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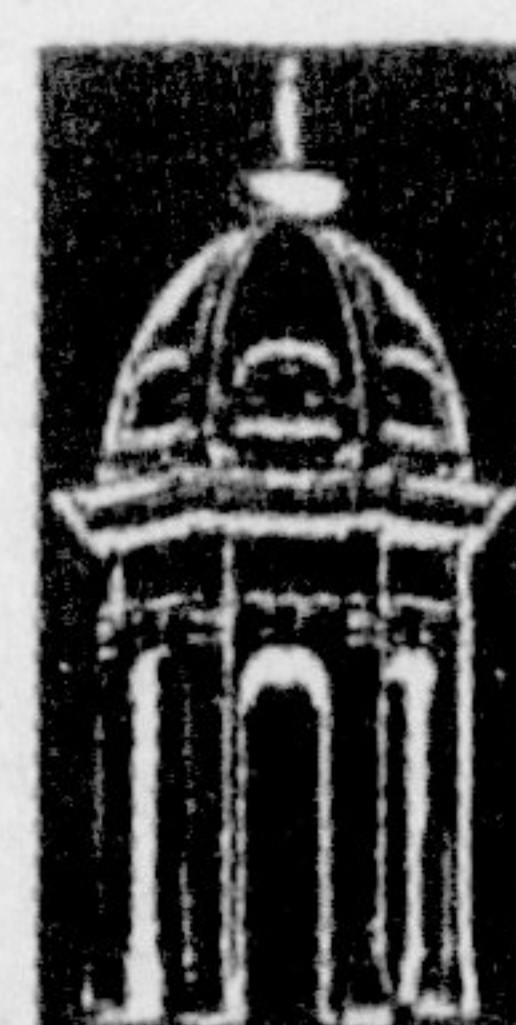
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ECU launches new systems engineering program

Unique program designed to meet interests of students

NICK HENNE
SENIOR WRITER

ECU's new systems engineering program, which began March 19, has attracted 45 student applicants, 15 Ph.D. engineering faculty and has started some controversy among UNC system officials as to whether the program is necessary.

Ralph Rogers, dean of the college of technology and computer science, said he feels the program will benefit ECU and help meet demands of both ECU and eastern North Carolina.

"We think there is a lot of interest out there ... certainly there is a lot of interest in business and economic development community at ECU having an engineering program," said Rogers.

Rogers said systems engineering is a unique engineering program proven by research to be successful.

"Systems engineering is really about solving problems. It emphasizes the management and design of a total system," Rogers said.

"The way we teach engineering as well as the engineers we produce are going to be different than you would find in many other places."

Rogers said the difference is that in ECU's program, students will be actively engaged in engineering courses during their first semesters. At other universities, engineering students spend their first semesters taking math and science and don't get involved in engineering courses until their later semesters.

Rogers said this non-systems engineering system causes a large percentage of students to discontinue

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Bush pushes for democratic reform in Middle East countries



President Bush speaks at Galatasaray University Tuesday in Istanbul, Turkey.

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A day after Iraq's new interim government claimed power, President Bush said Tuesday that "freedom is the future of the Middle East," but made clear that what he means by democracy is not wholesale acceptance of Western pop culture.

"When I speak about the blessings of liberty, coarse videos and crass commercialism are not what I have in mind," Bush said in remarks before ending a five-day trip to Ireland and Turkey.

"There is nothing incompatible between democratic values and high standards of decency."

In another self-criticism after acknowledging widespread suspicion of U.S. motives, Bush said: "When some in my country speak in an ill-informed and insulting manner about the Muslim faith, their words are heard abroad, and do great harm to our cause in the Middle East."

Muslims also bear some responsibility for tensions between the two cultures, Bush said.

"When some in the Muslim world incite hatred and murder with conspiracy theories and propaganda, their words are also heard by a generation of young Muslims who need truth and hope, not lies and anger."

At the speech on the grounds of Galatasaray University, next to the Bosphorus Strait that has long been a symbolic link between Europe and Asia, Bush cited Turkey as an example of how democracy can flourish in the Muslim world. He heralded the transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, a step he said was giving rise to "the world's newest democracy."

At the same time, Bush raised no objection to new interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi taking hard-line measures to deal with militants such as Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the most wanted man in the country. Allawi said Tuesday he will announce emergency measures — steps likely to temporarily curb the kinds of freedoms Bush was advocating for the Middle East.

His audience sat silently throughout his remarks, giving brief applause when he finished. Just behind Bush as he spoke was a bridge spanning the Bosphorus and a 17th century mosque, its two slender minarets pointed skyward.

Gun-toting security officers floated by in a black rubber raft, along with gunboats, and a low-flying black surveillance helicopter cruised over the speech site twice, forcing Bush to raise his voice.

Pharmacy experiences increase in prescription costs

Price inflation hurts business at toted 'low-cost' pharmacy

AMANDA LINGERFELT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The ECU Student Health Service pharmacy is experiencing an increase in prescription contraceptives, ultimately hurting business at the toted "low-cost" pharmacy.

Popular contraceptives, such as Lo/Ovral and Ortho-Cyclen, have

increased in price from \$10 to \$42.

"The majority of the business that we [SHS Pharmacy] do is in contraceptives," said Greg Morris, pharmacy manager.

"[The price increase] has hurt a lot of students."

Morris said the reason students received contraceptives at such a low cost is because pharmaceutical companies offer "trial packs" at a discounted price to students. Such trial packs aren't available at neighborhood pharmacies.

Morris said the companies offer these trial packs in hopes that students will become familiar with the brand and will continue to buy it when they leave the university.

According to Morris, many of the contraceptives have patents that last about seven to 10 years. When the patents run out, cheaper generic brands are created, decreasing sales for the brand name prescriptions.

"Now, when students leave school,

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Marathon and Fun Run

The Greenville Jaycees present the 10th Annual Flat Out 5K and Fun Run on July 3, beginning at the Town Commons off First Street. Pre-registration is available, plus race day registration and check-in information, at the Willis Building. Call 353-6030 for more information.

Dissertation Defense

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders presents "Naming and Rhyme Recognition Abilities in Children Diagnosed with Childhood Apraxia of Speech" by Betty L. Smith at 11 a.m. July 8 in 105 Belk.

Correction

In a June 23 article titled "Ordinance affects housing options for students," information in the sub-heading was incorrect. The heading should have read "Policy states no more than three unrelated people can share residence."

News Briefs

State

Durham YMCA's bar on family rate for same-sex couples ends Duke deal

DURHAM, NC - YMCA of the Triangle Area will stand by its policy of refusing family discount memberships to same-sex couples, leading the organization and Duke University to sever a promotion agreement.

Duke had promoted the YMCA in its employee literature and on its Web site in exchange for Duke employees receiving breaks on memberships. That 2002 agreement will end Aug. 27, about a month before the original contract was set to expire. Duke had threatened since April to end its relationship with the YMCA if the nonprofit's officials refused to offer family memberships to Duke employees who are part of same-sex couples.

"We are a private organization and cannot allow outside organizations to shape or dictate our policies or the timing of any changes," said YMCA spokeswoman Dorothy Brown. Some local YMCA branches, including the one in Chapel Hill, allow same-sex couples to pay the family membership rate.

Jury awards damages to NC woman inseminated with wrong sperm

WILMINGTON, NC - A jury awarded more than \$400,000 on Monday to a North Carolina woman artificially inseminated with "unwashed" sperm. The jury of five men and seven women returned a verdict of \$85,000 in compensatory damages and \$350,000 in punitive damages to Kelly Chambliss.

The \$350,000 in punitive damages will have to be reduced to \$250,000 by New Hanover County Superior Court Judge W. Allen Cobb Jr.

John Martin, attorney for the fertility clinic, said the state legislature capped punitive damages at either three times the compensatory damages or a maximum of \$250,000.

The total adjusted award will be \$335,000.

The ruling was less than what Chambliss' attorney, Gary Shipman, had asked the jury to award for physical and emotional damages, but more than he asked in punitive damages.

"We're pleased with the courage of the jury," said Chambliss. "We hope this never happens to anyone else again." Chambliss, 37, walked into a Coastal

Area Health Education Center fertility clinic in August 2002 for her 12th attempt at pregnancy. Nurse practitioner, Julie Ramsey, inseminated her with the contents of an unlabeled syringe. The syringe contained unprepared sperm left over from another client's procedure two days before. Chambliss said she became violently ill right after the procedure.

Nation

Bird flu could threaten humans worldwide, research suggests

WASHINGTON (AP) - A type of bird flu that has killed millions of chickens is becoming more infectious to mammals. Scientists fear it could cause the next worldwide pandemic in humans.

The avian flu has forced authorities to slaughter millions of chickens and other fowl in Asia to stem outbreaks in recent years. Thousands more have been killed in the United States and elsewhere.

Already the flu has passed from birds to humans in Hong Kong, killing six of 18 people infected in 1997, and human cases have been reported since then in Vietnam and Thailand.

Now China-based researchers studying the H5N1 strain of the flu report that it has been changing over

the years to become more dangerous to mammals. Their research, based on tests in mice, is reported in Monday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

World

Israeli air strike hits Gaza City building after Palestinian rocket attack kills two

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) - Palestinian militants fired a new barrage of makeshift rockets into southern Israel early Tuesday, despite the launch of an Israeli offensive meant to halt such attacks.

The salvo, which moderately wounded one man, came a day after a rocket attack killed two Israelis, including a 3-year-old boy, in the border town of Sderot.

The pre-dawn Israeli military operation came in response to the Sderot attack. It marked the first time in nearly four years of fighting that the crude homemade Qassam missiles killed Israelis.

Under the cover of intense machine gun fire, Israeli tanks and bulldozers blocked roads in the northern Gaza Strip - the start of what security officials said could be an extended operation in the area.

Web porn case upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a law meant to punish pornographers who peddle dirty pictures to web-surfing kids is probably an unconstitutional muzzle on free speech.

The high court divided 5-4 over a law passed in 1998, signed by former President Clinton and now backed by the Bush administration. The majority said a lower court was correct to block the law from taking effect because it likely violates the First Amendment.

In considering the issue a third time, the court did not end a long fight, however. The majority voted to send the case back to a lower court for a trial that could give the government a chance to prove the law does not go too far.

The ruling in *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union* was the last of nearly 80 cases decided in a busy court term that ended Tuesday with no announcements that any of the nine justices would retire. The year's marquee cases involving presidential power to deal with suspected terrorists were announced Monday, and, for the most part, represented a loss for the Bush administration.

The majority, led by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, said there may have been important technological advances in the five years since a federal judge blocked the law.

Holding a new trial will allow discussion of what technology, if any, might allow adults to see and buy material that is legal for them while keeping that material out of the hands of children.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg agreed with Kennedy.

Tuesday's pornography ruling is more nuanced, but still a blow to the government. It marks the third time the high court has considered the case, and it may not be the last.

The ACLU and other critics of the anti-pornography law said that it would restrict far too much material that adults may legally see and buy.

"We're very pleased with the decision," said ACLU lawyer Ann Beeson.

"The status quo is still with us and the court made it safe for artists, sex educators and web publishers to communicate with adults without risking jail time."

Beeson said that after repeated losses in court, the government may choose to drop any further defense of the law. There was no immediate word from the Bush administration.

The law, which never took effect, would have authorized fines up to \$50,000 for the crime of placing such material within the easy reach of children on the internet.

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they will go [to pharmacies] and buy the generic brand," Morris said.

Since generic versions have recently become available for contraceptives like Lo/Ovral, Ortho-Cyclen, Ortho-Tri-Cyclen and Tri-phasil, Morris said pharmaceutical companies see no need to keep offering students trial packs at low costs because they will ultimately begin buying the generic brands when they finish school.

"The prices are slowly increasing on many of the trial packs. Eventually, we'll just sell the regular packs that other pharmacies do," Morris said.

The pharmacy does offer the generic versions of contraceptives, however, the generic medications are still higher than the name brand trial packs. For example, a student who takes Ortho-Cyclen used to pay \$10 for the name-brand prescription, but now has to pay

\$28 for the generic prescription.

