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Wright fountain mystery solved

Fountain expected to be operating again by August 2006

RACHEL KING
STAFF WRITER

The water fountain in the center of Wright Circle has been there for more than 50 years, but in the last five or six years complications have developed that caused it to be shut down. However, a project has been set in motion to restore the fountain to its original operation so that it may beautify the campus again. The fountain is off because of a sinkhole underneath it, causing it to lean to one side. To fill the fountain and run it would be detrimental due to the fact that the water would simply spill out on one side and cause the ground around it to be that much more unstable. It would also need to constantly have water added to it, which is both costly and inconvenient.

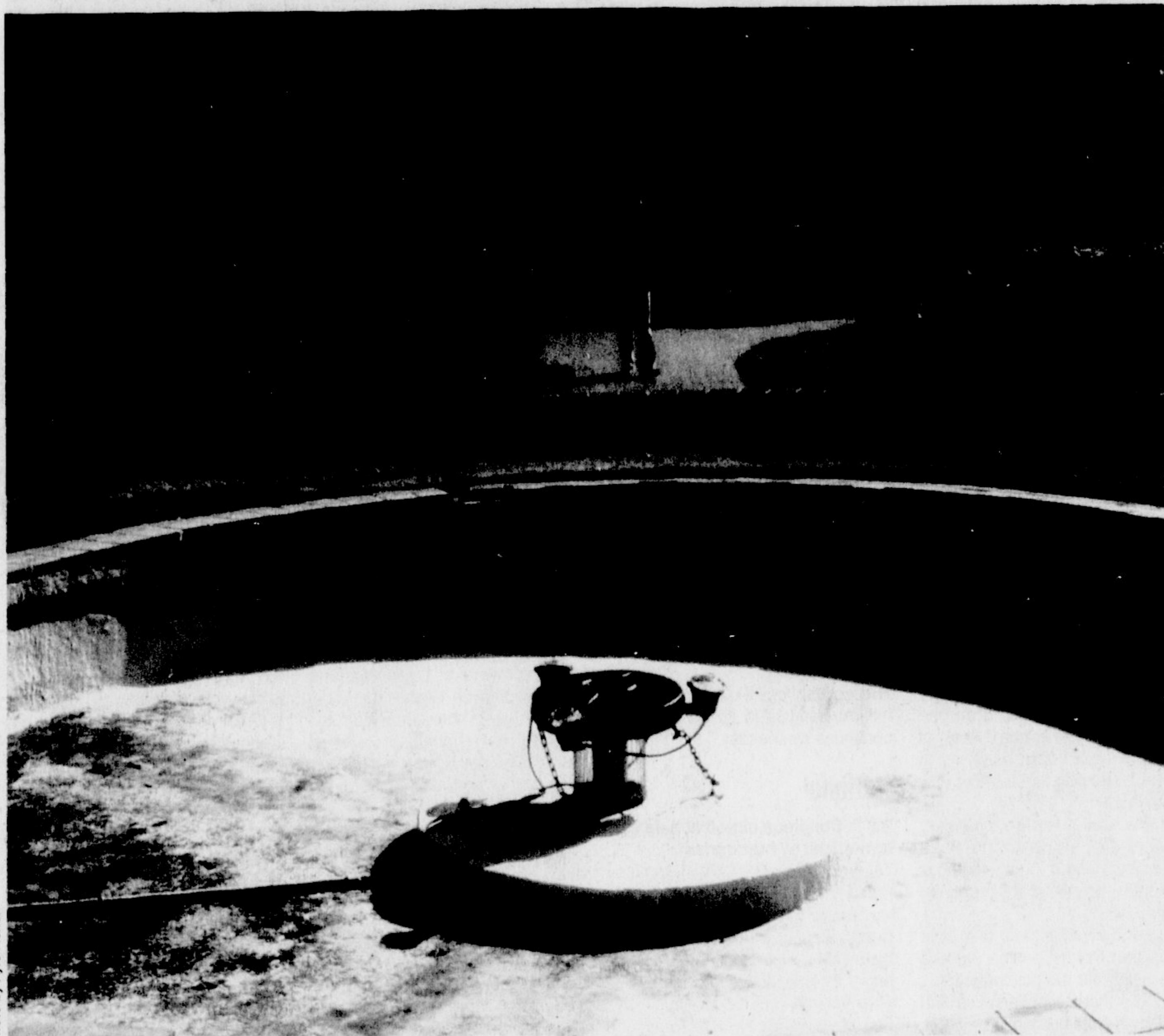
Bill Bagnell, director of facilities engineering and architectural services, attributes the sinkhole to a pipeline failure beneath the fountain.

"Many utilities cross the fountain area," said Bagnell.

"We have a storm drain line that crosses underneath the fountain. We also have a steam tunnel and a sanitary sewer line. We've come up with some blockages, failing and deterioration, probably from the storm drain line, and that is what creates the sinkhole."

The utilities were present when the fountain was built and have not been an issue up until the past five years or so, when the sinkhole began to form. Correcting the problem will be an expensive and somewhat lengthy endeavor.

"We are just finishing



The water fountain in front of Wright Auditorium has been out of service for a while but will be back in use by middle of next year.

the drawings [for the project]," Bagnell said.

"Construction will probably start in February."

This will include removal of the landscaping surrounding the fountain as well as parts of the road and possibly some of the sidewalk of Wright Circle, so that the sinkhole can be exposed and fixed. Then the fountain

can resume normal function. Construction is currently slated to end around the end of July 2006.

Bagnell advises that this is a general timeline and not the bottom line. Some minor changes in the timeline for the plans may occur. The funding necessary to fix the fountain was not secured

until recently, which is why it has been out of commission for so long.

"It is budgeted at \$460,000," Bagnell said.

"That is the total amount for the project, including design and construction."

Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services handles all new construction and renovations on the main campus,

including the Brody School of Medicine campus, that range in cost from \$100,000 - \$60 million. By the time students return for fall semester of 2006, Wright Fountain should be up, running and beautiful.

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DUNN

Several reports of recent near-campus crimes

Shootings, armed robberies, credit card scams are all problems

TAYLEIGH DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

In the past week, there have been five reports of crimes around campus, which include a campus shooting, at least two attempted robberies and a credit card scam.

Just yesterday, police reported an armed robbery, which occurred Tuesday night at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts on 10th Street.

The cashier was able to get away from the suspect, exiting through the back door. The suspect stole an uncertain amount of cash from the register. He then got into a vehicle with a second suspect and fled the scene.

Students are wondering why so many crimes have occurred recently and what actions are being taken in order to prevent recurrences.

Michelle Lieberman, head of student conflict at ECU, said robberies and shootings are happening so much right now because the holidays are coming up and people are more desperate and want to provide for their families.

Lately, the crimes in the university area have concerned predominantly college students. In these cases, it is not the students who are doing the crime. Most of the time suspects are teenagers, even high school age, that are coming from nearby neighborhoods and assaulting students.

Sgt. Shari Williams, spokesperson for the Greenville police, said students tend to let their "guard down" when they go downtown. They are perceived to be less concerned about their surroundings, especially if they are drinking.

Several times, crimes occur that do not get reported because underage college students who have been drinking do not want to report what has happened. The bad guys know that, Lieberman said.

"I guarantee you, the people jumping people are not drinking," said Williams.

College students in general are also perceived to carry cash when they are downtown. The ATM machines available also make it very convenient to receive money, Williams said.

Many times the crimes are gang related or drug related. The criminals are not concerned with getting a lot of money from students. If they get \$20, they are happy, said Williams.

Suspects want to go after people when they know it will be difficult to get caught.

"Some of our students make it very easy to be victims because they walk alone and they're very intoxicated," said Lieberman.

However, groups of people are even being victimized.

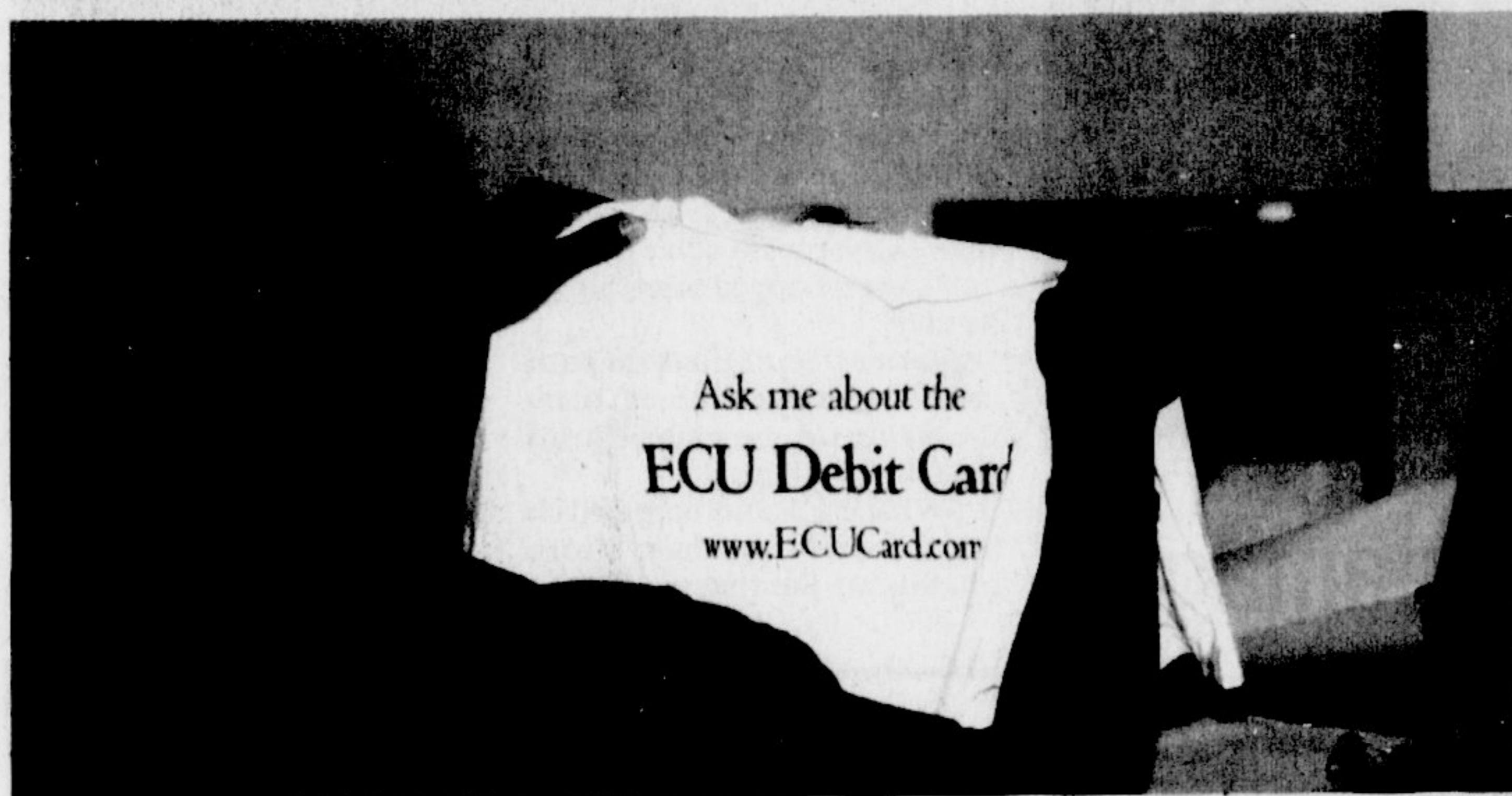
This weekend, a group of teenagers assaulted a group of five male college students in the Tar River Neighborhood on Saturday. The Daily Reflector reported that of the men attacked, a 21-year old was treated at Pitt County Memorial Hospital for a fractured nose, eye socket and bruises.

This incident came just 24 hours after a shooting took place at Third and Rotary Street.

This brings up the question whether students are safe in groups anymore. One thing students must remember whether they are in groups or alone is they must not fight the suspect because their chances of getting hurt increase considerably, Lieberman said.

If someone is being approached

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ECU is looking to ease the burden of students who receive financial aid by issuing the ECU Debit Card.

New card to ease financial aid pains, lines with new debit card

Debit card debuts

ZACK HILL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

One sight that is a given at the start of any semester is the lengthy line that forms outside of the financial aid office during the inaugural days of each term.

Instead of getting acquainted with new professors and classmates, many students spend their first few days waiting for the funds that will allow them to attend classes.

However, the dread that comes from idle hours of waiting, may now be over. ECU launched a program Wednesday to provide students and faculty with an ECU Debit Card.

The program provides cardholders with a OneAccount, which is essentially a checking account and also gives them the backing of MasterCard.

One of the major selling points of the card is the ease in which it can link to financial aid deposits.

"Now, instead of waiting in line to get a hard copy of a check and then having to go cash or

deposit at the bank, the funds will be immediately available in the OneAccount," said Melissa Keklak, of public relations for Higher One.

Another financial aid option available allows the funds to be deposited directly into the student's own personal bank. If the recipient prefers, they can still be receive their payment through the mail.

Many students receive at least some degree of financial support from home and parents will be allowed to add money to the account but not withdraw it.

There is no cost for the upgrade to the ECU Debit Card for students. A slightly different version of the card is available to faculty and staff.

The corporate sponsorship of the card means it will work not only on campus but any location that accepts MasterCard.

"A lot of college students will sign up for credit cards [and] get in over their heads. This is a debit card, not a credit card, so students can learn financial responsibility without incurring debt," Keklak said.

Students should not expect a

card immediately but most will be arriving in the mail in the coming weeks.

To find out when the card will arrive, go to ecucard.com and click on "Where's my card?" Other sections of the site explain how to access the card's account and the many ways it can be used.

ECU and UNC-Wilmington are the newest additions to the program, which now encompasses 33 schools nationwide. Since its inception in 2000, a \$1 billion of financial aid has been dispersed.

"The benefit for the school is they don't have as much to handle and the students potentially get the money much faster," said Sean Glass, chief marketing officer and one of the founders Higher One when he was a sophomore at Yale.

"It's not complicated and we've had a lot of success with students and schools."

If the system works, students may find the transition from the holidays to the study hall in January a bit easier.

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U.S. border patrol needs makeover

ECU professor's book leads to legislation

ZACK HILL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU sociologist, Lee Maril's research into life along the United States' border with Mexico in Texas led not only to a book but also to Maril's involvement in a new piece of legislation revamping the U.S. Border Patrol.

Maril's book, "The U.S. Border Patrol in Deep South Texas," was the product of the two years Maril spent in Texas and another year of interviewing and statistical analysis. During that time, he discovered much about how difficult life can be for border patrol agents and how ineffective they can be due to lack of equipment and weak infrastructure.

Eventually the book wound up in the hands of House Representatives, Sylvestre Reyes (D-Texas) and Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas). Already looking to modernize the border patrol, they contacted Maril and brought him in to assist in crafting the Rapid Response Border Protection Act.

The legislation is derived directly from the numerous incidents and observations recorded in my field notes, then printed in the book," said Maril.

The bill brings sweeping changes intended to improve working conditions for agents by funding major technological upgrades and hiring around 10,000 new agents over the next five years.

Maril thinks the alterations in which agents actually interact with illegal immigrants may be the bill's cornerstone.

"The most important change is the change in strategies of apprehension and interdiction," Maril said.

"Then comes many more agents and adequate training and

equipment for them."

The bill calls for hundreds of new helicopters, powerboats and trucks for patrols as well as new communication and tracking systems with the ultimate goal of improving not only efficiency but the quality of life for the men and women strung along the United States massive border with Mexico.

Other changes would allow state governors and the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to move 1,000 agents to an area declared to be in an international border security emergency.

