



Do you plan to vote in the next election?



PAMELA JOHNSON
SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

"Yeah, but I'm undecided. I'm democratic so most likely democrat."



JASON STOKES
FRESHMAN NURSING MAJOR

"Yeah I am going to vote and probably for Bush."



MANDY MAUGE
SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

"I'd like to vote, but I am unsure about the candidates. John Edwards - he's a good guy."



RORIK KOSTER
SOPHOMORE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR

"Yes, Independent."

Voter apathy among youth remains high

Understanding voting, registration basics improves turnout

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

Voting has been a privilege for Americans 18 years and older since 1972 but many young Americans today are either apathetic about voting or simply don't know their rights.

According to the Pitt County Board of Elections, there are several methods to register to vote.

Potential voters can fill out a form at the PCBE office at 201 E. Second St., request a mail-in or download the form off their Web site at www.co.pitt.nc.us/depts/elections.

The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement measures national and state election statistics. It reported the number of 18 to 24-year-olds who vote in national elections decreased by nearly 13 percentage points since 1972, the first year 18-year-olds were allowed to vote in a presidential election.

In the 2000 presidential race, the youth voter turnout was about 30 percent. In comparison, almost 70 percent of the over-65 demographic cast their votes during that election.

"The Republican and Democratic presidential candidates know who vote, and they know who does not vote," said Jonathan Morris, assistant professor of political science.

"They know senior citizens care about Medicare and Social Security and those kinds of issues, and as a result are going to turn out at the polls in droves, well over 50 percent, sometimes as high as 70 percent, and they know young Americans don't turn out. Politicians appeal to the people who they know they can count on to show up at the polls."

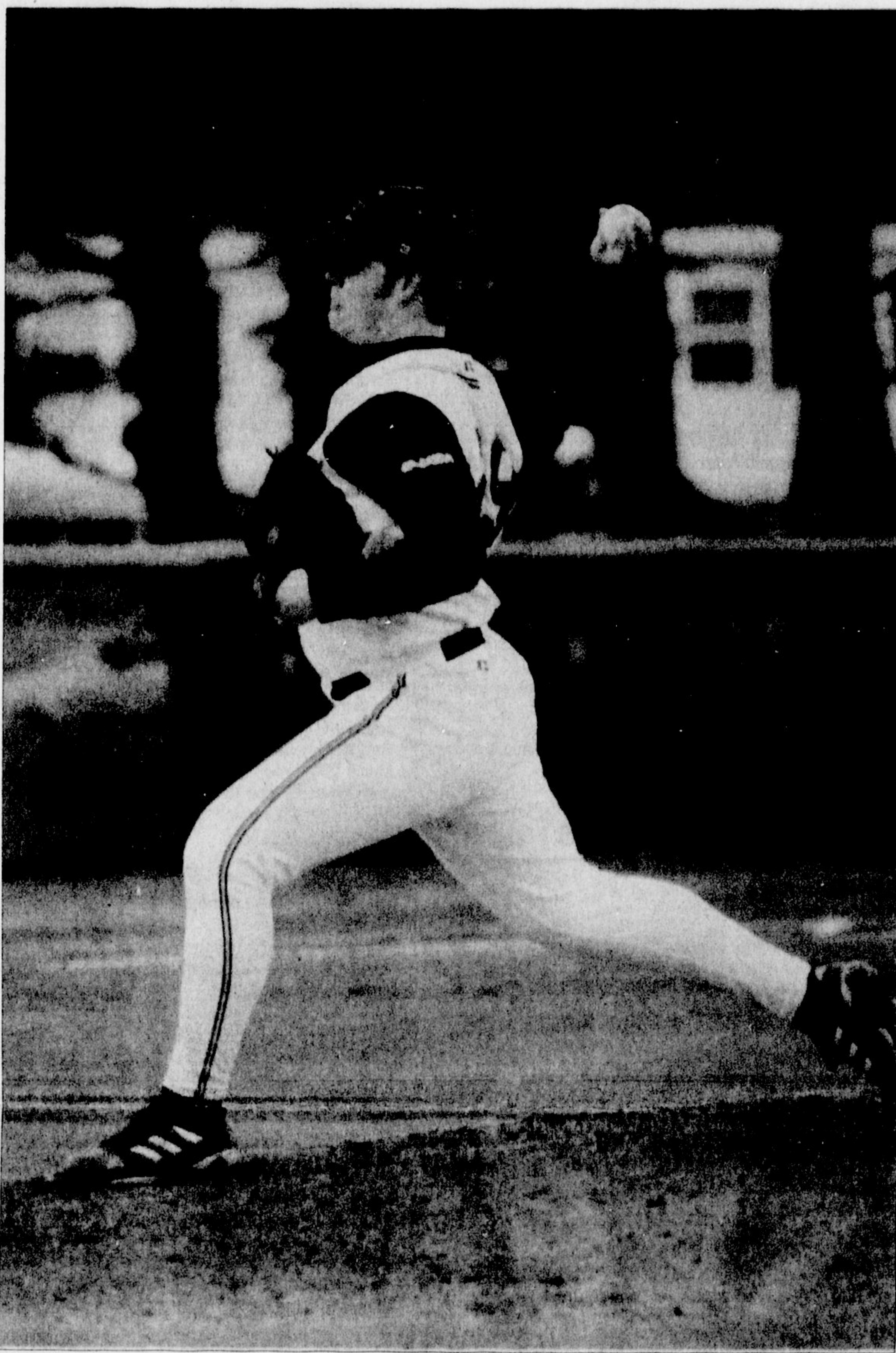
Whether registering to vote in Pitt County or applying for an absentee ballot from your home state, the youth demographic in this country can

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Information

For more information about voter registration in Pitt County and absentee ballots, contact the Pitt County Board of Electors at 902-3300, or visit their Web site at www.co.pitt.nc.us.

Pirates back on track



Pirate pitcher Carter Harrell rears back to send another heater in Wednesday's win over Arizona State University. Please see page B5 for more detailed information on the game.

Tuition, chancellor to be determined by Board of Governors during break

Students will protest proposed tuition hikes

ERIN RICKERT
NEWS EDITOR

As ECU students get ready for Spring Break, top administrators are preparing to make two critical decisions at the Board of Governors meeting March 19.

BOG members will decide whether students will have to pay higher tuition in 2004-05, and UNC-system President Molly Broad will announce ECU's new chancellor.

Representatives from ECU's Student Government Association, in conjunction with the UNC Association of Student Governments, plan to protest the tuition hike. Student representatives from a large majority of the 16 UNC-system schools will also attend the protest.

The proposed increase would raise ECU students' tuition an additional \$300 each year for

the next three years, a total of \$900.

"I am worried about people that are younger than me," said Stefanie Swaney, director of external affairs for the SGA.

"I have trouble paying tuition as it is, and I don't think it is exactly fair to raise it \$900 in three years."

In the 2004-05 academic year, the increase is expected to provide an additional \$5.4 million in revenue that will be used in the university's high-need areas, according to Chuck Hawkins, senior associate vice chancellor for financial services.

Forty two percent of this revenue will be used to attract and retain faculty members by increasing salaries, need-based financial aid will gain 30 percent of funds, 15 percent will provide salary increases to retain and attract staff and administrators and 13 percent will expand the academic advising system to accommodate more students.

A staggered tuition increase

that will affect students in ECU's Brody School of Medicine is also being considered.

Under the proposal, first year medical students attending Brody in the 2004-05 academic year would be affected by a \$1,200 increase that will decrease to \$700 in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic years.

If the increase passes, third and fourth year medical students attending Brody in the 2004-05 year would experience a one-time fee increase of \$700.

After five months of searching, Broad will announce ECU's permanent chancellor the same day tuition is set.

William Shelton, former vice chancellor for university advancement, was appointed interim chancellor in September 2003 following William Muse's resignation.

Search committee members sent a list of recommendations to Broad for review Tuesday.

While Jim Talton, chair of the Chancellor Search Committee and chair of the Board of

Trustees, would not comment on the number of candidates or their names, Broad is expected to introduce ECU's new top administrator in the March meeting.

Talton would not confirm Shelton's inclusion in the recommendation, but he did say Shelton was discussed at the last meeting.

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

Meeting Info

Anyone interested in attending the tuition protest can contact the SGA office at 328-4726.

The Board of Governors meeting and the tuition protest will take place at 9 a.m. at the UNC administrative building in Chapel Hill.



Olisa Uzoewulo, industrial distribution major, and Eric Hinton, criminal justice major, compete in a heated dorm room football match.

Increasing number of students not traveling over Spring Break

ECU homebodies stay to work, study, relax

LUKE SPENCER
STAFF WRITER

It's almost that special time of year again. It's getting warmer, shorts and skirts are coming out of drawers, and it's harder than ever to focus while sitting in class. Yes, Spring Break is only days away. However, instead of heading to Cancun, Myrtle Beach, or

even home to see friends and family, an increasing number of ECU students will simply be going back to their dorms or apartments this Friday.

"We have definitely seen an increase in the number of students who want to stay on campus over breaks in the last few years," said Aaron Lucier, interim associate director of campus living.

Because of this, Lucier said housing has increased the number of academic year

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Nutrition Awareness throughout March

- Low potassium levels can cause kidney pain, shallow breathing, a quick heart rate, anxiety and mid-afternoon fatigue.
- Low salt levels in the body cause cold hands and feet and low energy.



Forecast
Sunny
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TEC REQUIRED READING



Online
Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to read more about sniper Maho being sentenced to live without parole.



News page A2
Wednesday's nutrition lecture focused on how to eat well with no money and no time.



Features page B1
Careful planning is needed for a stress-free vacation. TEC has packing tips for next week's Spring Break.



Sports page B5
ECU's baseball team beat Arizona State University with eight runs on a rainy Wednesday afternoon.



FYI
Don't forget: Campus Dining offers free world cuisine Friday in MSC from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 328-4756 to RSVP.

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Announcements

Diabetes Presentation

Julius Mallette will give a presentation on diabetes today from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. A free diabetes screening will follow. Contact Tywana Jeffries at 328-6794 for more information.

Faculty Adviser Workshop

The Academic Advising and Support Center offers a workshop today at 3:30 p.m. in B102 Brewster for undergraduate students faculty advising. Contact Marty Selby at 328-4294 for more information.

International Food

Campus Dining Services offers Heart Healthy International Street this Friday at Mendenhall from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Foods from Greece, Asia, Mexico and India will be featured. Contact Robin High at 328-4756 to RSVP.

Spring Break

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

Fall and Summer Advising

The beginning of summer session and fall 2004 semester advising is Monday, March 22.

Mac Users Group

The Mac Users Group will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. in Havey Hall of the Murphy Center. The meeting will focus on Garage Band, new music-creating software from Apple.

Graduation Fair

The Dowdy Student Stores hosts a fair for May graduates on Wednesday, March 24 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Graduates will be able to pick up their cap and gown and obtain information about commencement, alumni benefits, careers and student loan repayment.

Habitat for Humanity Run

The Home Run 5K Road Race and One Mile Fun Run to benefit Pitt County Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, March 27 from 7 a.m. - noon at the City Hotel and Bistro. Participants can register the day of the race beginning at 7 a.m. or in advance at www.habitathomerun.com. Volunteers are also needed. Call 758-2947 for more information.

Special Olympics

Volunteers are needed to act as ambassadors Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19 for the State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament. Ambassadors will check in athletes and families and hand out room keys to hotels, while staying both nights in a hotel free. Contact Cheryl Yarrell at 413-1600 extension 1823 for more information. Volunteers are still needed for other Special Olympics activities. Contact Alice at 830-4216 or at 830-4217 for more information.

Cash for Cats

Volunteers are needed to collect donations to provide medical care for cats on Saturday, March 27 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at local Food Lions. Contact Greg Smith at 717-6339 for more information.

Summer and Fall Registration

Registration for summer sessions and fall 2004 semester begins Monday, March 29.

Stroke Clinic

Volunteers are needed to perform various tasks including registration, health assessment, cholesterol and glucose labs, blood pressure and counseling at five community stroke clinics. Contact Terry Congleton at 847-0162 for more information.

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 currently or planning to attend 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 \$1600 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.

Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Byron Gill, freshman business management major.

News Briefs

Local

Easley bringing food stamp center back from India

RALEIGH (AP) - State officials say they will ask the Legislature for money to locate a state food stamp call center in Martin County after learning a contractor operated it in India. Dan Gerlach, adviser to Gov. Mike Easley, said Tuesday that the governor had been unaware the center had been outsourced to India until news reports in August. Republicans had criticized the move, saying the jobs should be performed by North Carolina residents.

Easley administration officials will ask the Government Operations Committee for \$1.2 million at its March 16-17 meeting to hire up to 34 workers to answer calls from food stamp recipients. The program has been run through a private contractor in India called eFunds, which has a \$25 million contract to manage the program.

Photos show fast-food restaurant workers bathing in kitchen sink

ADVANCE (AP) - Two fast-food restaurant employees who bathed in a dishwashing sink took cleanliness a bit too far, but didn't pose a health threat, the county's health director said. The caper came to light because of photographs of the men taking

turns posing, in bathing suits, in a large sink full of bubbles, said Barry Bass, director of the Davie County Health Department.

"From a public-health standpoint, you want the employees to be clean," said Bass, adding that the employees may have overdone it. "I have been working in public health for 25 years and have never observed an incident like it." The sink at the Wendy's has cleaning jets and is used to wash pots, pans and other cookware. Bass said the restaurant won't be cited for any health-code violations, because no health official directly observed a violation.

National

Beef production down after mad cow disease, bird flu cutting poultry exports

WASHINGTON (AP) - Projections of U.S. beef production for the year are down following the discovery of the nation's first case of mad cow disease, while bird flu is reducing U.S. poultry exports, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday. The nation will produce about 25.3 billion pounds of beef this year, the department said. The March projection is 204 million pounds below the February estimate of the year's beef production.

Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo

sentenced to life term after John Muhammad gets death

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) - Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for an October 2002 killing spree in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 people dead. Malvo was sentenced a day after sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad was given the death penalty. Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush imposed the sentence on Malvo during a brief hearing. Malvo did not speak.

World

Iran admits military industries produced nuclear centrifuges

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iranian ministers said Wednesday that the country's defense industries had built low-level nuclear centrifuges, and that Tehran would resume uranium enrichment once its problems with the International Atomic Energy Agency were resolved. Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani told reporters that Iran's military industries, which also build parts and machinery for the civil sector, had produced the relatively unsophisticated P-1 centrifuges. But he said Iran had not been involved in producing more advanced P-2 models, used in producing

weapons-grade enriched uranium. "It is no secret. We have produced P-1, not P-2, contrary to U.S. allegations," said Shamkhani, when asked if the military was involved in any nuclear production. "It's natural in the world that defense industries produce civilian parts. We in the defense industries produce parts for civilian planes, vehicle parts and even television sets," he said.

Interim prime minister appointed for Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - Haiti's advisory council named an interim prime minister to pave the way for elections, while U.S. Marines said they would start helping disarm the general population in a potentially volatile move after weeks of bloodshed.

Militants demanding ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's return stoned cars and set barricades ablaze Tuesday, blocking a main road in the capital and threatening renewed turmoil.

