



State law gives motivation to clean trashy campuses



ECU Facilities Services gives their full attention to recycling used products. Part of that includes separating trash from recyclables.

Recycling programs designed to reduce pollution

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When it comes to recycling, how many people do their part?

For some of the employees of ECU Facilities Services, it is a full-time job. Every day, recyclable material is picked up, loaded and taken away for recycling and re-use. The official recycling program ECU has adopted came into existence around 1993, according to Terry Little, recycling coordinator for Facilities Services.

This program came about due to a state law that requires all state agencies, including schools,

to recycle at least 40 percent of their recyclable materials. However, it is not an easy job.

"It is a lofty goal," said Little about the state law.

"Our annual report was just completed and we were very close to that goal, but we are striving every day to reach it. The campus expansion we have going on now makes it even harder."

He said ECU, which is the third largest university in the state university system, is very competitive per capita with the larger universities.

"We are probably most competitive with UNC Greensboro or UNC Charlotte. Our record is comparable to theirs," Little said.

What is it like being an employee for Facilities Services?

There are two groups that serve the campuses. The "outside" collection group handles picking up pallets and cardboard from the dumpsters. They also empty the beverage recycling bins from housing, the shredding bins for paper and even the scrap metal around campus.

Then there is the "inside" collection team, which handles newspaper recovery and the paper products in different departments.

Each of the two teams has only two full-time employees and they are responsible for all of ECU, not just the main campus. Every week almost 1,000 pounds of newsprint is recovered and recycled thanks to *The East Carolinian* employees who collect and save the old newspapers every time they put a new edi-

tion on the stands. There are recycling bins in the computer labs, some campus residence halls and near the Neighborhood Service Offices. There is a bin in or around most buildings on campus.

One of the things Facilities Services is trying to do for recycling is get bins in every residence hall, since all halls do not yet have one.

"We are expanding into housing," Little said.

That should make it easier for students to do their part. ECU faculty and administration have also made an effort in assisting the recycling team.

"The staff has been really

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Nancy Mize explains plans for the new North Recreational Complex.

SGA Senate votes across the board on student fee increases

Increases to departments like athletics, recreational services

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Last night, the SGA Senate passed bills, making suggestions to the UNC Board of Governors on fee increases to various fields including recreational services, student health and athletics.

The senate passed all measures, bills that served as suggestions that still have to be considered by the BOT. However, the SGA as a whole considered the meeting to be a success.

"I couldn't have asked for a better meeting," said Ben Wyche, speaker of the senate.

One of the most focal points of discussion was the future of the athletic department. The department was able to secure the senate's approval of a \$50 increase to its \$388 student fee total.

SGA Senator Dustin Pittman pushed for the increase because of reasons he cited pertaining to the visibility of the university.

"Athletics bring recognition

to the university," said Pittman.

Pittman made his point by bringing Terry Holland, director of athletics, to the meeting to testify for the increase. Holland spoke to the assembly about how the athletic department's success correlates with the prosperity of the university and eastern North Carolina.

"I don't think this part of the state can afford for ECU athletics to not be successful," said Holland.

SGA President Cole Jones and SGA Senator Terry Gore both affirmed the need to support athletics fiscally. Jones said the talent of the new coaching staffs would insure that new increases would be even more beneficial than increases in the past.

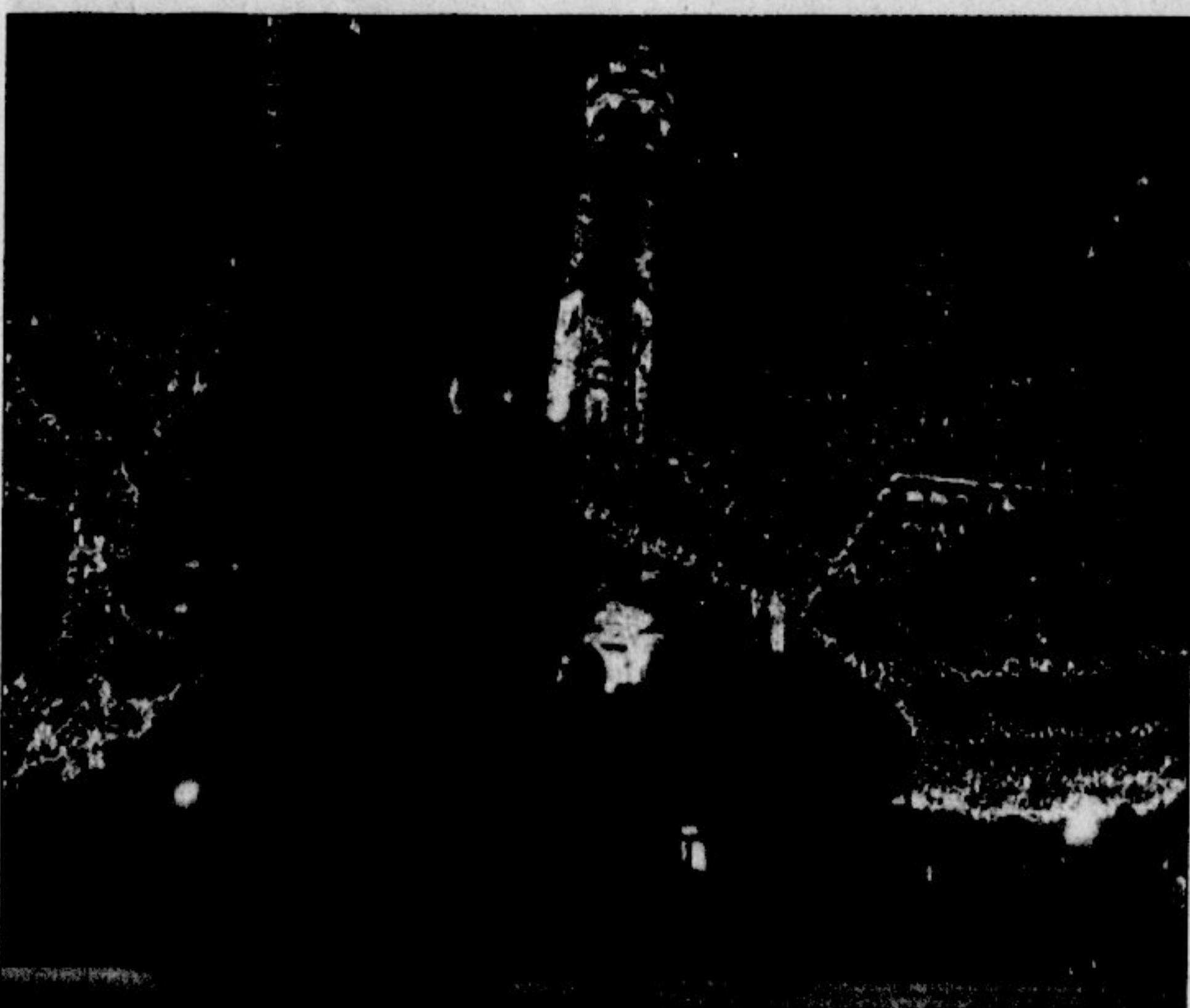
Holland said the increase in fees is mostly inflationary except for much needed additions to women's athletics. He trusts the coaching staffs will be able to build mightier programs through what he called "sweat equity."

"It's a blue collar approach to college athletics," Holland said.

The motion passed by a vote of 45 to 15. Those who were

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Shoppers crowd stores but spend only modestly as holiday season begins



Shoppers walk under strings of lights at Chicago's Water Tower.

NEW YORK (AP) — The 2005 holiday shopping season got off to only a modest start over the Thanksgiving weekend as consumers responded initially to aggressive discounting and then retreated.

"There was a lot of hype, a lot of promotions and lot of people, but the results were on the lukewarm side," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers, estimating that the weekend's sales results were down from a year ago. He said heavy markdowns forced retailers to sell more goods in order to meet sales targets.

Analysts said there was heavy shopper traffic early Friday when stores opened even earlier than usual for the day after Thanks-

giving, offering deep, deep discounts. When the early-bird specials were over, consumers lost their enthusiasm.

"If you give Americans a bargain, they will get up whatever time to take advantage of it. But I don't think this weekend turned out to be as big as retailers hoped," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which stumbled in the 2004 holiday season by not offering enough discounts, was back in the game, attracting hordes of shoppers in the pre-dawn hours Friday with discounted TVs and DVD players. Its efforts appeared to have paid off; it reported better-than-expected sales Friday and also estimated that November sales at

stores open at least a year would be up 4.3 percent.

J.C. Penney Co. Inc. said that traffic and sales over the weekend were better than expected, but didn't give details. Toys R Us Inc. spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh said the company was pleased with results for the weekend, and cited such best-selling bargains as Mattel Inc.'s Barbie Fashion Mall and MGA's Bratz doll styling head.

ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which monitors sales at more than 45,000 retail outlets, found that it was a difficult weekend overall. The company said late Saturday that Friday's sales slipped 0.9 percent to \$8 billion, only a small change from a hefty 10.8 percent gain a year earlier. But Niemira, who serves as a consultant to ShopperTrak, said the company's preliminary figures showed business dropped off dramatically on Saturday, resulting in the weekend's results being weaker than a year ago.

Actual results for Saturday will not be available until Monday, he said.

The National Retail Federation offered a more upbeat report. According to a survey of 4,209 consumers conducted by Bigresearch on Friday and Saturday, total weekend spending from Thanksgiving Day through Sunday totaled \$27.8 billion, a 21.9 percent increase over last year's \$22.8 billion. The figures include online spending.

According to Visa USA, overall sales volume on Visa branded cards for the combined Friday and Saturday period surpassed

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Turkeys are extremely important to the state economies of North Carolina and Minnesota.



Students enjoy Thanksgiving feast

Many centerpiece foods of Thanksgiving produced in NC

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Thanksgiving gave many ECU students the chance to hit the road and head home this year for a turkey dinner.

Thanksgiving, one of the most traffic-happy holidays of the year, prompted a mass exodus from campus this year. Despite high gas prices, students and faculty alike were not deterred from getting home.

Gas prices as of Nov. 20 were averaging \$2.03 in North Carolina, according to money.cnn.com. While the trend is never guaranteed to remain the same, students are capitalizing on the current prices before heading home.

Connor Twiss, a sophomore exercise physiology major, flew home to Texas to have a Thanksgiving meal with his grandparents.

"I don't get to see my grandparents as often as I'd like," said Twiss.

"This will be a great opportunity for me to have a good time with them."

The general consensus is that students are just ready to get home and chow down on a delicious home-cooked turkey.

According to the American Census Web site, census.gov, around 270 million turkeys were raised in 2002. That number was expected to have remained constant during 2005.

"I'm having three Thanksgiving dinners," said Meredith Burnham, sophomore hospitality management major.

Her day consisted of eating with her family, heading to an aunt's house for the next meal and football, then eating again with some family friends.

John Walter, sophomore, was looking forward to the benefits of eating the turkey itself.

"Turkey puts you to sleep," said Walter.

"Now I have even more of an excuse to pass out on the couch

and my parents can't get on me about it."

Along with Minnesota, North Carolina is one of the leading turkey producers in the country, averaging 44.5 million turkeys in 2002. Chances are the turkey you ate for Thanksgiving was raised in this state.

Other prime turkey states include Arkansas, Missouri, California, Indiana and South Carolina. Eight in all, these states are expected to account for three of every four turkeys produced in the United States in 2002.

Sweet potatoes, another popular Thanksgiving dish, weighed in at a whopping 1.4 billion pounds in 2001. North Carolina was the leading producer of sweet potatoes. North Carolina produced 558 million pounds.

Pumpkins pulled a combined weight of 831 million pounds in 2001. Illinois was the national leader with a production of 319 million pounds.

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Announcements

Book Donations

The Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology will be accepting book donations for the Greenville Community Shelter. Books can be dropped off at the Joyner Library Conference Room 2406 through Dec. 15. For more information, contact Al Jones at 328-6803.

Toys for Tots

Student Health Service will be collecting new, unwrapped toys until Friday, Dec. 7 as part of 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.

Student Store Holiday Sale

Dowdy Student Store's Annual Holiday Sale and Festivities will take place Thursday, Dec. 1 from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Wright Building featuring discounts on ECU gifts and apparel. The ECU Gospel Choir will perform and the ECU Cheerleaders will be on hand. Bring a donation of canned food or a toy and have a holiday photo taken with PeeDee for free. Donated goods go to the ECU Holiday Drive. Patrons may register for an hourly gift certificate giveaway. For more information, visit studentstores.ecu.edu or call 328-6731.

Pilobolus Dance Theatre

PTOO is considered the "little luxury edition" of Pilobolus Dance Theatre, one of the dance world's most renowned ensembles. Its two bravura dancers will present an evening of new and classic Pilobolus works at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 in Wright Auditorium. Purchase a Crown Subscription by Dec. 1 to receive a choice of six events. Prices are \$162 for the public, \$150 for faculty and staff, \$84 for youth and \$48 for students. Advance individual tickets, if available, are \$25 for public, \$23 for faculty and staff, \$13 for youth and \$10 for students. 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. *John and Jen* is an original musical that takes a look at the complexities of relationships between brothers and sisters and parents and children. The 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.

ECU Arts Tickets

Subscriptions for the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series and Family Fare are both currently on sale. The S. Rudolph Alexander Series is ECU's flagship performing arts series, presenting a season of nine of the world's top orchestras, ballet companies, jazz artists, dance ensembles, Broadway shows and much more.

News Briefs

State

North Carolina voter registration down

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (AP) - Voter registration numbers in the state have dropped, a year after residents in North Carolina set records in registering to vote for competitive state and national races. Officials attribute the 2.1 percent decrease in the number of people registered from a year ago to the routine removal of convicted felons and the dead from voter rolls and the lack of an impending election.