Although students are paying more for their prescriptions, Morris said that price increases are hurting business because many students are taking their prescriptions to other pharmacies that welcome outside insurance. At press time, the SHS pharmacy does not honor outside insurance.

"We're working real heavily on one [insurance] contract that has over 200 insurance companies. The lawyers are currently reviewing it and we're hoping to have it by the end of the summer," Morris said.

According to Morris, many insurance companies will not allow SHS to welcome outside insurance because the pharmacy only caters to students and not the entire general public.

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Saddam to face charges in Iraqi court this week



Iraq's interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, right, and Justice Minister Maïlk Dohan al-Hassan speak at a news conference in Baghdad, Iraq Tuesday.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein will be transferred to Iraqi legal custody and face charges in an Iraqi court this week — but he won't go on trial for months and he will stay in a U.S.-run jail because the country doesn't have a suitable prison, the prime minister said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Iyad Allawi promised an open proceeding when Saddam faces war crimes charges, including genocide.

Eleven other "high-value detainees" also are expected to face justice, Allawi said at his first news conference since the U.S.-led coalition handed over sovereignty to his government Monday.

"I know I speak for my fellow countrymen when I say I look forward to the day former regime leaders face justice," Allawi said.

Saddam will be transferred to Iraqi legal custody Wednesday and

face arraignment before an Iraqi judge Thursday, Allawi said.

Within hours, Iraqi authorities announced arrest warrants for Saddam and the 11 others, including former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

The list also includes Ali Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali," former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan and two of Saddam's half-brothers, according to the head of the Iraqi Special Tribunal, Salem Chalabi.

Allawi was asked whether his Cabinet had finalized plans for emergency rule as have been proposed publicly by a number of officials since the interim administration was announced June 1.

"We will tell you about those procedures later — maybe tomorrow or the day after tomorrow," Allawi said.

"We will tell you about those procedures that were adopted by the Cabinet."

Government officials have not spelled out what measures might be imposed. However, Iraqi media have speculated they might include special rules for searches, detentions and curfews in specific areas where

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the major before they are exposed to engineering courses.

"Being an engineer is about solving problems and delivering a product, what we hope to do is begin to have students work on real projects and seeing real solutions starting from their freshman year," Rogers said.

In ECU's systems engineering program, Rogers said the engineering students will be grouped together in the same courses not only for the engineering, but for the math and science courses as well.

This system, which is not commonly used by other universities, will increase engineering students' opportunities to work together in teams, giving them a more realistic workplace experience in engineering.

"This is the way engineers really work — in teams," Rogers said.

Research in engineering education, Rogers said, has found this system to be very successful in keeping students in engineering, especially for females and minority groups, as engineering has in the past been a predominately white male major.

Rogers said the research conducted has shown this system to increase the retention rate of engineering students by 10 - 25 percent.

Rogers said ECU's systems engineering program will not only benefit ECU as it attracts an increased number and variety of students, but also eastern North Carolina. Businesses see engineering as a resource for technical expertise, which there is a demand for in this area.

As far as economic development in the region, Rogers said an increased amount of engineers would make a good asset for incoming businesses, which will, in turn, benefit the overall marketing in the region.

Before ECU was approved to begin the program, NC State University officials and members of the North Carolina Board of Governors voiced concerns about the new program.

Issues raised included how the new program would affect ECU's demand for state funding and competition for engineering resources in North Carolina.

Rogers said as the new program grows, there would eventually be a need for more money to carry on and

expand the program.

However, he does not see money being an issue in the years to come. ECU's systems engineering program will not require costly items used by other engineering programs such as engineering laboratories.

Rogers also adds that the program plans on seeking funding from other outside sources and will not be solely dependent on state funding.

"We need to find philanthropy, we need to find the ability to do outside research to find other sources of income," Rogers said.

"I don't believe looking to the state to solve all of our needs will be successful."

While the only concentration in the new engineering program is systems engineering, Rogers said as the program expands, other concentrations will be made available to students. This increase in size, Rogers said, will also allow the program to receive an increased amount of funding from ECU.

Despite the concerns voiced, Nino Masmari, dean of the college of engineering at NCSU, said he does not feel ECU's new program will pose a major threat to NC State in receiving state funding and resources.

Masmari said he feels the main determining factor of state funding rests on North Carolina's economy.

"The economy of the state basically dictates the amount of resources and funding an institute receives," said Masmari.

"All public institutions have suffered from the downturn in the economy."

Masmari also said the struggle for receiving funds and resources is prevalent within any college and state institutions and engineering is no exception.

He said he does not feel ECU's new program will hinder NC State in recruiting engineering students in North Carolina.

Rogers agrees that ECU's program will not affect other universities.

"We're not trying to beat NC State or [UNC] Charlotte ... or any other school in North Carolina," Rogers said.

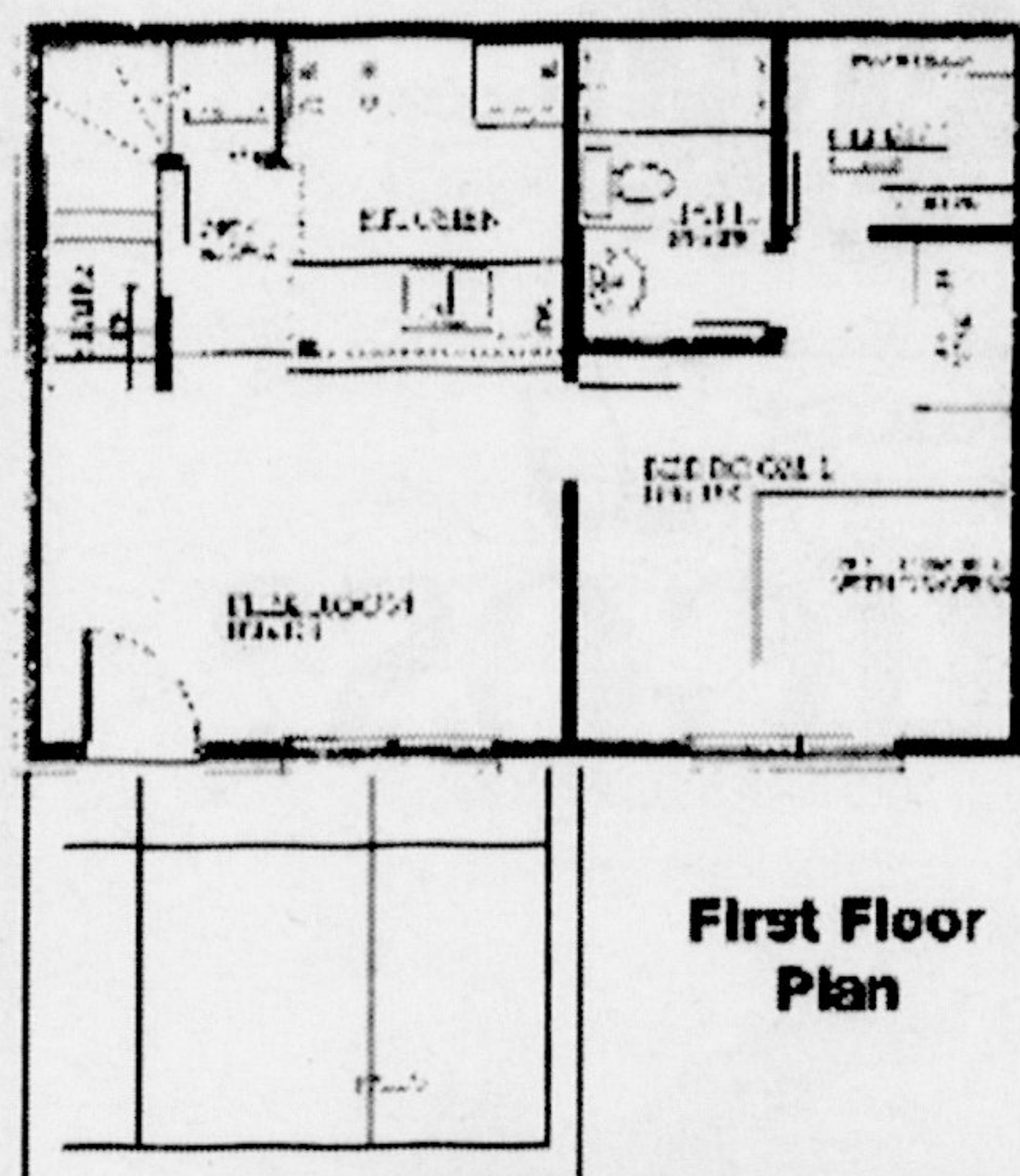
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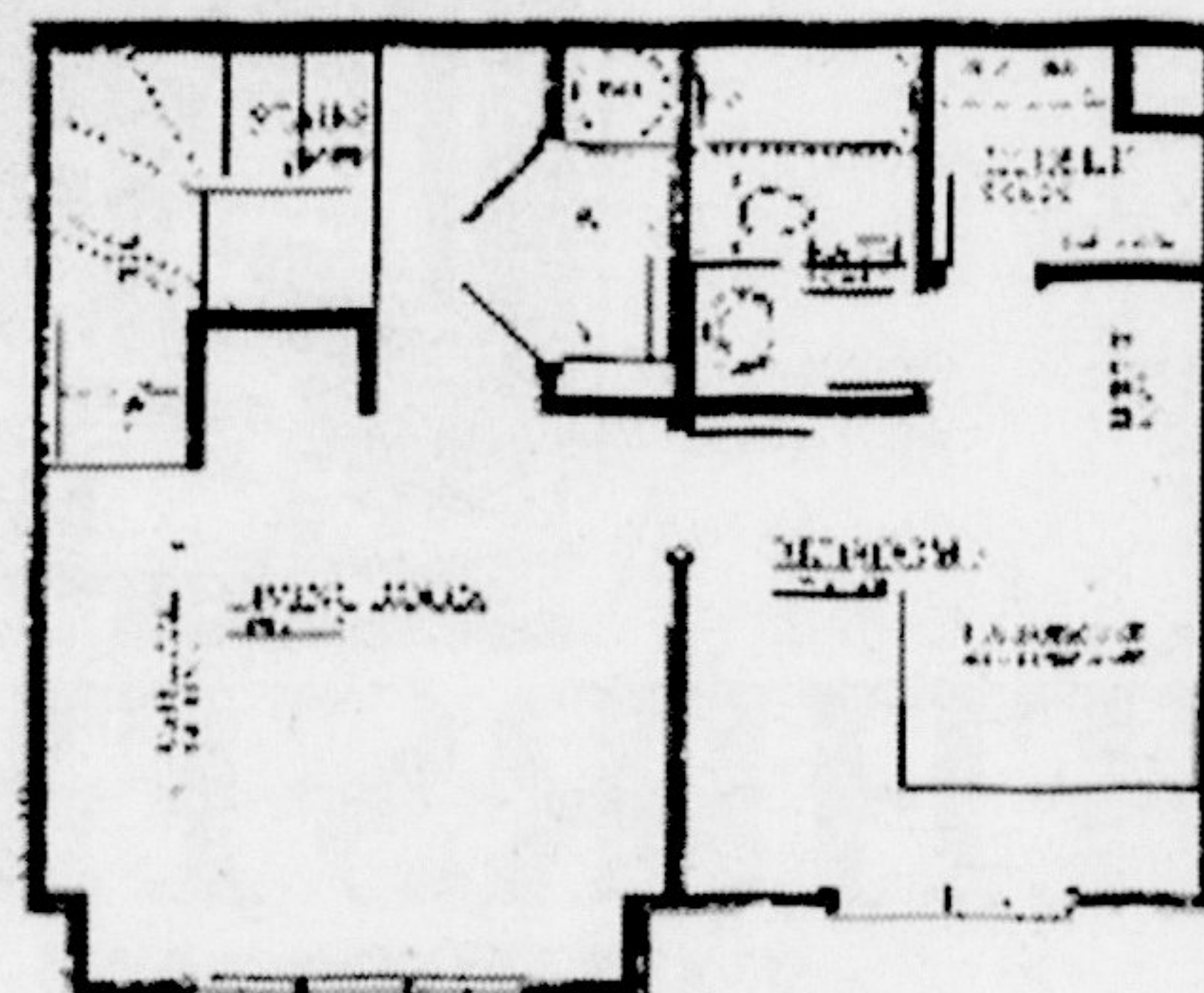
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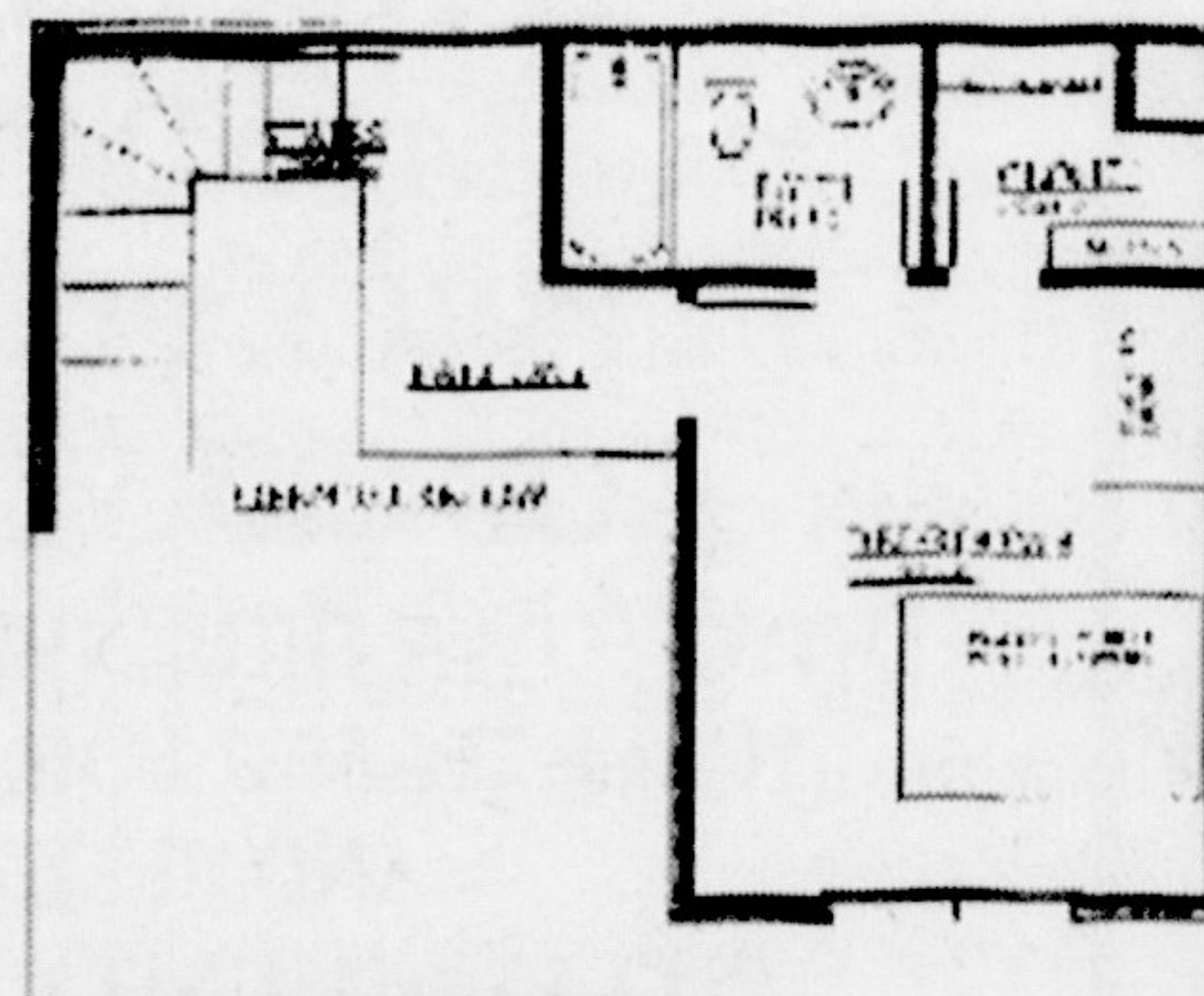
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insurgent activity is strong.

