmet just to ride my bike to class? I was almost hit twice yesterday by rude drivers. Bikes have the same right to be on the road as cars. And if you see a bike in the middle of Fifth Street stopping traffic, that's me. Its the only way I'll ever be able to cross to campus. And to the idiot that honked at me and almost hit me, share the road, it's the LAW!

TEC says they want to hear from me. That's funny, I've sent in two letters to the editor this semester, yet received no reply. What has changed?

If you have such a problem with us smoking, try to give us some motivation. If you see a girl you like don't disregard her because she is smoking. Tell her what you think. People can change. Lots of people have quit smoking, and for a lot of people it is a phase.

Go HYBRID! I loved the hybrid bus. It was great for a ride, but better for pedestrians. We are tired of exhaust. How am I supposed to think in class when I smell like the muffler to a bus? I believe we should support the hybrid buses, and get rid of those old dirty smog creators.

What happened to pay phones? Not everyone wants a cell phone, but sometimes we do need to make phone calls. I don't want an electronic leash, but I do want access to a telephone.

Note to Self: Do not sleep with girl with one earring, sounds like she gets around. Plus she's a home wrecker!

To the person who said that the police should worry less about alcohol and more about protecting students, if there weren't so many drunks around town, maybe the students wouldn't be in as much danger! Stop blaming the Greenville police for doing their job!

To the straight guy who "would" with Orlando Bloom... don't feel bad, dude. I'm straight and I "would" too.

The non-profit organization that I work with for a project needs to check itself, and realize that no one really cares and stop trying to make me its slave.

Why is it that our lobby has heat, yet none of our rooms have it? I mean, I know a little cold is probably good for us, but not when we're bundled under three blankets to keep warm.

If you get attention wherever you go, why run for mayor? There is no pride in self-indulgence.

HEY! Share the first lot B spaces!

Dear Gods of rain and cold weather: bite me.

Don't you feel uncomfortable when a professor asks the class a question and everyone sits there silently for like, 30 seconds? No? I guess it's just me.

To the lazy a** that drove their car to the ATM by Mendenhall and then tried to run me over, it's a side-walk. Park your car and get your lazy a** out and walk like everyone else!

Thanks for saying I was funny, but I wish you would have specified you meant me cause there are like five male newscasters at WZMB and now they all think you were talking to them.

Ryan Nyquist why can't Dave Mirra be as cool and nice as you.

If you're going be 10 or 15 minutes late every day in class, just don't bother coming. You're a distraction, and it takes away from class time that I pay to have. No excuses either, ride the bus earlier.

I don't need designer jeans and expensive clothes to look good. I'm going to keep wearing my pajama pants to class.

Why did TEC put last Wednesday's Ceramic Guild info in this Wednesday's paper? Good thing you let everyone know about it now that it's over...

I wasn't trying to show how much I know about the class issue, our teacher said he gave credit if you participate in class - hence why I always speak up, so while you sit there wishing I would shut up, I am getting my big fat A!

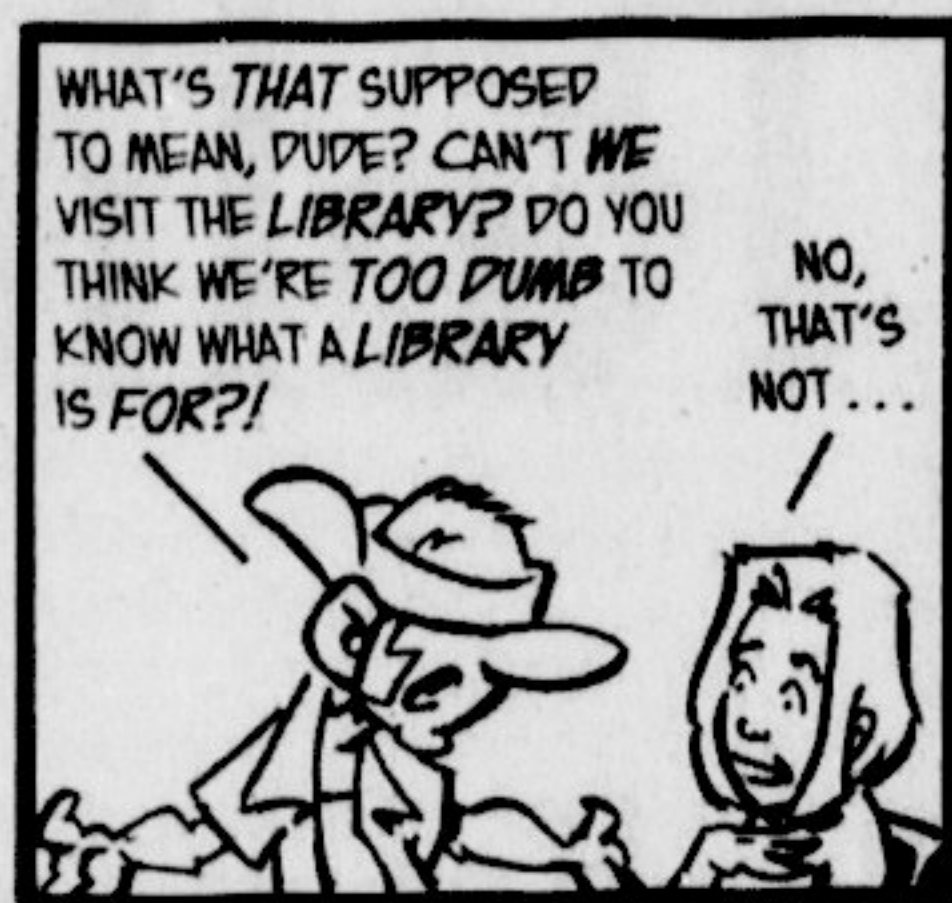
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Tony McKee, you make me not want to be a Republican anymore.

To everyone who complains about the way ECU spends money - especially the comment about ECU spending millions on a football stadium while we don't have a parking deck - many projects are donor funded and the money is earmarked for specific projects - do your homework before you rant about it.

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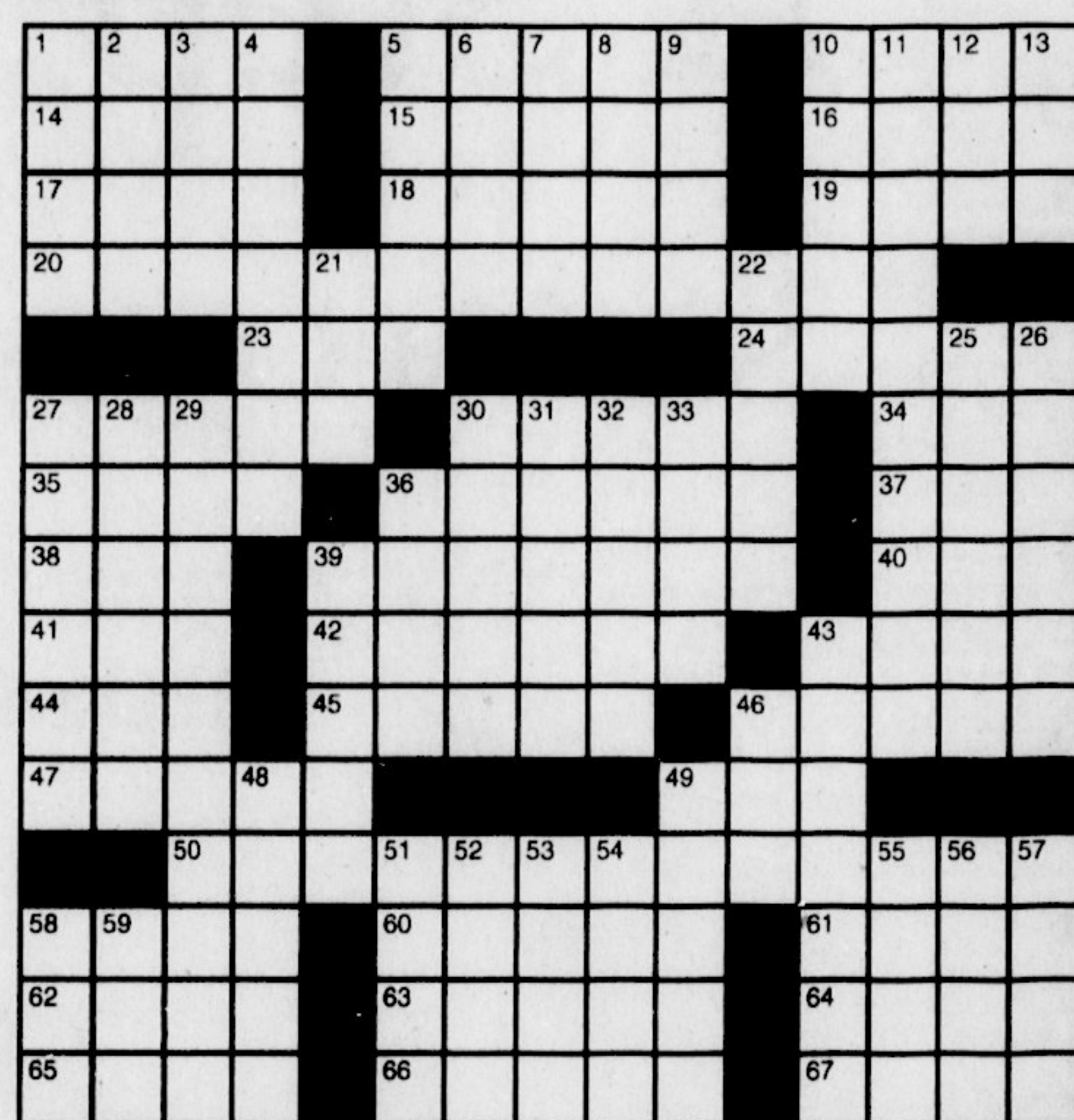
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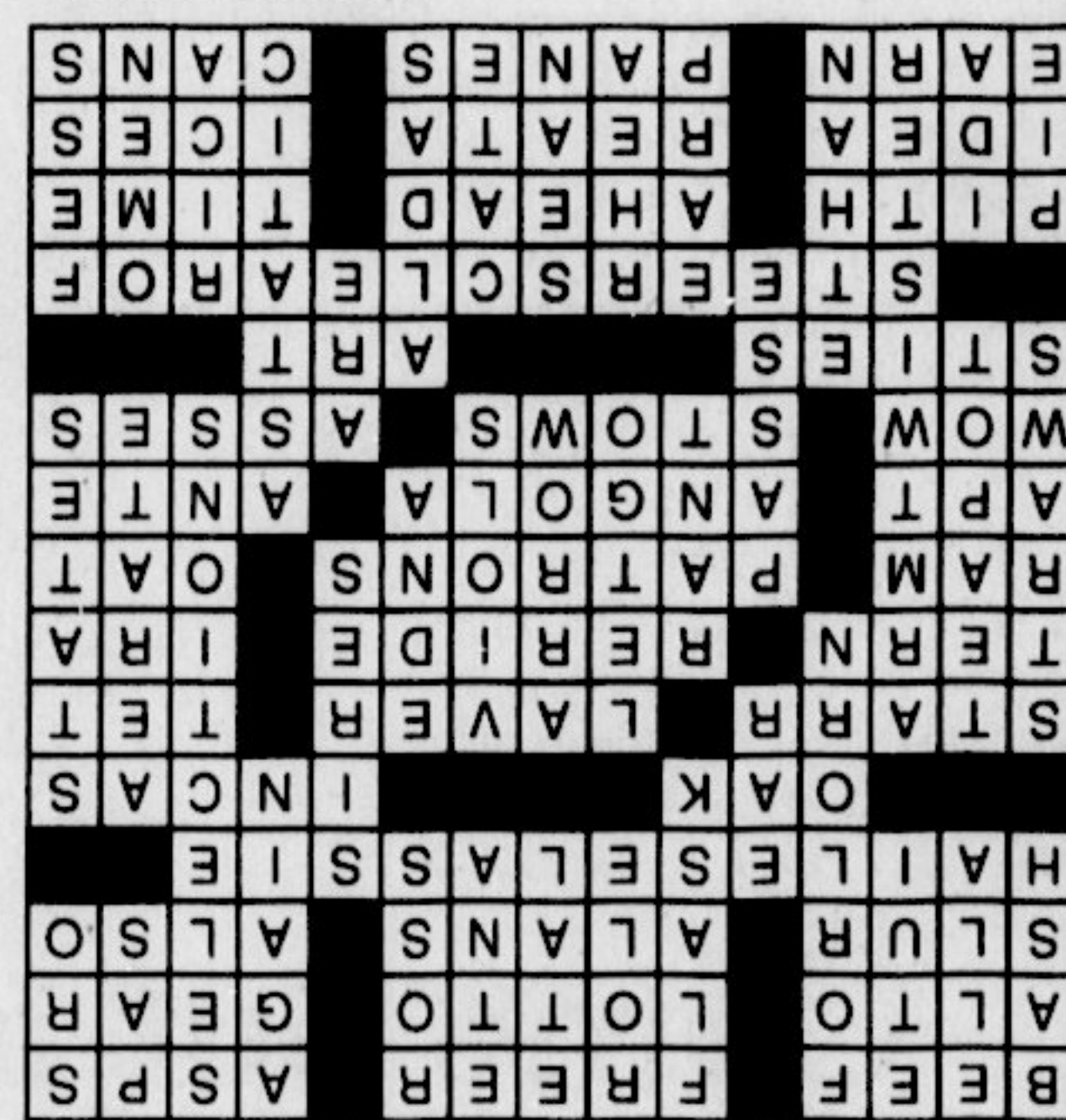


