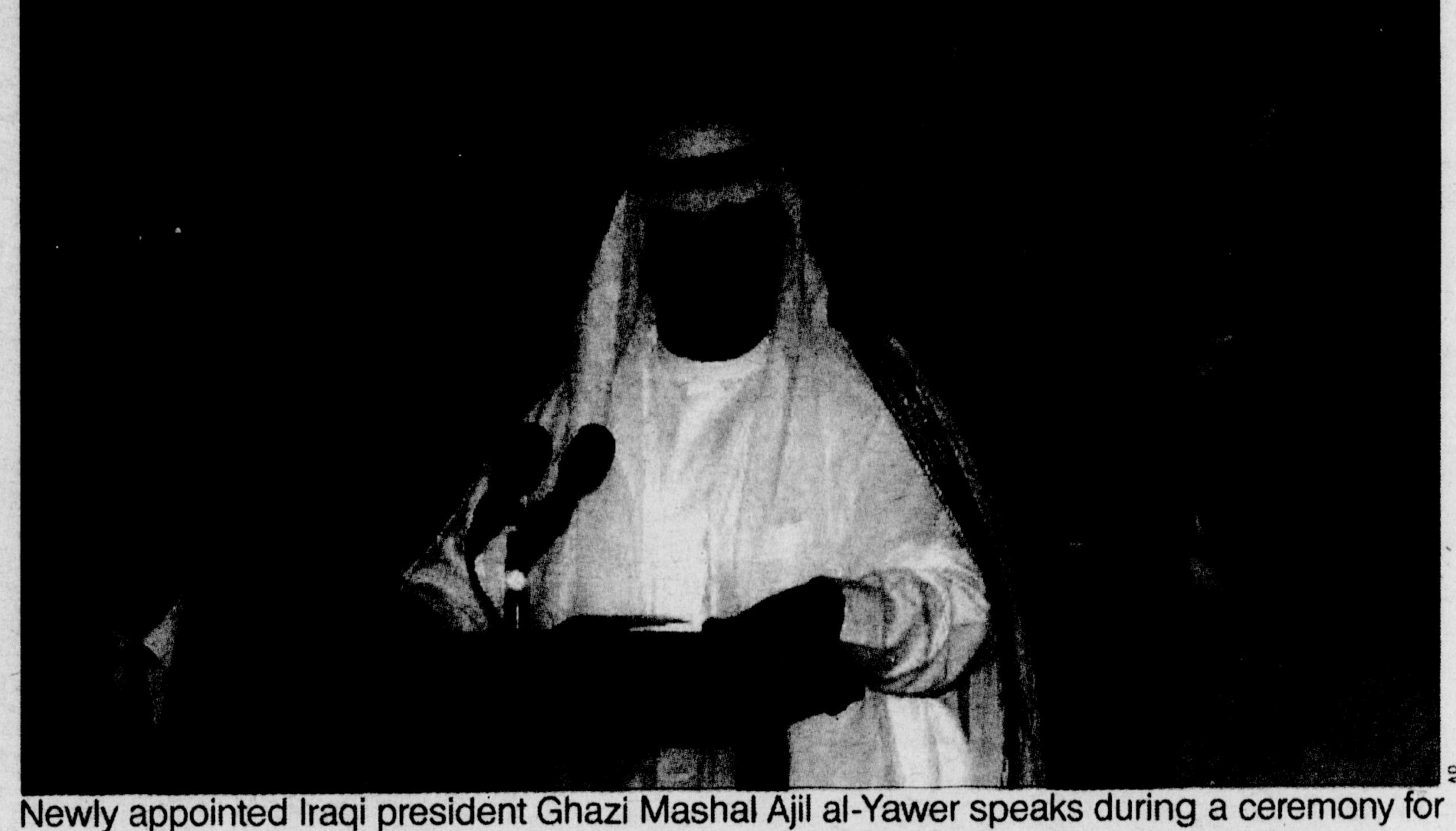


BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A powerful Sunni Muslim tribal leader and critic of the U.S.-led occupation was named president of Iraq's incoming that." government Tuesday, after Iraqi leaders rejected the Americans' preferred candidate for the post. After the selection of Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer to the largely ceremonial position, officials announced the entire interim government due to take power June 30 - and the body moved quickly to begin its work. The U.S.-picked Governing Council decided to dissolve immediately to make way rather than wait until June 30. The incoming Prime Minister, Iyad Allawi, said his government would soon negotiate a crucial agreement on the status of U.S.-led international forces that will remain in Iraq.

a welcoming ceremony for the new government. "We will enter into alliances with our allies to accomplish



Iraq still needs the presence of € U.S.-led forces "to help in defeating the enemies of Iraq," Allawi said at

The U.S.-led occupation authority will continue to run Iraq until June 30, a senior Bush administration official said.

Washington praised the new government and suggested it would help ease the way for winning support for a U.N. resolution that the United States and Britain have submitted on post-occupation Iraq.

"These are not America's puppets," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice told reporters at the White House. "This is a terrific list and really good government and we're very pleased with the names that emerged."

As word of al-Yawer's appointmentwasannounced, a carbombblew up outside the offices of the Patriotic

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the announcement of the new Iraqi interim government in Baghdad on Tuesday.

# Student robbed at knifepoint on campus

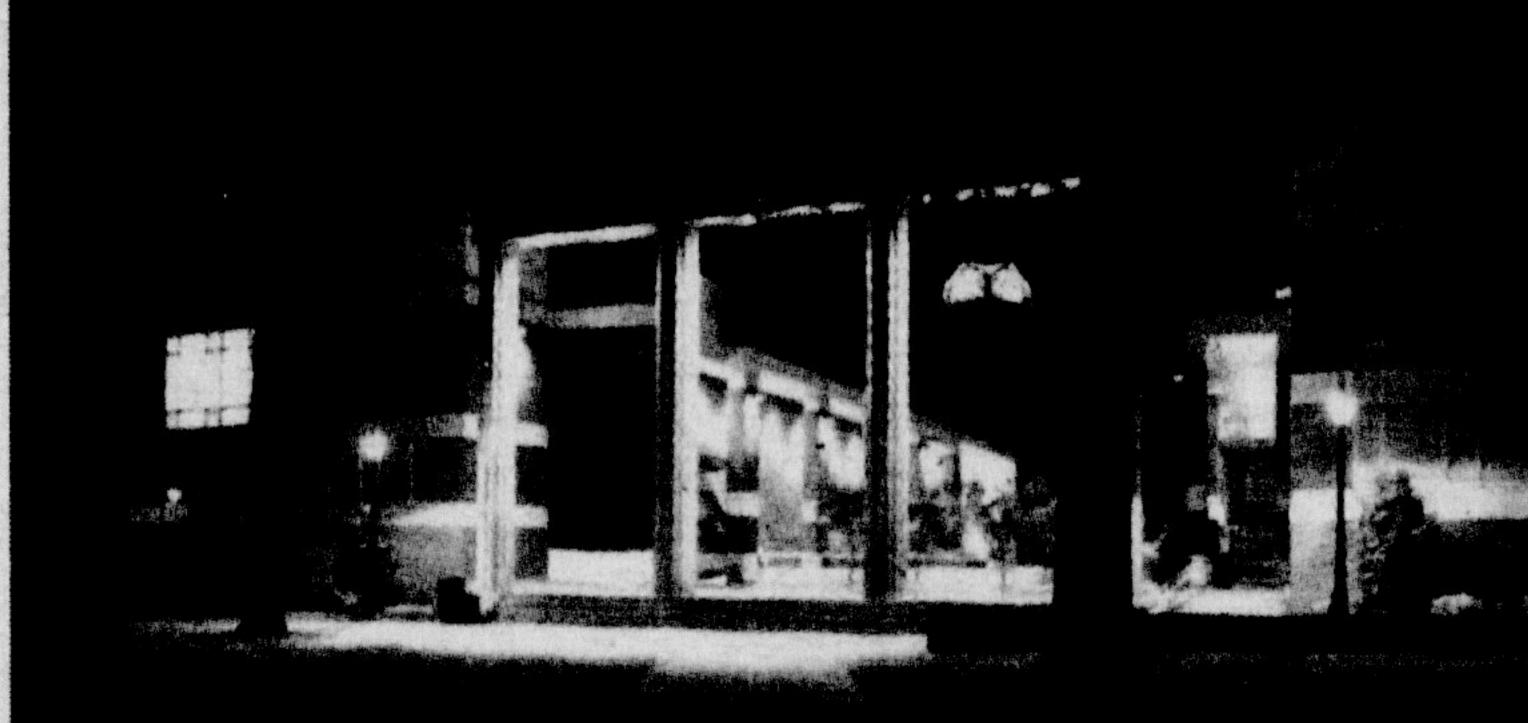
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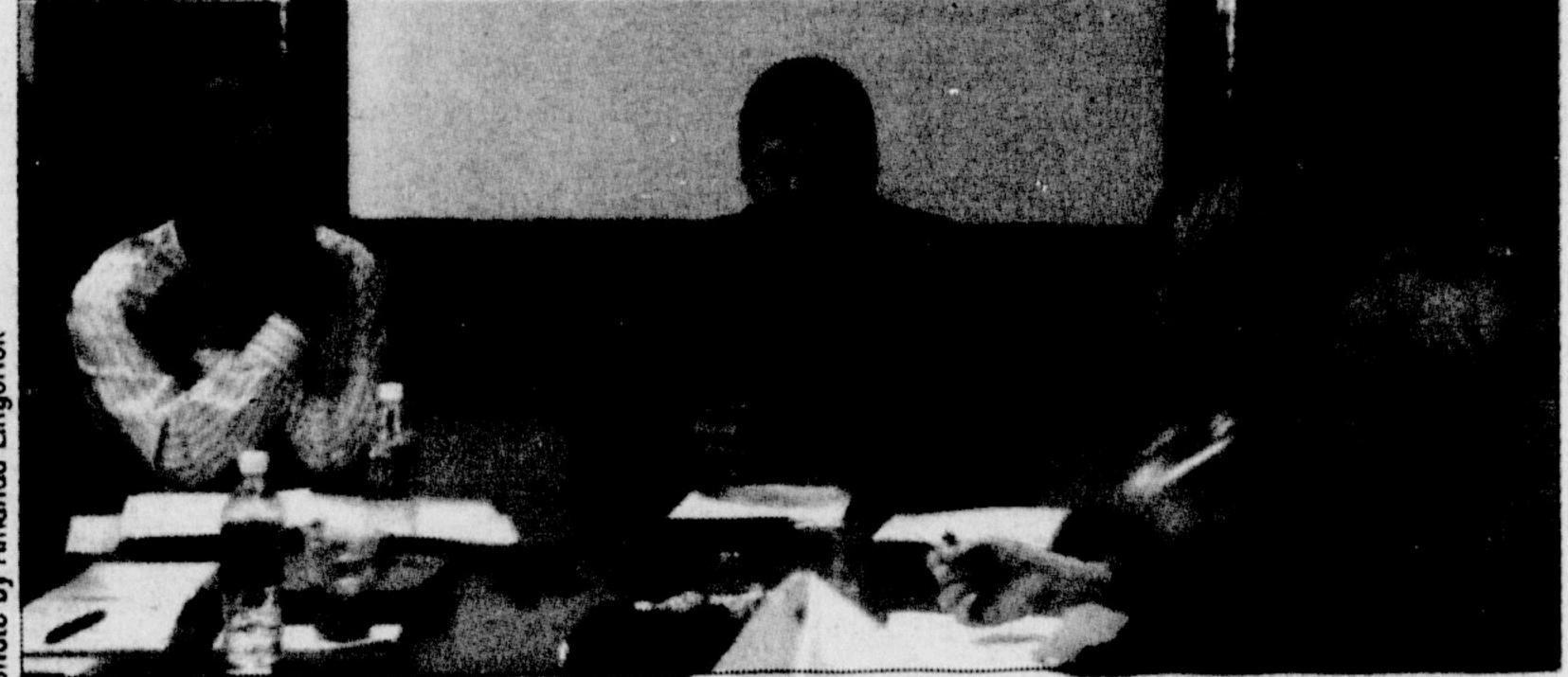
#### NICK HENNE SENIOR WRITER

A student was robbed at knifepoint in the Sonic Plaza outside Joyner Library Tuesday, May 25 at approximately 10 p.m.

Jared Thiel, senior business major, was talking on his cell phone outside of Joyner Library when the two perpetrators passed him. Thiel described the two boys as small, thin and they did not appear to be over the age of 17.

After passing him once, the boys turned around and walked toward him again positioning themselves on either side of him. Thiel said they each asked him if 'he had the time' before one grabbed his cell phone, pulled out a knife and demanded he give them his money. Thiel said he gave them \$16 and his cell phone without a struggle. "I'm a pretty big guy ... I think that if I would have done anything [resisted] they would have just ran





Steve Ballard outlines his goals to members of the ECU Board of Trustees.

Filling vacant administration positions is priority for Ballard

New chancellor lays out goals for school year

need be in order to fill the positions with quality people.

"Without a strong person in place for these leadership positions, things can fall down immediately," said Ballard. Other members of the Board of Trustees share the same opinion as Ballard for the necessity of filling these positions. "We need to analyze why we have so many vacancies and we need see **BALLARD** page 4

A robbery took place in the Sonic Plaza outside Joyner Library last week.

away," said Thiel.

"I just didn't want to possibly get cut over \$16."

After obtaining the money, the two perpetrators ordered Thiel to walk away before they ran off in the opposite direction. Thiel said he searched for an emergency phone,

but ended up having to run into the mall area where he found a man with a cell phone and called 911.

"There are no emergency phones around the library at all," Thiel said.

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#### AMANDA LINGERFELT EDITOR IN CHIEF

One of newly appointed Chancellor Steve Ballard's first priorities is to fill necessary vacant administrative positions, he said in an ECU Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday.

Although a priority, Ballard said he wants the search to take as long as

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FYI: The film 'Monster,' will be playing today at 9 p.m. at the SRC outdoor pool.

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# Local

#### Six inmates escape from Surry County jail

**News Briefs** 

DOBSON, N.C. - Six inmates used the sharp end of fingernail clippers to escape from Surry County Jail and were still on the loose Monday, authorities said.

Jail officials said the men, who had bunked together for at least two weeks,

used the clipper to break through their

Sheetrock ceiling at some point after

10 p.m. Saturday night.

