



# Proposed increase 'on par' with other UNC schools

Raise in tuition would provide more funds for faculty salaries

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The Board of Governor's decision to suspend ECU's proposed tuition increase has raised a lot of questions, one being how the increase stacks up with other universities within the UNC-system.

If the BOG goes ahead with its plan to raise tuition in March, ECU will undergo a 5 percent increase over the course of three years.

"We are looking at an increase

of \$300," said Chuck Hawkins, senior associate vice-chancellor for financial services.

Hawkins said ECU's in-state tuition for the 2003-04 year totaled \$1,910 and will rise to \$2,810 by the year 2007. Student fees will also be raised to \$106, creating an overall increase of \$406. The average tuition for larger UNC institutions is about \$1,000 more, according to Hawkins.

Records show there are only four universities out of 16 in the UNC-system with requests for a higher increase than ECU.

"Most of the other institutions are asking for similar requests, so we'll pretty much stay on par with them. Most of

the increases are usually tied in with inflation," Hawkins said.

A report of the proposed tuition and fees applicable to all regular full-time undergraduate students showed the North Carolina School of the Arts wanted the highest increase at \$600, UNC-Wilmington was the second highest at \$360 and Elizabeth City State University, the lowest at \$200.

Hawkins said the differences in tuition are usually related to what the school's state funding needs are.

ECU has not been able to give faculty and staff members raises, according to Hawkins, and that is one of the main problems

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	2003-04 Total Resident	2003-04 Total Non-Resident	Proposed Tuition and fees for 2004-05 Total Resident	Proposed Tuition and fees for 2004-05 Total Non-Resident
NCSU	\$ 3,889	\$ 15,737	\$ 4,300	\$ 16,148
UNC-CH	\$ 3,993	\$ 15,841	\$ 4,168.52	\$ 16,016.62
ECU	\$ 3,051	\$ 13,190	\$ 3,491.20	\$ 13,630.20
UNCC	\$ 3,129	\$ 13,166	\$ 3,594.08	\$ 13,631.08
UNCG	\$ 3,123	\$ 14,016	\$ 3,545.06	\$ 14,438.06
ASU	\$ 2,885.50	\$ 12,252.50	\$ 3,261.42	\$ 12,628.42
FSU	\$ 2,236	\$ 11,597	\$ 2,645.42	\$ 12,006.42
NCA&T	\$ 2,722	\$ 12,089	\$ 3,137.88	\$ 12,504.88
NCCU	\$ 2,801	\$ 12,170	\$ 3,159.06	\$ 12,528.06
UNCP	\$ 2,564	\$ 11,929	\$ 2,928.28	\$ 12,293.28
UNCW	\$ 3,311	\$ 12,886	\$ 3,761.56	\$ 13,336.56
WCU	\$ 2,933.50	\$ 12,294.50	\$ 3,335.02	\$ 12,696.02
UNCA	\$ 3,029.50	\$ 11,854.50	\$ 3,429.94	\$ 12,554.94
ECSU	\$ 2,175.50	\$ 10,439.50	\$ 2,495.98	\$ 10,759.98
WSSU	\$ 2,373	\$ 10,638	\$ 2,817.52	\$ 11,082.52
NCSA	\$ 3,600	\$ 14,730	\$ 4,412.10	\$ 15,542.10

## Administration, students turn attention to safety

SGA's initiatives seek to protect campus

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Safety concerns that arose from Student Government Association's Safety Walk on Feb. 9 and surveys distributed to students reached administrators' ears Wednesday night.

The Attention Walk was originally scheduled to point out problem areas on a tour of campus, but due to chilly weather, the event moved inside.

In lieu of the walk, Student Body Secretary Shannon O'Donnell put on a media presentation of student suggestions accompanied by pictures of campus.

Insufficient lighting behind Cotton, Fleming and Jarvis, in the alley between Bate and the Science and Technology Building and behind Ragsdale and Whichard worried students.

Proposals that police call boxes should be placed more frequently, such as near the Cash Points ATM at Wright Plaza and the Bate side of the mall, were raised.

Administrators immediately responded to some issues. The possible dangers of a student-forged walkway leading

through a wooded area from Jones Hall to the parking lot at the bottom of College Hill have already been acknowledged by officials.

George W. Harrell, senior associate vice chancellor for campus operations, said there are already plans to fence off access to the path.

The status of a dimly lit B-permit parking lot beside Hardee's on Fifth Street, which has a sign instructing students to not use it at night, was also explained by Harrell.

Since it is in a neighborhood, he said, brighter lighting is not feasible.

Responding to the appeal for more police call boxes, Harrell said money is a factor — each box costs \$10,000 to install.

"You have to decide where to spend the money," said Harrell.

Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for student life, said administrators are working to improve campus safety, especially in residence halls.

"We are looking at every possible thing we can do to protect students with the best resources we have," said Moore.

"Personally, I am very troubled that we would have an incident in a residence hall that threatens the safety of students."

Two students have been raped in residence halls since the beginning of this year.

Administration is considering manning each residence hall entrance and making all visitors or residents sign in, Moore said.

In his speech to the crowd, Moore reminded everyone that university safety is not done by just one person but a team that includes administrators and students.

The goal of the Attention Walk was to bring students and administrators together to highlight safety concerns. O'Donnell said she was "excited" that a number of administrators and student leaders came to the event.

"We can't let a minimum safety standard be the standard for safety on campus," said O'Donnell.

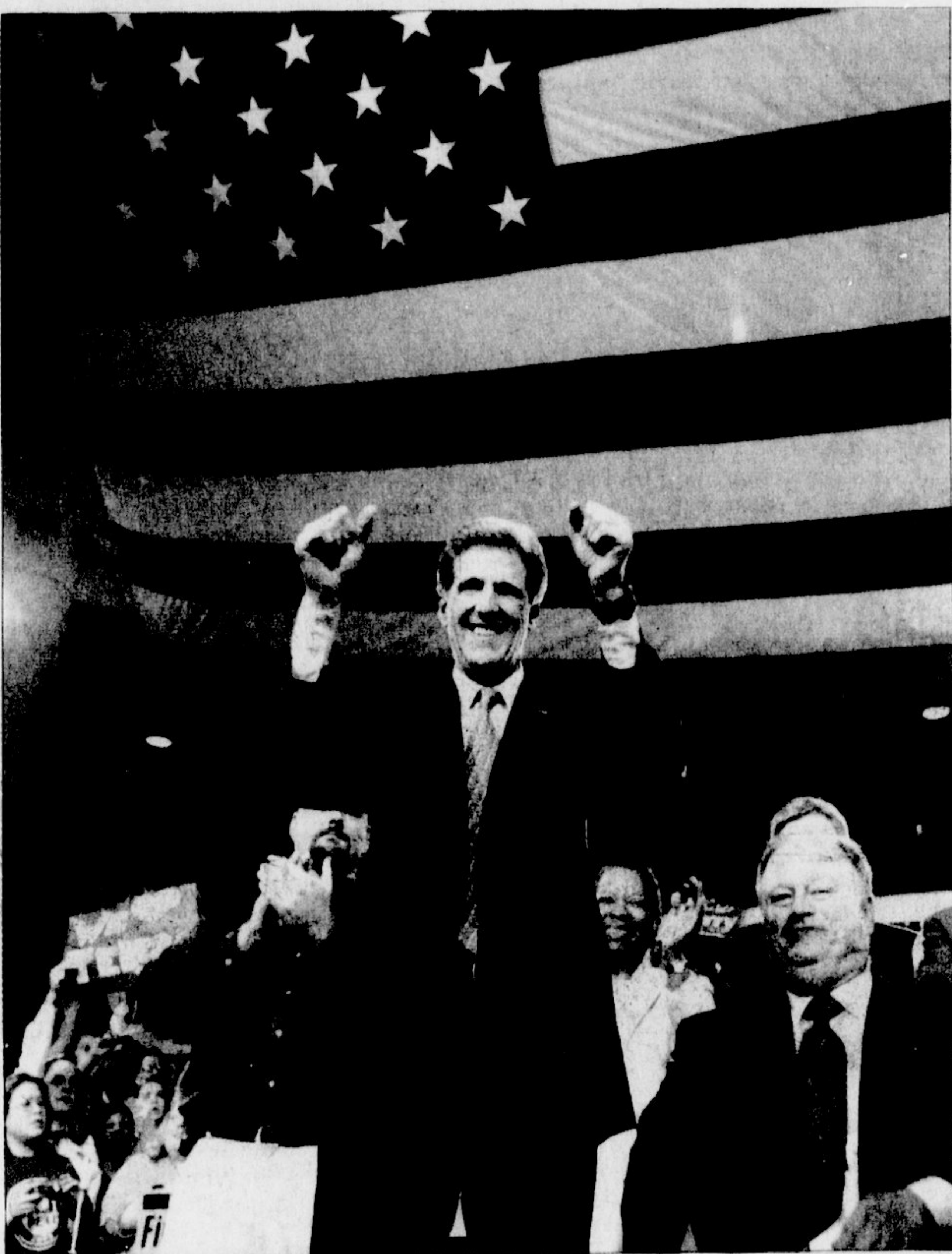
The safety complaints raised by the surveys and Safety Walk will be put into a database.

This will allow the SGA to monitor the most frequently cited unsafe areas and see which ones are fixed.

After the Attention Walk, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Safe Ride, the SGA-initiated campus shuttle, in recognition of expanded Wednesday service.

Nancy Mize, director of recreational services, spoke on the history of programs like Safe Ride.

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John Kerry takes the lead again after the Wisconsin primary Tuesday night.

## Democratic presidential race down to two men

MIDDLETON, Wis. (AP) — The Democratic presidential campaign is spreading out to 10 crucial "Super Tuesday" states, and it's down to a two-man race between front-runner John Kerry and a plucky challenger, John Edwards.

Tuesday's Wisconsin primary set the stage for the March 2 contests. Kerry emerged again as the victor, Edwards is still in the race after a surprisingly close second place finish and Howard Dean's candidacy appeared doomed after he came in a distant third.

"The voters of Wisconsin sent a clear message," Edwards said.

"The message was this: Objects in your mirror may be closer than they appear."

But Kerry gave no indication he was fazed by the Edwards surge in Wisconsin.

"We're going to win the nomination," Kerry told The Associated Press.

Kerry's advisers pointed out that even though Edwards closed the gap in Wisconsin, Kerry still has won 15 of 17 contests. Edwards has only one, South Carolina, where he was born.

"We play everywhere, unlike John Edwards and Howard Dean and anyone else in the race," said Steve Elmendorf, Kerry's deputy campaign manager.

"The problem these other candidates have is they are not competing in a serious way to get enough delegates to get the nomination."

The March 2 contests are in California, New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Vermont, Georgia, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maryland. At stake will be 1,151 delegates, more than half the total needed to claim the nomination.

Utah, Idaho and Hawaii will vote next Feb. 24, but with only 61 delegates up for grabs total, those states will not be a focus of the campaign.

Aides say Edwards' populist message will resonate in Ohio and upstate New York, areas hard hit by job losses. The Southern-bred candidate also should do well in Georgia. California is by far the day's biggest prize, with 370 delegates, followed by New York with 236.

In the final days of the Wisconsin race, Edwards criticized Kerry's support of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The message found a receptive audience: In exit polls, three-fourths of voters said trade with other countries takes jobs from their state. Edwards and Kerry split the vote among those voters, though the North Carolina

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## Plans in works for Eastgate shops

New additions include an additional entrance, more shops, drug store

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Rumors have abounded in the last few months about the future of the Eastgate Shopping Center on 10th Street.

Since the closing of the 28,000 square foot Piggly Wiggly grocery store, rumors have included the opening of a nightclub and an Old Navy clothing store.

"I think either addition would be great, especially for all the people who live out at Pirates Cove [Apartments]," said Joe Lytle, sophomore classical civilization major.

According to Don Speight, the developer remodeling the property, a number of changes are in store for Eastgate, but these do not include a nightclub or an Old Navy.

Speight's office did, however, confirm that there had been discussions with Old Navy about putting a clothing store



The former Piggly Wiggly on 10th Street is being remodeled while owners determine what will occupy the location.

at Eastgate, but Old Navy declined to take part in the venture.

Speight said the old Piggly Wiggly will be broken into six or seven shops and rented out after the completion of the renovations.

Other changes for the area include the demolition of the Dunkin' Donuts building and its replacement with a Walgreens. There will also be a driveway cut in order to provide better access to the shopping center.

Five shops, ranging from a beauty salon to a billiards hall, will be moved to open space for the Walgreens.

"These shops will relocate to new buildings constructed specifically for them."

"These changes will improve the access and development of Eastgate and provide improved service to Eastgate customers," said Speight.

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### Black History Awareness throughout February

- May 17, 1954 The Supreme Court overturned legal segregation of schools in Brown v. Topeka Board of Education.
- Jackie Robinson became the first African-American to play major league baseball on April 19, 1947.

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**TEC REQUIRED READING**

**Online**  
Visit [www.theeastcarolinian.com](http://www.theeastcarolinian.com) to read Dean's formal withdrawal announcement from the Democratic Presidential race.

**News** page A2  
The new Alternate Entry MSN will be available fall 2004 and will allow any degree student to pursue nursing.

**Features** page B1  
Partners in Campus Living have many events planned for this year's Mardi Gras celebration.

**Sports** page C2  
ECU baseball team is on a two game winning streak. The Pirates beat Campbell last night 10-2.

**FYI**  
Don't forget to meet our Chancellor Shelton today in the Croatan from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. for informal conversation.



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## Announcements

### Co-ops and Internships Workshop

Student Professional Development will hold a workshop about co-op and internship opportunities today from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in 1003 Bate.

### Walt Disney College Program

The Walt Disney College Program will hold an information session today at 6 p.m. in 1032 Bate to recruit students for internships. All majors can attend.

### 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.

### Media Speaker

J. K. Chambers, professor of linguistics at the University of Toronto will speak on "Mass Media, Literacy and Your Language" Friday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. in 1026 Bate.

### Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale

ECU's Habitat for Humanity chapter will have a yard sale on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 6 a.m. - noon at 102 Guinevere Lane in Camelot. Proceeds will benefit the Habitat Resale Store and Habitat of Pitt County.

### Fulbright Lecture

Fulbright scholar Shahla Naghiyeva will give a lecture on her poetry translation research of Azerbaijani and American literature on Monday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. in 1031 Bate.

### Resume Blitz

Career Services presents a Resume Blitz, where students can have their resumes critiqued on site Thursday, Feb. 26 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### How to Work a Job Fair

Career Services presents a workshop on how to work a job fair Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 129 Speight.

### Education Career Fair

There will be an Education career fair Friday, Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. - noon in Mendenhall.

### Dances of Universal Peace

The Office of Adult and Commuter Students Services sponsor the Dances of Universal Peace Sunday, Feb. 29 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 Mendenhall. The participatory event features simple circle dancing and singing led by a trained leader and accompanied with live music.

### SRC Family Fun Day

The Department of Recreational Services and the Office for Adult and Community Students will co-sponsor Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the SRC. Events will include group fitness, sports, a climbing wall, bowling, a movie and arts and crafts. There is no cost for students, spouses and dependent children of students above age 6.

### Belize Summer Study Abroad

There is an opportunity to study abroad in Belize, an English speaking country, and gain three credit hours in English, ethnic studies, humanities or other independent studies topics. The program runs from May 29 - June 20. Space is limited. For more information contact Gay Wilentz at 328-6678.

### Sophomore Survey

Students who have completed 45-60 credit hours, 30 from ECU, must take the Sophomore Survey before pre-registering for summer or fall 2004 semesters. The survey will be available on OneStop beginning March 3.

### Daily Reflector Scholarship

Students interested in media-related careers can apply for two of the annual \$2,500 James M. Cox Jr. Foundation Scholarships offered by *The Daily Reflector*. Applicants must be a junior at ECU with a minimum of two full-time semesters remaining until graduation (excluding summer school), show interest in a media-related career, have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last academic year and no grades below a C in their major. Applications are due April 1 and can be obtained from Vicky Morris, director of Donors Stewardship, Greenville Centre, Suite 1100, 2200 S. Charles Blvd. For more information contact Morris at 328-9573.

### Special Olympics Fundraising

The ECU Police Department is raising funds for the Special Olympics of North Carolina this year. T-shirts, hats and car magnets are available in the Blount House from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Craig McKeel, sophomore physical fitness major.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Duke Power wins two rulings against NC corporate consumers

RALEIGH (AP) - Duke Power Co. won two rulings before the state Court of Appeals on Tuesday, including one that says the utility's \$25 million settlement with regulators over underreported profits was lawful, even though corporate customers did not participate in negotiations. In the other case, the court upheld a state Utilities Commission ruling dismissing a request by those same consumers for a rate decrease. The commission and Duke Power agreed to a settlement in October 2002 after an independent auditor determined accounting changes had led to \$124 million in unreported profits.

The accounting changes came to light after they were reported to regulators by a Duke accountant in 2001. That prompted an external audit that led to the settlement agreement. Duke Power has denied that the accounting changes were designed to deliberately hide profits. A federal grand jury is still examining the books of the Charlotte-based utility. No criminal charges have been filed.

### Jury deliberates in case of man freed from NC death row

WINDSOR (AP) - Jurors began deliberating Tuesday in the retrial of a man who spent four years on North Carolina's death row for a 1995 murder that he says he didn't commit. The rare retrial came after a judge ruled in 2002 that prosecutors had withheld evidence that could have been favorable to the defense of Alan Gell.

Jurors - seven men and five women - began deliberating at 3:55 p.m. in the Bertie County Courthouse and went home about 5 p.m. The jury is scheduled to resume work Wednesday. Gell is charged with first-degree

murder but doesn't face the death penalty. Jurors must decide unanimously that he is guilty for him to receive the life sentence prosecutors are seeking. Gell also is charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder, conspiracy to commit robbery with a firearm and robbery with a firearm. The sentence ranges are seven years and 10 months to 35 years and eight months for conspiring to commit murder and between three years, two months and 15 years, four months for the conspiracy to commit robbery and robbery charges.

### National

#### Appeals court upholds federal do not call registry, turns aside free speech challenge

DENVER (AP) - A federal appeals court upheld the government's do not call registry Tuesday, dismissing telemarketers' claims that it violates free speech rights and is unfair because it doesn't apply to charities and political solicitations.

The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the registry "a reasonable fit."

"We hold that the do-not-call registry is a valid commercial speech regulation because it directly advances the government's important interests in safeguarding personal privacy and reducing the danger of telemarketing abuse without burdening an excessive amount of speech," the court said.

