



# Easley urges board not to enforce tuition increases

*Editor's Note: The Board of Governors will meet in Raleigh this Friday to determine tuition and fee increases for the 2004-05 school year.*

**RALEIGH (AP)** — Gov. Mike Easley is asking the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to vote against campus-based tuition increases when it meets this week.

In a letter to board Chairman Brad Wilson, Easley says raising tuition would hurt access to higher education in the state.

"Many families have been hit hard by our national recession and unhelpful trade policy, and argue that increases of this size

should not be considered at this time," Easley wrote. "I agree."

The letter is dated Friday and was released on Sunday by the governor's office. Calls to Wilson requesting comment weren't immediately returned.

Joni Worthington, a spokeswoman with the University of North Carolina system, said she hadn't seen the letter but was sure that Wilson would respond on behalf of the Board of Governors.

The full board is scheduled on Friday to consider tuition and fee increases ranging from nine to 19 percent for students who are North Carolina residents in

the 16-campus system for the 2004-05 academic year.

The General Assembly imposed a 5 percent tuition increase for the entire system this academic year to partially offset the cost of enrollment growth.

The budget committee and other board members met for more than seven hours on Friday to review the proposed tuition increases and is scheduled to continue on Thursday.

"Obviously the Board of Governors is not taking this lightly at all," Worthington said.

Worthington said most of the campus-based increases for the upcoming school year raise

tuition and fees for residents about \$300.

A group of students and faculty are lobbying against the increase. They've printed a 500-page book called "The Personal Stories Project: Faces, Not Numbers," containing about 800 stories detailing the difficulty of keeping up with rising tuition costs.

The book is being distributed to the board and various state legislators. Some campuses are also planning bus trips to the full board meeting on Friday to lobby against the increase.

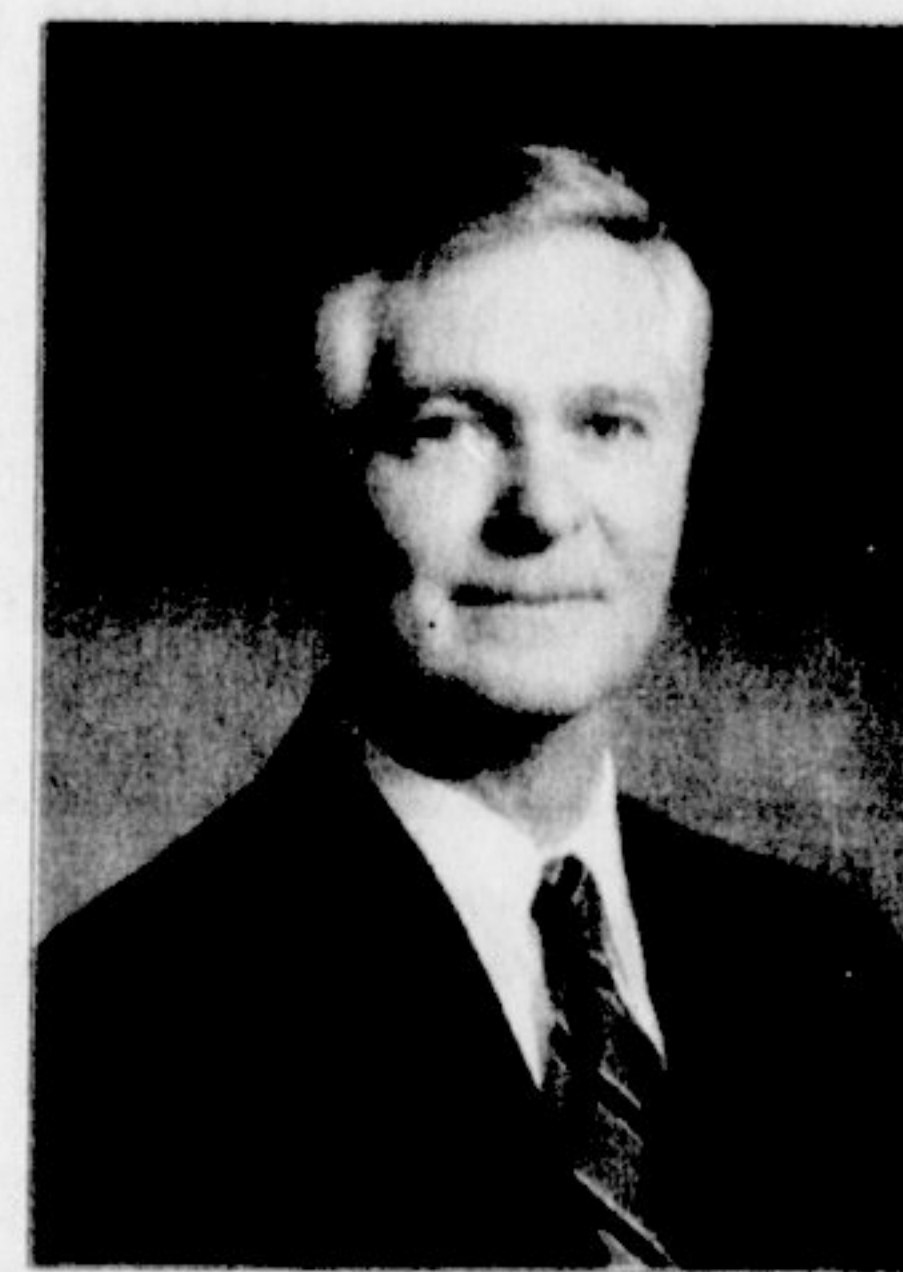
Jonathan Ducote, the presi-

dent of the UNC Association of Student Governments and the only student on the board, called Easley's letter "absolutely fantastic news."

"The governor understands that for North Carolina to come around and come out on top in the new economy that heavy investments must be made in education," said Ducote, a senior at NC State University.

Even if the increases are approved by the board then the General Assembly, the state would still be one of the best values for higher education in

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EASLEY

# Kerry pushes past competition

**election 2004** (AP) — John Kerry's rivals tried

Monday to slow his brisk pace toward the Democratic nomination for president, with John Edwards and Wesley Clark searching for upset wins in two Southern states and Howard Dean beseeching Wisconsin voters "to keep this debate alive."

As Edwards and Clark concentrated on Virginia and Tennessee, which hold primaries Tuesday, Kerry ignored his rivals and criticized President Bush on foreign policy and his stewardship of the economy. Looking ahead to Wisconsin,

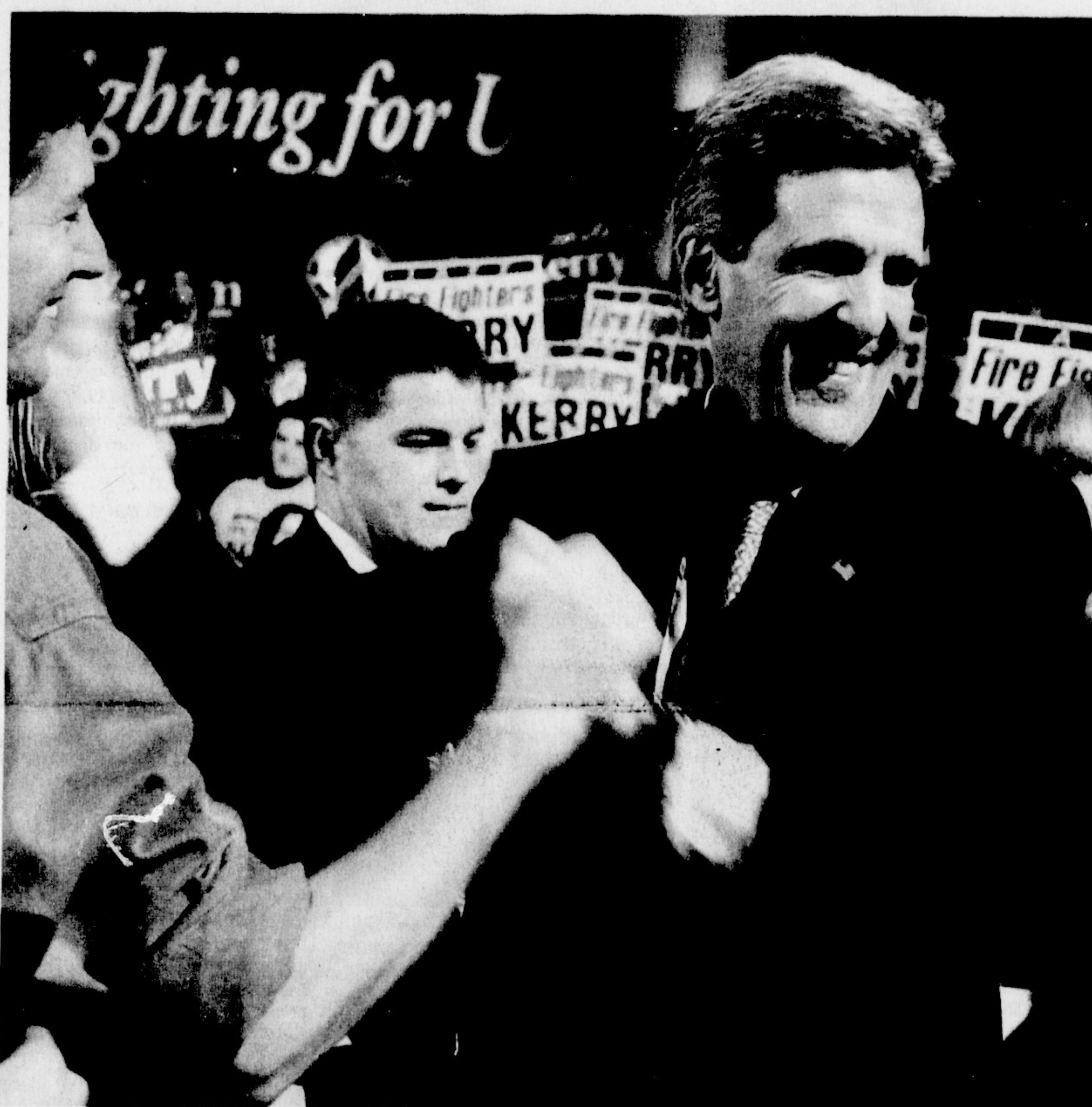
Dean said that despite earlier statements that he viewed the Feb. 17 primary as a do-or-die contest, he would stay in the race regardless of the outcome.

"I've just changed my mind," he said.

Before an audience in Roanoke, Va., Kerry scorned a White House economic report released earlier in the day that predicted the economy would grow by 4 percent and create 2.6 million new jobs this year.

"I've got a feeling this report was prepared by the same people who brought us the intelligence on Iraq," Kerry said, citing job losses of more than 2 million since Bush took office.

The Massachusetts senator also faulted Bush for policy failures on North Korea, AIDS, global warming and the



John Kerry pushes ahead of his rivals in the fight to win votes and be the democratic nomination for president.

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# SGA debates spring election deadlines

Dates set, but rules still in question

**STEPHEN RICE**  
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The SGA Senate met Monday to discuss rules and dates for the upcoming student body elections. For the first time this semester, attendance was high enough to allow voting.

Senators heatedly debated when the dates should be.

There was discussion on whether the wording in the election rules and the passage of the bill violate the SGA constitution.

Debate lasted for nearly two hours. The Senate's schedule said filing for student body offices would begin on Feb. 16.

This would have placed the election before spring break. Advocates said this plan would allow for meaningful transition and training for new student body officers. Others questioned changing the timeline if student media were already informed of established filing dates.

Concern was expressed that the February date is too early in the semester and does not follow the precedent of elections being held later in the spring. The Senate voted to begin elections filing on March 1.

This pushes the election back to March 30 and 31. Supporters say additional time will help to publicize filing for positions.

Even though dates are set, the rules from last semester's election are still in place since the revisions were not voted on. The revisions are designed to prevent loopholes.

The Senate also had Melissa Price, the vice president of finance for University of North Carolina Association of Student Governments speak about Students' Day in Raleigh this Friday.

"This is the opportunity to make history," said Price.

"We are going to rally on Feb. 13 to change political thinking on tuition increases."

The increase, if approved, will add \$300 to tuition per year for the next three years.

Following Price's presentation, the Senate voted in favor of a resolution to pave the freshman parking lot. The project's projected cost is near \$250,000.

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# Safety Walk sheds light on potentially dangerous areas



Crime Prevention Sgt. Amy Davis and SGA member Hannah Novak point out poorly lit areas on campus Monday night.

*Darkened walkways, broken emergency phones found*

**HOLLY O'NEAL**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

About 20 people crossed campus Monday night in search

of unsafe areas during the Student Government Association's Safety Walk.

Teams of two or more looked for poor lighting, obstructed walkways, malfunctioning emergency phones and anything else that would compromise students' security.

Matthew Clark, junior con-

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# Snow Hill Primary implements dual language program

*'Las Puentes' builds bridges for Hispanics*

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Snow Hill Primary has established a dual language immersion program, the first of its kind in rural eastern North Carolina to be utilized by Kindergarten and first grade Hispanic students in the area.

In cooperation with the ECU Geography Department, Snow Hill is taking bold steps in the ongoing challenge to offer alternate learning opportunities to Latino and Hispanic children living within their district.

Under the new program, Spanish-speaking students will be able to learn from a Spanish-speaking instructor, while collaborating with peers and participating in normal activities.

Dubbed "Las Puentes," which is Spanish for bridges, the program is the brainchild of Pat MacNeill, director of



Growing numbers of Hispanic students warrant Spanish-speaking instructors in Greene County.

and Snow Hill parent, became involved in the program when she wrote a state grant to help fund "Las Puentes."

Torres was unavailable for comment by press time.

"Las Puentes" requires an application only and runs for the entire school day. One-half of the students currently involved

instruction and federal programs for Snow Hill Primary School.

"The Greene County Schools have been very progressive in watching cultural changes in our communities," said MacNeill.

"We appreciate all the efforts of Rebecca Torres and ECU."

Rebecca Torres, associate professor of geography at ECU

in the program speak English as their second language.

Camoosha Bell is a bilingual graduate student in international relations and a Spanish tutor for the modified program at ECU.

"The earlier people can learn a foreign language, the better," said Bell.

"I feel that programs like Las Puentes should be a federally mandated part of the education system. It would not only be advantageous to the individual but to society as a whole."

Snow Hill, which sits in one of the poorest counties in the state, has a Hispanic/Latino population of approximately 1,600, or 8 percent of the overall population.

The majority of Spanish-speaking inhabitants of Greene County hail from Mexico.

Hispanics and Latinos are the fastest growing demographic in the nation as well as in rural eastern North Carolina.

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## Black History Awareness throughout February

- Feb. 16, 1857, Frederick Douglass was elected president of Freedman Bank and Trust.
- The Emancipation Proclamation freed all slaves in states rebelling against the Union on Jan. 1, 1863.



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Visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com) to read more about the latest Ohio shootings, which now number 23.



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Students will travel abroad to Egypt this summer to gain education experience and class credit.



**Features** page B1  
Valentine's Day is right around the corner. If you still haven't purchased the perfect gift, TEC has suggestions.



**Sports** page B4  
Despite some ECU player's career nights, ECU's men's basketball team was still defeated by Charlotte.



**FYI**  
Don't forget to get information on sexual responsibility this week in Wright Plaza from 10 am - 2 pm.

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**Announcements**

**Women in Academic Medicine Seminar**

The Office of Academic and Faculty Development presents a seminar on women in academic medicine today from 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the Ironwood Golf and Country Club. Call 744-3420 for more information.

**Resume Blitz**

Career Services offers a Resume Blitz, where students' resumes are critiqued on sight, today from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Bate Lobby.

**Mac Users Group**

The Macintosh Users Group will meet tonight at 7 p.m. in Murphy Center's Jones room. The meeting will focus on iPods and accessories with items on display, and demo the latest features of the iTunes Music Store. Anyone is invited to attend. For more info, visit <http://www.ecumug.org>.

**Construction and Industrial Career Fair**

There will be a Construction Management and Industrial Technology Career Fair Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Science and Technology Building.

**Sex Smarts**

Wellness Education presents "Sex Smarts," a game show based on the TV show "Street Smarts" Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium.

**Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair**

There will be a Nursing and Allied Health Career Fair Thursday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Carol Belk Building.

**Deans and Issues Forum**

The ECU chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa will host the Deans and Issues Forum on Thursday at 7 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall Student Center. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for Student Life, will moderate open discussion on diversity, campus safety, transportation, parking, expansion, faculty involvement and student organizations.

**Science and Chemistry Career Fair**

There will be a science and chemistry career fair Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the third floor of the Science and Technology Building.

**Leadership Academy Applications**

The ECU Leadership Academy will accept applications until Friday. Applications are available online at [www.ecu.edu/leadership](http://www.ecu.edu/leadership), in the Faculty Senate office in the Rawl Annex on Reade Street and at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences in Brody. The two-hour long classes will meet on Fridays beginning Feb. 27 and will focus on preparing faculty and staff members to assume enhanced campus roles. Requirements for applicants are a bachelor's degree and three years experience at ECU.

**Self Defense Registration**

Learn how to defend yourself in a progressive training system. Registration is Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in 240 SRC. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, and the program runs March 21 - April 31.

**Language Arts Conference**

The College of Education will sponsor the Mary Lois Staton Reading/Language Arts Conference Friday, Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Greenville Hilton. The conference will feature newspaper columnist and author Susie Wilde, children's author Pansie Hart Flood and 25 sessions on literacy issues. Contact Susan Ranson at 328-6830 for registration.

