



Piggy-backing ignored by students



Residents still hold dorm doors open for other students despite increased safety concerns.

Safety memos have yet to arrive in campus residents' mailboxes

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The practice known as "piggy-backing" – allowing another person to enter the residence hall door without using their own key – remains a problem at ECU.

This discovery comes after the recent rapes in White and Belk residence halls.

The *East Carolinian* has been investigating the ease at which a person may enter a residence hall and whether residents have done anything to deter this offense.

During a week period, *TEC* saw infractions like a resident running to catch up with another

resident who allowed him inside and residents who did not even take a second look when a *TEC* staff member wearing dark clothing and no bookbag walked up and opened the door of the dorms behind them.

"The students have the most control over who comes in," said Aaron F. Lucier, interim associate director of technology for campus living.

"They need to keep an eye out in their own neighborhood." Lucier said some students don't want to make an issue out of refusing to let another person in the door and sometimes a stern and safe "No, use your key" can be met with contempt.

"It's not a personal thing – you don't need to hold the door open for people that you don't know," Lucier said.

ECU Housing Services sent out memos addressing the safety

issues in the dorms for all students living in residence halls on Feb. 25, but many students have not received the memo.

"I am still not clear about what happened with these rapes," said Margaret Lawrence, sophomore geography major and White Hall dorm resident.

"I want to be informed because something is supposedly being sent out, and none of us have received it."

The memo outlined expected rules and regulations for residents, such as entrance and exit security, room security, guest policies and safety tips.

"The [student] memo is still not out – it went to Rapid Copy, and I don't know which buildings have received them," Lucier said.

Garrie Moore, Ed.D. and vice chancellor for student life, who

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Crime Stoppers offers reward for leads in recent ECU rape cases

Computer-generated composite of February rape suspect released

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The ECU Police Department released a computer-generated composite sketch of the suspect they believe committed the rape in Belk Hall on Feb. 16. Greenville Police, along with Crime Stoppers, have offered rewards of up to \$2,500 for information in this case as well as the earlier rape committed in White Hall on Jan. 18.

Police said the suspect in the White Hall case was wearing a mask and dark clothing. The victim reported the man crept up behind her, put his hand over her mouth and forced the victim into her room.

There have also been reports that a man fitting the description of the Belk suspect has been seen around Tyler Hall, but according to Crime Prevention Sgt. Amy Davis of the ECU Police Department, they have no new leads in the Feb. 16 assault.

Crimestoppers allows anyone who may have information on a crime to remain anonymous and not be required to testify.

"Crimestoppers can be a vital asset if it is used properly. Not just in this case, but any crime," said Cpl. Kip Gaskins of the Greenville Police Department.

Gaskins said to report a crime, call the tip number. Informants will be assigned a code number.

"If the information leads to an arrest, you will receive an award," Gaskins said.

Gaskins said if a person were to witness other crimes such as drugs or stolen property, they would be eligible for a reward if an arrest were made.

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'Essence' editor to empower campus

Susan L. Taylor will speak at Ledonia Wright Cultural Center celebration

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The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center has invited famed Editorial Director of *Essence* magazine Susan L. Taylor to speak in celebration of the inaugural Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Day.

Since joining *Essence* more than 30 years ago, Taylor has become an inspiration to millions as a living image of the magazine.

Taylor is an entrepreneur, author of two books and noted for her "in the Spirit" column. Taylor was called "the most influential black woman in journalism today" by American Libraries in 1994.

"Through her words of inspiration and motivation, Ms. Taylor has been very uplifting to audiences across the country," said Lathan E. Turner, Ph.D. and director of Intercultural Student Affairs and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. The topic of Taylor's speech will be "A New Vision for Women: Healing and Empowering Ourselves."

"I'm really looking forward to hearing what she'll say to us," said Keeyana White, sophomore undecided major.

"From what I understand, Ms. Taylor had a hard time in life, but turned it around through positive thinking and faith. I think most students can really benefit from coming out and listening to her talk."

In addition to autobiographical reflections, Taylor has addressed such diverse topics as sexuality, domestic violence, male-female relations in the African American community, the Gulf War, the beating of Rodney King, the meaning of Africa for African Americans and black history.

"We are very excited to bring in a nationally renowned businesswoman, author and motivational speaker. She immediately came into mind when we began planning this event, and we are honored that she accepted our invitation," Turner said.

Turner said this event encompasses a celebration of women's history month as well as the accomplishments of LWCC.

Established in 1995, LWCC is named in honor of Ledonia Wright, a popular and respected university professor who was active in the university's first African American student organization. The Society of United Liberated Students was established to empower and motivate students, a tradition that is carried on in LWCC's research and educational programming.

"We want to recognize the students' accomplishments and contributions to the center as well as the university," Turner said.

"In addition to Ms. Taylor speaking, we will also be issuing four new awards to students."

Taylor will recognize winners of the Ledonia Wright Memorial essay contest and the S.O.U.L.S. Memorial Award.

The festivities begin on Thursday, March 4

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Taylor



Towing can cost students \$30-\$70 if they have multiple tickets or park illegally.

Unpaid tickets, illegal parking lead to unexpected penalties

Miniscule offenses accumulate, become major inconveniences

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With all the construction on campus, changes in parking have created some confusion. For some, this leads to annoying yellow slips and the big, bad monster of the parking world: Towing.

Having your car towed can be an expensive inconvenience. Fees for being towed off campus range from \$30-\$70 based on the type of equipment needed to tow your vehicle and the time of day.

The office of A & B Towing Service said they tow only one to two cars per day, and those towed are usually repeat offenders who are delinquent in paying their

parking tickets.

According to Parking and Transportation Services, the best way to avoid towing and tickets is to pay attention to signs and be careful not to go over the time limit on meters. The majority of towing occurs when people are parked in towaway zones between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Unpaid parking tickets can also factor into your car being towed.

"Parking and Transportation has given me three tickets in one week, and two of the times I do not believe I was at fault," said Jana Joyner, freshman athletic training major.

"I believe there should be more oversight of the Parking and Transportation Department."

Under university policy, any person with three or more current unpaid or unappealed

parking tickets can be towed on sight without warning.

"We get people who will get towed for having three or more tickets, [who] will go to the towing service to pick up their vehicle and pay that fee, but will still not come into our office to pay off their tickets, and so sometimes they may be towed the very next day," said Mike Van Derven, director of Parking and Transportation Services.

Van Derven said Parking and Transportation Services does work to minimize towing.

He said their policy calls for them to attempt to contact any person before their vehicle is towed. Of course, since most people are not at home when they have illegally parked, this policy is not always effective.

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Final three chancellor candidates return to interview in Greenville

Committee hopes to finalize recommendations by Friday

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The three remaining candidates in the search for ECU's new chancellor came to Greenville this week for a second and final round of interviews.

Jim Talton, chair of the Chancellor Search Committee and the ECU Board of Trustees, said that yesterday's and today's sessions will be more informal than previous meetings.

"It's an opportunity to revisit and learn more about each other," said Talton.

In Monday's Student Government Association meeting, Ian Bauer, student body president, said the committee and candidates would meet over meals.

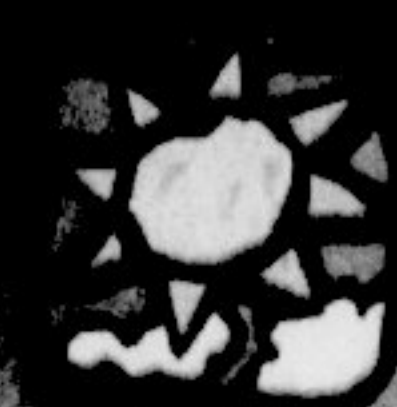
As the only student representative on the 12-member committee, Baer said he would "make sure these people are very friendly and student-ori-

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Nutrition Awareness throughout March

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After securing the Democratic presidential bid on Super Tuesday, John Kerry looks for a running mate.



Features page B1
Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" is currently playing at Greenville's Carmike 12.



Sports page B6
ECU's baseball team, ranked 24th, will face sixth-ranked Arizona State this weekend in Tempe, Ariz.



Don't forget: Filing for SGA executive office ends at 5 p.m. Friday, March 5. Interested individuals can fill out applications in 225 MSC.

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Announcements

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 today at 5:30 p.m. in Speight Auditorium.

English TAG Lecture

Blodun Jeyifo, English professor at Cornell University, will speak at the annual English TAG Lecture today 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 today from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Student Professional Development Office.

LWCC Day

Susan L. Taylor, editor of *Essence* magazine, will speak Friday during the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center Day. Awards will be given to students beginning at 3 p.m. in Hendrix. Tickets are free, but must be picked up in advance from the Central Ticket Office. Taylor will sign books after her speech in the Mendenhall Multipurpose Room.

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.

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, contact 328-4726.

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.

Benefit Concert

There will be a concert to benefit Parkinson's Disease Sunday, March 7, at 3 p.m. in the South Central High School Auditorium on 570 Forlines Road in Winterville. ECU music professor John Kramer will participate. Contact hodgsonj@mail.ecu.edu to purchase tickets.

NC Partnering Workshop

There will be a workshop on the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, which offer more than \$2 billion a year in grant and contract funding to research-based small businesses, March 10 from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Willis Building Auditorium. There is no cost, but pre-registration is recommended.

Dissertation Defense

Gregory Snyder, communication sciences and disorders doctoral candidate, will defend his dissertation, "Exploratory Research in the role of Cognitive Initiation in the Evoked Fluency Phenomenon," Thursday, March 11, at 2 p.m. in 105 Belk. An open forum will follow.

Spring Break

Spring Break begins Sunday, March 14 and classes resume Monday, March 22.

Ghana Summer Study Abroad

An opportunity to study abroad in Ghana and receive class credit is offered May 20 - June 9. Contact Seodial F. H. Deena at 328-6683 for more information.

Community Service Scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Greenville is accepting applications for a \$500 community service scholarship. Applicants should be Pitt County residents, female, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and are or will be attending Pitt County Community College or ECU. The application deadline is April 16. Contact Shelly Townsend at 341-0363 for more information.

ECU Child of Faculty Scholarship

Current or accepted ECU students who are children of active or retired faculty qualify for the \$1,600 ECU Retired Faculty Association Undergraduate Scholarship. Applicants must have a projected or actual collegiate GPA of 3.0 and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Applications are due by April 9. Contact Vicky Morris at 328-9573 for more information.

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 is available online at OneStop.

Paper Person

The student at the top of today's paper is Lauren Mitchell, sophomore communication major.

News Briefs

Local Judge rejects FedEx hub injunction

GREENSBORO (AP) - A federal judge denied an injunction Tuesday sought by opponents of the FedEx cargo hub, but pledged to rule within 60 days on the merits of their legal effort to halt the project.

The ruling means that crews for the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority can continue to do initial site work while legal challenges are taken up in the courts.

U.S. Middle District Court Judge Frank Bullock Jr. said that he didn't see a pressing need for an injunction because he didn't think any irreparable harm would occur before he ruled on the opponents' overall legal challenge.

The hub opponents, who filed the case in late January, are seeking to have the courts throw out a water-quality permit that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued for the project. The permit, issued on Dec. 8, was the last one airport officials needed to conclude a 5-year environmental review process and allow initial site work to begin at the first of the year.

Phipps sentenced to four years for campaign finance scandal
GREENVILLE (AP) - A judge sentenced former state Agriculture Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps to four years in federal prison Tuesday for her role in taking more than \$82,500 in illegal campaign contributions from state fair carnival operators.

U.S. District Judge Malcolm Howard

also ordered Phipps, 48, whose father and grandfather were North Carolina governors, to pay a \$25,000 fine and serve two years of supervised probation following her release.

Phipps previously had agreed to forfeit \$25,000 that the government said she received illegally.

Phipps was taken away after the hearing to begin serving her sentence immediately, over the objection of her lawyer. She is the first statewide officeholder to be sent to prison for crimes committed while in office.

National

N.Y. Town's Mayor Continuing Gay Weddings

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. (AP) - New Palts' mayor vowed to go ahead with up to two dozen same-sex weddings this weekend, despite being charged with 19 criminal counts and possibly facing jail time for marrying gay couples. Meanwhile, a crowd of gay couples was expected to go to the county administration building in Portland, Ore. Wednesday after a county commissioner there said she would begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Flag-fatigued voters stick with Georgia's current banner

ATLANTA (AP) - Georgia officials hope their flag flap is finished now that voters overwhelmingly approved a banner that nods to the state's Confederate history without embracing the divisive rebel "X." In a statewide referendum Tuesday, voters overwhelmingly chose to

keep the red, white and blue banner adopted last year by the Legislature. About three of every four voters chose that flag over a blue flag selected in 2001 to replace the 1956 banner that was dominated by the Confederate battle emblem.

Even though voters didn't have a chance to pick the 1956 flag still favored by some, political leaders of both parties expressed confidence that the referendum will put an end to the debate.

"We can finally close this chapter in the history of Georgia," said state Sen. George Hooks, who helped design the current state flag.

World

Reality TV shows take Arab world by storm, to the horror of conservatives

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - Reality TV has burst upon the Arab world, drawing huge audiences but firing up conservative outrage over the spectacle of young men and women flirting, hugging and dancing under one roof.

Young people from Iraq and Syria to Egypt, Kuwait and Yemen love these variations on "Big Brother" and "American Idol." Some religious scholars and politicians say they're sacrilegious.

Things got so heated this week that Saudi-owned MBC TV bowed to pressure from Islamic fundamentalists and the Bahrain Information Ministry and said it will suspend "Al-Rayas," its version of "Big Brother," less than two weeks into the show.

"Al-Rayas" featured 12 contestants living in a villa on Amwaj, a small island in the Gulf state of Bahrain. Each week one person was to be evicted from the house, with the last remaining tenant winning \$100,000. The critics weren't assuaged by the fact that male and female contestants slept in separate quarters and had prayer rooms.

Protests intensify after panel rules against opposition petition in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - Demonstrators hurled rocks and gasoline bombs at soldiers as protests intensified after Venezuela's elections council ruled against an opposition petition to force a presidential recall referendum.

Opponents of President Hugo Chavez say they submitted more than 3.4 million signatures. Some 2.4 million are needed for a recall election.

But council President Francisco Carrasquero announced Tuesday that just 1.83 million signatures were deemed valid. Another 876,016 signatures may be valid if citizens confirm that they indeed signed the petition, Carrasquero said.

The decision triggered demonstrations by citizens banging pots and pans and exploding fireworks throughout the capital, Caracas, where thousands took to the streets.

Rioting—which began earlier Tuesday as the opposition anticipated the ruling—also was reported in several of Venezuela's most important cities in the hours after the council's decision.

NC Republicans seek senate majority

Trust fund looks to raise \$1 million

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Two North Carolina Republican Senators, Fred Smith and Robert Pittenger, are organizing a fundraising campaign for the upcoming election year.

The program is called Senate Majority 2004, and its goal is to

secure Republican majority in the North Carolina Senate because currently the Democrats enjoy a four-seat advantage, 27-23.

"Our goal of \$1 million for the upcoming elections will be used to offset funds raised by the Democrats," said Jonathan Hill, assistant to Senator Fred Smith, who represents Johnston and Western Wayne counties.

"Two years ago, the Republican campaigns in North Carolina were outspent by the Democrats almost 80 percent to 20 percent. The money will target specific regions which do not have a republican majority and will

help the Republican cause across the state."

Hill said the majority of voters in North Carolina as a whole are Democratic. However, Republicans still maintain control in certain regions, one of which is eastern North Carolina.

"The last 10 years have seen a shift in voter demographics. The eastern and coastal areas have become more Republican and Independent. The Independent party in this state is growing faster than any other," Hill said.

State law limits campaign contributions from private citizens and political action groups

to \$4,000.

Hill said Senator Smith's campaign will focus on fund-raising efforts in eastern North Carolina.

With all 50 NC Senate seats up for grabs in November, Hill said funds raised through Senate Majority 2004 will not be used for one or two specific campaigns.

"The funds will be used for Republican Party functions, improving overall voter turnout and information about the candidates," Hill said.

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with a showing of works by ECU alumnus David Byer-Tyre in the LWCC Gallery from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. with a reception from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Turner said this event is a celebration of all cultures and genders. Students, faculty, staff and community members are invited to attend. The event is free, but tickets must be

obtained from the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

A pre-event reception will be held from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at LWCC and the rain site will be in the Mendenhall Multipurpose Room.

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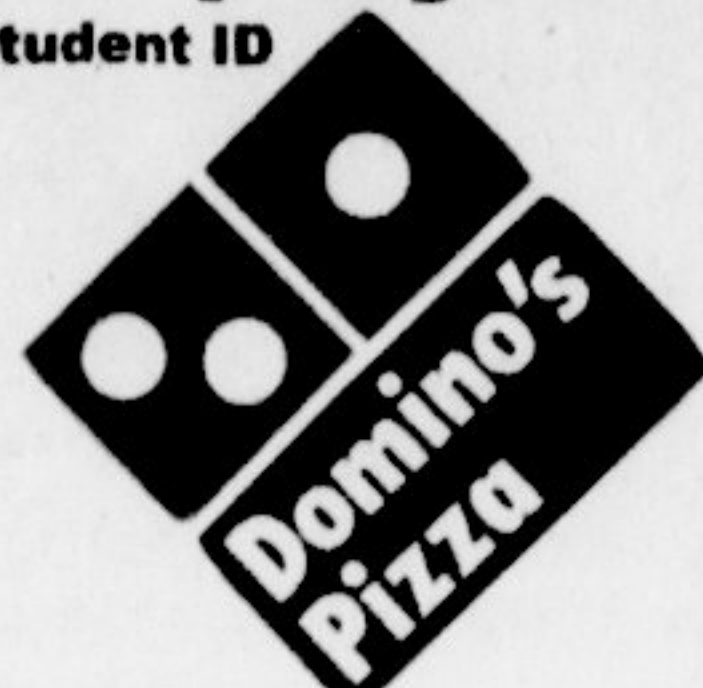
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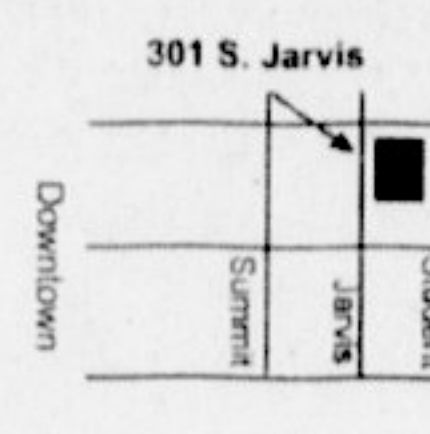
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Kerry searches for running mate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hours after staking claim to the Democratic nomination for president with a decisive Super Tuesday victory, John Kerry began laying the groundwork Wednesday for selecting a running mate for the struggle to unseat President Bush.

Kerry told reporters during a campaign trip to Florida that he expects to announce soon the process by which he will choose the No. 2 person for the Democratic ticket. His campaign said details might be released as early as Wednesday.

Jim Johnson, a prominent Washington Democrat, heads the list of potential candidates to lead Kerry's selection process. Johnson, vice president of a merchant banking firm, once worked for former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Senior advisers said it was possible, but not likely, that Kerry would choose a nominee well before the Democratic nominating convention in his hometown of Boston in July.

Kerry's New York-to-California victories in the 10-state Super Tuesday series knocked the fight out of his spirited rival, John Edwards. The North Carolina senator, who had been the only one left with the ghost of a chance against Kerry, let the word out that he was quitting even before polls closed in the West and just as Minnesotans gathered in caucuses.

Suddenly, the Democrat-Democrat sniping is over, replaced by calls for unity, and Kerry is left with his hard-fought reward—as well as the weight of Democrats' expectations that he can beat Bush in the fall.

"Tonight, the message can now be heard all across our country: Change is coming to America," said Kerry, 60, a four-term Massachusetts senator whose understated ways disguise a hotly competitive streak.

"We will fight to give America back its future and its hope."