## National

Laci Peterson murder trial getting under way following three months of jury selection

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - The state attorney general once described the case against Scott Peterson as a "slam dunk." But legal experts, noting an absence of direct evidence linking Peterson to his pregnant wife's death, now say prosecutors appear to be relying on a web of circumstance. As opening statements were set to be presented Tuesday, the main focus was shaping up to be how tight a web the government can spin, and how the defense can explain away Peterson's behavior following Laci Peterson's disappearance. If convicted, the former fertilizer salesman from Modesto could face the death penalty or life without parole. Prosecutors don't have a murder weapon or even a cause of death. With the trial starting following 12 weeks of jury selection, they are expected to call hundreds of witnesses over five months or more to argue that any other explanation but Peterson's guilt is simply too outlandish.

violent weather that ravaged Marengo and other parts of the Midwest. Gov. Joe Kernan surveyed the damage from a helicopter Monday, the day after the storms that destroyed dozens of homes, and said Marengo "just got clobbered." The weather service estimated the tornado that struck the said. town of 800 people had wind up to 170 mph.

the Gulf War. Fighters from the party backed American forces in last year's invasion.

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Talabani, who holds a seat on the Governing Council, was not in the offices when the blast occurred, a party spokesman

Pakistan city braces for violence as death toll in

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# Announcements

#### Food Literacy Training Program

The Food Literacy Partners, along with ECU Campus Dining, will offer a Food Literacy Training Program on Wednesdays from noon - 1p.m. starting today through Sept. 15. For more information, contact Jacqueline L. Duffy at 744-1388 or duffyj@mail.ecu.edu.

Inmates are allowed to check out razors and nail clippers for personal hygiene during certain times. The items are collected and inspected when they are returned. The inmates broke one of the nail clippers and fixed its sharp edge to a toothbrush with strings from a sheet or a blanket. Authorities said it appears the men stood on a top bunk, hoisted themselves through the hole, and then crawled along an exhaust-system vent to the roof.

#### Worker injured in fall from **Carter-Finley Stadium**

RALEIGH, N.C. - A construction worker was injured when he fell at least 60 feet Monday while working on the new press box at Carter-Finley Stadium. Jose Perez, a worker for C.P. Buckner Construction of Graham, was transported to WakeMed hospital, said Sgt. Jon Barnwell, communications director for the North Carolina State University police. Perez, 30, was in critical condition Monday night. It was the second construction accident at the site, home to the N.C. State University football team. In late March, Juan Zepeda, 28, was killed when a steel-reinforced concrete column collapsed. Two of his coworkers were injured.

Midwest and South struggle

expected to arrive Tuesday in Marengo, about 35 miles northwest of Louisville, Ky., to move heavy debris, said Lt. Col. Larry Powers, a Guard spokesman. Kernan extended a disaster emergency he issued last week for the entire state.

Two Indiana National Guard units were



Bombs in Baghdad, northern Iraq leave several dead

BAGHDAD, Irag - A car bomb exploded Tuesday in central Baghdad outside the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan near the green zone headquarters of the U.S.-run coalition. At least three people were killed and 20 were injured.

Elsewhere, a roadside bomb exploded near the U.S. military base in northern Iraq, killing 11 Iraqis and wounding more than 20 others. Two U.S. 1st Infantry Division Soldiers were wounded and evacuated to a combat hospital. In Baghdad, ambulances raced to the scene and U.S. troops kept people back. Television footage showed debris and a charred wall of a building. The blast ripped through the building in the early afternoon, shortly after a party attended by hundreds of people. The event was intended to celebrate the founding of the PUK, which is seen as being close to the Americans. Under the leadership of Jalal Talabani. the party represented one of the main anti-Saddam forces on Iraqi soil after

#### mosque blast rises to 19

KARACHI, Pakistan - President Gen. Pervez Musharraf pledged action to stem a wave of bloodletting as the death toll from an apparent suicide bomb attack at a Shiite Muslim mosque climbed to 19.

Fearing sectarian clashes between rival Shiite and Sunni Muslims, thousands of police and paramilitary rangers were on maximum alert. equipped with tear gas and live ammunition, ahead of mass funerals scheduled later Tuesday for victims of the attack.

The explosion that ripped through the Imam Bargah Ali Raza mosque during evening prayers Monday also injured at least 42 people, police said. The death toll rose to 19 when three of the injured later died of their

#### Health Science Event

Dr. Keith H. Nelson from the Brody School of Medicine will present "The Utility of HPV Typing in General Ob/ Gyn" today at 1 p.m. in the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Auditorium.

#### **Health Science Event**

Dr. Ehab Hanna of the Department Psychiatry will present of "Violence and Aggression in Psychiatric Units" at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 3 in 2E-92 Brody.

#### **Health Science Event**

Dr. P. Bradley Brechtelsbauer of Eastern Carolina ENT, Head and Neck Surgery will present "Cochlear Implants in the Pediatric Patient" at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 4 in 2E-92 Brody.

to rebuild after a deadly series of holiday storms

MARENGO, Ind. - The death toll from a swarm of Memorial Day weekend thunderstorms and tornadoes stood at 10 as residents of the South and Midwest struggled with power outages, flooding and debris-logged streets. More thunderstorms pounded parts of the South on Tuesday, and the National Weather Service said radar detected two possible tornadoes during the night in Texas. Storms produced heavy rain Monday from Louisiana to New England, following the weekend's

wounds. The attack sparked rioting by hundreds of enraged Shiite youths who burned shops, cars, a bank and a government building and blocked highways and the main rail line. A shootout between rioters and police left three more people dead. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing. But Karachi has been wracked by violence between the Sunni Muslim majority and Shiite minority, and the attack was seen as revenge for the assassination Sunday of a senior Sunni Muslim cleric, Nazamuddin Shamzai.

# Robbery from page 1

According to Thiel, the ECU police reacted promptly to the call and within two minutes, there were at least 10 ECU police officers on the scene.

were located, because we do have a camera system in that area," Smith said.

is restricted.

campus," Smith said.

they are non-students.

open at all times making it easy for

anyone to walk on and off, whereas

with other universities, including

Meredith College, the campus is

closed after certain hours and entry

"We have no restrictions on this

Smith said while it cannot be

"Past incidents when we have

determined at this time if the per-

petrators are ECU students, it is likely

been lucky enough to I.D. or capture the perpetrators, they have been

he still feels relatively safe on ECU's campus, but he is now more aware

#### Rock 'n' Rib Fest

New Rock 99X presents the First Annual Eastern Carolina Rock n' Rib Fest at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 5 at the Pitt County Fairgrounds. The event features FMI recording artists Parmalee, with special guests Squeeze Toy, Brad Benson and Runaway Cab. For more information, call 636-9967.

"We did an extreme search of the campus and adjacent neighborhoods but they were gone, we couldn't locate them," said J.P. Smith, administrative captain of the ECU Police Department.

Smith said the ECU police are still investigating the crime and are trying to identify the perpetrators. "We may or may not have been able to capture these subjects on camera depending on where ... they

non-students," Smith said. Smith said ECU's campus is

Smith said students need to be cautious and able to recognize situations that could be dangerous.

Most crimes are crimes of opportunity, and it is likely these guys were out looking for a victim in this incident.

dent feels he or she is in a dangerous situation, the best thing to do is to leave the scene immediately, and when a situation does not feel right, it usually isn't.

Thiel said despite this incident,

of his safety.

"I still feel safe on campus. I'm a big guy and I never felt scared at all, but now I am more aware of my surroundings," Thiel said.

While the crime statistics of last year's academic year are not compiled, according to the ECU According to Smith, when a stu- Police Department website, robberies on ECU's campus have remained fairly consistent over the past several years.

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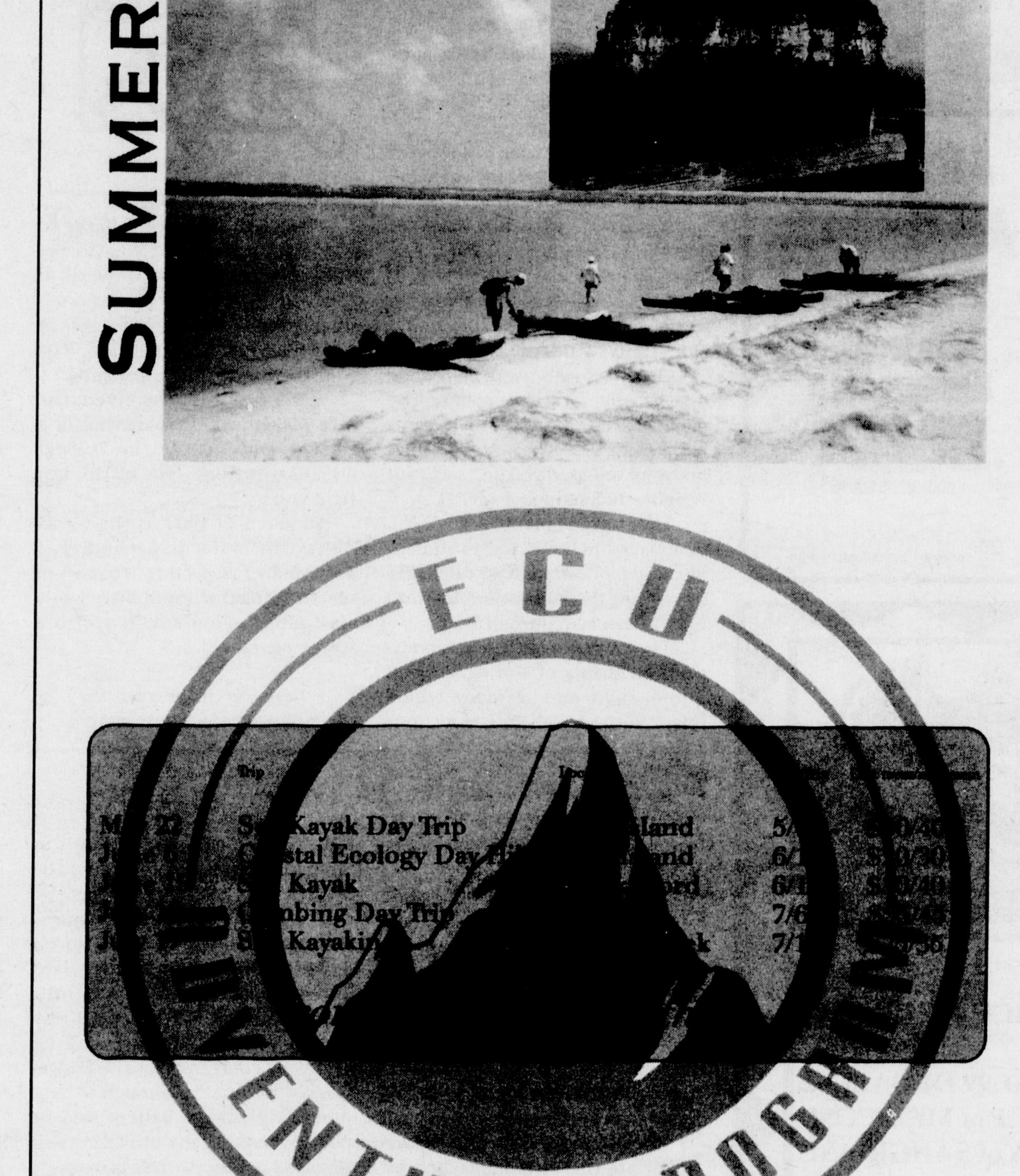
Union of Kurdistan, which is located just outside the green zone U.S. coalition headquarters in central Baghdad. At least three people were killed and 20 were injured, the military said. Also, a roadside bomb also exploded near a U.S. base in the northern town of Beiji, killing 11 Iraqis and wounding more than 22 people, including two U.S. soldiers.

The council and U.S. authorities had been deadlocked over the choice

warned that if the members went ahead and voted for al-Yawer, the United States might not recognize the choice.

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Al-Yawer, who routinely wears traditional Arab robes and headgear, was sharply critical of the American occupation in a recent television interview, blaming U.S. ineptness for the deterioration in law and order. Al-Yawer also has denounced violence against American and other coalition forces. Most of the 22-member Governing Council backed al-Yawer, the current Governing Council president. A graduate of the Petroleum and Minerals University in Saudi Arabia and of Georgetown University, he is a prominent member of the Shammar tribe, one of the largest in the Gulf region that includes Shiite clans. He enjoys the support of Shiite and Kurdish council members. Insisting on Pachachi would have risked a major breach with the Americans' Iraqi allies at a sensitive period as Washington prepares to hand control of a still-unstable, war-ravaged country to an untested leadership. Coalition spokesman Dan Senor insisted the Americans had not shown a preference for Pachachi, a claim that many council members dismissed as untrue.



of president, delaying the expected announcement of the government by a day.

The deadlock showed a degree of tension between the Americans – who will retain enormous influence in Iraq after the handover and want a government that supports U.S. interests, and the Iraqis, who want to claim as much power as they can after a year of American rule.

At the welcoming ceremony, al-Yawer pledged to rise "above sectarianism and divisions," build a democratic state free of "totalitarianism and discrimination" and restore lraq's "civilized face."

He said he would be "a loyal defender of your expectations in restoring the complete sovereignty of our country and establishing a democratic and federal system under which people enjoy a free citizenship in a state of laws and freedom." A first key move for the new government will be the status of forces agreement. The Iraqis are seeking greater say over the operations of Iraqi security forces as well as the 135,000 American troops and other coalition forces on Iraqi soil.

Pachachi, 81, told reporters he

The administration official said negotiations would begin "fairly soon."

In a nod to U.S. forces, al-Yawer said "we should remember our friends who fell during the battle to liberate Iraq."

The presidency is a symbolic position, but al-Yawer as the highest Sunni in the government, will likely hold considerable influence.

The more powerful executive post of prime minister is held by Allawi, a U.S.-backed Shiite Muslim with military and CIA connections.

Allawi, whose appointment was announced Friday, was chosen because he was considered the best candidate turned down the presidency for "personal reasons." He said the president "must have the support of all levels of the Iraqi people and all quarters."

The dispute over the presidency delayed for a day for the announcement of the new government by U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who has been mediating negotiations for weeks.

At the welcoming ceremony, Brahimi acknowledged that negotiations to establish the new government had been "very precise and difficult."

Brahimi said the two vice presidencies went to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, of the Shiite Muslim Dawa party, and Rowsch Shaways, speaker of parliament in the Kurdish autonomous region in Irbil.

In the newly announced Cabinet, Kurd Hoshyar Zebari retained his post as foreign minister, and Kurdish official Barham Saleh, who is close to the Americans, was named deputy prime

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to cope with the deteriorating security situation.