"This happens after every presidential (election)," said Gary Bartlett, the executive director of the State Board of Elections. "It also can happen again after the congressional elections in a nonpresidential year." Democrats, Republicans and independent groups, motivated largely by the contest for the state's open U.S. Senate seat, the governor's race and John Edwards' presence on the ballot as the Democratic nominee for vice president, put a large amount of resources in voter registration drives last year.

"Basically, people are tired. This was a year to recover," said Bill Peaslee, the chief of staff of the NC Republican Party.

Peaslee and Schorr Johnson, a spokesman for the NC Democratic Party, say that any major activity won't start until next year.

"People are just saving their energy and money and ammunition for 2006," Johnson said.

Election officials, meanwhile, are working on removing people from voter rolls. The lists are to be updated every month using data from state agencies.

For instance, the NC Department of Health and Human Services must compile a list of everyone who has died, while clerks of court must let local election boards know when someone is convicted of a felony.

Those people must be removed from the voter rolls.

Some counties had a larger drop in voter registration than the statewide decrease of 2.1 percent. Forsyth County had a 12.6 percent decline in the past year, while Watauga County had an 8 percent drop.

Many of the disparities are likely the result of population changes and the timing of list updates, Bartlett said.

National

Merck to cut 7,000 jobs, close or sell five plants

NEW YORK (AP) - The drugmaker Merck & Co. said Monday that it will cut about 7,000 jobs, or 11 percent of its work force, by the end of 2008 and will close or sell five of its 31 manufacturing plants in moves that it says will save up to \$4 billion. The announcement comes as the company, based in Whitehouse Station, N.J., faces the loss of patent protection for its top-selling cholesterol drug Zocor in 2006 and is facing thousands of liability lawsuits from its recalled painkiller Vioxx.

With expected Zocor sales of \$4.2 billion to \$4.5 billion in 2005, Merck expects sales to drop to \$2.3 billion to \$2.6 billion in 2006 because of competition from generic drug makers. Merck said the cuts are intended to reduce the company's cost structure, increase efficiency and enhance competitiveness.

The company said half of the planned job cuts will target its U.S. operations. The company employs just under 63,000 people. Last month, Merck cut 825 jobs worldwide.

Merck shares rose 27 cents to \$31.25 in premarket activity.

"The actions we are announcing today are an important first step in positioning Merck to meet the challenges the company faces now and in the future," said Richard T. Clark, Merck's chief executive officer and president.

He said the company is looking for ways to "enhance efficiencies" and "improve the way we discover, develop, manufacture and market our medicines and vaccines and ensure that we get them to patients who need them as quickly, safely and efficiently as possible."

He said Merck also plans to "pursue improved approaches to R&D, and marketing and sales." Restructuring costs from the moves announced Monday are expected to be from \$350 million to \$400 million in 2005 and \$800 million to \$1 billion in 2006. They are expected to result in pretax savings of \$3.5 billion to \$4 billion from 2006 through 2010.

Merck expects about \$2 billion of the savings from its switch to a leaner supply strategy and manufacturing model. The company said it will provide further details on Dec. 15. Merck reiterated its 2005 earnings-per-share forecast of \$2.47 to \$2.51, or \$2.04 to \$2.10 with one-time charges. For 2006, the company forecast earnings per share of \$2.28 to \$2.36 excluding restructuring charges, or \$1.98 to \$2.12 with one-time charges.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial expect earnings per share of \$2.50 in 2005 and \$2.38 in 2006.

World

Kremlin-backed party leads in Chechnya's parliamentary election

GROZNY, Russia (AP) - A top pro-Kremlin party led in early returns Monday from Chechnya's first parliamentary election since federal troops invaded more than six years ago, and President Vladimir Putin hailed the vote as a key to restoring law and order.

Sunday's election was the centerpiece of the Kremlin's strategy to restore stability to the southern region. International observers who were monitoring the balloting for the flaws

that have marred three previous votes and a Council of Europe fact-finding mission decried a climate of fear, saying it was hard to hold a genuine democratic ballot.

Analysts fear the new parliament will be nothing more than a rubber-stamp body for the republic's Kremlin-backed governing elite. About 350 candidates campaigned for 58 seats in the two-chamber parliament, with most of Russia's main national political parties fielding contenders.

The main Kremlin-backed United Russia party surged far ahead of others with 61 percent of the vote, according to early returns, said regional Central Election Commission chief Ismail Baikhanov. Communists and the liberal Union of Right Forces were trailing it with 12 percent and 11 percent of the vote respectively, he said. The affiliation of candidates elected in single-ballot races wasn't immediately clear but most are expected to have links with the United Russia.

Turnout exceeded 60 percent, Baikhanov said.

Putin, speaking at a Cabinet session, said the election has "completed the legal procedures of restoration of the constitutional order" and hailed voters' "strength of character and political maturity. They have shown that no one can scare them," Putin said.

He added that the government has yet to normalize the socio-economic situation in the region. "We understand quite well that we still need to do a lot of work to remove destabilizing factors," Putin said in televised remarks.

An estimated 100,000 civilians, soldiers and rebels have died in two wars in Chechnya since federal troops first swept into the region in 1994 to crush its bid for independence.

Russia's forces withdrew after a humiliating defeat in 1996 but stormed back three years later after Chechen rebels raided a neighboring

Russian region and a series of deadly apartment block blasts were blamed on the separatists.

Moscow hopes that the fourth popular vote since March 2003 will serve as a further catalyst for stability. The Kremlin says the three previous polls - two presidential, one a referendum - along with a recent rock concert, the construction of a new water amusement park, the success of Grozny's professional soccer team and a boxing tournament opened by Mike Tyson in September, point to a return to normalcy.

Still, unemployment is endemic and daily violence persists, with rebels staging regular hit-and-run attacks on troops and police and skirmishes between feuding criminal gangs vying for some of Chechnya's substantial oil wealth.

Early Monday, Sultan Demilkhanov, the head of the local administration in the village of Pamyatoi in the southern Shatoi region, was killed by unidentified gunmen who ambushed his vehicle, the regional branch of Russia's Interior Ministry said. Demilkhanov's brother was running for parliament.

Also fueling intense loathing are the rampant abductions staged by gangs, Russian troops, and paramilitaries. Many blame a feared security force controlled by the man likely to be Chechnya's next president 29-year-old Ramzan Kadyrov, son of President Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated in a bomb attack in 2004.

Nearly 1,700 people have been kidnapped in recent years and are still missing, government officials say.

Andreas Gross, head of an eight-member delegation from the Council of Europe, the continent's main human rights body, said Chechens were very frightened because "the real power ... is not the elected authorities."

"This creates a situation that makes it hard to conduct real democratic elections," he said.

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tremendous in the recovery of paper," Little said.

"We get a lot of paper from them, partly because they use so much."

Students also need to know that recycling is important and that it is not difficult to do.

"We're here for them, and we enjoy serving them," Little said.

"It's really a simple thing to get involved in, and it's beneficial both economically and environmentally. We have good involvement with some of the campus groups. We're starting up the ECU Environmental Club again, too."

Ultimately, though, it is up to each and every student to

do his or her part. If a student's interest in recycling is not totally environmentally based, there are other reasons to consider recycling. The school is paid for what it recycles and it is charged for the disposal of solid waste. Recycling is a far more efficient use of our resources and in the big picture, recycling might save money. For those who do not recycle, remember that it can be done in small, simple ways.

According to the school's recycling program Web site, it is as simple as sharing a newspaper or magazine subscription with a neighbor, taking advantage of student transportation instead

of driving, bringing your own washable mug to the dining halls when buying dinner-to-go and collecting and saving paper that has only been used on one side while using the other side later for scrap paper.

These are several ways to recycle that do not require a student to go out of his or her way to help.

For more information about how individuals can recycle or to learn more about ECU's program, visit ecu.edu/facility_serv/recycling.htm.

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\$7 billion, a 15 percent increase over the year-ago period.

A clearer picture of how the retailers fared over the Thanksgiving weekend will emerge Thursday, when retailers report sales results for all of November.

Forecasts for holiday shopping have improved in recent weeks amid declining gasoline prices. But while gas is cheaper than it was a few months ago, it's still more expensive than this time last year, and shoppers face higher heating bills this winter. Given such challenges, stores made a concerted effort to lure shoppers with more enticing bargains,

expanded hours on Friday and other gimmicks.

But many shoppers were budgeting in the early going.

"I'm just starting, but I don't have that much shopping this year," said Vera Raphael, who was buying \$25 sweaters at a Sears, Roebuck and Co. store in Orlando, Fla. Saturday. "I have two weddings coming up, so that's taking up all my money."

She said gas prices also made her anxious about spending on non-essentials.

At a Target store in Warwick, R.I., Dwight Garrett was pleased with a DVD player, marked down to \$29.97 from its listed price of

\$44.99.

"You can't beat the price," said Garrett, who had traveled with his wife from Plainfield, Conn., to shop at Target, Penney and other stores along a road of big-box outlets in Warwick.

At a Wal-Mart in Marietta, Ga., Ashif Moore was looking for a small food processor on Saturday and very happy that the crowds had dwindled considerably from the day before. Her aim, like millions of other shoppers during the weekend, was finding what she wanted at the right price.

"We're always looking for a good deal," she said.

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opposed were concerned that athletic funding was diverting needed funding from other academic areas.

The other noteworthy motion was the senate's suggestion to increase spending on recreational services from \$138 to \$178. SGA Senator Matt Cohen was particularly insistent on an increase, in fact he proposed an amendment to make the increase a \$50 upgrade. However, the increase stood at \$40 when the amendment failed. The original bill, however, passed unanimously.

"This fee is a long time in coming," said Cohen.

Nancy Mize, assistant vice chancellor for Recreational Services, walked to the front of the assembly on crutches to speak

about the new North Recreation Complex, which is ready to open in fall 2007. The recreational complex would be the biggest in the state, taking up 130 acres. She said this gives the school something to be proud of and will provide space for intramural sports teams to play.



Chuck Hawkins, senior associate vice chancellor for Financial Services, said the suggestions SGA gives are taken seriously by the BOT and there is a precedent for them being passed.



"We've made minor changes in the past but we're typically consistent with SGA," said Hawkins.

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Our View

Pirates a different team with a bright future

You really have to tip your hat to this team and this coaching staff. The 2005 football Pirates finished their season with two consecutive wins against Marshall and UAB to end the year with five wins, more than they have amassed in the previous two years. And it is not a singularly impressive feat either.

Consider this: The Pirates were victorious in their second-to-last game against Marshall on the road. It marked their second road win of the season, double what they had accomplished before Skip Holtz and his coaching staff arrived. The Pirates' two wins to put them at the five-win mark came at the tail end of the season, a time when previous teams have thrown in the towel. In this case however, ECU was playing at the highest level we had seen them all season, even though they knew if they won out that they couldn't reach a bowl game. Also consider that in three road games against Wake Forest, West Virginia and Memphis this year, the Pirates lost by a combined 18 points. They gave up 33 points to WVU alone last season.

Barring a plethora of mental mistakes and the knack ECU had all year long to shoot themselves in the foot, the Pirates could have easily earned a bowl berth and a seven to eight win season. Realizing that brings about a certain feeling of a lost opportunity but rest assured, this team is a bowl team next year and the reason why is coach Holtz and his staff.

Unlike previous staffs before them, these are men who will not let their team quit, no matter what the odds, no matter what the score. They have instilled an attitude the football program has not seen in years. Just like Yogi Berra once said in his infinite wisdom - "It ain't over 'til it's over."

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Opinion Columnist

Can we have amendments for torture?

Defining 'cruel, inhumane and degrading' treatment

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Thanksgiving is behind us (literally, for some people) and we are another week closer to the much anticipated, and well deserved, end of this semester. All we have to do now is survive the torture inflicted upon students everywhere, final exams. Final exams are truly torture. What else would you call being deprived of sleep (to study), ingesting drugs to alter your mental state (caffeine, sugar, whatever), being forced to read objectionable material (pick a textbook) and being denied the opportunity to do things we really want to do so that we can regurgitate what our interrogators, er-r-r...teachers, want to hear? This is especially torturous when a person has to do this whether they believe what they spew forth is the truth or not.

So, what else would you call it? Any suggestions? If you agree that this is torture, get a hold of Senator John McCain in Washington, D.C. and demand that these be included in his asinine "anti-torture" amendment that he tacked onto the Defense Appropriations bill.

McCain's amendment is political grandstanding of the absolute worse kind. It calls for the banning of "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment in interrogations. While that sounds good, guess what? That has been the policy, and the law, of the United States for many, many years. Not only that, McCain's amendment leaves in place the same language that was in the Convention on Torture that the US ratified in 1994, this prohibition does not apply to foreigners held overseas.

That is one of those interesting, and annoying, little factoids that you never hear about in the mainstream media. Just as you never hear the factoid about the lack of definition of "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment in McCain's amendment. Defining what it is that is to be

banned seems to be a rather large oversight, wouldn't you say?

So, if McCain's amendment is nothing but a reiteration of established law and procedure, doesn't apply to foreigners held overseas and does not even define "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment, why is Congress wasting so much time posturing and pontificating? Me-thinks the good Senator McCain is just trying to keep his mug on the TV to help his chances in the 2008 Presidential race.

Let's cogitate and try to help the good Senator define "cruel, inhumane and degrading," shall we? We'll also play a "what if" game along the way.

To keep it simple, let's stipulate that we will define "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment as what the press and Liberals have been screaming about, depriving people of sleep, playing loud, offensive music, making them stand for long periods, forcing them to wear undergarments of the opposite sex, that sort of thing. Sound fair? Let's further stipulate that anyone who willingly does such things is guilty of torture. That is pretty much what Liberals are after, right? Any objections to these stipulations? Alright, having to that, let's carry things to their logical conclusion.

