



# ECU undergoes change in top leadership

New chancellor visits  
ECU for athletics  
director interviews

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Readying himself and ECU for his new leadership role in June, newly appointed Chancellor Steve Ballard has been busy meeting with school officials and prospective employees this week.

Ballard said he has three top priorities when he begins serving as chancellor June 1: learning about where the campus and community stand, addressing how key jobs will be filled and beginning to understand eastern North Carolina.

While he doesn't have a timeline for when top jobs will be filled, Ballard said he will develop a structural system to

keep the process moving forward. He identified the vacancies of provost, financial officer and athletics director as needing the quickest attention.

In Greenville, for the first time since being named ECU's chancellor, Ballard interviewed two candidates for the vacant athletics director position last week.

Coming from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he served as provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, Ballard brings valuable experience to ECU in some of its most vital areas, especially in health sciences.

"I have experience with understanding the relationship between the academics of a medical campus and its hospital partnerships," said Ballard.

In addition, he said UMKC's connection to its community parallels ECU's devotion to eastern North Carolina:



BALLARD

"It [UMKC] is devoted between the city and the community, and that parallels the service ECU provides ... I think there's a connection."

To ensure ECU and the community benefit from each

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Shelton plans to return  
as vice chancellor of  
University Advancement

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As ECU looks ahead to the future with newly appointed Chancellor Steve Ballard, Interim Chancellor William Shelton will say goodbye to his role as leader of the university, but will return as vice chancellor of University Advancement.

"We have many challenges and opportunities in that area [University Advancement], and I do look forward to getting back," said Shelton.

"It's been both a challenging and rewarding opportunity to serve as interim chancellor of this institution."

Shelton came to ECU from East-

ern Michigan University to fill the vice chancellor position in 2003.

In the months to come, he will continue developing plans to advance the university. He will also help Ballard transition from provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Missouri-Kansas City to chancellor of ECU.

Shelton said he plans to begin moving back to his office in the Greenville Centre at the end of this month to allow Ballard the opportunity to start settling in before he begins his term June 1.

"I think he [Ballard] is an outstanding person to lead this institution in a variety of ways," Shelton said.

"He brings so many talents that will move this institution even further. We are very fortunate that he would provide leadership for our institution ... I look forward to working



SHELTON

with him."

Shelton, who has more than 10 years of leadership experience as former president of Eastern Michigan University, said a career as a chancellor or president is a seven-day a week, 24-hour

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## Critics say Kerry's college tuition plan fails in some aspects

WASHINGTON (KRT) — College financial aid experts say John Kerry has found a good political issue in the high cost of college

election  
2004

tuition. But some argue that the fixes proposed by the Massachusetts Democrat need work.

"He has the right idea to look for some savings, but whether his specifics would work out is a bit questionable," said Sandy Baum, a professor of economics and a college tuition expert at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Even so, Kerry's initiatives are likely to resonate with students and parents facing rising college expenses. Tuition at many state universities is soaring as universities try to replace revenues cut by fiscally strapped legislatures.

And while there are doubters, the senator has stolen a page from the Republican book of free-market solutions by proposing that banks compete for student loans.

The College Board reported in October that tuition at public universities jumped nearly 13 percent for this academic year, to an average of \$4,694. In the

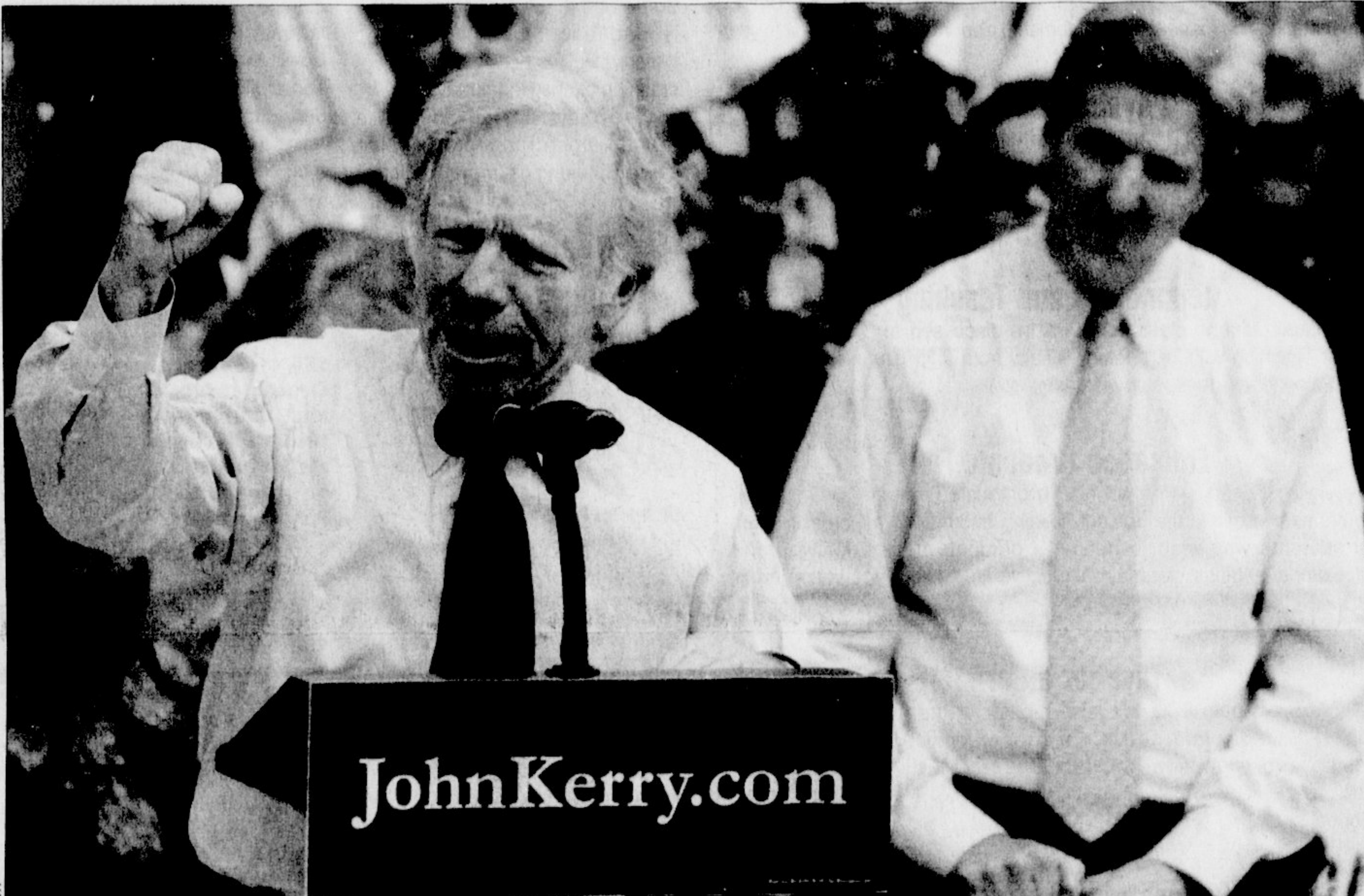
last decade, public college tuition rose 47 percent after adjusting for inflation.

College tuition has been rising faster than the rate of inflation since the 1980s, during both Democratic and Republican administrations. The recent fiscal crisis in many states has exacerbated the problem, prompting Kerry to suggest President Bush's tax cuts could have instead been used to shore up university budgets.

"It's your tuition and your loans that keep rising and rising every day while this president spends all our money on tax breaks for the wealthy," Kerry told college students in New Hampshire last week.

Specifically, Kerry proposes making college more affordable by allowing students to pay for tuition through public service. And he wants to finance the public-service program by making banks bid in an auction for a piece of the student loan business.

Kerry envisions 500,000 public-service students performing a variety of tasks, ranging from building affordable housing to helping children learn to read. The cost to taxpayers: \$13 billion over 10 years.



Sen. Joe Lieberman introduces Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, who will speak to supporters at a rally at Palm Beach Community College in Lake Worth, Fla.

## ECU alumnus wins 2004 Pulitzer Prize

Second graduate to  
take top writing honor

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When Dan Neil graduated from ECU in 1982 with a degree in creative writing, he knew he had gotten a good education and learned how to write—what he didn't know was how far his talent would take him.

Twenty-two years later, Neil's writing skills have taken him to the pinnacle of his profession. Last week, he was awarded a 2004 Pulitzer Prize.

Neil, who currently writes an automotive column for the L.A. Times, will receive \$10,000 in addition to the recognition that comes from winning journalism's highest honor.

"I was just dumbfounded and enormously gratified," said Neil.

"Truthfully, though, this was a long-time ambition of mine. However, I didn't realize just how ambitious and unrealistic it was until after I



NEIL

had talked to people who had been in the field for a while."

Neil gives credit to ECU for helping him to become the writer that he is today.

"ECU gets a bad rap sometimes as being just a party school, but the truth of the matter is that ECU uses the same textbooks as Harvard and everyone else," Neil said.

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## Faculty Senate will present stories concerning salary struggles to BOG

Salaries, committee  
duties discussed

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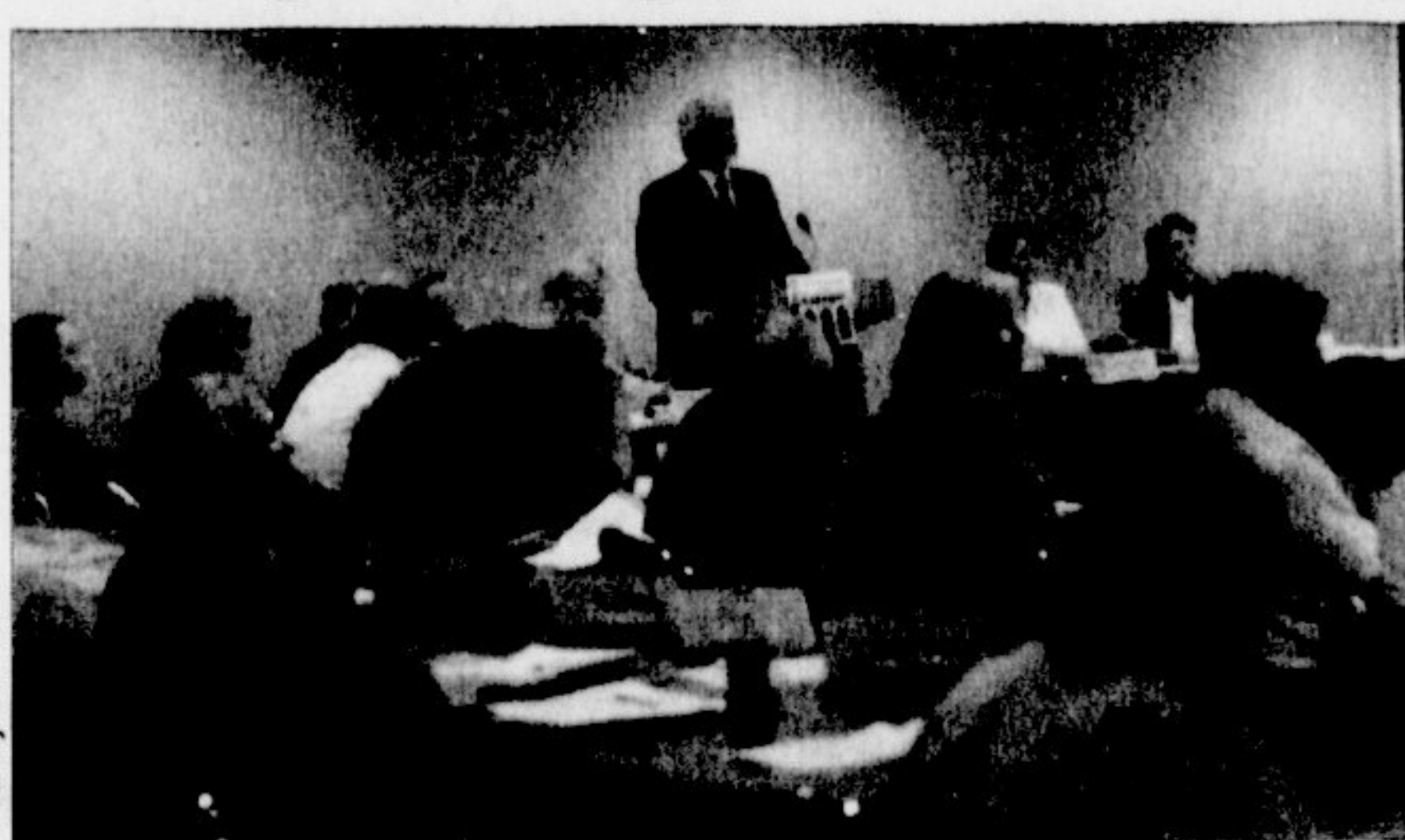
Faculty members are following their students' leads by compiling stories showing how they are affected by the UNC Board of Governors' tuition decision.

Rick Niswander, chair of the Faculty Senate, plans to present stories of teachers struggling to the BOG in hopes of procuring salary increases from the recent tuition hike.

The idea comes after the North Carolina Association of Student Governments gathered more than 800 student reactions to proposed tuition increases and presented them to the BOG in a book.

In the last Faculty Senate meeting of the semester, senators expressed concerns about teachers picking up additional work without receiving raises. They were told to trust the people working on it.

One senator asked if the university could retain faculty members by promising free education



Faculty Senate Chair Rick Niswander speaks to colleagues.

for their children.

However, Bob Morrison, Faculty Assembly delegate, said that change would have to pass through the Faculty Welfare Committee.

Niswander spoke to the Senate about his meeting with ECU's new chancellor, Steve Ballard.

He said they spoke mostly about problems last year with former administrators but discussed the faculty manual and Senate's function, as well.

In other business:

The Senate announced ECU's plan to adopt a new B.S. degree in sports studies and a M.A. in com-

munication.

Catherine Rigsby, of the Academic Standards Committee, presented a recommendation to conduct a study concerning online student surveys.

The study would compare a web-based survey with the traditional SOIS forms students fill out at the end of each semester.

It would take place during the summer semester with faculty volunteers.

The Senate passed a movement to simplify wording in the faculty manual.

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## 'Doc Hollywood' will visit Brody

The physician known as "The Real Doc Hollywood" will present the convocation address to ECU's medical class of 2004 on May 7.

The Brody School of Medicine convocation to honor the Class of 2004 will begin at 9 a.m. in Wright Auditorium with Dr. Neil Shulman giving the featured address to the class.

Shulman, an associate professor of medicine at Emory University, wrote *What? Dead ... Again?* a novel that was the basis for the "Doc Hollywood" film and served as associate producer of the 1991 hit movie starring Michael J. Fox. He describes himself as not only a physician but also an author, speaker and entertainer.

He has written and co-authored 20 books on topics ranging from his experiences as a young doctor to good health practices for patients, physicians and children's books. From his office at Emory University School of Medicine, Shulman said he will speak to the medical graduates about the opportunities that lie ahead for them.

"I plan on telling them that they are about to embark on a very exciting adventure," Shulman said.

"... Life is a dash between two numbers on a tombstone. And it's a great place to help others enjoy their dash."

### Sexual Assault Awareness throughout April

- Rape has the second highest annual victim cost of any crime — \$127 billion.
- Six out of 10 sexual assaults occur in the home of the victim, friend, neighbor or relative.



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There is an increase of hackers who mislead computer users into giving them private information.



Features  
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Barefoot celebrates its 25th anniversary with "25 Barefeet and Still Kickin'" tomorrow from noon to 6 p.m.



Sports  
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ECU's baseball team will take on the Wolfpack tonight at 7 p.m. The Pirates are playing for their 13th straight win.



There is a lecture on "Augustine's Renaissance" today at 4:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.





# NEWS

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## Announcements

### Augustine Lecture

Meredith J. Gill, assistant professor of art history at Notre Dame University, will lecture on "Augustine's Renaissance" today at 4:30 p.m. in 1032 Bate.

### Oratorical Exhibition

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

### Co-op and Internship Workshop

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

### Physics Colloquium

C. Ruth Kempf, Ph.D., physics professor, will speak on nuclear security in Russia and give an overview of ECU's Center for Security Studies and Research Friday at 3:15 p.m. in E-213 Howell. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m.

### Technology and Teaching

3-D visualization in classrooms will be discussed at "Conversations about Teaching with Technology" Friday from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in 307 Science and Technology Building.

### Education Graduate Fair

The College of Education will hold a graduate program fair Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon in 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 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 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in 244 MSC.

### Deadline

Monday, April 26 is the last day to submit grade replacement requests.

### Classes End

Monday, April 26 is the last day of classes.

### Coastal Resources Lecture

James P. Delgado, executive director of the Vancouver Maritime Museum, will speak about the discovery of a former Union submarine off Panama's coast Monday, April 26, at 7 p.m. in 307C Science and Technology Building.

### Medical Mind

The medical class of 2004 presents its play, "The Medical Mind," Monday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in Brody Auditorium.

### Teaching Awards

The eighth annual Teaching Awards Ceremony is Tuesday, April 27 at 11 a.m. in the MSC Great Room. A reception hosted by Interim Chancellor William Shelton will follow. Contact the Faculty Senate office at 328-6537 for more information.

### Reading Day

Tuesday, April 27 is reading day. No classes will be held.

### Regular exams

Regular exams begin Wednesday, April 28 and end Wednesday, May 5 at 10 a.m.

### Graduation

Commencement is Saturday, May 8 in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum. The morning ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. The afternoon ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. Register on OneStop.

### Chemistry Placement Test

The chemistry placement test will be Monday, May 17 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. in 309 Science and Technology Building. Students must arrive 10 minutes prior to testing, bring a No. 2 pencil and a nonprogrammable calculator.