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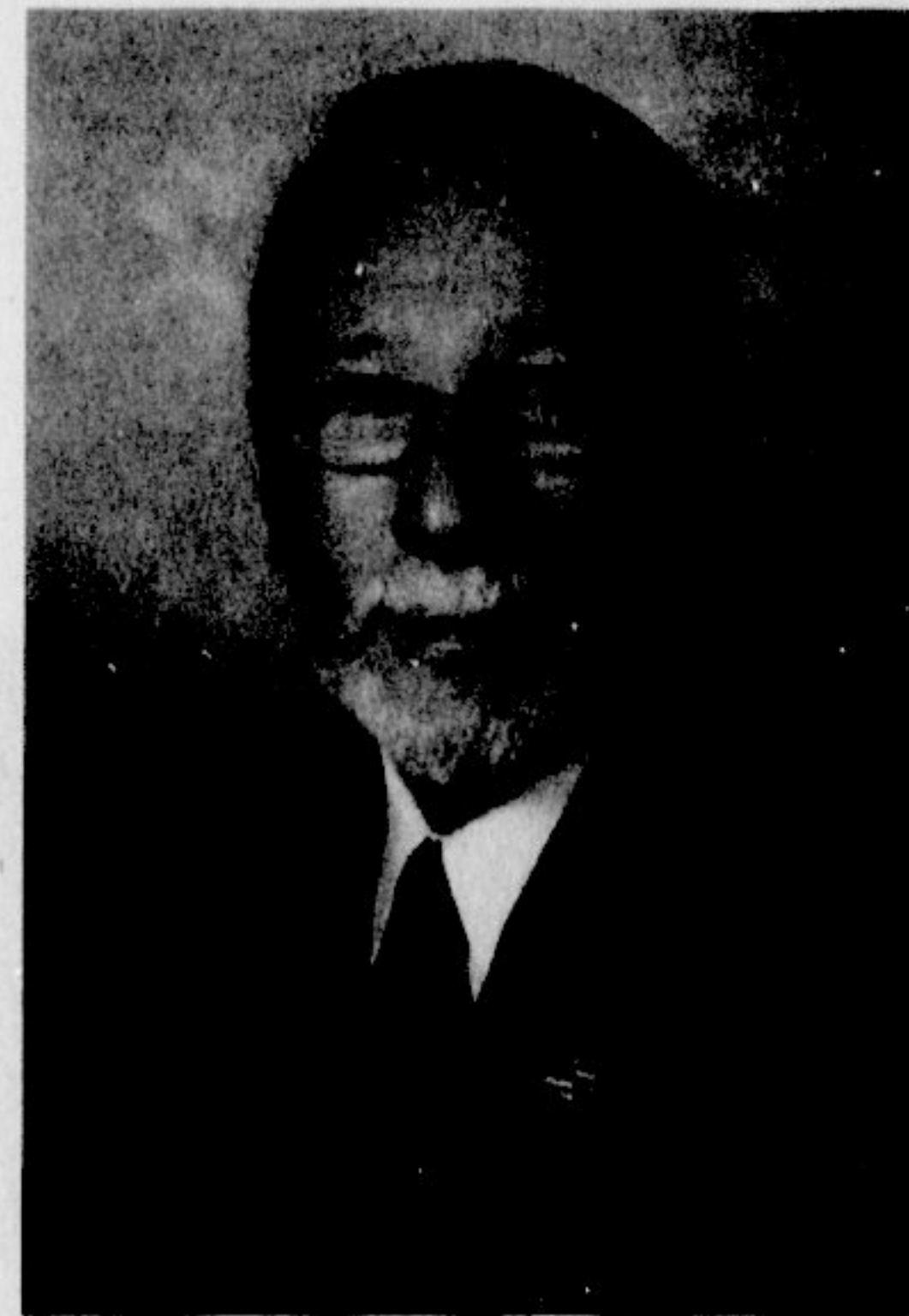
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Opinion Columnist

I'm not sure whether I should laugh or cry

Hitler Youth goes pop
with Prussian Blue

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I'm pretty open-minded when it comes to music. If you were to scan through my MP3 Player, which if you're curious is a Creative Zen Xtra - or as I affectionately call it, "the iPod killer" - you'd find a fairly broad cross-section of music. I've got the essentials: The Beatles, Bowie, Marvin Gaye, etc. and I've got a lot of off-the-wall stuff like Babyshambles, Tenacious D and Wham!

But the other day while I was listening to *The Ron and Fez Show* on XM 202, I heard music from a genre I didn't even know existed: white supremacist folk-pop. I know what you're thinking - "racism in music is nothing new."

Well here's the catch: the music Ron and Fez were playing is by two 13-year-old twins named Lamb and Lynx Gaede - collectively known as Prussian Blue. They're the Olson twins of the white power movement which is fitting because Lamb and Lynx look jarringly similar to Mary-Kate and Ashley.

Prussian Blue began performing in early 2003. Both girls sing, Lamb plays the guitar while Lynx plays the violin. Their girls' mother April, however, has the most important role in the group: indoctrinating the girls with the vile and venomous ideals of the Nazi party because April Gaede the band's manager and (surprise, surprise) is an active member of the National Vanguard organization, a splinter group made up of disaffected former of the National Alliance. Apparently the National Alliance wasn't racist enough for her liking.

At first I laughed at the concept and wrote them off Prussian Blue as some sort of harmless novelty act however the more I heard about them, the more disturbed (and angry) I became. It began with the origin of the band's name. I figured it was something along the lines having

Prussian blue-blood, of being pure Germans. Nope.

In an interview with *Viceland Magazine*, the girls dispelled my theory. "There is ... the discussion of the lack of Prussian blue coloring (Zyklon B residue) in the so-called gas chambers in the concentration camps," one of the girls says (the magazine didn't differentiate which one.)

"We think it might make people question some of the inaccuracies of the 'Holocaust' myth."

Holocaust myth? Then where did the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. get all those ghastly, heartbreaking photographs that they have on display? If there weren't a holocaust, where did those millions of Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and handicapped people go? To the store?

But let's not stop Prussian Blue while they're on a roll. *Viceland* then asked the girls what the largest social problem facing the white race was. They're answer: "Not having enough white babies born to replace ourselves and generally not having good-quality white people being born." Let me reiterate - these are 13-year-old girls.

These are 13-year-old girls writing and singing songs with lyrics like these, found in their song "Sacrifice." Rudolph Hess, man of peace./He wouldn't give up and he wouldn't cease, to give his loyalty to our Cause./Remember him and give a pause./Robert Matthews knew the Truth. He knew what he had to do. He set an example with Courage so bold. We'll never let that fire grow cold./Dr Pierce, a man so wise, helped so many of us open our eyes, and see the future for what it could be, a future for our Race's eternity.

I did some research on who they were singing about in this song. Rudolph Hess, the "man of peace," was Adolph Hitler's third in command, the "deputy Führer" if you will. He flew to Scotland in 1941 to negotiate peace with Britain - basically he told Britain that if they left Germany alone, Germany would leave them unmolested.

I wouldn't necessarily call the man who took dictation for

"Mein Kampf" a "man of peace." Dr. Martin Luther King was a man of peace, they should write a song about him ... actually that's just asking for trouble.

Robert Matthews was the leader of the white power terrorist cell The Order Bruder Schweigen (or the Order of the Silent Brotherhood.) Dr. William Pierce was the founder of the National Alliance, and the truth he knew, apparently, was spelled out in his book "The Turner Diaries" which violently depicted a future rife with race wars. These are heavy things to have on your mind even when you're in your 30s. Shouldn't 13-year-old girls be writing songs about Justin Timberlake or their puppy? But more importantly - I'm having trouble with how I should feel about Prussian Blue.

I hate their parents. I hate that there are people in this country so detestable as to instill that sort of barbaric mentality into their children. In essence, Lamb and Lynx's parents have brainwashed them and essentially, have eliminated any chance of the two having any sort of normal life. I mean, it's almost as bad as naming your children Lamb and Lynx.

But how should I feel about the two girls? Should I hate them for what they say or should I pity them instead. At 13 years old, should I expect them to break out of their parent's mind control or is that impossible after years and years of abuse.

Finally, there's the conflict between what I feel are issues that I feel most strongly being as socially liberal as I am, equality and freedom of speech. Should these girls have the freedom to promote inequality? Or should we just shake our heads and allow it to go on? It's a catch-22.

All I know is that when I hear a lyric like this - "When a mother's only children belong to her no more. And black masked men with guns come bashing down the doors. Where freedom exists for only those with darker skin" - my blood boils. Plus they're really bad singers - even for 13-year-olds.

Letters To The Editor

Dear students and faculty,

Larry Spell is running for City Council - for district 3. His motto is "Neighbors working together to build a stronger city" and I know Larry can help make that happen.

I have known Larry for several years and find him to be a man of great integrity. He wants the best for Greenville and its citizens and is willing to work hard to help Greenville grow in ways that will benefit us all. Larry aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in Greenville.

First, Larry Spell has long-term vision. He wants to plan now for the generations who will call Greenville home in the future. He knows that our property values will go up if we continue to build parks and green spaces into city growth plan, and he is able to bring people together to make this happen. People will want to live and work in a beautiful Greenville if planning is done now.

Larry's style of leadership is needed to make the center of town safe and strong, as we work to keep our fuel and transportation costs down. Larry has a plan to strengthen the center of Greenville as our population and economy continues to grow.

Second, Larry has good "people skills." Before he makes a decision, he talks with diverse citizen groups and helps them

come to an agreement. He does not make decisions alone. Larry will work with all the boards and commissions in the city at this time of enormous change and will increase citizen involvement in City Government.

He has served as chairman of the city Community Appearance Commission, and has guided that board in the direction of a more attractive Greenville. Larry has the skill to work with a broad range of people. He is a consensus builder.

Larry Spell will work with us to ensure a future that we can all be proud of.

Vote for Larry Spell Nov. 8!
Sincerely,
Alice Arnold
Associate Professor of Art
East Carolina University

Dear students and faculty,
A letter from 90 faculty and human rights organizations was recently sent to the Presidents and athletic directors of NCAA Division I colleges and universities urging them to adopt a policy to refrain from engaging in athletic competition with colleges and universities that maintain American Indian imagery in their sports mascots.

This initiative followed the August 5, 2005 ruling by the NCAA that it would no longer permit 18 member institutions with American Indian mascots

and imagery to host postseason sports tournaments. The NCAA also urged colleges and universities not to engage in athletic competition with those institutions on their list of 18, a practice already in place at the Universities of Iowa and Wisconsin.

The decision by the NCAA to intervene came after years of information gathering during which member institutions were given multiple opportunities to address why their sports programs should be permitted to remain outside the NCAA's non-discrimination policies. The ruling by the NCAA was based on a thoughtful review conducted by more than forty presidents of member institutions.

I write to urge you to work on your campus to establish a policy that would preclude your university from competing in athletic events with non-Native institutions that have American Indian sports mascots. In so doing, you would join the many American Indian nations who oppose the use of Indian mascots as well as the National Indian Education Association, the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the NAACP, the American Psychological Association and many other civil rights, professional and religious organizations.

Stephen J. Kaufman
Professor
University of Illinois

Pirate Rant

Facebook.com is a very effective tool to assist in procrastinating. Wow! They even give you the option of making an online photo album! Those guys are geniuses. They keep coming up with ways we can procrastinate and stay in others' business.

Does the size of a girl really matter to guys? If so, how big is too big?

Gel deodorant in the cold is a very, very bad idea.

How come the Pirate Rant is the only section students read in the newspaper and nothing else?

Did the skit done by the Black Student Union offend anyone else? I know it was all in fun but I still do not think it was appropriate.

Great STI article, but I would like to know some statistics.

Just because you're pregnant doesn't mean you have to marry him.

What exactly is a friend? Someone you can depend on no matter what or someone who only calls when they need a ride?

Is anyone else tired of school already? I'm a sophomore and this whole medical school thing is wearing me out!

Go ahead hit me, and I'll call the police and you will go to jail. So get over yourself, and learn to drive. You are required by NC law to yield to pedestrians at or in a crosswalk.

Anyone else think our English professor is hot?

Why when you tell someone that you are Pro-Choice do they say "Oh, so you're for abortion?" No, idiot, I said I was FOR CHOICE. What's so heroic about having a child and not taking care of him or her?

The Pirate Rant is way too fun. I used to hate to read random jerks complaining, but much like a car crash I couldn't not look. Now that I'm one of those random jerks I can't stop complaining.

Why do I feel like I have to wear a helmet just to ride my bike to class? I was almost hit twice yesterday by rude drivers. Bikes have the same right to be on the road as cars. And if you see a bike in the middle of Fifth Street stopping traffic, that's me. Its the only way I'll ever be able to cross to campus. And to the idiot that honked at me and almost hit me, share the road, it's the LAW!

TEC says they want to hear from me. That's funny, I've sent in two letters to the editor this semester, yet received no reply. What has changed?

If you have such a problem with us smoking, try to give us some motivation. If you see a girl you like don't disregard her because she is smoking. Tell her what you think. People can change. Lots of people have quit smoking, and for a lot of people it is a phase.

Go HYBRID! I loved the hybrid bus. It was great for a ride, but better for pedestrians. We are tired of exhaust. How am I supposed to think in class when I smell like the muffler to a bus? I believe we should support the hybrid buses, and get rid of those old dirty smog creators.

What happened to pay phones? Not everyone wants a cell phone, but sometimes we do need to make phone calls. I don't want an electronic leash, but I do want access to a telephone.

Note to Self: Do not sleep with girl with one earring, sounds like she gets around. Plus she's a home wrecker!

To the person who said that the police should worry less about alcohol and more about protecting students, if there weren't so many drunks around town, maybe the students wouldn't be in as much danger! Stop blaming the Greenville police for doing their job!

To the straight guy who "would" with Orlando Bloom... don't feel bad, dude. I'm straight and I "would" too.

The non-profit organization that I work with for a project needs to check itself, and realize that no one really cares and stop trying to make me its slave.

Why is it that our lobby has heat, yet none of our rooms have it? I mean, I know a little cold is probably good for us, but not when we're bundled under three blankets to keep warm.

If you get attention wherever you go, why run for mayor? There is no pride in self-indulgence.