Politicians being the creatures of habit that they are, if a prohibition against "cruel, inhumane and degrading" treatment is good enough for the CIA, the military and other law enforcement agencies in dealing with "detainees," the same prohibitions have to be good enough for everybody (i.e. you, me and the rest of the country). We've seen similar scenarios unfold before, so why not now also? Let's take a look at what might happen if the prohibitions we agreed just agreed upon were universally applied to all Americans.

First, the military would essentially be out of business. If they cannot force their members to stay awake for days on end, eat bugs or other lower life forms, wallow in mud, sand and other things I'd rather not mention, they would have to close up

shop. Can you see our soldiers telling the enemy "I have to stop now - I've been fighting my allotted eight hours?" So much for America. I know that is an extreme example, sort of, so let's try another.

The jacka**es above, below, next to or down the hall from you on dorm who play loud music all night would be guilty of torture. So would all those inconsiderate jerks who blast their music so loud in their cars that you can feel them coming five minutes before you hear them. This would be equally true of the ones who pull into gas stations or other places, turn off their engine and go inside while leaving their radio blasting. If people had wanted to listen to songs extolling "raping the b****" or "treat(ing) her like a ho" they would have bought the CD. That qualifies as depriving another of sleep and/or forcing them to listen to offensive music. Send them all to prison.

We also have to consider the prohibition on the degrading practice of forcing people to wear undergarments of the opposite sex. If that were to be criminalized in the U.S., a lot of Greek houses would be classified as "torture chambers." And inhumane treatment? Rushes would have to be outlawed, if only to protect the feelings of those who "aren't good enough" to join the Bother/Sisterhood.

Are you beginning to see the stupidity? McCain and other politicians are trying to outlaw practices that are routinely practiced here on campus and everywhere else in this country. The only practical effect his "anti-torture" amendment would have would be to tie the hands of the people who are charged with protecting our lives from terrorist scum. Is that really what you want?

If it is, you might want to do what I suggested earlier - call Senator McCain and have him include Final Exams as a form of torture.

If it isn't, do something about it. Make your voice heard. Unless you have one of those high pitched, whiney, nasal voices. Those are torture too. We'll make sure McCain outlaws those, too.

Pirate Rant

I love how good looking girls always get hooked up/helped out and receive special attention yet they are clueless that the only reason it happens is because of their looks.

Why do people with A1 parking stickers park in a B1 space? If you have a A1 sticker you are taking up the limited amount of B1 spaces there are near the core campus. If you are going to park there give up your A1 sticker so somebody else can park near in your assigned area. Give it up and walk.

On the last ECU alert a male was sexually assaulted behind the city mart. Is this true or was the heading a typo?

Just because you're on the football team or the basketball team doesn't mean you get to stroll around class and make comments through it.

Any girl that ever asks me to buy them drinks downtown can forget it.

Everyone who parks at campus crossing apartments, they start towing Dec. 1, so don't park here or I will make sure you get towed!

If you don't want to buy something on Onestop (Trading Post) then don't post your stupid "nerd" comments. I'm trying to sell stuff not be told what something is worth.

Just because your residence hall has a computer lab doesn't mean you don't have to sign in. Don't think I won't come up to you and make you sign the clipboard! You'll never get anywhere in life if you don't follow policy. I know you think you're cool, but five seconds of signing in is not going to kill you.

Just want to remind everyone there are cheaper places to buy your textbooks than the campus store.

Who voted for the Higher OneCards? I know I didn't!

Why when it is 7:30 in the morning do people have to come in the library and sit right next to you at the computers? There are how many computers in the back and you have to sit next to me? I wouldn't mind if you were working, but you are loud and distracting. Don't blame me for my mood - I have an anatomy exam and practical on the same day the Monday after Thanksgiving break.

To the two girls that helped me clean up the coffee that I spilled in biology class, thank you. To the others that just sat there and watched, you'll need a favor from someone one day.

I don't see the student union shutting down step shows or Reggae concerts, but it's OK to pick on the Rock fans for having a good time and getting into the music. Maybe next time you should politely ask people to calm down before calling the cops and herding us out like cattle.

Pirate rant is more addictive than heroin. I have withdrawals on weekends because I can't read it. When I miss it for a day I feel like a sad dope fiend.

I love Christmas, but I hate how all the stores constantly play Christmas music over and over!

Yes Sir, the Bears are 8 and 3. And to all of you Panther fans, Dellhomo played so bad last week because our defense was getting to him so fast, no more excuses.

So administrators want to fix the Wright Circle fountain for \$460,000! Instead, fill it with dirt, plant some plants in it and call it a day. Put the money where it would be useful!

Rules for driving on 264, first, stay to the right. I hate the slow person in the left lane. Second, speed limits exist, and I have and will call the highway patrol and give them your license plate when you drive too fast. Third, stop tailgating me. Don't drive like jerks, and everyone will be happy.

I just wanted to say that it is so funny that the people at 519 can let underage drinkers in all the time, but when someone who is old enough comes in with an ID that is slightly messed up they will not let them in. How stupid can you be!

Sell it and get it out of our way! Quit wasting gas and walk. Thanks.

The Features section has never looked better. I have actually picked up a paper almost everyday you guys put one out and have enjoyed the majority of the stories. Hope it's this well next semester.

Our football team put an end to a great season on Saturday. They didn't win all their games, or make it to a bowl, but they've brought respect and admiration back to our program. The seniors especially should be thanked for their dedication.

I don't get why people spend thousands of dollars to go to ECU, and all they do is party and slack off. What's the point?

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving but I'm sure you'll find plenty to complain about, so welcome back. Rant away.

Gary McCabe, I have the perfect title for your next composition, "Stupid People Write Stupid Articles."

To the person who defended smoking on campus, some of us can't help it if we end up getting lung cancer just because we had to walk behind you. Here's a hint, smoking is not cool! It does nothing for you. It doesn't give you a buzz like drinking does or anything. So enjoy your weak lungs and stinky breath! Have a good one!

Why is it when I purchase a movie I have been waiting for forever on DVD only to find myself disgusted at the lack of special features, do I then find it re-released six months later as a "special deluxe extended edition" DVD? Is this the only way film makers can pay the enormous budget that seems to go with all films now?

The squirrels around here trip me out.

Sbarro's pasta salads are horrible. It was like eating a foul tasting, wax replica of real pasta salad. I'll never eat anything there again except for a slice of pizza.

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Picks of the week:

Movies

A Charlie Brown Christmas

The holiday season would not be complete without watching this movie at least once. Yes, I know you've probably seen it about a million times already, but watching the animated version of one of the best comics ever is still worth the time.

Music

Green Day - *Bullet in a Bible*

This CD/DVD combination documents the larger than life band's concert from this spring in London. Pop in the CD and you'll hear about three quarters of the band's set. Throw in the DVD and you'll see the same set that's on the CD, plus you'll get behind the scenes footage of what Green Day is really like. Look for a full review of this in Thursday's paper.

Local Concerts:

T.I. and Young Jeezy will be performing at the Cricket Arena in Charlotte Saturday, Dec. 3.

Ryan Cabrera will be at The NorVa in Norfolk, Va. Saturday, Dec. 3.

U2 will be at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena Monday, Dec. 12.

Saves the Day, Senses Fall and The Early November will be at The NorVa in Norfolk, Va. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Dolly Parton will be at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena Thursday, Dec. 15.

Clay Aiken will be performing at the RBC Center in Raleigh Thursday, Dec. 22.

Jerry Seinfeld will be performing at the Progress Energy Center for Performing Arts in Raleigh Friday, March 10, 2006.

Names in the News:

Potter Mania

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire took in \$54.9 million over the three-day weekend to remain the top movie, while the Johnny Cash biopic, *Walk the Line*, stayed in second place with \$19.7 million, according to studio estimates. For the entire five-day Thanksgiving period, *Goblet of Fire* grossed \$81.3 million to lift its 10-day total to \$201.1 million, while *Walk the Line* took in \$27.6 million, raising its 10-day total to \$54.7 million. *Chicken Little* held up strongly at number four with \$12.4 million. Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo's family flick, *Yours, Mine & Ours*, overcame bad reviews to lead the new movies, finishing third with \$17.5 million. *Rent*, featuring Tye Digs and Rosario Dawson, debuted at fifth with a three-day total of \$10.7 million. Premiering at number six was Ryan Reynolds' romantic comedy, *Just Friends*, with \$9.3 million from Friday to Sunday. R&B singer Usher's first starring role, the mob romance *In the Mix*, opened at number nine with \$4.5 million for the weekend. John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton's crime caper *The Ice Harvest* debuted at number ten with \$3.7 million since Friday. Holdovers *Pride & Prejudice* (\$7 million) and *Derailed* (\$4.7 million) were ranked numbers seven and eight, respectively.

Realty Check

Kimberly Stewart and MTV's "Laguna Beach" hunk Talan Torriero have called off their engagement less than two weeks after announcing it. The couple revealed their plans to wed on Nov. 15 after dating for only a couple of months. "It was just too soon to enter into a lifelong commitment," the couple's reps said in a joint statement. "It is better to have a brief engagement than a short marriage. The couple continue to share their time together and remain open to whatever the future may hold." Jack Ketsoyan, a publicist for Torriero, 19, said Sunday that the two are no longer romantically involved. Meanwhile, a rep for Stewart, the 26-year-old daughter of British rocker Rod Stewart, said the pair "remain friends."

Goodbye, "Alias"

As faltering ratings have been predicting for some time now, "Alias," the once must-see spy drama that brought fame to Jennifer Garner, is being killed off. ABC announced Wednesday that the show will be put to pasture at the end of season five in May. The once-popular "Alias" has seen its audience dwindle as it battles strong contenders such as CBS's "Survivor: Guatemala." But "Alias" lovers shouldn't worry that because the end is near, the show will lose its ferocity. "Alias" won't "wind down" as it comes to an end, it's going to rev up, and we're going to make it the event it deserves to be," ABC Entertainment President Stephen McPherson said in a statement. Surely everyone will miss Jennifer Garner and her many alter egos running around, solving crimes. Actually, some viewers will.

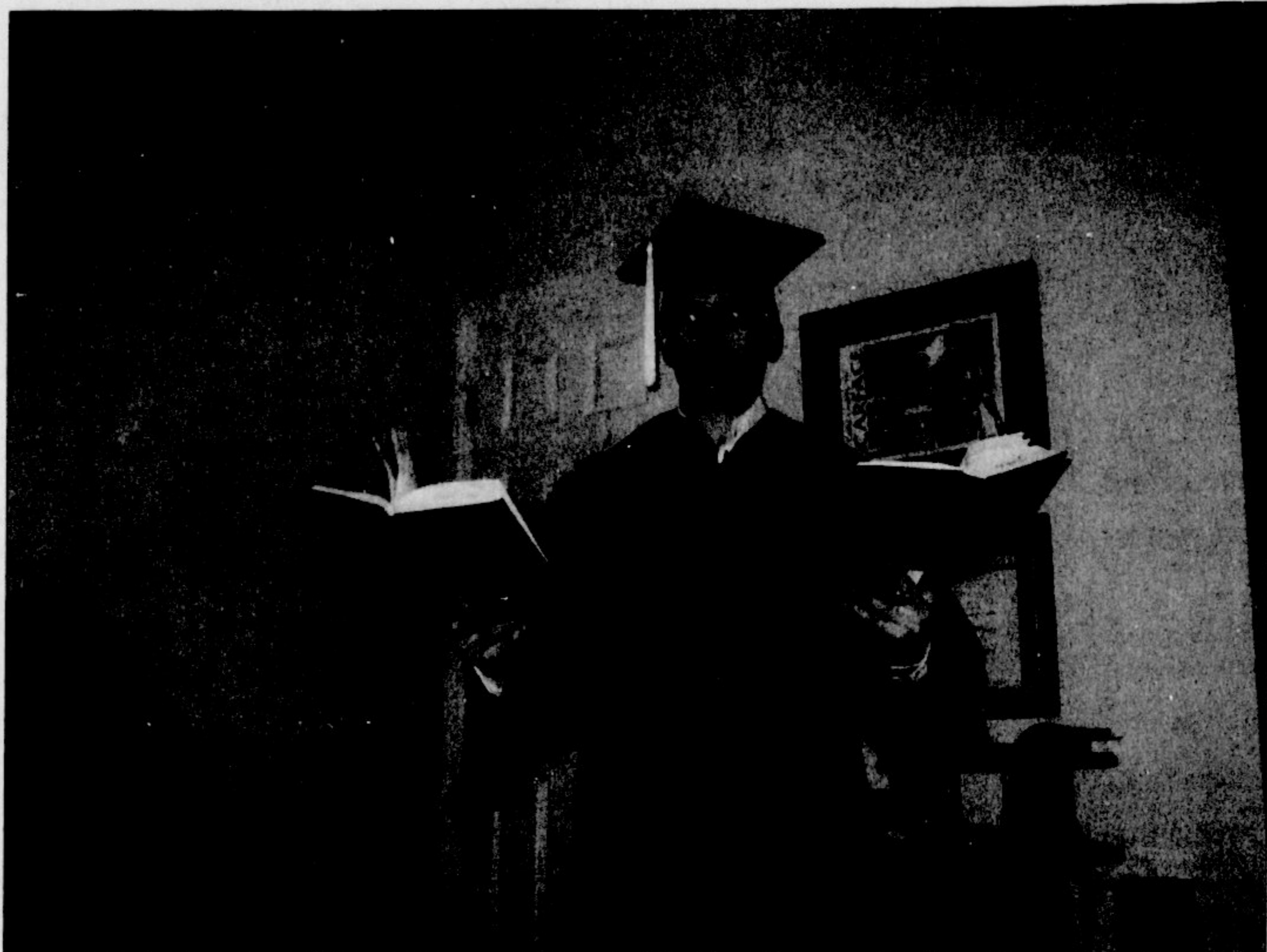
Day in the life of: December graduate

Hundreds of graduates ready to 'walk the plank' into real world

AARON BORREGO
STAFF WRITER

As the semester is finally drawing to a close, the next crop of graduates is about to be harvested by schools around the nation. ECU's graduation date is set forth to commence Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in Minges Coliseum. This will draw the college experience to a close for a select few of the student body. Gone are the late nights studying away under caffeine-induced euphoria, last minute runs to Kinko's and trips to the favorite home away from home eateries such as McDonald's. Soon to pass into oblivion are the large parties, long nights downtown and legendary stories about your "special" friends. One thing that will never leave our future graduates are the countless memories and experiences gained from this storied institution of higher learning.