**Book Drive**

The ECU NC Teaching Fellows Program will sponsor a book drive on Saturday, Feb. 14 at Greenville Nissan and Greenville K-Mart from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All contributors (books or cash) will receive a chance to win a dinner for two at one of several participating Greenville restaurants. Books may be dropped off at the book drive or sent/delivered prior to the Teaching Fellows office in 204 Spellman. Contact Mary Beth Corbin at 328-4126 for more information.

**Negro Spiritual Presentation**

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center will sponsor "The History of the Negro Spiritual" presented by Dorthea Taylor, soprano, and Louise Toppin, piano, on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Hooker Road.

**Resume Blitz**

Career Services offers a Resume Blitz, where students' resumes are critiqued on sight, Monday, Feb. 16, from noon - 2 p.m. in Bate Lobby.

**Interviewing Workshop**

Career Services offers a workshop on interviewing Monday, Feb. 16, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 1012 Bate.

**Criminal Justice Applications**

The deadline for students to apply for admission into the criminal justice program is Monday, Feb. 16. Applications are available outside 104-B Ragsdale. Contact Virginia Parker at 328-4192 for more information.

**PRSSA Meeting**

The Public Relations Student Society of American will meet Monday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. in 202 Joyner East.

**Drop Deadline Extension**

The last day for undergraduate students to drop term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades has been extended to Wednesday, Feb. 25. Block courses may be dropped only during the first 40 percent of their regularly scheduled class meetings.

**Sophomore Survey**

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, with 30 of those at ECU, must take the Sophomore survey before pre-registering for Summer or Fall 2004 semesters. The survey will be available on One Stop beginning March 3.

**Paper Person**

The person featured at the top of today's paper is John Rappoport, freshman construction management major.

**News Briefs**

**Local**

**NC National Guard unit back in U.S. from Iraq**

CLYDE (AP) - A company of North Carolina National Guard soldiers that spent nearly a year in Iraq is one plane trip from home.

For the second time in two years, the 211th Military Police Company returned to the United States from war. The more than 100 soldiers who had been guarding a village in northern Iraq landed Saturday evening at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. "It didn't sink in until we stepped out on the ground," said Spec. John Parrish after the C-141 military plane touched down. "We're just glad to be home."

The soldiers will undergo debriefing and counseling at Fort Dix, N.J., before returning to western North Carolina on Friday. Capt. Robert Carver, a National Guard spokesman in Raleigh, said Sunday.

They'll be greeted at the unit's armory in Haywood County by new yellow ribbons each with a soldier's name fixed to the chain link fence along the long, uphill drive. Old ribbons placed there 11 months ago when the 211th left hang tattered and faded above the new ones affixed on Saturday.

The unit was activated in December 2001 and guarded Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan for seven months in 2002. Five months after returning from Afghanistan, the 211th had shipped out again in June.

**Attorney General Cooper seeks help from retailers in meth fight**

RALEIGH (AP) - Attorney General Roy Cooper's statewide campaign to fight the spread of methamphetamine labs could change the way North Carolinians shop for cold medicine. North Carolina is moving to join a growing number of states cracking down on methamphetamine dealers by limiting sales of cold tablets, putting them behind counters, or training store clerks to spot "suspicious" shoppers

and report them to the police.

Drug dealers buy over-the-counter cold remedies, nasal decongestants and asthma medicines for their active ingredients, ephedrine or pseudoephedrine. A 48-tablet pack of Sudafed yields methamphetamine worth about \$72 on the street, according to police.

States with acute methamphetamine problems, such as Missouri and California, limit purchasers to two or three packs. Several other states have programs encouraging retailers to limit purchases voluntarily. In North Carolina, some drug and grocery stores voluntarily limit purchases to three packs in keeping with guidelines from the Drug Enforcement Administration. But other stores don't, prompting Cooper to organize a statewide initiative to train retailers to limit access and to watch for suspicious consumers.

**National**

**U.S., Australia complete free-trade pact**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States and Australia reached a free-trade agreement Sunday that officials say will eliminate duties from more than 99 percent of American manufacturing exports to Australia. The deal, which requires congressional approval, also will boost most agricultural trade between the two countries on products ranging from beef to fruit to macadamia nuts.

One notable exception is sugar, where current rules will remain unchanged. American sugar producers had lobbied hard against opening U.S. markets to more Australian sugar, and U.S. officials were unwilling to risk an election-year backlash despite pressure from Australia.

The agreement also calls for lengthy phase-in periods to increase Australian beef and dairy exports, responding to pressure from U.S. dairy farmers and cattle ranchers who had complained that a flood of cheaper

Australian products could have cost thousands of jobs.

**Hundreds of opponents of same-sex marriage stage rally in Boston**

BOSTON (AP) - Hundreds of opponents of same-sex marriage gathered Sunday on Boston Common to show support for a proposed constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

People held banners that read "Let the people vote," "Marriage, ancient, sacred," and "Homosexuality is not normal" as they were entertained by live music. Speakers lined up for the rally included some of the state's most high-profile gay marriage opponents, including Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley of the Roman Catholic Boston Archdiocese, and state House Speaker Thomas Finneran. Ed Zicko, 69, attended the rally with his friend, Maureen Cavanaugh, 59, both members of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Natick. He said he came to the rally because marriage is a tradition going back thousands of years and "I think people should have the opportunity to vote on it."

A smaller group of counter-protesters, some holding a banner that said "Shame on you Sean," in reference to O'Malley, stood behind the main stage.

Massachusetts' highest court, the Supreme Judicial Court, ruled 4-3 in November that same-sex couples had a right under the state constitution to the benefits of marriage, and this past week it ruled by the same ratio that only marriage—not civil union—would satisfy its initial decision.

**World**

**Crowds loot port as uprising spreads in Haiti after bloody battles between police, gunmen**  
ST. MARC, Haiti (AP) - Hundreds of Haitians looted TV sets, mattresses and sacks of flour from shipping

containers Sunday in this port town, one of several communities seized by rebels in a bloody uprising against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Using felled trees, flaming tires and car chassis, residents blocked streets throughout St. Marc a day after militants drove out police in gunbattles that killed two people. Many residents have formed neighborhood groups to back insurgents in their push to expel the president.

"After Aristide leaves, the country will return to normal," said Axel Philippe, 34, among dozens massed on the highway leading to St. Marc, a city of about 100,000 located some 45 miles northwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

At least 18 people have been killed since armed opponents of Aristide began their assault Thursday, setting police stations on fire and driving officers from the northwestern city of Gonaives Haiti's fourth-largest city and several smaller nearby towns.

Haitien housing the studio of Radio Vision 2000, the independent Haitian broadcaster said.

Rebels continued to rule the streets of Gonaives on Sunday, witnesses said, though it was unclear how many armed militants made up the city of 200,000.

**U.N., Iraqis Debate Ballots: GI Killed**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.N. experts met with Iraqi leaders for the first time Sunday to discuss the chances of holding early elections as Prince Charles made a surprise visit and Japan expanded its first military deployment to a combat zone since World War II.

In fresh violence, insurgents attacked separate U.S. Army convoys with explosives, killing one soldier and wounding three others, witnesses said. The soldier was killed when a roadside bomb exploded near Mahmudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, a military spokesman said.

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Middle East peace process. Edwards and Clark were hoping strong showings in Tennessee and Virginia would eliminate the other and turn the race into a two-man contest with Kerry, but polls showed Kerry well ahead in both states.

Dean, the former Vermont governor who was once the party's front-runner, urged Wisconsin voters to prove the polls and the media wrong and use their "power to choose the strongest candidate to beat George W. Bush."

"The media claims this contest is over. They say your voice and your vote don't count. They expect you to rubber stamp the choice of others. But you don't have to listen to them," Dean told an audience of about 300 at a downtown Madison hotel.

Dean began a two-day tour and an aggressive advertising campaign in Wisconsin, a state he told supporters last week he must win to keep his candidacy alive. But on Monday, he said his backers had persuaded him to stay in the race regardless of the results. He dismissed his own "obvious contradiction."

Dean also began airing a 60-second biographical spot in some Wisconsin markets, his first advertising buy in the state in months.

Kerry's winning streak \_ he handily won contests over the weekend in Michigan, Washington state and Maine \_ was clearly taking a toll on his competitors. Aides to both Clark and Edwards said they expect their candidates to lose Virginia and Tennessee, even though both had earlier been optimistic about winning in their home region. A total of 151 pledged delegates are at stake in the two states.

Edwards and Clark each have one win apiece, while Kerry has won 10 of the 12 contests thus far. Kerry has more than twice as many delegates as Dean, his

closest pursuer \_ 426 after the contest in Maine on Sunday compared to Dean's 184, according to an Associated Press tally. It takes 2,162 delegates to win the nomination.

Clark and Edwards have vowed to forge ahead until Wisconsin despite Kerry's increasing advantage, hoping for a lucky break or a potential slip-up by the front-runner.

In Morrison, Tenn., Edwards met privately with Carrier Corp. factory workers who found out last week that the plant was closing, eliminating 1,300 jobs. He said after the meeting at a barbecue restaurant near the plant that the workers deserve to have a president "who understands, who knows what their lives are like" and that President Bush is out of touch.

"The president we have now does not understand what these folks are going through. He does not understand what is going on in the lives of most Americans," Edwards said.

Clark told supporters in Union City, Tenn., that jobs were his top issue. "People are struggling in this country, and I think it's a moral outrage," he said.

Clark was sweeping through six Tennessee cities before ending his day in Nashville with country music star Jaime O'Neal.

In Memphis, he acknowledged polls showing him trailing Kerry and Edwards in Tennessee and Virginia. "You've got a front-runner, you've got a good lawyer and you've got an underdog. I'm the underdog," he said. Edwards became a multimillionaire as a plaintiffs' lawyer before being elected to the Senate in 1998.

Kerry gained more support on Monday when he won the endorsements of West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller and New York Rep. Nita Lowey. Kerry was also backed by another major union, the 180,000-member Amalgamated Transit Union, the largest



Calvin Mercer holds samples of papyrus he obtained in Egypt. It was produced using the ancient methods of making paper. Shown in his right hand is Isis, the Egyptian goddess of fertility and wife of Osiris.

**Students travel to land of pyramids**

**Study abroad trip offers educational experience**

JASMINE D. HARRELL  
STAFF WRITER

ECU students looking for an opportunity to experience a land of ancient mysteries will have the opportunity to study abroad in Egypt this summer.

Led by Calvin Mercer, Ph.D., study abroad director and religious studies professor, this two-week voyage includes visiting sites of the oldest Egyptian pyramids; the Egyptian museum, the Sphinx and a four-day cruise along the Nile River.

"This is an incredible opportunity to visit one of the most interesting countries of the world," said Mercer.

"The ancient pharonic and pyramid culture has fascinated people through the centuries."

The cost of the trip is \$3,890, which includes registration, airfare, hotels, meals, a four-day cruise, guides, intercity transport, tuition, insurance and administration.

Mercer said students should not allow money to be a deterrent since other sources of funding are available.

Students will receive six semester hours of credit for their general education humanities requirement or as general elec-

**Information**

For more information on the study abroad trip to Egypt, contact Calvin Mercer at 328-4310 or [mercerc@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:mercerc@mail.ecu.edu).

tives for their major.

"I'm always looking for as much adventure as I can get," said Jeanne Riley, senior public relations major.

"This trip will be a multicultural educational experience, and I'll learn a lot."

Mercer said he estimates 15 people will be able to attend depending on the availability of bus seating.

"It's a great educational opportunity to see other cultures and their changes, especially after 9/11," said Jill Zelenko, senior criminal justice major, who is attending the trip.

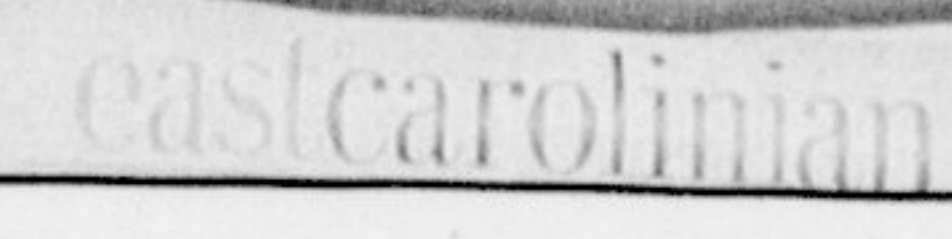
There are still openings and alternative funding available, but Mercer said those interested should contact him as soon as possible.

The trip was originally scheduled for the summer of 2003, but was cancelled due to the university's safety concerns.

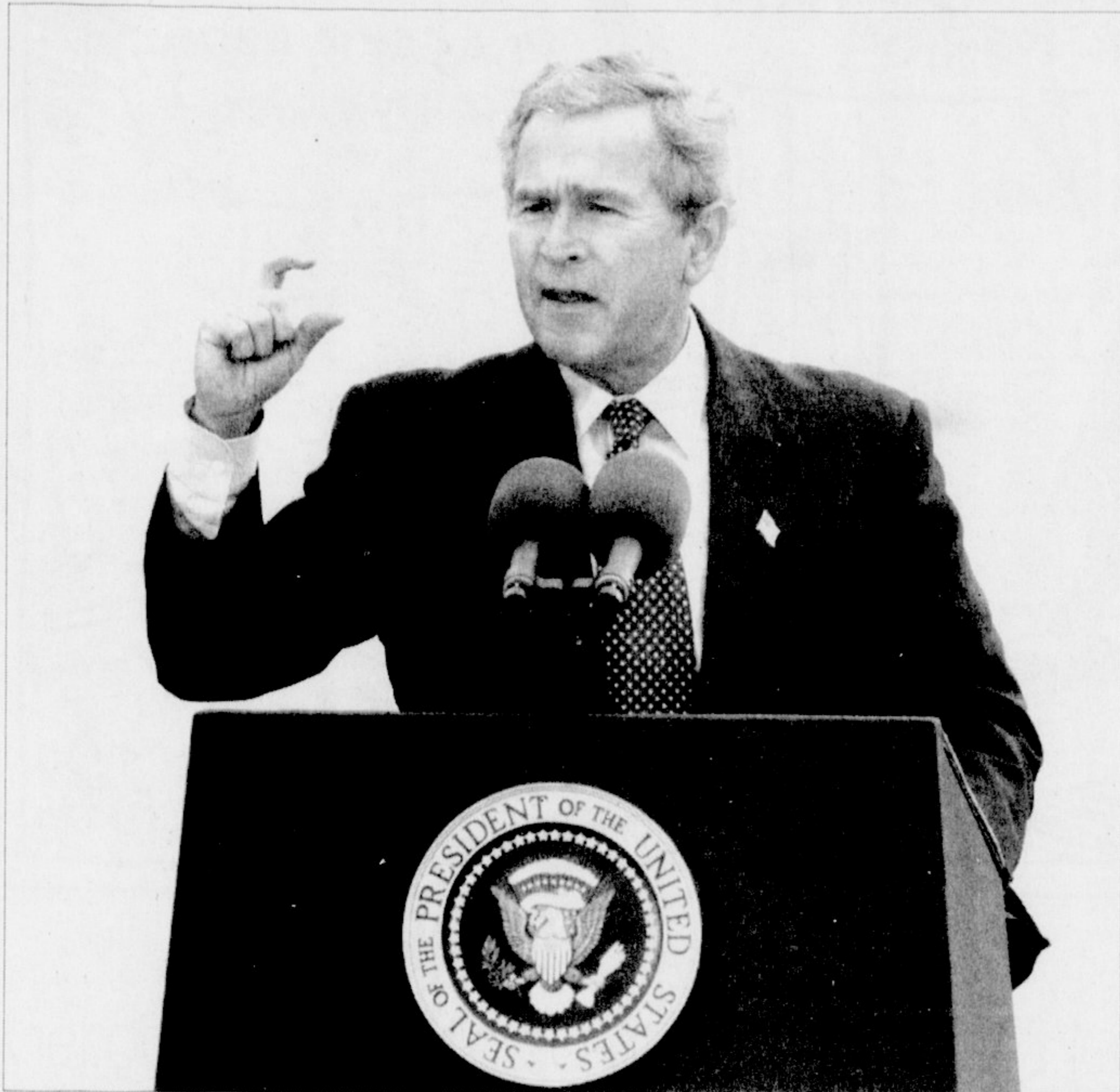
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# Bush: 'I expected to find the weapons'



President George W. Bush's approval rating has taken a dive by almost 10 percent in a month. Now Bush is receiving criticism from the Democrats over the failure to find Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush denied he marched America into war under false pretenses and said the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

"I don't think America can stand by and hope for the best," said the president. Bush suggested Saddam may have destroyed or spirited out of the country the banned weapons the Bush administration cited as a main rationale for the war.

"I expected to find the weapons," Bush said in an Oval Office interview broadcast Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"Sitting behind this desk, making a very difficult decision of war and peace, I based my decision on the best intelligence possible," the president said. The

interview was taped Saturday. Bush also was asked about the fugitive Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks whom the president had pledged to get "dead or alive."

He chuckled when told that a Republican lawmaker had predicted Osama would be captured before the presidential election. "I appreciate his optimism," Bush said. "I have no idea whether we will capture or bring him to justice ... I know we are on the hunt."

The interview, his first on a Sunday talk show since taking office, came as the president's approval rating has dipped to 47 percent, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll taken in early February; that compares with 56 percent just a month ago.