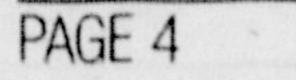
The announcement of al-Yawer came after Adnan Pachachi, an elder statesman preferred by the United States, turned down the presidency in the face of opposition from other members of the Governing Council to his selection.

Council members had angrily accused the American governor of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, of trying to install Pachachi, a former foreign minister, over their opposition.

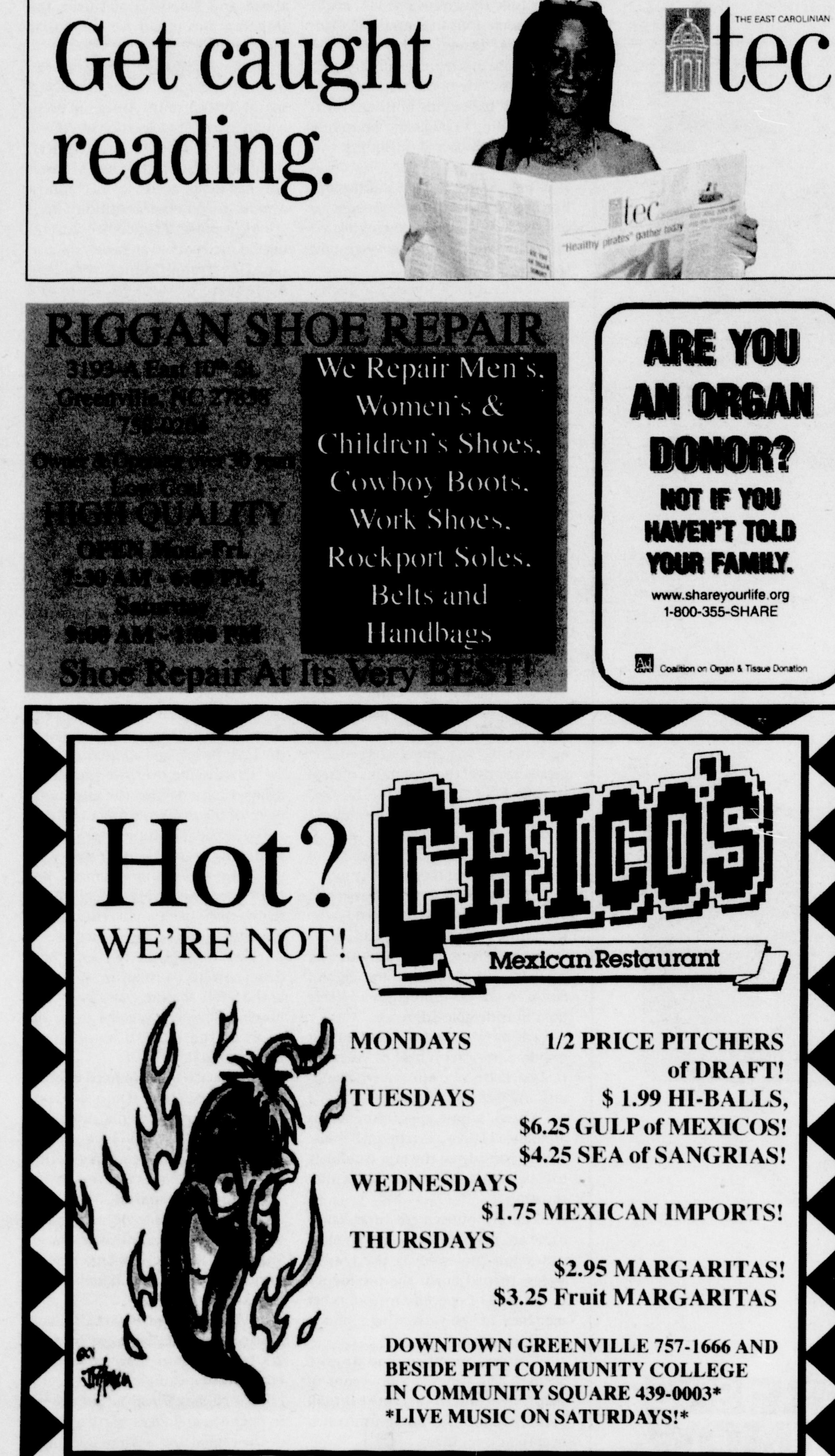
Sources had said the Americans the

minister for national security affairs. Adel Abdel-Mahdi, an official of a powerful Shiite political party, was named finance minister; Hazem Shalan al-Khuzaei became defense minister, and Thamir Ghadbhan took over as oil minister.

With more than 800 U.S. military dead since the Iraq war began in March 2003, Washington is eager to see a government that can tackle the security crisis, including a year-old Sunni revolt in Baghdad and areas north and west of the capital and a Shiite uprising to the south.



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# Members of ECU's media receive awards

'Expressions,' 'Rebel take first place prizes

**KATIE KOKINDA** 

**Robble Derr Features Editor** 

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#### STAFF WRITER

Three ECU student media publications recently earned a "mark of excellence" from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Rebel magazine took first place in the category "Best Student Magazine Published Once A Year" and Expressions magazine took first place for "Best Student Magazine Published More Than Once A Year."

The East Carolinian took third place in the category for "Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper." "It always feels good, but I hope it feels better for [the students]. The newspaper always gets so many complaints, it's nice when you're recognized for the good you do," said Paul Wright, student media adviser.

The "Mark of Excellence" award, established in 1972, judges student media publications in 45 categories



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a paper has had to make.

The ECU publications placed against schools such as UNC-Chapel Hill and James Madison University. Currently, industry professionals are judging Rebel and Expressions in the national SPJ competition. The winners will be announced June 7. Rebel has also received the Pace-Maker award (somewhat of a student equivalent to the Pulitzer prize) seven times out of the last eight years.

Founded in 1909 as the Sigma Delta Chi Fraternity, the SPJ is dedicated to protecting freedom of

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by sending the submissions to working professional journalists.

The journalists judge the submissions on quality of writing, lay-out, photography and accuracy, which refers to the number of retractions

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to fill them," said board member Mike Kelly.

"It is the most important goal." Other board members believe filling the positions should be much easier now with a chancellor in office.

"Many candidates were reluctant [to come to ECU] due to the uncertainty of the chancellor situation. Now that uncertainty is lifted," said board member David Brody.

On Ballard's list of positions to fill are the vice chancellor for administration and finance, the vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, provost, athletics director, chief information officer, director of internal audit, several vice chancellors and deans for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, the College of Business and the Graduate School.

three dean positions are currently in progress and the positions should be filled by the end of the summer. Preparing a financial management plan for ECU is also on Ballard's list of priorities. Ballard hopes to increase ECU's enrollment from 22,000 to 28,000 by the end of the decade, and he expressed concerns that the budget allowed may not be enough to support this increase. Ballard said he plans to strategically utilize current

speech rights for journalists while also encouraging adherence to a strict code of ethics.

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"Many of the searches will be conducted simultaneously," Ballard said.

"Most positions will take six to nine months to fill."

He also said that searches for the

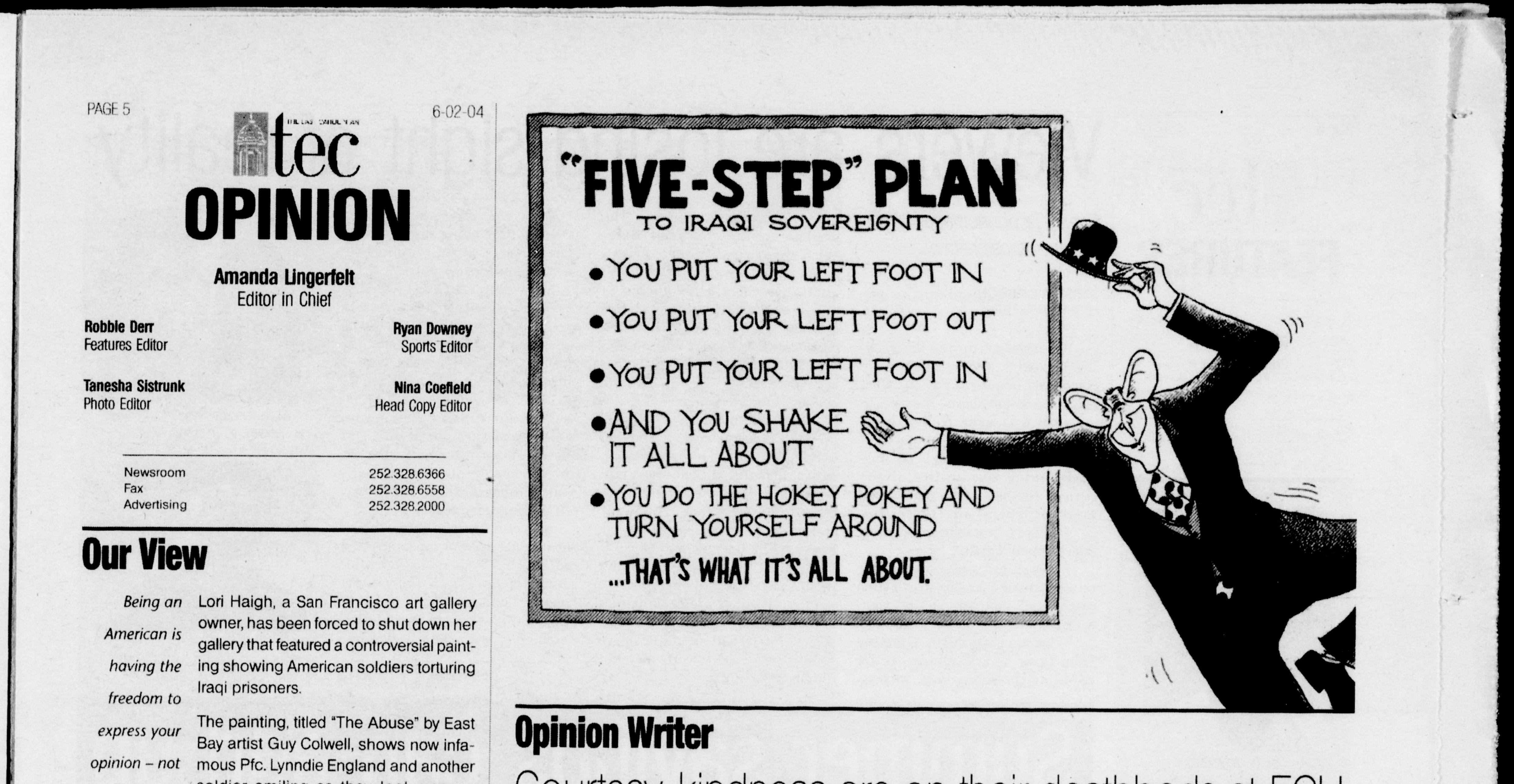
financial resources while generating new resources.

Another priority of Ballard's is to get to know the campus to help him understand current issues. He said he plans on meeting with various student groups and plans to hold town hall meetings.

"ECU has a great future," Ballard said.

"We are as good, if not better, than any other institution in North Carolina."

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Courtesy, kindness are on their deathbeds at ECU

is black and white, except for American for it. flag patches on the soldiers' uniforms, which appear to be splattered with blood.

> In the days that the painting was exhibited, Haigh said that her life and the life of her children were threatened and angry patrons egged her business. In one instance, a man approached Haigh in her gallery and spit in her face.

The constant calls, threats and allegations that Haigh is "anti-American" forced her to close down her gallery.

"I feel like my gallery had finally reached a level where I represent important Bay Area figures like ... Guy Colwell. If I can't do that, then I don't want to have a gallery," Haigh told The San Francisco Examiner.

Students should express appreciation to others

#### ANTHONY MCKEE OPINION WRITER

Have you ever just sat and watched people as they go about their day? And no, 1 am not talking about stalking or peeping. Get your mind out of the gutter. I'm talking about the time-honored practice of "people watching."

You can learn a lot by watching people. How they walk, their posture, their clothes, their facial expressions and the way they respond to others all tell a story about a person. Sometimes, they can even tell a story about whole



nearby. The prognosis is grim, though.

Everyday courtesies such as holding doors, saying "thank you" or just acknowledging a fellow human's existence have all but become a thing of the past on campus.

Did you know there is a

everyone else who comprises the support staff at ECU.

Have you walked into a bathroom recently, male or female, and seen the disgusting messes left by what I had at first assumed to be escaped farm animals? The urine on the floor, urinals and toilets by "badly aimed" plumbing; the toilets clogged with everything from personal hygiene products to toilet paper to reports with bad grades. Have you seen any of that? Now think about having to clean that up every day, five days a week, every

campus, but I won't bore you with anymore.

The Golden Rule states, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." There is also another saying, "What goes around comes around." That being the case, there are a bunch of masochists on campus who enjoy being treated like crap. Are you one of them?

There have been movies, books and songs extolling the power of helping others and the snowball effect such actions have, so 1 offer the following suggestion: Let's make June "Random Acts of Kindness Month" at ECU.

Just once a day (or more), do something kind. Improve your aim (at the toilets and

If those outraged by the painting consider themselves to be American, then what characteristics do they consider American - the ability to intimidate women and children with violence?

TEC finds it hard to believe that Haigh could be considered an "anti-American." Being an American is having the freedom to express your opinion - not be threatened for it.

groups of people. One such group is the ECU student body.

Having spent numerous hours during the last three semesters watching students, teachers and staff, I have reached a depressing conclusion: Courtesy and kindness out which group I'm talking are on their deathbeds at about? ECU.

They are not dead yet. They are in Intensive Care, however, the life support systems are chugging mightily and the resuscitation gear is

whole segment of the ECU population that is treated like furniture, when their presence is acknowledged at all?

The rudeness and arrogance 1 have seen displayed toward this group by (mainly) students is stunning. Can you figure I am referring to the Main-

tenance staff.

By "Maintenance," 1 am including janitorial, grounds keeping, utilities, sanitation, food service, cashiers and

hard to clean up after the slobs among us, and they do a good job. Would you want to do what they do?

week school is in session.

Have you thanked any of

the janitorial staff recently

for giving you a clean place to

plant your butt and take care of

business? Why not? They work

What about the people who prepare the food we eat? Granted, some of it has the taste of ... well, something, but that doesn't matter. When was the last time some of you even said anything to them, except to complain about something?

These are by no means the only examples of the crassness that has overtaken the ECU

trash cans). Hold the door for the person behind you. Thank someone for the job they are doing.

