

Ballard holds first faculty convocation

New chancellor outlines challenges

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NEWS EDITOR

In his first faculty convocation, ECU's new chancellor Steve Ballard addressed members of the ECU community and outlined ECU's strong points and how we will overcome challenges to be faced this year.

"I am delighted and honored to be here with you as ECU begins its 96th year of operations," said Ballard.

"We do have a great future at ECU, and we all together can design that future. We already have outstanding people, an excellent infrastructure and really untold opportunities ... if we work together, much more is possible."

Ballard said he spent much time this summer learning about ECU's history and evolution. During this time, he said he learned of ECU's great spirit and pride in believing in itself and its future. Ballard said ECU's aspirations are high because we know we can succeed and ECU is committed to its students and learning. Even with the many visions and demands ECU faces, we are always able to maintain a quality-learning environment and add value to our learning experiences.

After visiting a number of academic departments and offices and talking to various faculty members, Ballard said he learned ECU's values of openness, honesty and integrity are strong.

"I will do everything in my power to both honor our traditions and to build a great future," Ballard said.

"Our foundations are solid. You deserve the leadership that will promote our possibilities and realize our destiny as a great university."

Ballard said ECU is exactly the right institution for him as he has devoted his career on

addressing the question of how a public university can best contribute to our society. He said he has joined an institution that he believes can make a difference.

Ballard said he has been working in higher education for 30 years and has gained much knowledge through working with various people. In this time, Ballard said four main themes have stood out to him including community, people, quality and aspirations. Ballard said he feels ECU is strong in each of these aspects, citing ECU's ability to work together, the success of the quality of ECU's cardiovascular center and the strong vision and aspiration of former Chancellor Leo Jenkins who went forth in the development of the Brody School of Medicine.

Ballard said ECU's vision is about ECU only and its role in the state and nation. While it is important for us to keep our peer institutions and competitors under consideration, ECU's vision must be strong, bold and we must be excellent in what we choose to be.

Ballard also cited successes of ECU students as having graduation rates greatly above the national averages and more than 8,000 students being involved in volunteer activities. When it comes to students' success, we can be the best public university in North Carolina and one of the best in the nation.

"We are the fastest growing university in North Carolina for a reason. The word is out that students receive a great education here," Ballard said.

Despite successes and strong points of ECU, Ballard said the university still faces several challenges in upcoming years.

Ballard said ECU's resource base has declined with the decreased state funding while our expectations, demands for service and accountability have continued to increase. To compensate this loss, Ballard said ECU must aggressively increase its revenue from every available source and focus on our

activities ensuring we spend money wisely.

In an effort to improve ECU's accountability, Ballard said we will be publicly accountable, vigilant and self-correcting.

"It is our responsibility to earn the public trust and keep that trust," Ballard said.

ECU must recognize the nature of our world and build an institution that is in line with our world. Ballard said he is committed to enhancing the intellectual and demographic diversity of ECU to provide students, staff and employees the opportunities necessary to achieve in such a diverse world and global economy.

Ballard said ECU will continue to face the challenges of growth both because of our obligation to provide access to our programs and because of eastern North Carolina's dependency on us. Ballard said he feels this challenge is a good challenge because it means we are fulfilling a fundamental mission we have and it provides access to increased state revenues.

"While we recognize our challenges, we also know they are exceeded by our opportunities," Ballard said.

