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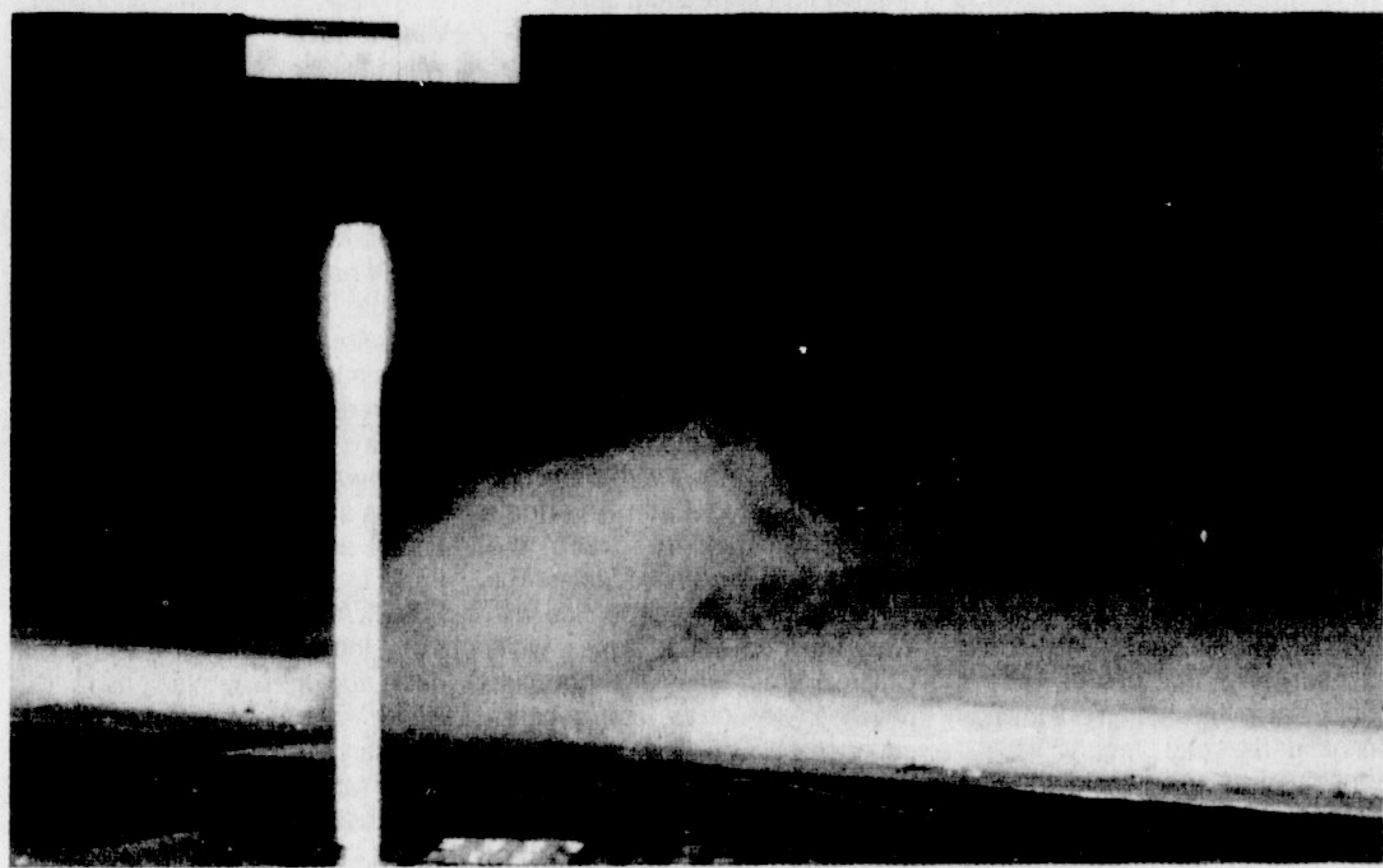
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Smelly manholes all over campus bother students



Places like the Brewster building, Greene Hall and Clement Hall have manholes that emit odors.

The cause behind the smell

RACHEL KING
STAFF WRITER

As many students and staff have noticed, the odor coming from some of the steam manholes around campus can be strong and unpleasant.

What causes this phenomenon? Contrary to popular opinion, it isn't a sewer line.

"The smell could possibly occur because of ground water that penetrates into the manhole and steam pipe," said Bill Bagnell, director of Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services.

Organic matter, when it comes in contact with hot steam, will heat up and may stink.

"The odor could be from several different things, including organic contaminants in the ground," Bagnell said.

However, that is just one

theory. Bagnell also suspects the glass foam insulation used in parts of the pipes that run in every direction beneath the school.

"There may be some interaction between the jacket and the pipe that causes the odor as well," Bagnell said. The steam lines are vital to the school and provide many functions. They transport steam to all the buildings, where it is converted to hot water, which is what provides heating in the winter, and hot water for showers, for example.

In the summer, they are used to dehumidify the air in our air conditioning. The steam comes in from a steam plant on 14th Street and is transported into the basement of the Bate building at 90-100 pounds of pressure, where it is distributed at varying other pressures all across campus for whatever needs it serves.

Some of the most notable places the "smelly steam" rises from are the vents by Greene Hall and in front of the Brewster building.

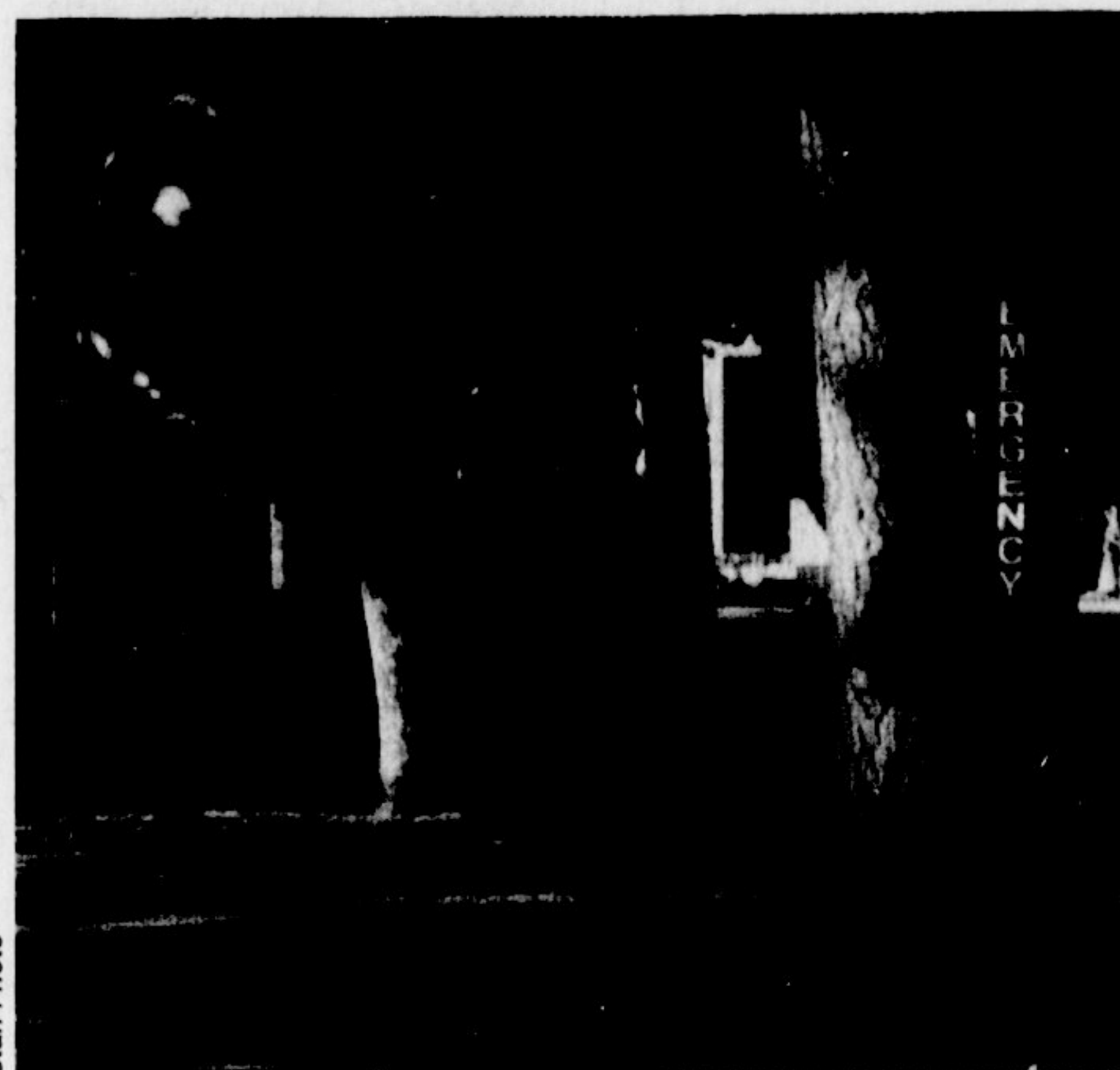
"They stink and I hate walking by one," said Gabrielle Frink, freshman business major. However, plans are in the works to replace the steam line between Greene and Clement residence halls on the west end of campus. This is scheduled to take place in 2008. For now, students and faculty will simply have to live with the odor.

"They really stink," said Kyla Williams, freshman psychology major.

"They might be warm in this weather but they aren't worth the smell. It reminds me of a dirty bathroom."

No matter how one may feel about the manholes, though, one thing is for certain: ECU would not have hot water or heating at all if it was not for those steam pipes.

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Emergency lights are used as safety precautions in various areas.

Blue light phones used for numerous reasons on campus

Used more often than we think

TAYLEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

With currently 56 blue light phones on main campus, and 20 at the Brody School of Medicine, students use blue light phones for a variety of safety precautions.

The blue light phone was introduced to ECU 15 years ago when the initiative to decrease crime on college campuses began.

How do the blue lights work?

When a crisis occurs, students press the big button located on the phone. This takes them directly to the ECU Police Dispatch Department.

In the meantime, a bright blue light flashes on the phone. If a police officer is in the general area, he or she will see the light and automatically respond to it, sometimes even before being notified.

Major Frank Knight, from the ECU Police Department, said the blue light is especially helpful at night because the police officer can easily identify the location of the person in trouble.

Once the call is made, the dispatch sends out the officer on duty to that particular zone. Depending on the location of the call, it normally takes less than three minutes for an officer to rescue the victim.

Abut three years ago, a male student was in the mall area of central campus when what was

believed to be non-students assaulted him after they got into a verbal confrontation.

Several students walking by saw the fight and used the blue light to call the police department.

"The suspect was gone at the time and the victim didn't want to press charges," said Knight.

How often are the blue lights used, and do they really cut down crime on campus?

The ECU police department, located on 10th Street receives about 12 calls a week from the blue light phones. The most common are reports of suspicious persons around dormitories or bicycle racks.

"But that doesn't mean that's the amount of crimes on campus," Knight said.

Vehicle assistance and medical emergencies are the main reasons for calls.

People will use the phone for police escorts if buses are not running in the early morning or if their car is parked in unsafe locations.

"Sometimes the individuals with a car will break down in the parking lot or they locked their keys in the car," Knight said.

The ECU police will provide assistance.

In the case of medical emergencies, the blue light phones have been used in instances when somebody has fainted or twisted an ankle.

Students may also press the

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New outdoor store for adventurers

For the adventurous type

TAWANDA CARLTON
STAFF WRITER

For all of the "outdoorsy" types there is a new store in Greenville - The Great Outdoor Provision Company.

Over 22 years in the making the retail company offers everything for people who really want to introduce themselves to the great outdoors.

"We find a common factor is passion for the outdoors active lifestyle," said Chuck Millsaps, vice-president of marketing for the company.

"It's exciting to see people who become a part of our company."

The retail company offers

clothing and tools for almost every aspect of outdoor adventure. From camping, to fly fishing, to climbing, the Great Outdoor Provision Company provides the consumer with clothing and equipment to fit an active lifestyle.