The politically popular registry, which took effect in October, contains more than 56 million phone numbers. Industry officials have said they expect about 2 million of them - 6.5 million workers will lose their jobs within two years if the do-not-call rules stand.

Officials in the telemarketing industry did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

### Cingular's planned buy of AT&T Wireless creates nation's largest cell carrier

ATLANTA (AP) - Cingular Wireless agreed to pay nearly \$41 billion in cash to buy AT&T Wireless Services to create the nation's largest mobile phone company, raising concern among consumer advocates that it may hurt competition and impede lower prices.

The deal announced Tuesday between the second and third largest U.S. wireless companies would create a cellular giant with 46 million subscribers and 70,000 employees. Current market leader Verizon Wireless has 37.5 million customers.

The deal - subject to approval by AT&T Wireless shareholders and federal regulators - would be a boon for Atlanta-based Cingular's efforts to cut costs, fill service gaps and expand its spectrum, or radio frequency, in several key U.S. markets, thus enabling it to offer wireless Internet access at broadband speed.

"This combination is expected to create customer benefits and growth prospects neither company could have achieved on its own and will mean better coverage, improved reliability, enhanced call quality and a wide array of new and innovative services," said Stan Sigman, president and chief executive of Cingular, who will continue to lead the company. Some fear the merger could reduce the fierce competition that has driven down prices in the U.S. cellular market, trimming the number of national players from six to five.

### World

#### Son of war-plagued Chechnya's president denies connection with missing people

GUDEMERS, Russia (AP) - The son of war-plagued Chechnya's president on Tuesday rejected allegations that

a security force under his command is responsible for the detention and disappearance of civilians.

Ramzan Kadyrov said the force is aimed only at "bringing constitutional order to Chechnya ... so that we can live like normal people anywhere: the United States, France, Moscow." Complaints by human rights organizations about Ramzan Kadyrov's militia emerged in the months before his father, Akhmad Kadyrov, was elected president in a Moscow-backed October vote. Before that, his father was president by Kremlin appointment. Since then, the younger Kadyrov appears to be trying to increase his influence in the shattered republic's affairs by promoting an image of benevolence.

### Afghan official says better security needed for elections; 1,500 soldiers have left army

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - A top Afghan official warned on Tuesday that security must improve in lawless regions of the south and east of the country before elections can proceed in June as planned.

The comments by Foreign Minister Abdullah came as visiting Pentagon budget chief Dov Zakheim conceded that up to 1,500 soldiers had left the Afghan army. But Zakheim said the desertions - apparently over pay and conditions - had been exaggerated and that there were now more recruits than capacity to train them.

Violence rages largely unabated in some regions of the country more than two years after the ouster of the hard-line Taliban regime by U.S.-led forces. On Tuesday, fighters loyal to two senior Afghan government officials exchanged gunfire in a bazaar in southern Kandahar provinces, wounding four people, police said. With security needed in the lawless areas, there are worries about the slow progress officials are making in establishing a new national Afghan army.

## Upgrade planned for campus e-mail server

*Faster response time,  
more storage capacity  
among improvements*

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STAFF WRITER

Slow response time and inability to access e-mail accounts have plagued students and faculty recently, prompting Information Technology and Computing Services to improve the system.

Faculty and staff e-mail accounts will be upgraded this Friday starting at 6 p.m. and continuing through Monday at 6 a.m. During this time, students will still be able to access their e-mail.

Faculty and staff will have limited access, although accessing e-mail is discouraged because it may slow the upgrade process, said IT Consultant Charlie Justice.

Any e-mail sent to faculty and staff during this scheduled

downtime will not be lost, but the recipient will not receive the e-mail until after the systems are brought back up.

Even though students are experiencing e-mail problems, faculty and staff accounts will be upgraded first because of the large amount of ECU e-mail accounts. "There are roughly 35,000 accounts," said Justice.

"It takes a while to upgrade, so we split it up a bit ... we will get the smaller amount of accounts out of the way first and see how things go afterward and fix any problems or bugs on the spot."

This will allow ITCS to prepare for possible problems when they upgrade the student accounts over Spring Break.

The new servers will give students more than twice the current amount of storage space for e-mails and attachments, said Information and Communication Specialist Perceval Murphy.

Storage will increase from the present 40 megabytes to 100

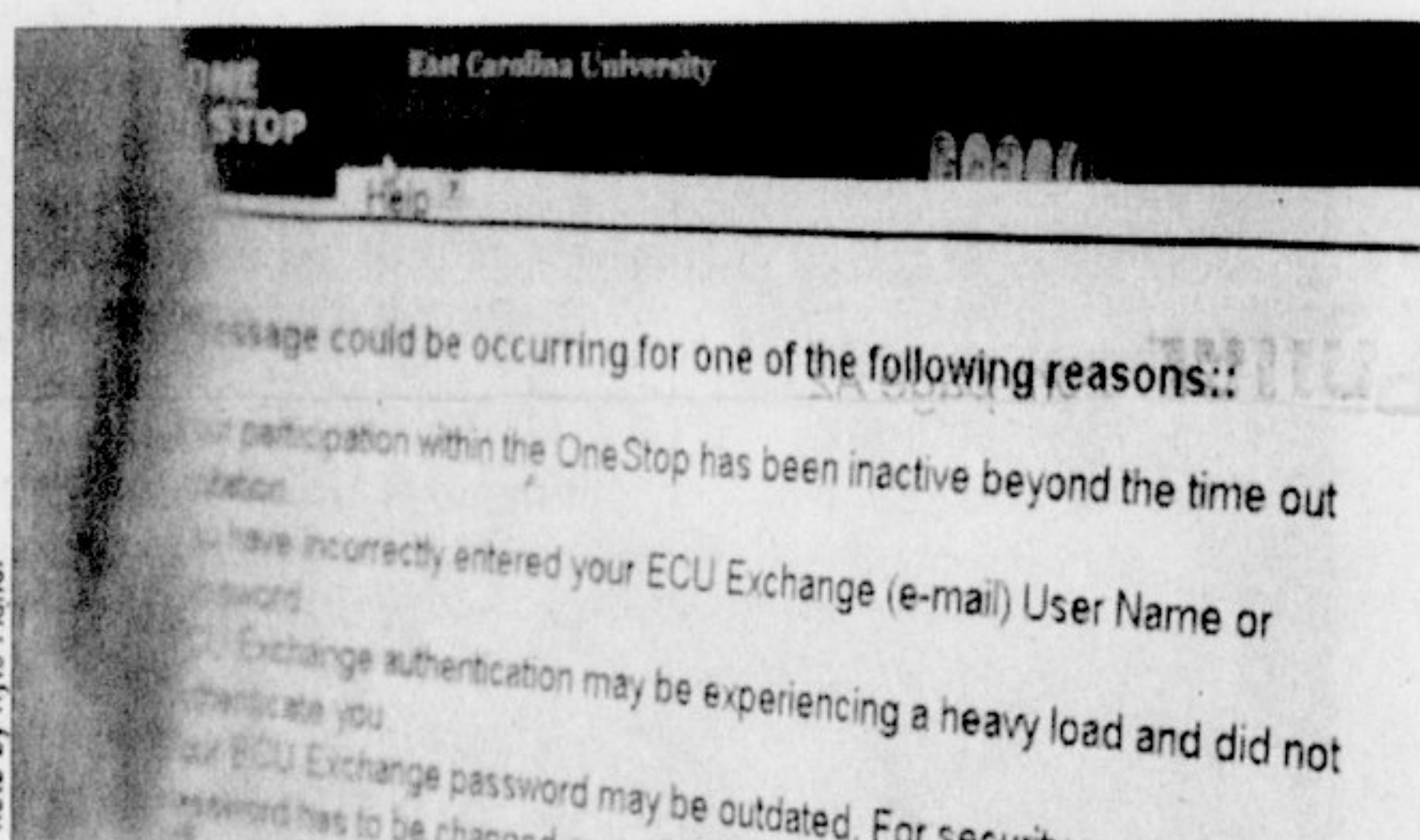


Photo by Kyle Fisher

Error messages have been common for ECU's server.

megabytes. ITCS promises the server will be faster, allowing students to send and receive e-mails more quickly.

There will be an improved Web interface for Onestop e-mail, called PirateMail, which will be easier to use and have more functionality than the current setup.

In addition to the server upgrade, the campus network will receive a new storage tool.

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## ECU's School of Nursing offers advanced program

*MSN program offers  
students with varying  
degrees opportunities*

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Students holding any bachelor degree will be able to pursue a new Masters of Science in Nursing degree in the fall of 2004.

The Alternate Entry MSN option received approval from the NC Board of Nursing this January and is designed for students who hold bachelor degrees or higher in disciplines other than nursing.

"This is a program designed so that individuals can have a baccalaureate degree in another field, such as business or biology, and if they're interested in changing careers, go into nursing," said Josie Bowman, Ed.D.

This option is a new opportunity not only to ECU, but to the entire UNC-system.

"There are other programs throughout the United States that have this option, and have been successful, plus we're trying to meet the needs of our area because we have a shortage of nurses," said Karen Krupa, MSN.

Alternate Entry is constructed to accommodate full-time and part-time students.

"I feel that we will probably attract a variety of people, or those doing a second career," said Ann Schreier, Ph.D.

"This program even applies to recent graduates in any field who haven't found their niche yet."

Alternate Entry graduates will be eligible for advanced practice and leadership roles in one of the eight areas of specialization



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The MSN program will give degree students more options.

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## Weird News

### Prison instructor reprimanded for math problems

NEWPORT, Ark. (AP) — The Arkansas Department of Correction has reprimanded one of its math instructors, saying he substituted units of cocaine and methamphetamine while testing inmates on their multiplication skills.

Instead of using apples and oranges to calculate ratios, the instructor at the Grimes Unit prison used rocks of cocaine and meth ingredients.

Among the questions:

"Rico sells 422 rocks per week in four different territories. He wants to expand to seven different territories. If he continues to sell at the same rate how many rocks per week will he sell in seven territories?"

"Jim Bob is cookin' crystal meth in his back yard." After giving the formula for meth, the teacher posed the question, "How many Sudafedrine pills must he mix with 2.8 quarters of ammonia?"

The teacher said he learned the equation from his students, according to Correction Department spokeswoman Dina Tyler.

### Tiny hippo runs amuck on Carolina highway

BEAUFORT, SC (AP) — Sharon Anderson had no idea what was headed her way on a county road when her car struck and killed a pygmy hippopotamus.

The 500-pound animal had wandered away from a plantation and into the path of Anderson's car on a Beaufort County road, the Carolina Morning News reported for Friday editions.

Anderson, 28, wasn't sure what she had hit and called sheriff's deputies, who found the animal dead Monday night.

Anderson said the plantation's owner, Joel Silver, producer of "The Matrix" franchise, told her he'd owned the female hippo for eight years and didn't know how she'd wandered away.

The hippo was one of several wild animals kept at Auldbrass Plantation, a 40-acre plantation in Yemassee built by Frank Lloyd Wright. The plantation includes an aviary with exotic birds, zebras and cattle. The hippo lived in a pond.

Anderson was not injured and her car had only minor damage.

### Town's violent name not savory to PETA

SLAUGHTERVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Residents of this central Oklahoma community have a beef over an animal rights group's attempt to raise awareness of animal abuse.

Slaughterhouse administrator Marsha Blair received a letter from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, urging the town to change its name from Slaughterville to Veggieville.

"I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, our 800,000 members and supporters, and other compassionate Americans to ask Slaughterville to change its name — which conjures up images of the violent and bloody deaths of terrified chickens, pigs and cows — to Veggieville, a friendly name honoring a heart-healthy and compassionate alternative to animal corpses," the letter said.

PETA, based in Norfolk, Va., promises to donate \$20,000 in veggie burgers to a school district nearest to the town, said Bruce Friedrich, director of PETA's vegan campaigns. A vegan is someone who abstains from consuming animal products.

### Woman marries dead fiancé

NICE, France (AP) — Dressed in a demure black suit, a 35-year-old French woman married her dead boyfriend Tuesday, an exchange of vows that required authorization from President Jacques Chirac.

Under French law, Christelle Demichel became both bride and widow in the ceremony, which was performed at Nice City Hall on the French Riviera. The groom, a former policeman identified as Eric, was killed by a drunken driver in September 2002.

Demichel told LCI television she understood "it could seem shocking to marry someone who is dead" but her feelings for him had not dimmed.

His body was not present for the ceremony.



A couple gets married in San Francisco, the first city in the nation to perform same sex ceremonies.

## Gay wedding spree faces legal wrangling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After two judges declined to immediately end San Francisco's same-sex wedding spree, the mayor said the city would keep issuing marriage licenses to gay couples as conservative groups vowed to take their case to higher courts.

During separate hearings Tuesday, a pair of Superior Court judges ruled that they were not yet prepared to prohibit city officials from engaging in the collective act of civil disobedience that has allowed more than 2,600 same-sex couples to be married at City Hall since Thursday.

"There was nothing particularly compelling after today that makes me think that we should back off," said Mayor Gavin Newsom in announcing that the city would go on sanctioning same-sex unions until told otherwise by the courts.

At the same time, it remains uncertain just how long San Francisco's unprecedented wedding march will go on.

After denying an anti-gay marriage group's request for a temporary restraining order strictly on procedural grounds, one judge scheduled a Friday hearing on the matter.

In the other case, Superior Court Judge James L. Warren refused to grant a different group's petition for a stay that would have abruptly halted the weddings.

He said the plaintiffs had not met the legal burden required for such an emergency order.

Warren did, however, agree to order the city to either "cease and desist" issuing the dis-

puted licenses or to come back to court on March 29 and explain why they haven't, a ruling that attorneys for both sides claimed as a victory.

"The judge would not issue a cease and desist order unless the judge made a determination that the mayor is in violation" of the law, said Robert Tyler, a lawyer for the Proposition 22 Legal Defense and Education Fund, an anti-gay marriage group that takes its name from an approved ballot measure limiting legal marriage to heterosexual couples.

But City Attorney Dennis Herrera insisted the judge had made no such determination and that the city had scored a major triumph by getting six more weeks to issue marriage licenses to gay couples and the chance to argue its case "on the merits."

"We believe we have very strong arguments," said Herrera.

Newsom maintains he had the legal authority to direct the county clerk to allow same-sex couples to apply for marriage licenses because the California Constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of Southern California legal scholar, described Warren's ruling as a short-term victory for the city. But the final decision will ultimately rest with a higher court, said Chemerinsky.

"This is an issue that is going to be decided by the California Supreme Court," Chemerinsky said. "These are just the early stages of what's going to be a long legal battle."

## NC Democratic primary delayed

### Republican Committee argues voter districting

PETER KALAJIAN  
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North Carolina Democrats will have to wait a little longer to cast their votes for George W. Bush's opponent in November.

The North Carolina Democratic presidential primaries have been rescheduled for July 20, due to a lawsuit brought by the NC Republican Committee disputing the districting of voters, said Barbara Allen, head of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

"The [Republican Party] had some objections to the way the voter maps were made up, so a lawsuit was filed with the Justice Department in Washington. It caused the election to be moved," said Allen.

North Carolina will send approximately 108 delegates to the Democratic National Convention held in Boston at the end of July.

Originally scheduled for Feb. 9, the new date is unprecedented in recent North Carolina history.

"In all my years with the Democratic Party in this state, I never remember anything like this happening before," Allen said.

The first step in the primary process is the county caucuses scheduled for April 17, to

decide on delegates to represent North Carolina in the National Convention. All registered North Carolina Democrats are eligible to vote in these elections that will be tabulated in Raleigh for approval by the National Democratic Party.

The tentative date for the primary elections is July 20, but Allen said "a lot can happen between now and July."

Chris Smith graduated from ECU in December with a degree in political science and said he doubts the impact of the delay.

"I don't think the primary delay will have any effect on the outcome of the election," said Smith.

"The national media has done an effective enough job pushing John Kerry that

he should have no problem securing the nomination."

Richard Kearney, a political science professor, agrees.

"Even if the primaries were held on the originally scheduled date, the nomination would have already been decided," said Kearney.

After back-to-back primary wins in Virginia, Tennessee and now Wisconsin, Massachusetts Senator John Kerry leads the field of Democratic presidential candidates, whose ranks are thinning by the week.

According to USA Today, as of Wednesday, John Kerry had received 473 of the 2,162 delegates needed to secure the Democratic nomination.

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### Offer from page A2

offered through the program.

The graduates are also expected to assume beginning-level positions and rapidly advance in their nursing careers as they acquire experience.

"The job market is so good for nurses right now because there is a shortage, so it's easy for people to get a job. There's a lot of career mobility with the profession," Schreier said.

"It is also a way to increase the number of nurses that are graduating."

As with any advanced program, competition is strong,

and requires an impressive GPA along with prerequisite courses in natural and behavioral sciences.

"You also have to meet the criteria to become a graduate student, which means you have to get an adequate score on the GRE or the MAT, which separates this level from the undergraduate level," Krupa said.

Only 20 students will be accepted to the Alternate Entry program this fall semester.

Submit applications for the graduate level program to the Graduate School of ECU no

later than April 21, and unlike other programs, applications are only submitted once every academic year.

The curriculum is split into two phases, and the first phase is orchestrated to satisfy Registered Nurse licensure requirements, as RN credentials are needed to enter the second half of the program, which introduces the nursing concentration element.

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### Tuition from page A1

that an increase would help to alleviate.

If the proposal goes through, faculty raises would receive majority of the money at 42 percent.

"As we look at our peer institutions and look where our faculty sits salary wise, we are about in the 52-55th percentile of what they are. We really want to be in the 80th," Hawkins said.

The Student Government Association showed resistance to the proposal.

A Feb. 18 article in UNC-Chapel Hill's student newspaper, *The Daily Tar Heel*, said, the university understands the "market-based argument" for an out-of-state student tuition raise, but "because the board ignored the opportunity to complete

a six-month study to provide guidance, [students] believe their actions are irresponsible."

The paper said a study would weigh the benefits and "considerable" risks of raising out-of-state tuition.

Junior social work major and University Book Exchange employee Rebekah Deans was surprised that majority of the money would be used for faculty salaries and financial aid but was still critical.

"Professors deserve higher pay, but I don't think it needs to come out of our college loans — a lot of us here are on loans," said Deans.

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### Walk from page A1

Hank Bowen, student manager for Safe Ride, said he wants the service to focus on safety and not act as just a transport for intoxicated students.

Events like the Safety Walk and the Safe Ride ribbon cutting help get students involved in campus safety, said Maggie O'Neill, sophomore political science and economics major and director of internal affairs and public relations chairperson.

"It generates interest in safety and makes people concerned," said O'Neill.

"That's how you get things done."