On the streets of Baghdad, several Iraqis said they were happy to hear that Saddam would have Iraqi justice, but they urged the court to treat him fairly.

"I hope that he will get a fair trial and not be executed because the people have suffered a lot because of him. I want him to get a life sentence," said Ahmad Chalub.

Another man, Basil al-Timimi, said Arabs would accept the verdict if the trial takes place in an Iraqi court.

"The main objections of Arab countries about the arrest of Saddam Hussein was that he was arrested by Americans, and not Iraqi people," said al-Timimi.

"Now he will be tried in an Iraqi court and he will face Iraqi justice. I don't think it's so complicated to make a judgment on him."

He said he was sure Saddam would face execution.

The trials for Saddam and the 11 others won't occur for months, and Allawi urged the Iraqi people to be patient. He acknowledged that more than one million Iraqis are missing as a result of events that occurred during the former regime - and that many Iraqis want justice done.

But he insisted Saddam must receive a "just trial, a fair trial."

"We would like to show the world that the new Iraq government means business and wants to do business and wants to stabilize Iraq and put it on the road toward democracy and peace," Allawi said.

"We want to put this bad history behind us and move toward a spirit of national unity and reconciliation in the future."

Allawi said Iraqi leaders requested that coalition forces retain custody of the deposed leader "until correction services are fully capable of providing for their

safety and secure detention of the accused."

Saddam, who was captured by U.S. troops Dec. 13, is being kept at an undisclosed location in or near Baghdad and has been interrogated by the CIA and FBI.

The tribunal that will try Saddam has a budget of \$75 million. It will rely on a mix of Iraqi criminal law, international regulations such as the Geneva Convention and experiences of bodies such as the Rwanda war crimes tribunal.

The U.S. Justice Department has been gathering evidence for a war crimes case against Saddam, while other international groups have been sifting through mass graves where U.S. officials say victims of Saddam's regime were buried.

Saddam's military also used chemical weapons against troops and civilians during the Iran-Iraq War and during a Kurdish uprising.

Allawi said the Iraqi Cabinet is still discussing whether to reinstate the death penalty.

Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan said Saddam could have a foreign lawyer if an Iraqi lawyers' association agrees.

The Jordanian lawyer claiming to represent Saddam has argued that the ousted leader should be released because handing him over to Iraq's new government would violate international law.

Ziad al-Khasawneh, one of 20 Jordanian and foreign lawyers appointed by Saddam's wife, Sajidah, said the United States has no legal basis to keep prisoners, including the ousted ruler, now that it has transferred authority to an interim Iraqi government.

Saddam was granted prisoner of war status after his capture. Although he is alleged to have committed crimes against his own people, he has not been charged with any offense.

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Our View

Independence is defined as a state of thinking, or acting for oneself – not being influenced or controlled by others.

On July 4, 1776, the United States claimed its independence from England and Democracy was born. This weekend, America will celebrate the Fourth of July – the day of its independence.

Independence is defined as a state of thinking, or acting for oneself – not being influenced or controlled by others.

As Americans, we have this – a freedom that is revered and envied by other nations.

Thousands of people flock to "the land of the free and the home of the brave" each year, in pursuit of the "American Dream," something that is so foreign to them, but so commonplace to us.

In appreciation of this, we remove the Pledge of Allegiance from schools, cover our independence on one day per year, and on that day, we launch fireworks with no reverence to what they're for.

TEC wants to remind our readers not to get so caught up in the activities that you forget the meaning of the day.

An excerpt of one of the most revolutionary documents ever written, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America that Congress ratified on July 4, 1776, exemplifies the meaning of the Fourth:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, - that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it..."

Opinion Writer

The word 'liberal' has come to be a four-letter word

*Democrats, liberals
on the ropes*

PETER KALAJIAN
OPINION WRITER

Growing up, I remember my parents telling me stories about where they were when watershed events in American history took place. The assassinations of Bobby and John Kennedy, the moon landing in 1969, the death of Martin Luther King – these things were forever lodged in the national consciousness.

On some level, I was always a bit jealous of that. What major events would I be able to tell my children about? On Sept 11, 2001, fate provided one. The events of that terrible day have forever imprinted themselves on the minds of all Americans, liberal and conservative alike, and unlike most topics, crossed the deep partisan chasm which separates our



national government.

There is one other moment, perhaps the worst political miscalculation I can recall. Nine little words which opened the floodgates and nearly brought down one of the most successful presidents in the history of the United States – "I did not have sexual relations with that woman."

With these nine words, William Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd president, did more damage to the liberal cause in America than can ever be truly calculated. I was a young man, still in high school, but

all I could think was, "Mr. President, I hope you are telling the truth, because if not, that's the end of you."

Since the 2000 election, all three branches of our national government have been lost to the Republican juggernaut, (a situation which, as I understand it, is somewhat antithetical to the idea of checks and balances within government, but that's another column entirely), and the word "liberal" has come to mean unpatriotic, soft and weak on crime. I feel that as an unabashed liberal and dedicated Democrat, it is my responsibility to try and dispel some of these misnomers.

First of all, questioning the actions of the government and our national leadership is not unpatriotic. On the contrary, it is a fundamental responsibility of all Americans to question the behavior of these people when we feel they act in a manner contrary

to our national interest.

I am also fervently opposed to the death penalty. Why? Because two wrongs do not make a right (never have) and since the United States is all too happy to take the moral highroad on human rights issues. Perhaps then it is somewhat hypocritical for us to still employ state-sanctioned execution to deter our citizens from committing crimes.

The biggest problem facing liberals in America today is our lack of solid national leadership. The reason Democrats are often looked down on as weaker candidates is that, very simply, they are. Their politics may be far more sensible, but unfortunately, politics don't win races, people do. Until the Democratic Party can find itself a suitable candidate, the American people will remain under the thumb of Bush, Cheney and the rest of the corrupt Republican power structure in Washington.