"All clothing at Great Outdoor Provision Co. is designed for the way you live your active lifestyle," Millsaps said.

"All of our popular brands like Columbia and North Face have a lifetime warranty and what we like to describe as "functional fashion."

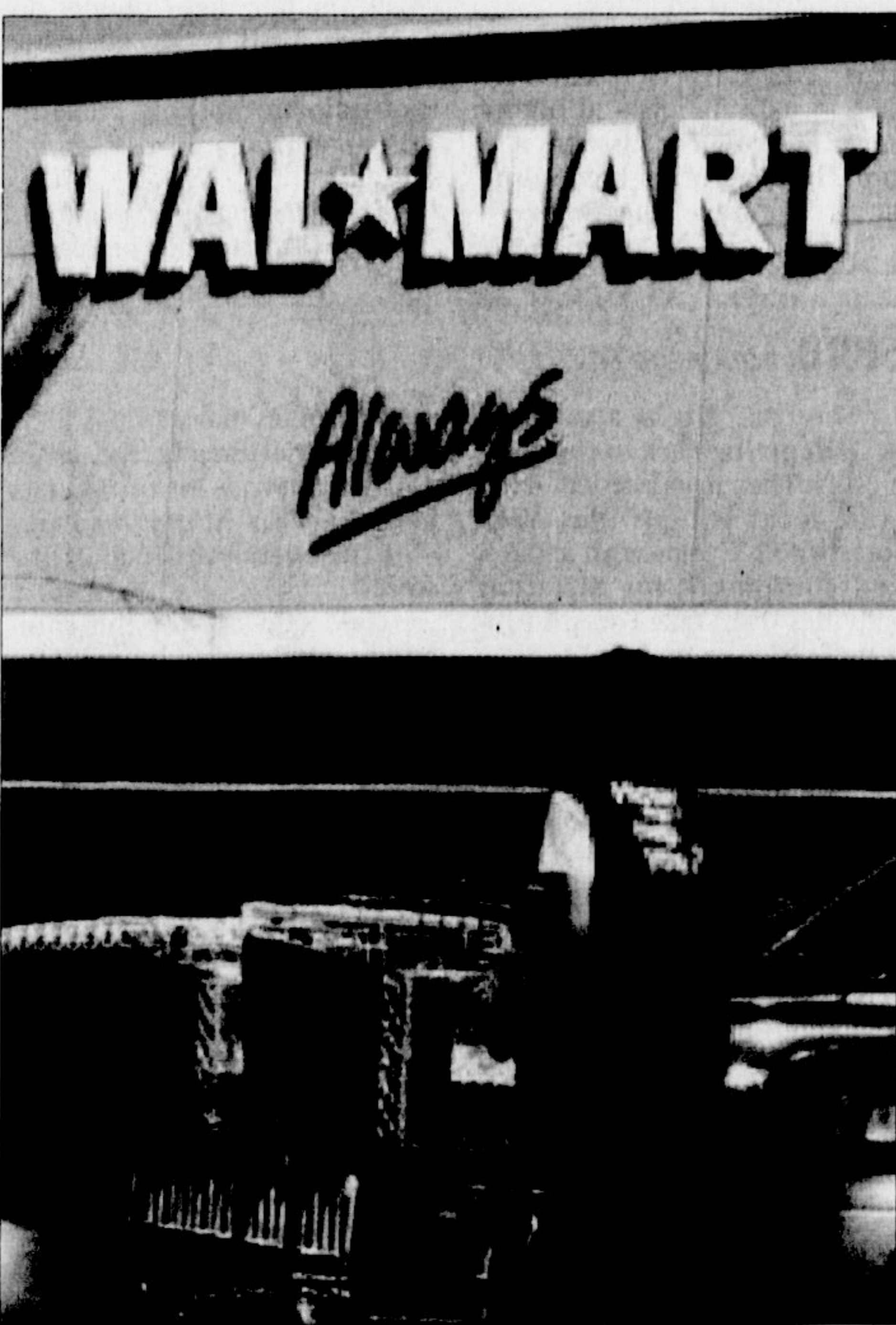
The store also offers new and upcoming brands that you might not find in other places like their new line of yoga inspired wear.

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Great Outdoor Provision Company opening for adventurous types.

Wal-Mart expects healthy holiday season, posts modest income gain through Monday



Wal-Mart gained a modest 3.8 percent in the third fiscal quarter.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)

The world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., posted a modest 3.8 percent in profit growth on Monday, but said it expects electronics and other general merchandise to propel it to a healthy holiday season, though spending may slacken when the bills come due early next year.

Income rose to \$2.4 billion, or 57 cents per share, for the quarter ended Oct. 31 from \$2.3 billion, or 54 cents per share, a year ago. Earnings in the latest quarter included three items, including hurricane related costs, which reduced results by \$80 million, or 2 cents per share.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had forecast 57 cents per share.

Revenues were \$76.35 billion with sales of \$75.4 billion, an increase of 10.1 percent over \$68.5 billion in sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2005. Sales at stores opened at least a year, known as same-store sales, rose a modest 3.8 percent. Same-store sales are considered an important measure of a retailer's health because they don't inflate overall growth from new store openings.

Wal-Mart shares rose 30 cents to close at \$49.30 Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, where they have traded in a 52-week

range of \$42.31 to \$57.89.

In a conference call with investors, Wal-Mart Chief Executive Lee Scott didn't address criticism the company has come under for labor and other practices except to note Wal-Mart's critics had some praise for the retailer's response to Hurricane Katrina.

Scott said Wal-Mart sustained sales despite the hurricanes, gasoline prices that skyrocketed in the quarter and higher home heating bills. The hurricanes, Katrina, Rita and Wilma closed hundreds of Wal-Mart stores, at least temporarily, but Wal-Mart's third-quarter numbers held up.

Scott called the quarter a "pretty good performance in a difficult environment."

"I believe we will have a good holiday season," Scott said. He noted that the hurricanes would in the longer term improve employment and the economy but said January and February could be difficult months when holiday bills come due and higher heating oil and natural gas prices have a greater impact.

Analyst Dan Hess, president and chief executive of Merchant Forecast, a New York-based independent research company, agreed that Wal-Mart should do well for the holiday.

"With Wal-Mart, it's not just about the numbers and the forecast. All types of social issues play

a role in the public perception of Wal-Mart," Hess said.

So far, the public is voting with its feet and is continuing to shop at Wal-Mart stores, he said.

"The issues of conscience, right now at least, appear to be affecting the stock price more than affecting sales," Hess said. "At the end of the day, Wal-Mart is taking market share away from other retailers."

"I think Wal-Mart is gaining back some momentum in general merchandise," Hess said. "Their push toward electronics is going to be successful."

After a slow start to the Christmas season last year, Wal-Mart has promised to be more aggressive with discounts and its push to get shoppers to buy early for the holiday 2005 season. The company launched its holiday advertising campaign on Nov. 1, a few weeks earlier than last year.

Wal-Mart forecast fourth-quarter earnings of 82 cents to 86 cents per share, \$2.64 to \$2.68 for the year. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial forecast quarterly income of 84 cents per share and \$2.64 per share for the year.

Same-store sales are forecast to rise between 3 percent and 5 percent for the fourth quarter, Chief Financial Officer Tom Schoewe said.

Vice chairman John Menzer said customers are starting to see stores that are less cluttered, part of a restructuring that is putting a focus on "close-to-the-customer decision making."

Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Forecasting in Nutley, N.J., said he expects the company to make greater inroads in fashion with its George and new Metro7 lines. Wal-Mart is also selling shoes made by Nike under the Starter brand.

Still, Candace Corlett, a principal at retail consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail said Wal-Mart will have to make a special effort for its apparel lines to be a success, something that will take longer than this holiday season.

"You can't treat apparel like underwear and socks, especially if it is fashionable clothing," Corlett said. "You've got to present an image, and that's what (Wal-Mart is) not so good at."

"Do they have the brilliance to do that? Absolutely. Will they? I don't know," Corlett said. "Apparel aside, the shopability of a Wal-Mart store has become a real issue."

For the first nine months of the year, Wal-Mart earned \$7.6 billion, or \$1.82 a share, versus \$7.1 billion, or \$1.66 a share, a year ago. Nine-month sales rose to \$223.2 billion from \$203 billion a year ago.

Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies

1. *Chicken Little*
2. *Jarhead*
3. *Saw II*
4. *The Legend of Zorro*
5. *Prime*

Top 5 Pop Albums

1. Various Artists
2. Santana
3. Nickelback
4. Black Eyed Peas
5. Destiny's Child

Top 5 TV Shows

1. "CSI"
2. "Desperate Housewives"
3. "Without A Trace"
4. "Survivor: Guatemala"
5. "NCIS"

Top 5 DVD Rentals

1. *Batman Begins*
2. *Bewitched*
3. *House of Wax*
4. *Herbie: Fully Loaded*
5. *The Interpreter*

Top 5 Books

1. *Predator*
2. *At First Sight*
3. *The Camel Club*
4. *Knife of Dreams*
5. *Consent to Kill*

Horoscopes:

Aries - More research is required. Figure out what you need and how to get it below retail. You'll get farther that way.

Taurus - It seems like a good time to ask for money, but it really isn't. What you get from one place, you'll just be giving up somewhere else.

Gemini - Your skills are improving, and so is your confidence. But don't get cocky. The competition is fierce.

Cancer - You're entering a hectic and confusing period. It won't last long, so don't worry. Just double-check everything.

Leo - The pressure is easing. The test is almost over. Either way, make the best of what you've got and get on to other things.

Virgo - Changes are beginning to occur. Your assignment, if you choose to accept it, is to direct traffic.

Libra - It all comes together at home, due to your determination. Be careful traveling, though. It's confusing out there.

Scorpio - You can afford to be generous with a person who's suffered a loss. Don't put yourself at a disadvantage, however.

Sagittarius - One kind of pressure eases up, another takes its place. Something that was stuck will start moving quickly. Take care.

Capricorn - Lots of assignments are coming in, but you shouldn't get complacent. Double-check to make certain you understand what's expected.

Aquarius - You're a dreamer, but you also have mechanical expertise. Work on the idea part in more detail before going public with it.

Pisces - Fixing up your own place takes priority for a while. Turn a couple of your dreams into reality.

Announcements:

TEC is looking for someone with savvy social skills and an exciting lifestyle to write a features column for next semester. Do you think you have what it takes to be the next Carrie Bradshaw? Come fill out an application at our office located downtown on Third Street. Any questions can be sent to features@theeastcarolinian.com

Yesterday's Rising, Snowbread and Forever Changed will be performing at Pirate Underground tonight. The show starts at 8 p.m. and is sponsored by the ECU Student Union.

Fun Facts:

One in three snake bite victims is drunk at the time of the bite. One in five is tattooed.

It takes a drop of ocean water more than 1,000 years to circulate around the world.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

The chemicals indole and skatole, which help to account for the particular smell of human feces, are used as ingredients in perfume.

Pollen can travel up to 500 miles in a day.

Taken from hookedonfacts.com

How to plan different parties

Simple, fast and affordable

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

A great way to meet new people in college is to get out and about. Throwing a party is an exciting way to do this, so here are a few pointers on how to party like a pirate. There are many different types of parties, from keg parties to formal cocktail parties. Choose one and follow the guidelines below.

If a big party is what you are looking for, find a house somewhat close to the dorms. It's winter time and most partygoers want to walk there as quickly as possible and don't want to have to worry about the risks involved with drinking and driving. It's great to have a nice house, but remember your house could become the next big party scene of the year. Be careful what you have sitting around your house - it may not be there at the end of the night. Decorate with colored lights, inexpensive decorations and other oddball items. Great music is a must, just be sure there is a variety so you will get all kinds of people at your party. If you



Being the host or hostess of a party, no matter what type, requires you to entertain your guests safely.

want live music, just get a few musically inclined friends to play. A beer pong table seems to be a necessity, so don't forget to make one. Paint a board (what ever size you prefer) ECU purple and make sure people sign it at your parties. Those memories will be hilarious the next morning, and for many years to come.

