

Campus Living makes safety improvements

Cameras, new lighting first on agenda

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Campus Living is in the process of adding cameras and improving lighting to the residence halls – the first in a long list of safety improvements which will continue throughout the summer.

In a news release sent March 29, Campus Living outlined a plan in hopes to ensure students' safety and reduce crime.

The improvements come in the wake of two dorm rapes and an unclaimed 9mm pistol a resident found on the bathroom floor of Tyler Hall. New lighting has been installed in several of the dorms, and back doors have been pinned shut, but the surveillance cameras have yet to be put in place.

"It's in the bid process right now," said Aaron F. Lucier,

Campus Living assistant director for technology.

"We figure [the bid] process is going to take a month, a month and a half."

Unfortunately, Lucier said, the process takes some time because the bid must go out through the state system, and then prospective contractors have to visit the job site to assess doors, hallways and construction issues.

Lucier said the site visits are mandatory for any contractor who wants to bid on the job, and visits also ensure an accurate bid.

Allen Security, the company that created the proposal and who may be a prospective bidder, estimated the cost of the entire project – putting cameras around every residence hall – at more than \$300,000.

Lucier said any project more than \$5,000 requires bids from private contractors. Aycock, Jones and Scott

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Phi Kappa Tau member dies from asphyxiation

Memorial fund created in student's honor

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Nicholas Alan Dragicevich, construction management major and active brother of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity's Gamma Eta Chapter, passed away April 3 as a result of alcohol poisoning and asphyxiation.

Dragicevich was found dead the morning of the third by his roommate, whose name was not released.

Dragicevich's funeral was held last Saturday in Rochester, NY; in attendance were over 600 friends and family – such a large number of people, friends said, that there was only enough room for people to stand.

Dragicevich, originally from Fairport, NY, had plans to work in Virginia Beach after he graduated from ECU in May, building air ducts on naval ships.

"It really is a sad time," said Nathan Sauers, treasurer of Phi Kappa Tau and friend of Dragicevich's.

"Nick was a well-liked kid who always had time for everybody ... He always had a smile on his face."



DRAGICEVICH

Friends said Dragicevich's family have created a memorial fund in his honor. All proceeds will be donated to Phi Kappa Tau.

"He was such a great kid who would do anything for anybody, and really the type of person who could lighten any mood for the better," said Richard Lang, one of Dragicevich's best friends.

Brothers of Phi Kappa Tau plan to hold a memorial slide show in the next two weeks for Dragicevich.

Contact Phi Kappa Tau at 328-4706 for more information.

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Fraternities, sororities bond during week of activities

Pig Pickin', Miss Greek Week planned

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An array of activities will keep Greek students busy and entertained Tuesday through Saturday.

During Greek Week, members of all ECU's fraternities and sororities gather to celebrate their organization's culture and interact with others through events ranging from a Pig Pickin' to a Miss Greek Week Contest.

Fraternities and sororities also use Greek Week as a rush tool, providing public interest

with shirts and informational booths for each organization.

But Greeks say the event's most important aspect is bonding.

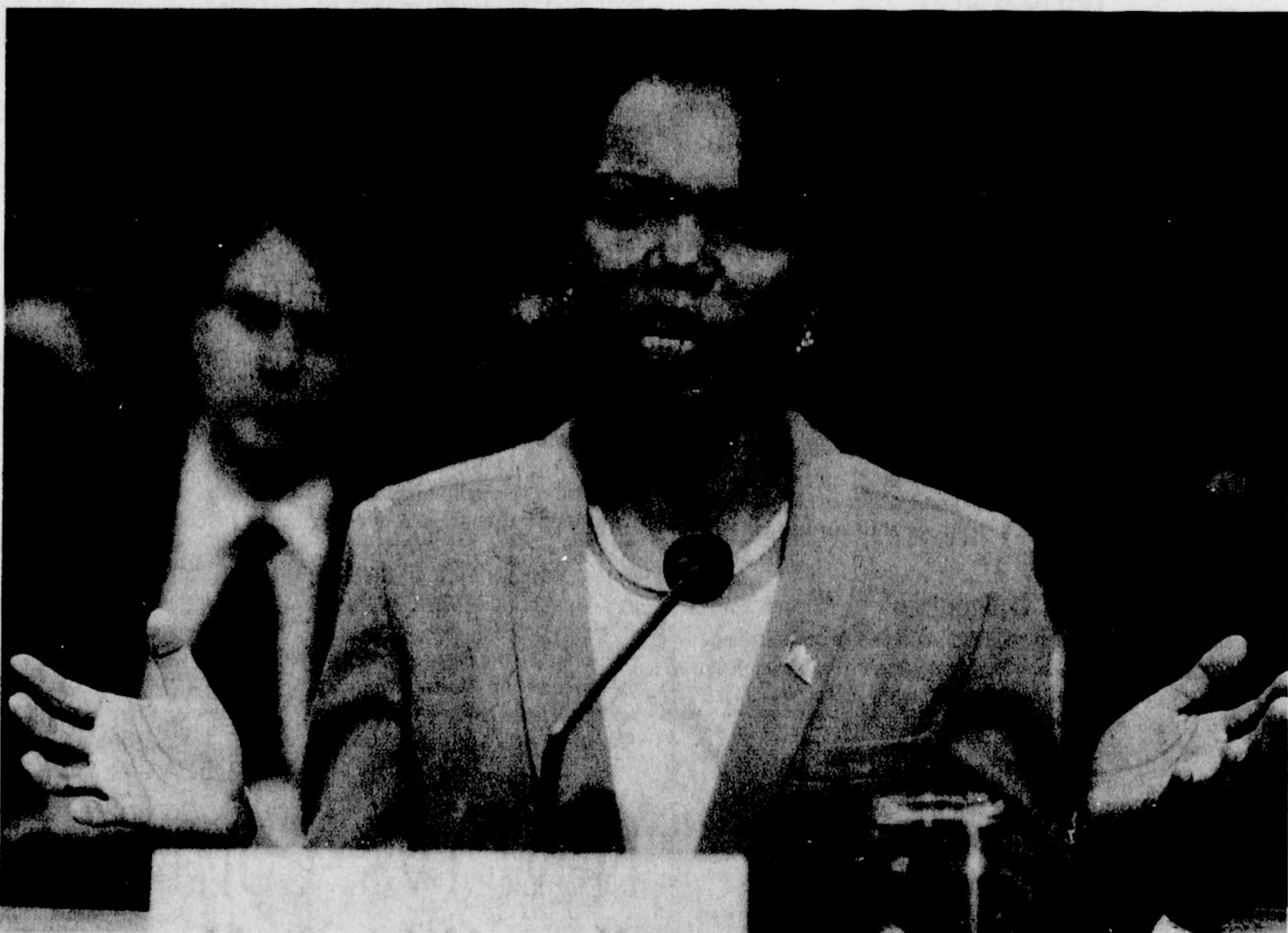
"It's really just a great way for all the Greeks to come together – a time for the Greek Community to unify itself," said Erica Felthaus, National Panhellenic Council vice president.

"We're really excited this year because the expected turnout is a lot higher than last year – we're expecting 800 to 1,000 people at every one of the nine events."

The actual size of the

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Memo: Bush knew of terrorist plots



National security adviser Condoleezza Rice testifies in front of a panel of 9-11 commissioners regarding a pre-Sept. 11 memo. Rice said the memo in question focused on historical information and any current threats mostly involved overseas targets.

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — Now that it is public, a pre-Sept. 11 briefing memo on al-Qaida has President Bush and his critics giving opposing versions of whether he should have acted more aggressively to avert the terrorist attacks.

Released late Saturday under pressure, the intelligence memo from Aug. 6, 2001, showed that Bush received reports from as recent as May 2001 and that most of the current information focused on possible plots in the United States.

"I was satisfied that some of the matters were being looked into" and had any specific intelligence pointed to threats of attacks on New York and Washington, "I would have moved mountains" to prevent it, Bush said Sunday during a visit to Fort Hood, Texas, 50 miles from his ranch here.

The document has "nothing about an attack on Amer-

ica. It talked about intentions, about somebody who hated America well, we knew that," he said.

A Republican member of the Sept. 11 commission backed that up Monday.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson told ABC's "Good Morning America" that "no reasonable American could hold the president responsible for the

attack."

"If I'm the president and I get a special briefing that I've asked for, and he asked for this, and said the FBI is conducting 70 field investigations about this, then I assume the FBI is on top of the job," Thompson said. "The president is not an FBI agent."

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White House and terror threats before Sept. 11

How the Bush administration responded to continuing terrorist threats in the months leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks:

JAN. 2001	FEB.	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT.
Jan. 20: President Bush takes office		March 7: Rice's deputy Stephen Hadley convenes meeting to develop new al-Qaida policy	May: Bush urges aides to come up with aggressive al-Qaida plan; says he's sick of "swatting flies"	June-July: Intelligence agencies report dramatic increase in signs of major terror attack	July 5: Rice, Clarke meet with law enforcement, other agencies on terror threat	July 18: FBI, FAA issue terror warnings	Aug. 6: Bush gets report on al-Qaida methods of operation in daily briefing	Sept. 4: First cabinet-level meeting on al-Qaida Sept. 10: Hadley asks CIA to draft presidential authority to carry out al-Qaida plan

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Hospitality students protest professor's dismissal



Students conveyed responses about Jim Dishaw's teaching.

Open forum held to explain decision

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Students in the hospitality management department challenged the department chair and dean about the circumstances surrounding professor Jim Dishaw's dismissal from the program last night in an open forum.

"The purpose of today's forum is to help us understand how the decision was made," said Megan Brewer, hospitality management major who led the students in organizing the forum.

Laura Sweet, ECU's ombudsman, said the administrative officials in attendance were limited in what they could legally say because Dishaw's dismissal was due to personnel matters.

"Personnel issues cannot be discussed in open meetings," said Sweet.

"Any questions you have about the dismissal cannot be discussed with any of us. I can tell you that all of the policies within the university and state were met."

Students who attended the forum voiced their opinions

about Dishaw's dismissal and asked a variety of questions to William Forsythe, professor and chair of the hospitality management department, and Karla Hughes, professor and dean of the college of human ecology.

Students said Dishaw has encouraged them to strive for their best and assisted them in finding jobs.

Dishaw's dismissal has not only aroused emotions with the current hospitality management students and alumni, but parents of the students are also reacting to the decision.

"My husband and I are both

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Shirts were made to protest the dismissal of the professor.

Sexual Assault Awareness throughout April

- Only 16 percent of rapes and sexual assaults are reported to the police.
- Twenty-two percent of all women say they have been forced to perform sexual acts against their will, while only 3 percent of men admit to ever forcing themselves on a woman.



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Online
Visit www.theeastcarolinian.com to read about the three kidnapped Chinese nationals that were released Monday.



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The SGA discussed a proposal to introduce a new committee to serve graduate students at the university.



Features page B1
Both national and local independent films will be screened at the Blu Moon Film Festival on Friday.



Sports page B4
ECU's baseball team beat South Florida in a three-game series, improving their record to 28-6.



FYI
Wednesday is the last day for graduate students to drop term-length courses without grades.

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Announcements

Computer Care Clinic

The Committee of Status of Women on Campus presents an informational session on how to keep computers running well and virus-free today at noon in 221 Mendenhall Student Center.

Physics Colloquium

Douglas Weidner, Ph.D., director of the ECU Department of Microbiology and Immunology, will give a lecture titled, "Introduction to Flow Cytometry: Relation of Light Scatter to Cell Morphology," today at 4 p.m. in 213-E Howell. Refreshments will be served at 3:45 p.m.

Deadline

Wednesday is the last day for graduate students to drop courses without grades.

Business Ownership Workshop

Learn how to get started in business at an introduction to business ownership workshop Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Willis Building Auditorium.

Technology and Teaching Conference

The College of Education will co-sponsor the Southeastern Regional Technology and Teaching Conference at the Greenville Hilton Wednesday - Friday. Contact Diane D. Kester at 328-6621 for more information.

Adviser Appreciation Reception

A reception honoring student advisers will take place Thursday from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room 3. Students can nominate any adviser at ECU.

Job Searching Workshop

The Office of Student Professional Development offers a workshop on tools students can use in their job searches. The workshop will be Thursday from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 1014 Bate.

Deadline

Thursday is the last day to submit thesis to the graduate school for completion of a degree in the current term.

Social Justice Institute

NPR broadcaster and author Juan Williams will speak in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision Thursday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre. Tickets are required but free at the Central Ticket Office in MSC.

SGA Homecoming Chair

Applications for SGA 2004 Homecoming Chair are due by Friday at midnight. Forms are available at the Mendenhall Information Desk Monday - Friday. Contact Joanna Iwata at 628-4790 for more information.

SGA Cabinet

Applications for the 2004-05 Cabinet are due by Friday. Contact Shannon O'Donnell at 328-4721 for more information.

International Festival

The City of Greenville holds its International Festival Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Town Commons. There will be multicultural entertainment, foreign cuisine, activities for kids, exhibitors, arts and crafts and ethnic wares. Admission is free.

Integration Discussion

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. the Board of Education decision, historian David Dennard, Ph.D., political analyst Tinsley Yarbrough, Ph.D. and attorney Robert White will discuss the historical, political and legal landscapes of the state before and after the decision. The discussion will be Tuesday, April 20 at 3 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall.

Oratorical Exhibition

The School of Communication sponsors an oratorical exhibition Thursday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, featuring the best speakers in COMM 2410 and 2420.

Co-ops and Internships Workshop

The Office of Student Professional Development offers a workshop Thursday, April 22 from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 1012 Bate to assist students looking for co-op and internship opportunities.

Education Graduate Fair

The College of Education will hold a graduate programs fair Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - noon at the Speight Building. Information will be available for students who wish to pursue a graduate degree for work in educational settings or obtain alternative licensure. Registration and reception begin at 8:45 a.m.

Dive for a Cure

SCUBA divers from ECU will raise money for the American Cancer Society Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Minges Coliseum pool. Games and events will be provided. All certified divers can participate. Contact Jamie LeLievre at 327-3391 for more information.

Dances of Universal Peace

The Dances of Universal Peace - sacred dances that honor the world's spiritual traditions through song, gentle dance and contemplation - will be Saturday, April 25 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 MSC.

Commencement Registration

Degree candidates who wish to participate in the May 8 ceremony must make a reservation through Onestop.

Paper Person

The student featured at the top of today's paper is Sibyl Haynes, freshman business major.

News Briefs

Local

Ministers try to join legal battle over gay marriage

DURHAM (AP) - Two Baptist ministers want to be named defendants in a gay couple's lawsuit against Durham County for denying them a marriage license.

A Christian legal group filed a motion Thursday to allow the ministers to intervene in the civil lawsuit filed March 22 by Richard Mullinax, 36, and Perry Pike, 41.

The couple filed their lawsuit after Durham County Register of Deeds Willie Covington rejected their marriage license application.

Rev. Ernest Ferrell of Edgewood Baptist Church and the Rev. Gregory Clark of Guess Road Baptist Church, both in Durham, would be directly affected by the lawsuit because marriages are made official by the religious leaders, said a spokesman.

UNC-CH to debut Andes telescope after 18-year quest

CHAPEL HILL (AP) - Astronomers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this week will mark 18 years of work and dreams by powering up a world-class telescope atop a ridge in South America's Andes Mountains.

Astronomers and technicians

atop an 8,775-foot mountain in northern Chile hope to celebrate the observatory's completion by beaming images of the cosmos to donors and dignitaries gathering Friday at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center in Chapel Hill. The telescope powerful enough to explore the universe cost \$32 million, one-third more than original predictions. UNC-Chapel Hill's ownership fell from 30 percent to about 17 percent. Chapel Hill scientists control 124 half-nights of observing a year.

National

Manufacturer Argues Against Ephedra Ban

NEWARK (AP) - The manufacturer of a popular diet supplement containing ephedra urged a judge to block a nationwide ban on the herbal stimulant that was taking effect Monday, arguing that there is no proof it is dangerous if used properly.

The herbal stimulant, once hugely popular for weight loss and bodybuilding, has been linked to 155 deaths and dozens more heart attacks and strokes.

California Sikhs joined by political leaders in New Years celebration

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Thousands of Sikhs celebrated one of their holiest days, as political leaders called for an end to discrimination against members of the religion.

Organizers said more than 10,000 Sikhs from across Southern California were in the city Sunday to celebrate Vaisakhi - which marks their New Year and commemorates the 17th century Sikh leader Guru Gobind Singh.

"We've always been a very quiet community," said Niranjan Singh Khalsa, executive director of the California Sikh Council.

"But that hurt us since 9-11 because people don't know who we are, so we're trying to reach out more."

Thousands of Sikhs marched through the streets of downtown Los Angeles, many chanting "God is One," along side floats adorned with scenes from Sikh history. Drummers kept up a steady beat and men dueling with long sticks to simulate sword fights.

World

Shaky truce largely holds for second day in Fallujah as talks to end violence continue

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - Gunfire was largely silenced Monday in the second day of a truce in Fallujah,

where doctors said 600 Iraqis, including many civilians, were killed in the past week's Marine siege of Sunni insurgents. In the south, the military suggested it is open to a negotiated solution in its showdown with a radical Shiite cleric. But additional U.S. forces have been maneuvering into place, and the military has warned it will launch an all-out assault on Fallujah if talks there between pro-U.S. Iraqi politicians and city officials - which were continuing Monday - fall through.