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### Race from page A1

senator did better than the front-runner among voters who cited the economy and jobs as top issues.

Kerry repeatedly told the state's voters that he would review all trade agreements upon taking office, seeking to protect labor and environmental standards. His position has satisfied labor unions, and the AFL-CIO plans to endorse Kerry on Thursday.

Edwards finished far better than pre-primary polls suggested he would, his surge fueled by the highest Republican turnout of the primary season and voters who made up their minds in the last week. His deepest support was in the GOP suburbs of Milwaukee.

"That's been happening in other primaries too," Edwards said in an interview.

"Republicans who would consider voting Democratic and

independents are the people we have to win over to win the general election. That's why I'm the best candidate to take on George Bush."

The strong GOP turnout was boosted by city government elections in Milwaukee and a controversial referendum on casino gambling by an Indian tribe.

Primaries in Georgia, Ohio and Vermont on March 2 will be open to all voters as will the caucuses in Minnesota. Now the only Democrat with a glimmer of hope to beat Kerry, Edwards is pushing for a one-on-one debate with the front-runner before next month's showdown.

The Democratic race once had 10 candidates, but the field is now down to five, including Dean, Dennis Kucinich and Al Sharpton, three candidates who haven't won a single contest. Dean ignored pleas to give up the fight.

"We are not done," he told his supporters, even as his own advisers were saying his campaign for the presidency was effectively over. He headed home to Vermont to regroup, in search of a way to convert his political network into a movement that helps elect Democrats.

Senior advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dean, with no hope of winning the presidency, was considering scaling back his campaign sharply—but not formally withdrawing. He was just as likely to cede the nomination and, with hopes of becoming a kingmaker, endorse a rival.

His campaign reached out to Edwards' team, believing Dean's fund-raising prowess could help reshape the race, aides said. But they did not rule out Dean endorsing Kerry, a move they said would seal the nomination.



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## Our View

In an effort to protect students, ECU's administration stepped up police rounds in White Hall after a female was raped in her dorm room on Jan.19.

We can think of 14 problems with that. They are Aycock, Belk, Jones, Tyler, Scott, Cotton, Fleming, Jarvis, Slay, Umstead, Clement, Fletcher, Garrett and Greene Halls.

Wouldn't it be tragically ironic if something bad were to happen in another hall?

Tragedy struck Monday, Feb.16, when another female student was raped in the laundry room of Belk Hall.

It's too late to assume increased police rounds may have prevented this incident. The university should obviously take measures to increase the security in a building where an assault has taken place, but an equal responsibility is to keep the students informed.

Well-informed students can take their own initiative to be more aware of their surroundings and adopt their own measures, such as a buddy system, to protect themselves.

The university's first step should have been to inform the students. Yes, the Alert pop-up showed up on computers in computer labs throughout campus, but did it show up in each individual student's dorm room?

The university's administration needs to increase their already present measures to make students aware of crucial events on campus, whether they portray the university in a positive light or not.

For events as frightening and important as these assaults, coordinators and residence hall advisers should hold mandatory meetings to inform their residents.

The university should also hold meetings open to the public, similar to the "Town Hall" concept to inform students living off-campus and give everyone a chance to voice concerns.

As students, we should all be outraged. How many students have to be assaulted before our administration steps up and implements security measures that can actually be considered effective?

This is a call to arms for students. Get involved. Stay informed. Make your administration take you and your safety seriously.

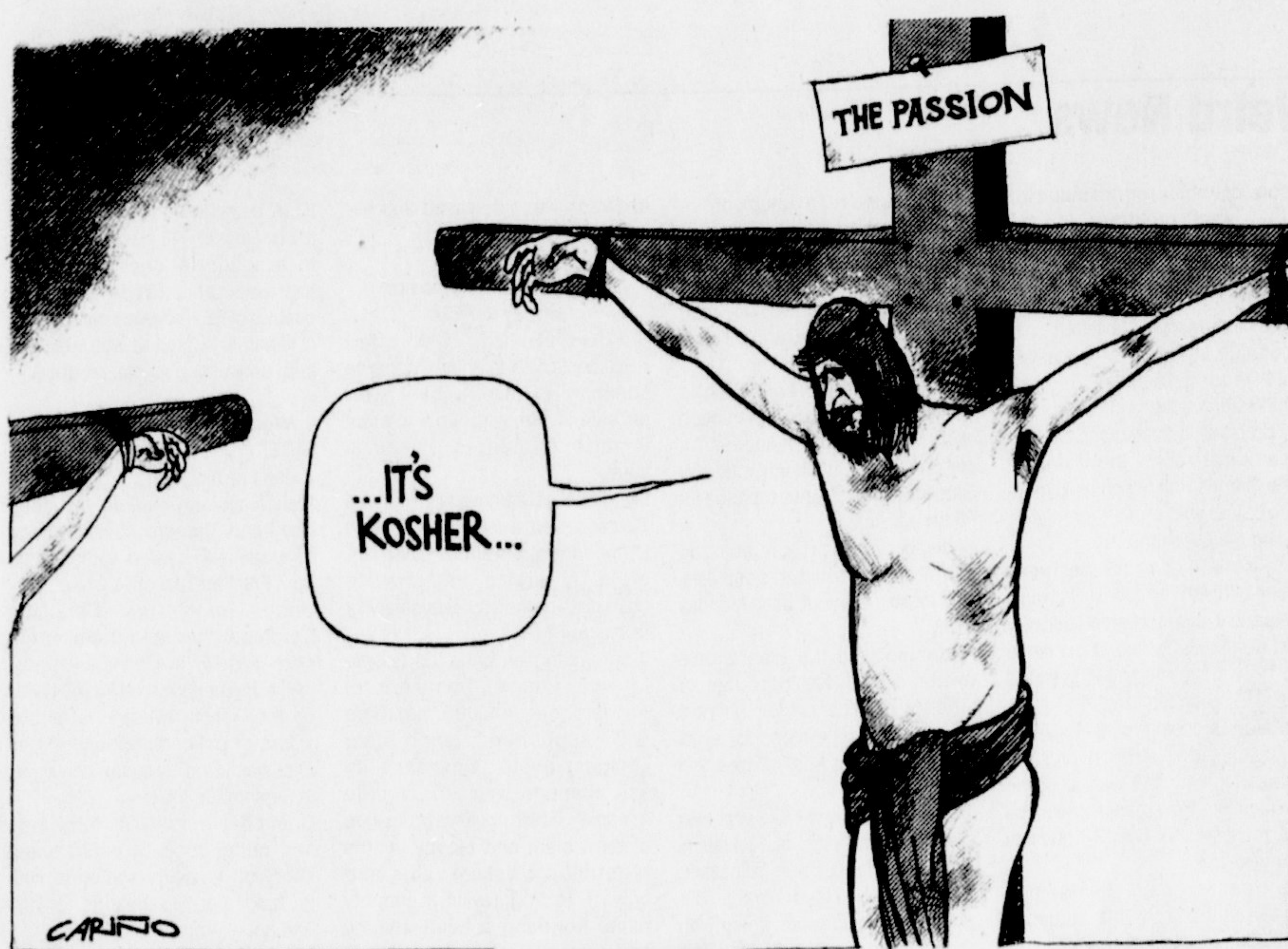
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LAST WORDS

## Opinions In Brief

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## Primaries aren't over yet

Yes, we all know that John Kerry is a powerful force so far in the primaries.

Democrats are quick to push the poorer fairing candidates out of the race (Wesley Clark), so that they can name a candidate and unite to defeat Bush.

However, the public may have been too quick to crown Kerry the winner. Why not let the primaries run their course before completely jumping on someone's bandwagon?

Each primary should be treated like new, and each candidate should enter the primaries with a chance. Although deserving, Kerry is becoming overrated and pushed to the front.

## Plastic couple calls it quits

Barbie and Ken are joining the dating trend of many Hollywood celebrities by breaking it off after 43 years as a couple.

The Vice President of Mattel announced the news last week but said the couple would remain "friends."

Personally, I'm disturbed with this news. I mean, how can two pieces of plastic "break it off?"

According to Mattel, the split is attributed to the company's release of Cali Girl Barbie who has a more single image to maintain.

I think this whole thing is just a poor marketing attempt

by Mattel.

The company will not sell more dolls with Barbie's new single image. If anything, they'll sell less because they have destroyed the image of the "Barbie" we all grew up with.

## ECU students apathetic

Students at this school are among the most uncaring and non-chalant in the UNC-system.

That's why things here never change. We keep having the same administrative problems, the same unresolved issues and the same desires, but the student body never unites to fight for what they want.

Until this changes, ECU will remain a tier-three school with little national recognition in a mediocre athletic conference.

It's time ECU students became concerned with something other than where this weekend's keg party is located.

## Researchers give patients reason to frown

Australian researchers published a depressing study last Monday. If you haven't heard, the findings reveal that optimism is no help in fighting cancer.

The researchers initially

thought optimistic patients' rates of survival would be greater than hopeless cancer victims, but now they wonder if it's really a good idea to prescribe a good outlook in addition to medicinal cancer treatment.

Although this study does reveal a gap between body and will, one has to question its necessity. Was there really a pressing scientific need to rate a person's hopes in relation to duration of illness?

If we're speaking strictly in terms of life and death, optimism doesn't really help anything in the end.

The implications of this study are that you might as well tell a loved one recently diagnosed with cancer, "Thinking positively won't help, so don't try."

The researchers didn't measure the patients' quality of life, which fluctuates and is overall more important than the final outcome.

That this simple approximation of human life was published – and that people will read this study and interpret it as mandate to develop a self-defeating philosophy – is itself the best reason to be pessimistic for humanity's care for themselves and one another.

## Poor college students living large

I don't understand how, if college students are always broke, they're able to plan expensive, exotic Spring Break trips that even people making a salary can't afford to take.

Has Spring Break become such a big deal now that only losers are the ones who stay home, and everyone else's goal is the biggest and the best?

## Classes a waste of time

You wake up early to rush to class and sit and listen to the professor read a lecture directly from a Powerpoint presentation without making any additional comments – unless someone has a question.

Should we be required to pay money for a class like this and have to go to it?

I don't think so. I think professors should use Powerpoint as a supplement but not as the lecture itself.

Let the students get involved, let us see how it's really done. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when I wake up at 8:30 a.m. to go to my class, I feel like it's a waste of my time and money to sit through yet another Powerpoint presentation.

I have the notes printed out, so let me stay at home and look over them. I want to learn something from the class if I go every day and pay money for it.

## Columnist

## Newsom needs to uphold the vote of the people

## Mayor's actions of "civil disobedience" are criminal, despicable

ANTHONY MCKEE

COLUMNIST

Whether you're for or against gay "marriage," there's no doubt that the actions of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom are criminal, as well as despicable.

He calls his actions "civil disobedience" when, in reality, they're nothing more than malicious personal and professional calculations.

The man has no respect for the voters who put him in office, the laws of the state of California or the emotional well being of the people he's encouraging to "marry."

The majority of California voters affirmed Proposition 22 some years ago.

It states simply, "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

That mandated that the state of California recognize marriage as being between a man and a woman.

That became a law. Same sex marriages are not legal in California.

Newsom, as do all other elected officials, swears to uphold the laws of the community by which he is elected. Officials don't have to like the laws, but they have to uphold them.

In taking this irresponsible action, Newsom has not only told the majority of California voters that their votes don't count for squat, he has committed several criminal acts.

Newsom willfully altered and falsified official government documents. He's suborned his clerks to do the same thing.

Without legal authority, he's invalidated a state law, and he has far exceeded any conceivable authority he may have ever dreamed of gaining.

Newsom's most reprehensible action has been to play with the lives and emotions of the couples who have flocked to San Francisco to get "married."

He's using these couples in a ruthless ploy. He knows – as does anybody with a basic knowledge of the legal system of this country – that this whole episode is a sham.

The marriage licenses issued aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

Any "marriages" that have been performed will be invalidated. That is, if anybody bothers to invalidate something that never legally happened in the first place.

Newsom is using the hopes and dreams of the hundreds of people in an exploitative and illegal manner.

No matter where you stand, your heart has to go out to the people who are rallying around this fraud.

## In My Opinion

## The intimidating atmosphere for free speech on campus

(KRT)—The University of Colorado at Boulder decided to teach us all a lesson about free speech last week, but it may not be the lesson it intended.

Administrators there had originally told the College Republicans and the Equal Opportunity Alliance that they could not hold an "affirmative action bake sale" on campus. In case you don't know, these "bake sales" are protests that have been held across the country which satirize affirmative action by charging Hispanic and black students less for baked goods than white and Asian students.

While you may not like this particular form of "guerilla theater," this is clearly protected speech and it is a shame that it took the threat of a lawsuit to convince CU to allow the protest.

However, what actually happened on Feb. 11, the day of the protest, shows that students and administrators need to get a handle on how the First Amendment works. Officials have both an obligation not to censor and to prevent angry mobs from intimidating students who are engaging in protected protest.

What do I mean when I say "intimidating"? To fully explain, it is important to illustrate how the term is so often abused on college campuses.

For example, Ursula Monaco a 55-year-old with eleven grandchildren – is a student at Suffolk County Community College in Long Island. She has been a ferocious critic of the administration for years.

Last May, she accidentally

replied to an e-mail from a professor instead of forwarding it to one of her friends. In the e-mail she used a single profanity to describe the professor. She was quickly brought up on charges of "intimidation" and "harassment," found guilty, placed on probation and banned from "any contact with the student newspaper" in addition to a litany of other restrictions.

In other words, the college used Monaco's breach of Victorian decorum as an opportunity to silence a long-time critic.

A few months earlier, University of Alaska at Fairbanks professor Sandra Bond – who is in her mid-forties and sometimes needs a cane to walk due to multiple sclerosis – posted two signs on her office door. One said, "The End is Near;" the other was a K-Mart ad for guns and ammunition. The first sign expressed that her contract was ending and she was leaving UAE. She posted the ad because K-Mart's slogan "The Stuff of Life" seemed ironic to Bond considering the products.

These signs were considered so threatening and intimidating that they justified placing her on "administrative leave ... effective immediately" and forbidding her from entering her office building without official permission.

The Supreme Court has made it clear that the kind of "intimidation" that states may lawfully forbid is "a type of true threat, where a speaker directs a threat to a person or group of persons with the intent of placing the victim in fear of bodily harm or death."

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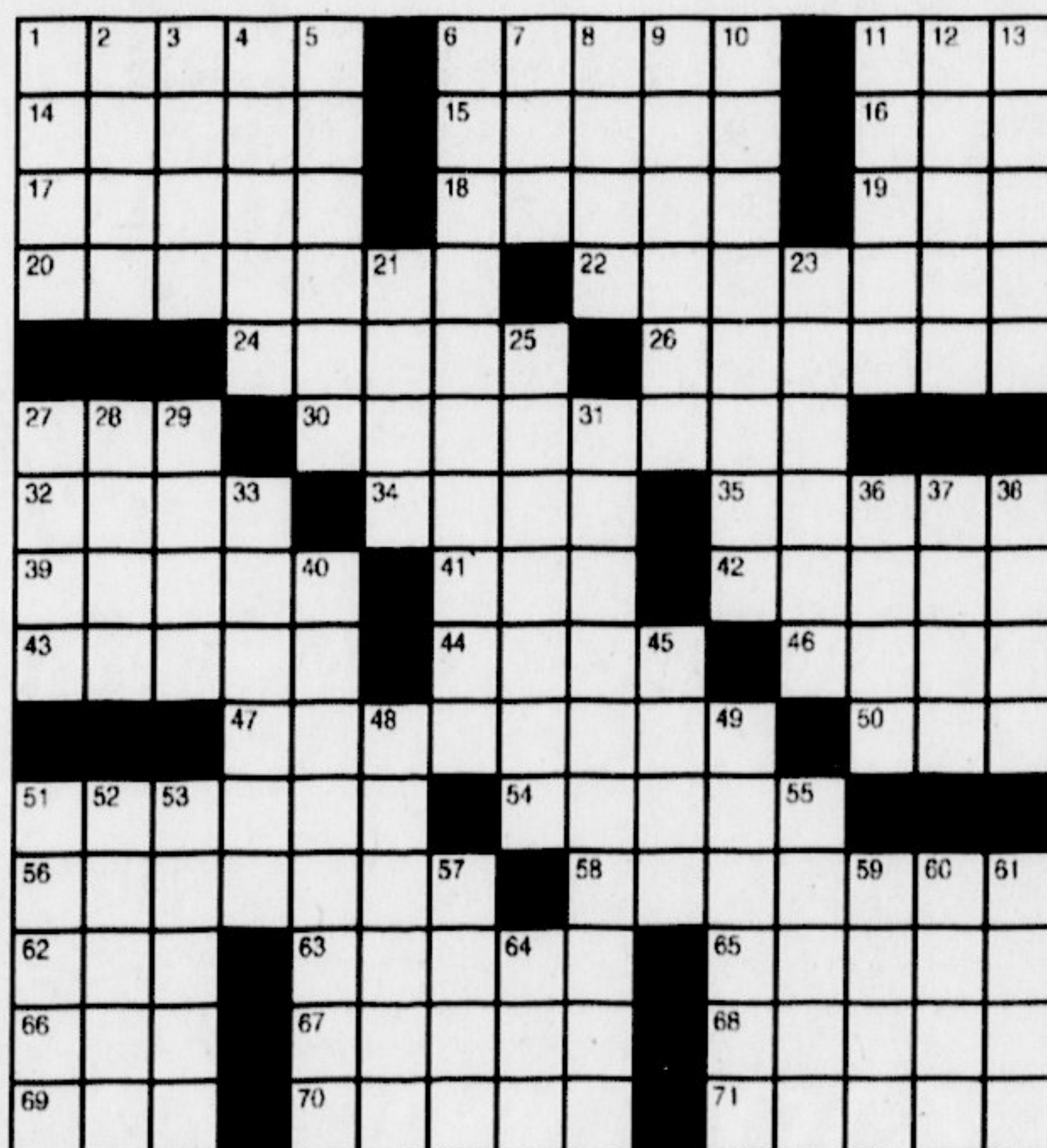
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  - Do beaver work
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  - Bridge supports
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  - Fries lightly
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  - Side by side
  - Reduce to a fine spray
  - Hold up
  - Deserve
  - Velocity detector
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  - Coop denizen
  - Exudes a strong odor
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## Did You Know?

- Actor Benicio Del Toro (1967), recording artist Seal (1963) and actor Jeff Daniels (1955) all call today their birthday.
- This month is National Hot Breakfast Month.
- On this day in 1987, the first anti-smoking ad, featuring Yul Brynner, aired on TV.
- On this day in 1985, Mickey Mouse was officially welcomed in China.