"I've had my beer pong table with me for years now. It's been with me to different colleges and has so many writings on it as well as drawing different people put on it, I feel like it adds a lot to my house." Said Michael Onofrio, junior criminal justice major.

Now for the center of attention - the kegs. They can be

purchased by anyone 21 or older at various locations all around Greenville. Bring a friend or two because each keg weighs about 150 pounds but be sure you are all of age because they will not let you leave with it if they think you are going to be supplying minors. Don't forget the essentials such as the tap, lots of ice and cups. Just

put the keg into a big trashcan and be sure to cover it with ice. Tap it and you are now set for a college party.

Invite friends, tell your neighbors and start the music - need anything else? As the host or hostess, it's your job to watch out for fights, make sure no one steals anything and it is also a good suggestion to cover yourself by checking IDs. This will help you out in the long run to be sure that if the police come, you do not get charged with serving minors.

"I've been to so many parties at ECU and the best ones include lots of guys, your best girlfriends and comfortable shoes of course," said Candice O'Neal, sophomore political science major.

There is always an alternative to throwing big parties. A small cocktail party or sports party can be just as much fun if not more fun than a big messy party. Just invite your closest friends and set a theme. If you are looking to be festive, try decorating your house for an upcoming holiday and assign each party guest something to bring. You can all have a great time sitting around enjoying all of the festive foods people brought, listening to the

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Picking the right outfit for the right party

What you don't know can hurt you

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

ECU is known for its infamous party scene although the university goes far with academics as well. Let's face it some people make the wrong choices in attire when going to a party. There are different types of parties that require different types of ensembles. Cocktail parties, sports related parties, house parties, kegers and club parties all require a certain form of dress.

The cocktail party is fairly simple. It's a party that serves cocktails and or wine and soft alcoholic beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Often times there is a dessert buffet as well. A cocktail party is very laid back but with a touch of finesse and grace.

Traditional cocktail party attire is a short elegant dress for women. A-line dresses and bell dresses are perfect for the atmosphere of a cocktail party. Men most often wear a business suit or blazer to this type of soiree. This may slightly differ for college

cocktail parties. Men can go business casual - but no jeans, shorts or sneakers for the cocktail party scene. When trying to decide what to wear, it's often best to check the invitation.

Sports related parties are a totally different venue. There are many types of parties in this category such as football parties where people gather to watch a game on television, and basketball parties. These types of parties don't usually have a dress code. Casual clothing is the best way to go since there will likely be alcohol and fast-food. Casual dress includes whatever you want to wear that is comfortable, especially when it is in support of one of the teams playing.

House parties can be a gray zone when deciding what to wear. It depends on what type of house party it is. The standard house party has snacks, alcoholic beverages, very loud music and space for people to dance. Thus, girls can opt for something slightly like club-wear and so can guys. Guys can get away with wearing a nice pair of jeans and collared shirt.

For a kegger it's all about

being comfortable and not wearing your favorite thing because it will most likely become ruined during the night. There are all kinds of drinking games and keg stands so you need unrestricted clothing to participate. At a kegger it's all about having fun, nobody really cares what you wear or will remember for that matter.

"If I'm going to be drinking I just wear something comfortable such as a pair of shorts, a basic t-shirt and a hat. Never anything dressy," said senior exercise and sports physiology major Mikey Odom. All students are reminded, of course, not to drive home after participating in kegger activities. Greenville has many taxi-services that would be glad to take you and your friend's home.

Going to a party at a club requires club-wear or your best sexy outfit. Sexy doesn't imply slutty. No body wants to see the cheeks of your buttocks. Ladies need to be sophisticated and sexy and men need to be dressy casual. Dressy casual for the club means nice jeans or slacks and a collared shirt or tee. Some clubs require a

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This girl is wearing the right cocktail dress and is surrounded by guys.

Don't hide: Embrace winter

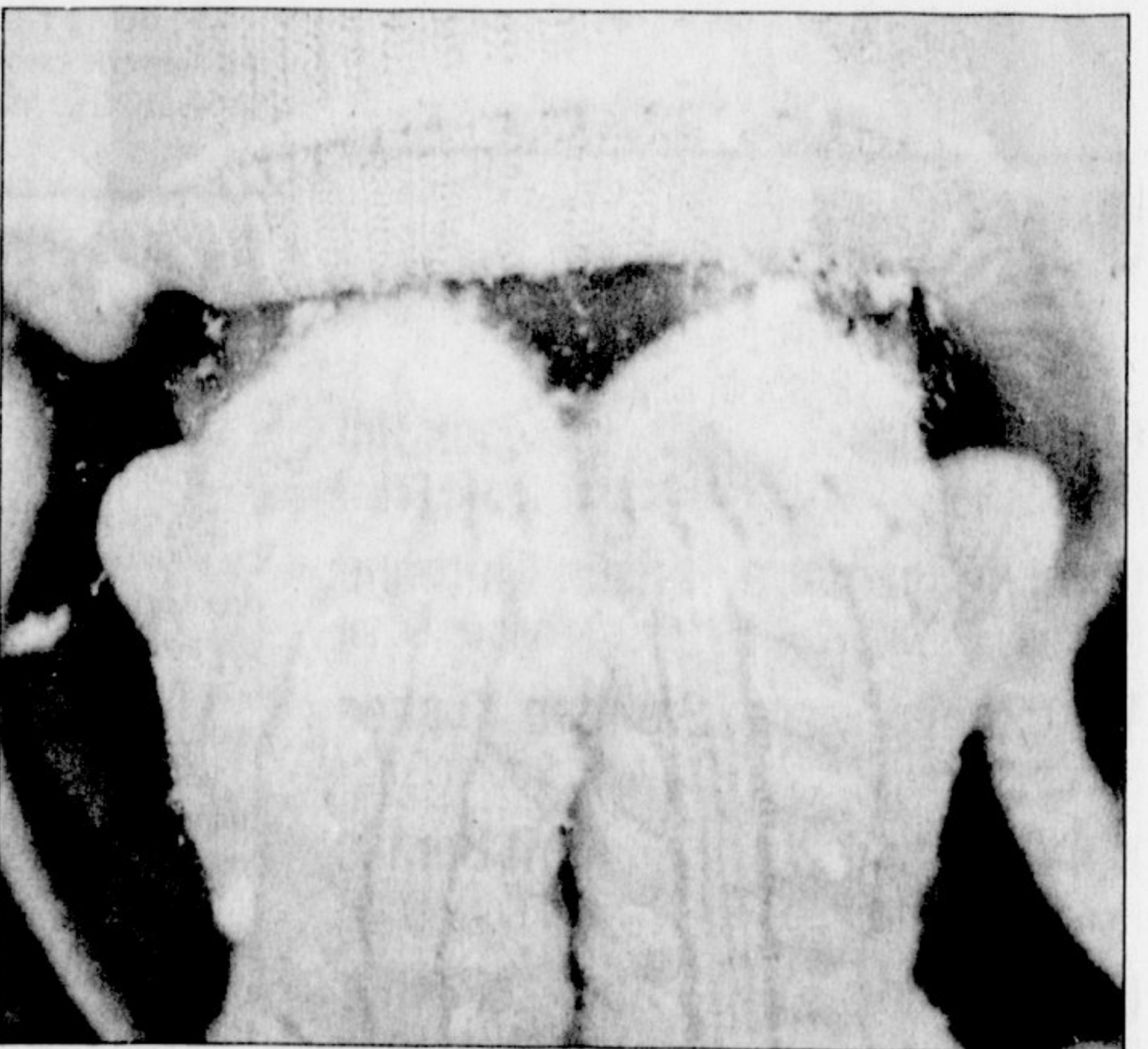
Don't let Jack Frost get the best of your skin

EMILY JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

The winter days are approaching us quickly. Just think, next month we'll be freezing our buns off while we roast chestnuts on an open fire in the cold, brisk air. Soon our heaters will be working overtime to keep our homes toasty. We'll take extra hot showers to steam up the bathroom on those cold mornings. We'll find comfort in a warm cup of coffee or tea. But, did you know that heat in your home takes the moisture out of the air? Those extra hot showers and caffeine are hard on your skin, too. Not to mention the cold, dry air can do painful damage to your skin. To ensure that your winter season is an enjoyable and comfortable one, don't forget about your skin - it feels the effects of winter, too. Here are some tips to keep your skin healthy and beautiful during those cold and dry winter months.

Avoid dehydration. Water makes up 60 percent of the human body, so drink plenty of water. Water helps to transport nutrients to your skin cells. Eat plenty of leafy vegetables. They contain water that can help nourish your skin. Eat warm foods and drink warm liquids to keep your circulation flowing, but cut back on your caffeine and alcohol intake - they will dehydrate you, which is what we are trying to avoid.

Keep it cool. Turn down the heat in your home to the lowest point that you feel comfortable



Don't hide your skin all winter, take care of it the right way and shine.

with to help keep the air moist throughout the house. Use room humidifiers and dress warmly instead. Not only will this help you keep your skin moisturized, but it will cut down on utility costs as well.

Make it short. While we all enjoy long, hot, steamy showers or baths too much hot water can dry out our skin. Reduce your bathing time and use lukewarm water to prevent skin damage. To get rid of the chill in the bathroom, turn on the heater in your bathroom if you have one. A little bath oil in the tub will soothe your skin and will help it stay moist throughout the day. Try switching to a more moisturizing version of your favorite soap to help hold that moisture in through the winter months.

Stay away from harsh abra-

sives. Avoid bar soaps and shower gels - they surely dry out your skin. Switch to milder cleansers that contain natural ingredients like oatmeal, chickpea flour and milk. Be kind to your skin and don't scrub it excessively.

Keep your skin moisturized. After bathing, use oil-based cream moisturizers on your face and body, paying close attention to your knees, elbows, hands and feet, which tend to be drier than other parts of the body. Don't use lotions as many of them contain alcohol in their ingredients, which is drying. Creams are thicker and more lubricating than lotions. Massage a few drops of vitamin E oil into those really dry places.

Wear layers. Dress in layers

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Jennifer Aniston glows for the camera, as always.

Friend for life

Aniston is definitely a class act

MEREDITH STEWART
SENIOR WRITER

Jennifer Aniston hardly needs an introduction. Her remarkable roles, inner and outer beauty and the fact that she was married to one of the hottest guys in Hollywood says enough.

She spent most of her childhood in New York and was brought up in a prominent acting family. Her father, John Aniston played Victor Kiriakis on

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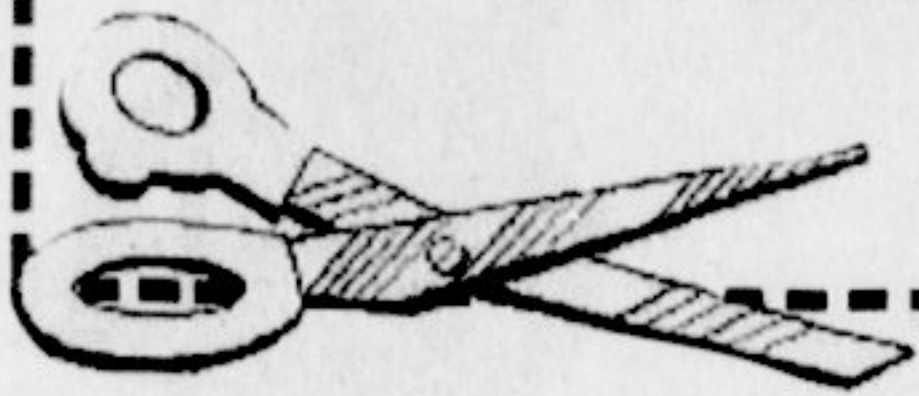


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certain dress code and don't allow hats or fitted T-shirts. Before going, it's best to know ahead of time what the attire is so you don't get turned away at the door. Dressing the right way for the right party may seem simple but if you show up looking like a hot mess, you could be talked about for weeks. So know the facts and always check the invitation. When in doubt, business casual works for just about any situation. Though it may be superficial, appearances are everything. Avoid being a fashion faux pas.

