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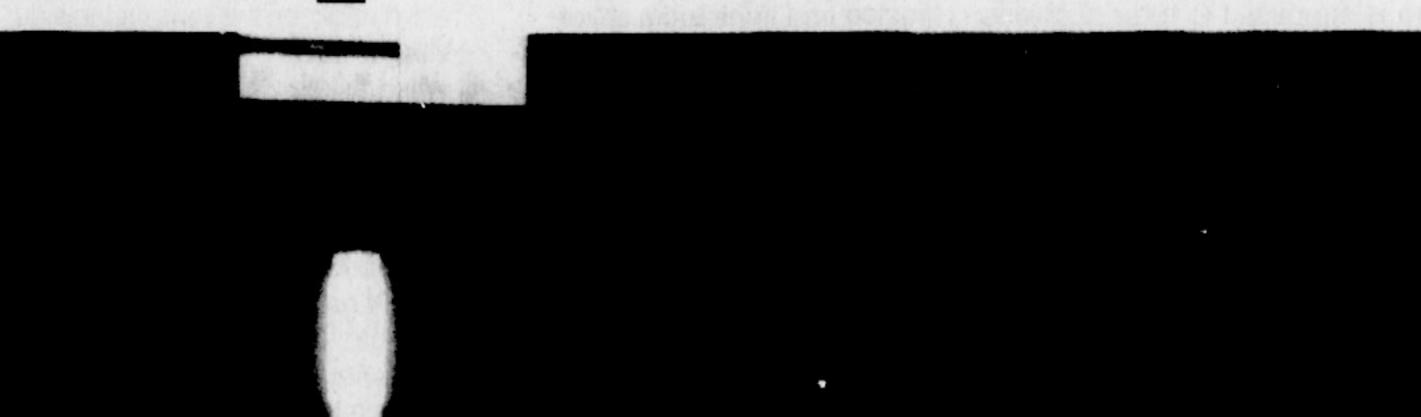
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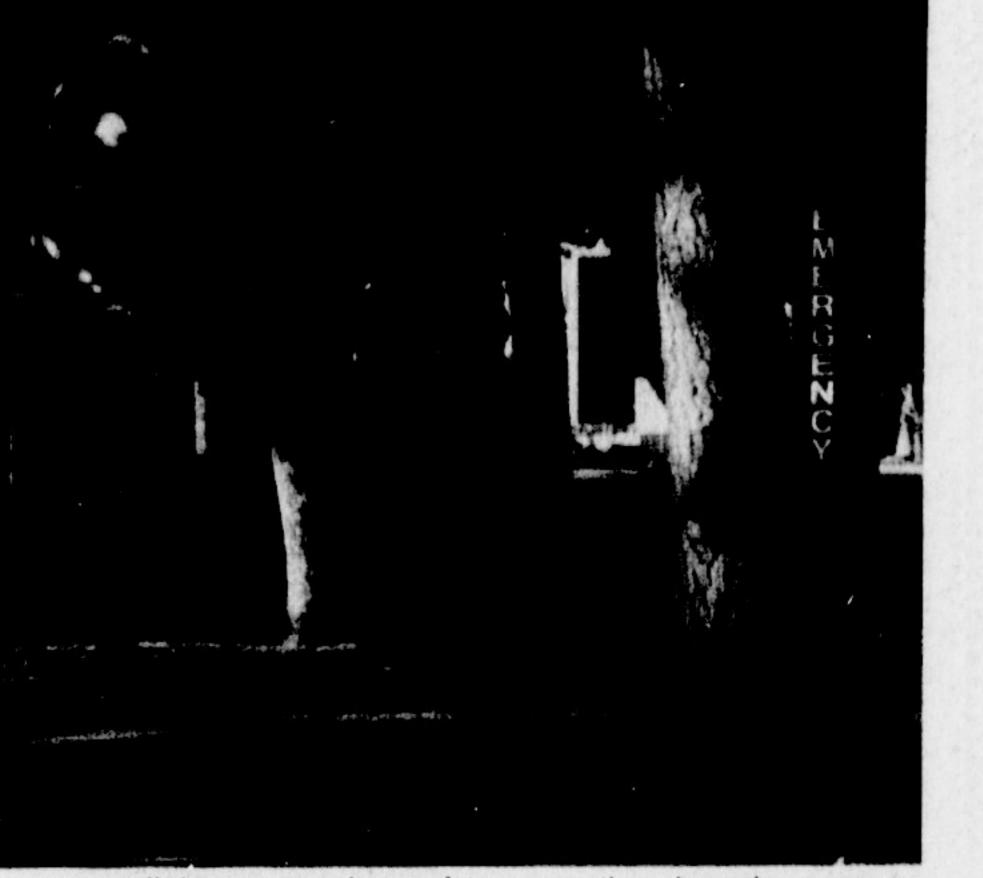
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In the summer, they are used to dehumidify the air in our air conditioning. The steam comes in from a steam plant on 14th Street and is transported into the basement of the Bate building at 90-100 pounds of pressure, where it is distributed at varying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

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For the adventurous type TAWANDA CARLTON STAFF WRITER

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RACHEL KING

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STAFF WRITER

clothing and tools for almost every aspect of outdoor adventure. From camping, to fly fishing, to climbing, the Great Outdoor Provision Company pro-



places the "smelly steam" rises from are the vents by Greene Hall and in front of the Brewster of 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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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

Emergency lights are used as safety precautions in various areas.

Blue light phones used for numerous reasons on campus

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.

ground," Bagnell said. enon? Contrary to popular opinion, it isn't a sewer line. However, that is just one New outdoor store for adventurers

Places like the Brewster building, Greene Hall and Clement Hall have manholes that emit odors. theory. Bagnell also suspects the glass foam insulation used in parts of the pipes that run in every direction beneath the school.

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and steam pipe," said Bill Bagnell, "There may be some interaction director of Facilities Engineering between the jacket and the pipe that causes the odor as well," Bagnell Organic matter, when it said. The steam lines are vital to the school and provide many func-"The odor could be from tions. They transport steam to all the buildings, where it is converted to hot water, which is what provides ing organic contaminants in the heating in the winter, and hot water for showers, for example.

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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

vides 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.

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

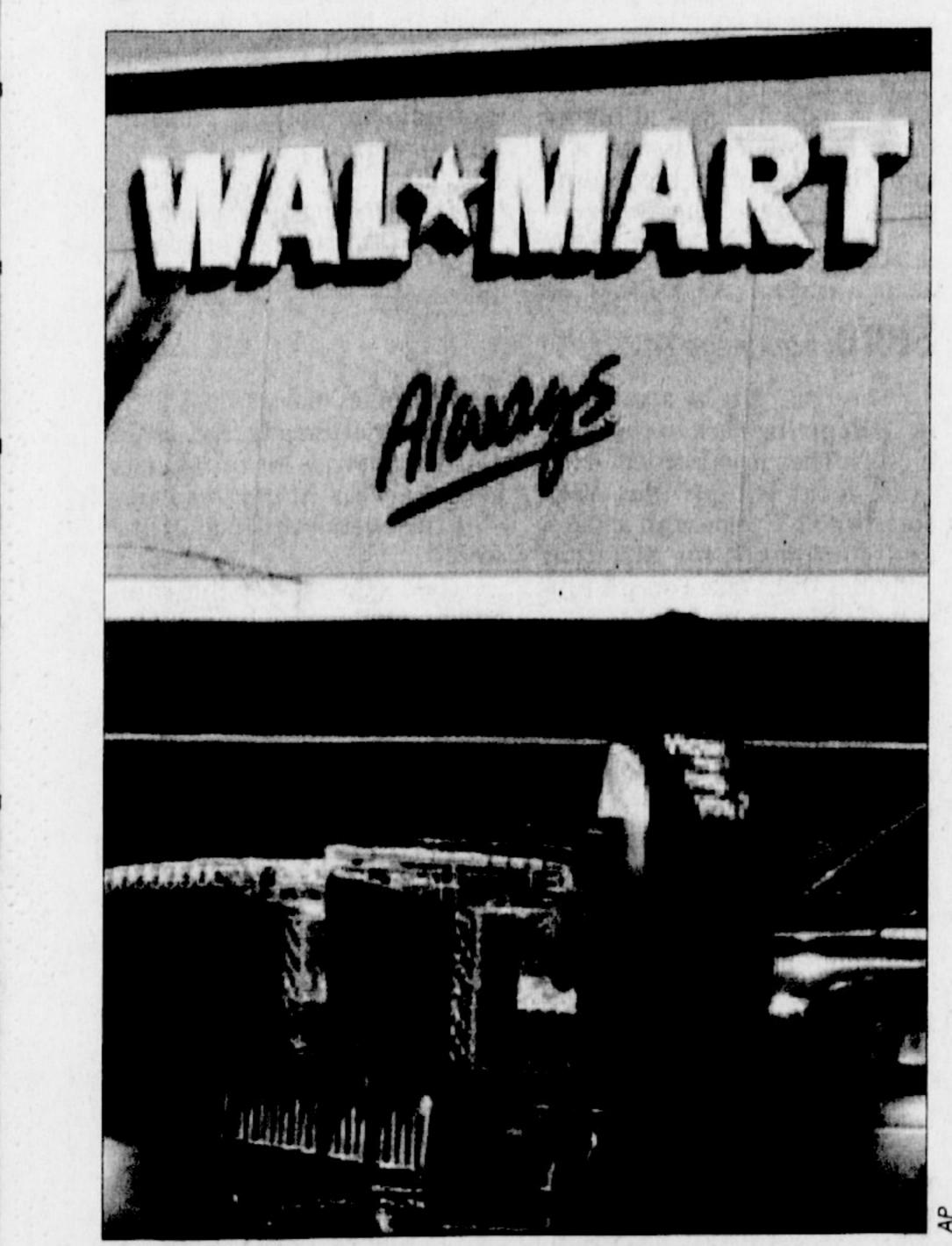
The ECU police will provide assistance.

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



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

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.

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 fourthquarter 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Announcements

Gospel Choir

The gospel choir will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 with a student ID and \$5 for general admission. For more information, call Tarrrick Cox at 328-1518 or coxta@mail.ecu.edu.

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.

State

Supreme Court won't take up 'In God We Trust' case

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leaders of a North Carolina county can keep "In God We Trust" on their government building, after challengers lost a Supreme Court appeal on Monday. Justices did not comment in rejecting an appeal over the inscription on the Davidson County government building in Lexington, NC The action had been expected.

"The court has over the years avoided confronting the issue directly as to whether these kinds of public religious messages of a ceremonial or symbolic nature are impermissibly religious," said Keith Werhan, a law professor at Tulane University in New Orleans. "I suspect it's a question of letting sleeping dogs lie."

Earlier this year justices were splintered on the appropriateness of Ten Commandments displays in and near government buildings. The inscription at issue in the Supreme Court case, in 18-inch block letters, was paid for with donations from individuals and churches in 2002. It is more prominent than the name of the building, according to opponents. Charles F. Lambeth Jr. and Michael D. Lea, two lawyers who regularly practice in the building, filed the lawsuit A panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that "In God We Trust" appears on the nation's coins and was made the national motto by Congress. "In this situation, the reasonable observer must be deemed aware of the patriotic uses, both historical and present, of the phrase 'In God We Trust," the court ruled. George Daly, the Charlotte, NC, attorney for opponents of the inscription, told justices in a filing that "In God We Trust' is the national

motto, but it is also a religious creed, a statement of communal religious belief."

CHRIS MUNIER News Editor

James Morgan Jr., the county's attorney, said that Ten Commandments displays are different from "In God We Trust," which has "been displayed for decades on government buildings and on the coins and paper money." The case is Lambeth v. Board of Commissioners of Davidson County, 05-203.

National

Report: FDA decision-making on emergency contraception 'unusual

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal health officials took unusual steps in rejecting nonprescription sales of emergency contraception and some documents suggest the decision was made even before scientists finished

office of then-Commissioner Mark McClellan, now the government's Medicare chief that might have shed more light on the controversial decision.

ZACK HILL Assistant News Editor

Leavitt's office didn't return phone calls seeking comment. But in a statement, the FDA stood by its rejection and said the independent **Government Accountability Office** "mischaracterizes facts."

Monday's report is the latest blow to the credibility of an agency that by law is supposed to base decisions on science, not politics or industry pressure. Top-ranking FDA officials have acknowledged they overruled their own scientists' decision that nonprescription sales of emergency

birth control would be safe and the agency's women's health chief resigned in protest.

A high dose of regular birth control, the morning-after pill lowers the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. The sooner it's taken, the better it works, but it can be difficult for women to get a prescription in time. In December 2003, FDA's scientific advisers overwhelmingly backed over-the-counter sales of one brand. Plan B, for ail ages. They cited assessments that easier access could halve the nation's 3 million annual unintended pregnancies. Conservatives who consider the pill tantamount to abortion intensely lobbied the Bush administration to reject nonprescription sales, saying they would increase teen sex. In May 2004, FDA leaders rejected the nonprescription switch, saying there was no data proving anyone under 16 could safely use the pills without a doctor's guidance. Maker Barr Laboratories reapplied, seeking to sell Plan B without a prescription to women 16 or older. much like the way cigarettes are sold with age restrictions, while younger teens would still have to get a

doctor's note. In August, FDA leaders postponed that decision indefinitely, saying it wasn't clear how to enforce an age limit.