So with all this about to be far behind, what does the future hold for these soon to be alumni? Where do they go? What do they do? In order to



Trevor Kirkendall, a Features writer, graduates in December and is overwhelmed by his school work.

answer these questions, I talked to a current student and soon to be grad about what exactly this departure entails.

Trevor Kirkendall, senior history major, is set to be one of the select students to graduate.

"This should be a very exciting time, but there is still so much to get done and not enough time to do it," said Kirkendall.

Many of the students echo this sentiment as they too frantically try to tie loose ends and wrap

up projects in a last minute effort to get their walking papers. Kirkendall is currently slaving away at two separate history papers both due within a day of each other. "It may be a stressful time, but in three weeks, it's all done,"

Kirkendall said.

So in further talks with Kirkendall, I asked him about where he goes from graduation day.

"For the time being, I will be living at home because it's a much cheaper alternative until I find work," Kirkendall said.

"Plus, it's just another way to mooch for a little bit longer." Finding a job has become the new paramount concern for all graduates and their fledgling career lives. As the once hazy cloud of the real world now comes into focus, so does the term 'rat race.'

"I'm not too worried about finding a job. Whatever I find is not necessarily what I will be doing for the next 30 years," Kirkendall said.

Some students plan on continuing their education in graduate or professional schools. For some this proves to be a road less traveled and opt for entering the work force immediately upon graduation.

"Grad school? Not right away. I'm so burned out that I would fail on the first day," Kirkendall said.

One of the biggest challenges facing a December graduate is trying to balance job hunting and last minute

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Twisting into dance theaters everywhere

Internationally acclaimed Dance Company comes to Greenville

SCOTTY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

A fast-moving fungus has Greenville in its sights, and there's nothing to stop it from reaching ECU Thursday, Dec. 1.

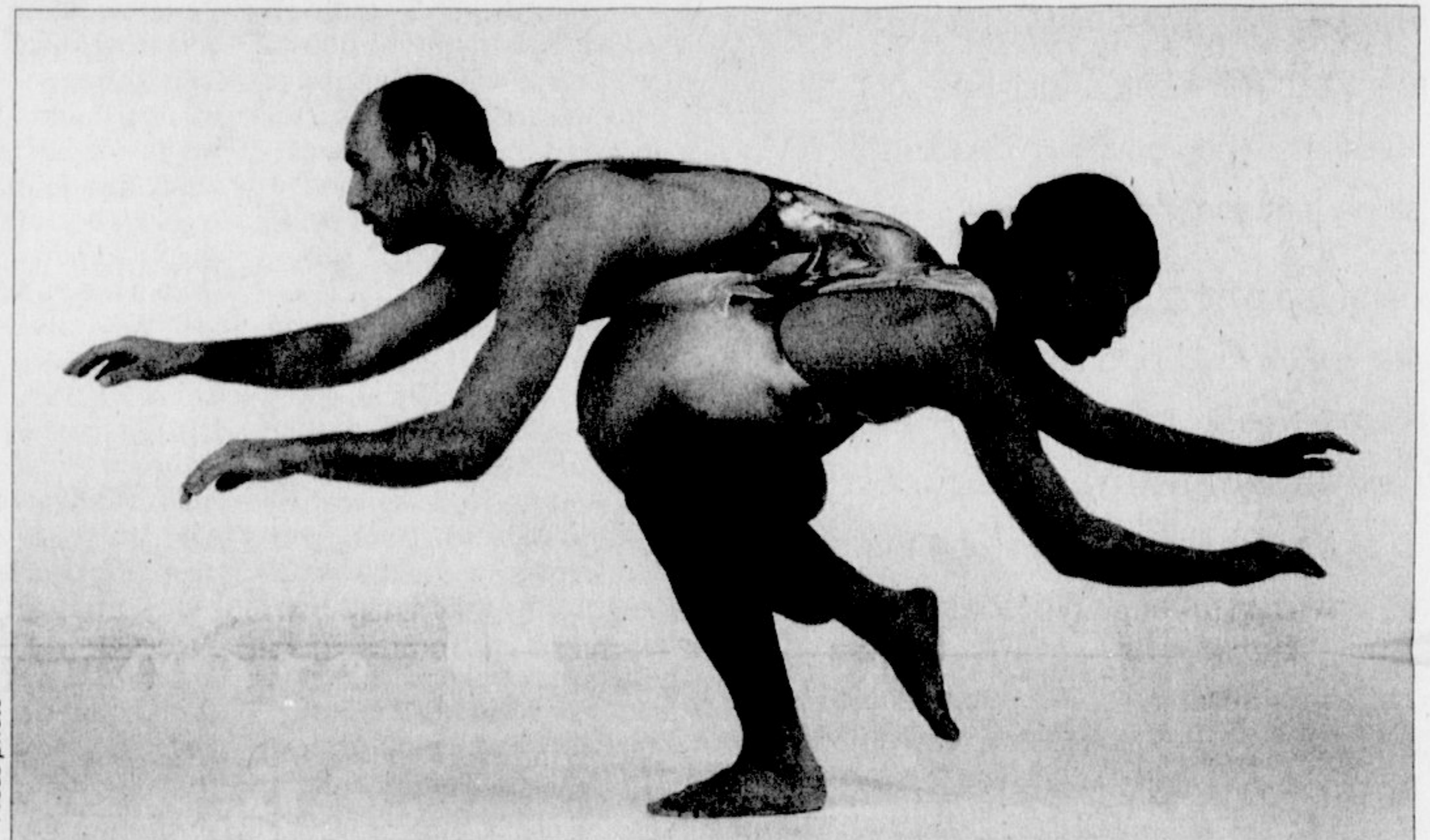
The phototrophic zygomycete in question is called Pilobolus (or PilobolusToo). Pilobolus loves sun and commonly grows in barnyards and pastures, and from a tiny quarter-inch tall mushroom, the spores of this fungus can grow eight feet tall.

Okay, seriously, PilobolusToo (also called PToo) is making its way to Greenville, but the manifestation of this fungus will be in an inventive, creative and dynamic style of dancing. As an arts organism, as it is called on its Web site, PToo has spread like wild fire since being conceived in 1971 at a college dance class at Dartmouth College. The beauty of Pilobolus lies in the weight-sharing process and inventive dance skills that can provide a

massive base. From this massive base, Pilobolus spawns a powerful mix of dances that has been acclaimed worldwide for what its Web site calls "a startling mix of humor and invention."

Since 1971 Pilobolus has reached the status of a major American company, and its influence has gone overseas, moving out into four major branches - the seven-person Pilobolus Dance Company, the Pilobolus Institute, which coordinates the education, the Pilobolus Creative Services, which serves as an administrative structure and PToo, a dual company that tours independently as well as in coordination with the administrative schedule.

According to the Pilobolus Web site, the mission of Pilobolus is "to create and sustain an arts organization dedicated to the choreography and performance of dance theater works at the highest level of imagination and energy and to use our organization and creative methodology to stimulate, educate and expand the audience for dance through innovation, collaboration and public service."



Rather than a full company, PToo features two performers utilizing all that their bodies have to offer.

PToo is the organism that has its sights on Greenville. It was created in 1996 as a sort of mini-Pilobolus. Instead of the seven dancers of Pilobolus' regular company, you'll only see two dancers performing with PToo. It has been effectively

called the "little luxury edition" of Pilobolus and was conceived in order to allow more people to experience the dance style in smaller venues that may not be equipped to handle the full effect of Pilobolus. Since 1996 they have performed in a wide variety

of venues for anywhere from 200 to 2,000 people, according to IMG Artists.

The dancers of PToo aren't just performing for show - its members are especially gifted

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Survival of the fittest



Kristin Murnane exercising during a previous session.

My final thoughts about my semester

KRISTIN MURNANE
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You might be reading this and thinking that we don't need an article on our fitness endeavors for this week because we only had one day of class before Thanksgiving break. Well, just because we had a week off from our personal trainer doesn't mean that we, or I, took

a fitness hiatus. With only two weeks left in this little health contest, I didn't want to blow it by being lazy and stuffing myself to the gills with Thanksgiving dinner.

I went home for the holiday, and I'm lucky enough to have health conscious parents with gym equipment in their basement. I took advantage of their tread mill and weight training equipment while I was home.

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Cold Stone melts taste buds



Cold Stone Creamery workers put muscle into individually preparing ice cream for each customer.

Delicious ice cream and excellent service

TOMEKA STEELE
SENIOR WRITER

Not too long ago Greenville got its first Cold Stone Creamery, the finest ice cream chain since 1988. Cold Stone has a variety of flavors and add-ins and caters to the customer's every wish and desire when it comes to made-to-order ice cream creations.

In the first Cold Stone Creamery the ice cream was made fresh daily and blended with an assortment of sides on a frozen granite stone. The frozen granite stone is still used today at Cold Stone Creameries and adds a personal and innovative touch to ice cream preparation. Ever since the first store opened, Cold Stone's delicious fresh baked waffle cones are in high demand and consumers can't get enough

of the stuff.

There are many favorites at Cold Stone that have been turned into staple names or "Originals." The menu includes ice cream combinations such as the Apple Pie A La Cold Stone, which has sweet cream ice cream, mixed with cinnamon and graham cracker piecrust with apple pie filling and topped with caramel. Other "Originals" include Cheesecake Fantasy, Founder's Favorite, Strawberry Blonde and Nights in White Chocolate.

The variety of add-ins at Cold Stone could leave a person standing in line for minutes on end. Some sides that are popular to add to the ice cream are nuts, fruits, gummy bears, candy such as M&M's, cookies such as Oreos and even different types of cookie dough and brownie bits.

When entering the store customers get a very friendly welcome and entertainment from

the staff. Cold Stone Creameries across the country have "auditions" for potential staff members instead of the basic interview. Since Cold Stone is centered around fun employees often sing songs from the Cold Stone Creamery songbook such as the "tip song" which anyone who visits Cold Stone walks out humming.

"The Strawberry Shortcake Serenade is my favorite Cold Stone Creamery Original. The strawberries are always fresh and it's to die for," said Tierra Kelly, senior communication management major.

Customers can choose to have their ice cream in a waffle bowl, a waffle cone, a regular cone or a small, medium or large sized cup. The waffle cones are homemade everyday with traditional Italian pizzelle irons and are sweet and crunchy. Cold Stone isn't stingy with their serving size. The serv-

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Kirkendall sits at his desk pondering the future that awaits him.

school work. The classic term, "senioritis" also applies to these students who have to get it all done and still want to enjoy their last few moments of college.

If you are a graduating senior, just remember that these last few weeks are crucial and whether you like it or not, you still need to study to get those good grades you have been working toward all semester.

As the new graduates enter the realm of employed, we should con-

gratulate them. As they leave our schools' fabled halls, we should commend them. However, as they leave our rooms, houses, thoughts and school, we should remember them.

If only for the experience they have passed down to us through their own 'special' way, friends like Kirkendall have to remember, you always have a friend.

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dance teachers who can perform for young people at workshops and classes and educate students in their collaborative, creative style. The Pilobolus program has grown into some in-school and university programs throughout the country.

In six seasons, PToo has gained as much critical acclaim and praise as the original Pilobolus and its unique style of dancing and inventiveness is something that must be witnessed for anyone with a keen interest in the arts, especially dancing.

The sights of Pilobolus are a marvel of weight bearing and the dancers that perform are in near-perfect physical condition, as they should be for the type of collaboration the dance style demands.

PToo will be performing at Wright Auditorium Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., and anyone who wants to see dance with a different spin should plan to attend. For more information, or tickets visit ecarts.com.

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One of the most amazing parts of the PToo show is how the dancers are able to use their bodies efficiently as shown in the photo above.

Goldstone from page A4

ing of ice cream is huge and lasts a long while if one wants to freeze it for later consumption.

The atmosphere of the local Cold Stone is one of cheer, fun and customer service. It's an entertaining and satisfying ice cream experience for all ice cream lovers in Greenville. But excellent service and custom made ice cream orders come at a high price.

Most of the Cold Stone Originals are between \$3 and \$5, which is pretty expensive for a cup of ice

cream- but if you want quality ice cream, it's money well spent. Also, don't forget to tip the great people who are slaving over that slab of marble for your tasty treat.

And lets not forget not only do you get to create your own amazing "original" you also get quality service from entertaining employees whose wish is to provide you with the best Cold Stone customer experience.

Next time you have a sweet tooth, Cold Stone Creamery can

definitely sooth your desire. If you are craving anything from mint ice cream with Snickers and cookies to bubble gum ice cream with marshmallows, Cold Stone Creamery is the place to visit.

For more information about the company, ice cream options or where you can find other Cold Stone Creameries, visit coldstonecreamery.com or call 439-2653.