## Announcements

### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* Friday at 7 p.m. and midnight, Saturday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. *Kill Bill: Vol 1* is showing 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.

### Negro History Week

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents "Negro History Week Celebration" from 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. today in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery.

### African American Reading Day

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents an African American Reading Day from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. today in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Gallery.

### Early Music Ensemble

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

### 'The Grapes of Wrath'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 - Tuesday, Feb. 24 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Feb. 22. For tickets, contact the ECU/Loessin Playhouse Box Office at 328-6829.

### Mardi Gras

PICL sponsors a Mardi Gras celebration from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. today in Mendenhall Student Center.

### Pirate Underground

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents music from Trailer Bride from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Pirate Underground.

### Salsa Dance

There will be a Salsa Dance from 8:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 in the Willis Building. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Family Fare

The Family Fare series presents *Sarah, Plain and Tall* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Wright Auditorium.

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| <b>A.J. McMurphy's</b><br>1914 Timbury Drive 355-7956<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 p.m.<br>Pockit   | <b>Mesh Café.</b><br>1011-A Red Banks Road<br>321-MESH<br>Thursday, Feb. 19, 9 p.m.<br>Bare Bottom<br>Friday, Feb. 20, 9 p.m.<br>Comedy<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 p.m.<br>Deejay                                   |
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| <b>Christy's Euro Pub</b><br>301 S. Jarvis St. 758-2774<br>Tuesday, Feb. 24, 10 p.m.<br>Open mic night   | <b>Player's Choice</b><br>Community Square, Memorial<br>Drive 355-4149<br>Thursday, Feb. 19, 10 p.m.<br>Karaoke<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.<br>Live Music  |
| <b>City Hotel and Bistro</b><br>203 S.W. Greenville Blvd.<br>355-8300<br>Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.<br>Coastline Band  | <b>Players Retreat</b><br>1631 Pactolus Road<br>758-6856<br>Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.<br>Karaoke<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 p.m.<br>Fat Babies  |
| <b>Corrigan's</b><br>122 E. Fifth St.<br>758-3114<br>Friday, Feb. 20, 10 p.m.<br>Live music<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.<br>Live music  | <b>Professor O'Cool's</b><br>605 Greenville Blvd. 355-2946<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 9:30 p.m.<br>Karaoke  |
| <b>Courtyard Tavern</b><br>703 S.E. Greenville Blvd. 321-0202<br>Sunday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.<br>Two Fingers  | <b>Wimble's Steam Bar</b><br>206 Main St. Winterville<br>355-4220<br>Friday, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m.<br>Mark Williams<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.<br>Don Cox  |
| <b>El Ranchito</b><br>315 E. Tenth St.<br>561-7336<br>Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m.<br>Mariachi Band   |  |
| <b>Ham's</b><br>701 Evans St.<br>830-2739<br>Thursday, Feb. 19, 10 p.m.<br>Karaoke<br>Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.<br>Jake Johnson<br>Sunday, Feb. 22, 10 p.m.<br>Open mic night |  |

# Celebrate Mardi Gras on campus

*Drag show, hypnotist, breakfast are part of this year's festivities*

**JENNIFER BOWLES**  
STAFF WRITER

Partners in Campus Life is sponsoring a Mardi Gras celebration today from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. in Mendenhall Student Center, featuring food, games and entertainment.

"Mardi Gras is celebrated to offer students a fun and safe environment during the bleak winter months to get together, relax and be entertained," said Joanna Iwata, director of Student Involvement.

"Mendenhall will be completely transformed. We want students to come out, have fun and celebrate."

Mendenhall's popular Mardi Gras celebration has drawn huge crowds in the past.

"We've planned something for everyone this year," Iwata said.

In addition to the old favorites bingo, a hypnotist and breakfast, PiCL has scheduled a few new activities including a drag show.

This year's celebration will also feature a new emphasis on live music. A jazz band and the Cajun-influenced Unknown Tongues are scheduled to perform.

"It's definitely worth going to," said Tiffany Wall, junior information technology major.

"There is always something for everyone to do."

As always, there will be plenty strings of beads, giveaways and prizes on hand for students.

"I won a DVD player in a raffle [last year]," said Lynn Hartley, senior marketing major.

"Getting something for nothing is always a good time."

Many students attend the ECU Mardi Gras as a safe alternative to downtown.

"I like to come to Mardi Gras on campus because there's always a lot of things to do, and it's a good place to go hang out with friends," said Shonda Drake, graduate interior design student.

"I think it's really fun and more safe than going downtown."

The celebration is free and only requires a valid One Card. One guest (high school age or older) per student is permitted. Guests must be escorted with a student and present their guest ticket at the door.

Students should pick up guest tickets in advance from the Student Recreation Center, the Meal Plan Office in Todd Dining Hall or the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

Jennifer Evans, junior elementary education major, said she always enjoys her Mardi Gras experience.

"I'm so excited about Mardi Gras. The hypnotist always does a good show," said Evans.

"Now with the drag show, it's gonna be even better. I'm excited to see what PiCL has in store this year. I love free stuff."

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## Event Info

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|-----------|-------------------------|
| Drag Show | 11 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.    |
| Jazz Band | 9 p.m. - 11 p.m.        |
| Hypnotist | 10:30 p.m.              |
| Band      | 9 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.     |
| Casino    | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.         |
| DJ Dance  | 10 p.m. - 1 a.m.        |
| Breakfast | 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. |
| Bingo     | 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.         |



## Mardi Gras parties based on history

*Cajun celebration has religious implications*

**WENDY EARP**  
STAFF WRITER

The countdown has begun ... two weeks until the ultimate party, Mardi Gras. Party animals from around the world will start making their way to New Orleans this week to begin celebrating the days leading up to Feb. 24.

Shiny beads, wild costumes and lavish parties in the streets are the usual images of Mardi Gras.

However, the holiday is a tradition with much more meaning than drunken nights of fun and laughter.

From the beginning, Mardi Gras has been a religious holiday celebration.

Catholics celebrated Mardi Gras as far back as the Middle Ages. They observe Lent, a 40-day period of fasting before Easter.

The 40 days before Easter, excluding Sundays, begin on Wednesday, Feb. 25, also known as Ash Wednesday.

Aaron Thompson, senior communication major, said this is one of the only religious holidays he knows where celebrating, drinking and crazy parties are recommended.

Traditionally, Fat Tuesday is the night before fasting begins. Participants enjoy a night of lusting, dancing and eating extravagant foods.

The Romans called it Fat Tuesday because it would represent an end to excessive merrymaking and eating that would take place the week before Lent begins.

Carnivals, spectacular parades and costume balls filled the weekly plans for all.

If you plan to attend this spectacular event, there are a few tips on staying safe while having

the most fun possible.

Planning your trip ahead of time is essential. If you're just recently deciding to take this trip, it's not too late. Hotels have waiting lists and cancellations that occur everyday, so there is still hope. However, most hotels have a four or five night policy during this time of the year.

Maggie Lawrence, junior geology major, said she hasn't made plans to go yet, but hopes to head down there.

"I've heard it's really great. I would love to get a bunch of people together drive and enjoy the ultimate party."

If you're under 21, it's important to remember that safety police will be scouting through the streets in uniform and as undercover cops.

"No matter what, underage people will find ways to drink if they want to," said Hannah Robinson, sophomore education major.

"I mean, it's Mardi Gras, the biggest party of the year, and most people go there to drink and have a good time."

Other activities will include live music on street corners, vendors, a parade through downtown and throwing beads from balconies.

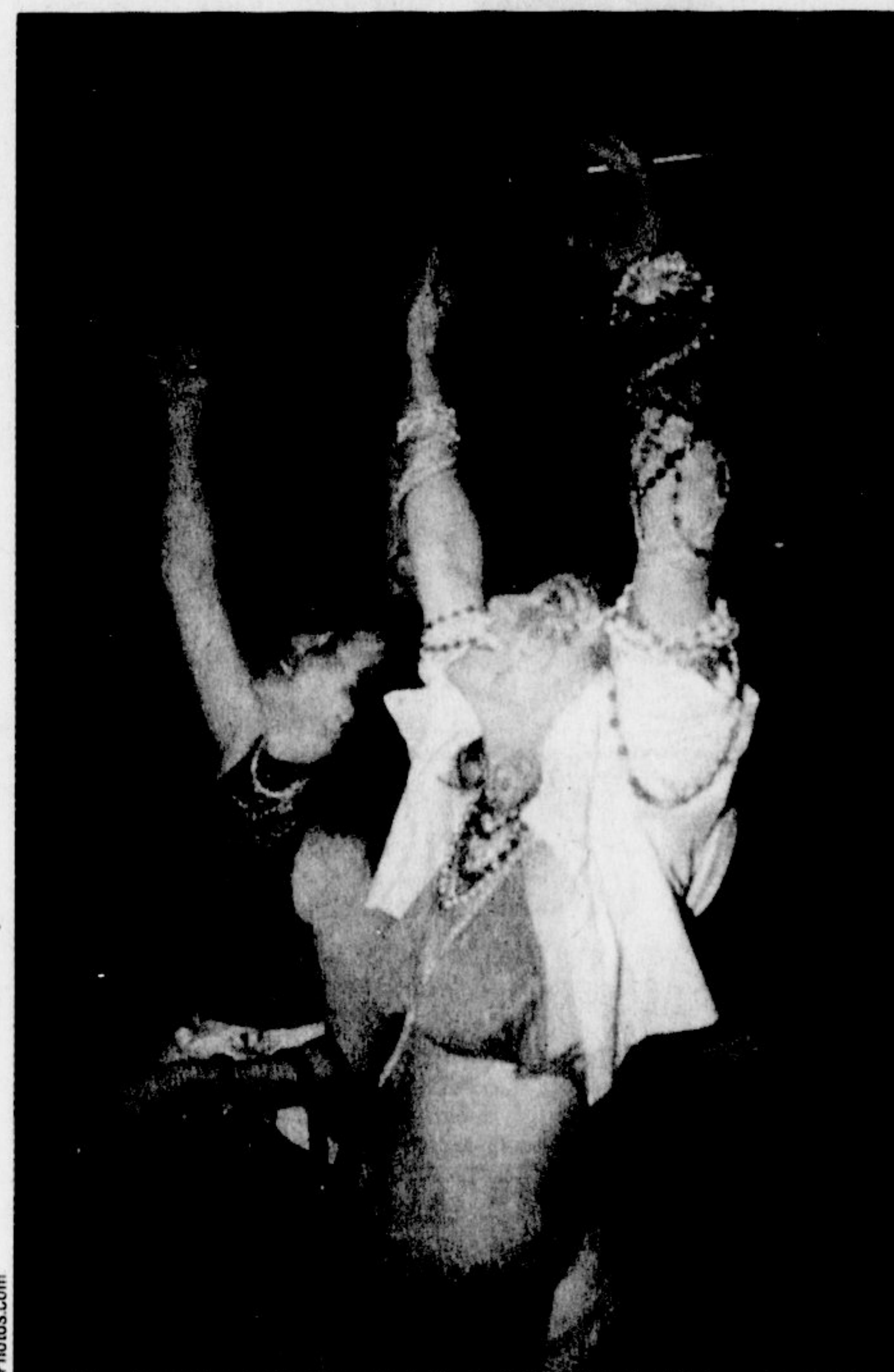
Parking will be difficult with an expected crowd of more than 100,000. Streets are blocked off for parade traffic and cars interfering with the festivities will be towed at the owner's expense.

Mardi Gras is a time to let loose and have a good time. This celebration should be enjoyed by all, regardless of age.

Head to New Orleans to take part in the fun and parties scheduled this year.

You can check out the planned activities by visiting [www.mardigras.com](http://www.mardigras.com) or [www.mardigrasneworleans.com](http://www.mardigrasneworleans.com)

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Parades and beads are popular Mardi Gras traditions.

## Tips to stay safe on Mardi Gras

Plan your trip in advance.

Keep wallets and money in front pockets to avoid pickpocketing.

Underage drinking is not permitted. Be prepared to pay heavy fines if caught.

Although immensely popular, public nudity may cost you a fine.

If you decide to drink, be sure to locate identification.



## Quick Picks: Album Review

*Incubus sticking to familiar formula*

ADAM PARR  
STAFF WRITER

California rockers Incubus recently released *A Crow Left of the Murder*, the much-anticipated follow up to 2001's *Morning View*.

The funk-metal fusion band have grown into rock giants over their past two albums, providing fans with a refreshing escape from the vanilla droll of modern radio-ready rock. On *Murder*, Brandon Boyd and company make no great diversion from *Morning View* or *Make Yourself*, but the formula is straining and it doesn't hit its mark as squarely as previous albums. That said, even a sub-par effort from Incubus is still infinitely more original and entertaining than nearly everything else on the rack.

It's not as tightly constructed as *Morning View*; in fact, it is flat in comparison. Moreover, it does not have the unchecked imagination of *Make Yourself*, which made them into a household name. Everything, however, is saved by Boyd's buttery vocals and a very unique sound.

It kicks off with the first single, "Megalomaniac," a hard-driving rock song that incites the sort of feeling that we're used to getting out of Incubus. Next is the title track, followed by "Agoraphobia," a song about not wanting to leave the house. A definite standout, it's a smooth, well-restrained song with a hook that could soon be attaching itself to your brain through the radio.

Afterward, the record hits a lull as the next few songs melt together into sonic rock mush. Things don't pick up again until "Southern Girl," a sweet song that lets Boyd demonstrate his vocal diversity. This one should become a local favorite, as he expresses a universal sentiment: "You're an exception to the rule/



### Album Info

Title: 'A Crow Left of the Murder'

Artist: Incubus

Release Date: Feb. 3, 2004

you're a bona fide rarity/ you're all I ever wanted, Southern Girl." "Southern Girl" is followed by "Priceless" and then a cool, funky song called "Zee Devil," which features an almost polka-sounding verse and a chorus that reminds us "You should be careful what you wish for."

For his part, Brandon Boyd remains a smart, insightful lyricist who will shock most of the music world by actually having something to say for himself. The album centers around the constant infiltration of modern media into — well, everything — and society's prevailing penchant for elevating anyone who can get themselves on TV. His lyrics cover a wide range from the optimistic to downright cynical, but he's always able to steer clear of bad rock clichés and unnecessary alliteration unlike many other writers.

**The Bottom Line:** Good, but not their best effort. Fans of the band should buy it, everyone else should stay tuned to MTV for further details.

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## Quick Picks: Film Review

*'Barbershop 2' offers audiences few laughs*

AMANDA LINGERFELT  
FEATURES EDITOR

So maybe fans of the first *Barbershop* weren't eagerly awaiting the sequel as much as, say, *Lord of the Rings* or *Harry Potter*, but fans still crowded the theater on opening day, eager with anticipation. What they got was a film full of lukewarm humor and forced acting.

*Barbershop 2: Back in Business* picks up pretty much where the first one left off. Calvin (Ice Cube) is still the owner of the barbershop, and the store is still an open forum for social and political discussion.

However, the neighborhood begins to see the effects of commercialism with new coffee shops and chain restaurants being put up on every corner. The final straw comes when Nappy Cutz, a national barbershop chain, is set to open directly across the street from Calvin's shop.

Calvin and his barbershop buddies begin a quest to improve the shop and save the neighborhood from becoming a sell-out.

This movie proves that rappers turned actors should only do one thing — stick to rapping. Ice Cube and co-star Eve don't come off as believable to the audience. Their cutesy mannerisms and slapstick humor do nothing but cause viewers to roll their eyes and beg for something else.

Queen Latifah is the one exception to this rule. She plays the role of Gina, a hairdresser at a nearby beauty shop (the same role that she will be playing in her upcoming movie, *The Beauty Shop*. Coincidence? I think not). This rapper-turned-actress shines as a comedic performer and it's a shame that she wasn't featured more in the film.

Cedric the Entertainer's



### Film Info

Film: 'Barbershop 2'

Starring: Ice Cube,

Cedric the Entertainer,

Eve, Queen Latifah

Release Date:

Feb. 3, 2004

character, Eddie, takes the comedy cake. Much like the first movie, Eddie's quips about politics and life in general carry the entire movie. His comments on R. Kelly, Bill Clinton and Luther Vandross are the only things making it worth seven bucks.

While bringing back all of the familiar faces from the first *Barbershop*, and adding even more new ones to the mix (i.e. the eternally unfunny Keenan Thompson as Calvin's nephew), *Barbershop 2* focuses too much on the romantic and personal sub-plots of minor characters.

**The Bottom Line:** If a couple of hilariously funny Cedric the Entertainer moments are worth the ticket price, then help yourself. Otherwise, you'll catch more thought-provoking humor on an episode of "Chappelle's Show."

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## Names in News

(KRT) — Courtney Love has done good. Well, relatively speaking. The absurdly embattled actress-singer actually made it to a Beverly Hills court Tuesday. Superior Court Judge Elden Fox then threw out the arrest warrant she had issued last week after Love failed to appear for a hearing involving felony charges of



illegal possession of two painkillers. (Love said she couldn't make the hearing because she didn't have a bodyguard to ensure her security.) The 39-year-old Love was unusually reserved in court and answered only, "Yes, ma'am," when asked by the judge if she would agree to appear March 16 for a preliminary hearing. The case stems from Love's Oct. 2 arrest outside a boyfriend's house.

### TINA THE GODDESS

We have always thought of Tina Turner as a sort of goddess. And now the 64-year-old singer and practicing Buddhist will play a real one — an Indian goddess, that is — in a movie helmed by those masters of the costume drama, Ismail Merchant and James Ivory.

Turner, who completed her farewell tour four years ago, told the *Times* of India, "I'm ready to move onto another kind of performance."

"I think Ismail (Merchant) chose me

because of my Shakti (strength) within... I'm special in that I've had a long run and I'm still here."

### CASH FAMILY STANDS GROUND

"Ring of Fire" has generated plenty of grade-school-level humor because of its gastric applicability, and now an advertising writer wants to use Johnny Cash's hit to pitch hemorrhoid-relief products.

TV producer Sula Miller of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said she thought of using the song, which was penned by Cash's wife, June Carter Cash, and Merle Kilgore, when she heard it on the radio while she had the condition.

But the Cash clan isn't having any of it. "We would never allow the song to be demeaned like that," Cash's daughter, Rosanne, told the *Tennessean* of Nashville. "The song is about the transformative power of love, and that's what it has always meant to me, and that's what it will always mean to the Cash children."