The GAO probed the FDA's initial rejection, and cited "unusual" practices including conflicting accounts of whether the decision was made months before scientific reviews were completed.

World

Mexico and Venezuela sever diplomatic relations after namecalling dispute

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez accused Mexican leader Vicente Fox of being a "puppy" of President Bush and said: "Don't mess with me, sir." Fox shot back on Monday that "we have dignity in this country" and demanded an apology. Now the two nations are withdrawing their ambassadors. The severing of diplomatic relations came after a week of verbal sparring that highlighted Latin America's differences over free trade and relations with the United States. The conservative Fox tends to side with Washington on many issues, while Chavez, a socialist and populist, has been one of the hemisphere's strongest critics of Bush. Venezuela's president has repeatedly accused Fox of being a "puppy" of American interests and of disrespecting him after the pair took opposing positions during this month's Summit of the Americas. On Sunday, Chavez used his weekly radio and TV shows to warn Fox: "Don't mess with me, sir, because you'll get stung."

Venezuela called its ambassador home Monday rather than apologize for the remark, and Mexico responded by recalling its own envoy to Venezuela. Fox said his government was mulling its next move.

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"We can't allow people to offend our country," he told CNN en Espanol. Venezuelan Ambassador to Mexico Vladimir Villegas said he would fly to his homeland aboard a commercial flight Monday night.

"The whole world knows that this didn't begin on the Venezuelan side," Villegas said.

When asked what the driving issue was behind the flap, he said, "look a little bit north" a reference to the United States.

Tensions between Fox and Chavez spilled over after the summit in Argentina, where Fox defended a U.S.-backed proposal for a Free Trade Area of the Americas. Chavez proclaimed the idea dead. They reached a breaking point late Sunday, when Mexico issued a statement saying Chavez's latest barb "strikes at the dignity of the Mexican people and government." Early Monday, Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar, said Mexico would expel the ambassador if Venezuela didn't apologize by midnight. Hours later in Venezuela, Foreign Secretary Ali Rodriguez said his country would not accept Mexico's demands. Venezuela "rejects as an unjustified attack the ultimatum issued by the government of Mexico," Rodriguez said. "This situation is entirely the responsibility of President Fox." Fox responded by saying he was going to continue to fight for free trade. Aguilar said withdrawing ambassadors wouldn't mean severing ties completely with Venezuela because business and cultural relations would remain intact. The Economy Department released a statement Monday afternoon detailing trade ties between the two oil-rich nations.



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'The Importance of Being Earnest'

Oscar Wilde's play The Importance of Being Earnest will begin performances Thursday, Nov. 17 and will run through Tuesday, Nov. 22. Performances will be held in McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and ECU faculty and staff and \$8 for ECU students. For more information, call 318-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Great American Smokeout

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to make the campus smoke-free Thursday, Nov. 17 as part of the Great American Smokeout. Information will be provided at tables around campus during the day and a planning session will be held at 5 p.m. in Student Health Services to help smokers quit. For more information, call Student Health Services at 328-6841 or Campus Wellness at 328-5770.

Medical Student Talent Show

The 2005 Medical Student Council Talent Show will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in

reviewing the evidence, congressional investigators concluded.

An independent audit made public Monday found the Food and Drug Administration's May 2004 rejection of the politically charged morningafter pill deviated from 10 years of agency practice in switching drugs from prescription to over-the-counter sales.

Long-suspicious members of Congress immediately declared that politics had trumped science, and urged the FDA's boss to intervene to assure that a still pending reconsideration of the pill's fate isn't based on ideology.

"We are deeply opposed to this subversion of science," Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and 17 other lawmakers wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt on Monday. "It appears that the decision . was preordained from the outset." Also, the lawmakers asked Leavitt to probe whether the FDA illegally destroyed documents from the

Fox retorted in an interview with CNN: "Other countries might accept (Chavez's) wording and the way he attacks everybody and he attacks institutions. We are not willing to do that in Mexico."

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way around campus and the police dispatch will give them directions.

From the dozen calls received weekly, three to four are prank calls, most of which are reported Thursday - Saturday between 2 - 3 a.m. when kids are coming back from downtown,'Knight said.

When asked if the blue light phones have decreased crime on

same time, two different officers will be sent simultaneously towards the different zones, Knight said.

"Depending on personnel availability we, a lot of times have two officers assigned [to each zone]," Knight said.

On weekends, Knight makes sure to have additional patrols usually in zones that require more safety enforcement, like Zone A near west campus and downtown. Aside from the blue light phones, another safety precaution on campus is the 19 call boxes located on the front entrances at every resident hall. People may call the residents inside or they may dial 911 to get the police department. Each semester the police department does a safety walk on campus along with University Housing, Student Life and SGA to make sure the campus has enough security in the appropriate locations. During the walk, if blue light phones are identified more than 300 feet away from each other, Knight said the police department tries to find a good location to make sure they are all within the correct distance.

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Iraqi detainees claim soldiers threw them into a cage of lions

Army spokesman Paul Boyce said he has never heard of lions being used in any detainee operations and it has never come up in any of the more than 400 investigations into detainee abuse conducted by the military over the past three years.

struck by soldiers using the butt of their guns.

> They both described standing in front of a lion cage, and said they could hear other prisoners screaming as the metal cage

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.

Alumni Tailgate

The Alumni Association's Tailgate 2005 will take place Saturday, Nov. 26 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Minges Gate 2. The cost is \$5 per person, and children under 10 get in for free. Enjoy food, beverages, Pee Dee the Pirate and the Cheerleaders. Fcr more information and to register, visit tailgate.piratealumni.com.

Toys for Tots

Student Health Service will be collecting new unwrapped toys until Friday, Dec. 7 for the annual Toys for Tots program. The drop box is located in the lobby of Student Health Service. For more information, contact Georgia Childs or Ellen Goldberg at 328-6841.

Japan League meetings

The Japan League holds meetings Thursdays from 5 - 9 p.m. in Bate room 1010. Japan League is a Japanese film club that shows



Lions' teeth can crush bones. WASHINGTON (AP) - Two Iraqi businessmen, who were imprisoned by U.S. forces in Iraq,

claimed Monday that American soldiers threw them into a cage of lions in a Baghdad palace, as part of a terrifying interrogation in 2003.

"They took me behind the cage, they were screaming at me, scaring me and beating me a lot," Thahe Mohammed Sabbar said in an interview. "One of the soldiers would open the door, and two soldiers would push me in. The lions came running toward me and they pulled me out and shut the door. I completely lost consciousness."

"We take every allegation of detainee abuse seriously," Boyce said. "But it does seem unusual that this is now coming out for the very first time after three years of investigations."

Sabbar, 37, and Sherzad Kamal Khalid, 35, are in the United States this week to talk about the lawsuit that the American **Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights First filed on their behalf** against Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other military officials.

The suit, which was filed in March and transferred to U.S. District Court in Washington, details alleged sexual abuse, mock executions, water and food deprivation, electric shock and other torture used on eight detainees, including Sabbar and Khalid. It does not mention the lion cage.

The two men described the July day in 2003 when they were arrested by American troops with guns and armored vehicles. They said they were covered with plastic hoods and repeatedly

door creaked open and slammed shut.

"They threatened that if I did not confess they would put me in the cage," said Khalid, adding that the soldiers kept asking him where Saddam was. "I laughed, I thought they were kidding me. They asked where are the weapons of mass destruction. I was very surprised and I thought it

was weird." But when he laughed, he said, he was only beaten more. And he said they pushed him into the cage three times, pulling him out as the lions moved toward him

Both men said they suffer continuing physical and psychological trauma, such as pain, ulcers, nightmares and insomnia.

Sabbar said he was held by U.S. forces for about six months, while Khalid was held for about two months.

Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Odai, kept lions in his compound at the presidential palace, which was taken over by U.S. troops during the war. He was killed in a gun battle with American soldiers in July 2003.

campus, Knight said it is hard to see if they have prevented a crime without it actually happening

"It adds a greater sense of security for the students knowing that they have emergency communications with the police department," Knight said.

To increase security, new standards require the blue light phones to be located within 300 feet (one football field) of each other, especially around new buildings.

With new construction, including the new Brody School of Medicine and new dormitories, the blue lights are automatically in the construction plans.

"There are a few [lights] that aren't, but that would be under the old standards," Knight said.

On campus, there are three patrol zones officers are assigned to: Zone A covers the Flanagan building through the west end of campus. Zone B includes Wright Circle toward the Fletcher music building. Zone C consists of College Hill to the Minges parking lot and athletic complex.

The police department gives high priority to isolated areas such as parking lots and highly traveled areas. That is why it is more important to have more patrol coverage in those areas. If two reports happen at the

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media studies major. The company is also interested in giving back to the com-"I can tell already that we are munity. They have assisted many going to have a lot of regulars other local schools like Wake because of the things we carry Forest and NC State with apparel and the overall attitude of the and equipment for different store." Gale said one of the comactivities like Wake Forest's ultipany mottos is "work hard, play mate Frisbee team. "We put the Great Outdoor harder" and he said the close-Provision Company here for a ness of the staff helps with that reason," Millsaps said. ideal. "We like to give back to the It was not just a paycheck that outing programs at local schools. attracted Gale to the company. Anything that involves running, "I like fishing and even we for instance, help provide though we have a lot of fly fishwith performance apparel." ing equipment there are so many other things to learn about like Millsaps said the company was interested in aiding ECU the kayaking and things like with their services as well. that," Gale said. "We are looking forward to The Great Outdoor Provision having adventure experts host Company has nine stores in NC events here as well," Millsaps said. with locations in Raleigh, Chapel "We are looking forward to Hill, Greensboro and surrounding areas.

Every semester, at least two or three blue light phones are added on campus.

Student Patrol officers also check the blue light phones on a weekly basis. They push the button to make sure the light and the audio are working properly, Knight said.

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Federal coordinator cannot promise levees strong enough for a Katrina-sized storm

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Pilobolus Dance Theatre

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 at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 in Wright Auditorium. Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth, \$72 for ECU Students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff, \$84 for youth, \$48 for ECU 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 15 or more.

federal coordinator for Gulf Coast recovery efforts said Monday he will focus on ensuring the region's levees are stronger than they were before Hurricane Katrina but cannot offer assurances that they could withstand another storm of that size.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

Donald Powell said he might not be able to quantify how long-term recovery efforts are progressing for at least eight months in the devastated region that he compared to a war zone. However, he said he and local authorities need to focus first on security making sure that levees can withstand another huge storm.

"I think New Orleans and Louisiana need to be safe," Powell said in an interview with The Associated Press.

However, "I'm not sure what the science dictates," Powell said when asked if the levees would be rebuilt to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, as Gulf Coast officials have requested. "Clearly, I think they're going to be rebuilt up to a Level 3 but ... they were not a Level 3 when the storm came. And then study and understand what

"But the levees clearly are important," he said.

the science is to get to a Level 5.

Katrina was a Category 4 storm when it slammed into the coast on Aug. 29. A Category 5 storm is considered a catastrophic event, the worst in the five-step rating system, with winds of 155 mph or more and a storm surge greater than 18 feet above normal. A midlevel Category 3 storm packs winds between 111 and 130 mph and a storm surge between 9 and 12 feet above normal.

The Louisiana Recovery Authority estimates that rebuilding levees could cost \$20 billion over the next six to eight years. Agency vice chair Walter Issacson said a top priority remains "adequate hurricane protection" with levees that can withstand a Category 5 storm.

Powell, a soft-spoken, easygoing Texan, steps down Wednesday as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to focus on Gulf Coast recovery full-time. He described his new post as an independent conduit between state and local authorities in the region who are developing rebuilding plans, and Congress

who will help fund them.

A former banker and Texas A&M University administrator, Powell could not immediately estimate how much rebuilding the region will cost or how much Congress will need to contribute. The Louisiana agency,

and Bush administration officials

appointed by Gov. Kathleen Blanco, also has asked for \$200 million in emergency small business loans. Levee protection and keeping the local economy in business remain its top priorities.

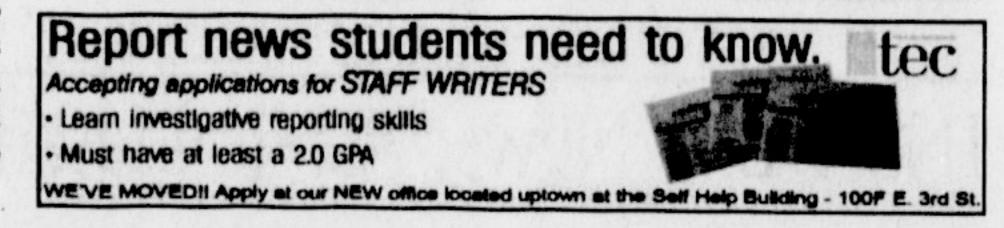
The agency was unhappy when it learned that the state's two senators, Democrat Mary Landrieu and Republican David Vitter, sought \$250 billion from Congress to help the state recover. The request has never been approved.