HEY! Share the first lot B spaces!

Dear Gods of rain and cold weather: bite me.

Don't you feel uncomfortable when a professor asks the class a question and everyone sits there silently for like, 30 seconds? No? I guess it's just me.

To the lazy a** that drove their car to the ATM by Mendenhall and then tried to run me over, it's a sidewalk. Park your car and get your lazy a** out and walk like everyone else!

Thanks for saying I was funny, but I wish you would have specified you meant me cause there are like five male newscasters at WZMB and now they all think you were talking to them.

Ryan Nyquist why can't Dave Mirra be as cool and nice as you.

If you're going be 10 or 15 minutes late every day in class, just don't bother coming. You're a distraction, and it takes away from class time that I pay to have. No excuses either, ride the bus earlier.

I don't need designer jeans and expensive clothes to look good. I'm going to keep wearing my pajama pants to class.

Why did TEC put last Wednesday's Ceramic Guild info in this Wednesday's paper? Good thing you let everyone know about it now that it's over...

I wasn't trying to show how much I know about the class issue, our teacher said he gave credit if you participate in class - hence why I always speak up, so while you sit there wishing I would shut up, I am getting my big fat A!

I just wanted to say that I never thought I would find a decent guy in Greenville, but I have recently found the most amazing guy in the world! Thanks baby for knowing exactly how to treat me! You are the best!

Tony McKee, you make me not want to be a Republican anymore.

To everyone who complains about the way ECU spends money - especially the comment about ECU spending millions on a football stadium while we don't have a parking deck - many projects are donor funded and the money is earmarked for specific projects - do your homework before you rant about it.

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Two Dudes



by Aaron Warner

A College Girl Named Joe



by Aaron Warner

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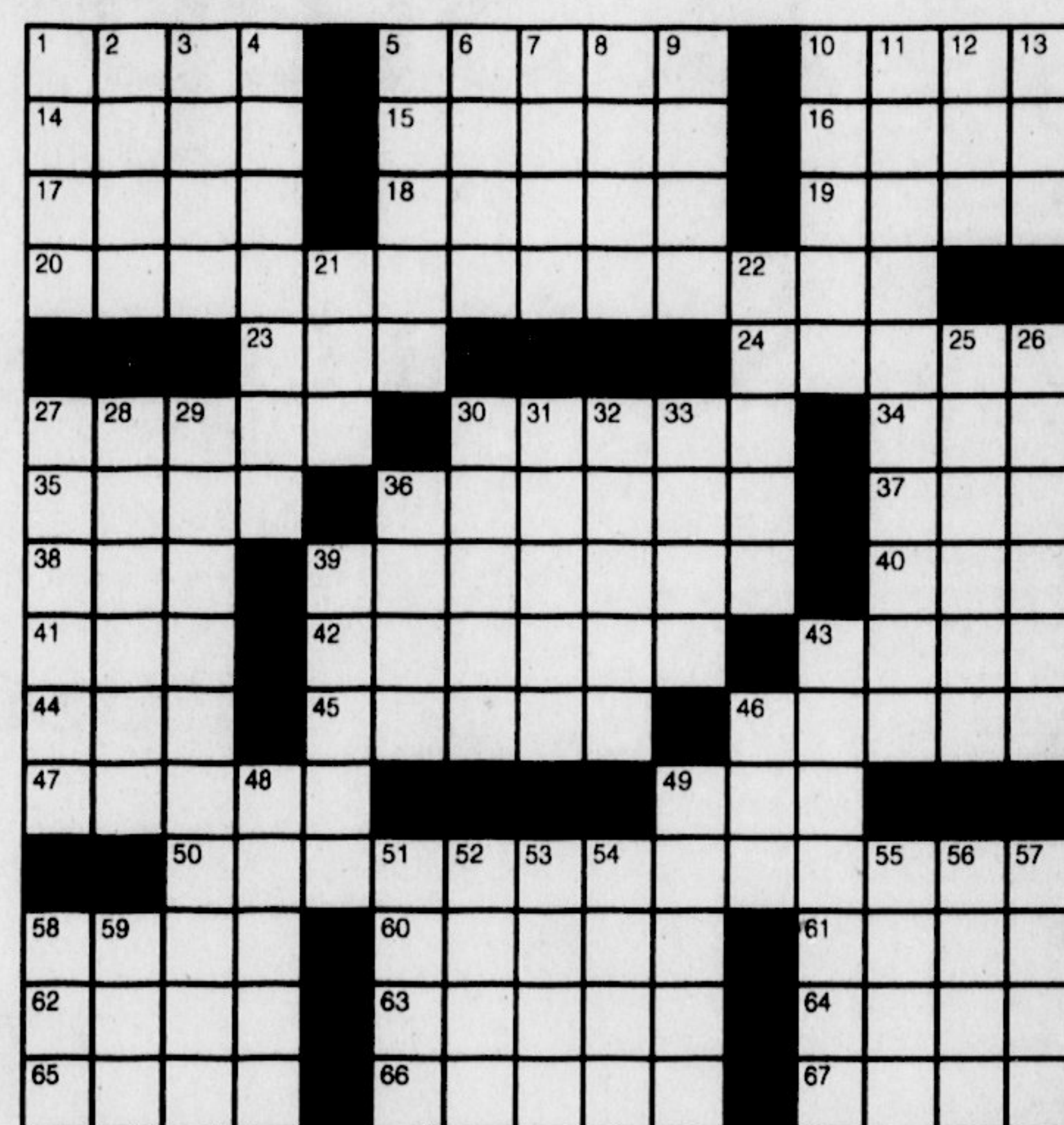
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 - Furthermore
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 - Grown acorn
 - Old Peruvians
 - Kenneth or Bart
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 - Hanoi holiday
 - Gull relative
 - Second spin?
 - Levin or Gershwin
 - Battering device
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 - Chip in chips
 - Holy cowl
 - Packs away
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 - Pigs' pads
 - Garfunkel or Carney
 - Avoids
 - Essence
 - Out in front
 - Appropriate moment
 - New thought
 - "Giant" ranch name
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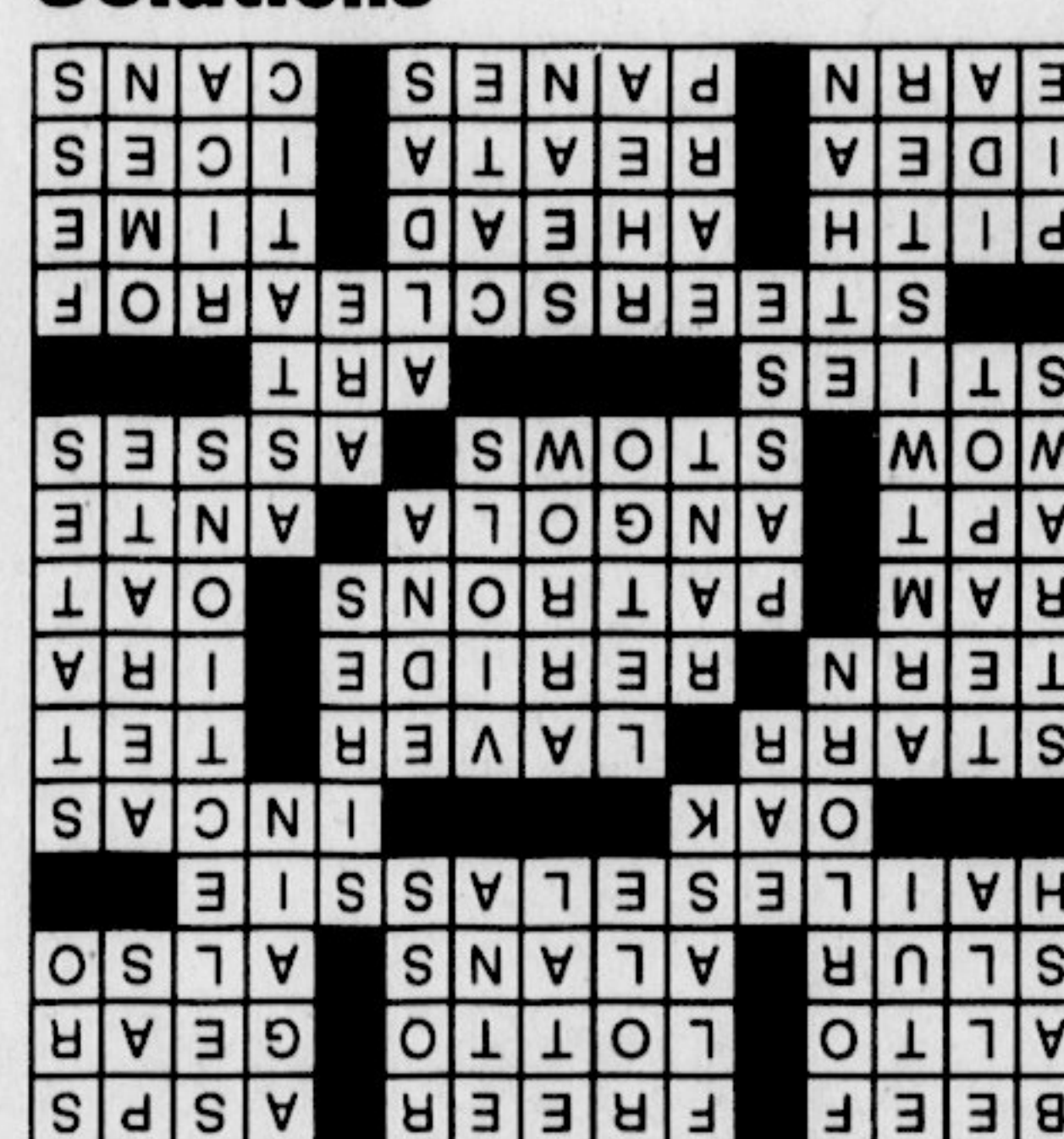


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- 9 "Upside Down" singer
- Once more
 - Choices
 - Family men
 - Packed-house letters
 - Auditory organ
 - Fathers
 - Make bubbly
 - Ohio and Colorado
 - Drinker's tubes
 - Pekoe server
 - Forceful cajoler
 - Release
 - Turning light
 - Stringed instruments
 - Poet St. Vincent Millay
 - Go on a tirade
 - Out of fashion
 - Unstable
 - Metric square measure
 - Hawke of "Reality Bites"

Solutions



- Robert and Alan West
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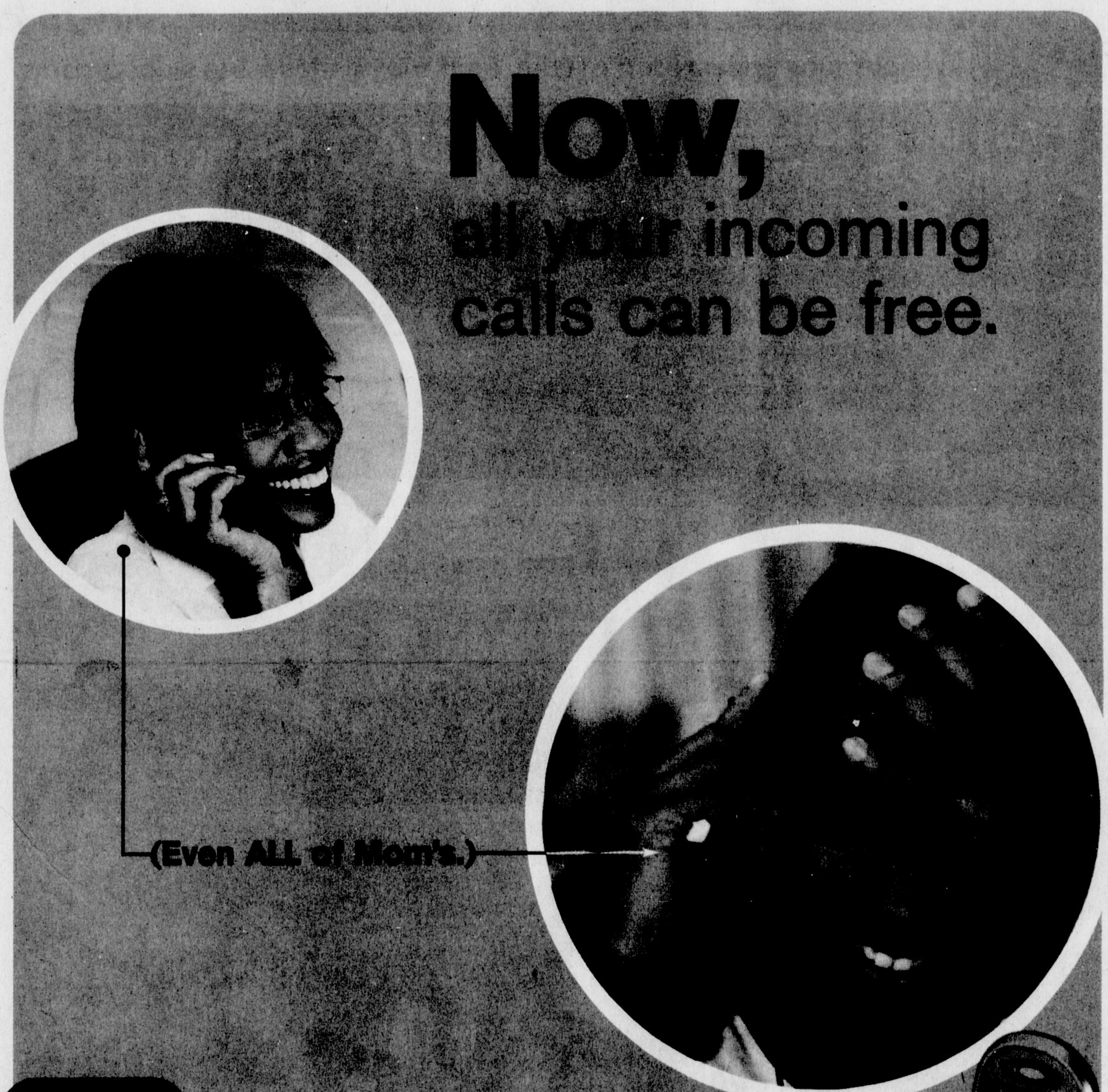
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Arts & Entertainment

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THURSDAY November 3, 2005

Announcement:

Rebel 48:
Friday, Nov. 4 marks the date for the Rebel 48 Student Exhibition and Reception from 6 - 9 p.m. Located at Emerge Gallery, the show will feature work from ECU students in visual art, literary and musical concentrations. This show is free and open to the public, however donations for Emerge Gallery are greatly appreciated.