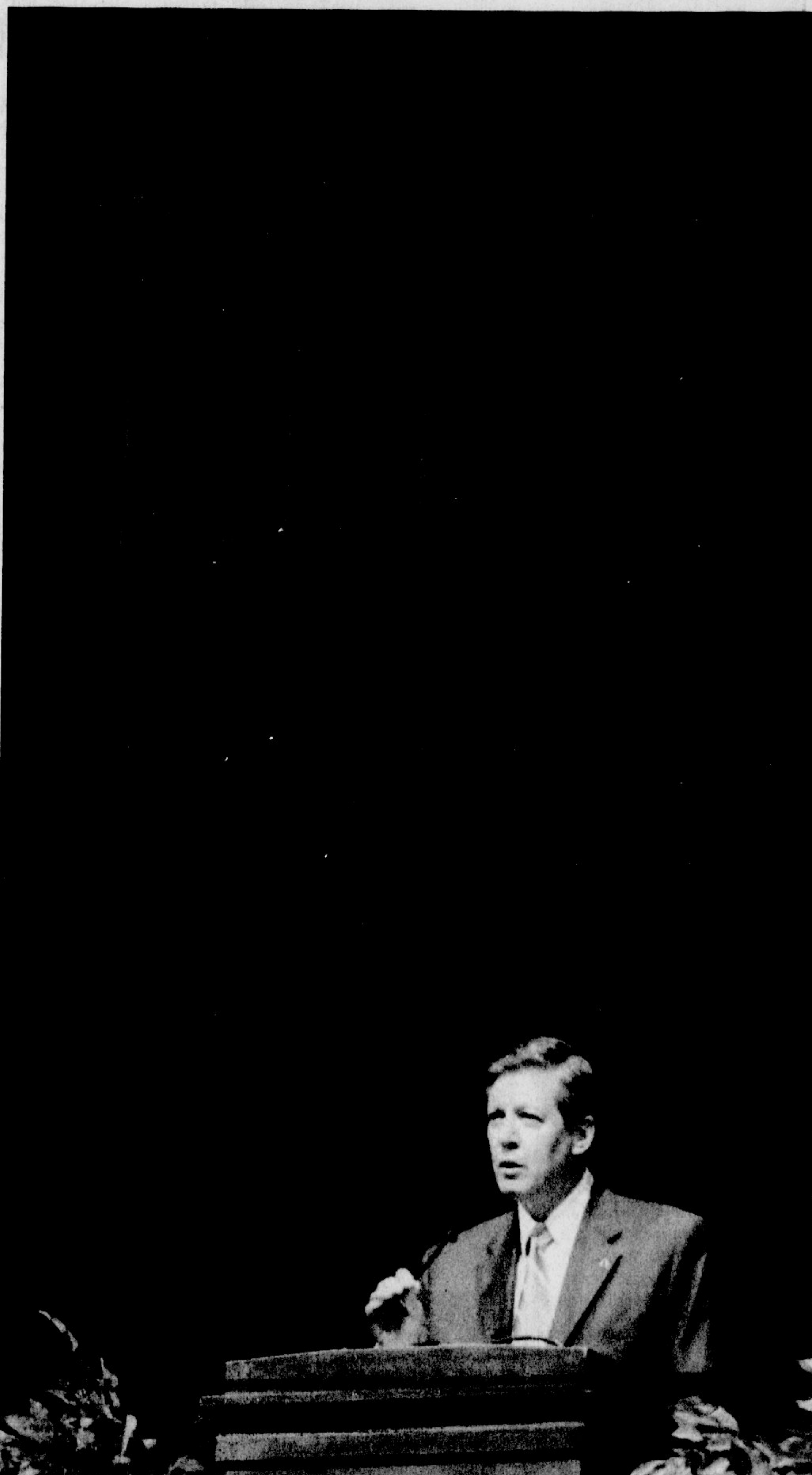
"We are an important, vital university in a knowledge-based economy. We have the central resources, knowledge, skills and competencies needed by the entire world."

Ballard said eastern North Carolina depends on ECU for economic development and we have substantial strength in our curriculum, faculty and partnerships to be the economic engine of our region.

"This is a great time to be a part of ECU," Ballard said.

"Tomorrow starts here today, and I ask you for your commitment to make this a truly unique community known for making a difference to its state, to its region and to its lives of our students."

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Chancellor Steve Ballard addresses the crowd, outlining his vision for the future of ECU.

Position to improve community relations



LIEBERMAN

Lieberman accepts new faculty position

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A new position was created at ECU this year in an effort to help alleviate the growing number of problems and tensions between the Greenville community and ECU students.

Michelle Lieberman, a former ECU sociology professor, was hired as the student neighborhood relations facilitator in order to mediate disputes between students and both their neighbors and landlords.

"I'm basically a liaison between the community and the university," said Lieberman.

Coexistence between young college students and their grown-up neighbors causes a lot of friction every year, Lieberman said. This tends to lead to a lot of unhappy neighbors with a lot of issues they want resolved by the university.

Students understand this

Event Info

Lieberman on WZMB:
Aug 31, Sept 14, and
Oct. 12 and 26
at 7 p.m.

issue of college students living near and relating to their grown up neighbors is not an easily solvable problem.

"You're talking about two different lifestyles," said senior criminal justice major, Zachary Kent.

"There's going to be problems."

Most of the complaints against ECU students have been for issues such as excessive noise, broken glass from beer bottles in the street and not maintaining their residences by cutting the grass and picking up litter.

Lieberman said, however, that this is a two-way street.

Many local residents will have a group of students living next to them that cause a lot of problems, Lieberman said. When these troublemaking students leave the neighborhood the damage has already been done, and every student that moves into the neighborhood will now be just another problem waiting to happen.

Lieberman is meeting with neighborhood associations to attempt to eliminate this stereotype of ECU students and explain that there are plenty of law-abiding and thoughtful students at ECU.

Lieberman said another crucial part of her position is providing mediation between students and their landlords.

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Mark Nelson of Aramark Campus Service, Todd Johnson of Campus Dining, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Life Garrie Moore and Associate Director of Joyner Library John Lawrence cut the ribbon for the new Java City in Joyner Library.

Java City opens in Joyner Library

On-site café, wireless Internet available

JOELLEN BIRCH
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The Grand Opening of Java City in Joyner library took place last Wednesday in an effort to make trips to the library more appealing and convenient for ECU students and faculty.

The request for a Java City addition to Joyner Library has been a popular suggestion of ECU students for the past several years said Allison Metcalf, ECU

marketing program manager for Aramark.

"ECU campus dining conducts surveys each semester to gain feedback on how we are doing and what we can do to better serve our customers" said Metcalf.

"About three and a half years ago, many students commented that they would like to see this type of establishment in Joyner library. The opening of Java City in Joyner library is in direct response to these surveys."

Joyner's Java City offers the same menu items as the other campus locations, but wireless

internet access and café tables are also available. A popular reading section and sitting area located on the first floor is also provided. All of these additions are intended to contribute to what Metcalf calls a "Barnes & Noble atmosphere."