"It squandered our credibility, totally," Issacson said. "We realize in this economic climate we can't ask the nation to come rebuild Louisiana. We've got to rebuild it ourselves. And there's a silver lining because Louisiana shouldn't be a ward of the fed government. It should be able to rebuild itself."

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"The Great Outdoor Provision Company is a great place to work," said Lewis Gale, junior

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Page A3 editor@theeastcarolinian.com **My Random Column** Multitasking?

Good or Bad? I was asked today what I was doing - my answer was "What am I not doing?" I am the queen of getting as off track as I can while still doing 50 things at once, and not a one of them is related. But I am still not doing what I need to be doing.



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JENNIFER L HOBBS Editor in Chief

Pirate Rant

If you didn't go to class, don't look my number up on Onestop and call me late at night to see if we have a test the next day!

WEDNESDAY November 16, 2005

Why does Fox suck so much? Every time I'm trying to watch the "Family Guy" or "Prison Break" it gets all fuzzy.

To the person who thinks that ECU is a party school: For your information, every college has that group of people who choose to "party away" their college years.

Why must I sit in student health urgent care for two hours with a 103 degree temperature and throwing up because all the appointments were taken by people that have anywhere from a hurt big toe to a sports physical?

Pre-med students... should we really be this stressed out all the time?

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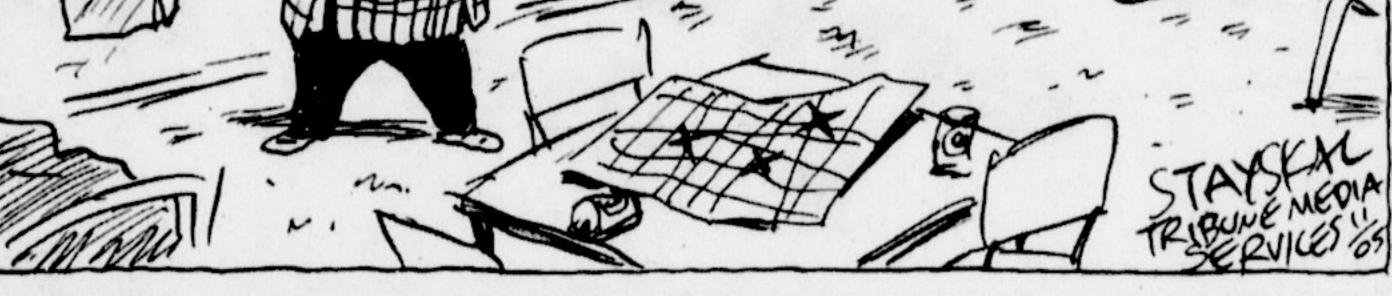
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How in the world do people who have a million things to do get them all done at the same time. Now don't get me wrong, I have the ability to walk and chew gum at the same time, but I am such a procrastinator that when I have two papers, lesson plans, a project and then work to do I just sit there and stare at the screen until someone else yells at me to do something else. Then I complain that I need to be doing what I was supposed to be doing in the first place.

This column, for example, is almost the last thing to go in every week because I get so distracted all day that my glorious copy editors watch me like a hawk until I am done. They help me come up with topics and creativity for my next installment in this wonderful newspaper so I can get through the night.

I have a project due today, and though I have done most of it, I have to type it up before today at 1 p.m. I ponder waiting until last minute and decide that I am going to get it done. Then something gets in the way, again for the hundredth time.



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When do we help and when do we look away?

Out-Foxed by a Cat **BENJAMIN CORMACK** CAUSAL OBSERVER

Have you ever heard what agitated squirrels sound like? They sound like extremely small dogs, letting out short, raspy barks. To put it another way, they sound like an extremely ticked-off bird. Either way, it is one of the most annoying sounds I've ever heard. When I was walking near Belk Residence Hall and heard several of them making that sound, I somehow felt compelled to figure out what the fuss was all about. If anything, I thought, maybe I could shut-up those annoying squirrels.

So I'm walking around the area, trying to see if I notice anything that might cause a bunch of squirrels to act so ... well... squirrelly. Then I noticed a cat walking near some bushes. He was an orange and white striped cat, male I think, and kind of big - he kind of reminded me of Garfield. Which would probably explain why I acted the way I did in this situation. Now I'm not a cat person - I don't really like cats, mostly because I'm allergic to them. Those of you with similar allergies can understand why I do all I can to avoid them. Yet with this cat, something was different. Maybe it was because he reminded me of Garfield, or maybe it is because I'm a softy when it comes to animals, but I called out to the little guy: "Here kitty kitty kitty. Here kitty kitty kitty." The little guy then trotted over to me, started meowing, rubbing-up against my leg, basically doing all he could to melt my heart and succeeding. So being the big softy that I am, I went over to the Subway Shop in the West End Dining

Hall and bought him some milk. I even got him some cream. I was that Irish Coffee cream stuff in the little containers. I don't know if was meant for cats, but 1 had heard at some point that cats liked cream. So I figured, why not. This other guy, I think he may have been a grad student or a young professor or something, had some tuna and gave the cat some of it. I then put the milk and cream in a plastic container I got from the store. He lapped it up quite happily. I coaxed him over to a sunnier spot, away from the walkway where he might get in someone's way. He seemed quite content. I was about to leave him

when he brushed-up against my leg. "You sure know how to make a guy feel guilty, don't you?" said. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to leave him there all by himself, but I couldn't take care of a cat. As if he read my mind, he then went over to the bushes to hide his face from me as if to not make me feel guilty. So I left the little guy with milk for him and a little sadness in my heart. The next day I had a thought: that cat was extremely friendly for a stray. Most of the cats I've seen wandering around campus try to avoid people, which makes me think that cat may have actually been somebody's pet. Which means that cat may have tricked me into giving him free milk. It is because of this incident that I'm reminded of why I prefer dogs. Now getting played by a cat is something I can live with, and I can even laugh about it. What I can't stand is when people play me like this cat did. Those of you who have ever been to the Harris Teeter near campus at night may have met someone begging for money because they're hungry and have no money. One time

was even told by one woman, who barely had any teeth, I met near Michael's that she needed money to pay for a cab because her car was being worked on after breaking down... or something along those lines... I can't quite remember.

Now I'm more than happy to help out my fellow man, but when I see these people, after giving them money, going away from the grocery store, a place that sells food, I can't but feel like I've been swindled. I feel like they're going to spend my own money that I gave them out of the kindness of my heart on liquor, drugs or something worse. All of this after telling me, "God bless you." Frankly feel ashamed of not only myself for believing them, but for them having to resort to such means to get money for whatever it may be they want money for. What I mean is that I feel cheated by those who lie to me and spend the money on something instead of food or whatever their initial need for the money was. I get even angrier when I think about how it is because of the liars and cheaters out there that people are so unwilling to help those who really need it. More than likely I'll be in that area of Greenville again, and I'll probably meet another person with another story about how they don't have any money and they're hungry, and I will more than likely end-up giving them money. Why? Because for every hundred liars and swindlers out there, I'd like to think there is at least one person who really needs it - one person that I can actually help – one good deed that I can actually do. All that considered, I guess helping that one person is what really matters. The same goes for cats, even if I think dogs are better.

Please do not put a flyer on my car in the B lot... By the time I get the flyer the event has already passed anyway.

I really wish that I can make it to my class in Brewster once without having to walk through clouds and clouds of smoke. I basically have to hold my breath to get to my class.

Why the heck must UBE bombard us with solicitation on our cars? I came back to my car last week after the morning rain and found an ad for them under my windshield. Because everything was wet, the ink ran and made a huge mess. Stay away from our cars UBE!

To the group of people I almost ran over on campus Friday afternoon - shouldn't have been walking five deep in the middle of the road when there's a sidewalk large enough to land aircraft.

Dear Ipod thief! I want my Ipod back, my life is pointless without it. Bring it to Jarvis Street ASAP.

Why in the world do I have to wait at a train stop for a train to pass, then it stops and then goes backwards!

With all the robberies, shootings and assaults maybe the Greenville Police and ECU Police can quit stopping people for going 16 mph on college hill and start stopping some real crimes.

Dear guy who got my roommate drunk then dropped her off at my house: please just take care of her and stop making her cry.

Isn't it exciting going to a school where every time you check your e-mail there are five to six e-mails saying ECU shooting, armed robbery, etc. I feel so safe here!

The other day I was walking to class when I saw this girl with a shirt on that said "Tease me!" across the front. At that moment I wished I was wearing a shirt that said "No!"

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Multitasking used to be my friend - in high school I could do multiple things and once without a problem. Then I came to college - ADD kicked in, no more 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. classes set every day and no more parents. I love being here and free of high school, but

I was so much more productive then.

Enough babbling, back to work I go until next week - Jennifer Hobbs

Does anyone else daydream during class that they are on a tropical island somewhere, with clear blue waters, sitting in the warm sun on the sand and sipping a piña colada? I do. It's probably the only thing keeping me sane right now.

To those who go to Wright Place: There are two doors per entrance! If a lot of people are already going out one door and you are trying to get in, just take the time to open the other door and get the hell out of my way. Thank you.

It sucks how you can get written up in the Residence Halls, tagged, talk to your coordinator, told the tag is gone, and still have the tag so you're not able to register for classes on time because the paperwork is 'lost.'

Where are the campus police when you need them? Every time I've gone to Joyner Library at night for the past year I have to run away from that kid on the bike asking for money.

To the communication major complaining about having to do volunteer work: It's called character building and on site experience! They don't make you do it for nothing. I'm a nursing major and I get up at 4:30 in the morning to drive an hour away to do clinicals and I'm not complaining because it's preparing me for my future career!

Seriously Sabarro, cook the calzones. I don't want to eat dough. P.S. If you know that between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., you're going to have a lot of business, plan ahead and COOK MORE FOOD. I'm sick of going up there and not being able to order something.

This is my third year at ECU and the first year I have actually enjoyed reading TEC! Thanks for doing a great job!

I remember the month of November being a little colder than 75 degrees and sunny. I guess the scientists are right - the polar ice caps are melting. Which means next we should see Kevin Costner with gills swimming around and people bartering for food with dirt.

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In My Opinion

(KRT) — PHILADELPHIA - Samuel A. Alito Jr. is Catholic, and his mother has said he opposes abortion. And when he sought a Justice Department promotion in 1985, he expressed support for the view that the Constitution "does not protect a

ferent then," she said. "He said, I was an advocate seeking a job, it was a political job and that was 1985. I'm now a judge, I've been on the circuit court for 15 years, and it's very different. I'm not an advocate, I don't give heed to my personal views; what I do is interpret the law."" Feinstein said she believed With Alito's confirmation hearing set to begin Jan. 9, senators as well as liberal and conservative interest groups are trying to figure out Alito's approach to stare decisis, the Latin term for the legal principle that prior court decisions should be recognized as precedents - and not easily overturned. "As a lower-court judge, he has to be in lock-step with precedent," said Jeffrey M. Shaman, a constitutional-law scholar at DePaul University in Chicago. "But once he's on the Supreme Court, he doesn't have to." Alito, 55, has tackled questions about abortion in a number of cases in his 15 years on the appeals court. He voted in 2000 to strike down New Jersey's ban on socalled partial-birth abortion, and in 1995 to bar restrictions on Medicaid-funded abortions. And in a key 1991 case, Alito voted to uphold most of Pennsylvania's abortion-control law, and wrote that it was not an "undue burden" to require a woman to

notify her husband before an abortion.

In that case, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the Supreme Court ultimately reaffirmed the right to abortion, but struck down the spousal-notification provision Alito had sought to uphold. Shaman said that he thought Alito would have dissented in Roe, and that the big question now was how Alito's view of stare decisis would come into play the next time an abortion case reaches the court. "It's very difficult to figure out where he will come down because so much depends upon ... how much respect he has to whether or not Roe and Casey are established law," Shaman said. "We don't get much of a sense about Judge Alito as to where he is with regard to when it's proper to overrule a decision." Susan Low Bloch, a constitutional law expert at Georgetown University, said Alito's Third Circuit opinions did not offer much insight. "You can tell very little from his court of appeals rulings," said Bloch, other than "he's very good at following precedent." The newly released 1985 document, she said, will make Alito more vulnerable to questions about his views on Roe. Alito's long-ago remark, she said, "raises a question of what he would think about overturning it now - 30 years later."

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right to an abortion."

shown respect for precedent. In a 1997 ruling, he said he agreed with the "essential point" his fellow judges had made: That the Supreme Court has held that a fetus is not a "person" under the 14th Amendment.