The appearance followed

weeks of criticism from Democrats over the failure so far to find Iraq's cache of weapons.

"They could have been destroyed during the war," Bush said, speculating about reasons the reports might have been wrong.

"Saddam and his henchmen could have destroyed them as we entered into Iraq. They could be hidden. They could have been transported to another country, and we'll find out."

The president said he retained confidence in CIA Director George Tenet. Bush shook his head from side to side when asked if Tenet's job was in jeopardy.

"No, not at all, not at all," Bush said.

Bush pledged to cooperate with a commission he set up last week to examine prewar intelligence lapses

and defended its March 2003 reporting date, which is four months after the White House election.

"There is going to be ample time for the American people to assess ... whether or not I made the right decision in removing Saddam Hussein from power," Bush said.

Democrats in Congress and on the campaign trail said Sunday they wanted to see the findings before the election, if possible.

"What we've got here is a president who simply doesn't want to be held accountable," presidential hopeful Wesley Clark told CNN's "Late Edition."

Bush did not directly respond to election-year allegations that his administration exaggerated intelligence, but made clear that the United States considered the Iraqi president a dictator who brutalized and killed his own people.

"I strongly believe that inaction in Iraq would have emboldened Saddam Hussein," Bush said. "He could have developed a nuclear weapon over time I'm not saying immediately, but over time ... We would have been in a position of blackmail. In other words, you can't rely upon a madman."

Also on the foreign policy front, Bush said, "diplomacy is just beginning" with North Korea. The United States and its allies are seeking to persuade the communist nation to abandon its nuclear weapons programs. "We are making good progress," Bush said.

On domestic issues, Bush said his tax cuts were responsible for an economic rebound.

He dismissed news reports that there is no evidence he reported for National Guard duty in Alabama during the summer and fall of 1972, during the Vietnam War. "There may be no evidence but I did report; otherwise, I wouldn't have been honorably discharged."

Bush expressed indifference about polls that showed him trailing the Democratic front-runner, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. "I'm not going to lose," Bush said. "I don't plan on losing."



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has come under criticism from both the Palestinians and his own government for his disengagement plan.

## Israeli Supreme Court hears petition against West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Supreme Court heard petitions Monday from two Israeli human rights groups against the West Bank barrier, a day after the government said it would change its route to minimize hardship for Palestinians.

The rights groups argue that any construction on occupied land is illegal and that the barrier violates human rights by disrupting lives of thousands of Palestinians.

"It's a matter of building a fence which breaches the human rights of Palestinians along its path," Avigdor Feldman, lead lawyer for the Center for the Defense of the Individual, said after the hearing.

The case was heard two weeks before the International Court of Justice in the Netherlands is to examine the legality of the barrier.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Aharon Barak, who presided at Monday's hearing, said the three-judge panel would issue a ruling "as soon as possible." He didn't say whether the decision would come before the case in The Hague.

Barak said he was considering sending the matter to a larger panel, a step usually taken for the most serious cases.

Any Israeli court decision could affect Israel's case before the world court, which is to issue an advisory ruling at the request of the U.N. General Assembly.

Israel insists the barrier is necessary to keep out Palestinian suicide bombers, who have killed hundreds in three years of violence. Palestinians say it is a land grab aimed at preventing them from creating a state.

The barrier is seen as part of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's emerging plan to separate Israelis and Palestinians. Sharon has said he will carry out other parts of his plan, including the removal of most Israeli settlements in the Gaza Strip, if peace efforts fail in the coming months.

Sharon, who has come under criticism both from the Palestinians and within his own government for his disengagement plan, canceled all events on his schedule Monday after being diagnosed with kidney stones in the urinary tract, his office said.

A spokesman said Sharon, 75, was to undergo treatment later Monday and was expected back at work Wednesday.

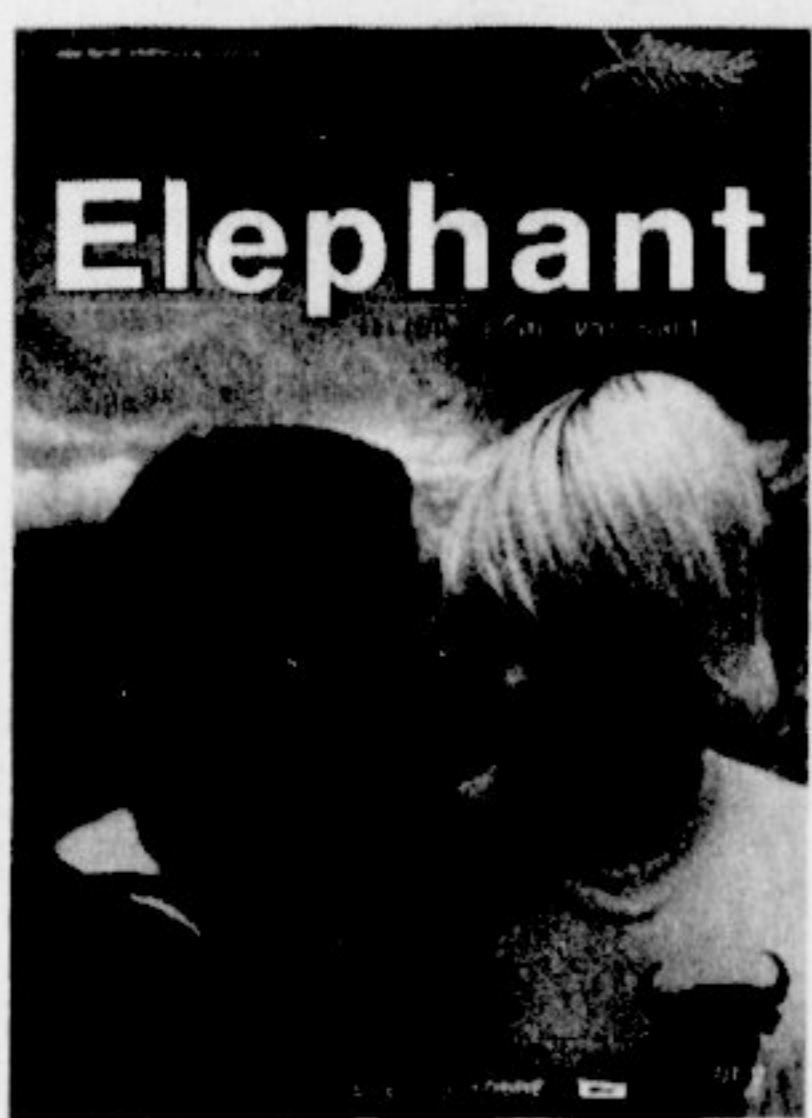
Settlers in Gaza have pledged to fight a withdrawal. On Monday, leaders of the 7,800 Gaza settlers said they were preparing to move 500 families into the area to thwart Sharon's plan.

Palestinians have harshly criticized the barrier, saying a settlement must be reached through negotiations.



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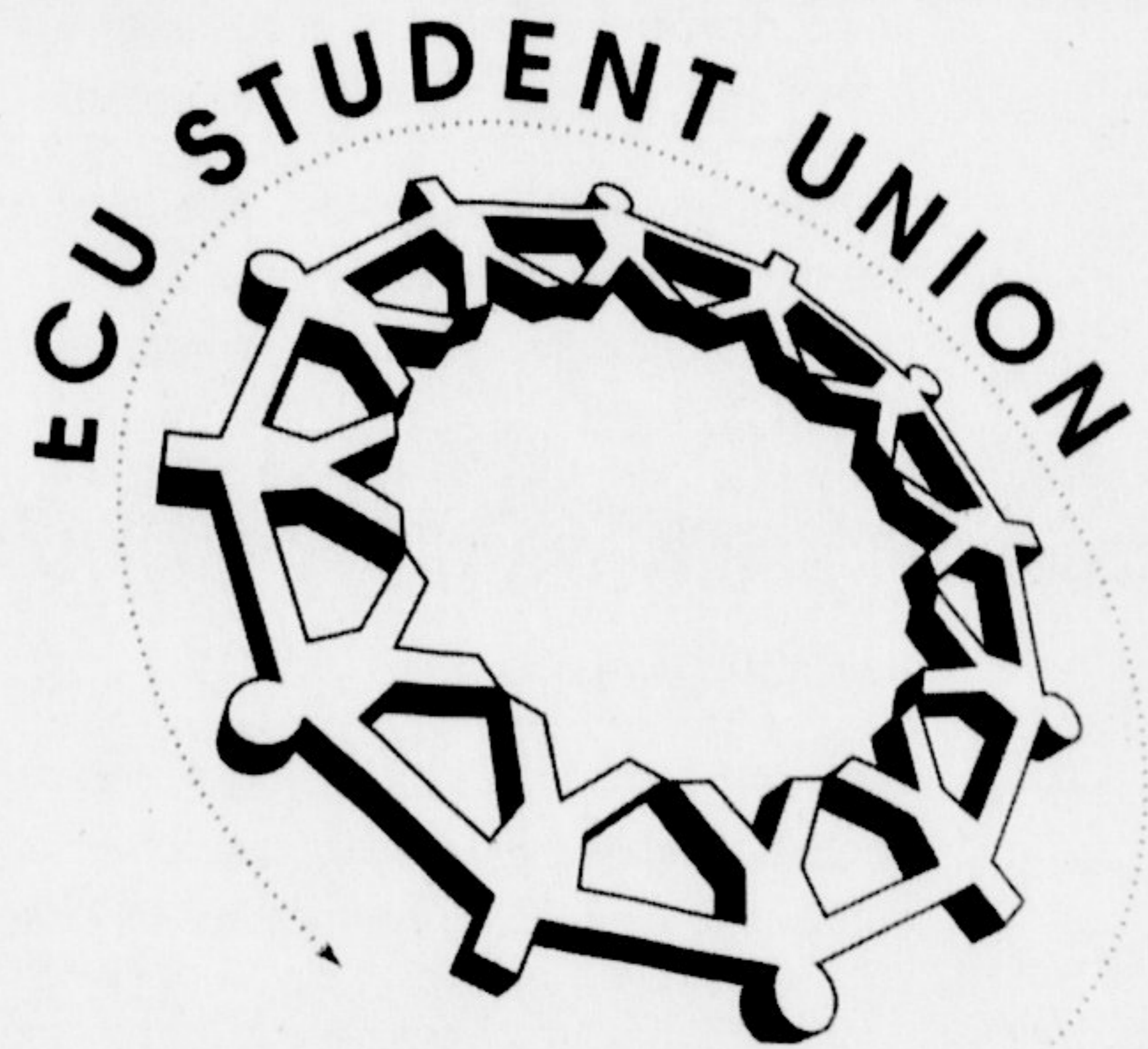
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## Our View

Jackson and Timberlake have apologized, and short of owing their first born, there's not much more they can say or do.

We're tired of hearing about it – and we understand how contradictory it is to continue discussing it. Janet Jackson will probably go down in history with one of the most memorable Super Bowl halftime show performances of all time. And why shouldn't she – she flashed some skin.

But the question is, did her stunt warrant the massive backlash she is receiving? Janet has been hung out to dry, so to speak, by MTV, CBS and Justin Timberlake – the exposer of Jackson's upper anatomy.

Terri Carlin, a Tennessee bank employee, who alleges the incident caused her as well as other viewers "to suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment and serious injury," is suing Jackson. Carlin is also suing Timberlake, CBS, MTV and Viacom. However, no credible judge would award her a penny.

According to CNN News, Janet was asked not to attend the Grammy's if she wasn't prepared to issue a public apology and if you watched the telecast, Timberlake's Grammy acceptance speech included such an apology.

To us, it seems like the punishment doesn't fit the crime – for Jackson, or the American people. FCC Chairman Michael Powell is up in arms. His immediate investigation into how a breast found itself bouncing around his airwaves, which are usually reserved for gratuitous acts of violence and corporate reconstruction of our reality, will in the long run, waste millions of tax dollars.

We're not in a position to judge whether the "wardrobe malfunction" explanation is fact or fiction, but one thing's for sure, it came, it went, it's over.

Jackson and Timberlake have apologized, and short of owing their first born, there's not much more they can say or do.

Powell needs to get a grip on reality. Jackson's peepshow, while good coffeehouse conversation, is the least of our worries, and with the trash that's pervading American TV, it should also be the least of his.

The goal of the TEC Opinion page is to evoke discussion as well as action on topics pertinent to the ECU community.

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## KERRY SAYS THREAT OF TERRORISM IS EXAGGERATED



## In My Opinion

Don't force school spirit

**Students pay, advertise university****HOLLY O'NEAL**  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

I've never bought a piece of merchandise with our school's name on it, and I don't intend to.

It's not that I harbor any deep hatred of this institution. On the contrary, it's an overall better place than the other two colleges I've attended, and I think our athletic program is great and those who participate in it, even better.

But embedded in all those purple and gold products is an attitude of mandatory school spirit I can't tolerate.

Hearing repeated invocations to show my "Pirate Pride" doesn't make me more excited to attend ECU; it forces me to critically wonder why I'm instructed to be so proud.

School pride is something I hoped would end with high school, the home of endless pep rallies and overexcited cheerleaders focused on "the big game."

College, I imagined, would be a place where I could avoid being pestered to scream for victory in opposition to my indifference.

Of course, a change of location didn't change anything.

I've heard people say it's my "duty" to cheer for our school's athletic teams, as if paying for my education isn't enough – I'm also expected to become another



billboard for ECU's already overly-marketed image.

It's as much my duty to care for anything school-related as it is my duty to drink Pepsi, the "official drink" of ECU.

Whether I choose to do either should be just that – my choice.

I understand I'm not forced into any sort of action, but it must be understood by ECU's fanatical supporters that other interests exist in the student body.

Rallying fans for a game is great for those who care.

However, some of us find continual calls for expected sympathy annoying and rude.

There are so many other qualities of this university worthy of pride and attention, but their spirit comes from willing exploration and experience.

If there really is a need to require mindless backing for one particular aspect of campus culture, its quality and prominence don't match.

## In My Opinion

North Carolina needs a lottery

**Lotteries will reduce cost of education****JOHN BREAM**  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

With a lottery system recently enacted by the Tennessee legislature, North Carolina is sandwiched between states that all have lotteries.

In fact, North Carolina is the only state on the entire eastern seaboard without a lottery.

Because of the Christian conservatives in the state legislature, the lottery hasn't even been given a referendum in this state. It's time for North Carolinians to take a stand and reap the benefits of a lottery, especially in a state that ranks in the bottom five in average SAT scores. With a lottery, education can truly be the big winner.

However, many people say a lottery is just a tax on the poor, who'll in turn spend what little they have on the slight chance of a huge payoff.

There's never a time when everyone can be pleased, and I find it hard to believe that if North Carolina were to get the lottery, its poor would begin splurging money on tickets. And even so, they aren't the majority of people. This is America – majority rules – and citizens should at least be given the chance by the legislature to voice their opinions through a vote.

With a lottery, education can receive a huge boost. In South Carolina and Georgia all students with a B or above average are given a free education at a state-supported school.

This is especially important in today's economy where middle-class people are losing jobs, which



has especially hit this state hard because of the crumbling of the textile industry.

With a lottery, there's potential that students in North Carolina can go to school for free, as well.

With the average GPA of ECU's entering freshmen at 3.3 to 3.4, this would mean that most ECU students could potentially be here at no cost to their parents if we had a lottery.

Furthermore, the rate of tuition increase in the UNC school system is appalling. It seems as if tuition and fees increase every year.

The UNC Board of Governors is meeting on Friday to discuss whether tuition should be raised yet again – a proposition that Gov. Mike Easley – praise him – ardently opposes.

With a lottery funding our state-supported schools, in addition to the legislature, tuition increases can be a thing of the past, and the overall education in North Carolina's public schools will be greatly improved.

The pros of a lottery far outweigh the cons. It's time the legislature let the citizens of this state exercise their basic democratic rights and vote on this issue once and for all – North Carolina desperately needs a lottery.

## Send Howard Dean packing to Vermont

(KRT)—Howard Dean's downward spiral continued in South Carolina and Oklahoma and Arizona and North Dakota and New Mexico and Delaware and Missouri – excuse me while I let out a Dean-like yelp – Yeehaw!

Won't you go home to Vermont, Howard Dean, and be happy?

In interview after interview as Tuesday polls and caucuses closed in seven states, a tight-smiled Dean promised to keep fighting for the Democratic nomination, despite John Kerry's seven wins so far and John Edwards' and Wesley Clark's one each in Tuesday's elections.

If there was a theme to Tuesday's electoral battles it would be voters' quest for a candidate who can espouse moderation and have the experience and gravitas to beat President Bush.

Polls keep showing the economy and health care are top concerns for voters, and public approval of Bush's job performance has slipped below 50 percent for the first time.

Dean, despite his record of balancing budgets in Vermont, simply is too far to the left for most of the nation. He surely touched a nerve with those Democrats who remain angry at the 2000 election debacle, but, please, let's move

on already.

There is anger among many voters – including independents – about the economy and the war in Iraq, but petulant tirades such as Dean's "I have a Scream" speech after his second-place loss in Iowa aren't the mark of a leader.

At least not the kind of leader for 21st-century America. His harangue seemed to be a throwback to a Cold War speech by, say, Nikita Khrushchev. Quick – grab Dean's shoes!