Doing this will not only make another person's day a little brighter, you may also improve your own as well. Besides, it can also be fun. Notice the look of shock that will appear on some people's faces after you do this. That alone is worth it.

. Give it a try. The only thing it can hurt is rudeness and selfishness.



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**ROBBIE DERR** Features Editor

# Viewers are losing sight of reality

Reality TV phenomena sweeps across nation

**JESSICA CRESON** STAFF WRITER

Whenever you turn on the television nowadays, it seems that you are completely bombarded by so called

ingly outrageous to upstage the previous episode. "Extreme Makeover" wasn't enough, there needed to be something more intense, giving viewers a show known as "The Swan." This show performs extreme plastic surgery where the people are not even recognized, and then the chosen ones compete in a beauty pageant. "It is absolutely ridiculous that it reality television shows. It's hard to has gone from makeovers to (makesay what it is about reality shows overs that include) plastic surgery," said that cause them to be so popular. Katy French, senior journalism major. Every major channel has pro-Some people are fighting a war, duced numerous reality shows dealing with diseases or living in within the past few years, and poverty. Shows such as "The Swan" most of them are successful. and even "Joe Millionaire" display This fad seems to be taking over how superficial people can be. television all together. "I don't think that it cultivates "They are just so hyped up and are inner beauty," McCullough said. on all the basic channels, so everyone Ethical issues are definitely in sees them," said Kate McCullough, question at times with a few of these a public relations graduate. shows. How far will entertainment go What kind of reality is stemming to satisfy its viewers with the most from these shows? Audiences are requiring the shows to be increas- outrageous stuff?

Shows that offer people money as rewards for going through with extreme stunts, such as "Fear Factor," are often the most popular.

Many people love reality television, in turn making the shows very profitable and sought after by television executives. Does this mean the viewers are the cause of this sudden outbreak of what is now becoming g "reality?" Marrying someone that 2 you have just met on television with millions watching is not reality. This does not happen to regular people, unless someone has intentionally made it happen, which may or may not be considered reality. Suddenly thrown into a house with several unknown people is not quite reality either. "Real World" was one of the first shows to observe "real" life and has continued to be popular throughout its approximate decade run, with the newest series



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#### What is your favorite reality TV show and why?



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"'Da Band.' It was nice to

Tyra Banks with "America's Next Top Model" runner-up Mercedes Scebla-Shorte



Jeff Probst, host of all the "Suvivor" shows to date, including the most recent "Suvivor All-Stars."

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see young African Americans live up their dream ... P.Diddy was hilarious!"



BETH SOUDERS BUSINESS MAJOR

"'The Bachelor.' It's fun to see how fast people think they fall in love."



Ways to secure your financial future

#### RACHEL LANDEN SENIOR WRITER

free part of her future.

For many students, summer vacation is hardly something that can be called a vacation. The three months of freedom from school often present the perfect opportunity to get a job and bolster that bank account.

Whether you are working part-time or full-time, paying bills or mooching off your parents, you could probably manage to put away a little money from each paycheck to save for a so-called rainy day.

However, if you are storing that extra cash under your mattress, or even in a savings account with a measly 2 percent interest rate, you are not much better off than the person whose money burns a hole in his or her pocket. As a college student, now is a great time to start thinking about, and planning for your financial future. If you begin saving and investing now, you will get a terrific head start on your peers, who often put off until tomorrow what could (and should) be done today. For example, imagine this scenario involving two friends, Jenny and Joe, who are both 25 years old. Even though retirement is 40 years away for each, Jenny has started to consider that relaxing and stress-

At age 25, Jenny starts investing \$2,000 a

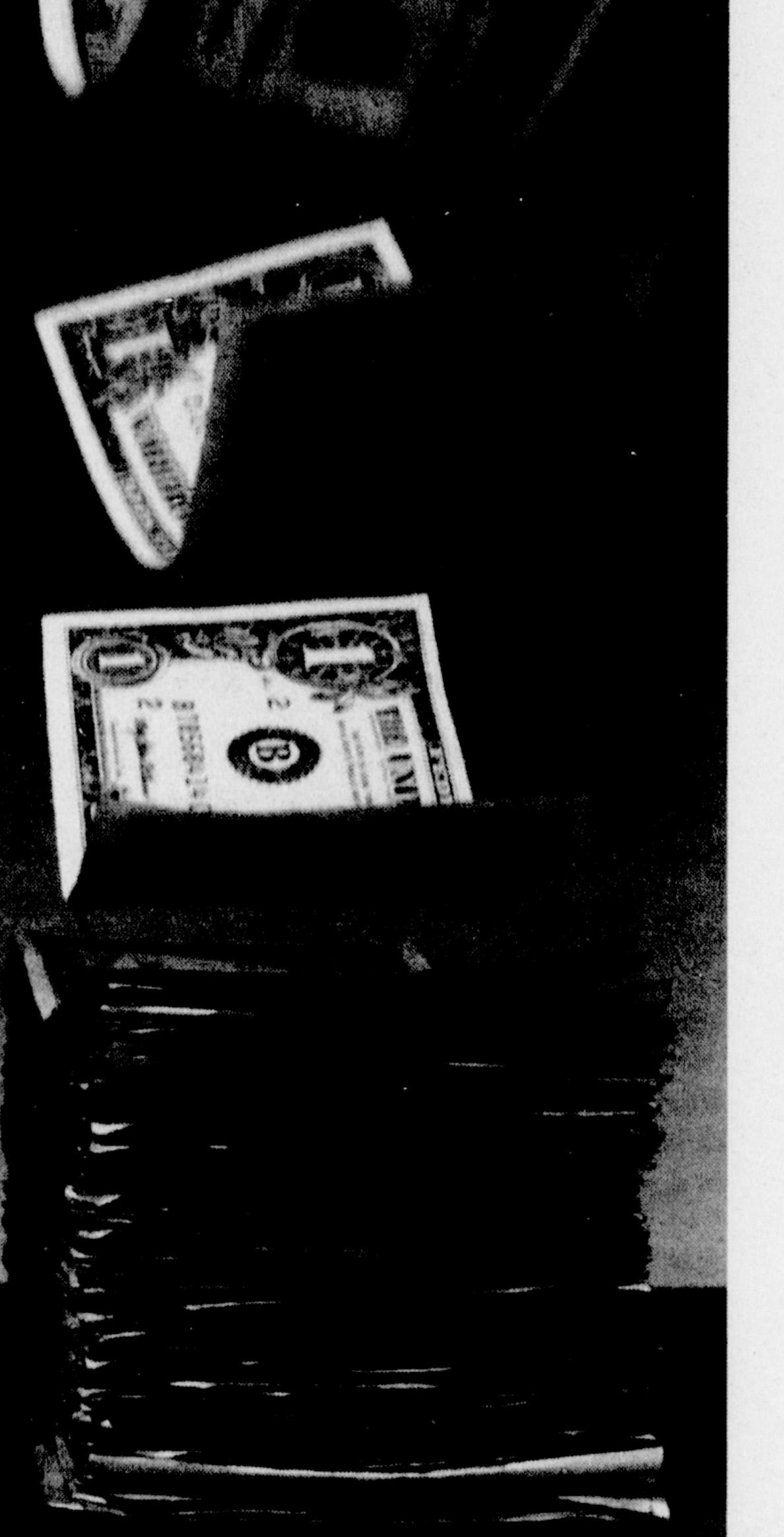
year; just 10 years later, she stops contribut-

ing money to her account. At the time Jenny

quits investing; Joe decides that maybe he should open an account. Therefore, at age 35, following Jenny's lead, Joe begins to invest \$2,000 a year. However, unlike Jenny, Joe continues to add \$2,000 to his account every year until he is 65.

By the time they reach retirement, the two friends have both experienced considerable growth in their accounts, earning 8 percent interest annually. However, despite investing three times as much money as Jenny, Joe has only about three-fourths what Jenny has. Thanks to compounding interest, dividends and capital gains, Jenny's investment grew from \$20,000 to \$314,870. Joe's increased from \$60,000 to \$244,692.

What is the moral of the story? Start investing now. You might not have \$2,000 that you can contribute to an account each year, but as this story illustrates, the initial capital is not nearly as important as the time involved. What matters is that you start saving and investing now for the future. Given enough time, the payoff can be substantial. But where do you earn 8 percent interest? If you have your money in a typical savings account at your local bank, you are probably lucky to even earn one-fourth of this in interest per year. Fortunately, you have other options for stowing your money - CDs, bonds, stocks, mutual funds and IRAs. Each has its own benefits and drawbacks, so in order to determine where your money belongs, you need to examsee FINANCES page 9



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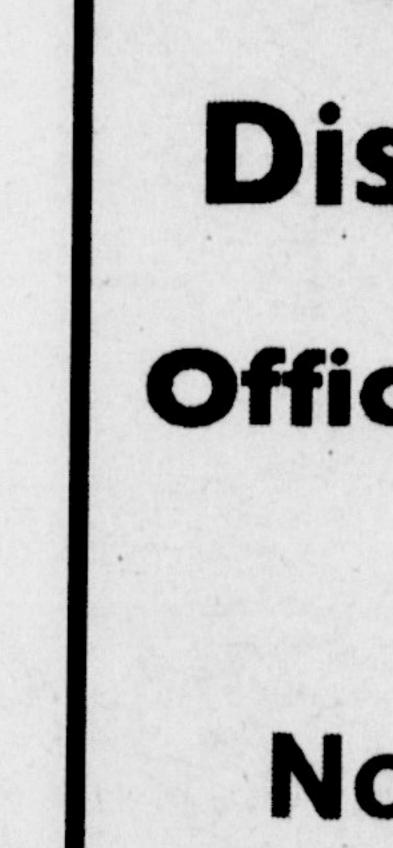
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# 'Idol' losers still win big

Former contestants are singing publicity praise

#### LISA TUMBARELLO STAFF WRITER

After being sent through the ringer on national television, warranting praises from Paula and enduring "Cowell" comments; many former 'Idol' contestants are riding the show's publicity wave to new success.

"I think they all need to continue after the show."

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Season one contestant, Tamyra Gray, has been doing well for herself as a result of her 'Idol' exposure. Gray made it to the final four before being voted off. Since then, Gray has landed an acting gig on "Boston Public" where she had a recurring role in seven episodes. Gray recently released her debut album, "The Dreamer" with 19 Records.

After appearing on the famous talent show week after week, it didn't matter to many contestants that they didn't make it to the final round to be crowned the "American Idol." They knew they already had the exposure to further pursue their talents.

Many are viewing "American Idol" as a contest that sells music. Each week the show promotes its contestants' talents, and more often than not record labels notice their can Idol" has produced even more skills even if the contestant does not become the next 'Idol.'

Throughout the past two seasons, many contestants who made it into the top twelve received maximum TV exposure aiding in jumpstarting their music careers. Kelly Clarkson was rightfully crowned the first "American Idol" and helped to throttle the competition into the pop culture phenomenon it is today. As winner of the competition, Clarkson released her debut album, "Thankful" with RCA Records and is in the process of creating her second album. Season one runner-up, Justin Guarini has since released his self titled debut album also with RCA Records. Although he didn't win tion she has still managed to score the competition, the runner up still scores a record deal with RCA. Such is not the case for any of the contestants who were booted out of the competition before the final show. They leave with no deals, only the publicity the show created for them.

Gray wrote the majority of the lyrics for her album, and wrote the lyrics for season three winner, Fantasia Barrino's first single.

RJ Helton, a top-five contestant from the first season of 'Idol' released his debut album March 23 with B-Rite/Zomba. His album "Real Life" is a contemporary Christian album exploring his relationship with Christ and his past dealing with child abuse.

The second season of "Amerialbum-wielding contestants than season one.

Winner Ruben Studdard has his album, "Soulful" out on J-Records, and runner-up Clay Aiken has released "Measure of a Man" on RCA.

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"You spend all that time voting for your favorite and just because they don't make the cut doesn't

Top-three contestant, Kimberly Locke, has just released her debut album, "One Love" on Curb Records. Her single, "8th World Wonder," has been jamming the pop airwaves, and Locke has made many public appearances including a stop at the Cavern in downtown Greenville this past spring.

Another big voice from season two was Frenchie Davis. Although she didn't get far in the competia few gigs.

Davis is currently participating in another run of the Pulitzer Prize winning musical "Rent" and has loaned her talents to the musical "Dreamgirls."

Who could forget the singing Marine, Josh Gracin from season two? Gracin currently has his single, "I Want to Live," out on country radio and television. Gracin's self-

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mean they can't continue," said Lee Wiegand, junior psychology major.

# 'American Idol' Concerts

"American Idol" Summer Tour Aug. 21: Winston-Salem, LJVM Coliseum Clay Aiken/Kelly Clarkson Tour July 16: Greensboro, Greensboro Coliseum

titled debut album on Hollywood Records is said to be out in stores June 15.

Carmen Rasmusen, from season two is deciding between several recording contracts and has a targeted summer release for her first album and single "Be With You." This season's winner, Fantasia

Barrino will release her single, "I Believe" June 15. Runner up Diana DeGarmo will release her single June 22.