Opinion Writer

Take a break from woes to experience good things in life

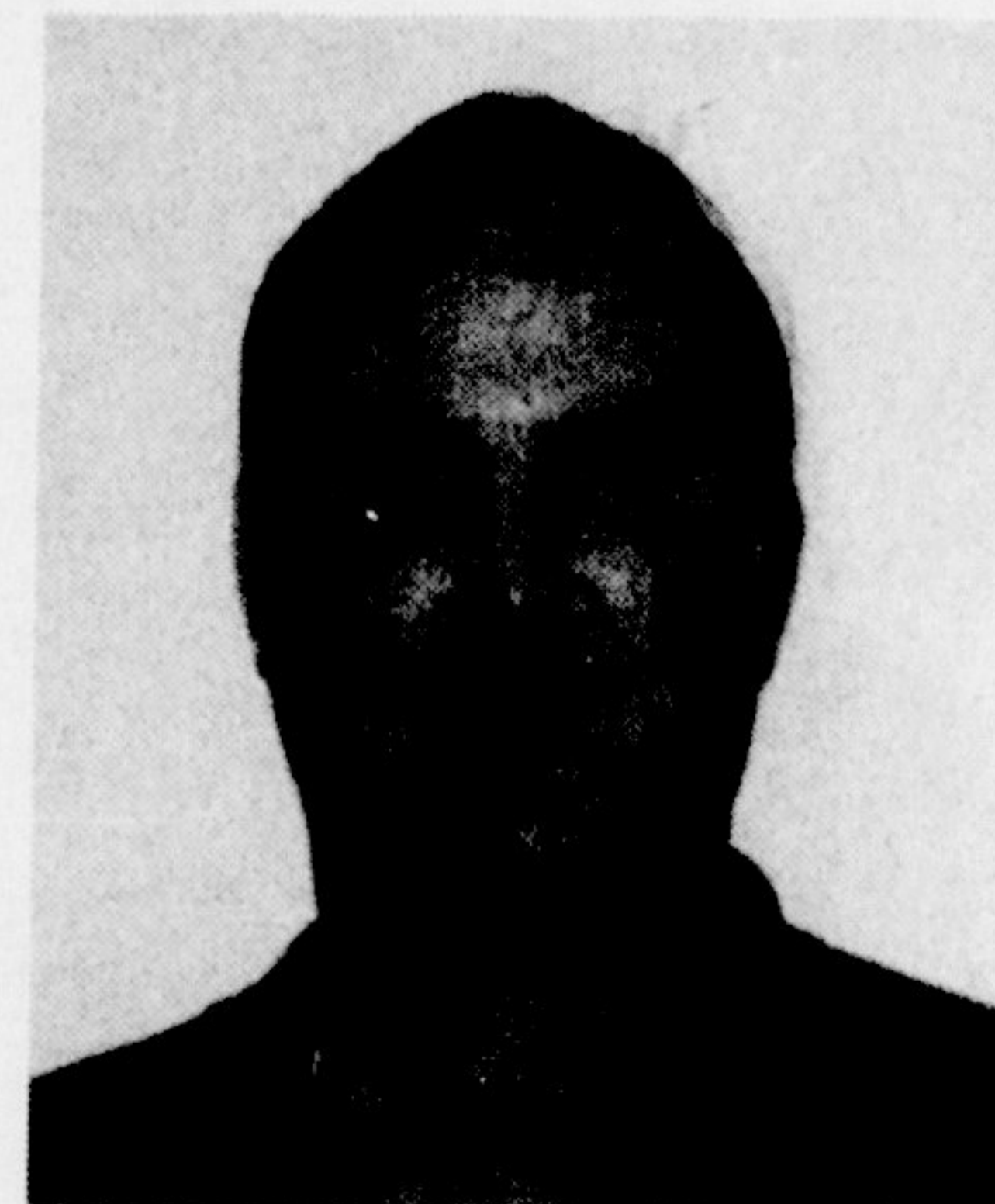
*'Conservi-Nazi' takes
a break from ranting*

TONY MCKEE
OPINION WRITER

For those out there looking for another rant from the conservi-Nazi (as one of our illustrious and very capable liberal-whacko educators called me recently) I am going to have to disappoint this week. I'm in too good a mood because I've been thinking about all the good things in my life.

I recently celebrated my 20th wedding anniversary to a very special lady and I thank the good Lord every day for leading me to her. I also spent most of the weekend going through all of our old photos in order to keep a promise I made to my stepsons years ago – that when they got married I would find every photo of them they wished was never taken and present them to their wives.

Son number one, age 26, has been married a couple of years. Son number two, age 23, is taking the plunge in August.



Not only do I consider what I am doing (with my sainted wife's willing assistance) a simple matter of keeping my word, I also see it as exercising my God-given right as a parent to embarrass the snot out of my children.

Seriously though, life is pretty good both personally and with the country.

Gas prices are coming down. Not as fast as they went up, but they never do. I'm still annoyed at having to pay more than 40 cents in taxes for every gallon of gas (somewhere around 25 cents state tax and 18 cents federal), but what can you do? Like the saying goes, you can count on just four

things in this life – being born, paying taxes, dying and paying more taxes.

The economy is another point of pleasure. It just keeps on going and going. Even the "bad" news the press tries to put out can't hide the fact that the news is good. Think about it. When you see headlines like "Economy Grows at Slower than Expected Rate," that is good news. Because the economy is growing and has been for quite some time – even the press can't hide it anymore.

The job market news is just as good. All the negative bleating has all but stopped in the face of the inevitable increase in new hires. Anybody with just a little common sense and the initiative to do a little research knows that jobs are always the last category to increase in an economic recovery. Again, even the politicians and the press can no longer hide that fact.

What else? Well, we still live in a free country, one that people are still willing to die fighting for as well as risk their lives trying to get into. How many other countries

can you think of that people are flocking to for the opportunity to just live in freedom and peace?

Yeah, I know there are some of you that will read this, cry that "things are horrible!" and then proceed to list every negative thing you can think of to prove me wrong. Know what? I don't care.

If you want to go through life being depressed, angry and despondent, that's fantastic. More power to you. Sulk on. Just don't try to drag me or anybody else along with you.

There are a lot of good things going on in the country and the world right now, if you care to look for them. The Bluebird of Happiness is always in the sky. It can either sing for you or crap on your head. The choice is yours.

(By the way, for those of you who feel cheated by the lack of rant this week, fear not. I plan to risk my mental well-being and go see Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" this week. I may not do the column about that this week, but whatever subject comes up, it's going to be fun.)

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What are your plans for the Fourth of July?



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"Sleeping."

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Local areas explode with activities

Food, fun, entertainment and exercise are all part of Fourth of July festivities

CAROLYN SCANDURA
STAFF WRITER

Independence Day is the national holiday celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Although many people don't really reflect on the significance of this day, they do enjoy all the festivities. Since the early 1800s, the tradition of picnics, parades and fireworks are among the favorite activities of Independence

Day patrons. These traditions have stood the test of time, especially here in eastern North Carolina.

ECU students celebrate various events throughout the year. Graduations, holidays, birthdays, but no celebration is quite like the Fourth of July. ECU is fortunate to have many neighboring towns that hold annual celebrations throughout the year. If you want to get your Fourth of July weekend started the healthy way, the 10th Annual Flat Out 5k & Fun Run, sponsored by the Greenville Jaycees will be held July 3. The race will start on First Street at the Town Commons, downtown Greenville. You can register July 3 or pre-register by calling 353-6030. Represent the

Pirates and pre-burn those Fourth of July calories!

The town of Farmville will be holding their annual Fourth of July celebration starting at 6 p.m., July 4. The celebration will take place downtown, near the new county court house where they will have music, games, food, entertainment and of course, fireworks.

When asked to describe the setting in Farmville on the Fourth of July, a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department said, "Our celebration is like a Norman Rockwell type picture. Quaint but fun."

Admission to the celebration is free and the fireworks display is scheduled to take place right after dark.

If you are looking for a waterfront firework show, Washington, NC is the place to be. The town of Washington, the first town to be named for George Washington, holds an annual fireworks display

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Local Events

Greenville:

July 3

10th Annual Flat Out 5k & Fun Run

July 4 at 4 p.m.

Fourth of July Festival

Farmville:

July 4 at 6 p.m.

Fourth of July celebration

Washington:

July 4 at 9 p.m.

Waterfront fireworks show

Ways to have a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July

Tips to having a safe holiday

RASHENA DRAUGHN
STAFF WRITER

For most people, the Fourth of July is spent outside with family and friends. Whether at the beach or at home, the day is filled with fun and celebration. Of course, no Fourth of July celebration would be complete without ending the night with spectacular fireworks. Unfortunately, in the midst of what should be an enjoyable event, the all too common issue of injury creeps in.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 8,800 people were treated for fireworks related injuries in 2002. An estimated 12 percent of fireworks related injuries treated in emergency departments required hospitalization. People who are actively participating in these activities are more frequently injured and sustain more severe injuries than bystanders.

Thirty percent of all fireworks related injuries involve hands and fingers. Eye injuries are 28 percent and 15 percent are attributed to head

and face injuries. More than half of the injuries are burns, which are about 60 percent of the injuries, with contusions and lacerations being the second most frequent.

Injuries may result from being too close to fireworks when they explode. Risk of injury increases when someone bends over to look more closely at a firework that has been ignited, or when a misguided bottle rocket hits a nearby person. Experimenting with homemade fire works like those made from the powder of several firecrackers is extremely dangerous.

Sparklers, a common consumer firework, are largely considered harmless. However, they are the second leading cause of fireworks related injuries requiring trips to the emergency room. Sparklers can potentially ignite clothing and hair and can reach temperatures of 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to melt gold.

In addition to medical costs directly and indirectly attributable to fireworks injuries, U.S. fire departments reported approximately 21,700 fireworks related fires in 1998 that were estimated to have cost \$15.6

million in direct property damage. On a typical Fourth of July holiday, fireworks cause more fires in the United States than all other causes combined.

If you plan on doing your own fireworks display, you should know the difference between legal consumer fireworks and dangerous explosives. The Federal government banned —80, —100, Blockbuster and Quarterpounder explosives in 1966. These products contain no manufacturer's label. Cherry bombs and quarter sticks are also illegal in the United States.

"Greenville law says you are only to set off fireworks that have been purchased in North Carolina," said Corporal Sherri Williams, spokesperson for the Greenville Police Department.

Most fireworks are illegal in our state. North Carolina state law permits only consumer fireworks, which were formerly known as Class C fireworks. The state prohibits explosive or aerial fireworks, roman candles and rockets or similar devices.

Greenville has had few problems with the illegal use of fireworks.

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Holiday Safety Tips

1. Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
2. Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks. Never aim or throw fireworks at another person.
3. Before lighting fireworks, place them on a smooth, flat surface that is a safe distance from all structures, dry leaves and flammable materials.
4. Never try to re-light fireworks that have failed to function. Wait 15 to 20 minutes, then soak the "duds" in a bucket of water before disposing.
5. When lighting fireworks, keep a bucket of water nearby in case of a malfunction or fire.
6. Never use fireworks indoors.
7. Never place your face or any other body part anywhere near a firework.

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If the South is famous for its hospitality, then perhaps ECU should be known for its services. The university offers free assistance to students to aid them in their personal, academic and professional lives.

Center for Counseling and Student Development

Because personal issues often do interfere with one's academics, it is important to deal with, and solve them before they lead to greater problems in other areas. This is where the Center for Counseling and Student Development comes in. Located on the second floor of the Wright Building, accessed through a side door between Wright Auditorium and the Wright Place/Student Stores, the center offers individual counseling, couples counseling, groups and workshops. There are also psychiatrists available to provide medication evaluations, consultation and prescriptions, if necessary.

Students can call to schedule an appointment during the week, but emergencies may be seen on a walk-in basis.

The counseling process, whether it be an individual session, with a significant other or a group, is a way to explore issues, learn new coping methods and ultimately increase personal satisfaction.

Academic Advising Center

Although the Academic Advising Center is in charge of the Freshman Seminar, this unit is available to help all undergraduates with their academic questions and goals.

Students who are undecided or reconsidering majors are especially

encouraged to make an appointment with an advisor or drop in at the center, located in A-113 Brewster Building.

Advisors help students explore majors and develop a course plan to reach a degree in a particular field. If someone in this office cannot answer a question, they will guide a student to the appropriate resource in order to make the most of his or her academic potential.

Joyner Library Reference Department

The Reference Desk at Joyner Library doesn't have all the answers. Instead, they have the means to help you locate whatever it is you're looking for.

The reference librarians are available to assist students in finding information, even if it means just pointing them in the right direction for their research.

To set up an individual research consultation lasting approximately one half hour, students may submit an e-mail request or call the Reference Desk during the week.

Appointments may be scheduled for Monday - Thursday or Sunday afternoons. Once the Reference Department receives a request, they will contact the student to confirm the date and time for an individual consultation.

University Writing Center

Experiencing writer's block? A visit to the University Writing Center might help alleviate the problem.