And so Dean had to settle for third place in four states Tuesday, ranking fourth in Delaware and fifth in Oklahoma and South Carolina. This from a candidate who was at the top of his game. But Dean keeps saying there won't be a Democratic coronation, not if he has his way.

Dean's right about one thing. Democrats need a real contest, not a coronation to test Kerry's or any other candidate's ability to stand up to the president and win.

The problem is Dean is about as liberal as Kerry is. He's not the right candidate to beat Bush. He's damaged goods since Iowa.

The challenge from within the Democratic Party should be coming from moderates, and on that count only two

are left in the race – North Carolina's Sen. Edwards and former Gen. Wesley Clark, who's a moving target.

Both are fighting for the middle.

Edwards not only took South Carolina, as expected, but he came in second in Oklahoma and Missouri. Clark stole some of Edwards' thunder, beating him by a hair in Oklahoma and coming in second behind Kerry in New Mexico, North Dakota and Arizona.

Unlike Clark and Edwards, Kerry has vast Washington experience.

But Kerry's Vietnam record is a double-edged sword. He stood up to a misguided war that killed thousands of young Americans.

In retrospect, most people today would say he was on the right side of the issue. But passions still run high on Vietnam, and some people view those who dissented, as Kerry did after he returned from Nam, as traitors.

For months, Kerry's detractors have tried to paint him as the Great Satan liberal, going so far as to liken him to "Hanoi" Jane Fonda and her infamous rejection of the war on North Vietnamese soil.

Seems to me that Kerry's war record speaks for itself. His protests against the war

upon his return may well have saved more lives than his critics claim he endangered by speaking out.

In the military-rich South, though, Kerry's public criticism of Nam seems to cancel out his military-hero status. His is a zero-sum game.

In fact, exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and other news organizations Tuesday found that Edwards beat Kerry in South Carolina among all age groups and most demographic groups, including among military veterans.

In the Southwest, Kerry secured the Latino vote. But New Mexico's and Arizona's Hispanic voters, many tracing their Spanish/Mexican roots for generations in those states, don't necessarily reflect the more conservative concerns of white Southern Democrats.

Southern whites will determine if Bush stays, and that's Kerry's challenge.

But winning the Southern states alone, as Edwards may do, won't be enough to steer the party to the center.

And Dean's stubborn refusal to leave the race now only delays the inevitable.

The Democrats need a winning Southern strategy that can give Bush the heebie-jeebies.

They don't have one.



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Congratulations Katie Reese and Morgan Webb on being our sisters of the week! Love your Kappa Delta sisters!

The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to thank the brothers of Delta Sig for a great time Thursday night!

The sisters of Delta Zeta would like to thank Kappa Sigma for an awesome social. You guys are great, we all had a lot of fun!

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## Opportunity rover peeks over crater rim, across Mars plain

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Opportunity rover peeked over the rim of the crater in which it landed and was able to see the clamshell holder and parachute it discarded just before hitting the flat, gray surface of Mars, scientists said Monday.

A color photograph from Opportunity, released at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, showed the two objects distinctly, on a largely featureless surface.

"There is the hardware that we've littered the surface with," said Michael Malin, a member of the mission science team.

The rover was shielded by a clamshell-like device during its entry into the atmosphere of Mars.

The photograph, when combined with pictures taken from

orbit, helped confirm exactly where Opportunity landed on Mars on Jan. 24.

NASA planned for its orbiting satellite to begin looking for another martian spacecraft, Britain's ill-fated Beagle 2 lander, on Thursday.

NASA described the gray photograph shown Monday as an "approximate true-color image." Mars' iron-rich dust gives the planet its overall reddish color, but Opportunity landed in a relatively dust-free area.

Scientists likened Opportunity's landing to a hole-in-one by a golfer who cannot see the hole. Cushioned by air bags, the rover bounced and rolled across the martian surface right into a small crater, where Opportunity has plenty of exposed rock in reach of its robotic geologic instruments.

Microscopic images of the curbside outcropping that rims part of the crater show its fine layers hold numerous spherical granules, "embedded in it like blueberries in a muffin," Cornell University astronomer Steve Squyres said.

The granules probably formed either when molten rock, spewed skyward in a volcanic eruption or following a meteor impact, cooled and solidified or when minerals, carried by ground water, slowly built up to form rounded features within the surrounding rock.

Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, are exploring opposite sides of the Red Planet on an \$820 million mission to look for geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter place that might have been hospitable to life.

## Letter shows bin Laden not recruiting Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A letter seized from an al-Qaida courier shows Osama bin Laden has made little headway in recruiting Iraqis for a holy war against America, raising questions about the Bush administration's contention that Iraq is the central front in the war on terror.

The 17-page letter, cited as a key piece of intelligence that offered a rare window into foreign terrorist operations in Iraq, appealed to al-Qaida leaders to help spark a civil war between Iraq's two main Muslim sects in an effort to "tear the country apart," U.S. officials said Monday.

One senior U.S. officer, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, warned the rebels were despairing that their devastating car bombs and the steady killing of U.S. troops were failing to shove the Americans from Iraq or spark massive discord.

The letter was believed writ-

ten by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian suspected of al-Qaida links. Al-Zarqawi is the chief suspect in several recent bombings, and the Bush administration cited his presence in Iraq as evidence of Iraq's terrorist connections even before the war.

Having found no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the administration has been shifting the reason for going to war to the fight against global terrorism and to oust Saddam Hussein.

Military and coalition officials who rarely speak about intelligence information were quick to describe the letter as proof of a terrorist role in the Iraqi resistance.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said that the letter, first reported Monday by The New York Times, shows that "Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism."

"There are foreign terrorists who realize the stakes are high and they seek to do every-

thing they can to undermine the aspirations of the Iraqi people," McClellan said.

But democracy and freedom are taking root in Iraq and there's no turning back."

The letter, as quoted by the Times, acknowledges problems in recruiting Iraqis to join the fight against an American force "growing stronger day after day."

"Many Iraqis would honor you as a guest and give you refuge, for you are a Muslim brother," it said.

"However, they will not allow you to make their home a base for operations or a safe house."

That suggests that Iraqis may be willing to support their homegrown insurgency but have little interest in backing foreign infiltrators.

The letter's appeals for outside help raises questions whether al-Qaida had a support network here before Saddam's downfall.

## Safety from page A1

struction management major, examined where downtown Greenville and ECU intersect.

He said he found a broken emergency phone in one of the parking lots, hardly any light along the walkway from the first campus entrance on Fifth Street to the dorms and complications due to construction near White Residence Hall.

"There was cracked pavement [in some areas] that could probably trip somebody," said Clark.

Each team was responsible for noting safety concerns within a portion of campus. Other observations included insufficient lighting around Brewster, the Science and Technology Building and the mall in the middle of campus.

There was also an emergency phone fenced in between Student Health Service and Flannagan and overgrown bushes near Christenbury and Clement Residence Hall.

Participants, who were rewarded at the walk's end with 30 pizzas donated by Pizza Hut, filled out surveys and made recommendations to be read by SGA, and later assessed with a light meter on Feb. 12.

SGA Secretary and senior political science and communication major Shannon

O'Donnell said results from both outings will be presented to university administrators during the Attention Walk and Safe Ride ribbon cutting on Feb. 18.

Interim Chancellor William Shelton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life Garrie Moore and members of the Impact Team have been asked to attend.

The last walk occurred in spring 2002.

O'Donnell said she wanted to do more for students' safety when she noticed an increase in the number of incidents reported by the campus network's alert system.

"There are unsafe areas on campus," said O'Donnell.

"You don't get mugged in front of people during the day."

Class officers, cabinet members and the internal affairs committee organized the Safety Walk.

"I love this university so much," said Maggie O'Neill, sophomore political science and economics major and director of internal affairs, public relations chairman.

O'Neill helped by making the survey, which she said would hopefully target some of the university's security problems.

"This [security] is one of the downsides of ECU. Making people aware will help to solve the problem," O'Neill said.

The walk was planned before a rape in White Hall in January challenged students' sense of wellbeing.

However, O'Donnell said she hopes the incident will incite the campus community to make safety a priority.

The walk was originally scheduled for 6 p.m., but began at 7:20 p.m. because an SGA meeting ran longer than expected.

While O'Donnell said the turnout for the walk "could've been better," she believes the walk was an overall success.

"If we got the opinion of just one student, then we did our job as student government," O'Donnell said.

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# FEATURES

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## Did You Know?

- Actresses Laura Dern (1967) and Sharon Stone (1958) both call today their birthday.
- This month is International Expect Success Month.
- Today is Leadership Success Day.
- On this day in 1996, IBM's Deep Blue defeated chess champion Gary Kasparov.
- On this day in 1989, "Miami Vice" aired its 100th episode.

## Announcements

### Percussion Performance

The School of Music presents the ECU Percussion Players, directed by John Neal, tonight at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Elephant* on Wednesday at 7 p.m., Thursday at 9:30 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *The Matrix Revolutions* is showing Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and midnight and Sunday at 3 p.m. All movies are free with a student ID and are located in the Hendrix Theatre. For more information, call 328-4700.

### Open Mic Night

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents Open Mic Night on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Pirate Underground.

### Music Among Friends

The School of Music presents *Music Among Friends: Yoram Youngerman, viola; and pianist Paul Tardif present music by Joachim, Brahms and Schumann* on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

### Poetic Expressions

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents *Poetic Expressions: Readings, Rhymes, Rhythm* featuring Mona Daye on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the LWCC Gallery.

### Music of Love and Courtship

The ECU Chamber Singers present *Music Be the Food of Love, Sing On! Music of Love and Courtship* conducted by Dan Bara on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

### Jazz at Night

The Student Union presents Jazz at Night with the ECU Jazz Ensemble on Friday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the MSC Great Room. Tickets are \$5 for the general public and free for students. Pick up tickets at the Central Ticket Office.

### Contra Dance

A Valentine's Contra Dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 8 p.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Willis Building. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

### Guest Recital

The School of Music presents a guest recital by guitarist Patrick Kearney on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

### Faculty Recital

The School of Music presents a faculty recital by violinist Joanne Bath and pianist Charles Bath on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

### Cultural Performance

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents *The History of the Negro Spiritual* featuring soprano Doretha Taylor and pianist Louise Toppin on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. in the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Hooker Rd.

### Early Music Ensemble

The ECU Early Music Ensemble/Viol Consort presents *The Glories of the Fifteenth Century: Plainchant and Polyphony* on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. This event is free.

## TV This Week

### "Scrubs"

Tune in to celebrate Michael J. Fox's return to network TV as he begins a three-episode stint on "Scrubs" with tonight's "super-sized" installment. Fox plays Dr. Kevin Casey, an accomplished surgeon recently diagnosed with severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. "Scrubs" airs tonight at 9:15 p.m. on NBC.

### "Sports Illustrated's 40th Anniversary Swimsuit Special"

Model Melissa Keller and comic Jake Johannsen host this behind-the-scenes look at the 2004 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. The TV special airs on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10 p.m. on Spike TV.

### "The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story"

On Christmas Eve 2002, a pregnant Laci Peterson went missing. In the months that followed, her husband went from investigator to prime suspect. This new made-for-TV movie stars Dean Cain as Scott Peterson. Told from the point of view of composite "friends" Tommy (David Denman) and Katie Vignatti (Sarah Joy Brown), the film chronicles this story of a "perfect couple" and the nightmare that followed the young woman's disappearance. "The Perfect Husband" airs Friday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. on USA.

### "Celebrity Spelling Bee 2004"

A group of 15 celebrities from TV, film and sports break into four teams to compete in a spelling bee contest. The celebrities include Corbin Bernsen, Alice Cooper and Brett Butler. "Celebrity Spelling Bee" airs Friday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. on FOX.

# Jewelry shopping 101



Guy's guide to giving her the perfect piece

**STEPHANIE BRINCEFIELD**  
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is written in history as an occasion to celebrate companionship and exchange gifts that represent love. While flowers are expected, many gift-givers know that fine jewelry ranks high among women's most desired tokens of affection.

This Valentine's Day, the most treasured jewelry items are personalized and distinctive because they allow a personal touch.

Sterling silver is the most practically priced metal for college students. If you're afraid silver will be too plain, there are ways to make it more unique. Engraving her initials or etching statements of love are simple ways to add meaning to a piece of jewelry.

The Elsa Peretti collection of Tiffany & Co. offers a sterling silver, open-heart pendant that symbolizes love without the need for engravings or flair.

If you're looking for a bigger way to say "I love you," then diamonds are your next plan of action. Diamonds are the most popular jewels given on Valentine's Day, with birthstones ranking second.

If you choose diamonds, earrings and necklaces are the most affordable pieces recommended for the average college student. For the ultimate surprise, you can have your diamond inscribed with a secret message - thanks to cutting edge laser technology.

If you want to shop locally, Robinson Jewelers on Red Banks Road has a variety of precious stones, pearls and silver priced from \$50 - \$300.



"College men are mostly buying necklaces and earrings adorned with either diamonds or birthstones," said Jennifer Tucker, sales associate.

"[Diamonds] just make a woman feel more special."

As for a ring, unless you're going to "pop the question," avoid this piece of jewelry at all costs. Rings are a sign of eternity and may overwhelm your girlfriend. However, if a proposal is in your plans, the round cut diamond mounted on a white gold band is the most popular ring this year, according to Tucker.

The latest trends are also an important factor. If diamonds and pearls are too traditional for your significant other, then visit Pizzaz, also located on Red Banks Road.

Pizzaz offers a large selection of the latest jewelry fashions where you can find unique jewelry to match your woman's personality and compliment her wardrobe.

There's no right or wrong when it comes to choosing the best piece of jewelry for the one you love. Find the accessory that matches her personality or symbolizes her character. If the task becomes too overwhelming, don't hesitate to ask one of her friends to help you shop.

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## Tips

- When deciding what color, piece and stone to buy, take consider what she already wears, and stick to something similar.

- Look for something that reminds you of her, not something that's just attractive in general.

- Shop from a well-established professional jeweler. Ask a friend for a recommendation just as you would for a doctor, or check with the Chamber of Commerce or Better Business Bureau.

- Don't be dazzled by discounts. The "drastic discount" price is usually the normal retail price elsewhere.

- Ask about the quality mark and registered trademark.

- When buying gemstones, find out if the stone has been treated in any way to improve its beauty.

- When buying diamonds, look for the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

- When shopping for pearls, look for surface cleanliness and luster. They should be glowing with iridescence - not chalky or dull.

## Show him you really care

*Thoughtfulness, intimacy matter*

**JOHN BREAM**  
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It's that time of year again ... when love is in the air and chocolates, stuffed animals and flowers flourish in stores. There's not a whole lot you can find for your man on these shelves because Valentine's Day - much like a wedding - is one of those days designed specifically to please females.

Luckily, the gifts most guys like rarely change, and finding the perfect Valentine's Day gift doesn't mean flocking to the store. It just requires a little time and thought.

Despite men's robust bravados, gifts that show creativity are cherished. Show him how much you care by documenting your favorite times together. Make him a photo album, scrapbook or even a CD of the significant songs in your relationship.

"I'd been dating the same guy for over a year and half, so I got him a picture of us together and put it in a 'love' picture frame and made him a CD," said sophomore communication major Katie Davidson.

"There were 14 songs on the CD that were kind of sappy and romantic that were our songs. I think it made a good gift."

Valentine's Day can also be used to get your guy something you like. It could be the perfect time to get him a shirt or pair of pants you think he'd look especially good in. Clothes, accessories and boxers were all mentioned

on www.msn.com as the 20 most popular V-Day gifts ideas for men.

Most men don't like to cook and are dying to get a meal that isn't microwaved or at the dining hall.

Even if you lack Julia Child's zest for the kitchen, cooking his favorite meal is romantic and saves money.

"Last year I bought my boyfriend a pair of boxers and baked him cookies," said sophomore biology major Mary Catherine Knight.

"He really, really liked the cookies. He ate them all before the night was over."