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# Sunday in the Park

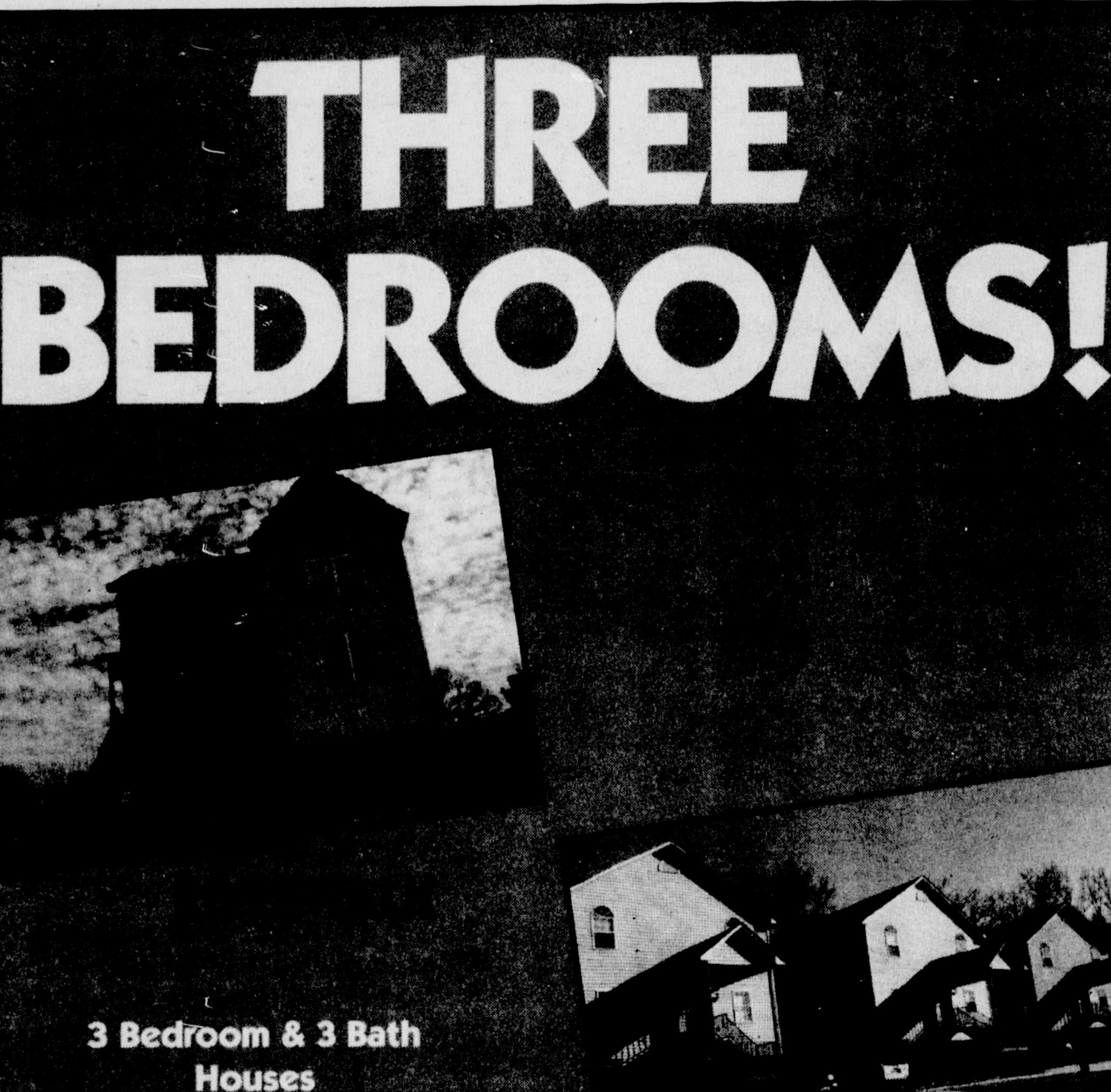
**Correction**: The dates and performance schedule published in last week's issue was the 2003 Sunday in the Park schedule, below is the correct 2004 Sunday in the Park schedule.

Sunday in the Park is a free concert series held at the Town Common Amphitheater during the months of June and July. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour. In case of rain or inclement weather, the concert will normally be cancelled. Bring a blanket or chair and come out for an evening of free entertainment for the whole family. last summer. It is just one of the finest bluegrass bands in the south.

June 27 The Monitors are a Sunday in the Park tradition. Come out and hear their mix of soul, rhythm and blues and contemporary music.

July 11 The Supergrit Cowboy Band is known far and wide as one of the best

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June 6 The Tar River Community Band will inaugurate the 30th summer of Sunday in the Park with their usual blend of classical and pop music.

June 13 The Greenville Summer Pops Orchestra consists of some of the areas finest musicians in a concert that will please the entire family.

June 20 The Steep Canyon Rangers are coming back for a repeat performance of their stunning debut country-western bands in America.

July 18 The Emerald City Big Band will present an evening of swing music that always delights young and old alike.

July 25 Panyelo is an outstanding steel drum band that has become a Sunday in the Park favorite. Come and dance under the limbo bar!

August 1 Molasses Creek is a nationally known group from Ocracoke who does a wonderful mixture of bluegrass, country, and their own delightful original music.
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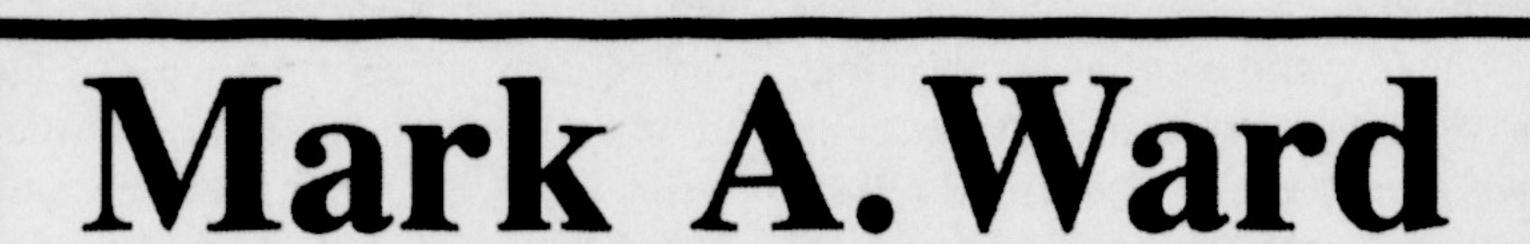
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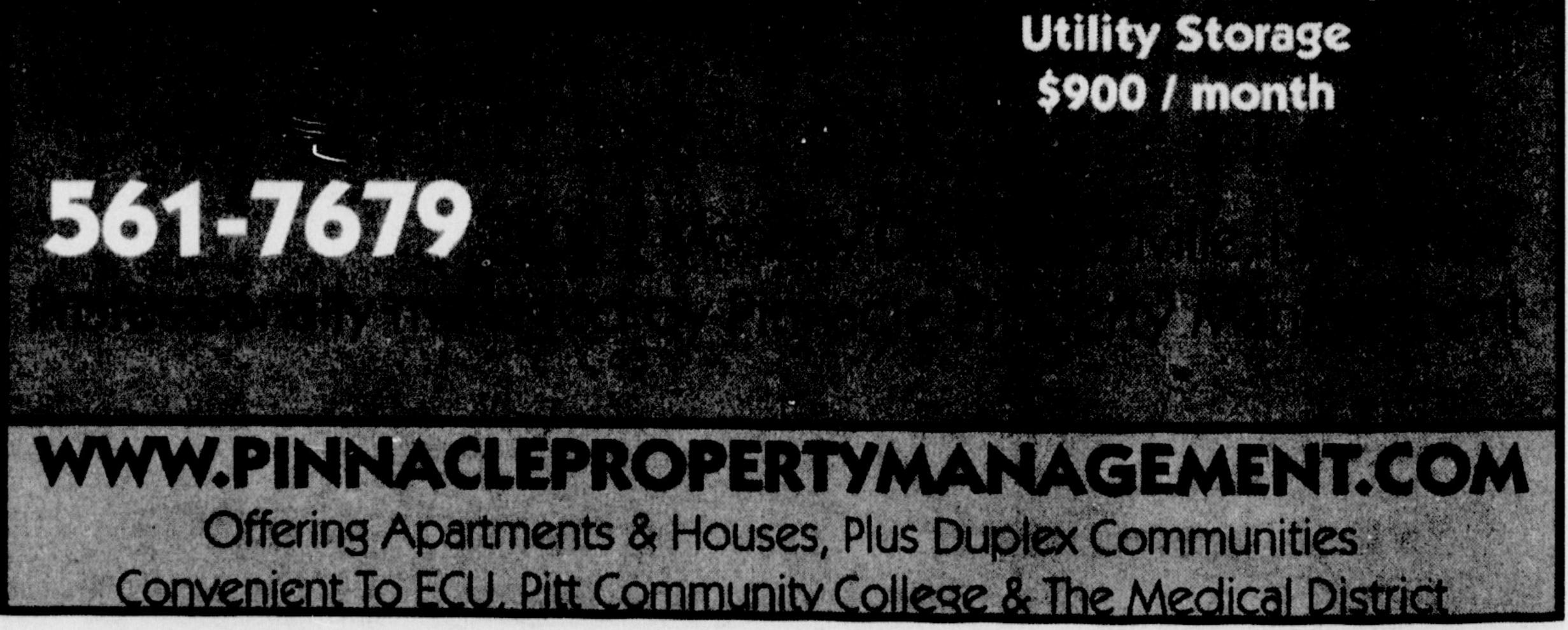
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Another way to manage your risk is by purchasing a variety of stocks, or diversifying. Follow the old adage, and don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Investing in a mutual fund is a good way of diversifying your savings, without personally having to worry about choosing individual stocks. Instead, a fund manager selects and compiles a portfolio of

is best to get started now. Think about the story of Jenny and Joe, and begin investing in your future now. If you can spare a little money from this summer's paychecks, you can take the first step toward financial freedom.

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# **Cinema Scene**

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Shrek 2 - A sequel to DreamWorks' hugely successful original, the story opens with Shrek and Fiona returning from their honeymoon to find a letter from Fiona's parents inviting the happy couple to dinner. Mom and Dad heard that their daughter had wed, but they assumed she married Prince Charming. So they're a bit shocked when they meet their new

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investments, of which you and other shareholders own a portion. Each day, the fund manager adds up the worth of all the holdings and how many shares have been pur-

chased in order to calculate the net asset value, or the price of a single share of the fund. If the NAV gets bigger, consequently, your shares increase in value.

All of the previously mentioned investment types have their merits, but for those who are willing to invest for the much more distant future, a Roth Individual Retirement Account may be the best answer.

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annual maintenance, changing

investments or withdrawing money.

Whatever option you may choose, it

The greatest advantage of an IRA is that earnings are tax-free, but you must be willing not to touch the money until retirement; otherwise, you will get socked with major fees. While on the subject of fees, be sure to ask providers about,

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> Investment Glossary

CD - certificate of deposit; issued by a bank for a specific amount of money; has a maturity date and a set interest rate.

Roth IRA - individual retirement account; allows contributions of up to \$3,000 per year; may withdraw the principal and earnings sans taxes.

Bond - loan to a government, company or other

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Breaking All The Rules - After getting painfully dumped by his fiancé, a man (Jamie Foxx) writes a hugely successful "how-to" book on the art of breaking up, in hopes that other men can avoid his fate. PG-13



Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - Harry Potter and his friends Ron and Hermione return as teenagers to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for their third year of study,

son-in-law. PG



Train Nashawn Wade Soul sues the airline and is awarded a huge settlement. Determined to make good with the money, he creates the full-service airline of his dreams. R

The Day After Tomorrow -Climatologist Jack Hall's (Dennis Quaid) research indicates that global warming could trigger an abrupt and catastrophic shift in the planet's climate. PG-13

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Troy - Based on Homer's "The Iliad," "Troy" tells of the story of the Trojan War, which resulted from the conflict between Achilles and Hector over the woman they both loved, Helen of Troy. R

Van Helsing - This action adventure Stoker's fabled finds Bram monster-hunter, Van Helsing, summoned to a distant Eastern European land on a quest to vanguish evil. Dracula, the Frankenstein monster and the Wolf Man return to the screen, PG-13