There were grace notes in the first blush of his victory: a polite exchange with Bush, who called to congratulate him. But there is to be no grace period in their campaign fight.

The Republican president opens a multimillion-dollar TV ad blitz Thursday to try to win back favor in a time of slipping poll numbers, and has a war chest of more than \$100 million to draw from in the months ahead, more than Kerry can muster.

Vice President Dick Cheney criticized Kerry on the airwaves Tuesday as a frequent foe of defense and intelligence budgets, seeking to neutralize Kerry's draw as a decorated Vietnam veteran and his Senate experience in foreign policy.

And the courteous phone call aside, Kerry kept up the drumbeat of recent weeks against Bush, giving him no quarter on the war on terrorism or anything else. "We will renew our alliances and we will build new alliances because they are essential to the final victory and success of a war on terror," he told supporters.

"The Bush administration has run the most inept, reckless, arrogant and ideological foreign policy in the modern history of our country."

Kerry dominated the six-week Democratic competition from the Iowa caucuses on, once he shook off a torpid start and overcame the fading phenomenon of Howard Dean. He has won 27 of 30 contests, putting him well on his way to winning the nomination formally once he has collected 2,162 delegates.

The Super Tuesday states awarded a mother lode of 1,151 delegates, more than half those needed, and pushed Kerry's total over 1,100. Kerry had 1,292 delegates to Edwards' 438. Dean had 182, Al Sharpton 24 and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich 18. In a bit of cold comfort, Kucinich won his primary for re-election to the House.

Kerry won nine of the 10 states Tuesday, losing only in Vermont, where voters made Dean, their former governor, the sentimental favorite even though he ended his campaign two weeks ago.

In all regions and among practically all groups, voters interviewed about their choice spoke of making the same political calculation—they picked Kerry because they thought he could defeat the president.



Sen. John Kerry won all but one of the 10 states participating in the Super Tuesday primaries.

That imperative helped him win Tuesday in states such as Ohio, Minnesota and Georgia, even though Kerry—unlike Edwards-backed trade agreements that voters blamed for costing their communities jobs.

"I really want to win," Angie Kline, a St. Paul, Minn., caucus-goer, said in explaining her vote for Kerry.

"Kerry has the breadth of experience. He's had umpteen years in the Senate working on both domestic and foreign policy issues."

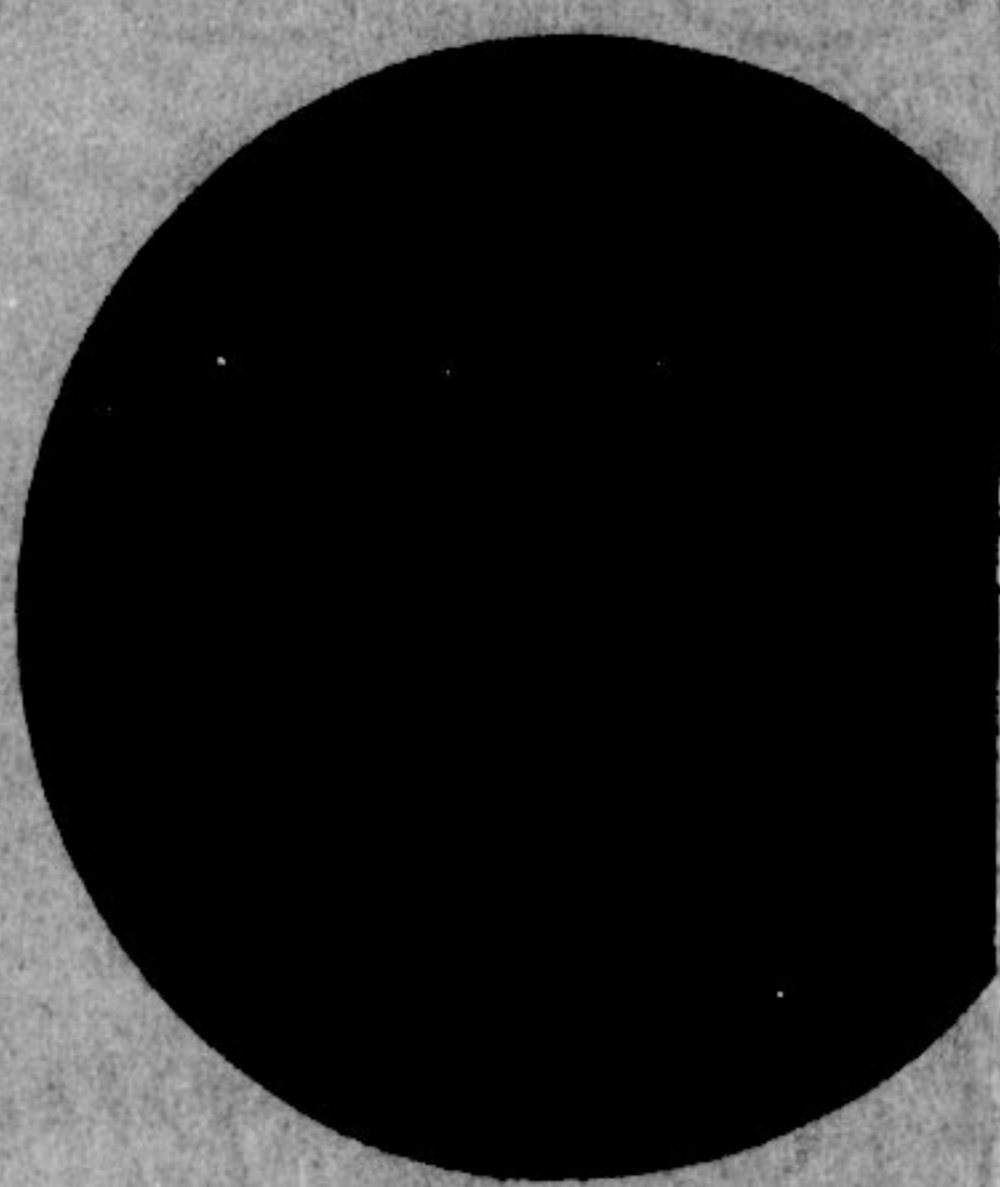
Although relentlessly upbeat and dogged, Edwards knew he had to quit, and aides tipped his hand on that plan on the eve of his formal departure.

"We have been the little engine that could," the North Carolina senator told supporters. Edwards proved an animated campaigner and sharp debater, but won only in his native South Carolina and posted several strong second place finishes.

He immediately started closing ranks with his rival, calling Kerry an "extraordinary advocate for jobs, better health care, a safer world," and declaring: "These are the causes of our party, these are the causes of our country, and these are the causes we will prevail on come November."

Kerry responded in kind, calling Edwards "a compelling voice to our party" who holds "great promise for leadership for the years to come." Edwards' name will stay in play as a possible choice for running mate, although Kerry has given no hint of his pick for the ticket.

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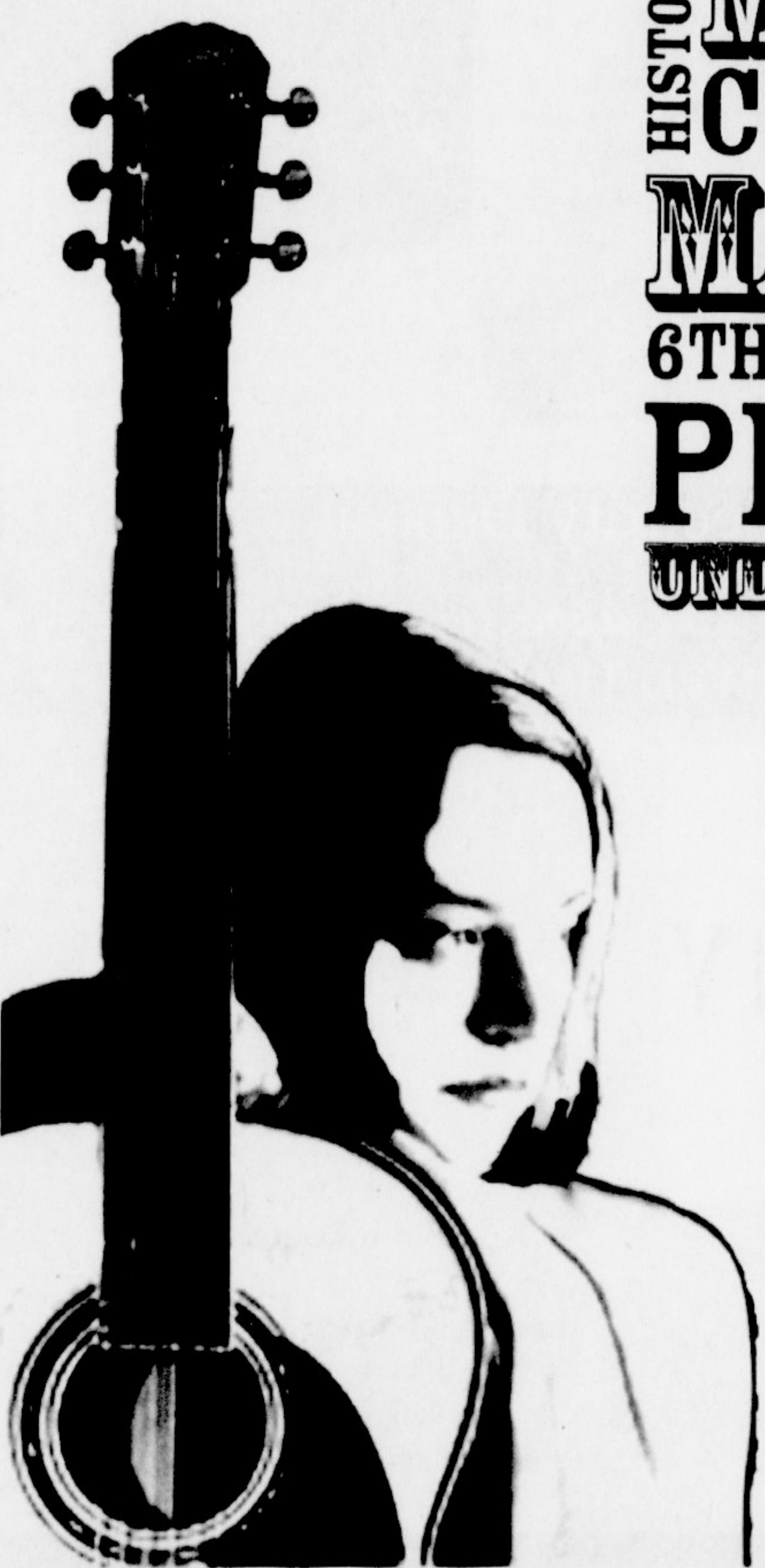
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Weird News

Man ends 28-year surfing streak
BODEGA BAY, Calif. (AP) - Thanks to Leap Day, Dale Webster finally gets to kick up his feet.

Webster went surfing the last time Leap Day fell on a Sunday, and he pledged he would surf every day until the next Feb. 29 came around on a Sunday.

That was back in 1976, making last Sunday the first day in 28 years that the extra day fell on a Sunday.

True to his word, Webster, 55, completed his 28-year surfing streak, undertaking 10,407 consecutive days of surfing. Some 40 friends and writers and photographers from surfing publications surrounded him as he brought his bright red and white board to shore. A buddy, Rick Potter, poured champagne on Webster's head, then passed him the bottle.

"What were the odds of being able to do it all these days?" asked Webster.

"I feel blessed. I have a wonderful family that understands me and

lets me do this. It's so amazing it all worked out and my dreams came true."

The nose knows: Fragrant Paris billboards promote France's tourist region

PARIS (AP) - French advertisers hope tourists will follow their nose.

One hundred billboards that emit the scent of rosemary will go into operation in Paris train stations Wednesday in a bid to draw visitors to the southern French region of Languedoc-Roussillon. "Languedoc-Roussillon, holidays smell good!" the billboards read. They will stay up until March 10.

Get ready for the Awards

LONDON (AP) - Left giddy by the Golden Globes? Excited by the Oscars?

British awards-show addicts dreading withdrawal after Sunday's Academy Awards can prolong their pleasure with a new addition to the calendar - the first-ever Awards Awards.

Seriously. On March 5, award-givers will gather at London's swanky Dorchester Hotel, hoping to give an acceptance speech for a stainless-steel statuette recognizing excellence in award-giving.

"People seemed to think it was some sort of joke," said Barbara Buchanan, editor of Awards World magazine, which is organizing the event.

"We've given professional satirists a field day."

Sextuplets born in one minute

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - An Ohio woman gave birth to sextuplets Thursday and doctors said all six babies and the mother were doing well.

Jennifer Hanselman, 29, of Cuyahoga Falls, gave birth to the three girls and three boys within one minute at Akron General Medical Center.

"The speed at which the babies came out was overwhelming. It was like a popcorn popper," said the baby's grinning father, Keith Hanselman.

The Ledonia Wright Cultural Center presents Ms. Susan L. Taylor, Editorial Director of Essence Magazine, on March 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in Hendrix Theater. She will be the guest speaker in celebration of the inaugural Ledonia Wright Day.

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Our View

Americans The stage is set. The race is on.

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worse. Americans have real problems. Many of them are jobless with no health benefits. Parents are seeking education reform that will improve academic achievement of their children. Economically disadvantaged families are looking to the government for aid programs, and virtually all Americans want some sort of tax relief.

Americans need to hear rational proposals - not catch phrases and quick fixes that in the long run will make the economy worse.

The candidates need to speak candidly about these issues - even with issues like same sex marriage that might make them unpopular with certain populations.

And this cannot be said enough - as the unemployment line is starting to include more youthful, educated individuals - voting is a necessity. It's the only way to get your voice heard.

Traditional college students are at an age where voting may not be on the top 10 list of priorities, but the decisions that are occurring today are the policies that we will have to live with tomorrow.

It's severely ineffective to complain about a government that may or may not be living up to the standards you think it should.

Voting is a privilege of our democratic society. It's our ticket to a better tomorrow. Improving the health of our Nation should be everyone's concern.

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Opinions In Brief

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Blair recounts career in book

As if former New York Times reporter Jayson Blair hasn't already given himself a bad name, he's now made things worse.

Reported in an article by The Associated Press, the 27-year-old is taking another stab at writing when he releases his book, "Burning Down My Master's House," on March 6.

This book is a memoir about his career at the New York Times and his substance abuse problems. According to the report, the book "pretends to be a mea culpa but ends up spewing imaginary blame in all directions."

What Blair may not realize is that he's already lost any shred of credibility he had as a writer. The only thing this book could possibly do is further damage his credibility and make an even larger mockery of his name.

The Haitian disaster
Iraq may have its insurgents, but it's nothing compared to the disaster in Haiti, which could not have come at a better time for President George W. Bush. In Haiti, the consequences of another Clinton-United Nations "victory" can clearly be seen. Such calamities show why Bush is correct to be hesitant about United Nations' involvement in Iraq and also shows why United States' presence is sorely needed to keep Iraq

from becoming the next Haiti 10 years from now. It also exposes how weak the United Nations is becoming. While the democratic nominees may harangue Bush on his Iraqi policies, I believe our Commander in Chief is doing an excellent job.

Who cares about steroids?

Nobody really cares about steroids in baseball. We don't care who's on drugs, we only want to be entertained - at any cost. Forever, we have cheered on many athletes who can't read, write or recite their ABC's. America doesn't care about morals and truth in sports, we only want our favorite team to win.

Older students matter

The presence of older students on campus has greatly increased since the mid 1990s. It seems as though a lot of people are having second thoughts about their careers so they are returning to school for more marketable training.

With this increase of older students, you would think there would be an increase in political awareness as well as opinions about our campus and all it has to offer (or not), but there isn't.

Most of the problem stems from the fact that most older students are just going to school part-time and aren't concerned with what goes happens on campus. Being an older student, I must admit I am guilty of that.

I tend to think less about campus issues and how they may affect me.

Academy Awards chose well

It's nice that independent movies are getting more recognition in big awards shows. *Whale Rider* and *Lost in Translation* were low in hype and violence, but high in emotional appeal.

They weren't made to rake in profits - maybe that's why their integrity is so refreshing compared to all the teenaged, hormone-driven flicks, big-name sequels and thin plot lines surviving on star power.

Viewers of the Oscars who haven't seen *Whale Rider* or *Lost in Translation* will probably be interested to see why they were included with all the other big releases.

It's the Academy members' responsibility to scour the market for the best, and hopefully, this means they will enlighten their audience to find something new. So, it would be nice if the music industry would follow suit and seek to include some quality in their picks.

Outkast deserved their Grammy wins, but other nominees left a little to be desired. Unfortunately, the music industry just keeps regurgitating the same old radio fluff, frequently awarding recognition based on sales instead of substance and guilt for past omissions.

Oscar ceremony too long

As millions of film buffs and celebrity watchers sat down to watch the Academy Awards Ceremony on Sunday night, many couldn't help but wonder, "Will this thing ever end?"

Lasting over three hours, while only presenting 24 awards, certain measures could have been taken to make the ceremony a little shorter, thus making it more easily digested.

Did we really need to hear the cutesy Billy Crystal's 10 minute slapstick comedy routine at the beginning of the show or performances of songs no one has even heard before?

If the ceremony is designed for honoring deserving films, then let's honor those films and nothing else.

Bye bye 'Super Sized'

McDonald's is phasing out their "Super Sized" items in order to conform to a more conventional public demand. While it's not the Burger King's or Subway's Atkin's menu, I think this is McDonald's twist on the dieting craze the world is so consumed by.

Or, you could call it a marketing scheme. But haven't they been sued by obese people for selling fatty foods in the past and held strong with their defense? Why this sudden change of heart? McDonald's wants to keep up with trends, not submit to complaints by the money hungry public.

In My Opinion

Assault rifle ban shot down by U.S. Senate

Gun Show provision was sticking point

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

In closed session late last week, the U.S. Senate failed to ratify a bill which would outlaw all manners of military surplus and automatic assault rifles and close a loophole allowing gun shows to sell all manner of material long banned in mainstream gun shops.

Let me assure you, I am a staunch supporter of the Constitution, and that includes the Second Amendment. I believe in the American right to bear arms ... which is to say that I believe in the spirit of the Second Amendment in the spirit in which it was added to the original draft of the Constitution.

Yet, to my knowledge, nowhere in the Constitution does it specify the right to AK-47 assault rifles and .50 caliber military hardware, both of which are easily purchased at gun shows and mail-order companies all over this nation.

I also understand that as a Republican, George W. Bush is obligated to cater to his constituency, many of whom are very conservative and often opposed to gun control of any kind.

These are the people who think that the Second Amendment is a blanket right including whatever type of arms the person in question is able to get their hands on.

The people who believe that the government has no right to impinge on the right to bear arms and all gun control measures enacted in this country in the last 50 years should be reversed.

I, however, am not one of those people.



I'll admit it - I hate guns. I understand that they are a necessary evil when fighting a war or disarming a criminal, but I challenge anyone to tell me what positive effect guns have on our society at large. Guns hurt people.

Guns destroy families. Hundreds of children a year are killed, either by themselves or by a friend, because they had access to a loaded firearm.

If I had my way, I would take every gun out of every home and sink the lot to the bottom of the ocean. But that's me.

Most people in this nation are for some type of gun control. Mandatory waiting periods and background checks for handguns, limits on the types of guns that can legally be sold and trigger guard laws are all steps in the right direction.

However, there is still a great deal of progress to be made in terms of gun control in the United States.

A ban on assault rifle sales for legitimate gun dealers is a big step forward, but what good is a law banning the sale of assault rifles in gun shops when anyone over 18 with a valid drivers license and a few hundred dollars can walk into any one of the thousands of gun shows held each year and purchase whatever

they please? No waiting period. Limited background checks.

Now this person has a weapon capable of firing hundreds of rounds a minute.

The horror of the Columbine High School massacre in 1999 was a wake up call about assault rifles and their availability in our society.

It was later learned that the weapons used by Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris to murder 12 of their fellow students and one teacher in cold blood were purchased legally at a gun show.