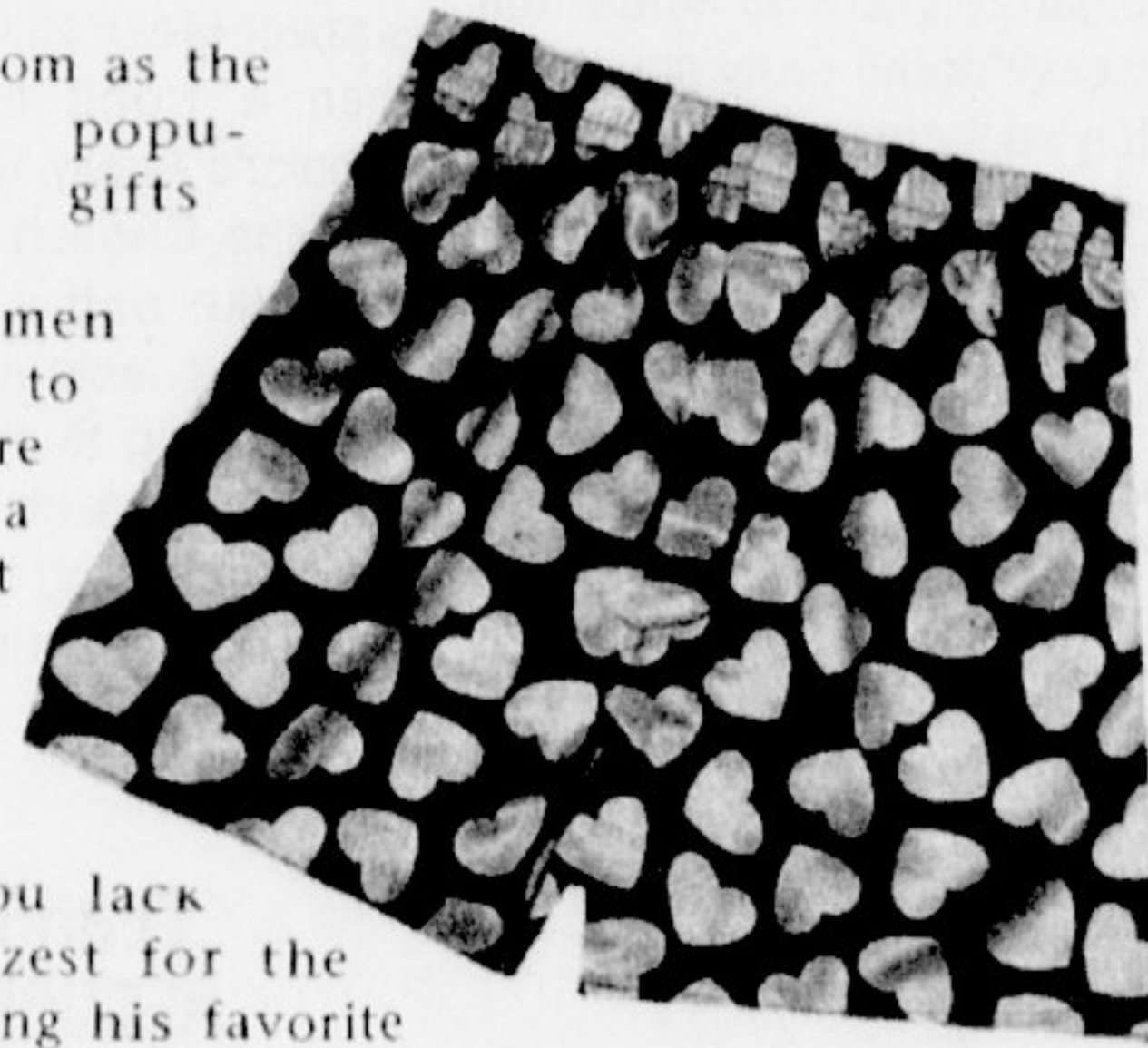
If creative genius isn't your strong suit, there are several traditional gifts to buy your guy. Men are gadget-oriented people - anything electronic or technological should be a smash. The latest DVD, CD or video game is never a bad idea.

"Right now I don't have a girl, but when I did, I always liked to get new CDs or a game for my Xbox," said sophomore athletic training major Lysander Little.

"I still play the games I got for Valentine's last year all the time."

A night full of memories and gifts is great, but what most men really crave on Valentine's Day is intimacy. Doing something extra special after your date, like modeling new lingerie bought especially for the occasion, is sure to drive him wild.

"All the hoop-la of Valen-



## Top five gifts for your man

1. DVDs/CDs
2. Cologne
3. Clothes/boxers
4. MP3 player
5. Anything thoughtful

tine's Day is really crazy," said David McMillan, freshman undecided major.

"All I really want is sex, sex, and more sex ... and maybe a steak."

In reality, guys will like anything they get for Valentine's Day. What matters most is that you show him how much you really care, which sometimes isn't best shown with a gift. Just be sure to do something extra special for him on Valentine's Day. All guys really want is for their girls to be happy, and on Saturday that's all that matters.

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Be cheap, creative this Valentine's  
*Creating the perfect night on a budget*

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FEATURES EDITOR

Valentine's Day is a day for expressing your love to your significant other. However, being a college student means that you most likely have limited funds that hinder you from expressing that love. This Valentine's, spend more time than money to create the perfect gift for your loved one.

Perhaps the best way to spend your Valentine's night with your girlfriend or boyfriend is to spend it together. Find out your roommate's plans in advance and see if you can try and locate a nice, quiet place where you and your date can spend some quality time alone together.

Once you have designated a location, set a romantic mood. Inexpensive items like candles and sheer fabric can turn any drab apartment or dorm room into a cozy haven. Place scented tea light candles (vanilla is the aromatherapy scent for sensuality) around the room and drape fabric over bright lamps for the right atmosphere.

Music is another cheap way to set the mood and add a personal touch. Burn a CD of songs that carry special meaning for the two of you, like the first song you danced to or your date's favorite song.

As the old saying goes, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. And men, this is true for ladies, too. Planning an intimate feast is another great way to add a creative, cheap touch. Show your date you remember their favorite food by cooking it

see **GIFTS** page B2

## Horoscopes

### Aries (March 21-April 20)

Monday through Wednesday, watch for key officials to demand new dedication and loyalty. In the coming weeks, business obligations and daily duties will steadily increase. After Wednesday, social timing is vital to new friendships. Expect minor disputes, canceled plans and last-minute reversals.

### Taurus (April 21-May 20)

Early this week, long-term relationships begin several weeks of open discussion. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to no longer remain silent or avoid difficult subjects. Later this week, respond quickly to revitalized vitality in the lower back, ribs or abdomen. Over the next four weeks, fitness will steadily improve.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Deeply felt romantic ideals may be revealed over the next few days. Some Geminis also will experience renewed sensuality and a returning faith in long-term commitment. Stay open to unexpected proposals. Serious long-term intentions will require discussion. Avoid excess spending. Budgets are vital.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Beginning Tuesday and lasting three weeks, work duties and family obligations will compete for equal attention. Although business relations are complex, loved ones need your honest support and continued dedication. After this week, watch also for a sudden increase in social invitations and group events. Stay balanced; friends will expect fast promises.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Over the next nine days, committed relationships may move to a new level of security, intimacy and trust. Unattached Leos can expect unique

passions, sudden invitations and powerful romantic overtures. After Thursday, watch also for unusual messages from distant friends or isolated relatives.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** At present, private power struggles and misinformation are strong influences in the workplace. After Friday, romantic passions will dramatically increase. Expect quick overtures from potential lovers and a series of exotic invitations. Trust your instincts. Attractions are deeply felt.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Unfinished relationships may reappear and demand resolution. Late Monday, watch for unique requests from friends or messages from the past Thursday through Sunday also accent yesterday's financial obligations and renewed paperwork. Remain attentive to small details.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Previously trusted business tactics will prove useless. Avoid public discussion or group competition, if possible. Disputes may be unavoidable in the coming weeks; team assignments will demand diplomacy. Be prepared. After Thursday, key relationships experience a powerful wave of rekindled attraction.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Withheld emotions and unique observations may challenge a close relationship. Over the next nine days, watch for fast social reversals and bold discussions. The past behavior or outdated opinions of loved ones may need to be publicly addressed and resolved. Don't be shy.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Yesterday's business ideals and postponed career dreams may rise quickly to the surface. Long-term

friends and close relatives will expect renewed ambitions and obvious progress. Find positive ways to study new skills or bring added work enjoyment into your life.

### Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Before midweek, a close friend or lover may acknowledge your recent actions, support or accomplishments. For many Aquarians, unique forms of flattery will lead to increased trust and renewed intimacy. Listen to the wisdom of loved ones and accept all genuine invitations. Over the next nine days, social or family disputes can be easily resolved.

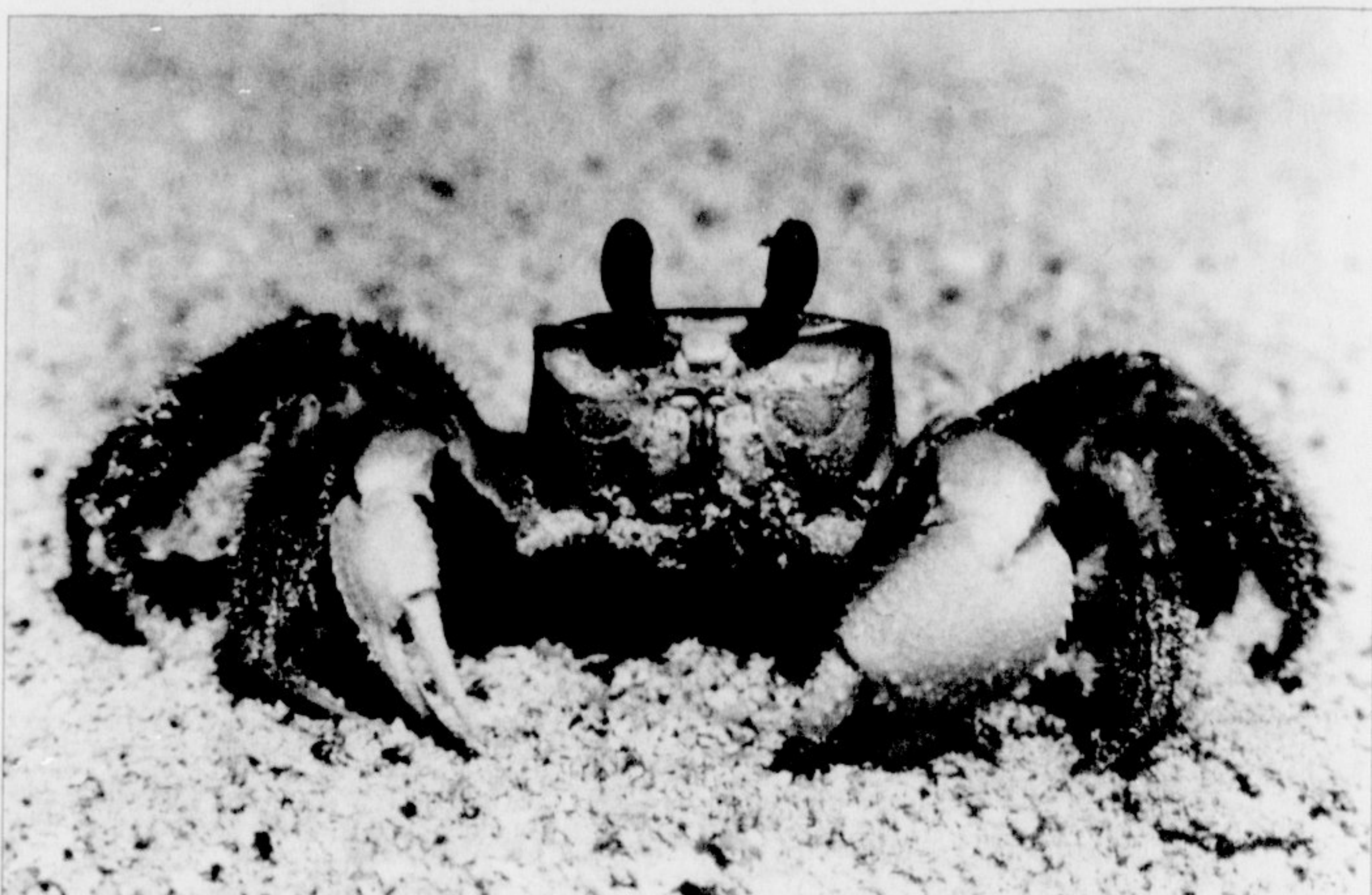
### Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20)

Financial discussions may demand special diplomacy over the next nine days. Pay close attention to the continuing expectations of loved ones. In the coming weeks, your ability to complete difficult assignments will prove invaluable. Late Saturday, romance is pleasing. Enjoy quiet encounters and subtle overtures for your affection.

### If your birthday is this week ...

Over the next few weeks, authority figures, although emotionally vague or temporarily unavailable, will require clearly defined facts, reliable paperwork and detailed records. Projects finalized over the next two to three months will be quickly established as permanent. After mid-June, watch also for a fast series of romantic or social proposals. Love relationships may experience a powerful wave of sensuality, attraction and renewed interest over the summer months. If so, expect serious decisions or solid commitments to be necessary before the end of September. Much of 2004 will trigger a need for added romantic and financial security. Stay balanced.

## Film series takes students to Bermuda



Bermuda, Gem of the Atlantic, gives viewers a look at famous attractions like Spittal Pond.

### Themed dinner, movie offers entertainment

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The ECU Travel-Adventure Film Series gives students and staff a way to experience other locations while staying right here in Greenville. Tonight, the series continues with the showing of *Bermuda, Gem of the Atlantic*.

The Travel-Adventure Film Series is made for people who enjoy traveling because it gives viewers a first hand experience from the eyes of the director.

"It's a great opportunity for people to learn about different countries," said Audra Thomas, recreation program director.

"It's an affordable way to travel!"

*Bermuda, Gem of the Atlantic* consists of real-life footage produced by filmmaker Tom Sterling.

In *Bermuda, Gem of the Atlantic*, Sterling takes his tourists to the Devil's Hole, Bermuda's oldest tourist attraction, and the Spittal Pond, Bermuda's largest wildlife sanctuary.

The evening starts with showings at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Viewers can complete the Bermuda experience by purchasing tickets to a themed dinner. The dinner includes Bermuda spinach salad, roast beef with smothered onions, Paella (chicken and yellow rice), sweet potato casserole, green beans with sun-dried mangoes, banana bread and sour cream pound cake.

The Travel-Adventure Cinema, started by Burton Holmes in 1893, are reincarnations of what the Travel-Adventure Cinema Society call travelogues. At that time Holmes used glass lantern slides to illustrate live lectures of his world travels. After World War II, color film became the most popular medium.

Now that we have digital imagery and digital sound technology, many artists/producers can create outstanding travel/adventure presentations. With powerful digital cameras, very bright projection equipment and a love for adventure, filmmakers are creating a new world of entertainment.

Thomas said students are encouraged to come take part in

### Event Info

The Travel-Adventure Film Series presents *'Bermuda - Gem of the Atlantic'*

Screenings are tonight at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Themed dinner is at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office, 328-4788

these exotic, exciting events. The event is free for students.

"Bermuda is an interesting place to know about. I would like to see what the series is all about," said Chaunte Rucker, business and communication major.

Coming soon in March and April, the Travel-Adventure Series will present *Norway* by Dale Johnson and *The New Zealand Experience* by Grant Foster. All tickets and theme dinner packages can be purchased at the ECU Central Ticket Office.

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## Names in the News

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Terri Carlin for protecting our nation's morals. According to the *Smoking Gun Web* site, the Knoxville, Tenn., a bank employee, 47, has filed a class-action lawsuit "on behalf of all Americans" who suffered through the indignity of watching Janet Jackson expose herself at the Super Bowl Sunday. Seems Carlin is not satisfied with Janet's heartfelt apology. Filed in U.S. District Court in Tennessee, the suit alleges that Janet's "sexually explicit conduct" caused Carlin and millions of other CBS viewers "to suffer outrage, anger, embarrassment and serious injury." The suit seeks compensatory and punitive damages from Jackson as well as Justin Timberlake, CBS, MTV and Viacom, without naming an exact dollar figure. But the payout could add up to billions, since Carlin indicates that damages should not exceed the combined gross revenues of all the defendants over the last three years. Not bad at all!

But honestly how could a mere few billion dollars heal the pain and horror we all felt?



### LABELLE STEPS IN

No, we're not going to move on from the Super Bowl yet. According to "Extra," Janet Jackson, who pulled out of Sunday's Grammy extravaganza, will be replaced as a presenter by Patti LaBelle in a segment honoring the angelic-voiced soul crooner Luther Vandross, who will not be in attendance due to ill health. LaBelle,

you may recall, sang a duet with Vandross a few months after he suffered a stroke in his Manhattan apartment last year.



### TRIP TO HAWAII? HA!

Oh no, you're not free just yet. In other idiotic Nipplegate-related news, NSync pretty boy JC Chazese has issued a scathing indictment of the NFL for having the gall to yank him from Sunday's Pro Bowl halftime show and then asking him to sing the national anthem instead. Pro Bowl organizers are so afraid that he'll unleash some nasty spectacle that they've scrapped the whole pop element from the show, opting instead for a family-friendly Hawaiian performance featuring hula dancers. (No sex appeal there!)

The 27-year-old hip-swiveling singer says the NFL first asked him to sing a different tune than the planned "Some Girls (Dance With Women)," because it contained racy lyrics. So they settled on the suggestively titled "Blowin' Me Up (With Her Love)." But that contains the words "horny" and "naughty" - so they tossed that act.

Chazese said in a statement: "While I agree the mishap at the Super Bowl was a huge mistake, the NFL's shallow effort to portray my music as sexually indecent brings to mind another era when innocent artists were smeared with a broad brush by insecure but powerful people. That's not the America I love... I'll sing the national anthem anytime, anywhere, but not for this NFL."

Kiley Dean, the 21-year-old R&B singer who's almost as cute as Chazese, will sing the anthem instead.



### A DARK DAY FOR SANDLER

This is a sad, sad, sad time for beloved American comedian Adam Sandler. *Us Weekly* reports that the 37-year-old star's beloved dog, Meatball, died Jan. 27 from a heart attack at the tender age of 4.

And lest any heartless reader suspect Meatball was anything less than a bona fide member of Sandler's family, let us remind you that the English bulldog wore a yarmulke and a tuxedo to walk down the aisle at Sandler's June '03 wedding to Jackie Titone. And Meatball has his own photo and video section on Sandler's Web site ([www.adamsandler.com](http://www.adamsandler.com)). We feel your pain, sir.

### TERRORIZER RECUPERATES

The Terrorizer is gonna be fine. The Terrorizer is the sweet moniker for Tara Dakides, the champion snowboarder who had a nasty little scrape on the "Late Show With David Letterman" Thursday night, when she fell 25 feet off a ramp while performing a stunt. The Mammoth Lakes, Calif., resident, 28, was released from the hospital Friday after receiving stitches and a visit from Dave.