### COURIC'S NEW COIF

"Today" show fans may have noticed a change in Katie Couric's looks lately. The pixie NBC star is sporting some pretty long bangs. And, according to a report in *Women's Wear Daily*, they are there not as a fashion statement so much as camouflage. According to surgeon Cap Lesesne, wearing long bangs is a good way to hide forthcoming plastic surgery. Why would America's sweetheart need to go under the knife? Lesesne tells *WWD* that high-definition TV — which "Today" is yet to adopt — is merciless about its subjects' looks, and Couric is concerned about her aging brow. *WWD* says that no less a maestro of plastic surgery than Craig Foster, the man who reconstructed the face of the Central Park jogger, is scheduled to do the brow-lift. Foster's rep refused to confirm the report, while a "Today" rep declined comment.

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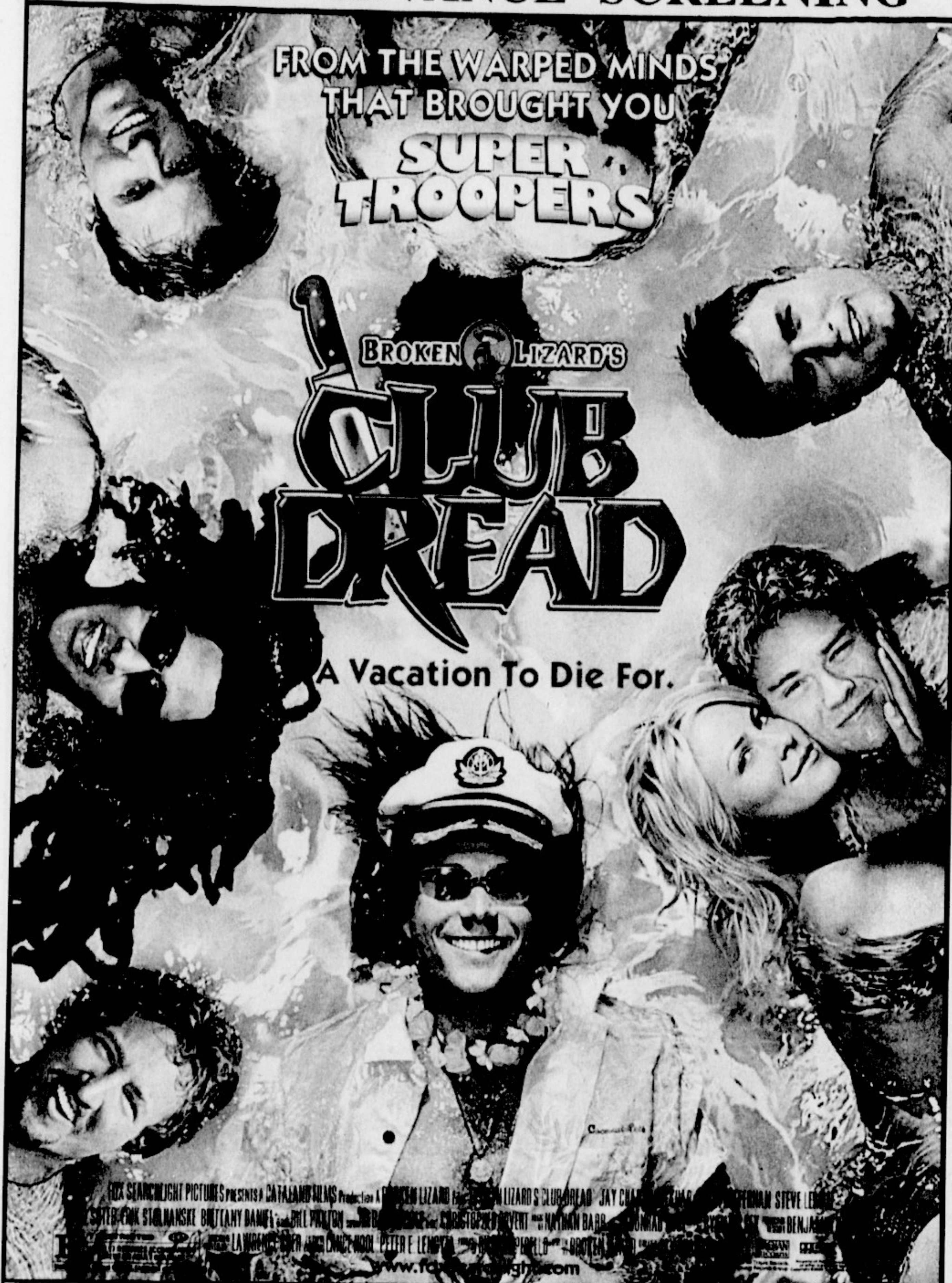
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## Trailer Bride to rock campus

Country band performs at Pirate Underground

STEPHANIE BRINCEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Rap and pop dominate the music scene at ECU. A new genre will be introduced Friday, Feb. 20. The ECU Student Union will present Trailer Bride, a country band who has toured nationally throughout the United States.

"Our goal is to generate different kinds of music that will bring new faces to the festivities," said Amanda Trail, chairperson of the Student Union popular entertainment committee.

"We also want to bring music that appeals to those who enjoy the country sound."

Trailer Bride is not your average country band. Spooky, swampy and Gothic are the words most often used to describe Trailer Bride's brand of country blues.

Melissa Swingle, lead singer, began her musical journey as the third member of an all girl band called Pussy Teeth.

At that time, Swingle had

little experience with the guitar. After becoming pregnant, Swingle was able to develop her unique sound on the guitar and learned to play exceptionally well.

When Pussy Teeth eventually broke up, Swingle formed a band with a man named Robert and they formed the band known today as Trailer Bride. The two sifted through many drummers until they found Brian, who made the dynamic group complete.

After two years, the band has become nationally known for their exotic and enchanting spin on country music.

Swingle's performance promises to be electric as she entices the crowd with her distinctive musical drawl. Her voice will capture the crowd in a spell-casting way as she sings about ghosts in trees and other mysterious things.

Southern to the core, Trailer Bride hypnotizes with songs of sex, sin and redemption. They are completely organic and unruly, with nature as their soul.

Another quality that sets Trailer Bride apart from the rest

is Swingle's ability to captivate audiences with unique and arrhythmic dances while engaging in amazing guitar solos.

"The quality of the music really gets you out of your seat and dancing," Trail said.

Trailer Bride's latest album, *Hope Is A Thing With Feathers*, is available now on Bloodshot Records.

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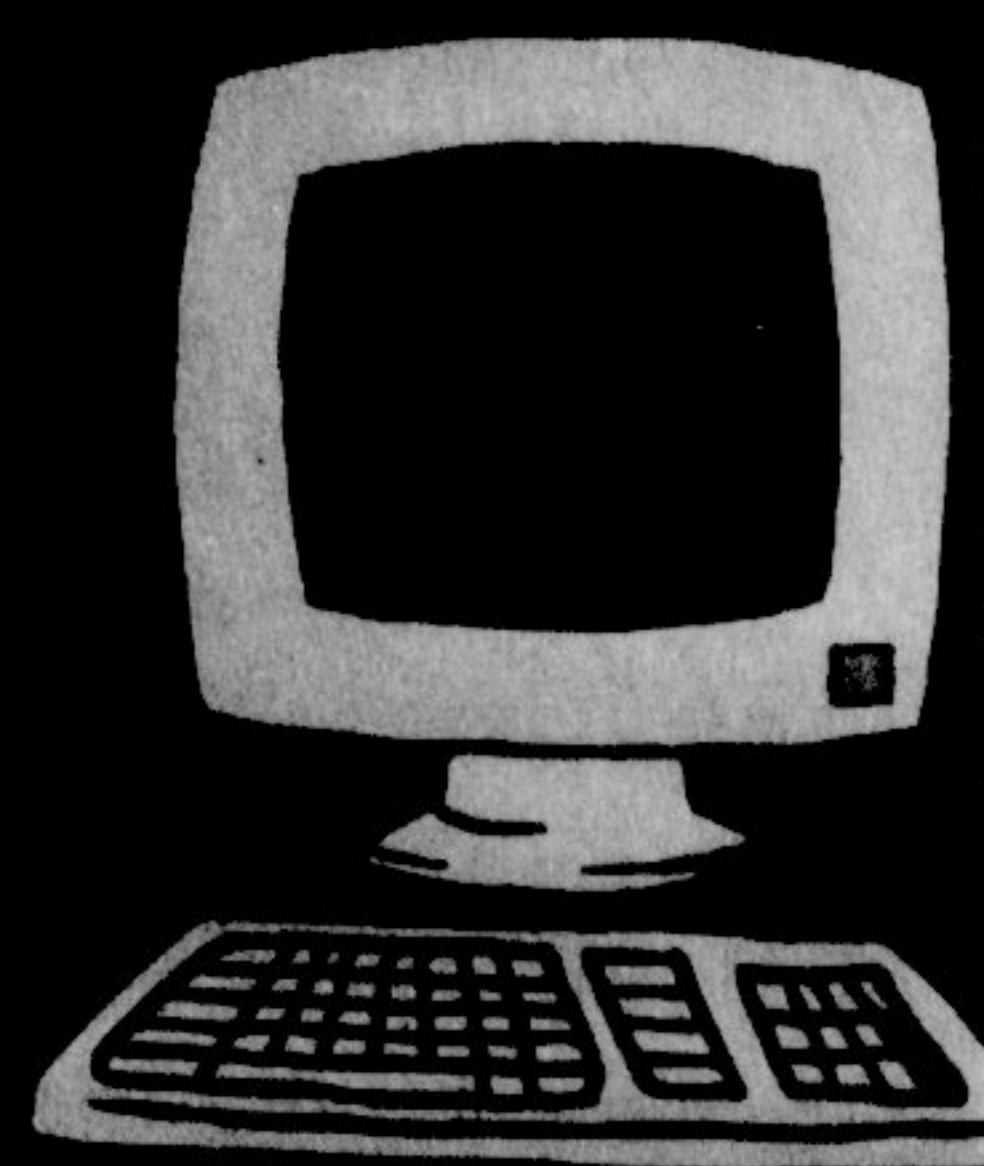
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## Catholics cautioned about 'Passion' film reaction

(KRT)—Fearful that Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ* will revive age-old tension between Christians and Jews over the death of Jesus Christ, U.S. bishops are issuing strict instructions on how Catholics should view the crucifixion.

A 150-page booklet, *The Bible, the Jews and the Death of Jesus*, will be released this week to every diocese in the United States, instructing Catholics on the Vatican's position: That Jews were not collectively responsible for Christ's torture and death.

"It gives people instructions about what they need to know about the passion and death of Christ," said Bill Ryan, a spokesman in Washington for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "But it is in no way a judgment on the film."

*The Passion*, which is to be released Feb. 25, has sparked Christian evangelical zeal and raised fear among Jews that the film's message could provoke anti-Semitism.

Official Vatican policy for nearly 40 years has been that the Jews were not collectively culpable for Christ's death, despite some depictions in the Gospels.

Gibson has said the script of his film is based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Those Gospels place part of the blame for the crucifixion on the Jews, both those living at the time and future generations.

In the introduction to the booklet issued by the Committee for Ecumenical Affairs of the bishops' conference, the author, Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, quotes from an address by Pope John Paul II in 1997.



The Catholic Church is concerned *The Passion of Christ* will cause conflicts with Jews.

"Erroneous and unjust interpretations of the New Testament regarding the Jewish people and their alleged culpability have circulated (in the Christian world) for too long, engendering feelings of hostility toward this people."

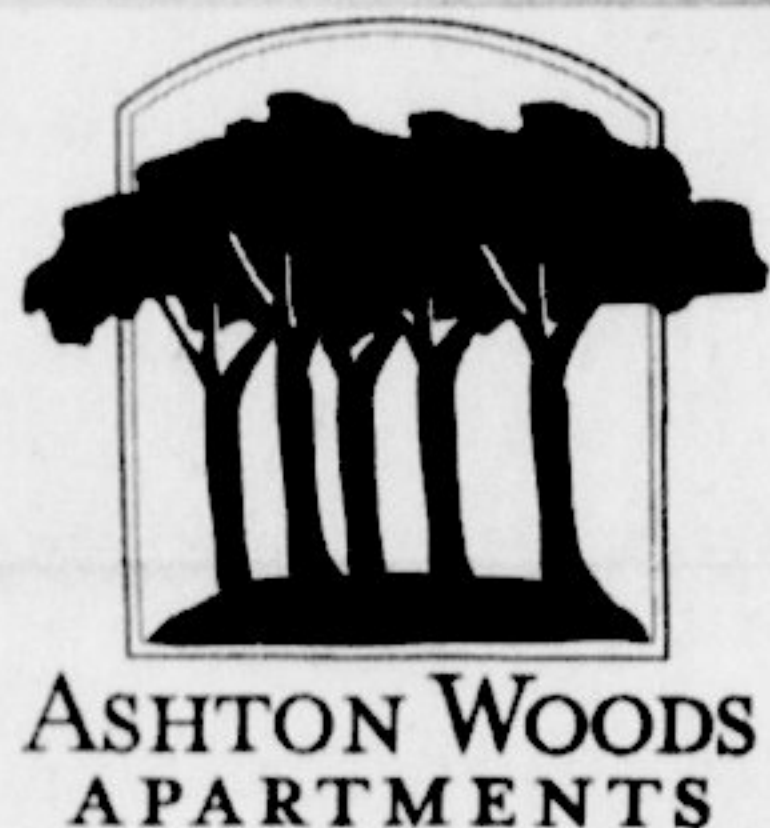
Scholars said the booklet, while not condemning the film, aims to set the record straight.

"The booklet is to reaffirm the church's position and to say that because Mel Gibson has done a film doesn't mean the church is changing its fundamental teaching," said Rev. Donald Senior, a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Biblical Commission and president of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

"The bishops are concerned that we could lose ground with our relationship with the Jewish community and the notion of collective responsibility that has been repudiated. I don't know if the film will reverse that. We have to see it and then make that judgment," said Senior.

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**Brother Outsider: the Life of Bayard Rustin** – Documentary on Bayard Rustin, who is best remembered as the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. Rated: NR.

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**50 First Dates** – starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore. A

veterinarian in Hawaii falls in love with a girl who has short-term memory loss and must repeatedly get her to fall in love with him so she'll remember their relationship. Rated: PG-13.

**Against the Ropes** – starring Meg Ryan and Omar Epps. The true story of Jackie Kallen, a Jewish woman from Detroit, who became the boxing manager of James Toney, Bronco McKart and Thomas Hearn by overcoming all odds. Rated: PG-13.



**Along Came Polly** – starring Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston and Phillip Seymour Hoffman. A newly wedded husband (Stiller) is cheated on by his wife during their Honeymoon. Soon after, he becomes involved in another relationship with a free-spirited woman named Polly (Aniston). Rated: PG-13.

**Barbershop 2** – starring Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer and Queen Latifah. Sequel to this fall's runaway hit – spend another day with the crew of Calvin's barbershop in the South Side of Chicago. Rated: R.

**The Butterfly Effect** – starring Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart and Melora Walters. A young man with a dark and troubled past discovers that he has the ability to travel back in time and occupy his childhood body. He soon finds that with every trip back in time, it alters his future, leading him to keep traveling back to repair the damage, with disastrous results. Rated: R.

**Catch That Kid** – starring Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu and Max Theierot. A youngster who, with the help of two friends, robs the state-of-the-art bank where her mother works to acquire the cash needed for a costly operation to save her ailing father. Rated: PG.

**Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen** – starring Lindsay Lohan, Adam Garcia and Alison Pill. A girl moves from the Big Apple to the suburbs and finds herself out of place when competing for the lead in her new school's drama department. Rated: PG.

**Eurotrip** – starring Scott Mechlowica and Jacob Pitts. An American teen discovers that his German pen pal who helped him translate his homework is a beautiful girl and sets off to Europe to meet her. Rated: R.

**The House of Sand and Fog** – starring Jennifer Connelly and Ben Kingsley. A man who struggles



to make ends meet sees his golden opportunities in a house that is being sold back for taxes. The house was wrongfully taken from its owner, who vows to get it back at any cost. Rated: R.

**Miracle** – starring Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson and Noah Emmerich. The amazing story of the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team, which stunned the heavily favored Soviet squad in the semifinals to advance to the championship game, inspiring the famous question: "Do you believe in miracles?" Rated: PG.

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### AGUILERA'S EBAY DIP

We'd like to thank the staff over at Gawker.com for bringing this one to our attention: Someone in the U.K. is selling a thong belonging to Christina Aguilera, as well as a "sealed tub" of pool water into which Miss Aguilera took a dip during a photo shoot for *Maxim* magazine.

If you like that sort of thing, the eBay auction ends Wednesday, and the leading bid as of Tuesday afternoon was a tidy \$561.44.

### POP-TART DETENTE?

We think it would only be appropriate for that other sweet pop tart, Britney Spears, to buy Christina's pool water. And she just might. According to MSNBC.com's "The Scoop," the two former Mouseketeers, who've been feuding over the past months, may bury the hatchet. Christina reportedly sent Brit a letter suggesting the pair become friends again, and a source tells MSNBC.com that Brit may well take her up on it. No comments from either one of the girls' reps.



### MOVIE-STARLET DETENTE?

The smackdown between Lindsay Lohan and Hilary Duff may also be over. The two former girlfriends of pop doll Aaron Carter have been trading insults for a while.

The drama climaxed last month when Duff, 16, reportedly kicked Lohan out of the premiere of her flick, *Cheaper by the Dozen*. But now Lohan, 17, said it's time to move on. The star of *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* told Diane Sawyer on ABC's "Good Morning America" Tuesday the spat is "silly" and "unnecessary" and extended an olive branch to Duff.

### "DIARY" STORK REPORT

The creator of Bridget Jones has created a baby of her own. Helen Fielding's rep said on Monday that the author of *Bridget Jones's Diary* gave birth to a boy in L.A. Wednesday. "It all went very well, and all three of us are overjoyed," Fielding and partner Kevin Curran said. "The baby currently has 12 names, but we are working on narrowing it down a bit."