North Carolina has seen an explosion in its Hispanic population in the last decade and a problem with illegal immigration has arisen. The bill could stem the tide of undocumented immigrants making their way to the state.

"If immigration is tightened at the border, it will directly affect the number of illegal immigrants in North Carolina," Maril said.

With terrorism on the lips of every American since 9-11, the weak measures of protection along the U.S. - Mexico border have been highlighted as a possible way for terrorists to sneak into the country.

"Our Mexican border, is, at this time, an open border that allows large numbers of undocumented workers to enter this country, provides for an enormous quantity of illegal drugs and is wide open to terrorists," Maril said.

"We need to do something about it quickly and one place to start is with reforming the U.S. Border Patrol."

The bill entered the House in October and will be up for debate in the coming months.

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Announcements

'The Importance of Being Earnest'

Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest* will begin performances on 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 faculty and staff and \$8 for 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 on 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 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 on Thursdays from 5 - 9 p.m. in Bate room 1010. Japan League is a Japanese film club that shows movies, television shows and animation. For more information visit jl.patternblue.net.

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. on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Wright Auditorium. Purchase Masterpiece Subscriptions by Sept. 28 for best options. Masterpiece subscription (all events): \$216 for public, \$198 for faculty/staff, \$108 for youth, \$72 for students. Purchase Crown Subscriptions by Dec. 1 for best options. Crown Subscription (choice of six events): \$162 for public, \$150 for faculty/staff, \$84 for youth, \$48 for students. Advance individual tickets, if available, may be purchased beginning Nov. 13 for \$25 public, \$23 faculty/staff, \$13 youth and \$10 student. All tickets, at the door are \$25. Group discounts are available for groups of 15 or more. For more information, visit ecu.edu/ecuarts.

New Musical

John and Jen, a new musical, will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 in the Studio Theatre. A truly original musical that takes a look at the complexities of relationships between brothers and sisters and parents and children, this story is set against the background of a changing America between 1950 and 1990. The event is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. For more information, call 328-6829.

New Briefs

Local

NC Baptists vote on homosexuality and member churches

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has taken a formal stand on homosexuality in a vote that asked its board to define when a member church is "in friendly cooperation" with the convention. At the convention's 175th annual meeting, convention delegates also called messengers voted Tuesday to ask their board of directors what constitutes a church "in friendly cooperation with the convention and sympathetic to its purposes and work."

The motion was made by Bill Sanderson, pastor of Hephzibah Baptist Church in Wendell, who said that such a policy "must deal clearly with homosexual behavior and include that a church that knowingly affirms, approves or endorses homosexual behavior is a church not in friendly cooperation with the convention." Churches that contribute financially to the convention are said to be "in friendly cooperation" now, said Norman Jameson, convention spokesman. Executing the policy might not be easy, an observer of religion said. "The convention becomes essentially an investigatory agency ... on one issue," said Bill Leonard, dean of divinity at Wake Forest University. "It will be interesting to see how they police this."

The Rev. David Horton, president of Gate City Baptist Church in Greensboro and the outgoing state convention president, supported the motion.

"I hope (the public) will take it to mean that North Carolina Baptists are voicing our biblical conviction ... (but also) that God offers love and forgiveness," he said.

Not all delegates supported the motion.

"Could it be that homosexuality gains our attention primarily because it's not 'our' sin?" said Rob Helton, a messenger from Cherry Point Baptist Church in Havelock. "If we write a policy (on homosexuality), it seems only fair and right that we write a policy on every sin in the Bible."

Jo Godfrey, a messenger from Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point, said the motion showed a lack of respect for Baptist heritage, which includes the autonomy of the local church. In other business, the delegates approved a slate of conservative candidates for offices.

The Rev. Stanley "Stan" James Welch, pastor of Blackwelder Park Baptist Church in Kannapolis, was elected president, with the Rev. Ricky Speas of Old Town Baptist Church in Winston-Salem named first vice president. Leland Kerr, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby, was elected second vice president. At a news conference after the election, Welch said homosexuality has gotten Baptists' attention because of its visible role in American culture. "Everything in our culture has pushed it to the forefront," he said. "I think it came out in the culture, and we have to deal with it."

The convention, which counts 1.2 million Baptists in its association, continues Wednesday.

National

Bill in Congress aimed at helping farmers hit by hurricanes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Farmers from Florida to Texas who lost crops in one of this year's hurricanes, Dennis, Katrina, Rita or Wilma would be eligible for extra financial help under a proposed bill in Congress. The measure, introduced Tuesday by Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., is expected

to cost around \$2 billion.

Extra help is essential for many farmers who are also having to pay near-record prices for fuel and who already had been facing financial difficulties because of low market prices.

"The bottom line is we're below break even point," said Dane Hebert of Vermilion Parish, La., who lost his entire second harvest of rice to Hurricane Rita. "If we get any kind of assistance, it would be helpful. But ... we need this assistance now. Our crop loans are going to come due in December."

Martinez said Congress hears that plea. The bill will be sponsored in the House by Representatives' Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.

"I am hopeful that it's going to be taken up soon," he said. "I think people understand the need for it." The bill particularly would help producers of nursery crops, which are grown in greenhouses and other structures not usually covered by insurance. The nursery industry in South Florida alone suffered more than \$800 million in a double punch from Katrina and Wilma.

"The nursery industry sustained some staggering losses," said Ben Bolusky, executive vice president of Florida Nursery Growers and Landscape Association.

Sugar growers in Louisiana and Florida would be eligible for about \$400 million in assistance from the proposal not enough to cover all their losses, but a help in what has been one of the worst years for the industry.

A preliminary federal assessment of agricultural damage from Rita, which hit Texas and Louisiana Sept. 24, showed farmers had about \$200 million in crop and livestock losses, although the number was expected to grow. The biggest losses from that storm — about \$80 million were to producers of farm-raised fish, shrimp and shellfish.

Estimates of agriculture losses from Katrina placed damage at nearly \$1 billion, mostly in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Florida agriculture officials say many growers hadn't recovered from the four major hurricanes that hit the state last summer. Agricultural losses from Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina and Wilma came to about \$2.2 billion in the state alone.

The proposed bill also includes \$40 million for assistance in replacing lost housing for farmworkers.

World

Rice says 'jury still out' on North Korea's nuclear intentions

BUSAN, South Korea (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice says North Korea has not followed through on promises to drop its nuclear weapons program and needs to bring "a different attitude" to the next round of international talks.

North Korea agreed in September to dismantle its existing nuclear weapons and renounce new ones, in exchange for a package of economic incentives and diplomatic assurances. Since then, however, the secretive communist regime has seemed to pull back from those pledges.

"I think the jury is out on whether the North Koreans are ... prepared to do what they need to do, which is to get serious," Rice told reporters Wednesday after meetings with other members of a six-way international negotiating team on North Korea.

A disappointing round of talks ended last week without progress toward details of how to dismantle existing weapons and verify that the country has really ended all suspicious programs.

South Korea's foreign minister said Tuesday that talks with the North would resume in January, although Rice said there is no firm date.

When they do return to discussions

with South Korea, China, Japan, Russia and the United States, "the North Koreans need to have a different attitude, and a different approach," Rice said.

The top U.S. diplomat is in South Korea for the annual forum of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, as were representatives for the other five countries involved in the nuclear talks with North Korea.

On a separate nuclear issue, Rice said she discussed the situation in Iran with her counterparts from Russia and China. Those nations are both Iranian allies and members of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency's board.

The board meets later this month to consider what the United States claims is Iran's record of deceit over its nuclear program. The board could vote to send Iran's case before the powerful U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

"We will do a referral at a time of our choosing," Rice said. "I think we've got the votes at any time."

The United States and European allies claim Iran is hiding ambitions for nuclear weapons behind a legitimate program to develop nuclear energy. Iran says its nuclear program is entirely peaceful, and demands an international treaty right to control civilian nuclear technology.

Iran's new headline government rejected a package of economic and trade incentives offered by European nations last summer. New diplomatic overtures are in the works to avert a vote.

The North is insisting on receiving aid in stages as it dismantles its nuclear programs, while Washington refuses to reward Pyongyang until that goal is achieved. North Korea on Saturday stood by its demand for aid in exchange for shutting down a plutonium-producing nuclear reactor, saying it won't act until Washington offers concessions.



The Midwest deals with tornadoes each year and has thus earned the nickname, Tornado Alley.

Storms spawn tornadoes, damages Midwest, Southeast from collision of cold air mixing with warm air

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Tornadoes barreled across the Midwest and portions of the Southeast, knocking out electricity and damaging buildings in several states. The storms killed at least one person.

Meteorologists said a cold front moving east collided with warm, unstable air to produce severe thunderstorms and funnel clouds across Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee. Tornadoes also were spotted in Indiana and Illinois.

"We heard a weird sound coming through, kind of a whistle," said Penny Leonard, 37, who sought shelter in the basement of a hospital in the western Kentucky town of Madisonville. "I thank God I'm safe."

In some parts of community, the roofs of homes were caved in, walls were blown out and entire buildings were blown off founda-

tions. Some water pipes sticking from the ground gushed water.

Trees around the area were shorn off at the top, and chunks of wood were blown into sections of U.S. 41. Police cruisers and fire trucks lined the streets, setting up checkpoints.

Jayne Barton, a spokeswoman for the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville, said 22 people were treated for storm-related injuries ranging from minor cuts and bruises to head trauma.

Lori King, public information officer for the Marshall County Emergency Management Services, said the coroner reported one storm-related death, but no other information was available Tuesday night.

In Tennessee, even Henry County's emergency officials had to scramble for shelter when their offices took a direct hit

from a tornado. They moved into the county mayor's office in the courthouse in Paris, about 90 miles west of Nashville.

Brenda Magee, who lives in Paris and works at Mohon International, a furniture manufacturer, was just arriving at work when the storm system hit.

"They told us to get inside," she said. "We were there for about 10 minutes under tables, dust and everything swirling around. It was a big roar. We heard it hit."

Downed power lines and trees made many roads in the outlying areas of the county impassable, delaying searches by sheriff's deputies and officers for residents in the worst-hit areas.

"Numerous homes there were damaged, some completely destroyed," Henry County Sher-

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Sledding injury ends in state-of-the-art surgery for replacing shoulder

WILSON, NC (AP) — Jim Farmer was on a skiing trip in West Virginia when he jumped on a sled and slid down a snow-covered hill.

At 52, Farmer was still having fun. What the sports enthusiast didn't realize was the pain he felt after jumping on the sled would change the course of his life.

"I knew I ripped something," he said.

Farmer remained in pain until he arrived home from the skiing trip he took with his church's youth group.

What he found appeared to be an injured shoulder, a torn rotator cuff. But that was just the

beginning.

"The rotator cuff was damaged beyond repair," he said. "I didn't have any functionality after that."

The rotator cuff, a group of muscles that cover the shoulder joint and connect the bones, is important for movement since it controls the rotation of the shoulder.

Farmer was treated by an orthopedic doctor at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. At the time, in March 2003, his doctor said there was little he could do to repair the injury and restore Farmer's shoulder.

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4th Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



In the spirit of unity of mutual respect, come share our celebration of gratitude and thanksgiving with a diversity of faith groups in our community. Past speakers have represented Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jewish and Sikh traditions.

Sunday, Nov. 20th at 3p.m.
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All area congregations are invited to be represented in the banner processional and program listing. Everyone is invited to attend this worship. Please bring a food donation for The Food Bank of NC.

For more information or to include your congregation in the program, contact Karen Day, 355-6658.

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- Saturday - \$3 Lits & \$2.50 Import of the Day
- Sunday - \$2.75 Pints Guinness, Bass, Newcastle, Black and Tan

HANGOUT HEADQUARTERS

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iff's Department spokeswoman Faye Scott said. "It's major destruction."

The Henry County Medical Center treated 13 patients and admitted two with non-life threatening injuries, mostly cuts and bruises, said Sandra Sims, hospital spokeswoman.

In Tennessee's Montgomery County, the hardest hit area was Cunningham, just south of Clarksville. Four mobile homes, a camper and two houses were destroyed, while the Cunningham Market had its roof caved in by a tornado.

"It looks like a war zone," said Ted Denny, spokesman for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Forecasters said Tuesday's conditions were similar to those that produced a tornado on Nov. 6 that caused 41 miles of damage from Kentucky into the Evansville, Ind., area and killed 23 people.

Back in Madisonville, Ronnie Austin, 59, returned to a home split in two and blown off its foundation. His wife crawled out of the rubble and was taken to the hospital.

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The doctor performed surgery, repaired tendons and other areas of the shoulder, and sent Farmer to physical therapy. The therapy was designed to help strengthen the shoulder muscles and make up for the loss.

However, his condition only worsened.

"I never could get the range of motion they expected me to get," he said.

And it wasn't long before he started hearing a popping sound in his shoulder. After returning to his doctor, he was examined but told he couldn't receive treatment until the doctor returned from a six-week vacation.

What he didn't know at the time was that he had a massive infection in his shoulder that had eaten away his bones.

"He let me walk out of there knowing my shoulder was gone," Farmer said. "I just didn't have any clue about what was going on."

Farmer also decided to take a vacation. He went horseback riding and started experiencing a lot of pain and a swollen shoulder.

He returned to Chapel Hill and demanded to see a doctor.

As he waited, he recognized

his X-ray technician as an old friend from Wilson he had known 20 years earlier. His test results were shocking, causing the technician and other doctors to move quickly to save his life.

"My life just changed from that day forward," he said. "By that time, an array of doctors came in. It was obvious they were as shocked as I was."

Farmer went into surgery for treatment of the infection. Test samples showed that he had a massive infection in his shoulder that could become fatal.

"I was absolutely scared to death," he said. "I asked him if I was going to die. He said, 'Not today but we need to get control of the infection.'"

Farmer started taking antibiotics and remained on the medicine for eight weeks. He also asked what his options were.

Doctors mentioned a new procedure - reverse shoulder replacement - which was being performed as part of a clinic study across the nation.

After evaluating his case, the doctors decided not to perform the surgery since his condition was so advanced.

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by a suspect, the worst thing is to fight back. More importantly, give what is being demanded and let the police handle the case from there, Lieberman said.

A student was shot in an armed robbery last Friday when he tried to fight a suspect who had demanded his wallet.

"If he didn't fight the guy like he did, he wouldn't have gotten shot," Lieberman said.

Students must not be scared about the recent crimes that have happened around campus, everyone just needs to be more aware as a whole Lieberman said.

The community also has a large responsibility when it comes to looking out for each other.

Lieberman compliments the Greenville Police Department for their rapid response to the recent crimes. There have been arrests made for all four crimes reported near the university.

While the Neighborhood Coalition met on Monday to discuss the recent crimes, police were currently investigating a robbery that took place near campus South Eastern Street.

Around 7 p.m., a man armed with a knife entered a residence

and demanded cash and phones from the people inside, police said. The 44-year-old black male was arrested for armed robbery, Williams said.

During the coalition meeting titled "Take Back our Community," an African American man revealed that he felt victimized because most of the crimes taken place have involved suspects who are black. He is not the only person who feels concerned.

"I notice that African Americans are always described in a crime case but when the police aren't discussing a suspect, I know it's because the suspect is white," said sophomore Amelia Crudup.

Whether the suspects are black or white, students still voice their opinion on safety.

"My hall is right next to downtown and when I hear about the crimes that happen so close, I get worried because this could happen in my hall too," said sophomore Brandi Witherspoon.

However, Sarah Bell, junior communication major at ECU, said she feels safe walking around Greenville, even after the recent shootings and robberies that have taken place.

ECU is currently taking several safety precautions to make sure students are safe around all perimeters on campus and when coming home from downtown.