Here's the problem: America is a very different place than it was when the Constitution was drafted. The systemic societal ills facing this country in the twenty first century did not exist in colonial times.

Violent crime, especially in children, was almost non-existent. Citizens knew their neighbors and didn't lock their doors at night.

The very idea of an automatic weapon had yet to be contemplated. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

If I thought for a second that we could only take the guns from the criminals and miscreants of society, I would be all for it. As has been the case for thousands of years, a few bad apples spoil the bunch.

Bottom line: A person not looking to commit a bank robbery or armored car holdup, or drive by shooting for that matter, has no use for a military assault rifle, so why not get rid of them all together?

No one is trying to take away hunting rights or ban lawful possession of licensed firearms. Law abiding Americans who hunt deer or compete in marksmanship competitions have nothing to worry about.

Believe me; the second

Amendment isn't going anywhere.

Very often, when I speak with someone about gun control, the argument I hear in favor of gun laws is this: If we ban lawful sales of assault rifles, then only the criminals will have them.

Therefore, to counteract the threat from dangerous people with illegal assault rifles, we should legalize all assault rifle sales, allowing us to defend ourselves.

This argument makes about as much sense as cutting off the nose to spite the face. There will always be an illegal black market for guns in this country.

But why not cut off the legal avenue for acquiring an assault rifle to further limit their availability? Whether all assault rifles are legalized or all assault rifles are banned, highly motivated criminals will be able to get their hands on one.

That is reality. I figure that stricter gun laws will go a long way in that never ending struggle to abolish crime in all its forms, but that is another conversation all together.

By ignoring the gaping gun show loophole in federal gun laws, American legislators should be held responsible every time a legally purchased assault rifle kills someone.

With such a blatant nod to the N.R.A. and right wing conservative groups who oppose gun control, President Bush has shown clearly where his true loyalties lie - with the special interests.

In the end, literal interpretation of 220-year-old laws should not be allowed to interfere with what should be the central preoccupation of every member of Congress and the president - the safety of the American public.

Shiites vent anger at United States for attacks on pilgrims

KARBALA, Iraq (AP)— Shiite Muslim mourners chanted slogans against the United States Wednesday, venting their anger at Iraq's instability after a series of suicide bombings against pilgrims. As the country began three days of mourning, officials said 15 people, some possibly Iranians, had been detained in the attacks.

U.S. administrators lowered their death count from 143 to 117, a senior coalition official said Wednesday. Iraq's Health Ministry said 185 people died. Estimates of the wounded ranged from 300 to more than 400.

Also Wednesday, three rockets hit a telephone exchange building in Baghdad, knocking out international phone service for much of the country only days after the system was put back in service. One Iraqi worker was killed and another injured, Iraqi officials said.

Restoring telephones knocked out during the U.S. invasion last year has been a priority as U.S. forces trying to bring back some normalcy amid the continuing violence.

Tuesday's near-simultaneous bombings struck pilgrims



A man sweeps debris, including shoes from the dead and injured, from the Kazimiya mosque in Baghdad Tuesday.

gathered at Baghdad's Kazimiya shrine and holy sites in Karbala to mark Ashoura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar. The attacks coincided with anti-Shiite bombings that killed 41 victims in Pakistan.

The attacks forced the delay of a key milestone in the U.S. handover schedule—the planned Thursday signing of an interim constitution.

U.S. and Iraqi officials pointed to an al-Qaida-linked Jordanian militant, Abu Musab

al-Zarqawi, as a "prime suspect" in the attacks, saying he aims to spark a Shiite-Sunni civil war in Iraq. Many Iraqis, including Shiites, have also blamed foreigners—throwing suspicion on al-Qaida.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, could not rule out possible connections between the bombings in Iraq and Pakistan. At this point, though, one official said, there isn't any evidence indicating the attacks were coordinated.

Safety from page A1

promised that parent memos would be sent out the week of Feb. 23 at a press conference held by Student Life on Feb. 19, said that those memos are still not ready.

The letters were to be sent to parents explaining the two sexual assaults and a recent fire in Aycock Hall. At press time, the letter was being edited.

"The letter will go out next week," said Moore.

"This week, we ordered the envelopes."

Moore said the letter would be a joint effort between residents' parents and the president of Parent's Council.

Moore said he hopes parents become partners with the university to inform their students on safety concerns.

Other universities within the North Carolina system have similar concerns for the welfare of students who live in residence halls.

"Some students feel comfortable and leave their doors unlocked, even while sleeping," said Christopher A. Payne, Ph.D. and director of housing and residential education at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Payne said 'crimes of opportunity' usually stem from students' own carelessness.

"Our approach is that residents be aware their behavior places risk [with] everyone in the residential community,"

Payne said.

Whereas ECU has been considering putting up surveillance cameras to monitor problem areas, UNC thinks putting up cameras will, in the long run, be counter-productive and maybe even lull the students into a false sense of security.

"I am not convinced that is the long-term solution," Payne said.

UNC has used creative methods to try to get the students to be more careful about who they let inside their dorms.

Payne explained that UNC has put together a task force for student safety that meets regularly to discuss safety issues.

"We have plainclothes cops trying to gain access ... [we] recorded all encounters each for about an hour," Payne said.

Payne said resident advisers who see a student deny another entry into the dorm without using their own key, or who let somebody piggy-back, have a unique way of dealing with the situation.

They will commend the student who says "no" by giving him or her candy Smarties.

The student who is seen allowing them to follow into the residence hall will get a spanking in the form of a Dum Dum lollipop.

Lucier said ECU's housing staff has been working closely

Information

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with building and hall staff and students who have been given surveys for feedback.

He said they have broken safety issues into three categories: The immediate, changing lightbulbs that may not be lighting dark areas, to serious problems like changing a whole dorm's lighting system.

"We want [the changes] to be done right, in a way that provides maximum safety for students," Lucier said.

Considering the construction that is in close proximity to White and Clement Halls and no suspect yet in the rapes, Payne said he was concerned about the noise.

He said he was aware of the "cat calls" that could come from construction sites—especially ones so close to a residence hall, but said he wasn't aware of that happening recently.

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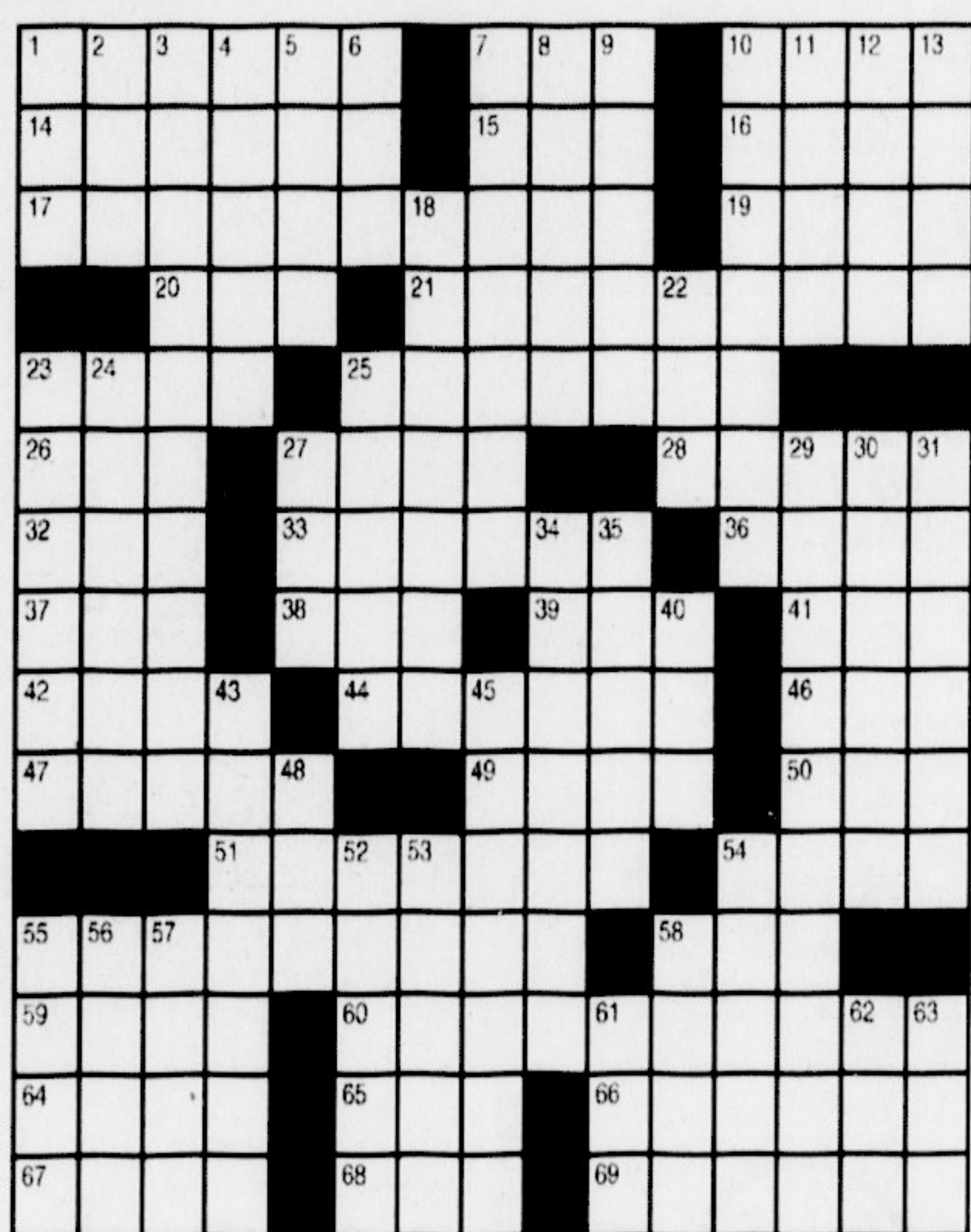
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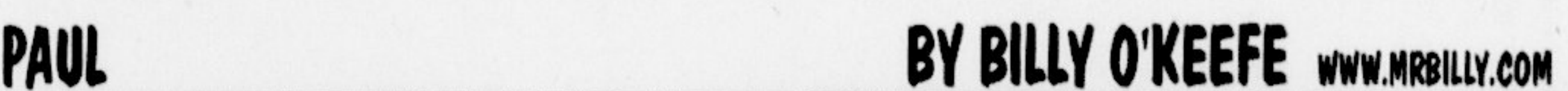
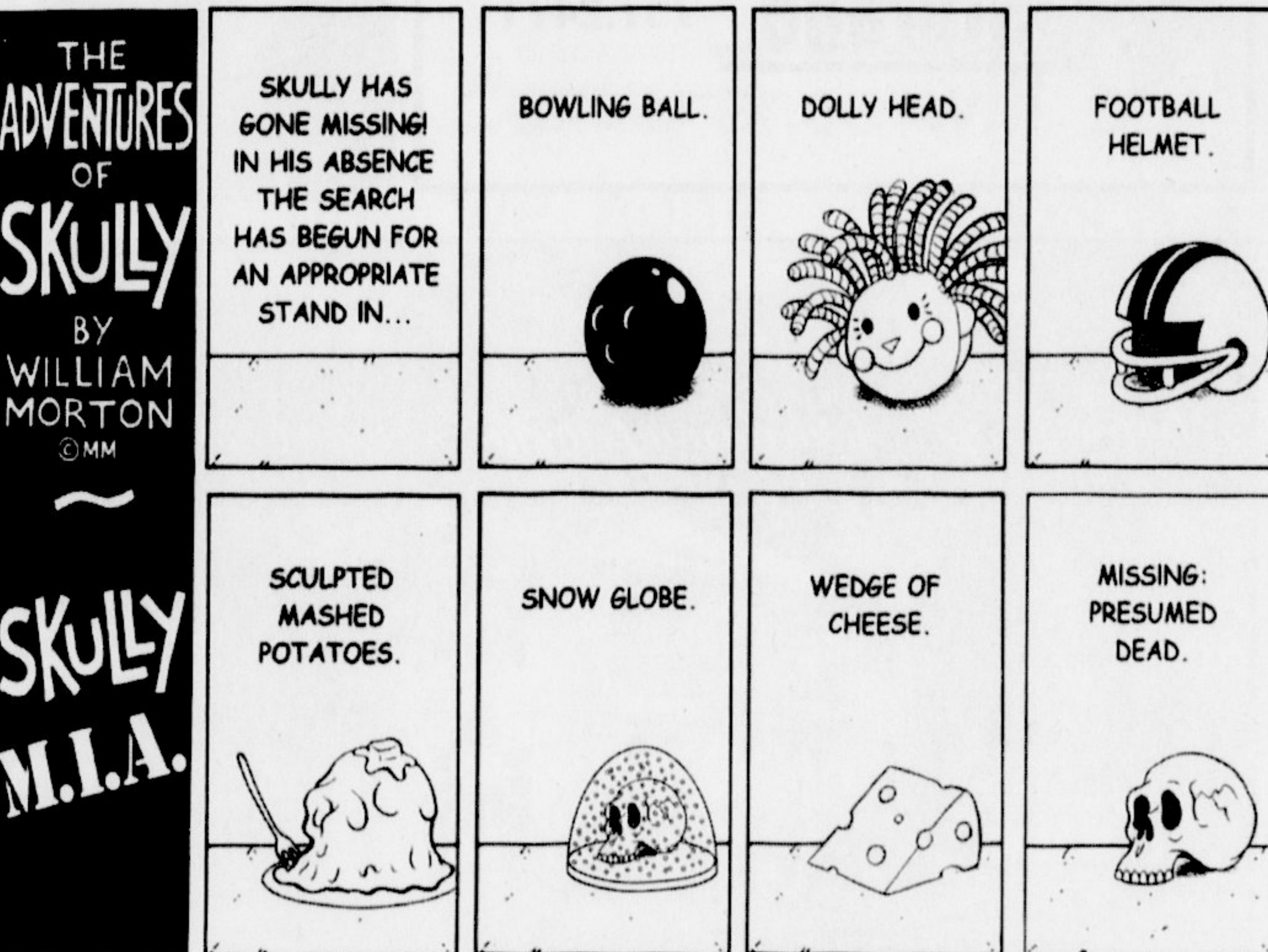
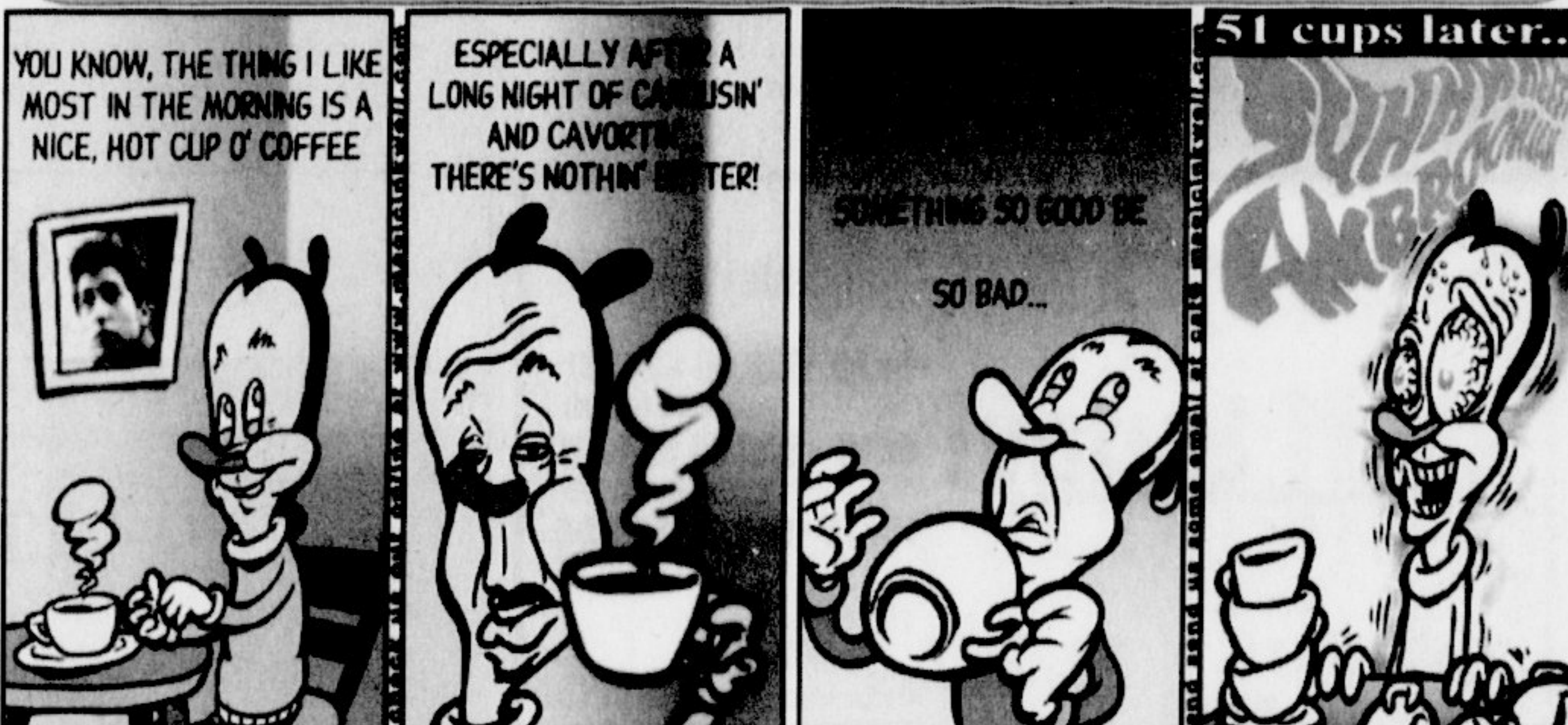
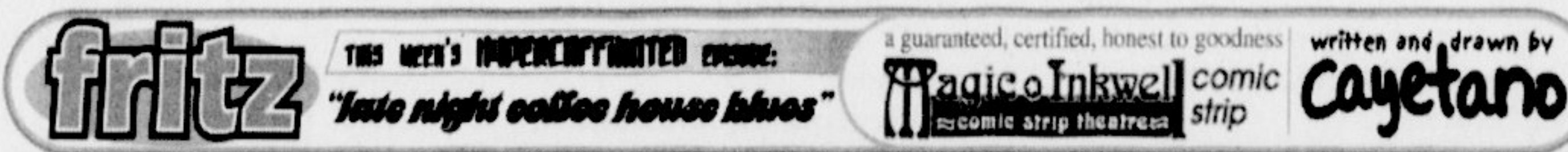
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Criminal investigation begun in mad cow case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has begun a criminal investigation into whether records may have been falsified in the nation's first and only case of mad cow disease, the Agriculture Department's inspector general said Wednesday.

The investigation is moving in parallel with a non-criminal review of the department's response to the mad cow case, as well as changes made in how it monitors and tests cattle for the disease, Phyllis Fong told a House subcommittee.

Fong said the criminal investigation focuses on whether the infected Holstein cow truly was a "downer" animal unable to stand or walk when it was slaughtered Dec. 9 in Moses Lake, Wash.

The department initially said the cow was a downer, and that was why it was tested for

bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Downers have a higher risk of the brain-wasting disease.

But men who saw the cow at Vern's Moses Lake Meat Co. just before it was slaughtered recall it being on its feet. One of the plant's owners, Tom Ellestad, said the cow got up after the inspecting veterinarian saw it lying down and classified it as a downer.

Department officials conceded last month that the cow might have gotten back up.

The investigation is only in its first few weeks, with officials gathering documents and interviewing witnesses, Fong said.

She would not talk about possible targets in the investigation nor specify who is being interviewed.

"We haven't determined anything so far," she said.



America has had one reported case of mad cow disease.

Same-sex couples get marriage licenses in Oregon; New York ceremonies deemed illegal

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Gay and lesbian couples started tying the knot in Portland on Wednesday after the county issued same-sex marriage licenses, joining the rapidly spreading national movement in San Francisco and upstate New York.

