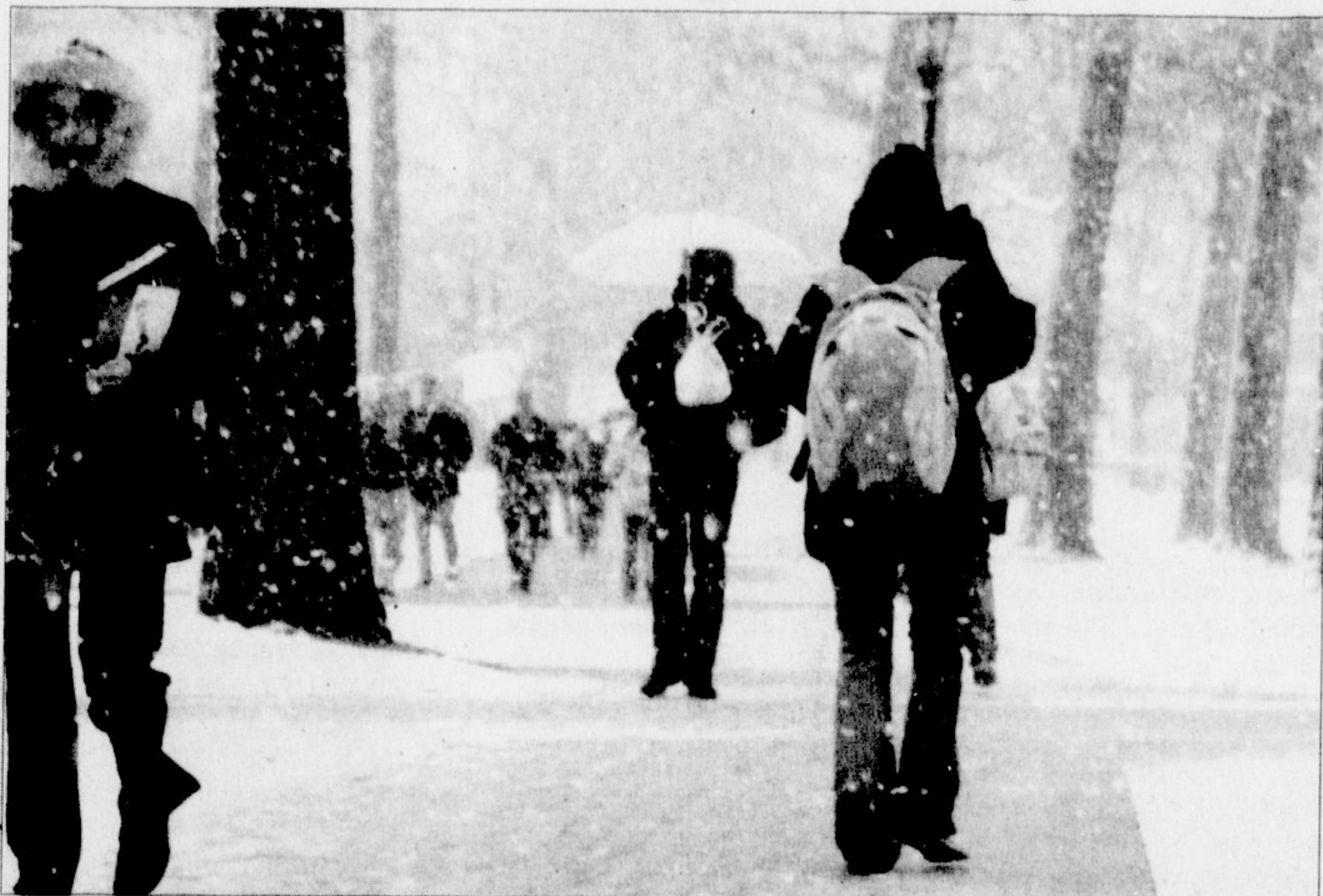




Snow showers catch students by surprise



Meryl Gwinn, freshman health major, began class at 8 a.m. Thursday morning when the sun was still shining. Gwinn found herself stuck in the middle of a snow storm, still in her sandals by early afternoon. This was the case for many ECU students, who were seen braving the cold in shorts, sweatshirts and sandals.



ECU students head through campus using their hoods and umbrellas to protect them from the afternoon snow storm that hit Greenville last Thursday.



Filing for SGA executive office lasts until Friday

Elections will take place later this month

JOSH SLONE
STAFF WRITER

Each year, ECU students are given the opportunity to run for student body president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Yesterday, SGA began accepting applications from students who want to run for an executive office in 2004.

SGA will accept applications from qualified students until Friday, March 5 at 5 p.m.

Filing began in mid-February last year but has been scheduled for later this year to allow the SGA and candidates more time to prepare.

In order to run for student body president, vice president or treasurer, applicants must be full-time students who have successfully completed at least 48 credit hours, have attended ECU for at least two consecutive semesters and are currently in good standing, with at least a 2.0 GPA. To qualify for student body secretary, the applicant must be a full-time student who has successfully completed 16 credit hours and is in good standing with at least a 2.0 GPA.

This year, SGA hopes to

receive more applications than usual to give students a larger candidate selection.

"Each year, we usually receive about 15 or so applicants," said Krista Wilhelm, SGA executive administrative assistant.

On Monday, March 8, the SGA will hold a Compulsory Meeting in 221 Mendenhall at 8 p.m. where all candidates and tickets will be announced. Following the meeting, election campaigning will open up to give all candidates an equal opportunity to begin their campaigning.

Running on a ticket combined with other students tends to be beneficial.

"You already know the people that you are running with ... and you have all four executive positions covered and don't have to worry about being with people that you don't know," said Stefanie Swaney, SGA chairperson of the Rules and Judiciary Committee.

Funding is also easier with four people as a whole, said Swaney.

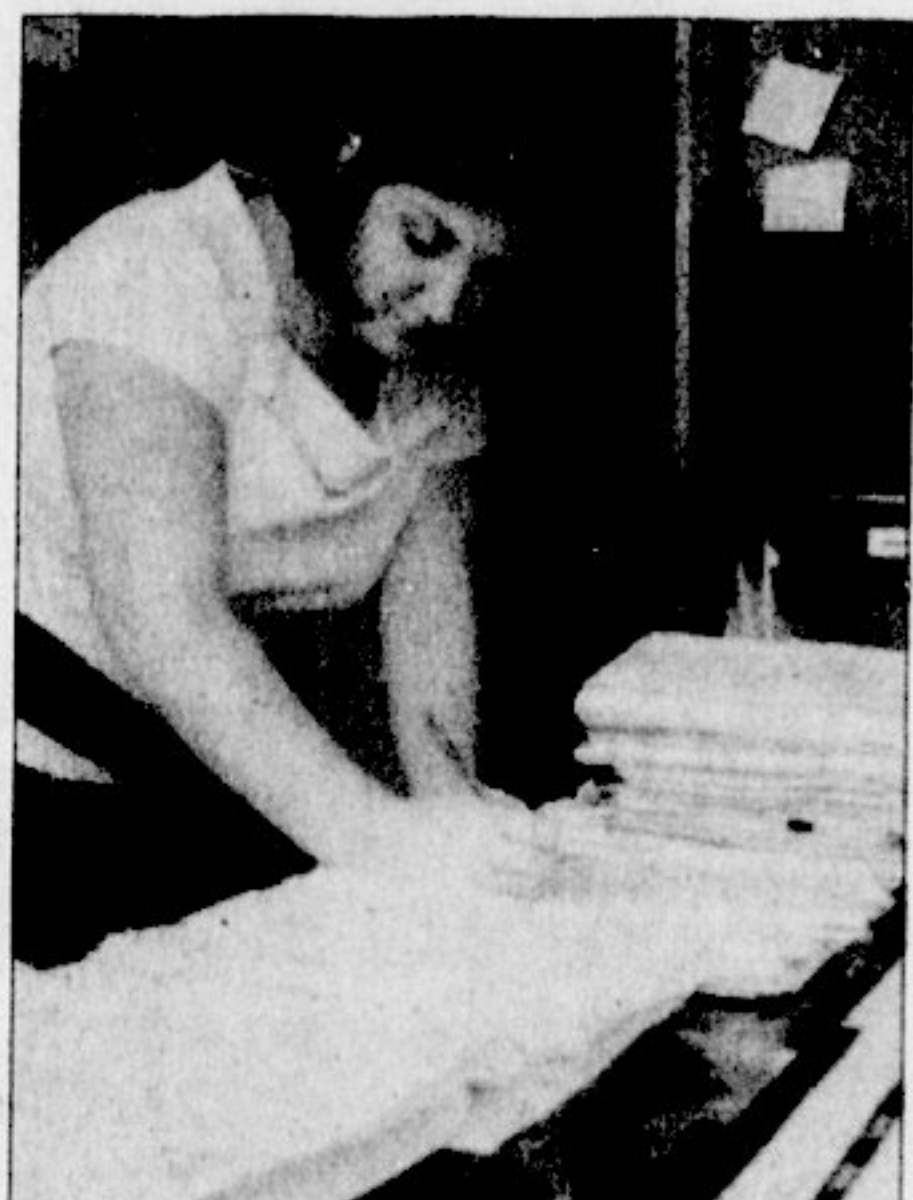
SGA members said they hope for a much larger voter response from students than in previous years.

According to Wilhelm, only 15 percent of the ECU student body voted last spring.

"[Last year] was the largest voter turnout we've ever had," Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm said she believes the reason for this is because last year was also the first year online voting was used.

Voting will be held on March



Shannon O'Donnell, senior political science major, files for executive office Monday.

Filing Info

For more information, contact the SGA office at 328-4726.

If you would like to fill out an application for an executive office, stop by the SGA office in 255 Mendenhall.

30 and 31 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and will take place online again. Every student is encouraged to vote.

"...SGA's job is to serve the student body ... so students should definitely vote [for those who will be serving them]," Wilhelm said.

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Students' diet a concern in March

Nutrition month events encourage students to "Eat Smart, Stay Healthy"

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STAFF WRITER

The average diet for most college students consists of leftover pizza, Ramen noodles and macaroni and cheese.

During March, the American Dietetic Association and ECU's Healthy Lifestyles Team will provide events to improve students' knowledge about their nutrition and encourage them to develop a healthier diet.

The theme for this year's National Nutrition Month is "Eat Smart, Stay Healthy." Although this seems like simple advice, it proves to be a hard mantra for most college students to follow.

"College is one of the most challenging times to eat well," said Karen Warren, director of Wellness Education.

Students usually lack the money and time to buy and prepare foods that constitute a healthy diet. A little planning can go a long way in allowing a student to eat healthily and inexpensively, Warren said.

Students should make a list of meal ideas at the beginning of the week, then go shopping to get the foods they will need, instead of spending \$5 for a fast food meal every day.

Warren said although the planning and the trip to the grocery store may take more time, the net benefit would be a healthier diet and more money

Nutrition Events

March 1-6

Body Image and Eating Disorders Week will run March 1-6. Body Image Art Displays will be shown at Mendenhall Student Center, and several presentations on healthy body images will take place.

March 3 An "All Foods Fit Dinner" will be served from 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls.

Karen Warren, director of Wellness Education, will present "When Your Eating Gets Out of Whack: Finding Normal." Warren will discuss how students can still maintain a regular and healthy diet in college.

March 4 From 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls will be serving exotic fruits and smoothies. Students can come by and try fruit they may not normally eat for free and register to win prizes.

March 9 ECU will celebrate "Breakfast for Champions Day." Healthy breakfast foods will be

served in the dining halls.

There will be free diabetes education and screenings offered at Mendenhall Student Center and Wright Plaza.

March 10 Robin High, nutrition director for Aramark Food Services, will make a presentation concerning eating on a budget at 5:30 p.m. in Student Health Services. No registration is necessary.

March 12 Students can stop by the Multi-purpose room downstairs in Mendenhall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. to try some All Foods Fit International Recipes.

March 31 For students interested in preparing their own healthy meals, chefs will be on-hand at Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls beginning at 4:30 p.m. to give cooking demonstrations. Healthy foods will be served at the dining halls. Students can also play Nutrition Jeopardy and win prizes.

said students should make sure to start off the day with a healthy breakfast.

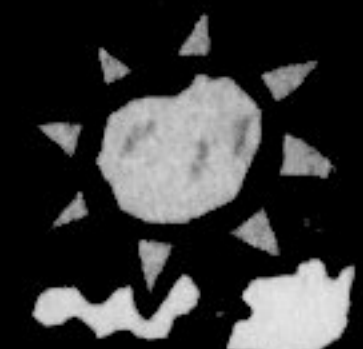
High said many college students often overlook eating breakfast, but a good breakfast helps improve concentration and boosts energy.

The fatigue many students

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Nutrition Awareness throughout March

- National Nutrition Month was started in 1973 as National Nutrition Week. It was extended to a month in 1980.
- The average American drinks 50 gallons of soft drinks a year.



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The Academy Awards are a time for the stars to shine. TEC takes a look at the evening's fashion winners and losers.

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The Diamond Pirates were the big winners of the Keith Leclair Invitational, giving them four consecutive wins.

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Student groups will have a cake from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in honor of children's author Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday.

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Announcements

Coffee and Careers

Career Services offers a professional correspondence workshop today from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

Information Location Workshop

Joyner Library's Government Documents and Microforms Department will offer the third and final workshop in collecting government information today from 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. in 1021 Joyner. The workshop focuses on federal bills, laws and regulations and is open to the ECU community with no advance registration required.

Honorary Lecture

T. A. Shippey, professor of English at Saint Louis University will speak on Tolkien, Wagner and the rediscovery of the north tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Bate 1032. The lecture will honor distinguished professor C. W. Sullivan III, and a reception will immediately follow.

Dr. Seuss Celebration

In honor of children's author Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday, Dowdy Student Stores will have free birthday cake today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Tradebooks Department.

Coffee and Careers

Career Services offers an interview workshop Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

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 Wednesday.

Information Technology Seminar

John Mullen, vice president of sales for Dell's higher education sector will speak on the impact of emerging technology on education Wednesday from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

Deadline

The deadline for early registration for graduate student research is Wednesday. Contact Katrina Searcey, graduate programs coordinator, at 744-2808 for more information.

SGA Officer Filing

Filing for Student Government Association 2004-05 president, vice president, treasurer and secretary continues through Friday. Forms are available inside Mendenhall. For more information, call 328-4726.

Art Lecture

The Painting Guild will sponsor a lecture by Sigmund Abeles, professor Emeritus from the University of New Hampshire. Abeles works in pastels, oils and graphic media and focuses on the expressive and psychological aspects of the human figure. The lecture is Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Speight Auditorium.

English TAG Lecture

Biodun Jeyifo, English professor at Cornell University, will speak at the annual English TAG Lecture Thursday at 7 p.m. in 1031 Bate. Jeyifo's lecture is titled, "On Being Anglophone, Now: Meditations on Globalization, Language and Desire." A reception will follow the lecture.

Coffee and Careers

Career Services offers a job search workshop Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

Carter Center Internships

Peter Mather, director of educational programs for The Carter Center in Atlanta, Ga., will hold an information session on internship opportunities Friday in 221 Mendenhall from 10:30 a.m. - noon. The session is open to all faculty and students who are interested in international development and humanitarian issues.

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 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 six.

Chancellor's Leadership Conference

Interim Chancellor William Shelton and other notable speakers will give informative workshops and seminars to help improve organizations and their leaders Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Mendenhall. Student leaders and campus organizations are invited.

Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Jordana Cogle, senior nursing major.

News Briefs

Local

Duke approves policy to govern ethical investment

DURHAM (AP) - Duke University has decided on a way to use its billions of dollars of investments to influence social issues.

An investment policy approved Saturday allows the university to use letters to management, proxy votes or shareholder resolutions to put pressure on corporations linked to concerns about human rights or worker safety.

If the company fails to respond, Duke's trustees could order divestment of the stocks. Duke has a \$3 billion endowment, the 16th-largest in the nation in 2003, according to the National Association of College and University Business Officers.

Duke leaders began looking into the policy in the fall of 2002 after students in political science questioned whether the university would divest investments tied to slavery in Sudan if the school held any.

Duracell cleanup costs rising as company removes contaminants

LEXINGTON (AP) - The discovery of more contaminated soil and sediment than anticipated around the Duracell battery plant has added about \$400,000 to the cost of the environmental cleanup, according to a company official.

But he said it also validates the company's decision to send the materials to landfills rather than treating them and leaving them onsite.

"We would have had a mountain out

there 35 feet tall, so I'm very pleased we were able to come up with this as a final solution," said Victor Miles, environmental affairs manager for Duracell.

"It would probably have been called Mount Victor," he added.

Duracell estimated last month that it has removed or will remove about 10,000 tons of mercury-contaminated soil classified as hazardous and about 37,000 tons of mercury-contaminated soil classified as nonhazardous from the former Plant 2 building site and a nearby stream.

National

Search suspended for 18 missing after tanker explosion

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) - The Coast Guard on Sunday night suspended the search for 18 crew members missing from an ethanol-laden tanker that exploded in the Atlantic Ocean, and were unsure whether search efforts would resume Monday morning.