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IN THEATRES THIS WEEK

Around the World in 80 Days – Jackie Chan stars in this adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel about thrill seeker Phileas Fogg, who sets out to break the record for traveling around the world, but encounters many challenges along the way. PG

Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story – In this raucous comedy, a small local gym is threatened with extinction by a gleaming sports and fitness palace unless a group of social rejects can rise to victory in a dodgeball competition. PG-13

Fahrenheit 9/11 – Filmmaker Michael Moore examines the events of 9/11 and the political landscape surrounding the attack. R

Garfield – In his film debut Garfield's owner, Jon, takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's perfect world upside down. But when the hapless pup disappears and is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, maybe for the first time in his life, feels responsible. PG

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, where they delve into the mystery surrounding an escaped prisoner who poses a dangerous threat to the young wizard. PG

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 their daughter had wed, but they assumed she married Prince Charming. So they're a bit shocked when they meet their new son-in-law. PG

Spider-Man 2 – Peter must face new challenges as he struggles to cope with the gift and the curse of

his powers while balancing his dual identities as the elusive superhero Spider-Man and life as a college student. PG-13



The Chronicles of Riddick – Riddick, the anti-hero from Pitch Black, has spent the last five years on the move among the forgotten worlds on the outskirts of the galaxy, eluding mercenaries bent on collecting the price on his head. 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

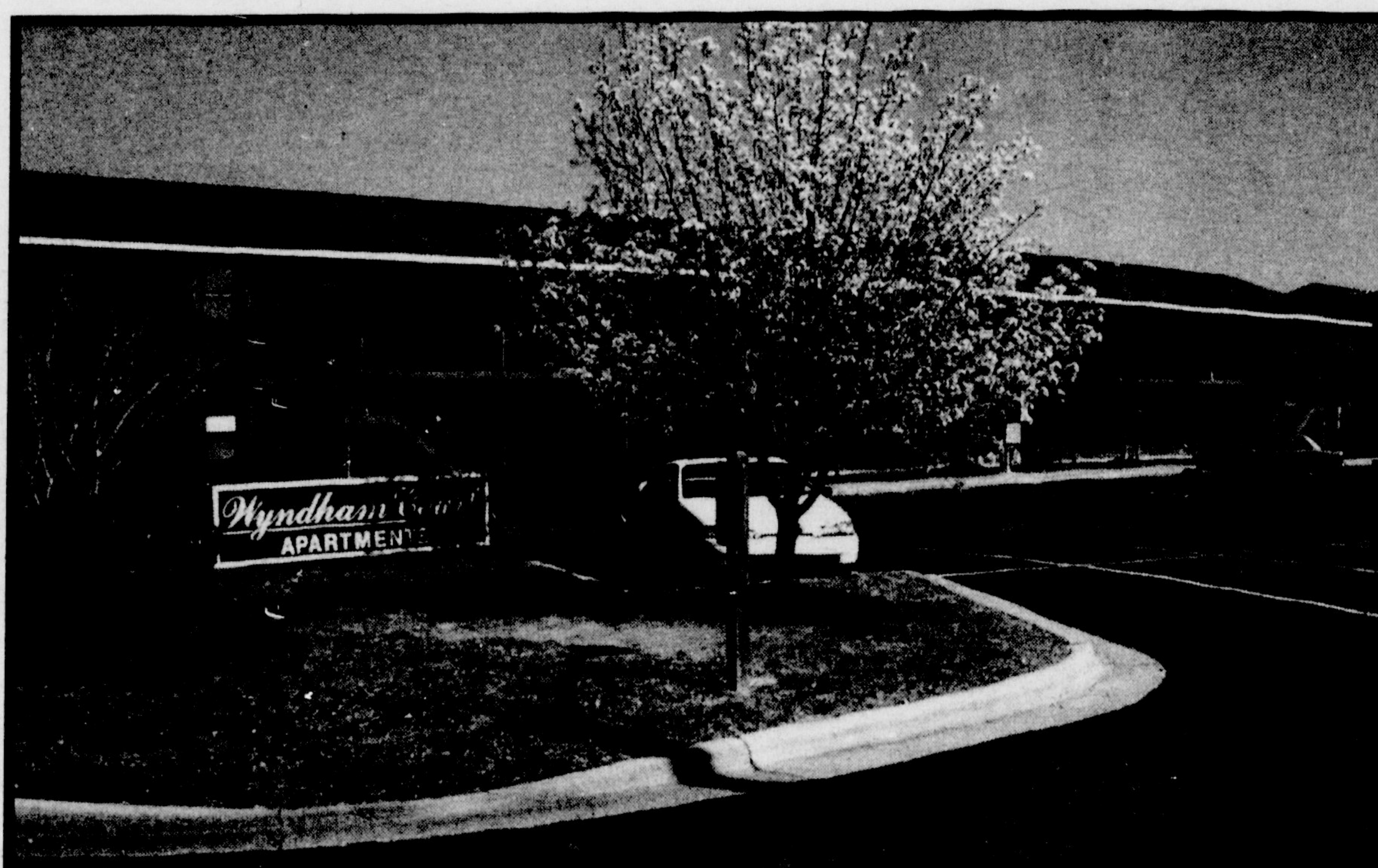
The Notebook – A young woman comes to the coastal town of Seabrook, North Carolina in the 1940s to spend the summer with her family. Still in her teens, Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams) meets local boy Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling) at a Carnival. Over the course of one passionate and carefree summer in the South, the two fall deeply in love. PG-13

The Stepford Wives – A couple moves to what appears to be the perfect small town. Soon, they learn of a sinister plot the men of the town have constructed to render their partners perfect. PG-13

The Terminal – Tom Hanks stars as an air traveler inadvertently exiled to JFK airport after a coupe in his homeland erases the validity of his passport. He finds himself the victim of bureaucratic red tape and is forced to take up residence in the terminal. PG-13

Two Brothers – Two Brothers is the story of twin tiger brothers who are born amidst the temple ruins and exotic jungles of French Indo-China. Separated as cubs and taken into captivity, one tiger is forced to become a circus performer, the other a trained killer. PG

White Chicks – Shawn and Marlon Wayans play two ambitious but unlucky FBI agents who go deep undercover as female, high society debutantes to infiltrate the sophisticated world of the Hamptons to investigate a kidnapping ring. PG-13



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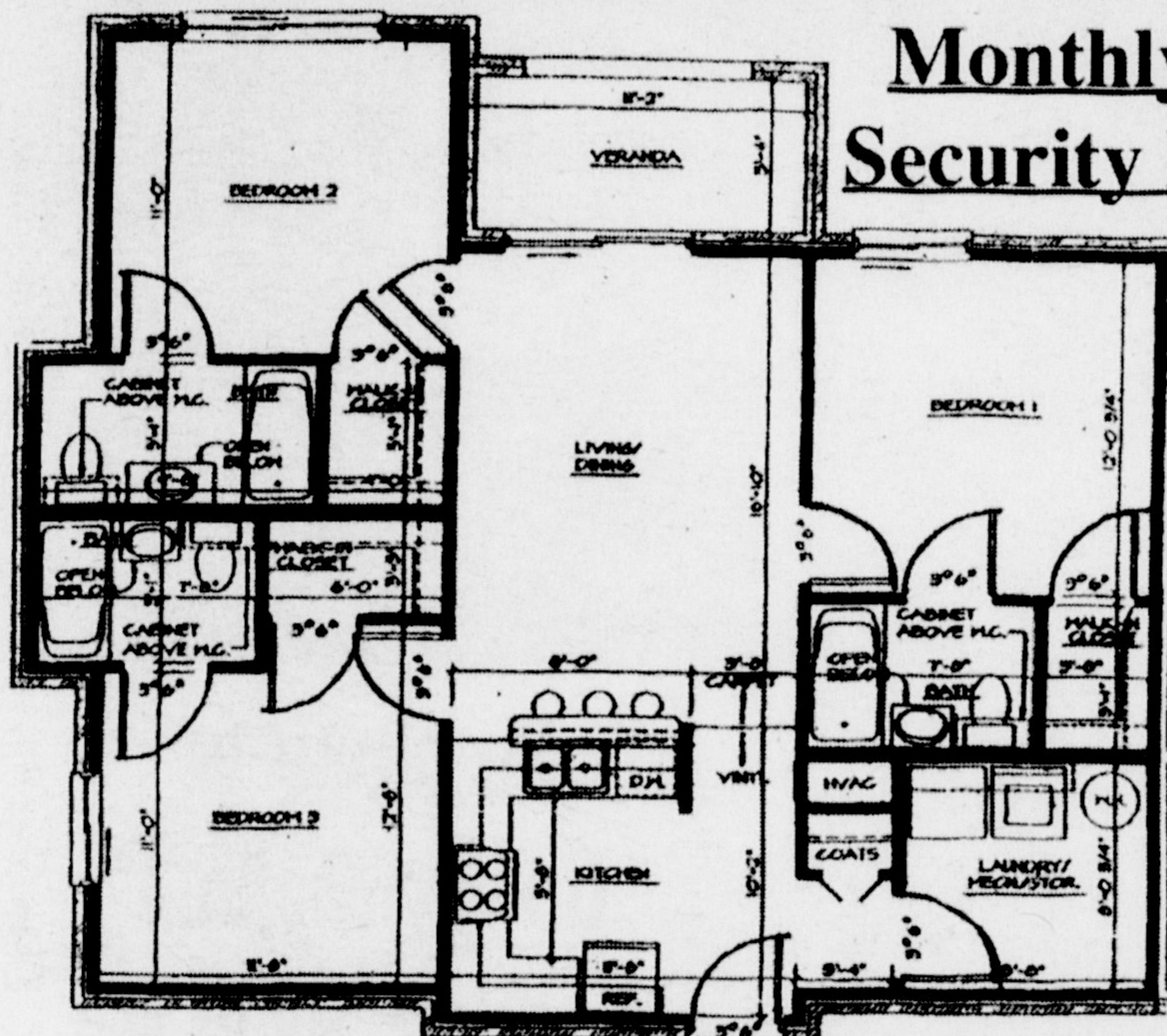
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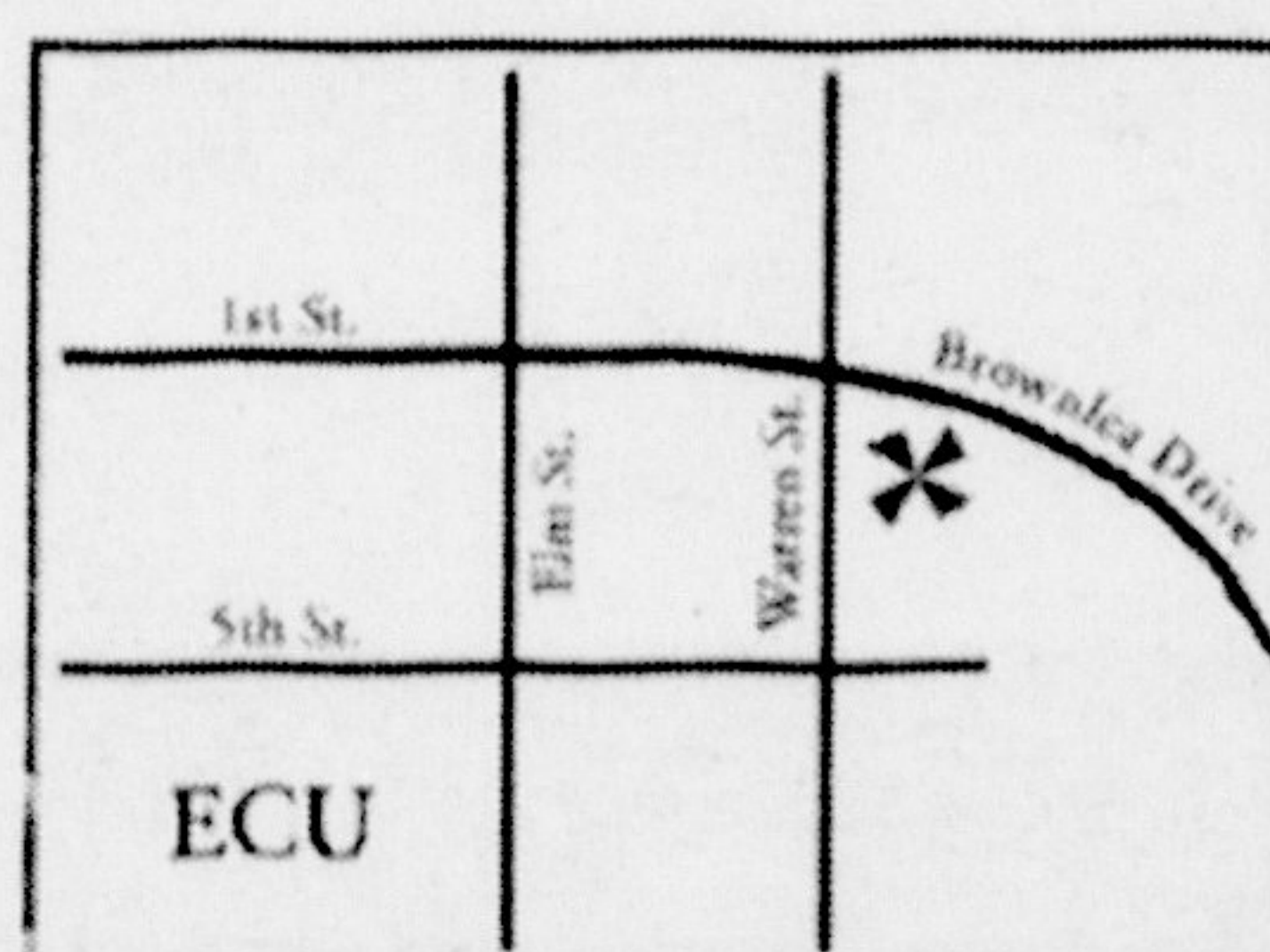
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on their waterfront. The waterfront offers more than just fireworks, there are shops, boat slips and historic eateries. The Parks and Recreation Department of Washington is sponsoring the fireworks display on the Stewart Parkway at 9 p.m. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 975-9367.