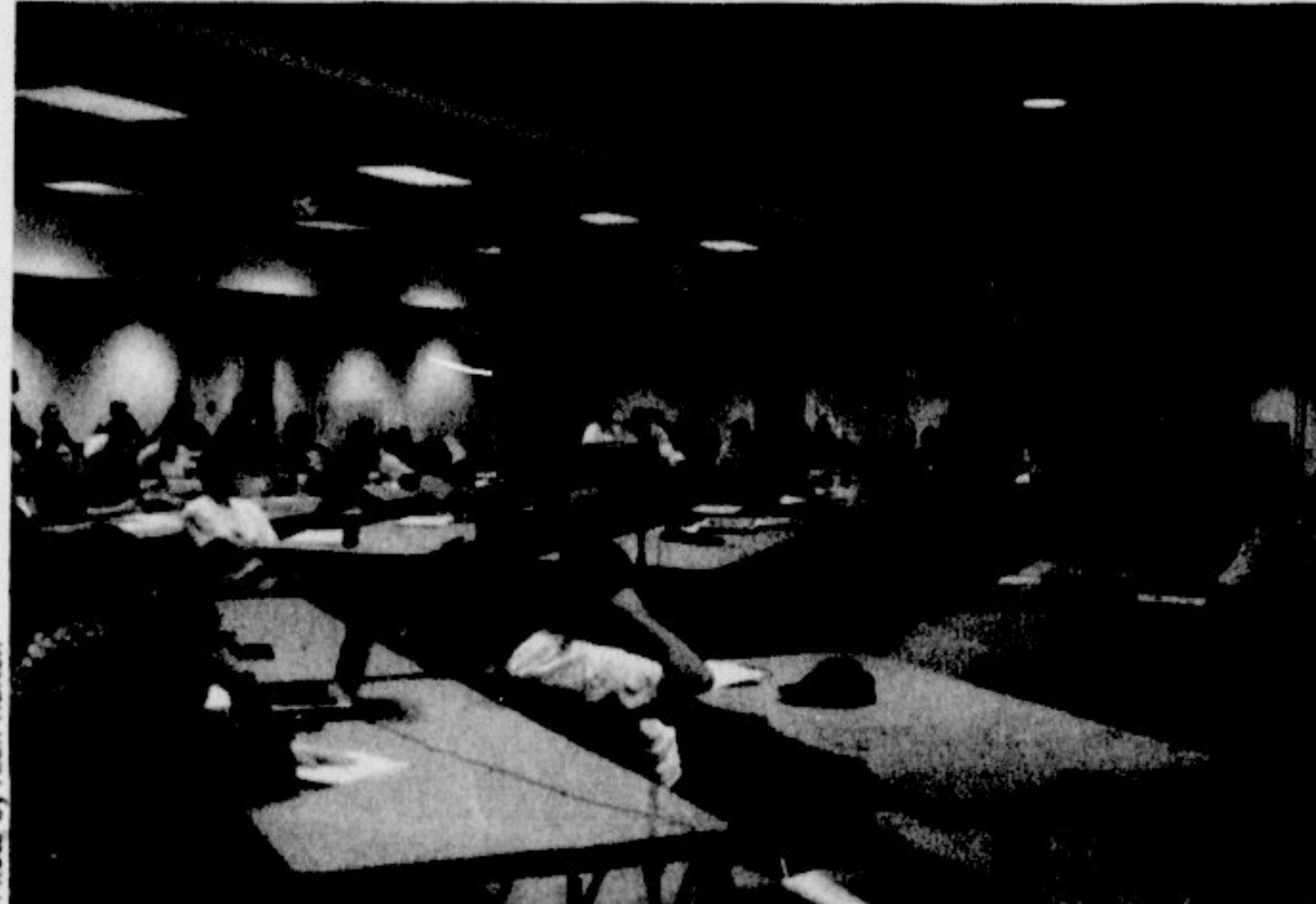
Israeli troops exchange fire with armed Palestinians near Gaza settlement

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli troops exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen near an Israeli settlement in the Northern Gaza Strip early Monday, killing at least three of the assailants, the army said.

The militant Islamic Jihad and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades - a violent group linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement - claimed responsibility for the botched attack in a phone call to the Associated Press.

In the West Bank, army jeeps briefly entered the towns of Jenin and Tulkarem, but soldiers made no arrests, Palestinian security officials said.

New TVs, committee considered by SGA



Senators listen to proposals to install TVs in the dining halls.

Group would assist graduate students

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STAFF WRITER

The SGA proposed the installation of televisions in Mendenhall and Todd Dining Halls and the creation of a sixth standing SGA committee devoted to the concerns and issues facing graduate students in last night's meeting.

The first proposal, to purchase and install as many as five new televisions in Mendenhall and Todd, was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate.

Later in the meeting, senators discussed the proposed addition of a new SGA Committee.

Brent Queen, family and marriage therapy graduate student, is a member of the Graduate Student Advisory Council.

Queen proposed senators establish a new standing committee within the SGA to better represent ECU graduate and doctoral students.

"By establishing a new grad

committee within student government, we hope to address the unique concerns of graduate and doctoral students, as well as grant a more consistent voice to graduate students on campus," said Queen.

"Over one-fourth of the student body at ECU is pursuing post-graduate degrees."

The proposal would siphon \$14,000 back into SGA money, which would then be re-distributed according to need and availability.

Many senators felt that such a requirement would unfairly balance the power within student government in favor of graduate students.

Queen was quick to respond.

"The GSAC proposal will initially be a one-year experiment," Queen said.

"After one year is up, the executive board will reconvene and decide whether we should keep the new committee. It's an issue of equality."

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Regents appoint NC State chancellor to head University of California San Diego

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - University of California regents have chosen Marye Anne Fox, chancellor of North Carolina State University, to head UC's San Diego campus.

UC President Robert Dynes, who was chancellor at UC San Diego before becoming system head last year, had recommended Fox, whose appointment was approved by regents on Monday, to the board.

Fox, 56, has served as chancellor of North Carolina State since 1998.

"It has been a special privilege and honor to serve as chancellor during a key period of N.C. State's history," Fox said in a release.

"I step down now, proud of what faculty, staff and students have accomplished in six years and confident that the good work of colleagues and friends will continue."

A chemistry professor, she has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences and also is a member of President

Bush's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology.

In a statement announcing the hire, Dynes said Fox brings "brings superb academic credentials, national prominence as a spokesperson on science and education policy issues, and a deep commitment to preserving the excellence of UCSD."

Fox called UCSD an "exciting, innovative global institution that is continually setting new standards of excellence and entrepreneurship."

Fox, whose appointment begins this August, will get an annual salary of \$350,000.

That is a considerable increase from the \$280,700 the job previously paid and comes at a time when UC is facing deep cuts in state funding. Two regents voted against setting the salary at that level.

However, UC officials said Fox is still getting substantially less than people in similar positions at competing universities.

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alumni ... and are so upset about the recent dismissal of Mr. Dishaw that we have decided not to never send money to the university again," said a parent of a hospitality management graduate in an e-mail.

Dave Ward, sophomore hospitality management major, said he believes Dishaw's students have done something important in holding the forum.

Ward said Dishaw has taught his students that people with integrity stand up for what they believe in.

"I would challenge any professor of this school to come up with a class that would do something like this," said Ward.

Ward said students do not have the ability to make administrative decisions, such as the renewal of professor's contracts - however, they should present their opinions on how decisions will affect them.

"Our job as students is to make our voices heard," Ward said.

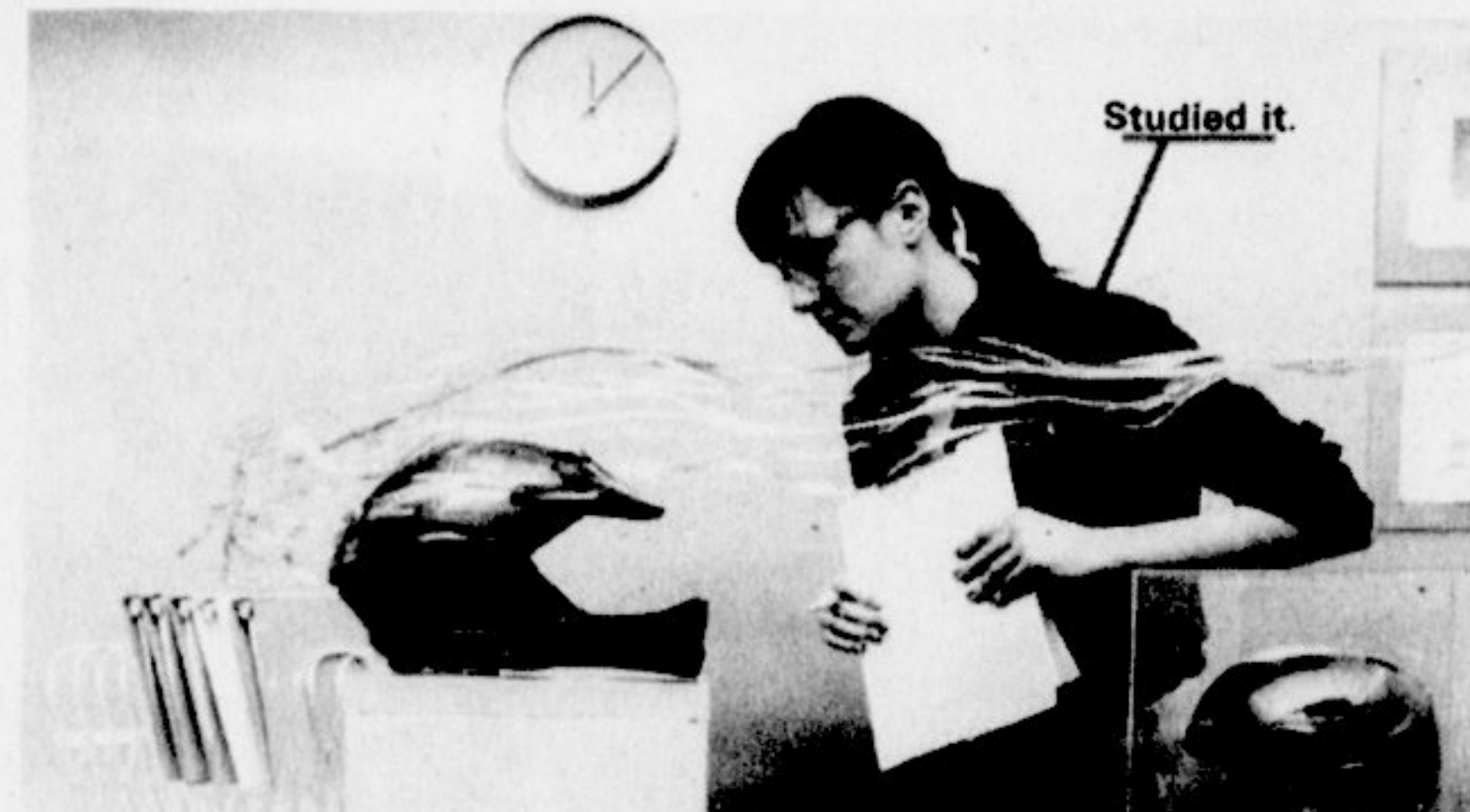
"Our job is to let the university know that they are taking away someone who is very important to us ... someone that we respect and learn from, and not only are we disappointed about the loss, but we are also angry."

Forsythe said the hospitality management department has been successful in recruiting faculty members last year and is in the process of recruiting more faculty.

"We believe that we are going to bring in some good faculty in the future that will in the long run replace Mr. Dishaw, maybe not in your minds, but we do believe that we will be able to make those changes," said Forsythe.

John Noonan, senior hospitality management major, said Dishaw has found a new job at Cape Fear Community College and will begin once he leaves ECU.

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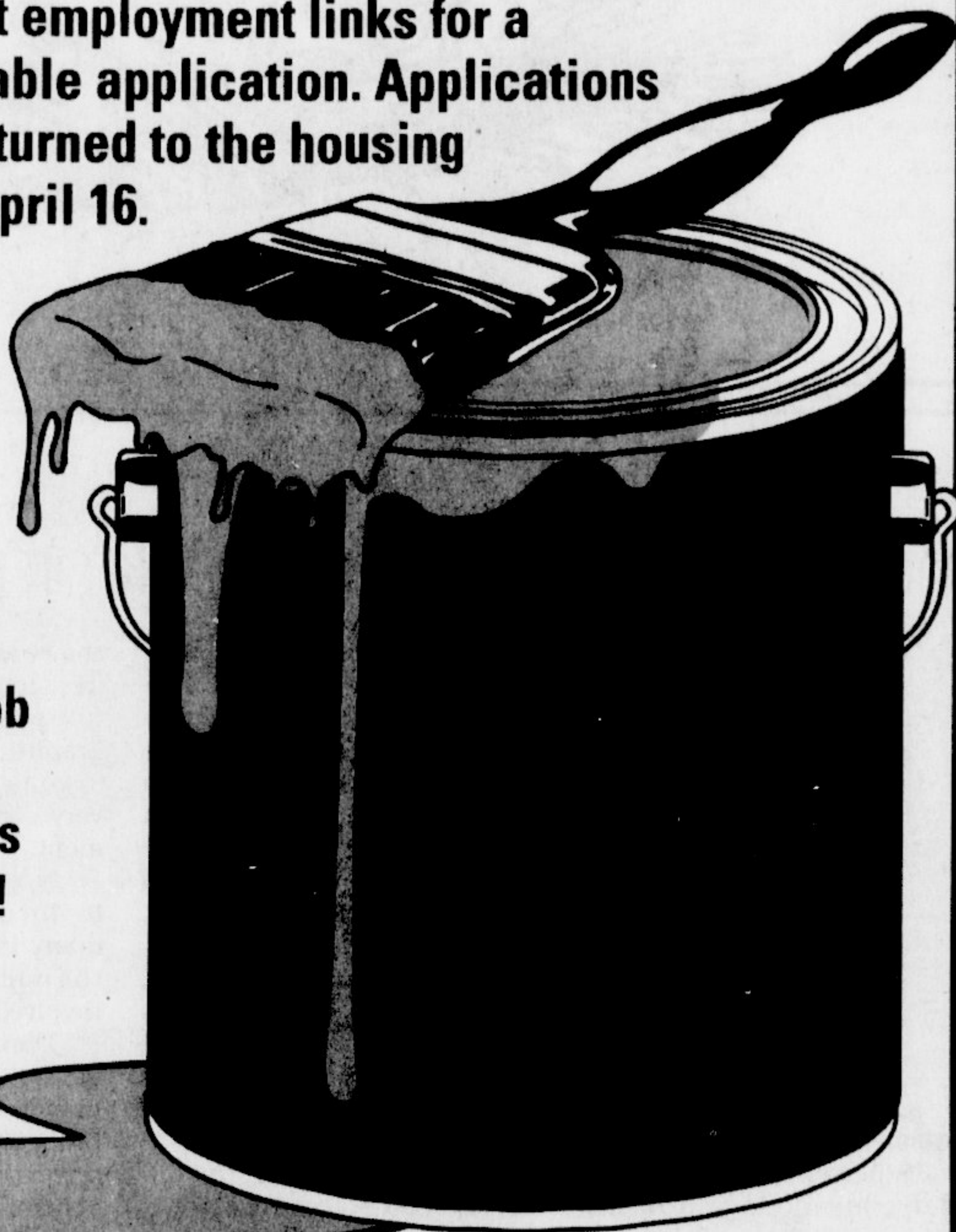
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Like to paint? Campus Living will be hiring student painters, at \$7.00 per hour, for the paint crew this summer. If you are interested in applying, please stop by Office Suite 100, Jones Hall or visit us online at www.ecu.edu/campusliving and follow the student employment links for a downloadable application. Applications must be returned to the housing office by April 16.

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Greek from page A1

Greek community at ECU is small compared to the total student body.

At 7 percent of the entire undergraduate student body, Greeks number 1,164.

Greek Week is, however, a very popular event that many students look forward to.

"With all of the events taking place, thanks to our funding from the SGA, our students should have a really good time," said Jackie Lamberts, president of the NPC.

"This is definitely going to be a wonderful bonding experience for our entire system."

Several students have been lost over the last few weeks from the Greek community, and organizers want the Greek spirit to live on in honor of them.

"In light of the several recent tragedies that have taken place, we are all heavily reliant upon Greek Week's enjoyable events to uplift our community as a whole," said Terry Gore, president of the Intra Fraternity Council.

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Greek Week Events

Tuesday, April 13

-The movie Animal House will be shown in Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall at 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14

-All Greeks will wear their letter shirts on campus.

-NPC, IFC and NPHC Executives will set up Greek Week informational booths from noon - 2 p.m. in front of the Wright Place.

-Greek Week baseball tailgate at the Baseball Tailgating Fields. Free Greek Week Coozies will be given out at the tailgating tent. Tailgating starts at 5 p.m. and continues until the end of the game.

-The Greek Week band party will be held at the Kappa Alpha Fraternity House on East 11th Street at 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 15

-Annual All-Sing Contest will be held in Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. Participants should arrive at 6 p.m.

-All Greek Social will be held at Cabanna's downtown from 9 p.m. to close.

Friday, April 16

-Miss Greek Week contest will be held at Wright Auditorium from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Three members from each sorority will compete for the title of Miss Greek Week. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners.

-The All Greek Pig Pickin' will be held at the Chi Omega Sorority House on Fifth and Meade Streets at 7:30 p.m.

*Rain date: April 18 at 7:30 p.m.

-All Greek Social will be held at the Cavern downtown from 9 p.m. to close.

Saturday, April 17

-NPHC Step Show will be held at Minges Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m.

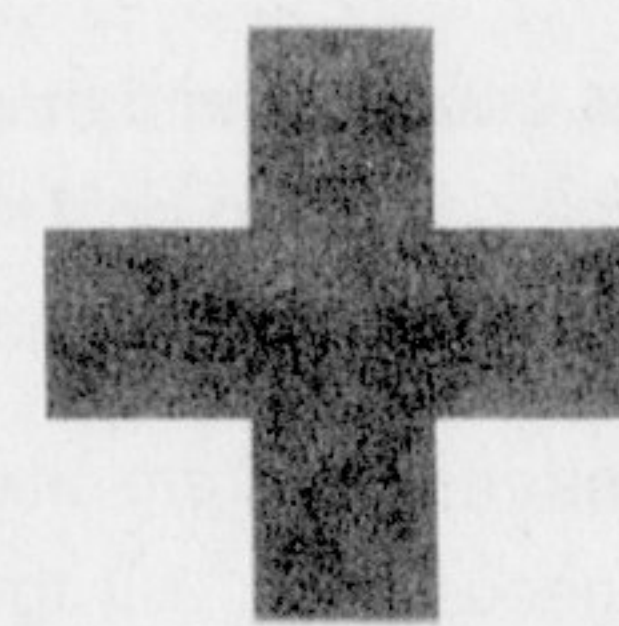
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Our View

Policy makers need Within the last couple of months, we've all pulled up to the gas pump only to become infuriated with the rising cost of gas.

to develop a feasible solution to this problem. Bush, Congress and OPEC are often blamed for this outrageous price. But the truth is, drivers are as much to blame for the high gas prices. As gas use rises, so do import costs.

One that will, in the long run, benefit drivers and the environment. To Americans, cars are a symbol of status – the bigger the car or engines, the better. We don't stop to think about the effects of that massive new – and not to mention ridiculously expensive – SUV will have on the environment.

These environmental problems include exhaust emissions that pollute the air, carbon gases that contribute to potential global warming, clogging of streets and highways, more traffic accidents, wear and tear on roads, and greater vulnerability of the U.S. economy to world oil price shocks and price manipulation by OPEC.

Expecting to drive mammoth vehicles without paying the cost-through gas prices or through environmental problems—we are deluding ourselves.