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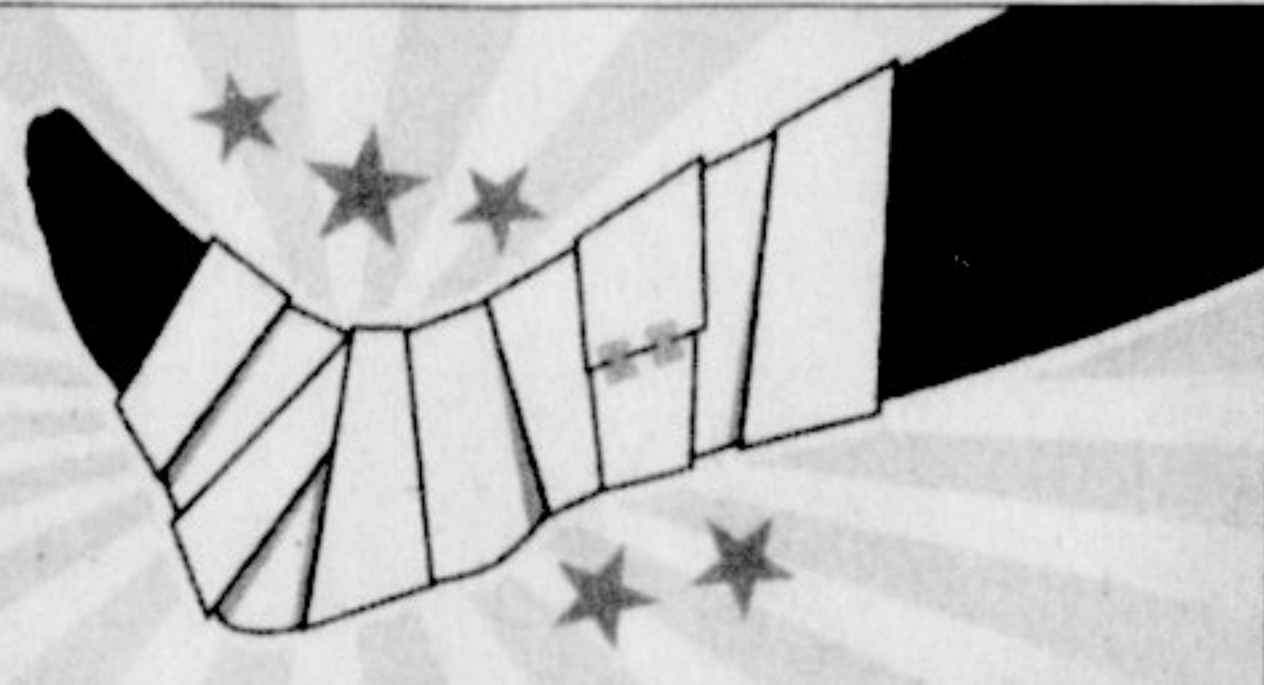
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Can stand on ankle without pain

Swelling has gone down



2 Can judge when to use brace or tape during exercise

Can draw letters of alphabet with toes

Calf, ankle muscles back to normal strength

Low-impact aerobic, weight lifting do not cause pain or swelling



3 Balance is same standing on injured and uninjured leg

Increased aerobics, weight lifting do not cause pain or swelling

Have regained previous general strength



4 Can run and do sport-specific movements without pain or limitation

Trainer or exercise partners are supportive of your gradual return to play



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Any kind of injury can be devastating for someone who likes to be physically active. Ankle injuries are especially hard to come back from because, as we all know, ankles are vital to mobility. Being sure an ankle injury heals properly is vital. The graphic above demonstrates four easy steps to getting back into the exercising groove, while allowing the injury to heal completely. If you follow the doctors orders and take these simple tips to heart, coming back from an ankle sprain can be relatively painless.

Student Opinion of Instruction Survey (SOIS)

From November 28 through December 4 the SOIS of face-to-face courses will be conducted. Through this survey students can express their opinions about the instruction received during the fall semester. With a few exceptions, only courses that meet face-to-face and have enrollments of six or more students will be surveyed.

All students should be aware that results from the SOIS are an important consideration in decisions of instructor promotion and tenure, and they are an important way in which students can help to improve the quality of their instruction.

Courses with more than two instructors, courses in the School of Medicine, and distance education courses (e.g., web-based) are not surveyed with the SOIS. The SOIS provides information to the university that is part of the teaching evaluation process. The survey is only one of several sources of data collected about teaching (other methods include peer observations and review of course materials). However, the SOIS is widely used, and students should provide carefully considered feedback. The data are confidential and instructors will not receive the results of the fall survey until January of 2006.

SOIS forms for each course are packaged in confidential envelopes and are distributed to departments about a week before the survey administration period. Information about administering the survey is printed directly on the envelopes. Instructors are requested to read survey instructions to their students (see below) and to not be in the room during the survey administration. A student survey administrator is to distribute and collect the survey forms. The instructor is to read the following instructions to the class:

"At this time you can share your opinion of the instruction in this class by completing a short multiple-choice survey form. This will take about 15 minutes. Your participation is voluntary. Your identity is not requested, so that your responses will be anonymous. Also, the forms are handled confidentially. Bubbles on the answer form must be completely filled in with a number 2 pencil. Forms completed in ink cannot be scanned, and responses on those forms will not be included in the survey.

The results of this survey are used by instructors to improve teaching skills and develop courses, and results are used by administrators in decisions of tenure, promotion, and merit. After grades are posted, your instructor will receive a report of the results along with written comments separated from the forms. When completing the form, please note that a rating of "7" indicates that you strongly agree with a statement, while a rating of "1," indicates that you strongly disagree with a statement. Every survey form that can be scanned will be included in the results, including those with all 1's or all 7's."

The student opinion of instruction survey is administered by the Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness. Questions should be directed to Dr. Michael Poteat (328-9484 poteatg@mail.ecu.edu) or to Dr. Cynthia Jones (328-9485 jonescy@mail.ecu.edu).

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Sports Ballot

Gooden ballot

Pete Rose is the baseball player who has the most hits in Major League Baseball history. When the 2004 Baseball Hall of Fame ballot was announced, Cy Young Award winner Hershiser and Albert Belle, cago White Sox pitcher Guillen were candidates on the ballot. Bruce Sutter came closest to making the ballot, with 43 votes shy of the 75 needed to win. Rose agreed to a lifetime ban from the game in February 2004, but the permanent ban couldn't appear on the ballot. Rose was the hits leader, a member in September with committing to November 2, 2004, to end his suspension. He falter after the 2004 autobiography "My Prison Years" he bet on the Yankees while managing the late 1980s. The ballot includes pitcher Alex Fernandez, John Wetteland Gary DiSarcia. Gregg Jefferies and Walt Weiss. Sutter was the player must be on the ballot by Jim Rice (55.2) and Albert Belle. Gooden was the Year season MVP after going 20-10 with a 1.88 ERA in 1988, when he won 59 consecutive games during the regular season. He was selected as the 1987 World Series champion and RBIs three times. He has a .295 batting average and 1,239 hits in 1,303 career at-bats and 1,205 RBIs. He was the Rookie of the Year in 1985.

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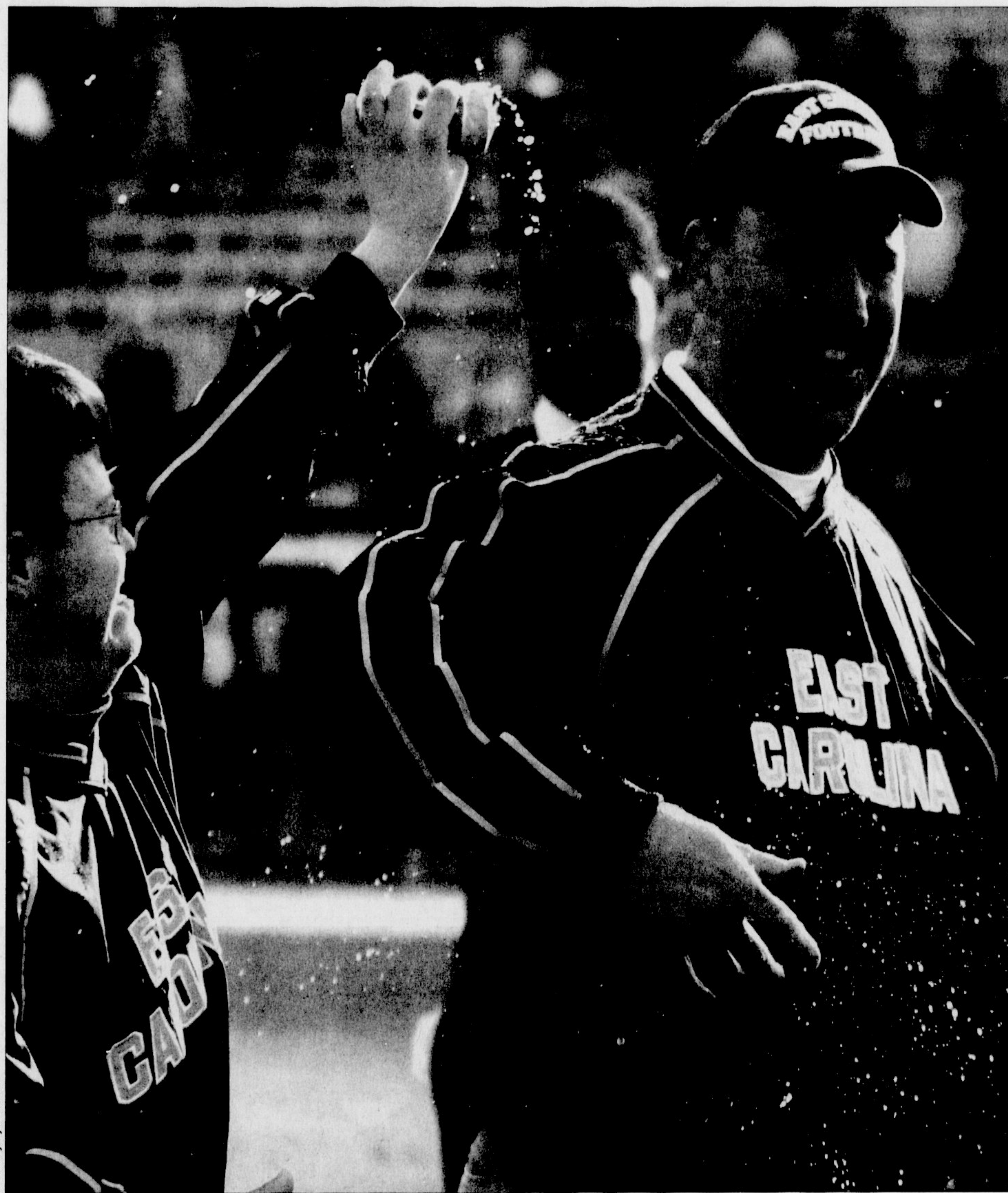
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Sports Briefs

Gooden and Hershiser on Hall ballot

Pete Rose's eligibility for the baseball writers' Hall of Fame ballot expired Monday when the 2006 candidates were announced, a group that includes Cy Young Award winners Orel Hershiser and Dwight Gooden. Albert Belle, Will Clark and Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen were among 14 first-time candidates on the 29-man ballot. Bruce Sutter is the holdover who came closest to election, falling 43 votes shy last year. Following an investigation of his gambling, Rose agreed in August 1989 to a lifetime ban. The Hall's board of directors voted unanimously in February 2001 that anyone on the permanently ineligible list couldn't appear on the BBWAA ballot. Rose, baseball's career hits leader, applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and met with commissioner Bud Selig in November 2002. His efforts to end his suspension appeared to falter after he admitted in his 2004 autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars," that he bet on the Cincinnati Reds while managing the teams in the late 1980s. First-year candidates include pitchers Rick Aguilera, Alex Fernandez, Doug Jones and John Wetteland and infielders Gary DiSarcina, Gary Gaetti, Gregg Jefferies, Hal Morris and Walt Weiss. To gain election, a player must be selected on 75 percent or more of the ballots. Sutter was on 66.7 percent of the ballots last year, followed by Jim Rice (59.5), Rich Gossage (55.2) and Andre Dawson (52.3). Gooden was the NL Rookie of the Year season in 1984 and won the Cy Young the following year after going 24-4 with a 1.53 ERA. Hershiser was the Cy Young in 1988, when he pitched a record 59 consecutive scoreless innings during the regular season, then was selected MVP of the NL championship series and the World Series. Belle led the AL in RBIs three times and finished a .295 batting average, 381 homers and 1,239 RBIs. Clark had a .303 career average, 284 homers and 1,205 RBIs. Guillen was AL Rookie of the Year in 1985.

ECU smokes Blazers for fifth win, 31-23



Seniors bid farewell, lay foundation for underclassmen

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

The season finale was the beginning of the end for 19 seniors. And an end to a beginning for Skip Holtz in his first year as ECU's head coach.

Pierre Bell's second interception with 1:52 remaining negated a 'guarantee' win delivered mid-week from UAB quarterback Darrell Hackney. Two James Pinkney kneels and a Chris Johnson 6-yard rush later, ECU ended its season with a 31-23 home victory.

"I know what type of person Hackney was," said senior captain Chris Moore.

"I knew he was going to say something smart because I've met him before, he's real cocky," ECU senior linebacker Chris Moore said of Hackney's comments.

"He threw three picks, they lost and came out of here with an 'L,' that's all that matters."

ECU (5-6, 4-4) played spoiler for the second consecutive week knocking Marshall out of bowl contention on the road. Hackney's comments provided extra incentive for the Pirates to finish UAB's (5-6, 3-5) season.

"You don't come into someone's house and guarantee a win," said junior receiver Bobby Good.