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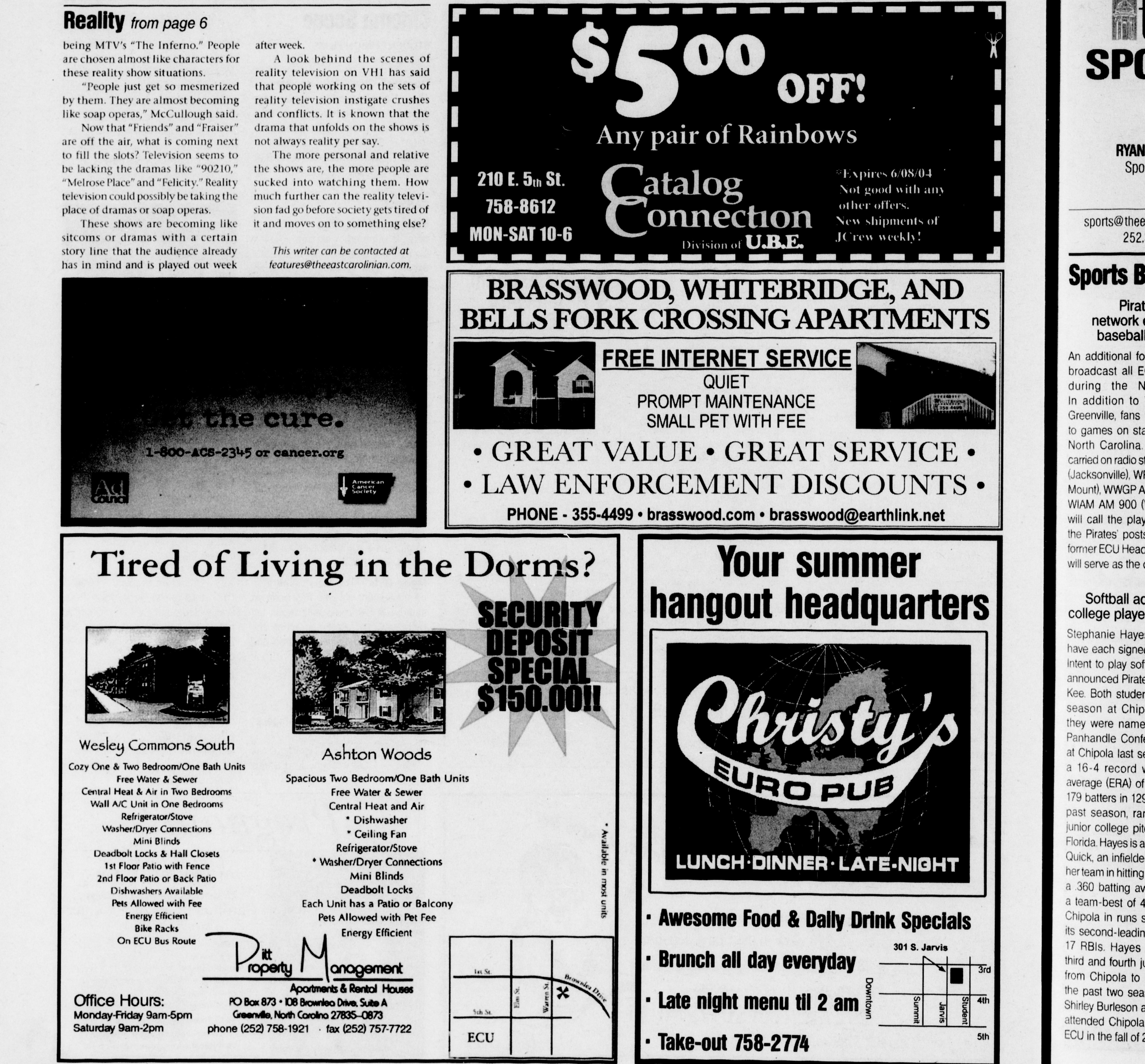
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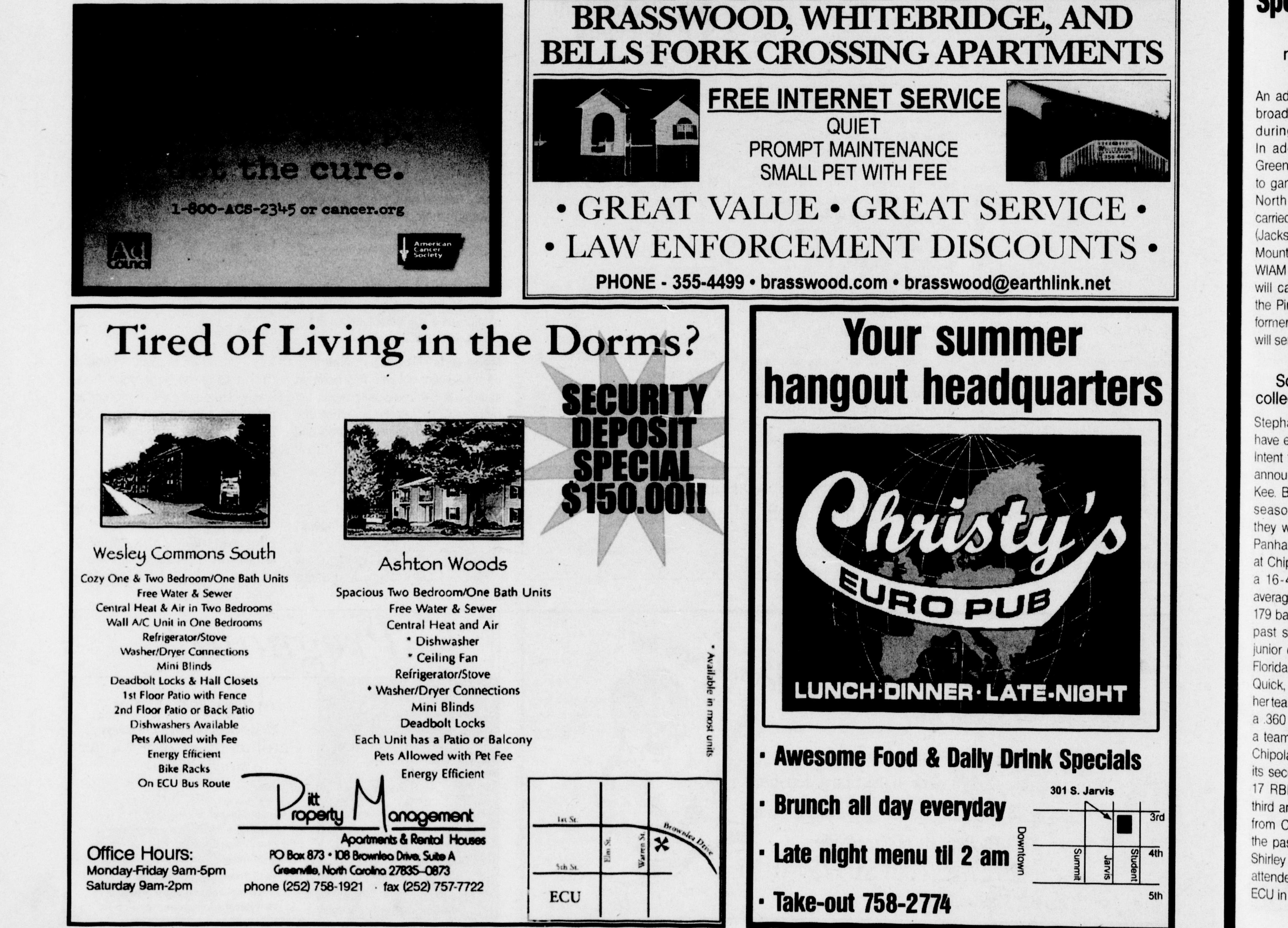


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by them. They are almost becoming like soap operas," McCullough said. Now that "Friends" and "Fraiser' to fill the slots? Television seems to be lacking the dramas like "90210," "Melrose Place" and "Felicity." Reality television could possibly be taking the place of dramas or soap operas. These shows are becoming like sitcoms or dramas with a certain story line that the audience already has in mind and is played out week



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# Pirates make quick exit from C-USA tourney

ECU prepares to host regional

**BRENT WYNNE** STAFF WRITER

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Heading into the conference tournament fresh off a series win three RBIs. against Southern Miss, the Pirates faltered after a first round victory

innings with a 13-2 victory. Greg

Bunn went the distance, scattering

seven hits and two walks, while

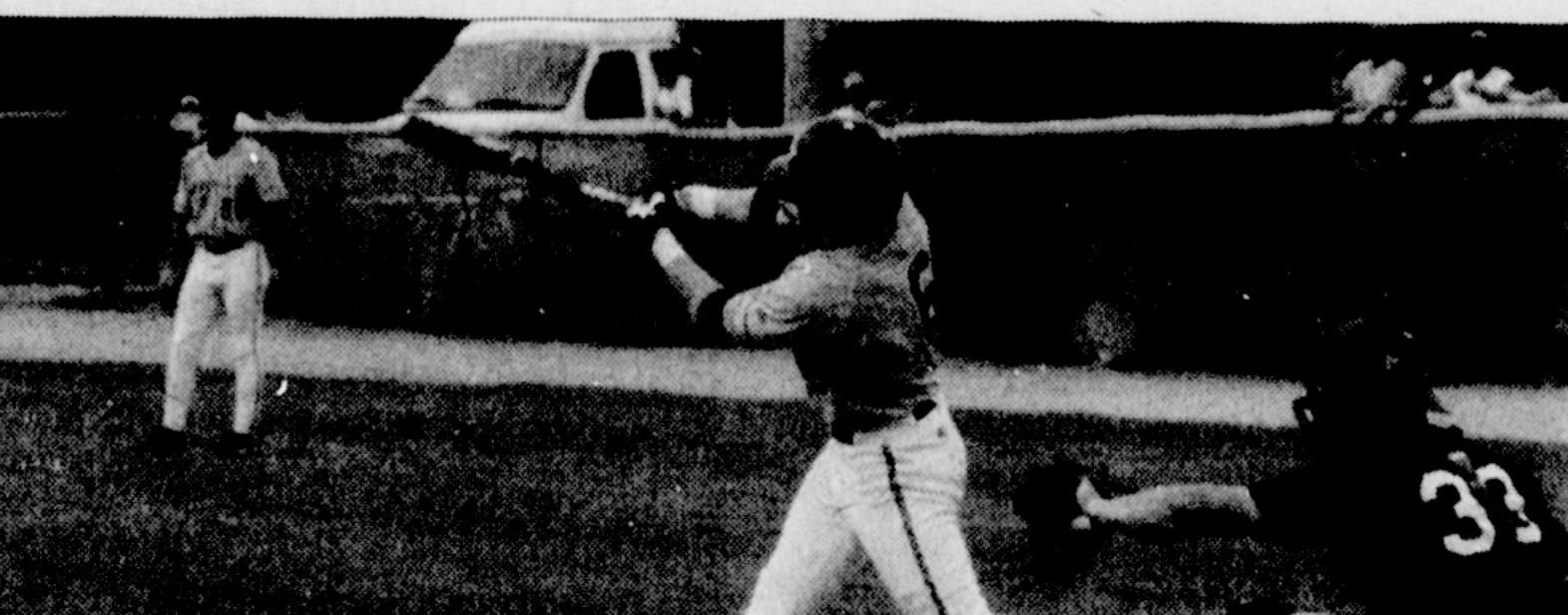
striking out three. Bunn improved

to 9-0 on the season with the

plate. Drew Costanzo, Ryan Norwood and John Poppert each had three hits for the Pirates. Norwood and Poppert collected four RBIs apiece and sophomore third

baseman Mark Minicozzi added

The Pirates were pitted against the host team, Houston, in round against Louisville by losing to two after the Cougars defeated in-Houston and TCU in consecutive state rival TCU. ECU carried a 5-3 lead games and garnered a fifth place into the eighth inning, but watched it slip away as Houston scored twice In the opener, the Pirates made in the eighth and once in the ninth quick work of the Cardinals in seven to win the game 6-5.



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**RYAN DOWNEY** 

Sports Editor

**Sports Briefs** 

Pirate sports network expanded for baseball postseason

An additional four radio stations will broadcast all ECU baseball games during the NCAA Tournament. n addition to WGHB AM 1250 in Greenville, fans will be able to listen to games on stations across eastern North Carolina. The games will be carried on radio stations WJCV AM 1290 (Jacksonville), WRMT AM 1490 (Rocky Mount), WWGP AM 1050 (Sanford) and WIAM AM 900 (Williamston). Charles will call the play-by-play for each of the Pirates' postseason games, while former ECU Head Coach Gary Overton will serve as the color analyst.

Jamie Paige, Ryan Jones and Billy Richardson all had three hits to lead the Pirates in the loss.

Matt Bishop was saddled with the loss after giving up the game-winning hit in the ninth.

A trio of hitters led ECU at the TCU eliminated Louisville in

The Pirates started the C-USA tourney fast before losing two straight.

the loser's bracket to set up a game between the Horned Frogs and the Pirates in the loser's bracket finals. After taking an early 4-3 lead, the Horned Frogs exploded for seven runs down the stretch en route to a 10-4 triumph over the Pirates.

Mike Flye took the loss for the Pirates on the mound.

Trevor Lawhorn led the Pirates with two hits on the game.

TCU went on to defeat Houston

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Road to Omaha starts in Kinston The Disc

Pirates play at Grainger Stadium this weekend

TRENT WYNNE STAFF WRITER

games is their potent pitching staff, which has five guys with a 3.33 ERA or better on the season. Opponents have hit a meager .242 collectively against the Volunteers, which is definitely an accomplishment having played in college baseball's toughest conference this year, the they want to even keep it close SEC, which has nine teams in the NCAA tourney. Tennessee will not get blown out in any game due to their solid slingers, but will they hit the ball enough to move on? #3 Kinston regional seed, UNC-W Seahawks: A name that appears a little scary to most Pirate fans after a number one what happened earlier this year in the last game at Harrington Field. The 'Hawks pounded out five home runs in that game alone, beating the Pirates 15-5. ECU proved, however, that their pitching could stifle the this is where it ends. UNC-W bats in a rematch at Wilmington, which ECU won 3-0. The CAA champs come in with a lot of momentum having won 20 of their last 26 contests against some pretty good competition. A solid team up and down, the Seahawks would be a tough draw for any team in the nation at this point. Offensively, UNC-W can drive the long ball as well as blast the gaps. Opponents have hit .269 against them this year. This should be an interesting first round game between Tennessee and UNC-W, both sharing a piece of history with the Pirates. #4 Kinston regional seed, Stony Brook Seawolves: The American East champions are making their firstever appearance in the NCAA. move on. Stony Brook will have a very tough time coming out of this regional and moving on. The Seawolves drew the

Pirates in the first round and ECU is hungry to say the least. However, Stony Brook will not be a pushover. They can hit for power just as good as any of the three teams in the Pirates' region. They will have to do a lot of hitting if

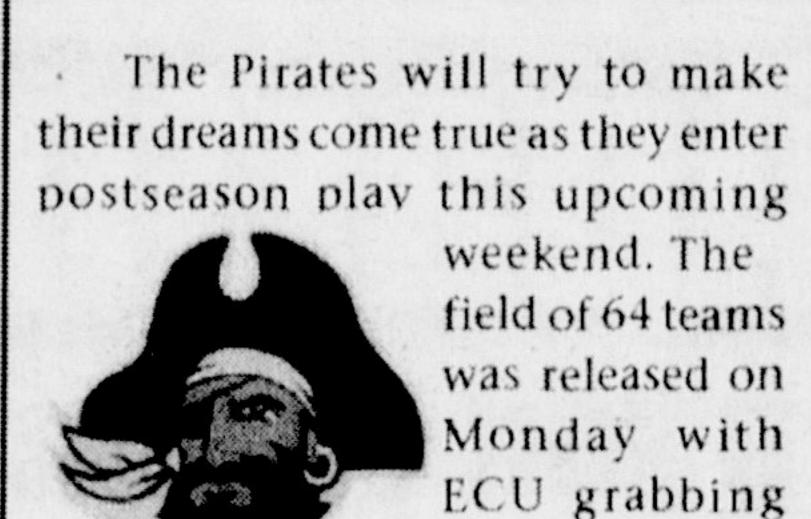
# Golf Diaries

Durham brings familiarity

#### **ROBERT LEONARD**

Softball adds two junior college players to 2005 roster

Stephanie Hayes and Ashley Quick have each signed a National Letter of intent to play softball at ECU in 2005, announced Pirate Head Coach Tracey Kee. Both student-athletes spent last season at Chipola College, where they were named second team All-Panhandle Conference. As a pitcher at Chipola last season, Hayes posted 16-4 record with an earned run average (ERA) of 0.76. She struck out 179 batters in 129 innings pitched this past season, ranking fourth among junior college pitchers in the state of Florida. Hayes is a native of Century, Fla. Quick, an infielder from Dunlap, III., led her team in hitting this past season with .360 batting average and collected a team-best of 46 hits. She also led Chipola in runs scored (29) and was its second-leading run producer with 17 RBIs. Hayes and Quick are the third and fourth junior college players from Chipola to sign with ECU over the past two seasons. Rising seniors Shirley Burleson and Leigh Savoy also attended Chipola prior to enrolling at ECU in the fall of 2003.



regional seed and host. The Pirates will take on Stony Brook (29-25) in the opening round, and the Seahawks of Wilmington (38-21) are pitted against the Tennessee Volunteers (37-22). Here is a look at the competition.