The new prime minister, Gerard Latortue, a former U.N. official and foreign minister, faces the difficult task of helping to restore peace in this troubled Caribbean nation following a month long insurgency that helped drive Aristide from power on Feb. 29. Rebels had seized control of half the country, sparking a frenzy of looting and violence. More than 400 people have died in the rebellion and reprisal killings.

Spring Break Hours

Dorm Closings

Students must exit Tyler, Clement, Fletcher, Greene and White Residence Halls by 10 a.m. on March 13.
Jones, Aycock, Scott, Belk, Cotton, Fleming, Jarvis, Umstead, Slay and Garrett will remain open.

Libraries

A. J. Fletcher Music Library
March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 Closed
March 21 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Joyner Library

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
March 21 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

Laupus Library

March 15 - 18 7:30 a.m. - midnight
March 19 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 21 noon - 10 p.m.

Dowdy Student Stores

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

UBE

March 15 - 19 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 20 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 21 Closed

Computer Labs

Austin
March 11 Normal 24-hour operation, closing at noon
March 12 - 21 Closed
March 22 Resumes normal 24-hour operation at 8 a.m.

Aycock

March 13 - 20 Closed
March 21 3 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Foreign language lab (2009 Bate)

March 13 - 21 Closed

Math lab (204 Austin)

March 13 - 21 Closed

Mendenhall basement

March 12 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.
March 13 - 21 Closed

1387 Rawl

March 12 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 13 - 21 Closed
March 22 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

4032 Umstead

March 12 Closed
March 13 - 20 noon - 8 p.m.

Dining

Center Court

March 12 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
March 13 - 20 11:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
March 21 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Croatian

March 12 Regular hours
March 13 - 21 Closed

Mendenhall Dining Hall

March 13 - 20 Closed
March 21 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

MSC Java City

March 12 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 13 - 21 Closed

Pirate Market

March 13 - 20 Closed
March 21 Noon - 1 a.m.

Todd Dining Hall

March 13 - 20 Closed
March 21 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Spot

March 12 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
March 13 - 20 Closed
March 21 Noon - midnight

Wright Place

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Wright Place Java City

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Student Recreation Center

Building

March 12 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
March 13 - 14 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
March 15 - 19 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
March 20 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
March 21 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Adventure Center

March 12 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
March 13 - 21 Closed
Rentals picked up on March 12 cannot be returned until March 22.

Student Health Service

Building

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Pharmacy

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Writing Center

March 13 - 21 Closed

Mendenhall Student Center

Building

March 12 7 a.m. - midnight
March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Bowling/Billiards

March 12 1 p.m. - midnight
March 13 - 21 Closed

Ticket Office

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Cashiers office

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Career services

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed


Financial aid office

March 13 - 14 Closed
March 15 - 19 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 20 - 21 Closed

Registrar's office

March 13 - 14 Closed
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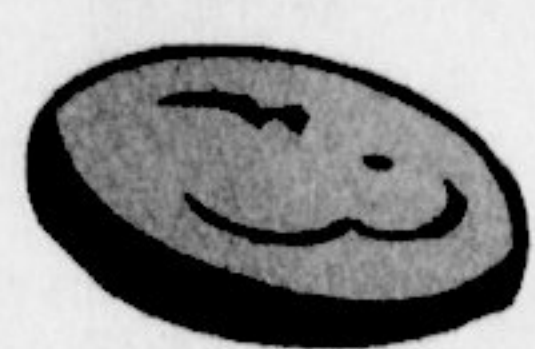
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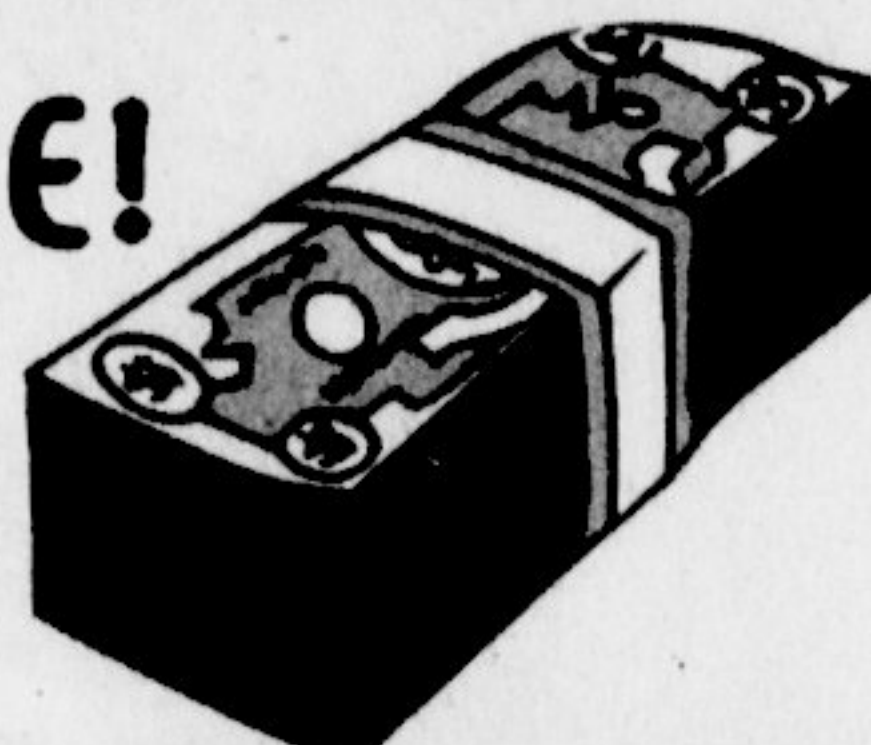
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Nutritious tips for students eating on limited budgets

Lecture promotes
cheap, healthy choices

TABATHA JAMES
STAFF WRITER

The appeal of greasy dollar menu burgers and fries might be tempting for a college student without much money or time, but Campus Dining is working to teach students that healthy food can be cheap.

Robin High, Campus Dining nutrition director, gave a lecture packed with nutritious tips for students Wednesday night.

High said it's important to eat at home more often than eating out because food at restaurants can not only be expensive, but many establishments serve well over the recommended portion sizes.

Getting on the right track to eating healthily, cheaply and quickly can begin with a trip to a local Farmer's Market for seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, High said. Students can also buy the same foods frozen or canned in their natural juices.

"Canned goods sometimes have a large amount of sodium, so if you want to decrease the amount of salt, you can use a strainer and rinse them before use," said High.

When purchasing name-



Robin High talks with students about healthy choices.

brand products, it's cheaper to buy generic or value brands.

Some students may benefit by sharing cooking responsibilities.

"Another cost-effective idea for students is to cook with roommates or friends to share

the burden of buying the ingredients, and many times there are leftovers, which can provide you with free lunch the next day," High said.

Many students are also guilty of shopping only when

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Our View

Let this be a warning to the rest of the colleges in the state and the region. Don't even think about cheating, because the NCAA obviously will take care of you swiftly.

The NCAA has put their foot down in the face of academic scandal and impropriety in the world of college athletics.

Let it be said that no small, inconsequential Christian college is above the reach of NCAA sanctions.

The NCAA, which has been rocked with bad news since before last year's March Madness 2003, has set an example of exactly what will happen to colleges that break the rules.

Gardner-Webb University, also known as the Colorado of Western North Carolina, has been put on three years of NCAA probation.

The men's basketball team is ineligible for postseason play this year, and the men's and women's basketball teams will each lose a scholarship in the next two academic years. Both programs also will be limited in their recruiting activities.

When "star" basketball player Carlos Webb meddled with his integrity, controversy arose.

According to reports, former school president Christopher White arranged for an F to be left out of his grade point average calculations in a way to keep the number high enough for NCAA competition.

Webb, who received the F for cheating on a final exam, was given a chance to replace the grade.

Let this be a warning to the rest of the colleges in the state and the region. Don't even think about cheating, because the NCAA obviously will take care of you swiftly.

Most importantly, as we watch this situation unfold, we can all be confident that the NCAA is definitely not coming down too hard on Gardner-Webb to compensate for its lack of action concerning other improprieties in the world of sports.

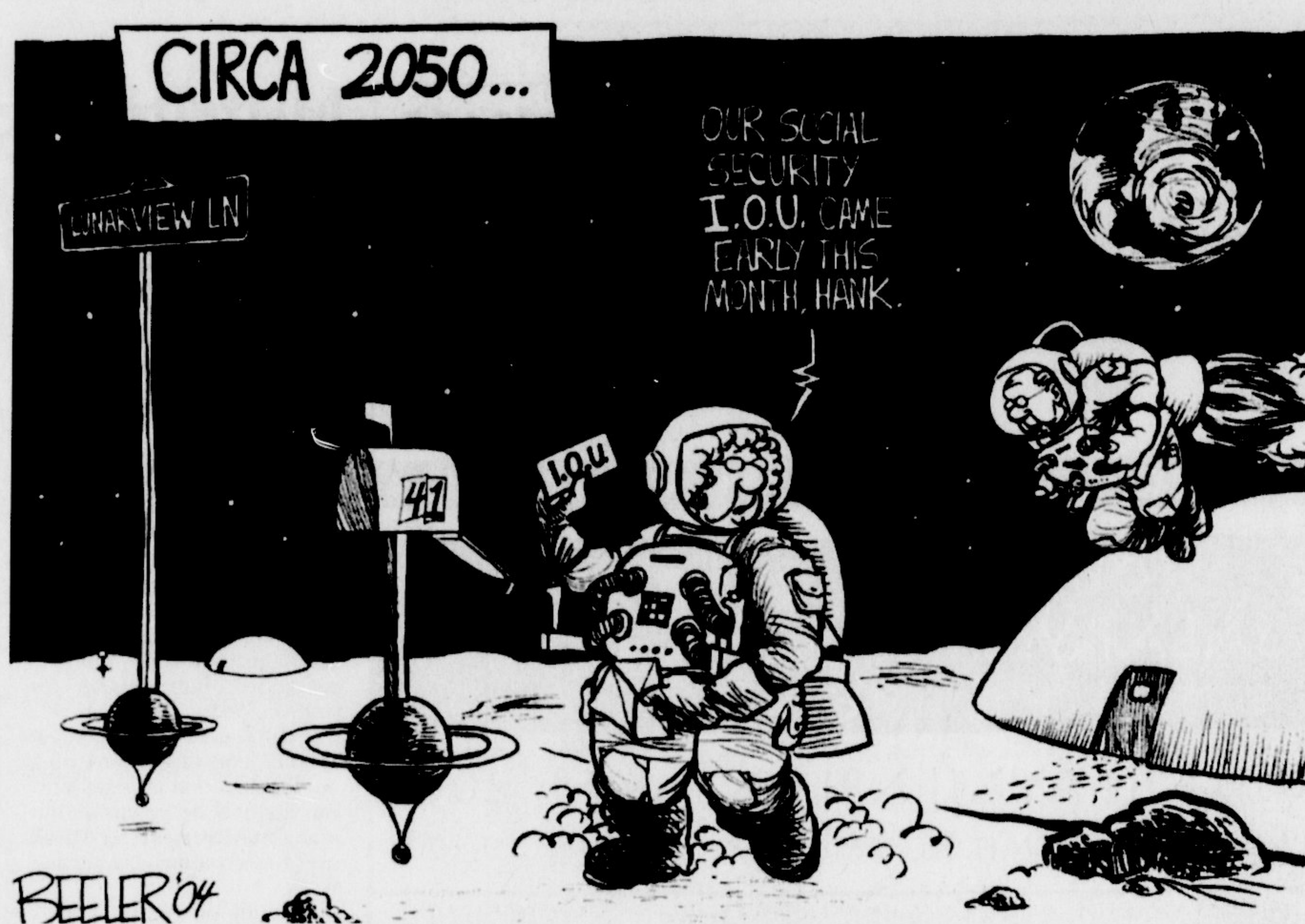
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Opinion Columnist

A moment of silence please

Bidding farewell to an old friend

ANTHONY MCKEE
OPINION COLUMNIST

I ask that you bow your heads in a moment of silence: I found out that a personal friend will not be around past the end of the year.

And to make matters worse, it will be a drawn out process – not quick as I would have hoped.

We have been friends for years. During that time, we have developed a particularly close relationship.

It doesn't matter what time of day it is, I am always welcome. Whether I am happy or sad, depressed or slightly manic, tired or strung out on caffeine, I can stop by anytime and never hear a complaint.

There are times when my good buddy is so bubbly that I don't think it can be contained. And the times when things get salty or even steamy ... ahhhhh, the memories.

Of course, as with all friendships, not everything is roses. There are times when my friend is just not up to par.

There are times when things seem to be flat. And all too frequently, things are definitely lukewarm at best.

Come to think of it, there are times when I visit that my friend seems to have no energy and just lay around like a wet noodle.

But I never take it personally though. As I said, we have a good friendship.

It is, however, definitely a one-sided relationship.

I freely admit that I take much more than I give in this friendship. I have from the beginning. That is okay though.

I am always freely offered what is given and I am never given less than 100 percent, which I have sometimes regretted taking. But I keep coming back and keep being welcomed. I am going to miss that.

I carry the effects of this relationship with me wherever I go. I know that I am a different person since we became friends.

All I have to do is look in the mirror and I see the influence this relationship has had on me.

And honestly, I will probably keep seeing those influences long after the friendship has ended.



My friend has had a very rough go of it recently.

There have been, in my opinion, unwarranted and unscrupulous attacks against the very foundation of our relationship that continue to this day. I see what is happening and I am powerless to stop it.

Not only that, I have been unable to even offer much in the way of consolation. All I can do is visit when my schedule permits until the end overtakes us. An end that is all too near.

So please, a moment of silence for a dear friend. Wait, I forgot to tell you who it is. My good and famous friend is none other than Super. Super Size!

And Super is the latest victim in the "War To Ban Anything That Tastes Good!" that certain people who think they know better than the rest of us have been waging.

McDonald's, in what is obviously a defensive measure to keep money-grubbing trial lawyers off their back (so far, two frivolous "They caused me to get fat!" type lawsuits have been thrown out of court), announced that they are phasing Super out and that he will be completely gone by the end of the year.

So, because some people refuse to take responsibility for their actions and are always looking for someone to blame or sue, what has been a favored option of many since 1994 is soon to be no more. But this is not the time for this discussion.

So, as I was saying, a moment of silence please. Or, better yet, visit Super the next time you are in McDonald's. And when you are finished, place your hand over your heart (or stomach) and let loose a nice loud B-U-U-U-U-RP!!

Super will appreciate it.

In My Opinion

U.S. troops enter Haiti

Soldiers remove Aristide from power

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

International politics, like everything else, is a matter of perception.

For example, the recent civil and political unrest on the island nation of Haiti prompted the Bush administration to send in a small battalion of Marines, supposedly to keep the peace and protect American interests in the embattled capitol, Port-Au-Prince. When a coup d'etat seemed likely and significant bloodshed imminent, the U.S. government removed the democratically elected president Jean Bertrand Aristide for his own "protection."

