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Asian Studies lecture focuses on combining virtues of hermit, samurai



Photo by Zach Siskin

Heine discussed Zen philosophy in front of more than 60 students.

Heine applies Zen strategem to modern day workplaces

SCOTT EATON
STAFF WRITER

The annual lecture in Asian studies focusing on Zen Buddhism and the modern-day workplace was held in the Science and Technology Building Wednesday with more than 60 students and faculty members in attendance after a previous cancellation in October.

The lecture featured research done by Steven Heine, Florida International University Religious Studies professor and author of "White Collar Zen: Using Zen Principles to Overcome Obstacles and Achieve Your Career Goals," and emphasized the idea of building up one's skills where they can be highlighted in any situation.

"Some people have a special skill where they can rise to the occasion at the moment their skills are needed most," said Heine.

Heine's new book describes the relationship between Zen and contemporary workplaces.

"I wanted to reach out and write a book that deals with these issues and relate it to the modern era," Heine said.

White Collar Zen encompasses the three approaches to Zen that have been recognized historically, Beat Zen (Zen as

a way of life but never fully adopted in one's life), Classical Zen (an academic approach to Zen) and Square Zen (practitioners of Zen without the proper historical context).

Heine described the seemingly opposite archetypes of samurai, who act on the battlefield, and Hermits, who withdraw from society through meditation.

"These two archetypes are not necessarily opposed to the other they can work complementary to the other," he said.

The Samurai philosophy about the "Art of War" involves the "Art of Cunning," in which overcoming fear of death or loss, striving for alertness and attentiveness and maximizing strength and reducing vulnerability are the main goals.

"The image of the Samurai has become a worldwide phenomenon with the idea appearing in movies such as *The Magnificent Seven* and *The Shootist*," Heine said.

The Hermit philosophy involves a withdrawal from society to discover tranquility, simplicity and a harmonious existence with nature.

Heine explained the ideas behind the structure of Zen monasteries and pointed out the idea of harmonious living with nature in the design of temples throughout Japan.

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'The Importance of Being Earnest'

ECU/Loessin Playhouse produces a classic at McGinnis Theatre

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From Thursday, Nov. 17 to Tuesday, Nov. 22, students and the public will be able to enjoy the latest production from ECU/Loessin Playhouse, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

The play, originally performed in 1895, is famous for its "penetrating" humor and "insightful" look into society. The story centers around two friends who invent fictitious characters to use as alibis for times they need to get away from their daily lives. In doing so, they each form an alternate life unbeknownst to everyone else. All goes well until they fall in love. The confusion then ensues as the men struggle to keep up their lies and the women they love.

"It's a very witty play," said Jeff Woodruff, managing director of the School of Theatre and Dance.

"It's also laugh-out-loud funny and not all plays are. It's a great show."

The show will begin every night at 8 p.m., with the exception of Sunday, which has a showing at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the door but may be purchased ahead of time at \$12 for the general public, \$10 for those age 65 and over, and \$8 for everyone age 18 and under. Thanks to the ECU Student Government Association activity fees, all current ECU students may pay youth price for their tickets if purchased ahead of time. Patrons may purchase tickets by phone at 328-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Tickets may also be purchased online at ecurts.com or in person at the McGinnis Theatre Box Office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The box office hours on a show day are 9 a.m. to curtain.

The show is Greg Funaro's

main stage directorial debut. Funaro, who worked professionally as an actor in New York City and all over the U.S., has performed in 11 plays at ECU, most notably, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Grease*, *As You Like It* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

"Greg's been teaching for some time now ... he's an excellent instructor," Woodruff said.

"We've got a lot of new people on this show."

Also involved in the production, in her second main stage production as scenic designer, is Jenny Parker. One of the things Woodruff acknowledges as special about ECU theatre productions is the environment of the theatre.

"In a professional production, you may have two assistant stage managers," Woodruff said.

"But we're in a teaching environment. It's a constant learning process using a 'learning-by-doing method,' so we tend to involve a lot of people."

In the production of *Earnest*, for instance, there are actually four assistant stage managers instead of only two.

"It's a very labor-intensive business ... Typically, [production] starts six weeks before show time," Woodruff said.

"We had auditions around Sept. 24. Then, the following Monday, they start work." Luckily, *Earnest*'s staff and cast had almost eight weeks to prepare. The play, written by Oscar Wilde, has historically had many successful runs since 1895. When it opened for the first time, it ran for 86 performances. By the time *The Importance of Being Earnest* reached St. James Theatre, Wilde was also known for the novel *"Dorian Gray"* (1890) and the plays *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892) and *A Woman of No Importance* (1893). Wilde also wrote a handful of literary criticisms and fairy tales before his death in Paris in 1900.

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ELECTIONS 2005

Greenville Mayor

Don Parrott won with 3,491 votes (81 percent). Matt Cohen had 371 votes (9 percent). Bob Schneider had 463 votes (11 percent).

Greenville At-Large

Patricia C. "Pat" Dunn won with 3,554 votes (84 percent).

Dennis Mitchell had 689 votes (16 percent).

Greenville District One

Mildred Atkinson won unopposed with 386 votes.

Greenville District Two

Rose Hill Glover won unopposed with 352 votes.

Greenville District Three

Larry Spell won with 453 votes (60 percent). Ric Miller had 302 votes (40 percent).

Greenville District Four

Ray Craft won with 1,068 votes (53 percent). "Jack" Wall had 947 votes (47 percent).

Greenville District Five

"Chip" Little won unopposed with 635 votes.

Editor's Note: Results are unofficial and were obtained from the Pitt County Board of Elections Web site. Visit them at co.pitt.nc.us.

Election victories throughout the country

(AP) — Election Highlights

NEW JERSEY: Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine easily beat Republican businessman Doug Forrester after a sharply negative campaign to succeed acting Democratic Gov. Richard J. Codey. The multimillionaire spent \$70 million, more than double the previous record for a New Jersey governor's race.

VIRGINIA: Democratic Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine soundly defeated Republican Jerry Kilgore, a former attorney general, in a closely watched contest to succeed popular Democratic Gov. Mark Warner.

MAYORS:

ATLANTA: The city's first female mayor, Shirley Franklin, trounced two little-known challengers to win a second term.

BOSTON: Three-term Mayor Thomas Menino, known as "Mumbles" for his fractured diction, fended off a challenge from longtime City Councilwoman Maura Hennigan.

CHICOPEE, Mass.: Attorney Michael Bissonnette easily defeated Mayor Richard Goyette, who was charged with extorting campaign contributions from two businessmen. Goyette dropped out of the race a week ago — too late to remove

his name from the ballot.

CINCINNATI: State Rep. Mark Mallory, who is black and a member of a prominent political family, beat white City Councilman David Pepper four years after race riots tore apart the city.

CLEVELAND: Popular City Council President Frank Jackson, whose hard-luck life growing up in the nation's 12th-poorest city endeared him to voters, edged out incumbent Jane Campbell, the first woman to lead Cleveland.

DETROIT: Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick overcame doubts about his leadership and judgment as voters gave him the second chance he asked for in a come-from-behind victory.

HOUSTON: Mayor Bill White was re-elected with 91 percent of the vote, his popularity soaring after the city absorbed refugees from Hurricane Katrina and took strong measures to protect residents from Hurricane Rita.

MINNEAPOLIS: Mayor R.T. Rybak won a second term despite a challenge from fellow Democrat Peter McLaughlin, a county commissioner and union favorite who accused Rybak of failing to protect the city's poorer neighborhoods.

NEW YORK CITY: Billionaire

Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg routed former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer in this heavily Democratic city and was on pace to surpass his 2001 spending record of \$74 million.

PITTSBURGH: Former City Councilman Bob O'Connor, a Democrat, defeated GOP lawyer Joe Weinroth in a city that has not elected a Republican mayor since the Depression. Incumbent Tom Murphy decided not to seek a fourth term.

SEATTLE: Mayor Greg Nickels cruised to a second term. Although Nickels' critics accused him of heavy-handed leadership and disregarding neighborhood concerns in favor of property developers, they were unable to recruit a high-profile challenger, settling on former professor Al Runte.

ST. PAUL, Minn.: Randy Kelly was voted out after one term in this heavily Democratic city, largely because he endorsed President Bush last year. Challenger Chris Coleman, a former City Council member, had led 2-to-1 in polls; most voters said they wanted to punish Kelly.

SAN DIEGO: Republican Jerry Sanders, a former police chief backed by the city's business establishment, handily defeated Donna Frye, a maverick Democratic councilwoman

and surf-shop owner. Sanders inherits a \$1.37-billion pension shortfall that has led to a federal investigation and threatened the city with bankruptcy.

CITY COUNCILS:

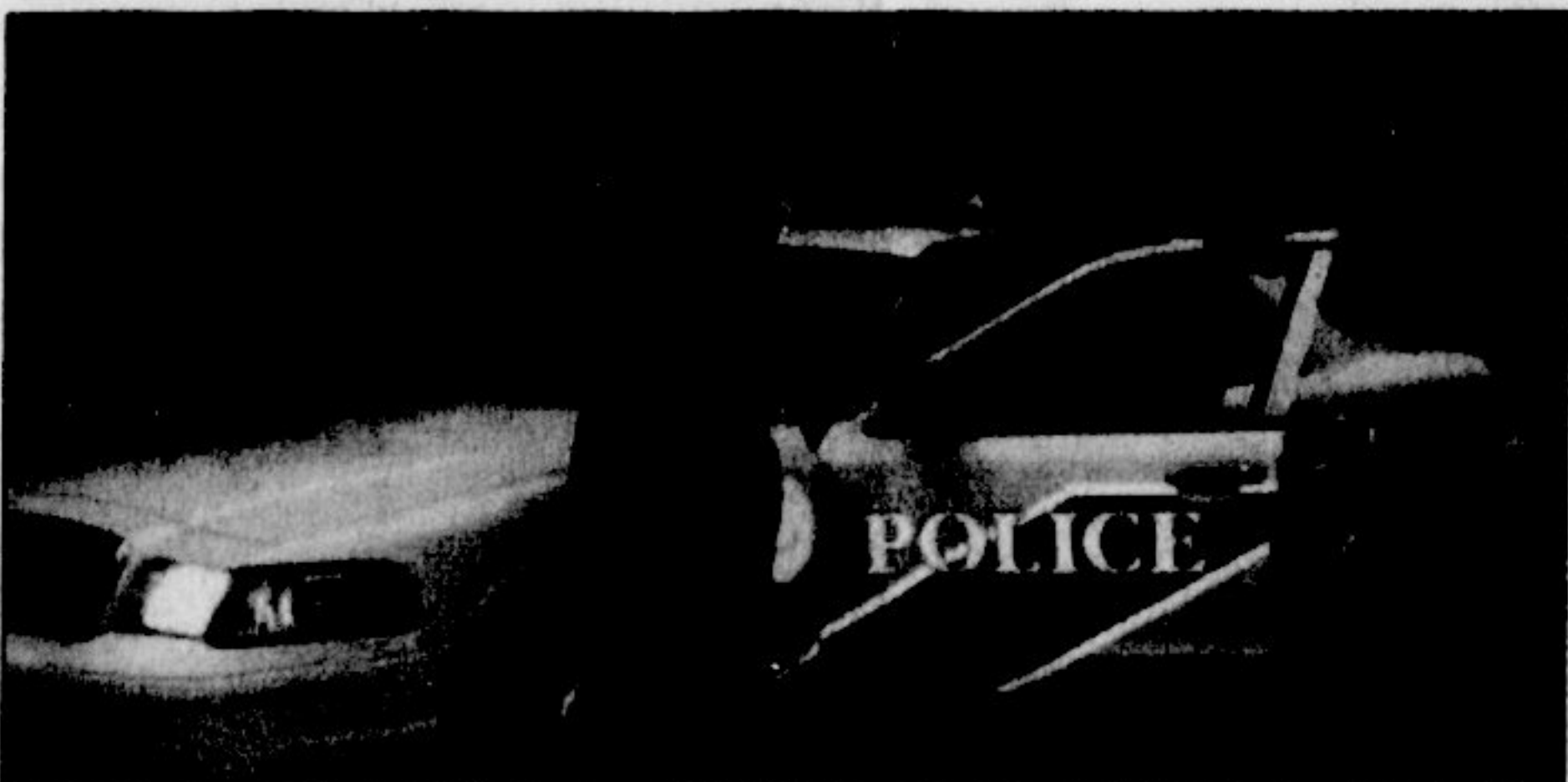
DETROIT: Motown singer Martha Reeves was eighth out of 18 candidates vying for nine seats on the Detroit City Council with 99 percent of the precincts reporting early Wednesday. She says Detroit is missing the love it had in the 1960s, when she belted out such hits as "Dancing in the Street" and "Heat Wave."

PRESCOTT, Ariz.: Howard Mechanic, who spent nearly three decades as a fugitive before being unmasked during a run for public office in 2000, lost his bid for a seat on the Prescott City Council. Mechanic went to prison for his part in a Vietnam War protest and served nearly a year before he was pardoned by President Clinton.

SCHOOL BOARD:

DOVER, Pa.: Voters ousted eight GOP school board members who backed a controversial policy to introduce high school students to "intelligent design," replacing them with a slate of Democratic candidates opposed to the requirement, which critics said promoted a form of creationism.

Tech trials look to improve personal safety on campus



ECU Police Officer Hill responding to wireless transmission from Wiggins.

Pilot programs test direct link between police and students, staff

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The Technology Advancement Center, in conjunction with Academic Outreach and Campus Living, is experimenting with new technology that could assist ECU students and faculty in an emergency situation.

Four projects are scheduled, with Warehouse Alert being the only one currently operating. Warehouse Alert is being tested by 15 staff and student employees in Central Stores and Receiving and the Department of Materials located in the Management Warehouse on Greene Street.

The system consists of transmitter given to the employees that could be activated by the carrier and could send personal information to the ECU Police Department in the event

of a crime or medical emergency.