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to prevent overheating. Sweating and overheating can cause your skin to become itchy and irritated. And for you snow bunies, take off wet clothes as soon as you go inside - this can irritate your skin as well. Avoid chapping. Your lips are skin, too. Apply lip balm regularly to protect your lips from the wind and harsh, cold air. Also, don't forget about your hands. Always wear gloves when going outside. Gloves not only keep your hands warm, but they help to hold in your skin's moisture, preventing painful dry, crackly skin. Sun protection. Sunscreen is not just for the summer. Though

your body may be bundled up, your face is exposed to the sunlight. Sunscreen will help to prevent your face from burning. Or if you don't like the slimy nature of sunscreen, use a moisturizer with SPF 15 to prevent damage. Not only will this protect your skin from the affects of the winter sun, but it will also prevent wrinkles and skin damage later in life. Exfoliate. Use gentle exfoliates on your skin weekly to remove dead skin cells, keeping your skin fresh and vibrant. Avoid exfoliating everyday because this may dry your skin too much, causing too much damage. Guys, skin care is not just

for girls. In the presence of cold air and low humidity the body loses its ability to hold moisture. There are many skin care products out there now made specifically and only for guys. There are even some sunscreens that are not oily or smelly like the typical summer protection. Just think - it only takes 10 percent of the skin's water level to drop to become dry, itchy and flaky. Take heed and take the necessary steps to insure that your skin is healthy when Jack Frost pays a visit.

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Dress Code Etiquette

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No jeans or shorts, tailored look

Cocktail Attire:
Short dresses, business suit or blazer

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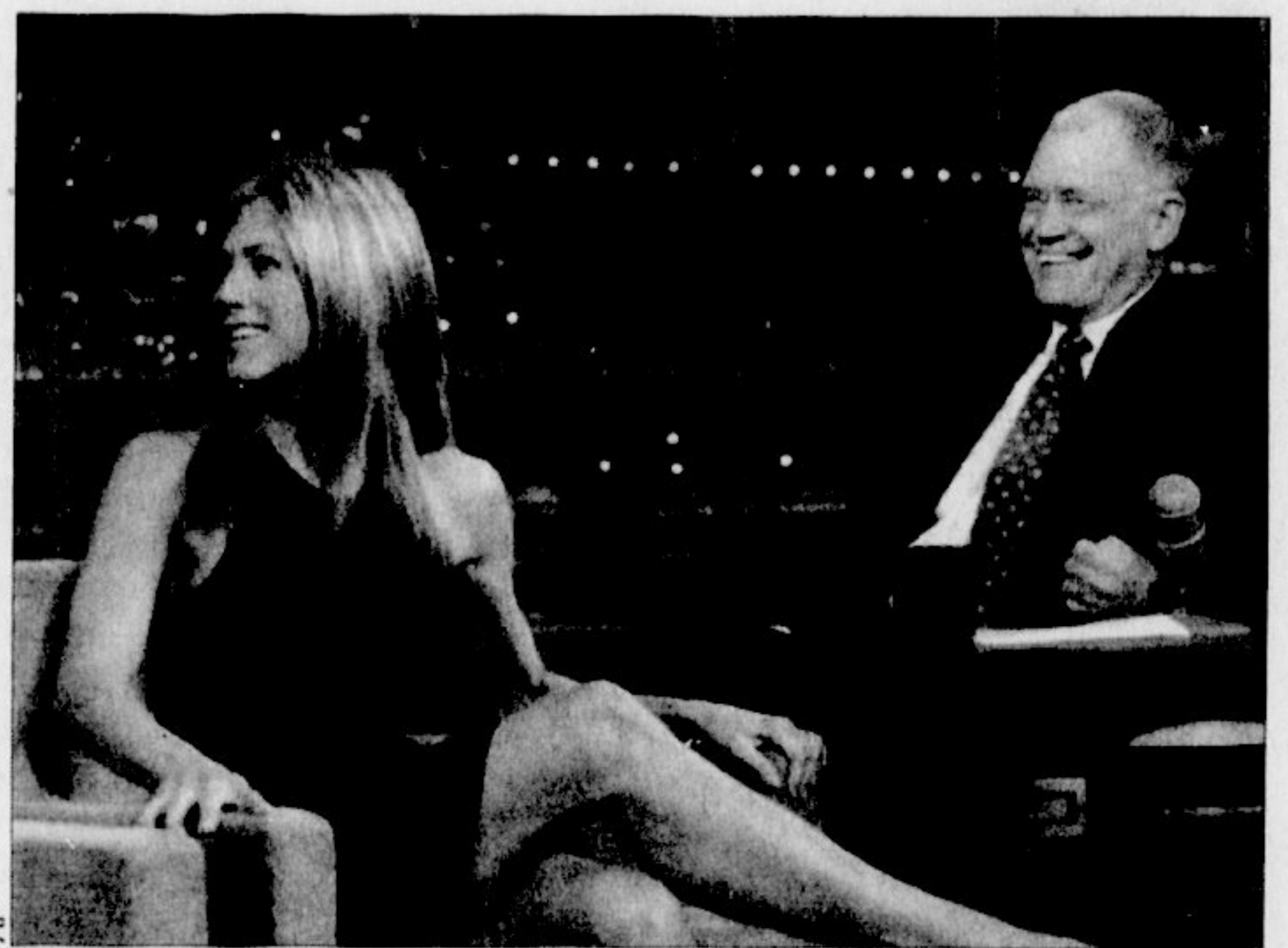
sounds of the season and telling stories of parties past. If you are in the mood for something a little more casual, try a sports party. Watch a football game, play a little beer pong or put in a movie and just relax. Partying all the time gets tiring and can really impact your grades. Chilling out and making memories with your friends is half the college experience. At all parties, big or small, don't forget to take some pictures. Just keep it as safe as possible, with designated drivers, supportive friends and plenty of mild food in the refrigerator, just in-case you happen to have some sort of stomach problem the next day.

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"Days of Our Lives" and her godfather is the one and only Telly Savalas. At age 11 Jennifer discovered her real talents at the Rudolf Steiner School's drama club. After graduating from the High School of Performing Arts in 1987, she took roles in off-Broadway productions. She played small roles in movies, but as we all know, Jennifer Aniston is most popular for playing Rachel Green in the sitcom "Friends." This show became a mega-hit and her fame came very quickly. Fame definitely has its price. Aniston had to lose 30 pounds and put her hobbies such as traveling, hiking and antiquing on pause. She began appearing in several romantic comedies such as, *Picture Perfect* and *Til' There Was You* in 1997, along with *The Object of my Affection* in 1998. This is where she met the man of her dreams, Brad Pitt. The young couple took their places as Hollywood's elite power couple after they said "I do" in 2000.

Since then she has only become a stronger and more respected actress. Her roles in *The Good Girl* and *Bruce Almighty* hit big and scored millions in the box. Aniston is now an "it" girl and has cameras in her face, with people always begging her for an autograph, pictures or just a glimpse into her world. "When somebody follows you 20 blocks to the pharmacy, where they watch you buy toilet paper, you know your life has changed," Aniston told *People* magazine in an interview.



Jennifer Aniston entertains the audience on "David Letterman."

Everyone has heard about her nasty divorce by now, but Jennifer Aniston is a strong woman and seems to be recovering. Every trashy tabloid and serious journalist has elaborated on the story since then. It must be really hard to have to deal with a divorce, but to do it publicly is even worse. Each day she gets to see or at least hear about Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and herself. Despite all the talk, her popularity seems to increase as she stands tall and moves on with her life. Jennifer Aniston is going to be popping up everywhere in the next six months. She has been extremely busy making four new movies. *Derailed* is the first of four and on Christmas Day *Rumor Has It* will hit the box offices. The rumor going around now is that

the film has been subject to re-shoots since the original director Ted Demme passed away. All that will be taken care of and Aniston will shine through in *The Break Up* which should be out in February. In this movie she stars with her current love interest, Vince Vaughn. Her last movie is *Friends With Money* described as a comedy, but maybe with a twist or an edge. Be sure to catch Jennifer Aniston as she woees us all with her talent and beauty and keep reading features for reviews of her movies. Watch for her career to keep growing and to see her for many years to come in a variety of movie genres.

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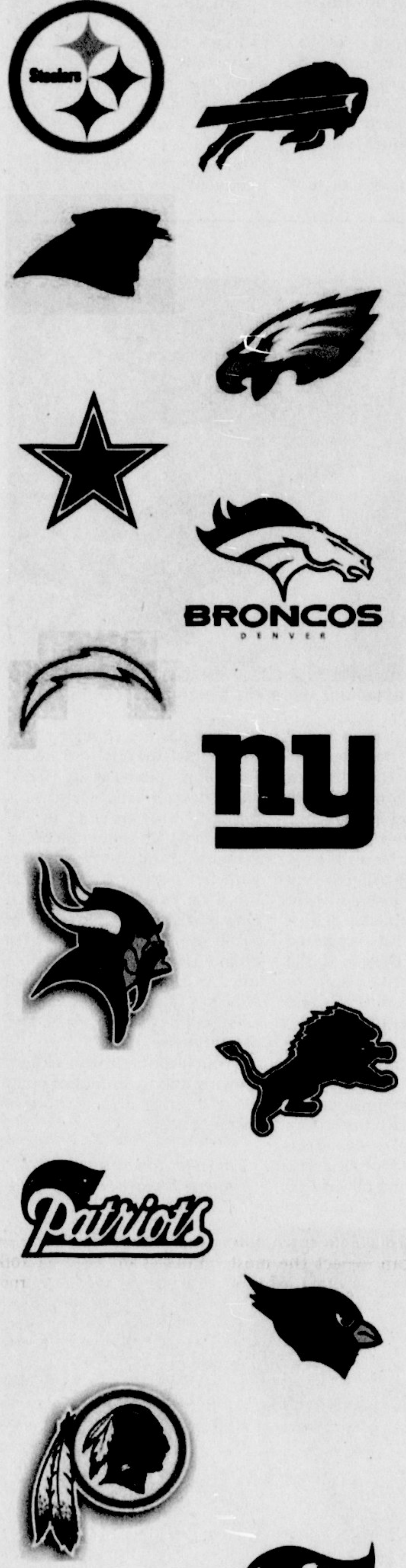
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NFL 2005-06: Mid-season accolades



Palmer, Manning lead Bengals, Colts
RON CLEMENTS
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At the beginning of the season, I asked the following questions: 1) How will Terrell Owens and Donovan McNabb get along in Philadelphia? 2) Will Ricky Williams quit on his Miami teammates again? 3) Can Carson Palmer get the Bengals to the playoffs? 4) Is this Brett Favre's last season? 5) Can the New England Patriots three-peat and win their fourth championship in five years? 6) Will Peyton Manning's Colts finally reach the Super Bowl?

To answer them: 1) Not well. 2) It hasn't been Williams quitting on his team, although he has been quiet on the field, but Owens who has blasted his teammates, forcing the Eagles to quit on him. 3) Yes. 4) We don't know yet, but we hope not. 5) Probably not. 6) It sure looks like it.

Indianapolis was my preseason pick to win the AFC and the Colts are 9-0 and looking great, and balanced. The funny thing is they haven't been doing it on just the right arm of Manning. It has been the running of Edgerrin James and the stellar play from the defense that has the Colts unbeaten. Right now, the question is not whether the Colts can go undefeated, but will they? Miami fans are hoping not.

So, if the season were to end today, who would go where and who would get what? In the NFC, my preseason pick to win the NFC East, Philadelphia, is 4-5 following Monday night's loss to Dallas while the New York Giants are the surprise leaders at 6-3. The NFC North is the weakest, and most surprising division, with most people's cellar prediction, Chicago, leading the "Norris" at 6-3 while Minnesota and Green Bay have five wins combined. My picks for the South and West, Carolina and Seattle, are looking pretty solid at this point.

Indy is clearly the class of the AFC, and the NFL. At this point, anything shy of a Super Bowl win would be a disappointment to Colts' fans. I picked the Jets to win the East - not gonna happen there. Buffalo and New England are now a two-horse race in the East. Cincinnati is leading the AFC North, tied with Pittsburgh, which is the best team in the division. I had the Steelers winning the North. I picked San Diego to win the West, and I obviously underestimated Jake Plummer in Denver.