The cost of the project totaled to approximately \$120,000. Construction of all Java City locations cost a uniform \$100,000 but the Joyner café required an additional \$20,000 because of its location, said William Clutter, assistant vice chancellor of student life. Planning and construction of the project took about three

and a half years and required additional funding because the area had to be converted from a storage closet to a café.

Funding of the project came from ECU dining services, Clutter said.

Metcalf said the new addition is a necessity for the convenience and safety of students at ECU. A goal of this new Java City is to alleviate common problems associated with patrons violating Joyner's no food policy. This policy has undergone some changes as a result of the new

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Resume Workshop

The perfect resume workshop class is taking place today in Bate 1010 at 4 p.m. and in Bate 1023 on Sept. 1.

ECU honors program

The ECU honors program is holding a social on Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. in Bate 3016. The event will include food and drink, where we will talk about all the stuff going on and what will take place this semester for new interested students.

Pool Tournament

On Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Mendenhall Outer Limitz, a nine ball pool tournament is taking place at 7 p.m.

Bowling League Meeting

On Thursday, Sept. 2, there is a bowling league interest meeting taking place at Mendenhall Outer Limitz.

Cosmic Bowling

On Friday Sept. 3, a cosmic bowling session is taking place at Mendenhall Outer Limitz from 11 p.m. - 1 a.m.

ECU Version of Kids released September 6

Kid's College® releases ECU's Version of Kids researched based software using ECU sports themes programs to students in grades K-8 to enhance their math and language arts skills on Sept. 6. The program was endorsed by Dr. Betsy Rogers, National Teacher of the Year of 2004. Last year's Version of Kids was accessed online by more than 2,000 schools across the country.

ECU Ambassadors recruit new members

The organization is setting up a booth at the Wright plaza from Sept. 7-15. The organization is also holding interest meetings Sept. 8 from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. for people interested in joining. The organization serves as the official host of ECU and conducts university tours, alumni events and participates in community service. An ice cream social is taking place Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall Great Room 3.

Freeboot Friday

The night before the first four ECU home football games, Uptown Greenville will sponsor Freeboot Fridays. This first event, on Friday, Sept. 10 from 5 - 8 p.m., includes food and live entertainment. There is no charge for the event. The ESPN interactive 18-wheeler will be in town Sept. 10 providing interactive sports fun for kids of all ages. Live entertainment by Clumsy Lovers will be in Uptown Greenville at the 5th and Evans Street parking lot across from Cubbies.

Alumni Tailgate

The ECU Alumni will sponsor a tailgate for Wake Forest vs. ECU game on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Food will be provided by ARAMARK and Stevens Sausages. Special Tailgate Package: buy tickets to the first four tailgates by Sept. 11, and attend the fifth free. Tailgate tickets may be purchased for \$15 per person for individual games. For Reservations: Contact the ECU Alumni Association at 328.6072 or by calling 1.800.ECU.GRAD. For more information, visit PirateAlumni.com.

Rumi Concert

Tickets are now available for the Rumi Concert that is being cosponsored by the Carol Grotnes Belk Chair on Thursday, Sept. 23. Tickets are available at the ticket office in Mendenhall. The office is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Two tickets are available by using your student/staff ID card. Tickets are \$10 to the general public. The Rumi Concert invites you to a multi-dimensional feast of poetry, music, dance and story. Poet and translator Coleman Barks performed the poems of Rumi, a 13th century ecstatic poet of unparalleled lyrical and spiritual power.

Brody receives \$60 million to fund cardiovascular institute

Personnel expects change in health care

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ECU is receiving \$60 million in public funding to create a center committed to cardiovascular research and health.

The center, which will be entitled the Eastern Carolina Cardiovascular Institute is expected to both overall improve the health care in North Carolina and help generate revenue for the state.

Governor Mike Easley signed a bill this summer allotting millions in public funding to support various projects throughout the state, including a cancer treatment center in Chapel Hill.

The Brody School of Medicine and the University Health Systems of North Carolina have united to create the prospects for ECCVI. The institute is designed to incorporate everything of cardiovascular health into one program and overall improve the service.

Dr. W. Randolph Chitwood, senior associate vice chancellor for health affairs and director of the current North Carolina Cardiovascular Diseases Institute, said the new establishment

will promote better clinical care, develop new research programs and educate the population and health care providers.

Chitwood said ECCVI will be centered around two buildings. One building will be dedicated to research and education and will include a conference center, research labs and offices. The other will incorporate a new 120-150-bed hospital devoted to cardiovascular health.

The demand for ECCVI is due to a growing number of heart and vascular disease victims in the state. One in four Americans suffer from cardiovascular disease accounting for 40 percent of all deaths in North Carolina. Cardiovascular disease is a greater problem for the eastern counties in North Carolina than most of the country.

Chitwood said if eastern Carolina was compared to every state, it would rank 50th in terms of pre-mortality.

The ECCVI in Greenville will enable patients in eastern North Carolina to receive more immediate treatment.

Chitwood said he was the first doctor in the United States to perform robotic surgery and he now heads the only training course in the country.

The ECCVI will also ensure a reduction in damages to the

economy while cardiovascular diseases cost North Carolina more than \$6 billion each year.

Chitwood said the institute will improve and expand the workforce and economic development.