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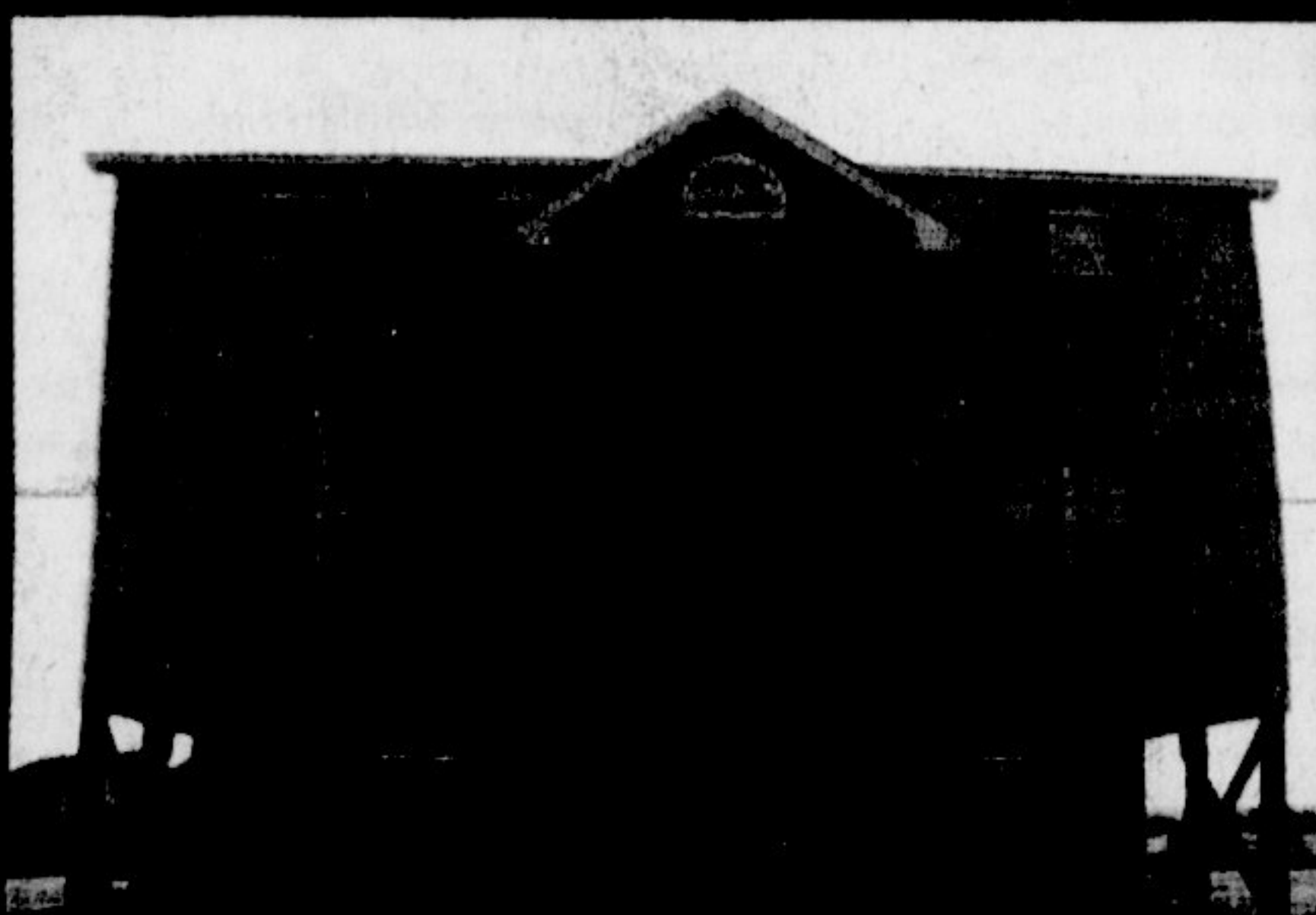
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## Announcements

## Water Polo Tournament

The ECU women's club water polo team will travel to Richmond, Virginia this weekend to participate in their first tournament of the season. The Lady Pirates will square off against the University of Richmond, the University of Virginia and James Madison University. The ladies had one tourney in November this past fall in Connecticut against Yale, Boston University and Cornell. They finished 1-3 overall with a victory coming against Cornell in their second game against them. The tournament this weekend begins at 10 am on Saturday and the last game will be played at 11:15 am on Sunday. For those unfamiliar with the sport of water polo, positions include goalie, offensive players consist of a hole set (center) and two drivers (forwards) and defensive players also have a hole set with two wings complementing either side of the pool.

## Smoke &amp; Mirrors

Hollywood's Smoke and Mirrors, Fitness, Feb. 25; 5-6pm. Learn how the media manipulate images to fit an unreal ideal. You may not believe your eyes! This interactive program includes a short video and discussion on how to fight back and learn to recognize and respect our uniqueness.

## ECU to host Hampton Inn/Pirate Classic

The East Carolina softball team will host the 2004 Hampton Inn/Pirate Classic this weekend. Games will be played at both the ECU Softball Field and D.H. Conley High School. East Carolina will play all four of its round-robin games on its home field. On Friday, the Pirates face Delaware at 10 a.m. and Fairfield at 12 p.m. ECU will then take on George Mason at noon on Saturday, followed by a game against Towson at 2 p.m. Each team will play each other once and then be seeded into a single-elimination tournament which will be held on Sunday. The Pirates are 2-0-1 after playing three games at the Triangle Classic in Raleigh this past weekend. ECU claimed victories over both Virginia and Liberty, and earned a tie against Elon after play was halted in the top of the seventh due to adverse weather conditions.

## Sports Briefs

## Men's golf finishes 14th at Pinar Intercollegiate

The East Carolina men's golf team finished 14th in its first tournament of the spring season after posting a 54-hole total 923 at the UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate. The tournament was being held at the par-72, 6,978-yard course at the Rio Pinar Country Club in Orlando, Fla. The Pirates (39-47-3) were one of 18 teams participating in the tournament along with: Davidson, USF, Oral Roberts, Mercer, Coastal Carolina, Lamar, Wofford, South Alabama, Texas-Arlington, Kansas, Indiana, Richmond, Belmont, Middle Tennessee State, Jacksonville, Florida Atlantic and host school Central Florida.

## Iverson upset about not starting

Allen Iverson didn't take his removal from Philadelphia's starting lineup lightly, and he let everyone know how he felt about 76ers interim coach Chris Ford. The star guard expressed his displeasure with Ford after Philadelphia lost to the Denver Nuggets 106-85 Tuesday night behind 28 points from Carmelo Anthony. Iverson, who missed Monday's practice and was held out of the starting lineup by Ford, led the 76ers with 27 points and a season-high 14 assists. He entered the game with 4:39 left in the first quarter and played 36 minutes overall. Iverson said his plane was delayed after he played in the All-Star Game in Los Angeles. Ford, named head coach on Feb. 10, coached his second game with the Sixers on Tuesday. Ford didn't respond to Iverson's remarks, saying before the game he was benching Iverson for an unexcused absence from practice.

## Van Horn won't play vs. Clippers

Keith Van Horn will not make his debut with the Milwaukee Bucks until Saturday night against the Los Angeles Clippers. Van Horn passed his physical Tuesday, but the 6-foot-10 forward is returning to New York to attend to family matters. He was acquired Sunday in a three-team trade that sent forward Tim Thomas to New York and center Joel Przybilla to Atlanta. Bucks coach Terry Porter said Van Horn would be back in Milwaukee in time for practice Thursday. That will give him two days of practice.

## Jurors in Williams' trial hear 911 call

Jurors in the manslaughter trial of former NBA star Jayson Williams heard an audiotape of the frantic 911 call that prosecutors say gives conflicting accounts of the fatal shooting of a limousine driver at Williams' home. The caller, Williams' brother Victor, is heard telling an operator first that a man has been shot, then that the shooting was an accident and the man shot himself. Jayson Williams faces up to 55 years in prison if convicted in the Feb. 14, 2002 death of 55-year-old driver Costas "Gus" Christofi. Williams, a former center for the New Jersey Nets, is accused of trying to make the death look like a suicide and urging guests at his mansion to lie to investigators. At the beginning of the 911 call, Victor Williams tells the dispatcher that the victim appears to be alive. He frantically urges others at the home to follow the dispatcher's instructions to put pressure on the wound. Later, he says the victim does not appear to be breathing.

## Bulls officially waive Williams

The Chicago Bulls waived guard Jay Williams on Tuesday, two weeks after reaching a contract buyout with the guard whose career is in jeopardy following a motorcycle accident. NBA rules require a player to be put on waivers after a team and the player make a settlement on their contract. The buyout was worth about \$3 million. Williams had two more years worth, about \$7.7 million, left on his original deal. Williams was riding a new motorcycle last June 19 when the bike got away from him and slammed into a utility pole. He severed a main nerve in his leg, fractured his pelvis and tore three of the four main ligaments in his left knee. He spent two weeks at a Chicago hospital before being transferred to Duke University Medical Center, where he has been rehabbing. Williams, 22, led Duke to the national championship in 2001. He was drafted in the first round a year later by the Bulls with great expectations. He had his ups and downs as a rookie, before finally losing his starting spot. He averaged 9.5 points and 4.7 assists in 75 games as a rookie.

## Pirates cream Campbell 10-2

ECU blows game wide open in third inning

BRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

On a day in which the wind chill dipped into the thirties, the ECU bats never felt the affect of the cold as the Pirates pounded out ten runs off of eleven hits to send the Campbell Camels packing 10-2.

ECU opened the scoring in the third with four runs off of four hits and an error.

Billy Richardson reached via the error by Camel third baseman Nick Popp to begin the big inning for the Pirates. After a sacrifice fly from Jamie Paige moved Richardson to second, Trevor Lawhorn singled to right field to bring the senior shortstop home for the first run of the contest.

Trevor continued his incredible start to the season by going three for three on the day, and upped his average to an astonishing .533 to begin the year.

"Trevor's a good player, and that's no fluke what he is doing right now. He gives us a lot of energy and he is going to be an important guy for us this season. I tell you what, he is the guy we



The Pirates have started out the season with a well-balanced attack of both explosive offense and power pitching. Delaware will come to town this weekend to challenge unbeaten ECU.

want at the plate right now," said head coach Randy Mazey.

After the RBI single from Trevor, brother Darryl Lawhorn then singled to put the twins on the corners with one away. Ryan Norwood stepped to the plate next and delivered a single to left that allowed Trevor to score.

A groundout by Drew Costanzo that produced another run set the stage for

Mark Minniccozi's RBI double to left the brought home Norwood, pushing the Pirate lead to 4-0.

ECU picked up the home half of the fourth in almost carbon

copy style of the previous inning. Ryan Jones led off the frame with a double to left and later scored on a sac fly from Paige.

After Trevor singled and Darryl walked, Norwood drove an outside fastball the other way

see **BASEBALL** page C3

## ECU collects second C-USA victory

Wiley breaks out of recent shooting slump

ROBERT LEONARD  
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's basketball team picked up its second conference win last night against the Green Wave of Tulane, 76-66. Senior Derek Wiley led the Pirates with a game high 22 points. Wiley was also perfect from the three point line and the foul line, going two-for-two from long range and six-for-six from the charity stripe.

ECU started off with an early lead of 10-4, but Tulane fought back to tie the game at 10. The Pirates would then go on a run and increase their lead to 31-17. At this point, it looked like the Pirates would coast to an easy victory, but sparked by a few turnovers and a breakdown on the defensive side of the court, Tulane cut it to a 3-point half time deficit.

"We were on the verge of blowing them out," said Head Coach Bill Herriion. "But we broke down defensively. I was really disappointed by this stretch."

The second half started off with Tulane dunk, which cut the lead to one, and after eight and a half minutes of play in the second half, the score was tied 52-52. The Pirates would fight back and after a Belton Rivers three pointer, they would lead by seven. ECU would not look back from this point on and they did something down the stretch they haven't done all season - hit their free throws.

The difference in this game and previous games was the Pirates ability to close out the game.

"The game got close" Herriion explained. "But we finally made plays"

Three Pirates other than Wiley scored in double figures. Among those were Erroyl Bing (12), Mike Cook (14) and Belton Rivers (16). Bing also pulled down 11 rebounds for a double-double. Mike Cook continued to look good at the point as he dished out six assists and Moussa Badianne continued to dominate the defensive end of the floor recording six blocked shots.

Tulane Head Coach Shawn Finney was impressed with the play of Badianne on the defensive end of the court.



Rivers had a 16-point game against Tulane last night.

"Badianne changed so many shots," Finney said. "He caused us to really start looking over our shoulder."

The Pirates now have two conference wins and Tulane has only three, which helps the Pirates mission to make the

C-USA tournament. The victory not only puts ECU one step closer to the tourney, but also gives them an all-important tiebreaker with the Green Wave.

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## Lady Pirates on two-game road swing

Women in midst of six-game losing streak

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ECU will hit the road this weekend and travel to Cincinnati for a match-up Friday, before heading to Louisville on Sunday. The Lady Pirates have dropped six straight after starting Conference USA with five straight wins.

The ECU women (14-10, 5-6) need to grab at least one conference win this weekend for seeding implications in the conference tournament. The Lady Pirates are currently holding the eighth spot in the conference standings. They are only one game above USF and would like to create some breathing room with wins this weekend.

DePaul and Houston are in a two-way tie for the conference lead at 10-1. DePaul is currently ranked No. 11, the highest ranking ever for a C-USA team. Houston and TCU are both currently ranked in the top 20 in the nation, which marks the first time that three C-USA teams are in the top 20. The Lady Pirates will expect a big effort from senior forward/center Courtney Willis. Willis bumped her scoring average up last weekend when she went for 40 and 23 respectively.



The Lady Pirates have struggled in conference play.

She is averaging 19.1 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.

Those totals are good for fourth in the conference in both categories. The standout senior moved into sixth place all-time in Lady Pirate career-scoring, passing Lydia Roundtree. Willis

needs just 53 points to move into the top five.

Jennifer Jackson wants to put her name in the ECU books also. She needs four points to join 17 other Lady Pirates scoring 1,000 points for a career. Jackson just missed a career-high against TCU

by scoring 29. Two days later, she scored a game-high 24 against Houston. The Farmville, Va. native scored 15 of her 24 points in the first half. The junior guard is also averaging 15.4 points per game and 6.7 rebounds, which puts her at second on the team in both categories.

The Lady Pirates will have their best chance at a victory when they take on the Cincinnati Bearcats. The University of Cincinnati (12-13, 3-8) currently sits at tenth in the conference and is one of four teams yet to secure a bid for the conference tournament. Cincinnati split their conference games last weekend by defeating Southern Miss before falling to lowly Tulane.

Cincinnati will be led by scoring threat Valerie King. King just became the second player in UC history to reach the 2,000-point mark when she scored 22 points at Southern Miss. King shot 70 percent from behind the arc on the weekend to move into eighth-place in Division I-A history with 312 three pointers. King averages 14.2 points per game.

The leading scorer on UC's club is actually Debbie Merrill who will have to contend with Willis in the paint. Merrill averages 15.2 points and 7.5 rebounds per game. ECU and Cincinnati

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## TCU to visit Greenville this Saturday

Pirates looking at another critical series

TRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

Starting a conference season at 1-10 may have most teams hanging their heads in defeat and giving up on the season. The Pirates are a different ball team, however, who have suffered heartbreaker after heartbreaker, played great

basketball night in and night out and are not playing like a 1-10 team.

"We're still determined to make the tournament," said senior guard Derrick Wiley. "We're still motivated no matter how everybody else might look at it. We've got confidence, we're motivated. We've just got to keep playing hard and make shots."

Wiley and the Pirates' determination have put them in good position

to win several games in conference play this year, the latest coming at UAB on Saturday.

"I just think the competition has a lot to do with our losses — this is probably the best and most balanced this league has ever been," said ECU head coach, Bill Herriion.

"The difference is, these other teams have guys that are stepping up late in games and making plays. We haven't had that guy, and I think

that's what's hurt us."

Although the Pirates played tough enough to win those games, they now find themselves in a tight position late in the conference season.

"Obviously, we're getting down to the nitty-gritty. So if we want to get to the Conference USA tournament, we have to win these games down the stretch," said Herriion.

The Pirates are defi-

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## Stanford at top spot in TEC rankings

Duke sacked by Pack

BRANDON HUGHES  
SENIOR WRITER

The Stanford Cardinals have overtaken the No. 1 ranking after former top seed Duke was upset over the weekend by NC State. Stanford remains undefeated and should stay that way with games this week against USC (10-12) and UCLA (10-11).

St. Joseph's leap-frogged the Blue Devils into the No. 2 spot and are also unbeaten. Only a major letdown will prevent the Hawks from wrapping up the regular season unblemished. Some scoff at a soft schedule, but the Hawks continue to dominate their opponents night in and night out and many are beginning to realize just how talented St. Joseph's really is.

Duke falls back after a disappointing defeat at the hands of the NC State Wolfpack. The pressure defense the Blue Devils prided themselves on disappeared in Raleigh as a sea of red rushed the floor after a 78-74 win.

Mississippi State continues to climb the polls as they come in at No. 4 this week. The Bulldogs'

sole loss came after a last-second tip-in by Kentucky. The upstart squad should coast to a SEC regular season title.

Pitt has been near the top of the list for most of the season and certainly deserve their No. 5 ranking after beating conference foe Connecticut 75-68 last week. The Panthers still have two tough tests remaining against Providence and Syracuse.

Oklahoma State has been steamrolling over opponents, including in-state rival Oklahoma earlier in the week. The Cowboys have won 10 straight since their only conference loss to Texas Tech.

Once known as a perennial "Cinderella" team come tournament time, Gonzaga is starting to become a household name in the TEC Top 10. The Zags are steadily climbing with their only losses to No. 1 Stanford and No. 2 St. Joseph's.

Head coach Tubby Smith's Wildcats fall to No. 8 after a tough 74-68 loss to Georgia. Ranked No. 1 earlier in the season, Kentucky has had an up and down ride, but still find themselves in the top 10 with just four losses.

Texas sneaks into the rankings at No. 9 even after a

78-77 loss to Iowa State. The Longhorns center James Thomas has been a major disappointment this season. Once hailed as an All-American candidate after averaging 11.3 points and 11.0 rebounds as a junior, the senior has scored in double figures just twice this season and both points and rebound production have been cut nearly in half.

U-Conn is holding the No. 10 spot barely after two big losses to Notre Dame and Pitt. The Huskies have five 1's on their schedule but will have a shot at revenge against the Fighting Irish on Feb. 21.

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### TEC Top Ten

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	Stanford (6)	21-0	120
2	St. Joseph's	22-0	109
3	Duke	21-2	107
4	Miss. St.	21-1	106
5	Pittsburgh	23-2	93
6	Oklahoma St.	20-2	90
7	Gonzaga	21-2	89
8	Kentucky	17-4	72
9	Texas	17-4	62
10	Louisville	19-5	61

## Carmen Policy: Clarett might be only beneficiary of ruling

BEREA, Ohio (KRT)—Ohio State sophomore tailback Maurice Claret has always been somewhat of a lone wolf. Cleveland Browns president Carmen Policy thinks that might be the case again.