### Paper Person

The student at the top of today's paper is Christian Drum, sophomore elementary education major.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### Ballantine resigns from NC Senate

RALEIGH (AP) - Continuing this year's legislative exodus, Patrick Ballantine resigned Monday from the state Senate to devote the next three months to the GOP race for governor. Ballantine, the Senate minority leader and one of seven Republicans who want to challenge Gov. Mike Easley in November, submitted his resignation to Easley, as required by law. He becomes the third senator - along with Wib Gulley and Steve Metcalf - to leave the General Assembly this year. Ballantine said it would not work for him to juggle his candidacy and legislative work. The General Assembly reconvenes May 10 and isn't projected to adjourn until a couple of weeks before the July 20 primary date.

#### Tobacco-prevention ads target teens

RALEIGH (AP) - Victims of smoking-related diseases hit the airwaves Monday in the heart of tobacco country, part of the first statewide campaign aimed at preventing teens from lighting up in North Carolina. The \$1.2 million advertising effort - dubbed "Tobacco Reality Unfiltered" - will air into the summer on youth-focused networks such as MTV, BET, FOX and Spanish-language Univision. Radio ads and a Web site are also in the mix. Some of the ads feature teenagers talking about health problems suffered by loved ones as a result of smoking or chewing tobacco. In one radio ad, an adult in a robotic, post-tracheotomy voice says "Smoking is more addictive

than heroin."

In another spot a woman says she got emphysema from smoking. Between gasps for air, she says tobacco kills more people than AIDS, murder, fires, suicide, and car accidents combined. The ads also note that North Carolina spends more than \$4 billion annually to treat smoking-related health problems.

### National

#### Mass. lawmaker seeks to have pro-gay marriage judges removed

BOSTON (AP) - A group that opposes gay marriage has enlisted the help of a state legislator in a long-shot attempt to remove the four justices of the state's high court who ruled that banning gay marriage is unconstitutional. Democratic state Rep. Emile J. Goguen told The Boston Globe that he planned to file legislation to oust the justices on Tuesday, even though he is the measure's only sponsor. He sees the bill as a way to pressure members of the Supreme Judicial Court to reconsider their 4-3 decision. Goguen, who voted against a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage but allow civil unions, said he agreed to sponsor the measure after he was approached by members of the Article 8 Alliance, a group that opposes same-sex marriage. Justices Margaret Marshall, John Greaney, Roderick Ireland and Judith Cowin ruled in November that the state constitution forbids excluding same-sex couples from civil marriage. The ruling allowing gay couples to legally marry goes into effect May 17.

#### Labor rules would make more eligible for overtime, GOP officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) - With an eye toward November's election, the Bush administration is revising its planned overhaul of the nation's overtime rules to reduce the paychecks of far fewer white-collar workers logging more than 40 hours a week. The plan, to be previewed Tuesday by Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, also would make more white-collar, lower-income workers newly eligible for overtime, said Republican officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are identified as jobs that will not lose overtime eligibility. Department spokesman Ed Frank did not return multiple messages seeking comment Monday. The changes come at a time when jobs and pocketbook issues are among the top concerns for voters. President Bush has improved his standing in polls on domestic issues, but questions linger about the strength of the labor market and his plan to create jobs.

### World

#### Jordanian king postpones meeting with Bush, questioning U.S. commitment to Middle East peace

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) - The king of Jordan, one of America's closest allies in the Middle East, postponed a White House meeting with President Bush this week, questioning the U.S. commitment to ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The snub from King Abdullah II comes amid Arab anger at Bush

for endorsing an Israeli proposal to withdraw unilaterally from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank but keep Jewish settlements on other West Bank land claimed by the Palestinians. Abdullah is under pressure at home to demonstrate his U.S. ties can further Arab positions on the Israeli-Palestinian question as well as on the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq. The White House played down any hint of friction with Jordan, saying the Wednesday meeting with King Abdullah was rescheduled to the first week of May "because of developments in the region."

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# 'Phishing' scam increasing

*Internet requests for personal information can lead to problems*

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Using the Internet to gain a person's financial information is a rising crime at ECU.

The act is known as "phishing," for the hackers' sophisticated method of fishing out information.

Scammers wait for victims to reveal credit card numbers, ATM pin numbers, social security numbers and other personal information on fake Web sites.

These Web sites look legitimate because they may have logos or what appears to be genuine characteristics of a financial institution.

The Web sites copy code from well-known sites to replicate the look. Most phishing e-mails create the impression of an immediate risk or problem with a bank, credit card or financial account.

Hackers have used Bank of America, America Online and eBay as fronts for the scam. The Anti-Phishing Working Group reports that phishing rose 50 percent from December 2003 to January 2004.

One recent phishing attempt involved a false message about

the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Department of Homeland Security.

The e-mails claimed the DHS's secretary had authorized the FDIC to suspend all federal deposit insurance on the receiver's bank account.

Some phishing e-mails even contain viruses or worms to infect other e-mail accounts.

Others claim another person is using the recipient's credit card or that a recent transaction was declined.

Phishing violates many federal laws including identity theft, wire fraud, credit card fraud and the newly enacted CAN-SPAM Act.

If convicted of phishing, a person can receive as many as 30 years in prison for wire fraud and bank statement fraud per offense. Federal judges can also impose

fines, which can be as high as \$250,000.

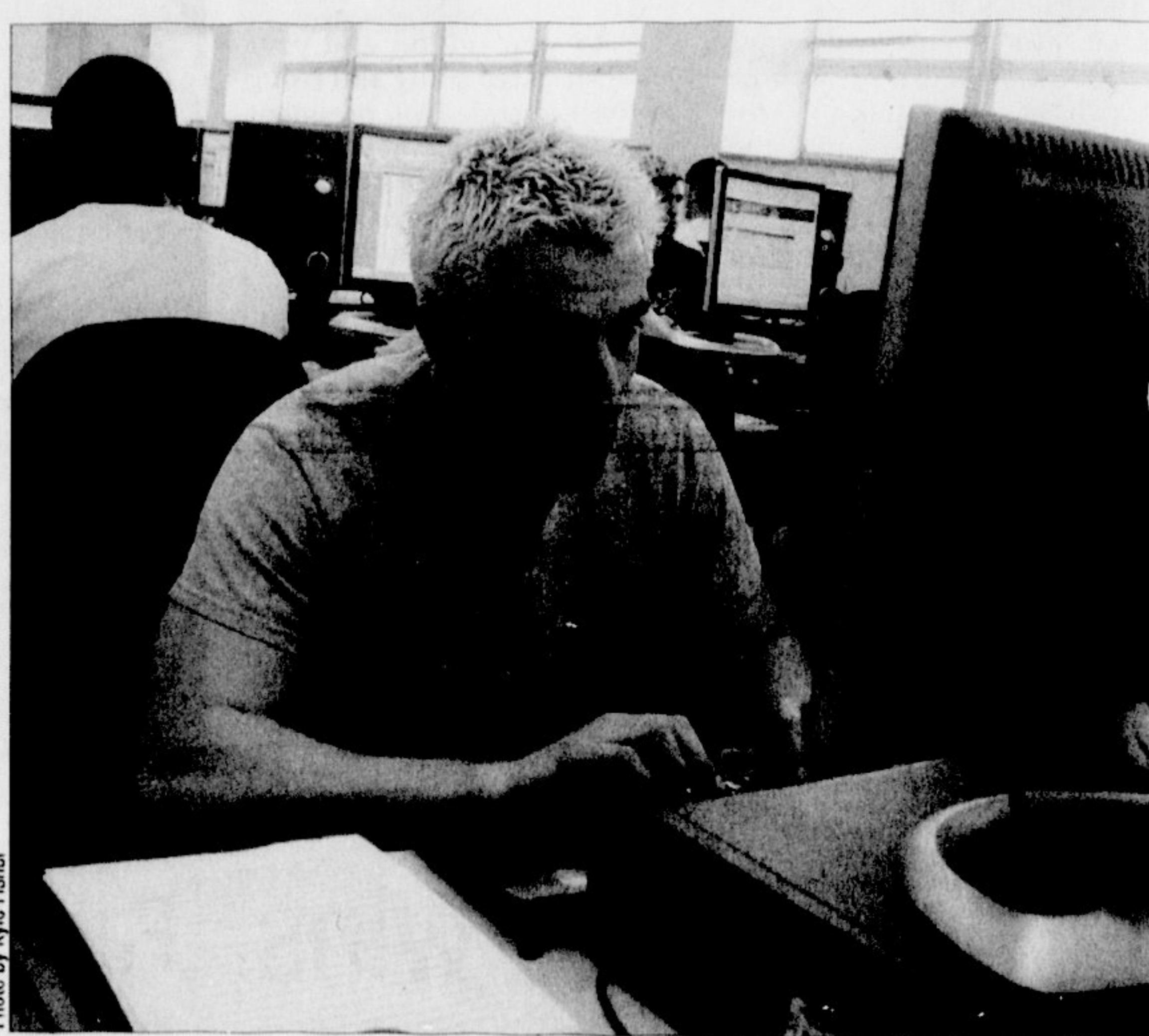
To protect yourself from phishing, look out for e-mails that have an urgent message. Scammers hope to incite panic and overreaction to gain the information they want.

Requests for personal information should be looked at with

skepticism and investigated.

If the e-mail claims to be from a Web site or company, call the company for confirmation using a different number than what's provided in the e-mail.

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Adam Thomas, junior acting major, looks out for suspicious e-mails.

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responsibility.

"You do see something from this office that you see from no other office regardless of the institution you are in," Shelton said.

"This office always has to view the total institution and community."

Shelton said his current position has been a wonderful learning experience, allowing him to really recognize the inherent strength of the institution.

He said with a chuckle, "There is no question this has given me a perspective that I wouldn't have had somewhere else."

During the last six months, Shelton has held both the interim chancellor and vice chancellor positions.

Shelton said because he has kept ties to both areas, the transition to his original position will be easy.

"When I return over there we will continue ... efforts of

fundraising [and] our marketing plan," Shelton said.

As vice chancellor, Shelton will oversee fundraising, marketing and alumni affair functions housed in University Advancement.

Shelton said he is proud to be in North Carolina and at ECU.

"I am a Pirate - I like being a Pirate," he said.

Prior to taking the position at ECU, Shelton was vice president for institu-

tional advancement at Kent State University in Ohio and vice president for university services at Henderson State University in Arkansas.

Shelton holds a doctorate degree in higher education administration from the University of Mississippi and master's and bachelor's degrees in history, both from the University of Memphis.

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other, Ballard plans to meet with Greenville Mayor Don Parrott and other city officials. He will continue to have conversations and meetings with university officials before assuming the chancellor position.

To connect to students, Ballard said he will meet with student government and organization leaders. He will then try to plan regular formal and informal meetings with students and keep in contact with Vice Chancellor for Student Life Garrie Moore.

The most important thing Ballard wants to see happen at ECU is the establishment of a clear vision everyone can work toward and make ECU the most important institution in

the state.

Ballard, 55, will relocate to Greenville with his wife, Nancy, around May 10. He's now visited the area three times and "loved it."

ECU is an ideal place for him to be, Ballard said, because of the value North Carolina puts on higher education and ECU's quality of support.

"It's a perfect fit. It's the kind of institution I've wanted to find for a permanent home," Ballard said.

"... I'm ready for it. I wish it was starting tomorrow."

Jim Talton, chairman of the ECU Board of Trustees and the Chancellor Search Committee that was responsible for find-

ing a permanent chancellor, said his impression of Ballard was good.

"He is a very thoughtful, analytical individual who has high expectations of himself and likely of others as well," said Talton.

Ballard received his bachelor's in history from the University of Arizona and his doctorate in political science from Ohio State University.

While chancellor, Ballard said his duties probably won't allow him to be the active researcher he was, but he expects to "continue to be interested in certain questions about the role of higher education" and keep himself apprised of current research.

The thirst for knowledge that

caused him to write five books and more than 100 articles and manuscripts will aid him as he becomes more educated about ECU.

"He's asking a lot of the right kinds of questions ... he realizes he has an awful lot to learn," Talton said.

A temporary replacement for Ballard has already been selected at UMKC.

Chancellor Martha W. Gilliland recently appointed William Osborne, dean of the School of Computing and Engineering, as interim in Ballard's role.

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## Lab elig

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# Labor rules would make more eligible for overtime, GOP says

WASHINGTON (AP) — With an eye toward November's election, the Bush administration is revising its planned overhaul of the nation's overtime rules to allow more white-collar workers, even those earning up to \$100,000 a year, to continue collecting the premium pay if they log more than 40 hours a week.

The plan, previewed Tuesday by Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, also would make more white-collar, lower-income workers newly eligible for overtime, according to a Labor Department news release. Police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians are identified as jobs that will not lose overtime eligibility.

"When workers know their rights and employers know how to pay workers, everybody wins," Chao said in a statement.

The changes come at a time when jobs and pocketbook issues are among the top concerns for voters. President Bush has improved his standing in polls on domestic issues, but questions linger about the strength of the labor market and his plan to create jobs.

Chao proposed the overhaul to the Fair Labor Standards Act in March 2003 at the urging of businesses and employer groups, which sought relief from mounting lawsuits by workers challenging their overtime status. The plan immediately drew ferocious criticism from organized labor, Democrats and some Republicans.

The Senate voted last year to stop the administration from issuing the final regulation, but that provision was later dropped under White House pressure. Congressional approval is not needed for the changes to take effect.

Under the revised new rules, up to 107,000 workers could lose their overtime protection,

but 6.7 million workers would be guaranteed eligibility.

By contrast, under Chao's initial proposal, the Labor Department said 644,000 white-collar workers could have lost protection, and 1.3 million could gain it.

Democrats challenged her initial estimates of who could potentially lose eligibility, citing their own analysis of up to 8 million workers.

The regulations will not apply to workers covered by labor contracts, although union officials said they feared the changes would strengthen the hand of companies in future bargaining.

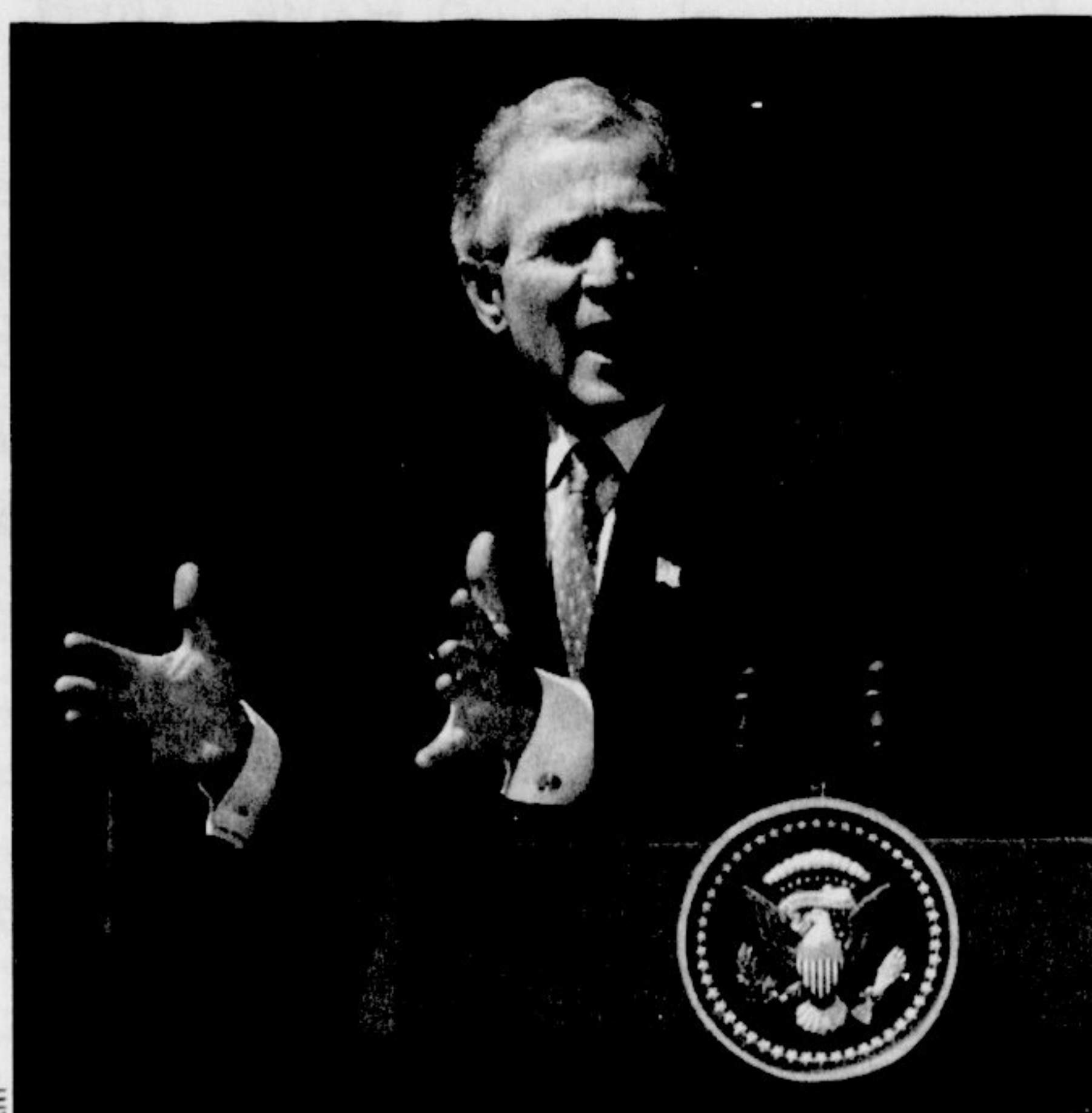
"The fact that President Bush is slashing overtime pay for even a single worker is outrageous," AFL-CIO spokeswoman Lane Windham said.