"The hope is that, at the press of a button, you could alert the system and it could relate your location to the police by your proximity to the transponder," said Barry DuVall, director of the technology advancement center.

"The system is completely wireless and would provide a protective shield for the area outside the building and the nearby parking lots that service the employees."

"We want the buildings downtown to be as safe as possible," DuVall said.

"The campus is growing out into the community and we want to help those students and staff out there."

The second project is ECU Assist, with preparations already being made for research and testing in the spring of 2006. ECU Assist would involve mainly students in residence halls and perform a function similar to Warehouse Alert by allowing instant communication between

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ALITO

Bush tries moves on after failure in Miers nomination

He will work to get Samuel Alito on the court instead

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After President Bush's fellow Republicans shot down his nomination of White House Counsel Harriet Miers leading to her resignation, Bush is now getting resounding conservative support for his nomination of Samuel Alito to replace the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor in the U.S. Supreme Court. Alito is considered to be very conservative in the mold of

Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, whom Bush touts as model justices.

Miers was called into question about her credentials and conservatism. The White House then replied to the Republican critics that Miers was sufficiently conservative, citing her service and conservatism with Bush. When the Senate asked to examine her record regarding her White House service, the White House claimed executive privilege and thus Miers' nomination reached an impasse from which she promptly resigned. While Miers

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Announcements

Disco and Folk/Contra Dances
The ECU Folk and Country Dancers will sponsor a disco dance and a contra dance from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Willis Building located downtown on First and Reade Streets. DJs will be on hand to provide music. Beginner lessons will begin at 7:30. There is a potluck supper at 6 p.m. for the contra dance. Tickets for each event are \$3 for students, \$5 for FASG members and \$8 for the public. This is an alcohol and smoke free event. For more information call 752-7350.

Charity Fashion Show
The Apparel and Interiors Merchandising Organization will present "Ripped, Torn and Fabulous," a charity fashion event, at 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 at Club Aqua. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Wright Place or for \$5 at the door. All proceeds will benefit Give2theTroops.

Chamber Choir Performance
The ECU Chamber Singers will perform Durufle's Requiem at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The event is free to the public. For more information, visit music.ecu.edu/music/calendar or call 328-4270.

Multicultural Reading to honor ECU professor
Dozens of people will read from multicultural works in honor of the life and career of ECU English professor Gay Wilentz from 4-6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 in C209 Science and Technology Building. For more information, contact Michael Bassman at 328-6373.

Brewster History Lecture
The ECU Brewster Lecture "A Tale of Three Cities: How the U.S. won WWII" will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 in OC-307 Science and Technology Building. ECU's history department and the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences will host the 24th annual Lawrence F. Brewster Lecture in History. David Kennedy, the Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History at Stanford University, will offer the guest lecture.

Medical Student Talent Show
The 2005 Medical Student Council Talent Show will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brody School of Medicine's Brody Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. There will be performances by students and faculty, as well as door prizes. This year's charity beneficiary is the Tiana Nicole Williams Endowment Fund. For more information, contact Kara Regan at regank@mail.ecu.edu.

Japan League
Meetings are on Thursdays from 5-9 p.m. in Bate 1010. Japan League is a Japanese film club that shows movies of all kinds as well as television shows and animation. They can be visited online at <http://jlpatternblue.net>.

Alumni Association Tailgate 2005
Enjoy food provided by Aramark, your favorite Pirate beverages, a chance to see Pee Dee the Pirate and the ECU Cheerleaders, and win great door prizes! *Times subject to change - tailgates are two and a half hours prior to kick-off. This is taking place Saturday, Nov. 26, at 9:30 a.m. at Minges Coliseum Gate Two. Cost is \$5 per person and children get in for free. Register by calling 800-ECU-GRAD or visit Tailgate.PirateAlumni.com.

PilobolusToo
PTOO, as it is affectionately called, is considered the "little luxury edition" of Pilobolus Dance Theatre, one of the dance world's most renowned ensembles. Its two bravura dancers present a seamless evening of new and classic Pilobolus works. This will take place Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium. Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for faculty/staff, \$108 for youth, \$72 for Students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for faculty/staff, \$84 for youth, \$48 for students. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Nov. 13 for \$25 public, \$23 ECU faculty/staff, \$13 youth, and \$10 ECU student. All tickets at the door are \$25. Group discounts are available for groups of fifteen or more.

Local

Youth choir instills early appreciation for music, diversity
CONCORD, NC (AP) - A gaggle of giggling girls scamper through the door of Saint James Lutheran Church's choir room. After a few laughs, ponytail flips and a smattering of whispers, the girls sit, feet barely grazing the floor, in a line in front of conductor Jacqueline Yost. "We start on a filled-in note," Yost reminds the girls. "Which one is that?" With a few so-mi-so-mi-sos and pa-pa-pa-pas to warm their sweet voices, the young members of The Arts Experience Melody Choir read the sheet music for their Dec. 9 Christmas concert note by note. Children from 41 area schools and home-schooled youth in The Arts Experience Children's Choirs and Youth Oratorio do more than sing their hearts out - they learn to sight-read music. Each member auditions to participate and is placed in one of the three choirs: melody, concert or youth oratorio according to age and ability level. The choirs rehearse every Tuesday night at Saint James Lutheran Church. According to The Arts Experience executive director Quincy Foil, the choirs provide an affordable opportunity for singing and technical music instruction and to promote self-confidence and appreciation for musical diversity. Foil founded the choir in 1995 after many parents of children in her piano classes asked her where to find local voice teachers. "There was a need for children in this area for excellent vocal training," Foil said. "The beauty of the program is that kids move up through the years in age and ability, so there are great opportunities for gifted children to expand their natural talents." According to Foil, one-third of students in the choirs participate with tuition assistance from local individuals

and sponsors. "Money should never be a barrier for a child to participate in the arts," Foil said. "We have never turned down a child because they couldn't pay the tuition." A preparatory treble choir for youth ages 7-10, the Melody Choir learns introductory musical skills such as following musical scores, posture, breathing, note reading, vocal production and performance skills. The Concert Choir, an intermediate treble choir for youth ages 10-13, teaches performance skills, interval training, note reading and music vocabulary. An advanced chorus for youth ages 14-19, the Youth Oratorio learn advanced vocal techniques and performance skills while touring the Charlotte area. Melodie Galloway conducts the Concert Choir and the Youth Oratorio. Yost and Galloway joined The Arts Experience this August for the choirs' 11th season. The three choirs learn works from composers such as Vivaldi, Handel, Mozart, Haydn and Schubert and contemporaries Moses Hogan and John Rutter.

National

Microsoft's Gates said Internet-based services represent major 'sea change'
SEATTLE (AP) - Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates wants his managers to "act quickly and decisively" to offer more Internet-based software and services so the computer giant can beat its competition. Gates compares the push toward such services ranging from online business software offerings to free Web-based e-mail to the changes he saw nearly a decade ago. Then, he wrote a now-famous memo, called "The Internet Tidal Wave," that prompted a massive shift at Microsoft toward Internet-based technology. "The next sea change is upon us," Gates wrote in an e-mail to top executives, dated Oct. 30 and obtained late Tuesday by The

Associated Press. Gates also warned the company must be thoughtful in building the right technology to serve the right audience. "This coming 'services wave' will be very disruptive," he wrote. "We have competitors who will seize on these approaches and challenge us still, the opportunity to lead is very clear." Gates included a memo from Ray Ozzie, one of Microsoft's three chief technical officers, which outlined ideas for broad companywide changes that can address the growing competitive threat. Ozzie concedes in the memo dated Oct. 28 that Microsoft has not led the pack on Internet-based software and services, and now faces intense competition from companies like Google Inc. Ozzie said Microsoft needs to focus on key tenets of the new model, including a shift toward offering free, advertising-supported offerings and more sophisticated, Internet-based methods of delivering products. "I believe at this juncture it's generally very clear to each of us why we need to transform the competitors, the challenges and the opportunities," Ozzie wrote. Last week, Microsoft announced plans for Windows Live and Office Live, two Web-based offerings that aim to help the company compete with Google, Yahoo Inc., Salesforce.com and other companies that are already seeing success with such Web-based offerings. Microsoft has recently faced criticism that its model, which still relies mostly on delivering software in traditional packaging, could grow antiquated. The concern is that, as more companies offer online services for everything from word processing to storing photos, there will be less of a need for Microsoft's lucrative Windows operating system and Office business software. Microsoft's nascent Windows Live and Office Live efforts aim to complement its valuable software franchises with online products that build on what people find on their desktop computers.

World

Attack kills five policemen in Baquba, U.S. jets destroy building near Syria border
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A suicide bomber detonated his car Wednesday near a police patrol in Baquba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, killing five policemen and wounding five others, officials said. U.S. Air Force jets destroyed a building near the Syrian border Wednesday where al-Qaida insurgents hid weapons, the U.S. military said. The attack occurred early in the day in the village of Bu Hardan near the cities of Qaim and Husaybah where U.S. and Iraqi troops conducted a major operation in the past four days. "The terrorists were seen moving mortars and other small weapons into the targeted building," the statement said. "This weapons cache was directly linked to mortar attacks on Coalition and Iraqi security forces." The statement said the raid destroyed the building and "all contents of the weapons cache." Late Tuesday, the military announced that U.S. and Iraqi forces have secured the town of Husaybah and that al-Qaida-led insurgents there have been neutralized. Meanwhile, a driver for the Sudanese Embassy was shot dead Wednesday as he left the Palestinian mission in the Iraqi capital, police and the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said.

The shooting occurred in the Mansour area of western Baghdad, where gunmen have attacked foreign diplomats and businessmen in the past. The driver was a Sudanese citizen, police and the ministry said. Labeed Abbawi, an undersecretary in the Foreign Ministry, confirmed the report but did not know why the driver was at the Palestinian mission or whether he was the only person in the car. The attack followed the abduction last month of two employees of the Moroccan Embassy, who were seized on the highway between Baghdad and Amman, Jordan. Statements attributed to al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility and said the two had been sentenced to death. Al-Qaida also claimed responsibility for the kidnap-slaying last July of three foreign diplomats - two Algerians and one Egyptian - as part of a campaign to cut ties between Muslim countries and the Shiite-dominated, U.S.-backed Iraqi government. In Baghdad, Ghanem Mohammed, an employee at the Education ministry, was killed when gunmen opened fire on his car as he was driving to work in west Baghdad, according to police Maj. Mousa Abdul-Karim. Also in Baghdad, gunmen opened fire on a minibus, killing its driver, police Capt. Qassim Hussein said. A roadside bomb in the southern neighborhood of Dora killed a motorist and wounded another man, police said.

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a participant and the ECU police. Assist's technology, like Warehouse Alert's, works with a transponder, usually a belt clip transmitter. Police could pinpoint the location of someone wearing the transmitter in a residence hall as well monitor their movements once the system has been activated. "Someone in the police station could look at a screen and see exactly where you are," DuVall said. The other two projects also involve incorporating personal safety devices into student and faculty life in the battle against

campus crime. DuVall hopes that North Carolina schools will share ideas and innovations to make the process of testing and researching safety technology more efficient and productive. "I think with 16 universities in the UNC system we can all work together to bring down costs," DuVall said. The Technology Advancement Center's work is crucial to the success of the trials. "We find the area of need, find the technology needed to address it, and trying to get

funding for the pilot programs so that their effectiveness can be determined," DuVall said. The programs are all nothing more than pilots at this point, but the possibility is open that the measures could eventually be extended to the entire student population. "We're making progress, and we're going to keep pushing," DuVall said. "The campus is always working on personal safety." This writer can be contacted at news@thecastcarolinian.com.

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"White Collar Zen is the idea of bringing together the idea of samurai and hermit," Heine said.

By understanding when to use the skills of a samurai or hermit, one can learn to deal with stressful situations that arise in everyday life, Heine said.

"I call the cause of most of our anxiety the 'promotion commotion,' where mini crises arise, such as not getting what you want or having something unwanted thrust upon you," he said.

"It is precisely for these situations that you should hone your skills so you will know when you should let something pass or take action."

Heine said one must integrate the potential to speak and think without allowing emotions to take over, which takes time to develop.

Through the use of the samurai philosophy of savvy, diplomatic, poised and persuasive communication, one can achieve many things but words can only go so far, Heine said.

By learning the philosophy of the Hermit, one will learn sometimes silence is golden and there are times when it's best to sit back and take a bird's eye view of the situation.

"Zen masters express a sense of irony and the absurd, knowing when to and when not to laugh at themselves," Heine said.

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Sports Studies degree attracting more students

Degree can lead to careers in management or law

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The new Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies is now being offered to students and is attracting more students as the program matures.

At this time, there are five declared Sports Studies majors and 23 intended without much publicity about the program itself.

"This degree is aimed at those who don't want to be teachers or exercise physiologists," said Anthony Laker, sports studies and exercise science degree director.

The new degree has been a few years in the making and covers a wider arena of sports studies than offered before. The time of inception of the idea to implementing the program has taken 18 months and has involved the creation of other courses to meet the demands of the degree program.

"We are finding that a \$400 billion industry can provide quite an attractive career choice,"

Laker said.

ECU is the only school in North Carolina to offer such a degree and very few others in the nation have a compatible program, as well, Laker said.

"The bulk of the courses will come from inside the department, but we realize other departments offer similar courses that are of great use to a student of sports studies, such as communications and leisure studies," Laker said.

Students will be required to take courses involving sport sociology, sport psychology, international sport and sports media, as well as many other courses designed to meet the career aspirations of the students, Laker said.

A requirement of the degree is that students must be involved in a sport.

"They don't necessarily have to be involved in a college level competitive sport, but we require the students to pick any activity course to fulfill the requirement," he said.

"It's important they do what they're studying."

There is also an independent study required, as well, to assimilate everything the student has learned through the degree

program.

The degree can lead to a career in sports management, marketing, journalism, sports law and many other careers within the sports industry.

"The business school has welcomed students hoping to attain a MBA with a concentration in sports management," said Stacey Altman, assistant professor of exercise and sports studies.