Both Bush and Kerry have proposed higher taxation on gasoline, hoping the extra tax will force people to drive less. But, this tax is a short-term fix – instead, policy makers should be thinking long-term.

Americans will not drive less without an alternative means of transportation. To supplement drivers, more money should be spent increasing public transportation and making it more convenient.

Policy makers need to develop a feasible solution to this problem. One that will, in the long run, benefit drivers and the environment.

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In My Opinion

Student government is dominated by Greek organizations

Disproportionate number of Greeks serve in SGA

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

Last night, I covered the SGA meeting at Mendenhall as a news story for *The East Carolinian*.

As I sat quietly in the back of the half empty hall, a realization dawned on me that I was unable to shake off all night: Our student government is filled with a disproportionate number of Greeks.

No, I don't mean the olive-skinned, Mediterranean kind of Greeks, I mean those persons on campus affiliated with a Fraternity or Sorority.

As they represent a scant 7 percent of the overall ECU student population, I found the number of fraternity and sorority T-shirts, purses and other assorted memorabilia to be misrepresentative of their actual numbers on this campus.

After I had finished my news story, I approached a number of people to find out just how much of student government is actually Greek, and the numbers I was presented with were – to say the least – alarming.

One person told me 70 percent, another 65 percent. A few people put the percentage lower, around 50 percent or so.

I was dumbfounded. Not only is SGA, the entity which is supposed to be looking out for my best interests, overrun with people who share allegiances to organizations having nothing official to do with the University, but every person I asked seemed



absolutely resigned to this fact!

70 percent! That is absolutely ridiculous and in my opinion a blatant miscarriage of the duties and responsibilities of SGA.

Ten percent of the population controlling a majority of seats in the SGA is an outrage, but I seemed to be the only person who recognized this. During the 1970s and 1980s, South Africa had a similar situation. A tiny percentage of the citizenry controlling the vast majority, and generally endorsing unpopular and counter-productive policies – they called it apartheid.

All right, all right, maybe the apartheid comparison is a little strong, but the idea is the same. A tiny percentage of one group exercising some form of influence over the rest is antithetical to democracy and runs counter to many of the ideals that we hold so dearly ... or maybe that's just me.

OK, I admit it; I am fundamentally opposed to the very idea of fraternities and sororities. Any social organization that considers itself elite and

exercises exclusionary admission policies can't be good.

The idea when one joins a fraternity or sorority, as far as I can tell, is to spend time with only those people with whom you share close life experience and ideals – people like you. And as much as I hate to stereotype, let's be honest.

Many Greeks dress alike, act alike and carry themselves alike, and to me that is just the opposite of what we should be striving to create within our society.

We should embrace the differences, not accentuate the similarities, between one another and organizations that would exclude a person simply on the basis of their clothing, manner of speech or socio-economic background is not what America needs.

I understand that Greeks are students, too. Believe it or not, some of my closest friends are currently or were formerly members of one Greek organization or another.

But the point is that 10 percent of the student population should not represent 50 or 60 or 70 percent of a body that is supposed to speak for everyone.

It is not my intention to cast character dispersions on fraternity brothers or sorority sisters with this article, as that is irrelevant to the topic at hand.

Nor is it my intention to imply that Greeks should have no representation within their own student government.

On the contrary, I am advocating an effort to more evenly balance the ranks of

the student Senate, because 70 percent of people belonging to one extremely small demographic on this campus is an unconscionable violation of the very concept of student government.

No, my effort would be to focus on the problem of many individuals belonging to the same organization being involved in SGA.

During the meeting that I was witness to, a number of gentleman wearing identical fraternity propaganda, had clustered themselves in one small area and were vehemently objecting all at the same time.

They seemed to gang up on one individual and provided inappropriate commentary to each other throughout the entire meeting. I found this behavior abhorrent and childish, but that is not an indictment of every fraternity brother on this campus.

Allowing people with such a specific interest at heart to participate in what should be as objective a proceeding as possible is an injustice to every other student affected by the decisions made by SGA.

I'm sure that I will receive any number of hateful or inflammatory comments in response to this opinion, and that's OK. The fundamental idea behind my argument is not that you agree, only that you think – even for a moment.

For that is a thought process that may not have existed otherwise. Call me every name in the book if you like – it's nothing I haven't heard before. But as long as you think, my work here is done.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter John Becker wrote commenting on an earlier article written by Peter Kalajian about the Israel assassination of Sheik Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas.

I believe that John's letter included unfair and extreme judgments and accusations which have to be addressed.

In two occasions, John labeled all Palestinians to be terrorists. He went even further when he said, "I should fear of any body that is not Christian or Jewish."

I believe that if John knew that 15 percent of the Palestinians are Christians, he might not have made this extreme judgment.

I am not here to lecture, but I really feel sorry for a college student who has this way of generalization.

After all, if John believes that Palestinians are terrorists, this is his own opinion. It is enough that the overwhelming majority of the world's nations recognize Palestinians as fighters for freedom.

Yet, the growing trend today is to recognize the Israeli occupation as the ugliest face of state terrorism in recent history. Again, John accused Palestinians of not being a noble people.

In order to be so "maybe all they would target is the IDF." I am not here to defend Hamas, but John and the respectable readers may not know that Hamas and all other Palestinian militant groups

offered many initiatives to put civilians aside in the running bloodshed.

It is the bloodthirsty Sharon and his hard line government who cannot survive without this bloody conflict. They will do every possible effort to kill any truce while it is in its cradle.

Whenever there is a possibility for ceasefire, the "noble" IDF will commit a massacre against Palestinians civilians calling upon a Palestinian revenge!

One fact is due here. Over the past three years, nearly 3,000 Palestinians were murdered by the IDF.

Six hundred of them are children (I don't know if those are also terrorists). The latest number exceeds the number of all Israelis who lost their lives in the same period.

Finally, John, Peter, myself and you, my dear reader, are enjoying the taste of freedom. The one who best knows its cost is the one who's deprived of it.

The Palestinians, whom John labeled as terrorists, have been sacrificing their lives over the past century to get their freedom and get rid of the Israeli occupation to their soil.

The thousands of Palestinians in the Israeli prisons can also tell what the cost of freedom is.

Basil Hamdan
ECU Student

In My Opinion

Behind the price tags: Getting what you pay for at Wal-Mart

(KRT)—It's time to look behind the price tags at Wal-Mart Stores, and ask whether those bargains are worth the cost.

The latest revelation of an insane policy is the practice of locking overnight workers in the store, without a manager on site to let them out in case of an emergency.

There are fire doors, but employees are ordered to use them only in case of fire. If a worker is badly injured, goes into labor or has a family emergency, he or she has to wait for a manager to get to the store with a key.

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores engaged in the lockdowns until recently. Shamed company officials now say the dangerous practice has ended.

As this Dickensian throwback was being disclosed, the company was responding to publication of an internal audit that uncovered thousands of labor violations, including 1,371 violations of child-labor laws.

The list goes on. In October, federal agents raided 60 Wal-Mart stores in 21 states and arrested more than 250 illegal immigrants working as janitors.

Later, a federal lawsuit was filed contending that Wal-Mart and its contractors failed to pay

these employees legally required overtime or make workers' compensation and Social Security payments.

Wal-Mart has a record of employment law violations; the company has been sued over "off-the-clock" work, discrimination against Hispanic employees and sex discrimination, and has paid tens of millions of dollars in settlements.

On the environmental front, Wal-Mart just agreed in federal court to pay a \$400,000 penalty and stop selling refrigerants that contain ozone-depleting substances.

It almost makes one nostalgic for the days when the only complaint about Wal-Mart was sprawl. On that topic, *The Washington Post* recently reported that 245 former Wal-Marts sit empty or partially empty across the country, adding to local blight.

Wal-Mart is leaving those big boxes for bigger boxes, grocery/retail superstores.

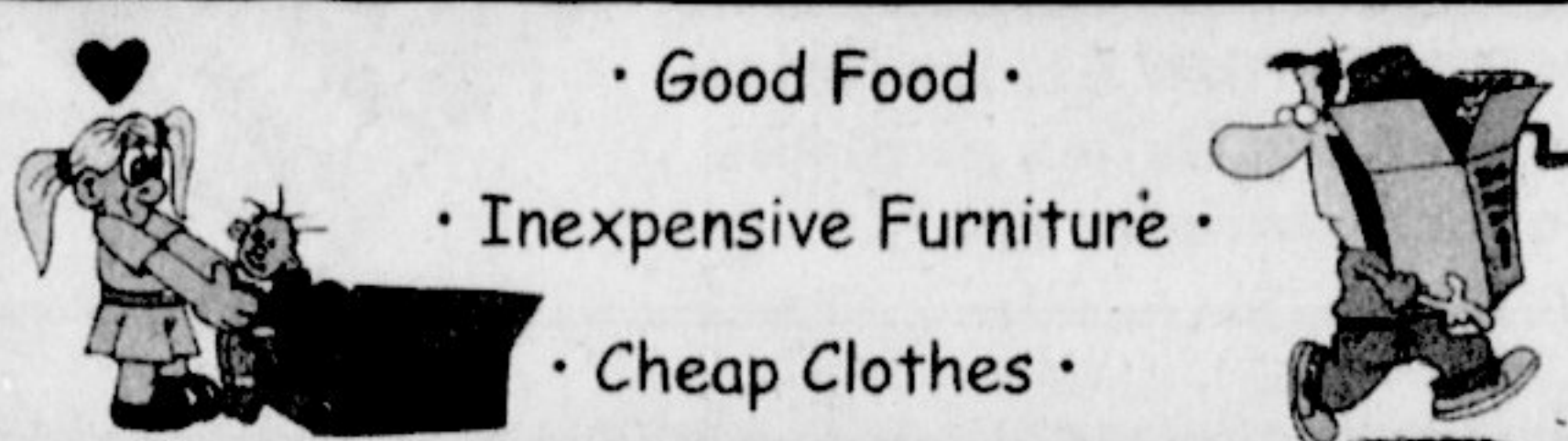
Wal-Mart became the world's largest corporation, an economic force unto itself, by relentlessly cutting prices. In the short-term, this is good for the consumer.

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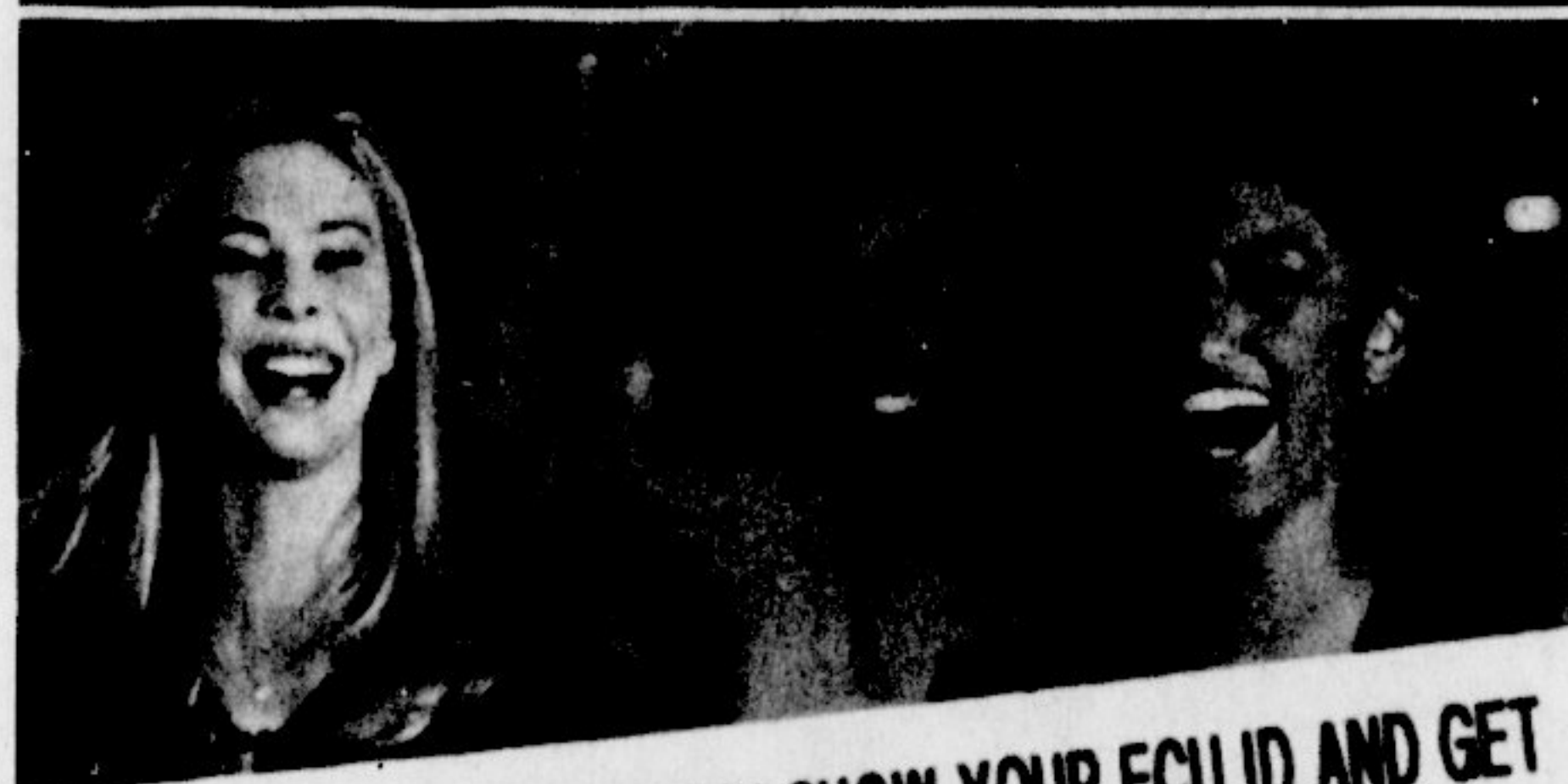
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ECU biology professor honored by U.S. Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard honored Lisa M. Clough, assistant professor of biology at ECU, with an award for public service.

Clough served on a committee of scientists who provided technical expertise to the Coast Guard in its effort to build a research-friendly polar icebreaker, the USCGC HEALY.

"In the United States, if you want to do research in the Arctic Ocean, you have to go out and do your work on a Coast Guard icebreaker," said Clough.

"In the past, the ice breakers were built for the military and retrofitted for science. In 1994, the Coast Guard planned to build a new ice breaker and they wanted to take science into consideration from the

beginning."

In 1996, Clough was invited to serve as a founding member of the University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System's Arctic Icebreaker Coordinating Committee. Clough and a team of seven other Arctic scientists provided scientific oversight to the design, testing and evaluation of the 420-foot HEALY icebreaker, which made its maiden voyage in 2000.

In 2001, Clough was asked to chair the committee and lead its second charge: to serve as a liaison for the new ship's guest scientists and officials at the Coast Guard.

"Dr. Clough's leadership and enthusiasm for the Coast Guard icebreaker program and

her positive interaction with the science and academic communities has strengthened the working relationship between the Coast Guard and its science customers," said the Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award.

"Dr. Clough's accomplishments are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

Under Clough's leadership, the committee broadened its focus to encompass science operations onboard all three Coast Guard polar icebreakers.

"After every science cruise, I would run a discussion of the chief scientists to get feedback on how to improve the ship,"

Clough said.

Clough, who studies creatures that live at the bottom of the sea, first conducted research in the Arctic waters in 1993 as part of her post-doctoral studies with William Ambrose at ECU. Clough later returned to the Arctic once or twice a year to continue and expand her research in benthic ecology.

Clough said she was pleased to receive the award last month at a banquet in Washington D.C., and hopes that others will benefit from the committee's work in the future.

"In a lot of ways I think we have made a significant difference in the way ships are available for the scientific community," Clough said.

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halls will be getting cameras first, Lucier said, because the bid for that project was less than \$5,000 and Campus Living will be handling the cost.

"We are addressing this as quickly as we can," Lucier said.

Students have complained that security guards have overstepped their authority by listening in on dorm rooms and "acting like police officers," in the

words of one student.

Waz Miller, assistant vice chancellor for Student Experiences, told *The East Carolinian* that after the cameras are installed, Campus Living would most likely remove the security guards.

New lighting has been added around the Belk Hall parking lot, the commuter parking lot across the street, and

the back and front stairwells of Green Hall.

The shrubbery around the courtyard of Jarvis and Fleming halls described by Campus Living as "ominous," has been trimmed back allowing an unobstructed view.

The list was put together after Campus Living conducted a safety assessment of the dorms and surrounding areas.

Lucier said most of the extensive lighting changes — aside from just changing bulbs — would start over the summer.

Lucier said these improvements would take more time because of the old wiring that will have to be examined, replaced or modified.

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Safety Assessment, Proposed Changes For Residence Halls

Umstead: Problems found were dark stairs and the surrounding fence near the dumpsters; also the back stairwells by rooms 135 and 151 are too dark.

Slay: The parking lot is too dark and the middle door that leads to the courtyard is too dark.

Belk: Needs brighter lighting in the east and west stairwells, breezeways; there is a potentially dangerous "hiding spot" under the stairs down the center. A light needs to be placed by the outside water fountain located under the east side stairwell near the basketball court, surveillance cameras for the laundry room.

Cotten/Fleming: There needs to be a blue light phone between Cotten/Fleming in the courtyard. It was also discovered that the trash dumpster between the two halls is too dark. In Cotten, poor lighting was discovered by the interior doors to the courtyard (from the first floor near the bathroom); the Southwest corner near the Wright Fountain and on the mall (two entrances were affected). In Fleming, dark areas were found near the gate outside the southeast entrance (service door) and the interior side stairwells need lights.

Jarvis/Fleming: The big green gates in the courtyard should have better lights.

Jarvis: The outside stairwell going to the basement on the southeast side needs lights. The bushes (facing Fifth Street) need trimming. There is a space under the stairwells in the southwest interior tower that needs lights, as well as the balconies on the second floor and the mall area facing Fifth Street.

Fletcher: The door on the first floor male side that faces the construction work needs lights.

Greene: The social room needs more lights (will be completed this summer). The exit door facing the Recreation Center's peek window on the door is too small in the area between the housekeeping manager's office. It was found that someone could hide in the hallway near the housekeeping manager's office.

Garrett: Dark/unsafe areas were found in the stairwells on the north side of the building entering the basement; in the patio area, there are steps that lead to the basement. There needs to be more blue emergency call boxes. There are only two within the distance of Garrett. The first is in front of Fletcher going down the ramp to Fifth Street; the other is in front of the art building. Both areas are a bit far for students, who could be followed or chased from Garrett to these locations.