Got Problems?

Dear Features,
Can you suggest some fun classes to take this spring? Registration will be taking place this week and next week and I'm having a hard time figuring out which classes to take.
- Ready to Learn

Dear Ready to Learn,
If you're still looking for some fun General Education classes, we'd recommend Introduction to Sociology, Criminal Justice 1000 and an English class called The Short Story. The sociology and justice classes give you a basic overview of concepts which actually apply to real life. It always comes in handy to know why people tend to act the way they do, or what rights you have as an American citizen. If you're looking for Humanities classes, The Short Story will work out nicely if you enjoy reading. The stories are not very long (hence the section name) and you get the opportunity to read stories by many famous authors from all over the world that will really have an impact on you. If you haven't done so already, refer to your course catalog and talk to your advisor about what kind of course track you should be on for your major.

Recipe:

Creamy Corn and Spinach Enchiladas

These enchiladas have a creamy richness that is hard to resist. They also have a nice tang from the tomatillo-based green sauce. Scrumptious and fast, the cream spinach and cream-style corn tucked inside make them even more luscious. Serve with sliced tomatoes and just wait for the "mmm's." Use a metal measuring cup to scoop the filling.

Difficulty: Easy
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 1 hour
Yield: 4 servings

Filling:
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large onion, chopped (about 1 cup)
2 1/2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken, pulled apart by hand
1 (4-ounce) can diced mild green chilies
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 (14 3/4-ounce) can cream-style corn
1 (10-ounce) box frozen creamed spinach, thawed
1/2 cup light sour cream
1 cup already shredded Monterey jack cheese (4 ounces)
1/2 teaspoon salt
12 super size corn tortillas (each about 6 1/2-inches across)

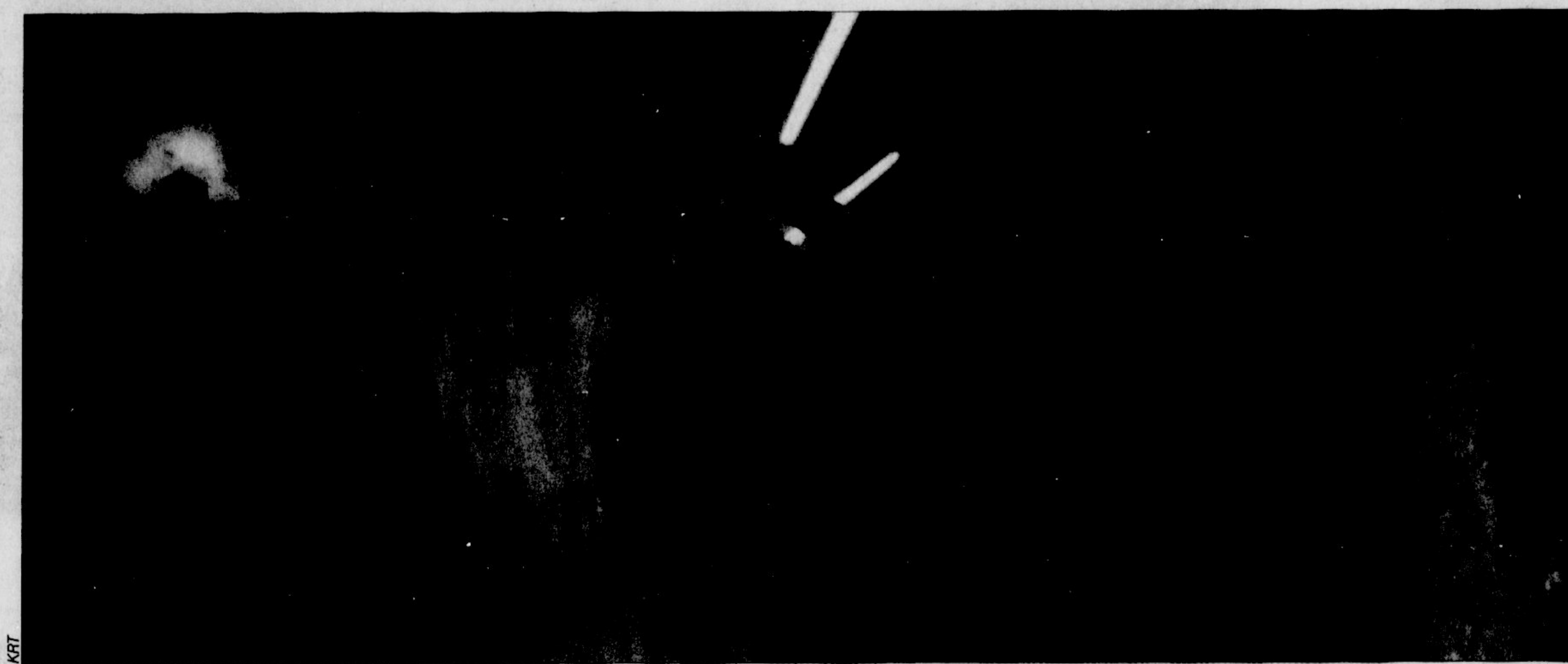
Sauce:
3/4 cup green taco sauce or salsa verde (not chunky)
1/2 cup light sour cream
Shredded Monterey jack cheese, to taste
1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves

Position a rack in the bottom third of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly coat a 13 by nine-inch pan and a piece of foil large enough to cover the pan with nonstick cooking spray. To make the filling: Heat the oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently, until it is clear, about four minutes. Add the chicken, chiles and chili powder, and cook for two minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat and stir in the corn, spinach, sour cream, cheese, and salt. Place a stack of six tortillas between damp paper towels and microwave on high power until the tortillas are hot and soft enough to roll, about one minute. Cover with a cloth towel to keep warm. Remove one tortilla at a time, keeping the other tortillas covered, and place a rounded 1/3 cup of the filling down to the center. Roll into a cylinder and place in the prepared pan, seam side down and close enough to touch. Repeat with the remaining tortillas. Cover the pan tightly with foil and bake until the enchiladas are hot, about 30 minutes.

To make the sauce: Meanwhile, stir the taco sauce and sour cream together in a small bowl. Uncover the pan and spread the sauce over the hot enchiladas. Sprinkle cheese and cilantro over the top. Return to the oven, uncovered, and bake until the cheese melts and the sauce is bubbly, about 10 minutes.

From foodtv.com

'REVENGE OF THE SITH'



Obi-Wan Kenobi, played by Ewan McGregor, and Anakin Skywalker, played by Hayden Christensen are dueling to the death in *Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith*.

The entire 'Star Wars' saga is now available to own on DVD

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Star Wars fans can now rejoice as the final chapter of the complete saga, *Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*, is now available to own on DVD. The film was released this past Tuesday as a double-disc collector's edition, but has yet to be released as a box set with its predecessors *The Phantom Menace* and *Attack of the Clones*.

Episode III shows director George Lucas returning to the classic space opera that made him famous in the late 1970s and early 1980s with his original trilogy. There is more action in this *Star Wars* episode than any of the

previous two episodes combined.

The film opens up with Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor) and Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) attempting to rescue a kidnapped Chancellor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid) from the evil Separatist General Grievous (voice by Matthew Woods). Upon their return, Palpatine appoints Skywalker to the Jedi Council to be a sort of "spy." The council, led by the famous Yoda and Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson), distrusts the Chancellor and asks Anakin to "spy" back on him.

The choice Anakin has is a difficult one. Who should he trust? And why should he trust them? This is where Anakin starts slipping towards the Dark Side of The Force at a more exponential pace. He also fears for the life his wife Padme (Natalie Portman)

and the babies that she's carrying (this will be, of course, Luke and Princess Leia of the original trilogy). His fear only helps him get to the Dark Side much quicker and turn into the monster that we all know. The film also achieves a new level of greatness that no other *Star Wars* film ever has when Padme becomes very scared about her husband, and is torn between her love for him, or her fear of him. Portman does an exceptional job displaying this confusion to us. Her role is much more solid and complete than her embarrassing performance in *Attack of the Clones*.

This film is not about what happens to the characters, but how it happens to them and why. We all know who Anakin becomes, who the Emperor is and what the Galactic Empire is. What *Episode III* does for us is show us

how these things happened. It shows us what possesses young Anakin into becoming the evil Sith lord we are all familiar with (Sith, for those who are not up in the *Star Wars* lingo, are those who practice the methods of the Dark Side). One will not attend this movie to see what happens, but rather to see why it happens.

Those who saw the film in the theaters when it was released in May should be excited that this is now available to own so that they can own every episode of the *Star Wars* saga and show it in sequential order to future generations. For those who missed it back in May, this is your chance to see the best *Star Wars* film of this new trilogy. It may not be as mesmerizing on the DVD player as it was in the theater, but there should still be some magic and excitement there.

As with all the other *Star Wars* DVDs, *Episode III* is packed with hours and hours of bonus features. Included on the *Episode III* DVD are deleted scenes, *Star Wars Battlefront II* Playstation 2 and Xbox game demo, "A Hero Falls" music video by composer John Williams and trailers and TV spots. Several documentaries are also included.

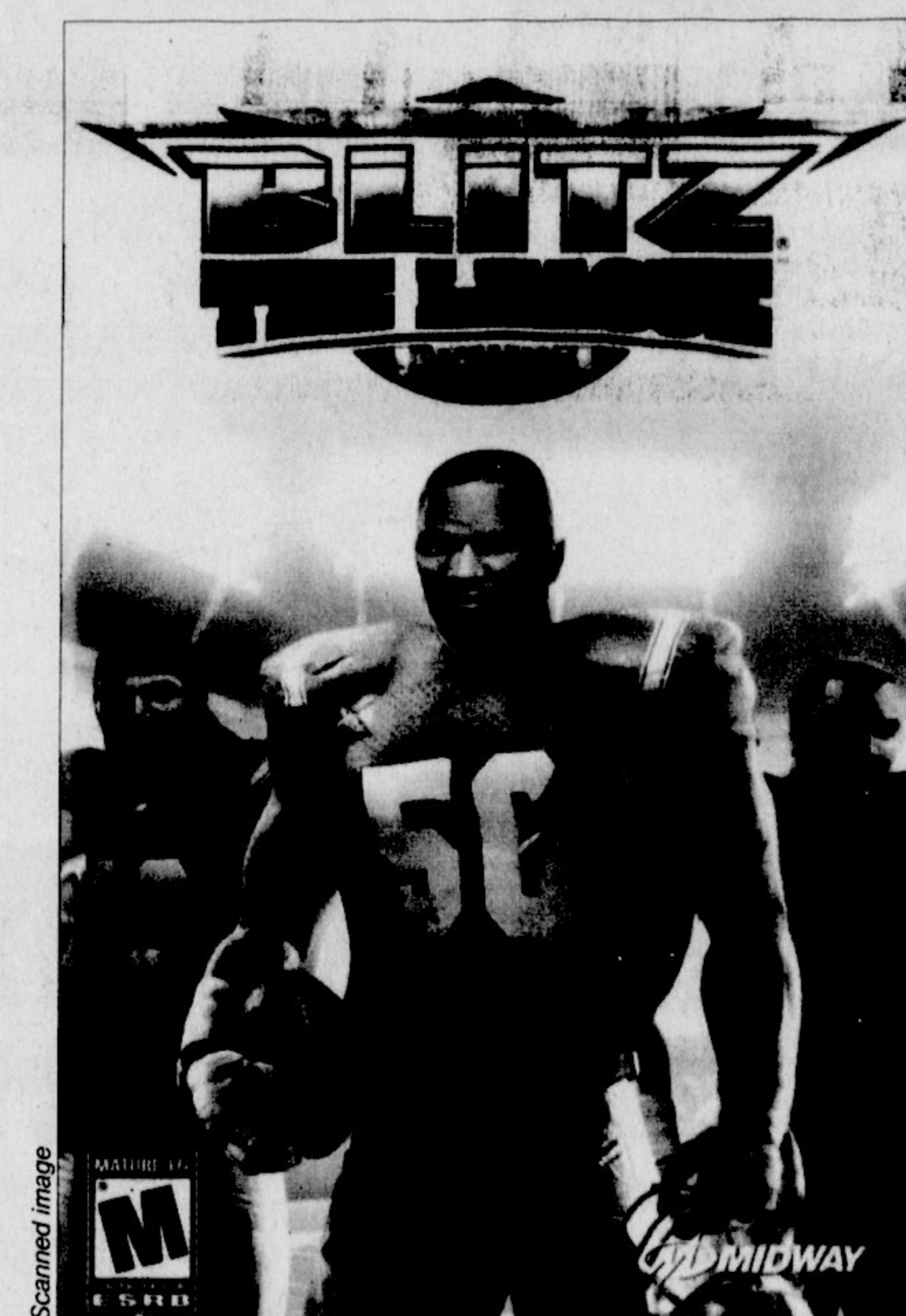
"Within a Minute," a documentary about the making of one of the film's epic battle scenes, the myth of Darth Vader in "The Chosen One" and "It's All For Real: The Stunts of Episode III."

The final chapter is now out in stores to rent and buy. Once bought, the whole *Star Wars* collection will be yours.