Alito's rulings on the Phila-

delphia-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit offer no clear signs whether he would move to affirm or overturn "Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 abortion-rights ruling. But newly released documents from his tenure with the Justice Department triggered more intense questioning Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., an abortion-rights supporter and the only woman on the Judiciary Committee, told The Associated Press that Alito told her he had merely been "an advocate seeking a job" when he made his 1985 comments about abortion.

"He said first of all it was dif-

I swear the next person on wheels that is planning on flying by me, I'm going to be ready to clothesline you when I hear you coming.

For the people who complain that they are stereotyped all the time, maybe you should stop what you're doing and look at your actions, then you will realize where the stereotype came from.

Why is it that the Political Science Department's study room has every U.S. President on the wall for this century, yet the only missing Presidents are four Republicans?

Stop whining Tony McKee! You live in eastern NC, not the Northeast. We all know there are way more Conservatives at ECU than Liberals.

Bikers don't ride on the sidewalks because if they did, pedestrians would be fussing telling them to get off and ride in the bike lanes on the street! You can't please everybody so deal!

I just wanted to say thanks to the Wright Place Java City for allowing me to wait in line for 20 minutes only to have them tell me that they cannot make me any hot chocolate because all of their milk was spoiled and they are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Announcements

Gospel Choir

The gospel choir will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 with a student ID and \$5 for general admission. For more information, call Tarrrick Cox at 328-1518 or coxta@mail.ecu.edu.

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.

State

Supreme Court won't take up 'In God We Trust' case

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leaders of a North Carolina county can keep "In God We Trust" on their government building, after challengers lost a Supreme Court appeal on Monday. Justices did not comment in rejecting an appeal over the inscription on the Davidson County government building in Lexington, NC The action had been expected.

"The court has over the years avoided confronting the issue directly as to whether these kinds of public religious messages of a ceremonial or symbolic nature are impermissibly religious," said Keith Werhan, a law professor at Tulane University in New Orleans. "I suspect it's a question of letting sleeping dogs lie." Earlier this year justices were

motto, but it is also a religious creed, a statement of communal religious belief."

CHRIS MUNIER News Editor

James Morgan Jr., the county's attomey, said that Ten Commandments displays are different from "In God We Trust," which has "been displayed for decades on government buildings and on the coins and paper money." The case is Lambeth v. Board of Commissioners of Davidson County, 05-203.

National

Report: FDA decision-making on emergency contraception 'unusual'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal health officials took unusual steps in rejecting nonprescription sales of emergency contraception and some documents suggest the decision was made even before scientists finished

office of then-Commissioner Mark McClellan, now the government's Medicare chief that might have shed more light on the controversial decision.

Leavitt's office didn't return phone calls seeking comment. But in a statement, the FDA stood by its rejection and said the independent **Government Accountability Office** "mischaracterizes facts."

ZACK HILL Assistant News Editor

Monday's report is the latest blow to the credibility of an agency that by law is supposed to base decisions on science, not politics or industry pressure. Top-ranking FDA officials have acknowledged they overruled their own scientists' decision that nonprescription sales of emergency birth control would be safe and the agency's women's health chief resigned in protest.

A high dose of regular birth control, the morning-after pill lowers the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. The sooner it's taken, the better it works, but it can be difficult for women to get a prescription in time. In December 2003, FDA's scientific advisers overwhelmingly backed over-the-counter sales of one brand, Plan B, for all ages. They cited assessments that easier access could halve the nation's 3 million annual unintended pregnancies. Conservatives who consider the pill tantamount to abortion intensely lobbied the Bush administration to reject nonprescription sales, saying they would increase teen sex. In May 2004, FDA leaders rejected the nonprescription switch, saying there was no data proving anyone under 16 could safely use the pills without a doctor's guidance. Maker Barr Laboratories reapplied, seeking to sell Plan B without a prescription to women 16 or older, much like the way cigarettes are sold with age restrictions, while younger teens would still have to get a

doctor's note. In August, FDA leaders postponed that decision indefinitely, saying it wasn't clear how to enforce an age limit.

The GAO probed the FDA's initial rejection, and cited "unusual" practices including conflicting accounts of whether the decision was made months before scientific reviews were completed.

World

Mexico and Venezuela sever diplomatic relations after namecalling dispute

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez accused Mexican leader Vicente Fox of being a "puppy" of President Bush and said: "Don't mess with me, sir." Fox shot back on Monday that "we have dignity in this country" and demanded an apology Now the two nations are withdrawing

Venezuela called its ambassador home Monday rather than apologize for the remark, and Mexico responded by recalling its own envoy to Venezuela. Fox said his government was mulling its next move.

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"We can't allow people to offend our country," he told CNN en Espanol. Venezuelan Ambassador to Mexico Vladimir Villegas said he would fly to his homeland aboard a commercial flight Monday night.

"The whole world knows that this didn't begin on the Venezuelan side," Villegas said.

When asked what the driving issue was behind the flap, he said, "look a little bit north" a reference to the United States.

Tensions between Fox and Chavez spilled over after the summit in Argentina, where Fox defended a U.S.-backed proposal for a Free Trade Area of the Americas. Chavez proclaimed the idea dead. They reached a breaking point late Sunday, when Mexico issued a statement saying Chavez's latest barb "strikes at the dignity of the Mexican people and government." Early Monday, Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar, said Mexico would expel the ambassador if Venezuela didn't apologize by midnight. Hours later in Venezuela, Foreign Secretary Ali Rodriguez said his country would not accept Mexico's demands. Venezuela "rejects as an unjustified attack the ultimatum issued by the government of Mexico," Rodriguez said. "This situation is entirely the responsibility of President Fox." Fox responded by saying he was going to continue to fight for free trade. Aguilar said withdrawing ambassadors wouldn't mean severing ties completely with Venezuela because business and cultural relations would remain intact. The Economy Department released a statement Monday afternoon detailing trade ties between the two oil-rich nations.

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Oscar Wilde's play The Importance of Being Earnest will begin performances Thursday, Nov. 17 and will run through Tuesday, Nov. 22. Performances will be held in McGinnis Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and ECU faculty and staff and \$8 for ECU students. For more information, call 318-6829 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Great American Smokeout

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to make the campus smoke-free Thursday, Nov. 17 as part of the Great American Smokeout. Information will be provided at tables around campus during the day and a planning session will be held at 5 p.m. in Student Health Services to help smokers quit. For more information, call Student Health Services at 328-6841 or Campus Wellness at 328-5770.

Medical Student Talent Show

The 2005 Medical Student Council Talent Show will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in

splintered on the appropriateness of Ten Commandments displays in and near government buildings.

The inscription at issue in the Supreme Court case, in 18-inch block letters, was paid for with donations from individuals and churches in 2002. It is more prominent than the name of the building, according to opponents. Charles F. Lambeth Jr. and Michael D. Lea, two lawyers who regularly practice in the building, filed the lawsuit.

A panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that "In God We Trust" appears on the nation's coins and was made the national motto by Congress.

"In this situation, the reasonable observer must be deemed aware of the patriotic uses, both historical and present, of the phrase 'In God We Trust," the court ruled. George Daly, the Charlotte, NC, attorney for opponents of the inscription, told justices in a filing that "In God We Trust' is the national

reviewing the evidence, congressional investigators concluded.

An independent audit made public Monday found the Food and Drug Administration's May 2004 rejection of the politically charged morningafter pill deviated from 10 years of agency practice in switching drugs from prescription to over-the-counter sales.

Long-suspicious members of Congress immediately declared that politics had trumped science, and urged the FDA's boss to intervene to assure that a still pending reconsideration of the pill's fate isn't based on ideology.

"We are deeply opposed to this subversion of science," Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and 17 other lawmakers wrote Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt on Monday. "It appears that the decision . was preordained from the outset." Also, the lawmakers asked Leavitt to probe whether the FDA illegally destroyed documents from the

their ambassadors.

The severing of diplomatic relations came after a week of verbal sparring that highlighted Latin America's differences over free trade and relations with the United States. The conservative Fox tends to side with Washington on many issues, while Chavez, a socialist and populist, has been one of the hemisphere's strongest critics of Bush.

Venezuela's president has repeatedly accused Fox of being a "puppy" of American interests and of disrespecting him after the pair took opposing positions during this month's Summit of the Americas. On Sunday, Chavez used his weekly radio and TV shows to warn Fox: "Don't mess with me, sir, because you'll get stung."

Fox retorted in an interview with CNN: "Other countries might accept (Chavez's) wording and the way he attacks everybody and he attacks institutions. We are not willing to do that in Mexico."

way around campus and the police dispatch will give them directions.

From the dozen calls received weekly, three to four are prank calls, most of which are reported Thursday - Saturday between 2 - 3 a.m. when kids are coming back from downtown,'Knight said.

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Iraqi detainees claim soldiers threw them into a cage of lions

Army spokesman Paul Boyce "We take every allegation of Sabbar, 37, and Sherzad Kamal The suit, which was filed in The two men described the

struck by soldiers using the butt of their guns.

They both described standing in front of a lion cage, and said they could hear other prisoners screaming as the metal cage door creaked open and slammed shut.

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same time, two different officers will be sent simultaneously towards the different zones, Knight said.

> "Depending on personnel availability we, a lot of times have two officers assigned [to each zone]," Knight said.

> On weekends, Knight makes sure to have additional patrols usually in zones that require more safety enforcement, like Zone A near west campus and downtown. Aside from the blue light phones, another safety precaution on campus is the 19 call boxes located on the front entrances at every resident hall. People may call the residents inside or they may dial 911 to get the police department. Each semester the police department does a safety walk on campus along with University Housing, Student Life and SGA to make sure the campus has enough security in the appropriate locations. During the walk, if blue light phones are identified more than 300 feet away from each other, Knight said the police department tries to find a good location to make sure they are all within the correct distance.

said he has never heard of lions being used in any detainee operations and it has never come up in any of the more than 400 investigations into detainee abuse conducted by the military over the past three years. detainee abuse seriously," Boyce said. "But it does seem unusual that this is now coming out for the very first time after three years of investigations." Khalid, 35, are in the United States this week to talk about the lawsuit that the American **Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights First filed on their behalf** against Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other military officials. March and transferred to U.S. District Court in Washington, details alleged sexual abuse, mock executions, water and food deprivation, electric shock and other torture used on eight detainees, including Sabbar and Khalid. It does not mention the lion cage. July day in 2003 when they were arrested by American troops with guns and armored vehicles. They said they were covered with plastic hoods and repeatedly

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.

Alumni Tailgate

The Alumni Association's Tailgate 2005 will take place Saturday, Nov. 26 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Minges Gate 2. The cost is \$5 per person, and children under 10 get in for free. Enjoy food, beverages, Pee Dee the Pirate and the Cheerleaders. For more information and to register, visit tailgate.piratealumni.com.

Toys for Tots

Student Health Service will be collecting new unwrapped toys until Friday, Dec. 7 for the annual Toys for Tots program. The drop box is located in the lobby of Student Health Service. For more information, contact Georgia Childs or Ellen Goldberg at 328-6841.

Japan League meetings

The Japan League holds meetings Thursdays from 5 - 9 p.m. in Bate room 1010. Japan League is a Japanese film club that shows



Lions' teeth can crush bones. WASHINGTON (AP) - Two

Iraqi businessmen, who were imprisoned by U.S. forces in Iraq, claimed Monday that American soldiers threw them into a cage of lions in a Baghdad palace, as part of a terrifying interrogation in 2003.

"They took me behind the cage, they were screaming at me, scaring me and beating me a lot," Thahe Mohammed Sabbar said in an interview. "One of the soldiers would open the door, and two soldiers would push me in. The lions came running toward me and they pulled me out and shut the door. I completely lost consciousness."

"They threatened that if I did not confess they would put me in the cage," said Khalid, adding that the soldiers kept asking him where Saddam was. "I laughed, I thought they were kidding me. They asked where are the weapons of mass destruction. I was very surprised and I thought it

was weird." But when he laughed, he said, he was only beaten more. And he said they pushed him into the cage three times, pulling him out as the lions moved toward him.

Both men said they suffer continuing physical and psychological trauma, such as pain, ulcers, nightmares and insomnia.

Sabbar said he was held by U.S. forces for about six months, while Khalid was held for about two months.

Saddam Hussein's eldest son, Odai, kept lions in his compound at the presidential palace, which was taken over by U.S. troops during the war. He was killed in a gun battle with American soldiers in July 2003.

campus, Knight said it is hard to see if they have prevented a crime without it actually happening

"It adds a greater sense of security for the students knowing that they have emergency communications with the police department," Knight said.

To increase security, new standards require the blue light phones to be located within 300 feet (one football field) of each other, especially around new buildings.

With new construction, including the new Brody School of Medicine and new dormitories, the blue lights are automatically in the construction plans.

"There are a few [lights] that aren't, but that would be under the old standards," Knight said.