ECU is also currently working to provide a new ECU Safe Ride extension. The Safe Ride van will pick up students at 2:15 a.m. (only one bus) from downtown and transport them safely to their homes.

"The problem is students that live in the neighborhoods [near downtown] don't use the Safe Ride van, they walk," Lieberman said.

The idea is to target them. The bus will loop around the neighborhoods and police officers will patrol the areas where the bus drops off.

"This isn't a drug bust. Students will for no reason get in trouble. Our main reason is to get students home safely," Lieberman said.

If students have any concerns about suspects or their neighborhoods, they can fill out a complaint form on there Web site ecu.edu/studentlife/snr/.

This writer can be contacted at news@theeastcarolinian.com.



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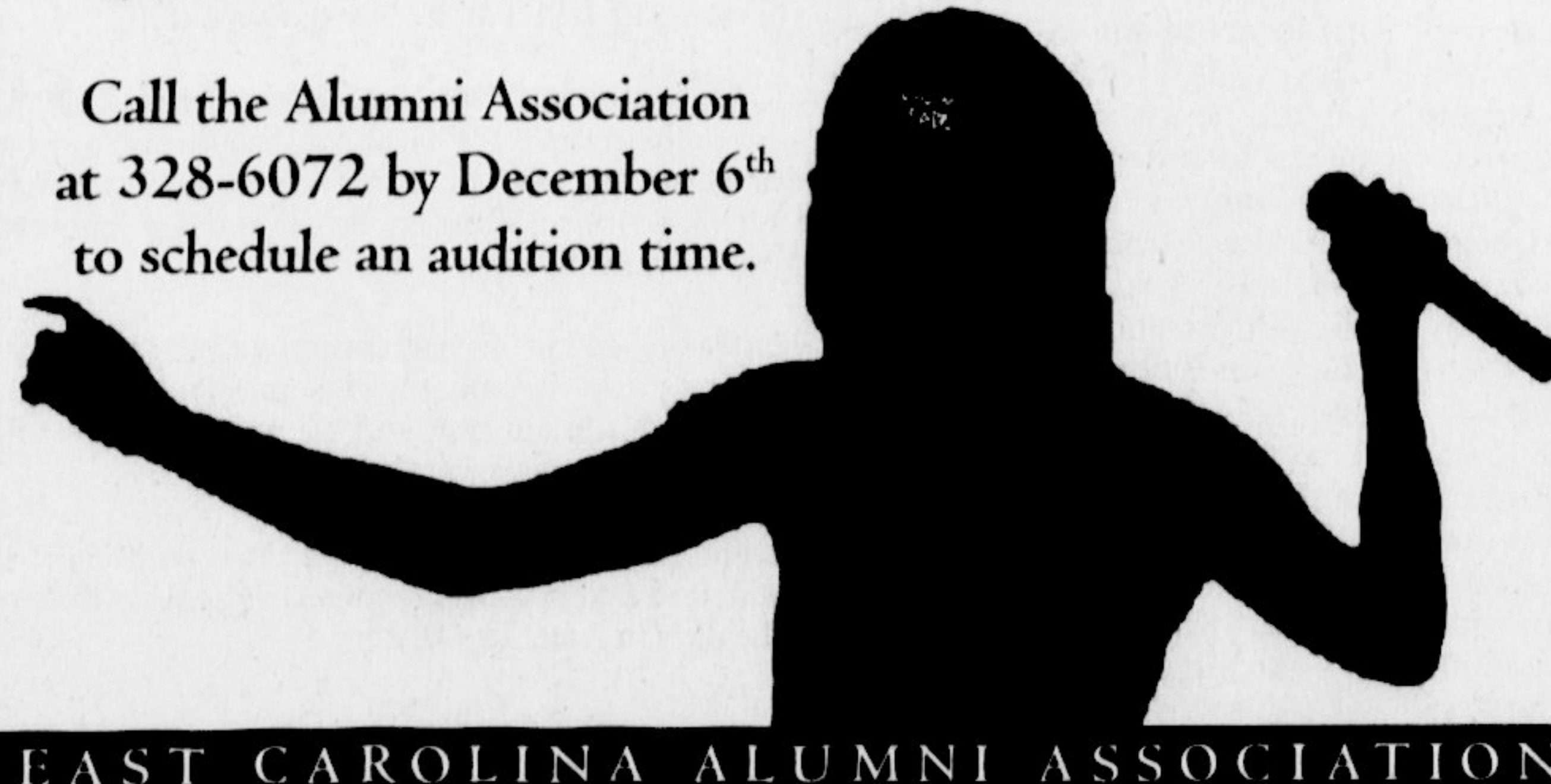
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With Thanksgiving Day being only one week away, everyone is looking forward to the brief break in classes before exams begin. Aside from being a very much needed break, Thanksgiving is a time that most students can go home and visit their families. But does anyone actually think about what Thanksgiving means and why it is so important to spend time with the people that you love?

According to The History Channel, the first Thanksgiving was nothing like the way we celebrate it today. The date was not the fourth Thursday of November and the celebration was not only one day long. So how did the tradition evolve into what it is today?

During the American Revolution, The Continental Congress suggested having a yearly celebration of thanks. Then in 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual holiday to be celebrated by all, with many other states following in their footsteps. Then, to make the tradition even more official, in 1863 President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving the last Thursday in November.

After that brief history lesson, the question must be asked, how was this day of thanks so important almost two hundred years ago but now it is only seen as a break from school or some kind of family obligation?

Society is partly to blame, but what about personal responsibility? When we were in school as children, we talked about the Thanksgiving history, made cornucopias and the ever famous "hand turkeys," and thought about what we were thankful for that year. Do we still think about the many things we have to be thankful for? So many people take simple, everyday things for granted and forget how fortunate they are to have them.

Having a family of any size or friends that care about you is something to be thankful for. Be sure to spend your holiday giving thanks to all that you have.

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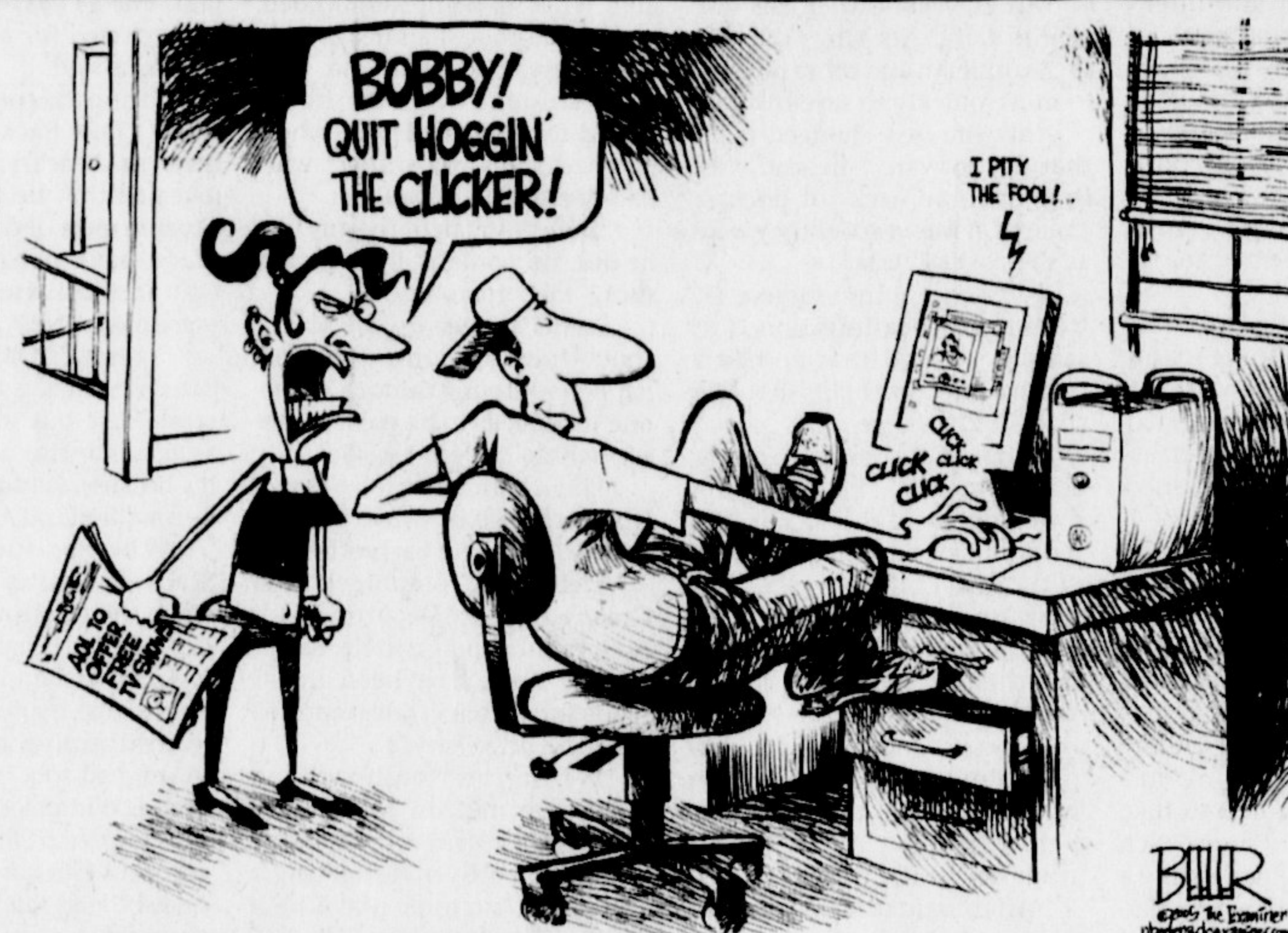
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Opinion Columnist

Stupid people watch stupid television shows

I hope you're happy watching 'According to Jim'

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I hate the Midwest. I hate the South. I hate anyone who doesn't watch "Arrested Development." What? You've never seen "Arrested Development?" Then I hate you, too. You're the reason the best television program since "Seinfeld" was given the axe last week. Well, it wasn't exactly axed ... yet. The writing is on the wall. Nonetheless, you've let me down and I'll never forgive you for it.

I apologize - maybe that's a tad too far. It's just that I'm going through a rough time right now. Here's what's going on - the major networks are going through their "sweeps" period. Basically, the point of these periods is to determine how much the networks can charge advertised based on the ratings during the months of November and May. Did I lose you? Even more basically, the higher the ratings, the higher the price.

So it's during these two months that networks pull out all the stops during their prime-time lineup. Cliffhanger endings, marriages, deaths, plot twists - get ready for a ton of them in the coming weeks. In fact, I read somewhere that the big twist on "Desperate Housewives" is that the Marcia Cross character is actually a tranny. Shocker.

On Nov. 7, "Arrested Development" came back after a short hiatus with back-to-back episodes. To call these episodes great would be an insult to the show. They were nothing short of sheer brilliance.

There is a scene in the second episode of that night is quite possibly the funniest thing that I have ever seen. Tobias, dressed as a giant mole, fights George-Michael, who was equipped with a jet pack for some reason, over a miniature town in front of a group of frightened Japanese businessmen - a magnificent Godzilla parody.

Of course, it makes no sense

to most readers. You didn't watch "Arrested Development" and you didn't catch that episode. Don't worry, though, apparently nobody else watched it either. Only 4 million people watched "Arrested Development" that night - a paltry sum of people for a major network show let alone a major network show that has won the Emmy for "Best Comedy" and a slew of other important awards. It's sad.

It's sad that people are completely ignorant to this amazing show but, even worse, it's even sadder when you look at what they're watching instead. More people watch "That 70s Show" than "Arrested Development." I had no idea "That 70s Show" was still on television. What year is it on that show now? It has to be at least 1991 by now.

"According to Jim," "Still Standing" and "King of Queens" - more people watch all of these shows and they're all the same show! It's the misadventures at home of a homely, fat husband and his super-hot wife.

In the real world, the only way these guys would ever interact with these women is when he lecherously slips dollar bills in their G-string while "Girls, Girls, Girls" blares in the background. And don't get me started on Jim "my brother's death is the greatest thing to happen to my career" Belushi. What a hack.

"Numbers" is a show so pre-tentious that it uses a "3" in place of the "b." I've got a different name for it: "CSI with Math." You can even replace the "i's" with "1's" if you really have to. It's such a stupid concept. The characters are like, "Someone killed Mr. Weathers - get me my calculator."

But the worst abomination on television, and I'm not the first or the last to say so, is reality TV. People go out of their way to watch shows about people that they wouldn't find interesting enough to hang out with in real life. All of the sudden Donald Trump's a reality star? There's nothing real about him. Look

at his hair. It looks like he ran over some sort of furry animal with his Bentley and instead of burying it, he just put it on top of his head.

Now I understand that "Arrested Development" isn't the most accessible show. It's filled with inside jokes and callbacks that will go over your head if you haven't been with the show since the beginning. But the show goes out of its way to keep newcomers up to speed with narrator Ron Howard constantly giving the back-story and hand-feeding them explanations to the jokes.

And the jokes come at you pretty fast and furiously. I think that's the problem. "Arrested Development" is not a typical show. It has all sorts of humor. A lot of it is overt, popcorn movie jokes like the Godzilla parody. But most of it is very subtle, intelligent humor that you'll miss if you don't pay attention. And the show doesn't have a laugh track so it doesn't have the crutch of telling people when something funny happened. If it did, the track would never stop running.

I just think we're becoming too lazy and - okay, I'll say it - stupid. Every journalist in the country seems to love the show. Everybody in the industry loves the show. But because it doesn't appeal to the "common man" in the Midwest and the South, the show has been cut to 13 episodes and will surely never be seen again on network television.

I don't want to get to stereotypical but now I understand why those shows about fat guys who live normal, boring lives do so well. Eh, who cares? They like those shows because they can relate. And they don't have to think too hard watching them. It's like the presidential election last year - the ignorant masses always outnumber the enlightened few. So we'll never win.

I'm glad I don't watch those shows and I'm glad I'm not one of those people. I hate the Midwest and I hate the South. I've got to get out of here.

to the blogosphere, the teenage diary jottings unnaturally mixed with overriding snarky humor, is a reminder that it's still in diapers. It needs to grow up, a lot.

Meanwhile, I worry about Diane Sawyer and Charlie Gibson, who seem to be all things to ABC and are managing on minutes of sleep. Soon, I expect Sawyer to appear on Wisteria Lane and Gibson to be shipwrecked on "Lost." It's so obvious that Sawyer would be the best thing to happen to the nightly newscast, as connected, informed, authoritative and, yes, glamorous as the late Jennings.

The networks are as much at a loss as the areas ravaged by Katrina. At least they know what to do about the latter exercise opportunistic plundering, milking the devastation for maudlin queen-for-a-day reports.

I went to "Good Night, and Good Luck" the other night and yearned for such urgency and excitement, and not just because there was Clooney and an impossibly elegant David Strathairn. That news world seemed important, involved and truly cool.

In the meantime, I'm sticking with "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," where the anchor excels by receding, letting the news and other people's intelligence dominate. It's exactly the opposite of all this dating, and I mean that in the best way.

Pirate Rant

Is it just me, or are Nextel walkie-talkie phones extremely annoying? Pair them with a loud, obnoxious user and you have a lousy combination.

To the gentleman in Wright Place who made my BBQ sandwich on Tuesday and small-talked with me, then told me to have a great day. Thank you, you really did make my day great and my sandwich even better!

ECU prides itself on not charging us taxes, but then they jack the prices of the food up \$2 so I'm paying \$5 for a slice of pizza and I'm supposed to be thankful there is no tax?

I can't stand freshmen. Yeah, I was one once. I couldn't stand me then.