"If we can't go to [a bowl], then we don't want anyone else to."

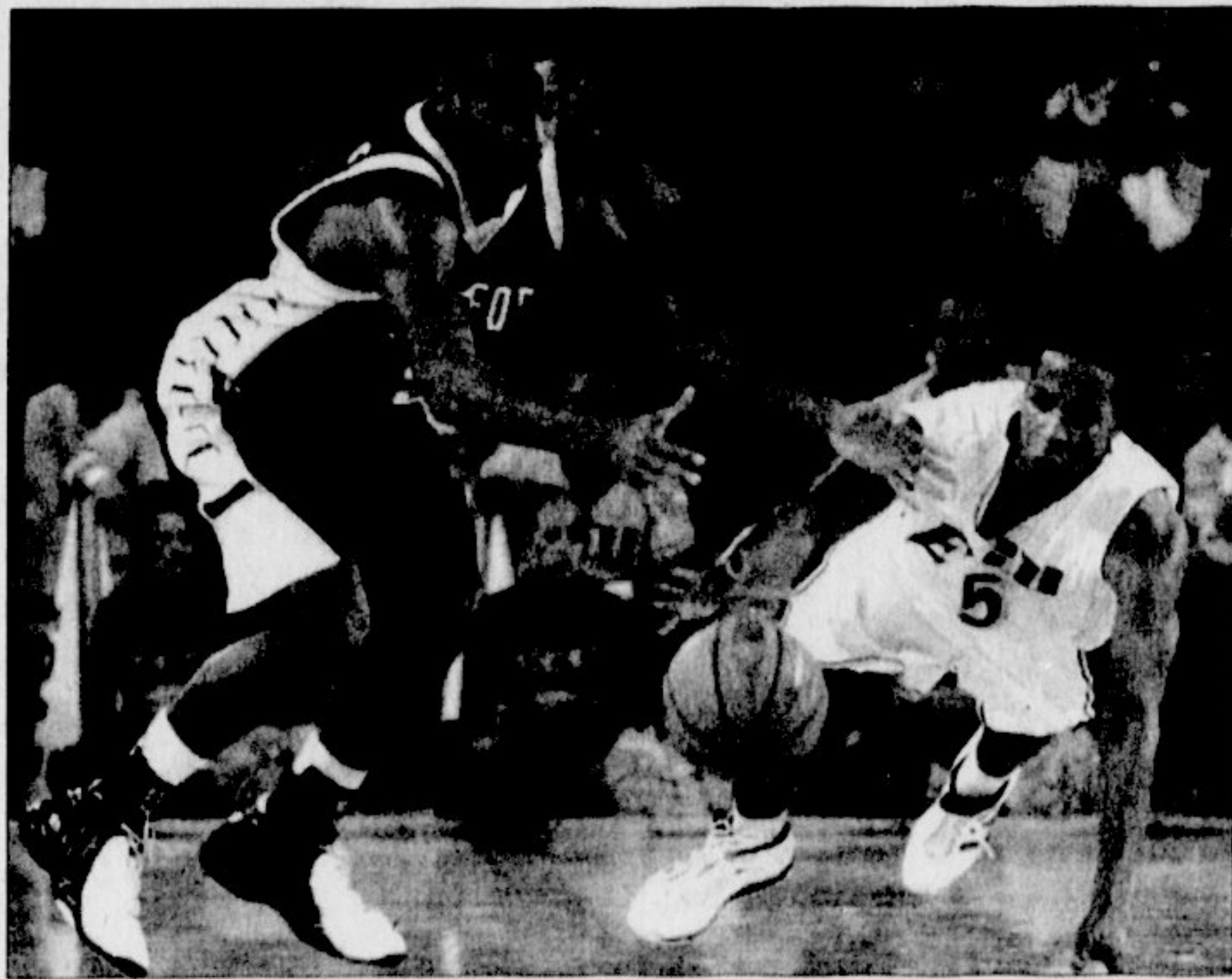
Good picked up the slack when star receiver Aundrea Allison tweaked his knee and didn't return. Allison suffered a MCL injury after reeling in five catches for 45 yards. The junior receiver was the first ECU player ever to eclipse the 1,000 yard mark in a single-season. Allison caught 83 passes for 1,024 yards and seven TDs.

Good led the ECU receivers with five balls for 104 yards. His long reception was a 55-yard touchdown on a read by Pinkney. Tied at 10-all in the second quarter, Pinkney saw the cornerback

Holtz and his Pirates had plenty of reason to celebrate Saturday as they spoiled UAB's bowl hopes and also earned their fifth victory.

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Pirates grit out a tough OT win, 70-68



Courtney Captain hustles for a loose ball Saturday.

McNeil hits clutch free throws down the stretch to seal ECU victory

ERIC GILMORE
SENIOR WRITER

Too close for comfort. Ricky Stokes and Pirate fans alike got an extra dose of drama as ECU had to extend every ounce of their collective bodies to fester off a pesky Wofford squad, 70-68 in overtime on Saturday night.

With the score tied at 68 in the extra frame, junior point guard Japhet McNeil hit two free throws with 20.2 seconds remaining.

"I really don't like disappointing my teammates," said junior point guard Japhet McNeil.

"We are family. I just went up there and knocked the first two out. That's how I felt, that I had to do it."

McNeil later missed two free-throws with five

seconds left that would have iced the game. Instead, ECU (2-1) had to cling on as a last-second Wofford (2-3) prayer missed slightly.

"This really was a great basketball game," said first-year Head Coach Ricky Stokes.

"In the first half, Wofford made us play faster then we really had to, but in the second half we slowed things down a bit. Two teams played hard tonight and although it wasn't pretty, we were able to get the win."

What wasn't so glorious or even mediocre were both teams' shooting percentages. For the game, the Pirates only sank 18.8 percent (3-of-18) from behind the arc. Equally as disappointing was shooting 50 percent (11-22) from the free throw stripe.

Wofford shot 38.6 percent (22-57) from the floor. And if not for a couple of three's late, the Terrier three-point percentage would have dropped

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Lady Pirates victorious in Thanksgiving tournament

SID — The ECU women's basketball team completed the UNCG Airport Marriott Thanksgiving Tournament with a 73-59 victory in the championship game over Longwood at Fleming Gymnasium on the campus of UNC Greensboro.

The Lady Pirates (2-1) raised their level of intensity early following halftime, trimming a nine-point deficit to two points just under four minutes into the second half. LaCoya Terry's three-pointer gave ECU its first lead over the Lancers (2-3) since the nine minute mark of the opening half.

The two teams traded baskets over the next five minutes tying the score on five occasions, before the Lady Pirates finally built a 56-50 advantage to pull away with 8:11 remaining in the

game. Six straight points, including two free throws by Cherie Mills pushed the Lady Pirates lead to eight, and they would never be challenged again.

"I was pleased with the second half because we shot the ball better tonight, which is a good thing, but we were a little more careless with the ball," said Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener.

"We did a great job in the second half on the boards, and limited their second shots. Cherie had a great tournament, and she did a good job tonight of staying out of foul trouble, being effective down on the block and hitting her free throws."

In a first half of streaks for both teams ECU trailed 36-27 at the half. Cherie Mills closed out the half scoring a jump shot in the paint to pull the Pirates within nine, scor-

ing her team-high 12 points by the break.

"In the first half it went back-and-forth until we fell behind right before the half," Baldwin-Tener said.

"For most of the game we would make a run and they would make a run, but once we built a good lead we kept it. I was proud with a young team being able to handle being ahead and take care of the ball, and finish up strong."

Trailing 15-9 minutes into the first half, ECU would go on an 8-0 run over the next four minutes to assume a two point advantage. The Lancers answered with a run of their own after reassuming the lead to go on an 18-9 run and close out the half leading 36-27. During that stretch Longwood connected on 7-of-7 free throw attempts to lead.



Cherie Mills won Most Outstanding Player honors for the tournament.

Underneath velvet veneer, Williams is fierce competitor

KRT — He looks so placid, so professorial sitting behind his desk. But looks can deceive about North Carolina coach Roy Williams.

Some years ago, when he was coaching at Kansas, his wife, Wanda, was asked, "What era would you like to live in if not the present?"

"I'm not sure about me," she replied. "But I'm sure Roy would say back in the Wild West."

"That's true," Williams said later with a smile. "Not that I would have been a gunslinger necessarily. But I would like to have been John Wayne's sidekick."

Another anecdote about Williams: During the Big 12 tournament one year, he was asked how competitive his Jayhawks would be since they had already secured an NCAA tournament bid.

"That's not going to be a problem," he said. "If I'm playing golf and you tell me that I'm going to die when I step off the 18th green, I'm still going to try to make that last putt."

A block of granite rests beneath Williams' velvet veneer, a combativeness that is as much a part of him as his genteel manner. He can be, as Wayne was in so many of his movies, a perfect gentleman when at ease. But, again like Wayne, he is transformed when challenged.

Williams and his Tar Heels meet Illinois on Tuesday night in a feature presentation of the Big Ten-ACC Challenge.

The Tar Heels lost the top seven scorers from the team that defeated the Illini in last April's national championship game.

They return just one player who scored in that game forward David Noel, who made a free throw.

They are the first defending champions to enter the season unranked since 1988. They are starting over, down to nine scholarship players and dependent on five freshmen.

But guiding them is Williams, who in 17 seasons has never failed to take an eligible team to the NCAA tournament. Does he have any idea what will happen this season?

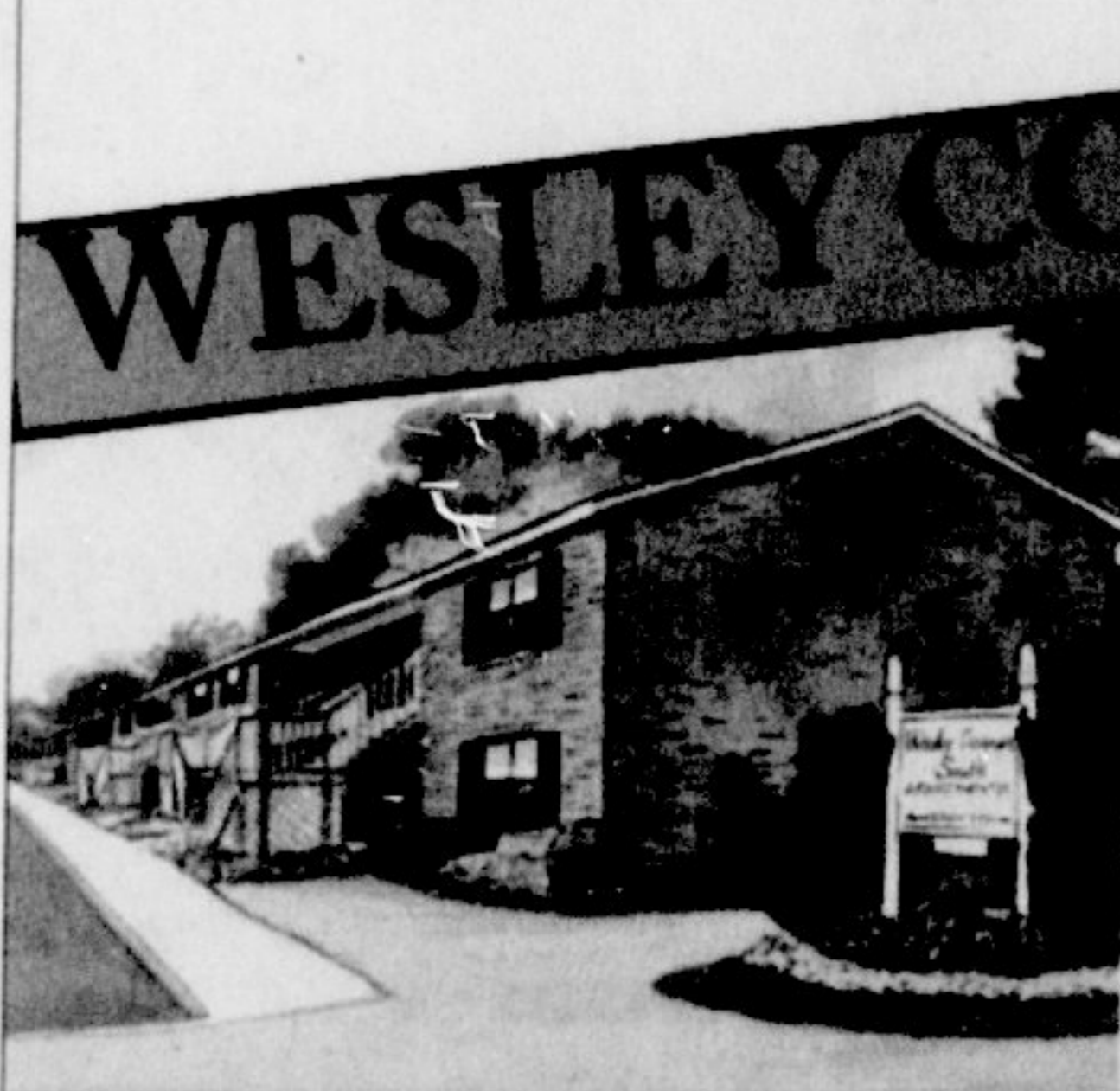
"None," he says.

How does that leave him feeling?
"I've never tried to operate crisis management," he says. "I've been one of those organized guys. So it's not an easy feeling. It's an unpleasant feeling."

"But it's exciting, no question about that. The unknown, some people relish the unknown, some people are frightened by the unknown. I don't think I'd classify myself as either. It's just that we don't know, and I'm looking forward to it."