The project will demand many jobs in construction for years. When the ECCVI is built, it will eventually employ nurses, specialists, researchers and other hospital personnel.

However, Chitwood said the money is strictly for billing and is not designed for raises.

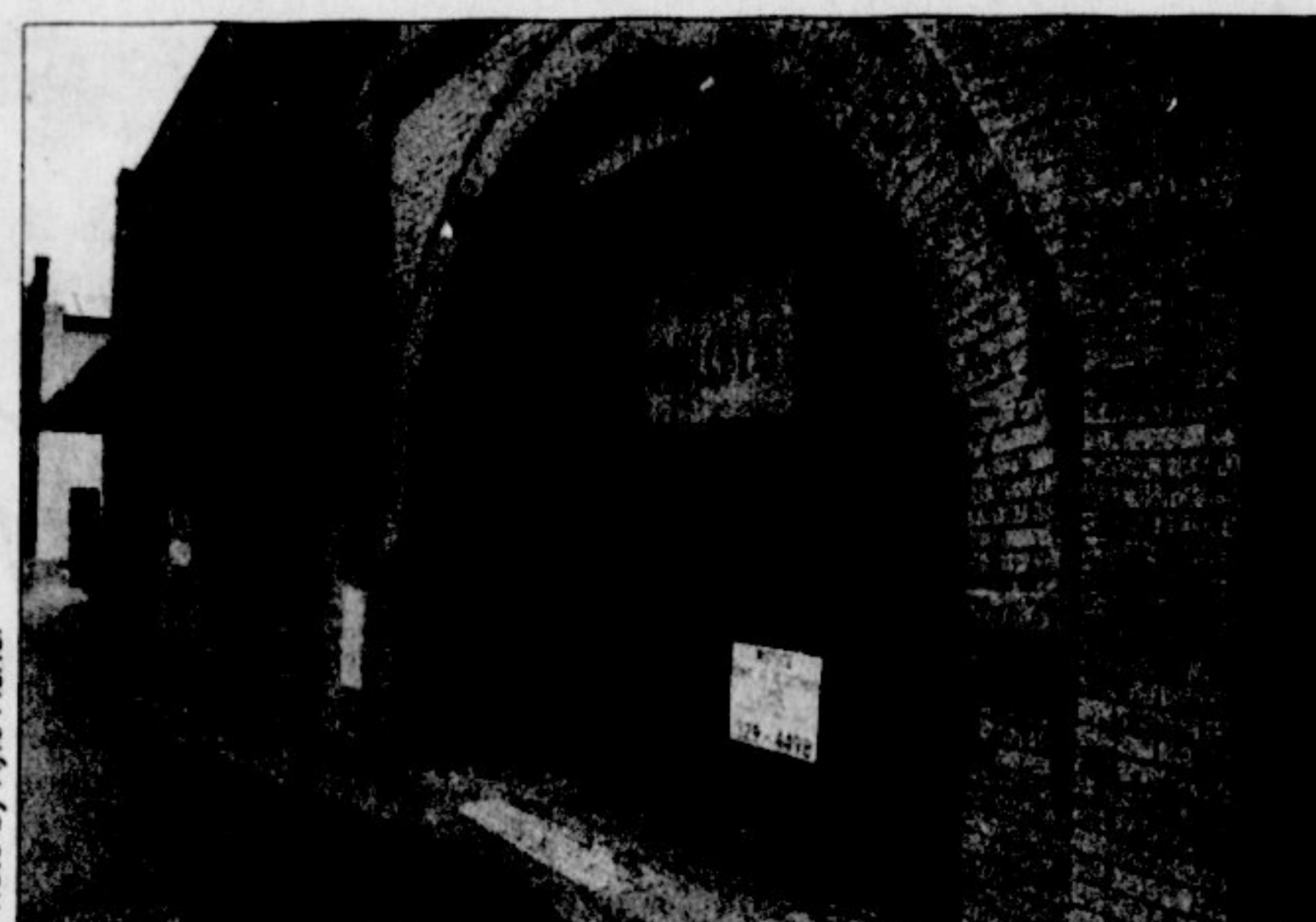
Once underway, the ECCVI is expected to increase the amount of revenue of the region.

The short term economic benefit from construction totals to more than \$300 million and the annual long term benefit is estimated around \$21 million for eastern North Carolina.

Chitwood said the institute will also focus a highlight on ECU and University Health Systems.

The education and research center for the ECCVI will take approximately three years to complete while the hospital may take four or five years.

Once completed, Chitwood said he hopes to develop a focus on cardiovascular disease for eastern North Carolina and the rest of the world.



O'Malley's, located on 5th Street, was robbed on August 20.

Armed robbery in downtown Greenville

Money taken, no one injured, suspect fled

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An armed robbery at Cheap Shot O'Malley's Bar of downtown Greenville occurred on August 20 at 11:30 p.m.

According to the report issued by the Greenville Police, two Greenville officers were on foot patrol within the downtown area when an employee approached them informing them of a robbery. The officers went to where the suspect had been sighted last and in the confusion of the incident, a club employee

advised the officers that the suspect left the scene heading north on Greene Street in a white vehicle. When officers stopped this vehicle, they soon found from other witnesses that its passengers were not the suspects of the robbery.