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Bush from page A1

Commission member Jamie Gorelick, a former deputy attorney general in the Clinton administration, told NBC's "Today" show "there is a major game of finger-pointing going on around here. Our job is to get to the bottom of it."

Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., said public figures "shouldn't be scapegoating" and said he believes serious questions must be raised about whether the FBI is equipped to deal with terrorism.

Bayh said most Western governments have separate counterterrorism departments. "We don't."

We need to ask ourselves, maybe the time has come to do that," he told CBS's "The Early Show."

The memo specifically told Bush that al-Qaida operatives had reached American shores, had a support system in place and were engaging in "patterns of suspicious activity ... consistent with preparations for hijackings or other types of attacks."

The memo's contents are somewhat of a surprise

because for two years, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice starting with a May 2002 news conference left the impression that the document focused on historical information and that any current threats mostly involved overseas targets.

Rice first outlined the then-classified memo's contents at a news conference in May 2002.

The "overwhelming bulk of the evidence" before Sept. 11, she declared, was that any terrorist attack "was likely to take place overseas."

The 500-word document mentioned two current threats: suspected al-Qaida operatives might have cased federal buildings in New York and that, according to a phone call to an American embassy in the Middle East, a group of supporters of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was in the United States to plan attacks with explosives.

The FBI later concluded that two Yemeni men photographing buildings in New York were tourists.

To accentuate the potential domestic threat, the memo told Bush the FBI had 70 investigations related to bin Laden under way.

Richard Ben-Veniste, a Democrat on the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, saw as significant the memo's references to May 2001 intelligence about a possible al-Qaida explosives plot inside the United States.

The "leadership at the top," he said Sunday, should have "batted heads together, get them in the same room, and then pulse the agencies: 'What do you know?' Get all of your agents out there with messages to say, 'Tell us everything you know at this moment.'"

Should the memo a major topic on the Sunday talk shows have raised "more of an alarm bell than it did?"

I think in hindsight that's probably true," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. He said the Clinton and Bush administrations bear responsibility for Sept. 11.

To Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., however, the memo

should have created a sense of urgency.

"If you are having a brief that is entitled 'Bin Laden Determined to Strike in the U.S.,' and then it lays out specific things ... you would think that that would raise enough caution flags that you would haul in the FBI, that you'd put out an all-points bulletin," he said.

Slade Gorton, a Republican on the commission, said the memo "did talk about potential attacks in the United States," but "it didn't give the slightest clue as to what they would be or where they would be."

"The FBI has more questions to answer than Condoleezza Rice or (former presidential anti-terrorism adviser) Dick Clarke or anyone we've had testify before us so far," said Gorton, a former senator from Washington state.

Gorton said the reference in the memo sent to the president about 70 FBI investigations "would be sort of comforting to the person who read it the first time around."

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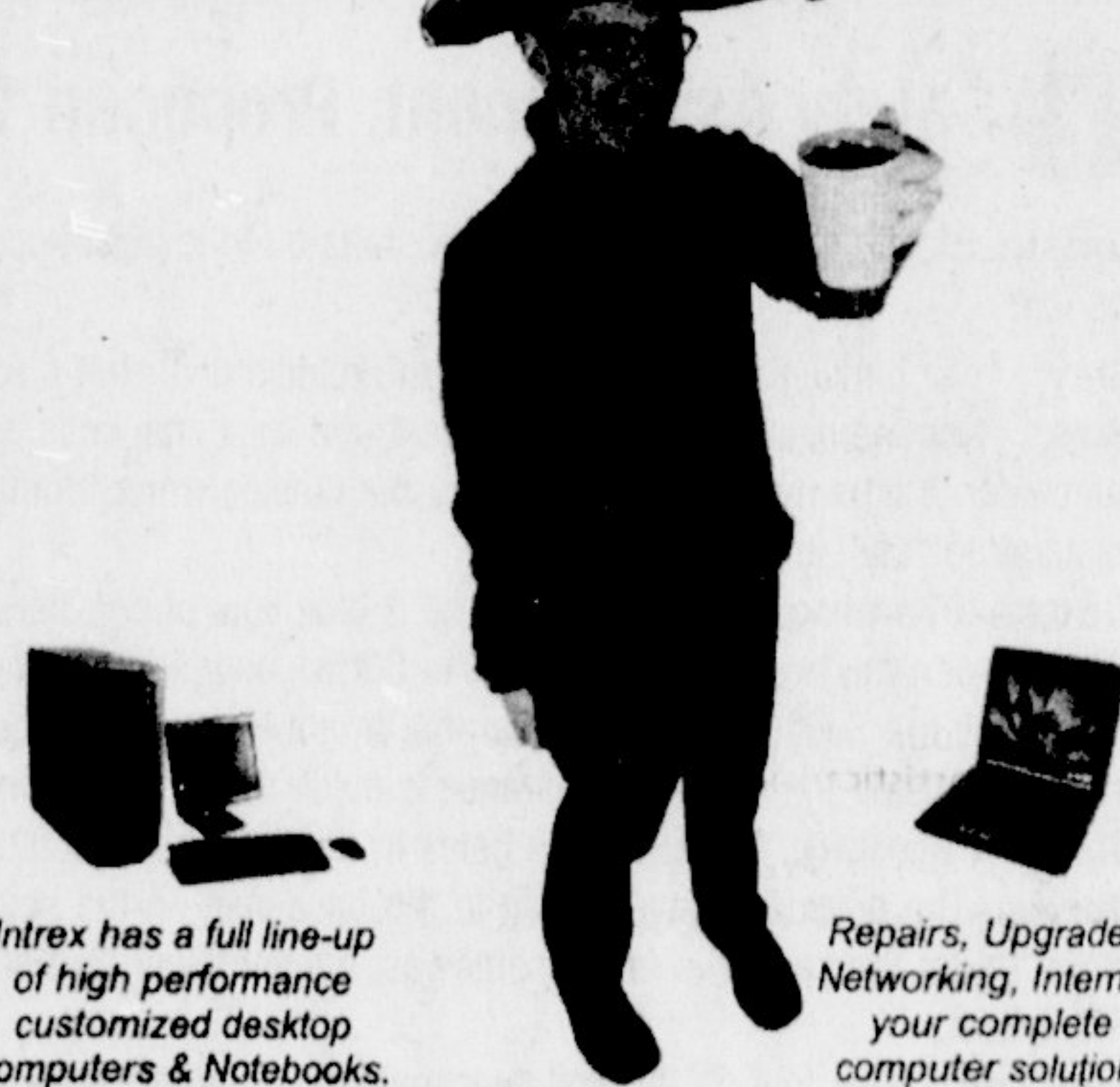
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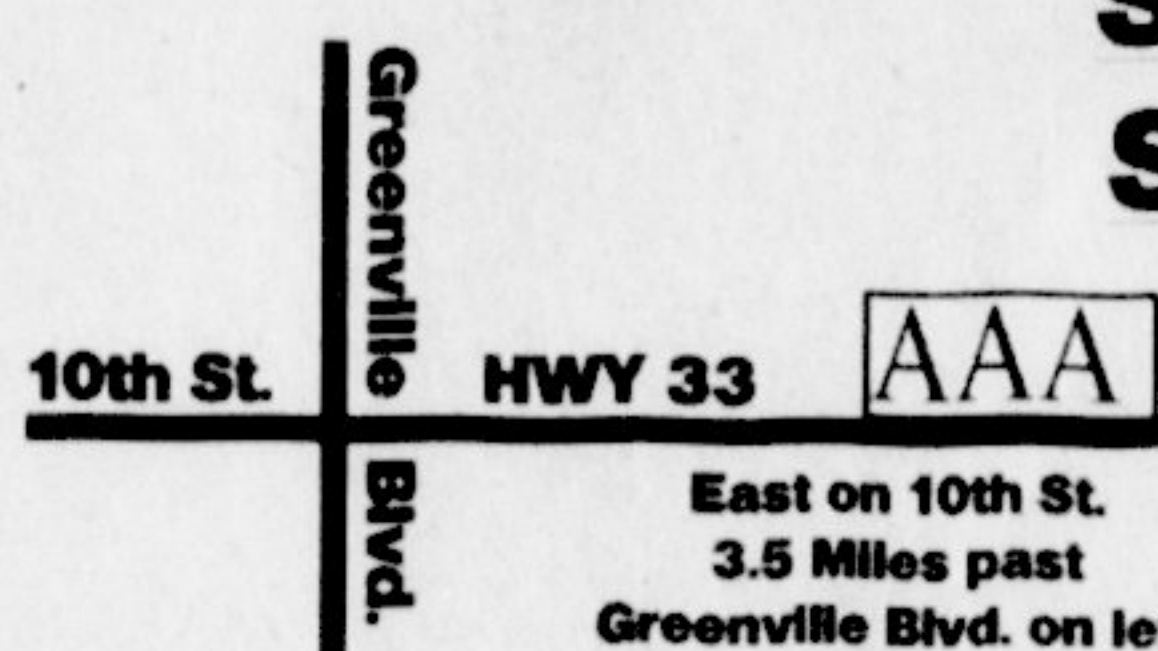
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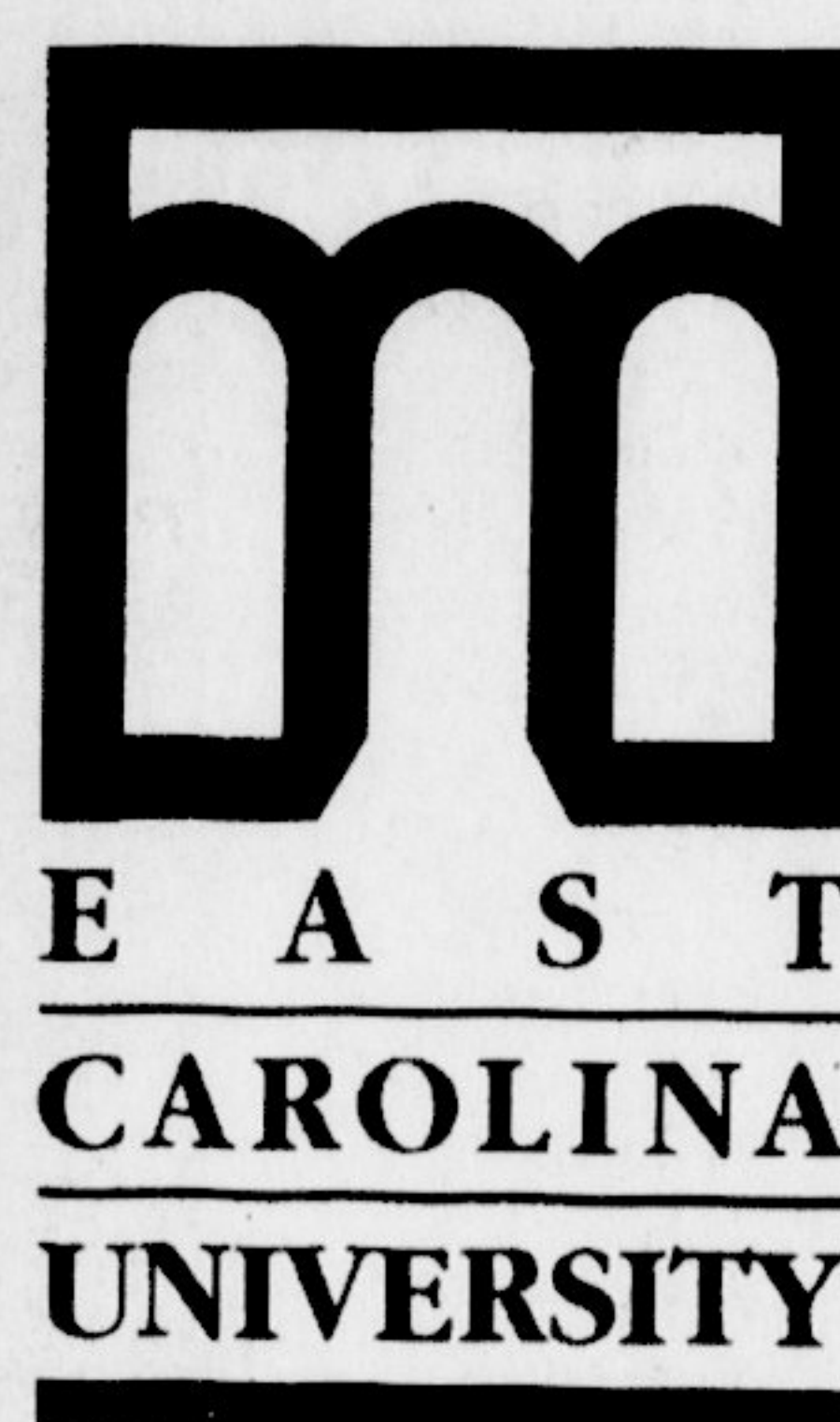
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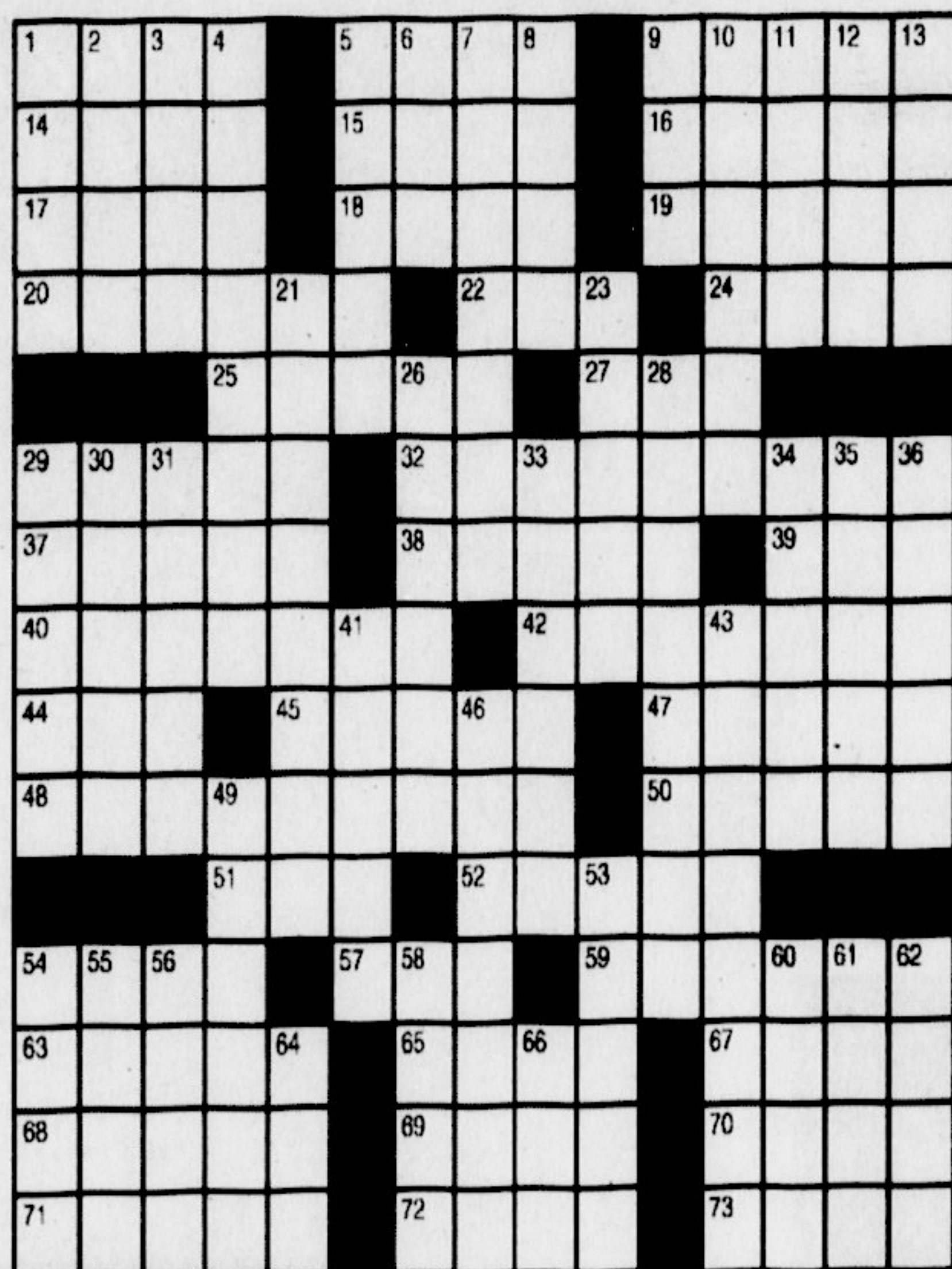
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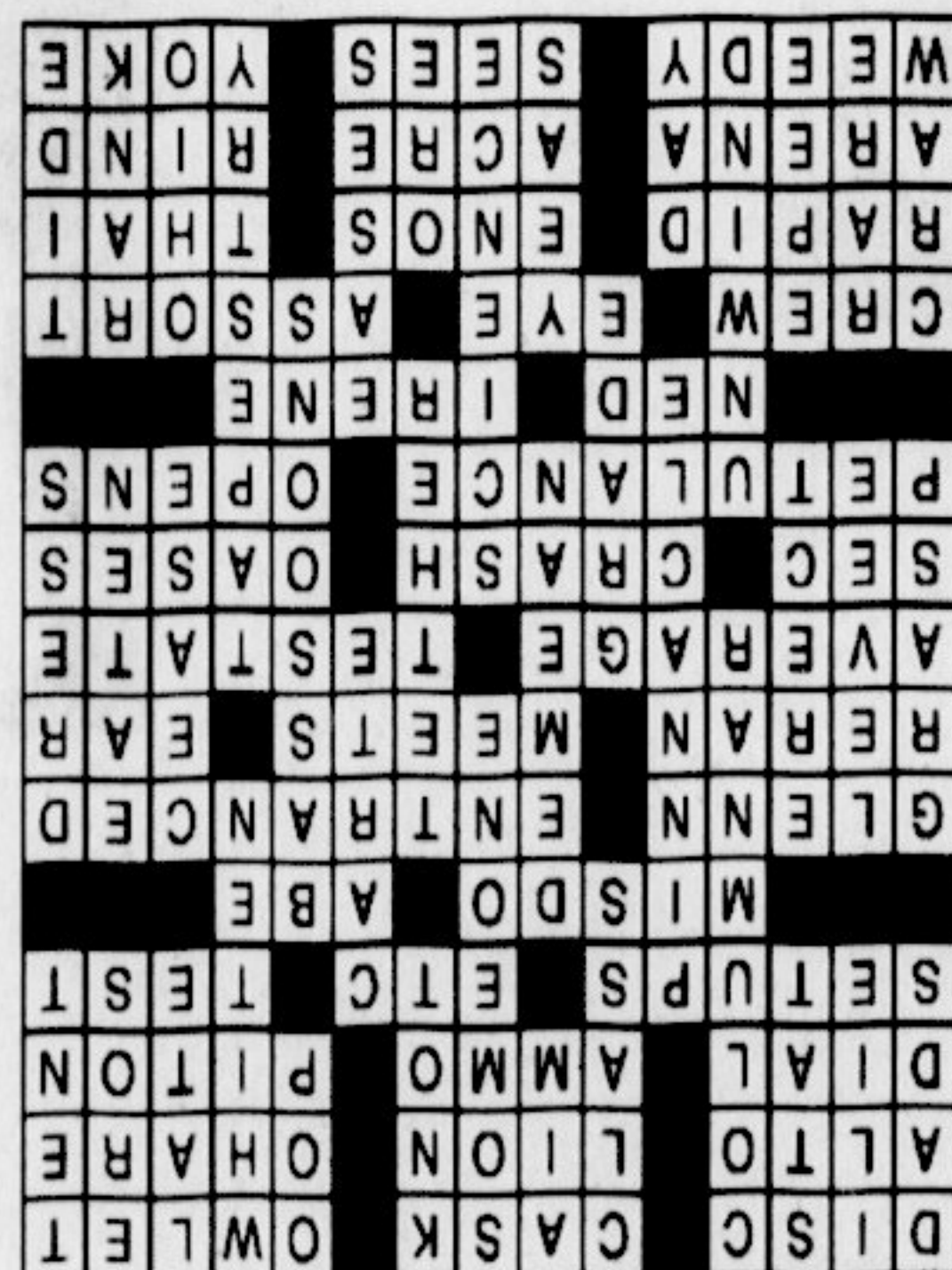
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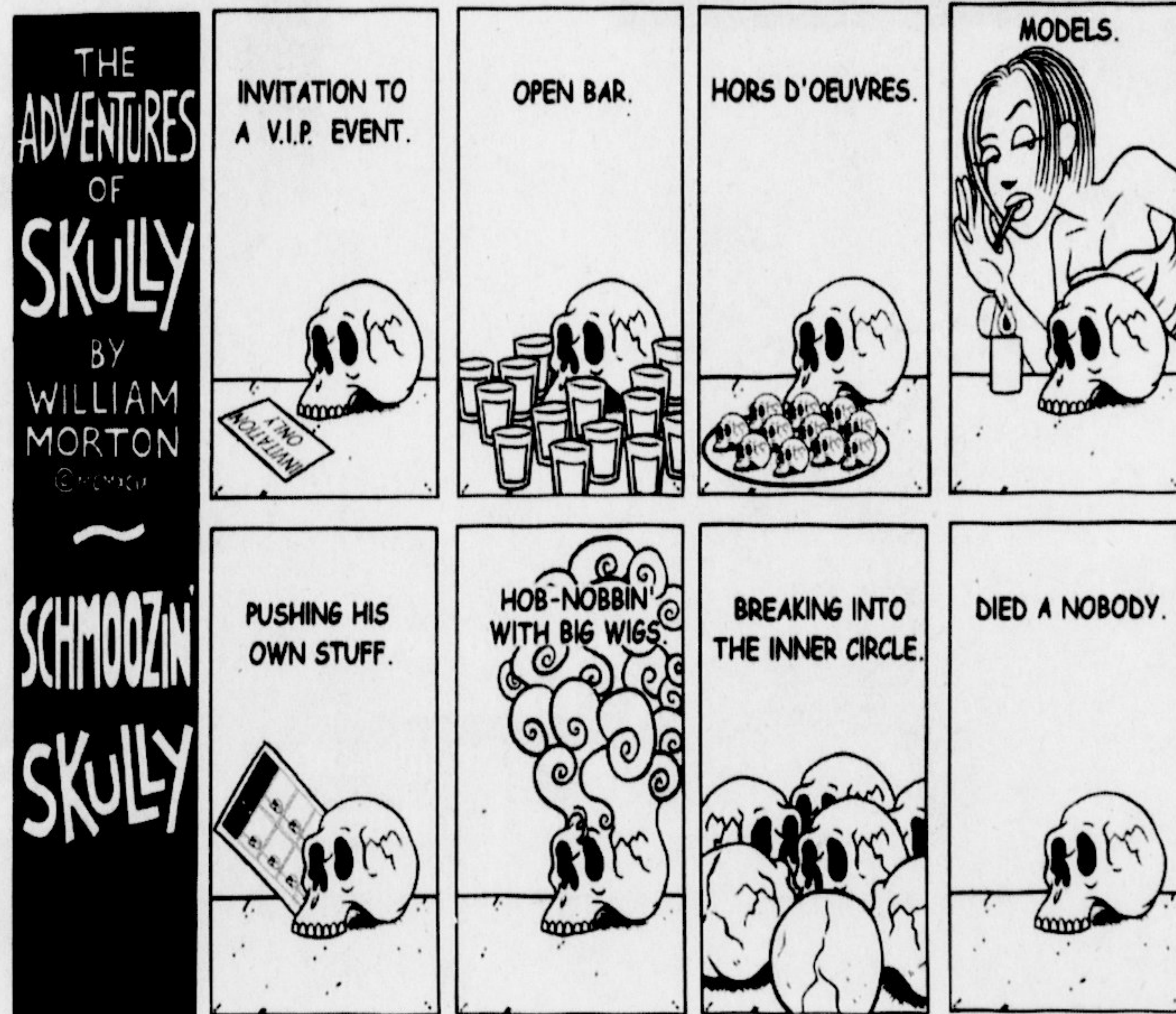
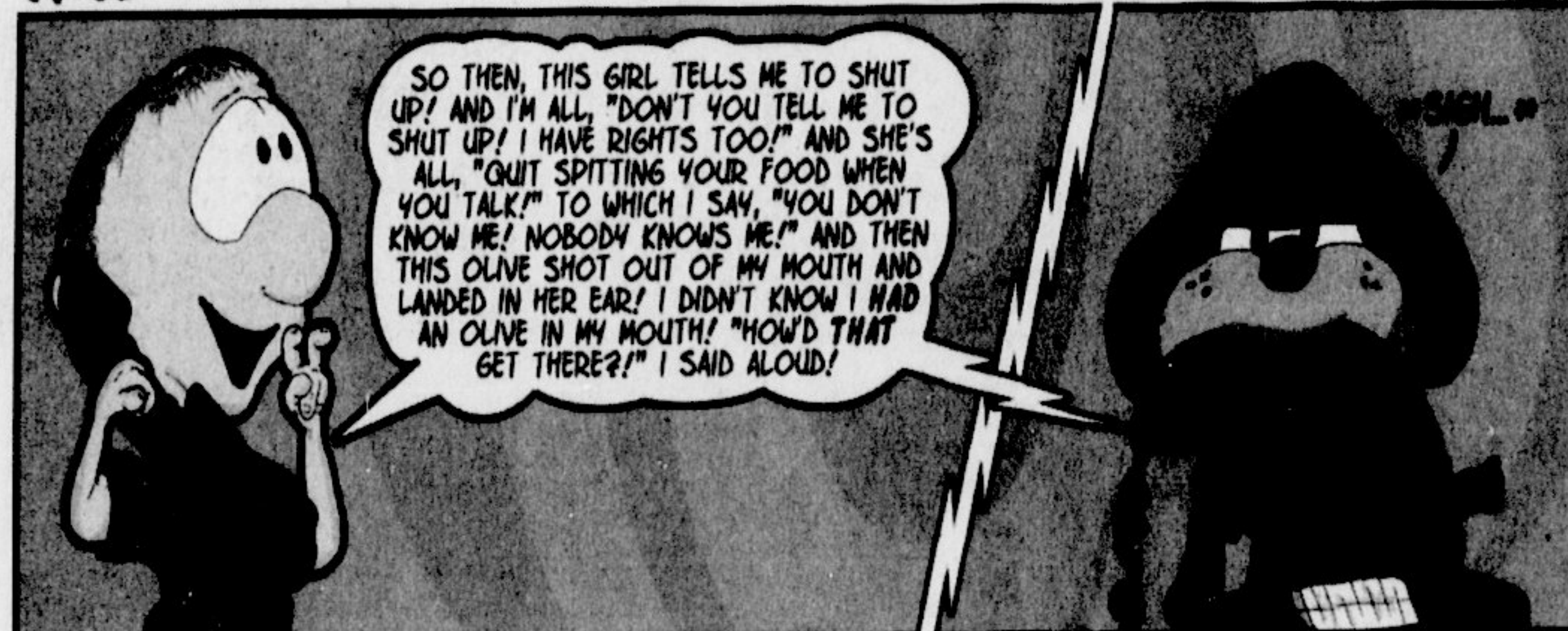
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Cheney promises Japanese prime minister U.S. aid