"The only thing I am upset about is that the French judge only gave me a 5.6," Dakides quipped from bed.

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for him or her. Or bake a cake and frost it with both of your initials.

"I always make sure to give my girlfriend something with chocolate in it, just because it's an aphrodisiac," said Baxter Matthews, junior construction management major.

Although spending time alone and sharing a meal are cheap ways to celebrate Valentine's with your honey, you probably will be expected to produce some kind of gift. This is where the creative juices are crucial to give something cheap, yet meaningful.

With some photographs, old magazines, scissors and glue, the possibilities are endless. Hand-made projects like a small scrapbook, a Valentine's card or

a collage of photos are a way to show that you put both time and thought into a gift. Include a poem for your date in your project. Or, if you lack writing abilities, search the Internet and quote someone else - just be sure to include attribution to avoid getting caught in a lie.

Another cheap way to go on Valentine's is by creating a box or basket unique to your date. Decorate the outside of the box or basket and fill it with old ticket stubs, photographs and whatever else you have that reminds you of your relationship. Save space in the box for future memories.

Whatever you decide to do, be sure to make it original, special

and thoughtful.

"Flowers and teddy bears are so overrated," said Lauren Andraaka, junior elementary education major.

"Just once, I would like a guy to think outside of that and give me something thoughtful."

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### On The Web

Archive of romantic song lyrics: [www.theromantic.com/lovesongs/main.htm](http://www.theromantic.com/lovesongs/main.htm)


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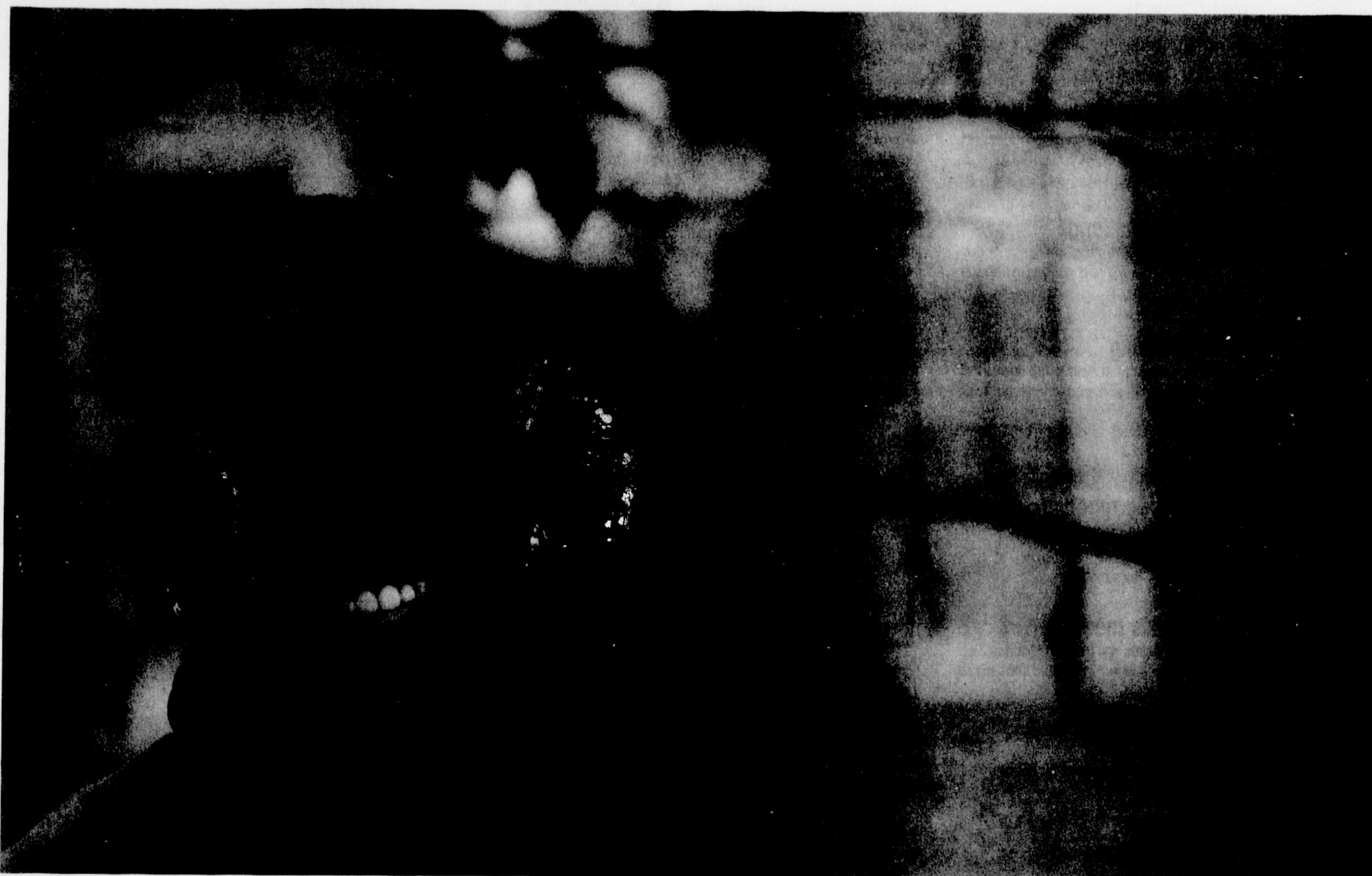
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## Announcements

### Basketball shooting challenge

ECU intramural basketball will be holding a shooting challenge today from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the SRC. The challenge will test abilities in various basketball skills.

### Swiss ball training

Swiss ball training is a 90 minute practical training lab featuring exercises for the Swiss ball, or "stability ball", a dynamic exercise tool. Working with the Swiss ball is perfect for abs/lower back and can challenge all major muscle groups of the upper and lower extremities. Registration ends Wednesday, Feb. 11.

### Indoor soccer team reg. meeting

A meeting will be held for those interested in intramural indoor soccer. Registration is Monday, Feb. 16. The meeting takes place at 5 p.m. in MSC Multi-purpose room.

### Indoor soccer officials meeting

A meeting for Intramural, indoor soccer officials will be held Monday, Feb. 16, at 9 p.m. in SRC 202. This meeting is for anyone interested in being an indoor soccer official this spring.

### Adventure Program

The ECU Adventure Program has three trips in the works for February

#### Backpacking trip

Participants will go to Croatan National Forest, Feb. 21-22. Register by Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17.

#### Sea Kayaking

The adventure program will be going to Goose Creek for kayaking. Register by Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 18.

#### Rock Climbing

Interested parties will be taking a trip to Pilot Mountain Sunday, Feb. 22. Harnesses and gear will be provided for free. The deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 13. Pre-trip meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 17.

For more information on any of the programs, call 328-6387.

## Sports Briefs

### Pitt sophomore Fitzgerald headed to NFL Draft

Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald will enter the NFL Draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year. The star receiver made the announcement Monday, four days after he was declared eligible by the NFL for the draft. He is expected to be among the first picks in the draft. Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college. The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school. The league's decision on Fitzgerald came on the same day a federal judge ruled running back Maurice Clarett could also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

### Hedrick sets record

Chad Hedrick broke the men's world overall points record and led the United States to its first 1-2 finish Sunday at the World Allround Speedskating Championships. Hedrick became the first American allround champion since Eric Flaim in 1988. Shani Davis finished second, and the American double broke a nine-year dominance by Dutch skaters at the worlds.

### Singh inching up on Tiger

Vijay Singh blew away the field Sunday at Pebble Beach to continue an amazing run that keeps moving him closer to his ultimate goal replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1. Singh birdied his first three holes to bury co-leader Arron Oberholser, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Singh finished at 16-under 272, three shots ahead of Jeff Maggert. Maggert overcame a four-putt for double bogey on No. 16 with birdies on his last two holes for a 69. Phil Mickelson also had a 69 and finished third.

### Els wins loose one

Emie Els held off Adam Scott by a stroke in the Heineken Classic after blowing an eight-stroke lead with a terrible start Sunday that included a triple bogey. Els stumbled to his third straight victory in the event, playing the front nine in 6 over en route to a 2-over 74. He opened with a course-record 60 playing the front nine in 7 under and added rounds of 66 and 68 to finish at 20-under 268 at historic Royal Melbourne. Scott, who shot a 67 on Sunday, tied the South African star for the lead with a birdie on No. 9, but Els rebounded with four birdies in a five-hole stretch.

### Wie finishes in top 40

Michelle Wie closed with an even-par 72 on Sunday to tie for 38th at 2-under 214 in the Hawaii Pearl Open. Playing in her second men's tournament of the year, Wie was the only female in the field of 192. Defending champion Greg Meyer, a Japanese tour player, shot a 67 for a winning 13-under 203 total.

### Worker killed

A worker at Daytona International Speedway was struck and killed by a paraplegic driver going more than 100 mph during a race for compact cars Sunday. The worker, 44-year-old Roy H. Weaver III, was standing in the middle of the track picking up debris during a caution period when he was hit by a car driven by Ray Paprota of Birmingham, Ala. track spokesman David Talley said. Paprota, who doesn't have use of his legs and drives a car equipped with hand controls, was trying to catch up the main pack of cars after a two-car crash at the opposite end of the track brought out a yellow flag.

# Pirates lose 96-90 in overtime

*Badiane, Cook, Rouse have career nights*

**BRANDON HUGHES**  
SENIOR WRITER

ECU (9-10, 1-8) was hoping for the momentum gained after their first Conference USA road win to follow them home to Minges Coliseum, but amid the flurry of points, whistle shrills and career performances, Charlotte (14-5, 6-2) came out a winner in the overtime contest Saturday night.

The Pirates shot 39 percent in the first half but was able to build a 40-35 lead at the break. Charlotte came back in the second half and was paced by Eddie Basden and Curtis Withers who scored 27 and 21 points respectively. ECU was holding on to a slim lead but struggled at the line down the stretch. Calvin Clemmons capitalized for the 49ers as he tied the game 80-80 at the end of regulation with a dunk.

The overtime period saw more of the same offensive barrage of points. The 49ers scored 16 points in a five-minute span while holding ECU to just 3-of-12 shooting in the extra frame as the Pirates fell 96-90.

The Pirates tied a school record with 36 personal fouls and five players fouled out. Moussa Badiane dominated the paint for the Pirates, scoring a career-high of 20 points with 11



Despite their best efforts and with support from fans, ECU could not hold back the 49ers.

rebounds. Mike Cook and Corey Rouse also had career numbers with 18 and 14 points each.

Derrick Wiley and Erroyl Bing struggled from the field but were able to post 10 points each despite shooting a combined 4-of-25 from the floor.

### Grading the Pirates

**Frank Robinson B**

The freshman swingman is slowly starting to come into his own and played well in his starting role. Robinson scored seven points on 3-of-6 shooting.

**Moussa Badiane A**

Badiane finally became a threat in the post, connecting on 9-of-14 shots.

He also ripped down 11 boards but was just 50 percent from the line.

### Derrick Wiley D

The Pirates leading scorer had one of the worst shooting nights of his career, hitting only 2-of-17.

But he did get it done at the line, stroking 6-of-8 and he recorded six rebounds.

### Erroyl Bing C

Bing played well on defense but his post game disappeared

and he became an outside shooter, clearly not his strength. Bing attempted and missed just one shot inside the arc and was 2-of-7 from beyond.

He did have six boards but made only 4-of-7 from the line.

### Mike Cook A

Cook is playing well and has displayed uncanny poise for a freshman point guard.

He shot well from the field on his way to 18 points and six rebounds. Cook also was strong at drawing the foul, going to the

see BASKETBALL page B8

# Lady Pirates fall hard on the road

*ECU women drop four straight*

**ERIC GILMORE**  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team lost both pivotal Conference USA match-ups on the road last weekend. The Lady Pirates fell to Saint Louis in a heartbreaking loss in overtime 84-81 Friday night. ECU then packed their bags for a quick turnaround and dropped their second game in as many days against Memphis. The Tigers, riding a six-game winning streak, downed the Lady Pirates by a count of 79-60.

The ECU women (14-8, 5-4) are now a dismal eighth in the conference standings after starting the season off at 5-0. The Lady Pirates are a full game behind

Louisville and Marquette who both sit at 6-3 in C-USA.

The Lady Pirates went on the road trip without their Head Coach Sharon

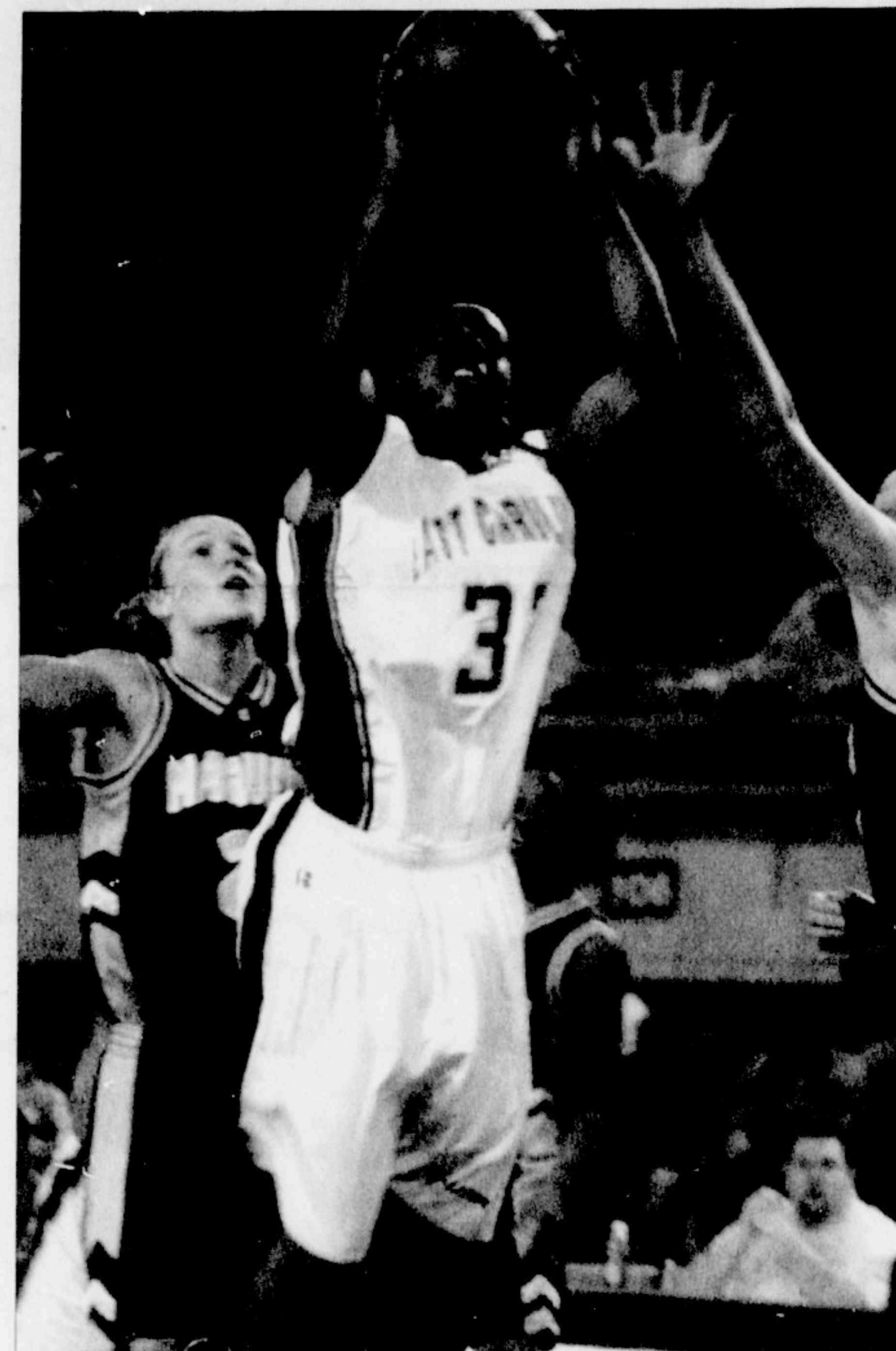
Baldwin-Tener. Baldwin-Tener gave birth the day before the Pirates departed for

Saint Louis. She delivered six pound-10 ounce Luke - her first child.

Baldwin-Tener assigned assistant coach Brade Salley to coach the Saint Louis match-up while Chrissy Roberts would handle the duties against Memphis.

Saint Louis (8-15, 2-8) used a career-high of 32 points from senior forward Angie Lewis to beat the Lady Pirates. Lewis recorded 15 field goals and grabbed 12 rebounds, playing every minute of the game.

Jennifer Jackson scored with



The Lady Pirates have lost four straight conference games.

43 seconds left to play in regulation to tie the score and forced an SLU turnover with little more than 20 ticks left. However, Jackson's desperation three-pointer fell short and overtime was forced.

Sophomore Lakrisa Brown

sealed the game on two free throws with 8.1 seconds left in the extra session. Jackson led the way for ECU with 22 points on 9-of-21 shooting. Alisha Bishop moved into eighth all-time on three-point list with five three-pointers.

Bishop was five of seven from behind the arc and finished with 21 points.