"This degree program is also great for law schools, as well, because it contains an aspect of the humanities."

There is already an established graduate program for sports management, and Laker believes the BS will provide better preparation for students wishing to pursue their Master's in that area.

The program has not added new faculty to the department, but with the growing interest in the program, it may be necessary, according to Laker.

"If we get more students involved, we would need a larger faculty to handle the number of classes needed for the degree," Laker said.

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Create a budget and stick to it. You should plan ahead of time how much you want to spend total. If you have a dependency on plastic, we suggest you leave the credit cards at home. Christmas is the prime time of year to go in debt. Be sure to include packaging costs in that budget as well, such as wrapping paper, boxes and bows.

Know who you're shopping for. Make sure when you're looking for gifts, you're keeping what your family and friends like in mind. You don't want to buy a gift you would like to have - you should buy something they would like to have. Gift certificates are becoming the hot holiday gift and are always a great idea. Your loved ones still know you care, but they get to shop and get exactly what they want.

Don't rule out small gifts. Sometimes less is more. It is the thought that counts. You shouldn't underestimate the power of a homemade gift. The best gifts come from the creative mind. Baskets are always a nice idea too. Putting together a lot of little things can make for a pretty big present at a reasonable cost.

It might be helpful to map out a plan of where you want to shop. Wandering around aimlessly can be tiring and frustrating. You end up getting something just to be buying a gift and then you're stuck with a gift you don't want to give and a gift no one would want to receive.

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We hope this has helped make the beginning of your holiday season a little easier. With all the demands of college life, students need all the help they can get.

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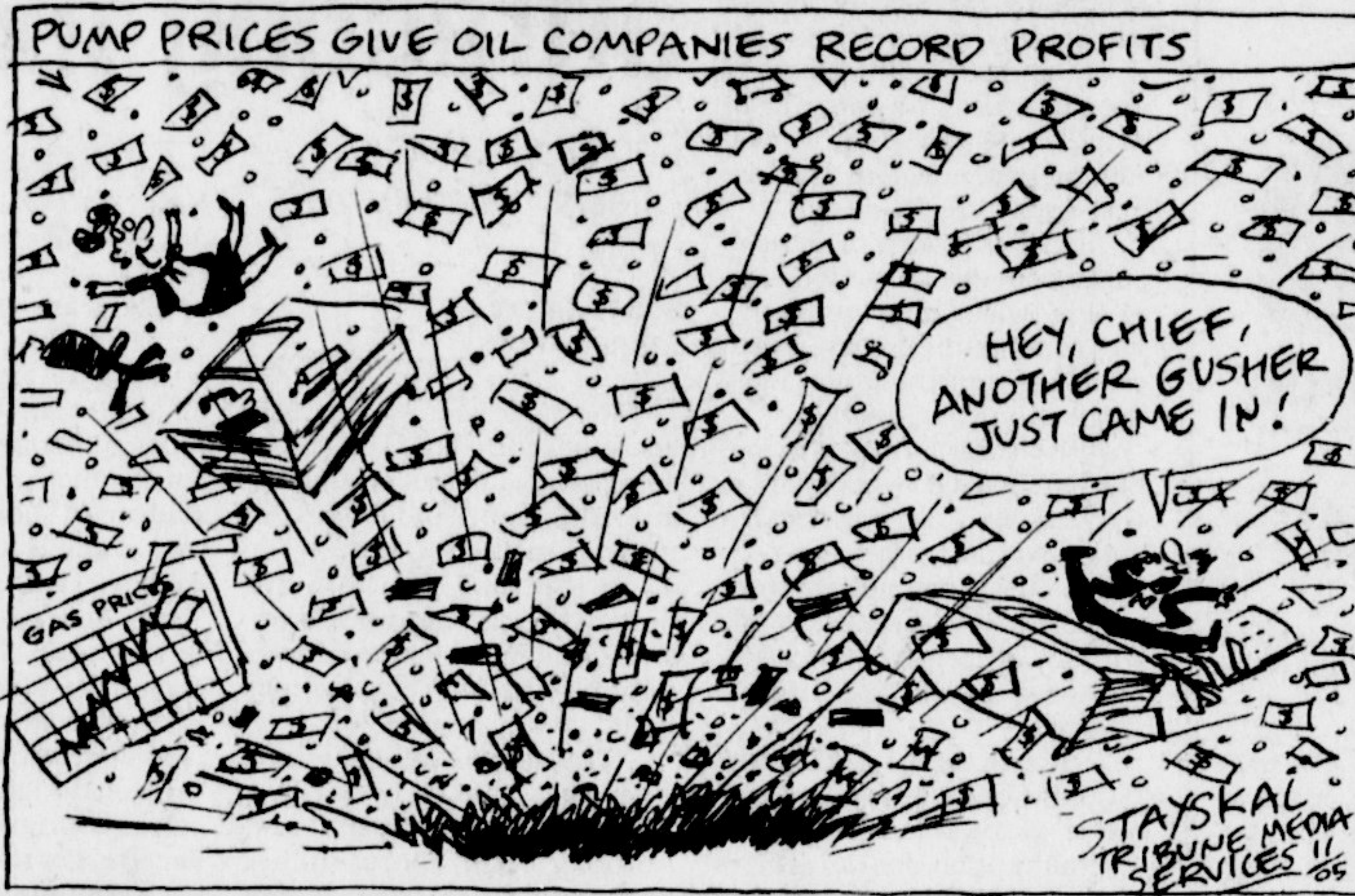
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Opinion Columnist

Nine simple rules for being a better president

Your daddy won't pay your way through my course, Bushy

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Last November, the number one issue on voters' minds wasn't the war in Iraq. It wasn't the economy. It wasn't even terrorism. It was moral values. I suppose when some terrorist finally sneaks in one of his dirty bombs and blows up a city, I should be comforted in knowing that President Bush isn't nailing one of his aides.

However, that's beside the point. I'd much rather discuss the irony that surrounds the Republican Party right now. I mean - when you think about it - it's pretty funny. A lot of people supported Republicans last year because of their "moral values" and now look at them - a lot of the big names in the party are under investigation for immoral activities. Am I the only one who finds that funny?

Let's start toward the bottom of the list and work our way up, shall we? Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is currently getting the Martha Stewart treatment and is under investigation for insider trading.

On the other side of Congress, U.S. House Majority Leader Tom Delay is accused of conspiracy and laundering \$190,000 in corporate campaign contributions and is facing a possible life sentence. A life sentence!

Moving up the branch slightly, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's Chief of Staff, recently resigned following charges of perjury, obstruction of justice and making false statements in regards to the leak of a CIA agent's identity. The leaking of such information is a crime in and of itself.

Both Cheney's and Deputy White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove's names have been consistently brought up since this identity leak story broke - many in the media expected indictments to come their way as well. In fact - worse case scenario, of course - if Libby is found guilty and is facing a long prison sentence, who knows what he might have to say about his bosses.

Finally, we've moved all the way up to President Bush himself who, in a recent poll conducted by The Washington Post and CBS News, is believed to be dishonest by 58 percent of Americans.

Dishonesty is immoral, correct? And just to rub it in further, his approval rating has slipped to an all-time low, 35 percent.

So it's back to school for the Bush administration. President Bush has required his executive office staff to attend "refresher courses" on ethics and handling classified materials. But I think the Bush administration needs a refresher course on far more than ethics. So that's why I've decided to use this space to outline nine things the administration should also study up on. I would greatly encourage President Bush to attend my course as well.

The Declaration of Independence. In the ground breaking document, founding father Thomas Jefferson included the line "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." It doesn't say "all straight men are created equal."

Somehow Bush has denigrated homosexuals to second-class citizens. He talks about freeing Iraqis while oppressing and denying homosexuals the right to marry like it affects him in any way. Why shouldn't they have the right to marry and love whom they choose and instead have to be ostracized by Bush's religious right?

The Andrew Jackson Administration. The spoils system didn't work too well for President Jackson, so why does Bush think his blatant cronyism will work now? You saw how well his buddy Michael Brown did as the director of FEMA after Hurricane Katrina. Harriet Miers was such a bad pick that his own party wouldn't support him. Either stop picking your friends for cushy jobs or make better friends.

Edward Gibbon's The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. This would serve as a great example for the Bush administration for what happens when an empire stretches itself out too far. Who cares about imperialism? It's almost like Bush cares more about the countries we send our men and women to than the men and women we're sending.

Webster's New Dictionary's definition of the word "mandate." "The wishes of constituents expressed to a representative legislature." Bush received 51 percent of the vote last November. That means 49 percent disagree with what he's

doing. Fifty-one percent of the vote is hardly a mandate.

That Exxon sign down the street. Maybe if I were an oil tycoon like Bush "was," seeing a sign advertising regular gas at 2.85 a gallon would be a joyous occasion. But most people aren't oil tycoons and we're sick of being bilked like that. You know, when gas prices spiked in the 1970s, we tried to stick a thorn bush up Jimmy Carter's rear end. Why are we sitting for this? Can Bush offer no help whatsoever?

The Holding in Roe v. Wade. Study this good, President Bush, because it looks to me that you're stacking the Supreme Court so you can make a move concerning Roe v. Wade. You're more worried about a fetus than the poor girl who's going through a nightmare because of a terrible mistake.

If Roe v. Wade is overturned, it won't get rid of abortion. They'll just be done illegally and dangerously in back alleys where there's a better chance the patient will die because of it. At least now the procedures are fairly safe. Besides, who are you to make anyone else's decision. You didn't get that mandate.

The Public Speaking Handbook by Steven and Susan Beebe of Texas State University. What happened to public servants who spoke with eloquence and class like Alexander Hamilton? All Bush does is hit the talking points, give a three second blurb for the news and sit through the applause. And God forbid he has to ad-lib.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution. There's a passage in the First Amendment which reads "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment or religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." That means stop taking my tax dollars and giving them to churches. Get that religious head who determines what's offensive out of the FCC meetings. And get those Ten Commandments the hell away from my Courthouse.

The Richard Nixon Administration. You definitely need to research Nixon's administration because you're about half a step away from turning into it. Actually, I'd be happier if Nixon was president now. At least he started pulling troops out of Vietnam. Bush is sending them into a new one.

In My Opinion

(KRT) — As soon as President Bush nominated Samuel Alito Jr. to the Supreme Court, Americans were treated to the unlovely spectacle known as "borking." This is a process by which a few bits of information about a judicial appointee are selectively culled from a lifetime of work, distorted for maximum dramatic effect and proclaimed as proof that he is horribly unfit for the post. And though it generally reveals more about the attackers than the attacked, it sometimes works. Ask Robert Bork, who was voted down by the Senate in 1987 after being portrayed as a cross between Lester Madox and Cotton Mather.

Liberal groups immediately denounced Alito as the enemy of civil liberties, reproductive freedom, workers' rights and racial equality. People for the American Way called him "an out-of-the-mainstream opponent of fundamental legal rights and protections for all Americans." The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence dubbed him "Machine Gun Sammy."

But the effort to demonize Alito will be an arduous one. Unlike Bork, Alito has not spent years in academia, formulating grand theories and staking out

provocative positions. Unlike Clarence Thomas, he can't be portrayed as underqualified. Instead, he's a veteran appeals court judge who boasts sterling credentials. His failure to rescue himself from a case involving Vanguard, despite his investments in Vanguard funds, was a mistake, but it hardly looks like a disqualifying one.

What makes Alito a formidable candidate is an excellent record of service on the federal bench, earning the admiration of liberals as well as conservatives. Mark I. Levy, a Justice Department lawyer under Presidents Carter and Clinton, told the Los Angeles Times that "Alito is very smart, and he is unquestionably conservative. But he is open-minded and fair." Alito's late appeals court colleague, the famously liberal A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., once said, "Sam Alito is my kind of conservative."

The critics have tried to indict him on the basis of a handful of 300 opinions he has written during his 15 years on the bench. In one dissent, denounced by the Brady Campaign, he concluded that a federal law against machine gun ownership was unconstitutional. But that decision was grounded where Alito's opinions

invariably are: in the decisions of the Supreme Court. In 1995, the court struck down a law banning gun possession in school zones because it exceeded Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce. Alito made a strong case that the machine gun ban suffered from the same flaw.

His dissent in a major abortion-rights case, which argued for upholding a rule requiring wives to notify their husbands (though not to obtain their consent) before getting abortions, showed the same determination to follow the dictates of the higher court. Writing in The New Republic Online, Hastings College of Law professor Ethan Leib says his opinion, though eventually rejected by the Supreme Court, was "a careful application of the framework laid out by Justice (Sandra Day) O'Connor."

What's clear from this is that Alito is a judge's judge: methodical, dispassionate and respectful of precedent. Certainly he deserves a thorough appraisal between now and January, when the Senate plans to vote. But the opposition camp is likely to find that, as Americans get acquainted with Alito, they won't find him scary at all.

Pirate Rant

To the person who came to ECU to learn, some of us enjoy going to a party school. This problem is not hard to fix, go somewhere else.

OK. Why do the buses switch routes whenever they get to Mendenhall? There should be one bus for each route. I got on the red bus the other night, and when we left, the driver forgot to mention that he had switched the route and was no longer doing red. I had to ride on the wrong route to find out.

If people that aren't straight know that I am straight, why do they still hit on me?

If you are going to smoke please do not do it in front of a building entrance. You may not mind sitting through class smelling like an ashtray but I do. Smoke on, but not where I have no way of avoiding you.

To the girl wearing the overalls with one strap hanging off, 1985 called and it wants its style back.

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We were wondering if we ran out of toilet paper would you buy any? Now we are wondering what you have been using as toilet paper since last Friday?

Is your goal to make as much noise as possible whenever you are in the house?

So you transferred schools under the illusion of being closer to all your childhood friends. Instead, you ditched everyone for your new controlling girlfriend. Then you blame all your problems on everyone else. Good job, Captain Loser!

To all the people who complain about Student Transit, why don't you just walk, it is better for you anyway.