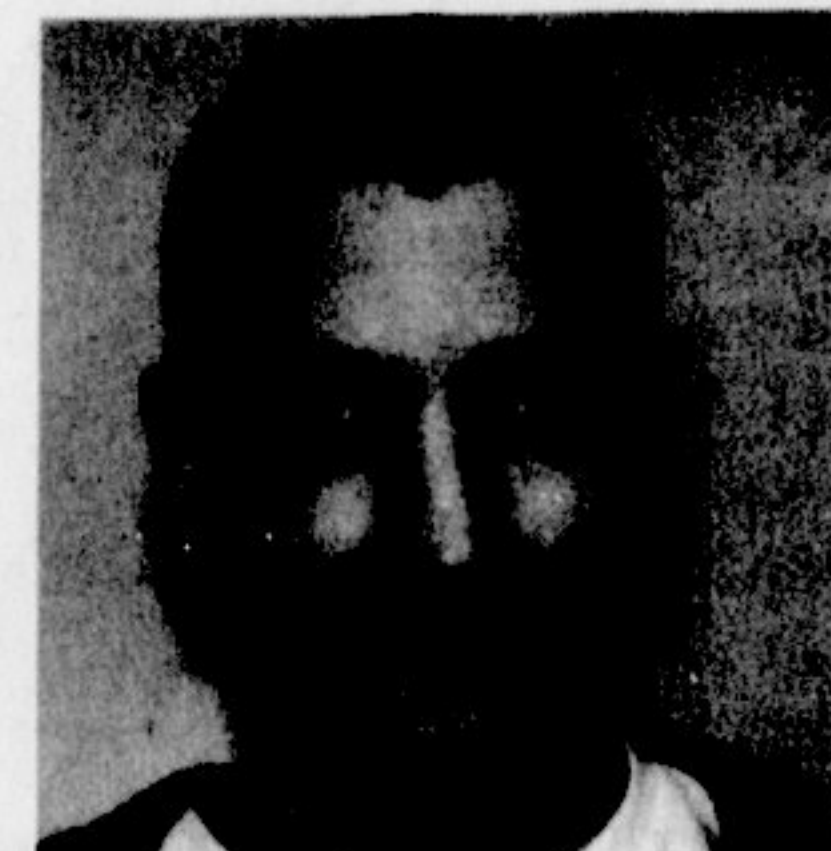
Now, the Bush Administration has described Aristide's evacuation from his presidential mansion in Port-Au-Prince as "necessary" and further stated that they had been asked to help by Aristide himself.

Unfortunately, Aristide disagreed, and here is the perception part of the equation: the president expected to be escorted from his island, as a sitting president should be – that is to say at his own behest and with the explicit understanding that the United States was simply facilitating his escape from a rapidly deteriorating situation which could threaten his life, and that he would be reinstated when it became feasible.

The Webster New College Dictionary describes kidnapping as "abduction" and "to carry off forcibly" a human being. By definition, it is an unwanted abduction of a person using force or other coercive means. How the United States and the rest of the world is not classifying Aristide's removal from power as textbook kidnapping is beyond me.

Imagine this scenario, then try and tell me that kidnapping is not an appropriate description: One night, as his nation and government unravel around him, Aristide is sleeping soundly in his presidential mansion when, suddenly and without warning, American soldiers wearing night vision goggles and brandishing rifles burst into his sleeping quarters.

The president is hurried off, still wearing his bedclothes, under heavy armed guard to a waiting Air Force transport plane, which promptly takes off. The plane banks out over the expanse of the Atlantic Ocean and does not stop until touching down in the Central African Republic, where Aristide is offloaded and granted political asylum by that nation's leader.



Aristide is the democratically elected ruler of Haiti, and if anything, the United States should be supplying troops to help stabilize his regime and the civil unrest on the streets of the capitol, not kidnap him in the middle of the night and then say that he is making the whole thing up.

Promptly upon his arrival in C.A.R., Aristide contacted the international media with his allegations of forcible kidnapping and his removal from power by American troops. The story ran on the front page of every major newspaper in the Western hemisphere and, just as quickly, the U.S. State Dept was dismissing the unseated president's accusations as "ridiculous."

I guess the American military doesn't describe "removal from power" the same way the Haitian president does.

I have a sinking feeling that if this was not an election year, the sitting presidential administration would have dealt with the situation far earlier than it did. Bush has enough to worry about with the growing questions over the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and the ruinous state of the economy that a tiny, poor, constantly fluctuating Caribbean nation in a state of absolute anarchy is not a top priority.

If the U.S. government is really interested in promoting democracy and American political ideologies throughout the globe, as President Bush has stated in dozens of speeches throughout his administration and recently implemented in his military removal of Saddam Hussein in Iraq and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, then why would the president order the removal of a democratically elected leader? He could have just as easily propped up his crumbling government with light military support in the capital.

This behavior runs counter to the stated American goal of supporting democracy throughout the globe and is yet another stain on the presidency of Bush.

Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and the rest of the Bush administration are constantly touting the advantages of a Free Iraq and a Free Afghanistan. What about a Free Haiti?

Opinions in Brief

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Life Decision

As a photographer new to the world of journalism, I wonder what would make a journalist risk life and limb to cover a story or get a picture.

In recent years and numerous news events you have heard about photographers, cameramen and journalists being shot or dying to get a story. With the dangers of every situation known, you'd think journalists wouldn't accept such assignments – but they do, constantly driven by some unknown force to get it done.

I don't think that force is purely for the love of the job. I think, in a lot of cases, that drive comes from the potential fame. Getting the story no one has, getting that one shot that no one else could get ... being the first. It just doesn't seem worth it to me.

Biggie size steps down

People are suing McDonalds because they are gaining weight by eating Mickey D's three times a day. This is not McDonald's fault. You choose what you eat. If you decide to eat at McDonald's three times a day, then it's your fault if you gain weight. With all the health-conscious talk these days, I'm sure you have heard that food cooked in oil is not good for you. Are all fast food restaurants going to start serving only tofu burgers and carrot sticks? Fast food is a convenience food; when you are in a hurry, you stop by McDonald's, Wendy's or Burger King to grab a quick bite to eat. These restaurants aren't meant to be consumed three times a day, every day. Do we need to put a warning label on french fry containers and hamburger wrappers?

Cell phones are a driving don't

With the fast-paced lifestyle of many Americans, cell phones have become a growing necessity.

But the more popular these mobile tools get, the more safety concerns surface.

According to a recent AAA Carolinas survey, 75 percent of people in the state think there should be a law prohibiting the use of handheld cell phones while driving.

I agree. If you have driven around Greenville lately, you may have noticed the need for this law.

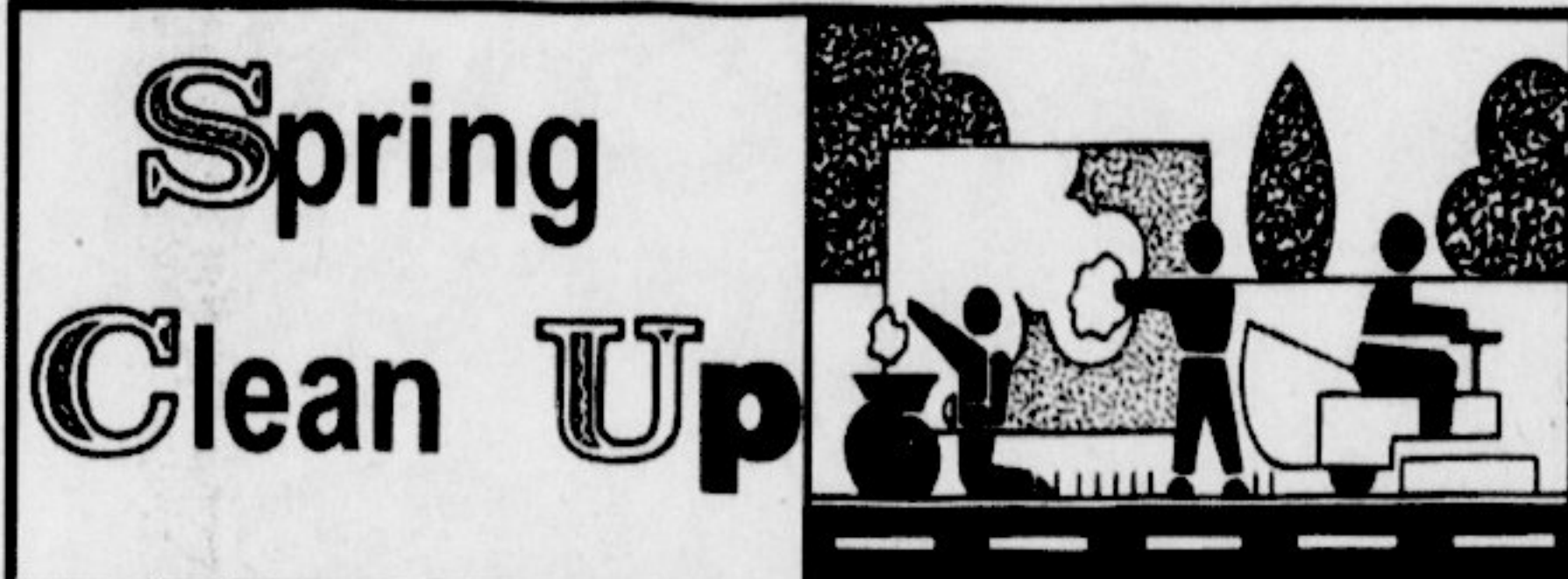
Every time I go out, it seems like I run into that preoccupied cell phone driver who forgets their blinker or sits talking when the light has turned green. Answering a phone while driving risks your life and others' lives by your neglect to concentrate on the task at hand: driving.

A movie results in a religious bandwagon

The Passion of the Christ has raked in more than \$51 million in viewers and continues to sell at the same pace for the two weeks it's been out.

The movie depicts Jesus during the last 12 hours of His life, supposedly leaving theaters sitting in complete silence when the credits roll at the end. I am more than interested to see what this life-changing hype everyone has suddenly discovered about Jesus' suffering is all about. We have all known about His death on the cross for as long as we can remember ... so why is everyone waiting until a movie comes out to jump on the religious bandwagon? What an embarrassing shame!

For those of you who've been there all along and don't need a movie to instill your religious beliefs, good for you.



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Founders' Week festivities includes day for students

*Student union, SGA,
TEC plan events*

BETH GUNDERSON
SENIOR WRITER

Though Founders' Week is traditionally a celebration of ECU's founding fathers, students will have a chance to be esteemed for a day.

Student Appreciation Day is March 23 and includes a free pig picking, deejay, band and other events.

"ECU has a very rich history and by participating [in Founders' Week], students become part of this history," said Ian Baer, student body president.

The Student Union, Student Government Association and The East Carolinian collaborated to provide free events for all students. Lisa Crouse, Student Union president, said all three organizations contributed equally and the Chancellor's office matched their contribution. She said the goal was to provide free food for students.

"The celebration is for [students] ... without the students there would be no Founders' Week," Crouse said.

Founders' Week Events

Monday, March 22: Community Day

7:30 a.m. Community Leaders' Breakfast at Jarvis United Methodist Church.
10 a.m. Chancellor's forum on health care in Brody Auditorium.

Tuesday, March 23: Student Day

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Student Appreciation Events - Mendenhall Brickyard.

Wednesday, March 24: Student Day

11 a.m. Military Service Celebration - Victory Bell next to Christenbury.
5:30 p.m. - ECU Arts at the Amphitheater
8 p.m. - Student Comedy Show (Hendrix Theater).

Thursday, March 25: University Day

10 a.m. Founders' Week Convocation - Wright Auditorium.
11:30 a.m. Lunch at the Mall (ticket is required)
6:30 p.m. Founders' Awards Dinner - Murphy Center.

Friday, March 26: Alumni and Patrons' Day

8 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (Brody).

Saturday, March 27: Alumni and Patrons' Day

10 a.m. Bus tours for alumni classes.
6:30 p.m. Reunion social (Minges Coliseum)
Call 1-800-ECU-GRAD for more information.

There will be events in the Mendenhall Brickyard from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. The main event will be a pig picking from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Parker's Barbeque will provide the food.

Food will be free to the first 1,000 students with a One card. Antique photographs will be taken from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

"Students get to go back in time, one picture at a time," Crouse said.

Students will also be able to make sand candy, edible art in 23 different flavors. Laser tag and photograph puzzles will also be offered.

A deejay will supply music from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Once the pig picking starts, Cigar Store Indians will perform. Crouse said their music has been described as a mixture of rockabilly, country and conventional rock and roll.

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Break from page A1

halls, which don't close during breaks, to help accommodate students.

Many students that are staying around campus have commitments keeping them here.

"I just have a lot of work piled up right now, and staying here with no distractions will let me finally make some headway into it," said Joe Lytle, sophomore classical civilization major.

Another student wanted to

use the time off from class to work and save up some money for the second half of the semester.

"I'm going to work more hours over the break than I normally do, so I'll be able to afford to take some time off and be well-studied for my exams in May," said Ryan Phillips, junior biochemistry major.

Lucier pointed out several things students should be aware

of if they stay on campus over Spring Break. With fewer students on campus, safety is a paramount concern, especially with the recent rapes.

Lucier said students should stay in contact with friends who are also staying over the break and be aware of differences on campus, like areas that are deserted much earlier in the day.

Lucier said students should also be aware that pest control

activities will take place in all of the residence halls. With the exception of subscription magazines, mail service will continue to the 10 academic year halls.

For more information, students should refer to the Spring Break 2004 closing noticed that will be distributed by Campus Living before the break.

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Weird News

**Yorkshire parents name girl
Diot Coke back in 1379, British
researchers find**

LONDON (AP) — Naming your child after a popular soft drink could be seen as a little bit faddish, but the parents of young Diot Coke might be forgiven — they gave their baby daughter the name in 1379. Researchers at Britain's National Archives believe that the girl, born in West Riding in Yorkshire, was the unfortunate victim of the corruption of the name Dionisia. One of the diminutives derived from that name on its path to the modern-day Denise was Diot. The girl's surname is believed to be a variation on the name Cook.

**Woman arrested in Georgia
for trying to pass fake
million-dollar bill**

COVINGTON, Ga. (AP) — A Georgia woman who tried to use a fake \$1-million bill to buy \$1,675 worth of merchandise at Wal-Mart was arrested, and police later found two more of the bills in her purse. The U.S. Treasury does not make \$1-million bills, but similar-looking currency is sold in some souvenir shops. The fake bill featured a picture of the Statue of

Liberty, police said. "It looks real, but of course there's nothing real about this," said Stacey Cotton, police chief in Covington, about 50 kilometers southeast of Atlanta. "People do crazy things all the time."

A store clerk immediately noticed the bill was fake when Alice Pike, 35, handed it to her on Friday, Cotton said.

Pike then tried to use two gift cards worth only \$232 to buy the merchandise, but when that did not work she again asked to cash the \$1-million bill, Cotton said.

**State-funded brothel
visits denied**

BERLIN (AP) — A court has rejected an unemployed man's demand for four government-paid brothel visits a month to ensure his "health and bodily well-being" while his wife is abroad. The 35-year-old welfare recipient sought about \$4,020 Cdn a month to fund the brothel trips, along with eight pornographic videos and transport costs to and from a video store. He sued the state after authorities refused to pay for his Thai wife to fly back to Germany. A court in the town of Ansbach threw

out the claim, saying social security benefits already cover "everyday requirements."

**Firefighters respond to call at
own station**

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) — Firefighters responding to emergencies here were in such a rush that they forgot to turn off a fryer in their kitchen. So, the next emergency call involved a fire that started at their own station.

No one was injured in the blaze Thursday, because all four firefighters working at the time were out responding to several calls.

A Cocoa Beach firefighter was driving past and saw smoke escaping from the firehouse and called 911.