The City of Greenville will be holding their annual Fourth of July Festival at 4 p.m., July 4. The Greenville Festival is sponsored by the Greenville Jaycees at the Town Commons. The City of Greenville celebration will have carnival rides, games, arts and crafts, food, music and a colorful fireworks display. The towns of Ayden and Grifton join the celebration in Greenville.

A representative of the Grifton Chamber of Commerce said "... People usually just drive on up to Greenville to see the fireworks."

Some ECU students have lived in Greenville for most of their lives. One student, junior Jonathan Kernan said, "I remember when I was little, they would put ducks in the river and all the kids would pick a duck and hope theirs would win. The fireworks were good too, but I really remember liking the ducks and the music."

The Greenville Town Commons fireworks display will begin around 9 p.m. For more information, contact the Greenville-Pitt County Convention Center at 329-4200.

Many ECU students choose to stay at home and plan a big Fourth of July bash in their very own backyard. Hamburgers, hot dogs and pulled pork seem to be favorites of many students. Loaded up with sunscreen and bug spray, some head down to the river for some fun in the sun before the fireworks display. When asked how he likes to spend the Fourth of July, senior Stephen Oliver said, "Grilling out with some friends and attempting to set off our own fireworks ... in a safe manner of course!"

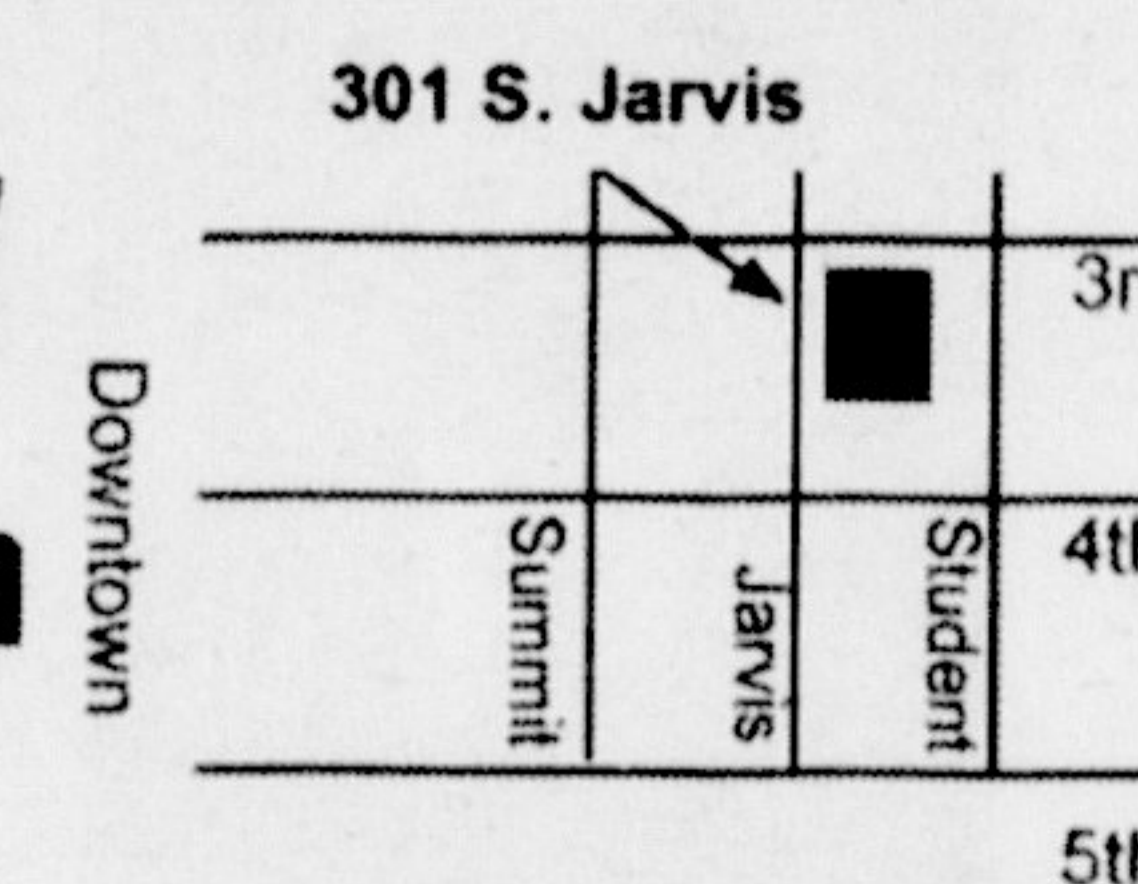
Celebrating our country's freedom is a great reason to get out of the house and do something fun. This Fourth of July lather up with some sunscreen, drink plenty of water and celebrate what our founding fathers celebrated 228 years ago ... our Independence. Whether you drive to Washington or Farmville or stay right here in Greenville, have a great time celebrating with family and friends!

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to help you express your own ideas on paper. The staff consists of graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines, all of whom have received intensive instruction on how to teach writing, revising and editing skills.

There isn't one specific site for the center. It is located in numerous buildings throughout campus, and operates on a walk-in basis with no appointment necessary. However, when stopping by, it is important to take a copy of the writing assignment with which you are having difficulty and any work that you have already completed.

English 1100 and 1200 students should take their assignment and visit the First Year Writing Studio in the Department of English.

Upon entrance, a staff member will meet with you for 30 - 40 minutes to go over any major concerns, brainstorm and formulate a plan of what to do next. After, you may make an appointment to meet with your consultant again or choose to gain a different perspective by meeting with a different staff member in the future.

Foreign Language Resource Center

Located in the same building as the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, the Foreign Language Resource Center provides language sup-

port to students, especially those in the lower four levels of a foreign language.

The language lab includes 18 computers with software to supplement the instructional textbooks, as well as specialized software to assist in foreign language composition.

Tutors are also available to work with students in a one-on-one capacity in Spanish, French and German. At the beginning of each semester, tutors post their schedules in the lab. During their scheduled times, they operate on a first come, first serve basis to assist students with learning a language and completing class assignments.

Student Professional Development

The Office of Student Professional Development, a department within Academic Affairs, was created to help students during college and after graduation. Its primary purpose is to make certain ECU graduates leave college with a job.

By working with employers, the office creates career partnerships and opportunities in all sectors. By working with students, the office identifies and fosters career skills that should carry a student from ECU into a successful position in the workforce.

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Safety from page 6

"We haven't had any big problems. Some people may have Cherry Bombs but nothing major," Williams said.

The Greenville Police Department said they have rarely had problems with students and fireworks. Some students will be playing it safe this summer.

"I don't buy fireworks. I just wait for the city's show," said Latoya Harris, senior nutrition major.

"My family usually goes to South of the Border to by fireworks and we set them off in my grandmother's backyard, but we aren't doing it this year," said Arturo Cum-

ings, freshman music major.

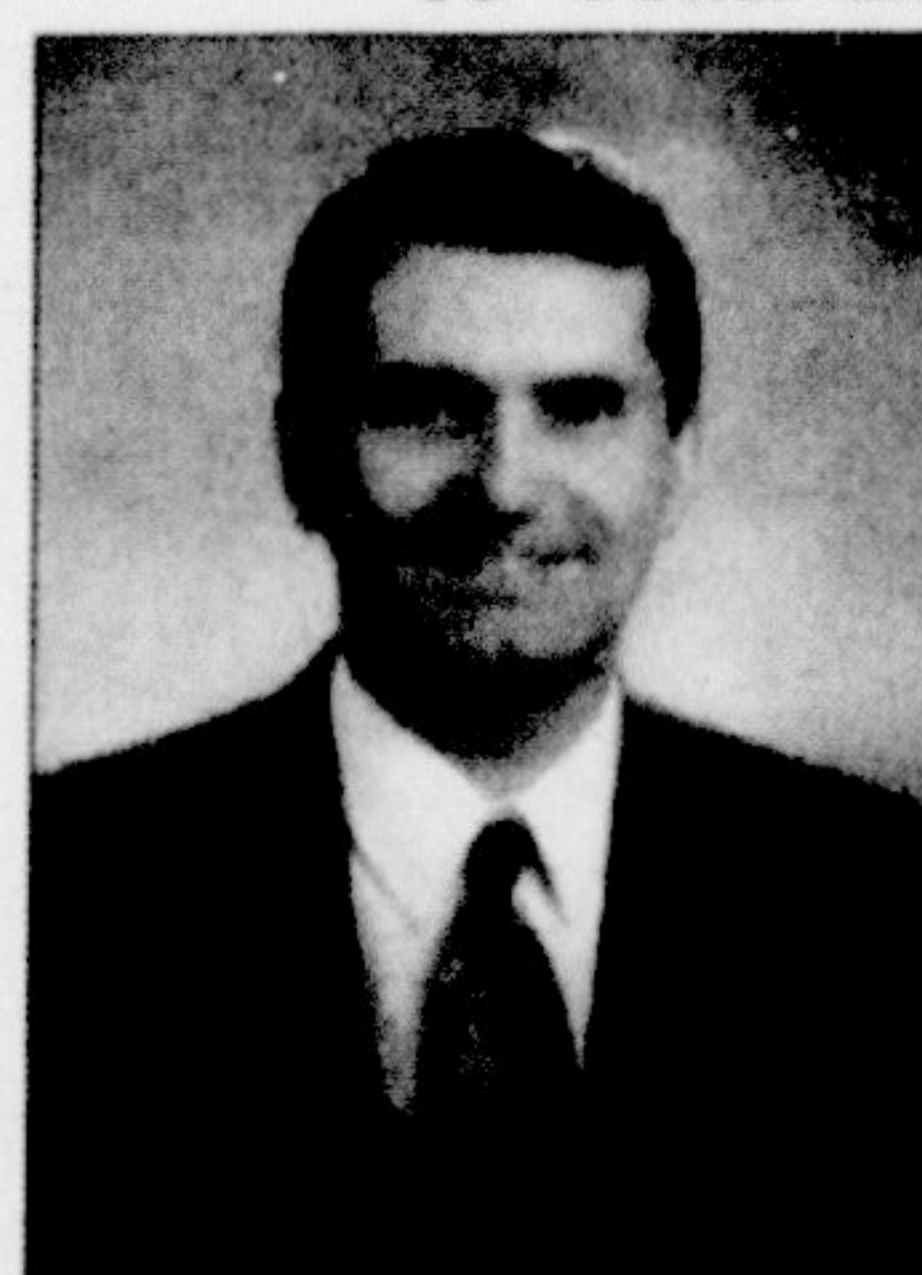
If you are putting on the fireworks display yourself, experts recommend the use of a transparent mask or glasses made of a strong material such as polycarbonate. Even spectators should wear protective gear. If someone does sustain an eye injury, you should not touch it. Get medical help immediately.

The best way to avoid injury is to attend local fireworks displays. The most you have to do is eat, have fun and wait for the show to start.