The officers then returned to the site of the incident to gather more information. They found that the suspect was standing in the alley near O'Malley's bar along with another suspect. The suspect approached the workers at the front door implying that he had a concealed gun under his shirt. The suspect grabbed the door money located in a maroon

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Brody experiences a \$6.5 million budget deficit

While You Were Gone

Budget cuts, increased expenses cited

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The Brody School of Medicine, faced with a \$6.5 million budget deficit during next fiscal year, is keeping all educational and medical services at the same level and is looking at other methods of making up for lost dollars.

Gary Vanderpool, executive associate vice chancellor for health sciences administration and finance, said he feels this deficit is not only affecting the school, but various other medical schools across the nation due to nationwide pressures on state budgets, increased expenses, increased indigent care and decreased reimbursement rates.

Decreased funding from the state budget, Vanderpool said, has been a factor that has affected the school each fiscal year since 1999 - 2000. Not including state

budget cuts for the next fiscal year, the school has experienced an approximate total of \$14 million in these cuts over the last five-year period.

"It's just one year after another," said Vanderpool.

A prime example of increased expenses is the increased insurance fees of physicians protecting them from any malpractice that may occur in the workplace. Vanderpool said the school is paying more than two and a half times the amount of insurance costs paid in 2002.

Vanderpool said this insurance increase is a nationwide phenomenon affecting various institutes and has even driven some physicians out of practice.

"Some states are in a severe malpractice crisis. While North Carolina is not in a crisis yet, it's having an impact in this state," Vanderpool said.

The NC State Employee Health Plan has cut the reimbursement rate they pay to physicians twice over the last three years.

Medicaid has cut the rate at which they reimburse our physicians for providing medical care to Medicaid, or low-income

patients who are unable to pay for medical care. Medicare, a health care providing care to senior citizens, has also decreased funds provided.

"All of those payers, and other, have reduced the rate at which they pay us for our professional medical care," Vanderpool said.

Aside from the decreased amount of reimbursement rates, much of the medical care provided to low-income patients who do or do not qualify as Medicaid patients is not even reimbursed.

"In the state fiscal year of 2001 - 2002, the amount of uncompensated care that we provided in Medicaid patients was roughly \$16 million dollars. The amount that we provided this year is more than \$21 million," Vanderpool said.

"That represents the time of our physicians, the time of our support staff providing free medical care."

Vanderpool said part of Brody's social contract as a state medical school is to treat patients who cannot afford care despite the budget deficit. He said the

school will continue to uphold this contract.

"We're not going to eliminate any services," Vanderpool said.

Vanderpool adds that just about all of jobs that have been forced to be eliminated have been administrative support type positions, which are not positions that deliver health care, and therefore does not affect the quality of medical service.

Vanderpool said these major expenses faced by the school have placed a large amount of pressure on the clinical budget, the main source of income. The school's clinical budget, generated from medical care provided to patients, makes up approximately 60 percent of the school's total income.

Plans in making up for the budget deficit include improving organizational structure, improving business processes to increase reimbursement, imposing hiring fees and recruiting more patients including university or state employees, all of whom have decent insurance policies.

One possibility the school may need to resort to is laying off workers. Vanderpool said

the school will try to use every other reasonable option before they resort to this, but the option cannot be excluded as a possibility.

While the Brody School of Medicine is the cheapest medical school in the nation, Vanderpool said the school is limited on how much they can afford to increase tuition. Vanderpool said a dramatic increase in tuition would increase the debt of students, which would lead to other problems and would also conflict with the mission of the school to provide educational opportunities for minority and disadvantaged students.

"The Brody School of Medicine is going through some difficult financial challenges but we're going to come out of those challenges stronger than we were. We have strong leadership, we have committed faculty, we have committed staff and we're going to keep seeing the same patients we've been seeing in the past and we're going to keep educating our students," Vanderpool said.

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Phone number switch available to Greenville

While You Were Gone

Problems result in the transition process

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Greenville residents are now able to keep the same telephone number while switching between service providers due to a Federal Communication Commission regulation implemented Monday.

The federal regulation allows consumers to keep the same number while switching between landline and wireless phone carriers.

In November, the regulation became available to residents of the 100 most populous cities. This week, the regulations become available to people in

rural areas and smaller cities.

Sprint estimates that the transition of numbers should be more efficient than the November transition.

"Most of the problems with the transition have already been solved," said Kristin Wallace, public relations manager for Sprint.

"We [Sprint] have been doing this since November - it should be a very smooth transition."

One of the problems associated with phone number transfers is the time that it takes for the process to be complete. The FCC has set a goal of two and a half hours to complete the process, however consumers had to wait much longer in the November switch.

"Switching from wireless phone to wireless phone can take as long as a day, or as quickly as

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While You Were Gone

Degree designed to meet students' interests

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

ECU's new systems engineering program, which began on 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, while at other universities, engineering students spend their first semesters taking math and science courses and do not get involved in engineering courses until their later semesters. Rogers said this non-systems engineering system causes a large percentage of students to discontinue 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."

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 math and science courses as well. This system, which is not commonly used by other universities, will increase engineering student opportunities to work together in teams, giving them a more real world engineering workplace experience.

"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 white male

dominated 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 eastern North Carolina will also benefit from the program.