That being said, I am going to have to revise my Super Bowl pick of Green Bay from the NFC. But first, to doll out some mid-season awards:

Coach of the Year:
 Tony Dungy, Indianapolis Colts: Dungy is coaching the league's only undefeated team, and has his team playing well on both sides of the ball. Bill Parcells, Tom Coughlin and Lovie Smith are all doing good jobs with their teams, but Dungy's squad is clearly the best and he deserves the accolades for it.

NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year:
 Odell Thurman, LB, Cincinnati Bengals: A second-round pick from Georgia, Thurman has been a playmaker all season for the Bengals. He has forced three fumbles, has four interceptions and a sack and has been the standout defensive rookie in the league.

NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year:



Ronnie Brown, RB, Miami: The second overall pick from Auburn has been a workhorse for the Dolphins. Although Brown's teammate at Auburn, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams is getting more of the pub, Brown's stats are better and he has not missed a game. He has almost 200 yards more than Williams, one more touchdown, a yard more in yards-per-carry and only one fumble.

NFL Offensive Player of the Year:

Shaun Alexander, RB, Seattle: Alexander has just been the man in Seattle. The Seahawks are in first place and Alexander leads the NFL in rushing yards and touchdowns. He is overshadowed by the multi-talented LaDainian Tomlinson in San Diego, but it's time for Alexander to get his due.

NFL Defensive Player of the Year:
 Cato June, LB, Indianapolis: June, like Thurman, has been all over the field for the Colts and carried the Colts for the first month of the season, scoring two touchdowns in consecutive games off interceptions. He is second in the NFL with five interceptions and 11th in the league tackles. Miami's Zach Thomas, Green Bay's Nick Barnett and Pittsburgh's Troy Polumalu have all been outstanding, but June has made more big plays on defense than anyone else.

NFL Comeback Player of the Year:
 Steve Smith, WR, Carolina Panthers: Smith has returned from a season-ending knee injury in 2004 with a vengeance. He leads the NFL in receiving yards and touchdowns and is a solid MVP candidate as he makes quarterback Jake Delhomme look better every week.

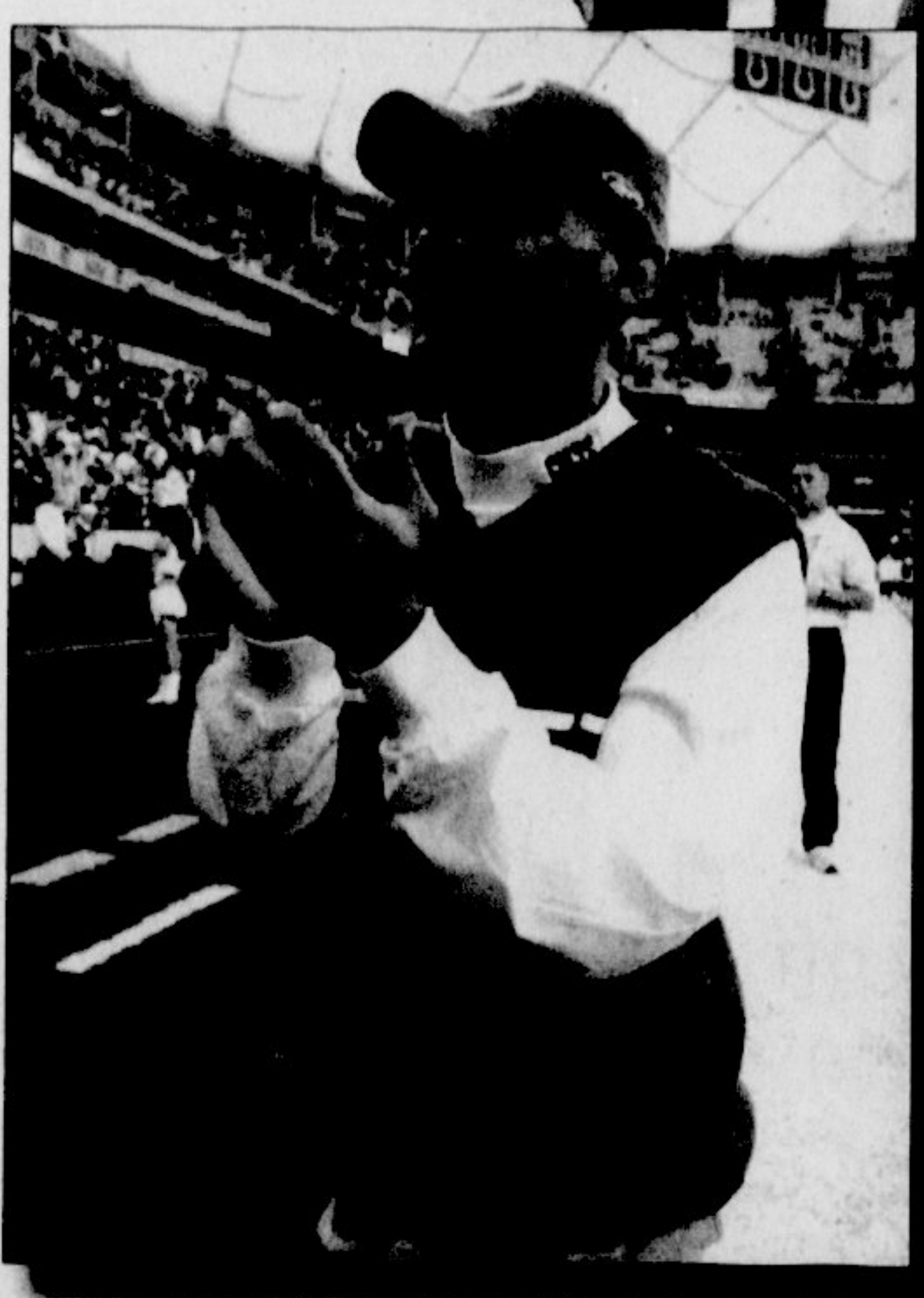
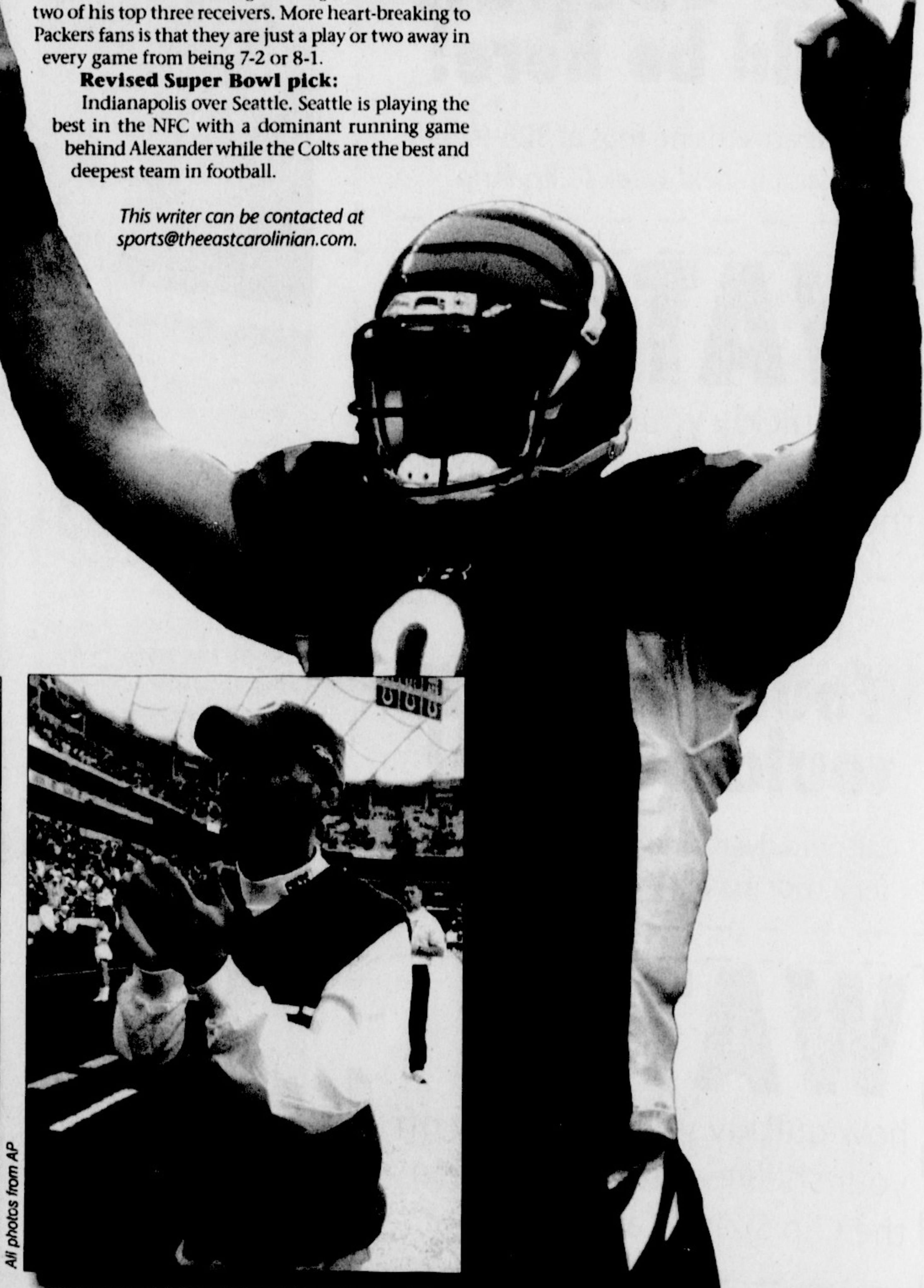
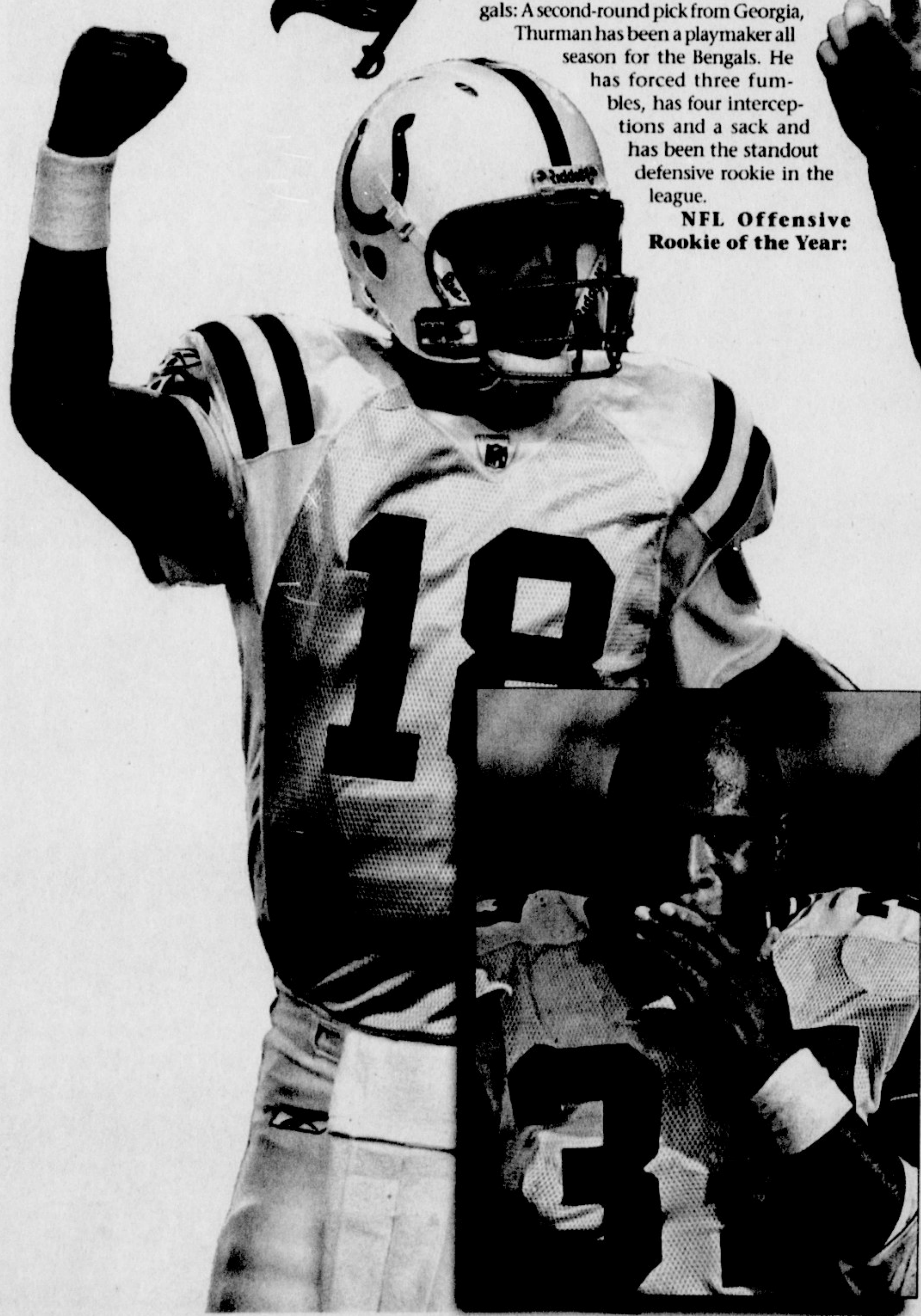
NFL MVP:
 Carson Palmer, QB, Cincinnati: Edgerrin James, LaDainian Tomlinson, Steve Smith and Shaun Alexander all have cases for MVP, but Palmer has taken a Cincinnati team that people thought might make the playoffs to one that is a shoe-in for the post-season and may win the AFC North. Would the Bengals be there without Palmer's outstanding play? No. He is second in the league in quarterback rating and leads the NFL in touchdown passes.