How difficult is it to park your car between the lines? Take the extra two seconds and make everyone else's lives a little easier, please!

Why is it that no matter where you go in Greenville you will see a thousand cops driving around, but every other day there is an attempted robbery, robbery or shooting?

For those of you that claim pre-med as you're major, stop. Pre-med is merely a certificate of education saying you've taken the required courses to get into medical school.

Is there anyone else out there that has a roommate that never goes to class and just sleeps all day? The thing that is funny is that he complains he doesn't get enough sleep.

ECU isn't telling us something. Why all of a sudden is there so much crime? Can anyone explain to me this strange activity?

For everyone complaining about the people who party instead of going to class, leave these people alone. Someone is going to have to serve us fries and burgers and I even hear McDonald's is hiring.

If you come to class 30 minutes late and then sleep through the last 20, don't ask me what the answers are on the in-class assignment and then get mad when I won't tell you. Do your own work or just don't come.

Since it's all right on campus, ECU should hammer a deal where we can use our Pirate Bucks at Wendy's and McDonald's instead of eating the nasty food at Wright Place.

Finals are coming up ... big deal, it's all over rated.

Does the Wright Place mix a little bit of concrete in their biscuits?

To the guy who threatens to clothes-line the next cyclist that flies by him ... I'll make sure you get a good taste of my rear tire in the event that you do.

I think it might be more beneficial if the ECU lists e-mails were posted on the local news or something. Maybe then the morons committing these crimes (or ones in the future) could take a hint.

I hate group projects because there is always some dumb girl screaming, "I can't meet at that time ..." "Desperate Housewives" is on ..." Tape it b**** and start helping us out! Why do I always end up picking the stuck up blondes that just gossip when we meet?

To whoever keeps wondering why girls wear skirts and a fleece or a skirt and a sweater: Isn't that almost the same as wearing pants and a tank top?

Perhaps our school should turn its focus to academics for a change. Maybe if the university decides to get its priorities straight things will fall into place elsewhere, this is how things tend to work at most successful universities.

I'm that girl that walks through campus with her iPod on and her head down. Maybe it's the look on my face or how I'm avoiding people. I'm not a bitch, I'm just shy. Smile at me, it'll make my day, and it just might make yours too.

To the person who said that some of our troops don't even know why they are overseas... SHUT UP! Because you obviously have no idea what you are talking about! If you don't believe me, my brother just returned from Iraq and he damn well knows why he was over there. And you know what's more? He is proud of what our troops have done for the Iraqi people. So when you stop being ignorant, let me know and maybe my brother will fill you in!

If you think you don't feel safe on our campus, thank your lucky stars that you aren't at Duke, in downtown Durham.

It was nice to read an article pointing out how hard it is to be a conservative in college. It's nice to know that someone has the courage to stand up to the liberal view!

With all of the on-campus and off-campus crimes - one would think the board members of ECU and the city council of Greenville would work together and put more and brighter lights around campus and on the streets that surround campus.

Why don't education classes teach us how to TEACH? I would like to learn how to write a lesson plan, rather than learning through Google!

Are my roommates the only ones who eat my food, leave the wrapper in the refrigerator and don't admit to eating it? If you didn't buy it, don't eat it.

To the person who said "You cannot turn left on red at any point in time..." What about if you are on a one-way street turning left, onto a one way street? You can turn left on red in this situation, before you rant, know what you are ranting about!

Just because someone has blonde hair and big sunglasses doesn't mean they are stupid! Some of us were actually born with blonde hair, and we would be "fake" if we dyed it any other color! So leave us alone.

I remember the good 'ole days when politicians were educated and intelligent when they spoke. Those were the days in American History 1.

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Schwarzenegger speaks to Chinese students about power of individualism



California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, goes overseas to spread a message of individualism.

BEIJING (AP) — In a speech evoking bodybuilding, civil rights icon Rosa Parks and the power of the individual, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger urged a university audience in China to emerge from the constraints of their political system and attain success in the global world.

"America is a nation that believes in the power of the individual and what the individual can accomplish — no matter the color, no matter the religion, no matter the ethnic background of the individual," Schwarzenegger told about 500 students at Beijing's elite Qinghua University. "Imagine what could be accomplished if the dreams of China's 1.3 billion individuals can be unleashed."

His reference to Parks, whose refusal to give up a bus seat to a white man sparked the U.S. civil

rights movement, suggested that one person could change the practices of an unfair government.

"The small protest of a small woman who weighed less than 100 pounds brought down a racist system," Schwarzenegger said of the civil rights icon who died last month. "The individual can make a difference."

Those comments and others offered oblique but clear references of the practices of China's authoritarian government and collective society — something the Republican governor had not yet touched on in his three-city trade mission.

The students, however, appeared largely unfazed by his message, questioning Schwarzenegger instead about the relationship of acting to politics and his definition of the California dream.

In the speech, Schwarzenegger acknowledged China's

global economic emergence and praised its heavy investment in U.S. Treasury bonds. But he also addressed the country's challenges, even touching on its neglect of disabled citizens.

He mentioned a California businessman and philanthropist, Ken Behring, who had helped liberate thousands of Chinese simply by giving them wheelchairs.

"He says that he has met people who have spent years in rooms with no windows, just lying there, looking at the ceiling, not being able to see the outdoors unless someone carries them," Schwarzenegger said.

While his evolution from musclebound Austrian superstar to politics is well known around the world, Schwarzenegger spoke in unusually personal terms about his humble beginnings and the pain of dashed hopes.

He told students how he cried all night after his first bodybuild-

ing tournament in the United States, when he came in second to an American competitor. He said that experience motivated him to move to the United States and begin his career.

"The bodybuilding gave me the confidence, the movies gave me the money, and public service gave me a purpose larger than myself," he said.

Students, clearly excited by the presence of the celebrity governor, peppered him with a range of friendly questions.

One student, identified as Zhou Guang, even asked if Schwarzenegger would write to his younger brother, whom Zhou said was convalescing from a car accident and deeply depressed.

The governor promised to send a photo and a note.

The most challenging question came from a student who asked Schwarzenegger about his relationship with his wife, Democrat Maria Shriver. When he and Shriver argued about President Bush, the student asked, who won?

Schwarzenegger laughed and said he and his wife, a member of the iconic Kennedy family, didn't argue.

"I never looked for a wife that was saying yes to everything," he said. "That's the last thing I need, to have more yes people around."

After the speech, students seemed mostly thrilled.

"It was so good," said Liao Zhengjun, a 24-year old journalism student. "As a movie actor to change to governor of the great state of California, he shared about his dream come true."

Another student, 18-year old electrical engineering major Yu Xiaoxiao, said she was less impressed. "He talked about his life, he talked very little about being governor," she said.

The speech was the centerpiece of Schwarzenegger's final full day in Beijing.

Later, he was expected to headline an expo of California products before jetting to Shanghai. He visits Hong Kong later in the week.

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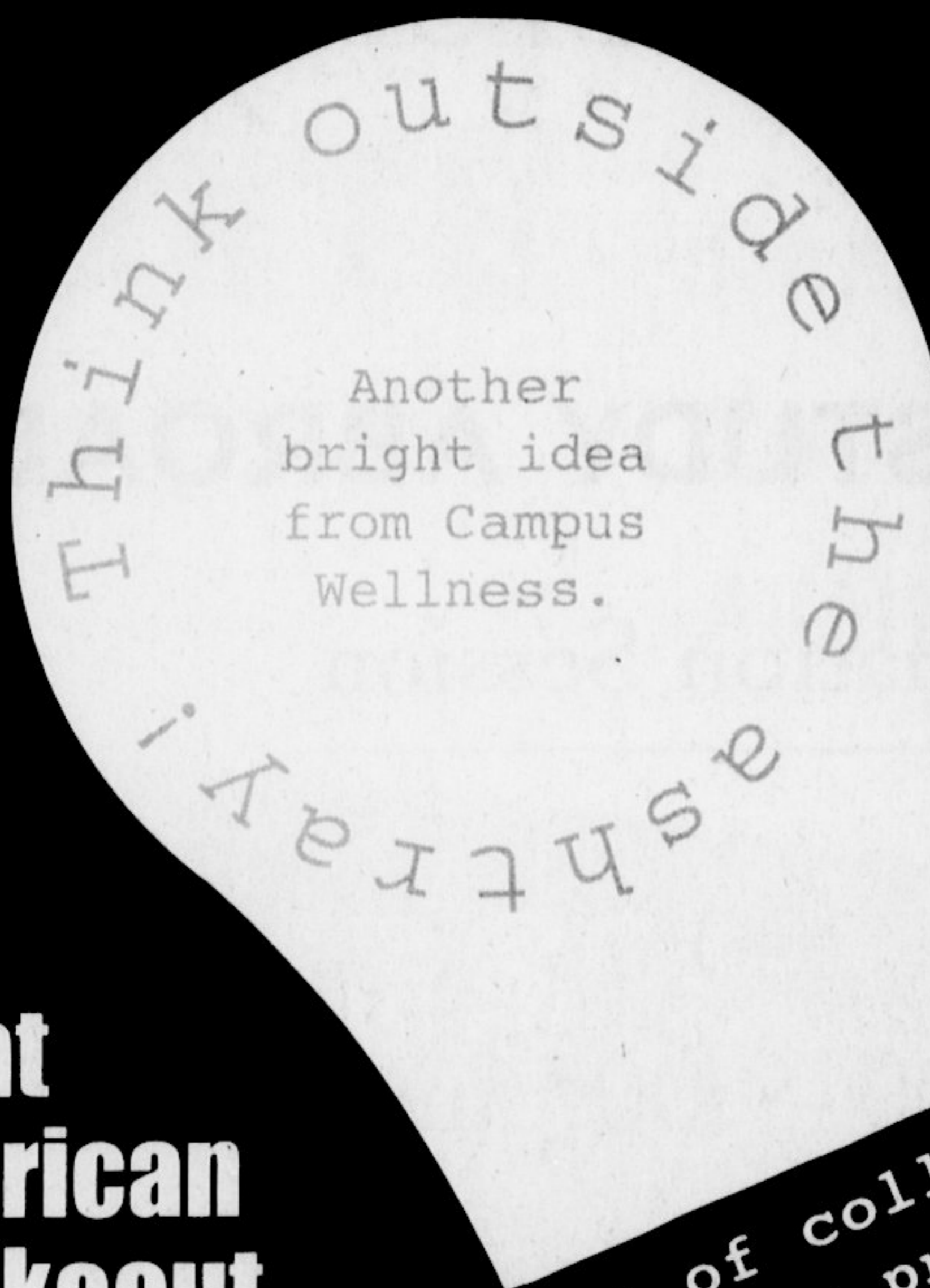
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Why do girls wear snow boots with miniskirts? I think this is the most moronic fashion trend ever. And why are there so many girls that do? Why can they not just think for themselves and wear something else?
-Trend Setter

Dear Trend Setter,
We honestly can't tell you. The snow boots/miniskirt combination is a fashion phenomena that boggles the minds of your editors. If it's cold enough outside to wear boots, then won't your legs get cold wearing a skirt that covers little more than your butt cheeks? Maybe these special snow boots come equipped with a heating system that keeps your legs warm as well? Maybe your Uggs contain a magical power that warms your feet so much that the rest of your body doesn't even feel the cold? We personally think that while these boots might keep your feet warm, they are not meant to be a substitute for other clothing. Some people just don't realize how silly they look with big furry boots and short skirts and tank tops. Next time you wear this combination and you see someone laugh, just keep in mind they're not laughing with you, they're laughing at you.

Announcement:

Saturday, Nov. 19 there will be a *Compilation, Volume Two, Songs from North Carolina* release show at Red Rooster. Art Lord & The Self Portraits will be battling Spader for bragging rights and People Under the Bridge will be the night's opening act. The cost is \$5 at the door and all entrants will receive a free copy of the CD being released. If you have any questions, e-mail contact poxworldempire.com.

Recipes:

Five Cheese Penne

- Kosher salt
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes in thick tomato puree
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano (1 1/2 ounces)
- 1/2 cup shredded imported Italian fontina (1 1/2 ounces)
- 1/4 cup crumbled Italian Gorgonzola (1 1/2 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons ricotta cheese
- 1/4 pound fresh mozzarella, sliced
- 6 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 pound imported penne rigate pasta
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter

Preheat the oven to 500 degrees Fahrenheit.
Bring five quarts of salted water to a boil in a stockpot. Combine all the ingredients except the penne and butter in a large mixing bowl. Mix well. Drop the penne into the boiling water and parboil for four minutes. Drain well in a colander and add to the ingredients in the mixing bowl, tossing to combine. Divide the pasta mixture among six shallow ceramic gratin dishes (1 1/2 to 2-cup capacity). Dot with the butter and bake until bubbly and brown on top, seven to 10 minutes.

Citrus Salad

- 2 hearts romaine lettuce
- 2 cups jarred citrus salad of orange and grapefruit sections, drained
- fresh oranges and grapefruits may also be used but to supreme fruit (method below*) takes extra time
- 2 tablespoons marmalade
- 2 tablespoons white wine or cider vinegar
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped or snipped chives

Chop lettuce. Arrange lettuce on platter and top with pieces of grapefruit and orange.
*To supreme fresh oranges and/or grapefruits instead, cut off ends then remove skin in strips working all the way around the fruit from top to bottom. Cut along the side of the membrane to remove the sections of the citrus fruit. Combine marmalade with two splashes of vinegar and stream in extra-virgin olive oil. Pour dressing over the salad and season with salt and pepper. Garnish platter with chopped or snipped chives.

Cherries Jubilee

- 2 (15-ounce) cans whole Bing cherries in juice, drained and juice reserved
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - 1/4 cup kirsch or cognac, warmed
 - 2 pints vanilla ice cream
- In a small dish, combine a little cherry juice with sugar and cornstarch. In a skillet, heat juice from cherries over moderate heat. Add cornstarch mixture. When juice thickens, add cherries to warm through. Pour in warmed liqueur, then flame the pan to burn off alcohol. Remove cherries from heat. Scoop vanilla ice cream into large cocktail glasses or dessert dishes and spoon cherries down over ice cream.