The #2 Kinston regional seed, Tennessee Volunteers: The Volunteers are all-too-familiar visitors to Grainger Stadium and should provide the biggest interest in this year's region. In 2001, ECU had the super-regional host and was two games away from Omaha, but only saw it slip away at the mercy of Tennessee. However, times have changed. Tennessee will not hit with much power throughout the regional, but will still be pesky at the plate. Their leading home run hitter has only produced six the entire season. Add in Grainger Stadium and this is one ball club that won't win on the long ball. What will keep them in ballSTAFF WRITER

against the Pirates. A team batting average of .268 will not be enough to win a game in this region. As far as pitching goes, the Seawolves have a pretty solid staff. Opponents hit .271 against them, but Stony Brook can strike all to see. out guys in massive numbers. Let's face it, though, their competition throughout the year does not compare with any other team in this region. Congratulations to Stony Brook on making it this far, but

My predictions: ECU will roll past Stony Brook in the opening round and Tennessee will win a tight one with UNC-W. In the first elimination game on Saturday, the Seawolves will bid farewell with another defeat. The Pirates will put up big offensive numbers on

Robert Leonard is a staff writer for TEC sports section. This summer he is competing in tournaments all over the country. Each week of the summer, Robert will chronicle the events and offer an insider's view of disc golf for

This weekend was in Durham, and for all the traveling I do, 30 minutes away is considered a local event. Staying at home is always nice during tournament play.

It's funny, the top pros still stay in hotels at local tournaments just so they stay in the tournament feel.

The course is a technical course plenty of short shots that wind through hills and trees. It's not the best course I've ever played, but certainly not the worst. The course and I do have some history. I won the PDGA tour event in the division below where I currently played early last year, so I always have a good feeling when I go to this course. I came out of the gates feeling good - shot a 47 (-7) with three bogeys. I was in third, two off the lead. Second round was probably the best start to a PDGA round I've ever had. Birdied six out of my first seven holes, two of which were two of the harder holes on the course. I started on hole six that round, and holes 1-5 are all very easy. I was very happy to be a six under with those holes left. In addition, holes 13-17

Tennessee's Saturday starter as the Volunteers will throw their best stuff against UNC-W the first round. ECU beats Tennessee on Satur-

day and a rested UNC-W team will win Saturday's nightcap against a fatigued Volunteer club. The Pirates will get another rematch with Wilmington, but this time there will be no doubt that the Pirates will roll to the regional championship and

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# Major League Baseball heats up

Central Division tops all divisions in National League

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Memorial Day, the unofficial beginning of summer, brings newfound enthusiasm to the world of sports. For the next several scorchNational League East The defending World Series champion Florida Marlins have a solid hold on the East this season with virtually the same team as a season ago. The Marlins might have a little trouble keeping the lead as Josh Beckett was recently sent to the disabled list and Dontrelle Willis has been less than spectacular on the mound. No one knows how

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ing months, Major League Baseball makes its way to the forefront.

For fantasy baseball gurus, this a year has brought much more interest fa and enthusiasm for the game. If you converted want to become more involved and knowledgeable about the game, there fa is nothing like spicing it up with a N little competition with friends and more

people around the country.

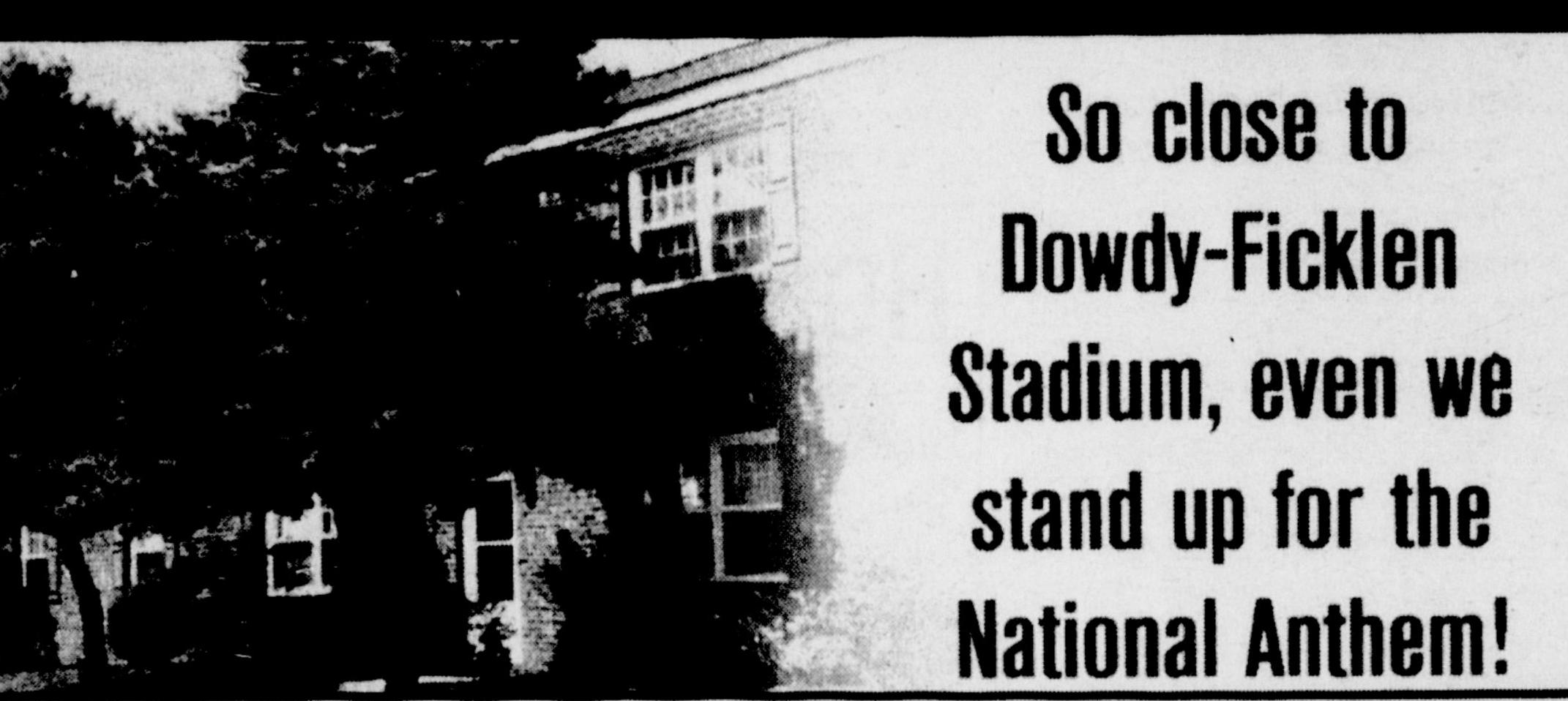
The dust has settled around the BALCO controversy and steroids.

There are stories abound throughout the league with plenty of surprise teams and players. Derek Jeter headlines the major disappointments thus far, although he has picked up his game as of late. It's time to take a look at the teams and players and make a few predictions for the end of the season. It's only May, but the summer passes by faster than a Randy Johnson fastball, and October soon follows. they do it, but Jack McKeon's squad gets it done. Speedsters Juan Pierre and Luis Castillo have set the table for Mike Lowell and phenom Miguel Cabrera.

Philadelphia was the preseason favorite of many to represent the National League in October, but a rough start has them in second place. The Atlanta Braves are hovering around the .500 mark thanks to some unfortunate injuries. Bobby Cox has sent virtually their AAA team on the field for much of the season. Chipper Jones, Marcus Giles, J.D. Drew, Rafael Furcal and Adam LaRoche have all missed significant time with injuries. Without these mishaps, the Braves would likely be in the driver's seat again. National League Central

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were all birdiable, but harder than the other holes. Eighteen is by far the hardest on the course, and a par is a good score. After six birdies, I go par, double bogey, par, double bogey. I would birdie 17 to get back to three under, but would only get one birdie between 1-5 to shoot a 50, four under which put me in a tie for third, four off the leader.

This morning's round was – well, not good. I had four "cut throughs." We use that term when the disc hits the chains, but somehow squeezes out the back of the basket – it literally cuts through the basket. I also had a bad drive on a hole and decided to play smart and play for bogey. My approach for par hit a root and rolled about 80 or 90 feet deep in the woods, leaving me no shot to get out, and I took a triple bogey. I also got another bad roll on a hole that caused a double bogey. With all this, I only shot 54 (Even). This dropped me to tenth and out of contention. I was just playing for pride during the last round. I would shoot 49 (five

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under) and move up a spot and finish ninth. That won me about \$40 in merchandise. Considering the entry fee was \$20, it was a good weekend. I would finish at 16 under, a whopping 13 strokes off the lead. Next week: Richmond, Va.

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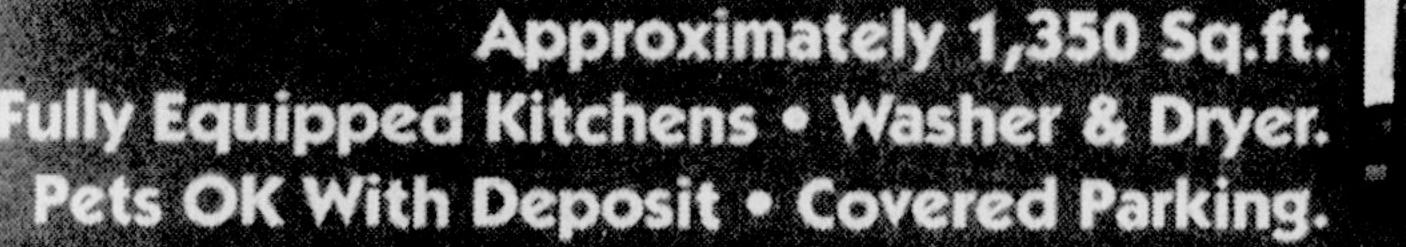
Despite an early exit from the tournament, Head Coach Randy Mazey knows this weekend is not a microcosm of things to come.

"We just decided in the (post game) huddle that we're not going to talk about this game. We're not going to talk about this tournament," said Mazey.

"We have put ourselves in an an excellent position. I think our record is 48-11. Going into the season, I don't think there is a guy in that

huddle that wouldn't take 48-11. "We're five wins away from Omaha. We're going to start the season over. All we have to do is win five, and we're very capable of doing that," Mazey said.

to The five wins will start Friday night at Grainger Stadium in Kin ost ston as the Pirates face Stony Brook, a first time regional participant, in the nightcap at 7 p.m. UNC-W and Ten nessee round out the Kinston regional bracket. Game time for the Seahawks an and the Volunteers is 3 p.m.



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# Lakers finish off Wolves

LOS ANGELES — Kareem Rush just kept firing that smooth lefthanded jumper from 3-point range, and it kept going in:

When the biggest game of his life to date was over, with Rush having played a starring role in a playoff game for the first time, he spoke like a grizzled veteran who knew the feeling.

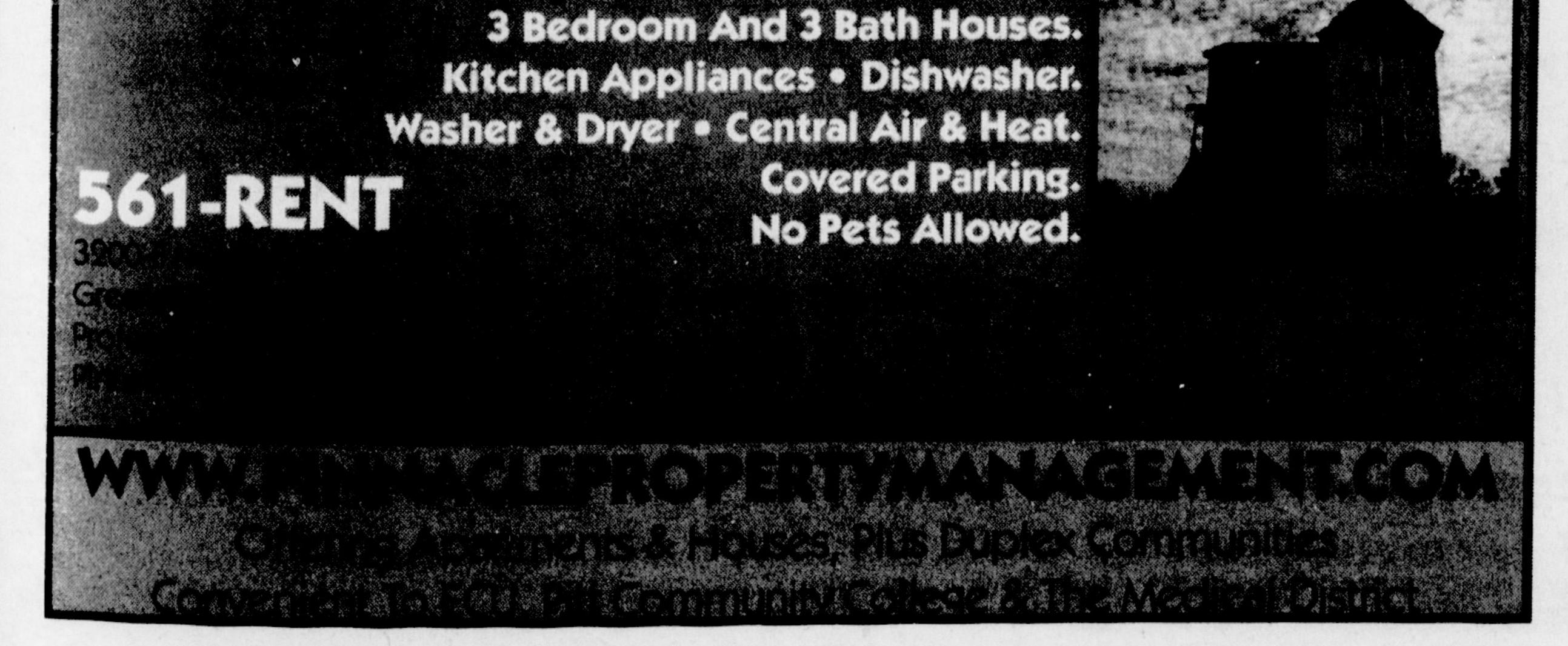
"I'm not a guy who gets overly excited," Rush said. "It's great to be here, but we've got four more games to win, and then I can celebrate."

After shooting 4-of-16 for 11 points in the first five games of the Western Conference finals, Rush scored a career playoff-high of 18 on six 3-pointers in Game 6, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 96-90 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night. By winning the conference finals 4-2, the Lakers earned their fourth NBA Finals berth in five years. The exception was last year, when Rush was a seldom-used rookie and they lost to eventual champion San Antonio in the second round. Now, for the most part, Rush is a seldom-used two-year veteran.

"Kareem was obviously the story of the night," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He played a game of a career, obviously."

Rush averaged 2.9 points and 13.4 minutes in the Lakers' previous 16 playoff games. He played 23 minutes Monday night, including the entire fourth quarter.