Grade: A

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Rated M for Mature



Blitz: The League plays dirty and loves it

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Most gamers with a semi-deep history of gaming remember the "NFL Blitz" series. The series utilized the 32 NFL teams, and played full-field eight-on-eight football with a dash of mayhem. Sponsored by Midway Games Inc., the game involved lots of touchdowns and late hits. Players could unleash some serious anger problems on defenders after taking them down and a lot of normal rules of football did not apply, like pass interference and holding. The game proved immensely popular and spawned a series of not just football, but baseball games. The game play was remarkably easy to pick up and even novice gamers could put up 50 points in a game. It seemed that video game designers had struck gold.

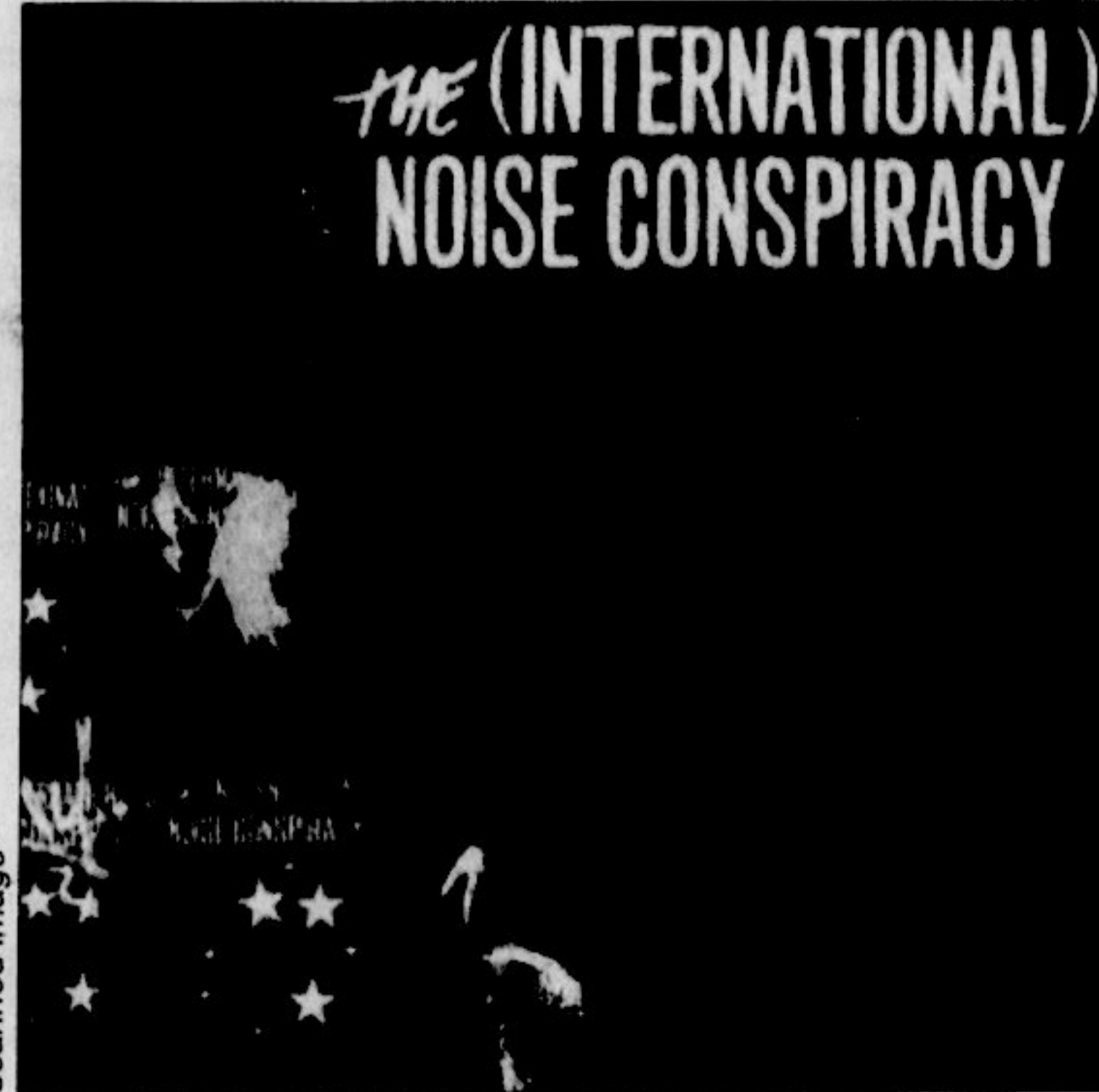
However, the NFL disappointed of the animated bedlam and asked Midway Games to produce a version of Blitz that would have more appeal to fans of the "Madden" franchise. They came up with "NFL Blitz: Pro" which disappointed in sales. Most of the sports gaming community enjoyed playing more

lifelike simulation games such as "Madden NFL" where the action was realistic and tailored to the purist of football. According to an article in the *Chicago Tribune*, the NFL signed an exclusive contract with Electronic Arts to produce football games in December of 2004, and they are the only company that can use actual NFL teams and players in their releases.

Midway Games has responded by making up its league and throwing out the rulebook - literally on football. "Blitz: The League" has said goodbye to the NFL namesake and is striking out on its own with a league of dirty-talking, dirty-hitting monsters.

This game is the Grand Theft Auto of football games. If the ESPN series "Playmakers" had a home game, this would be it. Parents who complained about the violence in the original Blitz will cringe at free-flowing blood and profanity, as well as the barely-dressed cheerleaders. All of these combined factors gave "Blitz: The League" a Mature rating, and you have to be 17 to purchase it. This is with good reason, because the game is packed with language, violence and overall lawless conduct - but no apologies from Blitz this time.

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Little music, big message

International Noise Conspiracy wants to be heard

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Listening to the International Noise Conspiracy's new album, *Armed Love*, the Swedish group tends to remind you of a few different names. Their up-tempo, hard-driving rock riffs remind you of Australian import Jet (specifically songs like "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" and "Cold Hard Bitch"). Their eclectic keyboard work could make you think you're listening to The Doors, of all groups, and at times you may even hear something that sounds like Incubus.

A slightly dynamic yet continually hard-driven sound is the best way to describe the music of the International Noise Conspiracy. This release is their third, released on Warner Bros. Records, following the albums *Survival Sickness* and *A New Morning, Changing Weather*. Both of these albums came out on Epitaph Records, and with the new scene, the INC is looking to do some new things.

One of the more intriguing features of *Armed Love* is the same feature many people are finding out about rock albums - the music is remarkably versatile and can be blended into a number of different avenues. The music of INC at times wanders into the blues - flirts with rhythm and blues, and at times sounds like a leap back in time, hence The Doors reference.

This album sports the work of Rick Rubin, a co-founder of Def Jam Records who has produced albums for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Beastie Boys and even metal staples like Slayer

and System of a Down. The ability of Rubin is clear in the way this album flows, because INC certainly sounds like a band to be reckoned with.

The biggest drawback to this album would be the political leanings. Not everyone wants their music to be a demonstration anthem, and it's happened in the past where artists will ride political bandwagons to stardom and popularity. Just ask Toby Keith how good the patriotism bandwagon can be for your musical career.

For those looking for a political lean or a clear statement of ideas in their songs, good luck finding it. The messages in their songs don't appear particularly revolutionary and if there are messages about communism they're buried deeply in the music. Don't tell that to the band, however.

"Make no mistake about it, we are a revolutionary, anti-capitalist, Marxist, communist rock band," lead singer Dennis Lyxzén stated in a press release.

They might say it, but the music is masking it if it's there at all. Perhaps there's something in the music that communicates revolutionary messages, if something that gets you nodding your head is revolutionary.

If the politics of the music isn't your thing, you can certainly have fun rocking out to the music. Even if you don't like the things they're saying, their music is catchy and makes for a powerfully addicting vehicle. They're no small thing either - INC has gotten spots on the likes of the Warped Tour and Lollapalooza, as well as a few stints in the Coachella Festival.

The band's music is dynamically hard and the sound has something in it that makes you

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TEC's Masterpiece Spotlight



A film for anyone that's felt stepped on, left out

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

I can't think of too many films that I can watch over and over again without beginning to hate it. Even a film like *Pulp Fiction*, which I think is absolutely brilliant, has lost a lot of quality points in my book basically because I've seen it a million times.

So I began thinking about this concept lately - I tried to think of a film that I've seen countless times yet I would sit down and watch it anytime. I thought of a lot of movies I love, such as *Rear Window*, *Private Parts* and *Beverly Hills Cop*, but I couldn't think of one. So I brought it up during a conversation with my brother Brian and without hesitation, he gave me the definitive answer - *Revenge of the Nerds*.

I can't believe I didn't think of it first. Brian and I have been watching *Revenge of the Nerds* constantly since we were seven and 11 years old, respectively. We didn't own a real copy of the tape - we taped the film when it aired on television.

Obviously because it aired on television, it was highly censored, which is probably the only way a 7-year-old should see the movie. It was actually very odd to see the original version of the film when I bought it on DVD, although I did finally understand how the nerds' fraternity party went from "pathetic" to "extraordinary." It was Booger's "wonder joints."

I'm not sure why I love this movie so much. The plot is pretty basic and hackneyed. Two lovable nerds, Louis Skolnick (Robert Carradine) and Gilbert Lowell (Anthony Edwards) move out of their parents' home to begin their studies at fictional Adams College.

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Local talent rocks out in Greenville

Finally some good music for students to enjoy

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Greenville isn't exactly a major music hub like Atlanta or New York City, but nevertheless there's a little something in the Emerald City if you've got a tuned ear for music.

If you're a hard rocker, there's one name all music fans in Greenville know better than any other - Parmalee. They are a group that came to power right here in our backyard, and they have been rocking all throughout the South since 2001 when they united. They play all over the state, and still make frequent stops here in Greenville to play familiar places. Parmalee is a group you'll readily recognize upon hearing, because of a pleasing three-part harmony and very recognizable guitar work between the band members. They have come from playing small places locally to playing with Puddle of Mudd, Chevelle and Velvet Revolver. If you want to get acquainted with Parmalee, visit their Web site at parmalee.com and pick up a copy of either their full-length debut album *Inside*, or their acoustic album, *Unplugged*. Both albums are well worth whatever you'll pay for them.

If you like your music a little more personalized, you should check out the solo acoustic work of Brad Benson. Brad's also a regular in the area, with excellent acoustic guitar skills and one of the most powerful voices you'll



Crowds enjoy the music at local event 'X-Fest' in Kinston last month.

hear live. Brad has played with Parmalee and has also shared stages with Nickelback and Three Doors Down. Brad has a sound that has to be heard, and an emotional presence that can move you out of your seat. His three-song EP, *Eternal Life*, contains some of his very moving original pieces.

The songs "Deep Water" and "Collapse" are musical experiences anyone with an ear for good acoustic music needs to get an ear on. On Wednesday nights you'll find Brad hosting open-mic night at Scores Sports Bar. If you want to know more about his musical schedule you can find it at myspace.com/bradbenson. If you're into something

with a little more of a classical feel, you'll enjoy the music of the Tar River Community Band. This group isn't a commercial band, so they don't make CDs or release tracks, but you will be able to enjoy some quality classical music as well as some jazz and swing music. They're a volunteer band and they raise just enough money to pay for band expenses and use other proceeds to benefit charities, so the majority of the musical experience with this band will be for the love of it. It makes for a purely enjoyable musical experience.

They typically play from August until the spring at a concert called Sunday in the

Park. If you're a musician and you enjoy playing quality music, you can even join them. They don't audition people and they will even help you find instruments. They will have a Christmas concert at Colonial Mall in December if you're interested in hearing some orchestral music.

If you're not interested in a particular band and just want a place to stop by and hear some music, you can stop by Café Caribe, which has a popular dueling piano setup weekly for your enjoyment. If you haven't heard dueling pianos, stop by Café Caribe Thursday-Saturday nights. Also, venues like The Cavern and the new Dr. Unk's Oasis consistently host live bands.

The music to be found in Greenville has something to offer for lovers of musical enjoyment, as well as those looking to get an eye on some up-and-coming bands.

Keep checking the Web sites of your favorite local bands to see when they will be playing in Greenville. It is always great when you see a band you saw live in Greenville release a single and end up on MTV.

If you stop by some of the open-mic nights at Ham's and Scores, you may just get a glimpse of the next big thing. Even if you don't, you'll still have fun.

Don't forget to keep reading TEC for more information about local concerts, local bands and up and coming talent. If you have information about local concerts, contact us.