The Coast Guard will decide whether to continue the search after a crew flies over the area Monday morning. Chief Warrant Officer Gene Maestas said.

"Realistically, the longer the search goes on, the less likely it is that we will find anyone who is still alive," Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, commander of the Coast Guard's 5th District, said at a news briefing earlier Sunday.

The Bow Mariner, a tanker carrying 3.5 million gallons of ethanol, exploded and sank Saturday night about 50 miles off Virginia's Eastern Shore. Three men died and six were rescued.

Two-day hearing opens Monday to decide numerous Bryant trial issues

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) - The woman who accused Kobe Bryant of rape told police she had consensual sex with someone else two days before her encounter with the NBA star, but whether jurors will be allowed to hear that is part of the extensive agenda for a hearing this week.

Before such information can be presented to the jury at Bryant's assault trial, the state's rape-shield law requires that Bryant's attorneys prove to the judge in a closed-door hearing that the woman's prior sexual information is relevant.

The woman is scheduled to testify behind closed doors Tuesday. She and Bryant will be in court together for the first time since the Los Angeles Lakers guard was arrested in July.

World

EU starts imposing sanctions on U.S. goods over tax break dispute

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - The European Union on Monday started imposing millions of dollars in sanctions on American goods but said it would stop the measure immediately if the U.S. Congress repeals its export tax break legislation.

The U.S. legislation was ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization two years ago and it authorized the EU to impose sanctions last year.

"The U.S. has not brought its legislation in line with WTO rules. We are therefore left with no choice but to impose countermeasures," EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said in

a statement. Although the WTO has authorized \$4 billion in sanctions the biggest amount ever the EU is taking a graduated approach, hoping to pressure the U.S. Congress to change the Foreign Sales Corporation legislation while limiting the impact on European companies and consumers.

If the sanctions run on, they would cost U.S. industry some \$300 million this year and about double that next year, the EU said.

Kuwait agrees to export Iraqi oil from its ports

KUWAIT CITY (AP) - Kuwait has agreed to export Iraqi oil from its ports, the first such deal between the neighboring nations since the fall of Saddam Hussein, a senior official said Sunday.

The state-owned Kuwait News Agency quoted Issa al-Aoun, the undersecretary of the Energy Ministry, as saying Kuwaiti oil officials and a visiting delegation of their Iraqi peers have formed a team to study the technical requirements needed for transporting Iraqi oil to Kuwait, including pipelines and pumping stations.

Al-Aoun said new piers will be built for the project. He did not provide any dates.

The two nations have not had ties since Saddam invaded Kuwait and occupied it for seven months until it was liberated in the 1991 Gulf War.

Conference inspires change in SGA

Restructuring of funding decisions will speed up processes

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

New ideas for Student Government Association services and organizations are in consideration after eight SGA members attended the Convention for Student Government Associations in Texas last week.

Attendees participated in workshops, listened to speakers and exchanged information with other student governments from across the country.

They learned about other students' approaches to campus diversity, state budget, university tuition conflicts, subcommittee creation, community involvement and underclassmen mentoring programs.

Participants presented their experiences to the senate Monday night and proposed

how to localize some of the information to address ECU's needs.

Joseph Payne, student body treasurer, said the SGA will make "small-scale changes" to increase student involvement and provide better student services and fair funding.

A mentoring program that would inform freshmen of the functions of student organizations, including SGA, is in the works.

A similar program is aimed at new SGA members and would pair them with more experienced senators and executives.

"One of the most important things we learned [at COSGA] about student organizations is that they are always evolving, and it is necessary to change with them," said Payne.

A change in appropriations handling was introduced in the meeting.

Lengthy appropriations decisions in this year's Student Government Association

senate led to the creation of a new position designed to expedite funding distribution.

Julianne Corinne Blackburn, senior art education major, was announced as the executive assistant to the treasurer.

Blackburn, who has worked on the Senate Appropriations Committee since last fall, will assist Payne in reviewing the funding applications organizations complete to receive money from the SGA.

To further accelerate the process, organizations requesting funds will now have to attend a workshop educating them on SGA appropriations and proper responses on the application, which is 20 pages long and "confusing," Payne said.

In the past, the appropriations committee wasted time reviewing requests with incomplete information, Blackburn said.

The new system intends to reduce application errors by stopping them before they're

made, resulting in entire applications being resubmitted.

"We're bringing information to them instead of them bringing information to us," Payne said.

In old business, Student Body President Ian Baer updated the senate on the Students' Day to protest ECU's proposed tuition increase.

The trip to the Board of Governor's office in Chapel Hill takes place during spring break, but Baer encouraged students to make an effort to attend.

In new business, a resolution to lengthen the Pirate Market's hours on weekends passed, with some concern expressed for staffing needs and welfare.

A bill to create a deadline for ordering SGA senate T-shirts was met with questions of appropriateness.

The vote was tabled to the next meeting.

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Math degrees can lead to great career opportunities

Lecturers help students choose correct major

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Math, a difficult subject for some college students, can lead to great career opportunities.

The Mathematics Department held a lecture Friday afternoon to discuss career opportunities for math majors.

Three speakers with mathematical backgrounds spoke about how their field of study gave them advantages in the professional world.

The speakers all stressed how mathematics covers all science and technology. Without it, there would be no computers, Internet or medicine.

Gwen Underwood, a 2003 ECU alumna, used her math degree and the Internet to find a job working for the Department of Navy Warfare office in Panama City, Fla.

"If you are looking for math jobs, the Internet is a great tool," said Underwood.

Underwood said she wanted a job that showed how math is applicable to real life. She said her math degree helped push her résumé to the top of the employers' lists.

The mystery guest at the lecture was Everett Cameron, Ph.D., ECU alumnus and former math major.

After a short time as a math teacher, Cameron decided to go back and get his bachelor's degree in mathematics.

He returned to teaching



The highest employer of people with math degrees is the U.S. Government.

middle school math but decided it was not the career for him. Cameron went back to school to become a dentist, which was allowed by his undergraduate degree.

"A degree in math, and you are wide open to go where you want," said Cameron.

He now practices dentistry in Atlantic Beach.

"Take your knowledge, get your degree, and jobs will be there," Cameron said.

There are many jobs out there for individuals with math degrees - every job uses math.

The single highest employer of people with math degrees is the U.S. government. Internal Revenue Services and the general accounting office are examples of governmental institutions that need people with mathematical backgrounds.

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feel during the day that causes them to nap in class or not prepare well for tests can be avoided by not missing the morning meal. Even if a full course breakfast isn't available, students can eat fruits such as apples or oranges on the go.

The goals of Nutrition Month are moderation, variety and balance. Students should moderate their intake of foods with added sugars, fat or sodium. They may also want

to add variety to their diet to increase nutrition as well as avoid repetition and try to balance all aspects of their diet to ensure proper nutrition.

"Having fun while learning new healthy habits is one of the messages we are trying to promote. Nutritious foods can be delicious," said High.

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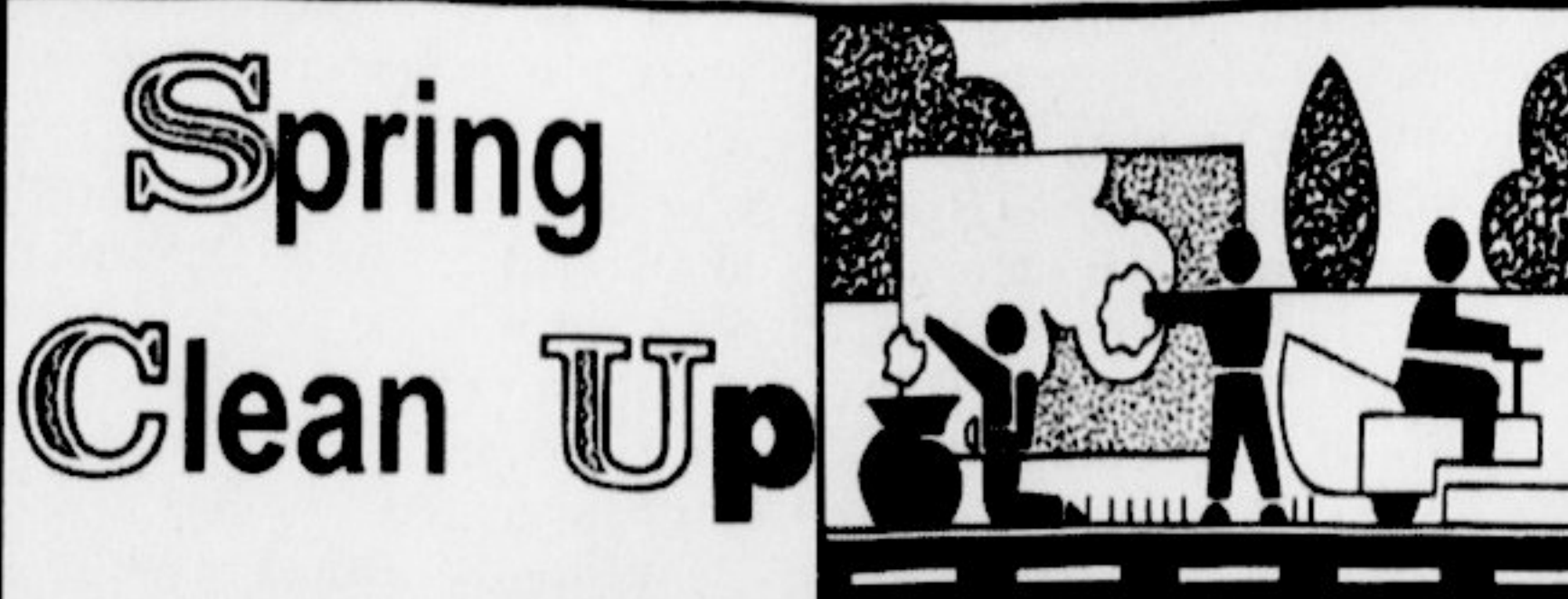
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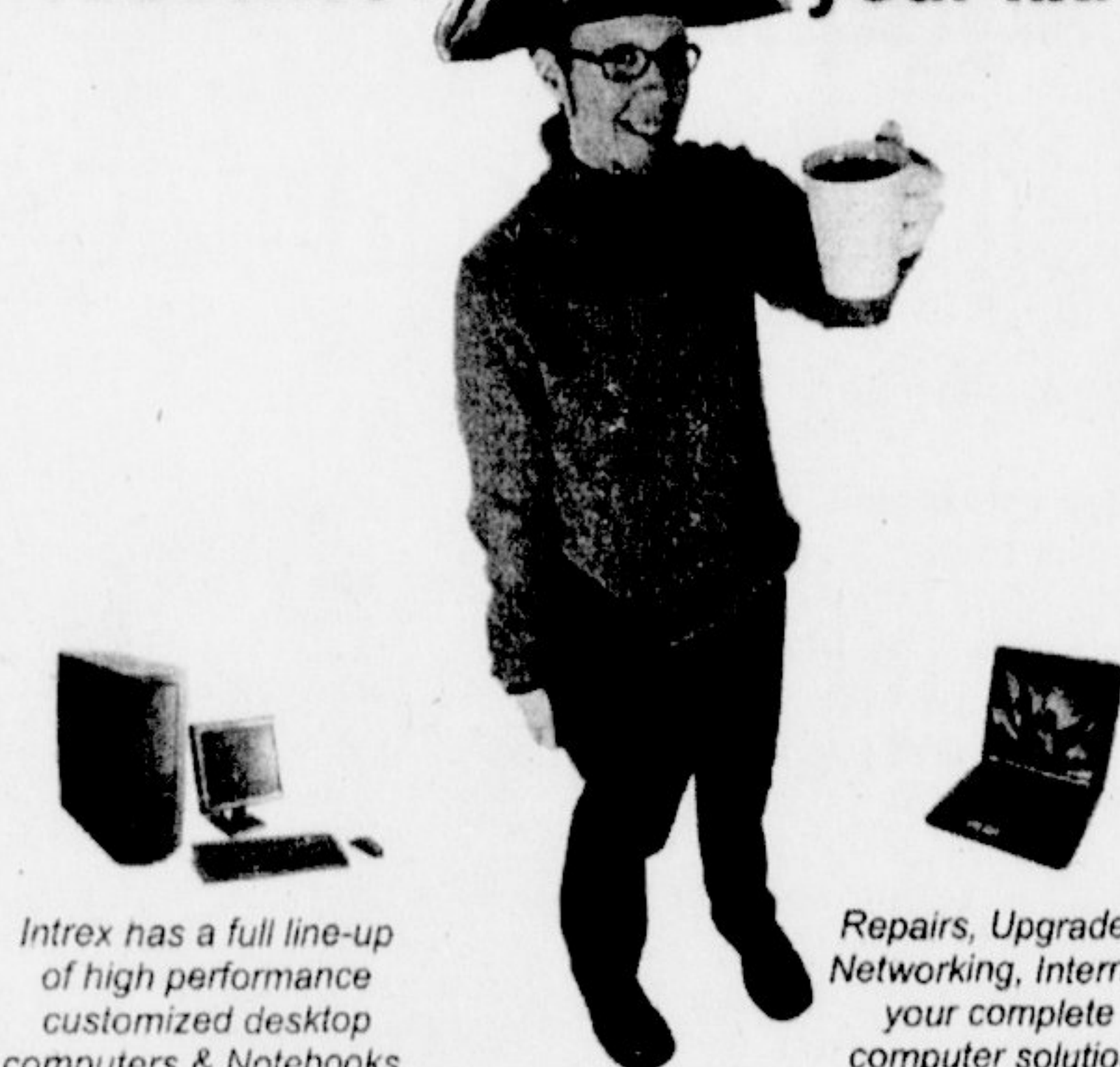
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Influences on domestic violence examined

Prevention, environment, hip-hop music addressed

STEPHEN RICE
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community steering committee came to ECU to present research in a Town Hall meeting attended by local politicians and university administration.

After the ECU gospel choir sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Mildred Council, a local councilwoman, presented a proclamation from Greenville Mayor Don Parrott, designating Feb. 26 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day in Greenville.

Several speakers presented findings on the influences and impact of domestic violence, specifically in the African American community.

Esther J. Jenkins, Ph.D. and professor of psychology at Chi-

cago State University, spoke on prevention and treatment of domestic violence.

"There is a wide variation in how people respond to violence," said Jenkins.

Jenkins mentioned reactions to domestic violence, such as post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and substance abuse.

Jenkins said people might also respond to abuse by regressive behavior, particularly in children.

She also spoke of the cumulative nature of risk factors, including neighborhood and family support, the actual event witnessed and the resiliency of the individual.

More risks compound the negative responses, Jenkins said.

William Oliver, Ph.D., criminologist at the University of Indiana-Bloomington, and Charles Pinckney, professor of psychology at St. Augustine University in Raleigh, were also speakers at the event.

Both Pinckney and Oliver



Esther J. Jenkins, Ph.D., speaks on the prevention of community violence at the Town Meeting last Thursday.

spoke about the influence of gangster rap in the African American community, particularly in rural southern regions.

"In hip-hop culture, manhood is defined by being hard ... negativity is re-enforced as the norm," said Oliver.

"In these songs you have the sexual objectification of women."

Oliver questioned how long

Jewish rappers would last if they spoke of women in derogatory terms.

Oliver said young black men are "manifesting self-hatred" by conforming to the gangster image.

Pinckney also spoke on gangster rap, but his discussion was more focused on behavior.

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Our View

Twenty-something's Does anyone know why the leading issue in the 2004 presidential campaign is gay marriage?

are the policy makers of tomorrow, and we This country has more to worry about than homosexuals wanting to join in holy matrimony.

What about jobs? There have been millions of jobs lost within the last three years and the situation isn't getting much better.

Organizations like NAFTA and WTO are adding to the problem – sucking out whatever life is left in the job market and sending the work to other countries. At this point, the state of our economy should be the primary concern.

Health care and the environment are also on the list of important issues presently missing in action on the presidential campaign.

Health insurance has been one of this country's most explosive and expensive topics for years. As of late, its presence seems to have disappeared from the radar.

Environmental issues have probably taken the most noticeable plummet on the importance scale.

At the rate this country is going, we won't decide to take environmental concerns seriously until species diversity is a myth and there's no more oxygen to breathe.

Before we listen to 'W' talk about Mars expeditions, let's worry about improving our planet first.

We're the people who are going to decide this election. Twenty-something's are the policy makers of tomorrow, and we should not leave the decisions that will affect our lives to those of yesterday.

But before we take the helm, and begin shaping public policy, we need to force the current policy makers to address the issues that desperately need their attention.

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In My Opinion

Bush gets serious

Amendment to ban gay marriage is discrimination

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STAFF WRITER

The new Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines discrimination as "unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice" and "treatment or consideration based on class or category as opposed to individual merit; partiality or prejudice."

When President George W. Bush decided to make what he thinks the Constitution of the United States should say about gay marriage a serious campaign issue, he was choosing to travel a path not trod in our government since 1919.