On campus, there are three patrol zones officers are assigned to: Zone A covers the Flanagan building through the west end of campus. Zone B includes Wright Circle toward the Fletcher music building. Zone C consists of College Hill to the Minges parking lot and athletic complex.

The police department gives high priority to isolated areas such as parking lots and highly traveled areas. That is why it is more important to have more patrol coverage in those areas. If two reports happen at the

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The company is also intermedia studies major. ested in giving back to the com-"I can tell already that we are going to have a lot of regulars munity. They have assisted many because of the things we carry other local schools like Wake and the overall attitude of the Forest and NC State with apparel and equipment for different store." activities like Wake Forest's ulti-Gale said one of the commate Frisbee team. pany mottos is "work hard, play harder" and he said the close-"We put the Great Outdoor Provision Company here for a ness of the staff helps with that reason," Millsaps said. ideal. "We like to give back to the It was not just a paycheck that outing programs at local schools. attracted Gale to the company. Anything that involves running, "I like fishing and even we for instance, help provide though we have a lot of fly fishwith performance apparel." ing equipment there are so many Millsaps said the company other things to learn about like was interested in aiding ECU the kayaking and things like with their services as well. that," Gale said. "We are looking forward to The Great Outdoor Provision having adventure experts host Company has nine stores in NC events here as well," Millsaps said. with locations in Raleigh, Chapel "We are looking forward to Hill, Greensboro and surrounding areas.

Every semester, at least two or three blue light phones are added on campus.

Student Patrol officers also check the blue light phones on a weekly basis. They push the button to make sure the light and the audio are working properly, Knight said.

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Federal coordinator cannot promise levees strong enough for a Katrina-sized storm

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal coordinator for Gulf Coast recovery efforts said Monday he will focus on ensuring the region's levees are stronger than they were before Hurricane Katrina but cannot offer assurances that they could withstand another storm of that size. Donald Powell said he might not be able to quantify how long-term recovery efforts are progressing for at least eight months in the devastated region that he compared to a war zone. However, he said he and local authorities need to focus first on security making sure that levees can withstand another huge storm. "I think New Orleans and Louisiana need to be safe," Powell said in an interview with The Associated Press. However, "I'm not sure what the science dictates," Powell said when asked if the levees would be rebuilt to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, as Gulf Coast officials have requested. "Clearly, I think they're going to be rebuilt up to a Level 3 but ... they were not a Level 3 when the storm came. And then study and understand what

the science is to get to a Level 5."

and Bush administration officials

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Pilobolus Dance Theatre

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 at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 in Wright Auditorium. Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for ECU faculty/staff, \$108 for youth, \$72 for ECU Students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for ECU faculty/staff, \$84 for youth, \$48 for ECU 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 15 or more.

"But the levees clearly are important," he said.

Katrina was a Category 4 storm when it slammed into the coast on Aug. 29. A Category 5 storm is considered a catastrophic event, the worst in the five-step rating system, with winds of 155 mph or more and a storm surge greater than 18 feet above normal A midlevel Category 3 storm packs winds between 111 and 130 mph and a storm surge between 9 and 12 feet above normal. The Louisiana Recovery

Authority estimates that rebuilding levees could cost \$20 billion over the next six to eight years. Agency vice chair Walter Issacson said a top priority remains "adequate hurricane protection" with levees that can withstand a Category 5 storm.

Powell, a soft-spoken, easygoing Texan, steps down Wednesday as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to focus on Gulf Coast recovery full-time. He described his new post as an independent conduit between state and local authorities in the region who are developing rebuilding plans, and Congress

who will help fund them.

A former banker and Texas A&M University administrator, Powell could not immediately estimate how much rebuilding the region will cost or how much Congress will need to contribute. The Louisiana agency,

appointed by Gov. Kathleen Blanco, also has asked for \$200 million in emergency small business loans. Levee protection and keeping the local economy in business remain its top priorities.

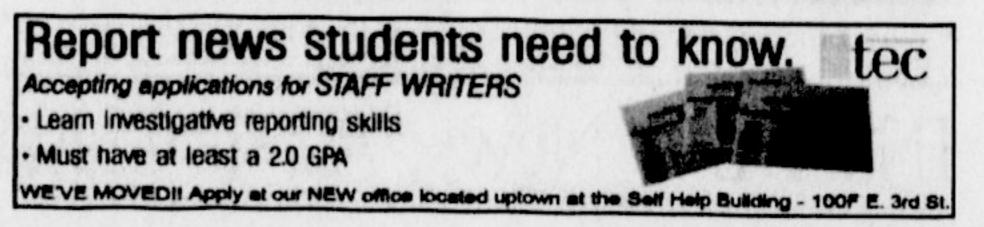
The agency was unhappy when it learned that the state's two senators, Democrat Mary Landrieu and Republican David Vitter, sought \$250 billion from Congress to help the state recover. The request has never been approved.

"It squandered our credibility, totally," Issacson said. "We realize in this economic climate we can't ask the nation to come rebuild Louisiana. We've got to rebuild it ourselves. And there's a silver lining because Louisiana shouldn't be a ward of the fed government. It should be able to rebuild itself."

learning more about ECU." "The Great Outdoor Provi-

sion Company is a great place to work," said Lewis Gale, junior

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My Random Column

Multitasking? Good or Bad?

I was asked today what I was doing - my answer was "What am I not doing?" I am the queen of getting as off track as I can while still doing 50 things at once, and not a one of them is related. But I am still not doing what I need to be doing.



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Pirate Rant

If you didn't go to class, don't look my number up on Onestop and call me late at night to see if we have a test the next day!

Why does Fox suck so much? Every time I'm trying to watch the "Family Guy" or "Prison Break" it gets all fuzzy.

To the person who thinks that ECU is a party school: For your information, every college has that group of people who choose to "party away" their college years.

Why must I sit in student health urgent care for two hours with a 103 degree temperature and throwing up because all the appointments were taken by people that have anywhere from a hurt big toe to a sports physical?

Pre-med students... should we really be this stressed out all the time?

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How in the world do people who have a million things to do get them all done at the same time. Now don't get me wrong, I have the ability to walk and chew gum at the same time, but I am such a procrastinator that when I have two papers, lesson plans, a project and then work to do I just sit there and stare at the screen until someone else yells at me to do something else. Then I complain that I need to be doing what I was supposed to be doing in the first place.

This column, for example, is almost the last thing to go in every week because I get so distracted all day that my glorious copy editors watch me like a hawk until I am done. They help me come up with topics and creativity for my next installment in this wonderful newspaper so I can get through the night.

I have a project due today, and though I have done most of it, I have to type it up before today at 1 p.m. I ponder waiting until last minute and decide that I am going to get it done. Then something gets in the way, again for the hundredth time.

Opinion Columnist

When do we help and when do we look away?

Out-Foxed by a Cat **BENJAMIN CORMACK** CAUSAL OBSERVER

Have you ever heard what agitated squirrels sound like? They sound like extremely small dogs, letting out short, raspy barks. To put it another way, they sound like an extremely ticked-off bird. Either way, it is one of the most annoying sounds I've ever heard. When I was walking near Belk Residence Hall and heard several of them making that sound, I somehow felt compelled to figure out what the fuss was all about. If anything, I thought, maybe I could shut-up those annoying squirrels.

So I'm walking around the area, trying to see if I notice anything that might cause a bunch of squirrels to act so ... well... squirrelly. Then I noticed a cat

Hall and bought him some milk I even got him some cream. It was that Irish Coffee cream stuff in the little containers. I don't know if was meant for cats, but had heard at some point that cats liked cream. So I figured, why not. This other guy, I think he may have been a grad student or a young professor or something, had some tuna and gave the cat some of it. I then put the milk and cream in a plastic container I got from the store. He lapped it up quite happily. I coaxed him over to a sunnier spot, away from the walkway where he might get in someone's way. He seemed quite content. I was about to leave him

when he brushed-up against my leg. "You sure know how to make a guy feel guilty, don't you?" said. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to leave him there all by himself, but I couldn't take walking near some bushes. He care of a cat. As if he read my mind, he then went over to the bushes to hide his face from me as if to not make me feel guilty. So I left the little guy with milk for him and a little sadness in my heart. The next day I had a thought: that cat was extremely friendly for a stray. Most of the cats I've seen wandering around campus try to avoid people, which makes me think that cat may have actually been somebody's pet. Which means that cat may have tricked me into giving him free milk. It is because of this incident that I'm reminded of why I prefer dogs. Now getting played by a cat is something I can live with, and I can even laugh about it. What I can't stand is when people play me like this cat did. Those of you who have ever been to the Harris Teeter near campus at night may have met someone begging for money because they're hungry and have no money. One time

I was even told by one woman, who barely had any teeth, I met near Michael's that she needed money to pay for a cab because her car was being worked on after breaking down... or something along those lines... I can't quite remember.

Now I'm more than happy to help out my fellow man, but when I see these people, after giving them money, going away from the grocery store, a place that sells food, I can't but feel like I've been swindled. I feel like they're going to spend my own money that I gave them out of the kindness of my heart on liquor, drugs or something worse. All of this after telling me, "God bless you." Frankly feel ashamed of not only myself for believing them, but for them having to resort to such means to get money for whatever it may be they want money for. What I mean is that I feel cheated by those who lie to me and spend the money on something instead of food or whatever their initial need for the money was. I get even angrier when I think about how it is because of the liars and cheaters out there that people are so unwilling to help those who really need it. More than likely I'll be in that area of Greenville again, and I'll probably meet another person with another story about how they don't have any money and they're hungry, and I will more than likely end-up giving them money. Why? Because for every hundred liars and swindlers out there, I'd like to think there is at least one person who really needs it - one person that I can actually help – one good deed that I can actually do. All that considered, I guess helping that one person is what really matters. The same goes for cats, even if I think dogs are better.

Please do not put a flyer on my car in the B lot... By the time I get the flyer the event has already passed anyway.

I really wish that I can make it to my class in Brewster once without having to walk through clouds and clouds of smoke. I basically have to hold my breath to get to my class.

Why the heck must UBE bombard us with solicitation on our cars? I came back to my car last week after the morning rain and found an ad for them under my windshield. Because everything was wet, the ink ran and made a huge mess. Stay away from our cars UBE!

To the group of people I almost ran over on campus Friday afternoon - shouldn't have been walking five deep in the middle of the road when there's a sidewalk large enough to land aircraft.

Dear Ipod thief! I want my Ipod back, my life is pointless without it. Bring it to Jarvis Street ASAP.

Why in the world do I have to wait at a train stop for a train to pass, then it stops and then goes backwards!

With all the robberies, shootings and assaults maybe the Greenville Police and ECU Police can quit stopping people for going 16 mph on college hill and start stopping some real crimes.

Dear guy who got my roommate drunk then dropped her off at my house: please just take care of her and stop making her cry.

Isn't it exciting going to a school where every time you check your e-mail there are five to six e-mails saying ECU shooting, armed robbery, etc. I feel so safe here!

The other day I was walking to class when I saw this girl with a shirt on that said "Tease me!" across the front. At that moment I wished I was wearing a shirt that said "No!"

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Multitasking used to be my friend - in high school I could do multiple things and once without a problem. Then I came to college - ADD kicked in, no more 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. classes set every day and no more parents.

I love being here and free of high school, but I was so much more productive then.

Enough babbling, back to work I go until next week - Jennifer Hobbs

was an orange and white striped cat, male I think, and kind of big - he kind of reminded me of Garfield. Which would probably explain why I acted the way I did in this situation.

> Now I'm not a cat person - I don't really like cats, mostly because I'm allergic to them. Those of you with similar allergies can understand why I do all I can to avoid them. Yet with this cat, something was different. Maybe it was because he reminded me of Garfield, or maybe it is because I'm a softy when it comes to animals, but I called out to the little guy: "Here kitty kitty kitty. Here kitty kitty kitty." The little guy then trotted over to me, started meowing, rubbing-up against my leg, basically doing all he could to melt my heart and succeeding. So being the big softy that I

am, I went over to the Subway Shop in the West End Dining Does anyone else daydream during class that they are on a tropical island somewhere, with clear blue waters, sitting in the warm sun on the sand and sipping a piña colada? I do. It's probably the only thing keeping me sane right now.

To those who go to Wright Place: There are two doors per entrance! If a lot of people are already going out one door and you are trying to get in, just take the time to open the other door and get the hell out of my way. Thank you.

It sucks how you can get written up in the Residence Halls, tagged, talk to your coordinator, told the tag is gone, and still have the tag so you're not able to register for classes on time because the paperwork is 'lost.'

Where are the campus police when you need them? Every time I've gone to Joyner Library at night for the past year I have to run away from that kid on the bike asking for money.

To the communication major complaining about having to do volunteer work: It's called character building and on site experience! They don't make you do it for nothing. I'm a nursing major and I get up at 4:30 in the morning to drive an hour away to do clinicals and I'm not complaining because it's preparing me for my future career!

Seriously Sabarro, cook the calzones. I don't want to eat dough. P.S. If you know that between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., you're going to have a lot of business, plan ahead and COOK MORE FOOD. I'm sick of going up there and not being able to order something.