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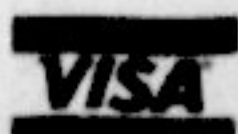
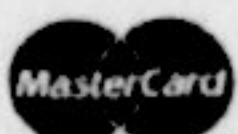
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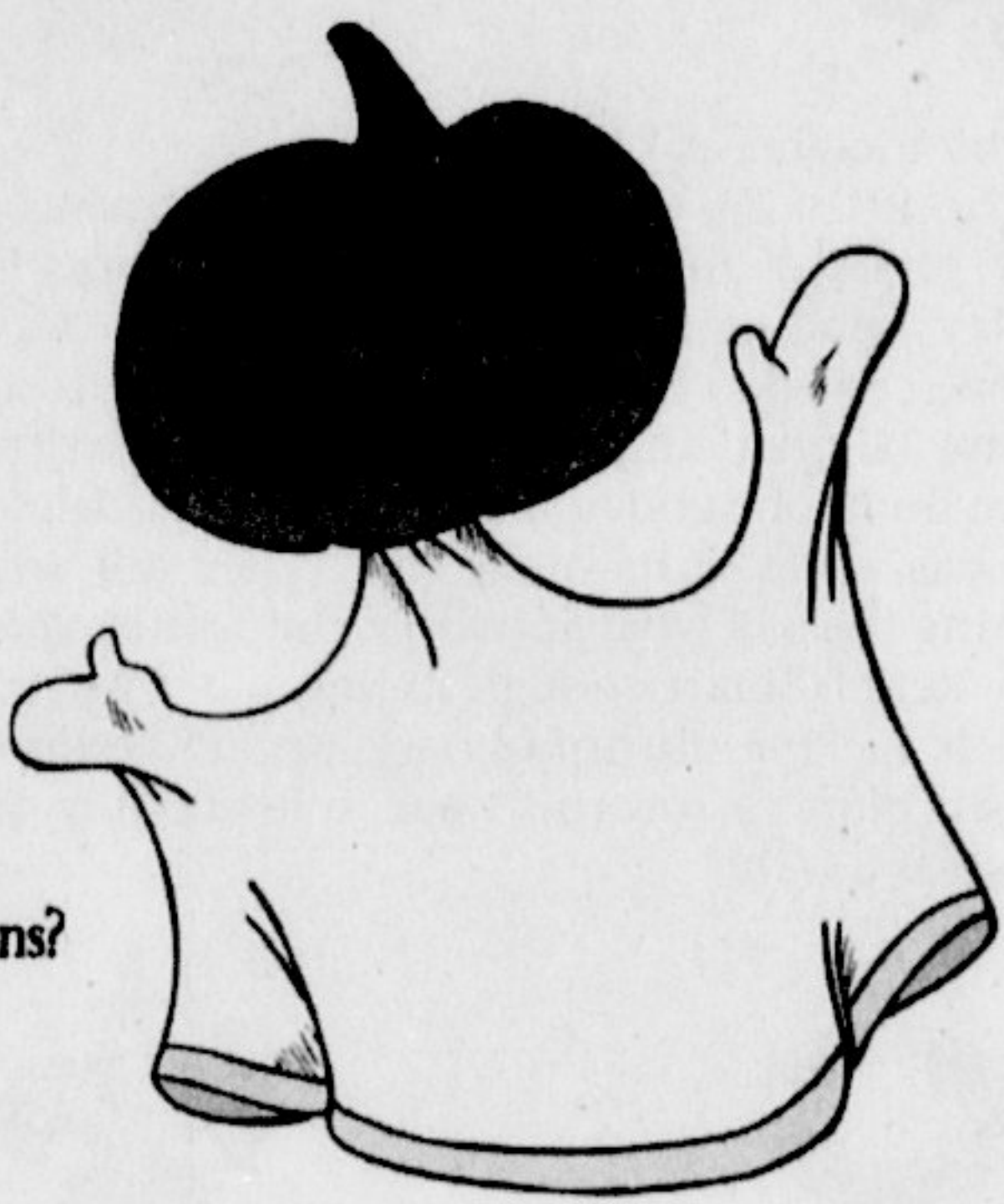
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The thing you will immediately notice upon plugging up and playing "Blitz: The League" is that the load times are long. When preparing to play games, loading profiles (which you have to have one to play) can take a long time, as can preparing for games. Once you hit the game, however, there is virtually no lag time.

The gameplay is a bit more complex than the original "Blitz" franchise, however it has not gotten too difficult as some "Madden" games can tend to do. A new feature called "clash mode" has been added where you can get into a zone where you hit dirtier, catch better and your running and evading moves are more pronounced. The mode slows down the game "Matrix" style and the things you do in this mode earn you clash icons to build up to an "unleash mode." In this mode you do gamebreak-

ing moves. On offense you make spectacular catches, juke defenders like they're standing still or plow through them like a train. On defense, unleash moves serve a different, more sinister purpose. If you land a dirty hit in unleash mode, chances are high that you will injure the player you hit.

The true triumph of "Blitz: The League" is the pageantry, spectacle, video and audio. The hits are seamless and well-planned, the environment is put together in much detail and the movie-style cuts are amazing. The game will pause in certain moments to show cut scenes on the field where players gesture, talk trash and intimidate the opponent before the snap. Touch-down and big play celebrations are original and many will give you a laugh. The injuries are truly things to be witnessed, because when you injure someone it cuts

to an X-ray and shows bones breaking or snapping or outright shattering. It makes a nice game for friends to play together, especially sports junkies who like to talk trash. The trash talk in this game comes with the players.

"Blitz: The League" is not your big brother's football game. It is a whole other environment where the eccentricities of the "NFL Blitz" franchise have been magnified 1,000 times and been pumped up even more. It will not be a good game for children, especially young children. However, for those gamers craving a little different game with a high entertainment value between "NCAA Football" and "Madden NFL," pick up "The League" and play dirty with a devilish grin on your face.

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Initially the duo is brimming with confidence in their new lives but that outlook is shattered when their dorm is overtaken by the Alpha Betas, Adams College's jock fraternity and the two (along with a handful of other outcasts) are forced to live in the gym.

Rejected by all other fraternities on campus, Louis, Gilbert and their newfound brothers-in-pocket protectors decide to form their own to try and wrestle the power away from the Alpha Betas so that nerd prosecution can finally end.

Revenge of the Nerds has a lot going for it. First of all, its cast of characters is second to none. I can't think of a group of people so overtly undesirable yet so lovable. Dudley "Booger" Dawson is a disgusting slob. Lamar Latrell is overly effeminate. Harold Wormser is a genius in his early-teens who skipped high school and went directly to college.

It's great to see this cast of misfits who have been written off by the mainstream become heroes. That's the really cool social message to the film - you

don't have to be the quarterback of the football team to be a winner. It's also great because the film was made long before the age of political correctness and no one had to tiptoe around their differences and problems.

There are so many memorable scenes and quotes in *Revenge of the Nerds* that I wish I could mention them all. I love the panty raid scene. I love when the nerds - excuse me, Tri-Lams - pour liquid heat in the Alpha-Beta's jock straps and Takashi utters, "It's like salad." I love it when the Tri-Lams won the javelin throw contest because Wormser developed a javelin that "compliments Lamar's limp-wristed throwing style."

Of the course, the ending always brings a tear to my eye.

After the thrill of victory (winning control of the Greek council) the Tri-Lams taste the agony of defeat when the Alpha-Betas destroy their house. Louis, Gilbert and the rest of the Tri-lams go down to the pep-rally to finally stand up to their persecutors and give one of the most moving speeches I

can think of.

"Any of you that have ever felt stepped on, left out, picked on, put down, whether you think you're a nerd or not, why don't you just come down here and join us. Okay? Come on," Louis tells the packed crowd.

And guess what? Everyone comes down to join them because deep down, everyone is a nerd.

That's powerful stuff, man. In fact, I can't hear Queen's *We Are the Champions* without thinking of the band members laying down their instruments to join the Tri-lams on the field. I love this movie. I can't explain how funny this movie is either because most of the jokes and gags wouldn't make print. Take my word for it - if you've never seen *Revenge of the Nerds*, you have to see it. It's the funniest, most heart-warming college movie ever. And yes, I've seen *Animal House*, *Back to School* and *Old School*. In fact, I'm going to watch *Revenge of the Nerds* now.

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move and keeps you interested throughout. It's certainly not anything poppy or repetitive, so they've got some skills.

They might be music with a message, but the message is pretty hard to ignore because

even the things they say get lost in the music. Buy it for the music if not the messages.

There are so many groups out there that use their music as a political outlet and while this may be one of them, the quality

of the music makes up for the fact that they do this.

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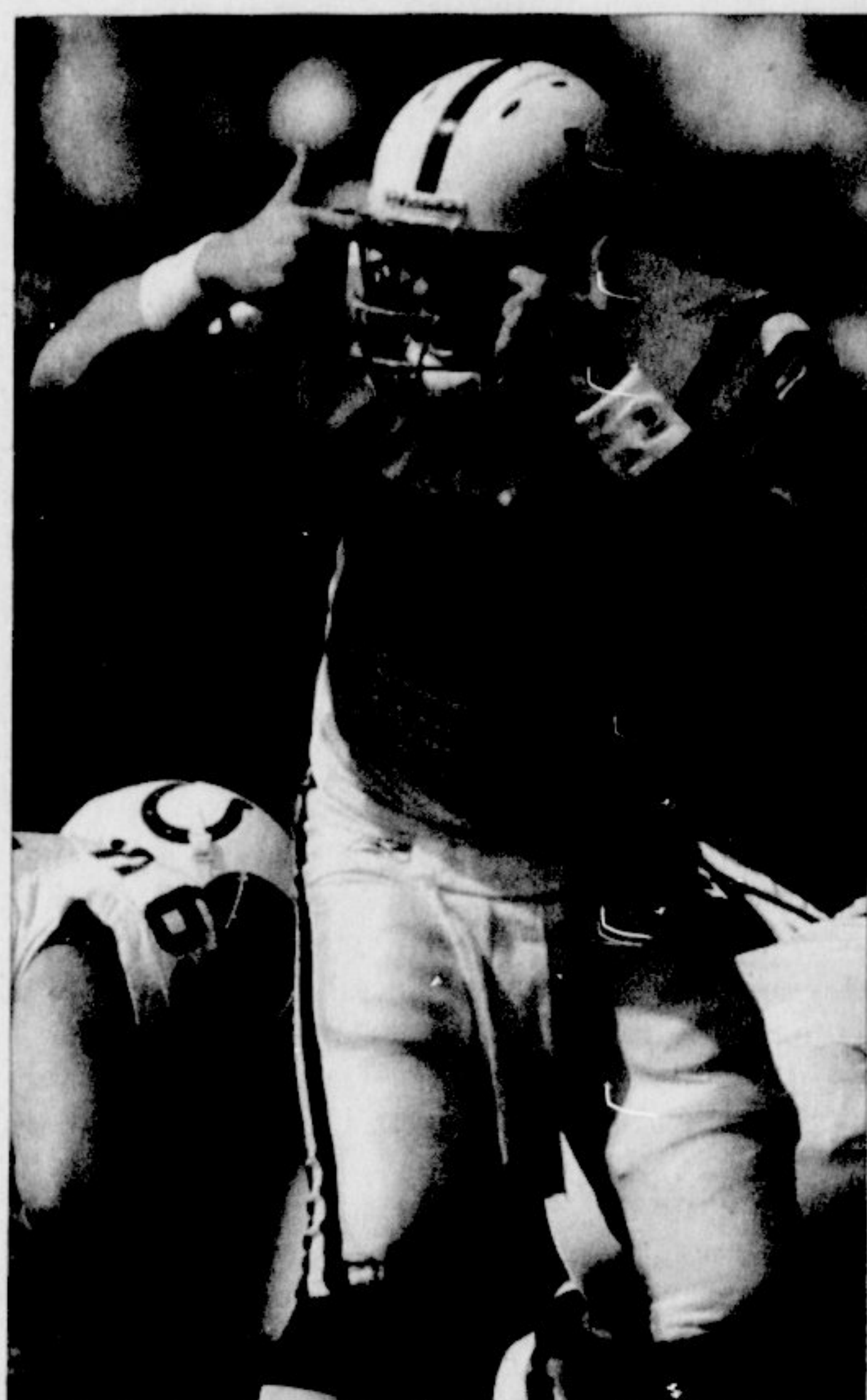
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TEC Top 10: Week 6



MANNING

An old rivalry renews in Foxboro

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Georgia fell from the ranks of the unbeaten last weekend against Florida with the absence of their quarterback D.J. Shockley. It's unfortunate that a minor injury may have cost the Bulldogs a potential national championship, but that's the nature of college football. USC, Texas and Virginia Tech comprise the top three of the latest BCS rankings and the Hokies face a tough test hosting ACC foe Miami this week.

A preview of the AFC Championship could be in the cards on Monday night with undefeated Indianapolis traveling to New England in the NFL. Let's take a look at those key matchups, along with a host of others in this edition of TEC Top 10.

Last week: 8-2
Season record: 29-21



N.C. State at No. 9 Florida State

The Wolfpack have struggled this season, underachieving on their way to a 3-4 overall record. An athletic defense hasn't been able to salvage a disappointing offense, but coach Chuck Amato has shuffled up his lineup. Marcus Stone has taken over under center for Jay Davis and former J.H. Rose standout Andre Brown rushed for 248 yards and two touchdowns in his first start last week. Look for Brown to continue breathing life into the Wolfpack in what should be a close game against FSU. I like the Seminoles to stay in the race for the ACC title with a 27-20 win.



No. 14 Wisconsin at No. 10 Penn State

Penn State and Wisconsin were unlikely to challenge for the Big 10 crown before the season began, but that's exactly where they find themselves now. The teams will battle on Saturday for what is essentially the championship game with both teams sitting at 8-1. PSU quarterback Michael Robinson has racked up 23 total touchdowns for a

potent Nittany Lions offense whose only blemish is a two-point loss to Michigan. The Badgers have been equally impressive on offense, but defense is an issue. Wisconsin has allowed more than 24 points per contest, which is too much for a potential Big 10 champion. That statistic, along with home field advantage gives Penn State a big edge and a 32-23 win.



No. 5 Miami at No. 3 Virginia Tech

Miami could do the BCS a huge favor and rid controversy from a muddled mess at the top of the standings. The Hokies are a close third behind USC and Texas in the latest rankings and a win over the Hurricanes will give them evidence warranting a national title appearance. Two of the top defenses in the nation will be showcased on Saturday and Miami's team speed should negate Marcus Vick's agility for the Hokies. However, I think the two-headed running attack of Mike Imoh and Cedric Humes could wear down the Miami defense and lead VT to a 17-13 win.



Stanford at No. 1 USC

Stanford could be a bigger bump in the road than originally anticipated for the Trojans' run to the national championship. USC isn't untouchable as Notre Dame revealed some weaknesses in their armor and Stanford almost took down unbeaten UCLA last week in a close 30-27 loss. The Trojans must be careful not to look ahead to UCLA and take care of business at hand. I think they do just that in convincing fashion, 45-20.



Tennessee at No. 8 Notre Dame

The Volunteers finally fell from the top 25 rankings with a loss to South Carolina last weekend and their season got even rockier when their offensive coordinator resigned earlier this week. Another loss is on the horizon with Notre Dame looming on their schedule. The Fighting Irish have BCS hopes on the line and look for them to produce, taking this game 28-16.