The revisions, made after the Labor Department received more than 75,000 comments, would deny overtime pay to white-collar workers who earn more than \$100,000 annually and perform some professional, administrative or executive duties, the department said. The initial plan put the salary ceiling at \$65,000 annually.

The changes also would guarantee premium pay to white-collar workers earning less than \$23,660 a year.

That's up from the \$22,100 initially proposed, which the department said would have made 1.3 million workers newly eligible for overtime pay. However, the department in its plan last year suggested ways employers could avoid paying the extra money, including cutting those workers' hourly wages and adding the overtime to equal the original salary, or raising salaries to the new threshold, making them ineligible.

The regulations are designed to meet the concerns of employers arguing that outdated and confusing rules failed to address the modern workplace and



The Bush administration proposed an overhaul of overtime rules to allow more white-collar workers higher earnings.

opened the door to lawsuits.

"I really believe the redefinition of the regs is not about carving out more workers to not get overtime," said lawyer Camille Olson, a Chicago-based partner at firm Seyfarth Shaw. "It's about having clear answers."

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, will invite Chao to testify on the issue next week, a spokesman said.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who has led a Senate effort to block provisions in the rule taking away overtime pay, said he was wary about the impact of the changes.

"The Bush administration is not trustworthy on this issue, and I am beyond skeptical about these so-called revisions," Harkin said.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has lobbied for an overhaul that would

provide litigation relief to employers, wasn't ready to judge the plan.

"It all comes back to our initial goal, to cut down on lawsuits," said Michael Eastman, labor law policy director. "It's hard to answer that question until I see the fine print."

The proposed revisions spell out that police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and other "first responders" would not lose overtime eligibility. Department officials had said that was clear from the initial proposal, but critics disputed them.

The plan also makes clear that military veterans would not lose overtime pay. The initial plan would have let employers count military training toward classifying workers as professionals who are exempt from overtime pay. Democrats and labor unions had criticized that provision as trying to take away premium pay from military veterans.

## Littleton honors fifth Columbine anniversary

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Somber students, parents and neighbors went to the Columbine High School campus Tuesday to remember those killed five years ago in the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

"I just want today to be a peaceful day to remember and to hope for the future," said Kallen Dunn, 36, who went with her son, Michael, a 15-year-old Columbine student.

Retirees Les and Vi Fast, who live nearby, walked across a field near Columbine in the morning sun. Like others, they said they were there for quiet reflection.

"We just can't believe something like this could have happened in such a beautiful community," Vi Fast said.

Her husband added, "Having been a schoolteacher myself, I was thinking of Dave Sanders," the teacher who bled to death while authorities waited to enter Columbine.

Five years ago, on April 20, 1999, Columbine students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and Sanders before committing suicide. The anniversary forced many to come to grips with an unspeakable violence.

"It's most definitely something I think about every day," Michael Shoels, father of slain student Isaiah Shoels, said on NBC's "Today."

"But, you know, we can't wallow in victimhood," he said. "Under the circumstances, we need to get out there and do something about it." He said he

takes a message of peace around the country, "something on this Earth that is meant for me to do."

The school sat empty Tuesday, its 1,700 students given the day off. The building has been overhauled since the tragedy, with a new library replacing the room where 10 of the students were slain. People were scattered on the school campus Tuesday morning.

A memorial and candlelight vigil were planned for Tuesday evening in Clement Park, the sprawling field that virtually surrounds the school. Speakers were expected to include Anne Marie Hochhalter, paralyzed from wounds inflicted by the killers, and Dawn Anna, whose daughter, Lauren Townsend, was killed by the gunmen.

The students who were enrolled at Columbine then are long gone; the 1998-99 freshmen class graduated two years ago. But brothers and students of those wounded in the attack are still here.

Among them is Maggie Ireland, sister of Patrick Ireland, who became known to TV viewers throughout the nation as "the boy in the window" because of his dangling escape onto an armored car. The only administrator left from 1999 is Principal Frank DeAngelis, who said staying at Columbine helped keep him sane.

"People ask me all the time when will that magical day occur in which Columbine will return to normal?" he said on ABC. "I don't think we'll ever return to normal."

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of writing and of the world at large," said Hallberg.

Neil has written for a variety of publications, including *The Raleigh News and Observer*, *Autoweek* and *Car and Driver*.

Neil is the second ECU alumnus to win the Pulitzer Prize.

Rick Atkinson won the Pulitzer Prize in 2003 for his book, *An Army at Dawn: The War in North Africa, 1942-1943*.

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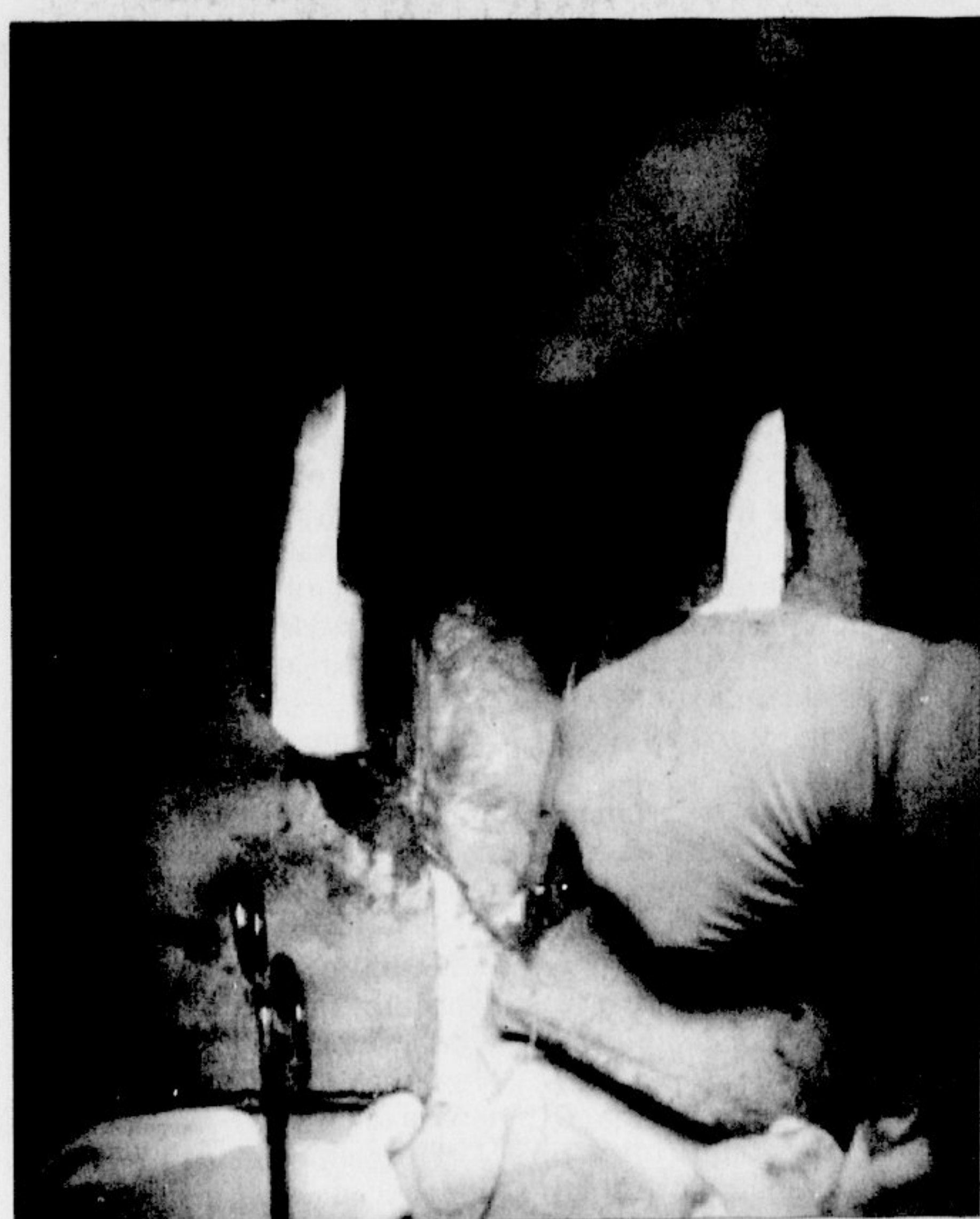
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Performing surgery on a beating heart is less expensive than using heart-lung machines.

## New heart surgery technique found to be less expensive

CHICAGO (AP) — Bypass surgery done on a beating heart is just as effective as the conventional operation performed with a heart-lung machine, and less expensive, a study found.

Previous research reached conflicting conclusions on the benefits of the new beating-heart technique, with one study finding that the newly grafted blood vessels are far more likely to become clogged up three months after surgery in those who undergo the procedure.

The new study, published in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, examined nearly 200 patients three months after surgery, and again after a year, and found no significant differences in quality of life between those who had the beating-heart technique and those who were connected to a heart-lung machine during their operation.

The rates of death, stroke, heart attack and the need for additional surgery also were comparable. In addition, the two groups were found to be similar in how much — or how little — their new vessels became blocked.

Earlier findings from the same group of patients showed that those who underwent the beating-heart technique had fewer problems immediately after surgery and were released from the hospital a day earlier.

The savings averaged about \$2,300 a patient, said Dr. John D. Puskas of Emory University in Atlanta, who performed all the operations and has been a pioneer of the method.

"Off-pump surgery is technically more challenging for the surgeon to perform, and I think it is also clear that it is easier for the patient to have it performed on them," Puskas said.



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## Our View

In addition to the added security measures in residence halls that are a response to the recent crime-wave that hit campus, there are a few other areas that are still a cause of concern.

In front of Aycock Hall, driving is especially dangerous. The area is prone to accidents because there isn't enough room to maneuver. Moreover, the already narrow passageway is further impeded because there are always people stopped in front of Aycock - not just students, Service Maintenance trucks and pizza delivery are equally guilty.

During the congestion, there isn't enough room for two cars to pass each other. Since you have to round a curve to get to this area anyway, it is very difficult to react to oncoming traffic.

In addition, extra caution always has to be taken when approaching the stop sign in front of Aycock because there's not an abundance of room and vehicles often travel in the wrong lane. This could be fairly easy to fix by simply widening the road in this area.

A second major problem area on campus concerns the road that connects Fifth Street with 10th Street, which runs past Bate.

We are extremely thankful for this road because we remember what it was like for a year when there wasn't a connecting road through campus. However, the intersection is dangerous because there is no stoplight, and people are going in multiple directions. In addition to 10th Street traffic, you have to take into account the cars turning onto the connecting road and the turn lanes for the post office, Mike's Deli and Wachovia. Drivers usually wait awhile to get out and are confused because they don't know whether or not it's safe to pull out into the frequently used turn lane. Why wasn't a stoplight erected here, too? There's one 50 yards down the street at Christenbury, where the traffic pattern is much simpler.

Driving in this city is a nightmare. We see many people run red lights and disregard traffic laws everywhere. As a large part of the Greenville population, we as ECU students should do our best to make driving safe and make known the changes we'd like put into effect for the betterment of the community.

The goal of the TEC Opinion page is to evoke discussion as well as action on topics pertinent to the ECU community.

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## In My Opinion

Stress, American style: An overworked nation is making itself sick

(KRT) — It's 2 a.m. and I am sitting in front of my computer. Not by choice. I have my body to thank. It doesn't stop working overtime at night now - a recent issue that has arisen thanks largely to an overly stressful lifestyle.

Stress never felt like a big deal to me. The fact that National Stress Awareness Day is Friday, immediately after tax day, unwittingly implies that Americans take their stress tongue-in-cheek.

After all, anxiety is the American lifestyle. It helps us get ahead, stay on top, win the rat race.

But stress is also a national crisis - and it's making us sick.

Ironically, as stress plagues our lives, it also fuels a thriving industry. Each year, Americans spend more than \$9.4 billion - more than the annual GDP of Rwanda - as they search for relief, from sitting in psychiatry offices to breathing aromatic oils that claim to offer release from the daily grind.

The self-help industry alone generates over half a billion dollars annually, according to the American Booksellers Association, as readers snap up books promising the ultimate cure to their mental woes.

We pump billions of dollars into the economy for our national malady, but stress is an integral thread in the American fabric. It finds roots in our long hours and activity-packed schedules as the world's pace accelerates.

In 1999, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health reported that the average citizen works 8 percent more hours than his or her counterpart of a generation ago, even as corporate downsizing and sluggish economic forecasts cause workers to fear for their careers.

Like older workers, young people are very prone to stress. Many of us are overachievers, succumbing to rampant social pressure that tells us we are not achieving our full potential unless we spend every waking hour doing something.

It is not uncommon for students to take advanced classes, hold down a part-time job, participate in multiple sports and chair a club or two during the year.

In fact, this hyper-accelerated lifestyle feels normal to young adults. In college, I constantly tell myself I can handle more: that one more internship or class will challenge me and pad my resume.

Unfortunately, those extra short-term activities may have wreaked long-term havoc on my

health. My recent scare with a major thyroid dysfunction cannot be blamed on a specific cause. But doctors say stress could be a factor, given my propensity for trying to be a real-life superwoman.

I'm not the only one dealing with the long-term consequences of our crazed American lifestyles. Stress has been linked to an array of afflictions, from digestive problems and insomnia to hypertension and heart disease.

Worse still, we almost never talk honestly about its role in our lives, even though the National Institutes of Mental Health estimates that stress causes ongoing problems for one of every 10 Americans.

Currently, most people deal with stress by popping a pill - Americans represent only 5 percent of the world's population but consume one-third of its anxiety drugs.

But for most of us, Prozac and other drugs are a short-term, even unrealistic effort to solve a problem that is endemic to our lifestyles. We should not be depending on drugs to manage our lives.

We need to take our lives back by changing our culture's pace.

Let's start with demanding more humane work-week hours, like many Europeans have. We should be working 30-35 hours per week, without losing our medical and retirement benefits.

People should not feel forced to work 45-60 hours a week, or to have a second job, just to keep food on the plate. Further, a reduction in stress could benefit the workplace by keeping employees healthier.

Efforts to alleviate stress must begin in youth.

Students need reassurance that their careers do not depend upon the number of activities they cram into eight years of school. A few extra hours of personal time could teach them how to manage personal stress, whether through yoga, visiting friends or doing nothing at all.

Most important, we need to learn to say no before we accept more obligations.

Since my diagnosis, I have started to slow down and to re-evaluate what matters in my life. It has been extremely difficult. I'm so used to running at a breakneck pace that I feel guilty reading a book for fun.

Still, I am trying. I have even considered cutting back on personal expenses to avoid having to work full-time after graduation.

## In My Opinion

When America was a rogue nation

(KRT) — Because we forget that the United States was once considered a rogue nation exporting terrorism, the nation's senior officials risk making serious policy mistakes today.

The United States a rogue nation? Though it may be hard to believe, before the Civil War, people in Latin America, Western Europe and even the faraway Hawaiian kingdom were convinced that the United States had become a base for terrorists.

No one then actually used the term "terrorism" for unauthorized attacks on other countries. Rather, these criminals were called "filibusters."

But like modern terrorists, U.S. filibusters operated in underground cells, used secret codes and wreaked havoc.

They attacked Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Nicaragua and Honduras and were suspected of planning attacks elsewhere.

How can American policymakers benefit from studying filibustering? This all-but-forgotten chapter of the nation's history suggests that the current "war on terrorism" will last longer than assumed.

It also warns that the government and news media should exercise caution before accusing other nations of collaborating with terrorists.

American filibusters attacked other countries almost every year between the mid-1830s and 1860.

The most notorious filibuster was William Walker, who invaded Mexico with a private army in 1853. In 1855 he attacked Nicaragua, soon gaining control of the country.

The next year, he arranged his own election as Nicaragua's president in a fixed vote. After losing power in 1857, he attacked Central America again, finally in 1860 suffering death at the hands of a Honduran firing squad.

Some filibusters were well-known figures. John Quitman, Mississippi governor in the 1830s and 1850s and a U.S. general in the Mexican-American War of the 1840s, organized an attack on Cuba.

New York City's John L. O'Sullivan, the editor remembered for coining the expansionist slogan "Manifest Destiny," twice was prosecuted for participating in Cuba plots.

Unlike modern terrorists, the filibusters never intentionally massacred civilian populations. But Europeans and Latin Americans regarded them the way

Americans view terrorists today - as ruthless murderers causing horrific destruction.

Walker's men burned parts of Granada and Nicaragua. Foreign diplomats repeatedly complained to the State Department that their countries were in a state of panic over American assaults.

Just as the U.S. news media suggest Saudi complicity in the attacks of September 2001, so foreign governments in the 1850s assumed that U.S. leaders secretly assisted filibusters. Just as some commentators today accuse Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's regime of half-hearted efforts against al-Qaeda, so foreign critics in the 1850s believed American leaders were winking at filibusters.

The Atlantic Monthly charged U.S. authorities with having "blind eyes and very slippery hands" regarding filibusters sailing to Nicaragua. And just as President Bush seeks an anti-terrorist international coalition today, so there were international alliances against U.S. filibusters in the 1850s.

It's important to realize that despite accusations that the U.S. government tolerated filibustering, just the opposite was true. It was hardly in the national interest to foster filibustering, which brought the United States to the brink of war with powerful England and other nations. Additionally, filibustering caused foreign reprisals against American commercial interests abroad.

U.S. presidents issued proclamations threatening filibusters with jail.

More important, the government deployed its military forces and demanded that port and border officials prosecute filibusters and seize their ships.

One general confiscated a filibuster ship in San Francisco harbor, explaining that the president had ordered him to halt filibustering "by using my military force to the utmost of my power."

Filibustering persisted not because of government collusion, but because of circumstances beyond federal control.