Courtney Willis recorded her 11th double-double of the year with 14 points and

12 rebounds. Willis passed both Justine Allpress and Tomekia Blackmon to move into seventh in career scoring at ECU. Tamekia Powell also notched double figures with 10 points.

The University of Memphis (17-6, 7-3) is the hottest team in the conference and the Tigers smoked the Lady Pirates by 19 points on Saturday night. The Memphis trio of Jennifer Sullivan, Princess Swilley and Victoria Crawford scored 63 of the team's 79 points. Sullivan notched a career-high of 26 points.

ECU was cold from the field in the first half shooting, only 27 percent. The poor shooting had ECU down by 11 at the break, 32-21. Unfortunately, the Lady Pirates got as close as seven in the second-half, but could not surmount a comeback.

Courtney Willis led the Pirates with 16 points and eight rebounds, extending her streak of double-figure scoring to 22 games. Jennifer Jackson was the only other Pirate to score in double figures as she added 10.

ECU will have a week off before they are set to face nationally ranked TCU

Friday, Feb. 13. Tip-off is scheduled at 7 p.m. The Lady Pirates will have little rest before concluding the home schedule on Sunday, Feb. 15 when they take on nationally ranked Houston at 2 p.m.

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## Pirate men's soccer announces signing class

ECU men's soccer Head Coach Michael Benn announced Wednesday the signing of six high school players to National Letters of Intent for the 2004 season. Five of the six signees are North Carolina natives.

"We are very excited about the group of young men that are coming in to play soccer at ECU," said Benn.

The members of the 2004 signing class are listed below:

**J.W. Gallagher, 5-11, 170, Forward, Wilson, NC (Fike High School)**

All-conference and all-region selection as a junior and senior ... Lettered four seasons for the Demons ... Led team to conference championship in Class 3-A Big Eight Conference as a senior ... Set school record for career goals (78) and career assists (68) ... Named Region Offensive Player of the Year as a senior ... Earned Most Valuable Player award in the 2003 Wilson Daily Times Tournament ... Also lettered three seasons in football as a kicker and defensive back.

**Danny Lundquist, 6-0, 160, Defender, Winston-Salem, NC (Mount Tabor High School)**

Four-year letterwinner for the

Spartans ... Helped Mount Tabor to the 4-A state championship and Metro 4-A Conference championship as a junior ... Helped team to a 19-4-1 record as a senior ... Named to the North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association all-state first team as a defender as a senior ... Also named to the Metro 4-A All-Conference team as well as the All-Region 8 team as a senior ... Also earned Forsyth County Soccer Spectacular MVP honors in 2003 ... Played club ball for the Highland Football Club coached by Desmond Armstrong.

**Alex Diedrichs, 5-10, 155, Midfielder, Wake Forest, NC (Wakefield High School)**

Four-year letterwinner as a midfielder for the Wolverines ... Helped Wakefield to a 20-2-2 record as a junior and a 17-5-3 record as a senior ... Named to the all-conference, all-region and all-state teams as a junior and senior ... Finished career as Wakefield's all-time leading goals scorer (47 goals) and all-time leader in assists (53) ... Participated in the Adidas ESP Camp in 2002 and 2003 ... Played club ball for the Triangle Futbol Navy 86 team coached by Al Pastore.

**Paul Neimeister, 6-0, 160, Defender, Shamong, NJ (Shawnee High School)**

Helped the Renegades to three conference titles, three South Jersey Coaches tournament titles, three sectional titles and two state championships ... Finished high school career 76-3-2 and helped Shawnee to a No. 3 ranking nationally ... Named first-team all-conference, second-team all-group 4 and all-state as a junior ... Earned first-team all-conference, first-team All-South Jersey, first-team all-group 4 and all-state as a senior ... Played sweeper as a senior and helped the defense record a 26-0-1 record with 19 shutouts, nine goals allowed and a 0.33 goals allowed average.

**Alex Morrow, 5-10, 160, Defender, Pittsboro, NC (Northwood High School)**

Four-year letterwinner for the Chargers ... Led Northwood to three conference championships and two state Final Fours including a 24-4-1 record as a senior ... Named all-conference as a sophomore and junior and all-region as a junior ... Shared team's Co-MVP honors as a senior ... Tallied seven goals and 12 assists as a senior ... Played

club ball for Triangle Futbol Navy 85 team coached by Pete Sadin.

**Matt Gipe, 5-11, 160, Forward, Charlotte, NC (Charlotte Catholic High School)**

Played four seasons up top for the Cougars ... Helped Charlotte Catholic to four consecutive Class 2-A state championship games with the Cougars winning the state title in 2001 and 2003 ... Led the Cougars in scoring three consecutive seasons finishing with 25 goals and four assists as a junior and 13 goals and 18 assists as a senior ... Named to the 2A Region 9 first team as a junior and senior and earned Co-Player of the Year honors as a junior ... Also named Player of the Year on the Rocky River first team in 2002 and 2003 ... Selected to the all-state team and All-Mecklenburg first-team as a junior and senior ... Named to the All-Observers first team as a junior ... Played club ball for the Charlotte Soccer Club '85 Blues Premier team coached by Sean Bubb ... Helped the Blues Premier to 17 championships and two state championships leading the team in scoring four consecutive seasons.

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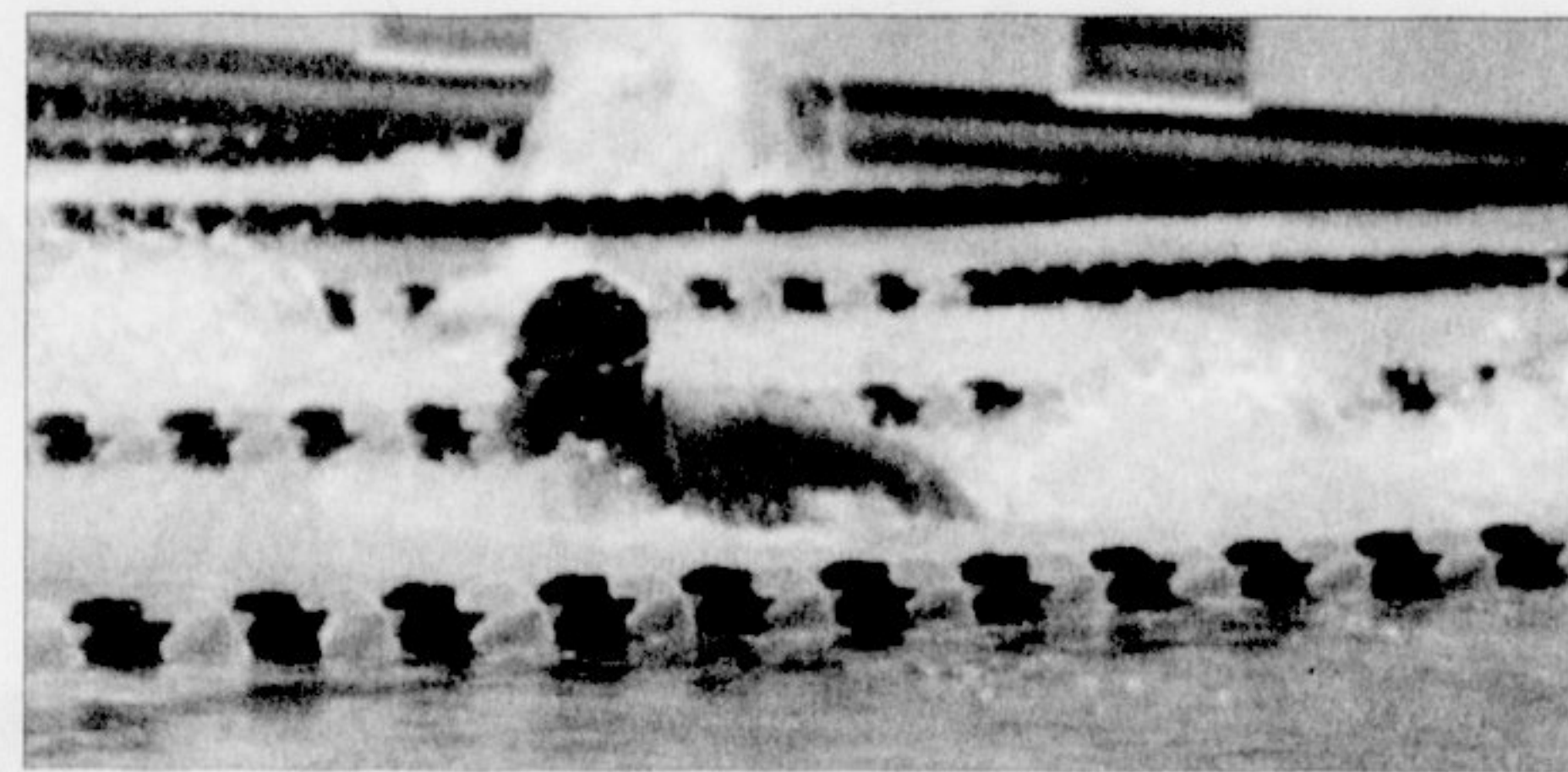


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## Lady Pirates win, men fall at UNC-W in dual meet action



Freshman Kate Gordon added a win in the 200 freestyle (1:56.50). Sophomore diver Lucy Hicks finished first in 1 meter diving, posting a 213.97. The Lady Pirates split relays with the Seahawks. The 400 medley relay team of Martha Snead, Parker, Meredith Lindgren and Adrienne Williams won the event in 3:56.28.

The Lady Pirates continue their winning meets this season.

Junior Diane Parker and sophomore Holly Williams each won two events and the ECU women won seven of the 13 events as the Lady Pirates defeated UNC Wilmington, 128-114, Saturday afternoon to split the dual meet with the Seahawks. The Seahawk men defeated ECU, 162-81.

"It was a great meet," Head Swimming Coach Rick Kobe said.

"The women swam well and

got the win. The men had a very tough meet against a very good Wilmington team. We'll finish with the regular season and we'll start getting ready for the conference championships."

Parker led the ECU women winning the 200 IM in 2:07.32. She posted a time of 2:05.54 to win the 200 butterfly. Holly Williams took first in the 1000 freestyle (10:34.36) and 200 backstroke (2:08.53).

"The women swam well and

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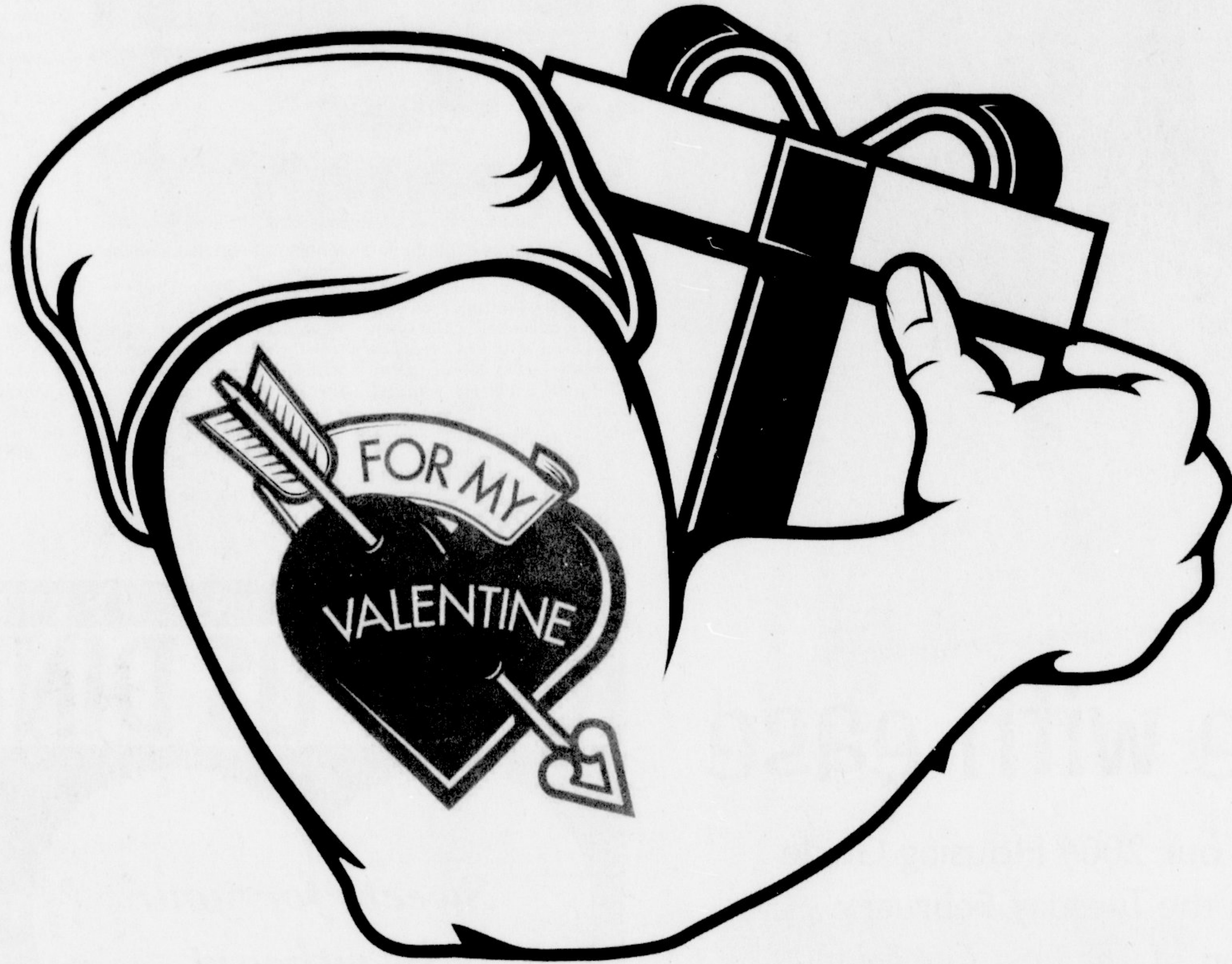
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# Frasure breaks weight throw record Men's tennis gets started

Freshman Eric Frasure put his name in the school record book with a new Pirate standard in the weight throw to highlight a busy weekend for ECU's men's and women's track and field teams.

ECU's men split its squad, sending several athletes to Lincoln, Neb., to participate in the Frank Sevine Husker Invitational. The rest of the ECU men, including Frasure, competed in the Carolina Classic in Chapel Hill, N.C. ECU's women's team also were in Chapel Hill on Saturday.

With a throw of 59-2.25, Frasure shattered the previous Pirate indoor record of 58-1.75,

set by De'Von Carter last season. Frasure's mark qualified him for the IC4A Indoor Championship meet in March and placed him third in Saturday's competition. Frasure also placed eighth in the shot put (45-8.5).

Earning new IC4A berths for the Pirates in the Nebraska meet were Damarcus Fox in the 60 meters (6.89), DeAndre Hyman in the 200 (21.94), and both of ECU's 4x400 relay teams.

Domonick Richmond had a top-10 finish in the 400-meter run, placing eighth with a time of 48.16.

Tara DeBrielle highlighted the women's meet with her

ECAC qualifying time of 2:13.79 in the 800-meter run, earning her a third-place finish. She has already qualified for the ECACs in the 500 earlier this season.

Other top-10 finishes for the Lady Pirates on Saturday came from Jessica Collins, who finished fourth in the 3,000 (10:06.49), and Colleen McGinn, who was fifth in the high jump by clearing 5-6.

Up next for the ECU men is the Valentine Classic, to be held next Friday and Saturday in Boston. The Lady Pirates will return to Blacksburg, Va., to compete in the Virginia Tech Challenge.

ECU ran its record to 2-0 with a hard-fought 4-3 win over Charleston Southern in men's tennis action on Friday.

The Buccaneers took the Pirates to the limit, winning the doubles points and capturing victories at number one and three singles. ECU proved strong at the bottom, winning the four, five and six singles, as well as the number two singles.

CSU's Quentin Guichard and Jean De Lange captured the number one doubles match, defeating Charl Meyer and Darren Mansell, 8-4. The number two doubles team from CSU, Lebo Jacobs and Kuttwano Lephuthino, defeated the ECU team of Paulo Baumer and Nick Rose, 9-8. ECU took the number three doubles, 8-5, with Felipe Fonseca and Mark Gellard defeating the CSU team of Babar Akbar and Lee Schuttle.

Guichard defeated Meyer, 6-4, 6-4, at number one singles, while Jacobs defeated Mansell, 5-7, 7-5 (10-6) at number three singles. ECU's Baumer defeated De Lange, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) at number two, while Fonseca defeated Lephuthino, 6-3, 6-2, at number four.

Gellard got the best of Schuttle at number five, 7-6, 6-1, and Gerard Galindo defeated Akbar, 6-3, 6-1, at number six singles.

**Pirate tennis sweeps Charlotte, 7-0**

ECU's men's tennis team got its 2004 dual match season underway with a 7-0 sweep of visiting Charlotte on Thursday afternoon at the ECU Tennis Complex.

The Pirates claimed all six singles points with wins by Charl Meyer, Paulo Baumer, Darren Mansell, Felipe Fonseca, Mark Gellard, and Gerard Galindo.