Carolina at Tampa Bay

The Buccaneers host the Panthers in this key NFC South matchup. Both teams come into the game tied for first in the division with Atlanta and a win here will go a long way for a playoff berth. Carolina annihilated Minnesota last week while Tampa Bay lost to the lowly 49ers. I think the Buccaneers' post season hopes are done, especially with the loss of quarterback Brian Griese. The inexperienced Chris Simms has taken over and his job will be to keep the game close and that shouldn't be hard to do with the Bucs' defense. Carolina hands Tampa Bay their first home defeat with a 23-12 victory.



Pittsburgh at Green Bay

Two of the NFL's most storied franchises meet on Sunday and both are heading in opposite directions. Ben Roethlisberger's career is just getting started while Brett Favre is winding down a disappointing

conclusion to his Hall of Fame legacy. Every game the Packers win for the rest of the season will be solely because of Favre. Green Bay has no running game and little defense and that should equal a 27-13 Steelers win.



Philadelphia at Washington

The Redskins were completely dominated in every phase of the game against the Giants last Sunday, spoiling an impressive 4-2 start. Washington seemed to be clicking on both offense and defense before being crushed 38-0. At least, they return home on Sunday, albeit against Philadelphia, who has issues of its own. The Eagles still aren't running the ball with authority, but I think coach Andy Reid is smart enough to figure out what his team is lacking. Running back Brian Westbrook will get more carries this week to lead Philly over the Skins 23-21.



Chicago at New Orleans

The Bears received a gift win last week from the hands of Lions' quarterback Jeff Garcia, who tossed an interception to give Chicago an overtime victory. Even more turnovers will come the Bears' way when they face the Saints. Chicago boasts one of the NFL's top defenses and that's good, because 20 points is an offensive explosion for this squad. I predict fireworks with the Bears winning 21-10 on their way to the playoffs.

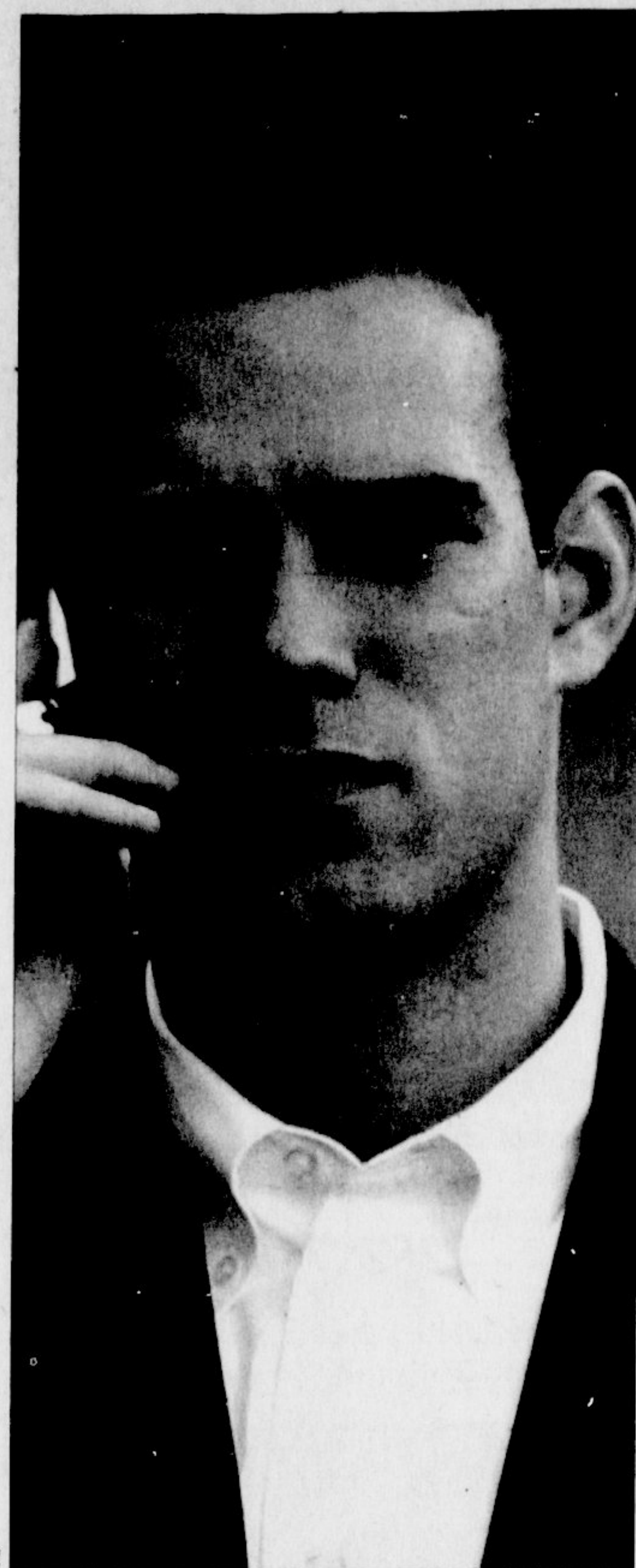


Indianapolis at New England

This game could be the most important matchup of the 2005 NFL season. Check that, it is without a doubt the most important. What this clash between AFC rivals will do mentally for both squads is tremendous. Indy quarterback Peyton Manning and his undefeated Colts must get over the hump that is the Patriots if they want to win the Super Bowl. The Colts haven't performed well in snowy New England, but this year they have the defense to compete. The defending Super Bowl champs won't back down and I'll take Tom Brady and the Pats for my upset pick of the week. New England wins 27-24 on a last second field goal.



Penn State celebrates against Purdue last week.



EPSTEIN

Theo Epstein: Decision was personal, not political

(AP) — Outgoing Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein dismissed reports that a power struggle with team president Larry Lucchino led him to walk away from the organization this week.

The 31-year-old Epstein, whose career in professional baseball started when Lucchino hired him as an intern with the Baltimore Orioles 14 years ago, reportedly rejected the team's offer of a \$4.5 million, three-year extension that would have more than quadrupled his previous salary.

"Larry and I like each other," Epstein said Wednesday in his first public comments since he shocked Boston fans by walking away from the bargaining table on Monday. "As with any other working relationship there are complexities, there are ups and downs."

The decision to leave, he said, was a personal one.

"This is a job you have to give your whole heart and soul to," he said. "In the end, after a long period of reflection about myself and the program, I decided I could no longer put my whole heart and soul into it."

Principal owner John Henry noted Lucchino's absence from the news conference at Fenway Park.

"He's been maligned and blamed for the situation for the last couple of days. I think that's wrong. I think that's inaccurate," he said.

"If you want to place blame for what happened here, I'm responsible," he added. "Never in my wildest dream did I think this was ever going to happen."

Henry praised Epstein for his work during three years as general manager.

"I've never seen anyone work harder than Theo worked to try to make this organization successful," he said.

Media reports have circulated that Epstein left because leaks about the negotiations convinced him there was a breach of trust with Lucchino. But Epstein said Wednesday that the two remained close and that Lucchino gave him wide discretion over baseball decisions.

"If there are reports of a power struggle or meddling on behalf of Larry, that really wasn't the case," he said. "Essentially, I felt like I had pretty much a free hand to run the baseball operation the way I saw fit."

Under Epstein, the Red Sox made the postseason three years in a row for the first time in franchise history, with the obvious highlight being the team's 2004 World Series win, Boston's first in 86 years.

"It was a time in my life I'll always look back on with fond memories," Epstein said.

Epstein's previous three-year deal expired at the end of Monday, leaving the team without a GM heading into the offseason. Negotiations with free agents such as center fielder Johnny Damon are on hold, trade talks will have to wait and the business of assembling the 2006 team has been interrupted by the Brookline native's stunning decision to walk away from his dream job with his hometown team.

The Red Sox need to plug holes in the starting rotation and bullpen that led to a first-round playoff sweep by the eventual World Series champion Chicago White Sox. Manny Ramirez and David Wells have reportedly asked to be traded; Epstein's chief assistant, Josh Byrnes, is now the GM in Arizona; the Red Sox trainer was let go; third-base coach Dale Sveum decamped for Milwaukee.

Paterno maintains long memory on Wisconsin's questionable hits

(KRT) — A year ago, Joe Paterno's comments on the helmet-to-helmet collision that sent quarterback Michael Robinson to the hospital at Wisconsin were just what you would expect from the normally circumspect Penn State coach.

"I think all of you saw the game on television and, if not, probably had a chance to look it over," Paterno said of Erasmus James' hit a few days after Penn State's 16-3 loss at Wisconsin. "I think you can make your own decision on that."

But on Tuesday, in discussing Saturday's Big Ten Conference showdown with the Badgers, Paterno was uncharacteristically blunt about the two blows by James that took out not just Robinson but starter Zack Mills in the first quarter.

"I hope the officials will make sure that doesn't happen," Paterno said during his weekly teleconference. "One or two of the shots last year were very dubious as to whether they were legal."

Those were not insignificant remarks, because if Paterno feels so

strongly that the hits were questionable, you can be absolutely certain his players do, too, especially since Robinson is now the unquestioned leader of the nation's 10th-ranked team.

James is in the NFL now, but the legacy of his 2004 quarterback plundering remains. That alone ought to provide the Nittany Lions with ample motivation heading into Saturday afternoon's first-place matchup with a Badgers team whose record 8-1 overall, 5-1 in the Big Ten mirrors their own.

Protecting their quarterback who took several hard shots against Purdue on Saturday and who, along with 22 other seniors, will be playing his last home game will be a priority.

"Wisconsin plays good, tough football, and if you are going to play in this league and you want to be a quarterback, you have to bounce up when somebody gives you a good shot," Paterno said, "and I think Michael has done that. ..."

"It's up to us to protect Michael. ... We have to do our job, and Wisconsin is going to do their job, and they are

going to come. They are going to be tough. They are not going to come in there and say, 'Hey, he's a sacred cow.'"

Meanwhile, on the other side of the ball, Penn State's defense will face physical issues of its own. The Lions will have to deal with the latest in a long line of big, bruising Badgers tailbacks.

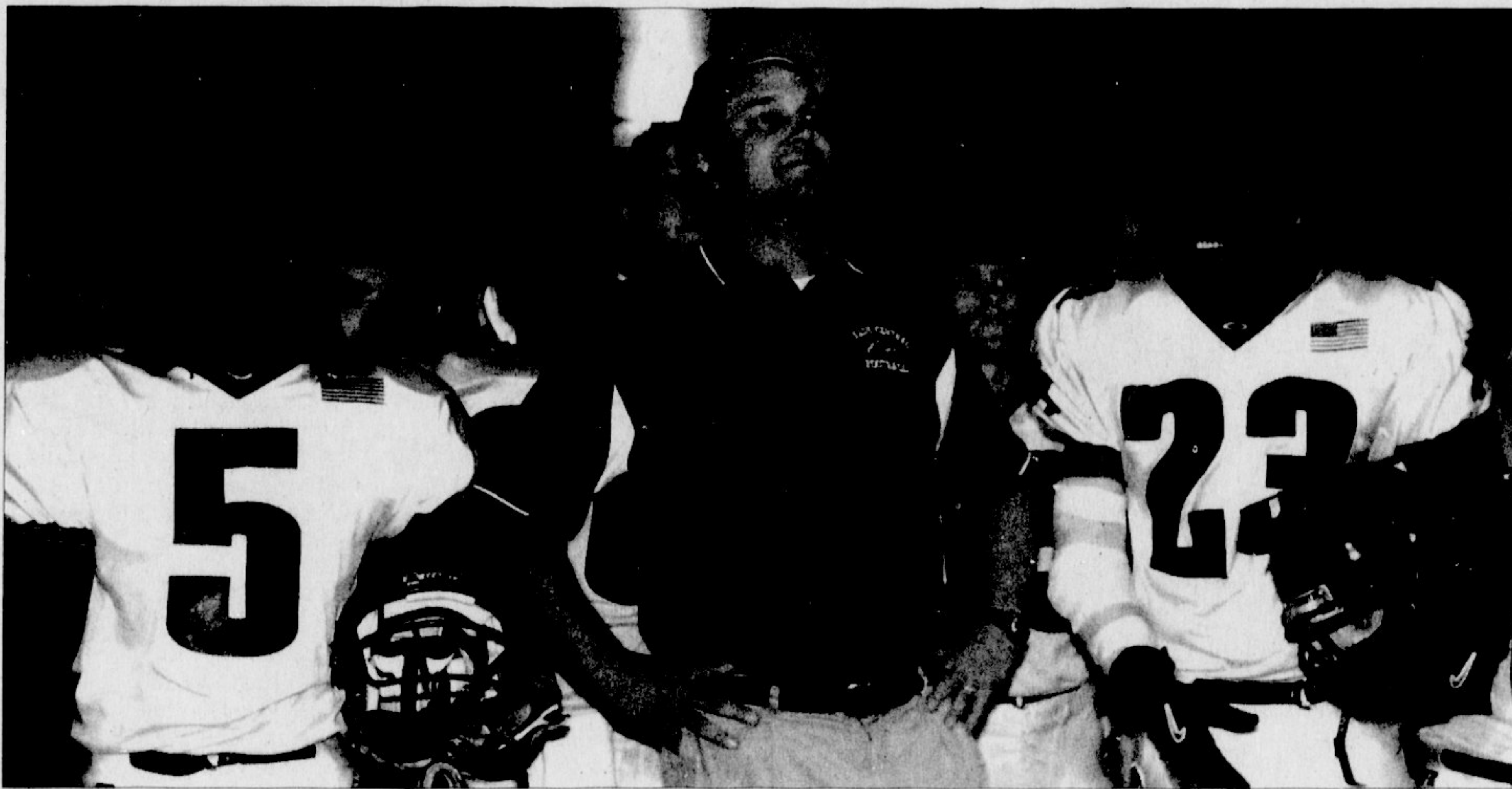
Brian Calhoun has rushed for 1,218 yards and 19 TDs. He has scored five touchdowns in a game twice this season, most recently in Wisconsin's third consecutive victory, 41-24, at Illinois on Saturday.