'Derailed' release almost on track

Plot twists keep the film entertaining

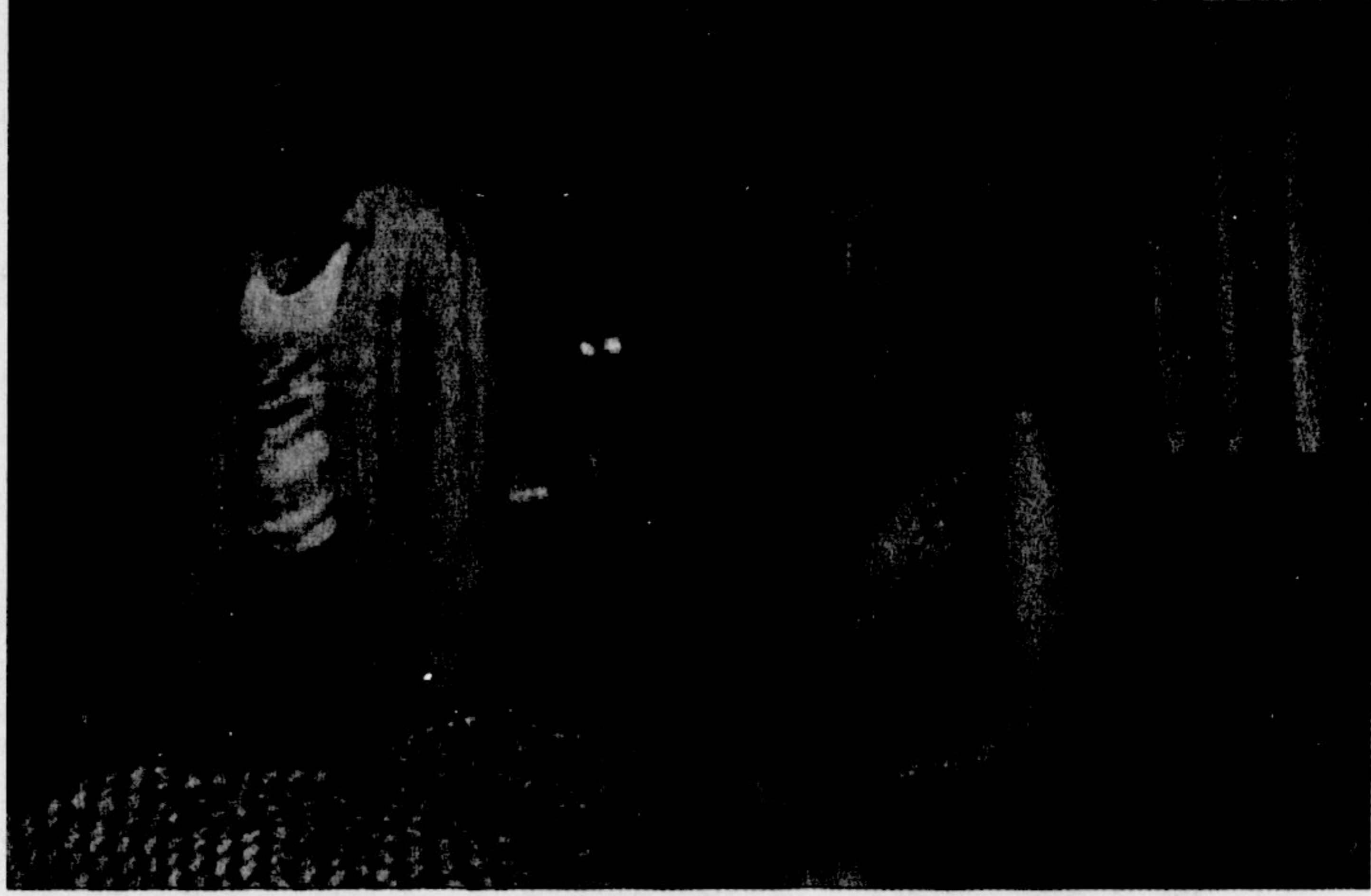
TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Derailed starts out as if it's going to be another type of love affair style film, and then quickly jets into the thriller direction with lots of twists and turns along the way. Unfortunately for us, the twists are the only things that keep us interesting in this somewhat stale plot line.

Clive Owen (*King Arthur*, *Closer*) stars as Charles Schine, an accountant in Chicago. He is married to Deanna (Melissa George) and has a teenage daughter Amy (Addison Timlin), who happens to have diabetes. The Schines have been saving money for many years that would buy a new drug that would take Amy off of the dialysis machine.

Charles meets Lucinda Harris (Jennifer Aniston) on the train on the way to work one day when she pays for his ticket. The two see each other on the train each day and get to become good friends. Both are married and have daughters, but that shouldn't prevent anyone from being friends.

It isn't till Charles and Lucinda end up getting a little too close that their lives become



Clive Owen's character meets an alluring woman played by Jennifer Aniston on his daily commute.

a bit derailed. They both decide on an affair. Charles and Lucinda check in to a grimy hotel where they both plan to carry out their intentions for one another. This turns sour when an evil French mugger Philippe Laroche (Vincent Cassel) breaks into the room and holds them up. Charles tries to fight him off, but he ends up getting knocked to the floor where he watches helplessly

as Philippe has his way with Lucinda.

They don't go to the police in fear that Lucinda's husband will divorce her and take her daughter away with him. They just decide to let it be. That is, of course, until Philippe contacts Charles at home and demands large sums of money from him. He threatens both Charles' family and Lucinda. Behind his wife's

back, Charles pays the mugger using his daughter's diabetes money. Don't be afraid, I haven't given anything away at all. This is the basic plot of the film without any of the twists and turns that this plot takes.

Screenwriter Stuart Beattie (*Collateral*) has adapted this film from James Siegel's novel of the same name. *Derailed* does not live

up to the thrills and suspense as *Collateral* despite the twists and turns throughout. It seems as if Beattie adapted this novel in a matter of weeks.

Both Clive Owen and Jennifer Aniston give very well played performances. This role is a long way from the New York City apartment Aniston is used to in "Friends," and don't be fooled by her picture on the poster - she's merely a supporting role. This is Owen's film. Owen is fresh off from his Oscar nomination in last year's *Closer*, and he shows that he refuses to be type cast as the sad, pathetic individual he played in that. This is a trap that so many Oscar nominees fall into in the years following a nomination. Owen delivers a terrific performance in this role, and very seldom does he show a lack of interest in the part.

However, the performances are the only things that truly drive this film. Directed by Swedish director Mikael Håfström, *Derailed* is not the typical edge-of-your-seat thriller that you'd come to expect in a plot like this. The film takes quite a while to get going and by the time it does, you've almost lost all interest in the characters. Håfström could have lobbed off about 10 minutes of talk time in the first half hour

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Soundtrack for O.C. fans to enjoy

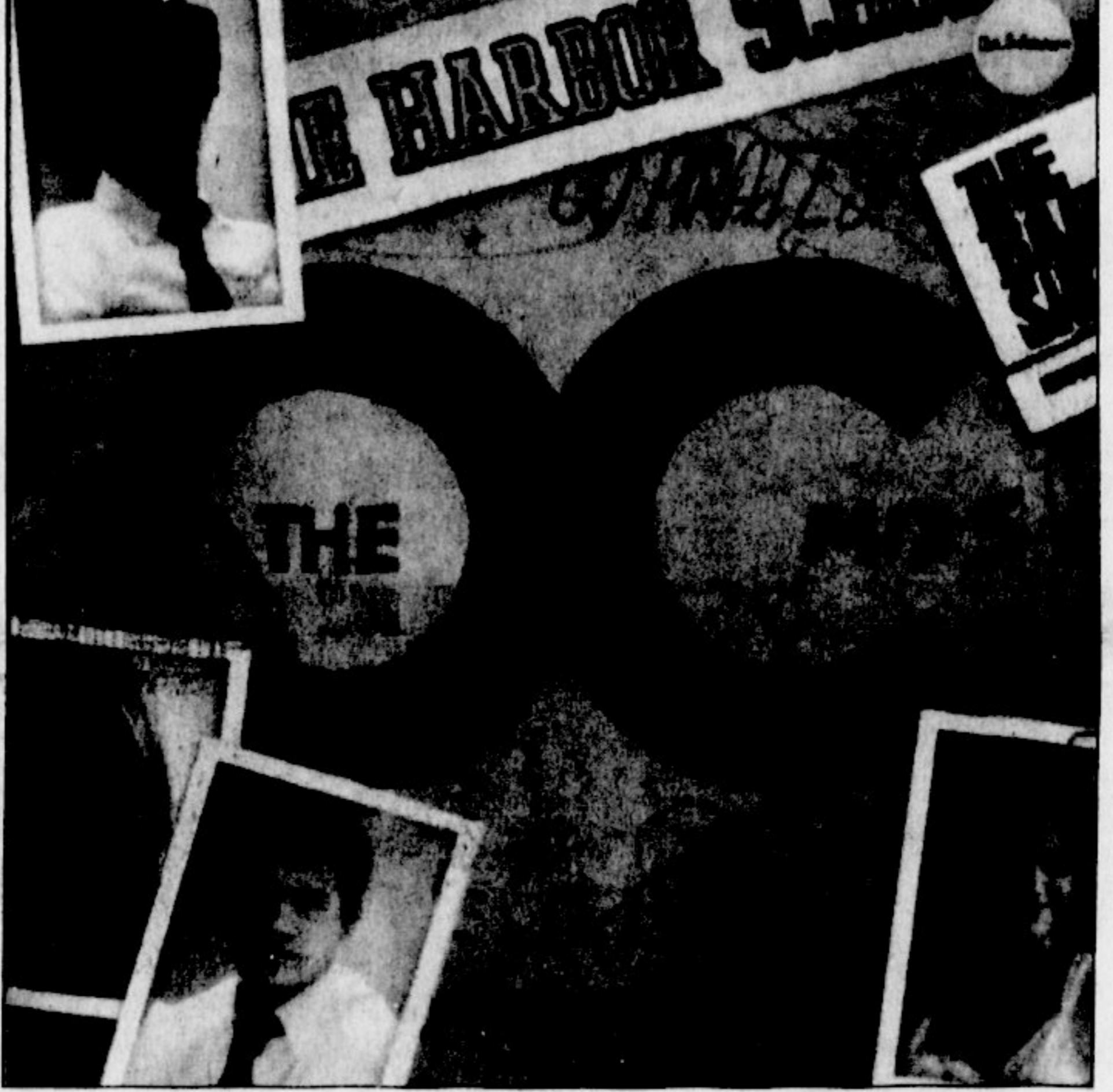
The O.C. Mix 5 hits stores to please the masses

SARAH CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

By linking the conflict and characters together the soundtrack of a movie is vital to the plot, well the same goes for television shows such as "The O.C." In each episode viewers are offered not only a surface view of the characters, but also a glimpse into the internal struggles that plague them. Music is the key element in creating this character depth by setting the right atmosphere and attitude.

The music of "The O.C." is an essential part of the overall viewing pleasure enjoyed by audiences. Nov. 8 marked the release of the fifth album in the *Music from The O.C. Mix* compilations. Three O.C. compilations and *Have a Very Merry Chrismukkah!* were released prior to the release of *The O.C. Mix 5*.

The O.C. Mix 5 contains 12 songs from various previous and upcoming episodes of "The O.C." The mix is mostly a collection of indie-rock bands performing songs that are either new or familiar to listeners. As a loyal "O.C." viewer I was surprised that I didn't recognize many of the songs featured on the album,



however I was pleasantly surprised with the compilation.

The albums is filled with angst ridden songs which are both well written and executed. The most familiar song on the album is "California 2005" by Phantom Planet. This song is a new, improved version of the popular "O.C." theme song "California." Everyone has heard "California" so much that it has

become a bit tired, but "California 2005" offers an interesting twist on an old favorite by adding a subdued tone to the song.

"Forever Young" by Youth Group may be a cover of Alphaville's "Forever Young," but the quality of this song well surpasses that of many other cover songs I've heard. Pop this song in while driving and you'll be singing along in no time.

My favorite song on the soundtrack is "Hide and Seek" by Imogen Heap. This song rounds out the album perfectly. It ties all of the songs in together with an emotional content that will leave you feeling vulnerable and dying to hear more.

Thanks to "The O.C." many rising artists have been given the opportunity to create national exposure for their bands. As a result, fans have been flocking to stores to buy their albums.

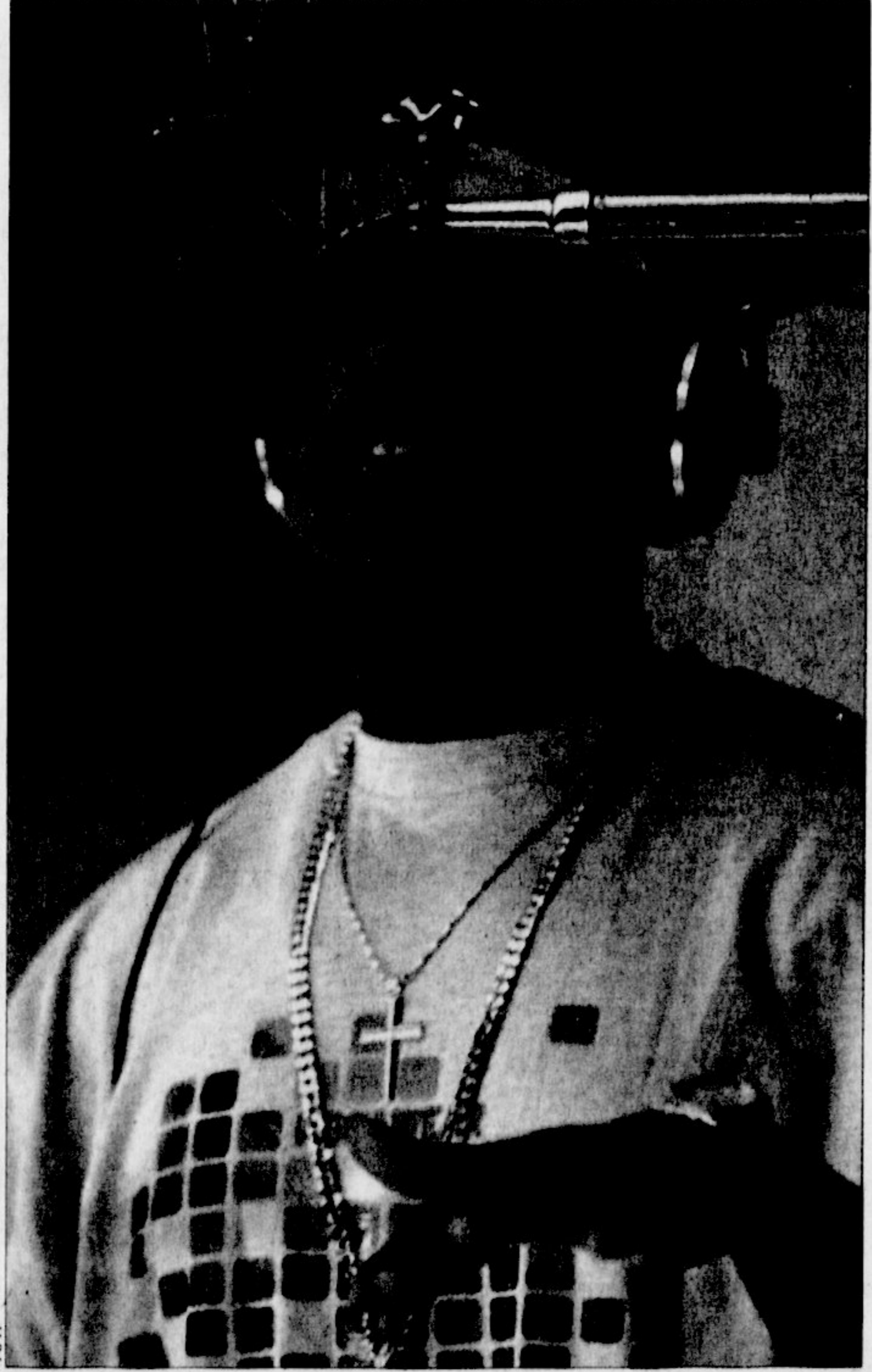
"The fans have been incredibly responsive to the music on the show and many of them are buying records after hearing new bands on 'The O.C.,'" said Alexandra Patsavas, the album's music supervisor in a recent press release.

Overall the album is very well constructed, but a few of the songs are definite misses. If you love "The O.C." then you'll definitely appreciate the latest soundtrack, however if you are just a casual fan than this might not be the album you. I suggest this album for any "O.C." or indie-rock fan searching for new artists to delve into. For more information about *The O.C. Mix 5* or other albums in the Music from the O.C. Mix series visit musicfromtheoc.com.

Album Grade: B-

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50 Cent semi-biopic not just typical rapper's story



Curtis Jackson, AKA hip-hop star 50 Cent, in *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*.

New film is 'GoodFellas' meets 'Hustle & Flow'

TREVOR KIRKENDALL
STAFF WRITER

Get Rich or Die Tryin' is a more of complete semi-autobiographical film about a famous rapper's life than Eminem's *8 Mile*. This is a film that covers more time and does so in a much more intense fashion than the aforementioned film.