TOKYO (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney endorsed Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's handling of the Japanese hostage crisis in Iraq and said Monday he promised Koizumi the United States would "do everything we can to be of assistance."

Cheney met with the Japanese leader in a session overshadowed by new violence and the holding of foreign hostages in Iraq, including three Japanese civilians.

Koizumi's government has refused to bow to demands that it withdraw its roughly 530 ground troops performing humanitarian missions in Iraq, part of an eventual deployment of 1,100 non-combat troops.

"We wholeheartedly support the position the prime minister has taken with respect to the question of the Japanese hostages," Cheney told reporters. "We have consulted closely with the prime minister and his government to make certain we do everything we can to be of assistance."

The kidnapping of the Japanese civilians by Iraqi militants cast a pall over Cheney's visit to Japan, his first stop on a week-

long Asia trip that also is taking the vice president to China and South Korea.

All three nations he is visiting have seen civilians kidnapped in Iraq.

The captors had threatened to kill the Japanese hostages by Sunday if Japan did not pull its forces out. The deadline came and went. The kidnappers at one time indicated they would release their captives, but there was still no word on their fate at the time of Cheney's meeting with Koizumi.

"The relationship between the United States and Japan is absolutely vital in many ways, the security relationship, the economic relationship," Cheney said.

"We deeply appreciate the



Dick Cheney discussed hostages with Japanese leaders.

work we do together all over the globe."

Separately, a senior administration official, briefing reporters on the condition of anonymity, said that Cheney and Koizumi had extensively discussed the increased violence in Iraq and the holding of foreign hostages.

Cheney told Koizumi he expected the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq to come under "maximum pressure" in the run-up to a planned June 30 turnover of civilian authority to an interim Iraqi government in an attempt to torpedo the exchange of power.

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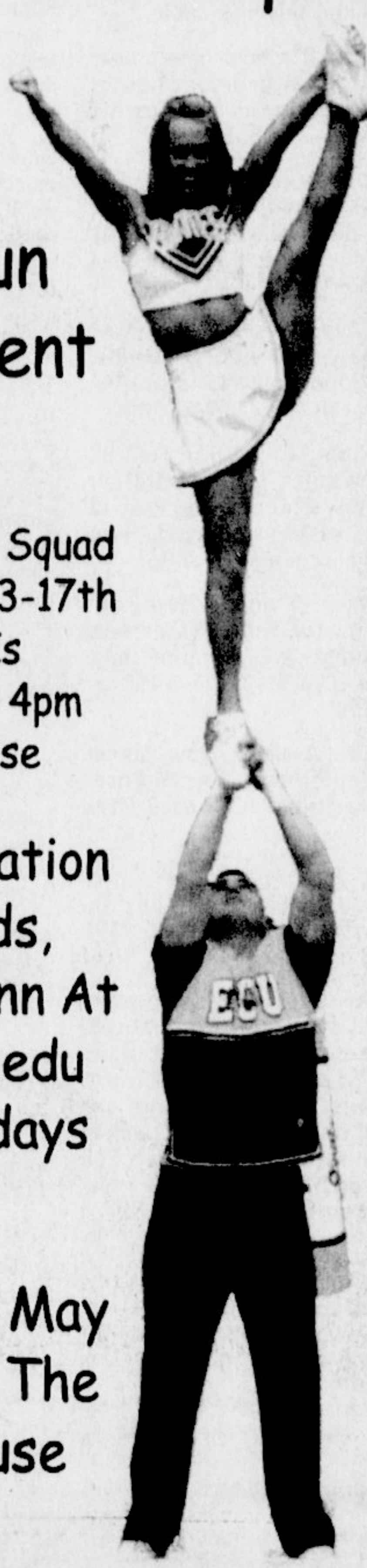
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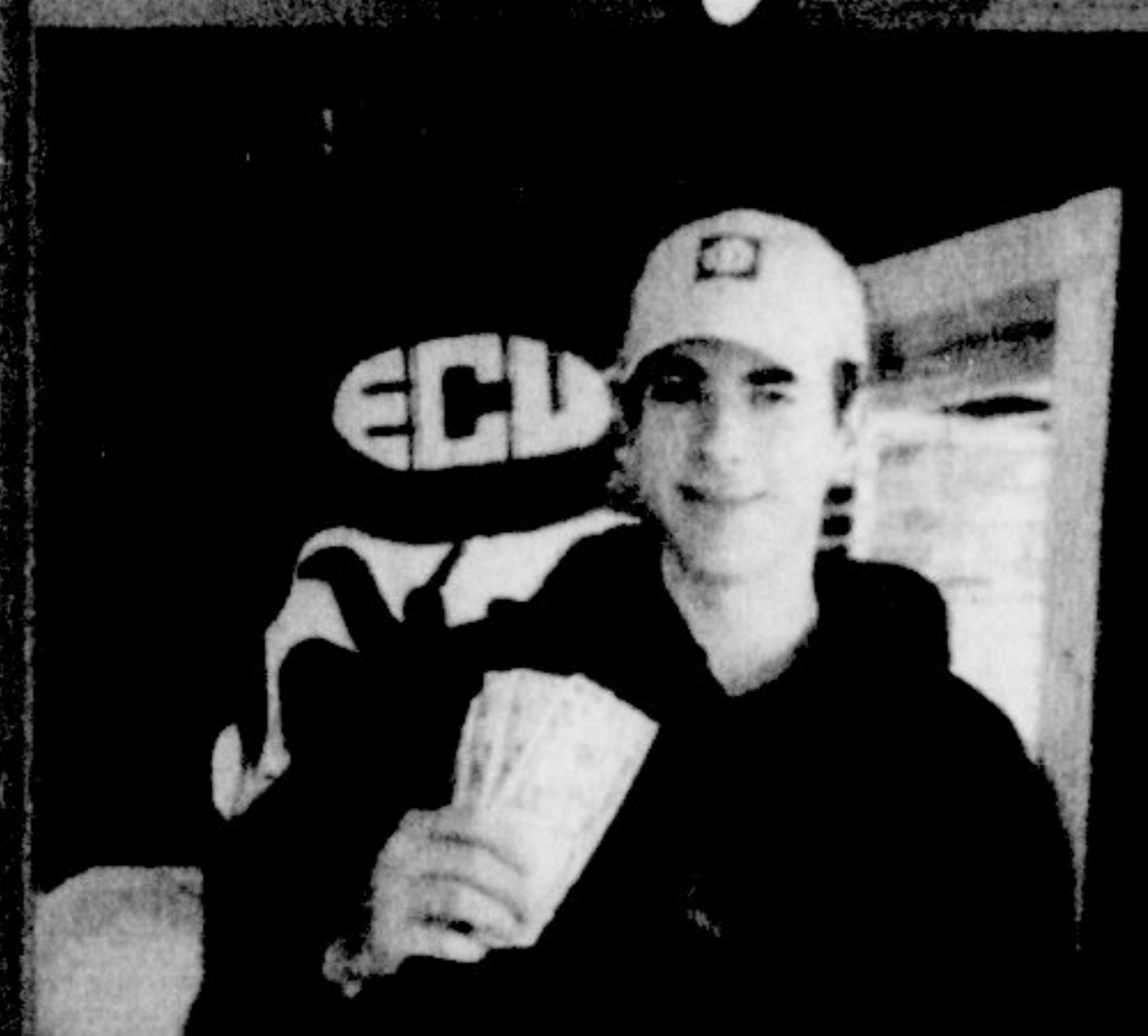
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Did You Know?

- Singer Peabo Bryson (1951) and drummer Max Weinberg (1951) both call today their birthday.
- This month is Informed Woman Month.
- On this day in 1979, the longest doubles ping-pong match ended after 101 hours.

Announcements

Scavenger Hunt

The Student Union/RHA Scavenger Hunt 2004 will be held today. Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. in the Mendenhall Multi-Purpose Room. Three or four students are limited to a team. First place wins \$700, second place wins \$500 and third place wins \$300.

Mac Users Group Meeting

ECU's Mac Users Group will be meeting at 7 p.m. today in Harvey Hall in the Murphy Center. This meeting will feature demonstrations of the highly rated programs iMovie 4, iDVD 4 and iPhoto 4, as well as a very exciting product called RapidWeaver 2, a super-easy Mac software that builds nice web sites with navigation bars and buttons. HTML web design experience isn't needed to use it. The group will be giving away five copies of RapidWeaver 2, two gift certificates to the iTunes Music store and one copy of iLife '04 as part of their \$1 raffle. All are invited to attend.

Master Class

The School of Music presents a master class with Heidi Grant Murphy, soprano with the Metropolitan Opera and distinguished visiting professor from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

Films

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

Open Mic Night

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents an open mic night from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free.

Chinese Acrobats

The Student Union presents a performance by Chinese Acrobats at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Central Ticket Office at 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

'The Rivals'

The ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents *The Rivals* on Thursday, April 15 through Tuesday, April 20 in McGinnis Theatre. Shows begin at 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 18. Tickets can be purchased at the ECU Central Ticket Office or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Salsa Dance

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers will sponsor a salsa dance on Friday, April 16 in the Willis Building. Lessons are at 7:30 p.m. and the dance begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for the general public, \$5 for Folk Arts Society members and \$3 for students.

International Festival

The City of Greenville and ECU's International Festival will be held from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 on the Town Commons. Vendors will be on hand with a wide range of food, arts and crafts and informational displays from around the world.

Don Giovanni

ECU's Opera Theatre presents *Don Giovanni* on Saturday, April 17 through Tuesday, April 20 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. Weekend show times are at 2 p.m. and weekdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 - \$10.

Bolcom & Morris

The S. Rudolph Performing Arts Series presents Bolcom & Morris at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 in Wright Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the ECU Central Ticket Office or by calling 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Live Music Performance

The Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee presents music by Battle Kolas and Art Lord and the Self Portraits from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 17 in the Pirate Underground. This event is free.