Back then, it was called the Volstead Act and it prohibited the sale and manufacture of alcoholic beverages in the U.S. Better known as Prohibition, the Volstead Act gave birth to one of the worst crime sprees in American history and as a result of public outcry was swiftly repealed 10 years later.

You may be asking yourself, what does Prohibition have to do with gay marriage?

If Bush is successful in amending the Constitution to define marriage as an act between a man and a woman – which is exactly what he has proposed in a White House document submitted to Congress this week – he will succeed in passing the first Constitutional Amendment since 1919 which actually takes rights away from Americans.

Not allowing gay people to marry simply because they are gay is exactly the same as not allowing black people to vote simply because they are black.

For many people, including the president, gay marriage is being examined both through a lens of Christianity and morality.

While both are interesting topics in themselves, neither has any real bearing on the issue at hand.

If you are a person of faith and believe homosexuality is a sin in accordance with Biblical Scripture, that's your right.

You can feel free to be as disgusted and offended as you want.

You're guaranteed that right as an American and it is protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

You can go on talk shows and espouse the evils of homosexuality and even write your Congressman to demand that the laws about gay marriage be changed immediately to reflect your personal religious beliefs. Again, that's your right.



However, gay people have rights, too.

They pay taxes and they hold public office. They contribute to our society just like everyone else and they should be entitled to their rights as afforded them in the Constitution. I might be able to further understand the outcry against gay marriage if I could see some harm in it.

Conservatives have been screaming from the right about the sanctity of the family and the inherent instability in gay relationships, especially when they involve children.

The fact remains, however, that far more damage is done to our society as a whole when 50 percent of all heterosexual marriages end in failure. Fifty percent.

Fully one-half of couples in this country who take those most solemn of civil or religious vows end up abandoning them.

If anything in the marital tradition needs to change, it's that unhappy little statistic.

In the end, I feel the issue is legal, not religious or moral.

The personal opinion of George W. Bush is not relevant to the topic.

As an elected official of the government and public servant, Bush has an obligation to fulfill his duties to the American people impartially and without bias.

Bush doesn't support the gay community and that's OK.

He isn't required to.

However, when the President of the United States starts considering legal issues which involve the rights of American citizens as dictated by the Constitution on the basis of his personal, religious and moral beliefs, he is fundamentally violating the sanctity of that great document and doing a disservice to the people of this nation.

Bush is trying to impose his narrow view of the world on the American people, and I, for one, am resisting.

I suggest you do the same. When the issue of gay marriage is brought before the Supreme Court, as it is bound to be, I have every confidence that they will decide in favor of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In My Opinion

Defining a marriage

Whose job is it?

AMANDA VANNESS
ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

This passage, from the Gospel of St. Matthew, was used by President George W. Bush to explain that we are all sinners and we shouldn't "ostracize" gays.

If we are not to ostracize homosexuals, then why not let them get married? By not allowing a marriage between two people, we are ostracizing them.

Bush continues to quote the Bible when referring to the homosexual marriage debate. If we are not to judge, then why are we judging homosexuals and telling them they aren't allowed to marry the one he or she loves?

We are not God, only God can judge, and He will judge us when it is time.

Also, Americans have the freedom to decide their religious beliefs, if any, so why do we keep referring to marriage in a Christian way?

If two women are in love, let them be united; if two men are in love, let them be united. America allows heterosexuals to marry – we are all sinners – so why not let homosexuals unite in marriage?

The Bible also says that women are property to their husbands and women today are free and independent. We have to overcome this barrier. Homosexuals are a part of our society, so why are we still isolating them?

In the 1960s, African Americans were segregated from whites, but after years of struggles and fights, segregation was banned. We overcame that hurdle, so now it's time to jump another.



Bush wants to make a Constitutional amendment that defines marriage as "a union between a man and a woman." The Constitution was written many years ago.

If they did not state in the Constitution that marriage should be strictly between a man and a woman, then how can we go and make the changes now?

Who is Bush to go and decide what a marriage should be defined as?

Vice-President Dick Cheney has a different view on the subject than Bush. During a debate, Cheney was asked if homosexuals should have all the constitutional rights enjoyed by each American citizen.

"People should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into," said Cheney.

"It's really no one else's business, in terms of trying to regulate or prohibit behavior in that regard."

Cheney's daughter is a lesbian. I agree with Cheney. It is no one else's business what type of relationship a person is in, heterosexual or homosexual.

We cannot stop what happens behind closed doors. Homosexuals are still going to be homosexuals no matter how we define marriage.

We should let them enjoy marriage and let God judge in the end.



"I just hope I don't wake up and find out it has all been a dream."

Sofia Coppola

After finding out she was the first American female director nominated for an Academy Award for her movie "Lost in Translation."

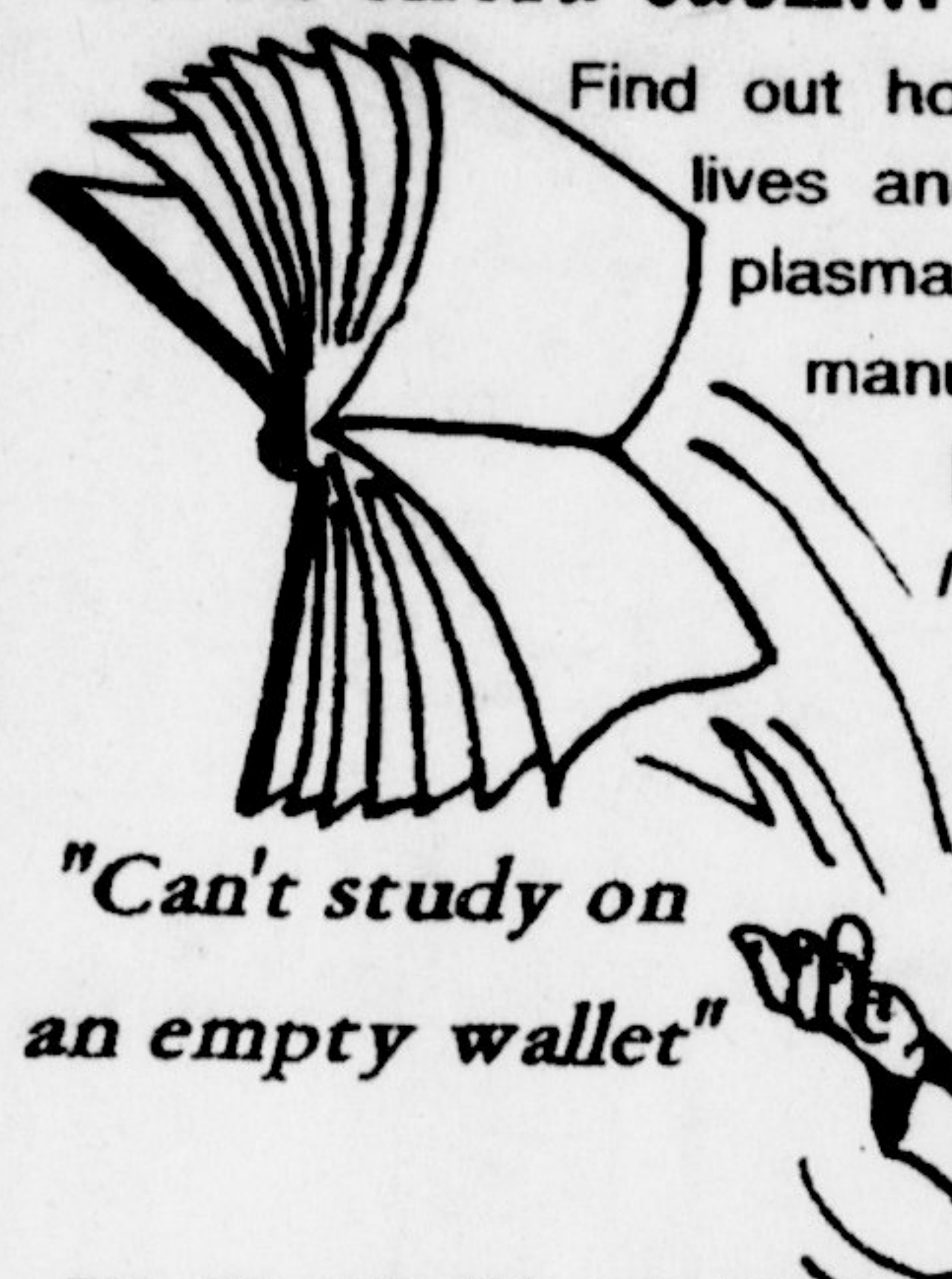
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"More white people buy rap music than black people ... but disproportionately black youth act out what they hear in terms of violence," said Pinckney.

Pinckney highlighted a television show he founded called "Youth Clicks," which targets inner-city youth to address the issues of hip-hop, drug use, dating and violence.

Joyce G. Dickerson, Ph.D. and sociologist from North Carolina A & T State University, spoke on domestic violence, specifically college campuses and in relationships.

She reported that 25 to 30

percent of high school or college students have experienced violence in an intimate relationship.

Dickerson said more than 500,000 college students who are victims of rape, sexual assault, robbery, simple or aggravated assault are nowhere near all the cases because embarrassment or mistrust of authorities prevents other students from reporting.

Beth Ritchie, Ph.D. and criminal justice professor from the University of Illinois-Chicago, spoke on how domestic violence contributes to higher incarceration rates for women in

African American communities.

The panelists concluded with a question and answer session and a presentation to members of the steering committee.

IDVAAC was organized in 1993 to provide an avenue for people in the African American community to raise awareness of domestic violence, increase community consciousness in the African American community and to further scholarships in the area of African American violence.

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Super Tuesday voting begins

BALTIMORE (AP) — On the eve of the biggest primary day in the Democratic race, front-runner John Kerry on Monday stuck to criticizing President Bush while a lingering rival, John Edwards, tried to persuade Super Tuesday voters he still has the best chance to win the presidency.

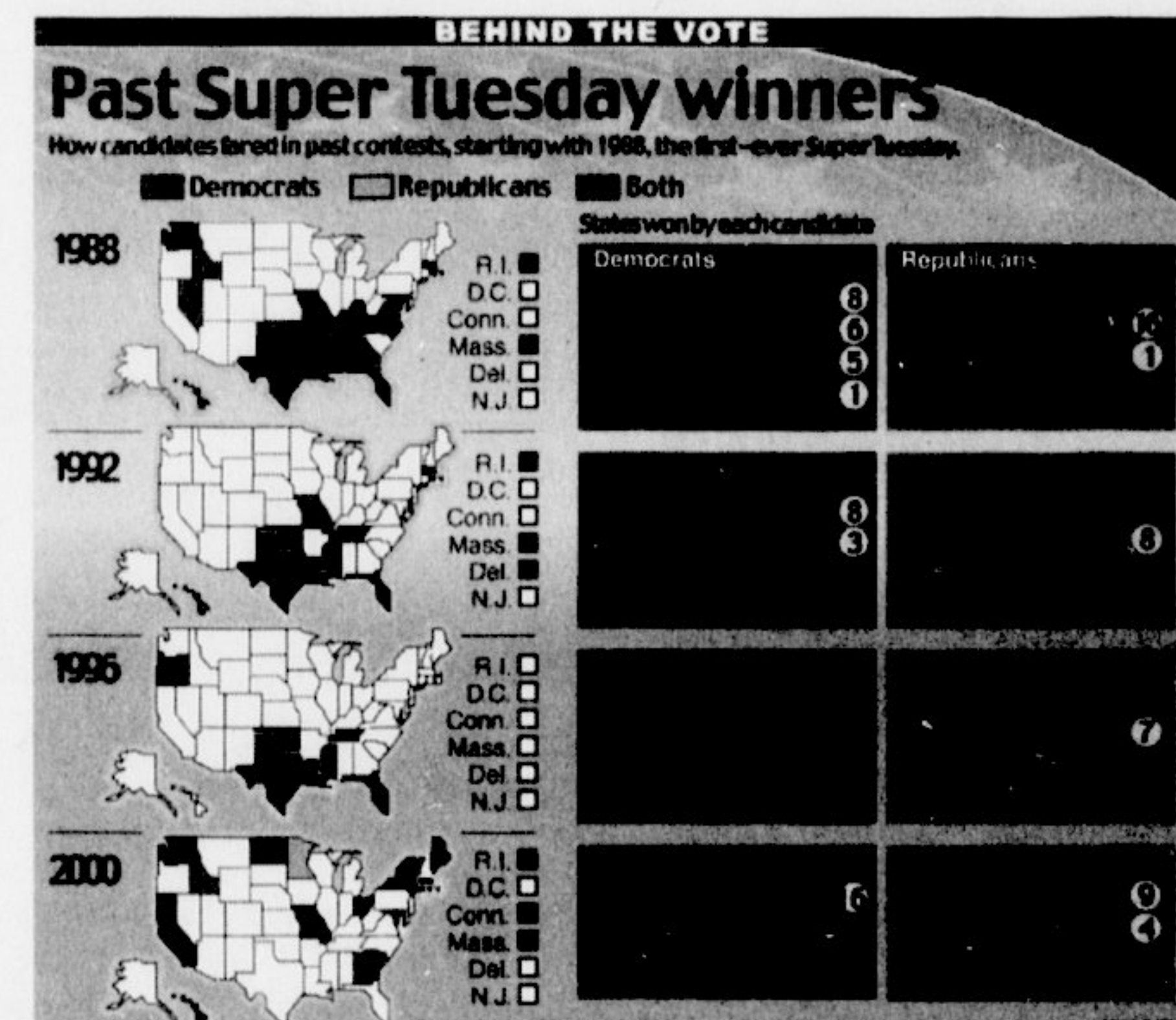
"There's a better way to make America safe than this president has chosen," Kerry said in Baltimore before traveling to Ohio and Georgia, just two of the states he hopes to win in a Super Tuesday sweep.

"This president has, in fact, created terrorists where they did not exist."

Edwards was campaigning in Ohio and Georgia on Monday, but even his own supporters say the odds are long that he will win enough votes Tuesday to stay in the race until March 9 when four Southern states vote. With Kerry leading in polls in all 10 Super Tuesday states, in many cases by commanding margins, the Edwards campaign seemed near its end.

"At some point I've got to start getting more delegates or I'm not going to be the nominee," Edwards told reporters.

"There's no question that national momentum has an impact on these races."



He declined to say how many states he would need to win Tuesday, instead promising to stay in the race until he is nominated.

In a speech to supporters at the University of Toledo, Edwards criticized "that crowd of insiders in Washington" and repeated that he is the candidate best able to defeat Bush in the general election.

"This is the guy who is actually beating Bush in polls all across right America right now," Edwards said, not mentioning that Kerry was doing even better in polls asking Americans for whom they would vote if the general election were held now.

Regardless of whether

Kerry still faces a challenge after Tuesday, the general election begins in earnest this week. Bush's re-election steps up a notch with the premiere of a multi-million-dollar ad campaign on Thursday.

"I need your help," Kerry told several hundred people at Baltimore's Morgan State University. "Send him back to Texas."

Of the 10 contests scheduled on Tuesday, Edwards has virtually ceded the four New England states to Kerry and stands little chance of victory in the biggest battlegrounds, New York and California, or in Maryland. That leaves Georgia, Ohio and Minnesota as his targets.