The firefighters from Station 72 then returned to fight the fire at their own station.

The building suffered a combination of smoke and fire damage, and the battalion chief has asked the city for a live-in trailer for the firefighters. He said the fire was accidental and no one would be reprimanded.

"We're human and this kind of relays that to the public, that we're just as human as them and we make our own mistakes," said Battalion Chief Robert Apel.

Money from page A3

they're hungry. Buying groceries on an empty stomach often leads to poor nutritional choices, High said.

"Students often do not pay attention to items on the very bottom and tops of shelves, and usually the items at eye-level are more expensive. They also tend to buy items that are single-servings, when if you were to buy the same thing in bulk, it would last longer and be cheaper," High said.

Planning is important for

snacks and breakfast.

"For snacks, raw vegetables and fruit, crackers and yogurt are very nutritious choices, and breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It provides energy and improves memory while controlling your appetite and body weight," High said.

She said students should eat at least three of the four food groups in the food guide pyramid to build a balanced breakfast.

High said it's a good idea to stock up on items like pasta, beans, instant foods, soups and canned fruit at the beginning of the semester to prepare for times when money is tight.

Shoppers should carry calculators and make grocery lists when shopping to stay on target with spending purchasing, High said.

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Voting from page A1

make the difference in a presidential campaign.

Betty Nurse, the precinct manager for campaign finance for the Pitt County Board of Elections, has a very simple message for young

voters who are contemplating their participation in November's presidential election.

"Every vote counts," said Nurse.

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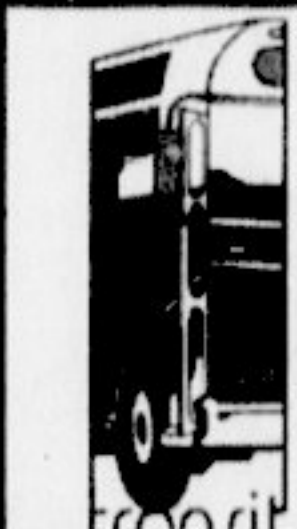
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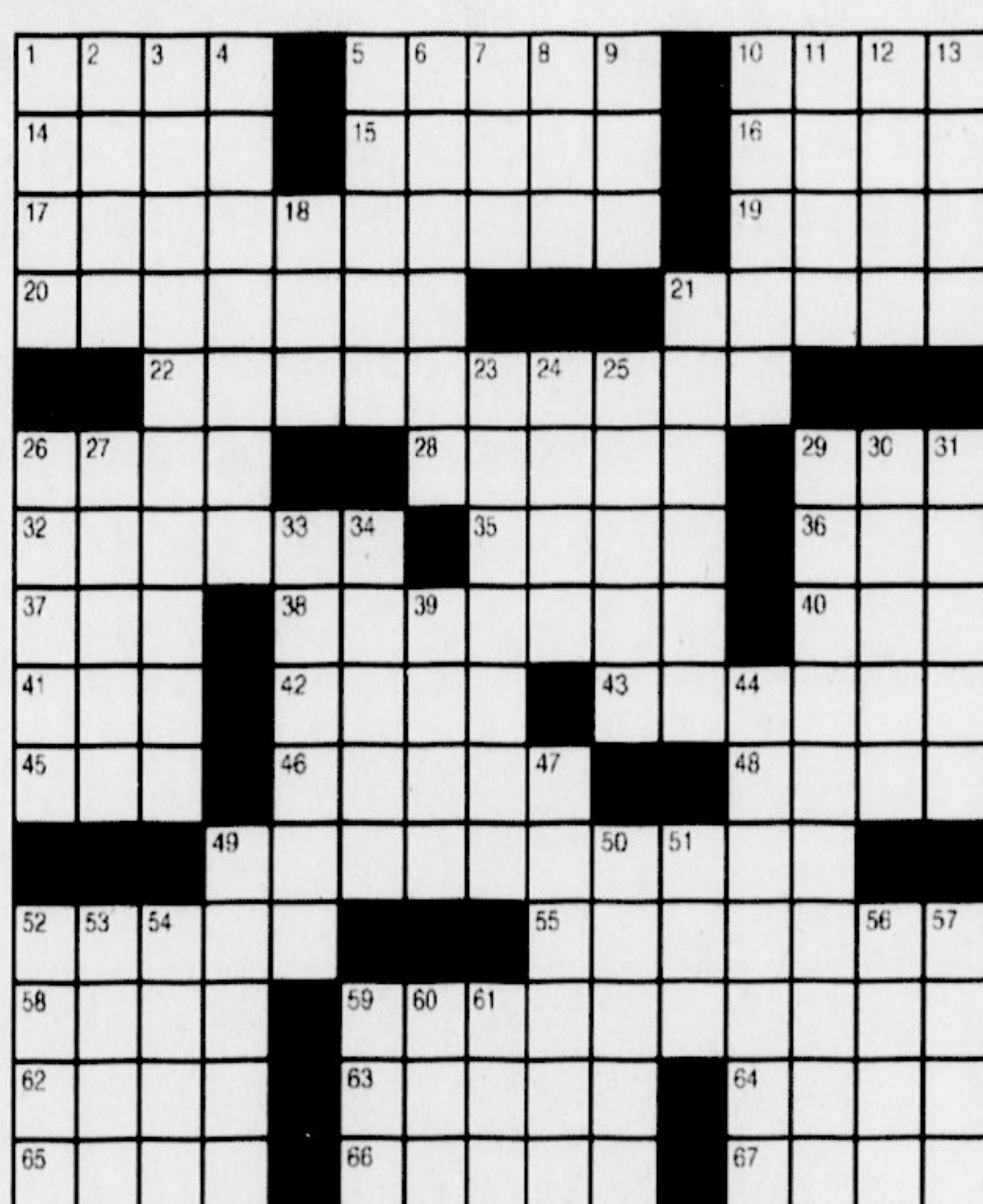
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Did You Know?

- TV news reporter Sam Donaldson (1934) and singer Bobby McFerrin (1950) both call today their birthday.
- This month is National Talk With Your Teen About Sex Month.
- Today is Nametag Day and Johnny Appleseed Day.
- On this day in 1959, *Raisin in the Sun*, the first Broadway play by a black woman, opened.

Announcements

Films

The Student Union will not be showing any films this week.

Paragon Ragtime Orchestra

The S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series presents a performance by the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra at 8 p.m. today in Wright Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Oberlin Piano Duo

The School of Music presents *Four Hands, One Piano* by the Oberlin Piano Duo as part of the Guest Artist Series at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 22 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5-\$10.

Four Seasons Concert

The New Music Festival at ECU presents a Four Seasons Concert including music of Chen Yi and Enesco's *Octet in C Major* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5-\$10.

Founder's Day Music

The ECU Jazz Ensemble will perform for Founder's Day at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 at the Greenville/Toyota Amphitheatre. This event is free.

Four Seasons Concert

The New Music Festival at ECU presents a Four Seasons Concert including music of Osvaldo, Golijov and Mendelssohn's *Octet in E-flat Major* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5-\$10.

Bingo

The Student Union presents Bingo at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24 in Mendenhall Dining Hall.

Greenville LIVE:

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Christy's Euro Pub 301 S. Jarvis St. 758-2774 Tuesday, March 16, 10 p.m. Open mic night	Player's Choice Community Square, Memorial Drive 355-4149 Thursday, March 11, 10 p.m. Karaoke Saturday, March 13, 10 p.m. Powerstroke
City Hotel and Bistro 203 S.W. Greenville Blvd. 355-8300 Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m. Coastline Band	Players Retreat 1631 Pactolus Road 758-6856 Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. Karaoke Saturday, March 13, 9 p.m. Live Music
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Packing your bags for Spring Break

Don't forget the classic college party essentials like a **deck of cards** and a **corkscrew**.

Sunscreen and **Aloe Vera** gel are essential for trips with a lot of outdoor activities planned.

Travel-sized cloths or paper towels are great for road trip accidents.

Cheap sandals are great for walks on the beach and avoiding foot fungus in a foreign shower.

Tote bags are great for the beach because they are made out of strong material and can carry all your beach items.

Be sure to have plenty of **bottled water** on hand to prevent dehydration.

Condense large **cosmetic bags** into smaller, more manageable ones that take up less room.



A small, condensed **cooler** packs easily and works better than those bulky Styrofoam ones. The cooler can also be used as another bag to take home souvenirs.

A large **beach towel** is not only useful for staying dry, but can double as a blanket on a long flight or car ride.

Tips to help prepare the perfect suitcase

AMANDA LINGERFELT
FEATURES EDITOR

Although Spring Break is a time to kick back and relax, some degree of careful planning is needed for a stress-free vacation. Deciding what to bring is an aspect of Spring Break planning that is extremely vital.

Before you head out with only a cooler and bathing suit, take a look at the following list of tips to help you pack the perfect suitcase.

Roll clothes instead of folding them. Not only does it save space, but clothes are less likely to wrinkle.

Pack toiletries separately from your other items. Household items like Zip-Lock bags, empty coffee canisters and empty film canisters are great ways to store these items.

When packing a backpack, place the heavier items at the

top to make your bag feel lighter. Pack often-used items close to the top.

To prevent theft, pack items in a diaper bag. It's less likely to be stolen and also has lots of easily accessible pockets.

Dryer sheets can be used to eliminate odors in your suitcase and keep your clothes smelling fresh. Pack them between your clothes or inside shoes.

If you're traveling with someone else, you can pack half of your things in one person's luggage and half in the other. So if one bag is lost or stolen, you will have at least half of your things.

Don't forget to pack important prescriptions and medications. Be sure to keep these items in your carry-on bag so you're guaranteed to have them at all times.

Try to pack one or two days in advance. This way, you have more time to reflect on what you may have forgotten and it will cut down on last-minute stress before you leave.

If you really need to save space, pack anything made of material into a garbage bag and suck the air out with a vacuum hose. It's a much cheaper alternative to the space saver bags sold in stores.

Always keep your name and address on your luggage, even if you are not checking your bags. This will help lost luggage find its way home.

When packing your jewelry, thread necklaces through plastic straws. This keeps the jewelry from getting tangled.

Don't pack items that you simply cannot live without (i.e. sentimental items, expensive jewelry) in luggage that you'll have to part from. Chances are, you may never see them again.

If you are traveling abroad, be sure to pack all necessary documents, as well as a translation dictionary, electrical conversion plugs and a small calculator for currency calculations.

Pack clothespins. They can be used to close snack bags, hang up a wet swimsuit or

close hotel drapes that don't quite meet in the middle.

If you are going to be sharing close quarters with other people, consider packing earplugs and a sleep mask.

Garbage bags are a must for any party destination.

Be sure to call the place you are staying to find out what they have. Many hotels provide hair dryers and alarm clocks which take up valuable space in a suitcase. However, many condos and beach houses do not provide towels and bed sheets - items that are crucial to a comfortable stay.

Before you leave, check the weather prediction for your vacation destination and pack accordingly.

Be sure to pack as many disposable items as possible. Travel-sized toiletries and magazines can be thrown away at the end of your trip, leaving room for souvenirs.

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Greenville offers fun during Spring Break

Many activities for students in town

JESSICA CRESON
STAFF WRITER

Many students don't have the money or opportunity to take a trip for Spring Break. For those staying in town next week, Greenville offers many activities to keep students occupied.

Spring Break is a good time to look for a job, as well as pick up some more hours for students who already are working. Job seeking takes time and persistence - a whole week is an ample amount of time to plan interviews and search out openings. Since summer is approaching, a summer job is on many students' minds.

"Since I am from Boston, I'm

just going to stay here and look for a job while other students are out of town," said Addie Webster, sophomore special education major.

For some students, schoolwork will be on their agendas. Even though it is Spring Break, there are professors who still assign projects and homework.

"Spring Break gives me a chance to spend more time working on my SPEC 4000 project, when normally I would be really busy with other things," said Elizabeth Hodnett, junior special education major.

Spring Break is a good time to get in volunteer hours for those whose classes require community service. The Special Olympics Basketball Tournament will be March 19 - 21, and 400 volunteers are needed.

For the students who don't

see FUN page B3



The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra plays tonight at 8 p.m.

Professional ragtime group comes to ECU

Orchestra provides scores of entertainment

LAURA PEKAREK
STAFF WRITER

An orchestra of 12 is coming to ECU with an era of entertainment that will certainly take audiences back to the time when music was rarely heard. Wright Auditorium will be filled with the smooth melodies of the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is recognized for their recreation of original scores to various silent films as they are simultaneously projected on screen.

The ECU program is entitled *The Clown Princes* and features the tunes to three timeless silent films: Buster Keaton's *Cops*, Harold Lloyd's *Never Weaken* and Charlie Chaplin's *The Immigrant*. Both scores and films are part of the orchestra's personal collection.

"It's like going to the movies with the extra benefit of live music," said Carol Woodruff, director of Cultural Outreach.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra program will first include a comedic introduction to acquire the audience's attention, a

number of songs from their turn-of-the-century collection and a lively march, letting the audience march right out the doors.

The orchestra's wide repertoire includes ragtime music, variety show hits, dance hall favorites and novelty numbers.

They are also known for remaking everything from blues and waltzes to marches and parodies.

"This is a really cool show. The musicians get really pumped and put their whole lives into their performance," said Mary Ruth Helms, senior technical writing major who has witnessed the show.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra is an ensemble of Juilliard colleagues under the direction of founder Rick Benjamin.

Benjamin, a former Juilliard student, was assigned a research paper on Arthur Pryor, an 1890s conductor and music director. In his search, Benjamin uncovered over 4,000 pieces from Pryor's personal collection. After listening to the collection, Benjamin and friends decided to form a group dedicated to them.

After their jumpstart performance of a forbidden ragtime recital at the Juilliard concert

see GROUP page B2



Funk band None the Wiser will play at Peasants March 20.

Quick Picks: Album Review

Simpson re-releases album with updates

TOMEKA STEELE
STAFF WRITER

With "The Newlyweds" television hit on MTV, Jessica Simpson is on the celebrity hot list and so is her new album, *In This Skin*. The re-released *In This Skin* is composed mostly of love songs Simpson wrote about her husband, Nick Lachey.

In This Skin consists of 14 songs. Many are love ballads with a range from up-tempo, fast to slow, serene tunes. A great thing about the re-released album are all the new goodies included.

Simpson shines using her amazing vocals on tracks such as "I Have Loved You," "Everyday



See You" and "Take My Breath Away." "Take My Breath Away" is a duet with Simpson and Lachey and was a bonus track added to the re-released album.

"Take My Breath Away," is a classic remake of Berlin's song, which was the lovemaking theme for Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis in the 1986 movie *Top Gun*. Simpson chose to have the song added because it's her favorite song, since it was also the song playing when they shared their first kiss.

The new album also includes a remake of Robbie Williams' "Angels." Besides including great remakes, *In This Skin* also comes with a DVD. Among the DVD menu options are photo galleries of the couple.

Other DVD selections are footage from Simpson and Lachey's wedding, as well as features titled "The Night Before," "An Exceptional Reception," "To the Nines," "The Look of Love" and "The Magic Moment."

There are also clips from their hit show, "The Newlyweds," consisting of bloopers and extra footage not shown on the first season of the show.

In This Skin has two versions of Jessica's hit single "With You." The second version is an acous-

tic song. Simpson's voice range is incredible but still in a low enough key to sing right along with her.