Businesses see engineering as a resource for technical expertise which there is a demand for in eastern North Carolina. 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, North Carolina 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 expands, 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 foreseeable years. ECU's systems engineering program will not

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ECU student dies in car accident

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Students remember
their beloved friend

AMANDA LINGERFELT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

ECU student Maisha Moore died in a car accident as she was driving from her hometown of Raleigh to Greenville on June 13.

Moore was traveling to Greenville to work at her job at the Colonial Mall when her car skidded off Hwy 264 and hit a tree.

ECU sophomore Alexis Archer first met Moore when she was a freshman, and the two remained close.

"She was outgoing, she would do anything for anybody," said Archer.



"She always greeted you with a smile - she was a real joy to be around."

Moore's funeral was held on Saturday, and according to Archer, "a lot of ECU students showed up and there was a lot

of support."

Members of ECU's Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and former co-workers of Moore's at the Greenville Foot Locker were pallbearers at the funeral.

Moore was born on May 30, 1982 and grew up in Wake County. She graduated from Garner Senior High School.

Moore was a senior majoring in environmental health science and safety at ECU. She was also a member of Nu Eta Epsilon (the environmental health honor society) and of the American Student Dental Association.

Archer said she will be deeply missed in the ECU community.

"She was a fun person to be around," Archer said.

"Everyone has been touched by her in some way."

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A student came to Lieberman complaining that she was paying high rent on a low quality apartment that was in need of serious repairs. Upon receiving this complaint, Lieberman said she got in touch with the city of Greenville, and within days, the student's residence was being fixed up.

"When students come to me to complain, I'll file the complaint," Lieberman said.

"That way they won't be scared of making their landlords angry."

In order to alert students of her presence on campus, Lieberman has started a leaflet distribution campaign entitled "Project Door-hanger."

These leaflets will be left on door-knobs of near-campus housing, providing the number and email address to her office, as well as a few basic tips for students to live peacefully with

their neighbors.

Lieberman will be on ECU's radio station, WZMB, to discuss a variety of student issues that have generated complaints.

The position has already proven to be a popular addition to ECU.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook," Lieberman said.

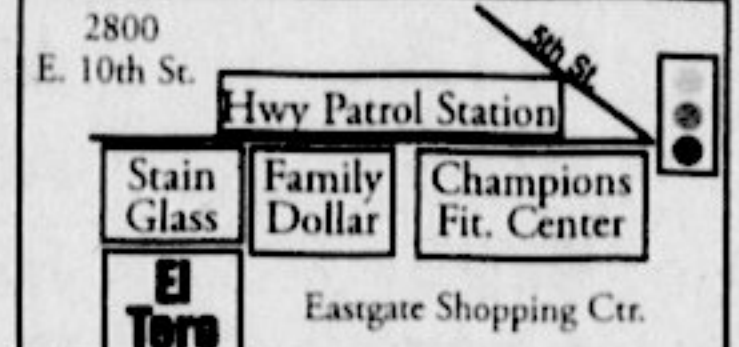
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Date	Program	Time	Location
9/1	Volleyball Officials Clinic	9pm-11pm	SRC 202
9/7	Volleyball Team Reg. Meeting	5pm	MSC Multi Purpose Rm
9/7	ECU/NFL Pick'em Begins	10am-6pm	SRC 128
9/8	Tennis Registration	10am-6pm	SRC 128
9/9	King and Queen of the Halls	4pm-6pm	Brickyard
9/19	5K Race-"Run from the Rec"	2pm	SRC
9/21	Wiffleball Registration	10am-6pm	SRC 128
9/26	Amazing Race	2pm	SRC

FITNESS

Date	Program	Cost (Mem/Non-Mem)
8/16-9/8	Free Group Fitness Classes	FREE
8/16-9/8	Gold Rush 2004	\$35 mem
8/30-10/15	Exercise Wisely for Faculty & Staff	\$25 non-mem
8/31-10/5	Tai Chi	\$25/\$35
8/31-10/5	Relaxation Yoga - Advanced Beginner	\$25/\$35
9/1-10/6	Hatha Yoga	\$35/\$45
9/1-10/6	Relaxation Yoga - Beginner	\$25/\$35
9/2-10/7	Power Flow Yoga	\$35/\$45
9/8	The Energy Explosion!	FREE
9/9-10/7	AM Yoga	\$30/\$40
9/14-11/18	Healthy Bodies	\$20.00 refundable
9/15-10/6	Self Defense	\$10/\$20
9/18	Naked Weight Training	\$5/\$10
9/18	AFAA Primary Certification	Contact AFAA 1-800-446-2322
9/19	AFAA Wave Certification	Contact AFAA 1-800-446-2322
9/22	Manufacturing Muscle - Supplements...	\$2/\$20
9/29	Power Eating	\$2/\$20

ADVENTURE

Date	Trip	Register by	Cost
9/13, 15, 18	Facilitation Training SRC & Challenge Course	8/30	\$10/40
9/18	Sea Kayaking Goose Creek	9/10	\$25/35
9/19	Whitewater Canoe/Kayak Roanoke River	9/10	\$35/45
	Pre-Trip 9/15 @ 6:00pm, Pool Session @ 7:00pm		
9/18-19	Backpacking Uwharrie Forest	9/10	\$55/65
9/25-26	Sea Kayaking Cape Lookout	9/17	\$55/65
9/25	Rock Climbing Pilot Mt.	9/17	\$35/45
9/26	Boat and Board Surfing Carolina Beaches	9/17	\$40/80