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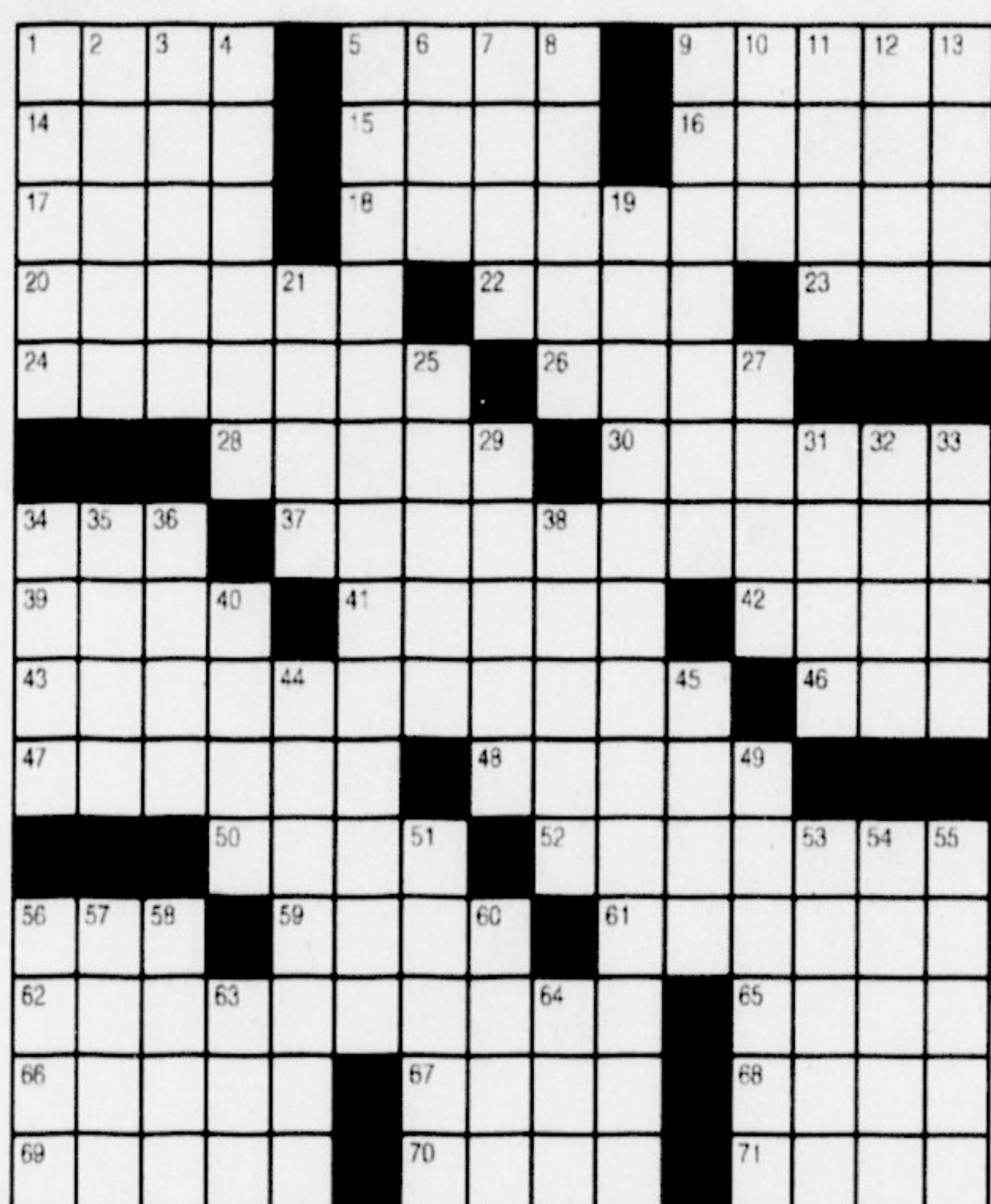
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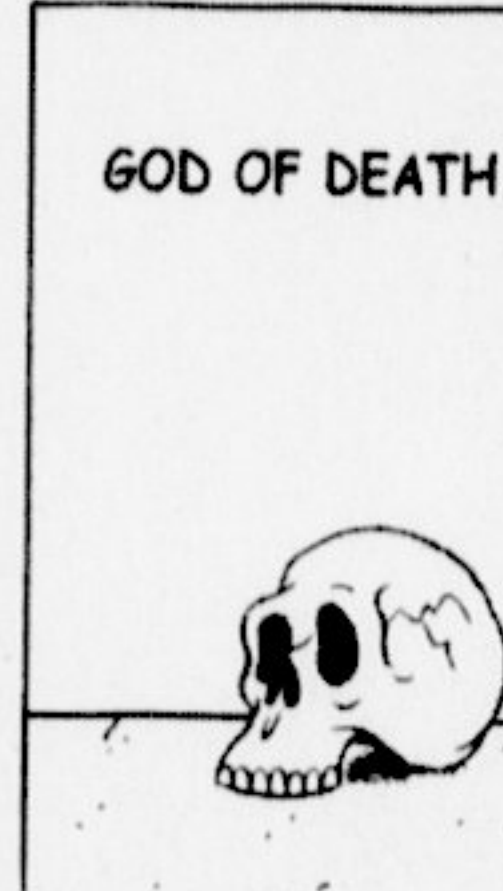
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Announcements

Bingo

The Student Union Spectrum Committee presents Bingo at 7:30 p.m. today in the Mendenhall Multi-purpose room. This event is free to students.

Films

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

Recital Concert

Ara Gregorian's students will perform in a recital at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3 in the A. J. Fletcher Music Recital Hall. This event is free.

Art Awards Ceremony

The 2004 School of Art Undergraduate Exhibition Awards Ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. today in Speight Auditorium. The exhibition will run through April 17.

Swash Improv

The Student Union presents a performance by the ECU Swash Improv Group at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free for students.

Organ Class

The School of Music presents Master Class with a Master Teacher featuring Wilma Jensen, a distinguished guest organist. The event runs from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Friday, March 5 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 401 East Fourth St. This event is free to students and Eastern Carolina American Guild of Organist members. Others should call 328-1261 for ticket information.

Jazz at Night

The Student Union presents Jazz at Night at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 5 in the Mendenhall Great Room.

Musical Performance

Ara Gregorian, violin, Paul Tardiff, piano and Christopher Grymes, clarinet, present music by Bach, Stravinsky, Janacek and Franck at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 5 in the A.J. Fletcher Music Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

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"Charlie: The Life and Art of Charlie Chaplin"

Time magazine film critic Richard Schickel examines the career of legendary filmmaker Charlie Chaplin. Included are interviews with Chaplin's friends, family and colleagues - plus fans like Woody Allen, Johnny Depp, Marcel Marceau and Robert Downey Jr. "Charlie" airs at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3 on TCM.

"Mad Mad House"

The Sci-Fi Channel jumps into reality television with this new series. "Mad Mad House" moves 10 everyday people into a house with five "Alts": a vampire, a Wiccan, a naturist, a modern primitive and a voodoo priestess. The contestants will compete for \$100,000 based on the Alts' constant evaluation of their openness to and tolerance of alternative lifestyles. "Mad Mad House" airs at 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 on the Sci-Fi Channel.

Stars shine at Oscar's



Charlize Theron's Gucci dress was a hit on the red carpet.



Uma Thurman's gown was a disappointment to critics.



Best Actress nominee Naomi Watts looks stunning in a Versace gown while Heath Ledger looks scruffy in Gucci.

Ceremony produces memorable fashion

AMANDA LINGERFELT
FEATURES EDITOR

The red carpet was awash in a sea of color during Sunday night's Academy Awards Ceremony.

Stars were quick to drop the standard of black that typically comes from a formal event, while leaning toward brighter colors like blue, red and green. However, flesh-tones like beige and tan seemed to be the most popular.

Best Actress winner Charlize Theron wore a beaded tan Gucci dress paired with a set of 46-diamond Chopard earrings that complemented her golden complexion and platinum hair.

Naomi Watts, Best Actress nominee, also sported flesh-tones in a tan Versace dress adorned with large, teardrop shaped crystals. Best Supporting Actress nominee Patricia Clarkson, singer Alison Krauss and Julia Roberts followed the flesh-tone pattern, each working it to her own advantage.

Supporting Actress nominee Marcia Gay Harden donned a bright blue maternity dress with a medieval-inspired updo. Best Original Song winner Annie

Lennox also wore blue - a form-fitting pale-blue satin dress which transformed her into a glam goddess. Jamie Lee Curtis chose a strapless blue chiffon dress by Monique Lhuillier that showed her sexy side.

Catherine Zeta Jones wore a red scoop-necked vintage Versace dress which offered a nice contrast to her dark hair. Best Supporting Actress nominee Shohreh Aghdashloo also looked beautiful in a red beaded gown designed by a woman in her home country, Iran.

White was also a popular choice that worked for many women like a circular cut-out dress worn by Diane Lane and a deep v-necked gown worn by Angelina Jolie. Best Supporting Actress winner Renee Zellweger also succeeded with a white strapless Carolina Herrera gown with a long train.

Both Nicole Kidman and Scarlett Johansson chose green dresses. Although Kidman's pale green Channel dress took over 40 hours to make, the dress received mixed reviews, some stating that the color washed out her skin.

Some stars decided to stick

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Renee Zellweger's white gown was designed to look like fashion from early films.



The only award Diane Keaton took home Sunday night was for worst dressed.

Total Counts

Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
11 awards

Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World
Two awards

Mystic River
Two awards

Lost in Translation
One award

Cold Mountain
One award

And the winners are...

Best Picture *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

Achievement in Directing Peter Jackson for *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

Best Actor in a Leading Role Sean Penn for *Mystic River*

Best Supporting Actor Tim Robbins for *Mystic River*

Best Actress in a Leading Role Charlize Theron for *Monster*

Best Supporting Actress Renee Zellweger for *Cold Mountain*

Best Original Score *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

Original Song "Into the West," from *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*

J.R.R. Tolkien lecturer comes to campus

Shippey speaks on 'Lord of the Rings'

LAURA KEELING
STAFF WRITER

If you are interested in J.R.R. Tolkien's literary work such as *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, you will be interested in a guest speaker that is coming to ECU today.

In his lecture, "Both Rings are Round and There's an end of it! Tolkien, Wagner and the Rediscovery of the North," Tom Shippey will be discussing his thoughts on how the works of Tolkien have changed the literary world and modified fantasy literature forever.

Shippey is one of the world's greatest Tolkien scholars. He has done research and written several books on this world-renowned author. Some of the books Shippey has written include *The Road to Middle Earth*, *J.R.R. Tolkien: Author of the Century* and *Beowulf: The Critical Heritage*, not to mention several articles about Tolkien's fiction.

Shippey has been featured in many documentaries,

including the extra DVD disc for the movie, *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, and almost every other Tolkien documentary to date.

"I think that this is a rare opportunity to hear the best Tolkien scholar in the world," said Dr. C.W. Sullivan III, English professor.

Shippey's visit will be in honor of Sullivan after he was named Distinguished Professor of Art and Science by the College of Arts and Sciences during the fall 2003 convocation.

"Shippey and I are both interested in Tolkien, have known each other for years and he is a really good speaker," said Sullivan.

Shippey is a graduate of Queen's College and Cambridge. His honors include an award of a fellowship at St. John's College in Oxford, a concurrent lectureship at the University of Oxford. Shippey is the Chair of English Language and Medieval Literature at the University of Leeds and the recipient of the Walter J. Ong, S.J. and endowed chair at St. Louis University. He was also a visiting professor at the University of

Texas at Austin and Harvard.

A medievalist and expert in the field of English, Shippey continues to share his knowledge by lecturing and teaching the works of the medieval time and literature.

He is also an editor of *Studies in Medievalism*, an annual committed to modern images of the medieval, and co-editor of *Medievalism in the Modern World*.

He currently teaches undergraduate courses in the area of "Arthurian Literature" and "Literature of the Vikings." His extensive work with designing and teaching interdisciplinary courses in the field of Medieval Literature has led to a program that offers a graduate certificate in Medieval Literature.

This amazing man will be a sure attraction for many students at ECU.

"Anyone that is interested in the *Lord of the Rings* movies, the works of Tolkien and fantasy literature," Sullivan said when asked what kind of person might enjoy this lecture.

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



Tom Shippey lectures today.

Event Info

"Both Rings are Round and There's an end of it! Tolkien, Wagner, and the Rediscovery of the North"
Lecture by Tom Shippey
Today at 7:30 p.m.
1032 Bate
Reception to follow

Horoscopes

Aries (March 20-April 18) Delayed business permissions may soon arrive. Expect advancement to come in the form of divided projects, last-minute promotions or unusual work partnerships. Thursday through Sunday also accent new friendships and complex group activities. Avoid competing schedules, if possible, and expect minor jealousies.

Taurus (April 19-May 19) Family ultimatums or rare home proposals may be accented. Carefully resolve all outstanding legal documents. Friday through Sunday, powerful dream experiences may bring new awareness. Areas affected are trusted friendships, romantic triangles or family expectations.

Gemini (May 20-June 20) Ongoing financial and business questions will soon be settled. After Friday, however, carefully study taxation and spending records. Wednesday through Saturday also highlight serious family discussions or revised romantic promises. Emotions may be high. Take time to clearly explain your needs.

Cancer (June 21-July 21) Before Wednesday, watch for loved ones to adopt new attitudes or revise unrealistic schedules. Use this time to establish romantic expectations. Thursday through Saturday, pay attention to new debts or sudden financial changes. Delayed payments will not work to your advantage. Remain determined to settle outstanding accounts.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22) Family proposals or revised home plans will soon prove rewarding. Wednesday through Saturday also accent improved relations and renewed trust between friends. Stay firmly

dedicated to the present and expect recent disputes or power struggles to steadily fade.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21) Respond quickly to all job offers or business proposals. Virgos born after 1972 should also pay attention to the health sciences or community services industries. Later this week, romantic proposals will be reversed. Don't be dismayed; renewed passion will soon become a top priority.

Libra (Sept. 22-Oct. 22) Over the next eight days, loved ones may neglect established home duties or discuss stressful family gatherings. Expect tension between siblings, complex schedules or financial obligations to be permanently resolved. After Friday, some Librans may also encounter a rare social invitation or sudden romantic proposal. If so, remain quietly reserved. New relationships may be difficult to initiate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Public images, social reputation and revised business roles are on the agenda. Expect temporary job promotions and fast career proposals. Later this week, someone close may ask for special advice. Marital discord, social triangles and romantic trust may be key concerns. Remain diplomatic. Passions may be high.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20) Social communications and business messages may be controversial over the next eight days. Complex personality clashes may soon be revealed. Thursday through Sunday, dream activity, sudden impressions and quick insights are highlighted. A troubled relationship may soon be revealed as unproductive or outdated.

Stay focused on trust.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19) Workplace romance and social complications may be draining over the next few days. Before next week, loved ones may feel a strong urge to publicly defend their ideas. Wednesday through Sunday also accent new financial or legal deadlines. Stay alert.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Early this week, friendship and romance become top priorities. After Tuesday, expect loved ones to confidently state their intentions or long-term plans. Friday through Sunday, family members or trusted friends may request clarification. Group plans, daily activities and social loyalties are accented.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 19) Subtle comments may reveal important information. Expect loved ones to gently request family improvements or express a need for change. Some Pisceans, especially those born after 1974, will encounter a complex or mildly unethical romantic proposal. If so, remain quietly distant. At present, new relationships will take extra time to become reliable.

If your birthday is this week ... Find creative ways to involve new friends, family members and romantic partners in social activities. Group awareness and common goals will bring added strength to long-term relationships. Over the next five weeks, respond quickly to all invitations, proposals or social requests. By late July, a new career path may be made available. Later this summer, romantic passions intensify. Expect potential lovers or new friends to compete for your time, attention and loyalty.

Fashion from page B1

with black. Susan Sarandon's black Gucci dress flattered her figure while Liv Tyler's Givenchy Couture creation did nothing for her.

Only two actresses seemed to defy the standards of style this year. The usually stylish Uma Thurman paired a gold bolero jacket and a blue sash with a white chiffon layered gown that looked like it came from Grandma's dining room table.

In typical Diane Keaton style, the Best Actress nominee sported an *Annie Hall* inspired

Ralph Lauren suit complete with a black bowler hat, black gloves and a polka-dotted tie and handkerchief. It was hard for fashionista Joan Rivers to keep her mouth shut as Keaton walked by.

Although the men were all dressed in similar tuxes, a few took risks and really stood out.

Best Supporting Actor nominee Djimon Hounsou looked extremely attractive in a black Gucci suit paired with a light blue tie. Jude Law, nominated for Best Actor, gave the red carpet a

retro feel with a three-piece navy blue Dunhill tux. Heath Ledger's look was disappointing. He wore a black, Gucci tux paired with Elvis style sunglasses and an unshaven face.

Although color worked for some men, Best Director nominee Clint Eastwood should have just stuck to a white shirt, rather than his black tux paired with a green satin shirt and black bowtie.

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The Treasure Chest

The Treasure Chest is a monthly series devoted to the common challenges that college students face throughout the year. It is written by the Center for Counseling and Student Development located at 316 Wright Building. For further information, please contact the Center at 328-6661.

Spring break is almost here, and it's time to start preparing for your big trip. Spring break is a time to welcome warm weather after a long, cold winter and to enjoy a stress release after midterms as you ready yourself for completing the semester. Following are some tips on how to have a safe spring break that you can enjoy and relish in the midst of Finals Week!!

Before you leave:
Avoid crash diets – healthy weight loss comes from eating healthy, regular meals and snacks and exercising – not fasting!
Secure your room/apartment – lock up and leave a vague phone message so you don't advertise your absence
Pack thoroughly – sunscreen, condoms, passport/driver's license/other identification, contraceptives, necessary medication, and cell phone for emergencies
Prepare your car – road safety check, all necessary maps, spare tire, gas can and other road safety equipment
Set a budget – set a dollar amount you want to spend for the whole trip, bring backup funds for emergencies, bring money in various forms (cash, traveler's checks, credit cards, ATM card), and don't keep your money all in one place
Confirm your reservations before you leave

On your way there:
Get enough rest – make sure you have a good night's sleep before setting out
Rotate drivers and take breaks – take turns while you travel
Don't take chances – drive defensively, obey traffic signs and signals, and watch your speed so that you can arrive safely
Do not transport illegal drugs

Once you're there:
Alcohol safety
Avoid dehydration – drink plenty of water while in the sun and limit alcohol use
Eat a meal before drinking – to slow the absorption of alcohol
Pace yourself – drink no more than one drink per hour
Designate a sober driver or take a cab
21 is the legal drinking age in all states
Selling or serving alcohol to a minor is a serious offense in all states
Under 21, all states are "zero tolerance" (no alcohol in system when driving)
Most states have a .08 BAC level if over 21
Watch out for your friends

Reduce your risk for sexual assault
Always watch your drink – even non-alcoholic beverages can be drugged
Stay in control – limit alcohol and drug use
Use the buddy system – stay with friends while drinking and on the way home
Don't go or let a friend go with someone you've just met
Have a cell phone in case of emergency

If the unthinkable happens:
If you have been raped
Don't shower
Tell someone – friend, family, or the police
Go to the nearest emergency room and get a medical evaluation – they will also offer counselors for support

Alcohol poisoning symptoms:
Person is unconscious or semi-conscious and cannot be awakened or aroused
Person has cold, clammy, pale, or bluish skin
Breathing is slow or irregular
Person vomits while sleeping or passed out and doesn't awake after vomiting
If a person has any one of these symptoms, he or she is suffering from acute alcohol intoxication and you should:
1. GET HELP--call someone who can assist.
2. NOT LEAVE THE PERSON ALONE--turn him or her on their side to prevent them from choking in case of vomiting.
3. Be better safe than sorry if you are unsure of what to do.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES AND EACH OTHER, AND HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!