The tiny U.S. army, for example, faced an impossible task in sealing off the lengthy, mostly shallow Rio Grande. Now Pakistani officials face similar difficulties on their border with Afghanistan.

Popular sympathy with filibusters (like radical Muslim support for terrorists today) was the most important reason why pre-Civil War U.S. leaders were unable to stop them.

## In My Opinion

If Google ogles your e-mail, will Ashcroft be far behind?

(KRT) — Google has a privacy problem on its hands.

On April 1, Google quietly launched a test version of a Web-based e-mail service that offers users massive amounts of storage, 1 gigabyte, for free.

There's a catch. Google's computers will scan each e-mail message and serve up ads related to the message's content.

If your girlfriend e-mails you about your coming Hawaii trip, don't be surprised to see an ad for the Princeville Resort in Kauai. Privacy advocates first thought the service, dubbed G-mail, was an April Fool's joke.

It's not. So they went into full alarm mode, raising a flurry of concerns, some legitimate and some overblown. California state Sen. Liz Figueroa says she is considering legislation that would

keep e-mail messages from being scanned.

G-mail certainly raises troubling privacy questions. Electronic communications, such as phone conversations and e-mail, have long enjoyed strong privacy safeguards. Law enforcement authorities must jump through many hoops before they are allowed to snoop on them. Why, then, should a private company such as Google be able to go through the contents of your e-mail?

Google responded, saying that it's not humans doing the scanning, but rather computers. Anti-spam filters already do this, the company said. Google has further given assurances that it will not share anything relating to your e-mail messages with advertisers or anyone else. And it will not build databases or user profiles based on

the contents of e-mails.

Google has a reputation for being a responsible corporate citizen. Its assurances are a good start, but its answers are not fully satisfactory.

Perhaps the most worrisome aspect of Google's content scanning is that it will forever erode the expectation of privacy in e-mail. Other services, such as Yahoo and Microsoft, could be pressured to imitate it.

And it won't be long before law enforcement agencies say they, too, want in. If that sounds paranoid, well, it's exactly the argument that defenders of the Pentagon's Orwellian Total Information Awareness program used: "If credit card companies can rifle through your transactions, why not us?"

Some of Google's defenders simply say that if you don't want

your e-mail scanned, don't sign up. But when non-G-mail users send e-mails to a G-mail account, their messages will be scanned—without their consent.

That is not only troubling but it also could run afoul of laws in certain jurisdictions, such as the European Union, that have stronger privacy protections.

Google ought to engage privacy advocates in a thorough debate over their concerns. As it does so, it should work to make its privacy policies crystal clear. And it should give customers a choice to opt-in to, rather than opt-out of, the targeted ads, as the company said it is considering.

For her part, Sen. Figueroa would do well to hold her fire to give Google a chance to put privacy fears to rest without the need for legislation.

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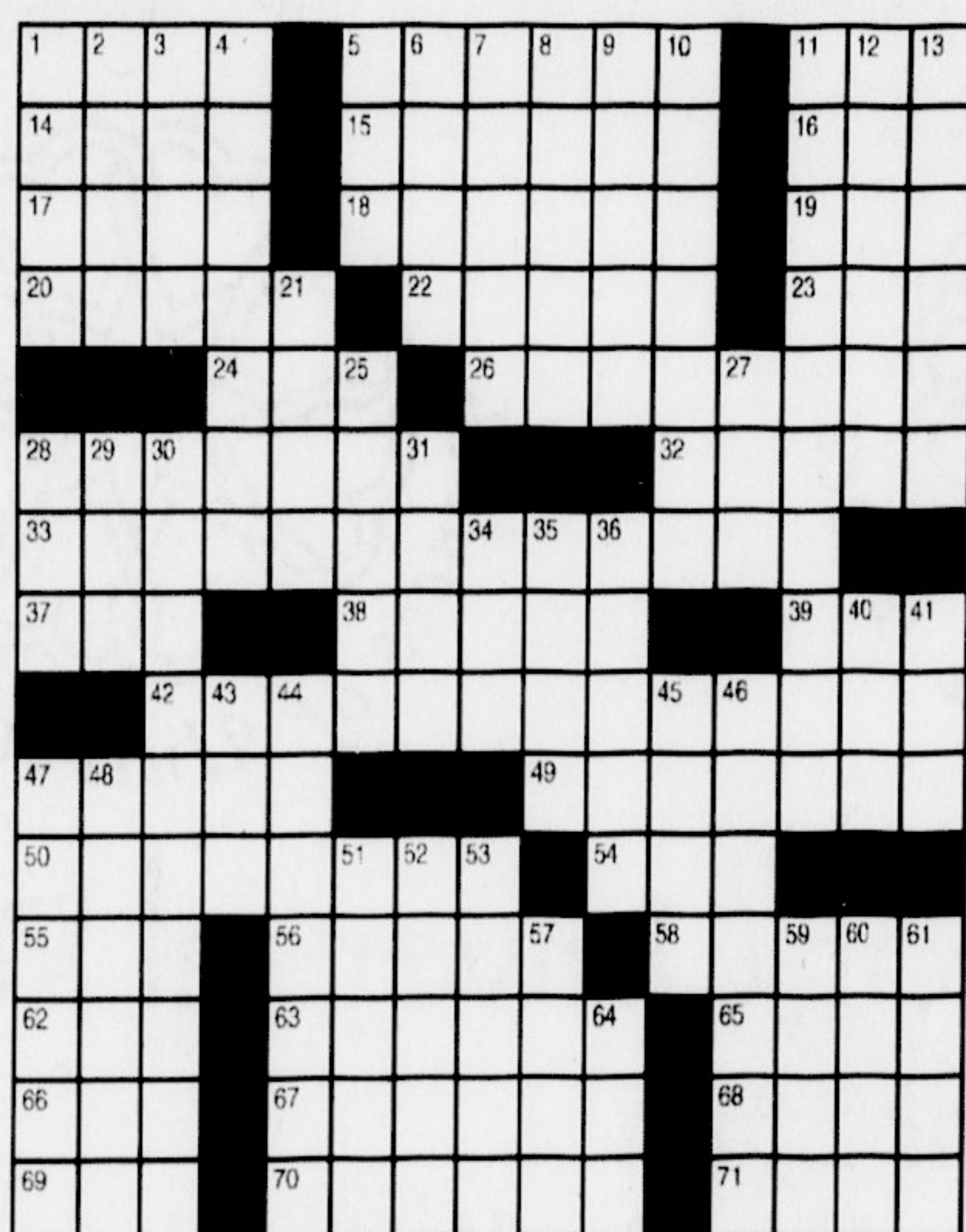
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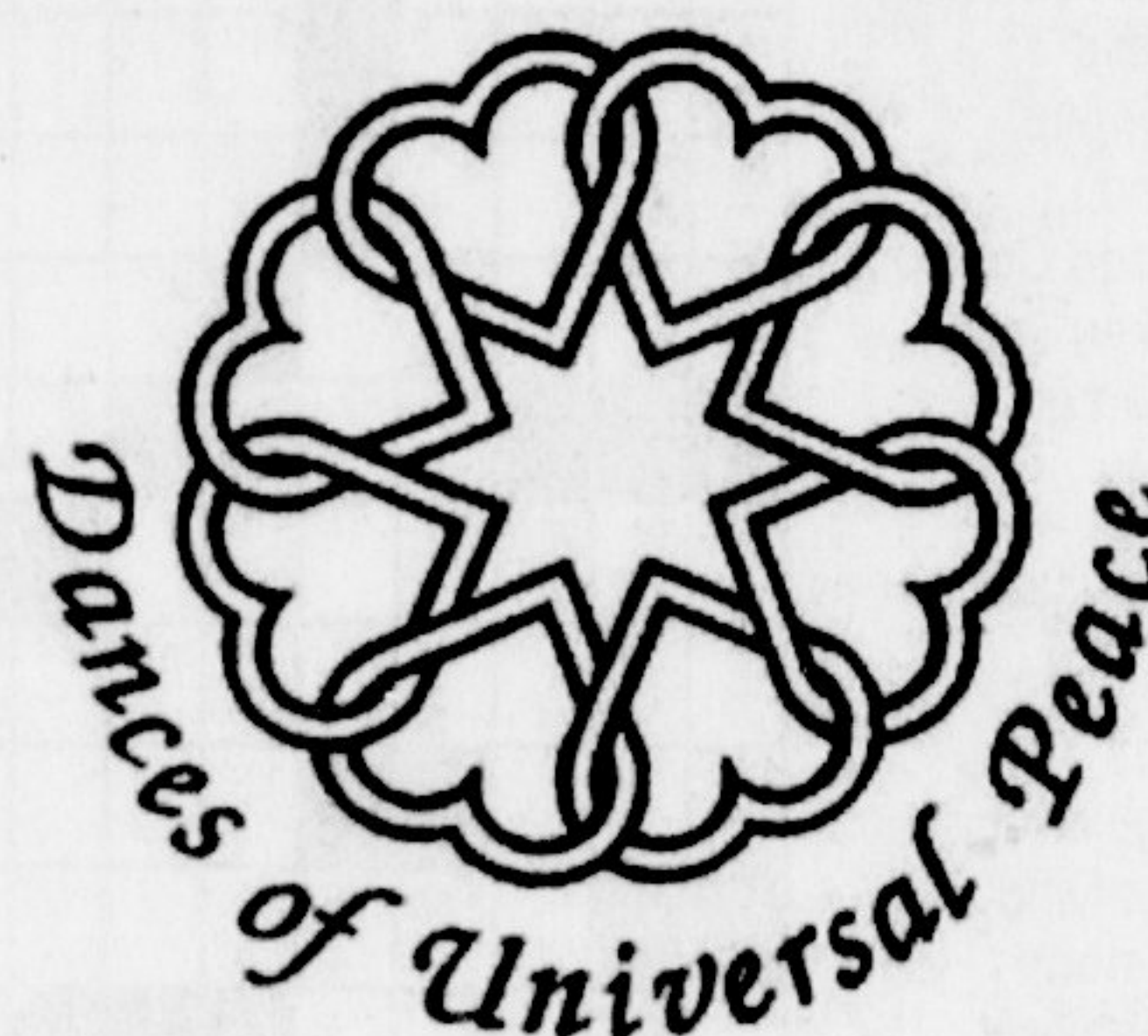
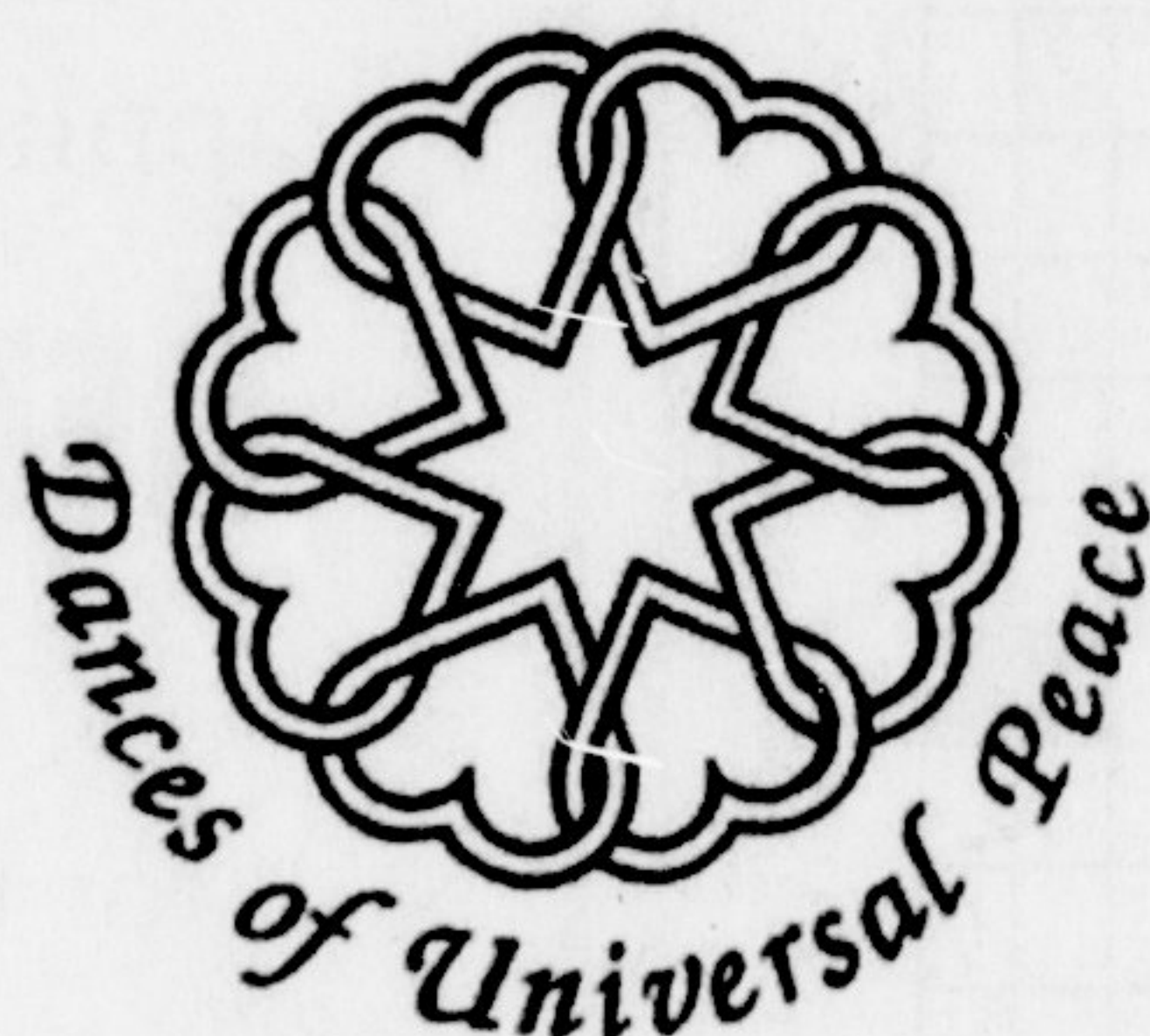
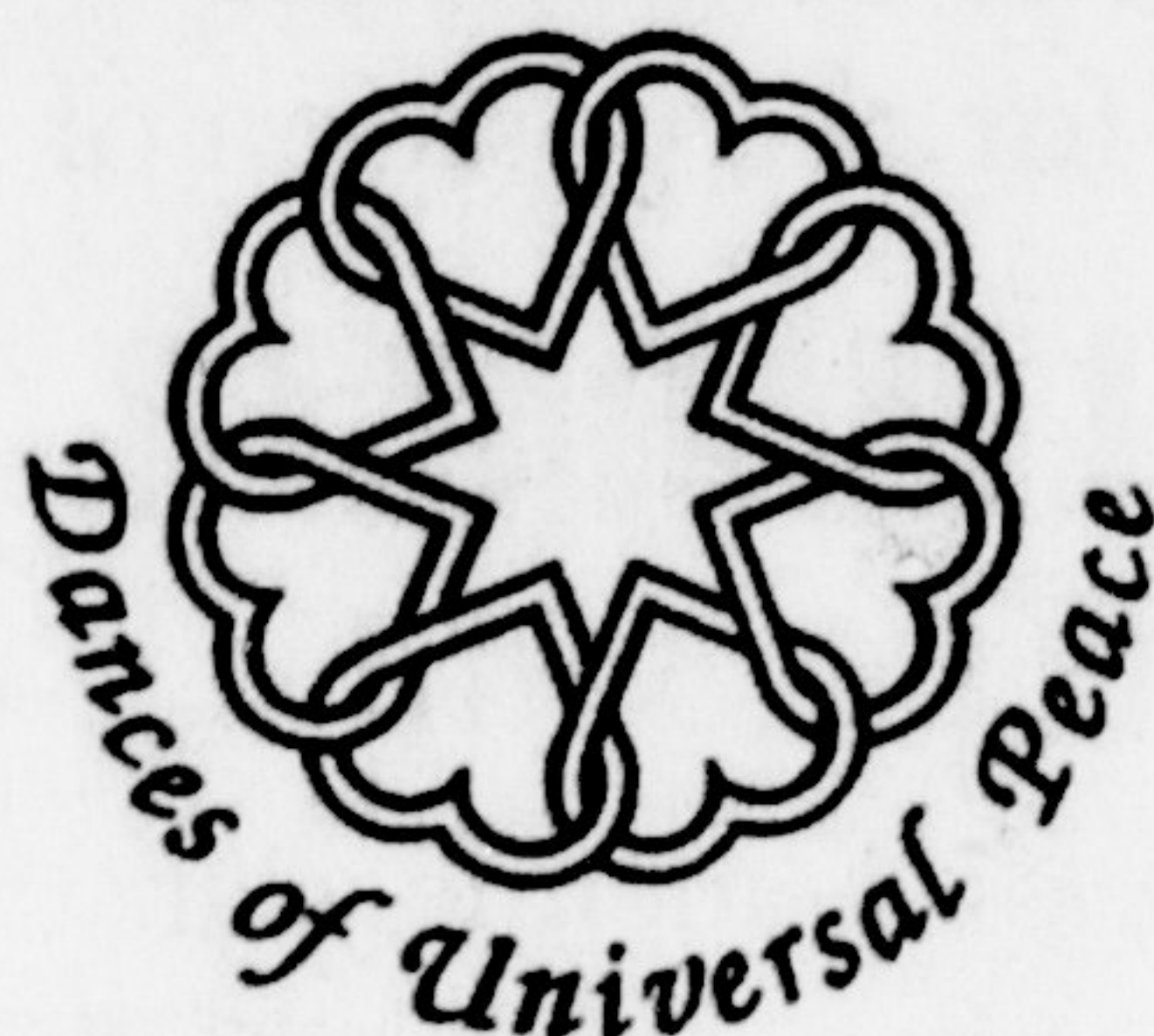
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### Did You Know?