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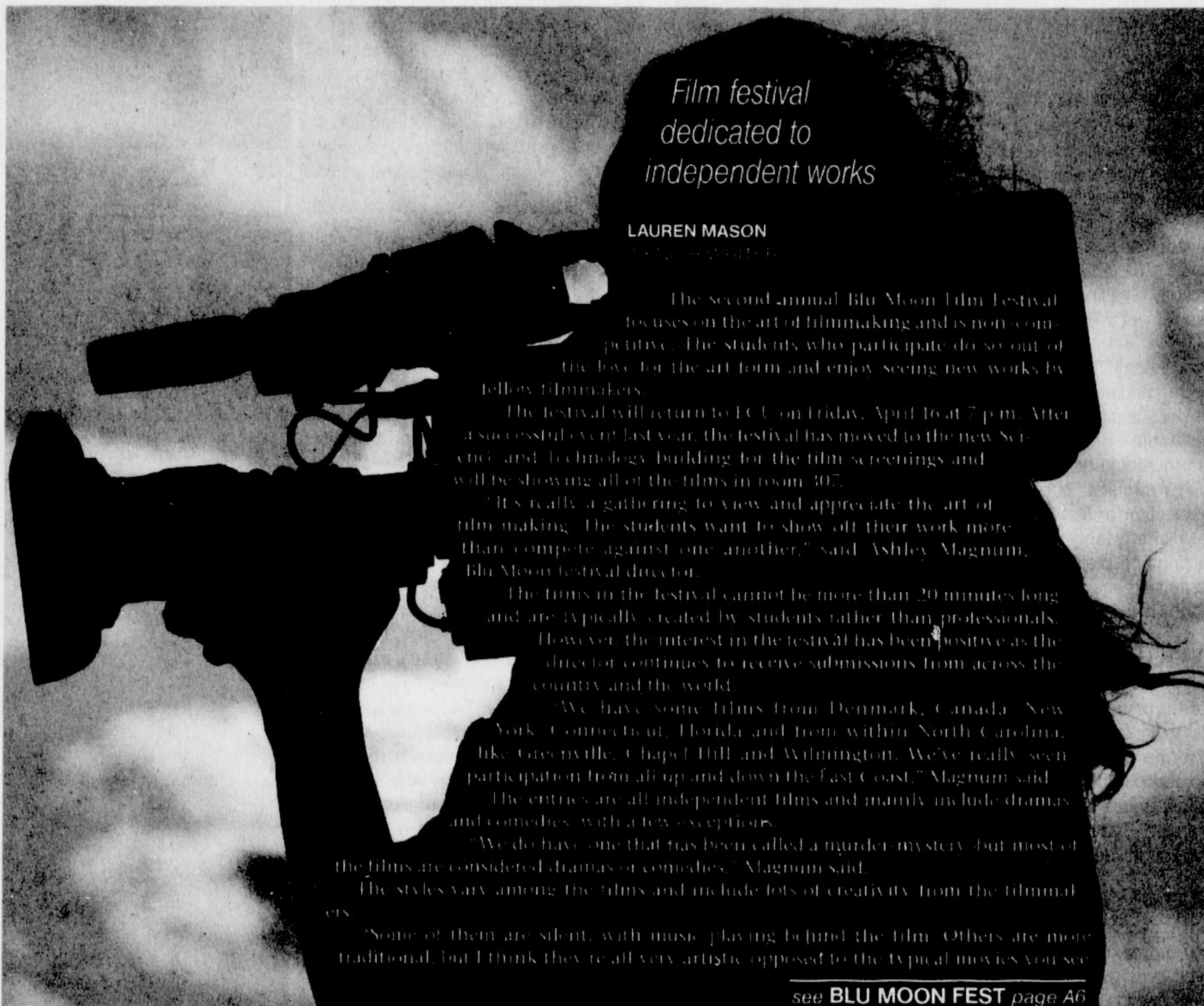
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- Duel*, Allison Moorer
- Palm Trees & Power Lines*, Sugarcult
- Just a Little While Pt. 2 (Enhanced)* [CD-single] [Import], Janet Jackson
- White Punks on Dope*, Tubes
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- King of My World*, Sam Bush

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- Kill Bill, Volume 1*
- Babylon 5 - The Complete Fifth Season Timeline* (Widescreen Edition)
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- Tokyo Godfathers*
- Paul McCartney - Music & Animation Collection*
- Eating Raoul*
- Babylon 5 - The Complete First 5 Seasons*
- Ginger Snaps 2 - Unleashed*

Blu Moon festival returns to Greenville



Film festival dedicated to independent works

LAUREN MASON

The second annual Blu Moon Film Festival focuses on the art of filmmaking and is non-competitive. The students who participate do so out of the love for the art form and enjoy seeing new works by fellow filmmakers.

The festival will return to ECU on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. After a successful event last year, the festival has moved to the new Science and Technology building for the film screenings and will be showing all of the films in room 407.

"It's really a gathering to view and appreciate the art of film making. The students want to show off their work more than compete against one another," said Ashley Magnum, Blu Moon festival director.

The films in the festival cannot be more than 20 minutes long and are typically created by students rather than professionals.

However, the interest in the festival has been positive as the director continues to receive submissions from across the country and the world.

"We have some films from Denmark, Canada, New York, Connecticut, Florida and from within North Carolina, like Greenville, Chapel Hill and Wilmington. We've really seen participation from all up and down the East Coast," Magnum said.

The entries are all independent films and mainly include dramas and comedies, with a few exceptions.

"We do have one that has been called a murder-mystery, but most of the films are considered dramas or comedies," Magnum said.

The styles vary among the films and include lots of creativity from the filmmakers.

"Some of them are silent, with music playing behind the film. Others are more traditional, but I think they're all very artistic opposed to the typical movies you see."

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Solo pianist to perform in Mendenhall

Vienna Teng welcomes 'Warm Strangers' to her performance

BETH GUNDERSON
SENIOR WRITER

Barefoot week kicks off Monday, April 19 with the performance of critically acclaimed singer/songwriter and pianist Vienna Teng.

Teng has been featured on "The Late Show with David Letterman" and on National Public Radio.

"[Her music] is very deep and enlightening ... it is moving - typically piano music is not," said Lisa Crouse, Student Union president.

"There is soul in her voice and music."

Teng's sophomore album, *Warm Strangers*, incorporates many different styles of music giving it a unique and diverse sound.

A variety of instruments are used on the album - they include string quartets, slide guitars and more.

"We're always doing different genres. I saw her [Teng] at a conference in November. She was incredible," Crouse said.

Crouse said Teng got a standing ovation at that conference.

Teng was five years old when she first started playing the piano and had written her first song by the age of six.

She had classical piano training until she graduated from high school.

Event Info

Vienna Teng

Monday, April 19 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Mendenhall Multipurpose room
Admission is free.
For more information and a tour schedule for Teng, visit Viennateng.com.

'Warm Strangers' Track Listing

1. "Feather Moon"
2. "Harbor"
3. "Hope on Fire"
4. "Shine"
5. "Mission Street"
6. "My Medea"
7. "Shasta (Carrie's song)"
8. "Homecoming (Walter's Song)"
9. "Anna Rose"
10. "Passage"
11. "The Atheist Christmas Carol"

She started performing at the age of 22 and became a full time musician in August 2002.

Most of the songs she wrote for her first album, *Waking Hour*, were written by the time she graduated from high school.

Teng graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

She got a job as a software engineer at Cisco. At one point she was pre-med in college before deciding it was not for her.

"She was an engineer and quit her job one day," Crouse said.

"This [music] is what she really loves."

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Vienna Teng began playing the piano at the age of five.

'Rocky Horror' to show in Hendrix Theatre

Event offers free prop bags, costume contest

ADAM PARR
STAFF WRITER

The *Rocky Horror Picture Show* began as a small stage production in London in 1973 showing in front of about 60 people.

It was quickly moved to a larger venue and was received with great fanfare and critical acclaim.

Innovative American music producer Lou Adler saw the show and immediately bought the film rights.

The film teeters between mockery and tribute to the horror film, but either way it is unlike anything else you have ever seen.

It tells the story of two straight-edged young kids who run into trouble on their way to see an old college professor and end up at the house of Dr. Frank N. Furter, a transvestite mad scientist from another planet.

What ensues is a strange and sexually ambiguous orgy of



comedy and other really, really weird stuff.

Perhaps the biggest draw to *Picture Show* is the event that accompanies the movie.

The audience is invited to dress in ridiculous outfits and actually participate in the movie itself.

Following on-screen prompts, moviegoers throw confetti, rice and toilet paper.

Picture Show has turned into possibly the biggest cult movie ever.

In many major cities (and even one in Raleigh), it still draws an audience every single night.

It is the kind of thing that elicits a sense of comradery among viewers, like belonging to an exclusive club.

Those who have never seen the show before are referred to as "virgins."

The movie may have a long list of devoted followers, but it doesn't sit well with everybody.

"It's kind of weird," said Johnny Petrole, senior leisure studies major.

"It must be a Jersey thing - they love it up there."

Let the detractors and the naysayers say what they will

- they are only missing out.

"We had about 500 people come out last time," said A.J. Sarwal, Student Union film director.

"It was a lot of fun, and we expect an even better turnout this week. We will be giving out prizes for the best costume and we can't wait to see what people come up with."

The Blockbuster and Mercury movies will still be screening this week, but you can expect a little different crowd for *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. It should be a very interesting evening.

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

Event Info

'Rocky Horror Picture Show' and costume contest
Saturday, April 17 at midnight
Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall
Admission is free for students, \$2 for non-students

Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 20).

Over the next few days, friends and lovers may react strongly to new opinions or social changes. Group expectations and romantic passions are high before midweek. Take extra time to explain last-minute cancellations and long-term intentions.

Taurus (April 21-May 20).

Financial facts, permissions or paperwork are vital to the success of business ventures. Before Thursday, carefully research new ideas and check sources for misinformation. At present, workplace partnerships and complex projects will benefit from cautious planning and a relentless commitment to small details.

Gemini (May 21-June 21).

Before midweek, new romantic proposals are passionate but unreliable. Enjoy compliments from potential lovers but wait for valid promises, public displays of affection or firm commitments. Love affairs and sensuality will be ongoing distractions. Remain determined and respond quickly to sudden reversals.

Cancer (June 22-July 22).

Love relationships will challenge your need for privacy. Someone close may wish to bring greater spontaneity into his or her lives. Creativity, romantic expression and group behavior may be key issues. Welcome all social changes. Before June, emotional progress will be fast and rewarding.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22).

Family decisions are unnecessary over the next few days. Although loved ones may press for quick home revisions; this is not the right time for newly established routines or heated group discussions.

Encourage patience and opt for light social encounters. Close relatives will soon follow your example.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Social habits and repeated emotional patterns are sources of private tension. Group activities may provide the needed relief. Plan outdoor events or explore new forms of entertainment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Listen closely to the social needs and family expectations of loved ones. Over the next eight days, a long-term friend or relative may require added group support. Areas affected involve addictive behaviors, complicated relationships or unusual power struggles between friends. Stay focused and offer sincere opinions.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22).

Romantic partners may demand increased access to private family decisions. Community involvement and group awareness are key concerns for loved ones. Encourage a fresh perspective. Important relationships will eventually require dramatic emotional growth and serious choices.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21).

Younger relatives may be temperamental or quick to anger. Don't be derailed. Over the next few days, close friends and family members will need extra time to explore a fresh social perspective or new family behaviors. Provide optimism and reassurance. Calm home relations will soon be re-established.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).

Friendly or innocent flirtations deepen. Over the next eight days, expect rare complications between

business partners or long-term friends. Although new attractions are rewarding, minor delays concerning dates, times or romantic promises may still be bothersome.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19).

Someone close may reveal a powerful need for social or romantic change. Before midweek, boredom, emotional withdrawal and long-term doubt may need to be publicly addressed. Loved ones need your continuing support. Offer constructive ideas and watch for steady changes.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20).

Important business decisions are best avoided over the next eight days. Authority figures may feel briefly threatened by public announcements, probing questions or changing routines. Remain cautious, but respond quickly to valid opportunities for candid discussions. Your suggestions and needs will eventually be taken seriously.

If your birthday is this week ...

Almost 14 months of slow business progress and social indifference is now ending. Over the next three to four weeks, friends, relatives and close colleagues may ask to participate more fully in your personal life. Welcome all such changes and expect expanding social involvement over the next eight months. Some Aries natives, especially those born prior to 1978, will also encounter a remarkable romantic attraction before the end of July. If so, expect marital proposals or new lifestyle decisions to arrive throughout the summer months. Emotional, romantic and spiritual progress is no longer blocked. Make sure loved ones understand your decisions and appreciate your unique talents.

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in the theater. They include lots of abstract thought," Magnum said.

Response has brought in around 30 entries and the director will narrow those down to include all filmmakers in the film festival.

"Some people sent in two entries, so we may have to choose one film out of the two in order

to show films from other artists," Magnum said.

Magnum has been happy to take over the festival from the last year's director and the creator of the Blu Moon Festival, Jesse Strong.

"He put it together last year, graduated and left it for me to run this year," Magnum said.

"I hope I can do the same

thing so it will go on for a long time."

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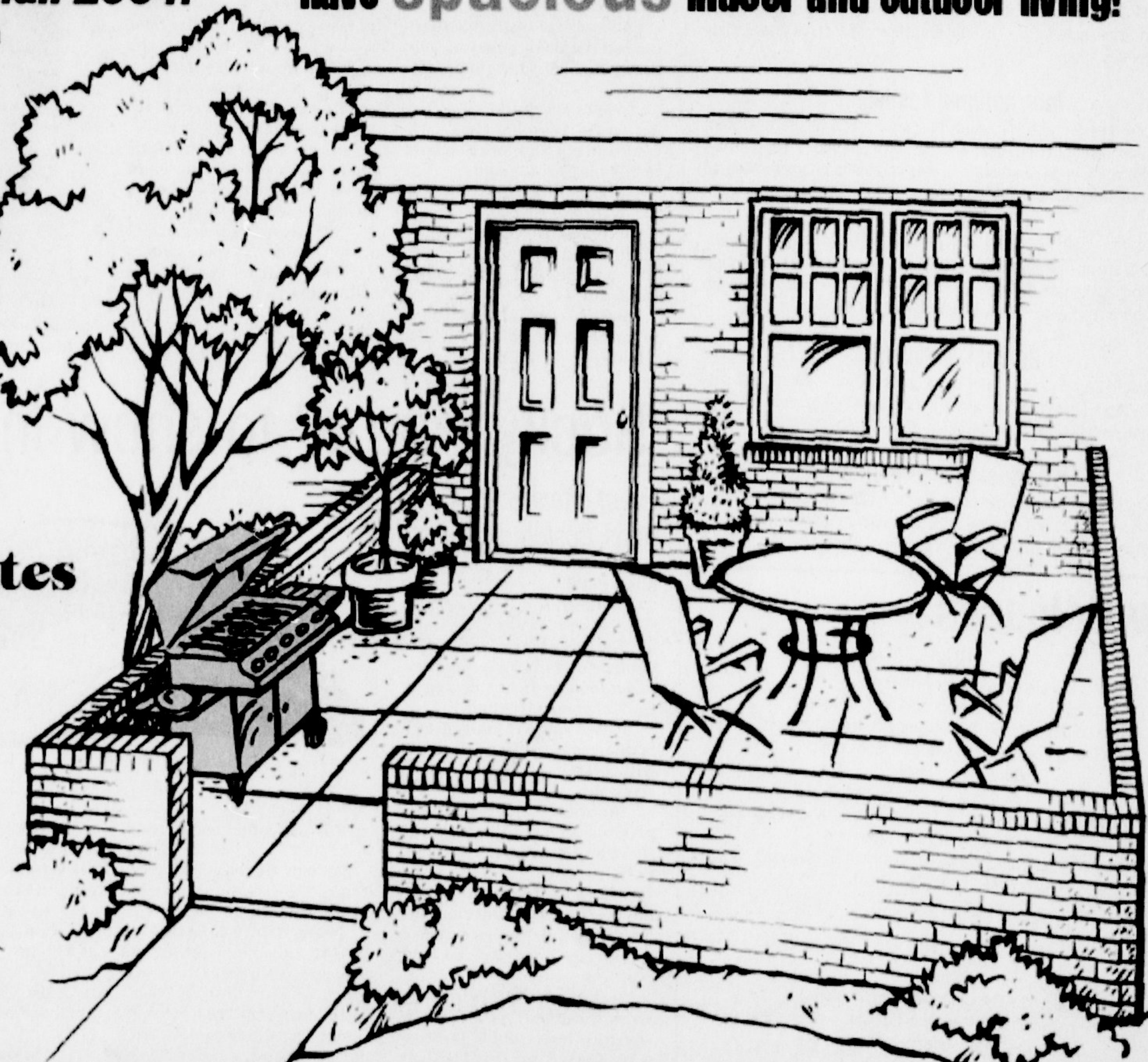
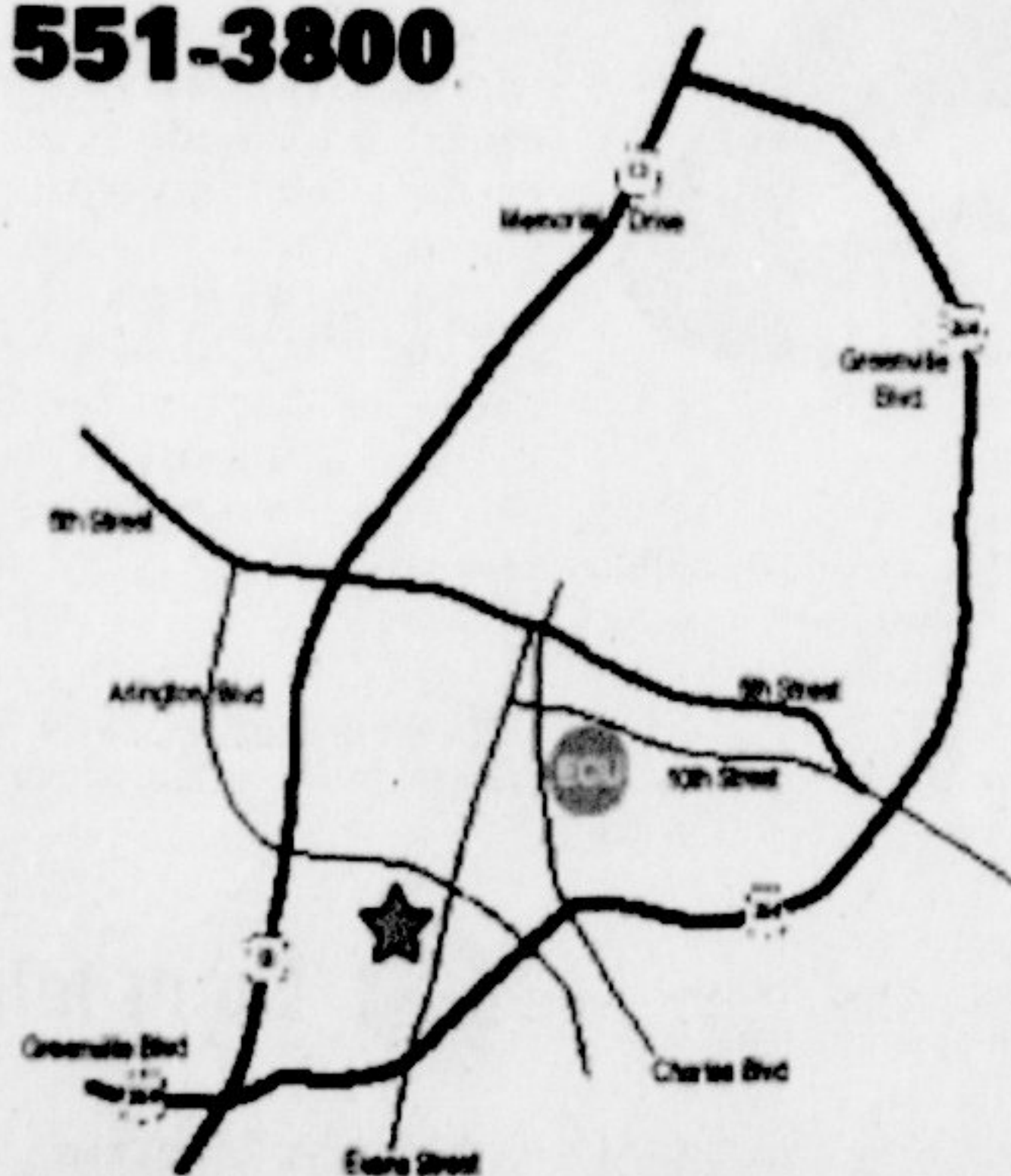
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Names in the News



(KRT) — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling has been accused of being a crook — he's charged with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in the massive collapse of his company.