ECU HEALTHY LIFESTYLES TEAM

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Other Celebration events to include:
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The LW Essay Contest Recognition, March 5

The S.O.U.L.S. Memorial Award Recognition, March 5

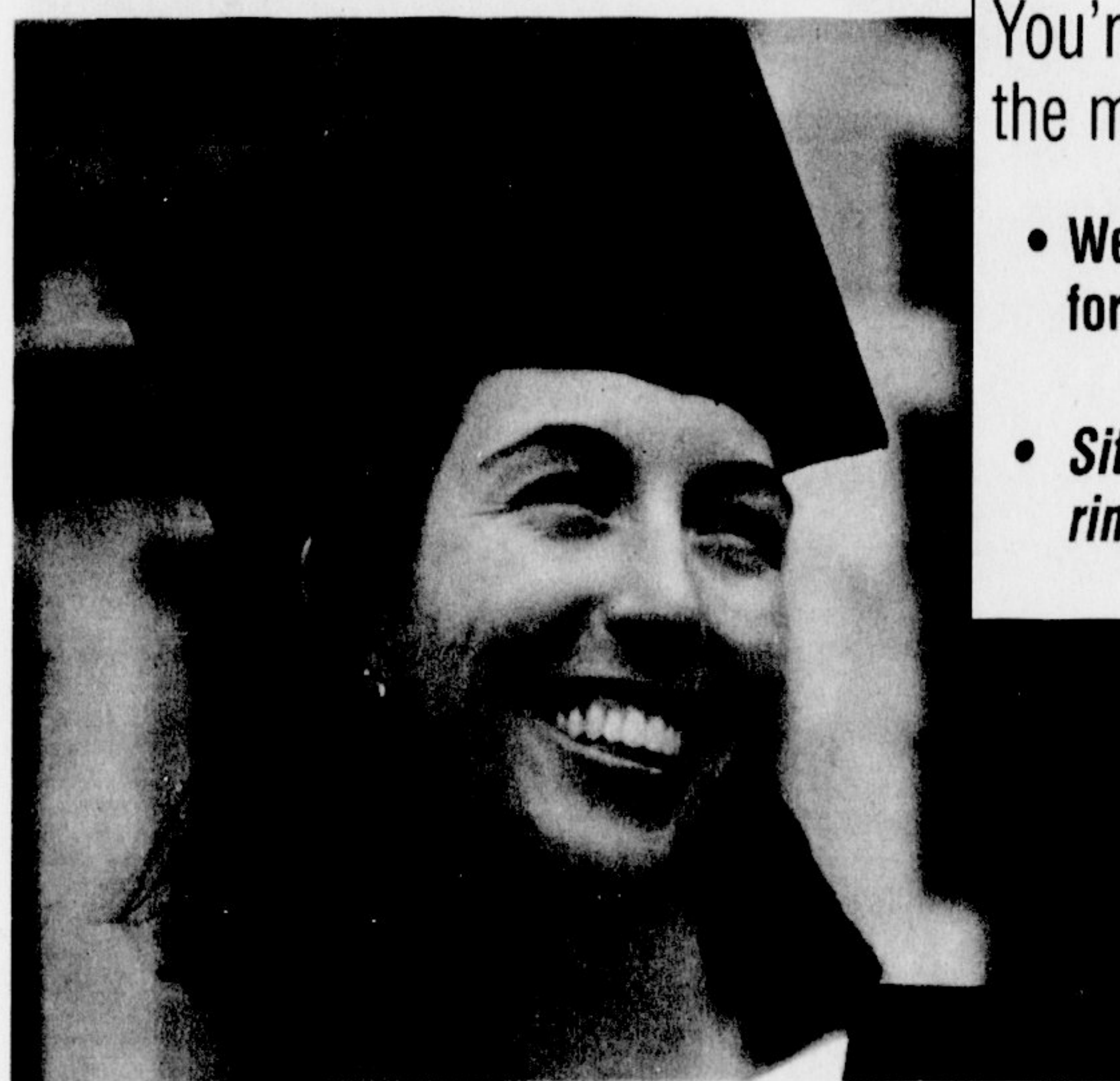
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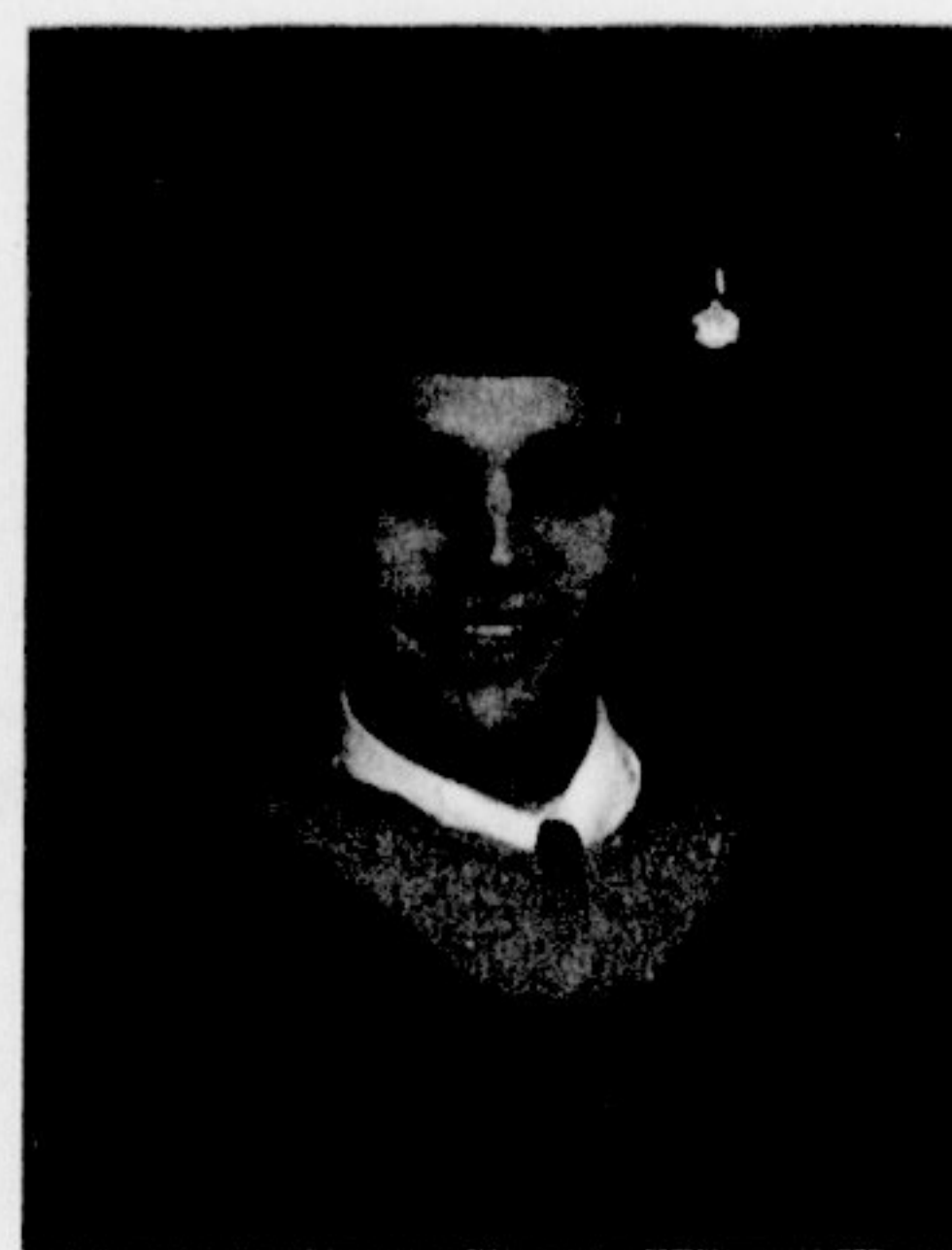
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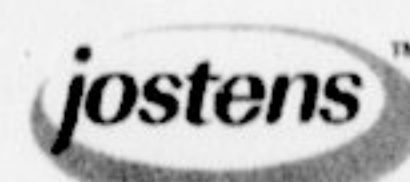
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Place: Mendenhall Student Center