About 50 people lined up for a sudden chance to wed after a Multnomah County commissioner said she would begin issuing the licenses to same-sex couples.

An ebullient Mary Li held up the very first certificate showing her and her partner's name under the Oregon seal.

"I can't describe how great it feels," Li said. She and her partner Rebecca Kennedy were also the first to be married, by a county judge.

Gay bar owners handed out free glasses of champagne and many couples carried bouquets of roses.

Meanwhile, New York's attorney general joined the national debate, saying current law prohibits same-sex weddings and that mayors should not preside over them. But he said he would leave it to the courts to decide if the law is constitutional.

"I personally would like to see the law changed, but must respect the law as it now stands," Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said in a statement obtained by The Associated Press.

Both sides of the polarizing issue have been waiting for Spitzer's opinion since Friday, when the mayor of New Paltz, a

college town 75 miles north of Manhattan, married 25 same-sex couples without licenses. Village Mayor Jason West now faces 19 criminal counts and could face jail time.

"The local district attorney has the authority and responsibility to enforce the law," Spitzer said.

On Wednesday, Nyack, N.Y., Mayor John Shields said he would also start marrying gay couples and planned to seek a license himself to marry his same-sex partner.

Spitzer said New York's law contains references to "bride and groom" and "husband and wife" and does not authorize same-sex marriage. Gov. George Pataki has also said that performing gay marriages is illegal, a position

he affirmed on Wednesday.

"Marriage under New York State law is and has been for over 200 years between a man and a woman. And we have to uphold that law," he said.

Shields and West said they would go ahead with their plans.

"What do you do when you're faced with injustice?" Shields said. "What did the women do in the suffrage movement? They marched. They were arrested. They did what they had to do to get their rights."

Also Wednesday, lawmakers in Washington, D.C., debated the issue, with Republican senators such as Majority Leader Bill Frist asking Congress to embrace a constitutional amendment banning them.

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After the public inquired into Shelton's status as a candidate for chancellor, he said he had not entered the search as an applicant. Thus, Shelton declined to comment on the search.

Talton said there is a possibility the committee could include Shelton in their recommendations. However, at this time the likelihood can't be calculated.

"I have no clue, to be honest," Talton said.

The identities of the can-

didates have not yet been revealed, and Talton said he hopes no names would be released until the Board of Governors and UNC-System President Molly Broad ratify their decision.

"It [confidentiality] is best for the university and particularly the candidates," Talton said.

Discussion of candidates' qualifications and interviews of the seven chosen have been conducted in closed meetings. The

committee cited a state statute allowing personnel matters to be closed to the public.

The committee had considered opening the final three's interviews, allowing campus and general public interaction, but Talton said they decided early this week against that option to "respect the candidates' desire for confidentiality."

Talton said the committee plans to make their recommendations to the BOT Friday, who will then make three recom-

mendations to Broad. Broad's decision must then be approved by the BOG.

The new chancellor will be announced Friday, March 19, during the BOG meeting when a proposed yearly \$300 tuition increase will also be decided.

Talton said he hopes the new chancellor will begin in the summer or at least by the fall semester.

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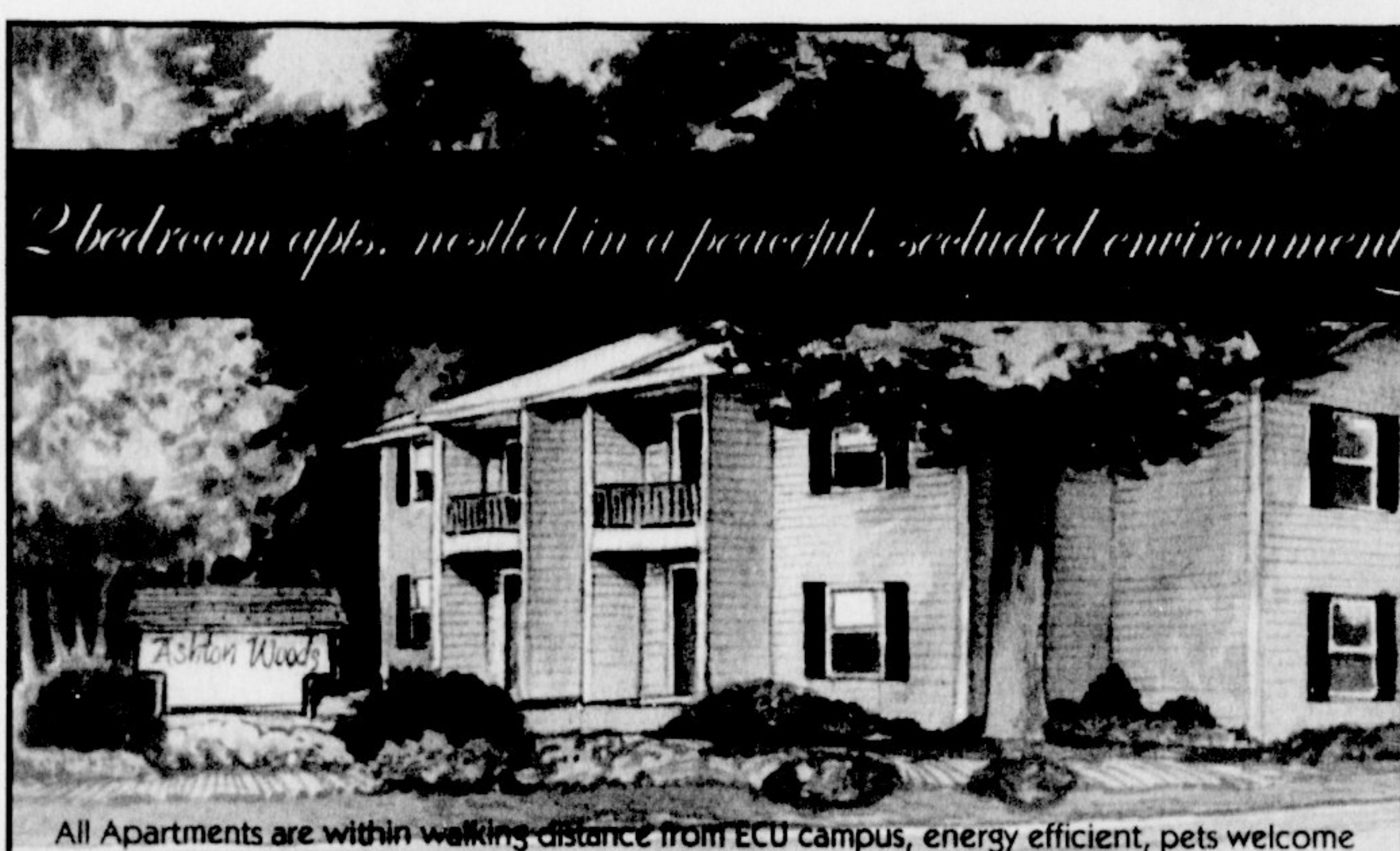
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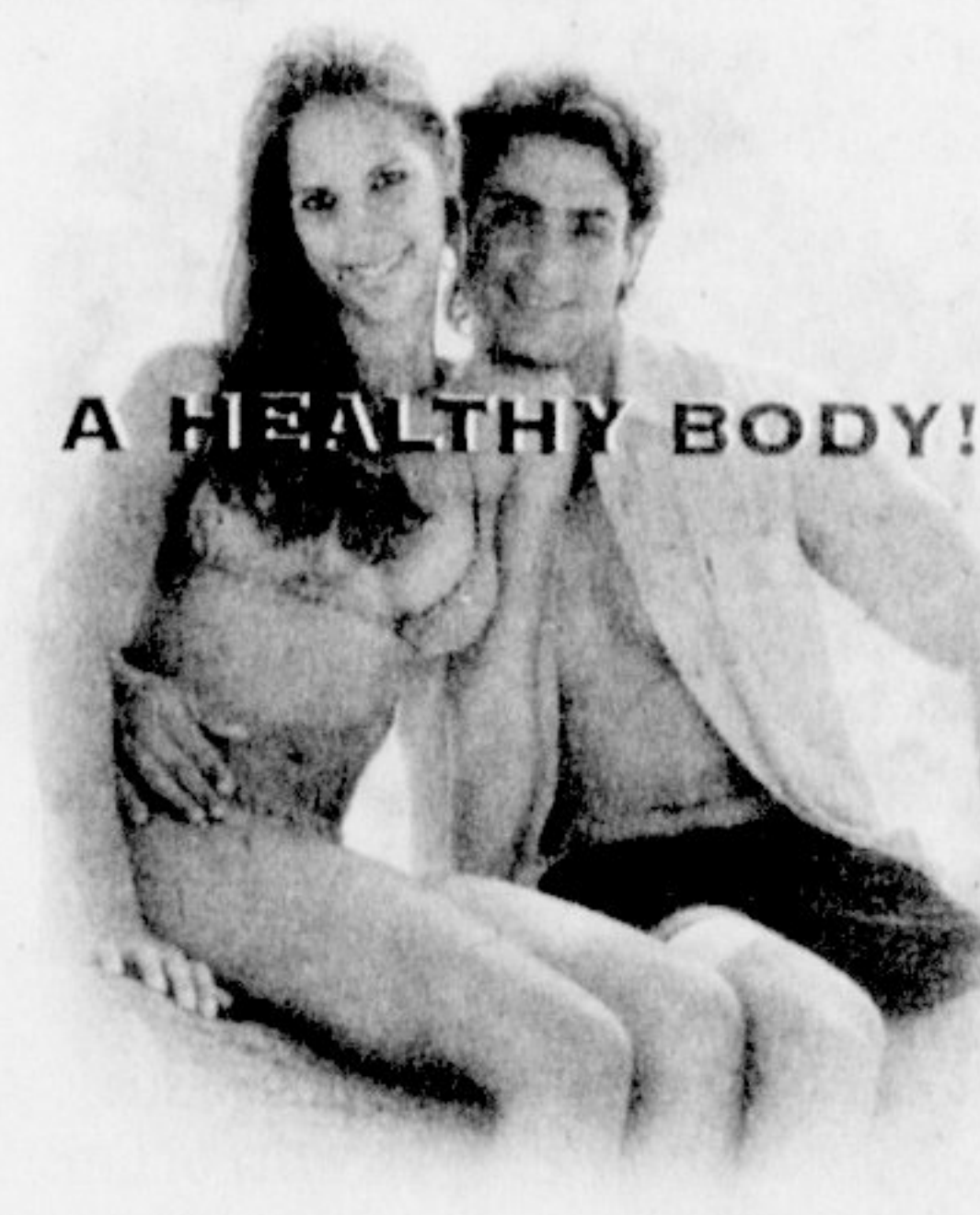
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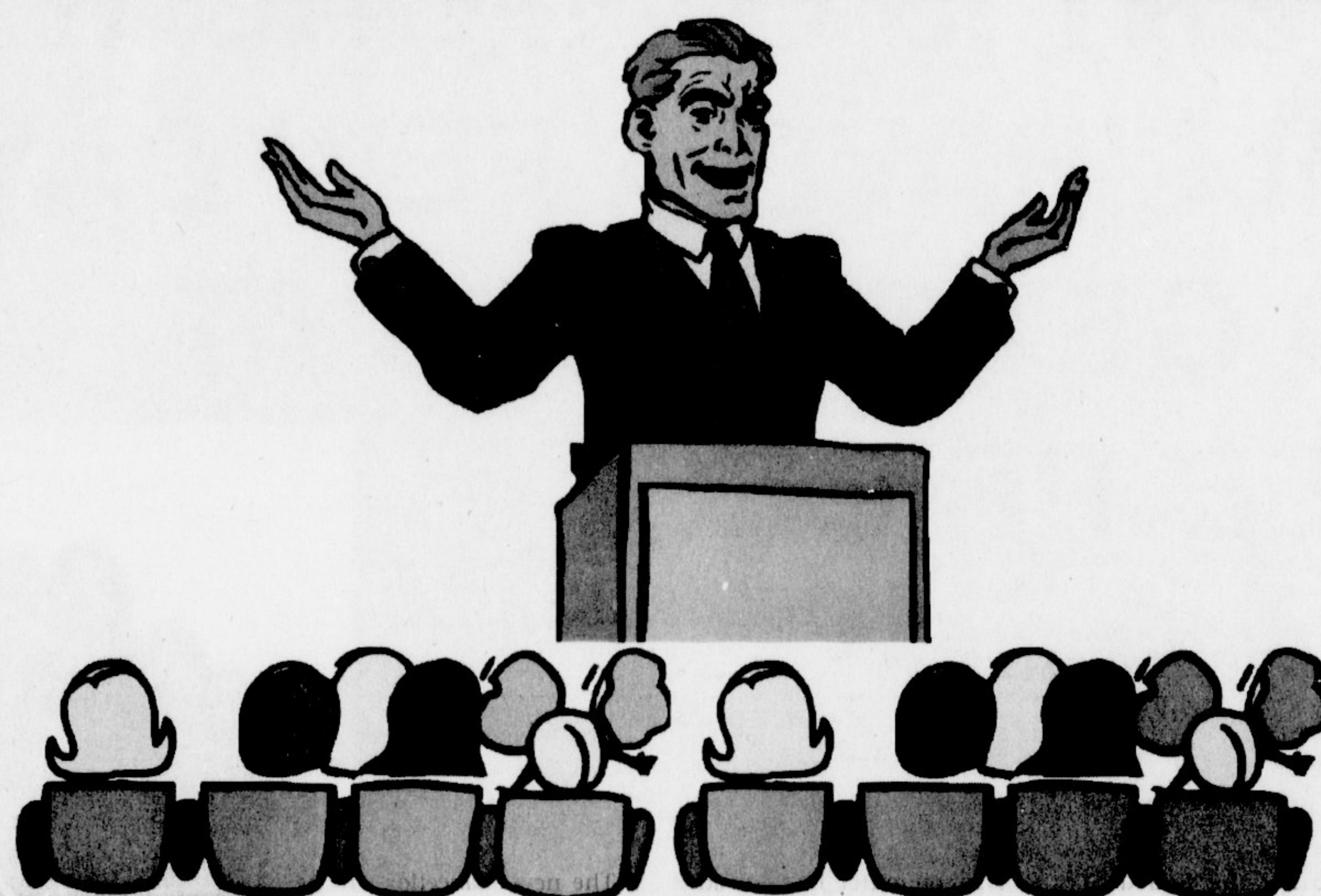
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Nevertheless, the Chancellors Leadership Conference will be rescheduled for the fall 2004 semester and we hope that each of you will consider working with us again. Thank you for your interest, time, contributions, ideas, understanding, and most importantly, for your support. It is our personal endeavor to work even harder to make next year's conference a huge success. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Leadership Development. Have a wonderful spring semester and we look forward to your participation in the fall.

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- Actress Patricia Heaton (1958) and Metallica bassist Jason Newsted (1963) both call today their birthday.
- This month is National Craft Month.
- Today is Courageous Follower Day and Hug a GI Day.
- On this day in 1974, People magazine is founded.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *American Splendor* today 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 today 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.

Swash Improv

The Student Union presents a performance by the ECU Swash Improv Group at 8 p.m. today 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 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 401 E. 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 Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5.

Early Music Ensemble

The School of Music presents an Early Music Ensemble at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This event is free.

Pirate Underground Band

The Student Union presents Kellin Watson at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free for students.

Premiere Performances

ECU student composers present Premiere Performances at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 8 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

Def Poetry Jam

The Broadway show, *Russell Simmons' Def Poetry Jam*, comes to campus at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 8 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Central Ticket Office.

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Gibson's 'Passion' is deserving film



Mel Gibson co-wrote, co-produced and directed *The Passion of The Christ*, a look at the final 12 hours of Jesus' life.

One viewer's response to controversial film, 'Passion of the Christ'

MICAH MASSEI
SENIOR WRITER

Famed reggae legend Bob Marley once said, "Every single action bares a reaction." Such a statement rings true in the case of Hollywood megastar Mel Gibson's latest film outing *The Passion of The Christ*, an in-depth look at the final 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ.

Since filming began, both mystery and gossip have surrounded the media-dubbed "Mel Gibson Jesus movie." With Hollywood churning out serious "religious-themed" movies about once every decade, many Hollywood insiders wondered why the normally flashy Gibson chose to tackle such contentious subject matter.

A mainstay at the movies during the 1940s and 1950s, films concerning people and events depicted in the Bible have rarely graced the big screen in recent years. Why? Some believe any storyline involving religious themes brings too much controversy to a business where positive critical response and good box office results matter the most.

With that, we come to *The Passion of The Christ*, a movie co-written, co-produced, and directed by Mel Gibson, who also put up the film's \$25 million budget.

As a film critic, watching *The Passion of The Christ* is quite an experience. Cinematographer Caleb Deschanel's colorful compositions sparkle. Composer John Debney's operatic score sweeps and soars. Actor Jim Caviezel handles the monumental load of portraying Jesus well, giving a performance that's quiet, yet mesmerizing. There are so many wonderful motifs to admire, that by itself, *The Passion of The Christ* is one of the best-made films of the year, a success in both craft and performance.

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However, as good - from a filmmaking standpoint - as *The Passion of The Christ* may be, there has been an enormous wave of controversy surrounding the film since its inception regarding Gibson's portrayal of the Jews' involvement in both the condemnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Any issue involving religion is bound to stir up heated opinions and feelings from various groups. However, religion is one subject where historical documentation often counteracts with the "spiritual belief," leaving many to disagree.

The controversy surrounding *The Passion of The Christ* is no different. The argument of certain Jewish leaders (not all) feel that Gibson wrongly portrays the Jews as "killing Christ." This unfortunate stereotype, which has existed long before Gibson's new film, is not expressed in the movie. It is the Romans who in fact "kill" Him, but - based on the Gospels from which this film is adapted - the Jews order His death.

Much has been made of how negatively the Jews are portrayed in the film. In watching the movie, the Romans are seen just as wrongful, especially considering the fact that they are the ones who actually beat, brutalize and kill Jesus. One could also mention the fact that a few of the Jewish council members are presented as not wanting to arrest Christ, or that Christ Himself was Jewish, but in actuality, sitting there debating "tick-for-tack" over and over again. Who's right and who's wrong is essentially not the point.

The point illustrated in this film is that Christ died for our sins to fulfill His purpose through God's will. Therefore, we all are responsible for His death by our sins and transgressions. Those who want to argue and debate every night on every news channel about "who's to blame" are missing the point, and their fears concerning the promotion of anti-Semitism are better found in other more

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Improv comedy to be performed at ECU

Swash Improv Group brings laughs to Pirate Underground

JOHN BREAM
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

For those of you who are fans of shows such as "An Evening at the Improv," "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" or just like to laugh out loud, Pirate Underground is sponsoring a performance by the First Comedy Troop, also known as the Swash Improv group, Thursday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in Pirate Underground.

"The Swash Improv group was formed last year by Corey Brown. The group was called the First Comedy Troop and we do straightforward improv," said Ryan Jordan, club president.

It's possible for any ECU student to get involved in improv. Swash holds auditions every year and practices in order to hone their skills so that they can give performances throughout the year in various venues.

and how quickly you can think on your feet. Auditions are going to be held again very soon and anyone with an interest is urged to come out. No prior experience is needed - just a quick mind and a willingness to learn technique.