"I just have to stay ready," he said. "I know I didn't get a lot of playing time in this series. Guys have been playing well. They went small, and the coach threw me in. And after I made my first shot, I knew it was going to be a good night. It just kept going in for me." Shaquille O'Neal had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 20 points to lead the Lakers, who will face Detroit or Indiana in the NBA Finals starting Sunday. The best-of-seven series will open in Los Angeles if Detroit wins the Eastern Conference finals and in Indiana if the Pacers win.



"This is the reason I came over here," said Karl Malone, who had 10 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists and had the grueling task of guarding league MVP Kevin Garnett.





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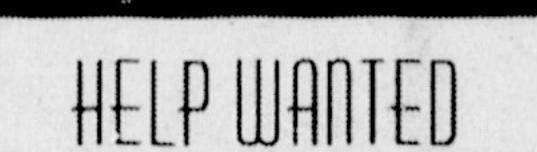
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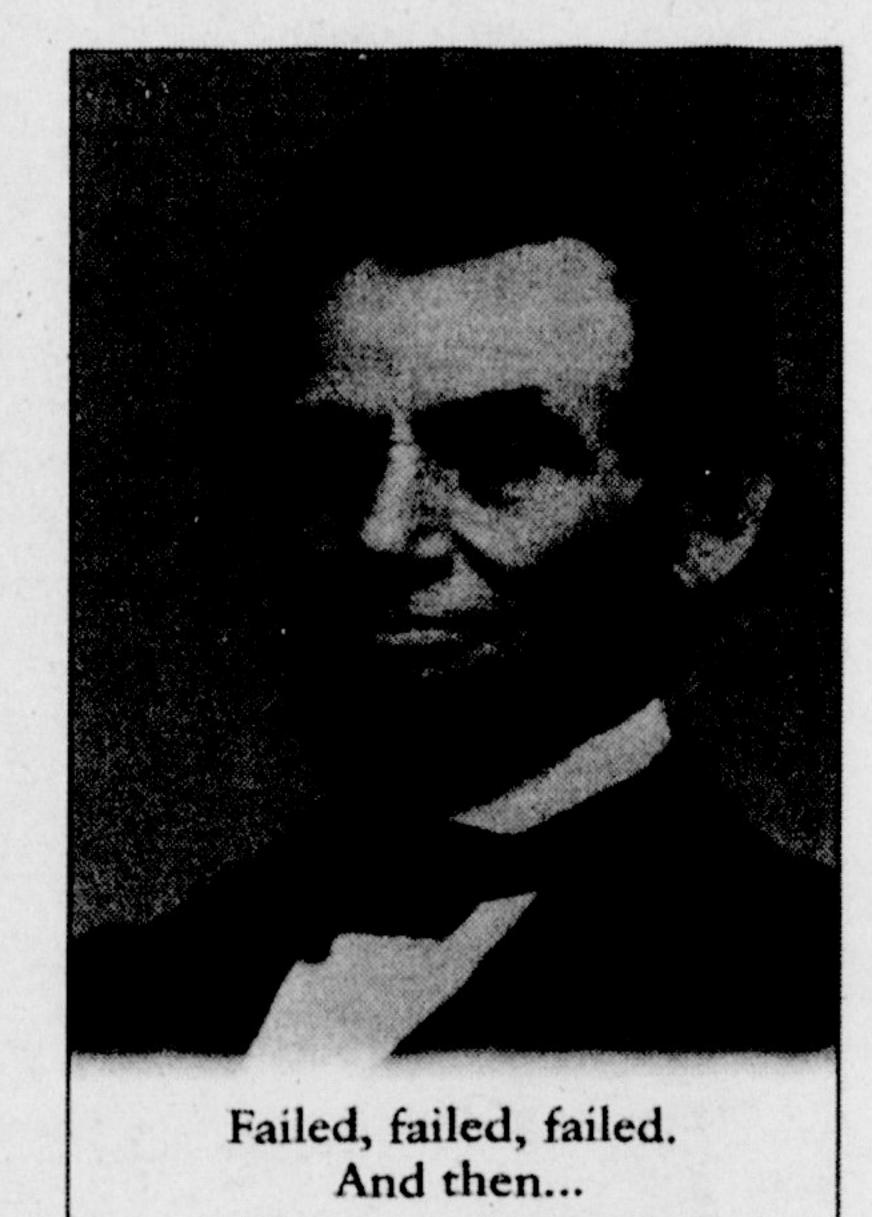
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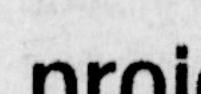
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mark with the Cincinnati Reds as the surprise leader in that division. Ken Griffey Jr. is back in a big way for the new Big Red Machine. Griffey is healthy and has plenty of help. First baseman Sean Casey is leading the league in hitting and closer Danny Graves is on pace to break the single season saves record.

Roger Clemens came out of retirement to join Houston along with ex-Yankee Andy Pettitte. Clemens has to be the Cy Young favorite. Milwaukee and Pittsburgh are both playing well with plenty of exciting young players. Ben Sheets has been outstanding on the mound for the Brewers and Scott Podsednik has been producing as a dangerous lead-off man, leading the league in steals. Craig Wilson and his hair, which rivals Johnny Damon, should be a shoo-in as an All-Star. National League West More surprises out West, the San Diego Padres are cruising in first as Colorado and Arizona are fading fast. Former ECU standout Chad Tracy and his Diamondbacks are struggling. The highlight of the season was the perfect game thrown by Randy Johnson on May 18. Since then, there hasn't been much to cheer about in the desert.



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A young nucleus of players including Khalil Greene, Sean Burroughs and Jake Peavy are the reason the Padres are out in front, but look for the Dodgers to overtake them soon. Adrian Beltre and Paul LoDuca are hitting extremely well and newcomer Milton Bradley has been a nice addition in center field.

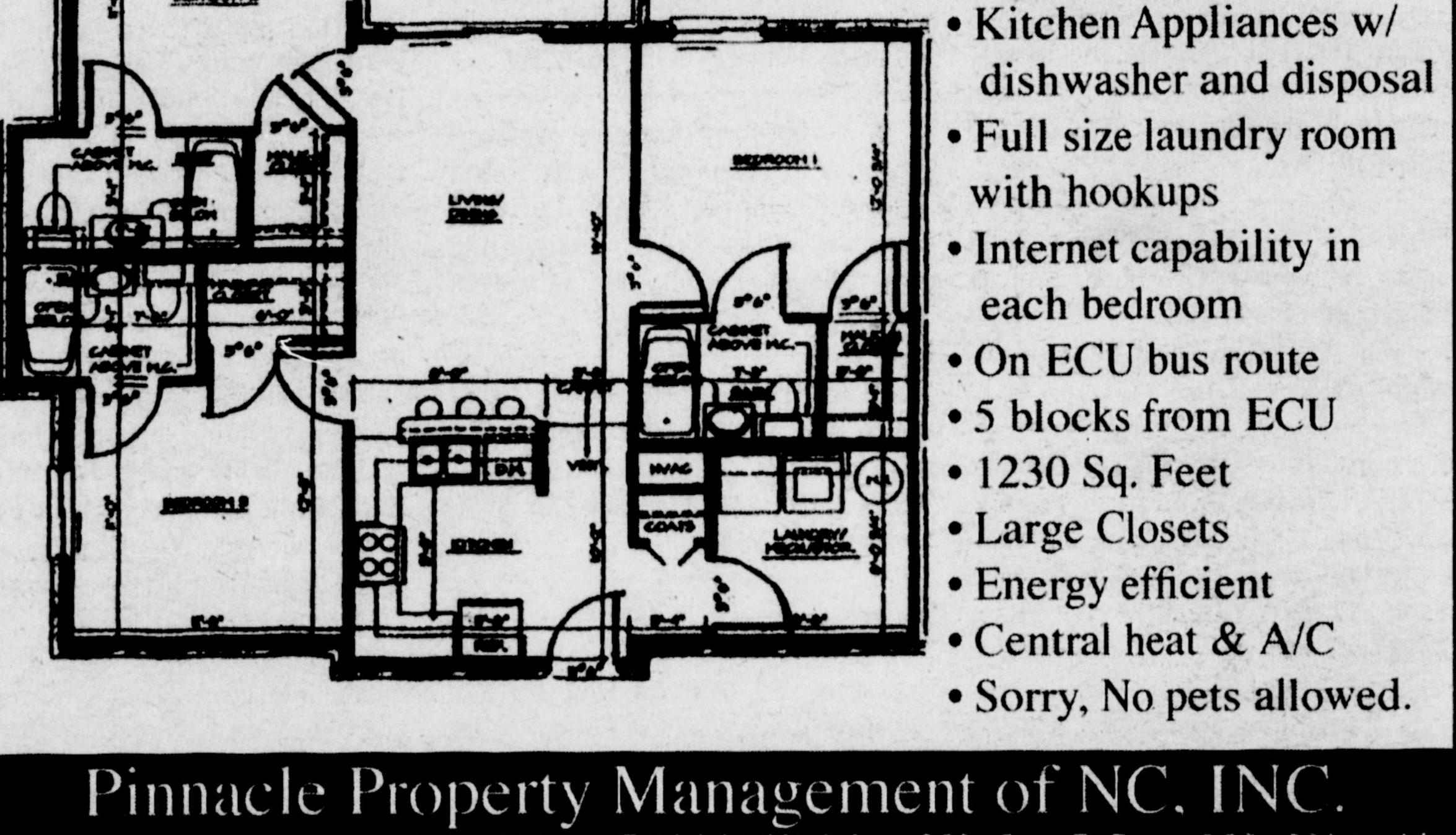
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by not having the worst record in all of baseball. A few more additions and they have the makings of a solid ball club.

#### American League West

Another shocker in the West is the Texas Rangers. Who needs A-Rod? How is Alfonso Soriano forgotten so fast? Soriano was deemed the eventual best second baseman in history, but out of the limelight, he's just another All-Star. Reality check, he's still that player and the Rangers are for real. Michael Young has replaced A-Rod and his numbers rival the Yankee third baseman.

However, Anaheim has the best record, but has been decimated by injuries. Troy Glaus and Garret Anderson may have been lost for the season. Chone Figgins and Jeff DeVanon have stepped in well. Anaheim also has the best throwing outfield in baseball. Jose Guillen, Raul Mondesi and Vladimir Guerrero have cannons. N.L. Playoff Predictions: Florida Marlins, Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers. Winning another division title would be Atlanta's biggest achievement. There is no reason why it can't happen again. John Smoltz is the only player from their decade of dominance, but the keys are manager Bobby Cox and Coach Leo Mazzone. They haven't gone anywhere and with players coming back from injury and their pitchers starting to come around, notch another title. Houston gets the nod over the Cubs. All you hear from Chicagoians is "this is it." Nagging injuries to Sammy Sosa, Kerry Wood and Mark Prior will do them in, sorry Cubs fans, maybe next year. A.L. Playoff Predictions: New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Anaheim Angels and Minnesota Twins. Before the season, I was a firm believer that this was Boston's year to finally break the curse. Not going to happen, it's the Yankees again. Pitching was a big question mark for New York, but in the playoffs, you only need three. Kevin Brown, Javier Vasquez and Jon Lieber will do the job for Joe



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American League East The East should be cut down to

two teams - no one has a chance with the Red Sox and the "Evil Empire." Boston handled the Yankees easily early in the season, but New York has since responded. Alex Rodriguez will hit .290 with 40 homeruns again and it's just a matter of time before another controversy with Jeter begins.

Baltimore has a solid lineup, but absolutely no pitching. Toronto has power hitters Carlos Delgado and Vernon Wells, but not much else. Roy Halladay's season in 2003 seems to be a fluke, he won't win 20 games and will lose more by the All-Star break than he did all of last season. Tampa Bay - well, they're Tampa Bay.

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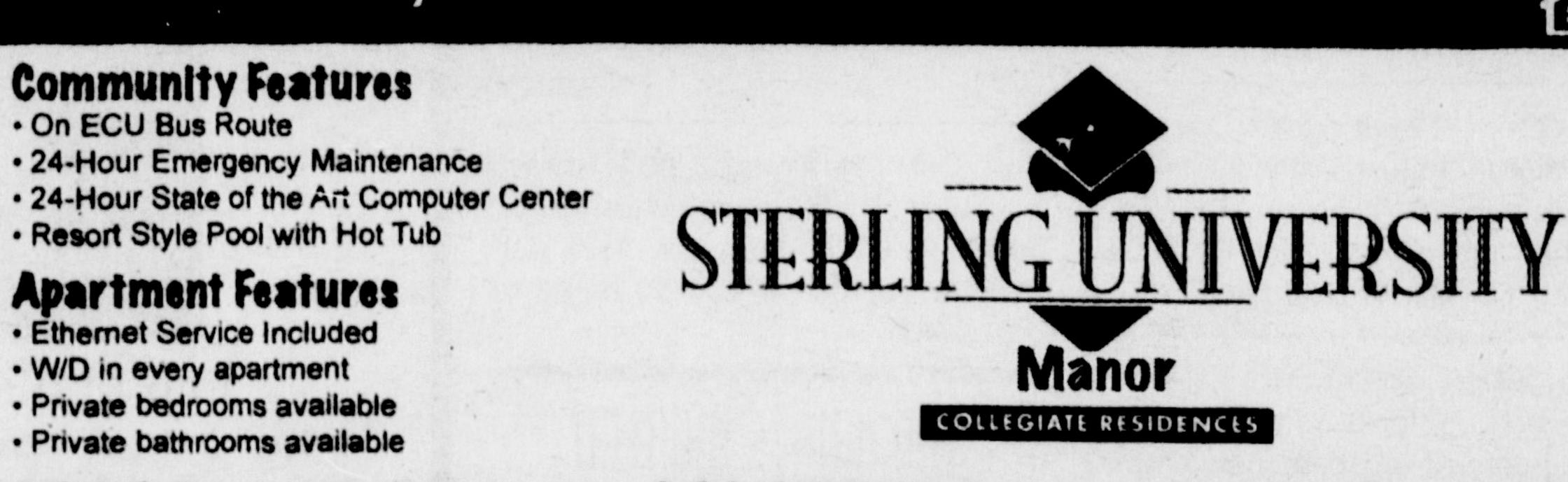
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#### American League Central

The Central is playing for who will be eliminated first in the playoffs. Most likely it will be the Chicago White Sox. Chicago has displayed a dynamic offense, but their bullpen is awful. The Minnesota Twins are in second, but have more talent. They have more good players than open positions and a few trades later in the season can put them in the playoffs. The Detroit Tigers will continue Torre.

to surprise as the season goes along. Instead of being around .500 to start off, however, they'll surprise people

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