ARISE

Date	Program	Time	Location
9/1	PAIRS registration begins	8am	SRC
9/7	ARISE Social and Orientation	7-8:30pm	SRC 202
9/7	Wheelchair Basketball	8-9pm	SRC
9/14	Wheelchair Rugby	8-9pm	SRC
9/15	Goalball	7:30-9pm	Williams Arena
9/18	Fall Fiesta & Adapted Water Ski	9am-4pm	Whitchard's Beach, NC
9/22	Goalball	7:30-9pm	Williams Arena
9/23	Wheelchair Basketball	8-9pm	SRC
9/28	Hand Crank Bicycle Reg. Begins	8am	SRC
9/28	ARISE Committee Meeting	7-8:30pm	SRC 202
9/30	ARISE Adapted Climbing @ Climbing Wall	7:00 PM	



Date	Cost
9/18	Beach Bus/Atlantic Beach \$10
10/16	NC State Fair \$10



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café, allowing visitors to snack in certain areas of the library. Food regulations are still enforced in the North Carolina Collection on the third floor, the Special Collections on the fourth floor, the Music Library in Fletcher Music Building and in areas with surrounding computers and other electronics. Joyner's Java City makes sure to serve each beverage with a lid hoping to reduce any accidents, but the public service desks have the necessary materials available to clean any spills.

The new café operates closely in conjunction with the library, opening 30 minutes after and closing 30 minutes before the library each day, and the café plans on remaining open with Joyner for 24 hours during exam time to ensure student and faculty needs are met.

Concerns were taken into consideration when planning for the new addition. These concerns included the student and faculty expectations for Joyner Library to have a quiet atmosphere fit for studying which may be disrupted with the noise of blenders and customers at the café. The café should not be a problem because it is in an appro-

priate location.

"[Java City is] in a hallway, so I don't think it's too distracting," said Stacy Alfred, junior clinical lab major.

Employees at Java City are satisfied with the location. Alfred, a former employee at the Pirate Market on College Hill said she transferred to the new Java City because it is conveniently located near her classes.

Library employees also reacted positively from the café. Librarians enjoy it because they have to wake up early in the morning for work and the café is easily accessible, said Kareena Detwiler, librarian and freshman graphic design major.

"It adds a fun twist to the library and gives students and faculty a fun option when on a study break," said Tara Owens, junior social work major.

Joyner Library will not be the last building on ECU's campus to start serving coffee. Clutter said there are plans to have a Java City in the Allied Health Nursing building by 2006 and another location on West Campus in the near future.

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Engineering from page A2

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 besides systems engineering. This increase in size, Rogers said, will also allow the program to receive an increased amount of funding from ECU.

Despite the concerns voiced by North Carolina State University officials, Nino Masmari, dean of the college of engineering at NCSU said

he does not feel ECU's new program will propose a major threat in receiving state funding and resources. Masmari said he feels the main determining factor of state funding rests on the 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 down turn in the economy."

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

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

We're trying to be ECU, we're trying to be different than anyone else, we're trying to address a particular need."

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Cell Phone from page A2

two hours. However, switching a number from a landline phone to a wireless phone can take a day or two, in some cases longer," Wallace said.

According to the FCC, complaints about the switch are down from 2,400 in November, to only about 400 for April.

"There will probably be some hiccups on Monday, but overall, complaints are down," Wallace said.

Since November, the FCC estimates that about 2.6 million wireless users have switched to other wireless companies. About 217,000 have switched numbers from landline to wireless phones, and about 5,400 transitioned numbers from a wireless to a landline phone.

According to the FCC, about 70 percent of the population has already benefited from the November switch, with

roughly 30 percent of people left to take advantage of it. But for residents of eastern North Carolina, the switch is highly anticipated.

"I've been wanting to switch cell phone companies for a while, but I didn't want to lose my number because so many people had it," said junior elementary education major Lauren Andraka.

"I'm glad the service has finally become available to people in this area."

"In order to switch a phone number, consumers should contact the company they wish to switch to. Although the switch may take a while, phones will still be available for use during the transitioning process," Wallace said.

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News Briefs

Local

North Carolina gets soaked as remnants of storm blows north
RALEIGH, NC (AP) - Central North Carolina was drenched Monday by the remains of Tropical Storm Gaston, the fourth named storm to strike the state this month, as thousands of customers in the Carolinas waited for their power to be restored.

Up to 6 inches of rain was likely in parts of North Carolina and flash flood warnings were posted. The storm already had poured as much as 10 inches on the Charleston, SC, area on Sunday after blowing ashore. While the Carolinas cleared away downed trees and waited for flooded streets to drain, residents were being told to keep an eye on Hurricane Frances, a powerful storm heading across the Atlantic toward the Caribbean with 120 mph winds.

Residents "from Florida to the Carolinas should start monitoring the progress of this storm," Hugh Cobb, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said of Frances. South Carolina officials said there was only one initial report of a serious injury caused by Gaston - a Charleston County resident injured by a falling tree. In North Carolina, there was a report of one person killed on a rain-slippery highway but the state Highway Patrol couldn't immediately confirm it.