Just because my friend went to Iraq and I started dating you, then we broke up and he came home, does not mean that you were a "fill-in." Of all people you should know me better than that! I was not scheming up this plan all along, it's called coincidence.

To the girls who complain that they can't jog around town without being harassed, wear something more than a sports bra and hot pants.

To the roommate of the person who says someone needs to tell their roommate to walk around in something other than his boxers, try walking around nude and see how they like that.

Does anyone know who that guy is in the "great places to meet people" article? I've seen him walking around campus. He is beautiful, his teeth are perfect!

I think I really should take up playing racquetball ...maybe I wouldn't be so broke!

To all of those who are so against my boyfriend because I found an earring in his bed - please stop acting so self-righteous. It turns out it was my twin sister's earring. I stay with him because he can get me into clubs, he's in a fraternity and he has some other big assets. I kind of love him too. But I cheat on him too with his frat brothers, so we're even. But don't tell him!

ECU sells an arrangement of colored ECU shirts for \$9.95. But the purple and yellow shirts are like \$20. And, I kid you not, there was a shirt saying "I only wear purple and gold. Go Pirates" (which was \$30). How do these people expect poor college kids to buy their school colors when cheaper colors are offered?

How come the Sbarros pizza at Wright Place isn't as tasty as they used to be in the first three days of opening? I think that's sketchy.

I can't believe college students actually "penny people in" and dive into bushes for fun. You're in college now grow up!

To the guy who wants his roommate to walk around in something other than his boxers, tell him to walk around my apartment in his boxers! My roommates and I could use some different scenery!

The Night Drop-Off bus driver is the greatest!

Why did they cancel Titanic for the step show?

Why is the Wright Fountain still not working? It is an embarrassment to the ECU campus, especially when we have visitors. The fountain should be a point of pride for us. Let's get it fixed now!

Eight percent, HAHA.

Ladies, if your feet are cold, your legs should be too. You don't look cute or stylish. You look like you got dressed in the dark without checking the weather channel.

I am so over people not knowing how to use a turning lane correctly. They are put there for a reason so use them!

Dear Roommate, You freak me out when you run around the house naked. Can we at least get some gym shorts on? Thanks, Your Roommate.

If you are someone who wants to sleep around, why are you going to have a boyfriend/girlfriend? Go collect your STDs from whomever you want without hurting someone you have decided to be "committed" to!

To all the hypocritical people who complain about the lack of voters. What happened to the approximately 49,318 of you who didn't vote on Tuesday?

Girls need to stop complaining about the mixed signals they get from guys. Perhaps you should read the book *He's Just Not That Into You* and you'll find your answer ... probably from reading the title alone.

My rants are always published. Thank you TEC for allowing me this therapeutic method of release. Because of Pirate Rants, I've sobered up, always arrive on time, passed all my classes and even eat right and exercise regularly. Thank you! Oh yeah, I've got a hot girlfriend and the best parking spot in town!

I am a student. I don't have money. I injured my ankle and the health department wanted me to pay for a brace (which is understandable). But then they told me they wouldn't even give me an ace bandage without my money. This is laughable. Wait until I come crawling in with a bleeding wound. Are you going to tell me to pay for some water to clean it with?

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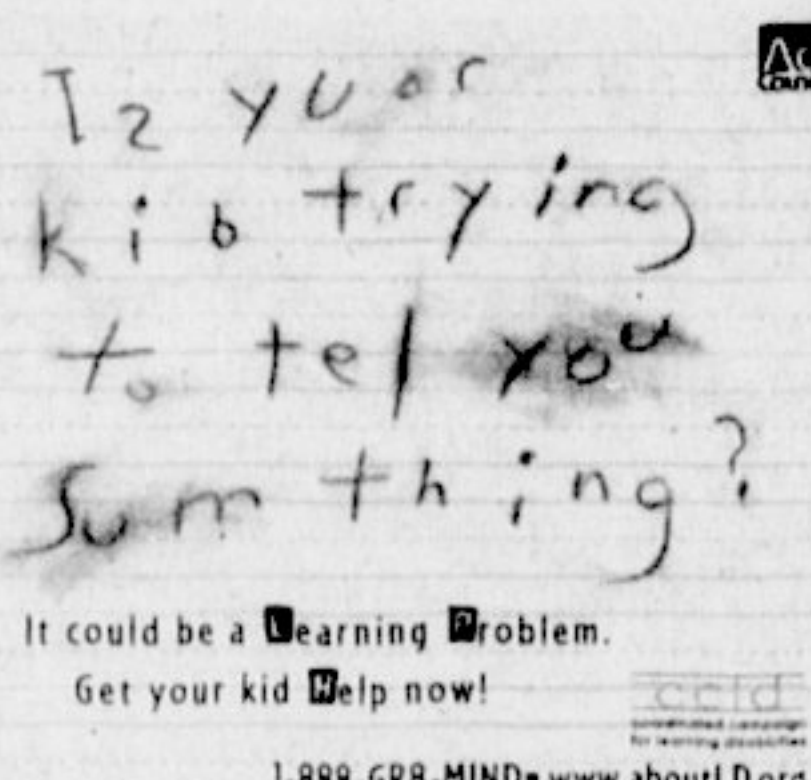


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was also argued as not having sufficient experience evidenced by the fact she has never been a judge at any level, the same cannot be said of Alito, who has served for the last 15 years on the third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Alito has, in fact, won 10 of the 12 cases he has argued before the Supreme Court, no doubt giving him respect from the highest court in the land.

Alito is praised by religious sources, with religious broadcaster Pat Robertson calling the pick "a grand-slam home run." A key reason for Alito's popularity among the religious is that he is against abortion and openly supports legislation that will limit abortion rights.

The fact that Alito has a long history of court decisions from which to examine only makes him more popular with conservatives like Senator Sam

Brownback, a Republican from Kansas and a potential presidential candidate.

"What I've been hoping for is we would get nominees with a paper trail so we can know their views," said Brownback.

Democrats who cannot attack Alito's impeccable experience are attacking him as an extremist of sorts.

"The Senate needs to find out if the man replacing Miers is too radical for the American people," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

It seems that the 22 senators who voted against John Roberts will certainly vote against Alito as well, which also means Alito will get the necessary votes from the rest of the Senate, perhaps before the end of the year. This is what Bush wants.

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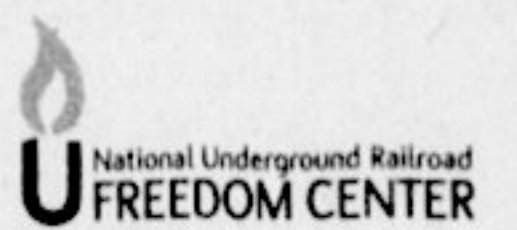
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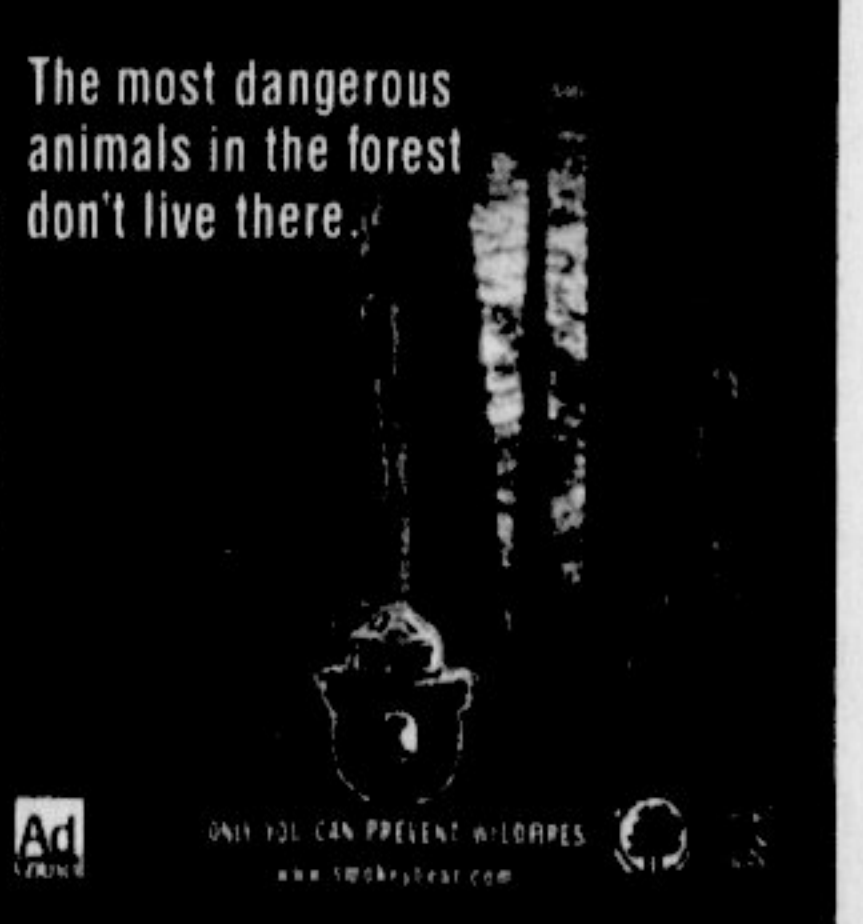
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Arts & Entertainment

Page B1 features@theeastcarolinian.com 252.328.6366 CAROLYN SCANDURA Features Editor KRISTIN MURNANE Assistant Features Editor THURSDAY November 10, 2005

Got Problems?

Dear Features,
Why do the majority of people who read this newspaper only read the Pirate Rants? Since I have been at ECU, I have found that TEC has many other great sections to read like Features and Sports. If they want to read about other things, why don't they send in suggestions?
-Ranting for Features

Dear Ranting for Features,
We wonder the same thing. Don't people get tired of reading other people whine and complain after a while? Perhaps the Pirate Rants are read because they're short, to the point and sometimes comical. Maybe people want to see if their rant was printed. Maybe the rest of the newspaper is too dull or boring to them. We really don't know. We would like to encourage people to actually take the time and read the rest of the paper, even if it's just another story or two. Your peers spend long days and even longer nights putting the paper together just for you, do them a favor and read it for something other than random complaints. We've been telling people about some of the stories we run, like the "Survival of the Fittest" series, and people always say something along the lines of "wow that's a really cool idea," but have no clue that we've been printing it for the entire semester. Read the paper, educate yourself or entertain yourself, depending on which section you read. You just might find us to be more interesting than previously thought.

Recipes:

Country Ham with Redeye Gravy and Buttermilk Biscuits

6 (1/2-pound) country ham steaks (uncooked)
2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons flour
3/4 cup very strong coffee
3/4 cup chicken stock
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 cup heavy cream

Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Buttermilk Biscuits, recipe follows
Heat a large skillet over high heat and saute ham steaks four to five minutes on each side. Remove to a plate and keep warm while you make the sauce. Add butter and onions to skillet and cook until onions are softened, scraping up any browned bits on pan bottom. Add flour and stir well to combine. Cook for one to two minutes, then add coffee and chicken stock. Whisk well to combine, then allow sauce to cook until thickened, about six minutes. Add green onions and heavy cream and cook five minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and serve over ham steaks with buttermilk biscuits.

Buttermilk Biscuits:

2 cups flour, sifted
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup plus 2 teaspoons buttermilk

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, combine dry ingredients and blend thoroughly. Using your fingers or a pastry blender, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add buttermilk and quickly blend in, making sure to not overwork the dough.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the dough with a rolling pin to a thickness of 1/2-inch. Use a biscuit cutter or the rim of a glass, press out as many biscuits as possible. Gather up scraps and quickly knead back together, then cut out as many additional biscuits as possible. Place biscuits on prepared baking sheet and bake until golden brown, about 15 to 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

Hot Cocoa

3 cups milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup Dutch process unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup coffee-flavored liqueur
1 tablespoon dark rum or brandy
Whipped cream
Grated bittersweet chocolate

In a saucepan, bring the milk and cream to a low boil. Remove from the heat.

Whisk the cocoa and vanilla into the milk. Add the sugar and simmer over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Add the coffee liqueur and rum and stir well.

Remove from the heat and pour into four mugs. Top with a spoonful of whipped cream and grated chocolate.

Film about the soldier, not the war

'Jarhead' focuses on people and not politics

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

For one of the first times in recent years, we finally have a film that has the potential to be a political soapbox for some of the current administration's foreign policy. However, director Sam Mendes (*American Beauty*) has chosen not to take sides on political issues in his new film *Jarhead*, even though he is opposed to the current situation in Iraq.

Jarhead stars Jake Gyllenhaal (*Donnie Darko*) as Private Anthony Swofford. The year is 1989 and Saddam Hussein is getting ready to invade Kuwait prompting the first Gulf War. Swofford (as his friends refer to him in the film) has just enlisted in the Marine Corps for lack of anything else to do with his time. The film opens with him at boot camp and we only see about five minutes of that (unlike *Full Metal Jacket* where the first hour is all boot camp before heading on to Vietnam).

After boot camp, Swofford gets stationed and he is encouraged by Staff Sergeant Sykes (Jamie Foxx) to try out for the scout snipers. Swofford is reluctant, but goes ahead with it anyway. He and seven other men are picked to be scout snipers and Swofford is partnered up with Troy (Peter Sarsgaard).

Not long after completion, the media announces Saddam's invasion of Kuwait. The Marines are



Jamie Foxx (Staff Sergeant Sykes) and Jake Gyllenhaal (Donnie Darko) play soldiers in the Gulf War.

all excited that they will be going overseas for some action, despite their assumptions that they will only be there for about two weeks.