Now he's also being labeled an "emotionally disturbed person." That's how New York cops reportedly described Skilling after picking him up at 4 a.m. Friday at Park Avenue and East 73rd Street and taking him to New York Presbyterian Hospital for observation.

Skilling spent the evening in two Manhattan bars, American Trash and the Voodoo Lounge, where he allegedly ran up to patrons, pulled open their clothes, and accused them of being FBI agents.

"He was shouting at them: 'You're an FBI agent and you're following me,'" a police source told the Associated Press.

Police said Skilling was intoxicated and highly uncooperative when they approached him, but they did not charge him with a crime. Messages left for Skilling's lawyers were not immediately returned. Hospital officials would say only that Skilling had been discharged from the hospital Friday.

LIFE IMITATING, UH, ART?

He's not just a multimillionaire movie star turned populist Republican governor. No, the Governorator is an actual superhero. According to "Access Hollywood," Arnold Schwarzenegger saved a man's life by fishing him out of the water off Maui in Hawaii. Schwarzenegger, who was

swimming with his wife, Maria Shriver, saw a swimmer who was having trouble breathing. When



the guy told him he was not OK, Schwarzenegger grabbed a boogie board, and while treading water, picked him up, put him on the board, and took him back to shore. The man is doing fine.

COMPLICATIONS FOR LAVIGNE

"Sk8er Boi" singer Avril Lavigne has had to deal with a stalker boi. Seattle police say they arrested James Speedy, 30, for allegedly stalking the 19-year-old punky Canadian singer. Authorities say they've been investigating Speedy since last summer, when they were



contacted by Ontario, Canada, police about harassing letters and e-mails sent to Lavigne. On Wednesday, when Speedy was arrested, Lavigne played a free concert at a mall south of

Seattle.

MANSON POPS THE Q

Shock rocker Marilyn Manson's circus show of a life is taking a new turn, as *Us Weekly*



reports that the self-described "Anti-Christ Superstar" has proposed to his girlfriend, the "burlesque artist" Dita Von Teese. (Gee, could that be a stage name?) The shocking part, Associated Press tells us, is that the leather-and-lipstick-loving dude did it the traditional way: Rather than pour a bucket of blood on the gal, he got down on one knee and gave her a seven-carat, round-cut diamond. Expect nuptials within a year.

ACTRESSES ROCK OUT

Columnist Liz Smith has some surprising info: Sharon Stone is trying her hand at songwriting. The 46-year-old actress says she already has sold some of her songs to a major movie studio and a pop star.

The singing bug isn't confined to just one screen siren. Gina Gershon, whose last flick, *Prey for Rock & Roll*, was about an aging punk singer, has taken her fictional movie band through the looking glass: *The Showgirls* hottie went on a real concert tour with the band Girls Against Boys. The band's tour adventures will be broadcast in "Rocked With Gina Gershon," a six-part reality series that premiered Friday night on IFC. That's movie-to-real-life-to-reality-TV. Got it?

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Announcements

ECU To Hold Basketball Awards Program

ECU's men's basketball team will hold its year-end awards social in the Harvey Hall room at the Murphy Center on Sunday, April 18 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$6 by contacting the basketball office at 252-328-4592 and must be purchased by Wednesday, April 14. In addition to hors d'oeuvres and a highlight video, the Pirate players will receive postseason team awards presented by Head Coach Bill Herrion and his staff. The Pirates, in their fifth season under Herrion, finished the season by winning four of their final five regular season games and qualified for the Conference USA Tournament for the second time in three years. ECU finished the season with its most victories in three seasons, posting a 13-14 overall record.

Women's Basketball To Hold Awards Banquet

ECU's women's basketball program will hold its end of the year awards banquet Thursday, April 29 in Harvey Hall inside the Murphy Center starting at 7 p.m. In addition to a sit-down dinner and a highlight video, the Lady Pirates will receive postseason awards by Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener and her staff. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 by contacting the basketball office at 252-328-4586 and must be purchased by Thursday, April 29. The Lady Pirates recorded 14 wins, the most in three years, and made its second consecutive appearance at the Conference USA Tournament under Baldwin-Tener. In two years under Baldwin-Tener, ECU holds a 26-30 overall record.

Sports Briefs

Summerall recovering after transplant

Broadcaster Pat Summerall received a liver transplant Saturday and was recovering in an intensive care unit, a hospital spokeswoman said. The 73-year-old former NFL kicker had been on the waiting list at St. Luke's Hospital since April 2. Transplant surgeon Jeffrey Steers said the two and a half-hour surgery was completed without complications. Summerall was in stable condition after the transplant, hospital spokeswoman Evelyn Tovar said. The broadcaster had been flown by air ambulance to the Mayo Clinic-owned hospital in Jacksonville from Fort Worth, Texas. Summerall, a recovering alcoholic, qualified for a transplant through blood tests that rank potential recipients anonymously. Summerall played in the NFL for 10 years (1952-61) before becoming a broadcaster, then spent more than 40 years in the booth. He teamed with John Madden to call Fox's lead game from 1994 to 2001, and they were the No. 1 team on CBS for 13 seasons before that. The two called eight Super Bowls together and Summerall has called 16.

Nets' Jefferson likely to be selected for Team USA

Richard Jefferson is on the verge of being selected to the U.S. Olympic team, although Nets teammate Jason Kidd might not be joining him in Athens. Jefferson, a member of the U.S. team that qualified for the Olympics at a tournament in Puerto Rico last summer, said Sunday he has been given every indication he has been chosen to fill the slot originally slated for Vince Carter. Jefferson got the news from Nets president Rod Thorn, a member of the USA Basketball selection committee. USA Basketball spokesman Craig Miller said no roster announcements have been scheduled. Kidd, one of nine players already guaranteed spots on the U.S. roster, said he is undecided about playing. Hampered by a bone bruise in his left knee, Kidd had missed 10 of 12 games before starting Sunday against Philadelphia. The American team will open training camp in late July before traveling to Germany, Serbia and Turkey for exhibitions. They will be housed aboard a cruise ship during the Aug. 13 - 29 Olympics.

Official says recruit denied admission for behavior

A University of Colorado football recruit was denied admission to the school because of evidence he had sex with a drunken woman without her consent, according to a document written by a school official. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ron Stump testified in a deposition last fall that now-suspended football coach Gary Barnett had supported the recruit's admission. In Barnett's own deposition, released in February, he said he was supporting the recruit's rights because the athlete had not been charged. Stump's comments were in a document obtained by the Associated Press that has been labeled as an exhibit in a federal lawsuit filed by the woman, who accuses the recruit of raping her during a December 2001 party. The document was first reported Saturday in the *Longmont Daily Times-Call*.

Tennis Results

Men's Tennis Downs Appalachian State

ECU's men's tennis team bounced back from a disappointing loss Wednesday to claim its 13th victory of the season with a 5-2 win over in-state foe Appalachian State on Saturday. The Pirates (13-5) recorded five singles wins with senior Charl Meyer defeating Alex Probst in straight sets 6-0 and 6-0. Meyer's doubles teammate, Darren Mansell, also won in straight sets 7-5 and 6-4 to pace the Pirates. In doubles action, the team of Meyer and Mansell captured the Pirates' lone win over Probst and Ben Shuster, 8-6. The Pirates will be back in action April 15 - 18 when they travel to Memphis, Tenn. for the Conference USA Tennis Championships.

Singles

1. Charl Meyer (ECU) def. Alex Probst, 6-0, 6-0
2. Paulo Baumer (ECU) def. Dimitar Dimitrov, 7-5, 4-6, 3
3. Darren Mansell (ECU) def. Ben Shuster, 7-5, 6-4
4. Felipe Fonseca (ECU) def. Andrew Waters, 6-4, 7-6
5. Jason Nius def. Mark Gellard (ECU), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5
6. Nick Rose (ECU) def. Jacob Stapleton, 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

1. Meyer/Mansell (ECU) def. Shuster/Probst, 8-6
2. Nius/Waters def. Baumer/Rose (ECU), 8-4
3. Taylor/Dimitrov def. Fonseca/Gellard (ECU), 8-6

Pirates sweep first-place Bulls



Brody Taylor has been outstanding for ECU, posting a 5-0 record with a 3.40 ERA and 49 strikeouts on the season.

ECU stays hot, climbs polls, improves to 28-6

BRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Riding high on a six-game winning streak, ECU used the momentum to add three to that number as they swept past South Florida in a three game series 6-4, 10-5 and 11-1.

The Pirates got things going in game one behind a masterful performance on the mound from junior Greg Bunn.

The right-handed hurler surrendered just two hits in 8.1 innings of work, striking out seven.

"Greg was the 'same ole', same ole'," said Head Coach Randy Maze.

"He's been that good every time out this season and the thing is, he was just a one pitch guy tonight. He really didn't have his breaking ball or his change up."

"That just goes to show you what a competitor he is to beat a team like that with only one pitch."

The Pirates carried a 6-2 lead heading to the final frame, but after Bunn issued only his second walk of the game, Maze opted to bring in freshman Mike Flye to close the door on the Bulls.

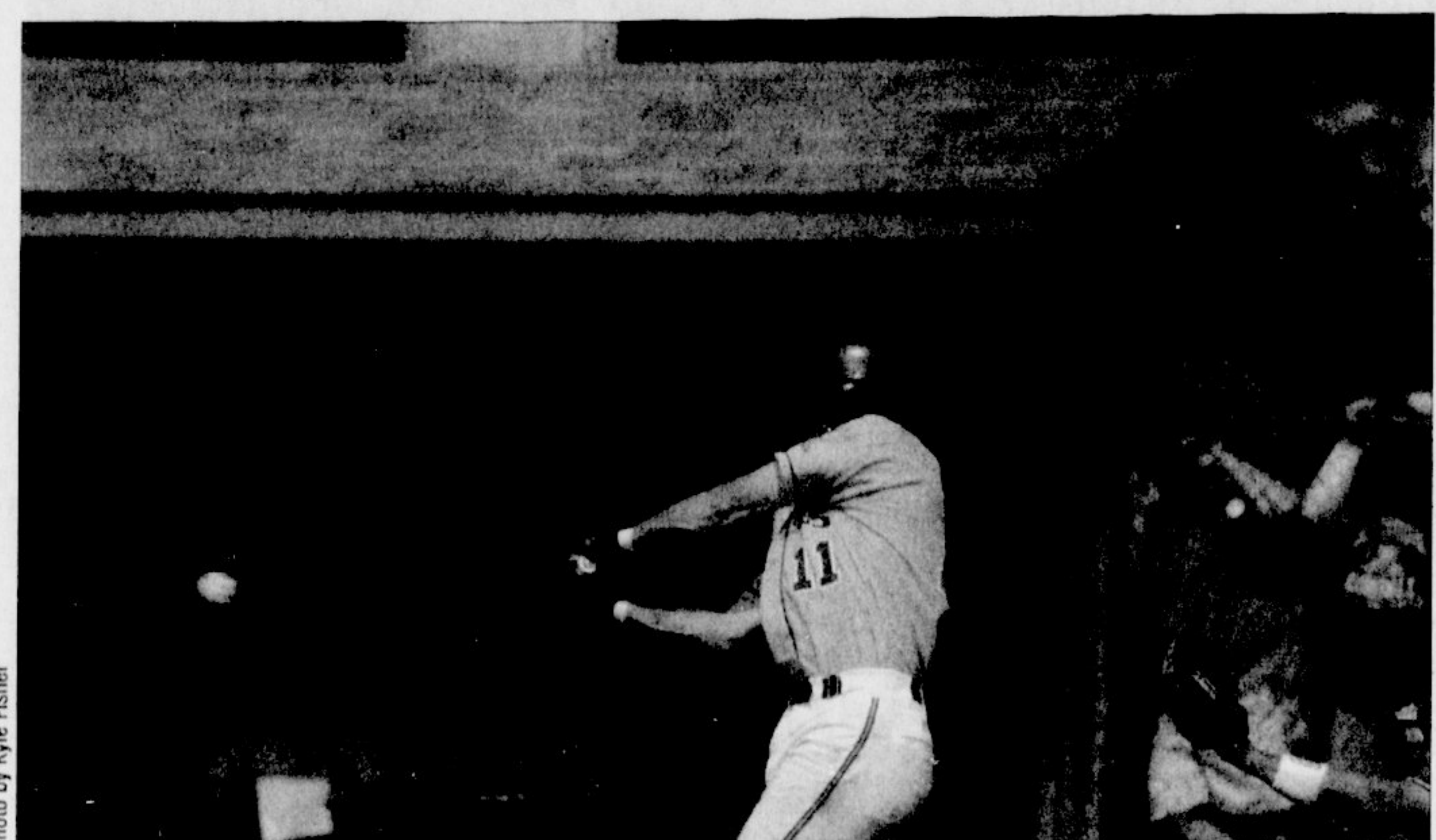
However, the Bulls looked like a team with new life as they cut the lead to 6-4 before Flye finally struck out the last two batters to end the game.

The Pirates found themselves struggling early in the game and faced a 2-1 deficit heading into the bottom of the fourth.

Nevertheless, after a two-run fourth and a three-run fifth, ECU was in control.

John Poppert gave the Pirates their first taste of the lead in the fourth with a gargantuan two-run shot that was still rising as it trailed off deep into the night in left field.

The senior catcher led the



Trevor Lawhorn is leading the Pirates in both homeruns (15) and RBIs (38) this year.

team in hitting, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Trevor Lawhorn was his usual self again, homering for the sixth time in as many games in the fifth and tying an ECU record for home runs in consecutive contests.

ECU improved to 26-6 overall and 7-3 in Conference USA with the win.

A determined South Florida club came out in game two with three early runs to give themselves an early 3-0 advantage.

The Pirates quickly got two of them back in the second, however, setting the stage for an unbelievable home half of the third which saw the Pirates collect seven hits - six consecutively at one point - and five devastating runs that ruined the Bulls' chance of a victory.

Jamie Paige led off the frame with a single. After another single by Ryan Jones, Paige scored on a T. Lawhorn double to left.

A Darryl Lawhorn single brought home Jones, who was quickly joined in the dugout by D. Lawhorn after Drew Costanzo's double to center.

Ryan Norwood's jaw-drop-

ping two-run homer capped off the incredible inning for the Pirates.

The Bulls tried to rally late in the game with a run in the fifth and eighth innings which cut the Pirate lead to 7-5.

A three-run job by Jones in the bottom of the eighth sealed the deal for ECU, however, who improved to 27-6 overall and 8-3 in C-USA with the 10-5 triumph over the opposition.

Paige led the Pirates at the plate going 3-for-4 with two runs scored, followed closely by Jones who was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Norwood also was stellar as he went 2-for-4 with two RBIs and also scored a pair of runs.

ECU as a team pounded at 14 hits. Brody Taylor picked up the win on the hill, improving his season record to 5-0.

The Pirates made sure that game three would not be a repeat of the first two in which the Pirates trailed early, as they scorched South Florida starter Chase Livette for six first-inning runs en route to an 11-1

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Top 25

Rk.	Team	W-L	LW
1.	Texas	35-4	2
2.	Stanford	25-5	1
3.	Rice	27-6	4
4.	Miami	26-7	5
5.	Long Beach State	23-8	7
6.	South Carolina	25-7	6
7.	Louisiana State	24-9	3
8.	Mississippi	26-6	8
9.	Notre Dame	25-4	9
10.	Tulane	25-9	12
11.	Wichita State	20-5	10
12.	Southern Miss.	27-6	11
13.	Texas A&M	29-9	15
14.	UC Irvine	22-7	16
15.	ECU	28-6	17
16.	Auburn	24-10	18
17.	Tennessee	29-5	18
18.	Oklahoma	22-11	18
19.	Nebraska	24-7	13
20.	North Carolina	25-8	14
21.	Arkansas	23-11	NR
22.	Vanderbilt	24-8	19
23.	Virginia	29-7	NR
24.	Oral Roberts	26-7	NR
25.	Florida State	25-11	21

Dropped Out: Central Florida (19), Arizona State (23), Florida (24).

Four ECU athletes named All-American by NSCA program

ECU had four student-athletes named 2004 All-American Athletes by the National Strength and Conditioning Association: Erroyl Bing, Alexis Jones, Vonta Leach and Brian Rimpf.