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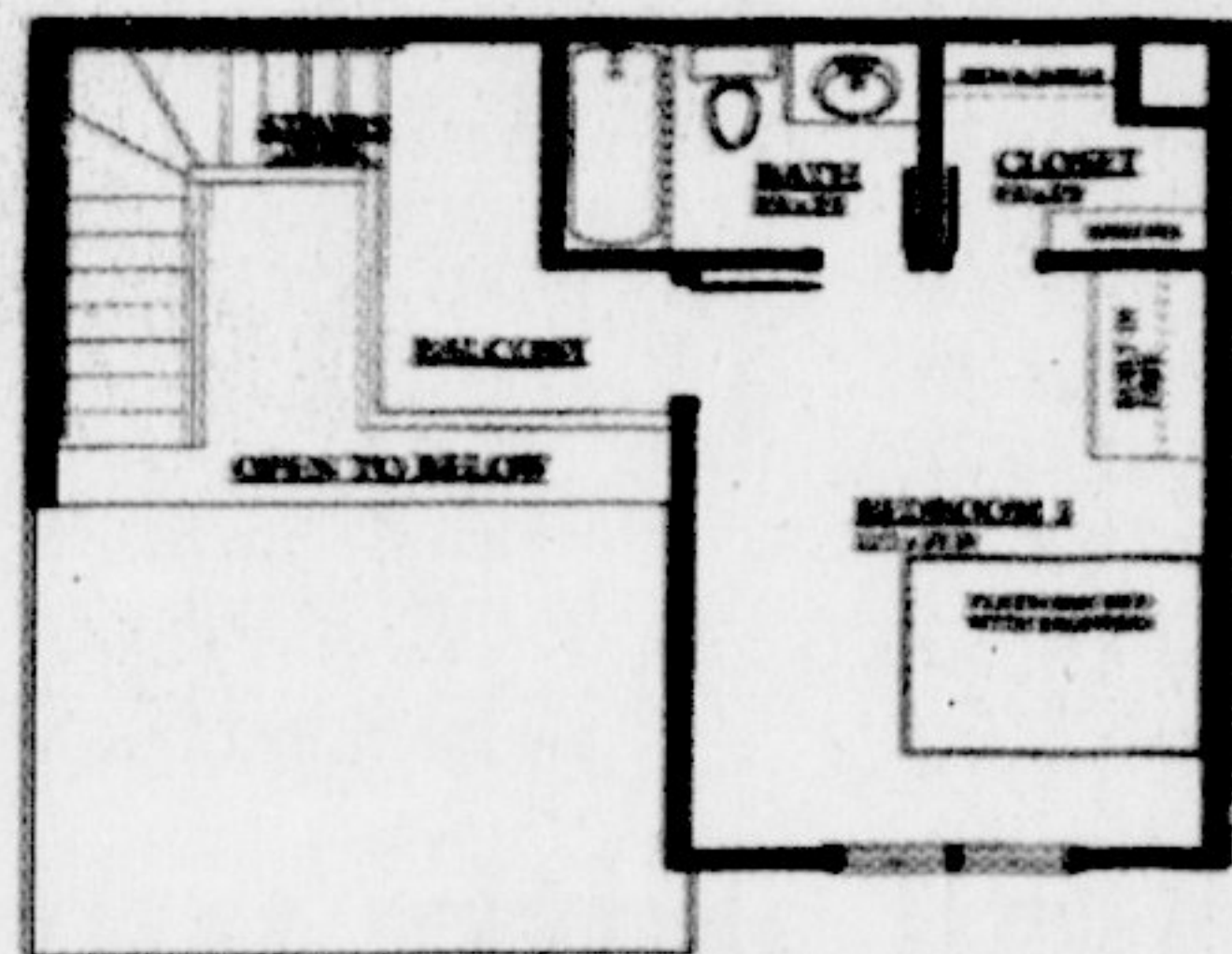
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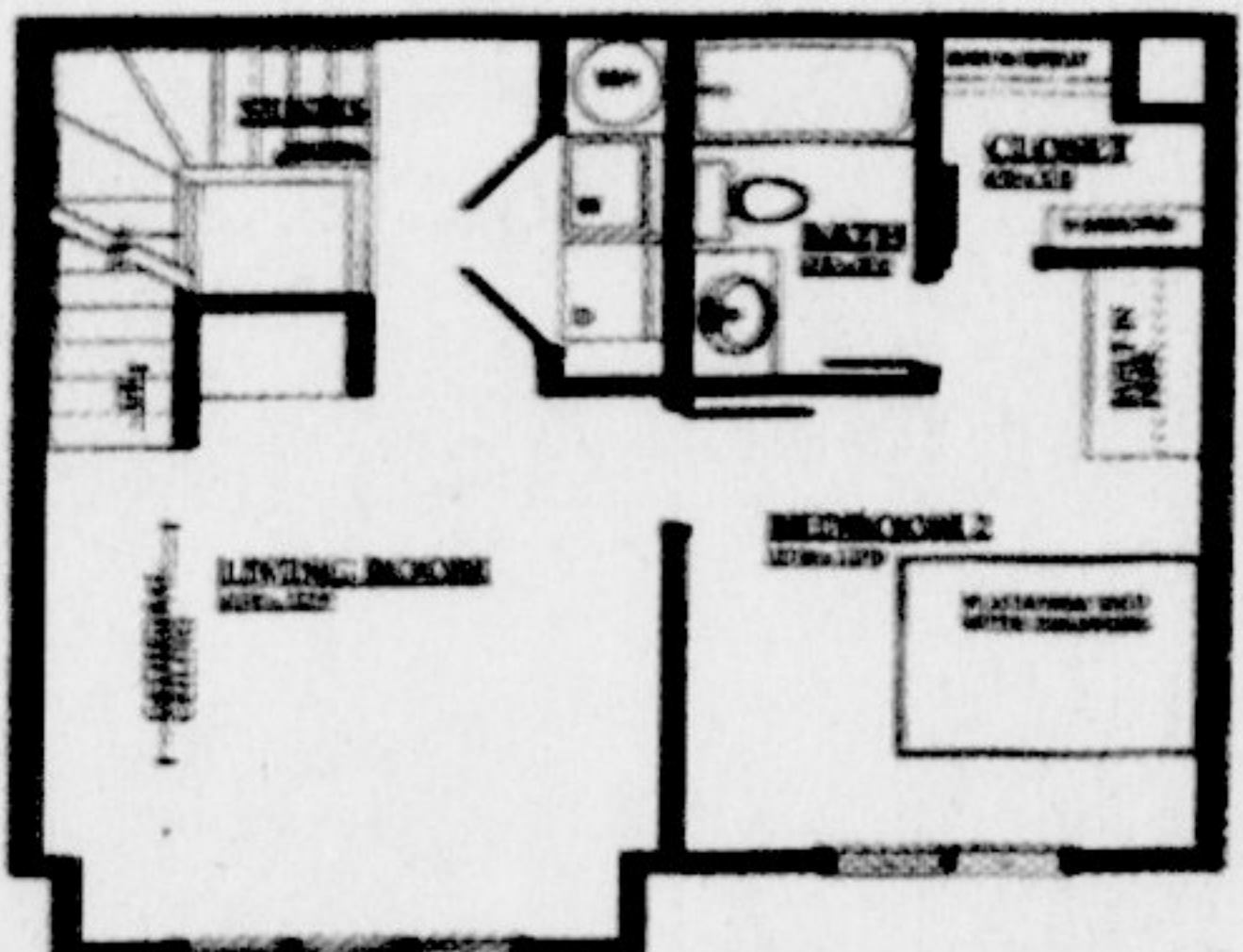
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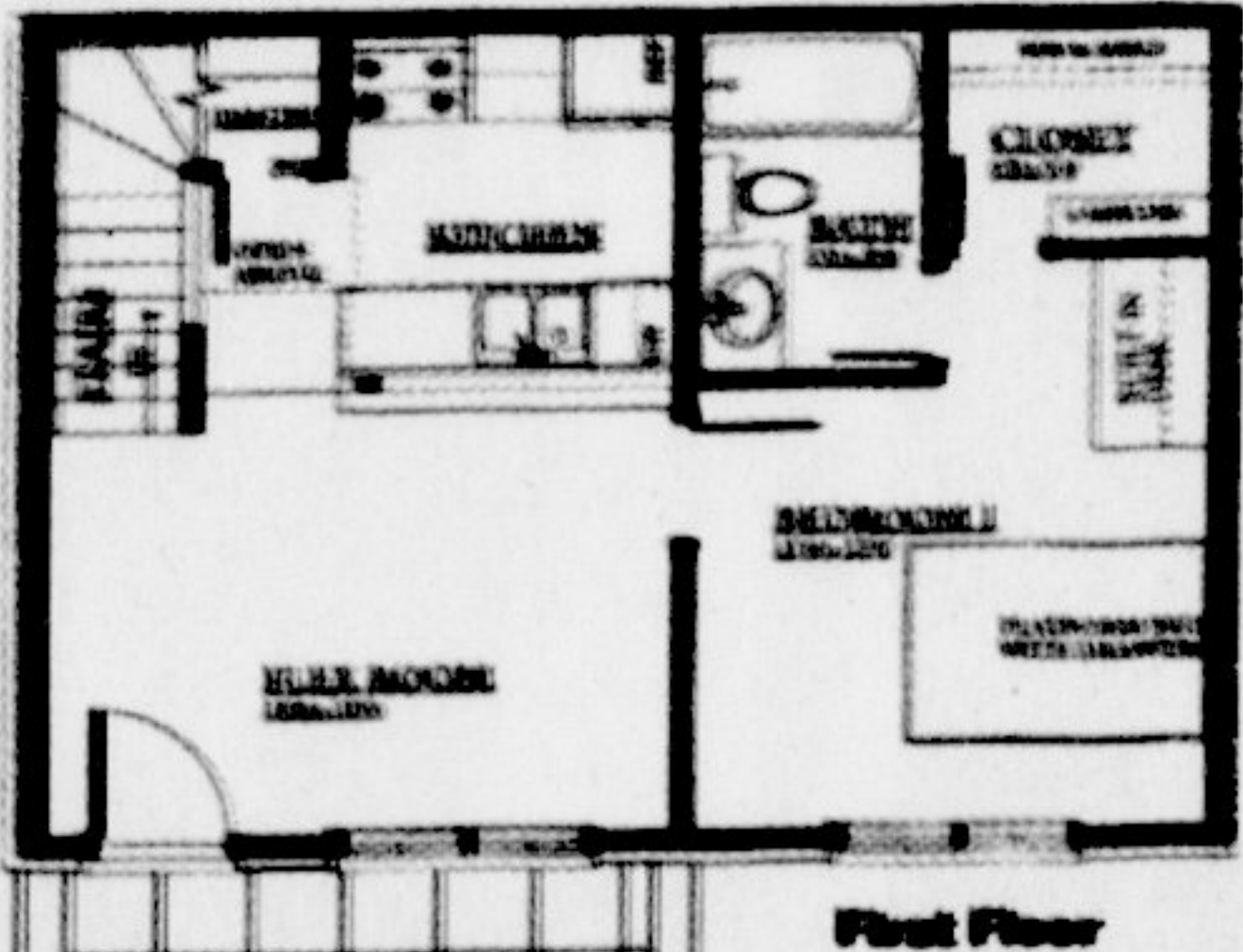
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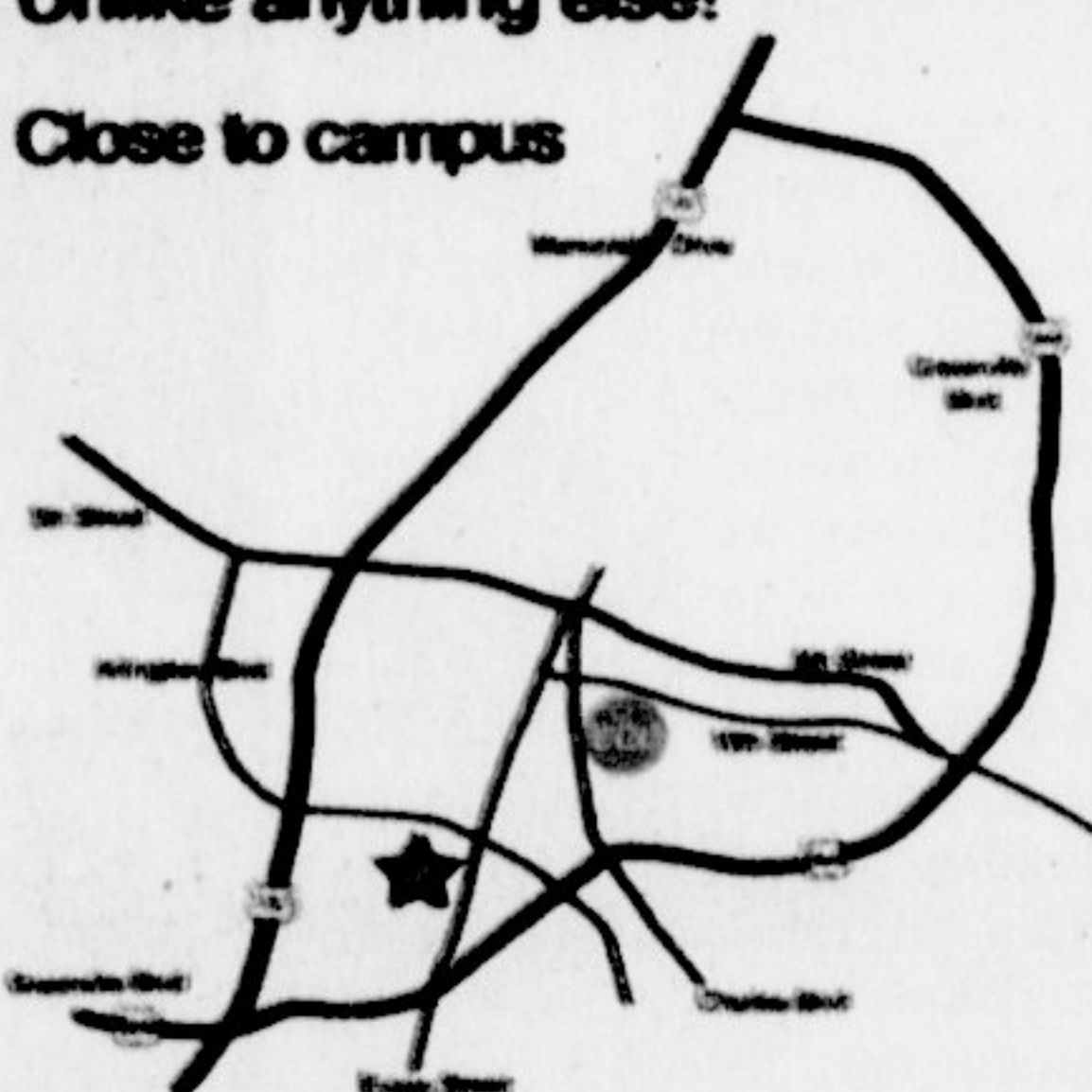
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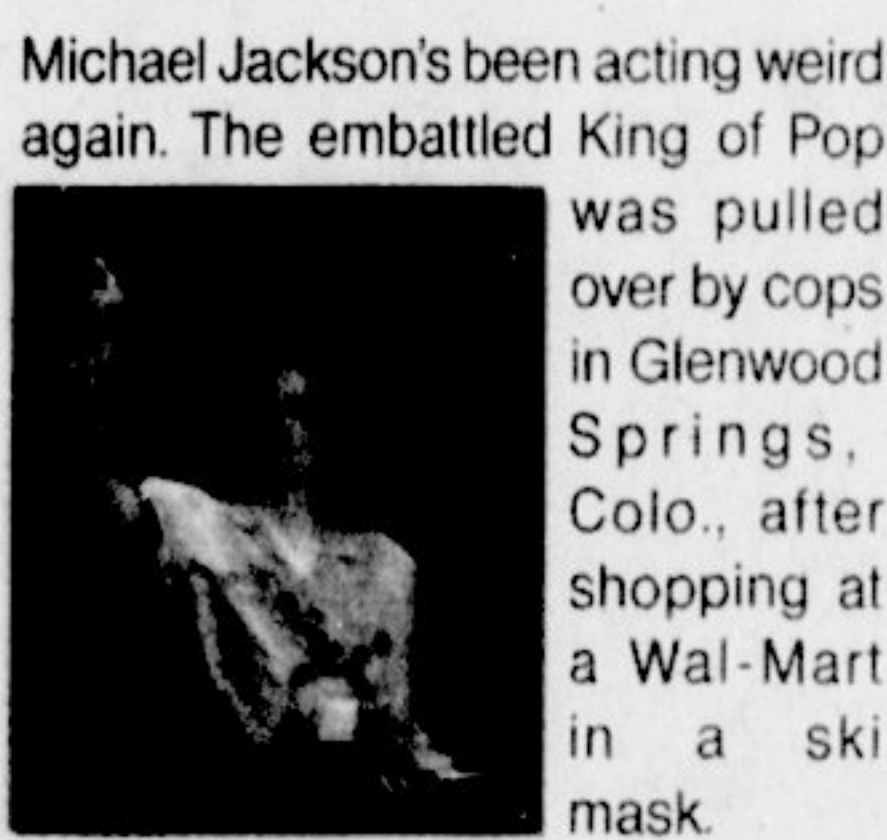
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Names in the News



Michael Jackson's been acting weird again. The embattled King of Pop was pulled over by cops in Glenwood Springs, Colo., after shopping at a Wal-Mart in a ski mask. A store employee gave police a description of the masked stranger's vehicle. Cops then pulled Jackson over and asked him to remove the mask. "There were no problems," police Lt. Bill Kimminau said. Jackson spokeswoman Raymone Bain called the incident a trifle. But it gets a little odder. Syndicated TV show "Extra" reports that in Aspen, a few miles east of Glenwood Springs, locals have seen Jackson in full ski-mask strolling the streets with an unidentified boy. His rep says the Gloved One is on

vacation in Colorado with his family, but some tabloids suggest Jackson entered drug rehab to treat an addiction to painkillers. According to the BBC, Jackson calls the story "simply another of a litany of false rumors."

BROWN SENTENCED

Has-been pop star Bobby Brown was sentenced Friday in an Atlanta court to 60 days in jail for violating his parole, stemming from a '96 drunken-driving charge. Since he was put on probation, Brown, 35, has been accused of five violations, including a December misdemeanor battery charge for allegedly hitting his wife, diva's diva Whitney Houston. He's scheduled to appear May 5 in a Fulton County

court on that charge. Brown faced a 120-day sentence, but got it reduced because he cleaned up his act on some charges. He paid a \$105 fee, and completed counseling and community service.

MONEY TALKS

Martin Bashir, who scorched the ratings last year with his frightening tell-all documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," might be heading to our shores. According to the *Hollywood Reporter*, the controversial British interviewer, who got Princess Diana to spill the beans about her bad marriage in a '95 report, is talking to ABC about joining its news team. Industry insiders say the network is offering Bashir a cool \$1 million. No comments from network brass.

Money from page B4

in how much money you have coming in is often a good indicator of whether you are living within your means.

However, for many students the problem is living outside of their means. Students have a lot more money going out than coming in. Solution: In addition to bargain hunting for all your needs, get a job.

Greenville is a flourishing town with many opportunities for students to work. For those

who don't have a car, ECU offers many jobs that don't require traveling.

"The good thing about working on campus is that you actually wind up making more money because they don't take out as many taxes. On top of that, it's also a great experience," said Jamie Mauldin, junior communication major.

For students who are really looking for a price break, one job that fulfills many needs is

becoming a Resident Adviser. Being an RA not only offers great communication and leadership skills but also provides free room and board, a meal plan and \$50 a month.

Everyone loves to have a little extra dough in their wallets, but it's up to you to make sure it stays there.

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Announcements

Spring Break Trip

The Adventure Program is organizing a multi-element trip to the Florida Everglades Sea Kayak trip. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 3. Pre-trip meeting is Thursday, March 4. The trip should include Hiking, Kayaking, Climbing and Canoeing.

Self Defense Fitness Class

Self Defense fitness classes will be held March 24 - April 14 from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. The program offers students a chance to learn self-defense techniques in a progressive training system that allows them to avoid confrontation and defend themselves as the situation dictates. The program will cover basic personal protection theories, as well as some of the more recent philosophies of self-defense.

Sports Briefs

Swimming takes second at C-USA meet

Both ECU's men and women swimming teams finished second at the Conference USA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship and Men's Invitational on Saturday at the University of Houston's Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Natatorium. On the women's side, the Lady Pirates finished behind league champion TCU, while the ECU men also came in second-best to the Horned Frogs. ECU's Diane Parker was named Swimmer of the Meet for the second consecutive year. Individually on Saturday, ECU's Holly Williams picked up a second-place finish (2:03.86) in the 200 backstroke. Kate Gordon placed third in the 200 fly (2:03.33). On the men's side, ECU's Casey Cronin finished in second place (2:04.85) in the 200 breaststroke.

Softball beats George Mason in Dixie Classic

Junior college transfer Shirley Burleson hit a grand slam home run to cap off a six-run fourth inning to propel ECU over George Mason, 9-2, at the Dixie Classic on Sunday. Down 2-1 entering the bottom of the fourth, ECU (11-2-1) put its first three runners on base to set the stage for Burleson. After Mandi Nichols led off the inning with a single, Krista Jessup and Lara Brickhouse were issued consecutive base-on-balls. Burleson followed with her first career home run to give the Pirates a 5-2 advantage. Kristen Johnson later doubled home Lacassa Hill, who singled following Burleson's grand slam. Two more free passes loaded the bases again, and Andiey Acosta drew the Pirates' fifth walk of the inning to plate the sixth run of the inning. ECU added two more runs in the sixth as Danyele Hill singled home a run and Leigh Savoy scored on a groundout by Acosta. Christine Sheridan and Johnson each collected a pair of hits as the Pirates pounded out 10 hits in all. Brentley Bridgeforth picked up the victory allowing two runs on nine hits.

Pirate Netters beat Charlotte 4-1

ECU's men's tennis team beat Charlotte 4-1 to wrap up play in the Conference USA Shootout being held this weekend in Fort Worth, Texas, and New Orleans. The Pirates, who beat Marquette on Friday before being bumped to the loser's bracket by No. 56 Louisville on Saturday, improve to 7-2 on the season. Charlotte falls to 3-7. ECU clinched the win by taking victories in four of the top five singles flights. Charl Meyer, Paulo Baumer, Darren Mansell and Mark Gellard all claimed wins (See chart at bottom).

Woods wins tourney

Tiger Woods went 25 holes before he finally took the lead Sunday, then roared past Davis Love III with key putts to win the Match Play Championship for the second straight year, 3 and 2. Woods won for the 40th time on the PGA Tour in just his 149th start, the quickest anyone has reached that milestone. Jack Nicklaus played 221 events before he won his 40th tournament. Woods earned \$1.2 million, the biggest prize to date on the PGA Tour, and reminded everyone who's No. 1 in the world and who's the best when the world gets together.

Hornish beats Spider-Man

The IRL season opener turned into a Penske shootout, with newcomer Sam Hornish passing teammate Helio Castroneves on the last lap to win Sunday's Toyota Indy 300. The Toyota-powered Marlboro Team Penske cars dominated early, but slipped back into the pack as accidents and pit stops shuffled the 19-car field several times.