For once, we are treated to a war movie that really doesn't deserve to be called that. This movie is all about the soldiers stationed in Saudi Arabia rather than the Gulf War itself. There is no action worth mentioning that would even place this in the realms of the war movies we are all familiar with. The title, *Jarhead*, says it all. This film is about the "jarheads" during the war and not the war.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing either. As a matter of fact,

it's kind of nice to see the other side of war for once. Films like *Saving Private Ryan*, *The Thin Red Line* and *Platoon* show us the bloody and violent side. All three of these films do show to some degree a human element to the soldiers, but not in the way that *Jarhead* does. The closest film comparable to this would be *The Deer Hunter* which showcased three distinct sections, Robert De Niro and Christopher Walken before the war (Vietnam), during the war and after the war. The war was still a focal point, but not nearly as big as the characters themselves. *Jarhead* is actually based on

a book of the same name by the real Anthony Swofford. Judging by some of the lines in the book, he too is against the current situation overseas. However, screenwriter William Broyles, Jr. (*Apollo 13*, *Entrapment*) keeps the politics to a minimum and focuses the story on Swofford and his fellow Marines. *Jarhead* is neither pro-war nor anti-war and that's the way it should be. Had the filmmakers made it lopsided, it may not have been as powerful as it is. Come to think of it, there was only one instance where the subject of politics was brought up. Sarsgaard's character shoots this idea down and says that they're

here to do a job - something almost all soldiers believe.

As a film that has created a lot of buzz on the film festival circuit as an Oscar hopeful, *Jarhead* does live up to its expectations, but will probably not win a coveted Best Picture nod. Out of all the main performances in this film, Jamie Foxx seems to be the only one who could snag a nomination. His performance as the fast talking Staff Sergeant is fiery and, at time, humorous. Gyllenhaal also has landed in the best role of his young career. He portrays this character with a lot of emotion ever second he is on the screen. At one point he takes a slip into a psychotic state and he is exceptional in this segment.

Oscar winning director Sam Mendes proves that his previous two features, *American Beauty* and *Road to Perdition*, were not beginners luck. A veteran British stage director, Mendes has always been outstanding at getting the emotions out of his actors. They perform as if they were on the stage rather than in front of a camera. He has done the same once again with *Jarhead*.

Don't expect to go into this film looking for lots of battle sequences, blood and gore. This is the soldiers' story about what they do for a living. The powerful performances and the solid screenwriting make *Jarhead* one of the better war films in recent years. **Grade: A**

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Dashboard Confessional: 'Rapid Hope Loss'



Kristin Murnane's love for Dashboard Confessional is so strong she has a 'shrine' in her bedroom.

A somewhat bitter concert review

KRISTIN MURNANE
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

So last weekend I think I did one of the craziest things I've done in my 21 years of existence. I succeeded in spending the majority of this month's paycheck to fly to my home state of Maryland and stay for just over 24 hours, only to see a band which I had already seen a dozen times before. Dashboard Confessional is my

favorite band and as you can tell by the photo, I'm quite obsessed.

I'm going to do something that very few journalists do, I'm going to open up and spill all of my emotions regarding this experience just for your viewing pleasure. How very emo of me, I know.

Brief history, I grew up listening to punk and the roots of the so-called "emo" genre. I worshiped the ground that bands like Fugazi and Rites of Spring walked on, and when the genre revolutionized, I followed it and latched onto Florida band Further Seems Forever and immediately

fell in love with singer/songwriter Chris Carrabba. Carrabba then formed his own solo side project, Dashboard Confessional, and I followed.

Roughly five years (and thousands of dollars) later, I was catching a plane from RDU to Baltimore. Despite being rejected for an interview with the band, I was happy, I was excited, I could hardly contain myself - I was going to see Dashboard. However, I was not expecting

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Sky falling on Disney



Chicken Little mistakes a falling acorn for a falling piece of the sky.

Disney abandons hand drawn animation for CGI with 'Chicken Little'

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Disney has now abandoned the classic hand drawn animated feature and switched to computer animation following the revolutionary work by Pixar. They have also done away with the musical numbers in the films as well. This new formula of filmmaking for Disney has proven itself to be a mistake and it shows in their newest cartoon *Chicken Little*.

It's interesting that you can take a 20-second nursery rhyme and stretch it into an 80-minute feature. This leaves room for the writers to have creative freedom. Robert L. Baird, Steve Bencich, Ron J. Friedman and Dan Gerson all had a hand in destroying the classic children's rhyme. Sign number one you have a bad film on your hands, the screenplay was written by more than two people. With four people writing the same movie, you have four different minds working on four different ideas of how the story should progress.

Zach Braff (*Garden State*) voices Chicken Little, a tiny chicken who claims that the sky is falling one sunny afternoon. The residents of the town, including his own father, Buck Cluck (voiced by *Pretty Woman* and *Raising Helen* director Garry Marshall). A year goes by and the residents still think Chicken Little is crazy. The only people who don't are his friends Abby Mallard (Joan Cusack) and Runt of the Litter (Steve Zahn).

Chicken Little gets the idea to make himself a hero. He decides to join the school baseball team where he hopes to be a legend just like his father was many years ago. He succeeds in changing his

image, but no sooner after this happens, a piece of the sky hits him yet again.

This time, however, there is an evil looking spaceship that is associated with it this time. Its pilots are two robotic looking aliens that look like goofy versions of the tripods from this summer's *War of the Worlds*.

Two words come to mind when thinking about how to describe this film, not funny. There are semi-humorous parts, most of which are puns at other films such as *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and the original 1933 version of *King Kong*, something very few people in audience understood. As a matter of fact, I may have been the only one. A better selection of films that the target audience may have seen prior to this would have made for larger laughs in the theater.

As for the underlying message that all Disney films seem to possess, it is the exact same message that *Finding Nemo* was trying to get across. Is Disney running out of so many ideas that they have to steal messages from their own vault? Apparently so.

Here's a tip to the filmmakers at Disney: leave the computer animation to Pixar and 20th Century's animation studio (makers of *Robots* and *Ice Age*), continue to hand draw your films and hire back Alan Menken for some more memorable Oscar winning songs.

And here's a tip to the filmmakers, stick to the other Pixar animated films like *Toy Story*, *Finding Nemo* or *The Incredibles* rather than wasting time, energy and thought processes on *Chicken Little*. It is hardly anything you will regret skipping. Cute as the idea is, Disney just could not make this one work. **Grade: D**

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TEC's Masterpiece Spotlight

A word of advice: Never watch 'Ichi the Killer' on full stomach

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Honestly, I've never really gotten into the whole Japanese culture scene that a lot of people my age are borderline obsessed with. I mean, I've seen a few of the Japanimation shows on Adult Swim at four in the morning, but I really don't see what's so special about it.

The same rule of thumb has gone for Japanese films as well. I saw *Ringu*, the basis of *The Ring* and frankly, I wasn't crazy about it or a lot of the other Japanese films that have migrated into American consciousness. However, my opinion of Japanese film

changed drastically recently when I sat down to watch *Ichi the Killer*.

I had read about *Ichi the Killer* in several magazines that boasted of its unparalleled blood, violence and utter insanity and for some reason I decided to give it a chance. After all, I liked the *Kill*

Bill films and - I thought - how much worse could it be? To answer the question, a lot worse (in terms of violence that is.)

Typically plots don't matter much in these sort of films but the story in *Ichi the Killer* is worth noting - if only for its absolute absurdity. It's a tough film to follow - I've seen it three times thus far and I'm still not completely certain of what's going on. Normally, that would be a clear sign that a movie is bad. That's not the case with *Ichi the Killer* - it only makes you want to see it over and over again.

This is what's going on (and correct me if I'm wrong.) Kikihara is a sadomasochistic Yakuza killer living in the seedy under-

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Ill Niño's album brings el dolor

One Nation Underground

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Who wants a little more culture in their music? Perhaps a little hardcore rock with merengue and salsa beats, and some flamenco guitar would be an interesting musical experience.

¿Escucha a Ill Niño? Do you listen to Ill Niño?

Just meeting the band is a cultural experience. Guitarist Jardel Paisante hails from Brazil, as do percussionist Danny Couto and vocalist Christian Machado. Bassist Laz Pina is from New York, drummer Dave Chavarri calls Peru his home, and guitarist Ahrué Lister is from the California bay area. A group this culturally diverse coming together to make music makes for a unique blend with a hard-rocking central artery.

The band's first release came in 2001 after signing with Roadrunner Records. The album was called *Revolution, Revolución* and their first single was a song called "What Comes Around." If you're into horror films, you know Ill Niño from their song "How Can I Live" from their second album, *Confession*, which came on the soundtrack to Freddy vs. Jason. The group has appeared on Ozzfest and Jagermeister tours, all since forming in 1999.

Their newest album is called *One Nation Underground* and showcases some unique sounds. For instance, it might be a bit perplexing to consider hard rock with tribal-style percussion and classical Spanish guitar. Most of the songs on this album put these together with fluidity that makes you think they've never been heard separately.

However, la musica (the music) isn't the only part of Ill Niño that sets them apart. The lyrics of the songs are sung in both English and Spanish harmoniously, so



you may be scrounging for a Spanish dictionary to understand the true meaning of the songs. Looking up the words is worth your while, however. According to Machado (quoted from the band's official Web site), the band's newest album looks to be deeper lyrically than past albums.

"The easiest thing to do is write about relationships and your family ... this record is about society being controlled and divided through all sorts of different influences both internal and external," Machado says.

The thing that will immediately grab you about the music is how the spicy Latin beat comes through.

Check out their song "In This Moment" for the best example of this phenomenon taking place in your head.

Some of the top tracks on this album include "This is War" and "What You Deserve," which can be heard on some radio stations as their first single. Other personal favorites include "Every-

thing Beautiful" and "Corazon of Mine." Most of the tracks are very impressive, however, and this could be an album for many who like to start at track one and enjoy all the way to the end.

The band as a whole is very happy with what this album has come out to be, and chances are you will be too, because it has a new twist on hard rock. It comes out hard with the belief that you can be hard rock and still have some classic roots in styles from your culture.

Ill Niño's music is the refreshing result of cultural mixing and how the musical product can be pure fusion of styles. The album is worth the money simply for the skilled musical interludes and showcasing of styles coming together.

Me gusta la guitarra y las melodías de Ill Niño. The music and melodies of Ill Niño are pleasing to me.

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Songwriter tries to make good with Tied

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

The picture of Travis Abercrombie provided on the press release supporting his album *Tied* kind of threw me for a loop. With crossed arms and an indignant glare, Abercrombie looks like some sort of angry giant – like a mongoloid version of Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban – leading me to expect him to play prog-metal or something heavy.

Instead, what I heard was the same dime-a-dozen alt-rock that I hear when I turn on any terrestrial rock station. *Tied* sounds like one part Our Lady Peace, one part Matchbox 20 with a double shot of Better Than Ezra for good measure. That's not to say it isn't listenable though – Our Lady Peace, Matchbox Twenty and Better Than Ezra are (or were) pretty successful for a reason, right? In fact, taken for what it is, *Tied* it's somewhat enjoyable.

Abercrombie was born in raised South Carolina and has been working the music racket for eight years. While at Clemson, he formed the band Seven Miles which for an indie college band in South Carolina, was pretty successful in its own right, selling 3,000 CDs in their brief history.

Encouraged by the success of Seven Miles, Abercrombie recorded a spiritual, debut solo album in 2001 and decided to pack his bags and move to Nashville, hoping to have an edge as a "rocker" in a "country" town. He paid his dues working open mics and small shows in Nashville and slowly built a following.

That following led to his second album, *Spin*, and slowly things started to come together. He rounded out a concrete lineup of musicians to tour with and started receiving some decent radio airplay in college towns as the album sold steadily after each show. Now, after taking 2004 off for "timing" issues, Abercrombie is hoping to build more momentum with *Tied*.

Tied is a pretty low-key, laid back modern rock record with a slightly bluesy feeling at times. The musicianship of the band – guitarists George Cocchini and Audley Freed, bassist Chris Donohue, drummer Steve Ebe and percussionist Ron Bennett – is solid but never flashy.

Although I suppose if they were supposed to be the focal point of the record, their names would have made the cover of the album. They're too good for backing band status, though. Their work on the songs "Haunt Me" and "Morning Sun" is exceptional. As for Abercrombie, I'm not

completely sold on the talent of his vaunted on the accompanying press release. His voice – aside from being eerily similar to that of 1990s alternative band Live's singer Ed Kowalczyk – is bland. However, he does the make the most of it by singing each of his lyrics with as much gut-wrenching emotion as he can muster. I'll gladly give him points for effort.

Speaking of his lyrics – which were all written by him and the occasional help from a guest co-writer – are quite poignant at times and are consistently thoughtful and interesting. Abercrombie chooses to write about the typical rock star fare – finding and losing love – but he's more than capable of putting a unique South Carolina spin on it to keep things fresh.

All in all, it's not a terrible record at all. There are a handful of quality songs on the album – most notably "Elevator Song" and "God" – but most of the time I'm too occupied thinking of who he's trying to sound like than who he really is.

Basically, I wouldn't go out of my way to listen to *Tied*, but if it came on the radio one day, I probably wouldn't turn the station.

Grade: C+

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the disappointment which I was about to experience. I arrived at Washington College, a small school located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with just over 1,000 students, about an hour and a half before doors were scheduled to open for this show. I parked my little Italian self in line behind about thirty other people anxiously awaiting the performance. I managed to sneak around to the back of the building (while leaving my significant other in line) to see if I could catch a closer look at Carrabba, since he's infamously known for hanging out before and after shows to spend time with his fans. I caught a bit of their sound check before I ventured back out front because, quite frankly, I was tired of standing around hearing guitars being tuned and I came to the conclusion that Mr. Carrabba wasn't coming outside anytime soon.

Doors opened, the show started, and I had a prime position front and center only about ten feet from the stage. Dashboard came on stage and they started off strong with the upbeat, fast paced "Am I Missing" off of their latest release, and then they broke into one of the many fan favorites, "Sharp Hint of New Tears." From then on, I was slowly becoming bored. They proceeded to play about an hour and 45 minutes of their slowest songs, except for four short songs with some sort of excitement. Now don't get me wrong, I'm a fan of older DC songs just as much as the newer electric music, but when you're playing a small college show where the majority of the people in attendance will know you only by your singles,

you don't play mostly slow songs. You want to impress, you want to get people into the music, you don't want them to yawn.