## Track Results

**Frank Sevine Husker Invitational Feb. 6-7, 2004 Lincoln, Neb.**

### RESULTS: ECU MEN

60 Meters	
Damarcus Fox	6.89* (semis)
Damarcus Fox	6.92 (prelims)
DeAndre Hyman	7.03 (prelims)
60-Meter Hurdles	
Hector Cotto	8.58 (prelims)
Ronnie Pollard	8.63 (prelims)
200 Meters	
13. DeAndre Hyman	21.94*
31. Hector Cotto	23.19
400 Meters	
8. Domonick Richmond	48.16*
12. Darrus Cofield	48.58*
21. Michael Hillian	49.48
24. B.J. Henderson	49.55
800 Meters	
14. Ricardo Bell	1:54.31*
4x400 Relay	
11. Lewis, Richmond, Henderson, Hillian	3:16.76*
15. Pollard, Hyman, Walls, Bell	3:18.77*

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### RESULTS: ECU WOMEN

60 Meters	
13. Dameshea Jones	782
Dameshea Jones	786 (prelims)
Kelsey Walker	817 (prelims)
60-Meter Hurdles	
Nicole Callaham	9.66 (prelims)
200 Meters	
20. Dameshea Jones	26.18
24. Jenee Moore	26.39
43. Kelsey Walker	27.62
400 Meters	
35. Brie Berkowitz	1:04.97
800 Meters	
3. Tara DeBrielle	2:13.79*
23. Lauren Miller	2:24.50
3000 Meters	
4. Jessica Collins	10:06.49
23. Megan Walling	12:02.64
High Jump	
5. Colleen McGinn	5-6
Pole Vault	
14. Lindsey Rosales	10-11.75
14. Tammie Mentzel	10-11.75
21. Nicole Marchewka	10-6

Long Jump	
21. Jenee Moore	17-4.75
21. Alisha Hopkins	17-4.75
Triple Jump	
22. Emily Thompson	34-8.5
Weight Throw	
14. Jessica Georgio	43-2.25
16. Emily Thompson	37-1.25
RESULTS: ECU MEN	
60-Meter Hurdles	
Mark McGee	8.92 (prelims)
200 Meters	
18. Ric Davis	23.26
800 Meters	
13. Kyle Yunaska	1:58.66
31. Wes Ricci	2:04.99
3000 Meters	
11. Craig Schmidt	8:49.48
19. Stephen Tausend	9:03.67
28. James McLellan	9:15.84
Shot Put	
8. Eric Frasure	45-8.5
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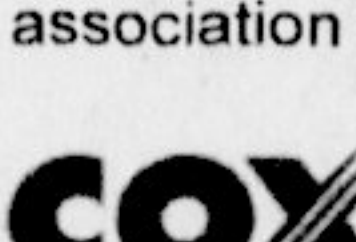
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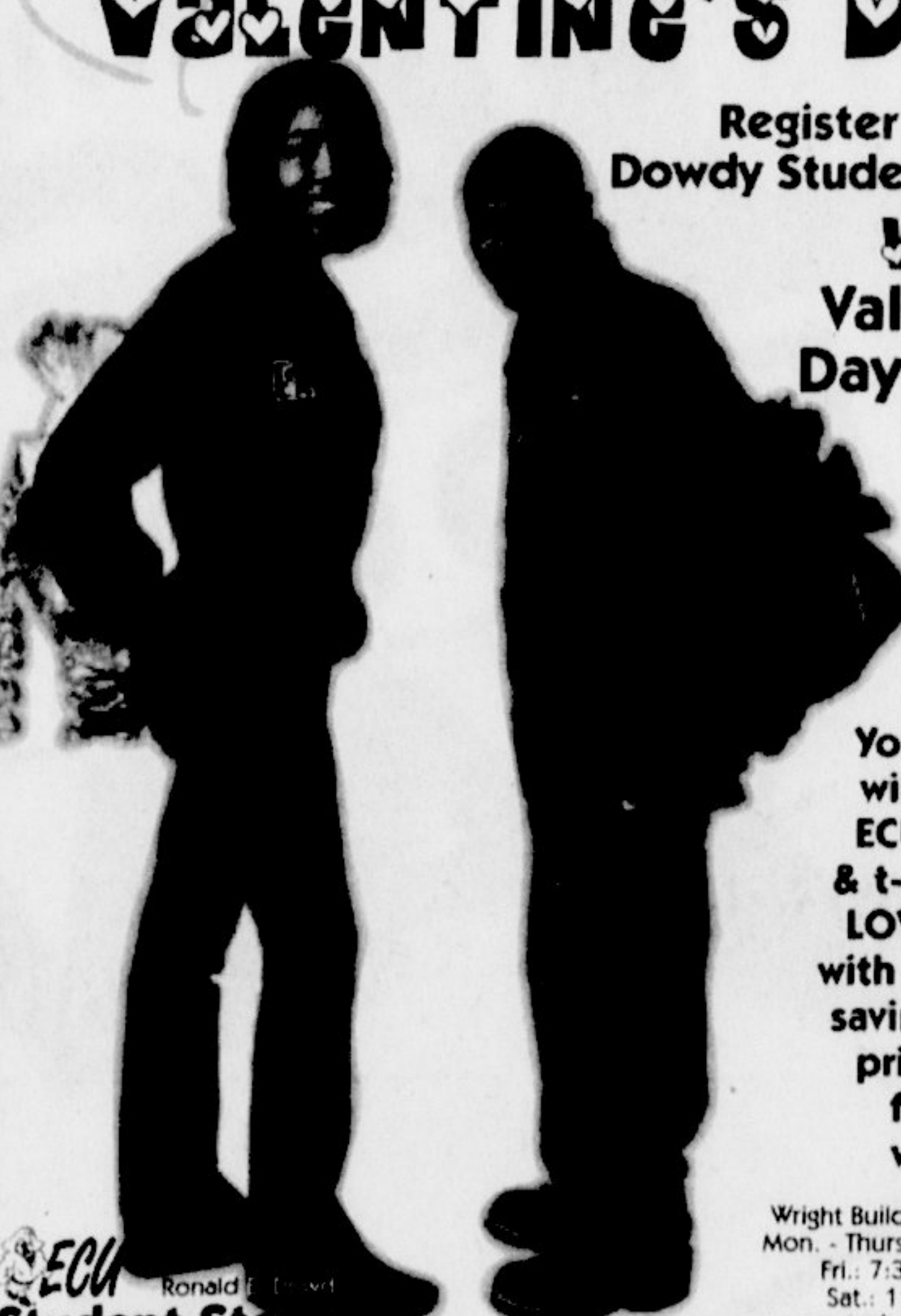
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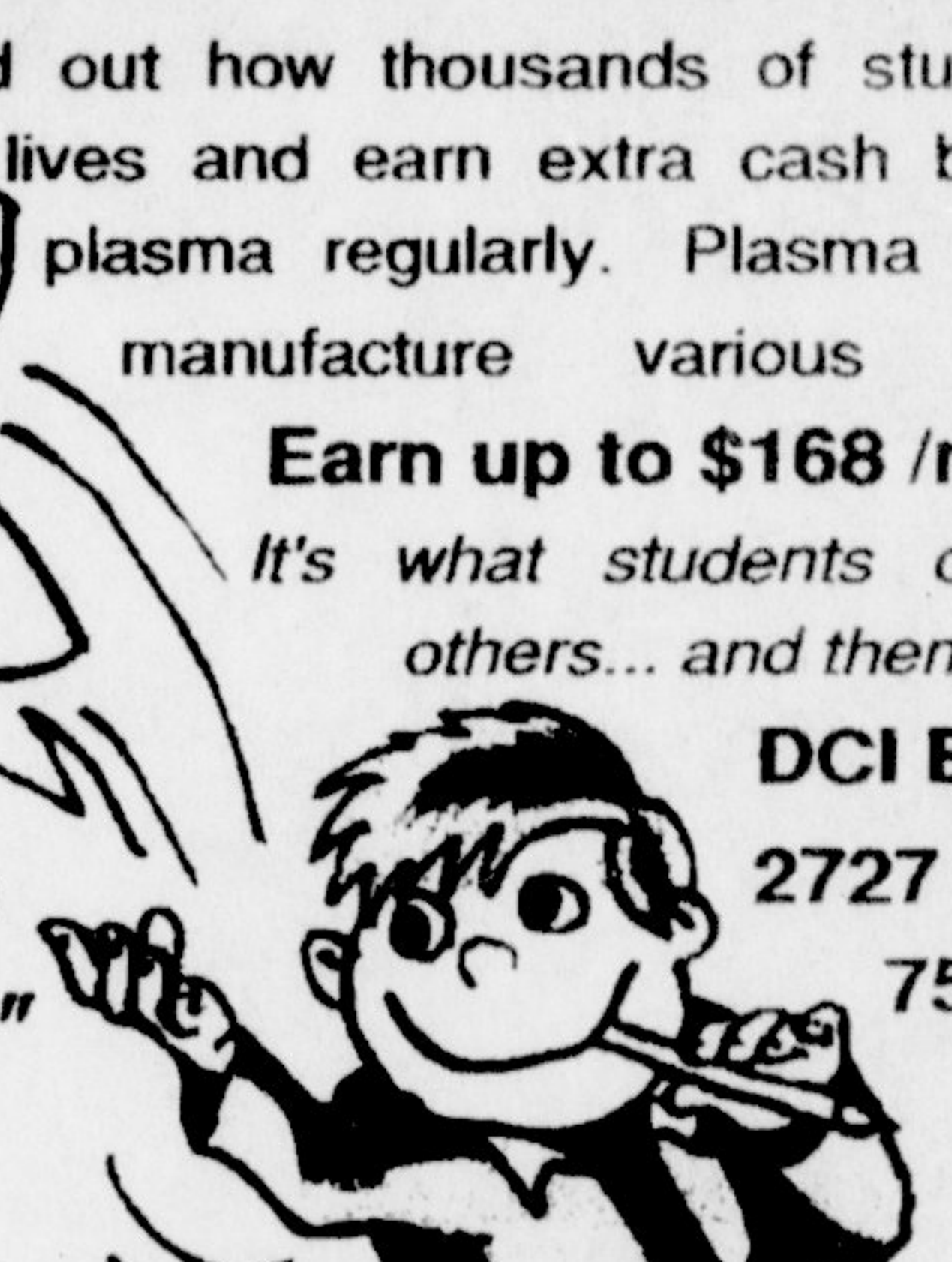
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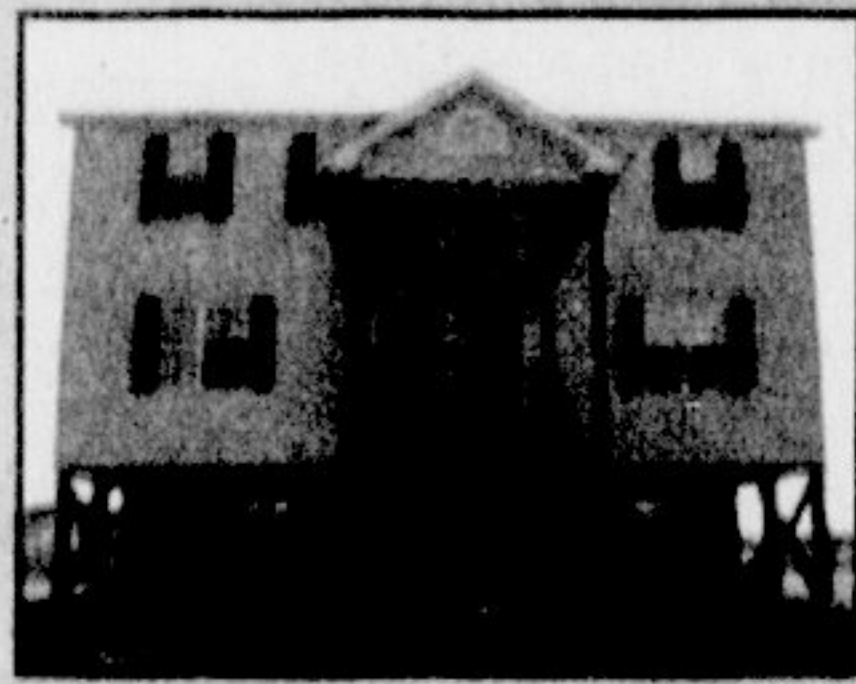
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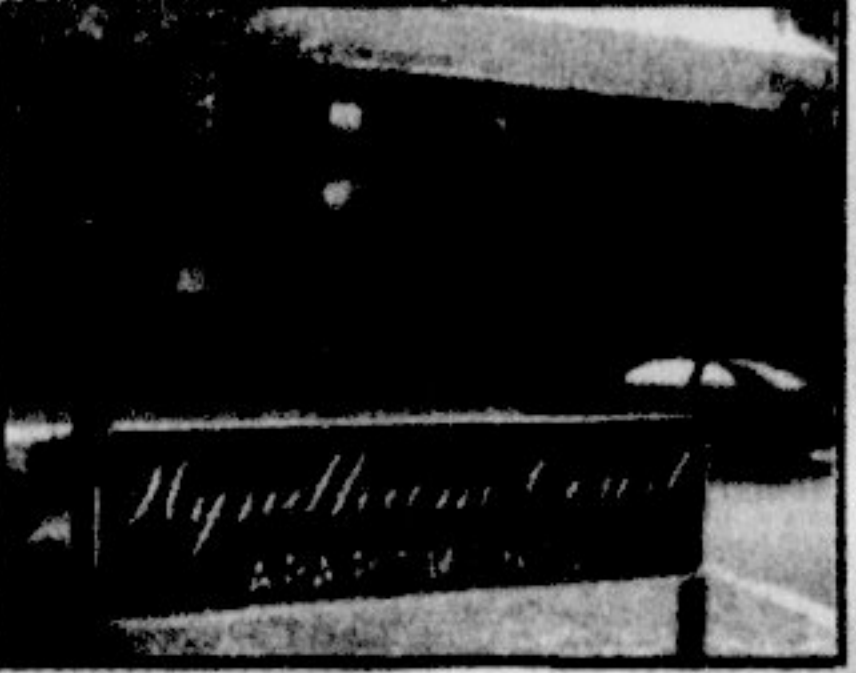
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## Basketball from page B4

line and making 8-of-13.

**Belton Rivers B**

Rivers has seen his minutes diminish but stepped up and played 18 solid ones for Head Coach Bill Herrion. Rivers was 2-of-5 from beyond the arc and perfect at the line for eight points. He didn't turn the ball over and had two assists.

**Japhet McNeil C**

McNeil distributed the ball well with six assists and

just one turnover. But he wasn't an offensive threat, going 1-of-8 from the field, including a 0-of-4 night outside.

**Luke MacKay NG**

MacKay has stepped up and showed some shooting touch in past games, but Herrion relegated MacKay to just three minutes and he missed his only three-point attempt.

**Corey Rouse A**

Rouse was huge off the bench and complimented Badi-

ane well inside. Rouse dropped 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting and was 4-of-5 from the free-throw line.

**Garth Grindley D**

Grindley has seen more action after the loss of Gabriel Mikulas but had more fouls than points and rebounds combined in 11 minutes.

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## Football Signing

The 2004 ECU football signing class is one of the largest in school history and is predominantly defensive this year. Out of the 28 recruits, 16 will play defense for the Pirates. Size and speed are the main criteria for this bunch and here is a brief look at what they'll bring to ECU football.

NAME	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
Zach Baker	S	6'2	205	Tucson, Ariz	Pima College [Ariz]
Steve Belford	DE	6'4	240	Royal Palm Beach, Fla.	Lake Worth HS
Pierre Bell	RB	6'2	205	Vanceboro, N.C.	West Craven HS
Zach Davis	C	6'4	250	Jacksonville, Fla.	Trinity Christian HS
Davon Drew	QB	6'4	215	New Bern, N.C.	New Bern HS
Jamar Flournoy	LB	6'0	220	Valley, Ala.	Hutchinson CC [Kan.]
Josh Grier	DT	6'3	315	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Atlantic HS
Sean Harmon	TE	6'3	264	Edmond, Okla.	NE Oklahoma A&M College
Fred Hicks	DL	6'1	275	Seffner, Fla.	Armwood HS
Demetrius Hodges	DB	5'10	175	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Georgia Military Academy
Chris Johnson	WR	5'11	175	Orlando, Fla.	Olympic HS
D'Mario Kelly	S	5'11	201	Norcross, Ga.	Norcross HS
Durwin Lamb	DE	6'2	230	Miami, Fla.	Pace HS
Shawn Levesque	TE	6'4	260	League City, Texas	Kilgore College [Texas]
J.J. Millbrook	DB	5'10	180	Miami, Fla.	Pace HS
Patrick Pinkney	QB	6'1	189	Fayetteville, N.C.	Pine Forest HS
Joel Renaud	OL	6'7	325	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Reedley College [Calif.]
Tony Richardson	LB	6'2	205	Sandersville, Ga.	Washington County HS
Ted Riley	DB	6'0	184	Boynton Beach, Fla.	American Heritage HS
Mark Robinson	DE	6'4	208	Longwood, Fla.	Lyman HS
Richie Santos	OL	6'6	295	Deltona Beach, Fla.	Deltona HS
Chris Sellars	OL	6'5	310	Newport News, Va.	New Mexico Military Institute
Zach Slate	DE	6'5	210	Melbourne, Fla.	Melbourne HS
Stacy Walls	DB	5'9	170	Sandersville, Ga.	Washington County HS
Paul Walsh	OL	6'5	300	Tallahassee, Fla.	N. Florida Christian HS
Jarrett Wiggins	DE	6'4	215	Camden, S.C.	Camden HS
Mike Williams	OL	6'3	287	Orlando, Fla.	Boone HS
Travis Williams	DB	5'11	175	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Atlantic HS

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