The songs on the album reflect the love she has for her husband and one can almost imagine them together while listening to her songs. Love is a theme that can make any album a complete success and *In This Skin* is doing well on the charts.

The Bottom Line: This is a great album with many different types of beats and melodies, but the common thread is that all the songs are about love. The DVD is a wonderful bonus included if you already love the TV show "The Newlyweds."

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Album Info

Title: *In This Skin*
Artist: Jessica Simpson
Release Date: March 2, 2004

Group from page B1

hall, Thomas Frost, a famous classical recording producer and guest at the school the day of the concert, called and asked for a recording of the concert.

In 1988, the orchestra made their debut at the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. The performance was the first of its kind at the Lincoln Center by a professional ragtime ensemble.

Since then, the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra has been working together and touring the country. For the past 15 years, they have been regarded as the leading example of popular vintage American music. They remain the world's most active ensemble of its kind today.

In addition to touring, the group performs on radio programs for the New York Times' WQXR, National Public Radio, the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Voice of America networks.

The group was also selected to be America's "Ambassador of Goodwill" at the World's Fair in Seville, Spain.

The orchestra even inspired a dance at Walt Disney World, where select attractions play selections of the orchestra's music as a theme. The dance entitled *Oh, You Kid!* premiered at the Kennedy Center Opera House for four performances, followed by performances at the American Dance Festival by the Paul Taylor Dance Company and the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra.

The show is realistic right down to the clothes and authentic instruments. The group replicates the attire from the 19th century by wearing bow ties, tuxedo shirts, suspenders and scuffy shoes on stage.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra's vintage instrumentation includes strings, woodwind and brass instruments and percussion.

The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra fully recreates the ragtime era. With an interesting evening of classic music accompanying film, this orchestra is sure to put on a great show. Free goody bags and refreshments, compliments of FRIENDS of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series who is the sponsor of the event, will be provided for all who attend.

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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. 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. 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, 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. Rated: R.

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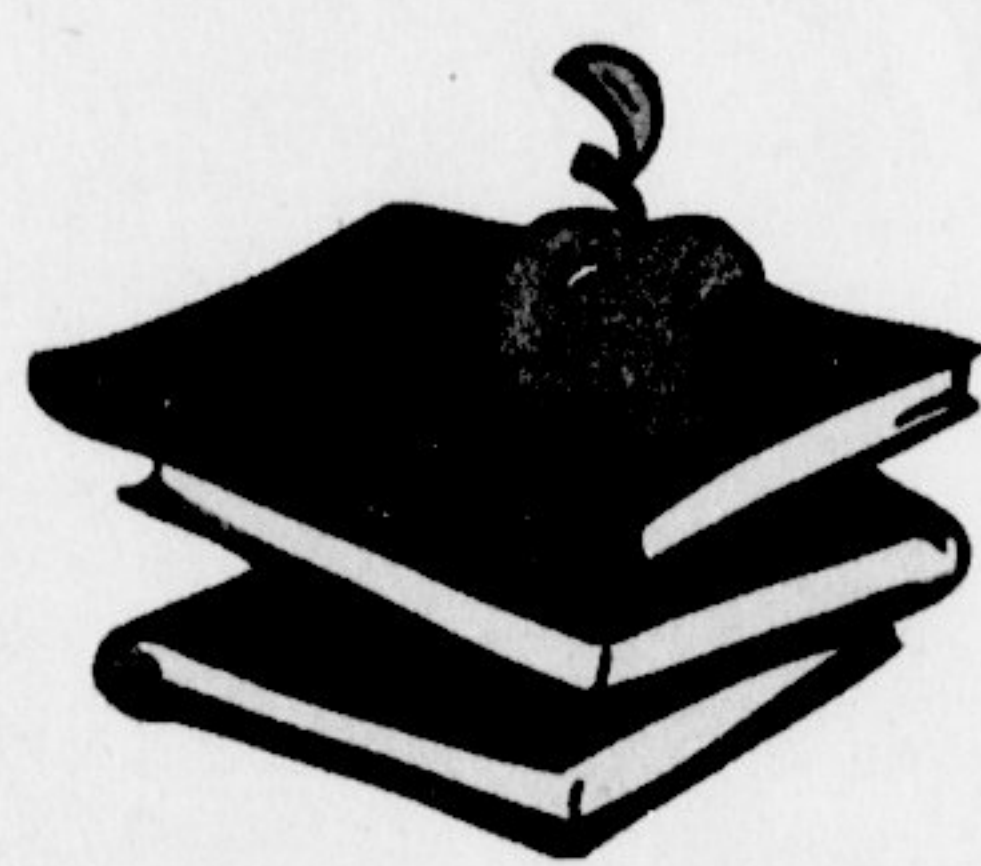
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have homework to deal with, downtown's bars and clubs will still be waiting for people to party. Most places have the same weekly drink specials, karaoke, live music and deejays.

"If I end up staying here, I'm not going to do any homework and I am going to be partying all week long," said Tres Cobb, sophomore mathematics major.

Students have a chance for down time to just relax and enjoy the peacefulness of a less crowded town.

Restaurants and bars or clubs downtown won't be too crowded, which means a shorter wait to be seated or order a drink.

A couple new restaurants opened just in time for Spring Break. Tavola!, located at 620 Red Banks Road, serves Italian

cuisine and Speedway, located on 150 Maxwell St. off of Memorial Dr., has a NASCAR theme.

St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17, has plenty going on to ensure a fun night. Ham's Restaurant and Brew House is having a St. Patrick's Day party with live music, drink specials and, of course, food.

A.J. McMurphy's will also have live music by Travis Proctor, drink specials and food. Buffalo Wild Wings is having a NTN Trivia night on St. Patty's Day. The winning team gets a \$100 prize.

None the Wiser, a five-piece band with a bluegrass/funk/reggae sound, will play at Peasants on Saturday, March 20.

The ECU baseball team is playing a few games over the break at home. ECU plays

Charleston Southern March 12 - 14. With so many fans out of town, ECU sports will need some extra support.

Another option is to go see the new movies that are coming out this Friday, such as *Secret Window* and *Spartan*. On Friday, March 19, the *Prince, Me* and *Taking Lives* will be in theaters.

If all else fails, a day trip is a good substitution for boredom. The beach is the most common choice during warm weather. Wilmington and Atlantic Beach are the two popular places to go because the drive is short.

Raleigh and Chapel Hill are also good places for a day of shopping or to visit friends you might have in the area.

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Secret Window – starring Johnny Depp, Maria Bello and John Turturro. Mort Rainey (Depp), finds himself terrorized by a psychotic stalker named John Shooter (Turturro). Shooter finds him and accuses the novelist of stealing his idea for one of his books. Rated: PG-13.

of the president's daughter. Luke co-stars as Anton, a would-be Secret Service agent, while Macy plays Stoddard, the right-hand man to Burch, the man who is leading the investigation of the kidnapped girl. Rated: R

Starsky & Hutch – starring Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson. The adaptation of the TV show is a 'prequel' to the television series, about how the two police heroes

got together. 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. Rated: R.

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Announcements

ACC vs Pirates Challenge Needs Volunteers

The ACC versus ECU challenge is seeking volunteers to work with the cancer benefit game held April 23. The meeting will be held in 247 Mendenhall tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. The barn-storming basketball game features ACC seniors facing off against a team made up of ECU seniors. The game will benefit the Jimmy V. foundation, which researches cancer. Tickets for the event will go on sale after Spring Break through the ECU ticket office.

Self Defense Fitness Class

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

NCAA Basketball Tourney "Pick 'Em"

Do you think you know who is going to win this year's NCAA tournament? The Intramural Department challenges you to pick the teams. Entry forms may be picked up on March 22 at 10 a.m. in 128 SRC.

Quick Start Canoe/Kayak

The adventure program is organizing a trip of canoeing and kayaking to the Cape Fear River. Interested parties must register by March 26. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for March 31.

Sea Kayaking

The Adventure program will be going to Bear Island for a day of fun sea kayaking. Those who want to participate must register by March 26. A pre-trip meeting is scheduled for March 31.

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

Sports Briefs

Cook named to C-USA All-Freshman team

League officials announced Tuesday that ECU freshman Mike Cook was one of five rookies named to the Conference-USA All-Freshman team. Cook is joined on the team by Memphis forward and C-USA Freshman of the Year Sean Banks, Charlotte center Martin Ili and DePaul guard Sammy Mejia. Cook ranks second among all C-USA freshmen in scoring and averaged 11.9 points per game in 16 league contests. Cook scored double figures 15 times, including 10 of the past 11 games. He scored a career-high 18 points against Charlotte on Feb. 7 and netted 17 on two other times. He led the Pirates in assists 19 times and finished 13th in the league in assists in conference games only. Cook handed out a career-high seven assists against TCU and dished out five or more nine times. Cook is the second ECU freshman to garner all-freshman team honors. Moussa Badiane was named to the all-freshman team in 2001-02. Over the past five games, Cook has averaged 14.6 points and 5.4 assists per game.

NFL cancels opening-game kickoff concert

The NFL canceled plans for a third opening-game kickoff concert following Janet Jackson's risqué halftime show at the Super Bowl. The league held free downtown concerts before its season-opening Thursday night games the last two seasons, but NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday that commissioner Paul Tagliabue put an end to the concerts. Tagliabue informed the owners of the decision on Feb. 12, less than two weeks after Justin Timberlake tore off part of Jackson's costume, exposing her right breast. Tagliabue was incensed at the action, which generated outrage throughout the country and from Congress. Two years ago, the NFL had its first Thursday night opening game in New York and Jon Bon Jovi headlined a concert in Times Square that afternoon. Last year, the opener was in Washington and more than 100,000 people came out in the rain for a concert featuring Britney Spears, Aerosmith and Aretha Franklin.

Dolphins, CB Madison work out restructuring

Pro Bowl cornerback Sam Madison has restructured his contract to save the Miami Dolphins about \$3 million against the salary cap. Agent Gene Burrough said Tuesday that Madison reduced his \$8 million cap figure to about \$5.1 million. Madison will now make \$6.5 million, including \$6 million in bonuses. Madison took pay cuts in the last three years of the deal, reducing the 2004-07 total from \$28 million to \$18 million. However, Burrough said the contract is more beneficial to Madison because lower cap figures in the final four years make retaining him more attractive to the Dolphins. Madison, who turns 30 next month, has started for six seasons.

Hawkeyes investigate sexual favors allegation

An independent investigator will look into a newspaper report that an Iowa football prospect received sexual favors during an official visit last fall, the university president said Friday. David Skorton said his decision was in response to a story in the Manhattan (Kan.) *Mercury* in which high school quarterback Nick Patton, committed to play for Kansas State next fall, said he had consensual sex with a woman he met on the Iowa campus. Patton said the woman visited him "four or five" times in Kansas after their initial encounter. Patton said he wasn't certain whether the encounter was arranged by his player host, Iowa linebacker Abdul Hodge, or if football officials were involved.

Skins sign veteran punter Tupa

The Washington Redskins added yet another free agent when they signed 15-year veteran punter Tom Tupa, who spent the last two seasons with Tampa Bay. Tupa also has played for the Cardinals, Colts, Browns, Patriots and Jets before spending the last two seasons with the Buccaneers. He started 11 games at quarterback for the Cardinals in 1991. Tupa replaces another longtime NFL journeyman, Bryan Barker, who was cut last month. Barker had a career-low 30-yard net average in 2002, raising it to a modest 34.3 last season. The signing is the first this week after a record spending spree in the first three days of free agency, when the Redskins spent nearly \$50 million in signing bonuses alone.

ECU baseball tops ASU, 8-1

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1. Stanford (15-2)
 2. Texas (19-2)
 3. South Carolina (12-0)
 4. Rice (11-3)
 5. Louisiana State (12-2)
 6. Miami (Fla.) (11-3)
 7. Auburn (13-1)
 8. Arizona State (15-2)
 9. Long Beach State (11-4)
 10. Mississippi (11-0)
 11. TULANE (10-3)
 12. Texas A&M (14-2)
 13. Wichita State (3-0)
 14. Notre Dame (7-1)
 15. Florida Atlantic (16-1)
 16. Florida (15-3)
 17. Georgia Tech (8-5)
 18. UC Irvine (12-3)
 19. Arizona (9-6)
 20. Oklahoma (10-3)
 21. SOUTHERN MISS (11-1)
 22. Mississippi State (7-0)
 23. ECU (12-3)
 24. Florida State (11-5)
 25. Clemson (4-5)

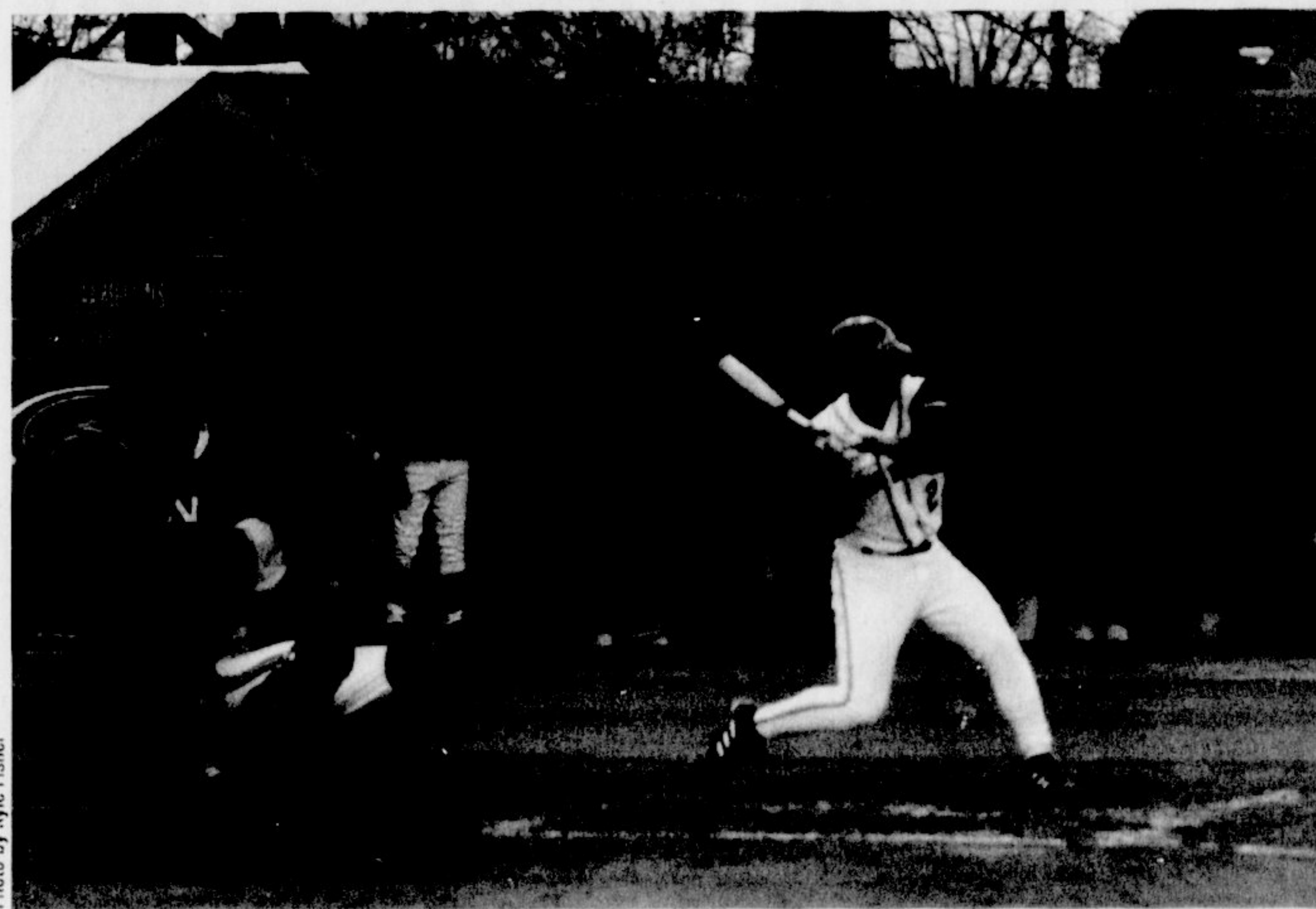


Photo by Kyle Fisher

The Pirates bounced back from last weekend with an 8-1 shelling of the ASU Mountaineers.