NFL's Surprise team:
 The Cincinnati Bengals. Behind the play of Palmer and a defense that is better than advertised, the Bengals are no longer the Bungles. A team that some "experts" thought would be a 9-7 borderline playoff team is 7-2 and leading its division.

NFL's Most Disappointing team:
 The Green Bay Packers. Some may say the Vikings, but the Packers have won the NFC North three straight years and Brett Favre has never tasted a losing record in Green Bay. That run will most likely end this season. Minnesota constantly underachieves, so their disappointing play is really no big surprise. Green Bay is 2-7 following its upset win at Atlanta, while injuries have taken their toll on the Packers. Favre is trying to carry a team down to its 5th-string running back and without two of his top three receivers. More heart-breaking to Packers fans is that they are just a play or two away in every game from being 7-2 or 8-1.

Revised Super Bowl pick:
 Indianapolis over Seattle. Seattle is playing the best in the NFC with a dominant running game behind Alexander while the Colts are the best and deepest team in football.

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Sports Briefs

Players, owners agree on harsher penalties for steroids

Major league players and owners agreed to toughen penalties for steroid use to a 50-game suspension for a first failed test, 100 days for a second and a lifetime ban for a third. Baseball also will test for amphetamines for the first time starting next year under the deal, which must be ratified by both sides. Baseball's current steroid penalties are a 10-day suspension for a first offense, 30 days for a second offense and 60 days for a third. The earliest a player could be banned for life is a fifth offense. The sport's second new steroids agreement in 10 months came after lengthy negotiations prompted by urging from Congress — including the threat of legislation that would require higher penalties and stricter testing standards. Last week, McCain and Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., revised their proposed legislation to soften the penalties from two years for a first offense and a lifetime ban for a second. The bill now calls for a half-season ban for a first positive test, one season for a second and a lifetime penalty for a third. Their bill would apply to the major leagues, the NFL, NBA, NHL and baseball's minor leagues. While Davis didn't immediately address how Tuesday's news might affect pending legislation, he did issue a statement calling the agreement "the type of self-initiated action we were hoping for all along." Under the new deal, according to congressional aides, a first positive test for amphetamines will lead to mandatory additional testing, a second offense will draw a 25-game suspension, and a third offense gets 80 games. A player will be tested during spring training physicals and at least once in the regular season, plus the possibility of random tests. The old agreement called for a minimum of one test from the start of spring training through the end of the regular season.

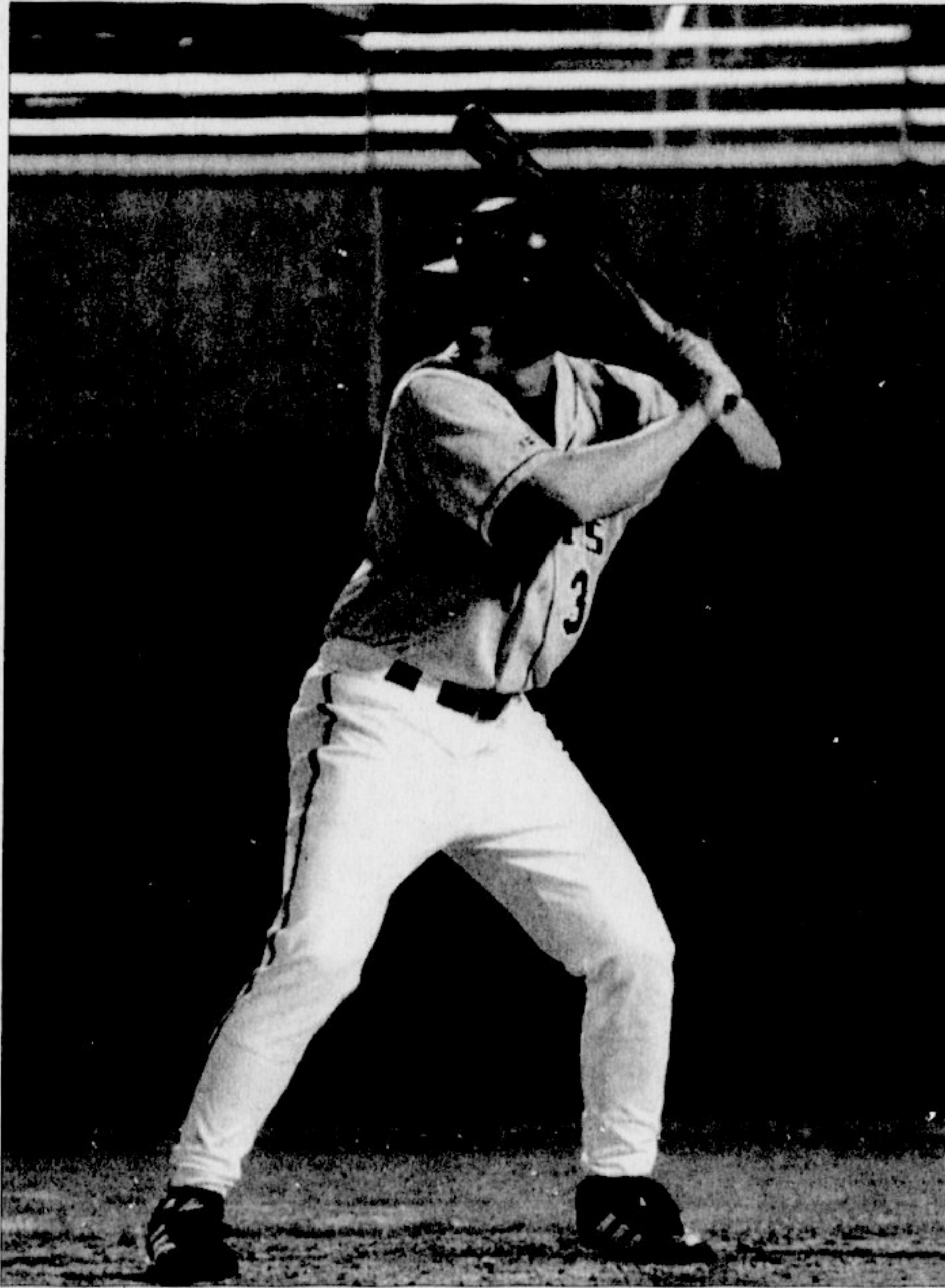
Galley, Georgia Tech agree to five-year contract

Georgia Tech coach Chan Galley made improvements in the program that earned him a five-year, \$5 million contract. The deal, announced Tuesday, runs through 2010. Galley's future at Tech had been the subject of increased speculation since the end of the 7-5 2004 season — his third straight seven-win finish. After the season, athletic director Dave Braine said he expected the team to be better this year. On Tuesday, Braine said Galley had met that demand even though Tech is 6-3 with games left against No. 3 Miami on Saturday night and No. 14 Georgia on Nov. 26. If Tech loses to Miami, it would finish with a 4-4 record in Atlantic Coast Conference games for the fourth straight year under Galley. Braine said Galley did not ask for a raise from his current \$1 million salary. Galley, a former Dallas Cowboys coach, was entering the final year of his contract. That was reworked and four years added on. Braine said high academic standards make Tech one of the three toughest jobs in the nation for a football coach. Braine identified Army and Notre Dame as the other toughest jobs.

McNabb doubtful for game against Giants

Donovan McNabb is unlikely to play in Philadelphia's game against the New York Giants on Sunday because of a groin injury. McNabb injured his groin while trying to tackle Dallas' Roy Williams after throwing an interception. Williams returned the pick 46 yards for a touchdown with 2:43 left to lead the Cowboys to a 21-20 comeback victory over the Eagles on Monday night. Reid said McNabb had an MRI on Tuesday morning, and was waiting to see a specialist.

Costanzo inks contract with St. Louis Cardinals



Costanzo led the Pirates in home runs last season.

(SID) — Former ECU Pirate slugger Drew Costanzo signed a free agent contract with the St. Louis Cardinals Monday afternoon at Clark-LeClair Stadium Head Coach Billy Godwin announced.

Costanzo, a two-year starter, led the Pirates in home runs (11), runs scored (53) and walks (42) while ranking second in RBI (42), total bases (108) and at-bats (210).

"I've been waiting for this day my whole life," said Costanzo. "To be able to continue playing baseball and to play professionally is a dream come true. I'm excited and can't wait to head to spring training in March."

The West Palm Beach native finished his career with 16 home runs, 80 RBI, 117 hits and a .304 average while helping the Pirates to a pair of NCAA Regional appearances and one Super Regional berth. He was a mainstay in the 2004 Pirate

outfield that claimed the Conference USA regular season title, won a school record 51 games and was ranked nationally by Baseball America (No. 8), USA Today/ESPN Coaches (No. 9), NCBWA (No. 10) and Collegiate Baseball (No. 13).

"I'm real excited for the opportunity that Drew has to further his career," said Godwin. "He is a tremendous talent and the Cardinals' organization is getting a great ball player. Drew becomes the latest Pirate to fulfill his dream of playing at the next level and I have no doubt that he will be successful."

Costanzo becomes the fifth Pirate from the 2005 squad to sign a professional contract following Ricky Brooks, Mark Miniccozzi, Billy Richardson and Brian Cavanaugh who were all selected during the 2005 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft this past June.

Softball announces 2006 schedule

(SID) — The 2006 ECU softball schedule includes three home tournaments, highlighted by a visit from 2005 Women's College World Series participant and sixth-ranked Cal, and its first-ever home night game against NC State on Feb. 21. Head Coach Tracey Kee has announced.