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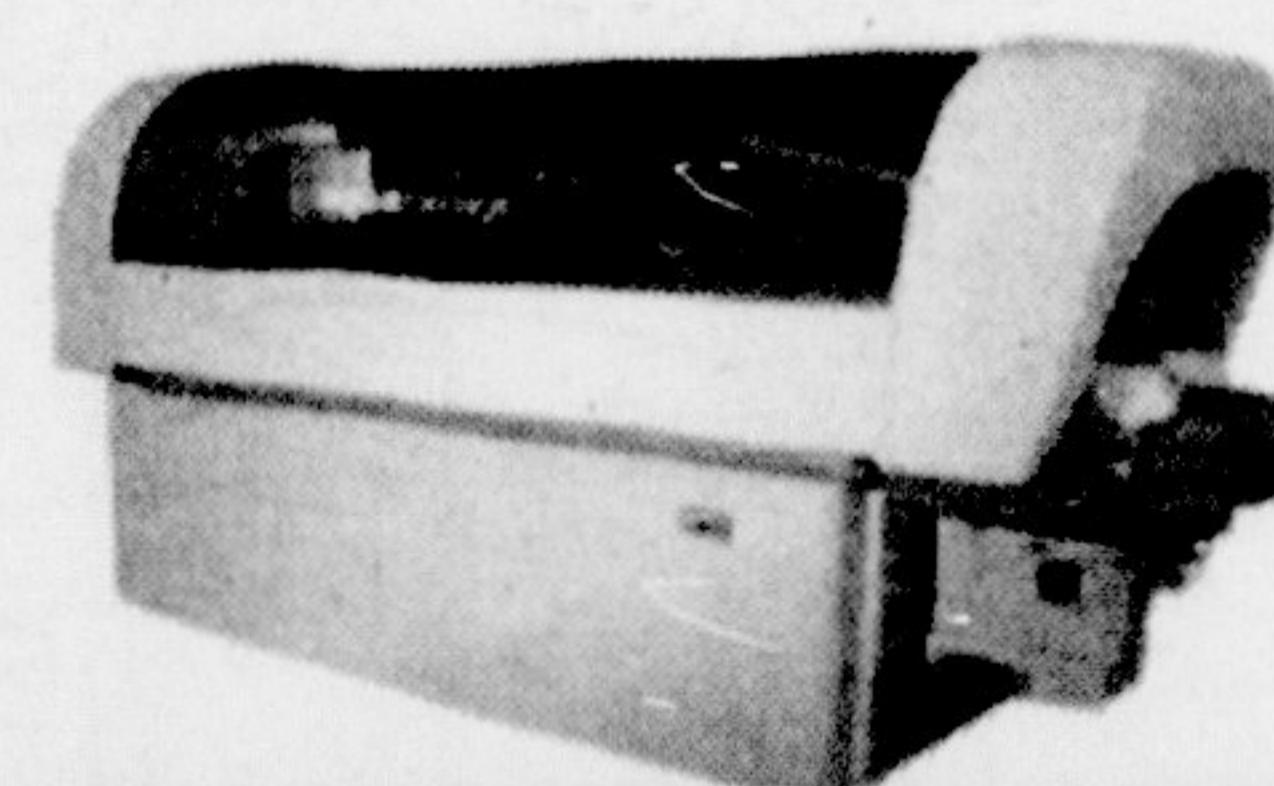
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Sports Briefs

Mitchell hired as Raptors coach

Sam Mitchell was hired as coach of the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday. Mitchell, who played in the NBA for 13 years, was an assistant coach for the expansion Charlotte Bobcats for the past month. Mitchell, who also played for Minnesota and Indiana, spent two years as an assistant with the Milwaukee Bucks before leaving for Charlotte. He retired as a player just two years ago.

Steve Francis accepts trade to Magic

The *Washington Post* reported Monday night that three-time All-Star Steve Francis has dropped his objections to a trade to the Orlando Magic, according to his agent, clearing the way for a six-player deal that will send McGrady, Juwan Howard and Tyronn Lue from Orlando to Houston in exchange for Francis, Cuttino Mobley and Kelvin Cato. The newspaper reports the deal likely will be announced Wednesday. Francis is flying to Orlando on Tuesday to meet with Magic management, including team president John Weisbrod.

Dolphins TE charged

Miami Dolphins tight end Randy McMichael was arrested Tuesday for allegedly hitting his pregnant wife, sheriff's officials said. McMichael was charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant woman, a second-degree felony that is punishable by up to 15 years in prison. His wife, Cawanna McMichael, was also arrested on a domestic battery charge stemming from an early Tuesday morning fight at their home. Both remained in Broward County Jail without bond Tuesday and it was unknown when they would make their first court appearance.

Charlotte Bobcats primed for futility?

A look at NBA's newest team

BRANDON HUGHES
SENIOR WRITER

When new Bobcat Head Coach Bernie Bickerstaff said he would not be happy if his team took the floor with their current roster, it may have been the understatement of the new millennium. The recent expansion draft did little more than confuse and bewilder Charlotte fans and have them contemplating whether or not they would rather have the notorious George Shinn and the Hornets back that left the city several years ago.

Starting at the center position, the Bobcats picked up Jahidi White, Loren Woods and Predrag Drobnjak. White may be the only help for Bickerstaff in the front court.

Woods was an underachiever in college and while Drobnjak averaged more than six points per game as a Clipper, he will need to impress to earn a roster spot.

There are a few names at forward that could have a significant role in the expansion season. Lonny Baxter and Marcus Fizer were successful in college, but have yet to translate that to the NBA. Still, at least Bobcat fans have heard of them.

Other forwards included Primož Brezec, Desmond Ferguson, Brandon Hunter, Jamal Sampson and Theron Smith. Who? Sharpshooter Jason Kapon and athletic Gerald Wallace will most likely merit a roster spot.

Disc Golf Diaries

Dad gets medal, son doesn't

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

It's nice to have a weekend off. With the closest Professional Disc Golf Association tournament in Pittsburgh, I decided not to play a PDGA tournament this weekend. However, the weekend off wasn't exactly a weekend off.

When you play as competitively at any sport as I do in disc golf, you have to practice. During the winter is when I practice executing shots and working on my game - summer time is go time. With the weekend off and me struggling in tournaments, I found two one-day non-sanctioned (the term we use for when a tournament is not a PDGA tour event) tournaments in Burlington and in Winston-Salem. Burlington was a rather large tournament with a PDGA atmosphere and Winston-Salem was the host of the North Carolina Amateur State Games.

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but neither will stand out. Wallace can throw down with the best of them, but the question is whether or not he will see the court enough to dunk.

A floor general at the point guard position is required for success in the NBA and the Bobcats are absolutely embarrassing at both guard positions. Sadly, Richie Frahm may be their most talented backcourt player. Frahm averaged just 3.3 points per game and appeared in 54 contests last season.

The NBA Draft brought new hope for the Bobcats, however, as they were ecstatic when the Orlando Magic selected high schooler Dwight Howard with the No. 1 overall pick. That meant the seasoned and very talented Emeka Okafor would be a Bobcat. Okafor is the only bona fide star and will put fans in the seats, at least for the first few games. However, Okafor is already stirring up some controversy in the biggest city in North Carolina.

Okafor announced last week that he will be competing for the U.S. Olympic Basketball Team, a move the Bobcats are not too thrilled about.

Bickerstaff said he knows it's good to represent your country, but he is looking at it from a selfish point of view. He wants Okafor ready to play.

Okafor beat out Brad Miller and Theo Ratliff for a roster spot. Miller and Ratliff? It's not going to be too much longer before the U.S. Olympic Team loses.

Brezec will represent Slovenia and Drobnjak will play for Yugoslavia. No word on whether or not



Emeka Okafor, the Bobcats' first pick, shakes hands with David Stern.

Bickerstaff is worried they too will be ready to play.

Enough with the pessimistic attitude concerning the expansion season for the Charlotte Bobcats. I am sure they will pick up another

big name or two. Just one more fact to remember. The Chicago Bulls hold the record for most losses in a season.

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Floyd to continue in interim role



FLOYD

Nick Floyd, interim athletics director at ECU, has agreed to continue serving in that role until a permanent AD is named, Chancellor Steve Ballard announced today.

"Nick has provided top-notch leadership for Pirate Athletics since last fall," said Ballard.

"I am delighted that he has agreed to remain at the university in this capacity."

Floyd, who is also the senior associate director of athletics, has served as interim athletics director since Mike Hamrick left for a position at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas in August.

Ballard said Floyd's total compensation package for the coming year would be \$250,000, a figure that is intended to compensate him for his work as interim AD since last August, as well as to make his salary comparable to that of other athletic directors in Conference USA.

Floyd, who was a finalist for the permanent job, had withdrawn his name last month but is welcome to pursue the position, Ballard said.

He said the search for an AD will continue with the assistance of a seven-member task force com-

posed chiefly of members of the AD search committee.

He said the smaller task force will allow more flexibility in assessing potential candidates for the job. Members of the task force will be Ballard; ECU Trustees Jim Talton, Steve Showfety, Margaret Ward and Dan Kinlaw; John Hudson, a member of the ECU Foundation Board; and John Thompson, head football coach.

All but Thompson and Ballard are members of the AD search committee, which will continue to provide oversight and advice and will interview finalists for the position, Ballard said. Ballard did not set a timetable for selecting a new AD.

"Finding the right person is more important than meeting a particular schedule, but we do intend to move aggressively," Ballard said.



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Cal State Fullerton wins College World Series

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — After winning the College World Series, Cal State Fullerton Coach George Horton congratulated his players and staff, kissed his wife and then went directly to the Texas dugout.

Horton had to find Longhorns' Coach Augie Garrido, the man who coached Fullerton to its first three national titles.

"I kind of tiptoed over there with a tear in my eye and said, 'Thanks for the opportunity,'" said Horton.

"Who knows where I would be without him?"

The Titans beat Garrido's Longhorns 3-2 Sunday to sweep the best-of-three championship series.

Horton, who played for Garrido at Fullerton in 1975 and 1976, succeeded Garrido in 1997 after serving as the Titans' associate head coach for six years.

Garrido, visibly shaken after the game, said his thoughts were with his own players rather than on his former colleague.

"This moment belongs to George," said Garrido.

"I can't refocus that quickly. My players are devastated."

Jason Windsor pitched a five-hitter and Kurt Suzuki's RBI single capped a three-run seventh inning for Fullerton (47-22).

The Titans' sweep was a surprising end to a season they started

15-16. The 22 losses are the most by a national champion since Stanford had 23 in 1988.

"I'm in shock. I'm in awe," Horton said.

"These guys I've been honored to coach have kept surprising me and surprising me and surprising me. This is the greatest turnaround in Cal State Fullerton history."

Fullerton also won national titles in 1979, 1984 and 1995.

"It makes it even more special to accomplish this competing against your mentor and against someone who laid such a strong foundation for Cal State Fullerton," Horton said.

The top-seeded Longhorns (58-15) moved through the tournament with a string of lopsided victories that made them the favorite against Cal State Fullerton.

"It appeared by the way we were playing that we were the best team and would win this tournament, which makes it even harder for the players to understand or accept," Garrido said.

"We did our best. They did better."

Windsor (13-4) threw his second complete game in the CWS. He struck out 10 and walked one.

The right-hander shut out South Carolina on a three-hitter in the Titans' opener and pitched three

innings of scoreless relief Thursday in another win over the Gamecocks.

In 21 innings, Windsor gave up 11 hits and two runs, struck out 29 and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," said Windsor.

"It will take a few days and some relaxation. I look at it on paper and it looks great and sometimes I don't believe it's me."