Pirates plate eight runs in rainy afternoon affair

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Mark Minicozzi had four hits and three RBIs, and ECU pounded out 11 hits as a team as the Pirates cruised to another victory, this time an 8-1 triumph over Appalachian State.

With the wind chill in the twenties, a nagging drizzle and barely 100 people in the stands, ECU Head Coach Randy Mazey is glad that his team didn't come out sluggish, considering the extreme weather circumstances. "It was a miserable day,"

Mazey said.

"We knew it was going to be a tough day to hit. A team like this can sneak up on you. There's an opportunity for a let down again coming off of a big weekend. The weather was bad. The crowd was bad. You never know."

"But fortunately we came out and scored three runs in the first inning, and I think we set the tone," said Mazey.

After Mountaineer starter Andrew Kline walked Brett Lindgren with one out in the first, Ryan Norwood, Drew Costanzo, and Jake Smith stroked consecutive singles to score Lindgren.

A bases-loaded walk to John Popperi brought home another Pirate run and was followed by a Minicozzi RBI single to put the

Mountaineers in an early 3-0 hole. Minicozzi's single was the first of four hits on the day for the sophomore, who was pleased to come up big in the cold.

"I felt good today ... I just tried to stay up the middle and hit every ball solid," Minicozzi said.

The talented third-baseman showed some glove as well with some highlight reel plays.

"It's been a while. I haven't made a nice play in a long time, so it felt really good to get back out there and make one," said Minicozzi.

The game stayed relatively close until the bottom of the fifth when the Pirate offense exploded for four runs off of four hits and three walks.

Minicozzi had a two-RBI double to go along with an RBI double off the bat of Brian Cavanaugh and an RBI single from Billy Richardson.

Carter Harrell picked up the win on the mound, boosting his record to 3-1 on the season. The silky smooth right-hander scattered seven hits, allowing only one run while striking out four.

The Pirates improve to 13-3 on the season and will return to action this weekend as they host Charleston Southern beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Game two is on Saturday at 2 p.m. and the series finale will be played on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Pirates fall to Cardinals in first round

ECU finishes season in heartbreaking fashion

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Francisco Garcia's 22 points and clutch free throw shooting down the stretch helped the Louisville Cardinals end the Pirates' season last night, handing ECU a 61-54 defeat in the first round of the Conference USA Tournament.

Neither team shot the ball exceptionally well from the field as both teams were below 35 percent for the game with just under nine minutes left. Louisville hit on only three jump shots in the first half; the rest of their 21 points came off of lay-ups. Both teams also combined for 35 turnovers in the sloppy contest.

Mike Cook played well as he poured in 14 points for ECU while Moussa Badiane put up 12. Derrick Wiley chipped in with 10 points, and Erroyl Bing had a big night on the boards, snatching 13 rebounds in the close defeat.

The Pirates seemed in control of the game during the second half, but a few miscues let the Cardinals right back in.

"I thought a real key point in the game was when we were up four with about 14 minutes to go and we had a couple of wide open threes to go up seven and we did

not convert," said Head Coach Bill Herrion.

"When we had the lead in the second half we just lost our patience, threw up some bad shots and turned the ball over a couple of times, and you can't do that against the caliber of a team like Louisville."

Although the loss ends the season, Herrion said things are very promising for the future of Pirate basketball.

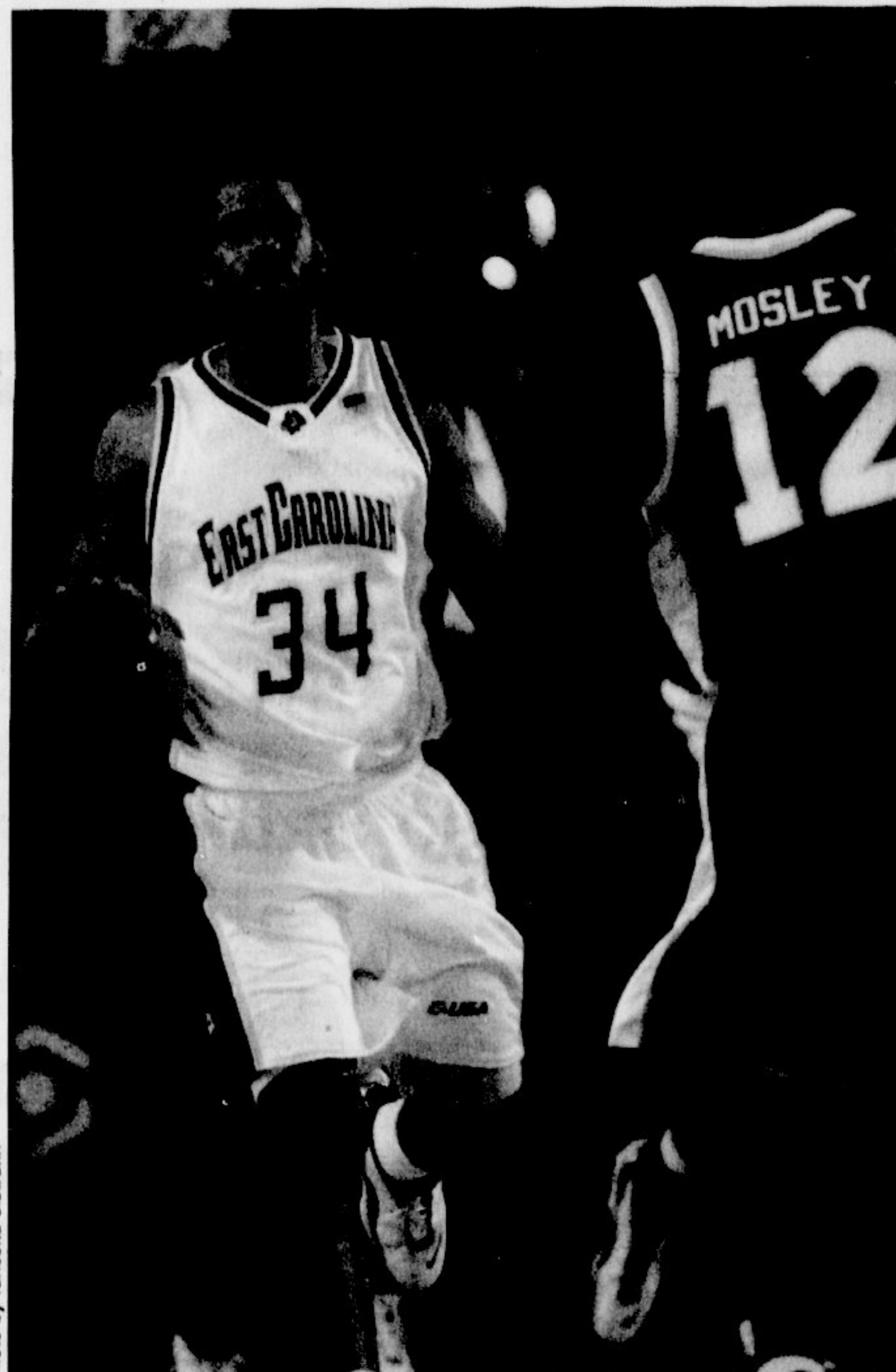
"I think what has happened with our program is that we have closed the gap athletically and physically," Herrion said.

The Pirates close out the season with a 13-14 mark, but that record doesn't truly tell the tale of the season this year considering the amount of close games they have played in and lost. The Pirates came up short in eight games decided by seven points or less, and every loss was suffered within C-USA.

Despite the disappointment of the season ending with the assurance of no postseason play, coach Herrion was pleased with the effort the team brought to the table last night.

"I am extremely proud of this basketball team and the effort that these kids gave tonight. Ours guys fought and gave everything they had."

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The Pirates ended the season with a 13-14 record.

NCAA hopefuls on bubble watch

Teams compete for at-large bids in tourney

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

Madness is beginning to spread throughout the country as the most exciting moment in college basketball has arrived.

Teams are looking to make one last favorable impression before the selection committee fills in the brackets for the NCAA tournament on March 14.

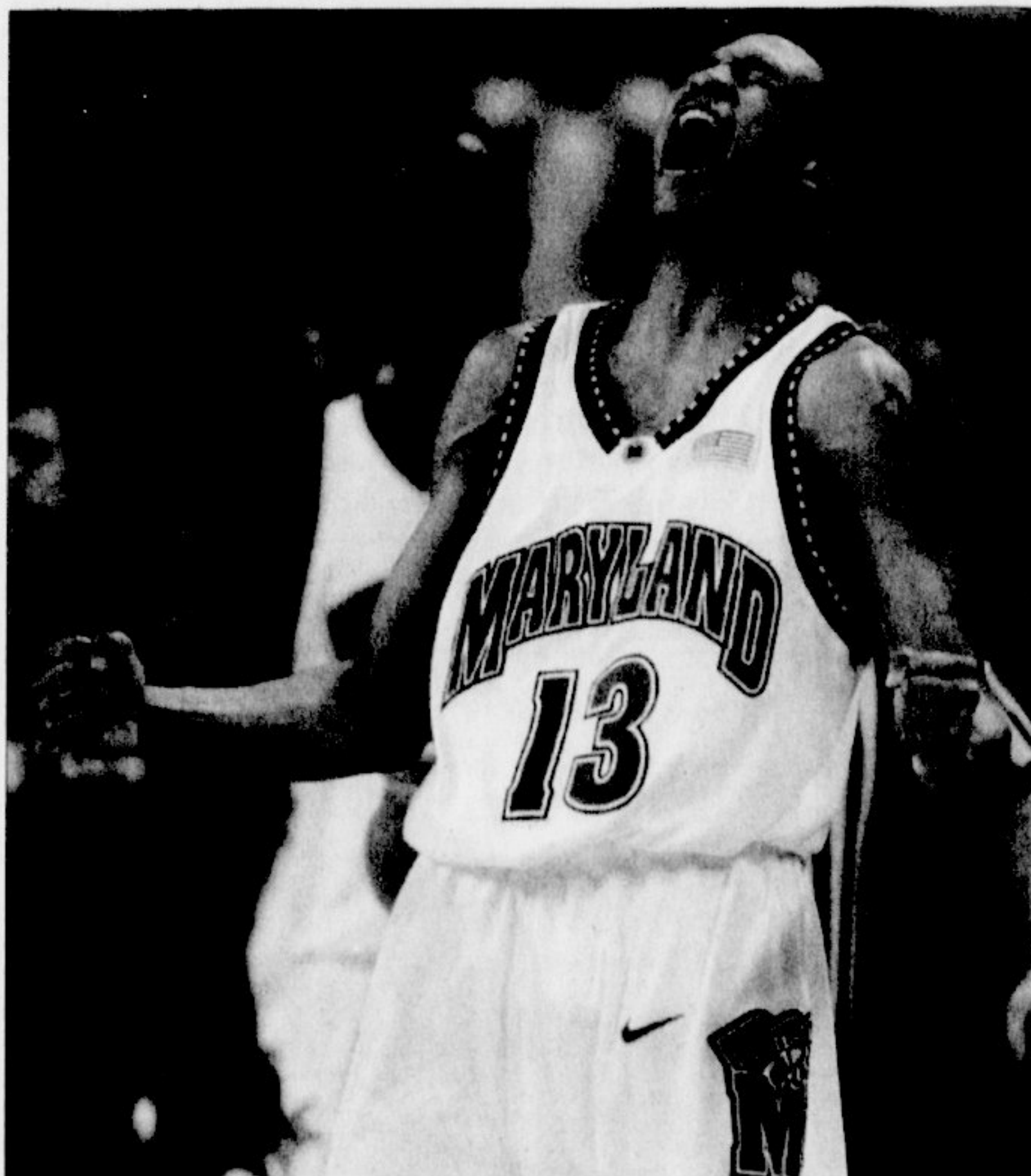
Some teams are already dancing after winning their respective conference tournament. Gonzaga heads the group with a WCC conference tourney championship.

The Zags are an annual tourney lock after going undefeated through the WCC on their way to a No. 3 national ranking.

Central Florida, Liberty, Va. Commonwealth, Princeton, Manhattan, Northern Iowa, Murray State and E. Tennessee State have all wrapped up automatic bids as they hope to become 2004's Cinderella story.

With the automatic bids being claimed throughout the week, there will be 34 at-large bids out of a field of 65.

Many teams are on the bubble, but after the projected



Maryland's McCray is fired up after a play against the Virginia Cavaliers during first period action in their recent game.

locks are admitted into the tourney, there could be anywhere from five to eight spots open for those bubble teams.

Their resumes are sketchy at best, but all of these squads have the opportunity to further

impress the committee with a solid performance in their conference tournament.

Florida State, Virginia, and Maryland (ACC)

Five teams in the ACC are guaranteed a spot in the Big

Dance, but one or even two of these teams could join. Virginia will most likely be left out, but with a good showing in the ACC tournament, coupled with the Seminoles and Terps losing, they could sneak in the backdoor.

Xavier, Richmond (A-10)
St. Joseph's dominated the A-10 with an undefeated regular season and No. 1 overall ranking. An underrated Dayton team will be the second team from the A-10. Xavier and Richmond will make a case - Xavier is better known, but it will be Richmond picking up that third nod as long as they don't falter early in the conference tournament.

Notre Dame (Big East)
The Big East will send at least six teams just like the ACC, but could Notre Dame make it seven? Probably not. The Irish have a few quality wins, but their 16-11 record keeps them out. They will have a shot at proving themselves with two or three wins in the Big East tourney.

Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma (Big 12)
The Big 12 has four automatic locks and only one of these three will make the tourney.

Colorado, Missouri and Oklahoma are neck and neck - whoever makes the biggest splash this week will come out on

see NCAA page B8

Men's golf finishes 16th

The men's golf team finished tied for 16th at the General Jim Hackler Invitational, presented by IMIC Hotels.com and hosted by Coastal Carolina University, after posting a 54-hole score of 931. The tournament was being held at the par-72, 6,950-yard course at the TPC of Myrtle Beach in Conway, SC.

Nationally ranked Pepperdine (No. 31) distanced itself from the field with a second-round and tournament record 281 and captured the team title. The Waves, who led by 18 shots after two rounds, outpaced the field of 19 teams with a three-round total of 870, holding off a late-charging Arkansas by six shots (302-289-285=876).