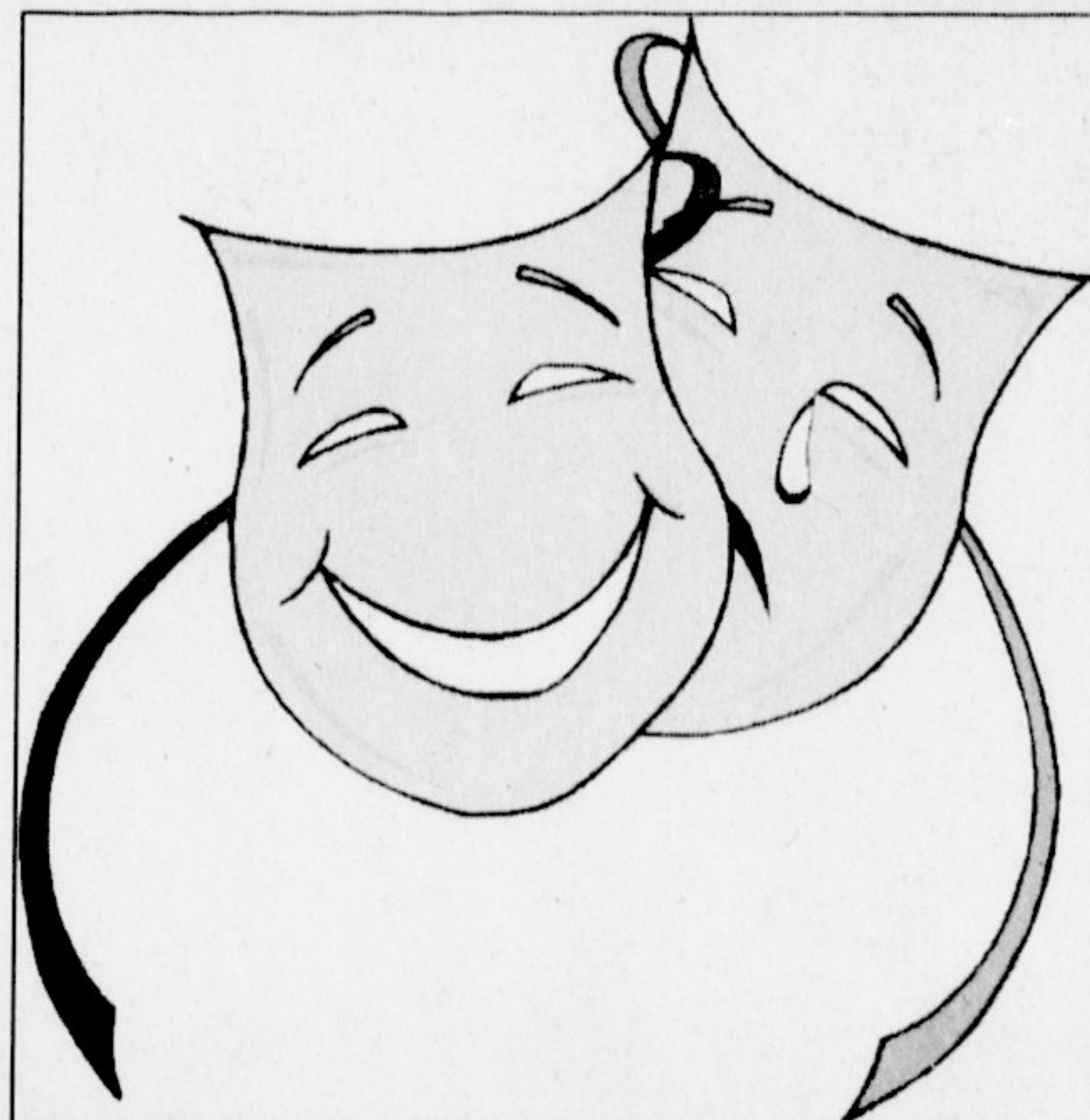
"Improv is awesome because it is an incredible display of spontaneity and creativity. Watching people like Wayne Brady and Ryan Stiles on 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' doing skits has me laughing all the time," said Ryan Phillips, sophomore biochemistry major.

"Once you're in, it's like an improv lab ... you warm up, work on games and get ready for the shows," Jordan said.

The games are much like you would see in comedy clubs or on TV. A certain skit or topic is introduced and the group members act it out in a hilarious manner.

"A typical performance starts out with us just introducing the group, telling what we're about and then we usually do about an hour of games, an intermission and then an hour to another hour of games depending on the audience response," Jordan said.

Swash is comprised of eight members - all ECU students. Steve Ackerman, John Cassevah, Janette DeVan, Sam Gooley, Ryan Jordan, Carla



Kazmierski, Amanda Marasch, J.T. Pitt, Mike Schmitt and T.J. Walker are in their second year of performing with the group.

This is one of the biggest performances of the year for Swash. Last year, the group performed at Raleigh's renowned Comedy Sports club, but has spent most of this year practicing, fundraising and building up their name.

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Event Info

Swash Improv Comedy Group
Today at 8 p.m.
Mendenhall Pirate Underground
Free for students

Quick Picks: Film Review

Barrymore, Sandler share '50 First Dates'

RACHEL LANDEN
SENIOR WRITER

50 First Dates isn't your typical Adam Sandler comedy, but don't be fooled – it still contains plenty instances of Sandler's often bizarre and sometimes gross sense of humor.

No, Sandler didn't omit the wacky characters and zany situations fans have grown to love. There is a vomiting walrus, a hisping brother on steroids and an assistant who is not quite male but not assuredly female either.

The laughs remain, but in between the jokes are gentler, sweeter moments, in thanks largely to the chemistry between Sandler and co-star Drew Barrymore.

It is their second time starring together since their collaboration in 1998's *The Wedding Singer*, and the onscreen pairing is simply delightful.

Barrymore's character, Lucy Whitmore, lives the same day over and over again, in a sort of *Groundhog Day* fashion. The movie picks up a year after Lucy loses her short-term memory in a car accident. Each morning, she

wakes up, unable to remember anything that happened after the accident – the events of the previous day have been erased from her memory.

Therefore, Lucy's father (Blake Clark) and brother Doug (Sean Astin) recreate details of the same scene daily, from the year-old newspaper to the nearly empty shampoo bottle.

The illusion is complete and unquestioned, until local veterinarian Henry Roth (Sandler) enters the picture.

Henry, a commitment-shy playboy who entertains a new woman each week, meets Lucy during breakfast at the local diner. When they both return the next day, Henry plans to pick up where they left off. The trouble is that Lucy doesn't even remember that they met.

Here is where the real romance begins. Henry dedicates his days, in between working at the aquarium with the walrus, to getting Lucy to fall in love with him again and again.

How can they have a real relationship when Lucy doesn't remember yesterday? Leave those questions and their answers up to Henry, or rather, the creative imaginations of Sandler and the rest of his crew.

Under the direction of Peter Segal, known for his work on *Anger Management* and *Tommy Boy*, the film mixes humor with heart. The Hawaiian backdrop adds to the romance for a truly enjoyable and feel-good experience.

Don't worry about the movie being too sappy, however. Sandler is still far from being in the business of producing chick flicks. This is just one film that may suit most audiences if you don't mind the occasional crude humor, because somewhere in between is a real gem.

The Bottom Line: Barrymore brings out the best in Sandler, proving that he is more than *Billy Madison* or *Happy Gilmore*. *50 First Dates* combines the best of both stars – sweet and silly.

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Film Info

Film: '50 First Dates'
Starring: Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Sean Astin, Rob Schneider and Blake Clark
Release Date: Feb. 13, 2004

Quick Picks: Album Review

Intense music inspires, appeals to listeners

STEPHANIE BRINCEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The Passion of The Christ is a new drama revealing what Jesus experienced during the last days of his life. It is the most powerful biblical movie of our time. The movie is emotionally inspiring along with the soundtrack.

Produced in Europe, this album features official music from the movie and captures the same powerful emotions in a passionate orchestral score.

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The Passion of The Christ soundtrack was composed by Emmy Award winner John Debney. The core of the

soundtrack is percussion with mesmerizing drums pushing the music forward.

The tracks, such as "Crucifixion Raising" and "Resurrection," are astonishing because the high musical genius level makes listeners feel they're actually experiencing moments with Christ.

Each ballad in the soundtrack represents emotions ranging from peace to sorrow to pain. The sounds are so real that listeners get goosebumps and feel like the music is a reality.

Certain ballads in the soundtrack, such as "Mary Goes to Jesus," are so rich with instrumental combination that they create an image of the opening of heaven's doors before their very eyes.

The soundtrack is arranged in chronological order, complementing scenes in the movie.

No lyrics are needed in the soundtrack because chilling melodies are the only things necessary to embody the sacrifice and love Jesus partook in.

The Bottom Line: This is a very creative symphonic

soundtrack that stirs up an array of emotions. Fans of the movie and this type of genre should include it in their collection.

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Album Info

Title: 'The Passion of the Christ'
Composed by: John Debney
Release Date: Feb 24, 2004



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Scary Movie 3 – starring Anna Faris, Charlie Sheen and Regina Hall. The spoofs continue as series heroine Cindy Campbell (Faris) graduates from college and lands a job as a television reporter. Her first assignment is to interview farmer Tom Logan (Sheen), who's been seeing mysterious crop circles pop up in his field. At the same time, Cindy's friend has died after viewing a peculiar videotape. Rated: PG-13.

American Splendor – starring Paul Giamatti, Hope Davis. Real-life story of Harvey Pekar, an ordinary file clerk at a Cleveland Veterans Hospital. Hoping to transcend his regular day-to-day existence, Pekar begins to write about his life and collaborates with comic book artist R. Crumb, among others. The result is the comic American Splendor, which gains a following and even pushes Pekar into the media. Rating: R.

Carmike 12

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.

Broken Lizard's Club Dread – starring Bill Paxton, Jay Chandrasekhar and Kevin Heffernan. Broken Lizard is back – surrounded by limber, wanton women on a Jimmy Buffet-wannabe's booze-soaked island resort. But a machete-wielding killer is loose on the island, turning this tropical bacchanal into Club Dread. Rated: R.

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 Mechlowicz 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.

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.

Hidalgo – starring Viggo Mortensen, Malcolm McDowell and Omar Sharif. Mortensen plays real-life 19th century Pony Express courier, Frank T. Hopkins. In 1890, Hopkins, a respected horse rider once known as the best in the west, travels to Africa to participate in a famous race known as the Ocean of Fire. The Bedouins do not take kindly to him, and he has only his horse, Hidalgo to lean on for survival. Rated: PG-13.

Monster – starring Charlize Theron. The true story of Aileen Carol Wuornos, a woman who grew up in an abusive environment and became a prostitute at age 13. In 1989, Wuornos began killing her clients that tried to rape her. Eventually, she was executed for seven killings. Rated: R.

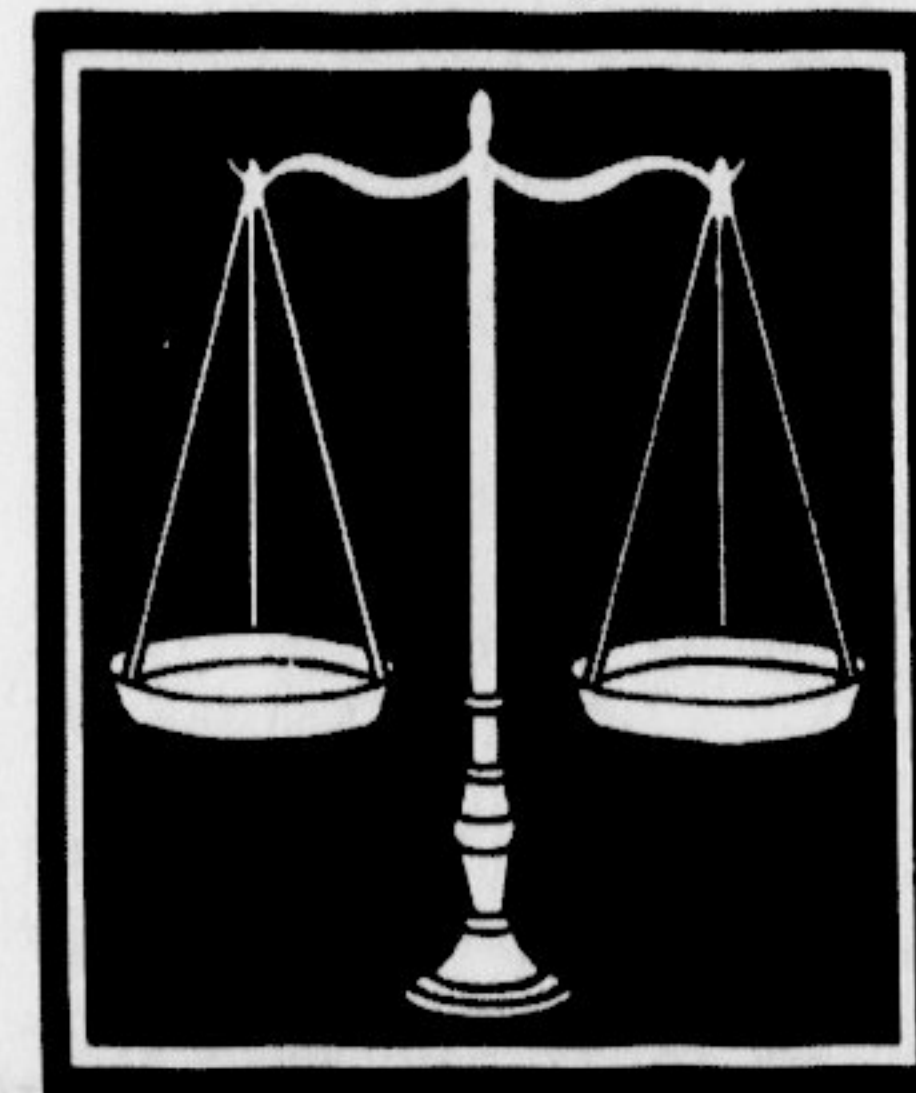
Miracle – starring Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson and Noah Emmerich. The amazing story of the 1980 U. S. Olympic hockey team.

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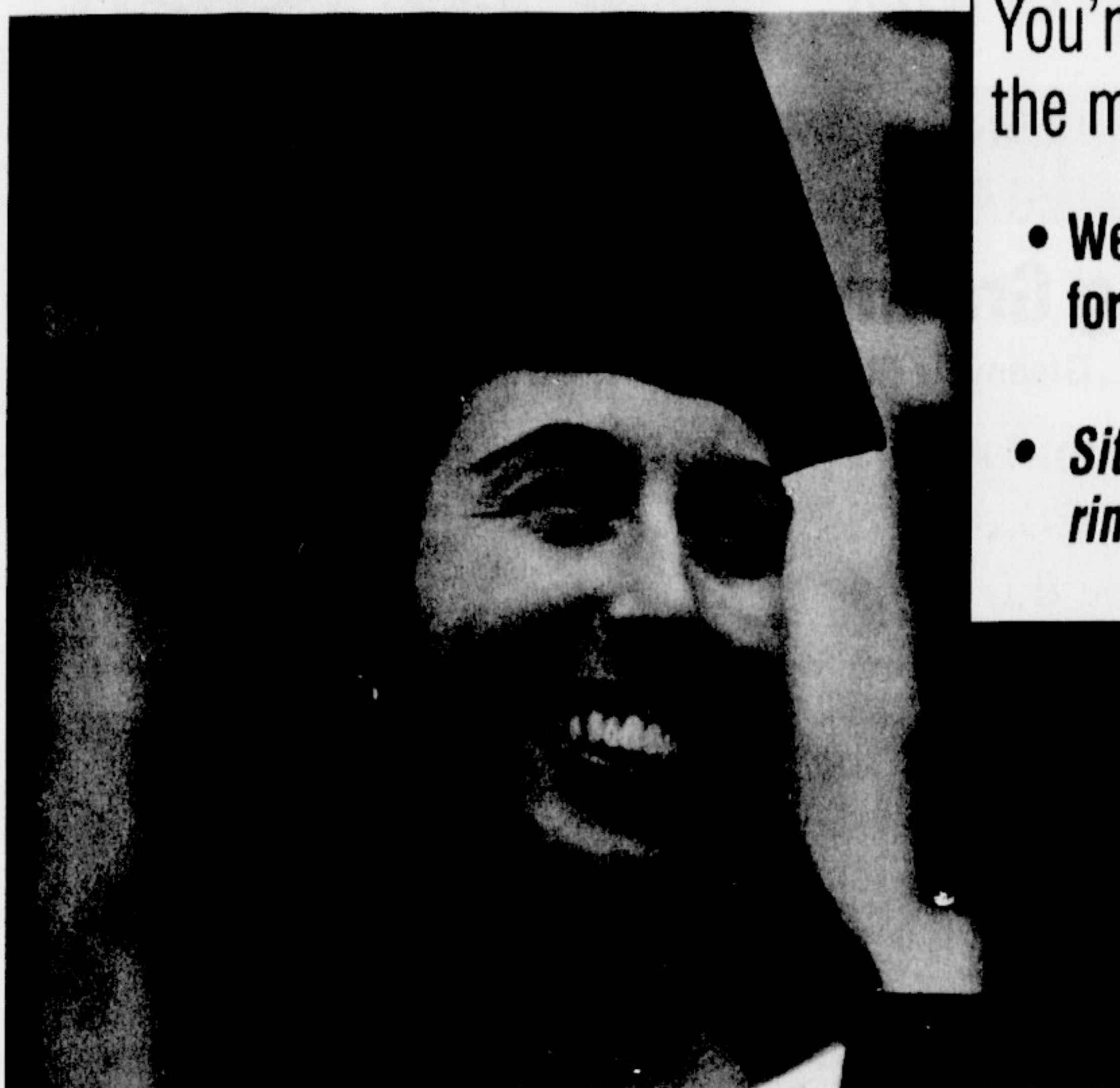
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which stunned the heavily favored Soviet squad in the semifinals to advance to the championship game, inspiring the famous question: "Do you believe in miracles?" Rated: PG.

The Passion of The Christ – starring James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci and Maia Morgenstern. Controversial story of the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ as told by director-screenwriter-producer Mel Gibson. Rated: R.

Starsky & Hutch – starring Ben

Stiller, Owen Wilson and Snoop Dogg. The adaptation of the TV show takes place in the Bay City. It's a 'prequel' to the television series, about how the two police heroes got together, and their first case, involving a former college campus drug dealer turned big-time white-collar criminal. Rated: PG-13.

Twisted – starring Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson and Andy Garcia. Newly appointed police detective, Jessica Shepard (Judd), is on the trail of a serial killer whose victims appear to be men with whom she has

had a sexual encounter. However, she becomes the prime suspect since she blacks out right before these murders occur. Rated: R.

You Got Served – starring Marques Houston, Omarion and Fizz. The social subculture of street dancing is explored through a pair of friends, David (Omarion) and Elgin (Houston), who want to open their own hip-hop dance studio, but in order to do that, they must first win a street dance competition against another group of street dancers to prove that they have talent. Rated: PG-13.

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pertinent events rather than Gibson's movie.

The controversy stemming from Hollywood seems somewhat ambiguous considering this is a business that prides itself on free speech and non-censorship. Where was the concern with Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* or Tony Kaye's *American History X* of possibly inciting violence and negativity just

because they dealt with issues that involved similar subject matter? Perhaps the record-breaking \$117 million gross the film has enjoyed will silence such hypercritical accusations.

Regardless, the film itself is a monumental achievement for Gibson and all those involved in the making of this historical cinematic film depiction of Jesus Christ. If you are religious, you will leave the

theater with more of an appreciation and understanding of the importance of Christ's sacrifice. If you are not religious, it is Gibson's hope – as a filmmaker and as someone who believes in the narrative he presents – that you identify with Christ's aspirations that we all love one another.

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Announcements

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 you to avoid confrontation and defend yourself as the situation dictates. The program will cover basic personal protection theories as well as some of the more recent philosophies on self-defense.

The ACC versus Pirates Challenge

A barn-storming basketball game featuring ACC seniors facing off against a team made up of ECU seniors and basketball alumni is being organized. The April 23 game will benefit the Jimmy V Foundation, which researches cancer. The exhibition is being put together by Keith Peten, an ECU graduate student working on his masters in public administration. Peten has been setting up basketball clinics in the eastern part of North Carolina since 1997. Tickets will go on sale after Spring Break through the ECU Ticket Office.