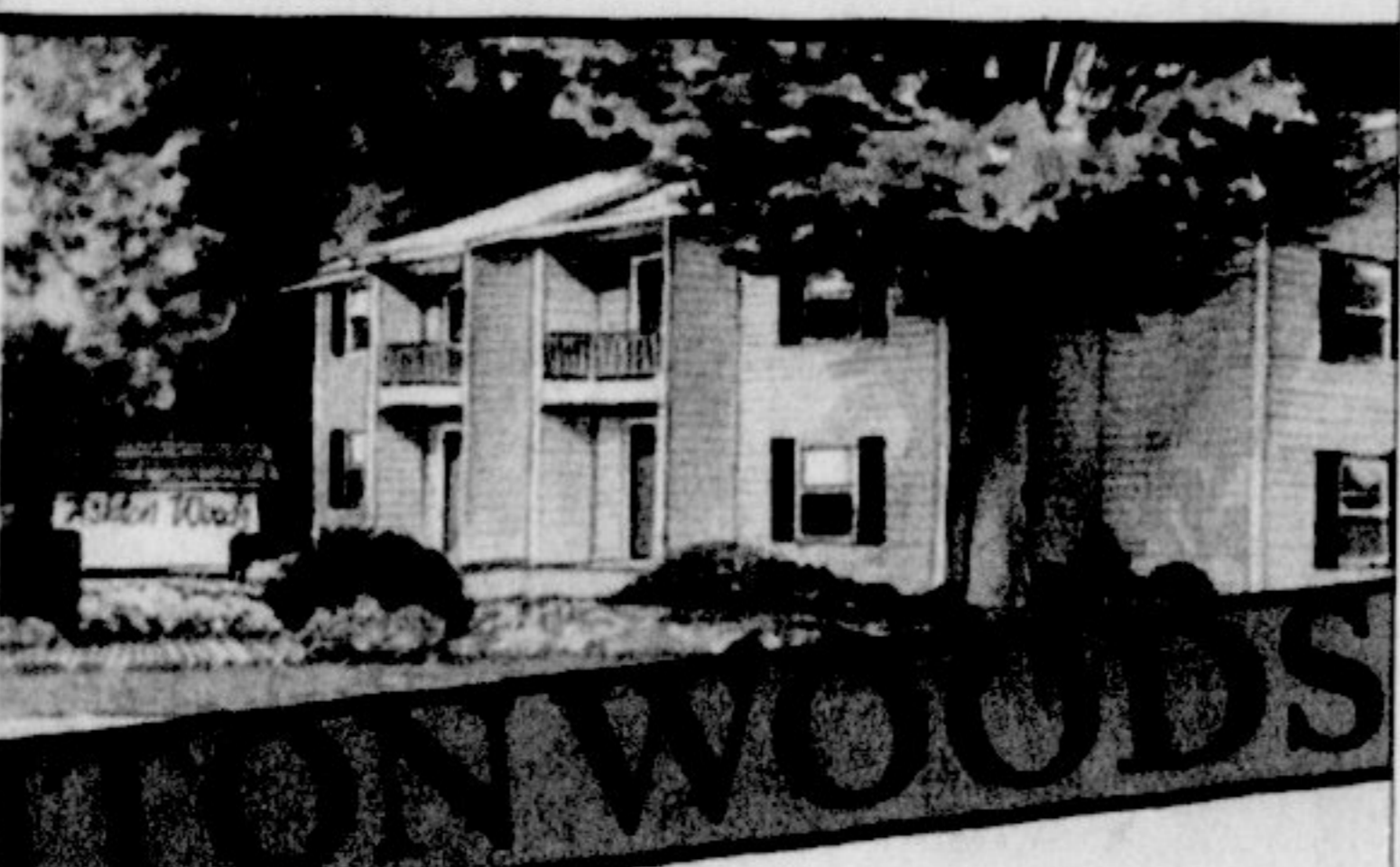
He looks forward to it even as he faces a daunting reconstruction project that has forced him to assume varied roles. He must be a patient teacher, guiding his young group through funda-

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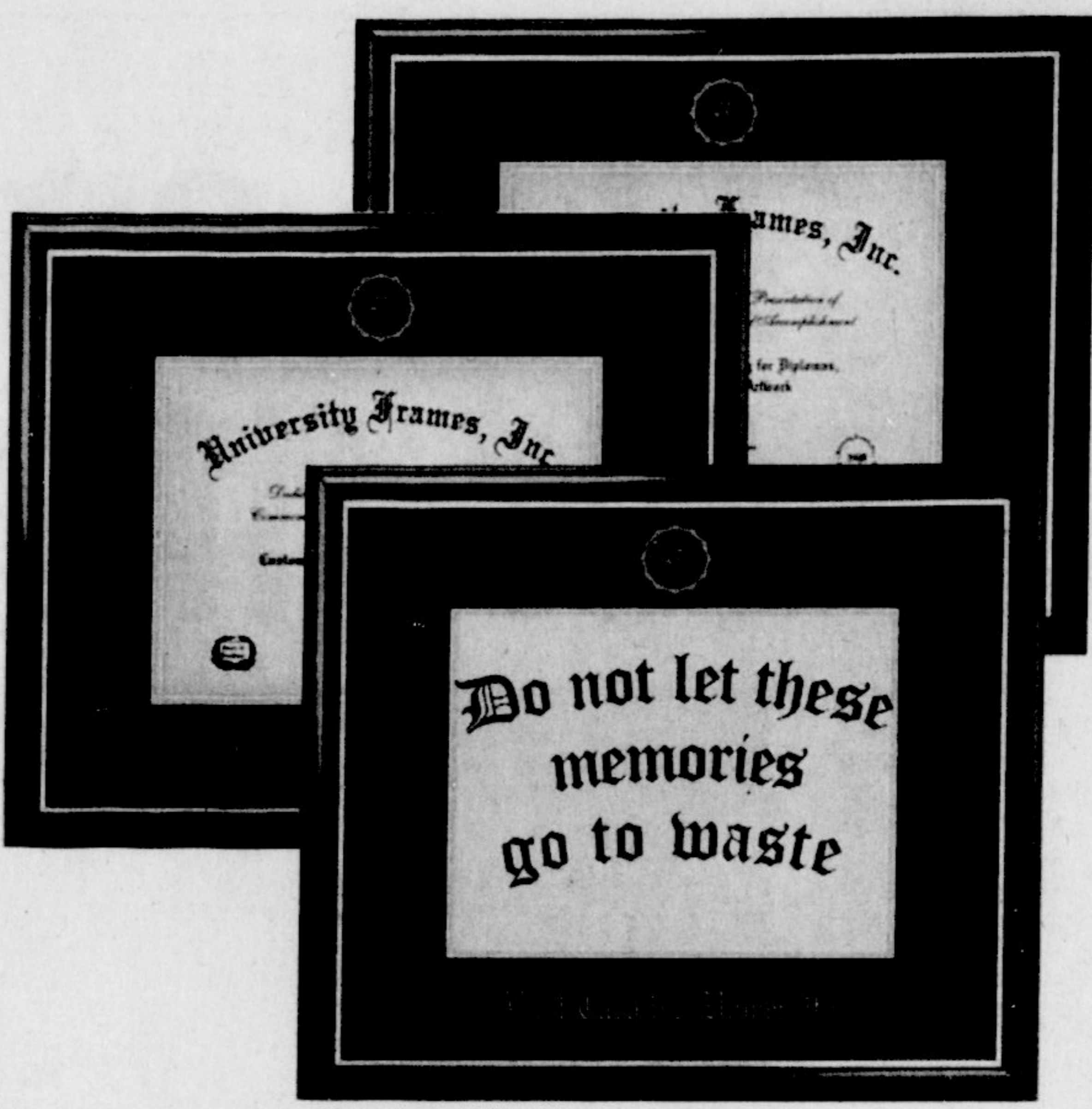


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bite on the intermediate route, hitting Good in stride for the long bomb.

Pinkney threw for 286 yards on 21-of-33 passing and two touchdowns. His totals earned him C-USA Player-of-the-Week honors for the third time this season.

Asked which quarterback was the most talented, the Delray Beach, Fla. native simply smiled. Trying not to appear overconfident, the junior whispered, "the stats will prove that."

The statistics also prove that Pinkney's season established himself with past premier ECU quarterbacks setting ECU junior class single-season records in passing yards (2,773), total yards (2,966) and highest pass completion percentage (60.7). He also equaled an East Carolina single-season record for most 200-yard passing games (10) while passing Jeff Blake to move into third-place on the school's career passing yardage list with 5,390. His two TDs moved him into fourth place on ECU's all-time career touchdown passes list with 33.

But Pinkney's seventh rushing touchdown of the season was the biggest. Facing a 3rd-and-8 in UAB territory, Pinkney scrambled 26 yards for the go-ahead score. Pinkney finished with six carries for 47 yards.

Still, ECU's offense became stagnant deep into the fourth quarter. After two drives sputtered, Hackney had a last-chance effort to make good on his promise. But Bell, a redshirt freshman corralled Hackney's third pick.

"We are taught at linebacker to read [the quarterback's] eyes," said Bell.

"If he was looking one way, go ahead and break."

Hackney completed 23-of-43 passes for 278 yards. The all-time leading UAB passer ran for his first TD of the season. Blazer running back Marcus Elliott added 105 yards on 20 carries.

ECU kicker Robert Lee's 20-yard FG in the first quarter tied a single-season record for most field goals with 17. Lee only missed twice all season, connecting on all 30 PAT attempts.

Defensively, Moore notched a team-high 11 tackles. With a 10-yard sack, the Havelock native's sack set a C-USA record for most tackles for loss (61.0). For his career, Moore finished with 415 tackles, ranking fourth in ECU history.

Nineteen seniors were recognized before the game with commemorative footballs. Through four years, the five-win plateau was the most the 2005 class experienced. Careers that were marred by different coaching staffs and constant frustration ended on high notes.

"[This] is a great win for these seniors," said Holtz.

"For the guys that aren't going to put on an ECU uniform again, they're going to walk out of here with a smile on their face and their head held high for the progress we've made as a program."

Holtz constantly preached the leadership of captains Gary Freeman, Richard Koonce and Moore.

"This is one of the best classes I've been around since I've been

here," said Pinkney.

"They were dedicated from the get-go, to get this thing turned around and to get it going the right direction."

"We laid a foundation now," Moore said.

"[The seniors] are the building blocks. I think they're going to be better than us."

"We're not content with where we are right now," Holtz said.

"We still have a long way to go. We're still in a building mode. The ante's going up. Just because we went 5-6 and became competitive, we can't say 'alright we're on easy street now. Let's glide.' We've got to keep working just as hard or harder as we have up to this point to turn and get over that next hurdle we have."

"[This win] makes us want to push harder in winter conditioning, spring football and everything," Bell said.

"It makes us want to take that extra step and go that extra mile."

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from 23.1 percent (6-26) to downright embarrassing.

But despite the poor shooting, Wofford held tough in front of 6,367 fans at Minges Coliseum. A team that upset Auburn a season ago didn't back down to ECU's constant challenges. At three different stretches, the Terriers pushed their lead to six.

Eric Marshall and Howard Wilkerson paced Wofford scoring 17 points apiece. Wilkerson, a 6-foot-6-inch, 250-pound senior nicknamed "Hit Man," got tangled with Corey Rouse after a Wofford foul. Both players were

called for technical fouls causing each to foul out.

But Marshall's late-game heroics helped the Terriers more than Wilkerson's. With ECU leading 56-53 with two seconds remaining, Marshall nailed a three off a double screen to force overtime.

"We just talked to each other and told ourselves that it is not over," said Courtney Captain on playing a five-minute overtime period.

"The mistakes we made are over and we have to keep playing." Sam Hinnant sank his first

three-pointer of the game with 1:35 left to extend the Pirate lead to five. After a Tyronne Beale layup with 57 seconds left, ECU went up seven, 68-61. Two consecutive ECU turnovers erased Wofford's deficit. An easy layup from a deflected inbound pass following a Wofford field goal tied the score at 68-all.

Beale and Rouse topped all Pirates with 14 points apiece. Rouse recorded a double-double, corraling 11 boards. Captain, a JuCo transfer was the only other Pirate in double figures, notching 11 points on 4-of-9 shooting.

Jonathan Hart scored seven points in 16 minutes while notching six rebounds. Fellow sophomore Tom Hammonds, slowed by a weightlifting injury added five points in 19 minutes. Jeff Robinson, a freshman walk-on from Lisle, Ill., saw his first game action logging six minutes.

In a rare scheduling mishap, the teams are exchanging a home-and-home series. ECU will travel to Spartanburg, SC on Nov. 30. Tip-off is scheduled at 7 p.m.

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mentals as basic as a fast break, and he must be a bulwark in the face of dire predictions.

"You've got to talk about the mental part of it," he says.

"Hey, we're going to be OK. Don't worry. We're going to be OK."

He must transform Noel and junior Reyshawn Terry, his most experienced returnees, from bit players into stars, and he must persuade his freshmen that they too can handle a new and bigger stage.

"Mentally they've got to understand, last year we were

playing Brother Rice and now we're playing Duke, but we're going to be OK. We're strong as a team," he says.

He must infuse all his Tar Heels with proper habits and, bereft of an experienced star, he must even be their security blanket.

"We don't have that presence (that Patriots quarterback Tom) Brady takes into the huddle, that Joe Montana took into the huddle," Williams says.

"Tiger Woods always knows that he's done it. These guys

have never done it on the biggest stage. We have the U.S. Open when North Carolina's playing Duke, Maryland, (NC) State."

The Tar Heels, as defending champs and one of their sport's most storied programs, have that no matter whom they play. They opened the season by rallying to defeat Gardner-Webb, then followed that with a 57-point rout of Cleveland State and a 17-point victory over UC-Santa Barbara.