Score Summaries

**C-USA Women's and Men's
Swimming and Diving Championship**
Houston, Texas

Women's Team Scores

1. TCU 772
2. ECU 578
3. Houston 538
4. Cincinnati 520
5. Tulane 486
6. Louisville 347
7. Saint Louis 292

Men's Team Scores

1. TCU 896
2. ECU 711
3. Louisville 648.50
4. Cincinnati 494.50
5. Saint Louis 374

Tennis: ECU (7-2) 4, Charlotte (3-7) 1

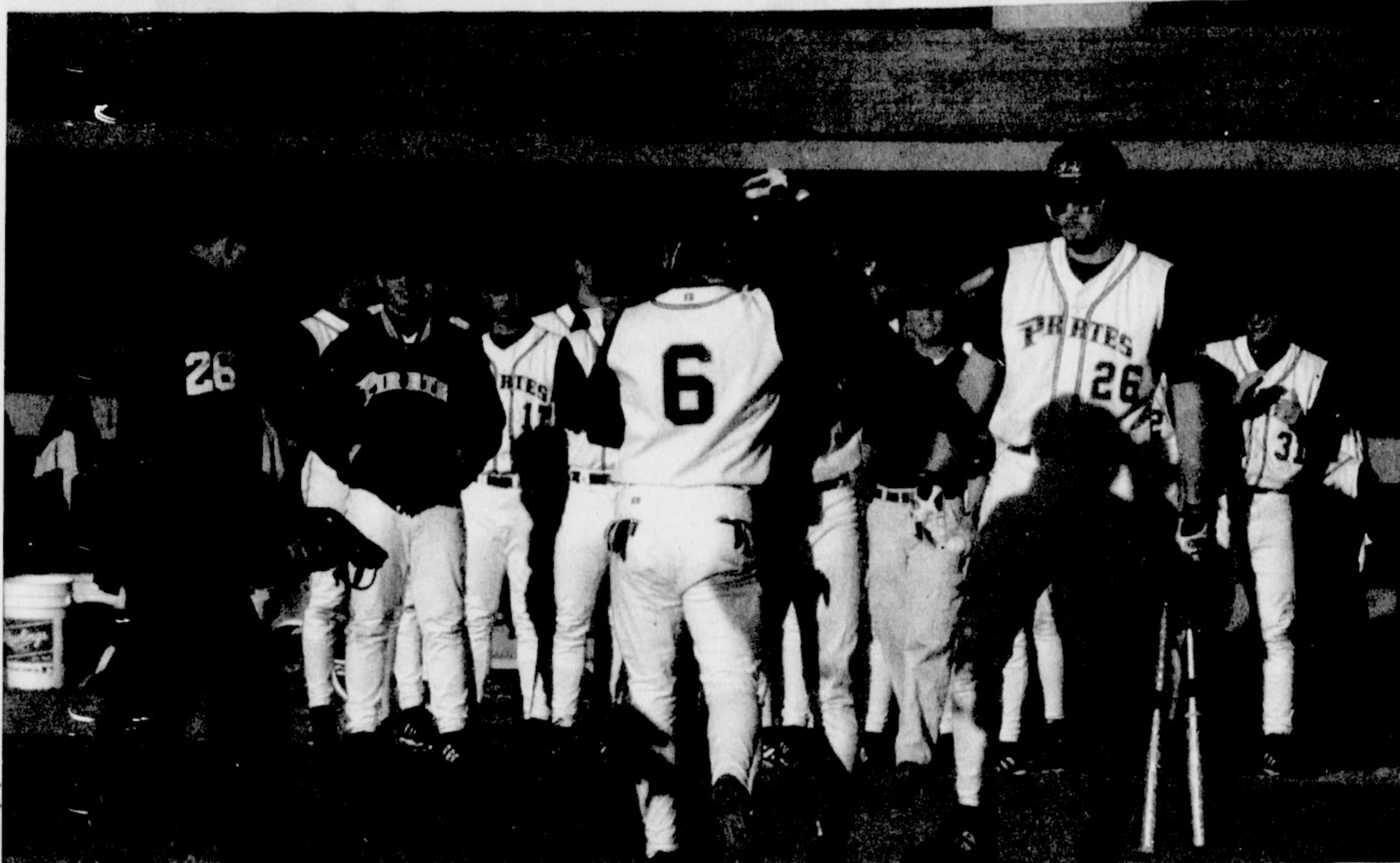
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| 1. Charl Meyer | (ECU) def. Arturo Aguirre | (CHAR) 7-5, 6-3 |
| 2. Paulo Baumer | (ECU) def. Jonathan Clark | (CHAR) 7-5, 6-2 |
| 3. Marlo Santoso | (CHAR) def. Felipe Fonseca | (ECU) 7-5, 6-2 |
| 4. Darren Mansell | (ECU) def. Dorian Host | (CHAR) 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 |
| 5. Mark Gellard | (ECU) def. Zvi Lantsberg | (CHAR) 6-4, 2-6, 6-0 |
| 6. Gerard Galindo | (ECU) vs. Stuart Lynas | (CHAR) DNF |

DOUBLES

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| Fonseca/Gellard | (ECU) vs. Aguirre/Lantsberg | (CHAR) DNF |
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Pirates sweep weekend Keith Leclair Invitational



The Diamond Pirates had plenty to celebrate at home plate this weekend as the team tallied eight home runs in four games.

Team improves to 12-0 after weekend's play

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

After getting zero respect in Baseball America's most recent top 25 poll despite opening the season 8-0, the ECU baseball team went into the weekend with something to prove to its critics. The message was simple: They are for real.

After opening the year against the likes of UNC-Asheville and Delaware, the Pirates welcomed a tough Georgia Southern team and the No. 11 ranked Clemson Tigers into town.

Needless to say, the only team that left the field happy was the team that didn't leave town.

ECU rolled to four consecutive wins in a matter of two days, pushing their undefeated mark to 12-0.

ECU made quick work of the Georgia Southern Eagles in game one as they cruised to a 7-1 win to set the stage for the nightcap showdown with Clemson.

Ryan Jones led the Pirates with three hits and four RBIs. The RBI came in the late stages of the game as Jones blasted a two-run homer to right in the seventh and followed it with a two-run double to left in the ninth to seal the deal.

Ryan Norwood added two hits and Brian Cavanaugh collected his first hit of the season, which turned out to be a two-run triple in the ninth in a pinch-hit effort for Drew Costanzo.

Brody Taylor was the man on the mound as he scattered five hits and two walks over seven and two-thirds scoreless innings.

As the sun set on Harrington Field, the fans poured into the stadium to support the Pirates



ECU pitching continued to baffle opposing hitters, putting the team ERA at 1.55 for the year.

against highly touted Clemson in game two of ECU's day one double-header. The Pirates used their outstanding home-field advantage to pull out a 3-2, eleven-inning thriller against the nationally ranked Tigers.

A coaching decision in the bottom of the 11th by coach Randy Mazey turned out to be the difference in the game.

As Cavanaugh, who had a pinch-hit triple in game one for Costanzo, walked to the plate with the score knotted at two, Mazey decided to reverse his game one instinct and allow Costanzo to return the favor for Cavanaugh in a pinch-hitting substitution.

The count quickly ran to full on the junior college transfer, setting up the heroics.

On the next pitch, Costanzo blasted Patrick Hogan's offering into "The Jungle." As the crowd

exploded, the first-year Pirate got mobbed at home plate by his ecstatic teammates.

The home run marked the first for Costanzo as a Pirate.

"It feels real good," said Costanzo.

"I've been waiting for one. But for it to win the game is even better."

Mazey talked about his decision to pinch-hit Costanzo in the last inning.

"Going into the season, we thought he'd be one of our best hitters," said Mazey.

"He's off to a slow start so we gave him the game off against a lefty. We waited until the situation was right, and he stepped up huge."

ECU was also aided in their winning effort with solo home runs from Mark Miniccozzi and Norwood in the fifth and seventh innings respectively.

Pirate seniors bid farewell with win

ECU defeats USF 69-60 in last home game

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

Erroyl Bing, Gabriel Mikulas, Derrick Wiley, Luke MacKay and Garth Grindley were all honored before their last home game as a Pirate on Saturday afternoon. Each stood before the home crowd, relishing the spotlight amid cheers and applause and reminiscing about their collegiate career. However, there was still the game at hand after the tearful farewells, and the Pirates needed a win over South Florida in order to contend for that final spot in the Conference USA tournament.

Freshman Mike Cook joined the four seniors on the floor to start the game as Mikulas watched from the bench, still not recovered from a season-ending arm injury. The Pirates were expected to be on fire with emotions running high, but it was the Bulls who sprinted out to an early 12-5 lead.

ECU responded and both teams traded baskets until midway through the second half. The Pirates then went on a run and never looked back on their way to a 69-60 victory. The win improved ECU's conference record to 4-10 in C-USA and moved them into 11th place in the standings. Head Coach Bill

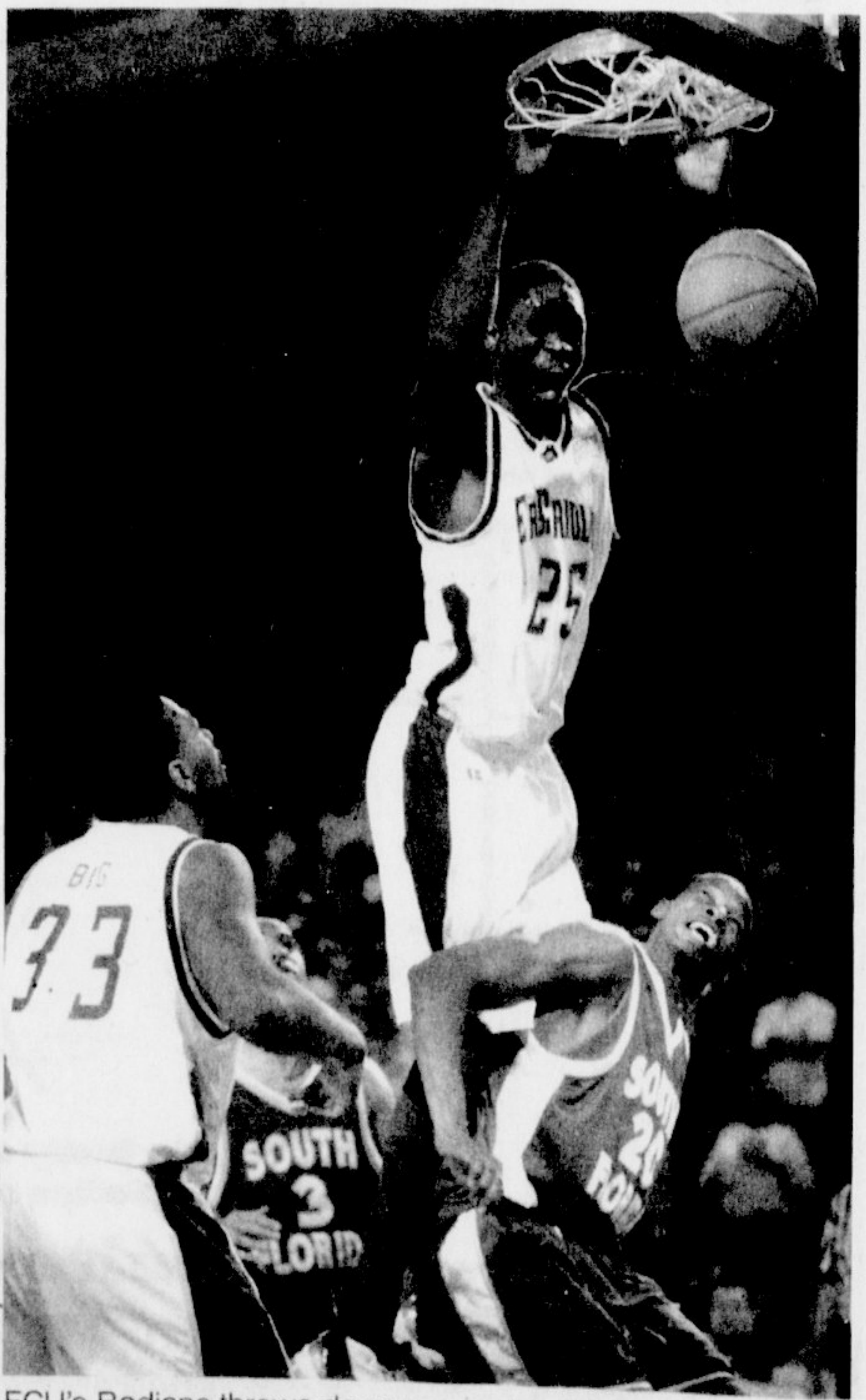
Herrion's three-game winning streak has the Pirates right where they want to be heading into the last week of the regular season. They must visit Marquette and Southern Miss and control their own destiny in order to receive a C-USA tourney bid and a possible NIT invite.

"This was a great win and a really solid effort from our basketball team. But this is how we have been playing for the last month and a half to two months," said Herrion after the game.

"I think that we are getting better and we're starting to understand how to handle late game situations better. For a while, we have been playing with a lot more leads than we have ever had here at ECU and particularly in C-USA."

The seniors contributed immediately as Wiley hit a jumper just 16 seconds into the contest and MacKay quickly followed with a three-pointer. USF then countered with the tandem of Bradley Mosely and Terrance Leather. The duo scored the Bulls' first 12 points of the game and finished with 20 and 13 points respectively.

After that explosive run, the Pirates settled down and clawed their way back into the contest. The two squads played the remainder of the first half neck-and-neck, with ECU holding a slim 37-34 lead at



ECU's Badiane throws down a monster dunk the second half.

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Swimming places second

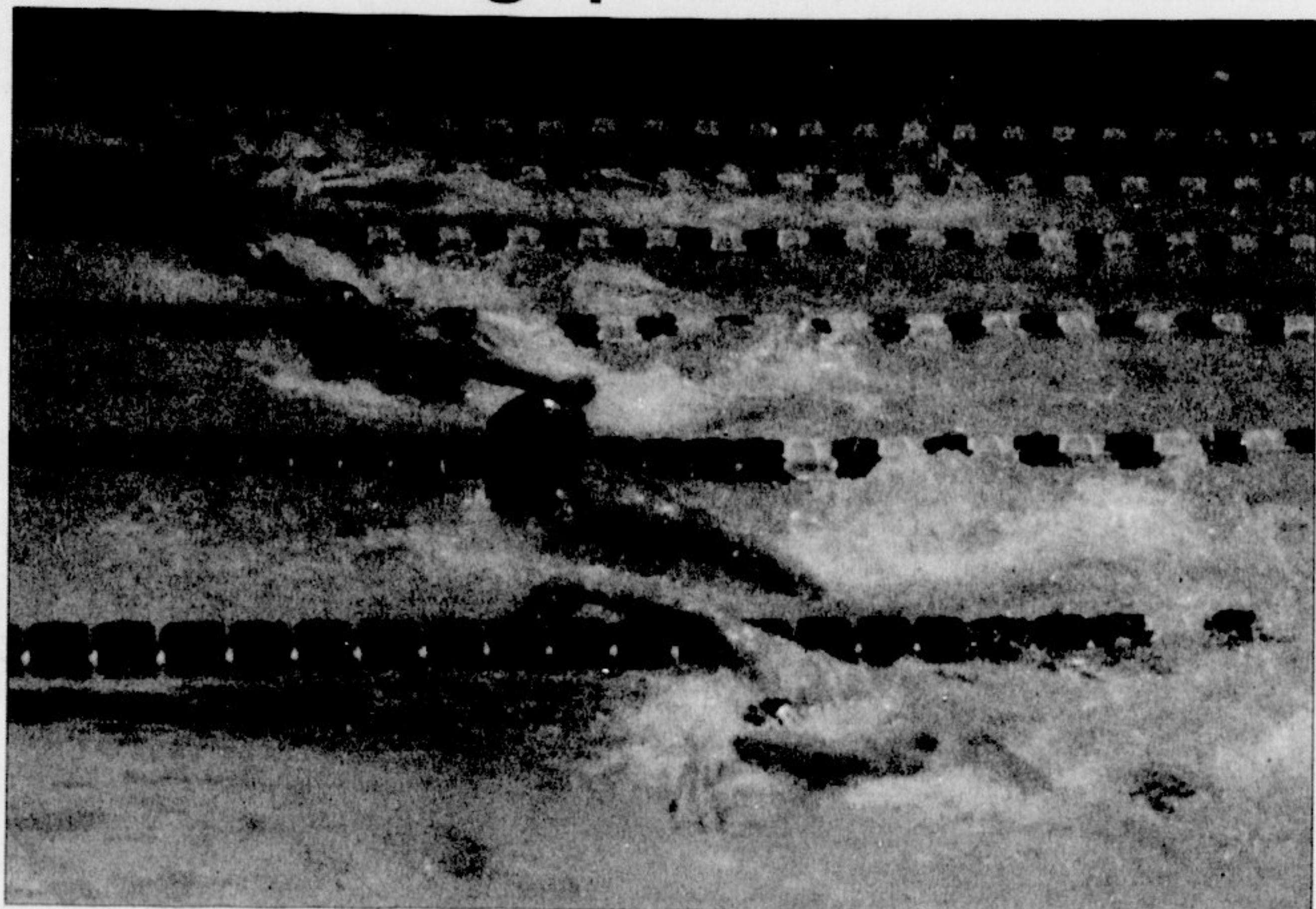
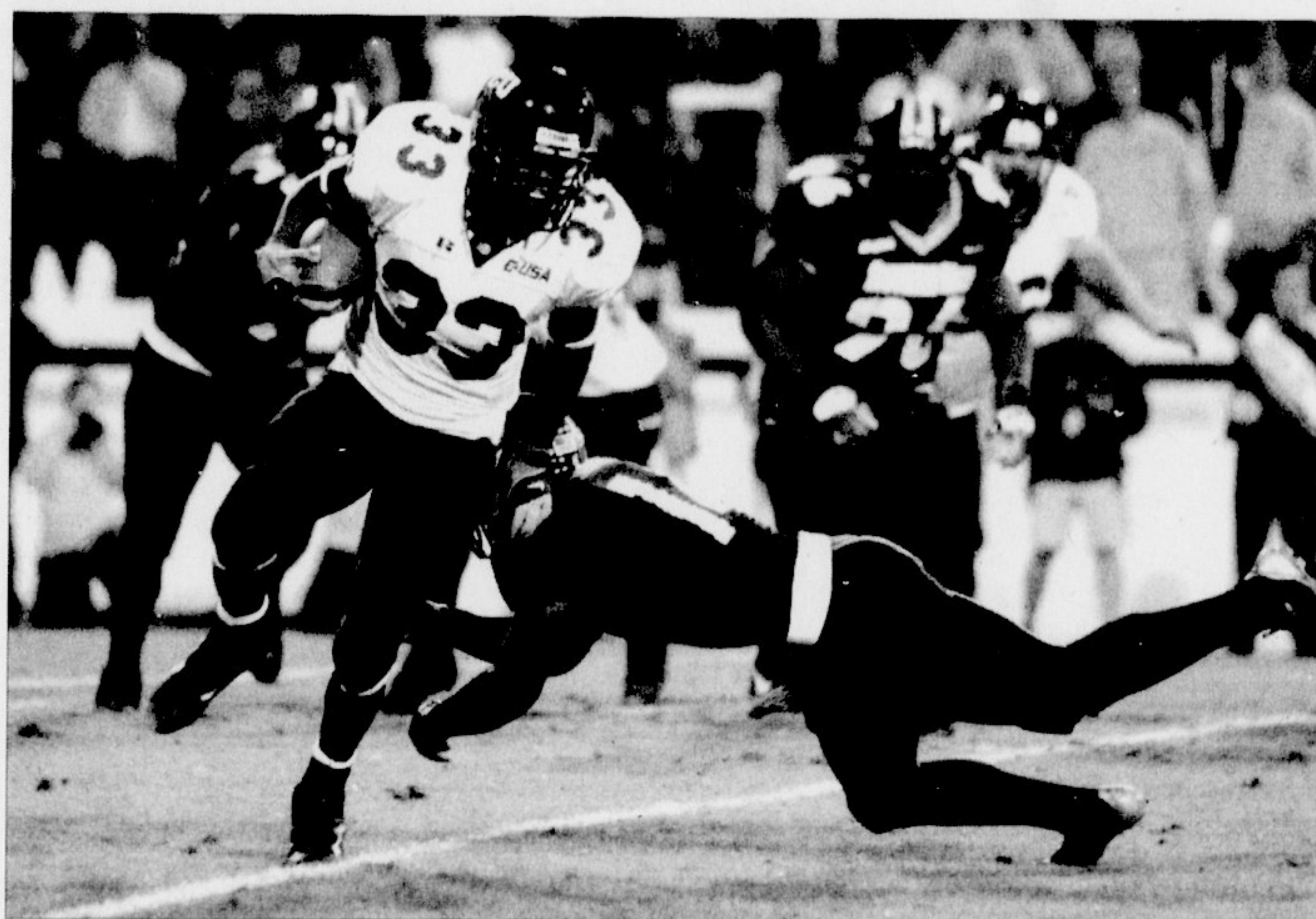