This film is somewhat based on the life of Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson. He stars as Marcus, an inner city drug dealer who dreams of rap stardom. The film opens with an attempted robbery by Marcus and his friends before showing us a lengthy flashback in which Jackson narrates.

We see Marcus a bit younger (played by Marc John Jefferies) and with his mother Katrina (Serena Reeder). After her tragic murder, Marcus is sent to live with his grandparents (Sullivan Walker and Viola Davis). Here, Marcus begins to write amateur rap songs directed to a girl he likes, Charlene (Rhyon Nicole Brown). He starts to call himself Young Caesar.

To make some money on his own, Marcus picks up on the business that his mother once did by working for Majestic (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje). This takes us up to the present day where Jackson resumes the part of Marcus.

The group Majestic operates is at a gang war with the rival Columbian. By now, Majestic is a higher ranking member of the gang and wants Marcus to get his own group together to start pushing drugs harder. He gets his group (Omar Benson Miller, Tory Kittles and Ashley Walters).

All seems to be going well for Marcus and his friends until he reconnects with Charlene (now played by Joy Bryant). The two start seeing each other and Marcus now has to decide if the life he's led up until now is the life Charlene wants him to have.

He's always wanted to be a rapper and his dream is closely realized when he meets Bama (Terrence Howard) in jail. After their release, Bama says he'll manage Marcus if he wants.

Get Rich or Die Tryin' is set up almost like *GoodFellas* in the way it moves through time and with the distinct separation of rival gangs on the street. Like *GoodFellas*, it is narrated by the main character who must choose between his current life or a life of love. Unlike *GoodFellas*, it is nowhere near as proficient in conveying a life of agonizing crime and the hardships that fall on the criminals' families.

Directed by six time Oscar nominated director Jim Sheridan, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* has elements that resemble some



TEC's Masterpiece Spotlight

Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Of our Founding Fathers - Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Hamilton, Madison and Adams for all you that slept through American History class - Alexander Hamilton has really gotten the short end of the stick.

Washington and Jefferson have their faces carved into a friggin' mountain. Madison is the father of the Constitution. Franklin got his face on the 100 dollar bill and a rap song - Puffy's "It's All About the Benjamins" for all of you that slept through 1997. Adams started America's first political dynasty.

But Hamilton - all he got was his face on the 10 dollar bill. When was the last time you actually saw a 10 dollar bill? Seriously, I don't think I've carried a 10 spot in at least four years. All most people seem to know about Hamilton is that he was killed by the second Vice President of the United States, Aaron Burr (who wasn't even close to being a Founding Father so don't even bother trying to correct me.)

Luckily, Ron Chernow has stepped up with a masterful biography Hamilton that does the man justice. Hopefully the book will show people that while Franklin and the others were important and great men, Hamilton could possibly have been the most important figure in the establishment of the United States of America as a sovereign nation.

Chernow, a graduate of Yale and Cambridge, is the award winning writer of "The House of Morgan," a detailed history of J.P. Morgan and rise of modern finance, and "Titan," a stellar biography of John D. Rockefeller. However, "Alexander Hamilton" is without a doubt his masterpiece.

At 731 pages (hardcover), "Alexander Hamilton" may look like more trouble than it's worth for a lot of students. However, don't associate "long" with "boring." The book is long simply because it's the only way to properly document Hamilton's life. To be honest, it's a very accessible read.

Chernow, after doing an inordinate amount of research, did an amazing job to make Hamilton's

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Marjorie Fair: A musical flower in boom

Soothing sounds to serenade your soul

EMILY JORDAN
STAFF WRITER

During my visit to London this summer I saw advertisements posted everywhere for this new band called Marjorie Fair. I didn't know who they were, but I figured they must be good and they must be English. While the band is a growing success, they're actually not English. The band began touring in Europe before crossing the pond to the U.S. Their debut album, *Self Help Serenade* was first released May 31, 2005 in the U.K. and was released in the U.S. on July 19, 2005.

This L.A. based band of four includes Evan Slamka (vocals, guitar), Dain Luscombe (keys), Scott Lord (bass) and Mike Delisa (drums). First recorded in 2002, *Self Help Serenade* was produced by Rob Schnapf, who has also produced for Beck, Elliot Smith and The Foo Fighters, and features several featured performers like, Jon Brion, Joey Waronker and Billy Preston.

The sounds of Marjorie Fair were conceived in a big L.A. loft apartment situated in an eclectic, poor neighborhood, which serves as inspiration to the band's songs. Slamka, the heart of the band, is also influenced by his childhood favorites, like The Beatles, Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield, David Crosby and even Bing Crosby. Slamka's interest in philosophy opened his inquisitive mind to a spherical way of thinking, which is evident in the band's poetic lyrics. Slamka explains in a press



The American group of musicians have an indie-pop sound and look.

release that "You can write a song about an old tire sitting on the sidewalk - you're not the tire, you're not the sidewalk, but it can be a great song if you do it right."

Self Help Serenade falls under the category of Indie-Pop as it is full of layers, emotion and spirituality. The album has a lulling, melancholy sound that gives a vibe of Coldplay with atmospheric and is close to The Beatles and Pink Floyd with its psychedelia.

Most of the songs are slow with some that are mid-tempo and more pop-like.

Slamka's soothing voice is like a cup of hot tea with honey, a good book and a fire on a cold winter day. He can make hateful lyrics sound angelic.

The slow, sentimental and melancholy sounds of *Self Help Serenade* are entrancing. Listening to the album takes your mind into its own place. All you need

is a quiet and comfortable place, a CD player and a good mood to listen to *Self Help Serenade*. The poetic lyrics are borderline overly sentimental, as if the writer has been disappointed one too many times. Feeling blue? Don't listen to this album - otherwise the tears will surely fall.

If you're a true music lover, you'll appreciate the many layers and the influences of Marjorie Fair's sound. Though the album's personality seems bruised, it is still positive and kind, with floating guitars and twinkles of the piano, organ and strings.

For the past year Marjorie Fair has solely toured in North America, playing only the major cities. The nearest the band has come to Greenville are the cities of Philadelphia and Atlanta. It's going to take at least another album and a bigger following before we see Marjorie Fair grace the stage in North Carolina.

We may never see Marjorie Fair really hit true stardom because their sound is not suited for a broad range of tastes. But if you are in the right mood, the album can be great.

The name Marjorie Fair is actually the name for a rose. The flower's color is a dark shade of pinkish-red and bears thorns. The flowers are long lasting and are relatively popular. Marjorie Fair, the band, has a dark, yet cheerful sound and is melancholy, but sweet. Off to a strong start, perhaps like the flower, Marjorie Fair will continue to grow to reach fame.

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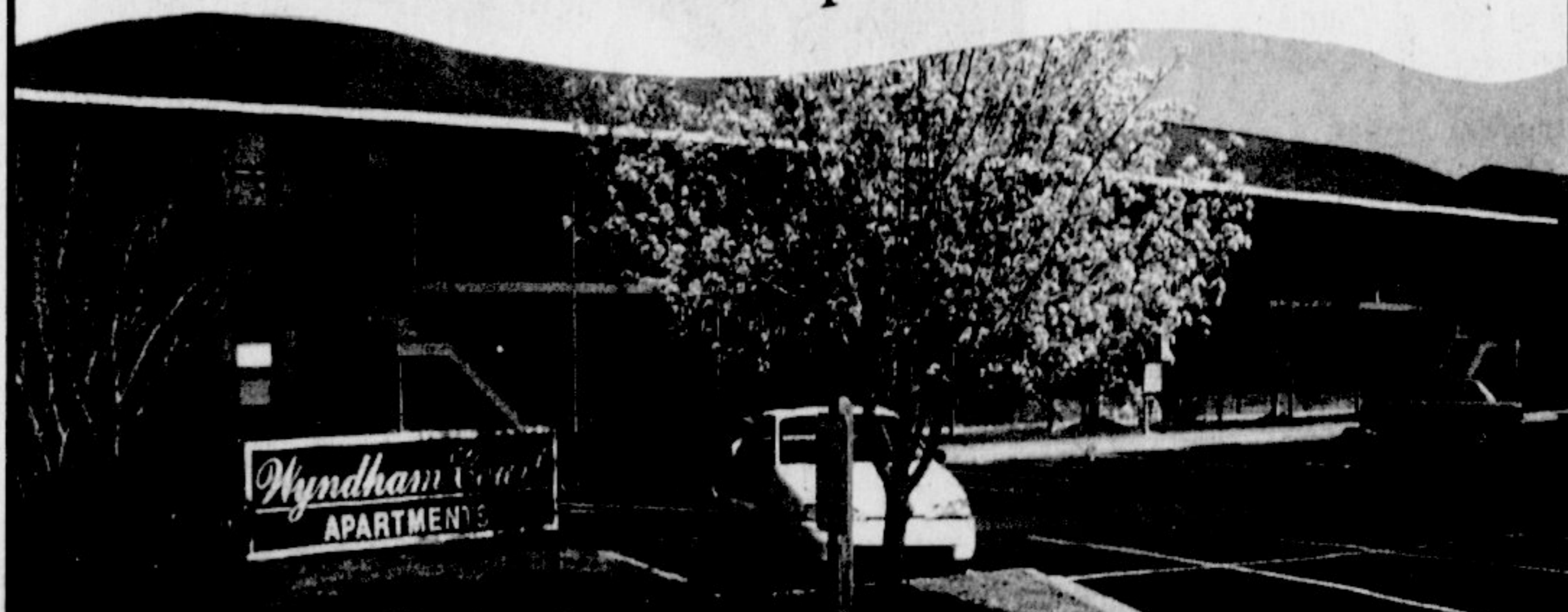
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50 Cent and Joy Bryant star as each other's love interests in *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* which is popular with audiences at the theater.

other classic Sheridan films. The element of poverty is evident throughout Sheridan's films, which include *My Left Foot*, *In the Name of the Father* and *In America*. Sheridan is proficient in painting the images of a poverty stricken neighborhood and the people who inhabit it.

Sheridan has already had a highly successful career, and he had nothing to prove to audiences by making a giant money making film about and starring a rap artist. It was these elements that are trademark for him, that probably drew him to the project.

This film does, however, run a bit too long. Screenwriter Terence Winter has written this *GoodFellas* style film a bit too long. There are many instances where the film seems to drag on and on. I couldn't help but wonder why some of the sequences weren't scrapped due to pacing issues. At 134 minutes long, *Get Rich* runs the risk of boring its audiences' minds to the point where some people may actually leave.

The upside of the film, despite being about 30 minutes too long, are the performances given by the principle players. Jackson is surprisingly good in his first stint at acting. It may take a second to get used to seeing him on the big screen acting, but once you do, it is easy to sympathize for his character.

Another strong performance comes from Terrence Howard who, once again, has found himself into yet another strong supporting role. This has been Howard's year with a strong supporting role in *Crash* and a

powerful performance in *Hustle & Flow*. He even found time to play an important, but small, role in *Four Brothers*. His role as Jackson's prison buddy in *Get Rich* is yet another equally strong show of his acting chops. This role is just the icing on the cake for the tremendous year that Howard has had.

Joy Bryant, who plays Jackson's girlfriend, is probably the only role worth mentioning that was not up to snuff with the rest of the cast. At times, Bryant walks around on the screen with a less than enthusiastic persona about her. It's hard to sympathize for the hero when his girlfriend doesn't seem too excited to be in the scene. She's good when she needs to be, but it's not enough.

If *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* is to be compared to *8 Mile*, it should only be because the two leads where both platinum record selling rap artists. Eminem does have the upper hand when it comes to acting capabilities, but *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* is a much more thought out and better made film.

If it is to be compared to anything, it should be *Hustle & Flow*. Both films convey a message about going for the dreams you've always had and not let anything else stand in the way. That's the message that's being convey here, however I'm pretty sure it could have been said with 30 minutes less time on the screen.

Grade: B-

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Movie picks

► New

- ★ Outstanding
■ Worthy
▼ effort
● So-so

	Local critic	Chicago Tribune	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	San Jose Mercury	See
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► Jarhead (R)		▼	■	▼	▼	▼	■	▼	■
Legend of Zorro (PG)		●	■	▼	▼	▼	▼		●
North Country (R)		▼	★	■	■	■	★	■	■
Prime (PG-13)		▼	★	▼	■	▼			▼
Saw II (R)		●	▼	●	●	▼	●		●
► Shopgirl (R)		▼	■	▼	▼	▼	★		▼
► Squid and the Whale (R)		★	★	★		★	★		★

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PG All ages admitted, parental guidance suggested

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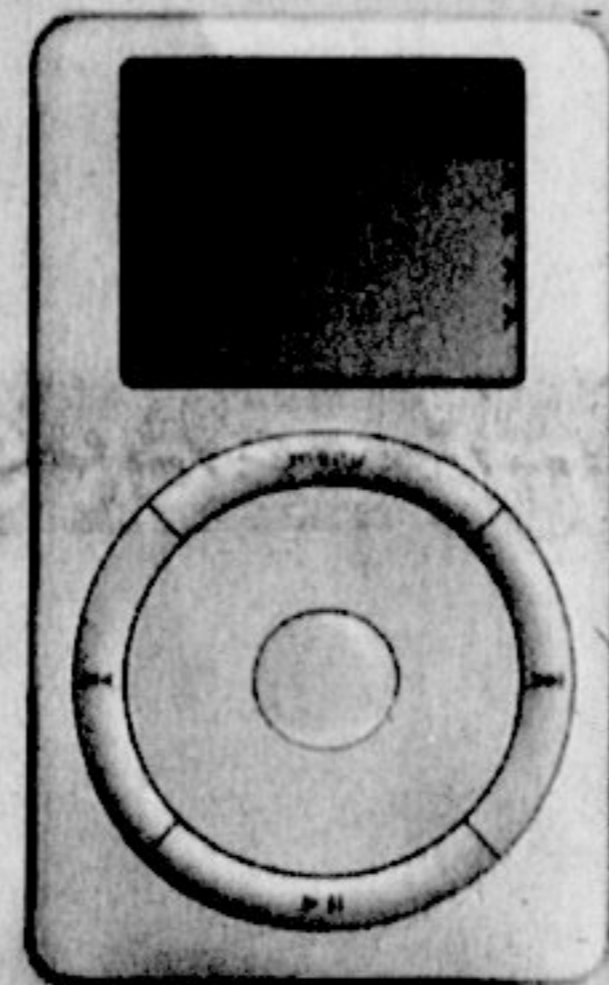
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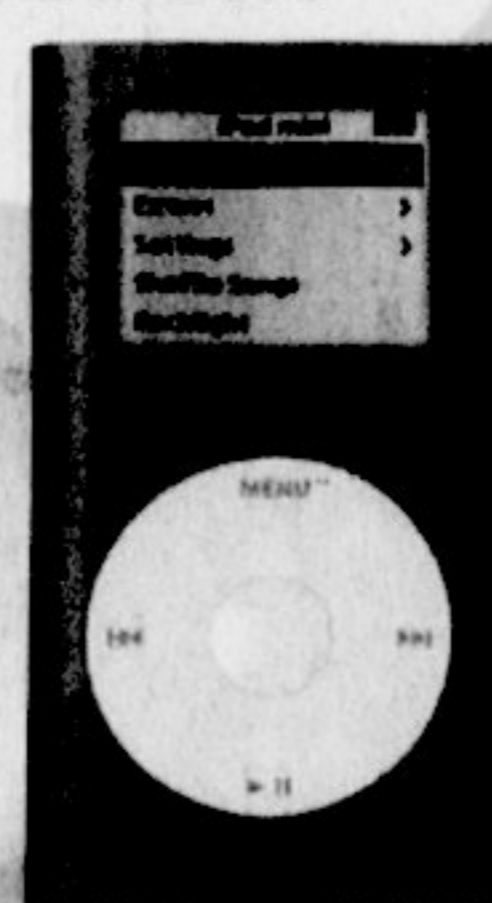
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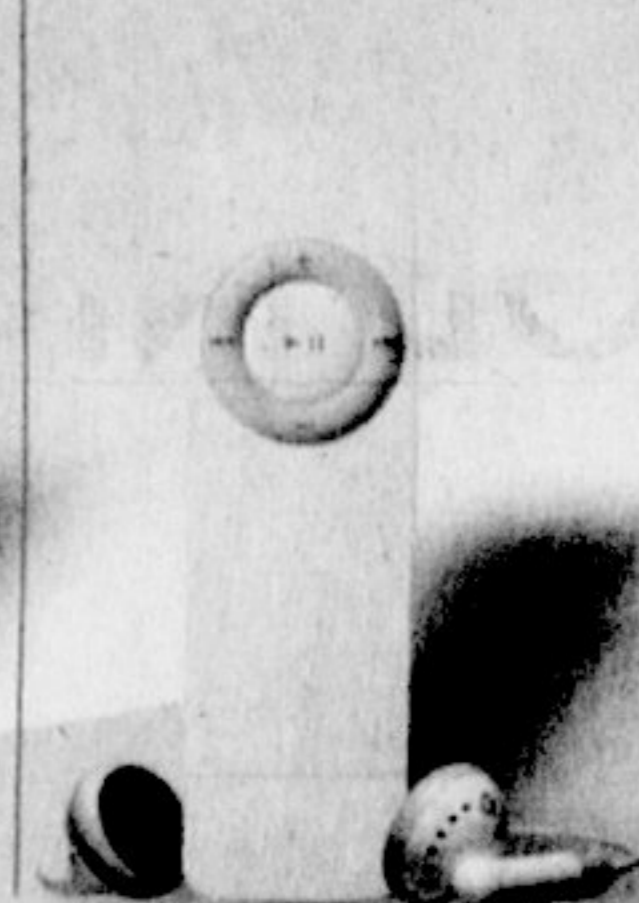
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- 2005 (music)
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1 Gb



iPod

Color screen

- 2005 (music)
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and it would have been just as interesting.