The NSCA program recognizes those collegiate athletes, whose accomplishments, in the opinion of their strength coach, reflect their dedication to strength training and conditioning.

Bing's dedication to improving his strength and conditioning carried directly over to his performance on the basketball court. As a senior, he led ECU in rebounding and ranked fourth in Conference USA. His tenacious tactics on the glass helped him become the school's second all-time leading rebounder with 948 career boards.

As a middle blocker on the Pirate volleyball team, Jones led the squad in attack percentage (.285) as a senior. She also recorded the highest approach jump by any ECU female athlete this past season (32.5").

During a two-year span, Leach added 50 pounds to his bench press (420 lbs) and 70 pounds (670 lbs.) to his squat max. This past season, Leach carried the ball into the end zone five times as a senior and rushed for 290 yards from his fullback position.

Regarded as one of the hardest workers on the Pirate football team, both on and off the field, Rimpf ranks among ECU's all-time leaders in three weight lifting categories, which includes a record 401-pound push jerk. Rimpf was a three-time All-C-USA performer along the offensive line and earned honorable mention All-America honors.



The ECU women finished with just one win against the Lady Bulls last weekend.

Lady Pirates fall to No. 18 USF

ECU drops two conference games

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

Coming off two wins over UNC-Wilmington last week, the ECU softball team hoped to extend their winning streak as they played No. 18 South Florida last weekend.

Unfortunately, the Lady Pirates fell in two of the three games, setting their overall record at 38-13-1 and 5-10 in the conference.

ECU opened play last Friday in a doubleheader against USF. Problems plagued the Lady Pirates the entire first game as they committed six errors and gave up six runs in their 6-3 loss. ECU junior pitcher Maggie Lingo was credited with her third loss, leaving her with a 13-3 record this season.

In the second game of the day, the Lady Pirates improved and committed no errors in their 2-1 victory. The win marked the Lady Pirates' first win over a ranked opponent this season and the end of South Florida's 17-game winning streak. ECU Head Coach Tracey Kee was excited about the win.

"The one game we won was huge," said Kee.

"A win over an 18th ranked team is a huge win for our program."

The highlight of the second game came in the fourth inning when junior infielder Kate Manuse hit a record-breaking double, which ultimately gave the Lady Pirates the win. Manuse's 22nd double of the season moved her to first in ECU's record book, breaking the old record of 21 set by former teammate Angela Manzo.

"It makes me feel pretty good knowing that I have a place in the record book," said Manuse.

"I'm glad that I have been successful this year and able to make an impact"

On Sunday, the Lady Pirates played their final game against the Bulls, falling 11-3.

"Our biggest problem as a team this year is showing up for the third game," Kee said after the game.

"We have to learn that we can't just settle for one win in the series."

"We have to find a way to come into the second day and win."

This weekend, ECU will look to get back on a winning streak when they play Liberty and James Madison in double-headers.

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Calhoun joins greats of NCAA coaching

(KRT) - Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton loves to tell stories about Henry Iba, who was Sutton's coach and mentor during his playing days at the school. Iba, demanding and tough, was described as basketball's fundamentalist country preacher. His nickname was the Iron Duke, but those who played for him respectfully call him Mr. Iba.

"On holidays, we practiced three times," Sutton said. "We'd go 9 in the morning until noon, 2 to 5, and then come back at night and practice until he got tired. ... I'm not sure Mr. Iba could have coached today because of the 20-hour (NCAA weekly) limit. I think that would have killed him."

Sound familiar? There's a coach in Storrs who would spend 24 hours a day in the gym if it were allowed. Jim Calhoun loves being in the gym every day with his team. He's no prairie preacher, but Calhoun has become New England's version of Iba, an updated version of the basketball teacher with a Boston accent instead of an Oklahoma drawl.

Now Calhoun has something else in common with Mr. Iba: two national championships. UConn did more than win the national championship last week with an 82-73 victory over Georgia Tech. The Huskies firmly established Calhoun's place in college basketball history.

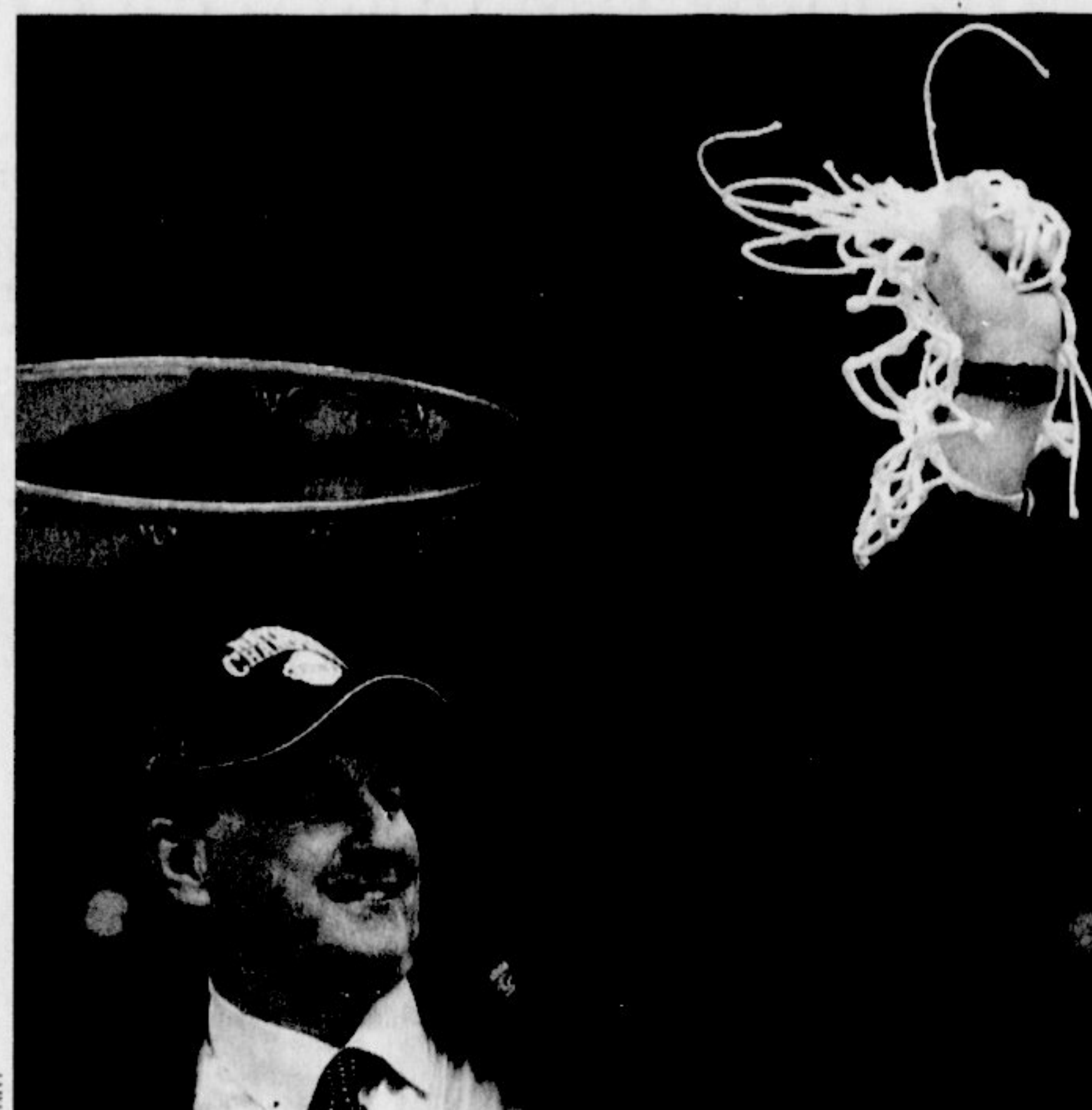
Calhoun's program has truly reached elite status.

By winning the national championship for the second time in six seasons, UConn joins Duke and Kentucky as the only programs with multiple championships since the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

The list of coaches with two NCAA championships is short. In addition to Iba and Calhoun, it includes Denny Crum of Louisville, Ed Jucker of Cincinnati, Branch McCracken of Indiana, Dean Smith of North Carolina and Phil Woolpert of San Francisco.

The list of coaches with more than two national trophies is shorter. Bob Knight and Mike Krzyzewski each have three. Kentucky's Adolph Rupp won four. And UCLA's John Wooden sits atop the list with his amazing total of 10.

"You're known by the company you keep," Calhoun said. "If I'm keeping the company of Mike Krzyzewski and Bob Knight as a basketball coach, then I'm



Calhoun has two titles to his credit, both coming at UCONN.

doing OK."

Calhoun is in their company because they are the only three on the list who are still active. And Calhoun has further cemented his place in history by beating Krzyzewski twice in Final Four games. Coach K ranks third behind Wooden (12) and Smith (11) in Final Four appearances with 10 and is second in Final Four wins with 10, trailing only Wooden (21).

"Mike was devastated after the game," Calhoun said the day after the Huskies beat Duke 79-78 in the semifinals. "Mike Krzyzewski is as hungry now to win another championship as he was when he won his first."

Calhoun wouldn't admit it, but that devastation was the result of being out-coached. Say what you will about the officiating and it was terrible. Calhoun made the proper adjustments and had Emeka Okafor on the floor for the final four minutes when Duke's big men had fouled out.

Calhoun has been to the Final Four twice and left both times with the championship trophy. Compare that to Knight, who is 3-for-5 and Krzyzewski, who is 3-for-10. Smith was 2-for-11. Even Wooden and Rupp didn't win titles the first time they reached the Final Four. Calhoun now is a remarkable 4-0 in Final Four games.

Of the coaches who have won multiple championships, only Woolpert, McCracken, Jucker and Iba won their first four Final Four games. Iba won

consecutive championships in 1945 and 1946, then never won another. Woolpert had Bill Russell on his side when he won in 1955 and 1956. Jucker didn't win in 1960 with Oscar Robertson, but he did win consecutive titles in 1961 and 1962.

Krzyzewski led Duke to consecutive titles in 1991 and 1992 and it was a great accomplishment. But in this age of early entry into the NBA, Calhoun's accomplishment is proof he has built a program that can withstand the element of time. Only McCracken, who won in 1940 and 1953, had a longer span between his two championships.

When the NCAA publishes its 2005 edition of Final Four records, Calhoun will join McCracken as the only Final Four coaches with a 1,000 winning percentage in a minimum of three games. Wooden (21-3) is next at .875.

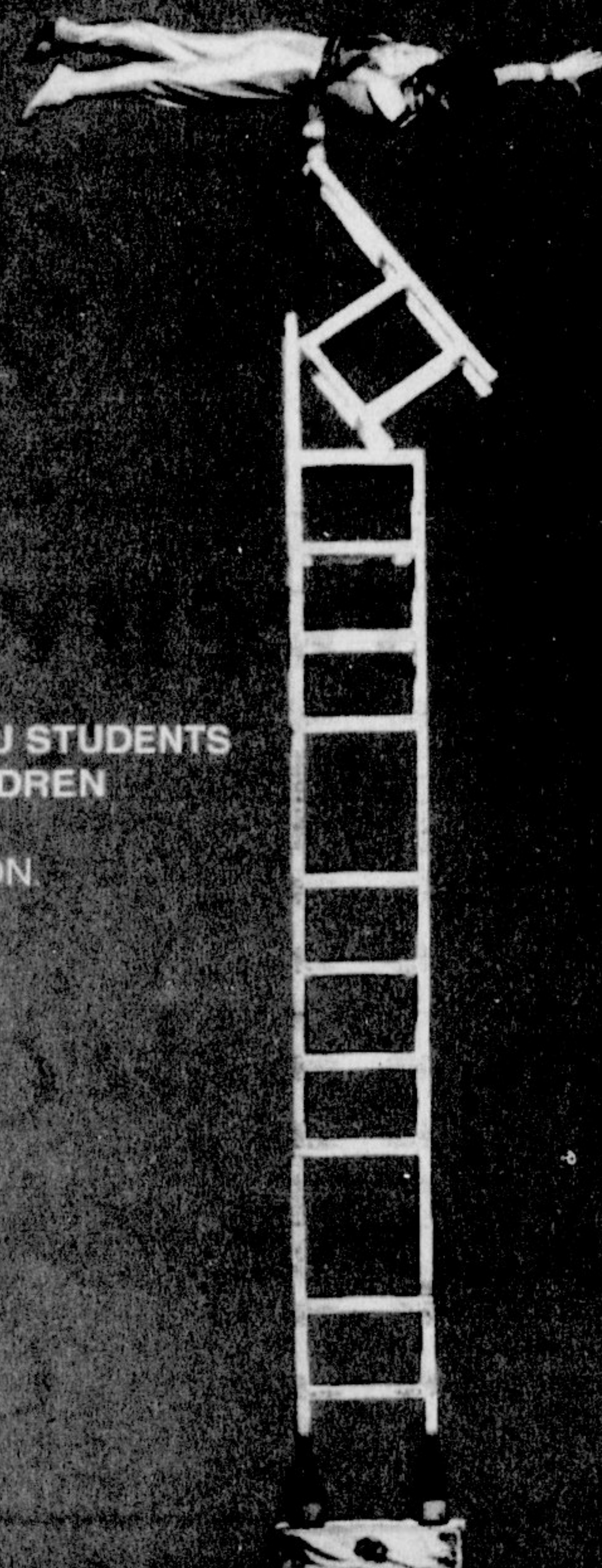
"The great thing for me at age 61 is to continue to learn from my kids, and that's a great lesson," Calhoun said. "This team proved to me that they can stand up to the scrutiny and to the disappointments. Do you realize that in February we were voted the No. 1 disappointing team in America? We were 21-3. The No. 1 disappointing team in America. I have a very good memory, by the way. Guess what? I would like to tell that person I hope they're not disappointed in the fact that we won a national championship."

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Linebackers rated for NFL Draft

(KRT) — Ten players were drafted off a defense that carried Oklahoma to a national title in 2000. Linebacker Teddy Lehman figures to be the 11th. He didn't start. He had to wait his turn behind Rocky Calmus. But he knew that going in.

"Oklahoma is loaded every year," Lehman said.

"They always have the next greatest player. It makes it easy on all of us."

Calmus won the Butkus Award as the best linebacker in college football in 2001. Safety Roy Williams won the Thorpe Award as the best defensive back and the Nagurski Award as the best defensive player, also in 2001.

Lehman followed them to the podium in 2003, winning the Butkus and Bednarik. Having watched Calmus and Williams as a freshman and played with them as a sophomore provided Lehman the role models to max out his game.

"Rocky was one of the best linebackers ever to come out of Oklahoma," Lehman said.

"He's a great leader and someone I've always looked up to. I've strived to get to his level."

Calmus starts for the Tennessee Titans, and Williams starts for the Cowboys. Williams became a first-time Pro Bowler in 2003.

"Roy never missed a tackle, never took a play off," Lehman said.

"He made huge plays every game, every day. He set a standard

Top 15 Linebackers

Rk.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Noteworthy
1.	D.J. Williams	Miami	6-0 1/2	250	Converted running back
2.	Jonathan Vilma	Miami	6-0 1/2	233	2-time All-Big East
3.	Teddy Lehman	Oklahoma	6-1 1/2	240	2-time All-Big 12
4.	Daryl Smith	Ga Tech	6-1 1/2	234	14 career sacks
5.	Michael Boulware	Florida St.	6-2	225	4.47 speed in the 40
6.	Courtney Watson	Notre Dame	6-1	237	6 career interceptions
7.	Dontarrious Thomas	Auburn	6-2 1/2	241	347 career tackles
8.	Karlos Dansby	Auburn	6-3	251	8 career interceptions
9.	Keyaron Fox	Ga Tech	6-2	227	38 career tackles for loss
10.	Demorris Williams	Nebraska	6-0 1/2	232	4.53 speed in the 40
11.	Jorge Cordova	Nevada	6-1	241	2-time WAC sack leader
12.	Brandon Chiller	UCLA	6-2 1/2	253	127 tackles in 2003
13.	Landon Johnson	Purdue	6-1 1/2	227	4-time academic All-Big Ten
14.	Richard Seigler	Oregon St.	6-2	244	4-year starter
15.	Cody Spencer	North Texas	6-2 1/2	242	7 career interceptions

for everyone at Oklahoma. We were all here," placing his hand waist-high, "and he was way up here," placing his hand over his head. "Every day in practice was like that, and everything he did was like that."

The best: D.J. Williams, Miami
D.J. Williams went to Miami as a running back and started two games as a freshman before moving to linebacker.

He started his final three seasons on defense and concluded his career as an All-Big East selection.

Sleeper: Renauld Williams, Hofstra

Renauld Williams started his college career at New Hampshire but transferred to Hofstra, where he

became a two-time All-Atlantic 10 selection. He was the team MVP in 2002, when he racked up 15 sacks, and defensive MVP in 2003. He had a dynamic workout on campus, running a 4.48 40-yard dash to pique the interest of NFL teams.

Caleb Miller posted three consecutive 100-tackle seasons as an inside linebacker at Arkansas. But at 224 pounds, he is considered too skinny to play there in the NFL.

Jack Lambert was considered too skinny, too. "I played in the SEC, and that's probably as close size-wise and speed-wise to the NFL," said Miller, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. "Regardless of your size, look at the tapes and the statistics. You can't argue with it."

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beating of the Bulls.

Jones homered for the 12th time this season in the first frame along with Miniccozzi's ninth such blast that allowed ECU to put the finishing touches on the series.

T. Lawhorn and Norwood also went deep in the contest.

Lawhorn's home run was his 16th of the season, which leads all of C-USA and puts him among the nation's leaders.

For the series, Norwood went 7-for-11 with four RBIs and seven runs scored.

All in all, the senior produced 11 of the 27 Pirate runs this weekend.

"It felt good to swing the bat," said Norwood.

"I'm starting to see the ball and feel good up there, and my confidence is coming back. It feels good to swing it like that."

The Pirates move into a tie for second place in the C-USA standings with Tulane.

Southern Miss, who currently holds the top spot, swept a struggling St. Louis squad this past weekend, keeping a one game lead over both the Green Wave and the Pirates.

ECU seems to be clicking at the right time heading into the thick of the conference schedule.

The Pirates will get back on the field as they take on UNC-Wilmington in a rivalry that has been brewing over the past

couple of seasons.

Game time at home on Wednesday is 7 p.m.

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Series Notes

-Greg Bunn is now 6-0 on the season

-Shane Mathews is 4-0

The Pirates had 36 hits on the series

-ECU made only one error throughout the three games

-Game three was called in the seventh inning, citing a Sunday mercy rule, which states that a team leading by 10 or more runs after the seventh inning is declared the winner.



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