Granted Carrabba's voice sounded excellent, but I felt as if the show and the atmosphere was lacking energy. Carrabba himself even mentioned something halfway through the set about how people weren't singing along loud enough and weren't energetic (when DC is known for having fans sing along louder than Carrabba can). He said he would kick it up a notch, played one faster song, then slowed it down again. Aside from all of this, it was a good performance.

They played a new song, tentatively titled "Don't Wait" which I was impressed with. Carrabba's vocals were also pretty dead on all night. Another high point was when "A Plain Morning" was brought out of "retirement." I hadn't seen this song performed live before, and I was glad that they brought it back out for a night. The most energy was seen during the encore when the band played (shockingly) their two biggest singles, "Vindicated" from the *Spiderman 2* soundtrack and "Hands Down." I believe the show might have been more energetic if they perhaps traded one or two slower songs for something along the lines of "Bend and Not Break" or "Hey Girl" just to pick it up a bit.

Events happened after the show regarding concert security which made the night an even worse experience. To make a very long story short, Carrabba said that he would be around after the show if anyone wanted to hang out. About 10 minutes after this was said, campus security liter-

ally removed all concert patrons from not only the pavilion, but from campus all together. Only about twenty people decided to stick around and we tried walking around back to where the band's vehicles were parked. We were just standing around, peacefully, sharing stories and concert experiences with each other, willing to wait until the band came out, but apparently that was too much for security to handle. I was literally walked to the car and the campus police stood there watching until I left campus, and all I was doing was standing around waiting for an autograph. A few people were able to sneak around the cops, but obviously I was not one of them.

Overall, not a horrible show, but not one of the best I've seen. Maybe I'm jaded, maybe I'm greedy, who knows. I'm bitter, probably because this was one of my last opportunities to get a quote or two from the band to run in this article. I graduate in a few months and won't have the honor of writing for publication if my career track works out as I've planned. I know that by writing this review, I'm eliminating whatever chances I had at an interview with any members of the band, but I can't lie. I wasn't about to write a review about how stellar of a show this was, I don't want to lie to you, our readers.

Will I shell out more money the next time Dashboard Confessional is within 500 miles? Most definitely – like I said, I'm obsessed. Will I ever attend another event at that venue or have such high hopes? No.

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belly of Shinjuku. When his boss disappears, seemingly murdered, the streets of Shinjuku flow with blood as Kakiyara goes to any length to avenge his death.

His trail of, well, entrails and sliced flesh leads him to Ichi, the most efficient, merciless killer to ever walk the Earth. However, there's a twist. Ichi doesn't enjoy killing – he's been brainwashed into and coerced into doing it by his mentor Jijii, who uses him only to create unrest in the world of the Yakuza gangs.

Ichi has been bullied his entire life and thus lives as a boy in a man's body – a fact that Jijii exploits to sick his ultimate weapon on any one he chooses. Of course, eventually all roads lead to a final showdown between Ichi and Kakiyara.

But all that really doesn't

matter. It's an interesting storyline and there are some very odd and enjoyable plot twists but the appeal of *Ichi the Killer* is in its pure, blood-shedding-out-the-arm-sockets carnage – a lot of which I can't really go into in this article.

I felt like a young child again, covering my eyes with my hands to avoid the grotesque scenes, but constantly peeping through with a morbid fascination. It's about as violent and disgusting a film as they come.

For example, after torturing a rival gang leader by hanging him from hooks and pouring boiling grease on his body, Kakiyara repents by slicing his own tongue off. In another scene, Ichi with one giant bicycle kick, complete splits a man in half.

Disgusting? Yes. But the film is so over-the-top violent and so bizarre that it's enthralling. Not to mention the cinematography of the film. American slasher films look like 1970s porno. *Ichi the Killer* looks amazing and super-stylized.

This film's not for everyone. But more people will get enjoyment from it than you'd expect. On its surface it's another ultra-violent Yakuza film, but pay attention because ultimately it's something altogether more wonderful ... if you have the stomach for it. If you are really interested in watching it upon my recommendation, keep your stomach empty, just to be safe.

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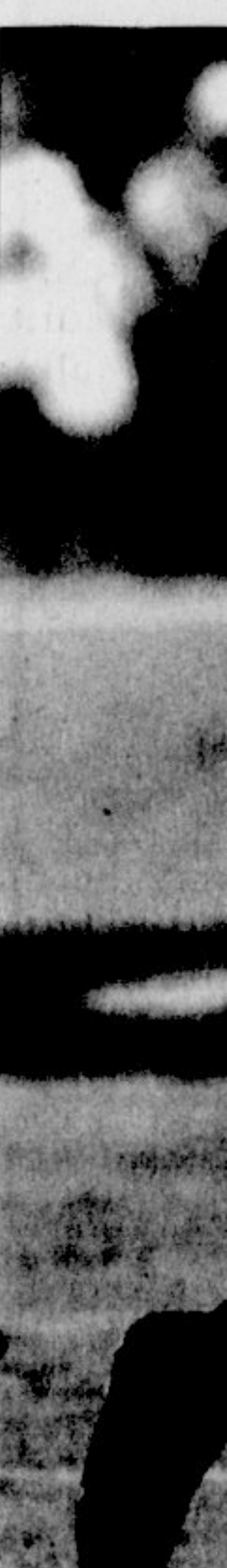
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Rested Pirates to take on Tulsa

ECU must win out to be bowl eligible this year

ERIC GILMORE
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Lions battle in the African Serengeti for territory. After each combat, the domain hungry felines rest to lick their wounds. For days, the lions sleep, exhausted from the bloodshed exacted from their opponents.

A football field is hardly the African plains, but an idle week helped ECU's football players to recoup. Nicks and knacks were nursed by the training staff. The sleep deprived players napped often, free of commitments over the weekend.

"This has been an open date which has been great for us because it is an opportunity to get healthy physically and mentally, and to have an attitude adjustment in what turns into a long grind in a long season," said first year head coach Skip Holtz.

The Pirates immediately exceeded expectations with wins over Duke, SMU and Rice, but have also frustrated fans with

close losses. The last two contests, both games ECU could have (and maybe should have) won, has drained the fans' immediate momentum.

Throughout the season, Holtz has stayed positive. Not John Thompson positive, but enough to soothe fans' knee-jerk reactions. Holtz has praised the effort of his team on the field, but has been publicly frustrated with his team's aptitude for committing errors at inopportune times.

"I asked them to sit down and evaluate if the season were to end after eight games," Holtz said at his weekly press conference.

"Some of the words that have been chosen were 'disappointing,' 'close,' 'inconsistent,' and 'missed opportunities.' It is a season that almost was."

Yet the season isn't complete. ECU has a short sprint remaining with three games left on the schedule. But the last leg will determine the attitude for a season so far marred by what-ifs.

"When you are looking at it you're three plays away from being 6-2, and you are saying 'wow, we have been so close on

so many opportunities," Holtz said.

"What we have talked about as a team is turning because we can still change where we are on the season. We can still change the outcome of this season. Instead of being a season of 'almost,' or 'what would have been,' we have an opportunity to make it that 'we got it done.'"

For the first time in 2005, ECU got it done on the ground against UCF. Chris Johnson was replaced by the two-headed monster of Brandon Fractious and Dominique Lindsay in the backfield. Holtz plans to use all three, but keep Johnson as the starter.

"With the way the other two guys have played, they warranted that they need to touch the ball a little more," Holtz said.

"They're all going to play. I think they've merited more playing time."

On the other side of the ball, Tulsa's ball distribution isn't a mystery. Tight end Garrett Mills leads the nation in tight

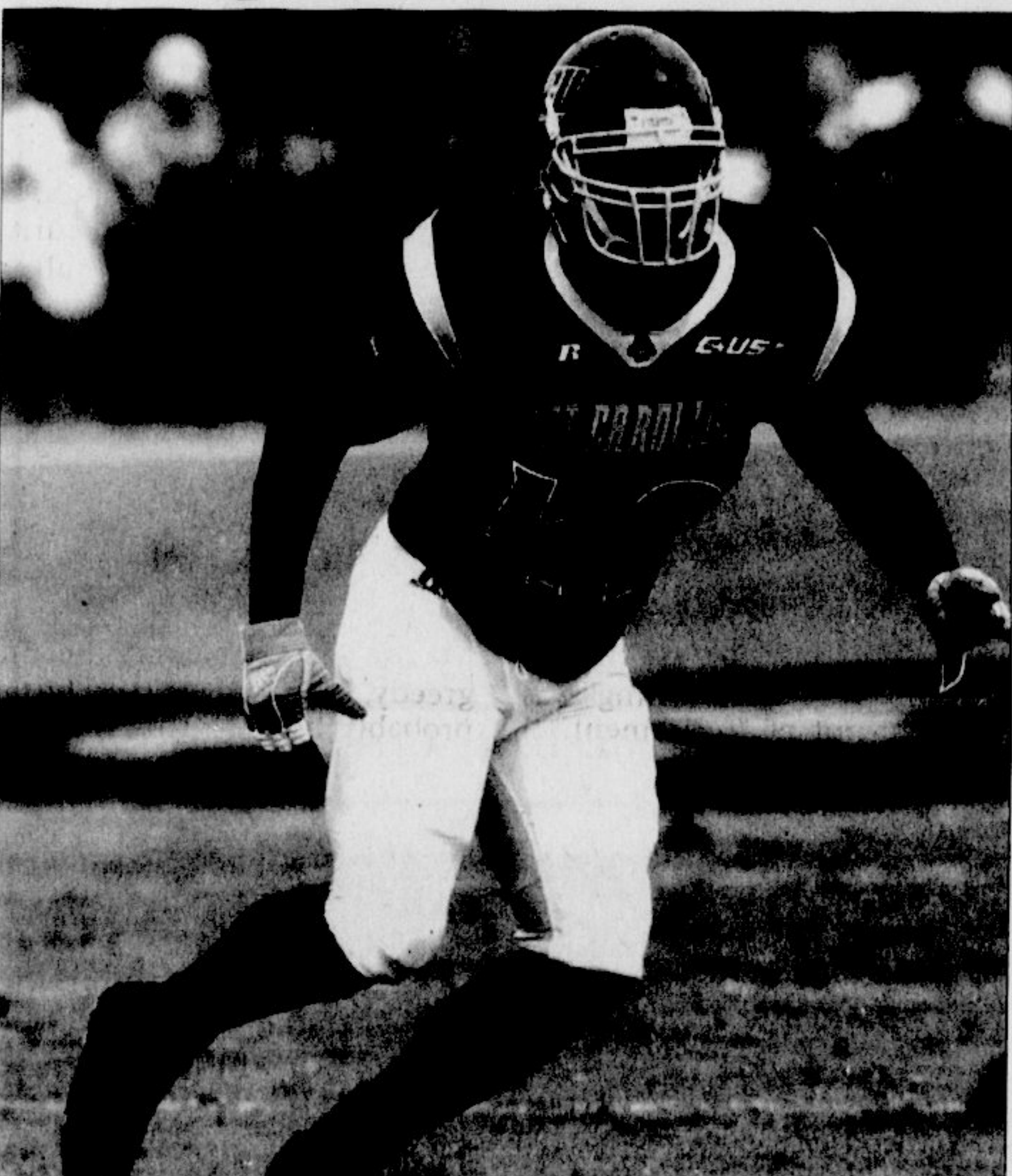


The Pirates will be taking a sore but rested James Pinkney (middle) into Tulsa this Saturday.

Photo by Kyle Fisher

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Stephens treated as fourth starting linebacker



Dashaun Stephens has been a valuable backup for the Pirates.

Backup linebacker has battled through injuries

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Dashaun Stephens isn't an attention grabber. He doesn't crave the limelight. He has no signature dances after tackles or flashy chains draped around his neck. He doesn't talk smack.

Blending is perfectly fine for Stephens. An uncommon trait seen in today's me-first society, Stephens doesn't mind fitting in. The senior is content walking past reporters after practice while his fellow teammates generate sound bites.

But if not for one play last year, Stephens might be garnering more attention. As he had been instructed, the linebacker was heading for the ballcarrier while bracing for impact. An opposing lineman dove at his knees to knock him off his feet. It was then that Stephens heard a loud popping sound in his right knee. Immediately, he knew his

junior season was over.

Stephens was another name on the triage unit that wreaked havoc on ECU's second consecutive dormant season under John Thompson. The linebacker joined wideout Bobby Good and tight ends Shawn Levesque and Sean Harmon, all of whom suffered knee injuries.

But Stephens' case was a little different. Good, Levesque and Harmon were surefire starters. Stephens had only started two games in his career. The former coaching staff had demoted him midseason in favor of true freshman Durwin Lamb.

A determined Stephens transferred his pads for crutches. The Tabor City, NC native was already a grizzled veteran at rehabilitation. During high school, Stephens suffered an ankle injury that severely debilitated his senior season. But Stephens really notched his expertise in the training room when he partially tore his MCL during his sophomore year.

Stephens agonized in rehab-

bing his fresh MCL and ACL tear. While busy with rebuilding his cartilage, Stephens was forced to again watch younger players climb the depth chart at his position. Redshirt freshman Jarrett Wiggins was listed as the starter coming out of spring practice.

"They just said 'we'll give you a chance,'" said Stephens about his new coaching staff.

"If you go out and perform like we want you to and know you can, we'll give you a chance. That's what I did. I tried to bust my tail in the weight room to get my knee as strong as I could."

When fall camp finally rolled around, Stephens beat out Wiggins. But Stephens couldn't beat out fellow senior Josh Chisolm who regained his eligibility after sitting out a year. Not starting isn't a problem for Stephens.

"I love it," Stephens said about his backup role.

"Of course, I'd rather start, but I'm still part of the team. I can still go out there and make a big play. I can still do my job and help the team win. I'm not

a selfish person."