After shooting an opening round 308 and being tied for 14th, ECU (40-48-4) could not overcome the tough conditions and the course difficulty, finishing tied for 16th with UT Arlington, and Charlotte.

Alex Coe of Pepperdine led a

1-2 finish for the Waves, shooting three-under 213 and defeating teammate Randy Creighton by one shot. Charlie Woo of Louisville was third at even-par 216. South Alabama's Colm Montgomery recorded the shot of the day as he recorded a hole-in-one on the seventh hole, a 187-yard par three.

Calle Andren led the Pirates with a 43rd placement after posting a 54-hole total 228 (76-75-77). Senior Jason Harris finished tied for 52nd with a 231 (78-77-76), while Adam Howell finished tied for 75th (80-84-73=237).

"We continued to struggle during this tournament," said Head Coach Kevin Williams. "We are having a tough time trying to find a starting lineup that will produce on the course and put us in a position to win."

The Pirates will be back in action on Saturday, March 13 when they head to Davidson, NC for the Birkdale Collegiate Classic.

ECU Golf

Top Pirate Finishes

43 Calle Andren	76-75-77=228
T52 Jason Harris	78-77-76=231
T75 Adam Howell	80-84-73=237
T78 Philip Reale, II	77-82-79=238
T92 Jeff Crowe	77-85-81=243

Top Individual Finishes

1. Alex Coe (PEP)	74-68-71=213
2. Randy Creighton (PEP)	71-69-74=214
3. Charlie Woo (LOU)	71-75-70=216
4. Andrew Dahl (ARK)	76-70-71=217
5. Michael Putnam (PEP)	70-71-77=218

Top Team Finishes

1. Pepperdine	292-281-297=870
2. Arkansas	302-289-285=876
3. UCF	302-289-288=879

U.S. athletes bracing for rude welcome

(KRT) — Lenny Krayzelburg is a 28-year-old backstroker who was born in Odessa, Russia, trains in Studio City, Calif., and already has three Olympic gold medals in his collection, all of them won four years ago in Sydney.

Krayzelburg is not much different than all the other American athletes who plan to spend their August in Athens. He is hoping for the best. He is braced for the worst, just because you have to be.

"I've been on the national team since 1996, and it's always been the same thing: there's been a lot of hostility to Americans," said Krayzelburg.

"You're a target. It could be higher this time, or it could not be. You'd like to think the Olympic Games is a celebration of humanity, but you never know."

Adds Terry Steiner, national women's coach for USA Wrestling, "We're a powerful country, and not a lot of countries believe in what we've done in the last 18 months. They think we're pretty arrogant people and want things our way. We're against the world in a lot of ways."

Five months from now, the modern Olympic Games return to their ancestral homeland,

where U.S. athletes, all 575 of them, may well find themselves in a competitive cauldron that is a lot steamier than the 90-degree heat Athens regularly serves up in August.

For Americans, the most pressing five-ring concerns at the moment are not about whether the local organizers, scrambling to get a roof on the stadium and the aquatic center and asphalt on the marathon route, can finish a seven-year project in the final 20 weeks. They're about making sure the \$800 million security plan is fully functioning, and implementing unprecedented initiatives aimed at preparing U.S. athletes for a reception many predict will be about as warm as the greeting Barry Bonds extends to Turk Wendell when they first meet this season.

The U.S. Olympic Committee has a stated goal of winning 100 medals in Athens - a number that is probably unrealistic when you consider that the medal count has gone from 108 in Barcelona to 101 in Atlanta to 97 in Sydney. It will be even more unrealistic if athletes are under emotional siege.

"When you're in an adverse environment, one of the dangers is that you can feel isolated,"

said Jim Page, the managing director for sports performance for the USOC.

"So we're trying to create an environment where there's a larger sense of team - of the whole U.S. delegation going to the Games as a team to compete against the rest of the world."

Last month in Guadalajara, Mexico, where the home team knocked the U.S. men's soccer team out of the Olympics, a group of fans taunted American players by chanting, "Osama! Osama!" Even if that ugliness - "It was in exceptionally poor taste," said USOC chief executive Jim Scherr - isn't repeated in Athens, Olympic officials are taking steps to alert athletes to what may lie ahead.

In three separate meetings - one in the States and two in Athens - team leaders have been given an array of guidelines and reminders, on everything from logistical do's and don'ts (do be sure to have a teammate or two with you if you're heading out somewhere, and don't wear your Team USA gear except to practices or competitions) to the importance of poise and good comportment in a potentially volatile atmosphere.

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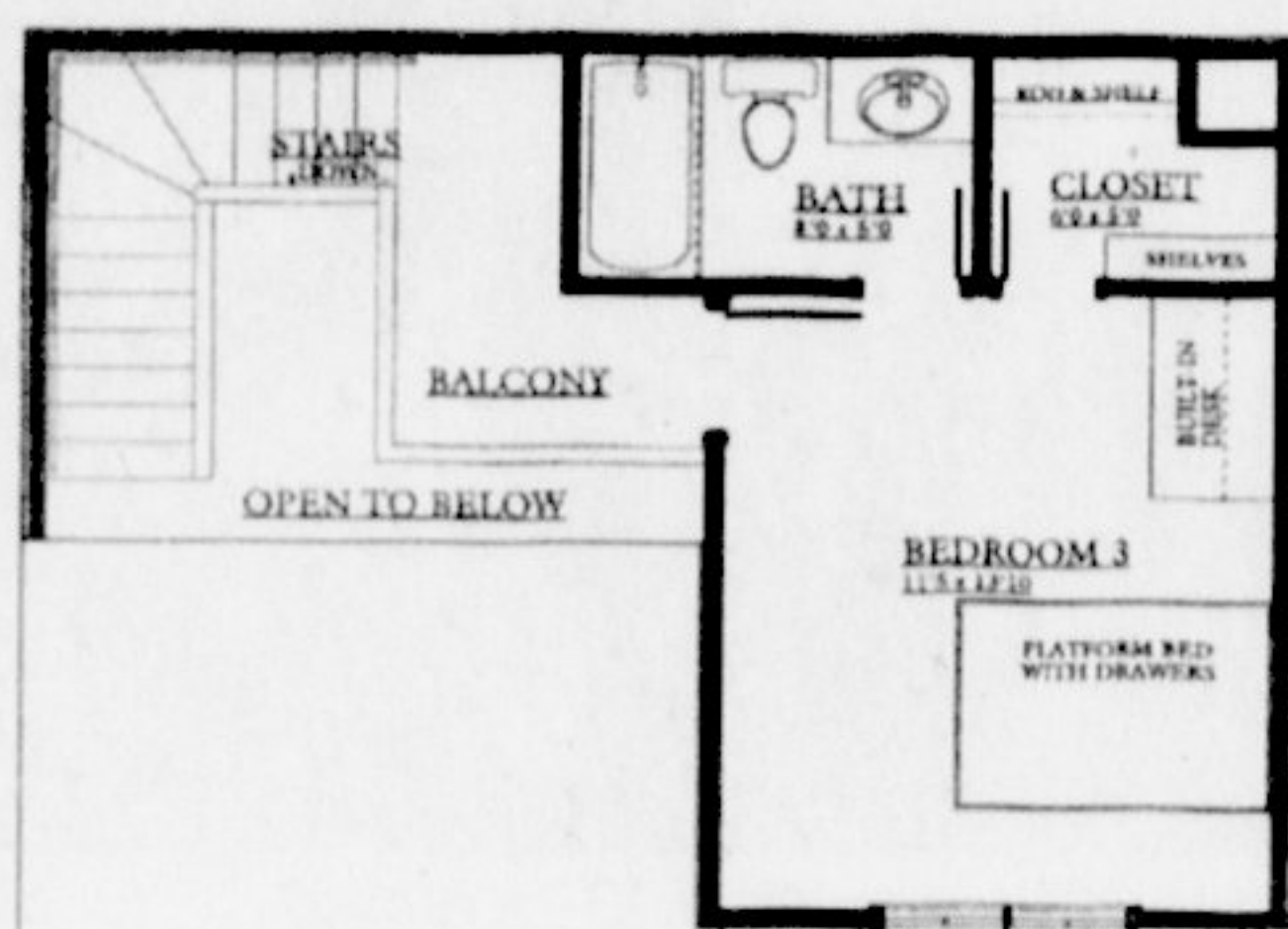


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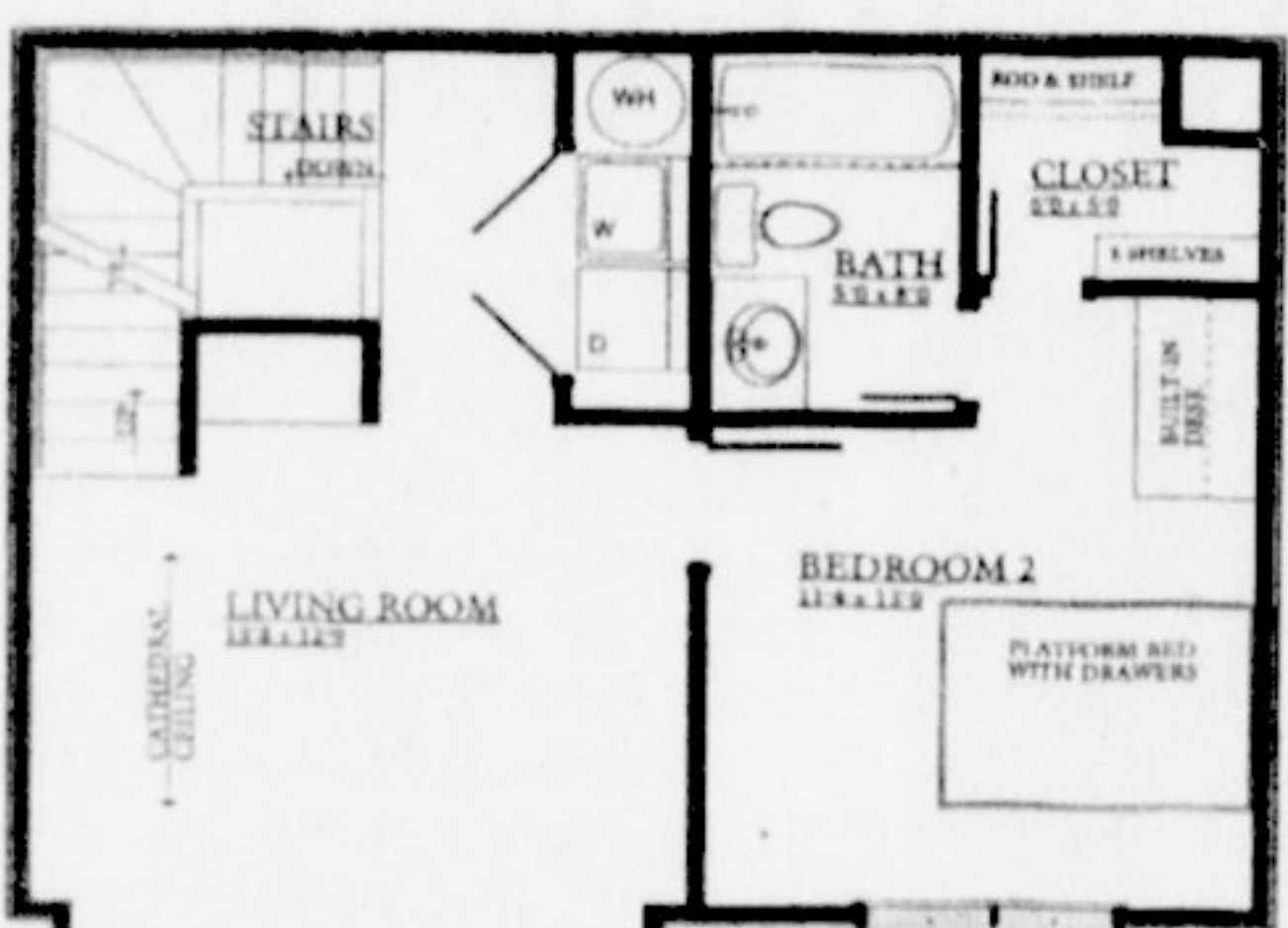
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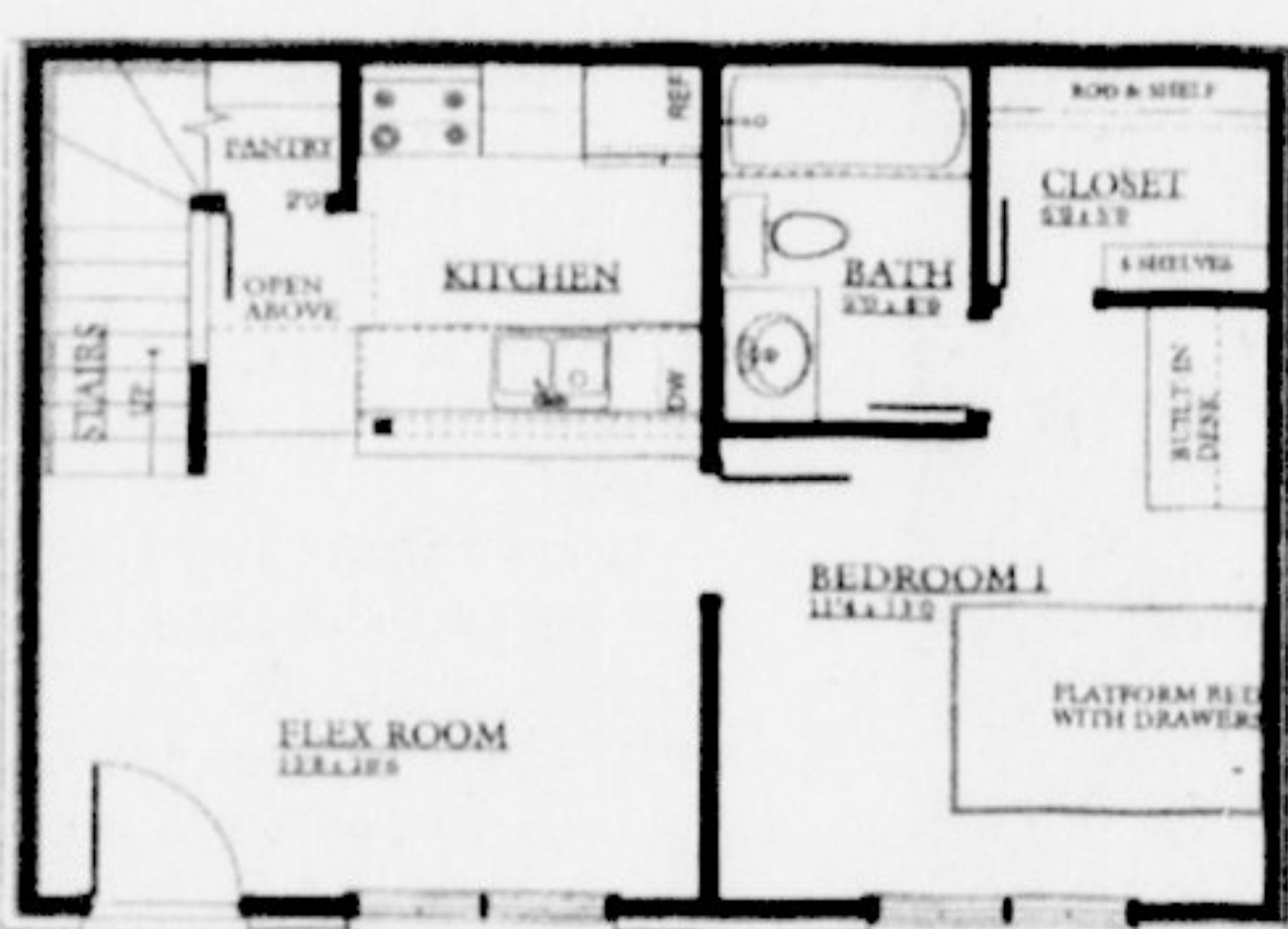
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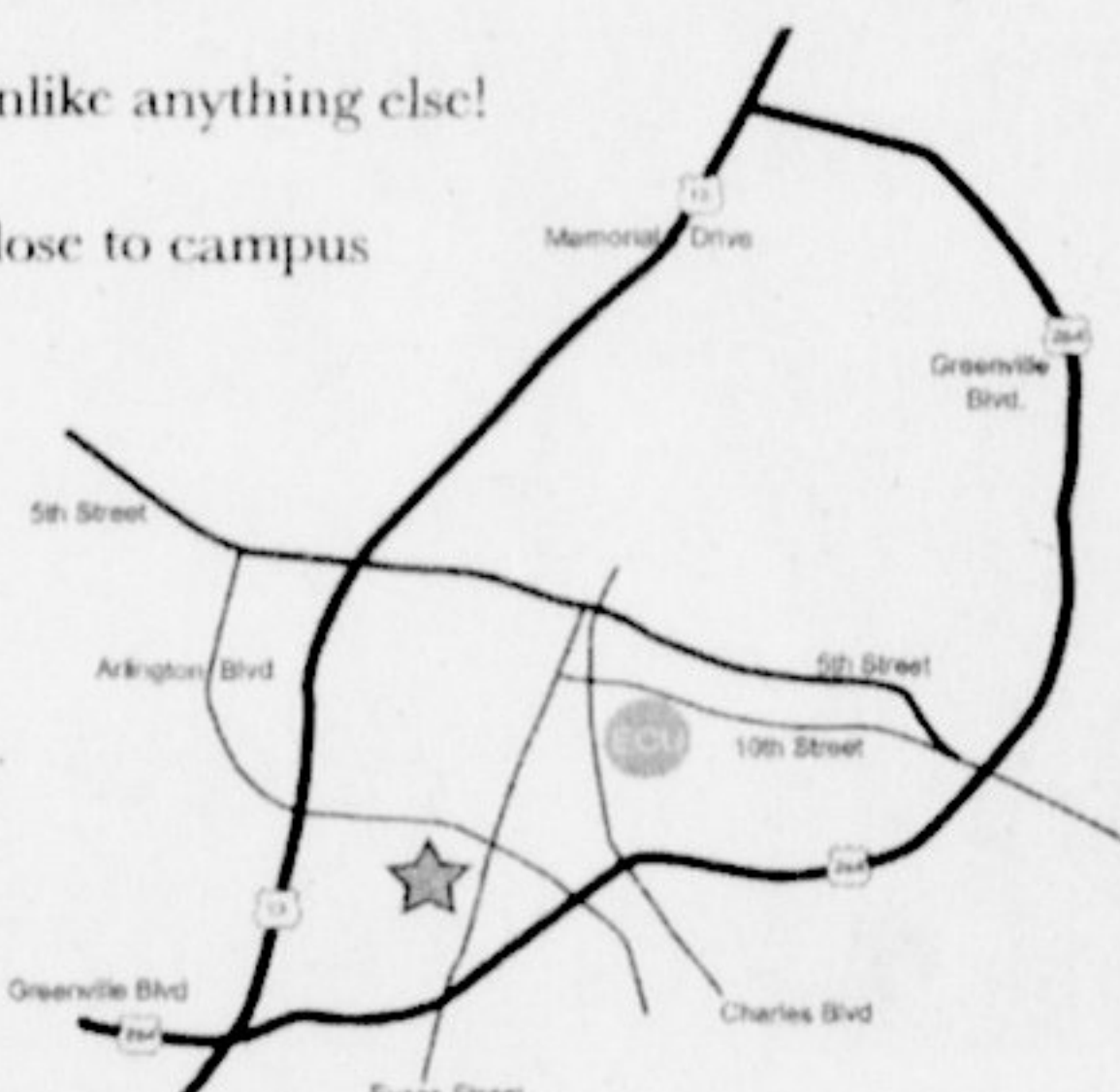
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10-year-olds pass Harrick's test