This is my third year at ECU and the first year I have actually enjoyed reading TEC! Thanks for doing a great job!

I remember the month of November being a little colder than 75 degrees and sunny. I guess the scientists are right - the polar ice caps are melting. Which means next we should see Kevin Costner with gills swimming around and people bartering for food with dirt.

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In My Opinion

(KRT) — PHILADELPHIA - Samuel A. Alito Jr. is Catholic, and his mother has said he opposes abortion. And when he sought a Justice Department promotion in 1985, he expressed support for the view that the Constitution "does not protect a

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on

the nation's highest court, has

shown respect for precedent. In

ferent then," she said. "He said, I was an advocate seeking a job, it was a political job and that was 1985. I'm now a judge, I've been on the circuit court for 15 years, and it's very different. I'm not an advocate, I don't give heed to my personal views; what I do is

notify her husband before an abortion.

In that case, Planned Parenthood v. Casey, the Supreme Court ultimately reaffirmed the right to abortion, but struck down the spousal-notification provision Alito had sought to uphold.

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a 1997 ruling, he said he agreed with the "essential point" his fellow judges had made: That the Supreme Court has held that a fetus is not a "person" under the 14th Amendment.

right to an abortion."

Alito's rulings on the Philadelphia-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit offer no clear signs whether he would move to affirm or overturn "Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 abortion-rights ruling. But newly released documents from his tenure with the Justice Department triggered more intense questioning Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., an abortion-rights supporter and the only woman on the Judiciary Committee, told The Associated Press that Alito told her he had merely been "an advocate seeking a job" when he made his 1985 comments about abortion.

"He said first of all it was dif-

interpret the law."" But Alito, the federal appeals

Feinstein said she believed judge nominated to succeed him.

> With Alito's confirmation hearing set to begin Jan. 9, senators as well as liberal and conservative interest groups are trying to figure out Alito's approach to stare decisis, the Latin term for the legal principle that prior court decisions should be recognized as precedents - and not easily overturned.

"As a lower-court judge, he has to be in lock-step with precedent," said Jeffrey M. Shaman, a constitutional-law scholar at DePaul University in Chicago. "But once he's on the Supreme Court, he doesn't have to."

Alito, 55, has tackled questions about abortion in a number of cases in his 15 years on the appeals court.

He voted in 2000 to strike down New Jersey's ban on socalled partial-birth abortion, and in 1995 to bar restrictions on Medicaid-funded abortions. And in a key 1991 case, Alito voted to uphold most of Pennsylvania's abortion-control law, and wrote that it was not an "undue burden" to require a woman to

Shaman said that he thought Alito would have dissented in Roe, and that the big question now was how Alito's view of stare decisis would come into play the next time an abortion case reaches the court.

"It's very difficult to figure out where he will come down, because so much depends upon ... how much respect he has to whether or not Roe and Casey are established law," Shaman said. "We don't get much of a sense about Judge Alito as to where he is with regard to when it's proper to overrule a decision."

Susan Low Bloch, a constitutional law expert at Georgetown University, said Alito's Third Circuit opinions did not offer much insight. "You can tell very little from his court of appeals rulings," said Bloch, other than "he's very good at following precedent."

The newly released 1985 document, she said, will make Alito more vulnerable to questions about his views on Roe. Alito's long-ago remark, she said, "raises a question of what he would think about overturning it now - 30 years later."

I swear the next person on wheels that is planning on flying by me, I'm going to be ready to clothesline you when I hear you coming.

For the people who complain that they are stereotyped all the time, maybe you should stop what you're doing and look at your actions, then you will realize where the stereotype came from.

Why is it that the Political Science Department's study room has every U.S. President on the wall for this century, yet the only missing Presidents are four Republicans?

Stop whining Tony McKee! You live in eastern NC, not the Northeast. We all know there are way more Conservatives at ECU than Liberals.

Bikers don't ride on the sidewalks because if they did, pedestrians would be fussing telling them to get off and ride in the bike lanes on the street! You can't please everybody so deal!

I just wanted to say thanks to the Wright Place Java City for allowing me to wait in line for 20 minutes only to have them tell me that they cannot make me any hot chocolate because all of their milk was spoiled and they are sorry for any inconvenience.

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Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies

1. Chicken Little 2. Jarhead 3. Saw 11 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

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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 party goers 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 Being the host or hostess of a party, no matter what type, requires you to entertain your guests safely. house could become the next big party scene of the year. Be want live music, just get a few careful what you have sitting musically inclined friends to play. around your house - it may not A beer pong table seems to be a be there at the end of the night. necessity, so don't forget to make one. Paint a board (what ever size Decorate with colored lights, you prefer) ECU purple and make inexpensive decorations and other oddball items. Great music sure people sign it at your parties. is a must, just be sure there is a Those memories will be hilarious variety so you will get all kinds the next morning, and for many of people at your party. If you years to come.

How to plan different parties



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

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 Came! Club 4. Knife of Dreams 5. Consent to Kill

Horoscopes:

Arles - 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 doublecheck 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.

"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

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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What you don't know can hurt you

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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, keggers 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

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 unrestricting 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 teeshirt 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



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.

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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 clubwear 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

see OUTFIT page A5 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 g 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



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.

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Friend for life

Aniston is definitely a class act

MEREDITH STEWART

SENIOR WRITER

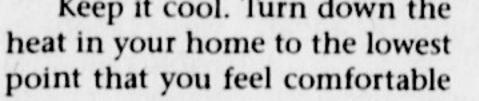
Jennifer Aniston hardly needs an introduction. Her remarkable roles, inner and outer beauty and the fact that she was married to one of the hottest guys in Hollywood says enough.

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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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

and beautiful during those



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 sooth 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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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 bunnies, 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 skins moisture, preventing painful dry, crackly skin.

Sun protection. Sunscreen is not just for the summer. Though

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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 sev- ₹

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.

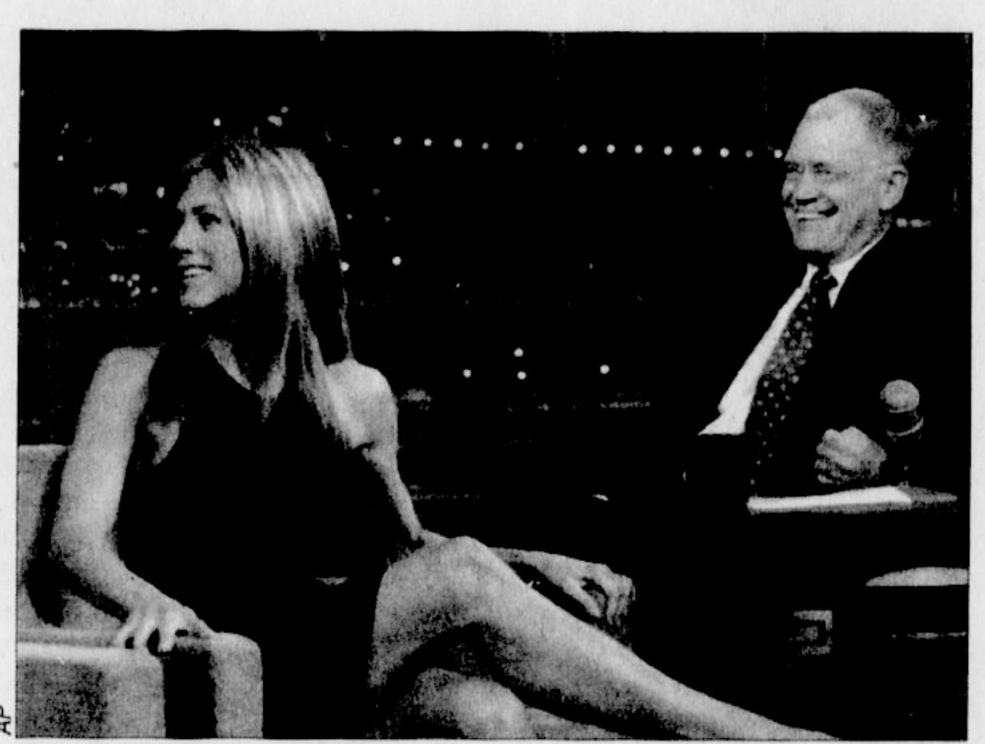
Exfoliate. Use gentle exfoliates on your skin weekly to remove dead skin cells, keeping your skin fresh and vibrant. Avoid exfoliating everyday because this may dry your skin too much, causing too much damage.

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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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.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com. eral 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."

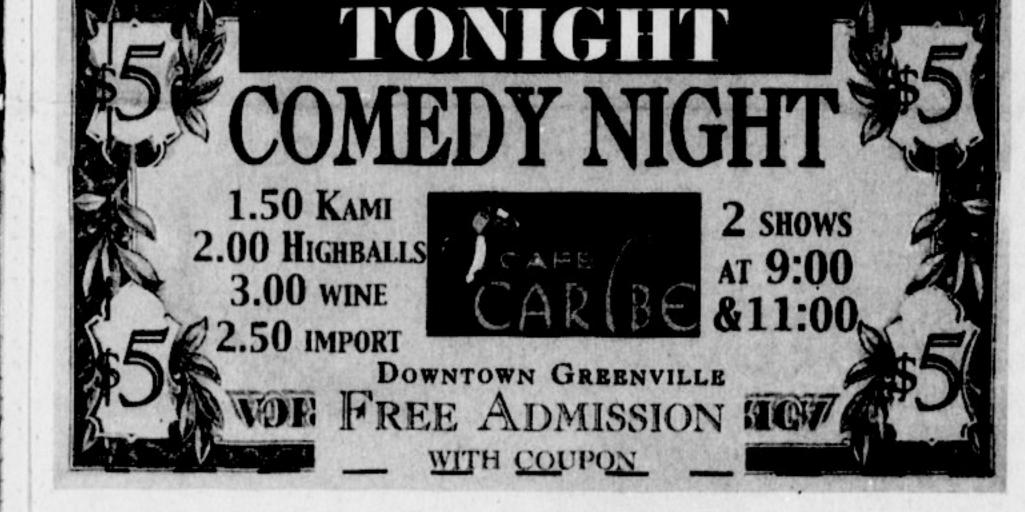
Everyone has heard about her nasty divorce by now, but Jennifer Aniston is a strong woman and seems to be recovering. Every trashy tabloid and serious journalist has elaborated on the story since then. It must be really hard to have to deal with a divorce, but to do it publicly is even worse. Each day 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 reshoots 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 woes 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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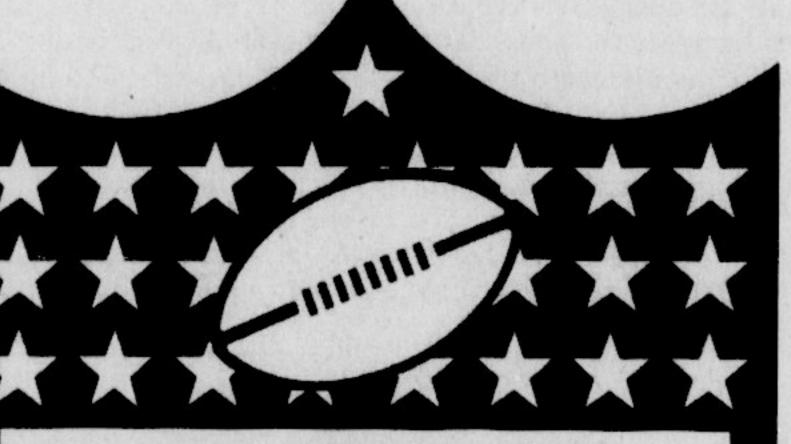
NFL 2005-06: Mid-season accolades



Palmer, Manning lead Bengals, Colts RON CLEMENTS STAFF WRITER

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





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



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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. 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:

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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.

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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:

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.