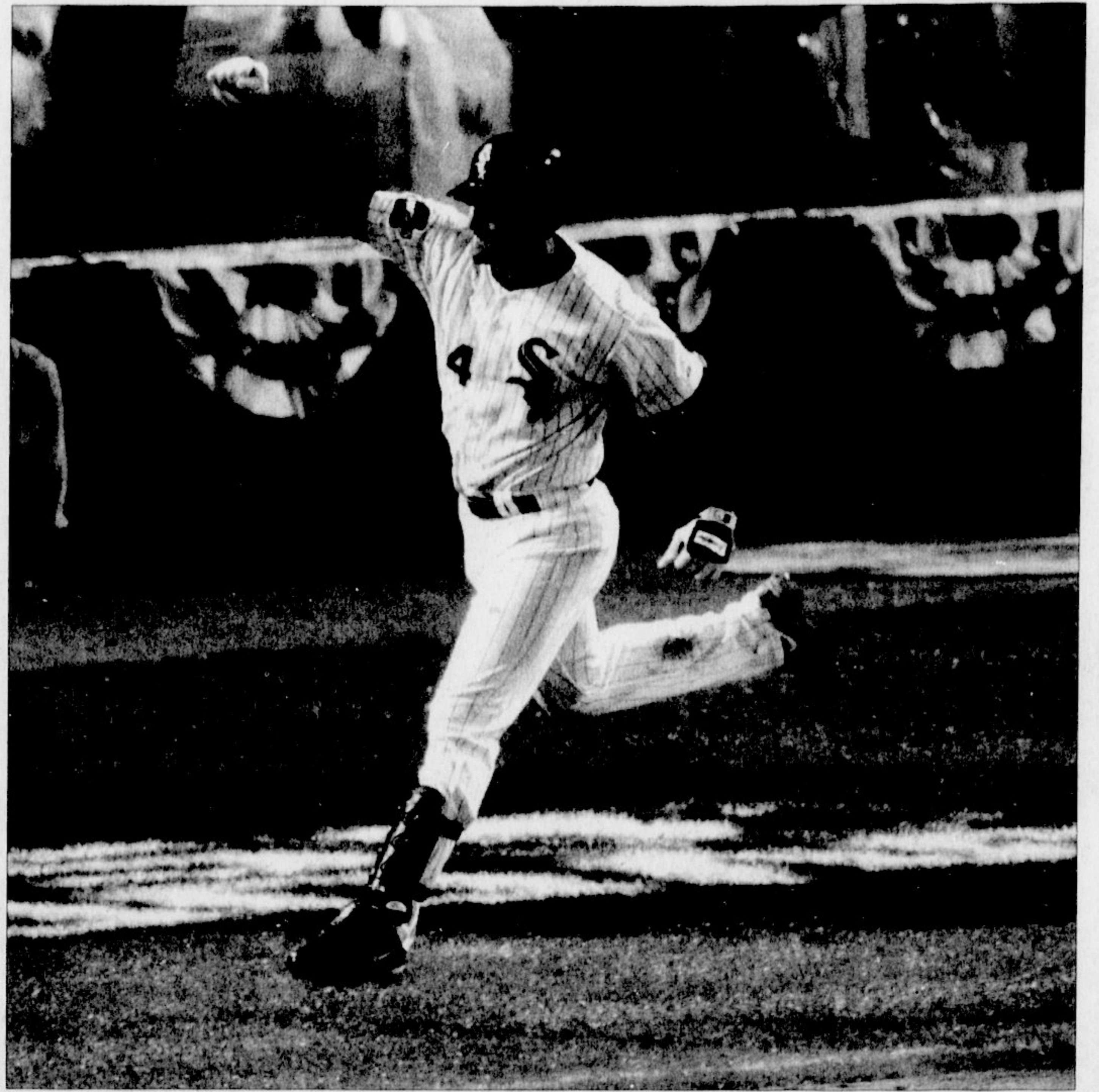
"We will be tested and challenged early and often," said Kee.

"Our first four games in the season are on the road and against: Purdue, Pittsburgh, Florida Atlantic, and Bethune-Cookman. We are a young, but energized squad. Our kids have shown a great commitment to their training this fall which will pay big dividends come February."

The Lady Pirates open the season against 18th-ranked Bethune-Cookman at the FAU Worth Invitational in Boca Raton, Fla., followed by games with FAU, Purdue and Pittsburgh before returning home to host the Holiday Inn Express Pirate Classic the following weekend.

Among those teams participating in the Hampton Inn Pirate Classic include BIG EAST conference foe Seton Hall and Big Ten conference opponent Michigan State. After its doubleheader date with the Wolfpack on Feb. 21, ECU travels to Charleston, SC to participate in the Cougar Classic before

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Paul Konerko is one of the top free agent names this MLB offseason.

Major League Baseball hot stove heats up

A look at the best free agents available

OPINION
JEFF FELTON
STAFF WRITER

After the World Series, baseball fans still have football, basketball and hockey to watch. But the winter months bring about free agency and trade rumors for Major League Baseball and that is always exciting. This year's free agent crop is not as deep as past years. There are no real super-superstars waiting for gargantuan contracts. Not only is the market shallow, trades will be a tie-in with free agents.

So with that in mind, here are the top 10 free agents available.

There are two leadoff hitters in demand this year, the Atlanta Braves SS Rafael Furcal and the Boston Red Sox' CF Johnny Damon.

Furcal started the 2005 season slow with a .220 average then took off with a .333 average the second half of the season. Furcal also set a career high in stolen bases with 46. Not only has his hitting improved, but also his defense at shortstop this past season was stellar. Furcal committed only 15 errors compared to 24 in 2004 and also brings speed and a cannon for an arm to the table.

He should be able to command a big salary, around \$10 million per year according to his agent. Possible suitors for Furcal's services include the Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs and the New York Mets. Furcal will more than likely end up with the Cubs, due to the fact that they have told incumbent shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to hit the road.

Johnny Damon had another

stellar year for the Boston Red Sox, hitting .316 with 10 home runs and 75 RBI. Damon also scored 117 runs for the defending world champs. While Damon won't win any Gold Gloves in center field, he still is a dependable defensive outfielder. Top suitors for Damon are the Boston Red Sox and of course the New York Yankees. Damon can definitely expect a big contract, but will more than likely return to Boston.

The market for closers this year is rich, with B.J. Ryan, Billy Wagner and Todd Jones on the market. Many teams need a closer, and out of the three, Billy Wagner can expect the most money. Ryan converted 36 out of 41 save opportunities for the Baltimore Orioles and also sported a 2.43 ERA. You can expect the Orioles to re-sign Ryan what with their focus changing to pitching with the addition of pitching coach guru Leo Mazzone.

Billy Wagner had another All-Star year for the Philadelphia Phillies with a 1.51 ERA and 38 out of 41 save chances. The Atlanta Braves, Phillies, Mets and possibly Red Sox are in the mix for Wagner, but depending on whether they can re-sign Furcal, the Atlanta Braves will land Wagner.

Veteran shortstop Nomar Garciaparra was told by the Chicago Cubs to seek out other options, but the past few years have seen Nomar on the disabled list. Last season he was out for three and a half months but still hit .318 in 48 games. If, and that is a big if, he can stay healthy, Garciaparra can still hit and can still play short, but apparently there is not the big of an interest in him at the moment. He could possibly end up traded.

World Series Champion Paul Konerko is the big power hitter on the market this year. Konerko hit 40 HRs and drove in 100 for the champion Chicago White Sox. The White Sox are definitely the number one contender for Konerko, and he will more than likely re-sign.

Of starting pitchers on the market, the top guy has to be ex-Florida Marlin A.J. Burnett. Though 12-12, Burnett struck out 198 in 209 innings pitched and posted a 3.48 ERA in 2005. Burnett is only 28 years old and still has plenty of years left. The Baltimore Orioles, Toronto Blue Jays, Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees and the New York Mets are possible buyers. Burnett will ink a deal with either Baltimore or Toronto.

Jarrod Washburn of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, is another of the top starters on the market. Washburn helped lead the Angels to the AL West division title and an appearance in the American League Championship Series. With a 3.20 ERA and 94 strikeouts in 177.1 innings, Washburn won't see Randy Johnson type money, but will be a key addition to any starting staff, what with his postseason experience. The Angels will probably keep Washburn.

Brian Giles of the San Diego Padres, would be a great fit for any team with a hole in the power department. Giles hit .301 with 15 HRs and drove in 83. Though his power numbers are low, you can't fault him for that, because he has spent the past three years in Petco Park, which has a very cavernous outfield. The Padres are the likely choice for Giles, but I wouldn't be surprised to see him playing for the San Francisco Giants.



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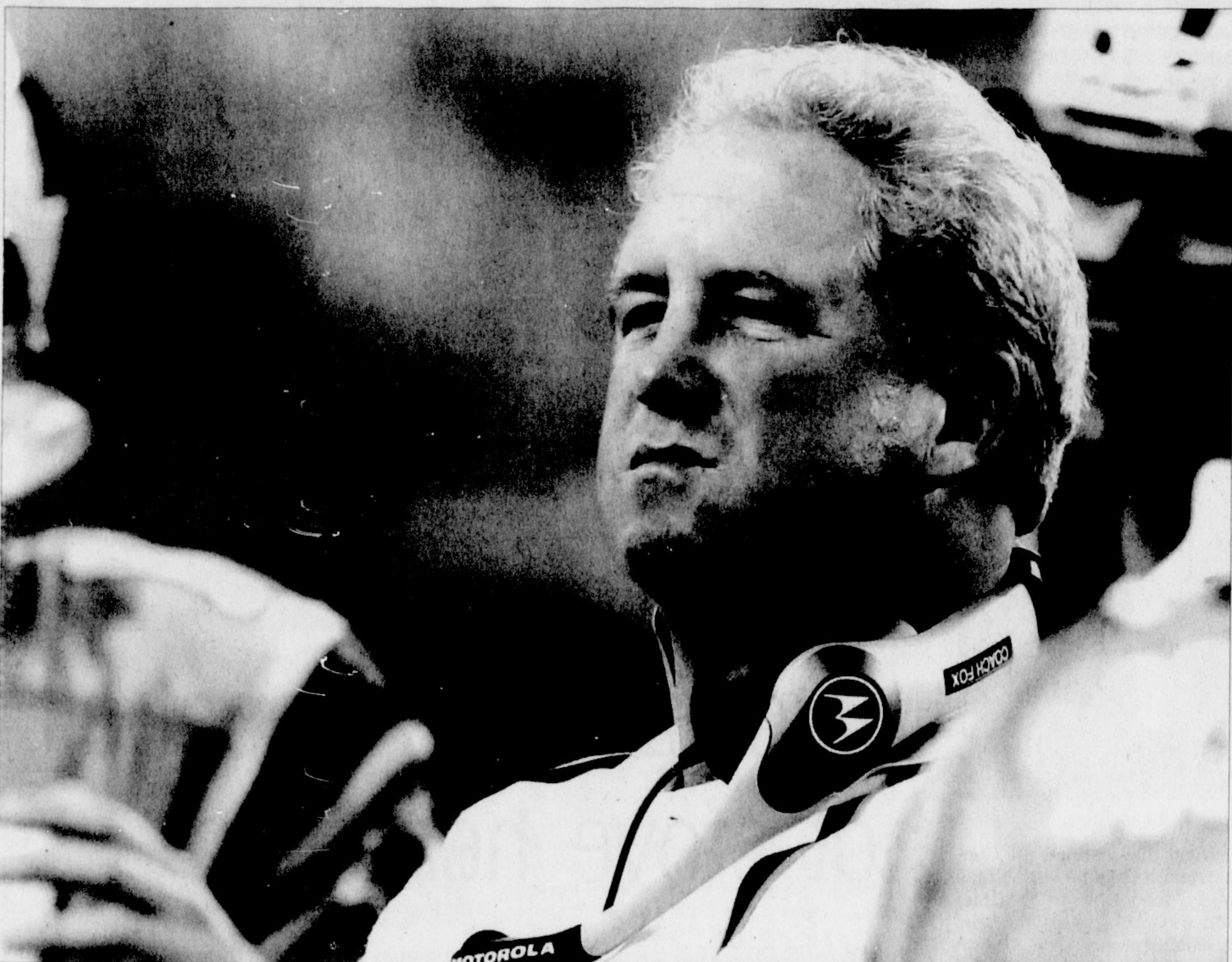
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No-frills, no-fun Panthers getting it done this season



John Fox looks out onto the field during the Panthers' 30-3 win over the New York Jets Sunday afternoon.

(AP) — Caught up in the thrill of their sixth consecutive victory, two Carolina Panthers broke one of coach John Fox's major rules. They lost their composure and talked a little trash.