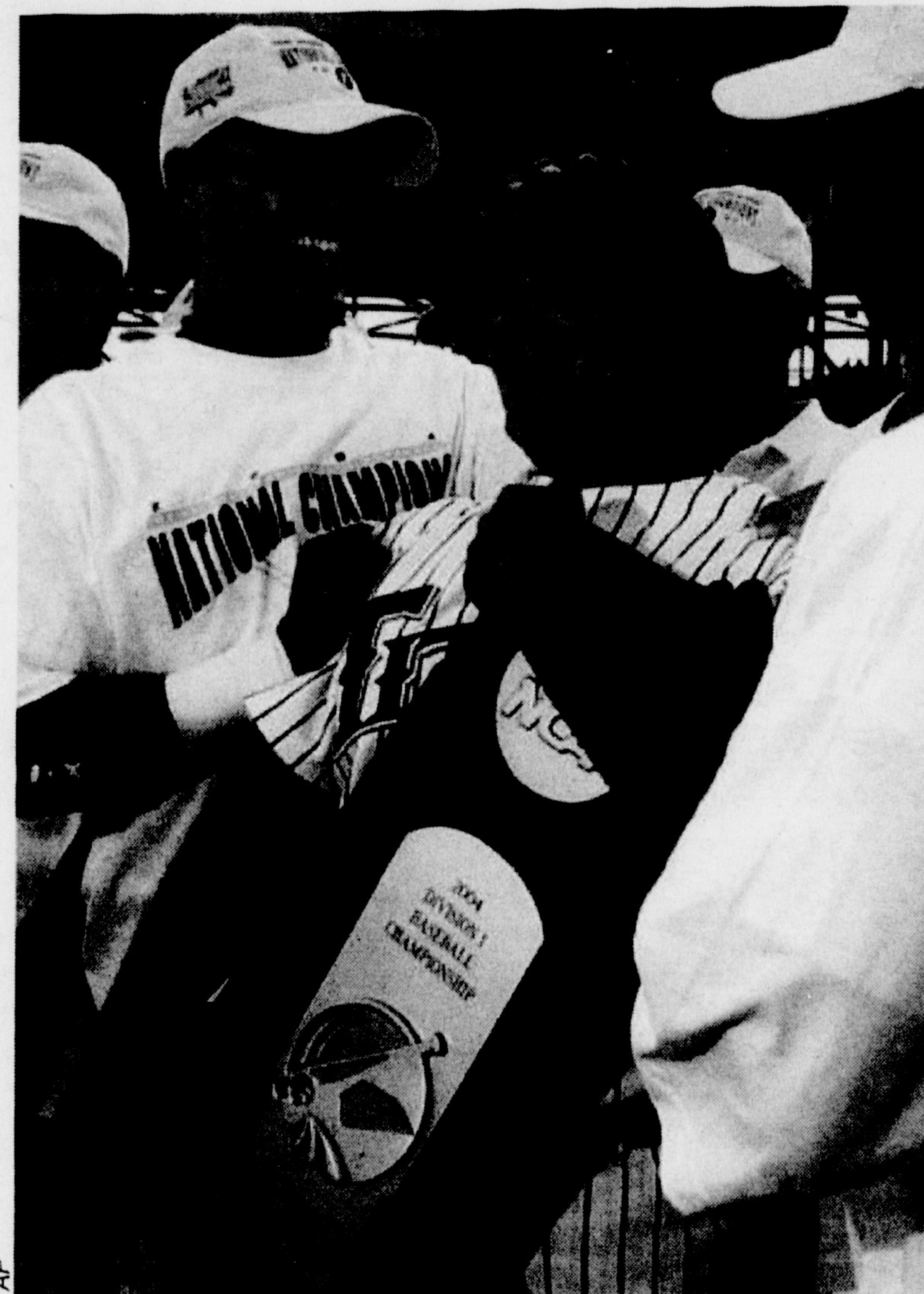
Windsor, a senior, finished the season with 12 straight wins and nine complete games after losing four of his first five starts.

"His numbers are mind-boggling," Horton said.

"You can't do it any better than that. The thing I was worried about was whether we would go to the well too many times using Jason."

Fullerton, held to five hits over the first six and one-third innings, broke through after starter Sam LeCure was relieved by Buck Cody (1-2) with the Longhorns up 2-0.

Pinch-hitter Brett Pill tripled on Cody's first pitch, scoring Bobby Andrews to make it 2-1. A wild pitch by Cody scored pinch runner Brandon Tripp with the tying run. Ronnie Prettyman reached on a throwing error by shortstop Michael Hollimon, and later scored from second on Suzuki's hit off J. Brent Cox.



Cal State Fullerton stood at 15-16 at one point during this past season.



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Contreras family ready for New York City tour

NEW YORK (KRT) — Jose Contreras and his newly reunited family arrived in New York last Thursday, ready to take in the bright lights of the city in a moonlight drive.

The Yankees' pitcher promised to show his family the same sights of New York City that astounded him after he defected from Cuba 20 months earlier.

Nestled in the back of a stretch limo with his wife and two daughters, Contreras planned to retrace the route he took, starting Thursday night with the office in Yankee Stadium where he pitches against the Mets on Friday.

The itinerary's next stops were Times Square and Battery Park, with the Statue of Liberty in the distance.

For Miriam Murillo-Flores, daughters Naylenis, 3, and Naylan, 11, it caps an odyssey that began late last Sunday when they stepped into a smuggler's boat and fled Fidel Castro's grip.

For Contreras, it's all a dream come true.

"This is what I've been dreaming about for two years," he said.

Before leaving Miami on Thursday, Contreras made sure his family was decked out in new duds.

They escaped with just the clothes on their back. And those were ruined when their escape boat — chased by the Coast Guard — ran aground off Big Pine Key and they had to hoof it through the surf to get safely to shore.

But Murillo-Flores sashayed into the first class section of Continental Flight 44 to Newark in brand new jeans and a pink short-sleeved shirt and sandals. Naylan was a budding babe in a brand new green ensemble, and

little Naylenis looked angelic in white.

Clad in khaki slacks and a matching shirt with a gigantic gold Rolex on his left wrist, Contreras kept his shades on for much of the flight.

During takeoff, Contreras sat beside his older girl. Later, he sat beside his wife as their youngest sat curled up in mama's lap and snoozed.

None of them watched the in-flight movie, "Duplex," starring Ben Stiller and Drew Barrymore, even though a Spanish translation was available. When the New York skyline came into view, Contreras' translator, Leo Astacio, rushed up and pointed out the familiar landmarks.

The Contrerases were the first passengers off the plane and Murillo-Flores appeared to be delighted by her first glimpse of New York and happy to be back on the ground.

"Bien, bien," she said.

Delighted fans pointed and waved and gave the thumbs-up sign as the Contrerases rode through Newark Airport in golf carts.

"Go Contreras!" one fan said.

Others cheered the Cuban escapees in Spanish.

Contreras, who rarely broke a smile as he struggled this season on the mound, beamed and acknowledged the fans with waves and V-for-victory signs.

Waiting outside the baggage claim were some of Yankee owner George Steinbrenner's security guards and the white stretch Lincoln from Wedding Central Plus Depot in Yonkers that would take them to Contreras' hideaway in Westchester.

The Contrerases didn't stop to pick up any baggage.

They didn't have any.

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Because the tournament was not sanctioned and I was mainly playing for tournament experience, I decided to play as a pro for the day. While I knew that I was over my head, I felt the experience I could gain would be worth the money. There were only four pros playing – well, there were three pros and there was me. I witnessed the three other players shoot two great rounds. While I kept up with them here and there, I would finish right where I expected to – in fourth.

The pro that won the tournament shot an incredible 52 (-12) at Cedarock Park in Burlington. It was an amazing round to witness and was well worth the money just to watch someone shoot that. I played pretty well and shot a 63 (-1).

Saturday night, I headed to Winston-Salem and met my dad who was playing in the state games as well, but in golf. We hung out Saturday night and went to our courses to get ready to play on Sunday morning.

The State Games started with disc golf back in 1995 and has been to Raleigh four times, Greensboro twice, High Point once and was in Winston-Salem for the second straight year this year. I have two Silver Medals hanging on my wall from the under-16 division of disc golf and have always wanted the gold. The state games are a really cool tournament idea.

Amateurs are spoiled in disc golf, and I'm one of them. We are given an incredible amount of merchandise that most people sell and make money with. The State Games turn us into true amateurs. We play for medals, and that's it.

We played the same temporary championship course that I played two weeks ago in a PDGA event. I started off with a 58 (even), which was ok. I feel like the

phrase I say every week in this was "I should have done something better." Sunday, the topic was putting. I missed quite a few putts. I was only three strokes out of the lead and two strokes out of third.

Second round started the way I wanted, with six straight threes, two of which were par four holes. However, I would screw up some easy holes and get a little bad luck, and would shoot a 60 (+2). The total of plus two was good enough for seventh, but not quite good enough to get a medal. The winner would finish six under, with me eight strokes back and looking back on another tournament I totally screwed up.

On the bright side, my dad got a medal, which he rubbed in my face. Of course, there were only three in his division.

Next Week: Zebulon

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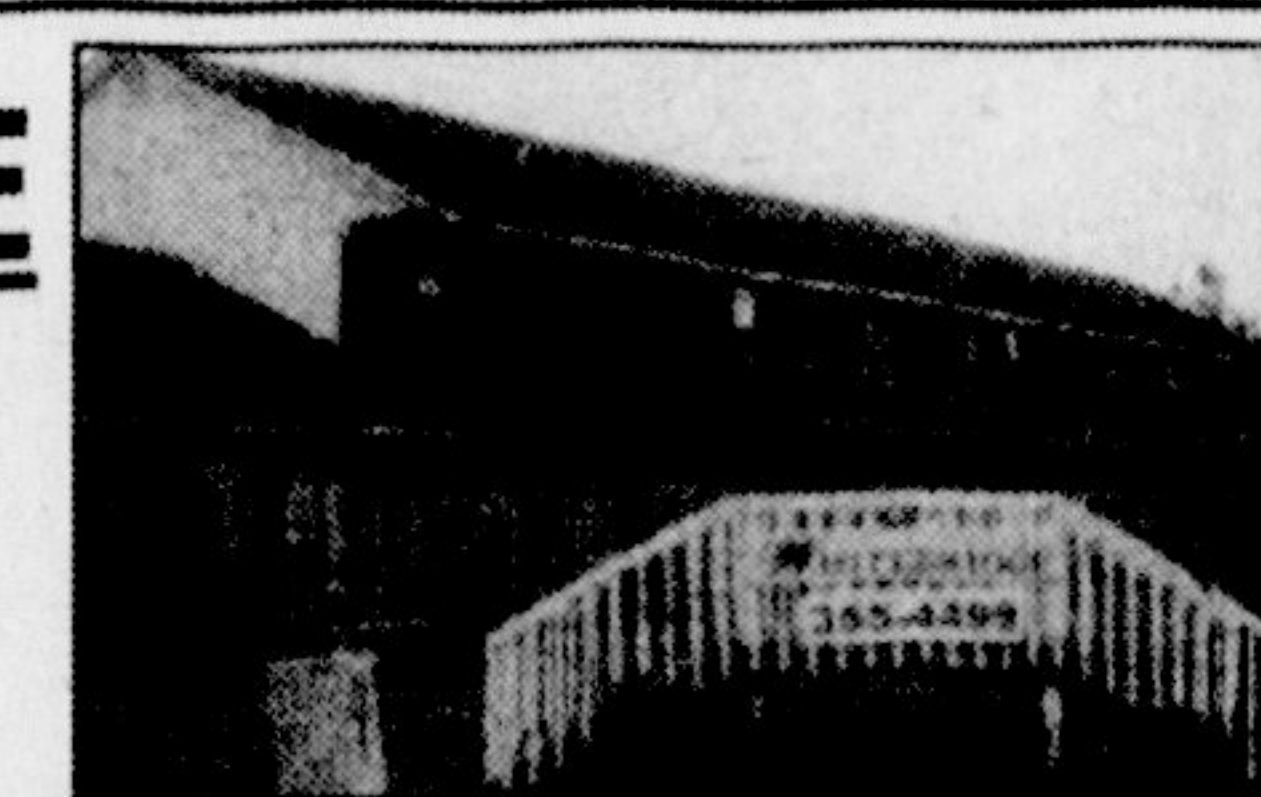
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