"I trust Dashaun just as much as I trust Cheese (Chisolm) or Chris while he's in there," said fellow senior linebacker Richard Koonce.

"We're just all like brothers out there."

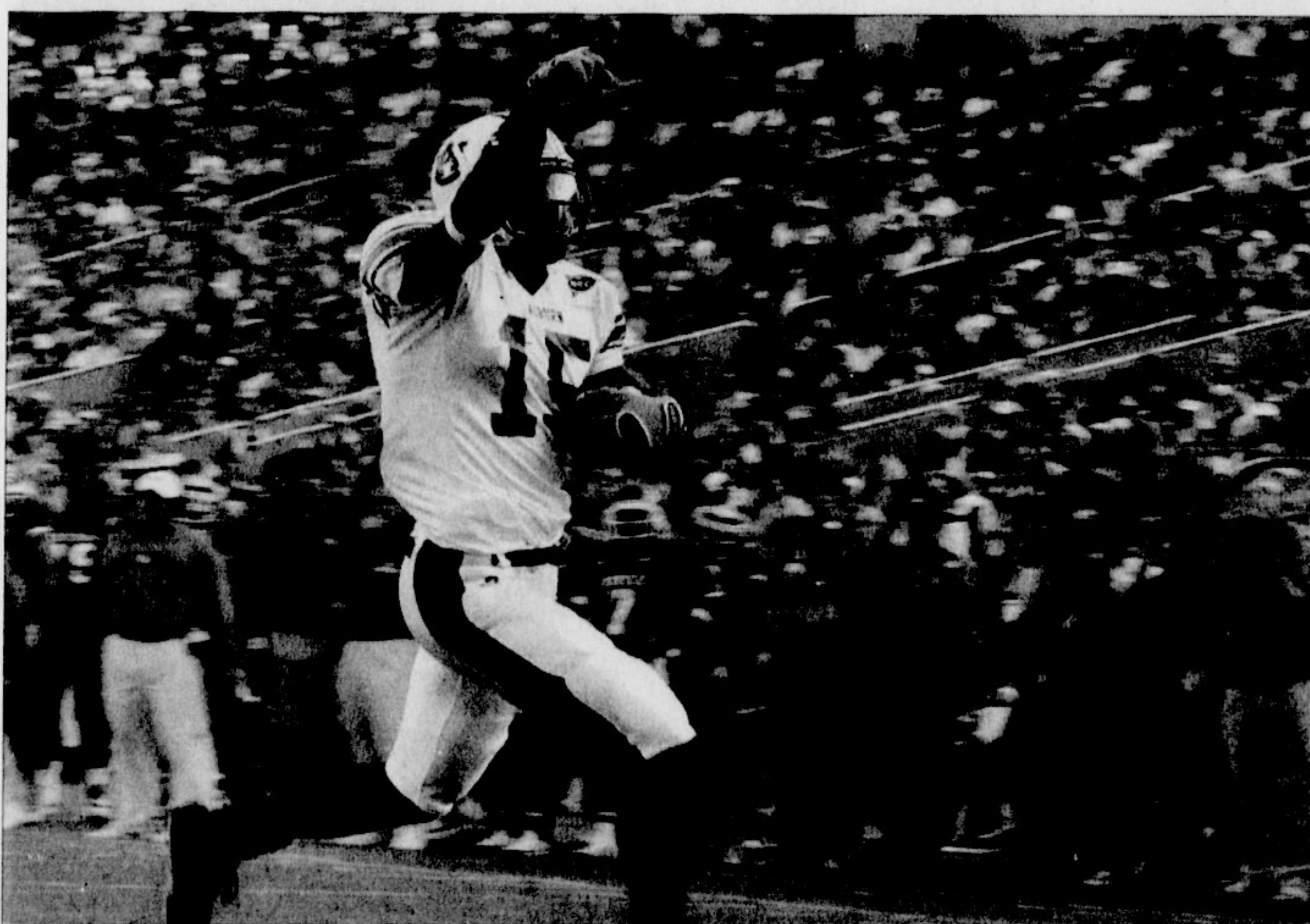
Stephens has logged 23 total tackles and a single tackle-for-loss. He ranks among the top 10 on the team in solo tackles with 14. Stephens grabbed a fourth quarter lame-duck by Wake Forest quarterback Ben Mauk in the second game of the season. His pick is by the only player, not in the secondary, to record an interception.

Since Skip Holtz and the new coaching staff arrived, he has preached senior leadership. Players like Stephens have to carry the torch for the younger guys.

"These four seniors are really taking it upon themselves to get this team in the right direction," said linebackers coach Rock

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TEC Top 10: Week seven kicks off crucial conference matchups, playoff implications



Prechae Rodriguez takes it to the house against Kentucky last week.

SEC football with two showcase matchups

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Indianapolis Colts deserve the headlines this week after finally overcoming their nemesis with a 40-21 win over New England on Monday night. Quarterback Peyton Manning turned out an impressive performance against a defense that previously has had his number. More importantly, the Colts are 8-0.

The college ranks in this week's edition of TEC Top 10 features some key SEC matchups

as Alabama puts its unbeaten record on the line against LSU. That division, along with others, are heating up in the race for the BCS.

Last week's record: 6-4
Season record: 35-25

No. 1 USC at California

Despite the critics of the Trojans' defense, USC rumbles on. Their latest victim was Stanford in a 51-21 blowout last week. Let's get a quick update on USC's dominating individual statistics. Matt Leinart has thrown for 2,771 yards and 23 touchdowns. Reggie Bush has rushed for 1,022 yards and 11

touchdowns. LenDale White has 913 yards and 14 scores. Receivers Dwayne Jarrett has racked up 964 yards and 14 touchdowns on 65 receptions. All of this in nine games. Needless to say, struggling Cal doesn't stand a chance. USC wins 41-27.

No. 5 LSU at No. 4 Alabama

Easily the game of the week in the college ranks, Alabama's unbeaten season will be tested as the Tigers invade Tuscaloosa on Saturday. Alabama has done it with defense all season, allowing a ridiculous 8.2 points per contest. South Carolina was the last team to score two touch-

downs against the Crimson Tide and that came in mid September. LSU was just a second half collapse away against Tennessee from making this meeting a clash of perfect teams, but the Tigers still boast key wins over Florida and Auburn. Alabama escapes unscathed this time, 17-16.

No. 15 Auburn at No. 9 Georgia

Another huge SEC battle features the Bulldogs' hopes for a conference title on the line with Auburn still in the hunt as well. Injured quarterback D.J. Shockley will return for Georgia after missing his team's loss to Florida two weeks ago. He will need to be at 100 percent to prepare his offense for one of the top defenses in the country as Auburn is allowing just 12.7 points a game. The Bulldogs are no slouch on defense either so expect an old-fashioned low scoring SEC affair with Georgia winning 14-13.

No. 12 Florida at South Carolina

Steve Spurrier will face his former team for the first time this weekend as a big underdog. While Florida has continued their impressive offensive fireworks without Spurrier, the Gamecocks are just getting comfortable with their new coach's scheme. It may take a few years, but South Carolina will eventually emerge as a contender in the SEC. They don't have enough firepower this weekend so expect the Gators to roll 30-14.

No. 25 Northwestern at No. 10 Ohio State

Northwestern may have one

of the nation's most explosive offenses, but unfortunately their defense is horrendous. Ohio State should have little trouble taking care of business on Saturday. Senior quarterback Brett Basanez is one of most prolific passers in NCAA history, but he will struggle and I think the Wildcats will put up their lowest point total of the season, falling to the Buckeyes 27-16.

Denver at Oakland

Denver has emerged as Indy's main competition in the AFC and has division rival Oakland next up on their slate. The Broncos have no superstars, but what they do have is a team-oriented squad proficient in every aspect of the game. The Raiders had an opportunity to jump back into the playoff hunt but were devastated by a last second touchdown from the Chiefs last week. Denver takes this one 28-17.

NY Jets at Carolina

Carolina is clicking on all cylinders and the Jets will be the unfortunate recipients of another beating. The Panthers have one of the best receivers in the NFL in Steve Smith who seems to notch career high performances every other game. The Jets are one of the worst offensive teams in football and Brooks Bollinger will get the nod at quarterback. He will be on his back for most of the afternoon in a 30-10 win for Carolina.

Washington at Tampa Bay

Tampa Bay just doesn't seem as intimidating with an ailing Cadillac Williams and a rookie quarterback under center and Carolina exposed some

weaknesses in their defense last week in a 34-14 rout. Don't expect the Redskins to put up that many points, but the combo of Washington's revamped offense and usually stout defense will be enough for a victory. The Redskins remain in the postseason hunt with a 23-21 win.

St. Louis at Seattle

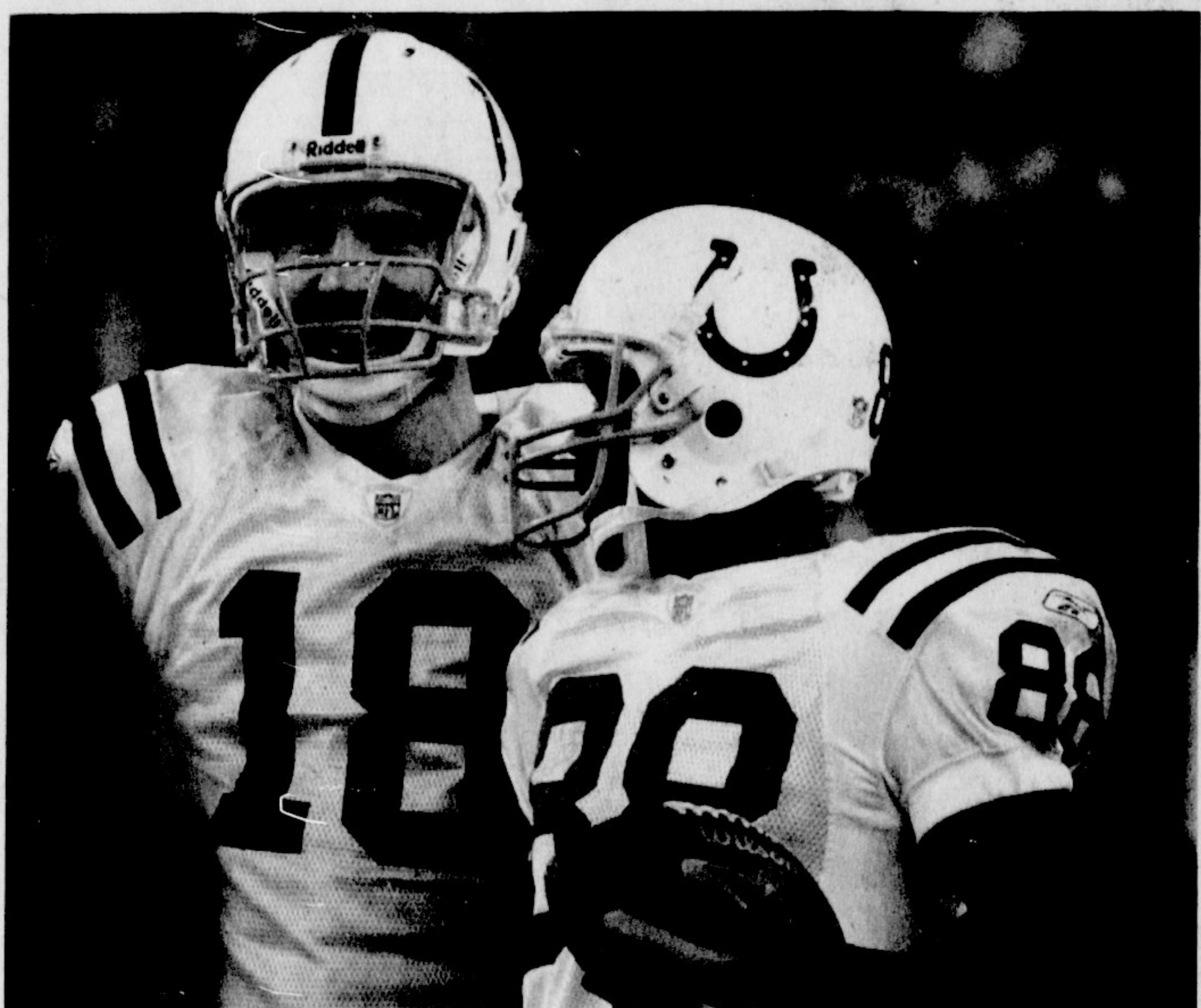
The Rams have responded in a big way to coach Mike Martz's departure from the team, beating Jacksonville two weeks ago before the bye week last Sunday. St. Louis is giving running back Stephen Jackson more touches to give the offense some much needed balance and St. Louis will also get back injured receivers Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce against the Seahawks. This matchup will have some playoff implications down the road and I'll take the Rams because of their new found dedication to the running game. St. Louis wins 27-20.

Dallas at Philadelphia

Philly is reeling heading into their NFC East rivalry game with the Cowboys. Terrell Owens is apologizing for his actions, but coach Andy Reid isn't budging on his decision to suspend the standout receiver. He may want to rethink that if Philly will have any hope reaching the playoffs. The Eagles are last in the division with a 4-4 record and their game against the Cowboys is almost a must win situation. I think this season belongs to another squad in the division as the Eagles lose again. I'll take Dallas 20-14.

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Tougher road lies ahead for Colts



The dynamic duo of Manning and Harrison are all smiles during their eventual win over New England.

KRT—With five of their final eight games inside their cozy RCA Dome, the 8-0 Indianapolis Colts have their nemesis New England Patriots in their rearview mirror and another challenge staring them in the face.

Can they stay undefeated? "It's always going to be something else," Colts quarterback Peyton Manning said after Monday night's resounding 40-21 defeat of the two-time defending Super Bowl champions. "That seems like such a long, long way off. Our focus is to try to win the AFC South."

That continues Sunday with the 1-7 Houston Texans in Indianapolis in a matchup that belies the NFL belief in parity.