Cornerback Ken Lucas, the newest member of Carolina's defense, accused the New York Jets of quitting late in the Panthers' 30-3 win because the Jets were running the ball instead of trying to throw it.

And linebacker Will Witherspoon, seemingly ready to take on the world after his late interception return for a touchdown, brazenly predicted the Panthers can beat the Falcons in Atlanta in a game not scheduled for another seven weeks.

So it was no surprise when Fox returned to work this week wound tighter than a spring.

Fox-coached teams don't talk trash. They don't look ahead. They don't celebrate. They find the worst in every situation.

Heck, sometimes it seems as if smiling might be prohibited.

Need an example? Moments after Sunday's defensive domination, Julius Peppers looked disgusted.

"It was real spotty. We gave up way more rushing yards than we should have," the defensive end said, his shoulders square and his jaw tight. "That's an area we're going to have to improve in."

Pity these pessimistic Panthers, unable to appreciate six forced turnovers, four sacks and 137 yards rushing allowed.

That's the way they've been trained by Fox, who has spent his three-plus seasons as head coach convincing the Panthers they are always — ALWAYS — just "one game away from disaster."

When asked about the implications of Sunday's win over New York it kept Carolina on pace with Seattle for the best record in the NFC and gave the Panthers sole possession of first place in their division Fox only found the gloom and doom.

"We are 7-2 and the worst we can do is 7-9, that's all I know," he said. "We could go out and stumble next week and we'll be the worst team on the planet again."

C'mon, Foxy, lighten up a little bit. That's far-fetched with the way the Panthers are playing.

In many respects, it's the same team that went to the Super Bowl two years ago. Only better if duller.

Since the bye week (Oct. 23), Carolina has beaten its last three opponents by a combined 102-30. The Panthers have a legitimate MVP contender in Steve Smith, who leads every major receiving category, and the vaunted defense is finally playing like one of the best in the league.

During their dramatic run to the NFC championship in 2003, quarterback Jake Delhomme led the Panthers on seven game-winning drives in the final two minutes or overtime. It was Delhomme's first season as an

NFL starter, his first season in Carolina and his late-game dramatics earned the Panthers the name "the Cardiac Cats."

Now in his third season as starter, Delhomme was expected to allow Panthers fans to breathe a little easier. He didn't through their first four victories, needing last-minute efforts to pull out the wins.

Part of that could be because the Panthers were still adjusting not to new faces, but to getting old faces back in familiar places. Remember, Carolina lost more than a dozen players to season-ending injuries during last year's 7-9 Super Bowl follow-up.

That included Smith, who had to slide into the role of No. 1 receiver opened when Muhsin Muhammad signed with the Chicago Bears, and Stephen Davis, who at 31 is considered ancient in running back years and is coming off major knee surgery.

So it took some time for Delhomme to adjust. He needed to find another receiver besides Smith that he was comfortable throwing to, and the Panthers needed to see how much Davis has left in his tank.

Fox will always try to run the ball first, and despite Davis' poor yardage totals this season (only 487 yards through nine games), he isn't giving up on that.

Davis can still bulldoze his way into the end zone — of his 12 TDs rushing nine are 1-yard plunges. But for the Panthers to continue rolling they'll need more yards on the ground.

"I don't think we have arrived yet," Fox said. "But I don't think there are too many head coaches sitting around today thinking they have."

It's critical Carolina improves in that area, if for no other reason than to have more than one offensive weapon. Three teams have shut down Smith this season by moving a safety up to double-cover him, including the Jets, who held him to three catches for 34 yards.

So until Delhomme feels he can throw to Keary Colbert or Rod Gardner as often as he does to Smith, the Panthers need Davis and backup DeShaun Foster to get the ball moving.

Or do they? With Carolina's defense playing as well as it is, perhaps the Panthers can rely on that. After all, their six forced turnovers against the Jets led to 20 points and broke open the game behind Lucas' back-to-back picks.

A \$36.5 million free agent, Lucas has tried his hardest to fit in as the only new face on a close defensive unit. He took a popular player's starting job away from Ricky Manning Jr., and was highly paid to do so. It could have created some resentment in the locker room, but Fox wouldn't allow it and forced the Panthers to focus on the big picture.

Now, if only Lucas would learn to temper his comments, everyone in Carolina could continue on with their tightlipped smiles all the way toward another Super Bowl run.

Minorities have little hope when vacancies open

KRT — All the chatter in South Carolina and Florida last week was a rehash of the backroom dealings behind the hirings of two high-profile football coaches Steve Spurrier and Urban Meyer at two flagship state universities.

The questions were discussed and debated ad nauseam: Could the Gators have hired Spurrier if they'd tried harder? Did Spurrier mislead Florida when he already knew he was going to South Carolina? Did Spurrier choose South Carolina only because he knew Meyer was UF President Bernie Machen's first choice?

Those queries dominated newspaper columns all week while another question got buried on page D-7, right below the World Cup short track speed-skating results: "Why didn't Florida or South Carolina interview black candidates during their coaching searches?"

While everyone argued about Spurrier-Meyer last week, the Black Coaches Association released its second annual report card for minority hiring practices in college football. The letter grades for college presidents and ADs were so abysmal you'd have thought you were looking at the report card of a Cincinnati basketball player.

Of the 30 Division I-A and I-AA schools that hired coaches last year, more than half received average, below-average or failing grades.

"This is worse than last year," BCA Executive Director Floyd Keith said. "In society, a 'C' means average. On this report card, it represents the status quo, and in terms of diversity that is unsatisfactory."

A school's final grade is based on five categories and although the University of Florida received passing grades in most categories, the school got an overall D because it flunked the final exam: The Gators failed to interview a minority candidate.

Meanwhile, South Carolina received F's across the board because former athletic director Mike McGee hired Spurrier without a formal search.

"Maybe in hindsight (McGee) could have interviewed a minority, but that would have been misleading," Spurrier says now. "I'm sorry the BCA feels that way, but hopefully our track record in dealing with minorities is pretty doggone good around here."

Actually, the track record is pretty doggone rotten throughout college football. It should be noted that civil-rights icon Rosa Parks was buried in the same week the BCA released its report. How appropriate. If college football's hierarchy had been running the Montgomery bus system back in '55, Parks would have been forced to give up her seat to Charlie Weis.

You want to talk about a double standard? Four years ago, Notre Dame made Tyrone Willingham the first black coach in school history. Three years later, the school made history again by firing Willingham the first time a Notre Dame coach wasn't allowed to finish out a contract. Weis, after starting his first season with a 5-2 record, was given a 10-year contract extension. Willingham started his first season 8-0 and was given a pat on the back.

Willingham, now at Washington, is one of only three black coaches among the 119 schools in Division I-A. The common theory is that there are few qualified black candidates for ADs to pick from, but that's a copout. Isn't the real reason because college football, more than any other sport, is run by a good ol' boy network of rich, white boosters who want a coach who looks like them, talks like them and yuks it up with them on the golf course?

This is not to say South Carolina shouldn't have hired Spurrier and Florida shouldn't have hired Meyer, but why not at least interview a black coach to give him a chance to make an impression for down the road?

When hiring coaches, administrators always say they're looking for a coach who is the right fit.

Don't they really mean they're looking for a coach who is the white fit?

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returning home to host the Pirate Clash during the first weekend of March. ECU then hosts North Carolina before opening Conference USA play at Houston the next weekend.

ECU then heads north for a doubleheader against Delaware and then returns home for a doubleheader with Sacred Heart and a three-game C-USA series with UAB.

The Pirate Invitational, which features Cal and NCAA Tournament participant Penn State, will commence on April 24 with ECU facing Coastal Carolina and the Cal

on Friday, and then taking on Penn State and Kent State on Saturday.

A total of seven 2005 NCAA Tournament participants appear on this season's schedule.

"These are exciting times for our program," Kee stated. "To be able to host Cal is a challenge we are honored to have. Filling our three home tournaments with teams like Seton Hall, Michigan State, Penn State, and Bethune-Cookman will give our team strong competition before we embark on our C-USA schedule. Compliment that with trips from NC State and UNC, and I believe our fans will have lots to look

forward to."

ECU will then hosts its second of four C-USA opponents on April 1 and 2 as Marshall visits Greenville. UTEP and Southern Miss will also visit the campus later in the season.

In addition to its C-USA opening series at Houston, ECU will also make treks to Tulsa and Memphis before closing out the regular season at UCF.

Between its conference series with Marshall and Tulsa, ECU will travel to Campbell for a doubleheader, while hosting UNC Wilmington. The Lady Pirates will conclude non-con-

ference play with a single game at North Carolina on April 12. The C-USA Tournament will be held at the University of Tulsa, May 11-13.

ECU finished the 2005 season with 55 wins, tied for fourth most in the nation and recorded its highest C-USA finish during its four-year league membership, third. ECU had seven players earn all-conference honors and Kee was named 2005 C-USA Coach-of-the-Year. ECU returns 12 letterwinners from last year's team including all-conference performers' catcher Krista Jessup and pitcher Keli Harrell.

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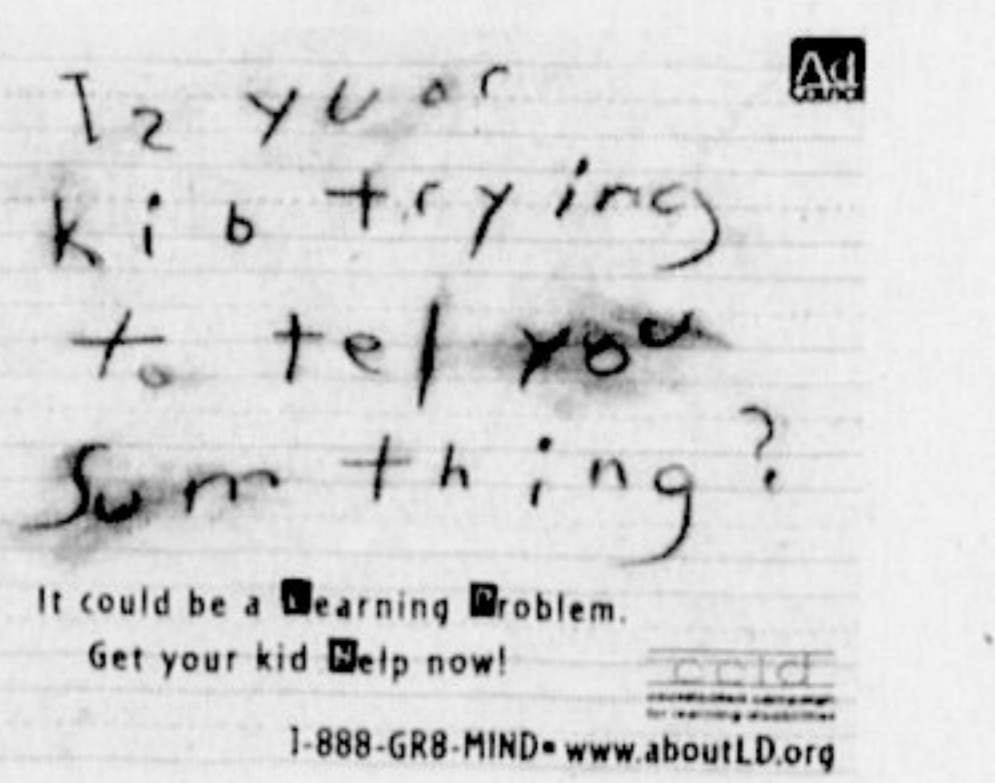
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5th Annual Fall Powwow November 19, 2005 12-4 PM Mendenhall Brick Yard "Uniting Our Fellow Brothers and Sisters Through Culture and Education" Head Male: Patrick Suarez Head Female: Bess Hinson Host Drum: Southern Sun Master of Ceremony: Connie Glass For more information please call 328-6495

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Dr. Chris Oakley Assistant Professor, History Department Keeping the Circle: American Indian Identity in Eastern North Carolina, 1885-2004 Mendenhall Student Center Multipurpose Room Native American music, food, and dance November 16, 2005 3:00pm-5:00pm For more information, call the Student Life Advancement Office at 252-737-1065



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