Sports Briefs

Bailey gets deal done

The Champ Bailey deal with the Denver Broncos is done, assuring the Washington Redskins that Clinton Portis will join Mark Brunell and Phillip Daniels among the team's pre-free agency signings. Bailey's agent, Jack Reale, said the deal was reached late Tuesday. Bailey agreed to a seven-year, \$63 million contract with the Broncos. The deal includes an \$18 million signing bonus and \$5 million in other bonuses, making it one of the richest contracts ever for a defensive player. That cleared the way for the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback to be traded Wednesday to the Broncos for running back Portis, who ran for 1,500-plus yards each of his first two seasons. Denver will also receive Washington's second-round draft pick this season. League officials say the Portis-Bailey trade is the first involving two major players swapping teams since Oakland's Ken Stabler and Houston's Dan Pastorini changed cities on March 17, 1980.

Niners release QB Garcia, guard Stone

Quarterback Jeff Garcia was released by the San Francisco 49ers on Tuesday, ending his five-year tenure with the team. The 49ers also released two-time Pro Bowl guard Ron Stone in an attempt to get under the salary cap. Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowler, was unable to agree on a restructured contract with the 49ers, who wanted to reduce his salary from the \$9.9 million he was scheduled to earn in 2004. Instead, San Francisco will save \$1.7 million against the salary cap by dropping Garcia, a local product who holds the franchise's single-season record for passing yardage. He has been the 49ers' starter since 1999, but Tim Rattay is expected to take over next season as San Francisco clears room under the salary cap. The 49ers waited until the last possible day to make their decision, since Garcia was due a \$500,000 roster bonus Wednesday - the first day of the free agent signing period.

Brunell defers bonus to help Jags

Mark Brunell agreed to delay the payment of his roster bonus Tuesday, a move that makes it possible for the Jacksonville Jaguars to complete his trade to the Washington Redskins. Brunell agreed to delay the \$2 million roster bonus from Wednesday to March 10 so the Jaguars won't have to count it against their salary cap. Brunell will sign his new, seven-year, \$43 million contract with the Jaguars, who will trade him for a third-round draft pick. The Jaguars said the trade will be finalized Wednesday. The Jaguars also agreed to a new deal with defensive end Paul Spicer and punter Chris Hanson. Hanson, a 2002 Pro Bowler who missed most of last season after gouging his leg with an ax, signed a five-year, \$6.5 million deal that includes a \$1.3 million signing bonus. Jacksonville also released defensive end Tony Brackens with intentions on bringing him back with a lower-priced contract. Brackens was due a \$1 million roster bonus Wednesday that the Jaguars don't want to pay. With the money they save from releasing Brackens and trading Brunell, the Jaguars will be \$161 million under the \$80.6 million salary cap when the free-agency period begins Wednesday.

WWE to induct Rose into hall of fame

Pete Rose will be inducted into World Wrestling Entertainment's hall of fame later this month. *The New York Times* reported Tuesday, Rose, major league baseball's career hits leader with 4,256, participated in three Wrestlemania events from 1998-2000 for WWE. He is ineligible to enter baseball's Hall of Fame because he's banned from the game for life. WWE chairman Vince McMahon told the newspaper Rose will be paid for his appearance at the March 13 induction and at Wrestlemania the next night at Madison Square Garden. He'll be presented by Kane, his 300-pound nemesis in the Wrestlemania shows.

UConn, Taurasi to appear on "60 Minutes"

The highly rated CBS show "60 Minutes" will air a feature on the Connecticut women's team during its next episode on Sunday (7 p.m. ET). The feature, which will last approximately 12 minutes, will include interviews with UConn head coach Geno Auriemma and senior Diana Taurasi, last season's national player of the year who helped the Huskies win the past two NCAA titles. Now in its 36th season, "60 minutes" is one of the most successful television programs in history. The show has ranked among Nielsen's top-10 programs a record 23 consecutive seasons. This week's New Yorker magazine also includes a feature story on Taurasi.

Clifton to receive \$11 million bonus

The Green Bay Packers reached a long-term contract agreement with left offensive tackle Chad Clifton, a deal that will allow them to remove the "franchise" label from the four-year veteran and realize a substantial salary cap savings. Clifton will sign a six-year, \$32.4 million contract which includes a signing bonus of \$11 million.

Undefeated Pirates take on No. 6

Rankings

Rk.	Team	Record	Pro
1.	Stanford	13-2	1
2.	Rice	7-2	2
3.	Texas	15-2	3
4.	LSU	9-1	4
5.	South Carolina	9-0	8
6.	Arizona State	12-2	7
7.	Long Beach State	9-3	9
8.	Miami (Fla.)	7-3	4
9.	Notre Dame	6-0	12
10.	Tulane	8-1	10
11.	Auburn	9-1	14
12.	Georgia Tech	6-3	6
13.	Wichita State	0-0	13
14.	Nebraska	5-1	17
15.	Florida Atlantic	5-1	16
16.	Texas A&M	12-1	23
17.	Oklahoma	8-1	NR
18.	Mississippi	6-0	21
19.	NC State	7-0	24
20.	Cal State Fullerton	8-8	18
21.	Arizona	7-5-1	19
22.	Florida State	9-4	22
23.	Florida	10-3	25
24.	ECU	12-0	NR
25.	Clemson	2-3	11

Pirates climb to No. 24 in latest poll

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

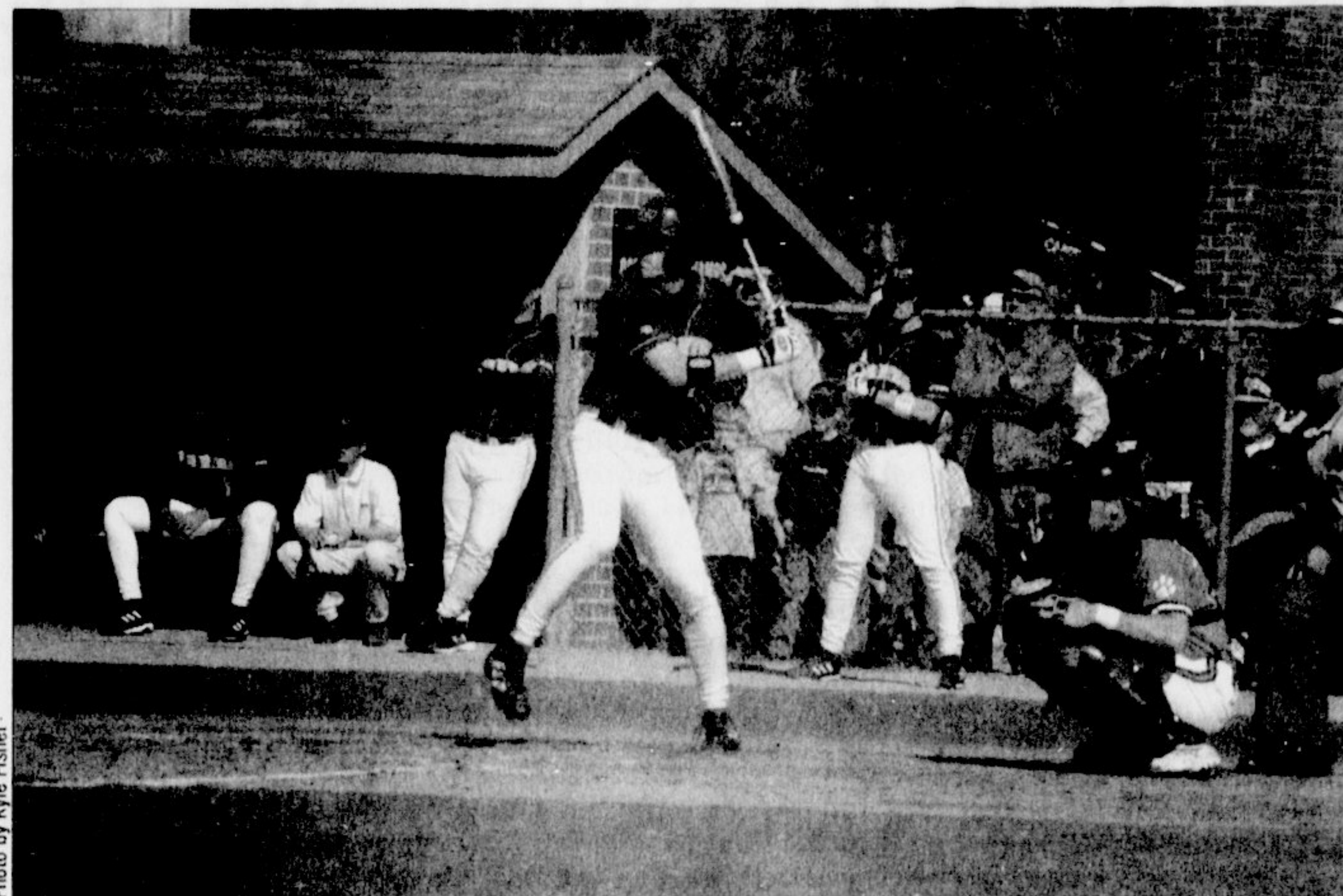
ECU made a statement after sweeping the Keith LeClair Invitational, including two wins over nationally ranked Clemson. The entire nation will take notice of the Pirates, however, if they remain undefeated after a three-game series at No. 6 Arizona State this weekend.

ECU may have been shunned in the latest Sports Weekly/ESPN poll by coming in at No. 24 behind teams with four and five losses and as many as eight. However, the undefeated Pirates know the next task at hand will be their toughest yet.

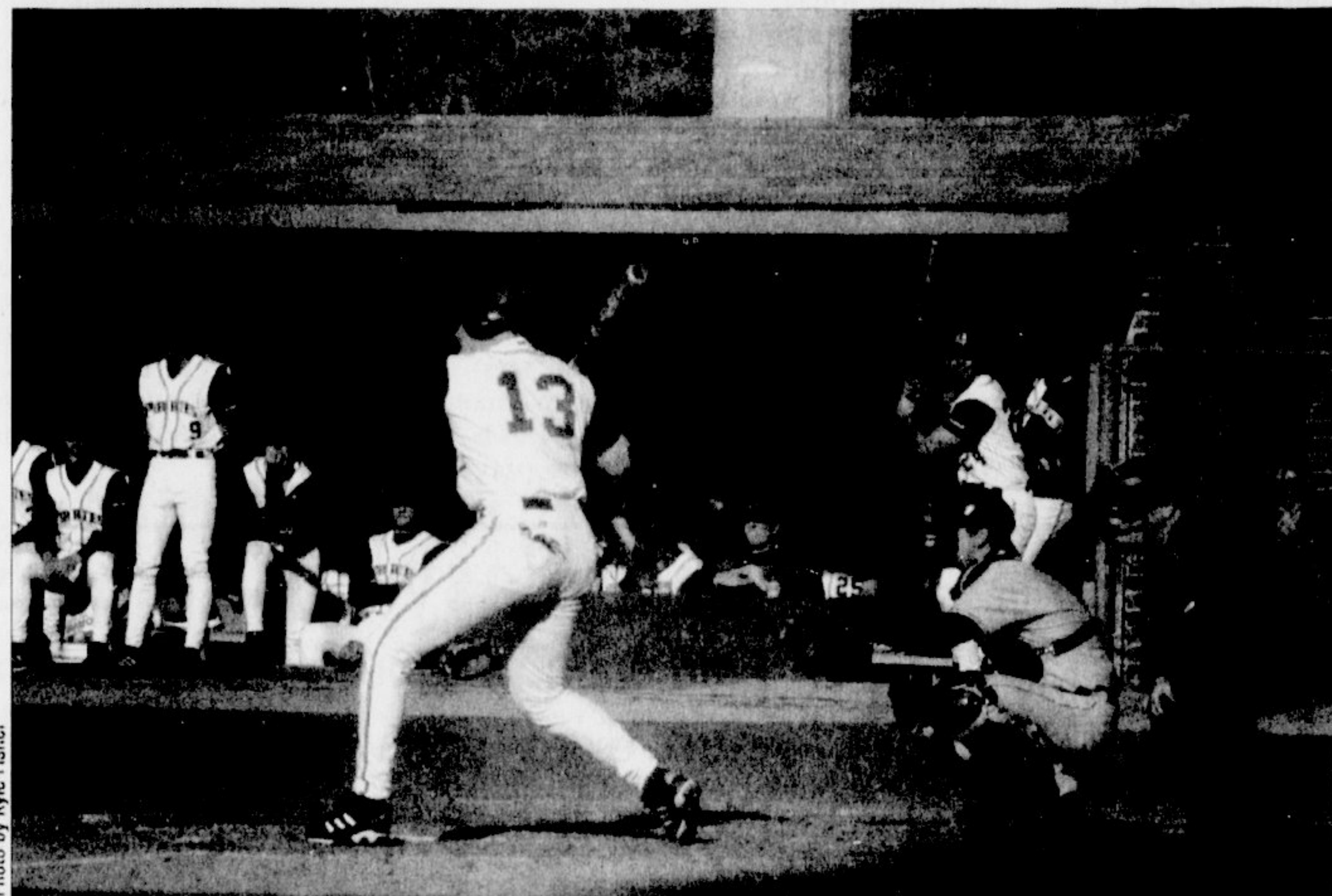
The Sun Devils (12-2) are fresh off a three-game sweep of Connecticut, a series in which they outscored the Huskies 52-18 and hit .442 as a team. Arizona State had some impressive wins early in the 2004 campaign, including a three-game sweep of No. 22 Florida State and a 3-1 victory over defending national champion Rice.

Arizona State may be one of the best offensive teams ECU will play all season. The Sun Devils are collectively hitting .320 with five players over the .300 mark. Dustin Pedroia leads the team in batting with a .475 average and is currently on an eight-game hitting streak.

Travis Buck, who went five-for-five with eight RBI against



ECU baseball started unranked but moved into national prominence due to a fast 12-0 start.



The Pirates will need all of the firepower they can get against the Sun Devils this weekend.

UConn, is batting .417 with a team-high 23 RBI. The sophomore right fielder was named Pac-10 and Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week after going 10-for-12 in the series with 13 RBI.

Colin Curtis and Tuffy Gosewisch are also having an exceptional year at the plate. Curtis is hitting .383 with four homeruns and Gosewisch is right on his heels with a .347 batting average. Curtis is only a freshman and is complementing his solid play in center field with a team-high nine-game hitting streak.

Connecticut had some success at the plate against the Sun Devils, a claim not many squads can make. The Pirates

will most likely see the likes of Jason Urquidez and Jeff Mousser on the mound. Both starters have an ERA under 2.00 and Pat Bresnahan is the star of the bullpen should the Sun Devils run into trouble. Bresnahan has made six appearances in relief, striking out 18 batters in 13 innings of work. The reliever is 3-0 with a 2.08 ERA.

The Pirates will counter with an even stronger pitching staff. ECU's team ERA is 1.55 and leading the way is starter Greg Bunn (2-0). Bunn's ERA is a minuscule 1.04 and the junior right-hander has struck out 23 batters in 17 1/3 innings.

Ryan Jones and Trevor Lawhorn have been an

intimidating duo for opposing pitchers this season. Jones is hitting .424 with five homers and an outstanding slugging percentage of 1.030. Lawhorn's stats are almost identical. The twin brother of preseason Conference USA player of the year Darryl Lawhorn is certainly bringing no shame to the family name. Trevor is batting .419 with five home runs and a team-high 13 RBI. Darryl Lawhorn has gotten off to a slow start, but emerged in the Keith LeClair tourney with a 3-for-5 performance in the 6-4 win over Clemson on Sunday.

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Lady Pirates travel to Fort Worth

Women to take on Charlotte today

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team will try to prolong their season when they take on in-state rival and conference foe Charlotte for the third time this year tonight in Daniel-Myer Coliseum, home of the TCU Horned Frogs. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

The ECU women (14-13, 5-9) are limping into the Conference USA tournament and starving for a win. The Lady Pirates have lost nine straight games after starting out the conference slate with five consecutive wins. Coach Sharon-Baldwin Tener's team has lost countless heartbreakers - four of the past seven games have been decided in overtime, with the women coming up short each time.

The Lady Pirates have gone down to the wire with nationally ranked teams like No. 20 DePaul, No. 12 Houston and even took No. 15 TCU to a record setting four overtimes. Despite

how hard they have played, the women haven't won since Jan. 25 and went a disappointing 0-8 in February.

This will be the 27th meeting between the 10th-seeded Lady Pirates and seventh-seeded Lady 49ers and the first at a neutral location. Charlotte leads the all time series with a 17-9 record. This will also mark the first postseason meeting between the two rivals.

Charlotte (15-12, 8-6) comes into the game with a considerable amount of momentum. Despite losing four out of their last five, the Lady 49ers walloped ECU 78-48 in the regular season finale last Friday. Charlotte used an early 23-4 run to stifle the ECU women. In the most lopsided loss of the season, the Lady Pirates failed to compete and got dominated in every statistical category.

Charlotte had five players in double figures led by Sakellie Daniels' game-high 15.

The brunt of the Lady Pirate scoring usually comes from senior Courtney Willis and junior Jennifer Jackson. However,

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The Lady Pirates have not won a game since Jan. 25.

ECU announces 2004 football schedule

Five games to be played at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium, plus a match-up against in-state rival NC State in Charlotte, N.C., highlights ECU's 2004 football schedule released on Monday.

The Pirates, entering their second season under the direction of Head Coach John Thompson, will open their 2004 campaign on Sept. 4 at West Virginia.

The 2004 home opener is the following Saturday, Sept. 11, against in-state foe Wake Forest.

The Conference USA slate begins at home on Sept. 25 against Cincinnati. Other C-USA home dates are Oct. 9 against Tulane, Oct. 30 against Army and Nov. 20 against Memphis.

The conference road schedule has the Pirates playing at Louisville on Oct. 2, at Southern Miss on Oct. 23, at Houston on Nov. 6 and at USF on Nov. 13.

The renewal of the popular ECU-NC State rivalry comes in the Pirates' final regular-season game on Saturday, Nov. 27 at the 73,258 seat Bank of America Stadium, home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers. The Pirates and Wolfpack last met in 1999, with ECU taking a 23-6 win in front of a Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium record crowd of 50,092.

"We feel like this is a great schedule for us," said Thompson.

"It's a very well-balanced lineup with good timing on the open dates. We open with a tough non-conference opponent, close with a tough non-conference in-state rival, and in-between, there's a good mix of C-USA road and home games. We couldn't be happier with the way it balanced out."

Six of the Pirates' 11 opponents played in bowl games last season.

Television plans for the Pirates' 2004 schedule have not been finalized. Likewise, start times and dates for Parents' Weekend and Homecoming will be announced at a later date.

2004 Football

Sept. 4	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W.V.
SEPT. 11	WAKE FOREST	GREENVILLE, N.C.
SEPT. 25	CINCINNATI*	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Oct. 2	at Louisville*	Louisville, KY.
OCT. 9	TULANE*	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Oct. 23	at So Miss*	Hattiesburg, MS.
OCT. 30	ARMY*	GREENVILLE, N.C.
Nov. 6	at Houston*	Houston, Texas
Nov. 13	at USF*	Tampa, FL.
NOV. 20	MEMPHIS*	GREENVILLE, N.C.
NOV. 27	NC STATE	CHARLOTTE, N.C.

*conference opponents

Spring intramurals heating up

Intramural softball season starts Monday

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

With the warm weather and spring rapidly approaching, intramural sports will provide a four-game softball season.

Rivaling flag football and basketball, softball is one of the biggest intramural sports.

"Traditionally we have about 100 teams that come out," said Laura Triyonis, assistant director of intramural sports.

"The league will start on Monday, March 8. We will get four days in before Spring Break and then we will resume play after that."

The separate divisions will be the same as any other intramural sport.

There will be eight separate divisions, each for different levels of competition.

The faculty, staff, and graduate students will compete together.

The co-rec division will consist of an equal amount of males and females. The fraternity division will be

separated into the purple and gold divisions, with the gold being slightly more competitive.

Sororities will compete among themselves. The men's teams will also be divided into purple and gold sections.

The men's gold division boasts the more experienced players and is highly competitive.

"As always, there will be four regular season games and if they win at least one game and have good sportsmanship, they will move onto the playoffs," Triyonis said.