Policy said Tuesday that Claret might be the only beneficiary of U.S. District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin's Feb. 5 ruling declaring the NFL's requirements to enter the draft a violation of antitrust law.

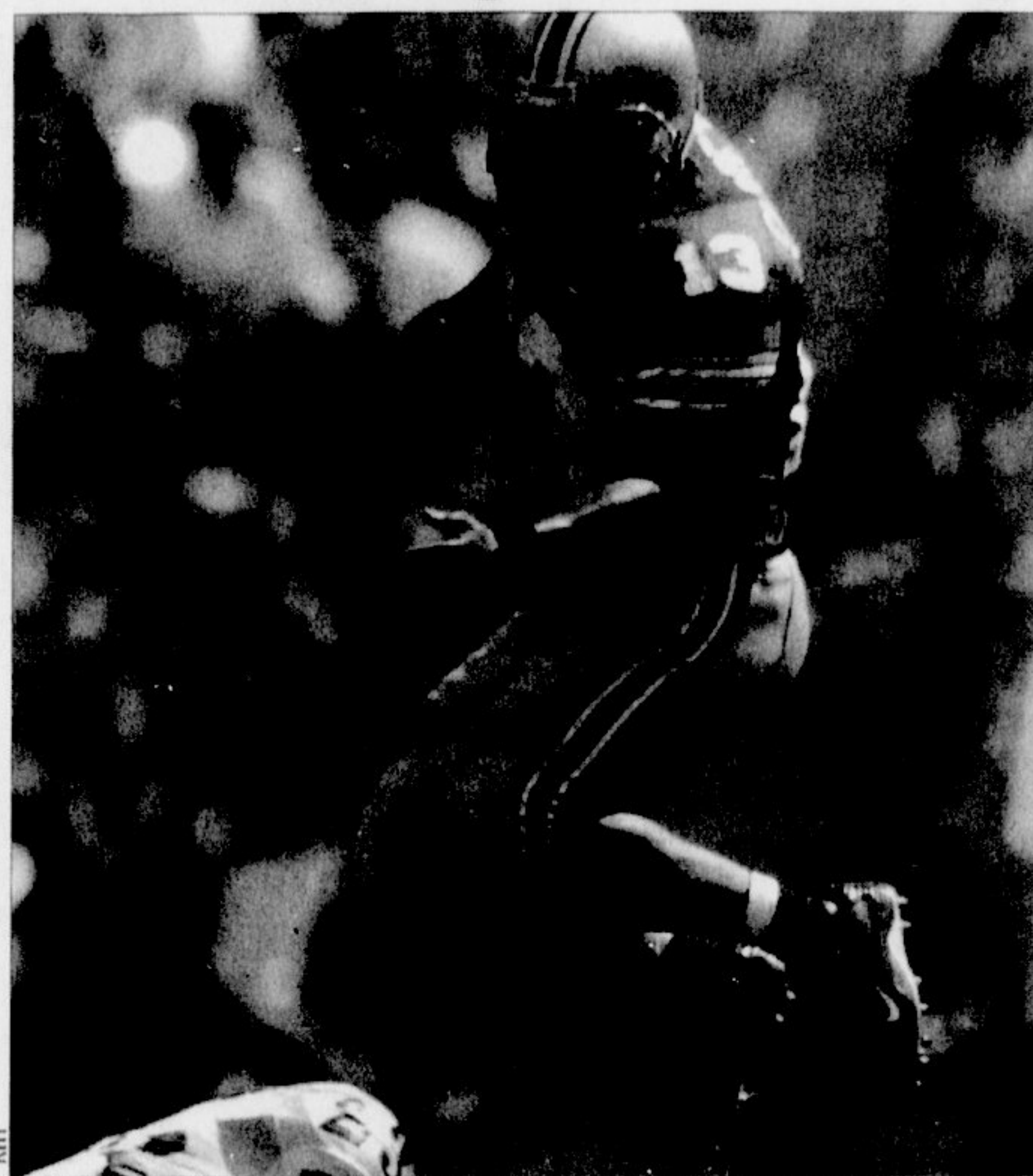
"I think that decision is so preliminary and short-lived, it's not going to have a chance to impact the league," Policy said.

"It may only impact the league in terms of one player in this draft and that's Maurice Claret. I believe from a legal standpoint the decision will be reversed in the court of appeals."

The NFL's request to Scheindlin for a stay was rejected, and the league has not yet taken its case to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. An appeal isn't likely to impact Claret, who will attend the league-scouting combine, which opens Wednesday and runs through Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Claret's attorney, Alan Milstein, said Monday that Claret has hired an agent, which would mean he has forfeited his remaining college eligibility.

"It's the NFL's position that our college draft, including the qualifications, is part and parcel of our collective bargaining agreement. And a collective bargaining agreement can take the parties beyond the normal



Maurice Claret pushed his way into the upcoming NFL draft.

restrictions that are created by antitrust law and they supercede the antitrust provisions." Policy said, when asked why he felt so strongly that the ruling would be overturned.

The league's rule that a player's high school class must be three years removed from graduation for him to be eligible for the draft is not printed in the CBA, but the NFL argued that it was mutually agreed upon by the players association.

If Policy's prediction doesn't come true, Browns coach Butch Davis worries about the ruling's impact on colleges.

"I think it's a bad ruling from the standpoint that for every one successful guy there's going to be 50 guys who are going to make a tragic mistake," Davis said.

"They're going to give up their college career, they're going to give up their college education, they're not going to make it in the NFL if but for a very limited amount of time. I don't think they have a great appreciation for how tough and how physical and how long and what a grind 20 to 23 games in the NFL can be on an 18-, 19-, 20-year old kid."

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to right field, ushering in Trevor for 6-0 lead.

Costanzo then ripped a 2 RBI single that allowed Darryl and Norwood to scoot home for the Pirates, increasing the advantage to 8-0.

"We were pretty efficient today, with the number of hits almost matching the number of runs. We aren't leaving as many guys on as we did last weekend," said Mazey. "I told the guys, that today was our best offensive output since I've been at ECU."

The Pirate pitchers didn't have to be great today in order to get the win, but starting pitcher Carter Harrell refused to turn in a sub-par performance as he dazzled the crowd with his outing. Harrell pitched five scoreless innings only allowing two hits and one walk, while striking out six.

With the win, Harrell improves to 2-0 on the season.

ECU used four different pitchers against Campbell, and the quartet combined to allow only two runs, both coming in

a three hit eighth inning for the Camels.

The Pirates improve to 4-0 on the season heading as the head into this weekend's series against perennial power Delaware. ECU will play three games against the Blue Hens starting on Friday at 3 p.m. and continuing on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively. Tickets are still available.

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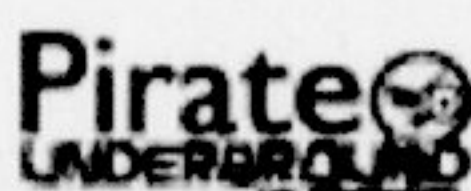


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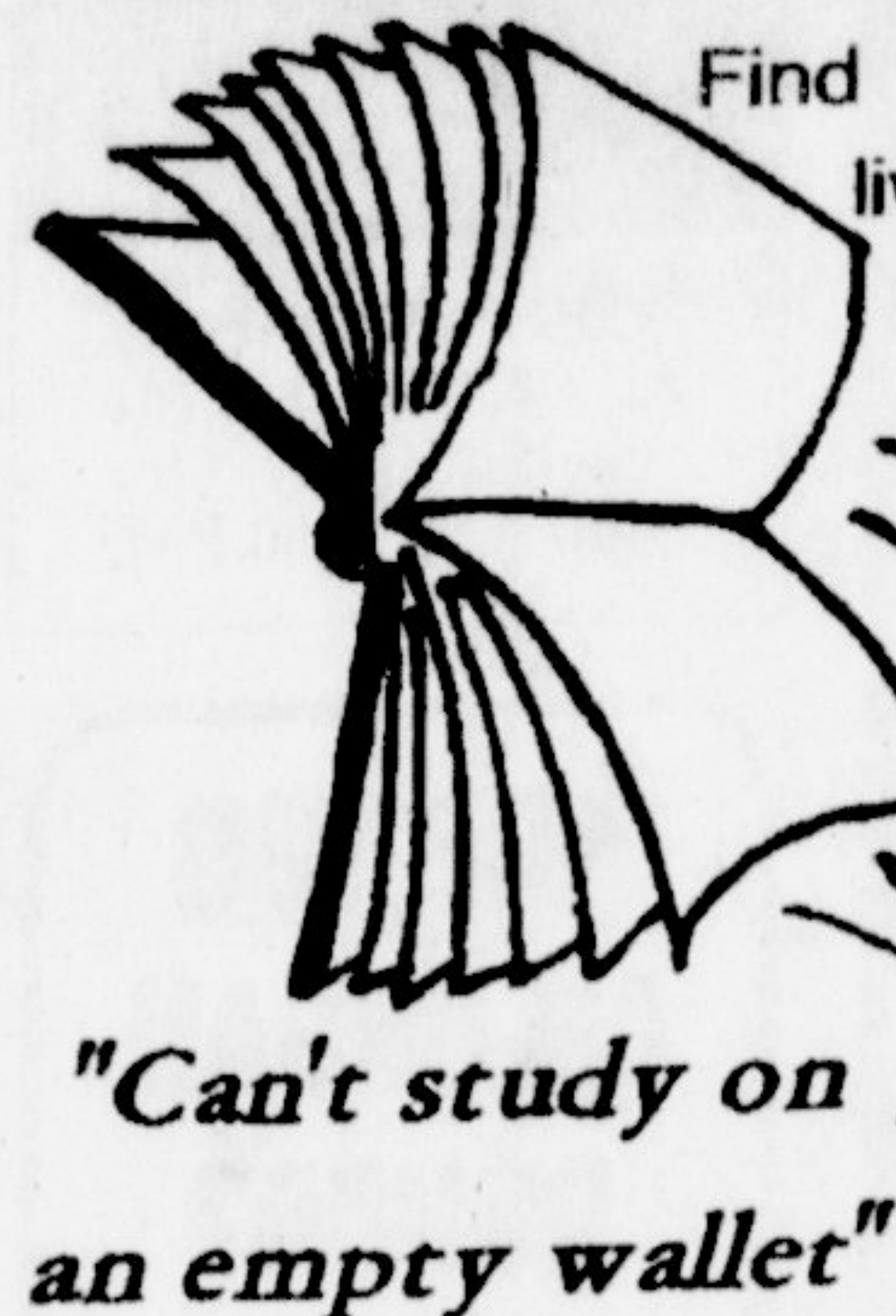
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## Eastern Conference suffers coach casualties

LOS ANGELES (KRT) — Out-spoken TNT analyst and former NBA great Charles Barkley playfully patted the back of former New Jersey Nets coach Byron Scott last week and told him he was checking for knife wounds left by his "backstabbing" players.

Since last season, Scott is just one of 14 Eastern Conference coaching casualties to fall prey to those NBA serial murderers known as "coach killers."

Atlanta Hawks coach Terry Stotts, who replaced Lon Kruger on Dec. 26, 2002, is the only one left standing from last season. At 18-35 and with new owners coming in, Stotts' might soon become victim No. 15.

Whether it's impatient general managers, egotistical new director of operations, burnout or petulant superstars, coaches are becoming a vanishing breed in the weaker Eastern Conference, where only five teams took records of .500 or better into the All-Star break.

"Nothing really surprises me the way things are going," said Celtics All-Star guard Paul Pierce, who was stunned when Boston coach Jim O'Brien suddenly resigned last month due to personnel/personal differences with new boss Danny Ainge.

"I probably couldn't name five coaches from the East."

O'Brien was replaced by assistant John Carroll. Who?

None of the seven midseason coaching changes were more a product of player insurrection than the dismissal of Scott, who had led the Nets to consecutive NBA Finals and first place (22-20) in the watered-down Atlantic before GM Rod Thorn pulled the plug.

As for his growing reputation as a coach killer, All-Star point guard Jason Kidd was given credit for the assist that led to Scott's dismissal.

Kidd has also been blamed for getting his college coach Lou Campanelli fired midway during his freshman season at Cal, as well as for dividing the 3 J's in Dallas (Kidd, Jim Jackson



Jason Kidd has been blamed for Byron Scott's dismissal.

and Jamal Mashburn) in the late 1990s.

"The only thing we run in the league is up and down the floor," Kidd said during All-Star media day on Friday.

"If you get traded, do they feel guilty?"

"From you guys (media), in my case I've always been a coach killer. Instead, I've been a coach maker, because if you look at the stats, of all the coaches I played for, they got fired after I left...except the one that just took place."

As if flicking on a light switch, the Nets have reeled off 10 consecutive victories, nine with new coach Lawrence Frank at the helm, to tie a record for the best start by a new coach.

"Everybody loved Coach Scott or we wouldn't have gotten

to the finals. Things got real stagnant," Kidd continued.

"In the last two weeks we gained that confidence, a sort of cockiness we needed to have to be on center stage. (Frank) reminded us."

76ers superstar Allen Iverson, whose tardiness and distaste for practice drove former Philadelphia coach Larry Brown crazy and to Detroit after six tumultuous years, said that players should feel blue when their coach gets a pink slip.

A few games after Iverson publicly ripped his teammates for a lack of heart, Brown's successor Randy Ayers was fired following just 52 games (21-31) and replaced by retread Chris Ford.

"We had a lot to do with Randy getting fired," the five-time All-Star guard admitted.

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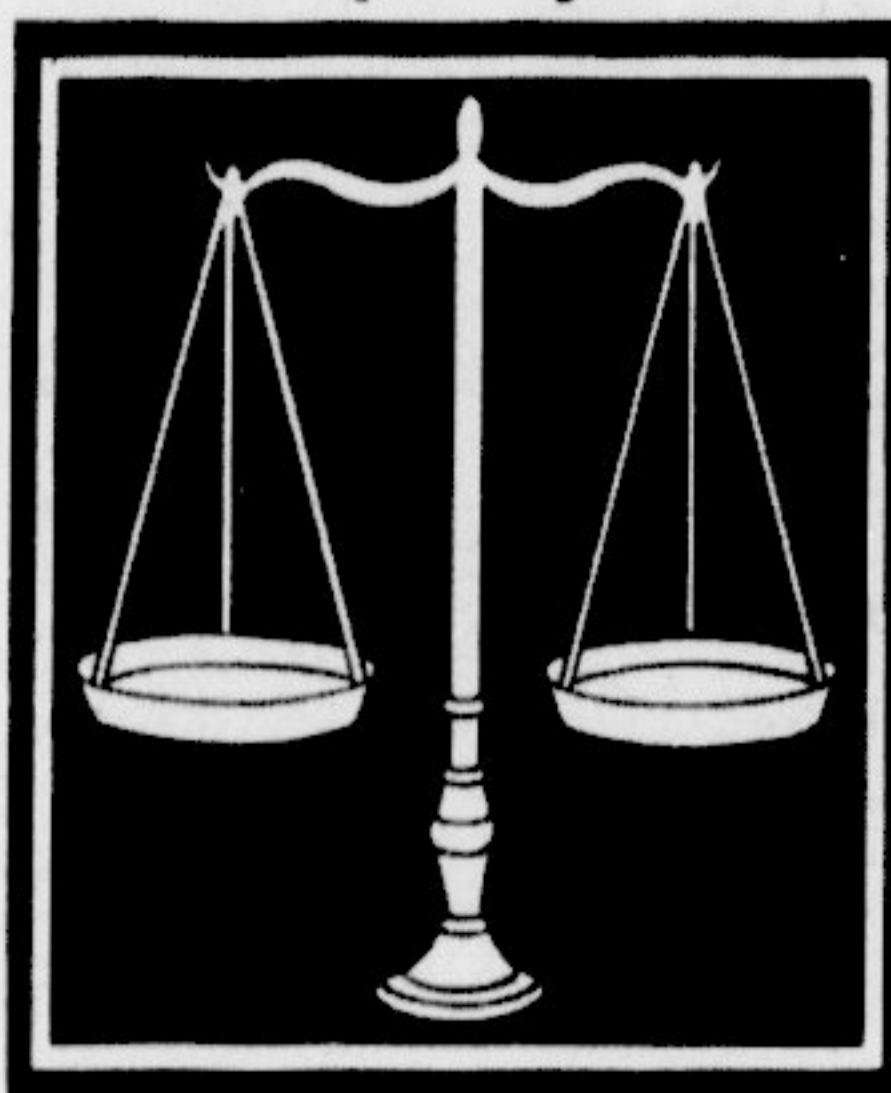
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have met only four times and just twice since 1983, with UC winning both meetings.

The women will face a tough game on Sunday when they are set to face Louisville. The Cardinals (16-8, 8-3) are currently tied for fourth place in the conference standings. Louisville is the hottest team in the conference, high off of six straight conference wins including a victory over No. 17 Houston in overtime. Sara Nord, who is averaging 17.8 points per

contest, will lead Louisville.

The senior is a Nancy Liberman Award Finalist, an award designed to honor the nation's best point guard. Nord was recently named C-USA Player of the Week when she helped lead her team to wins over UAB and USF. Nord is one of three Cards to have started each game this year.

Jazz Covington will give the Lady Pirates a threat to deal with in the post. Covington has recorded eight double-doubles

this year as she averages 16.5 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

The Lady Pirates will conclude their regular season when they travel to play Charlotte, a team they beat by 25 earlier this year. The Lady Pirates have clinched a spot in the Conference Tournament, which will take place in Dallas-Fort Worth Feb. 4-9.

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nitely getting down to the "nitty-gritty". They will face a tough TCU opponent Saturday in Minges Coliseum, another game with serious postseason implications.

With their huge blowout win of Louisville on Tuesday night (71-46), the Horned Frogs moved to 6-5 in conference play. TCU did not have any impressive wins on the season before this point, which is why

the spanking of the Cardinals was a huge shock to the college basketball nation.

The Horned Frogs are a very perimeter oriented team as one-third of their shots have been jacked up from behind the arc this season. Guards Corey Santee and Marcus Shropshire lead the team in scoring and pose the biggest threat from outside.

If the Pirates can

contain these shooters, they have a chance at winning another critical game.

"I'm very proud of the way these kids are playing right now. I don't think I could get any more out of them, effort-wise," said Herrion.

"We've just got to go out and find a way to win a game."