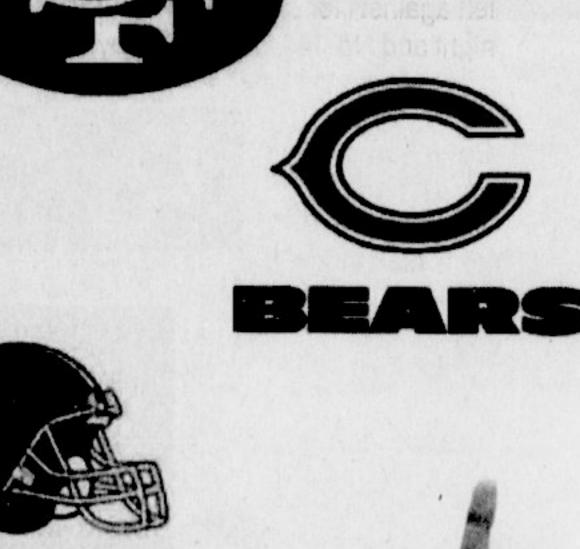
NFL's Most Disappointing team:

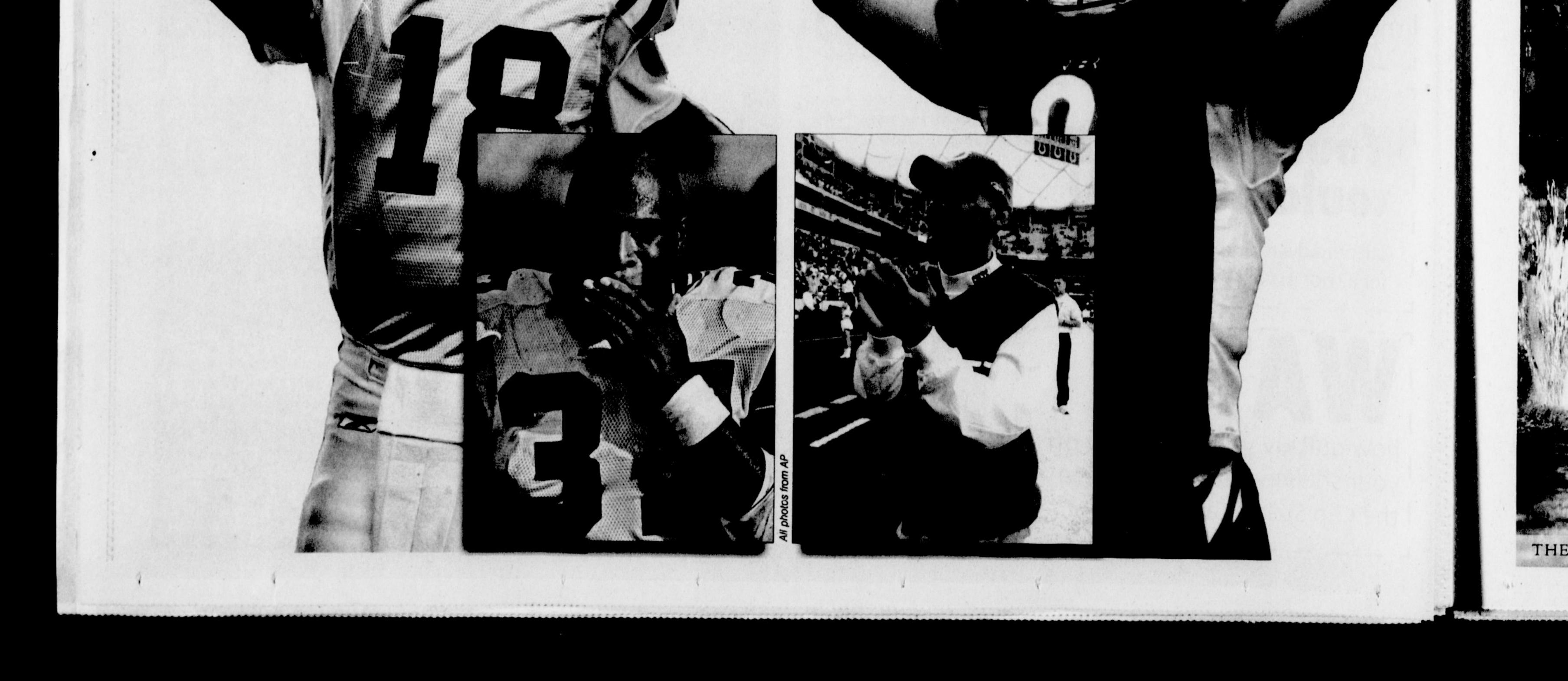
The Green Bay Packers. Some may say the Vikings, but the Packers have won the NFC North three straight years and Brett Favre has never tasted a losing record in Green Bay. That run will most likely end this season. Minnesota constantly underachieves, so their disappointing play is really no big surprise. 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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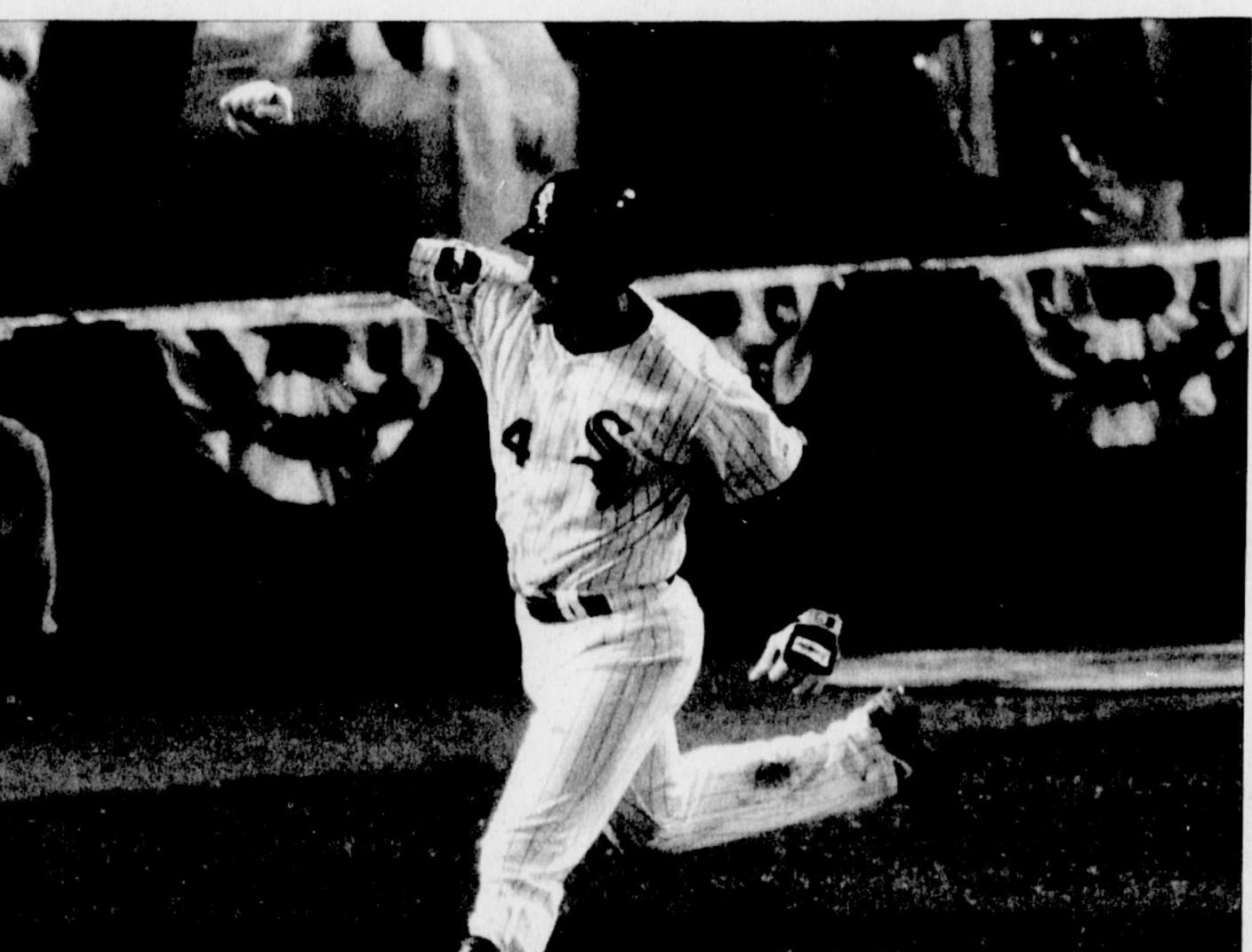
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Sports Briefs

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

Costanzo inks contract with St. Louis Cardinals

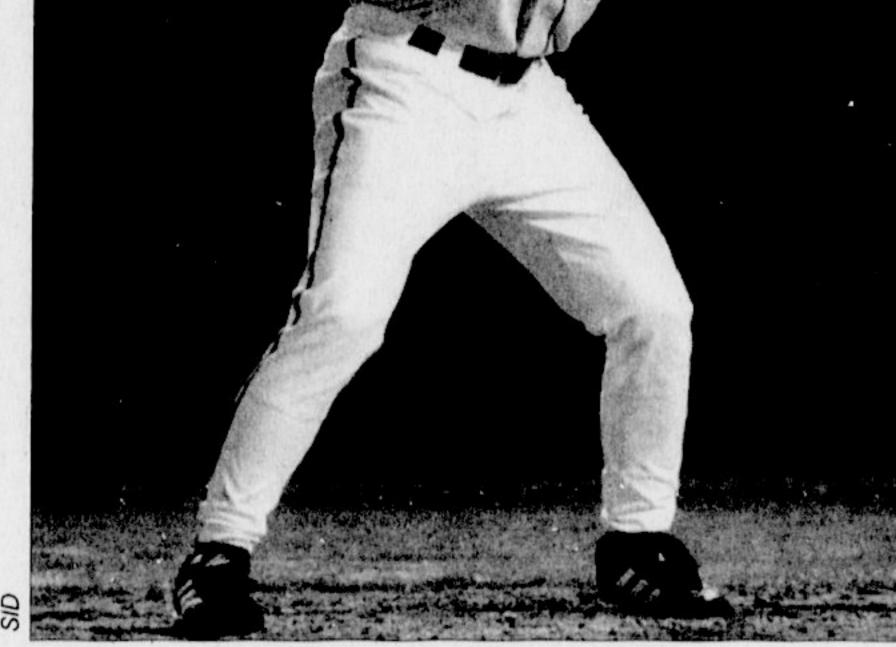


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a half-season ban for a first positive test, one season for a second and a lifetime penalty for a third. Their bill would apply to the major leagues, the NFL, NBA, NHL and baseball's minor leagues. While Davis didn't immediately address how Tuesday's 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 5 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 Gailey made improvements in the program that earned him a five-year, \$5 million contract. The deal, announced Tuesday, runs through 2010. Gailey'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 Gailey had met that demand



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

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



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

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.

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 Gailey. Braine said Gailey did not ask for a raise from his current \$1 million salary. Gailey, 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 Glants

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.

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

following Ricky Brooks, Mark Minicozzi, 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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gargantuan contracts. Not only is the market shallow, trades will be a tie-in with free agents.

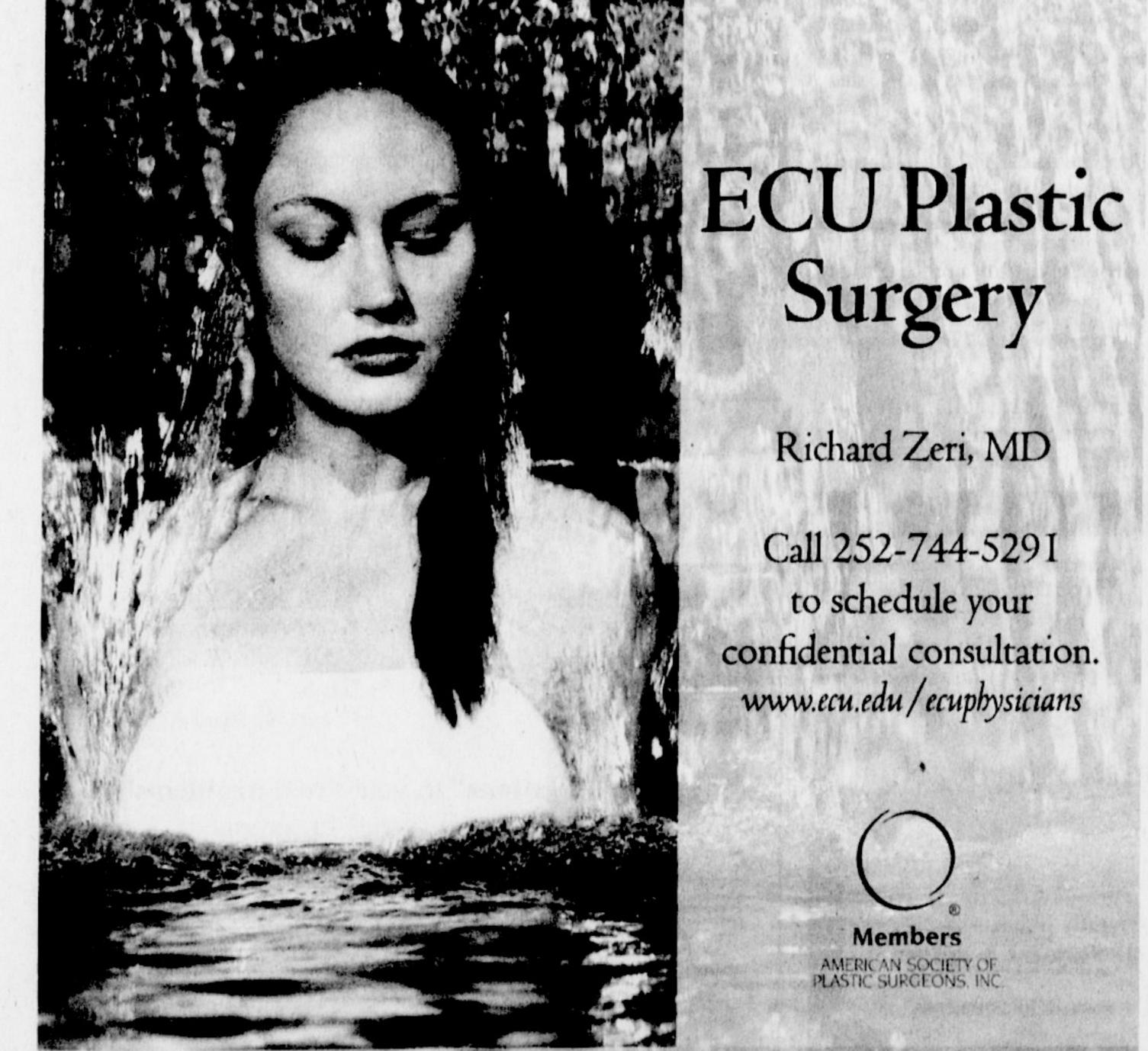
So with that in mind, here are the top 10 free agents available.