- Rocker Iggy Pop (1947) and actress Andie MacDowell (1958) both call today their birthday.
- This month is National Soft Pretzel Month.
- Today is Administrative Professional's Day and Stories Day.
- On this day in 1986, Geraldo Rivera opened Al Capone's vault on TV and found nothing.

### Announcements

#### Films

The Student Union Films Committee presents *The Fog of War* tonight 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. *The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King* is showing tonight 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.

#### Music Performance

The School of Music presents the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic Band and the Concert Band conducted by Scott Carter and Christopher Knighten at 8 p.m. tonight in Wright Auditorium. This event is free.

#### Dance Tryouts

The ECU Pure Gold Dance Team will hold spring tryouts Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 in Christenbury Gym. Go by 311 Ward Sports Medicine Building for registration information. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 22 at 5 p.m. For additional information, please e-mail lytlec@mail.ecu.edu.

#### Barefoot on the Mall

The 25th Annual Barefoot on the Mall will be from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 22. This event is free for students.

#### Art Exhibition

The 2004 School of Art Thesis Exhibition opening reception will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 in the Gray Gallery. The exhibit runs through May 22.

#### Jazz Bones

The School of Music presents Jazz Bones directed by George Broussard at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 22 in the A. J. Fletcher Recital Hall. This event is free.

### Top Fives

#### Top five movies



1. *Kill Bill Vol. 2*
2. *The Punisher*
3. *Johnson Family Vacation*
4. *Hellboy*
5. *Home on the Range*

#### Top five albums

1. Usher, *Confessions*
2. Various Artists, *Now 15*
3. Janet Jackson, *Damita Jo*
4. Jessica Simpson, *In This Skin*
5. Norah Jones, *Feels Like Home*

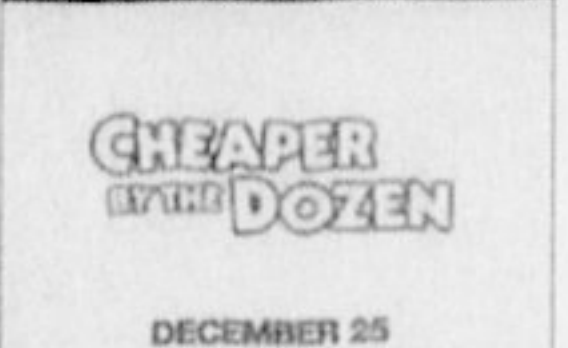


#### Top five singles

1. "Yeah!", Usher featuring Lil Jon & Ludacris
2. "This Love," Maroon 5
3. "Toxic," Britney Spears
4. "My Immortal," Evanescence
5. "With You," Jessica Simpson

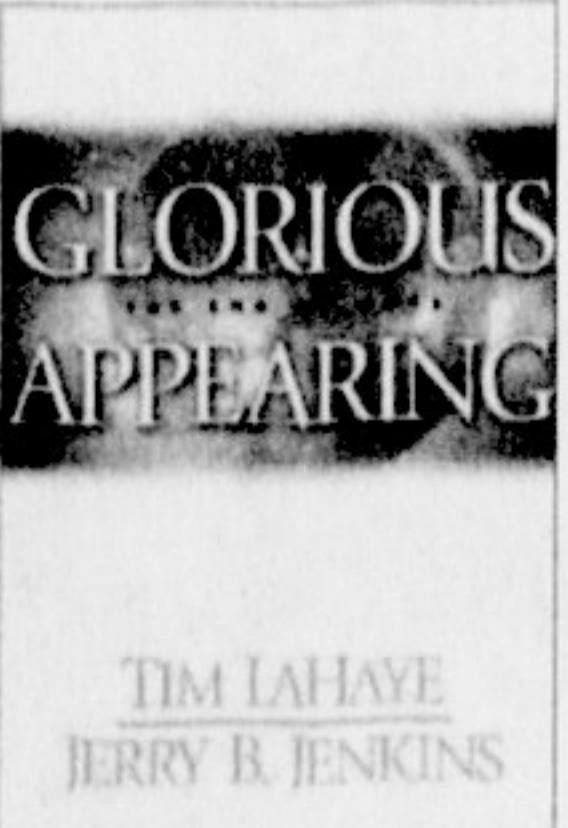
#### Top five DVDs

1. *Cheaper by the Dozen*
2. *The Matrix Revolutions*
3. *Something's Gotta Give*
4. *The Rundown*
5. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*



#### Top five TV

1. "American Idol" - Tuesday (FOX)
2. "Apprentice" (NBC)
3. "E.R." (NBC)
4. "CSI" (CBS)
5. "American Idol" - Wednesday (FOX)



#### Top five books

1. *Glorious Appearing*, Tim LeHaye & Jerry Jenkins
2. *Angels & Demons*, Dan Brown
3. *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown
4. *The Purpose-Driven Life*, Rick Warren
5. *Against All Enemies: America's Inside War on Terror*, Richard A. Clark

## Barefoot arrives

Annual outdoor festival  
celebrates 25 years

BY ANDREW  
ANDERSON  
STAFF WRITER

On the Mall's "25 Barefeet and still is invigorating and funky this spring, featuring a performance by the swing dance jazz band, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

There are a variety of events offered at this year's Barefoot on the Mall. It is the 25th anniversary, and we want it to be huge," said Katie Daniels, co-chair of the Barefoot Committee.

The festival starts at noon on Thursday, April 22 and runs through the afternoon. Barefoot has a wide variety of activities for students as well as a main stage that will host several bands.

The headliner is Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, who will go on the main stage at 5 p.m. The group is nationally known and tours frequently. During one song, the ECU Swing Dance Club will perform a routine next to the stage.

Other bands will be performing at the main stage from noon until 4:30 p.m. The winner of the Battle of the Bands contest, Last Year's Model, will begin followed by J-Locke, a hip-hop band. The mid-liner is a

Skinny Dorks.

"This is the first year we will have a side stage with a DJ playing in between main stage sets," Daniels said.

ECU's break dancing club, Drop heavy, and the winners of the freestyle rap contest will also perform on a side stage. The freestyle contest winners, chosen by the crowd's applause, will be competing for The Roots tickets.

Barefoot will also provide many novelties and souvenirs. The Student Union will give away 500 shooter shot glasses, 1,000 magnet word jumble frames, 1,500 whiz rings, 1,000 beach balls, 1,500 guitar key chains and 1,100 T-shirts available at the cupola. Students can have two small prizes or one big one.

There will also be eight carnival games, an obstacle course, bungee run, bouncy boxing, vertical bungee trampoline and giant joust.

Students can make their own scented gel air fresheners and wax versions of their hands, which have been popular at previous events. In addition, a booth will take pictures for digital 3-D holograms. Barefoot key chains with a logo and a personal picture are also available at this year's Barefoot on the Mall.

"Barefoot on the Mall has gone from two bands and organizations to what it is

see FOOT page B3

## Gray Gallery displays MFA Theses

Graduate students  
present thesis work  
in final exhibition

LISA TUMBARELLO  
STAFF WRITER

The Wellington B. Gray Gallery presents its annual Thesis Exhibition with works in various media from five graduate students in the School of Art Master of Fine Arts program.

ECU has one of the largest and most respected art programs in the Carolinas. With a graduate art program of about 45 students and nearly 700 undergraduate students, ECU holds a strong national reputation.

The Master of Fine Arts

program, which takes three years, allows students to complete 60 credit hours of work and is equivalent to receiving a doctorate in one of the sciences. Although there are no awards at the Thesis Art Exhibition, academic success is a satisfying reward for the students' hard work.

The 2004 graduates are presenting works in several media. Socorro Hernandez-Hinek is presenting her thesis in ceramics, and Pam Toll is presenting in painting. Yang Fan, Aspen Hochhalter and Julie Snyder are presenting their theses in photo-based media.

ECU recently added photo-based media to its graduate curriculum. Fan, Hochhalter and Snyder are the first to graduate from the program with an MFA

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Contributed photos



## Hip-hop influenced Roots to rock ECU

MTV University brings  
concert to campus

TOMEKA STEELE  
STAFF WRITER

The Roots are coming to perform at ECU and are bringing original hip-hop with them. The Roots concert will be the grand finale to the always fun-filled Barefoot Week.

The Roots, based out of Philadelphia, are a hip-hop ensemble of the early 1990s. The members include rappers Black Thought (Tariq Trotter), Malik B. (Malik Abdul Basit), bass player Hub (Leonard Nelson Hubbard), drummer Questlove (Ahmir-Khalid Thompson), Kamal (Scott Storch) and human beatbox Scratch.

Focusing more on old school free styling and jazz hip-hop, The Roots stand out among stream-line artists. The group doesn't use a DJ or samplers - they perform everything live. They are well-

known for using drums, guitars and their own voices to make beats and create an innovative organic sound.

The Roots have come out with many albums, but the most highly noted is *Phrenology*, released in November 2002. *Phrenology* has since reached the status of certified gold.

The album also received a nomination at this year's Grammy's for the hit song "Break You Off," a single off *Phrenology*.

The Roots like to collaborate with other soulful creative artists. On *Phrenology*, they worked with Nelly Furtado, Musiq, Talib Kweli and a score of other earthy artists. Their next album, *The Tipping Point*, will be released on July 13.

*The Tipping Point* will also have a variety of collaborations with artists Jill Scott, Musiq and Bilal. It will include the hit single "Don't Say Nothing."

This concert is sponsored by ECU Student Union. The Roots will put on a live concert

on April 25 at 8 p.m. in Minges Coliseum.

As if The Roots performance won't be grand enough, MTV University will also set up shop at ECU.

MTV University is a group of MTV employees that help promote concerts. They will come to ECU on April 25 and set up a tailgate to The Roots' concert from 4 - 8 p.m. in the Minges parking lot.

MTVU will have a live DJ playing the newest music. They will also set up a lounge area where students can preview the latest music, videos and electronics. They encourage people to bring their MP3 players to download the fresh music. There will also be a karaoke booth for fun entertainment.

With MTV comes tons of games in order to win cool prizes. Some of the games will be the "Name That Video" challenge and the bungee run obstacle course.

MTV's Choose or Lose cam-



The Roots will perform Sunday.

paign is also coming along. They will have information on presidential candidates and places to register to vote. MTV is handing students the opportunity to get involved as well as a great time.

Tickets for the concert will be sold at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

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# American Idol Watch



AMANDA LINGERFELT  
FEATURES EDITOR



Even though he wrote a song that mentions name (well, sort of, it's called "Mandy"), I just have to say that I hate Barry Manilow's music and the only thing that made me hate it more was when the contestants were forced to sing his music. Fantasia Barrino was the only one who pulled it off with her soulful, gospel-inspired version of "It's a Miracle." It's hard to pick which contestant will be voted off tonight, but I put my money on John Stevens just because I believe America is starting to realize he doesn't fit the "Idol" mold.



JOHN BREAM  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Let's talk about a ridiculous "American Idol" theme – the music of Barry Manilow. What an absolutely horrid selection that left us with six rounds of repetitive music, all except for Fantasia Barrino's finale. It's almost impossible to pick a loser tonight because everyone basically performed the same. Manilow's music doesn't allow the singers to express their individuality along with their talent. This week, I think it will basically come down to whose turn it is to be voted off because they don't belong. I believe Jasmine Trias will be packing her bags tomorrow night in the "Idol" mansion.



MICHELLE MCLEOD  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I personally have never heard any Barry Manilow song besides "Mandy." That in itself makes me feel like I'm unqualified to critique these performances. However, I do know good singing when I hear it. So, that's what I'm going to judge last night's contestants on. Aside from originality and based solely on talent, last night's worst performances came from Jasmine Trias, George Huff and John Stevens. I predict, in the wake of Stevens' so-so performance of "Mandy" and his blunders from previous weeks, he will not return to the competition next week.

★ = Number of accurate predictions

## Roots from page B1

The first 2000 tickets are access to floor seating up close and personal to The Roots. There will also be a band opening for The Roots.

The Roots are an extremely talented band and are well-known for putting on intimate,

innovative, one-of-a-kind concerts that leave fans with a lasting impression. *Rolling Stone Magazine* listed The Roots in the top 15 bands to see in the world.

ECU student tickets are \$15 with a valid OneCard and staff/faculty tickets are \$20. Other col-

lege students' tickets are \$20 and general public tickets are \$25.

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This writer can be contacted at [features@theeastcarolinian.com](mailto:features@theeastcarolinian.com).