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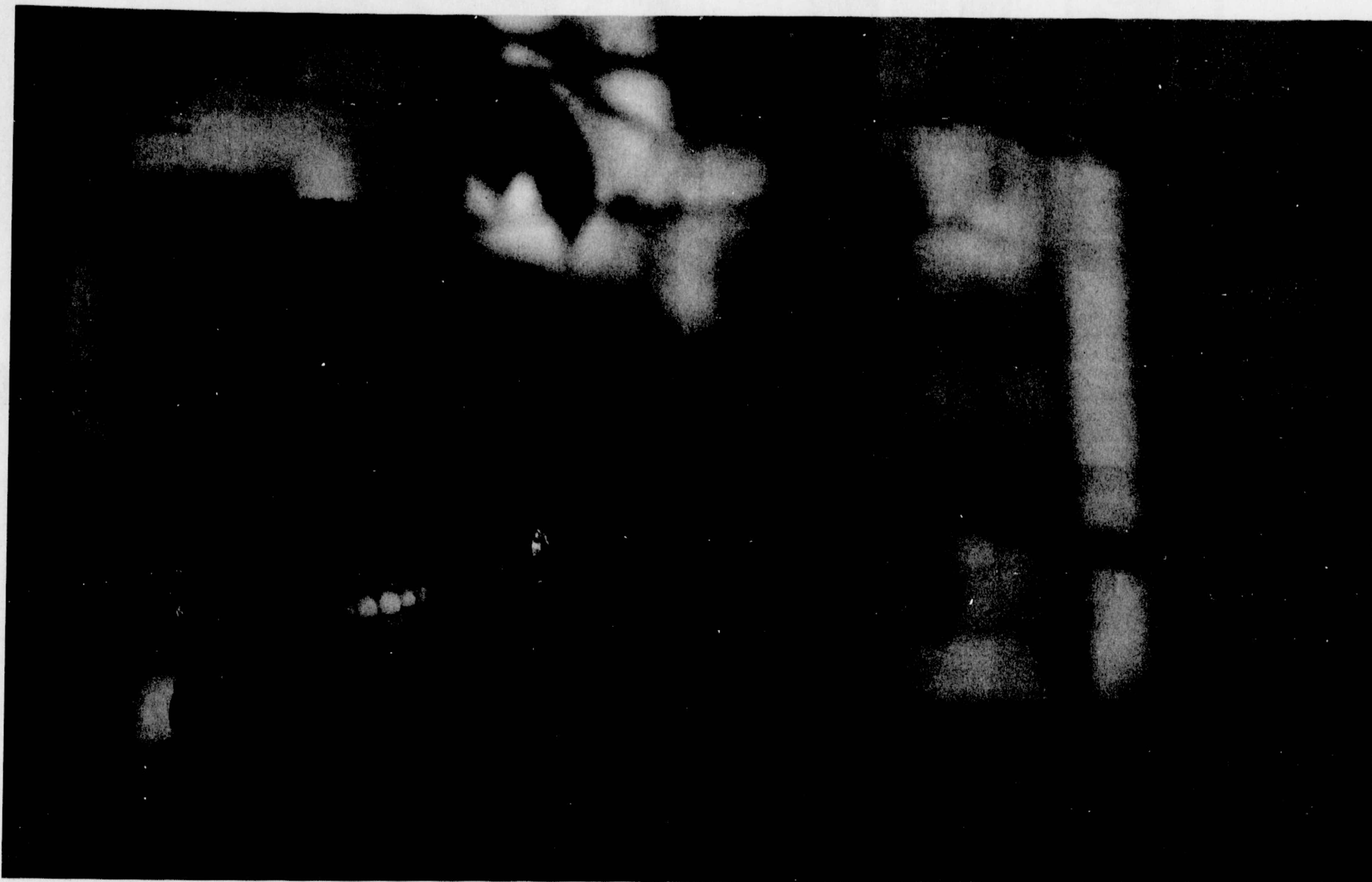
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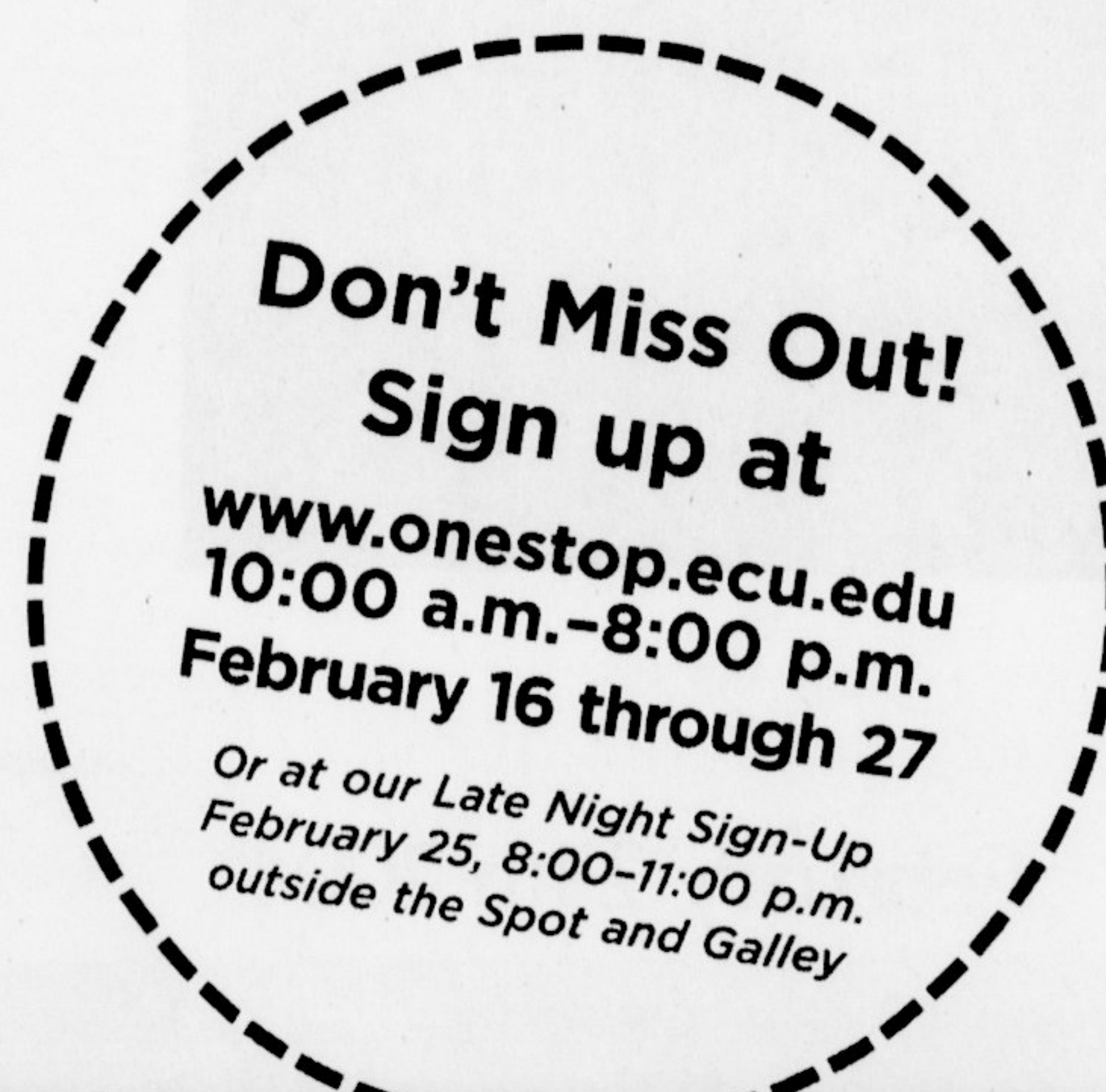
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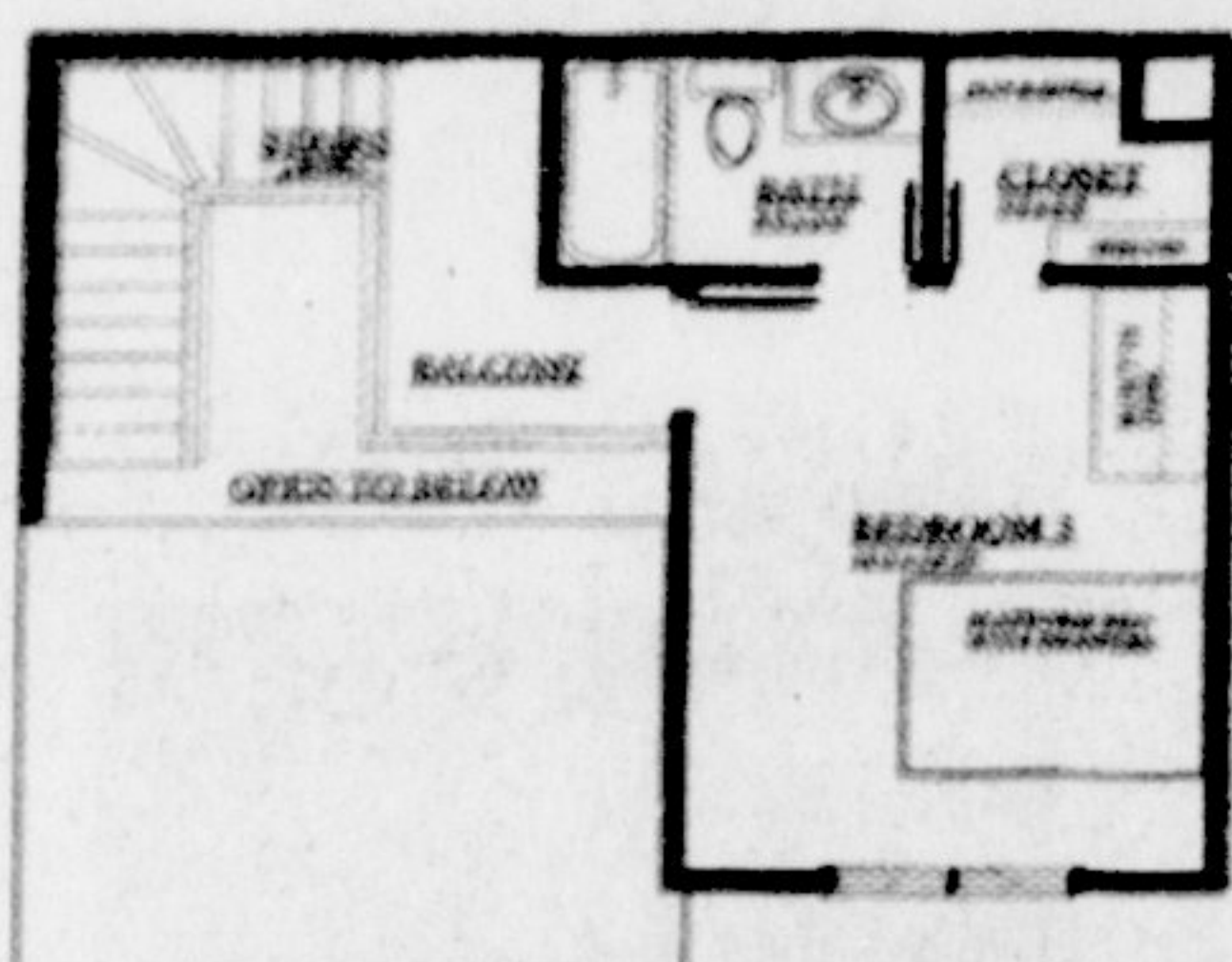


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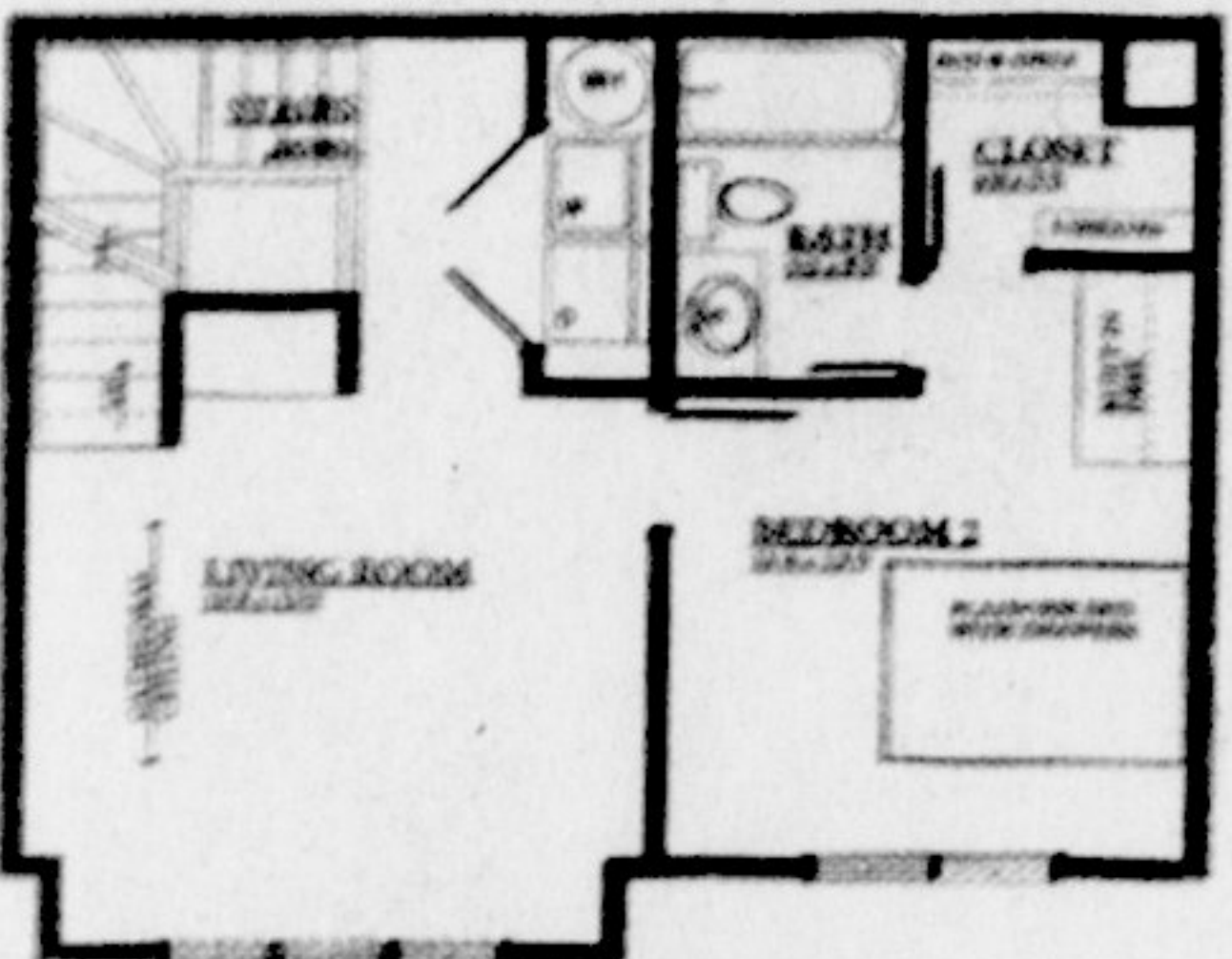


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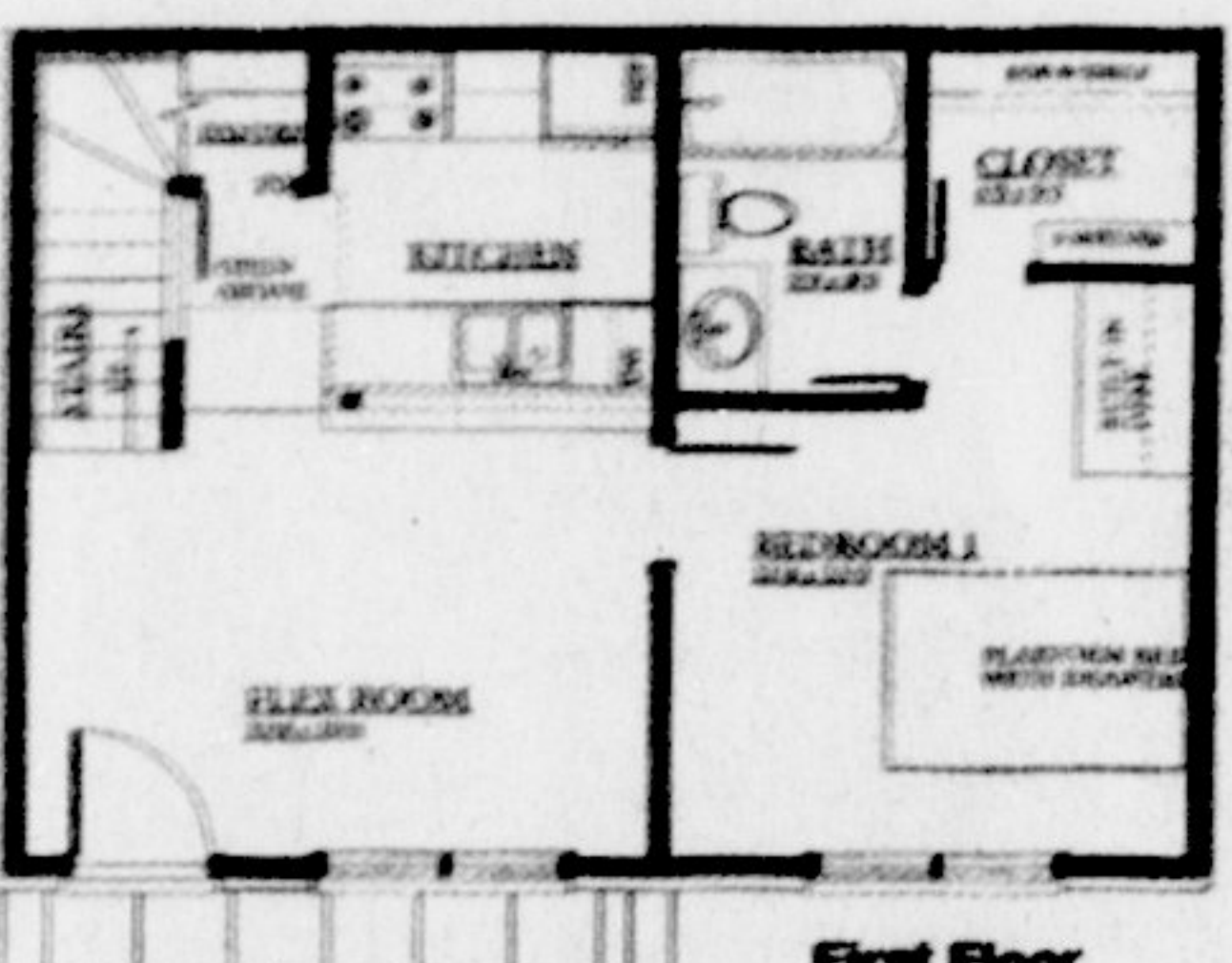
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