The plot twists in many different directions throughout. It is the only thing that will keep you interested in the film from beginning to end. Unfortunately, some of the twists end up being a bit on the shallow side and anyone paying attention from the get go should be able to pick up on it before anything happens.

Derailed isn't a horrible film and it was rather entertaining, but I'm sure there are other thrillers in your own collection and at the video store that deserve another spin in the DVD player before this one.

Grade: C+

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life an enchanting narrative—not just a series of facts and events.

The book begins in the tiny island of Nevis in the British West Indies where Hamilton was born an illegitimate child around 1755.

From there, Chernow effortlessly moves through Hamilton's life, hitting the expected high points, his tenure at King's College (Columbia), his service in the American Revolution,

his time as Washington's aide de camp, the Second Continental Congress, the Federalist Papers and his appointment by George Washington as the first Secretary of the Treasury.

What makes "Alexander Hamilton" special though are the tiny details which Chernow gives special attention to which best paints Hamilton's character. Small things, such as his brav-

ery while defending King's College against attack or his reaction when blackmailed while having an affair, make him more than a historical figure—he's a fully-realized character whom you grow to admire and then love through the course of the massive biography that includes U.S. history.

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Swimming at the swoosh

ECU swimmers hitting Nike Cup full speed

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Swimming coach Rick Kobe hasn't had a whole lot to complain about through thus far with his swimming teams. The Pirate swimmers haven't lost a meet yet, have stroked through the competition as gracefully as they swim events, and look very strong heading into the upcoming Nike Cup.

The women's team has been stone cold unbeatable to start the season – the ladies have won their meets by an average of 51.8 points, averaging 147 points per meet through six meets. Through those six meets the women have claimed top finishes in nearly all the individual and relay events, and their 6-0 start is their best since the 1999-2000 season.

The men have won their four meets by an average of 32.5 points and averaged 127 points per meet. They have swam very competitively and are thus far performing right up to Kobe's expectations coming into the Nike Cup.

Since sweeping the tri-meet with George Mason and William & Mary back at the end of October, the women followed up with a strong performance against Marshall and Gardner-Webb in a tri-meet. The

women defeated Gardner-Webb 168-108 and racked up 173 points to Marshall's 114. In that meet the women put up some of their fastest times this season en route to the victory. The women put up new top times in the 50 and 1000 freestyle, the 100 and 200 fly, 100 and 200 backstroke, 100 and 200 breaststroke, 200 individual medley, 200 free relay, 200 medley relay, and both levels of diving. In the 50 freestyle, senior Adrienne Williams sits barely a half second behind the school record, and the same goes for Rebecca Perry in the 100 freestyle.

Kobe is very excited about his team's performance and looks forward to the upcoming competition.

"The season has been awesome so far. We are excited to be undefeated at this time. Some great swims at the Nike Cup will make for an even greater first semester," Kobe said.

The Nike Cup will certainly provide a test of both teams' prowess. The event, held in Chapel Hill at the Maurice J. Koury Natatorium, will feature teams from North

Carolina, Clemson, Kentucky, Florida International, Syracuse and Virginia Tech. The women's squads from UNC and Virginia Tech are both currently ranked in the Top 25 by CollegeSwimming.com, with the Tarheels coming in at 22 and the Hokies at 23. The Tarheel men's team also ranks in at 22.

In last year's Nike Cup, the Lady Pirates finished sixth as Purdue won the event with UNC taking second place. Neither Pirates team managed a first-place finish – the highest finisher was Diane Parker, who finished third in the 200 breaststroke, while Megan Pulaski finished ninth in the 1650 freestyle.

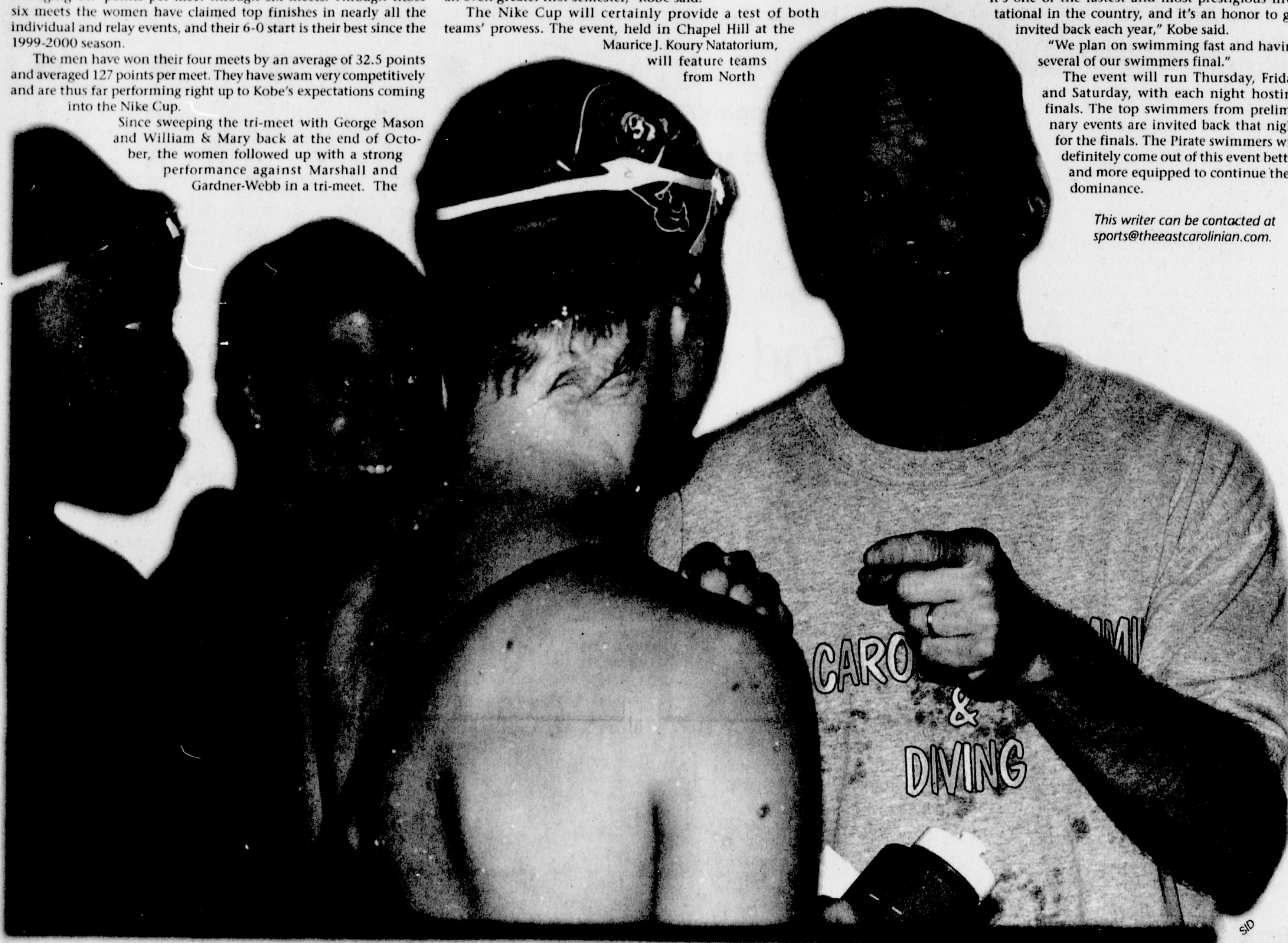
Kobe doesn't think much about the numbers in the Nike Cup, however.

"It's one of the fastest and most prestigious invitational in the country, and it's an honor to get invited back each year," Kobe said.

"We plan on swimming fast and having several of our swimmers final."

The event will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with each night hosting finals. The top swimmers from preliminary events are invited back that night for the finals. The Pirate swimmers will definitely come out of this event better and more equipped to continue their dominance.

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Pirates playing for pride against Marshall



Holtz has three wins in his first season, the same amount ECU amassed in two years previously.

ECU will not go to a postseason bowl for fourth consecutive year

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

"How you respond to the challenge in the second half will determine what you become after the game, whether you are a winner or a loser."

—Lou Holtz

Pride and dignity are two virtues that ECU will be fighting

for on the road against Marshall. The Pirates have an opportunity to strip Marshall of those very same attributes by severely crippling their bowl chances with a road win.

Marshall peeled ECU of its pride and dignity during their last historical match-up. Current Jacksonville Jaguar quarterbacks Byron Leftwich and David Garrard duelled in Mobile, Ala. for what turned out to be the highest scoring bowl game ever (125 points). Leftwich illustrated a stunning 30-point come-from-behind win in the 2001 GMAC

Bowl. But the colossal collapse marked the end of an era where consistency reigned for ECU.

The tailspin ensued. Since then, ECU has gone 10-34. The Pirates have suffered through three head coaches and four offensive coordinators. During the span, five teams have departed Conference-USA while the conference has welcomed in six new members.

Marshall, one of the rookie teams in C-USA has another opportunity to punish ECU. The Thundering Herd still need two more wins to become bowl

eligible. Marshall (4-5, 3-3) is tied with Memphis (4-5, 3-3) and a game behind USM (5-4, 4-2) in the East Division of C-USA.

The two head coaches are both in their first-year at their respective programs. Mark Synder moved over to Marshall from Ohio St. where he was defensive coordinator in 2004. Synder was a standout Marshall linebacker. He took over the program after Bob Pruett suddenly retired after spring practice.

Pruett combined with former coach Jim Donnan to cement Marshall as an extremely successful program. Donnan finished 64-21 while Pruett went 94-23 from 1996-2005. Pruett oversaw the rise from Division I-AA power to the Mid-American Conference and now to C-USA. Marshall has not had a losing season since 1983. Comparatively, ECU has had 11 during that same time period.

Like ECU, Marshall's tone could be strikingly different had a couple of bounces gone favorably.

"We have a very tough challenge this week against Marshall," said Skip Holtz. "They are a very good football team, and they have done a very good job in turn of building their program. They are very similar of where we are right now, a 4-5 team that are three plays away from sitting at 7-2." The Thundering Herd gift wrapped a nationally televised game against Kansas St. due to quarterback Jimmy Skinner throwing an interception with 12 seconds remaining. Marshall was in field goal range and Skinner failed to see the signal to run it to the middle of the field.

Also, Marshall just lost in overtime to USM 27-24. Marshall failed to connect on a field goal

that would have tied the game. All in all, the Thundering Herd has played five games within three-point differences. Marshall blocked two punts to beat UAB 20-19, knocked off Tulane on the road 27-26 and held off SMU in overtime 16-13.

ECU is trying to regroup after a debacle against Tulsa. Few changes have been made publicly through the depth charts, but Holtz promised that new players will continue to get repetitions based on effort.

The 4:30 p.m. kickoff will be an overly emotional moment for Thundering Herd fans. ECU clashed with Marshall for four consecutive years from 1967-1970 when ECU was in the Southern Conference. But after an ECU 17-14 win in Greenville on Nov. 14, 1970, Marshall's program wasn't the same.

While on the return trip, a chartered Southern Airlines plane carrying players, coaches, wives and boosters crashed and burned two miles from the runway of the Tri-State Airport. All 75 passengers aboard the plane were killed instantly upon impact. The burns were so severe that bodies of six players were never identified.

The event rocked Marshall's program as 37 players perished. It still remains the worst sports-related air disaster in American history. A memorial fountain outside the Marshall Student Union has 75 strands representing the victims. The water is turned off on Nov. 14 of each year. The 35th anniversary of the tragic event was held on Monday. Marshall will wear special decals on their helmets to honor the victims.

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Cox

Matt Cox: Beyond the headlines

Walk-on player earns playing time on special teams

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Matt Cox spent last football season in a purple uniform. But it wasn't exactly the type of purple uniform he had in mind.

Cox worked at Logan's Restaurant in a T-shirt long before his current teammate and co-employee James Pinkney garnered so many headlines. A snag in his financial aid forms regulated Cox to requesting orders from customers rather than coaches.

But still Cox preserved. Having never stepped on the

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Clemson, SC deal with brawl aftermath

(AP) — South Carolina receiver Kris Clark had finished running his route late in the Clemson game when he spun to see what quickly became the defining moment of the 2004 season for both teams.

Clark's quarterback, Syvelle Newton, was on the ground. Several Tigers defenders were nearby. Newton watched his incomplete pass, then took a straight arm to his face guard from a Clemson defender. South Carolina's offensive lineman moved in as one of the ugliest episodes between the longtime rivals unfolded.

"I saw both benches clear and I thought, 'Ah, man, here it goes,'" Clark remembered the brawl a year later.

The Tigers and the 19th-ranked Gamecocks meet on Saturday with the memory of the fight still fresh in the minds of many.

The fight started after Newton's fourth-down incompletion with 5:48 left in Clemson's 29-7 victory. Each sideline rushed to the spot, with South Carolina's retiring coach Lou Holtz and Clemson counterpart Tommy Bowden charging toward the midfield flashpoint. The coaches, however, couldn't control the melee and within seconds, the mob of players had stretched across nearly 60 yards. Several times when order looked to be restored, side battles broke out among players: South Carolina's Daccus Turman cold-cocking Clemson's Duane Coleman from behind; Tigers' Yusef Kelley kicked a Gamecock player on the ground.

Holtz called it the most embarrassed he felt during his

Hall-of-Fame career.

Coming the day after the NBA's fight between the Detroit Pistons and Indiana Pacers, the football fight became even bigger news nationally.