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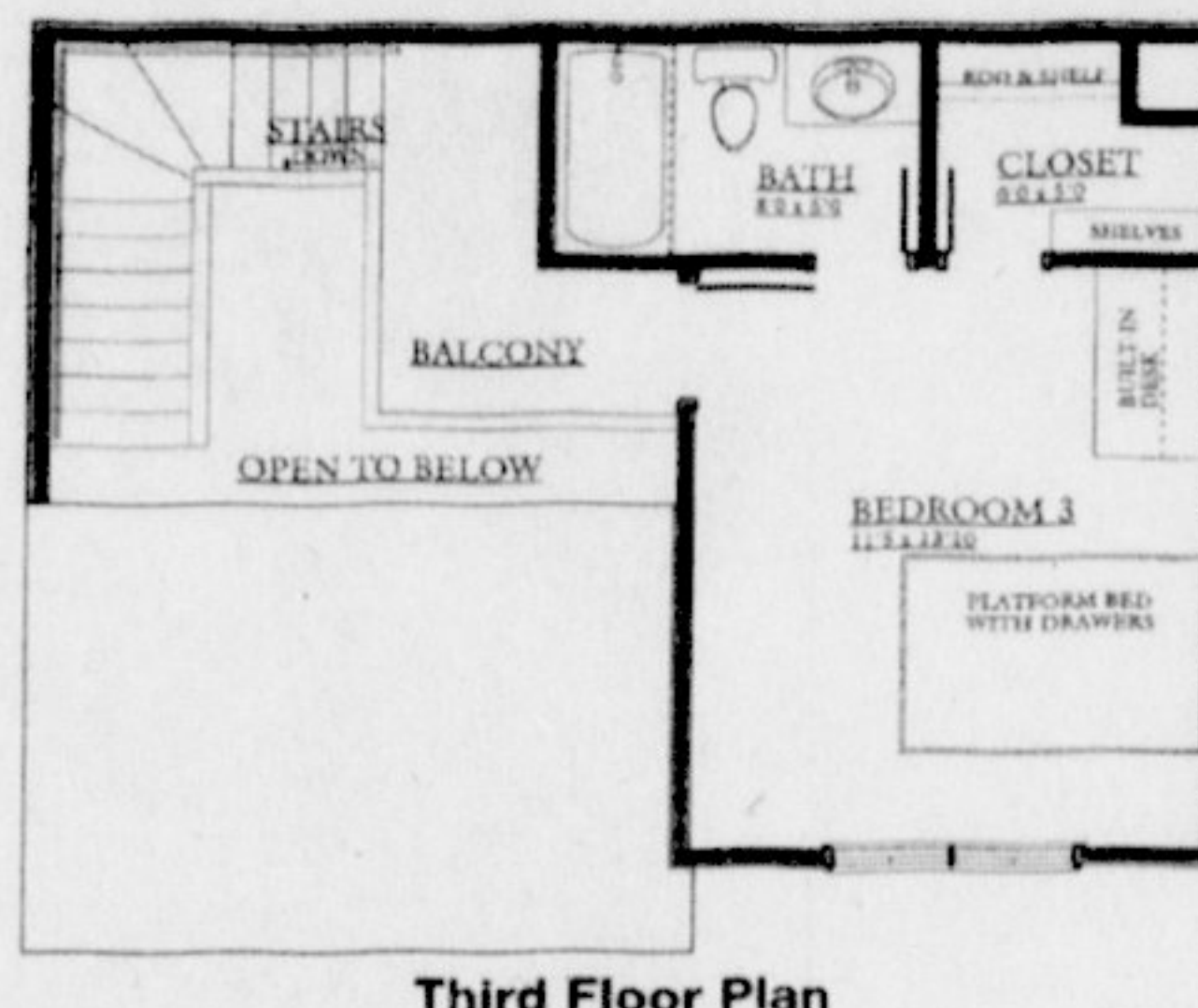
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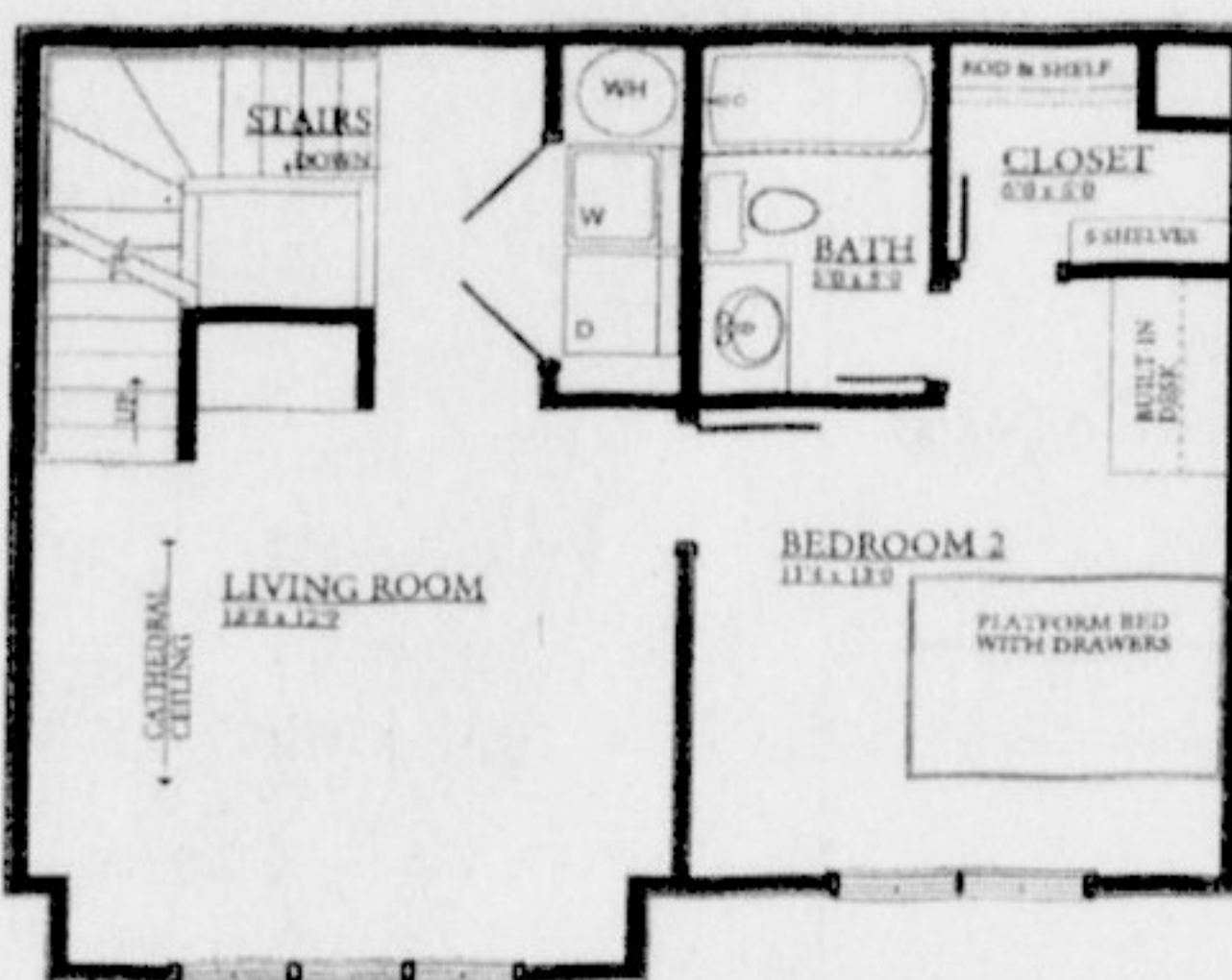
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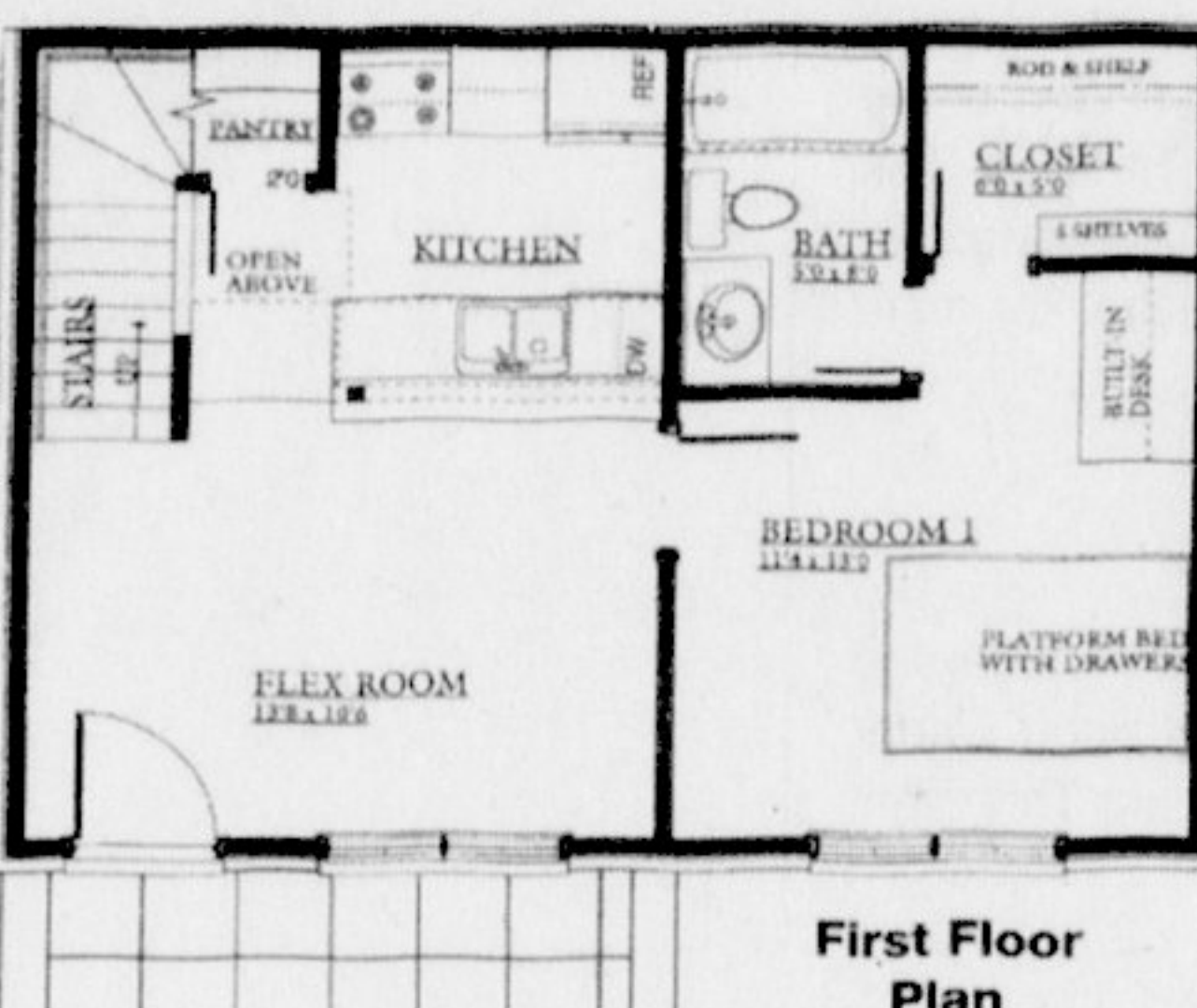
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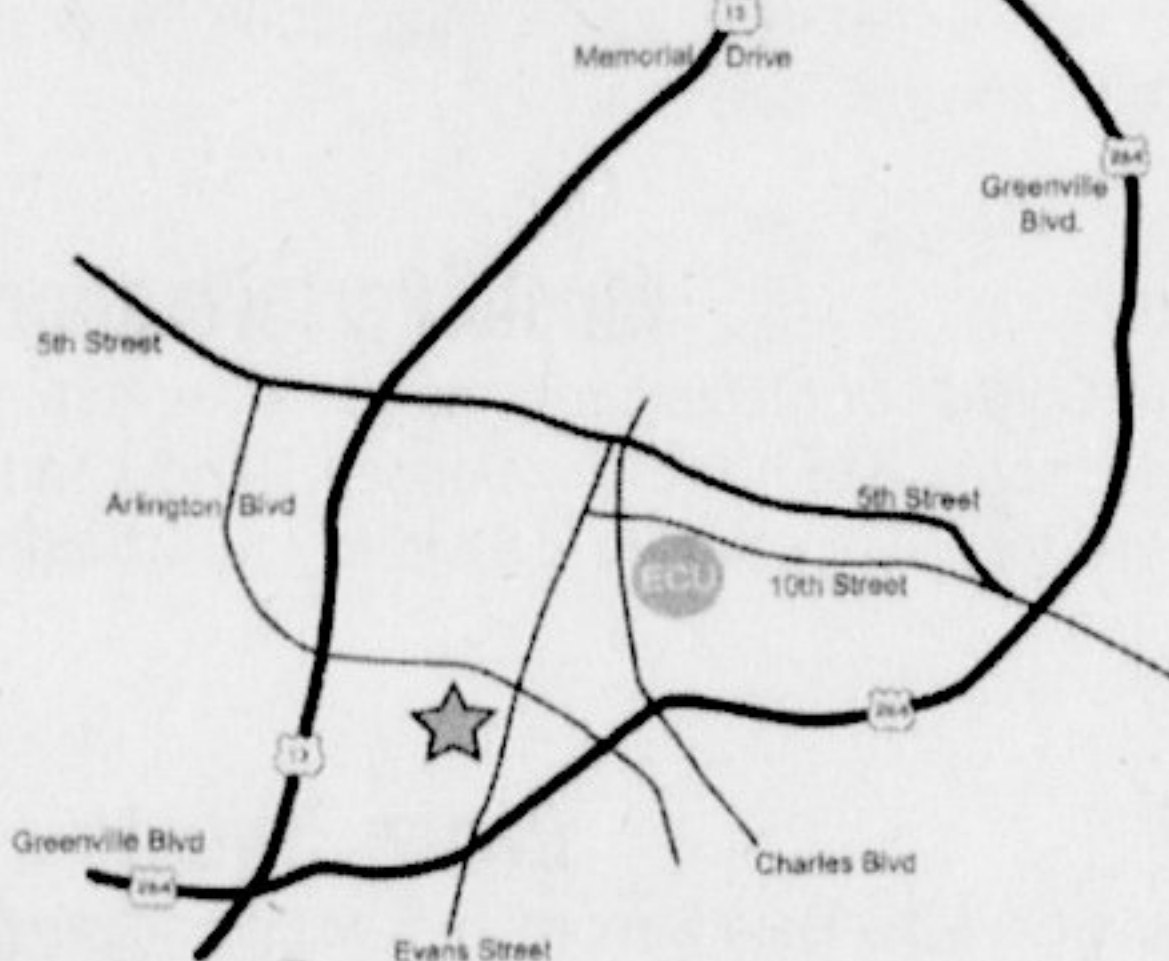
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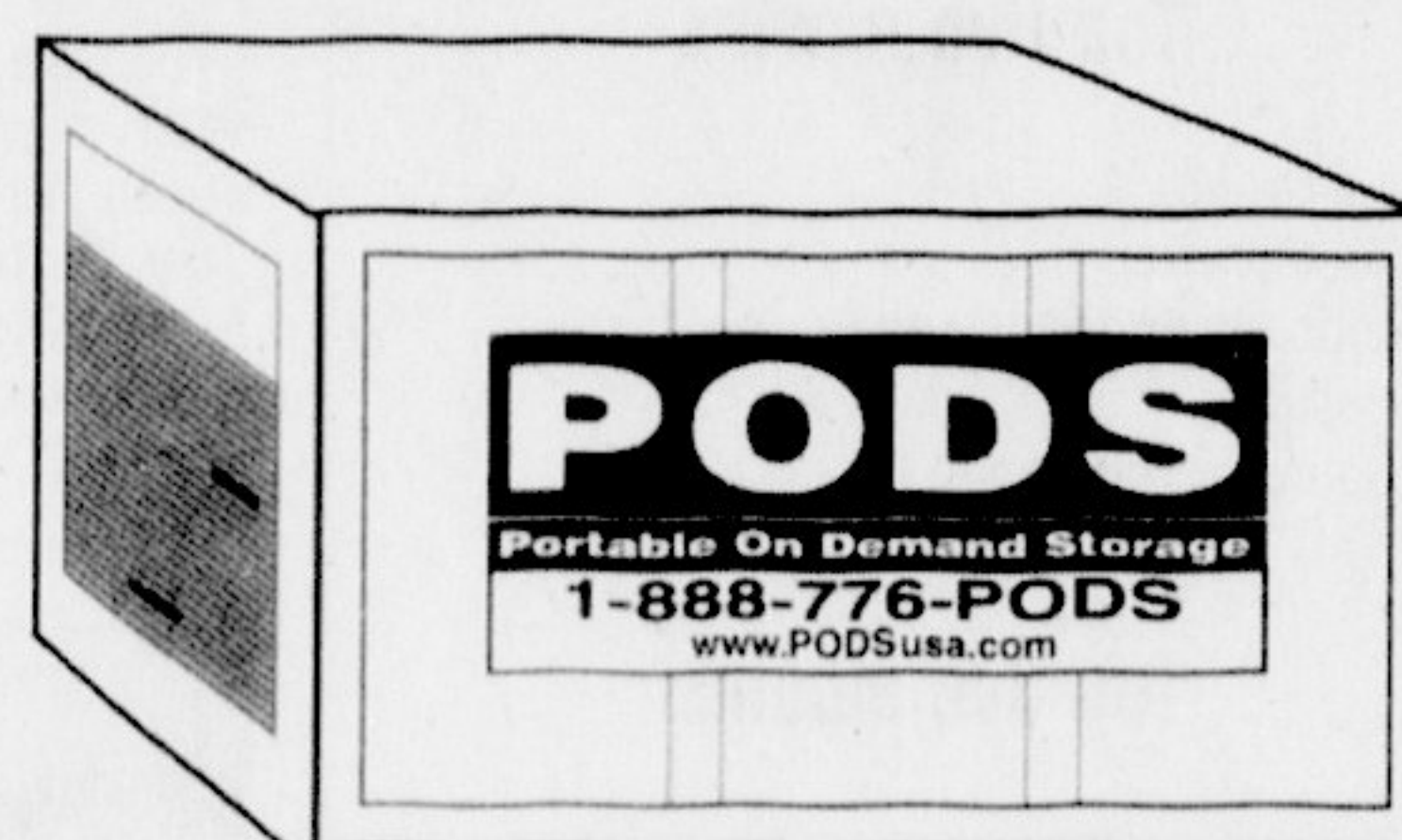


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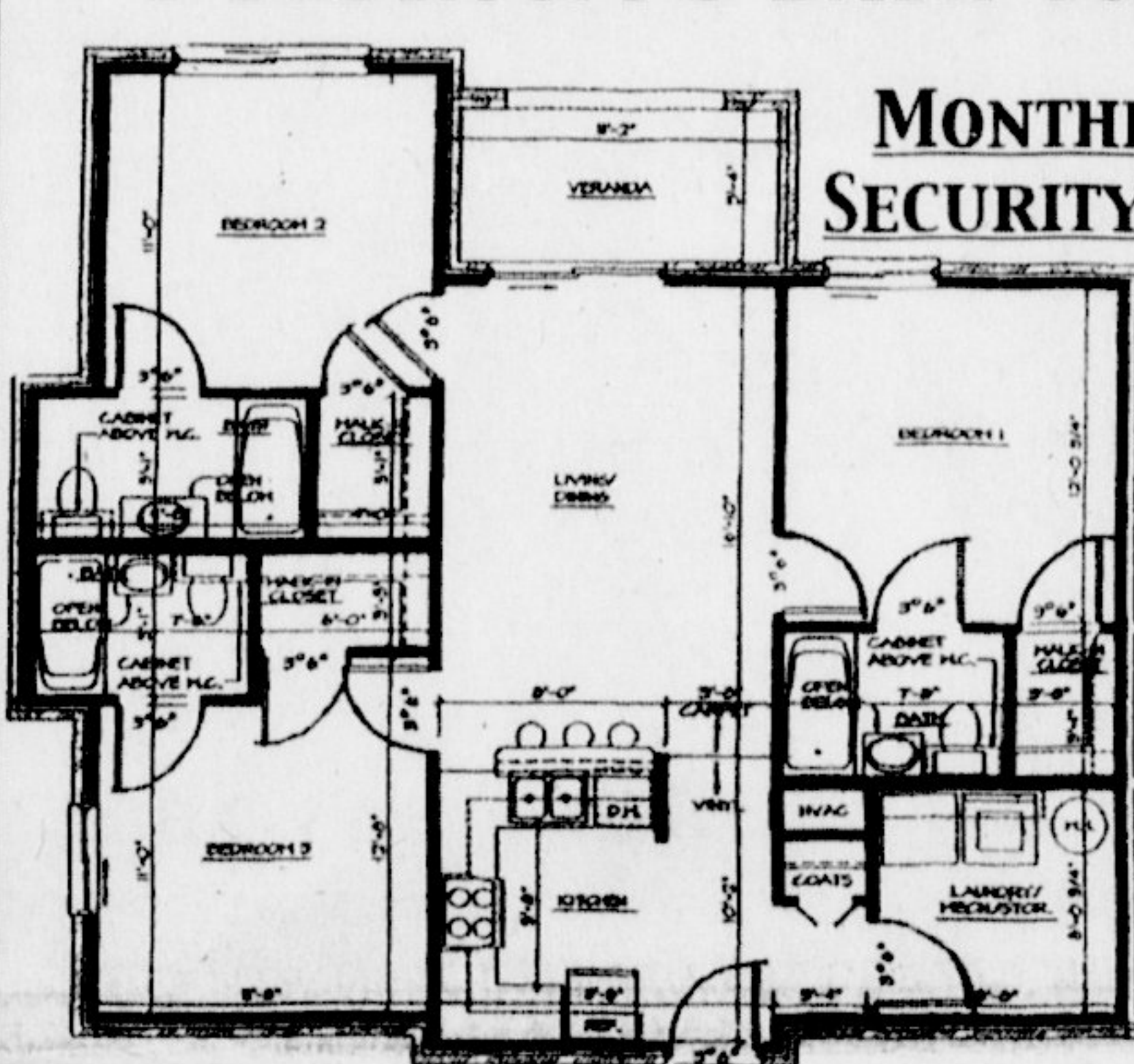
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in the degree.

Each artist is presenting a body of work from the past year and a half, which centers around a thesis concept. Similar to preceding works, the MFA requires a paper and orals to defend creative ideas.

The artists' ideas include exploring Latino culture, gender roles and the myth of beauty, personal and environmental statements, Christian religion and generational issues. Through each artist's diverse media, their ideas are challenged.

## Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition

Wellington B. Gray Gallery

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Reception honoring artists is Friday, April 23 at 5 p.m.