"We will do the single elimination tournament down to the final teams."

The schedules are posted inside the Student Recreation Center and are available today.

Games will be in the same location as in the past while the new intramural complex is built.

"The games will be played at Blount fields across from the old freshman parking lot and the Allied Health Building," Triyonis said.

"The bus goes out there because freshmen had lots of questions about that. We have four different softball fields."

The games will be played

through seven innings or for 55 minutes, whichever comes first.

If it is still tied after the allotted time, the teams will play one more inning.

If the game is still tied (during the regular season) the contest will end in a tie. However, once the playoffs begin, the games will continue until there is a winner.

In the case of a blowout, the slaughter rule will go into effect once a team is down by 10 runs after four innings.

The games will be played Sunday through Thursday.

Triyonis also hit on the importance of players bringing their own equipment.

"Teams should bring their own gloves," Triyonis said.

"They can get bats at the field and there will be a game ball as always."

Indoor soccer season is already in full swing and 64 teams will be competing.

"It goes through the middle of April," Triyonis said of the indoor season.

"That is a unique season in that we don't have a lot of gym space at Christenbury. These teams get two regular season games and each team that signs up gets to go to the playoffs."

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Football freaks also need to pay attention to approaching deadlines.

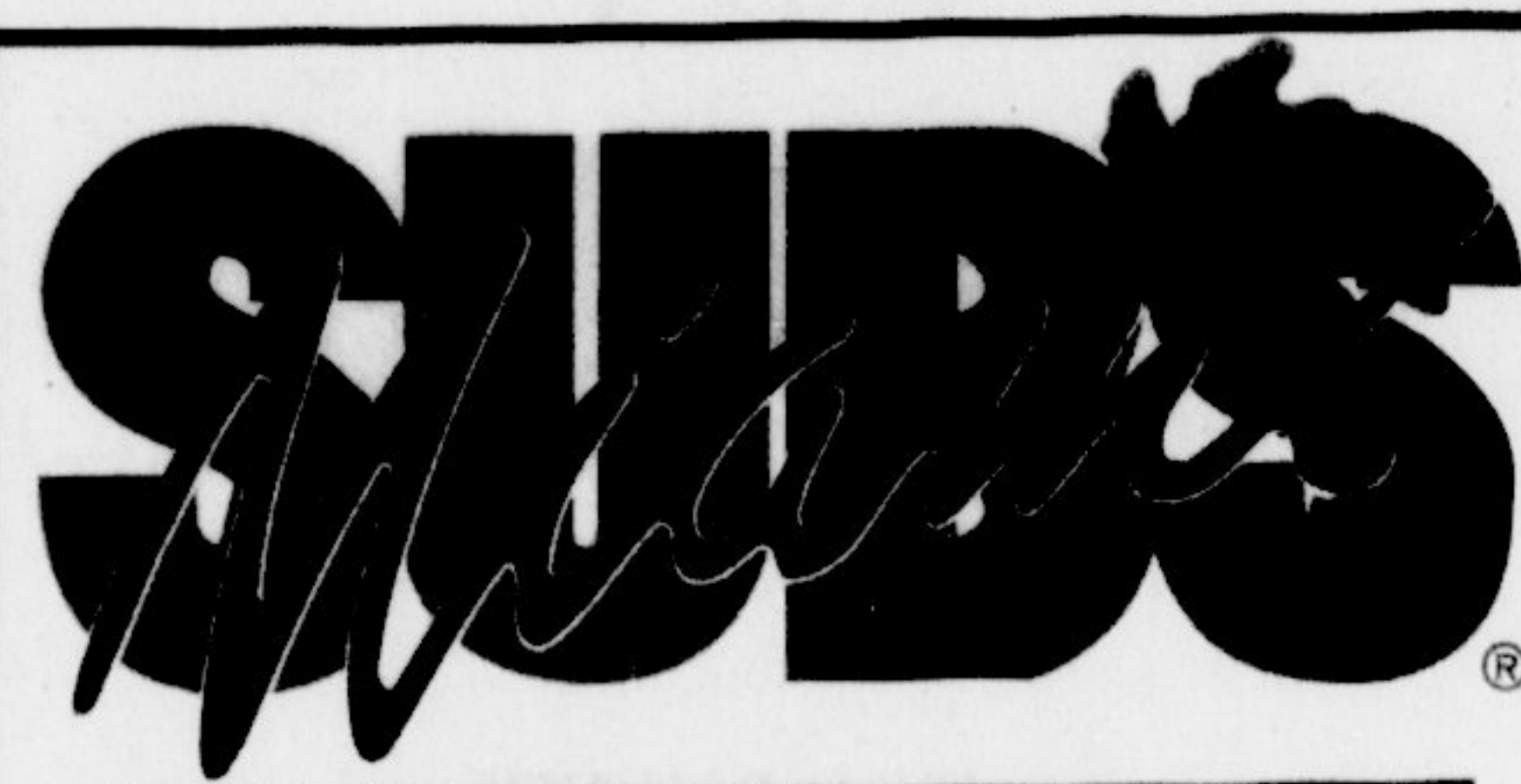
"Four on four football is the only other thing coming up," Triyonis said.

"Teams can sign up on March 29. We only have about 20 teams usually because it's in the middle of softball season. People are just out of the football mode."

Recreational Services continues to stay busy to help to provide intramural athletics. They have to train referees, figure out schedules and maintain different sports at the same time.

If you want to get involved and are not already on a team, you can sign up as a free agent or be added to an already existing captain's roster. Intervarsity or club sport athletes for a specific sport are ineligible to participate.

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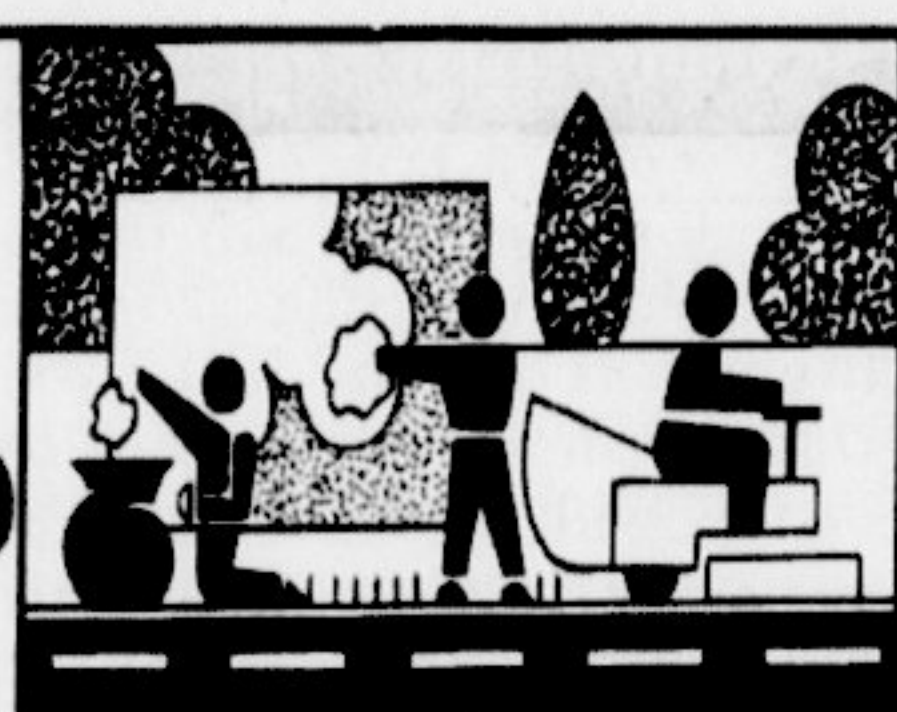
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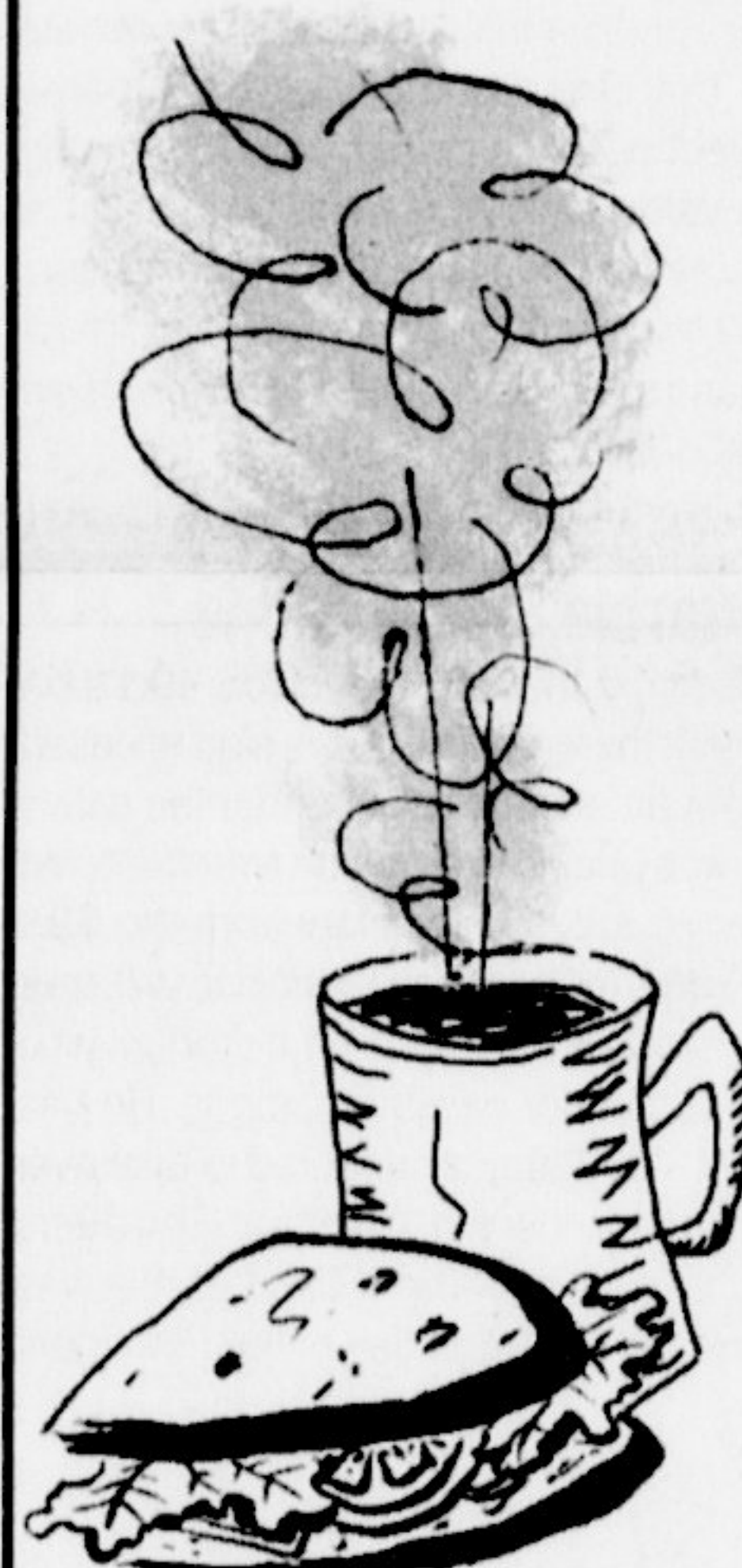
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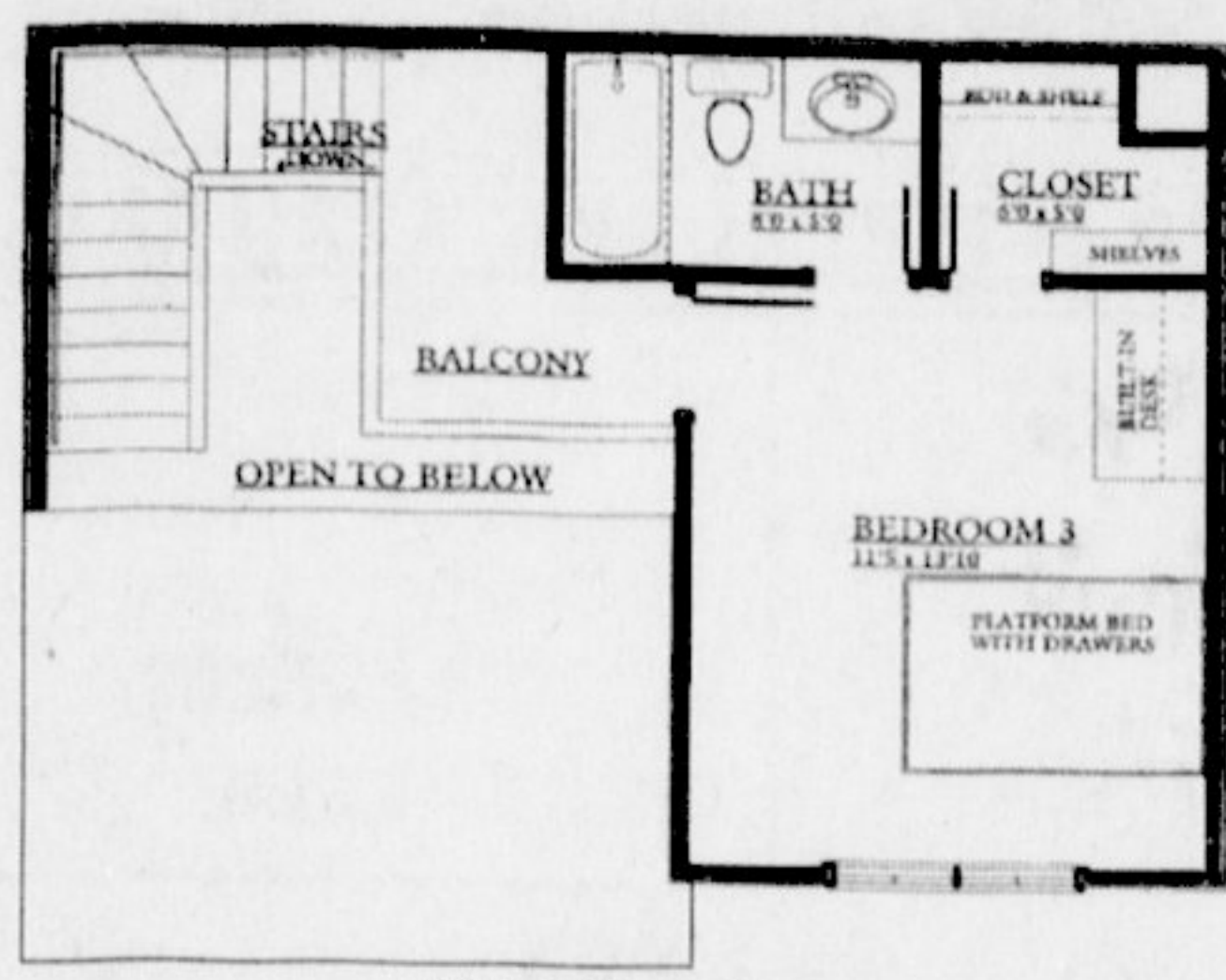
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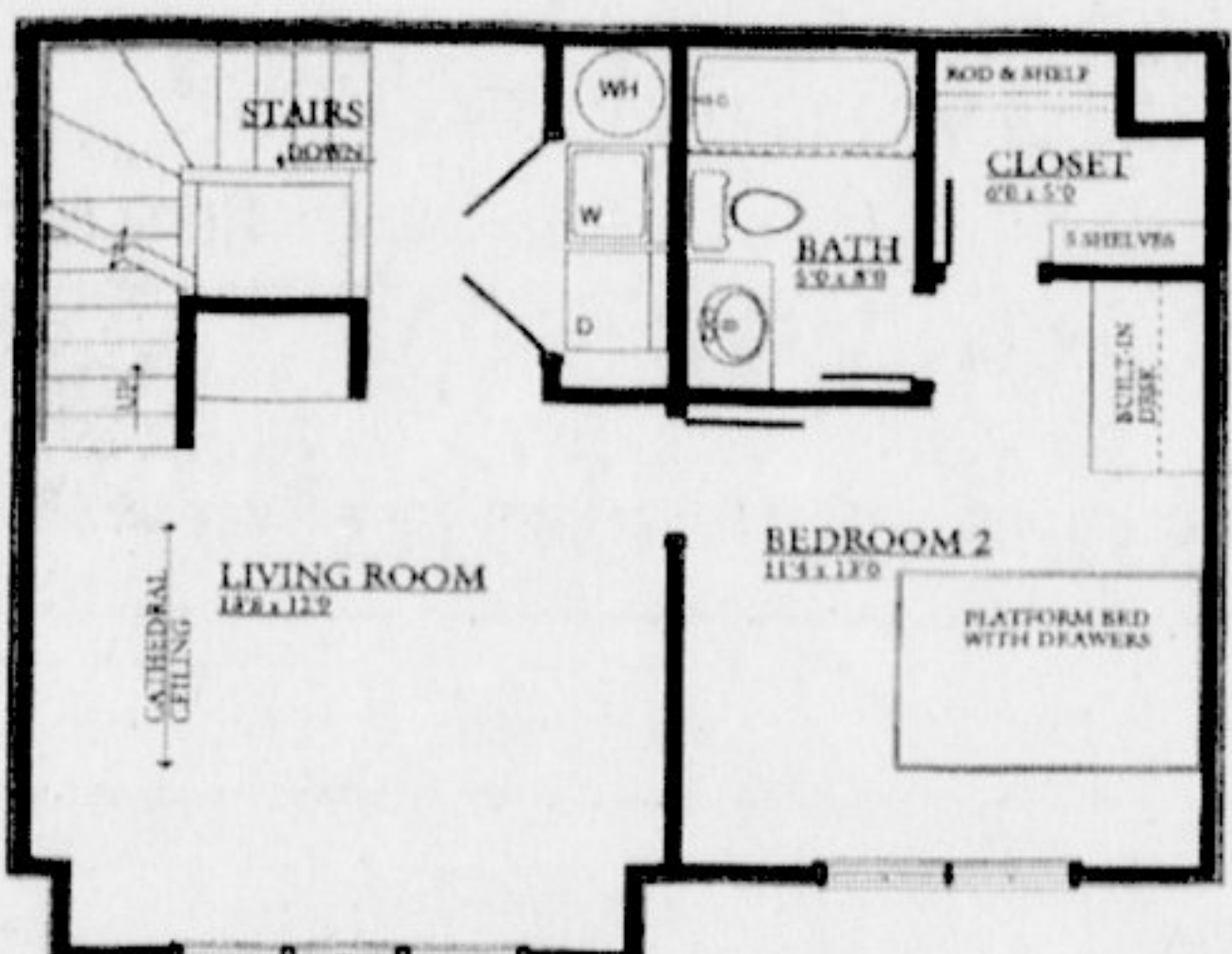
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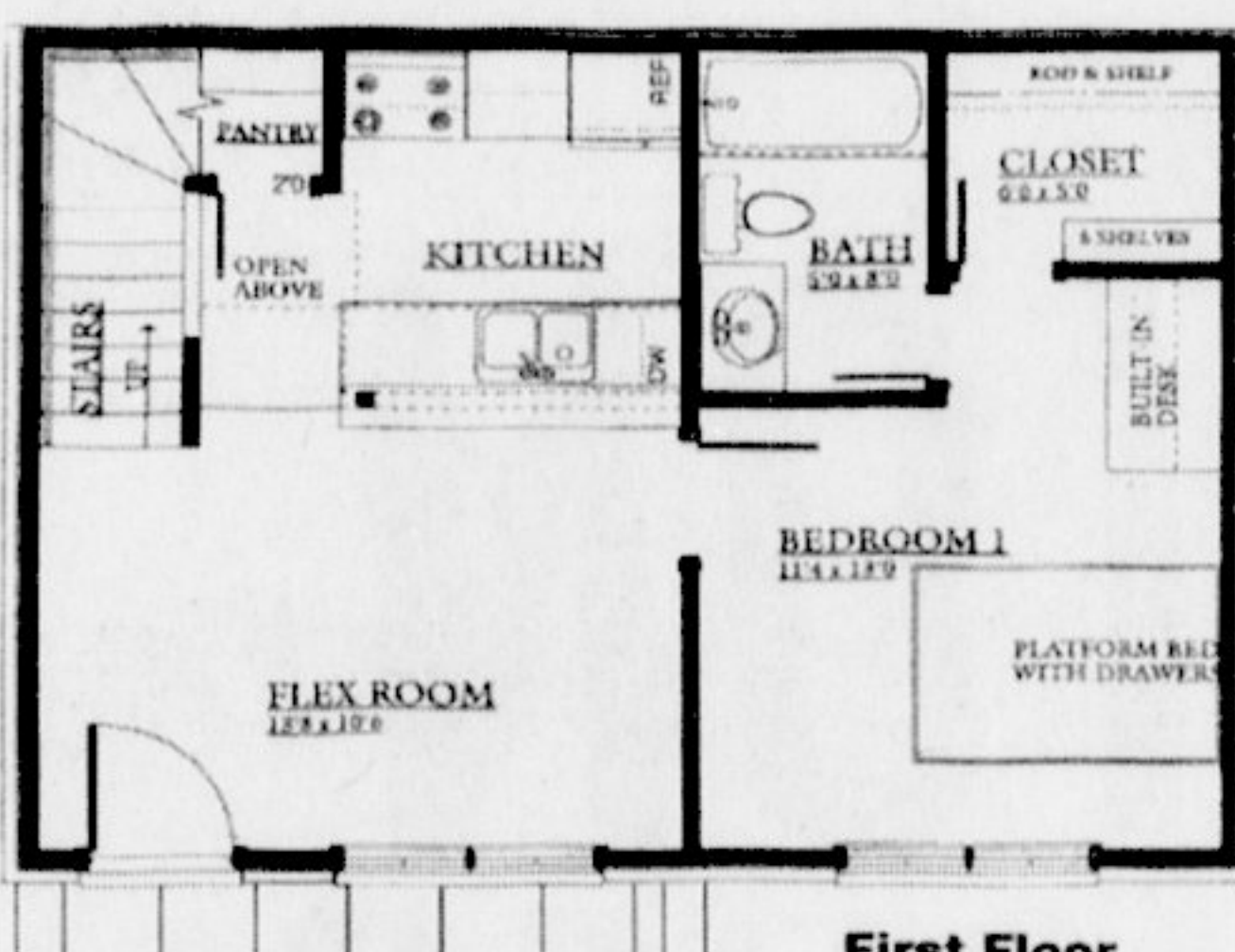
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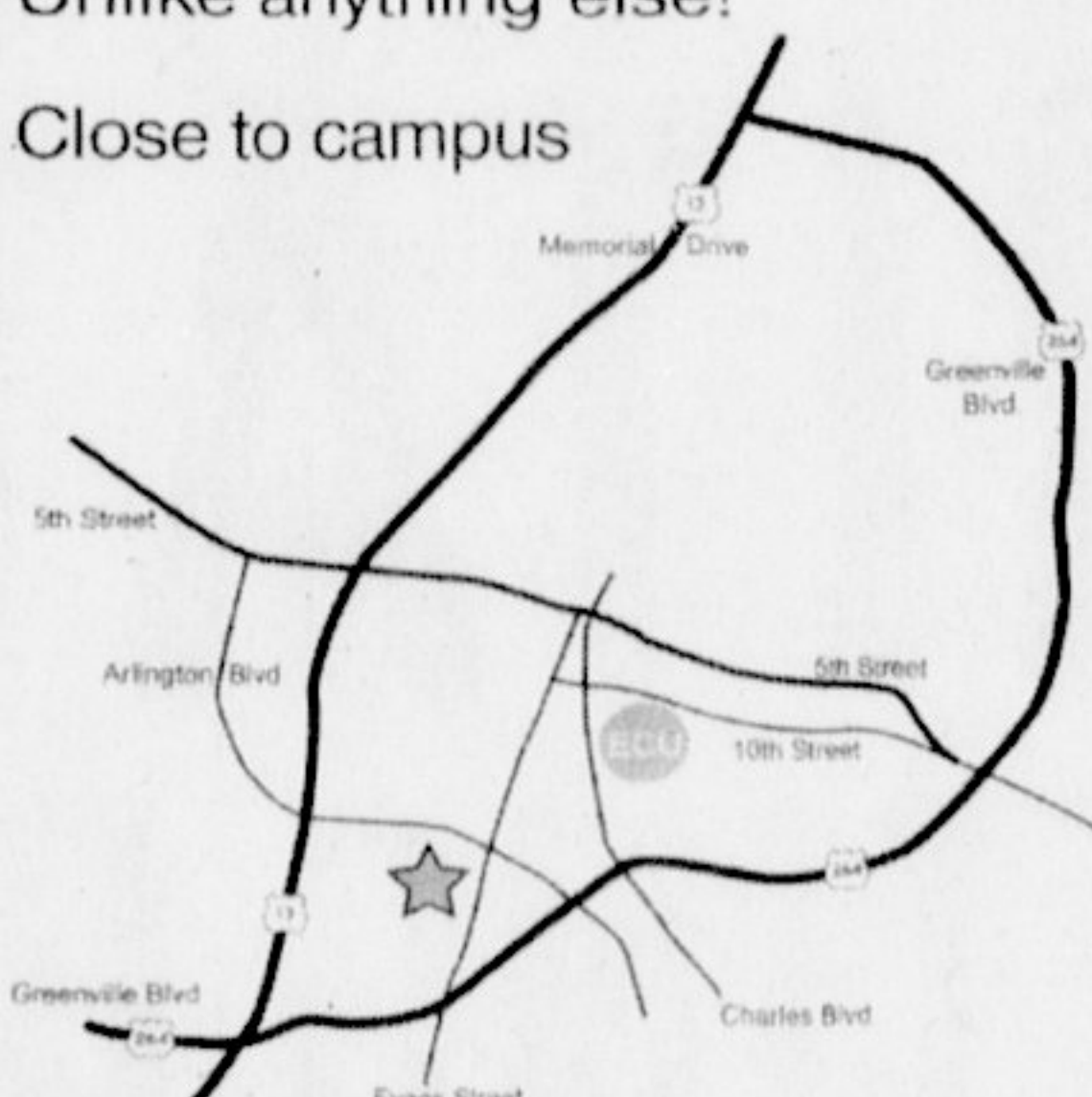
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Softball drops doubleheader in C-USA opener against Houston