"Calhoun is one of the best backs we've played against in a long time," said Paterno, returning to a more familiar rhetorical form. "If he runs for 150 or 160 yards, it will be a long day. The thing about Calhoun that is so different than a lot of running backs is that he is a great receiver."

The Lions, however, have had success shutting down big-reputation running backs (remember Minnesota's Laurence Maroney?). Their average per-game rushing yield of 103.7 yards is second best in the Big Ten.

Notes. Junior linebacker Paul Posluszny acknowledged Tuesday that he had given some thought to declaring early for the NFL draft. "I think Paul should stay," Paterno said. ... Asked about the possibility that this might be his last home game, too, the coach said retirement was something he had not thought about this season. "Do you know something I don't know?" joked Paterno, who has three years remaining on a contract extension. "Did you talk to our president?" ... This will be the last Penn State game for Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez. The Wisconsin coach is stepping aside after this season, a development that Paterno, a close friend, is not entirely displeased about. "He kicked our ears in most of the time," Paterno said. "That part I won't miss." ... Paterno not only lost two QBs and the game at Wisconsin in 2004, he received the news there that his son-in-law had been critically injured in a bicycle fall that day in State College. "It's difficult for me to say that, after 50 years, it was the toughest day that I ever had," he said. "But it certainly was a very difficult day."

Grantham mirrors success of his father



(AP) — The dirty-diapered defender at the end of the hall is Kenneth Grantham's most difficult to outsmart.

He's rough and tough, sporting a textbook four-point stance and big noggin that all but guarantee his future as a lineman. Wyatt Grantham, just 11 months old, never lets his dad pass by without a good tackle. But then, Kenneth, a 38-year-old football coach at Nash Central High School, has never found a good reason to avoid it.

So each night, wearing a mixed aroma of laundry detergent, locker room grime, grass

trimmings and line paint, Kenneth takes Wyatt's best shot and falls to the ground. In no time, his 3-year-old daughter Darby piles on, starting a half-hearted wrestling match in the Granthams' Nashville home.

Shift back 35 years. Change the place to Snow Hill. Change our protagonist to a fresh-faced coach named Spence Grantham.

It's 1970 and Spence is only at the beginning of his storied career in Greene County. Time being, he's at the junior high, spending his days trying to push

football on kids in an Eastern

North Carolina region that is plenty more interested in basketball and baseball.

But each night, Spence heads home to find the grizzled toddler at the end of the hall. The kid is rough and he's tough, and his noggin will later lead him to a vagabond prep career in the trenches.

He's 3-year-old Kenneth Grantham, and he waits every night for the door to swing open, anticipating that reel-to-reel dad of his to walk through so he can show off his best shot.

Spence Grantham never found a good reason to avoid

the hits and never missed the ensuing wrestling match.

"That's how we'd greet each other," Spence said, his gray mustache highlighting a face that has been through more than three decades of coaching.

Spence and Kenneth greet each other differently today. "Hey coach," is more appropriate.

In a situation that becomes more perfect all the time, Kenneth is his dad's boss, Spence is his son's most reliable baby sitter, and a football family is as entrenched in the game as ever. "It's such a special and unique

situation," Kenneth said, pushing the team laundry through the wash while Spence, Nash Central's sagely receivers coach, sits and enjoys life as an assistant.

There is no misunderstanding on this coaching staff. Spence Grantham has no illusions of being the Bulldogs' head coach. The 62-year-old says he doesn't ever want that fact to be mistaken.

"I didn't want to come in and have him feel like I was taking over," said Spence, who joined his son's staff in 2003 and has been commuting from Snow Hill ever since. "I'm not even sure the administrators were too sure about who was going to coach here. I told my wife, 'They don't know Kenneth very well, because if they did, they knew who the coach was.' I really tried to just blend in."

Spence took the job in only his first year of retirement. His final game at Greene Central was a loss to Western Alamance in the 2002 state playoffs a game that wrapped up a 12-1 season, Spence's finest as a head coach.

But with his mother-in-law ailing, Spence and his wife Kathy knew somebody needed to be a caretaker. Since Spence had a longer career Kathy raised three boys, after all he chose to stay home.

Spence couldn't sit long. He and Kathy found somebody who could care for Kathy's mother for a few hours a day, and Spence was off to Nash Central, where his son was building a football team.

Now, a year after his mother-

in-law died, Spence still does what he loves, blending in along the sideline on game nights. He wears a headset, but rarely ventures farther onto the field than his son. Kenneth always stays in the front, always has the loudest voice.

"It was a little awkward at first," Kenneth said. "Trying to figure out if he would help out, if he wanted to help out or did he want to retire. Being my first job, how much did I want him hanging around my shoulder? But he's been around long enough to know how to avoid the pitfalls and play his role."

Spence doesn't want to drift too far into the shadows. If he learned anything in more than 20 years as Greene Central's head coach, it's that assistant coaches are invaluable.

"Just because I'm the old man around here, I'm not just going to sit around and not carry my load," Spence said.

During his 130-win career as a head coach, Spence had one assistant in particular who was an important aid a 20-something named Kenneth Grantham. Kenneth coached Greene Central's receivers, naturally, while he finished the last three years of his college degree at East Carolina.

"I knew when my playing days were over, I wanted to be a coach," said Kenneth, who played a short career at Lenoir-Rhyne before transferring to ECU. "I know I did a lot of things wrong early on. I probably ran off some of his better players."

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Two-time Luge medalists set for another, maybe last Olympic push



The duo of Brian Martin and Mark Grimmette are hoping to bring home their first Olympic gold medal.

(AP) — They could have retired from luge years ago, taken better-paying career paths and done so the greatest American doubles team ever.

"But it's fun," Brian Martin said. "So why shouldn't we keep doing it? We're having a good time."

Fun isn't the lone reason. One goal still drives Martin and his longtime teammate, Mark Grimmette an Olympic gold medal that has evaded their reach twice, by a fraction of a second each time. So this weekend, the duo begins another season with hopes it will end atop an Olympic podium in Turin, Italy, in February.

Among their 59 international medals are a bronze medal from the 1998 Games in Nagano, and a silver claimed at Salt Lake City four years ago. No luge doubles team has ever taken a bronze to silver to gold progression in Olympic history, yet Grimmette and Martin believe such a storybook scenario is possible.

"If someone asked me about training for four Olympics, I don't think I would have been

able to look that far ahead," Grimmette said. "But it's been great. One of the reasons why Brian and I have done this as long as we have is this sport is a lot of fun. When it's going right, we have a confidence that is unshakable."

Grimmette, 34, and Martin, 31, will be among the doubles favorites this World Cup season, which starts Friday in Sigulda, Latvia. The top American team won bronze on the Sigulda track last year, and finished fourth in the season-long standings not far behind overall champions Christian Oberstolz and Patrick Gruber of Italy.

There's eight World Cup races, including a December swing through Calgary and Lake Placid that separates two European stints on the schedule.

Yet almost all of Grimmette and Martin's focus is already on the season's final race in Turin.

"I can't believe it's been four years. It seems like yesterday," Martin said recently while training at USA Luge's Lake Placid complex.

"I'm proud of the fact we won an Olympic silver medal. Do I

look back and think about what it would have been like to win gold? Of course."

During the past two Winter Olympics, the second- and third-place doubles luge spots were filled by American sliders. But no American luger has ever captured Olympic gold.

At Nagano in 1998, Grimmette and Martin kissed bronze medals, finishing 0.112 seconds behind the gold winning German duo of Stefan Krausse and Jan Behrendt. Four years later, Grimmette and Martin finished 0.134 seconds behind another set of German gold medalists, Patric-Fritz Leitner and Alexander Resch.

Barely a day has passed since without the duo wondering how they could have been a tiny bit faster.

"They're both driven by wanting to hear the national anthem," USA Luge director Ron Rossi said. "I've watched them and their behavior. They've had a number of bronze medal finishes in the worlds, and they're very frustrated by that. The 3-2-1 Olympic progression matters to them."

Grimmette and Martin have come a long way from a very humble beginning. When they first teamed up, they worked odd jobs like painting the trim on Rossi's house and driving a beverage cart around a golf course just to scrounge enough cash to get them through the World Cup season.

But they both know the end of their time atop the sled is looming.

Neither will say if 2005-06 will be their final season; in fact, Grimmette and Martin winners of 10 World Cup events, three overall World Cup championships and four world championship bronze medals said they don't plan to discuss it with one another until after the Olympics.

"It's such an incredible feeling to win an Olympic medal, no matter what color it is, that I'm definitely proud of what I've done already," Grimmette said. "If it doesn't work out in Italy, I've got World Cup medals, I've got the world championship medals and two Olympic medals. No matter what, that's pretty good."

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Kenneth used that experience as a springboard. When he graduated from ECU, he took an assistant job at Camden County, where he spent about a decade coaching under Scott Jones.

So by 2002, when he became Nash Central's first football coach, Kenneth was a blend of several influential coaches. Not the least of which was his father.

"He's evolved into his own style, his own coach," Spence said.

"Coaching is just an eternal evolution anyway. It's constantly changing. ... He's got his own personality, and I admire what he's done and what he's doing."

The younger, toddler Kenneth the one that delivered the late-night tackles instead of taking them rarely woke up to the sounds of Saturday morning cartoons. Instead, while other kids had the Road Runner's "beep-beep," Kenneth had the "click-click-click" of the film projector as his dad watched film.

"I grew up riding the bus over to the middle school or the high school practices and hanging out round the field houses and rummaging through the lockers at the end of school trying to find pencils and paper," Kenneth said. "That was the way I thought life was."

It was the same for Kenneth's younger brothers. Paul Grantham is now a media relations employee at Duke and Brian Grantham is a high school basketball coach in Hawaii. All three played for Spence at Greene Central.

The trio of boys always made the house interesting enough for Spence to blow his even-tempered personality on occasion. One New Year's Day, Kenneth cut the cable trying to put a basketball goal in the ground, spoiling Spence's plan of watching college football bowl games.

Another time, Kenneth ignited a fight around a birthday cake and wound up breaking an antique table that belonged

to his great-grandmother. But the cable was restored. And the antique table?

"It's patched up; we still have it," Spence said.

Added Kenneth: "Yeah, they're good at patching things up."

No reason to panic. Ever.

The Granthams are a peaceful bunch by nature. Kenneth rarely erupts in a tirade, even after the most trying of losses which the Bulldogs have endured several times in an up-and-down 4-5 season this year.

Perhaps, though, that's because he knows what awaits him: 3-year-old Darby sprints out of the stands and onto the field after each game, her only goal to make that teeth-rattling impact with her dad's leg.

"That's become a ritual for her," Kenneth's wife, Roberta, said. "She looks forward to that."

Who wouldn't be at ease? Aside from having his two children and wife at each game, Kenneth always has his in-laws, who drive up from Fayetteville, and mother Kathy. And, of course, his father.

All have the football bug. Even Darby, who spends her Saturdays with Kenneth at the football field doing maintenance.

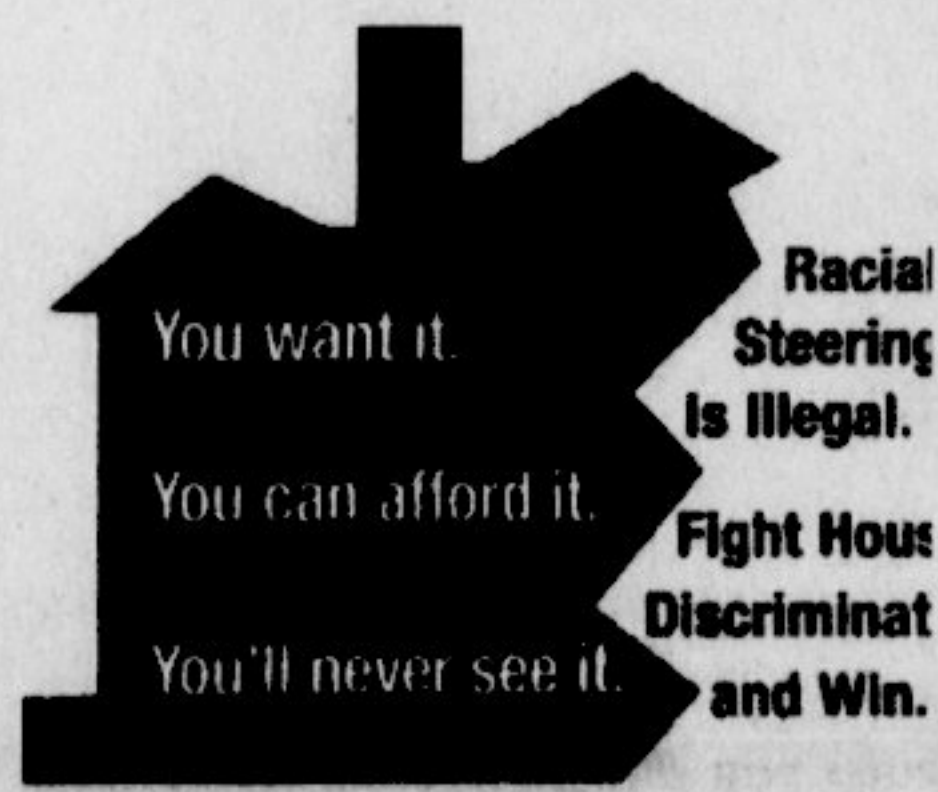
"We really are a lucky family," Roberta said.

Spence handles the baby-sitting on Wednesdays while Roberta works as a part-time preschool instructor at Nashville Methodist Church. She takes Darby with her. Spence gets Wyatt.

For about six hours, Spence plays his grandson the Notre Dame fight song, pitches him the football, shouts "Touchdown, Wyatt!" and runs through some plays.

One play Tackle Daddy After Practice seems to register especially well in the Grantham family. Spence, for one, wants to make sure Wyatt can have his licks on Kenneth.

"What goes around," Spence said, "comes around."



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