Gallery is open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with extended hours Thursdays until 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"This is a very special time for these students," said Gil Leebrick, director of the Gray Gallery.

"This is the next generation which you will read about and see in exhibition in New York City."

Each artist is showcasing

varying amounts of pieces. Expect 80 pieces to be on display at the gallery. The gallery is free and open to the general public.

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today," said Lisa Crouse, Student Union president and co-chair of the Barefoot Committee.

The week-long Barefoot celebration kicked off earlier this week with a performance by pianist Vienna Teng and illusionist Craig Karges. On Friday, April 23, there will be a breakdancing competition called Toe II Toe. The doors open at 5 p.m., and the battle starts at 6 p.m.

Toe II Toe will be held in the Mendenhall Great Rooms. Admission is free. First place wins \$1,000, second place \$400 and third place \$100. For more information, visit [www.swoonunit.com](http://www.swoonunit.com).

"There are 30 teams with people from Florida and California coming to compete. It is supposed to be huge," Crouse said.

To top off the celebration of Barefoot on the Mall's 25th anniversary, The Roots will perform at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 in Minges Coliseum.

The first 2,000 students to buy tickets will have access to floor seating. Ticket prices are \$15 for ECU students, \$20 for ECU faculty/staff and \$25 for the general public. The price will increase by \$5 at the door.

"Every event is exciting,

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of course, but The Roots is the culmination of everything. We have not had a band that big in a while. This is what the students want and we are bringing it to them," Crouse said.

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## Sports Briefs

### Georgetown hands coaching reins to Thompson III

Hoping to revive its basketball program, Georgetown hired John Thompson III, the son of the only coach to lead the Hoyas to a national title. His father's 1984 Georgetown team, led by Patrick Ewing, beat Houston for the NCAA championship. Georgetown also reached the national title games in 1982 and 1985 under Thompson, who left the team in 1999 and now works as a TV analyst. Thompson III replaces Craig Esherick, who was fired last month after a 13-15 season, the Hoyas' worst in 31 years. The younger Thompson, 37, led the Tigers to a 68-42 record over four years, including Ivy League titles and NCAA tournament berths in 2000-01 and 2003-04. Princeton went 20-8 this season, losing to Texas in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

### Razorbacks' Heath gets one-year extension

Arkansas basketball coach Stan Heath had his contract extended an additional year Monday. This is the second straight year the university retained the five-year employment agreement, which now ends on April 30, 2009. Heath's contract includes separate radio, television and personal services agreements. The Razorbacks were 12-16 last season and are 21-35 in Heath's two seasons.

### Council proposes scholarship reward

The NCAA Division I Management Council voted unanimously Monday to repeal a rule on scholarship limits in basketball and replace it with one that rewards teams for overall academic performance. The current rule allows schools to offer five scholarships in one year or eight in two years, but it penalizes schools no matter how well they've done historically by not allowing them to replace scholarship players who become academically ineligible, NCAA president Myles Brand said. One of the proposals the Management Council will present to the NCAA Board of Directors later this month would set a team threshold for triggering a penalty, such as the loss of a scholarship. The exact numbers would be determined later.

### Rams tell Warner he will be cut June 1

Kurt Warner has been told by the St. Louis Rams that he will be cut after June 1, the quarterback's agent told the *New York Daily News*. Mark Bartelstein, Warner's agent, told the newspaper that Rams' coach Mike Martz informed Warner on Monday of the team's decision. Bartelstein said the Rams gave the two-time MVP permission to contact other teams. That process has already begun, the agent told the newspaper. Messages left for Bartelstein at his office and Martz at his home by *The Associated Press* were not immediately returned late Monday night. By waiting until after June 1 to cut him, the Rams lessen the hit on their salary cap. Warner will cost them \$4.6 million this year and \$6.7 million next year. He is slated to cost St. Louis \$9.5 million this year. Warner went to two Super Bowls in his first three seasons as the Rams starter, leading the team to the 1999 championship.

### Free-agent WR Gadsden charged with DUI

Free-agent wide receiver Oronde Gadsden was charged with driving under the influence early Monday. Gadsden, who spent the last six seasons with the Miami Dolphins, was pulled over at 2:30 a.m. after police said the vehicle he was driving swerved out of its lane and ran over several lane markers. Gadsden, whose license was already suspended, was released Monday on \$3,000 bond. Michael Todd, Gadsden's agent, said he spoke with two people who had been with the player prior to his arrest, who told him "the last 2 and a half to 3 hours before (Gadsden) left he didn't have anything to drink." Gadsden signed with the Dolphins as a free agent in 1998. He averaged 14.4 yards per catch and scored 22 touchdowns through mid-October 2002. Gadsden was re-signed by the Dolphins in November last season and caught four passes for 48 yards in six games.

### Chipper to be out of Braves' lineup

Chipper Jones avoided the disabled list Monday, but the Atlanta Braves' outfielder is expected to miss at least five to seven days with a hamstring injury. Jones re-injured the hamstring in his right leg in Sunday's 3-2 win over the Florida Marlins while trying to chase down a fly ball in the left-center gap. He had to be taken off the field on a cart. Braves officials said Jones responded well enough to treatment to keep him from being placed on the DL for the first time since 1996. He accompanied the team on a 12-game road trip, the longest of the season. Jones initially hurt the hamstring April 11 against the Chicago Cubs. He missed the next two games, but returned to the lineup on Thursday. Jones is hitting .314 with three of his team's 10 homers.

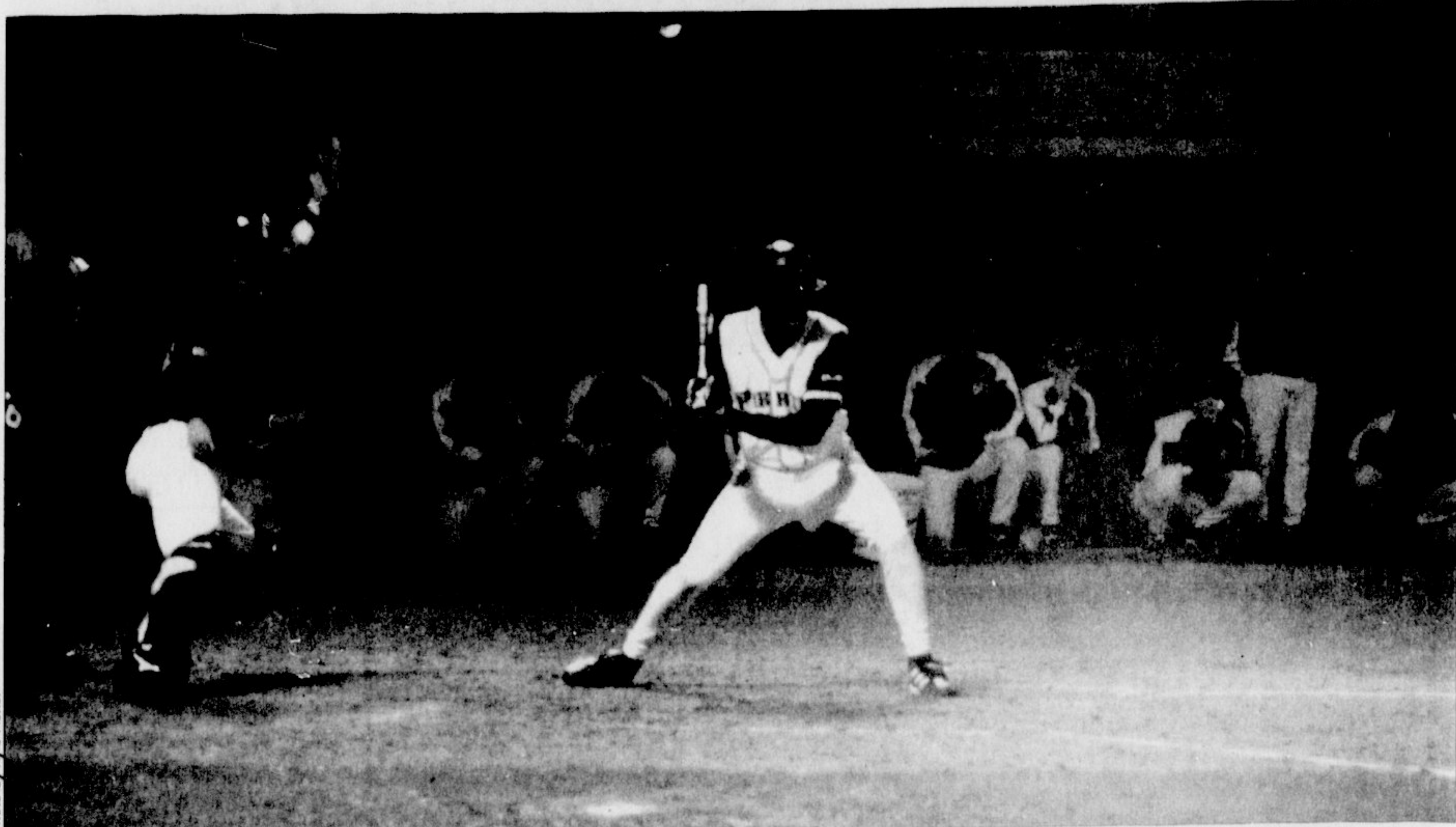
### 2005 Hall of Fame candidates list pared to 200

Ron Santo, Roger Maris and Tony Oliva are among 200 players still eligible for election to the Hall of Fame in the 2005 Veterans Committee vote. The original list of more than 1,400 players was pared to 200 on Monday. The initial group included all eligible major leaguers who had played at least 10 seasons through 1983. A 60-member screening committee appointed by the Baseball Writers Association of America will cut the final list of former players to 25 this summer. A six-member screening committee of Hall of Fame members also will independently select five more players to add if they're not already included in the list of 25. The final ballot will be announced in the fall and the Veterans Committee will vote in January. All candidates who earn votes on 75 percent of the ballots will be enshrined in the summer of 2005. No one was elected in the last vote in 2003. The entire process will be repeated again in 2007 for eligible players, as well as managers, umpires and executives.

### USTA sets up 10-tournament summer series

In a bid to boost tennis' exposure leading up to the U.S. Open, 10 summer hard-court tournaments will be packaged together for TV this year and offer bonus money for players. The U.S. Tennis Association said it would announce the formation of The U.S. Open Series at a news conference Tuesday. The events will be marketed as a group, with telecasts of semifinals and finals slotted for 4 p.m.-6 p.m. EDT each week.

# Pirates to battle Wolfpack



ECU has been on cruise control at the plate during a 12-game winning streak and looks to bruise NC State egos.

### ECU looking for lucky number 13 win

**BRENT WYNNE**  
STAFF WRITER

Coming off the most productive offensive series in Conference USA history, ECU's baseball team will step out of conference play on today to take on rival NC State.

The Pirates lit up Cincinnati pitching in a three-game sweep of the Bearcats for 60 runs, 65 hits and 15 homeruns. Hopefully, the Pirates will have enough left in the tank after their collective superhuman performance to down the Wolfpack.

ECU is making a run toward the top of the polls with their current 12-game winning streak. The Pirates are now ranked No. 9 in the most recent *Baseball America* poll released on Monday. This is ECU's highest ranking since the 2001 season when they were ranked as high as No. 8, the highest such ranking in school history.

The Pirates are currently chasing after the C-USA record of longest win streak, which was posted by Tulane with 15 straight in the 2001 season. If the Pirates can defeat State on Wednesday and orchestrate another series sweep this weekend against Louisville, ECU would break that record.

Speaking of records, Jaime Paige's record-breaking performance last weekend against the Bearcats earned him the honor of Co-C-USA hitter of the week. He shares the award with UAB first baseman Daniel Hill.

Paige hit .588 (10-for-17), including eight runs scored, to lead the Pirates in the sweep at Cincinnati. In Saturday's 32-14 victory over the Bearcats, he set school and conference records for hits (7) and doubles (4) in a single game.

For the week, Paige posted a .632 on-base percentage and a .824 slugging percentage. Paige is hitting .306 on the season with six doubles, one triple, one homerun and 22 RBIs. He is tied for the team-lead in runs scored (38) while leading the Pirates in walks (27).

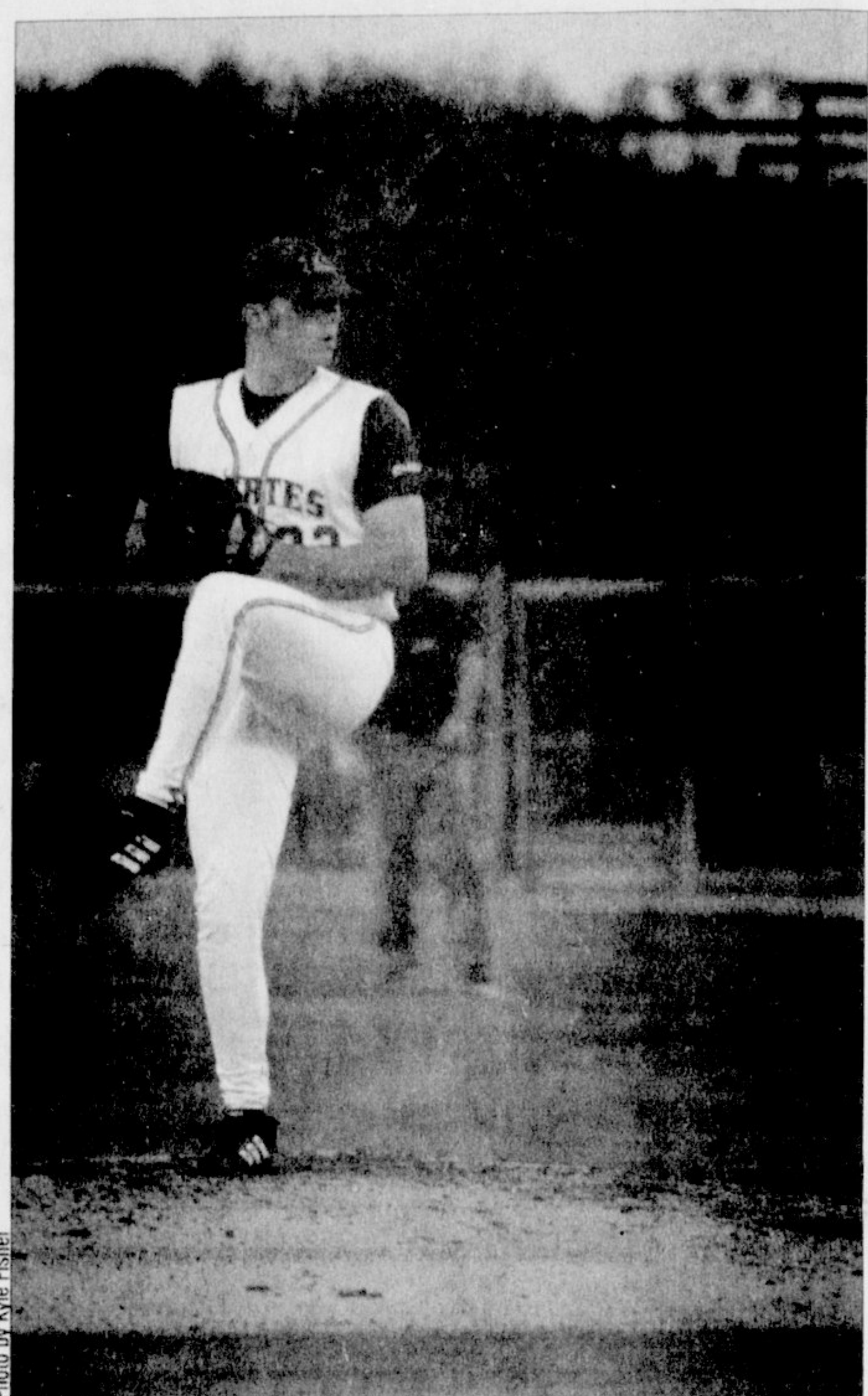
This marks the fourth time a Pirate player has been named hitter of the week in conference. Ryan Jones, Trevor Lawhorn and Ryan Norwood each accomplished the feat earlier this season.

The Wolfpack will have the daunting task of stopping the ECU offense which seems to be in high gear as the season makes its turn for the home stretch.

However, the Wolfpack boast an outstanding team ERA of 2.89. The Pack is led on the mound by senior right-hander Vern Sterry who has pitched himself to a 7-1 record to go along with his ERA of 1.47.

Sterry, among others, could

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The Pirates head to Raleigh ranked No. 9 in the polls.

# Lady Pirates head to Chapel Hill

### ECU takes on long-time rival Tar Heels

**DAVID WASKIEWICZ**  
STAFF WRITER

The Lady Pirates will be looking to continue their three-game winning streak as they travel to Chapel Hill today to play North Carolina in a doubleheader. Momentum is on ECU's side coming off last weekend's victory over Liberty and a two-game sweep over James Madison. With two wins against UNC, ECU would improve their overall record to 43-14-1 this season.

UNC is no stranger to ECU's softball team. After the doubleheader today, the two teams will have played each other 93 times overall. The Lady Pirates lead the lasting feud with a 47-44 record.

If UNC expects to compete with ECU, they will have to keep an eye out for junior infielder Kate Manuse. After breaking ECU's single season record for doubles two weeks ago, she continued to add to the record, hitting three more last weekend. Manuse currently leads ECU with a .389 batting average and six homeruns.

UNC is coming off a loss to



The Lady Pirates are very familiar with UNC, with the teams squaring off a total of 91 times.

Georgia Tech and will be looking to avoid a three-game losing streak. Two wins against UNC will not be easy.

The Tarheels bring strong pitching to the table. UNC sophomore pitcher Crystal Cox leads her team with a 1.73 ERA

and 239 strikeouts in only 198.2 innings pitched.