Punishment was swift and decisive. Clemson and South Carolina administrators gave up postseason bids. The Atlantic Coast Conference suspended six Clemson players one game and the Southeastern Conference suspended six South Carolina players a game.

Steve Spurrier was only days away from introduction as Holtz's successor when he watched the brawl unfold. "I just thought what everybody else did, what an ugly, embarrassing scene it was for both schools and our state," he said.

Passion has long fueled this rivalry that began in 1896 and has continued uninterrupted since 1909. The series was called off for six seasons after the 1902 game a 12-6 South Carolina victory because a day following the defeat, Clemson cadets marched near South Carolina's campus with "fixed bayonets and swords drawn," according to Tom Price's book, "A Century of Gamecocks: Memorable Football Moments."

Price wrote that a small band of South Carolina students carrying pistols and clubs knelt by a brick wall ready to defend their campus.

Police and faculty arrived before there was bloodshed. However, the South Carolina athletic committee discontinued the yearly meeting the next six seasons.

In comparison, last year's skirmish doesn't look so bad.

Clark sensed something was simmering throughout the game. Before the game, South Carolina



Bowden reacts with player Chansi Stuckey after the brawl broke out last season.

players gathered near the bottom of Death Valley's hill and confronted the Tigers after their traditional entrance.

"We had watched the game with Pacers and the Pistons," Clark said. "It wasn't a good situation for us. We weren't winning and something like that ticked it off."

Throughout the year, players on each side endured the harsh looks of admonishment across the Palmetto State.

Clemson defensive end Charles Bennett remembered working a Special Olympics event this offseason when one of the

competitors out of the blue told him, "You shouldn't do that." Bennett realized the young man was talking about the fight.

"It hurt me. I realized he was right," Bennett said. "We shouldn't be out there fighting. That went too far. That's what really touched me."

Clemson coach Tommy Bowden talked to his players two weeks ago before their 35-14 win over No. 22 Florida State not to let emotions lead them into foolish penalties or improper actions. He says he and his team took valuable lessons from what

occurred on the field.

At offseason speaking engagements, Bowden had people congratulate him on the school's stiff actions. "I think a lot of athletic directors, administrators and teams will drink from the well we dug," Bowden said.

South Carolina athletic director Eric Hyman and Clemson's Terry Don Phillips have coordinated a pregame handshake before this year's game at Williams-Brice Stadium to put what happened last year to rest.

"We want to put sportsmanship back in the equation," Hyman said.

Johnson guarantees big game against Indianapolis

(AP) — Chad Johnson took his last bite of noodles, washed them down with a gulp of punch-flavored sports drink, then turned toward the semicircle of 23 reporters and photographers bracketing his locker.

Time for a guarantee about those unbeaten Colts.

"Hold on, I've got to get my game face on," the Bengals receiver said, wiping his hand across his face. "All right, come on."

He leaned forward on his four-legged wooden stool, his eyes focused on the camera lenses.

"For the guarantee, you've got to zoom in close, because I'm about to get myself in trouble," he said, hinting that coach Marvin Lewis wouldn't like what was coming next. "I guarantee I'm serious. I guarantee that I will not be stopped on Sunday. For real."

"I won't be covered. I will do everything I can to make sure we win this game. That's my guarantee."

That's it? That's all? Yep. Two years after his most famous guarantee, he wasn't about to issue another.

Johnson was roundly criti-

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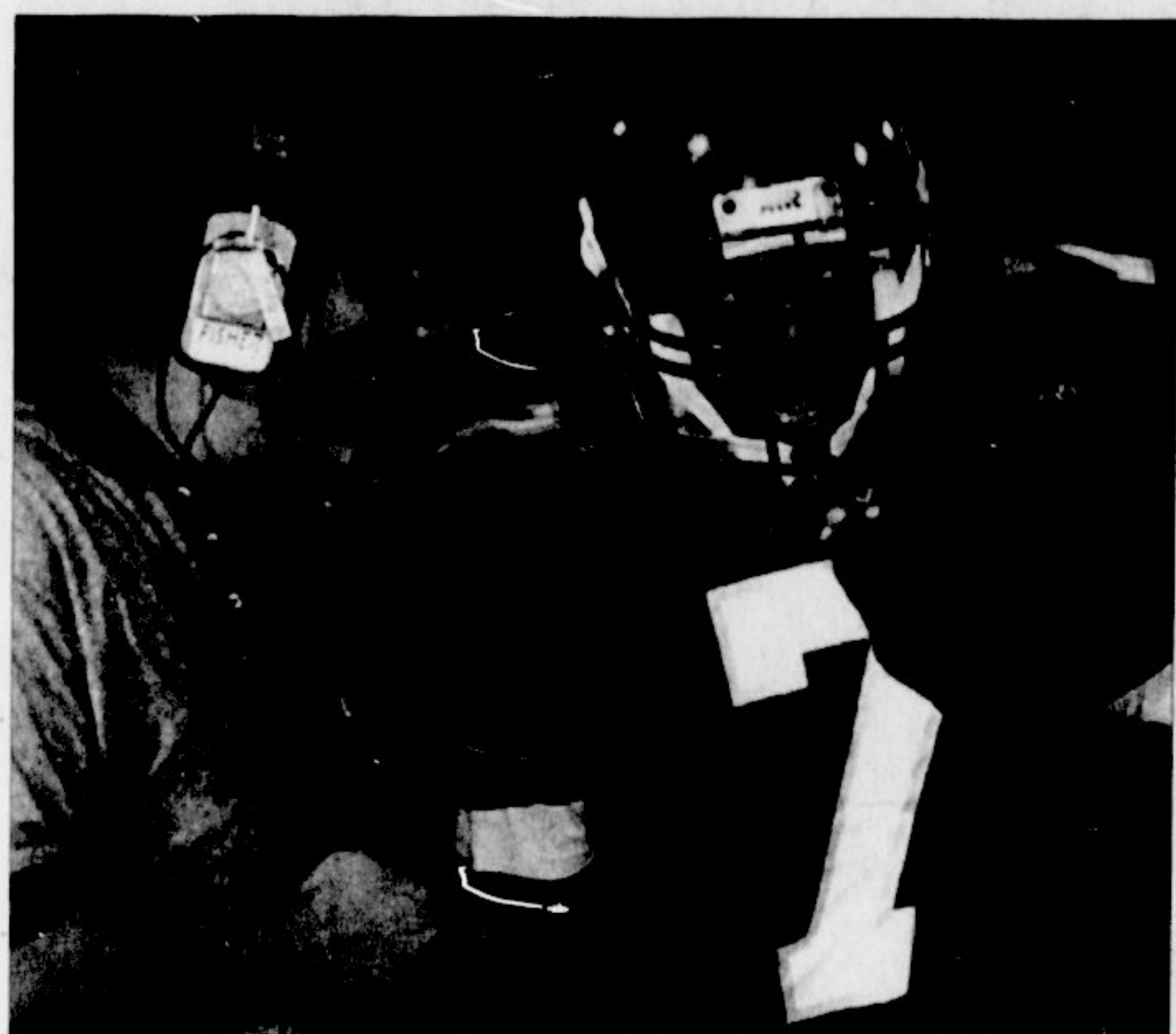
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Fayetteville Pine Forest coach steps down



Dean Saffos, left, sends in the next offensive play with his quarterback L. P. Fitch.

(AP) — Saying the time was right, Pine Forest head football coach Dean Saffos announced his retirement Monday.

"It's been a good run," said Saffos, 60. "I put in my paperwork this morning."

It marked the end of a 21-year career as a head football coach, 34 years coaching total dating back to Saffos' start as an assistant at South Iredell High School in 1971.

"I didn't get any pressure from anybody in the administration," he said. "They've been good to me the whole eight years I've been at Pine Forest. I just think it's time for some new blood to come in here."

Saffos said he and his wife, Mary Margaret, had decided before the season started this would be his last year, but he kept it quiet until the Trojans lost to E.E. Smith in the first round of the 4-A playoffs last Friday.

"The plans are for me to step back and take a look at some things," he said. "If anybody out there will offer me a job, I'll welcome it. I've still got to eat and sleep indoors."

Saffos was in and out of

coaching from 1971-83. He worked at South Iredell and Jacksonville Middle School before joining the staff of Ray Durham at Jacksonville High School in 1981.

His first head coaching job was at E.E. Smith, when he was hired in 1984. He coached there four years, then took the job as head coach at Wilmington Hogard for three seasons. He was at Hallsboro Middle School for one year in 1991, then went to East Columbus from 1992-97.

Tim Farley, former soccer coach at Smith when Saffos was head football coach there, was principal at Pine Forest in 1998 and hired Saffos as head football coach.

In eight seasons at the school his record was 58-41. His best season was in 1999 when the Trojans advanced to the 4-A Eastern Regional finals before losing to Douglas Byrd in overtime.

Off the football field, Saffos has played a key role in organizing local football coaches by holding monthly meetings in the offseason and hearing from college coaches and school officials.

He was also one of the main promoters of the Cumberland County Football Jamboree. He said he plans to continue working with both for at least a couple of more years.

Saffos said he decided to step down as soon as the football season was over to give Pine Forest officials plenty of time to hire his replacement and get someone in early to keep the program running in the offseason.

"They can do this by January and have someone in place if it's going to be someone on the staff," he said. "The program won't miss a beat."

Saffos felt there are people on the staff qualified to be the next Trojan head coach. Two of his assistants, Jim Mauch and Nelson Wallace, have previous head coaching experience.

Defensive coordinator Bill Sochovka has been with Saffos for eight years and his son, George Saffos, has been on the Trojan staff for seven years.

"There are four guys here who could step in and do as good a job as anyone in the state of North Carolina," Saffos said.

Saffos offered thanks to county education leaders he had worked for, including Fletcher Womble, Jack Britt and Bill Harrison.

He thanked former E.E. Smith principal and county schools superintendent John Griffin for taking a chance giving him his first head coaching job. And he thanked his wife and family.

"I've drug my wife all around North Carolina for 25 years," he said. "If I hadn't had her support, you know how this business is. I couldn't have done as well as I have."

He also had kind words for his Pine Forest players.

"These kids have done everything we asked them to," he said. "Sometimes we were very successful. Sometimes we weren't."

"But we were always competitive. I don't think we rolled over. I have no complaints."

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cized two years ago when he flat-out guaranteed a win over 9-0 Kansas City. Angry veterans lashed out at Johnson for drawing attention to himself, and Lewis was unhappy that he gave the Chiefs more motivation to stay unbeaten.

Johnson apologized to coach Dick Vermeil before the game, then had seven catches in a 24-19 victory that got him off the hook and out of the guarantee business. He hasn't promised another victory since then, and wasn't about to start with the 9-0 Colts coming to town.

"There's no need for me to guarantee a victory. No point," Johnson said. "We're 7-2. We are one of the best teams in the NFL right now. So there's no need for me to go out on a limb like that."

He'll let this game promote itself. Not that it needs any help.

The Colts are off to the best start in their history, and one more victory would make them the first team since the 1998 Broncos to start 10-0. The Bengals are trying to stay in first place in the AFC North and are closing in their first winning season since 1990.

In the past, it wouldn't have stopped Johnson from saying something outlandish. It's a sign he has matured since 2003, when he was so unpredictable that even Colts coach Tony Dungy had to talk him out of something.

Dungy coached the AFC's Pro Bowl team after the 2003 season, when the NFL was still stewing over Janet Jackson's infamous halftime show at the Super Bowl. Justin Timberlake yanked off part of her top at the end of the show, embarrassing league officials.

Johnson devised a touchdown celebration for his first Pro Bowl appearance that was a take-off on the halftime controversy, but Dungy got him to change his mind.

"I cut a hole in my jersey and stitched it back together," Johnson said Wednesday. "When I scored, I was going to pull it open. He talked me out of that one. He was right. I didn't want to tease the league like that."

Dungy was diplomatic Wednesday when talking about the receiver's antics.

"Chad is a great receiver and he's fun," Dungy said. "He makes the game fun. I'm glad Marvin has to coach him and I don't."

Johnson has evolved from guaranteeing wins to celebrating touchdowns this season, coming up with a new skit for each score. His most famous celebration — an end zone Riverdance — got notice around the league and inspired him to come up with something new for each opponent.

He's got something in mind for the Colts.

"My plan is Martha Stewart-like," Johnson said. "What it's going to be exactly, I can't tell you. You'd have to watch. It's going to be fun, though. It will probably keep you on the edge of your seat."

The Colts couldn't care less.

"Whatever he has planned, I don't want to see it," cornerback Nick Harper said, laughing. "He can save it for next week."

"Hopefully at the end of the ball game, he'll be pretty quiet," defensive tackle Montae Reagor said.

Johnson praised the Colts' defense, giving it credit for their 9-0 start. He also suggested that the Colts' cornerbacks shouldn't take it personally when he guarantees that he won't be covered very well on Sunday.

"It's just impossible," Johnson said, with a straight face. "It's not who I'm playing. It can't be done, and I've come to that conclusion. If I had to stop myself, I probably wouldn't be able to do it, either."



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field before as a Pirate, Cox has seen action on kickoff coverage in all nine games. Cox has relished in his role as a special teams player.

"He has a very important role on our football team," said special teams coach Greg McMahon.

"Kind of an unsung hero. Guys like Matt are invaluable for the team."

Cox played running back in high school in Springfield, Ohio. The 5-foot, 9-inch 178 pound defensive back wasn't heavily recruited. A small Division II school in Michigan showed some interest, but Cox didn't have proper ACT scores.

Cox decided to enroll at Concord College in Athens, West Va. where his cousin was

the basketball coach. Cox played immediately on the football field as a Mountain Lion, but the feel of the campus didn't feel right. According to Cox, the small school was too similar to his high school.

Once Cox enrolled at ECU, he immediately needed to fill the missing football void. Cox beat out numerous defensive backs to earn a roster spot during spring practice in 2003.

Cox dislocated his shoulder, which resulted in shoulder surgery. After another spring practice, Cox hit the financial aid problem. In order to pay the bills, he was forced to get a job.

Logan's Restaurant seemed a good place as any to pull down some checks. Cox started off

as a busboy, but was quickly moved up to server. While John Thompson was busy doing the coach's radio call-in show at Logan's, Cox was frantically pacing to and from the kitchen.

Instead, this year Cox gets to spend his Saturdays on the field. While some veteran players thumb their noses at special teams, Cox revels in it. He has yet to make a tackle or even record a statistic, but still adds a much-needed spark.

"His attitude, I think is infectious to the guys that maybe are starters," McMahon said.

"Because he does work so hard and he does compete at a high level. I think the Aundrae Allisons and those guys that go out there see him playing

his butt off. They think, 'man, maybe I need to pick it up a bit.' It just shows that we're all in this together and I think Matt's been a great example for those guys."

Buried on the depth chart at defensive back, Cox volunteered his services to play offense on the scout team. Cox considers himself to be a role player and knows that his work in practice will contribute to the team.

"Everybody's role is a little bit different," McMahon said.

"There's some guys that are very, very talented players that have a lot of heart. Those are usually your best guys. Some guys have to survive strictly on their demeanor, attitude and how they preserve through things. I think Matt is a great example of that."

Cox shares the number 14

with redshirt freshman quarterback Rob Kass. Often, fans were thumbing through their game programs to figure out who the other No. 14 was.

"It isn't about people knowing your name," said Cox.

"It's about doing something you like. That's just me I guess."

Cox's work ethic has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches.

"I think you [earn respect] through your work ethic," Cox said.

"How hard you work, the coaches will notice it regardless if you're on scholarship or a walk-on. I just want to be known as someone who works hard."

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