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









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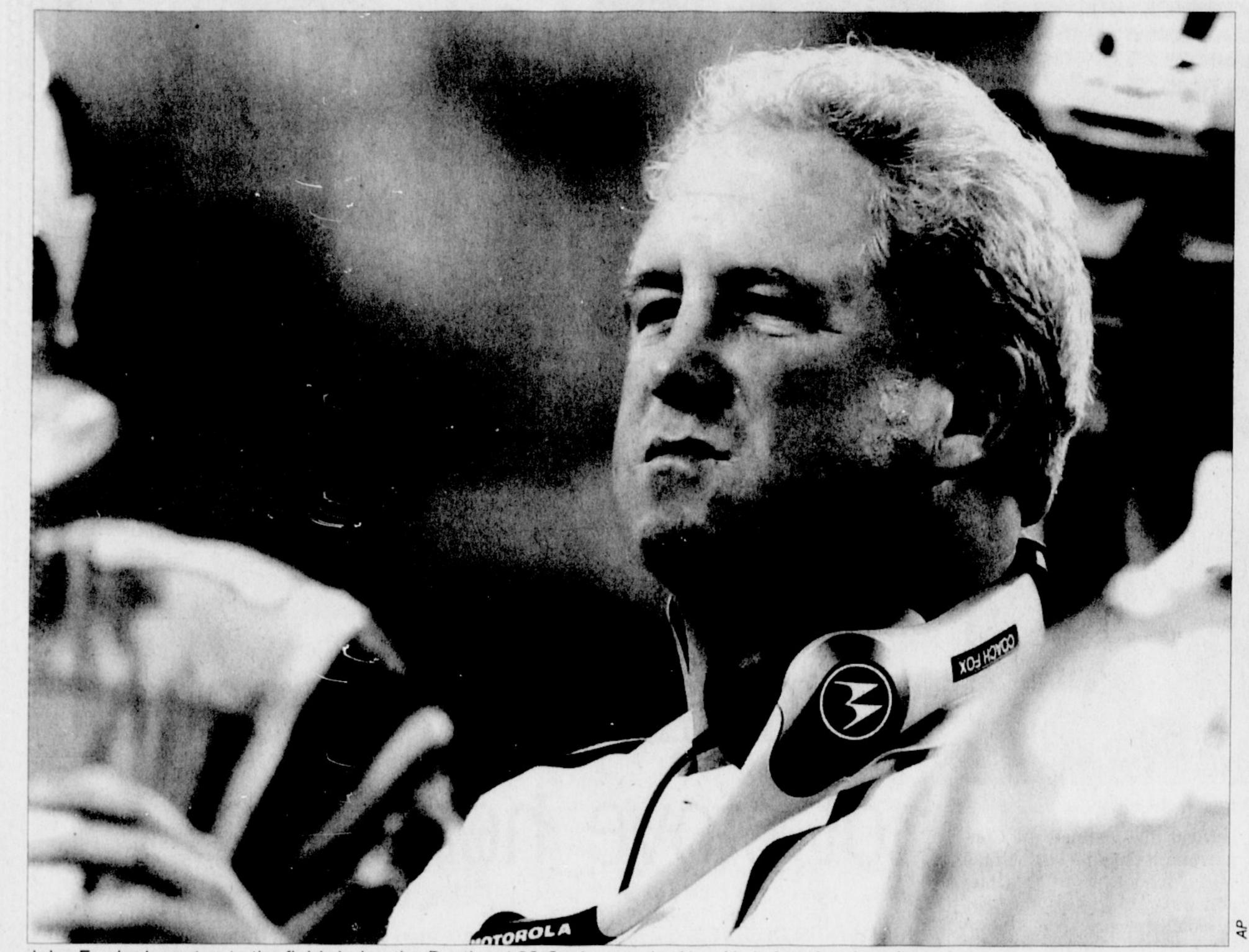
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No-frills, no-fun Panthers getting it done this season



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 Meyerat 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**

"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."

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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

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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 Wither-

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.

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

"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.

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 speedskating 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.

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

spoon, 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.

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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

"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 gamewinning drives in the final two minutes or overtime. It was Delhomme's first season as an

old faces back in familiar places. Remember, Carolina lost more than a dozen players to seasonending 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.

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.

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

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on Friday, and then taking on Penn forward to." State and Kent State on Saturday.

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.

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

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 Compliment that with trips from on April 24 with ECU facing NC State and UNC, and I believe Coastal Carolina and the Cal our fans will have lots to look

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A total of seven 2005 NCAA

"These are exciting times for

Tournament participants appear

our program," Kee stated. "To be

on this season's schedule.

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 team including all-conference UNC Wilmington. The Lady performers' catcher Krista Jessup Pirates will conclude non-conand pitcher Keli Harrell.

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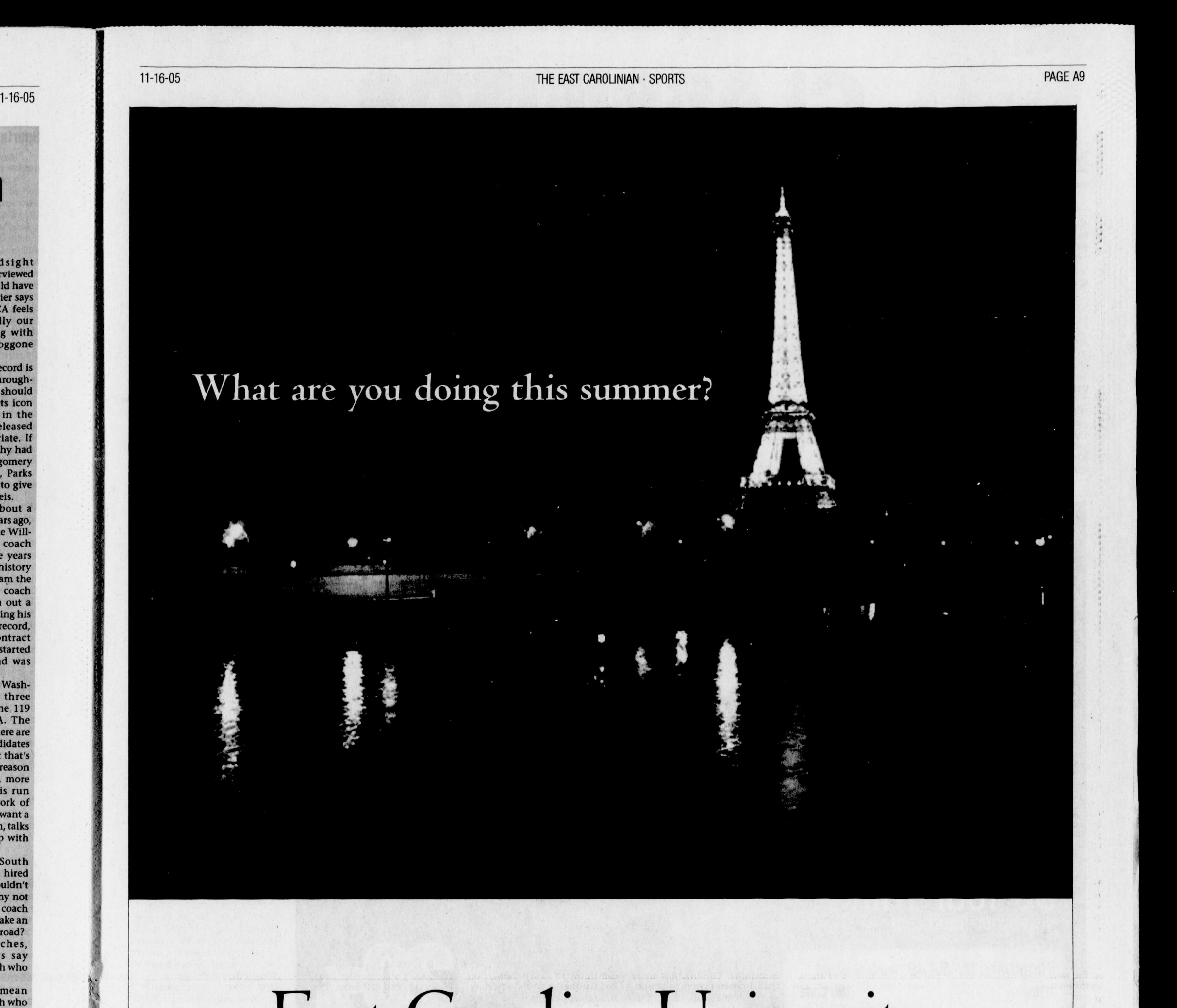
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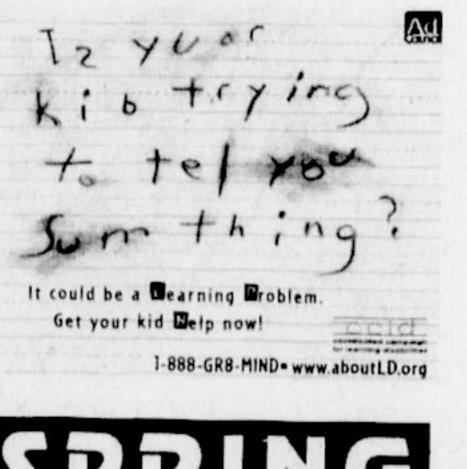
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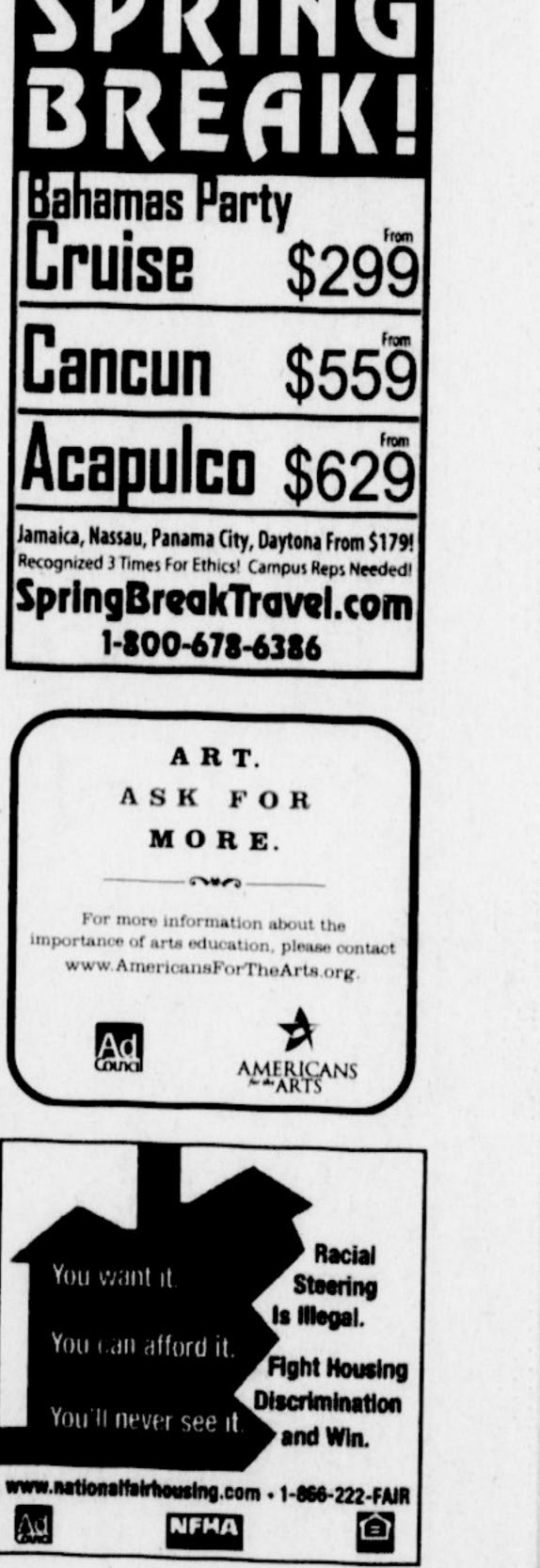
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