Their remaining three road games at Cincinnati, Jacksonville and Seattle are all against teams with winning records. The Colts also play Pittsburgh at home along with Tennessee, San Diego and Arizona.

Because they have beaten only two teams with winning records (Jacksonville and New England) on the way to 8-0, five winning teams in the second half should provide more competi-

tion. But if they get past Houston on Sunday, Cincinnati on Nov. 20 and Pittsburgh the following Monday night to get to 11-0, the 1972 Miami Dolphins will start to get nervous again.

There have been 23 teams get to 8-0 in NFL history. The Colts are the first since the Kansas City Chiefs two seasons ago. Only the 1972 Dolphins got through the regular season and playoffs undefeated, 17-0. The Colts know this is hardly a time to celebrate, or even to begin a countdown.

"I told our guys in the locker room, Pittsburgh beat these guys (Patriots) last year in the regular season and couldn't do it in the playoffs," Colts' coach Tony Dungy said. "Week eight doesn't guarantee anything."

Dungy acknowledged he warned his team about getting ahead of itself.

"We talked about that a little bit in the locker room tonight. We're a good team and we're good when we play our game," Dungy said. "We've been fortunate we have some good veteran leadership, and the guys practice well and play hard. That's what we have to continue to do."

"You don't win championships in September or October. You don't win them in week eight. You don't win them with one game."

Clearly, the Colts have established themselves as the team to beat, not only by their perfect record but also by their near-perfect balance.

They rank No. 4 in offense and No. 4 in defense. Only one other team, Dallas, is ranked in the top 10 on both sides of the ball.

"It's nice to have that offense-defense camaraderie," Manning said. "It's definitely the best camaraderie we've had as far as both sides pulling for one another and feeding off each other since I've been here."

Manning is the league's No. 3-ranked passer, No. 1 in the fourth quarter.

Top receivers Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne each have caught 46 passes, Wayne for 561 yards and Harrison for 516.

Running back Edgerrin James is the league's second-leader rusher.

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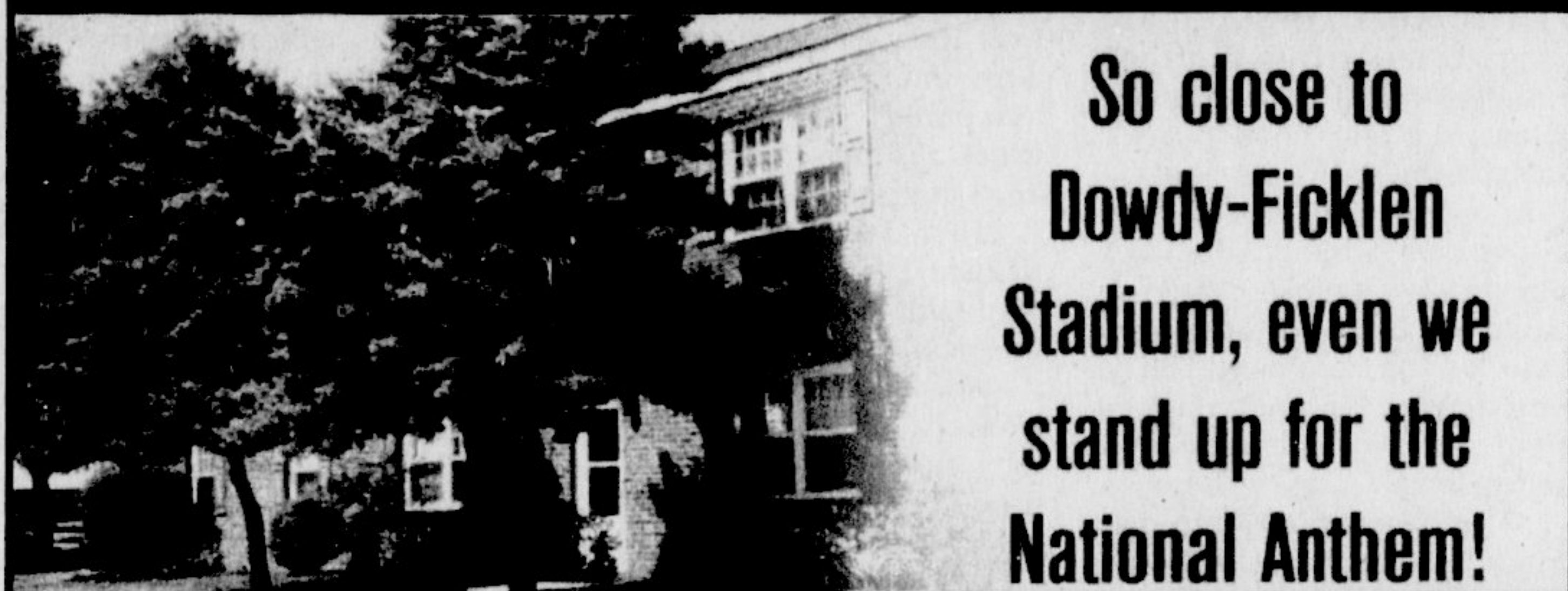
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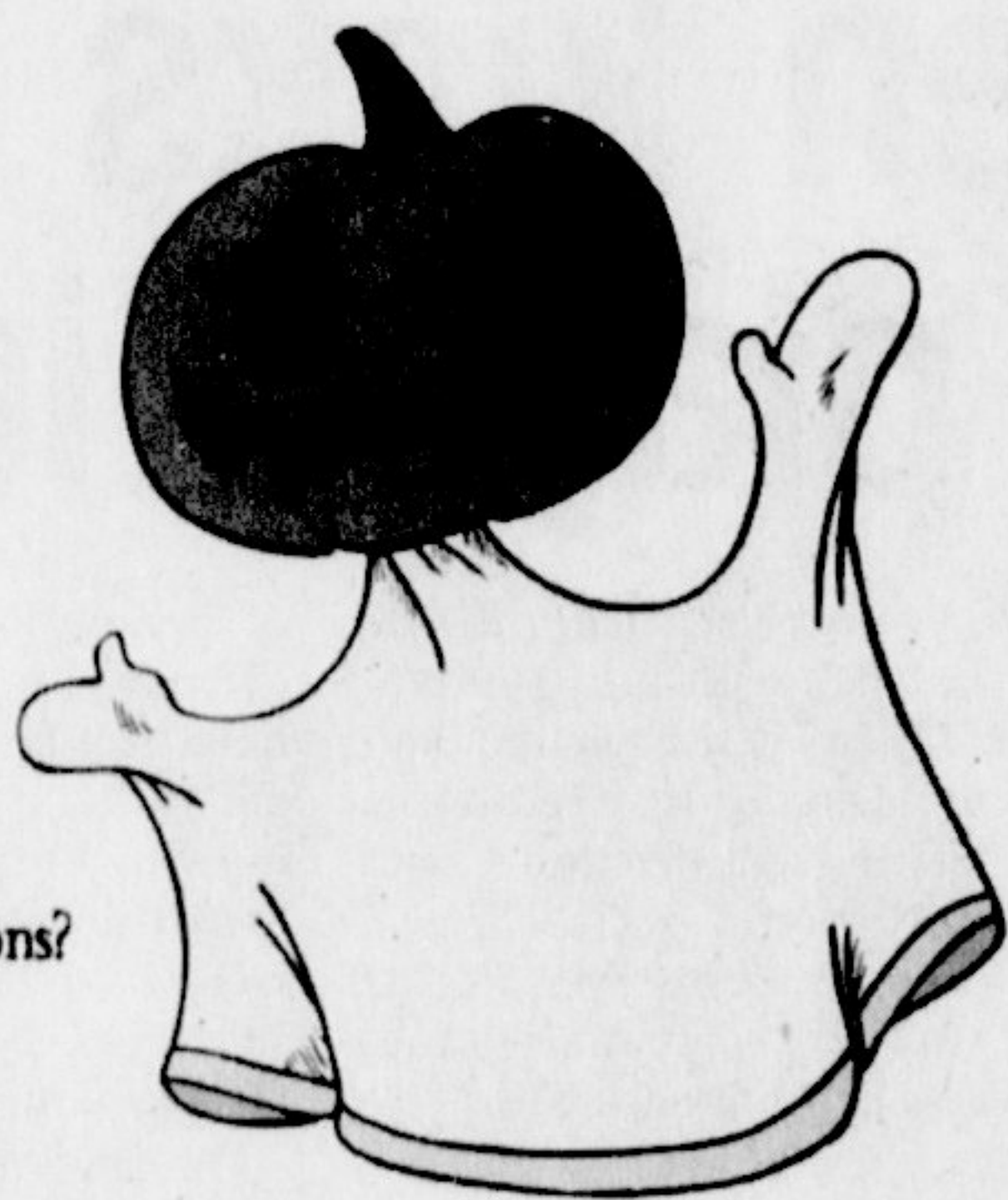
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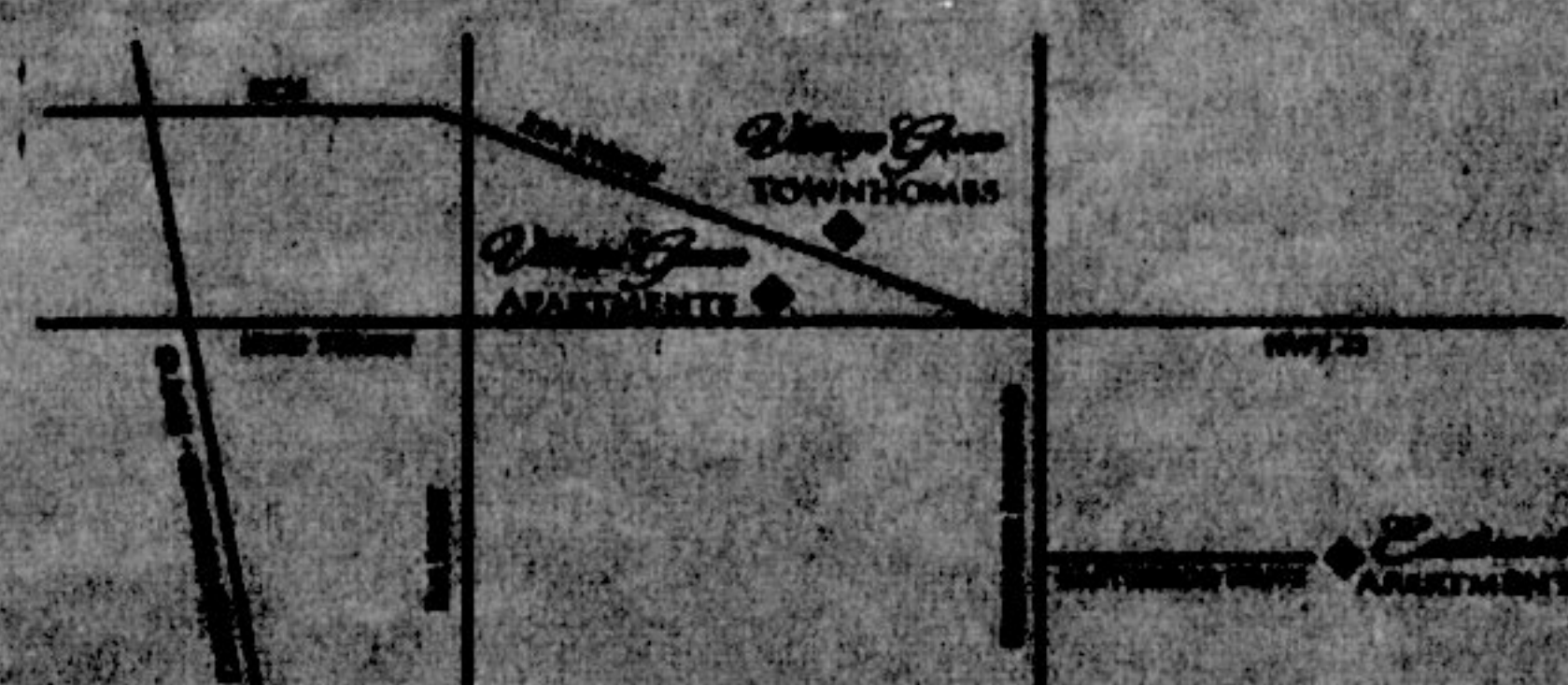


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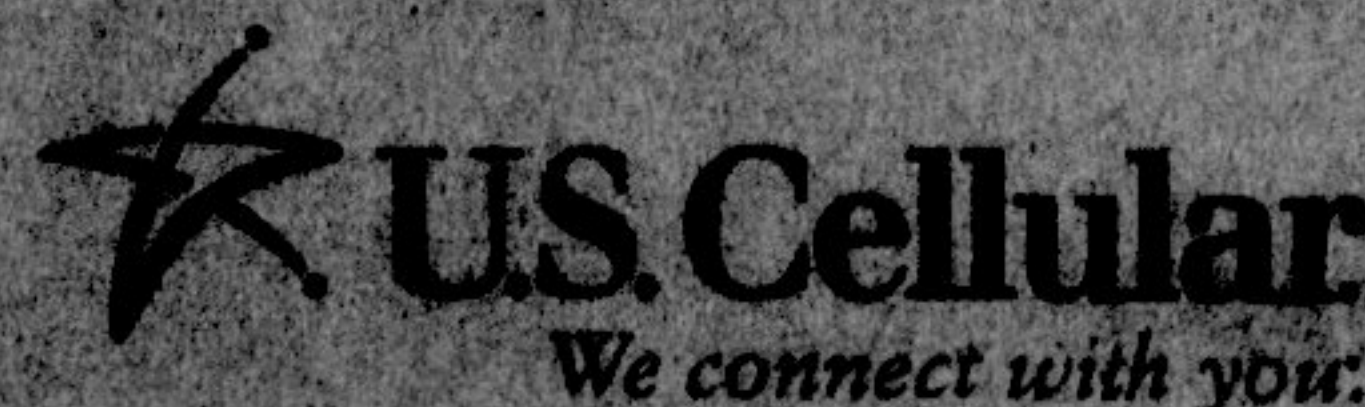
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