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ECU's men's and women's swimmers took second place at the C-USA meet in Houston, Texas last weekend. Both teams finished behind Texas Christian University's men's and women's squads. Complete scores can be found on Page B6.



TCU was one of many mid-major teams who felt they deserved a BCS bowl bid last season.

BCS to offer fifth game, add conferences

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (KRT)—The Bowl Championship Series intends to add a fifth game beginning in the 2006 season, and there will be increased access and better revenue distribution for the conferences that have not been a part of the group.

The conferences not previously part of the BCS will become part of it under the new framework, and those schools, based on merit and performance, will have guaranteed bowl slots through championships or ranking, probably no lower than No. 12 in the BCS rankings.

"The Coalition for Athletics Reform went out of business today," said Scott Cowen of Tulane University, spokesman for the coalition institutions.

"We are all part of one side whether we call it the BCS, the ABC or the XYZ. We have to eliminate branding among all schools in Division I-A."

David Frohnmayer, president of the University of Oregon and spokesman for the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee, and Myles Brand, president of the NCAA, joined Cowen in making the announcement after a six-hour meeting, the third between the groups over nine months.

"Every Division I-A institution is a BCS institution," said Frohnmayer.

"In the very real sense

that it will have an equal opportunity based on its merit and competitiveness to participate at the very highest level in one of the BCS games. The idea of BCS vs. non-BCS institutions will become an artifact of history."

Orlando, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and San Diego are expected to have interest in the fifth BCS game, but according to Frohnmayer, it could also be a new bowl game.

"We are envisioning a bowl of equal stature," Frohnmayer said.

"In terms of payout (currently \$17 million), participation in the championship rotation and accessibility."

The six conferences (Big East, ACC, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-10) in the BCS will retain automatic berths. The five conferences (Conference USA, WAC, MAC, Mountain West and Sun Belt) not in the BCS and Notre Dame combined will gain at least one automatic berth, said a source familiar with the negotiations.

"When you increase the number of bowls, you increase the number of access points where institutions can be included," Frohnmayer said.

"The consequence of the new framework is that it will double, perhaps even triple, the

accessibility of the institutions not currently in the BCS."

The traditional bowl alignments (Big Ten and Pac-10 to Rose Bowl, Big East and ACC to Orange Bowl, Big 12 to Fiesta Bowl and SEC to Sugar Bowl) will be maintained. This season's BCS title game will be in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4, 2005.

If under the new framework, Cowen said, in four of the last six years a member of a Coalition conference would have played in a BCS bowl. "The average ranking of the teams playing will be increased," Cowen said.

"This underscores the fact there will be no (diluting) of the quality of teams playing, even though more of our teams will be involved."

The former non-BCS school will receive a significant increase in revenues, but the formula has not been finalized.

"We are confident there will be a significant increase for the institutions not currently in the BCS," Frohnmayer said.

"We have an idea about the percentage increase, but based on the yield we aren't sure what the exact increase will be for each conference."

The institutions rejected the idea of a college playoff based on the idea that it would move college sports much closer to a professional model than it needs to be.

ECU claims men's 4x400 relay title at C-USA meet

HOUSTON, Texas — ECU's men's 4x400-meter relay team claimed a Conference USA gold medal to highlight Saturday's action for the Pirates at the 2004 C-USA Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The ECU men finished eighth in the team standings while the Lady Pirates placed ninth.

The Pirates' 4x400 squad, comprised of Michael Hillian, B.J. Henderson, DeAndre Hyman and Darrus Cofield, out-distanced their competition with a time of 3:

15.16, less than a second shy of a school record.

Also scoring for the Pirates on Saturday were Damarcus Fox, who placed third in the 60-meter dash (6.74); Cofield, who was seventh in the 400

(49.40); and Ricardo Bell (1:54.20) and Vance Stephenson (1:56.61), who placed third and fifth, respectively, in the 800.

After an encouraging start on Friday saw the Lady Pirates move into fifth place, Saturday brought just two scoring performances for ECU.

Tara DeBrielle finished fourth in the finals of the 800 at 2:17.49 and Colleen McGinn placed second in the high jump, matching her own school record by clearing 5 feet 8 inches.

The University of Houston hosted the meet at the Yeoman Fieldhouse.

Houston's men's team captured their second straight C-USA indoor title while TCU claimed the women's crown.

Next up for ECU is the ECAC Indoor Championships, to be held in Boston next weekend.



Track Results

ECU WOMEN COMPLETE RESULTS:

60 Meters
Darneshea Jones 7.95 (prelims)
Kelsey Walker 8.16 (prelims)

60-Meter Hurdles
Nicole Callahan 9.41 (prelims)

200 Meters
Darneshea Jones 25.82 (prelims)
Kelsey Walker 27.23 (prelims)

800 Meters
4. Tara DeBrielle 2:17.49
Tara DeBrielle 2:15.49 (prelims)
Lauren Miller 2:27.99 (prelims)
Brie Berkowitz 2:28.69 (prelims)

1 Mile
16. Rebekah Bishop 5:17.46

3,000 Meters
10. Johanna Allen 10:14.53

5,000 Meters
9. Johanna Allen 17:51.90

4x400 Relay
11. Moore, Jones, Hopkins, Baptiste 4:04.49

Distance Medley Relay
6. DeBrielle, Baptiste, Bishop, Collins 12:23.68

High Jump
2. Colleen McGinn 5-8 (1.73m)

Pole Vault

3. Lindsey Rosales 11-11.75 (3.65m)
3. Tammie Mentzel 11-11.75 (3.65m)
6. Kinsey Batts 11-5.75 (3.50m)
17. Nicole Marchewka 10-0 (3.05m)

Long Jump
3. Alisha Hopkins 18-7.75 (5.68m)
24. Jenee Moore 16-10 (5.13m)

Shot Put
23. Emily Thompson 35-2 (10.72m)

Weight Throw
14. Jessica Georgio 45-10 (13.99m)
15. Emily Thompson 44-4.25 (13.52m)
19. Chelsea Salisbury 40-0.5 (12.20m)

Pentathlon
12. Sharon Hellig 2713 points

ECU MEN COMPLETE RESULTS:

60 Meters
3. Damarcus Fox 6.74
Damarcus Fox 6.78 (prelims)

60-Meter Hurdles
Hector Cotto 8.35 (prelims)
Ronnie Pollard 8.42 (prelims)

200 Meters
DeAndre Hyman 22.46 (prelims)

400 Meters
7. Darrus Cofield 49.40
9. Michael Hillian 49.84

Darrus Cofield 49.19 (prelims)
Michael Hillian 49.37 (prelims)
BJ Henderson 49.48 (prelims)

800 Meters
3. Ricardo Bell 1:54.20
5. Vance Stephenson 1:56.61

Ricardo Bell 1:56.37 (prelims)
Vance Stephenson 1:56.88 (prelims)
Trent Fuchs 1:59.82 (prelims)
Kyle Yunaska 2:05.42 (prelims)

1 Mile
10. Kristian Jorgensen 4:27.47

3,000 Meters
9. Craig Schmidt 8:50.17

5,000 Meters
15. Stephen Tausend 16:06.78

4x400 Relay
1. Hillian, Henderson, Hyman, Cofield 3:15.16

Distance Medley Relay
4. Jorgensen, Walls, Stephenson, Schmidt 10:22.63

Long Jump
11. Renaldo Isaac 21-11.75 (6.70m)

Shot Put
9. Eric Frasure 48-3.25 (14.71m)

Weight Throw
2. Eric Frasure 57-0 (17.37m)
7. Mayso Porch 47-10.5 (14.59m)

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Sophomore Survey

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You can complete the form beginning March 3rd by going to the ECU "One-Stop" web site, entering your ECU Exchange email userid and password to sign on, and clicking on "Sophomore Survey" in the box labeled "Surveys." Messages will also be sent to your ECU email account with links to the "One-Stop". You can also access the "One-Stop" from:

ECU on-line kiosks at Mendenhall Student Center, Wright Place Cafeteria, the Austin Building, Joyner Library East, and Cyber Café units located near the center stairway in Mendenhall.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible after the survey opens on March 3rd—certainly before sophomore pre-registration begins (shortly after March 29). This will also help avoid delays during pre-registration when the workload on ECU computers is at a peak. The restriction on registering will end on April 26 when this Sophomore Survey ends.

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the Pirates to strike first. After singles from Jamie Paige and Trevor Lawhorn, Darryl Lawhorn singled to center to plate Paige. A sacrifice fly to right field from Norwood pushed across Trevor for an early 2-0 lead.

The Tigers struck back in the bottom of the frame. A double from left fielder Ryan Hub and a single to center from Zane Green helped Clemson cut the lead in half, 2-1.

ECU scored again in the fourth only to see their two-run lead wiped away by a one out, three-run homer from Lou Santangelo. The home run gave the Tigers a 4-3 lead heading to the top of the seventh.

Darryl Lawhorn made sure that lead was short-lived as he sent a monstrous blast over the scoreboard in right field. The tape measure shot was the lon-

gest home run of the tournament from any player on any team.

With the score tied at four, ECU tacked on two more runs in the eighth off a Jones home run to send the Tigers packing back to South Carolina.

Darryl Lawhorn led the Pirates with three hits and three RBI's including the Mark McGuire-like shot.

Ricky Brooks and Dustin Sasser did the mound duty for ECU and combined to silence the potent Clemson offense to only seven hits.

Game four was a mere formality for the Pirates as they cruised to yet another win, 7-4 this time over the Eagles for the second time in as many days.

Trevor Lawhorn led the Pirates in the tournament finale with two hits, including one

homer. Teammate Minicozzi also hit a three-run shot to lift ECU to victory.

Four wins in two days left Mazey excited.

"I would have been happy with three, satisfied with two, but to get four was above and beyond what we expected," Mazey said.

"Our guys feel like they can beat the Yankees right now, even with A-rod. Our guys play with a chip on their shoulder, because we don't seem to get any respect in the polls. We try to tell them not to worry about the polls, cause it doesn't matter who's in them at the beginning of the season or in the middle of the season, all that matters is the end of the season. But these guys aren't stupid. They pick up the paper and they see that we start off 8-0 and don't crack the top 25.

and I think they play with a little chip on their shoulder, especially when you play a team that's in the top 15. They wanted to prove something and they did."

With all the Pirate wins is another winner. His name is Keith Leclair and the tournament that was played in the former coach's honor will truly be one that he can remember forever.

"Yesterday was his birthday and we had a great win last night and all his friends were back together and it was for a great cause," Mazey said.

"So as far as Keith goes, this weekend was for him and I don't think anything could have worked out better."

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the break. USF shot particularly well from the field in the first half, hitting more than 50 percent of their shots.

"I wrote two big words on the board at halftime in the locker room. I put 'dribble penetration,'" Herriion said.

"In the first half we weren't drawing to the basketball, we weren't containing the ball, and they were just getting way too much dribble penetration against us. We were rotating out of position, and they were getting a lot of easy baskets."

ECU clamped down on the defensive end of the floor in the second half as they held USF under 30 percent, and Leather didn't attempt another shot from the floor. Forward Brandon Brigman helped pick up some of the slack for the Bulls with nine points and was their lone offensive presence inside. Brigman was whistled for his fifth foul with 12:33 left, and the Pirates promptly went on a 9-0 tear to claim a 51-40 advantage.

Moussa Badiane brought the crowd to its feet several times on the afternoon with some monster dunks and blocks. It was his dunk on a fast break that seemed to deflate any momentum left on the USF sideline.

The Bulls pulled to within seven with just more than eight minutes remaining, but the play of Badiane and solid free throw shooting down the stretch lifted

the Pirates to an emotional nine-point win. USF fell to 7-18 (1-13), dead last in the conference.

Badiane scored 14 points and had eight rebounds and four blocks. Derrick Wiley led the Pirates with 17 points and Mike Cook and Belton Rivers both tallied double figures for the Pirates.

"His (Badiane's) confidence level right now is through the roof. When Gabe (Mikulas) went down, we pulled off to the side and told him it's time to play," Herriion said.

"A couple of years ago I don't know if we would have gone to him inside for a couple of buckets. Now he is blocking, he is very aggressive, running the floor and had a couple of dunks that came out of nowhere that was unbelievable. He is getting better and better each day."

ECU out-rebounded the Bulls 47-35 and committed only seven turnovers which were big keys to the game. However, perhaps the chief factor in the win was the swarming second-half defense.

"I thought our defensive effort in the second half was so much better. They shot 26 percent from the floor after 51.9 percent in the first half," Herriion said.

"We really challenged the guys at halftime. We said, 'next 20 minutes, if you want to win this basketball game and take a step closer to getting to the C-

USA tournament, you've got to go guard these guys for 20 minutes,' and they did that."

Herriion's squad will travel to Marquette on Wednesday and then to USM on Saturday. The Golden Eagles were a Final Four team a year ago, but after the departure of several key players, they will most likely miss the NCAA tournament this season. Southern Miss is just ahead of ECU in the conference standings and the Pirates could realistically move into ninth place in C-USA with two wins. However, they are also in danger of missing the postseason if they falter away from Minges.

"Right now, we just have to keep winning and to go into Marquette with an open mind. They're not the same Marquette team as last year, so if we just go in there and play with an open mind and play like we've played the last three games, we'll come out with a good result," said Wiley after the game.

The fate of ECU's season rests squarely on the shoulders of the Pirate seniors. The same seniors who have played their hearts out for the Pirate faithful are wrapping up their collegiate careers.

Bing will leave ECU as the school's second all-time leading rebounder and is one of only four players to score more than 1,000 points and have more than 800 rebounds in his career at ECU.

Grindley played two years at ECU after transferring from Monroe College. Grindley finished his two-year career with a .500 field-goal percentage.

MacKay was recruited as a shooter from Australia and he didn't disappoint. He scored a career-high 14 points on 4-of-6 shooting from long range against Houston earlier this season and averaged 2.5 points in his two-year Pirate career.

Wiley was the Pirate's leading scorer each of his two seasons in uniform. He has scored more than 20 points in a game 12 times and is 10th in C-USA at 15.0 points per game.

Mikulas' four-year career at ECU was cut short by an untimely injury, but was impressive nonetheless. Mikulas leaves as the school's all-time leader in free throws made and attempted. He is also one of only 11 players to score more than 1,000 points and have more than 500 rebounds.

"We are really going to miss them. Errolyl and Gabe is the first complete recruiting class for us that we have graduated since I've been here. Both of those kids have had tremendous basketball careers here," Herriion said.

"I could not have asked for five better guys to coach. I am really going to miss those guys."

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