With wins today, ECU can extend their winning streak to five-games. The victories would also give the Lady Pirates further momentum when they get back to conference play this weekend

against St. Louis.

ECU will open the first game of the doubleheader against UNC in Chapel Hill today at 3 p.m.

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# NFL draft boards unclear with weekend approaching

### First round may showcase surprises

**BRANDON HUGHES**  
SENIOR WRITER

What's the worst record in the NFL worth? For the 4-12 San Diego Chargers, it's the No. 1 pick in the 2004 NFL Draft this weekend. Rumors are swirling that the Chargers will trade down their top pick. Others believe San Diego will select Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning.

For the first time in recent memory, most of the top picks haven't been decided. Anything can happen, and underclassmen

like Maurice Claret and Mike Williams won't be available to teams unless a decision is made to allow them to enter before Saturday.

Fans booed Philadelphia after Donovan McNabb was selected in the first round several years ago, and look at him now. Super Bowl quarterbacks Tom Brady and Jake Delhomme were both late round choices, and Brady has won two NFL titles in three years. On Saturday, this is where the action will be as the top 10 will be decided first.

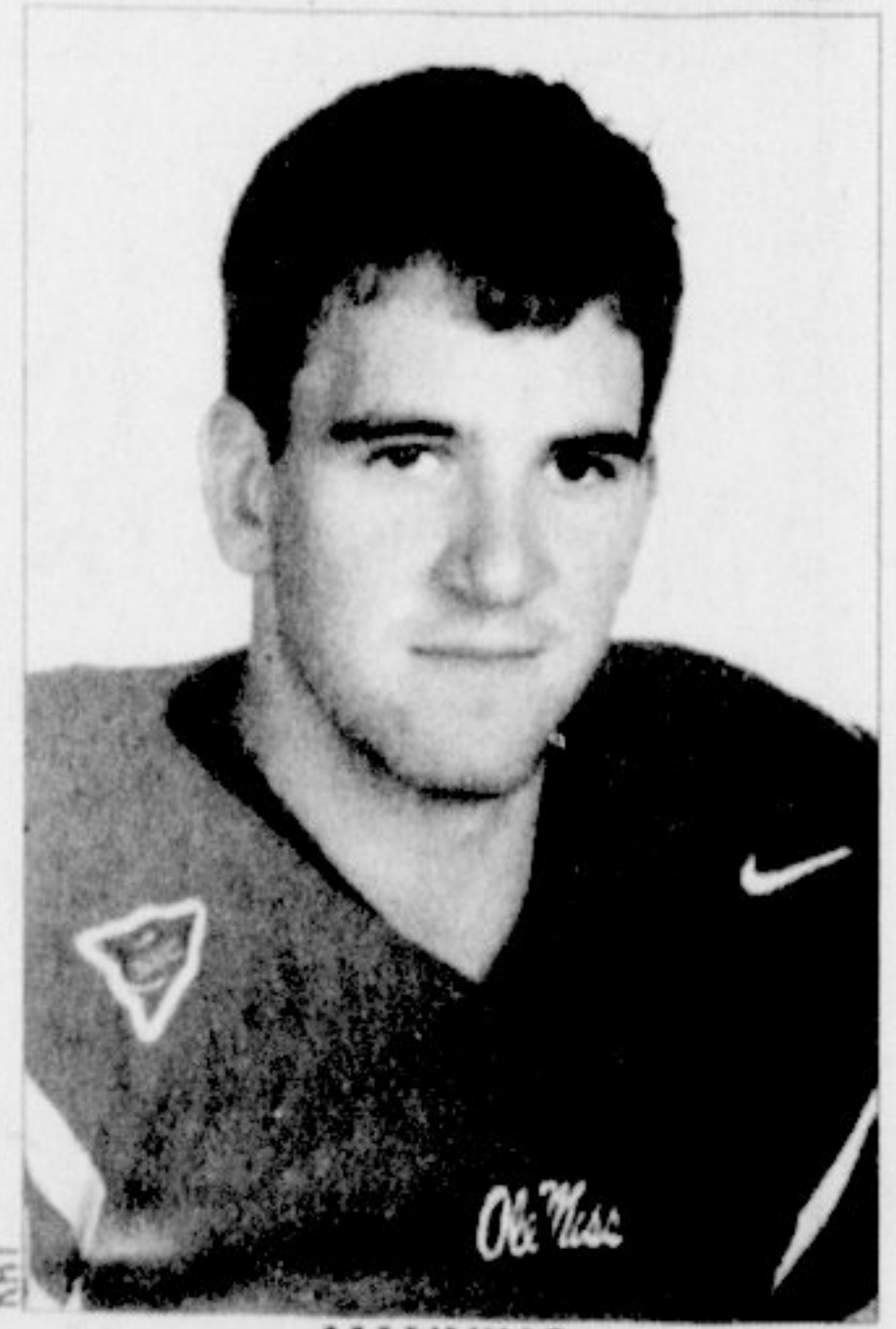
**San Diego Chargers**

The rumors will continue, but San Diego isn't trading. It seems team officials don't believe Drew Brees is the answer at quarterback

and with that in mind, the Chargers will take Eli Manning. San Diego could trade down and take Ben Roethlisberger or Philip Rivers, but Manning is clearly the most talented of the trio.

**Oakland Raiders**

Oakland needs speed at the receiver position and they will take Larry Fitzgerald over Roy Williams. Rumors have died down about Oakland trading down their pick, and Fitzgerald has proven he is the best at his position. There is still a chance the Raiders might trade down and pick up Roy Williams or Mike Williams later in the lottery.



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likely see mound time on Wednesday for State.

State enters the contest with a 27-12 overall record. Their conference record of 9-6 is good enough for a tie for fourth place in the ACC standings with the 25th-ranked North Carolina Tarheels.

The Pack has been impressive at times this season with a series win over the 15th-ranked Virginia Cavaliers and an 11-0 pounding of perennial power

Florida State.

Matt Camp, who is batting .388 on the season, leads the Wolfpack offense. David Hicks leads the club in homeruns and RBIs, with seven and 36 respectively.

This game has all the makings of an epic battle and should be quite an entertaining affair, as ECU will probably face some of the toughest pitching they've seen all season.

Pirate fans are encouraged to buy tickets now as a report released from the Sports Information Department at NC State University said the game will likely be a sell-out with standing room only.

What else would you expect when the Wolfpack and Pirates do battle?

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## Bring back 1990s NBA basketball

*I like that old time pick-and-roll*

BRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

I remember back in the early 1990s when the Chicago Bulls won three championships in a row and John Paxson sunk a three with seconds left. Everyone thought Michael Jordan would take to down Phoenix in game six of the NBA finals.

I remember Rudy Tomjanovich's famous words of "Never underestimate the heart of a champion" after his Rockets won their second straight NBA title when doubters said they wouldn't.

How could I forget Jordan's jumper in the face of Bryon Russell and the city of Utah with six seconds left in game six of the 1998 finals, catapulting the Bulls to six championships in eight years?

There are things that will always leave a lasting impression on people. To me, the NBA playoffs when I was growing up were "da bomb," as me and my friends used to call it.

I would always make my parents mad when I begged to stay up at night to watch the Bulls possibly clinch yet another championship. To me, it was April Madness.

Now, it's just madness. My interest in the NBA plummeted severely after MJ hung the Jordans up, and I don't think I would be going out on a limb by saying that a lot of basketball fans agree with me. Love him or hate him, you watched the game to see



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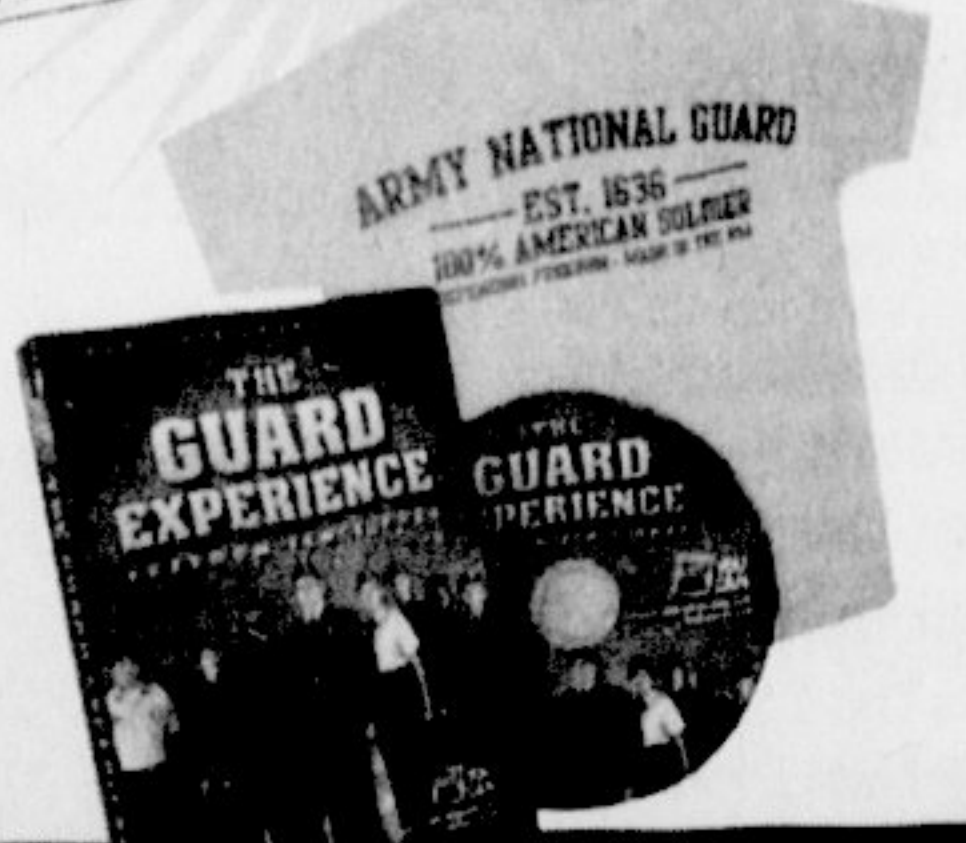
Garnett is looking to lead the T-Wolves deep in the playoffs.



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**Draft** from page B4**Arizona Cardinals**

Arizona is going to take Ben Roethlisberger, but they should take Phillip Rivers. Both put up great numbers, but Rivers' completion percentage was just too high not to be seriously considered for the Heisman Trophy. Some teams – not necessarily Oakland – are scared away from small school quarterbacks like Roethlisberger.

**N.Y. Giants**

There has been talk of selecting a quarterback with the No. 4 pick, but Kerry Collins has been solid and the Giants have needs elsewhere. Offensive lineman Robert Gallery is the best lineman in the draft and New York will scoop him up.

**Washington Redskins**

All-pro tackle Chris Samuels was having problems restructuring his contract and could have been dealt so the Redskins could move up and take Gallery. Team officials say Samuels will be with the team in 2004, so new head coach Joe Gibbs is faced with either safety Sean Taylor or tight end Kellen Winslow. Both would be among the best at their positions in the NFL. Taylor is the choice – the Skins need a defensive playmaker in the secondary.

**Detroit Lions**

Steven Jackson from Oregon will be the first running back taken after the Lions make him

their latest backfield project. Detroit desperately needs a back and has been faced with that problem since the departure of Barry Sanders. Jackson won't make fans forget about Sanders, but he may help them pick up a few more wins.

**Cleveland Browns**

The No. 7 pick may be the most difficult to predict. Cleveland will take either Winslow or DeAngelo Hall, the best corner available. They have needs on both sides of the ball, but expect them to take Winslow.

**Atlanta Falcons**

With Michael Vick expected to return to form in 2004, the Falcons need a dynamic receiver to start opposite of Peerless Price. Roy Williams will be selected, especially with the ruling keeping Mike Williams of USC out of the draft.

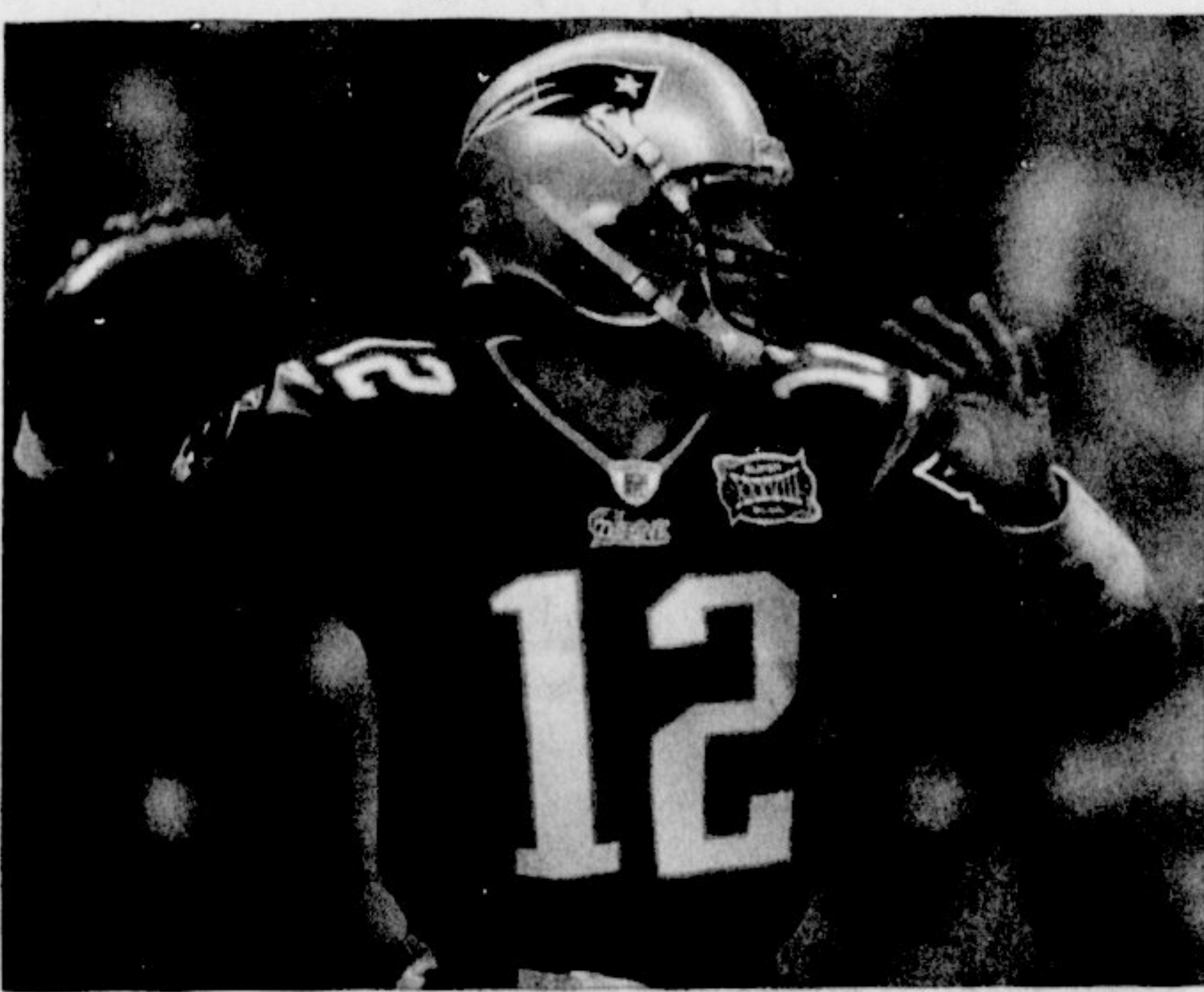
**Jacksonville Jaguars**

If Mike Williams is eligible, Jacksonville is his most likely destination. If not, the Jags will take the best defensive lineman available in Kenechi Udezue.

**Houston Texans**

DeAngelo Hall will wind up a Texan and round out the top 10. Houston has a solid nucleus of offensive players, but struggled on defense. Hall should help alleviate that problem.

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**Dillon goes to Pats**

Brady now has a Pro-Bowl tailback to balance the offense.

(AP) — Corey Dillon wanted out. He got his wish, and a lot more.

The moody running back who set records but never made the playoffs in Cincinnati is joining a locker room where players collect Super Bowl rings.

The New England Patriots filled one of their biggest holes Monday by trading a second-round draft pick for Dillon, who hopes to extend their run of two championships in three years.

He wanted to go to a winner, but never expected to go all the way to the top.

"They were winning Super Bowls without me," Dillon said. "There's no pressure on me to come in and have the weight of trying to carry the load."

He carried that burden in Cincinnati, where for seven years he was the focus of a lost franchise. The Bengals built around him, but all of Dillon's stiff-arms and rushing records couldn't turn them into a winner.

"It could get tiresome," said Dillon, who holds most Bengals' rushing records. "It kind of wore on me."

It pained him when the Bengals started winning without him last season. Dillon, 29, strained his groin and backup Rudi Johnson won fans' hearts and a share of the job.

The Bengals got into playoff contention for the first time since 1990, finishing 8-8 and missing out by one game. Dillon was the only one in the locker room who didn't enjoy the ride.

He bristled when first-year coach Marvin Lewis tried to make him more of a team leader. He complained about his lack of carries even as the team was starting to win.

Finally, he forced Lewis' hand by making himself a reminder of the Bengals' sorry past. He threw his helmet, shoulder pads and spikes into the stands at Paul Brown Stadium after the final game, then cleaned out his locker.

As recently as last month, he was still lobbying for a trade. He appeared on a sports talk show wearing a Raiders jersey and lashed out at a teammate.

"I wasn't a cancer," Dillon said. "It was just a point of having a deep passion for winning, and people viewed that in a different manner or whatnot. That's in the past."

His future is in New England, which needs a dependable back to balance its offense.

The Patriots had the league's 27th-ranked rushing attack behind Antowain Smith and Kevin Faulk, forcing them to rely

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