Now come the Illini, clearly their biggest test yet. But this is just the

kind of crunch that stirs Williams.

Back in 1988, when he succeeded Larry Brown and took over unranked Kansas, the Jayhawks surprised everyone by ripping off 13 wins in their first 14 games. Now he is reflecting on a similar challenge.

"We're not going to be as bad as people think, and I like that part," Williams says. "I've always said the greatest place in the world to be is be the underdog when you're going to be pretty darn good."

Memo

Date: 11/18/2005

To: Organization Leaders

From: Levy Brown Jr.,
Assistant Director for Student Activities and Organizations

RE: Student Organization Registration/Important Dates

We are excited as a new office "Student Activities Center" to provide support to our 280 + student organizations at East Carolina University. Over the past several months, my office has talked with numerous students about their needs within their student organizations. The top needs expressed were:

- Improve space reservation process.
- Increase communication among student organizations.
- Better training and orientation for student leaders and faculty advisors.

In response to these needs, the following process has been implemented.

EARLY STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION FOR 2006-2007:

- All student organizations who desire to reserve space "early" for fall 2006 must register by February 28, 2006.
- All student organizations who desire to receive SGA funding must register by February 28, 2006.

REGULAR STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION FOR 2006-2007:

- The final deadline for student organizations to register for 2006-2007 is September 29, 2006.
- Remember that student organizations must be registered to receive SGA fund and reserve a space in MSC.

Please know that this new process will be most beneficial to student organizations and will help alleviate registration and room reservation concerns. January 9, 2006 will begin the early student organization process for fall 2006-spring 2007. Please view the important dates listed below regarding the new registration process for the upcoming year.

IMPORTANT DATES (2006):

- (January 9th) 06-07 Early Student Organization Registration Begins
- (January 9-13th) Information sessions for registration/SGA funding.
- (February 28th) Deadline for 06-07 Early Student Organization Registration.
- (March 20th-31st) 06-07 Early Space Reservation
(ONLY REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS)
- (March 28-29th) Founder's Day Student Leader Installation
- (April 1, 2006) Mandatory Organizational Training Session
- (April 7, 2006) SGA Annual Funding Deadline
- (September 29th) Final deadline for returning Student Organizations to register.

The Student Activities Center is here to assist you in anyway we can. Please feel free to stop by our office in 109 Mendenhall Student Center or email us at studentactivities@ecu.edu.

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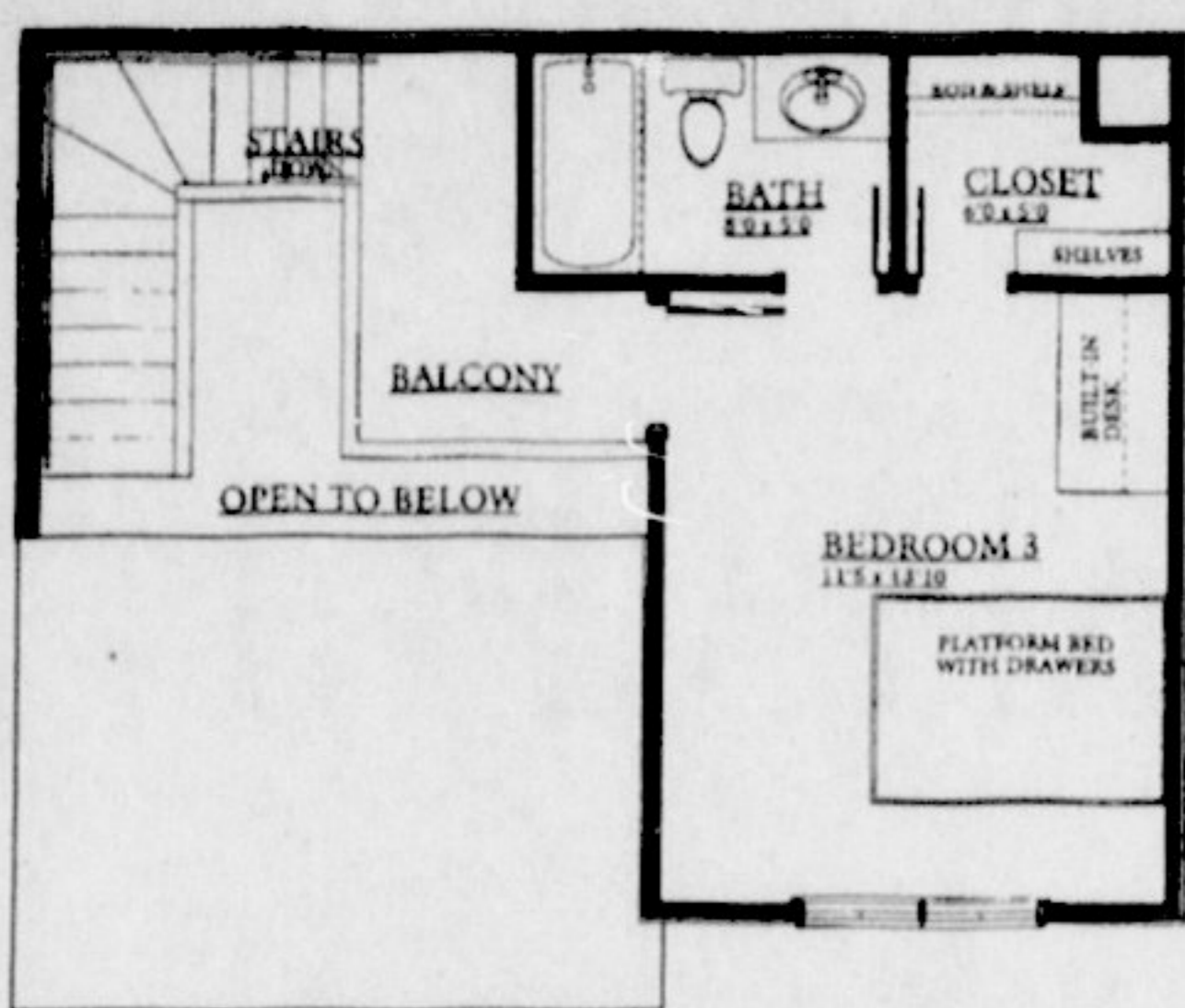
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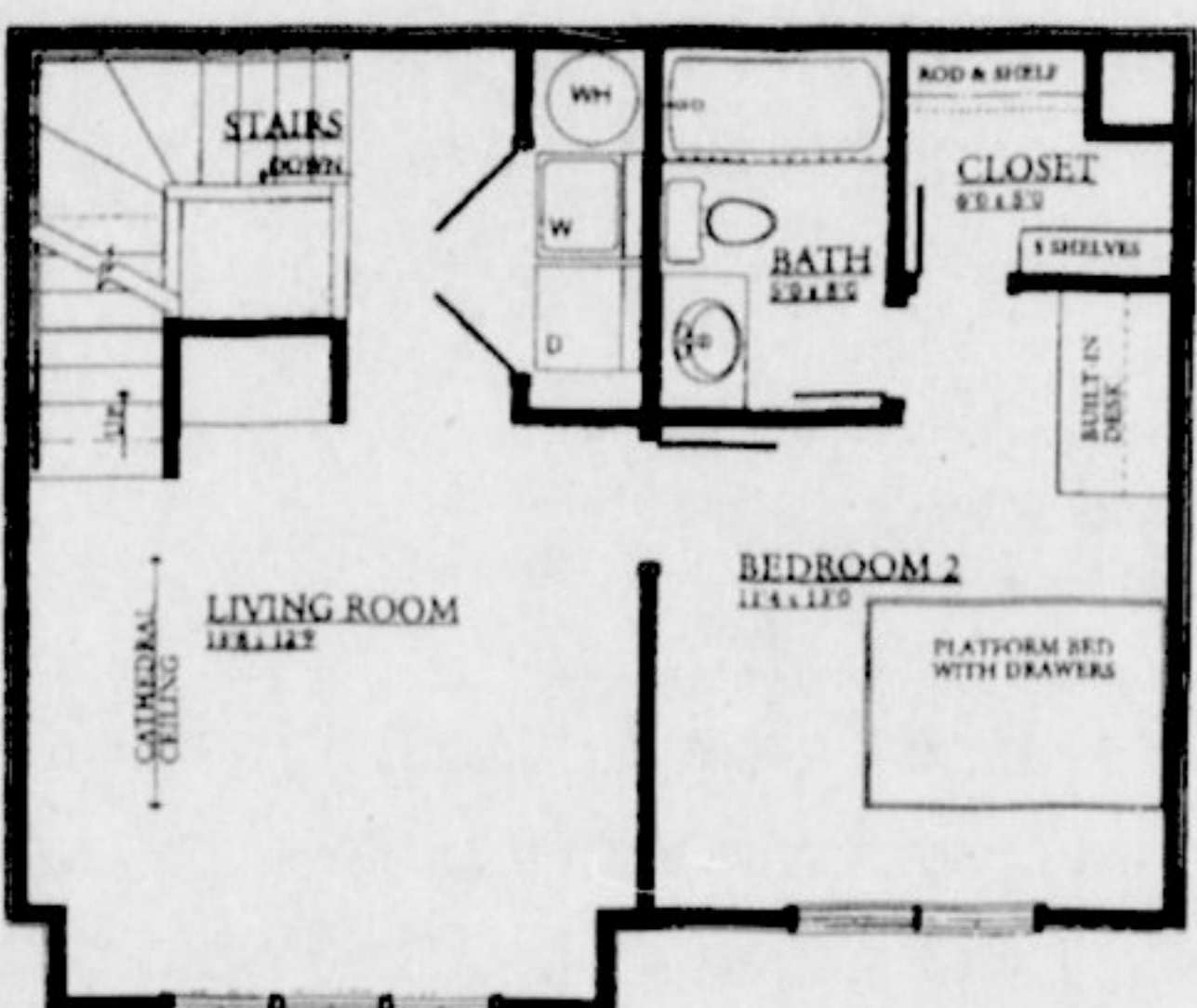
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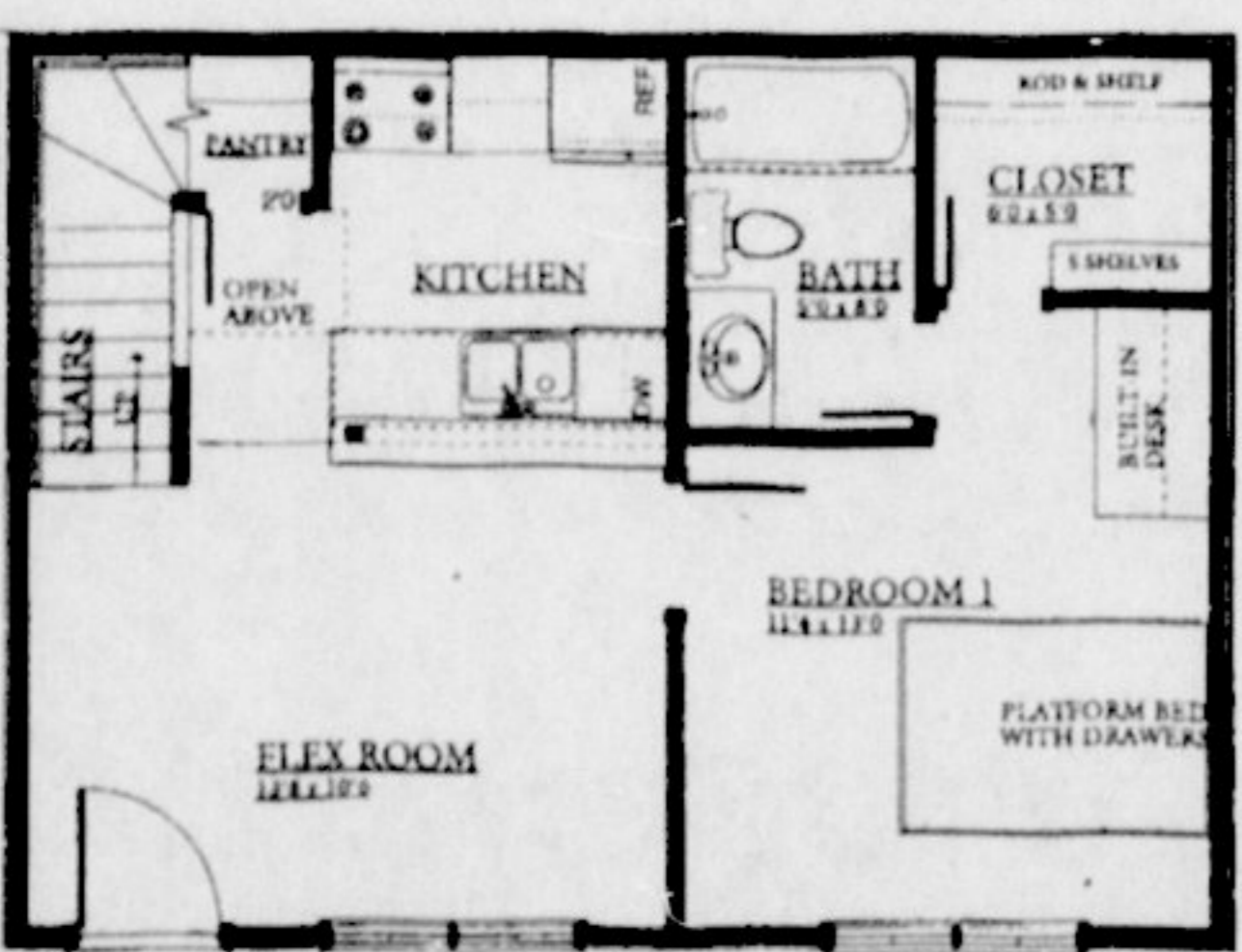
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