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT)—Attention college recruiters: Michael Bennett just qualified to play for the University of Georgia's basketball team.

Try to overlook the fact he's 10 years old.

"It was easy," Michael said. All he had to do was take the final exam from the university's "Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball" course. The test was released last week as part of an investigation into the Bulldogs basketball program under deposed coach Jim Harrick.

The course was taught, if you can use that word, by Jim Harrick Jr. He was an assistant whose duties included coming up with questions like: "How many halves are there in a college basketball game?" The correct answer apparently qualified for a Ph.D. in mathematics from Georgia.

The exam has become a national punch line, though the joke isn't just on the Bulldogs. The entire college athletic system is based on keeping performers eligible, often to their detriment. Professor Harrick just exploited it.

He's even filed a federal lawsuit against Georgia, claiming he did nothing wrong. Oh, to be in the courtroom when the final exam is presented into evidence.

"Your Honor," the school's lawyer could argue, "a bunch of fourth-graders could have ace the test!"

We decided to find out. Luckily, the team from St. James Cathedral School was having its season-ending cookout over the weekend. The young Panthers were much more interested in playing basketball in the driveway than in taking an exam. But higher education demands sacrifice.

The good news for Harrick's case is that, unlike at Georgia, everybody didn't make an "A." The best scores were 16 correct answers out of 20 multiple-choice questions. The worst were 8 misses, though the Panthers had certain disadvantages.

They didn't have an entire semester to study for the final. Some questions were heavily Georgia-centric, like name the school's arena, coaching staff and conference. And, oh yeah, these students are 9 and 10 years old.

Congratulations, kids. All of you now qualify for three credit hours from the University of Georgia.

"Wow," said Joey McMahan. He was stumped by this toughie: What color uniforms does Georgia wear on the road? Joey went with "Orange." But he and his teammates managed to nail the old fundamental: "How many points does a 3-point field goal count?" Forget fifth grade. These guys can hardly wait to get to college.

"I'm surprised it's that easy," Joey said.

"Only if you go to Georgia," Max Fay said.

Yes and no. Most colleges don't stoop to Harrick Exams, but the primary job everywhere is to keep players playing, not to stimulate their minds.

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Monday March 29	Graduate Students, 2nd Degree Students, Honor Students & Teaching Fellows with 60 + semester hours credit	Honors Students & Teaching Fellows with 0 - 59 + semester hours credit	Students with 121 + semester hours credit	Students with 108 - 120 + semester hours credit	Students with 104 - 107 + semester hours credit	Students with 101 - 103 + semester hours credit
Tuesday March 30	Students with 98 - 100 +	Students with 95 - 97 +	Students with 92 - 94 +	Students with 89 - 91 +	Students with 86 - 88 +	Students with 83 - 85 +
Wed. March 31	Students with 81 - 82 +	Students with 79 - 80 +	Students with 77 - 78 +	Students with 75 - 76 +	Students with 72 - 74 +	Students with 70 - 71 +
Thursday April 1	Students with 67 - 69 +	Students with 64 - 66 +	Students with 61 - 63 +	Students with 57 - 60 +	Students with 54 - 56 +	Students with 51 - 53 +
Friday April 2	Students with 49 - 50 +	Students with 47 - 48 +	Students with 46 +	Students with 45 +	Students with 43 - 44 +	Students with 41 - 42 +
Monday April 5	Students with 39 - 40 +	Students with 37 - 38 +	Students with 34 - 36 +	Students with 29 - 33 +	Students with 23 - 28 +	Students with 19 - 22 +
Tuesday April 6	Students with 17 - 18 +	Students with 16 +			Students with 15 +	
Wed April 7	Students with 14 +	Students with 13 +	Students with 12 +	Students with 10 - 11 +	Students with 6 - 9 +	Students with 0 - 5 +

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Recruiting standards need to be raised

(KRT) - Colorado's president created some headlines last week when she announced a new set of recruiting standards purported to be the nation's toughest.

Even saw this headline: "Colorado will be at competitive disadvantage."

A competitive disadvantage for what?

Can't get that cornerback that loves keggers?

No shot at a tailback without a lap dance?

Can't close any parties out by 1 a.m.?

Curfews and observance of local law hardly seem like too much to ask of any NCAA program's recruiting practices, but then college athletics have been above the law for a long time now.

Not just at Colorado, either. The rape charges in Boulder obviously are the greater concern, but the scandal is forcing colleges all over the country to look at guidelines in place to see what they might be doing wrong.

You wouldn't think it'd be difficult to figure out. A kid is interested in a university, he takes a weekend to check it out.

Meet some students and staff. Check out the campus. Go to a game. Maybe even visit the department in your potential major.

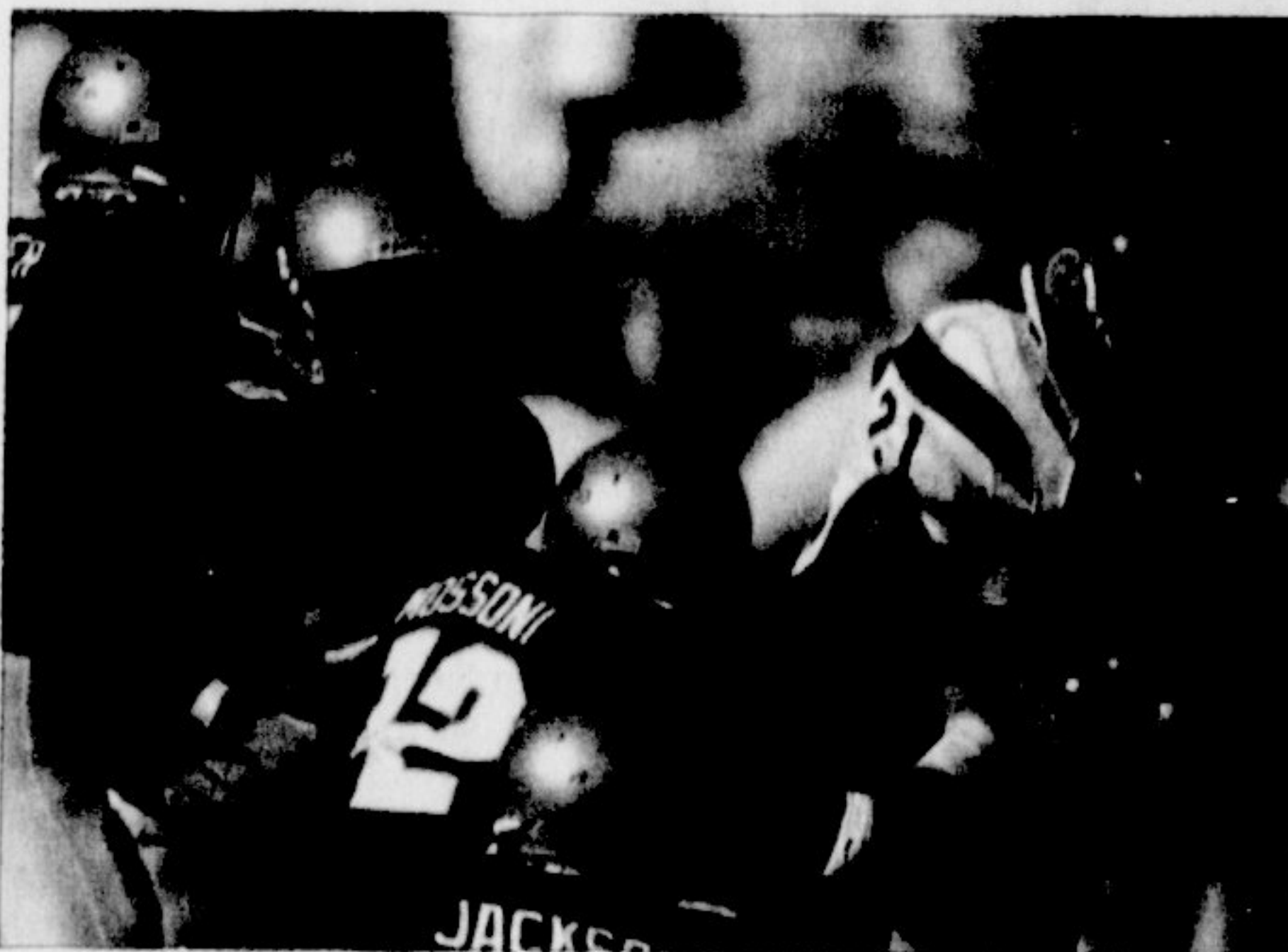
But that's just me. Never figured on going off to investigate the gateway to my future and end up calling mom and dad from the pokey.

Of course, I didn't run a 4.3 40, either. Makes a lot of difference, apparently.

Until Elizabeth Hoffman came up with her guidelines at Colorado last week, no one thought anything of athletes entertaining teenagers at strip clubs or bars and plying them with booze.

Nothing against it in the player handbook, anyway. And what are the chances that coaches didn't know what was going on?

After a coach turns a recruit



The University of Colorado will have to recruit on a different playing field then they have been used to up to this point.

over to one of his players, you have to figure that at some point during the weekend he's going to ask, "How'd it go?"

Great, Coach, until we ran out of one dollar bills.

Finally, an administrator took a stand. Among her other

recommendations, Hoffman said there would be no visits during football season; visits would be cut from two days to one; no more athletes acting as hosts; exit interviews of each recruit; and an 11 p.m. curfew instead of 1 a.m.

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top. Missouri could be the most disappointing. Some experts predicted a Final Four appearance and now the Tigers could see a NIT appearance with their 15-12 record. Their strength of schedule is a plus, but Oklahoma and Colorado have identical records at 18-9.

Michigan State (Big Ten)

The Big Ten has been somewhat weak this year and the Spartans looked done at the beginning of the season. Head Coach Tom Izzo has them playing much better now and with a 17-10 record and a strong schedule, MSU will belong once again.

BYU and Utah (MWC)

Air Force is in with a 22-5 overall record and BYU has the slight edge over Utah as of now. BYU has a much higher RPI rating, but Utah will get in with a 21-8 record, barring an early exit from the conference tournament.

Washington (Pac-10)

The Pac-10 has been another weak conference this season with Stanford and Arizona the only sure locks into the Big Dance. Washington is 17-10 after being the only team to beat the Cardinals this season, but will that be enough? The numbers say no - the Huskies RPI is 76 and SOS is at 89. The committee looks favorable on how a team finishes and Washington won 12 of their last 14 games. Two more will put them in.

Georgia (SEC)

The SEC is the only conference with seven teams guaranteed a slot, but eight is a slim possibility. The Bulldogs are 15-12 and a loss in the SEC tourney will make 13, a few too many for the committee.

UTEP and Nevada (WAC)

UTEP (22-6) has been a great story after winning only six games a year ago, but Nevada's RPI of 37 is too strong.

It will more than likely come down to the winner of the conference tourney and the other will be left out.

Should another team run through the WAC, Nevada will have a slight edge.

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