Behind the pitching of seniors Jamie Falco and Jenny Johnson and sophomore Crystal Briscoe the University of Houston Cougar softball team opened Conference USA play this afternoon with a doubleheader sweep of ECU by 2-1 and 4-0.

With the pair of wins Houston improves to 17-6 overall—its best start in its four-year history—and 2-0 in C-USA action. The Pirates fall to 11-4-1 and 0-2.

Falco and Johnson combined to limit the Pirates to just one run in the first game. Falco remained perfect on the season, improving to 5-0, while Johnson set a new C-USA single-season record by recording her sixth save of the season.

The Cougars scratched one run in second and another in the third, as the UH offense worked five walks and banded out five hits against ECU starter Brentley Bridgeforth (5-2). Junior Jenilee Skender started off the second with a single up the middle, and with one out senior Arélis Ferreris moved Skender to second with a single to left field. After a strikeout both sophomore Brooke Johnson and sophomore

Jaci Gonzalez worked walks with Gonzalez's plating Skender.

The Pirates escaped further damage when junior Kim Nesloney grounded out to third.

In the third the Cougars increased their lead to 2-0, when freshman Jamie Adams walked to start the inning. Junior Kristen Glowacz put two runners on with no outs when she singled through the left side of the infield. Skender popped up, but sophomore Brandi Clark loaded the bases with the one-out walk. Ferreris ripped the next pitch into deep left center to score Adams.

The Pirates scored their only run of the day when Kate Manuse hit a one-out home run to dead center.

After ECU put its lead-off runner on in the fifth, Johnson relieved Falco and worked the final three innings for the record-breaking save. Falco and Johnson combined to strike out eight Pirate batters.

Speaking of strikeouts, Briscoe set a personal best in the nightcap, when she struckout 10 ECU batters and pitched her second straight complete-game shutout. In

going the distance for the third time this season, Briscoe (5-1) walked only one and allowed just three hits.

Houston struck for all four of their runs in the bottom of the second inning. Ferreris got it started with a single up the middle but was forced on Clark's fielder's choice groundout. Junior Michelle Keith reached on a hit by pitch, and when senior Jenny Baker attempted to sacrifice the runners over, ECU's Andiey Acosta bobbled the grounder and allowed Baker to load the bases.

After a forceout at home, the Cougars plated their first run on a wild pitch by Maggie Lingo (3-2), and on an errant throw by catcher Krista Jessup, Baker scored all the way from second for a 2-0 Houston lead. Nesloney was intentionally walked to bring up Adams, who promptly laced a single into center field to score senior Lindsay Durham. Glowacz brought the final run home on a sharp single down the left field line.

Glowacz was 3-for-5 in the doubleheader to raise her batting average over .300 (.301) for the first time this season.

NBA has a problem with authority

(AP) — Think you've got a problem with authority?

Well, this is how conflicted people around the NBA are about the officiating at the moment: On Sunday, Rasheed Wallace actually restrained someone else from going after a ref.

That someone was his coach, Larry Brown, who put the finishing touches on one of the most lawless stretches in memory by getting himself tossed out late in the first quarter of an eventual 100-83 win by his Detroit Pistons over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The details aren't worth recounting beyond the man-bites-dog angle that Wallace, one of the league's genuine matchheads, provided by stepping between Brown and referee Bill Spooner as a peacemaker. Then again, a lot of people in the NBA have been acting funny around the officials lately.

Orlando star Tracy McGrady

kicked off ref-a-palooza in a game against Denver 10 days ago. Upset over a call, McGrady punted the basketball into the stands, and as soon as it was returned, punted it back into the crowd.

That same night, Wizards coach Eddie Jordan began ripping official Leon Wood right after the final buzzer and didn't stop until security guards intervened. Sensing rebellion in the air, Seattle's normally mild-mannered Ray Allen went off on the refs that night, too, though he saved his rant for the postgame.

The league responded with the usual wrist slaps, fining McGrady and Allen \$10,000 each and letting Jordan off with \$7,500.

Fat lot of good that did. Two nights later, the Wizards' Jerry Stackhouse vented his frustration over a call by tossing a basketball into the stands, a heave that cost him \$5,000. But all those episodes did was set

the stage for Wednesday night's game between the Lakers and Nuggets at Denver.

With the Nuggets leading 111-109 late in the game, a shot by Denver's Andre Miller appeared to brush the rim and teammate Carmelo Anthony got the rebound. Before he could put the ball back up, referee Michael Henderson blew the whistle for a shot-clock violation.

After huddling with fellow officials Jack Nies and Jess Kersey, they decided to instead label the call an inadvertent whistle. The Lakers won the subsequent jump ball, and Kareem Rush hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left.

After the buzzer sounded, Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik started raging about being robbed and had to be restrained, the refs made a dash for the tunnel while being pelted with ice by fans and Nuggets center Marcus Camby followed them into the hallway throwing curses and a towel.

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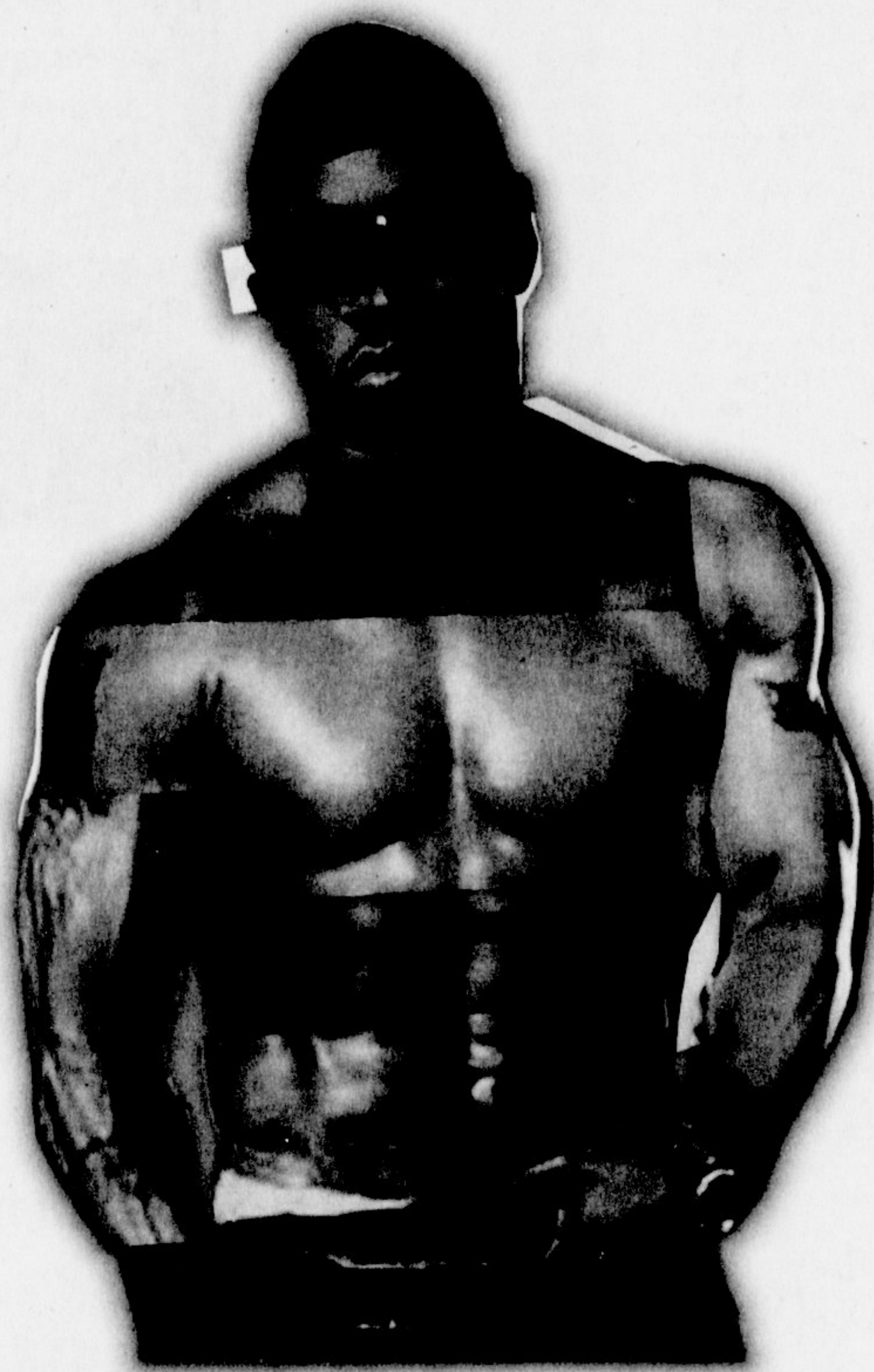
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Long-range shooting key to St. Joe's run

PHILADELPHIA (KRT)—Each St. Joseph's game, Matt Brady takes his seat on the bench, a clipboard tucked under his arm. Hands cupped around his mouth, he occasionally barks out instructions to the Hawks or offers a dig at an official.

Mostly, though, Brady trains his eyes on St. Joe's array of long-range shooters, checking such details as release points, balance, and the arc of each shot.

During this hard-to-imagine St. Joe's season—which continues Saturday with the final regular-season road game at Rhode Island, where the second-ranked Hawks will try to extend their perfect season to 26 wins—Brady has watched his work yield fantastic results.

Brady, 38, who has been Phil Martelli's top assistant for all nine seasons since Martelli became head coach, is among the nation's top shooting instructors. The proof is there for all to see as the Hawks demoralize one opponent after another with a

barrage of three-point baskets.

Entering Thursday night's games, the Hawks were third in the country in three-point shooting accuracy, at 42.2 percent. They ranked second in the country in treys made per game, with an average of 9.8. Earlier this season, St. Joe's set an Atlantic 10 Conference record by raining 20 three-pointers over Temple's zone defense.

Four of the top five three-point shooters in the A-10 are Hawks, and that doesn't include Chet Stachitas, who has connected on 46.9 percent. That would rank second in the league if he met the minimum requirement of 1.5 per game.

The surest shooter is Pat Carroll, whose 47.4 percentage is third in the country. Carroll came to St. Joe's a pure shooter, but Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Tyrone Barley didn't. Under Brady's tutelage, they have become feared snipers.

"I wasn't a good shooter before I met Coach Brady," said

Nelson, the senior point guard who is a leading candidate for several player of the year awards.

"I guess it was because I was always able to get to the basket. Now I'm a real jump shooter with range. I have to give him a lot of credit for staying with me. Every time he sees something wrong, he makes an adjustment."

When Nelson wasn't assured he would be a first-round NBA pick last season, scouts questioned his size (5-foot-11), but more so his perimeter shooting.

"Now I tell the NBA people who ask that Jameer will be a great shooter in the league," said Brady.

Brady, a superb shooter during his playing days at Paul VI High School in Haddon Township and at Siena, doesn't force-feed his players. He'll offer his help, but if he meets resistance, he'll let the players try to work things out for themselves. Usually, they can't, so they seek him out.



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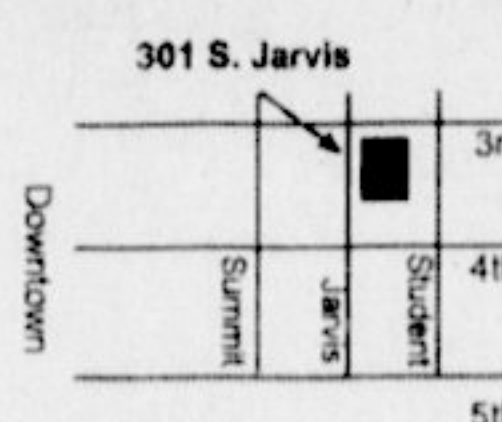
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Basketball

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the duo was held to a combined 11 points against the 49ers. It marked the first time all year that Willis failed to reach double figures, snapping her streak at 26 games. Both saw limited action as Baldwin-Tener went to her bench to get valuable experience for younger players.

The Charlotte-ECU series this year has been an enigma. The Feb. 27 game was a 55-point turnaround from the first when ECU took down Charlotte 80-55 on Jan. 25. The Lady Pirates had just a two-point advantage at 28-26 by the end of the first half. However, after the intermission, it was all ECU.

The women outscored Charlotte 52-29 in the second half thanks to the stellar play from Willis and Jackson. Willis contributed 26 points and nine rebounds, while Jackson had nearly identical numbers with 24 points and nine boards.

Willis could be playing in her final game and will lead the Lady Pirate attack. Willis is averaging a double-double, a feat she has accomplished 14 times this season, at 19.1 points per game and 10.3 rebounds. Her totals are good for fourth and third in the league respectively. With 1,371 career points, the standout senior moved into fifth in career scoring at ECU, passing Sylvia Bragg who played from 1982-1986.

The conference tournament goes from March 4-7. The first match-up today will pit the eighth-seeded USF against ninth-seeded Cincinnati at 2 p.m. Fifth-seeded Marquette and 12th-seeded Tulane will follow at 4 pm. After the conclusion of the ECU-Charlotte tilt, sixth-seeded Memphis will try to take on 11th-seeded UAB.

In order for one of these teams to win the tournament, they have to face the daunting task of winning four games in four days. League champion Houston received the first seed and will take a bye.

Also taking byes are two-time defending champions No. 15 TCU, No. 20 DePaul and Louisville. The Lady Pirates would face second seeded TCU in the second round if they advance past Charlotte. The women have not won in the postseason in four years.

Their last win came against Virginia Commonwealth in the CAA Tournament 77-68 in 2000. Last year, the Lady Pirates season ended at the hands of eventual winner TCU, 54-44.

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