More than 6,500 customers were without power Monday in North Carolina. The National Weather Service said portions of Chatham and western Johnston counties had already received 2 to 3 inches of rain by 8 a.m. Wind blew at 15 mph to 25 mph with gusts to 32 mph.

National

Edwards accuses Bush of miscalculating U.S. foreign policy
NEW YORK (AP) - Vice presidential candidate John Edwards on Monday accused the Bush administration of making the nation less secure by miscalculating U.S. foreign policy, serving as the Democrats' critical voice on the opening day of the Republican National Convention. "Their failed leadership at home and abroad means that they cannot deal with the new threats we face,"

Edwards said in remarks prepared for delivery in Wilmington, N.C.

The North Carolina senator said a Kerry administration would create a "Nuclear Whistleblower Initiative" in which the United States would give asylum and protection to any scientist in a foreign country - particularly Iran and North Korea - who discloses an illicit weapons program.

"These countries were labeled as part of an 'axis of evil.' Yet, two-and-a-half years later, the administration has stood on the sidelines while they advanced their nuclear programs," Edwards said. "In fact, during the past three years, the threats from North Korea and Iran's nuclear programs have only gotten worse. This is a failure of American diplomacy. A president must do more than shrug his shoulders when confronted with these dangers."

World

Attacks bring Iraq's key southern oil exports to a halt

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Oil exports from southern Iraq have been brought to a complete halt, a senior oil official said Monday, following a spate of pipeline attacks launched by insurgents trying to undermine the nation's interim government.

Also Monday, firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr visited the Imam Ali Shrine in the city of Najaf for the first time since his militia left the holy site on Friday under a peace deal to end three weeks of fighting with U.S. forces. Al-Sadr had asked religious authorities for permission to enter the shrine, where his Mahdi Army militia had holed up during the violence in Najaf, and he briefly went in on Monday, according to the office of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric.

Oil flows out of the southern pipelines - which account for 90 percent of Iraq's exports - ceased late Sunday and were not likely to resume for at least a week, two senior officials from South Oil Co. said on condition of anonymity.

"Oil exports from the port of Basra have completely stopped since last night," one official said Monday. No oil was being pumped Monday through Iraq's northern export lines to the Turkish port of Ceyhan as well, according to an oil official in Ceyhan.

Robbery from page A2

BB&T bank bag that was sitting on a table located just outside the club entrance. After obtaining the money, the suspect ran south on Cotanche Street.

Employees believe the suspect entered a gray vehicle, possibly a Chevrolet Caprice and left heading north on Greene Street.

Ritch Shope, sophomore sociology major and bouncer at Pantana Bob's bar in downtown Greenville said he feels the overall security within the whole downtown area needs to be upgraded. He said this incident does not have a major impact on his feeling of safety downtown.

"I don't think it's a big issue," said Shope.

"I don't have a fear when

I go downtown."

Shope said he feels incidents like that can happen anywhere and he does not feel Greenville is any more or less safe than other areas.

Rachel Overdorf, freshman communication major said she feels the overall safety in the downtown area could be a little safer but she feels most all downtowns in general have safety issues.

"Our downtown from where I lived was pretty unsafe," said Overdorf.

Overdorf said she at one time witnessed a robbery in her hometown in Fayetteville, NC.

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Our View

As the fall semester commences, *TEC* would like to welcome all new freshmen and transfer students, as well as returning students, faculty and staff.

As the new academic year begins, it's important to remember that we, students and faculty members alike, share a common thread - we all love ECU.

For students, some of their fondest memories will be made as they share a table with friends at Todd Dining Hall each night.

For faculty members, many years of servitude will be devoted to the betterment of the academic standards and the university's reputation as an institution of higher learning.

Regardless, there are thousands of people who are a part of something bigger than themselves - they are a part of ECU.

Fall is the ideal time to recognize just how lucky we are to be a part of this community. This is an exciting time to be at ECU.

From theatre, athletics, events from ECU's many campus and student organizations and continued construction, activities are sure to abound.

We encourage you to read *TEC* each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for news, sports and entertainment events that are happening on ECU's campus and throughout the surrounding community.

TEC's staff would also like to encourage you to send us your opinions, whether it's in response to something we've covered or not covered, or in regard to other events that are affecting students.

Your voice is important to us, whether it be in the form of a letter to the editor, a quick opinion in our Pirate Rant or as an application for employment at *TEC*.

We look forward to hearing from you and reporting on you this year.

Go Pirates!



In wake of recent events, where are the liberals?

Hypocrisy lies within certain political party

TONY MCKEE
OPINION WRITER

Hail and salutations, fellow ECUians. Hopefully everyone had a chance to recharge their batteries (and brains) before classes started and are now prepared to tackle all of life's challenges, big and small.

Normally when you come to this page you are graced with the opinions of the various contributing columnists. This time, I thought I'd try something different. I thought I would solicit your opinions on a few matters.

Today, I will pose a question and invite you to post a reply to the column online at www.theeastcarolinian.com. On the off chance this column is not posted online, you can still respond by writing a letter to the editor at editor@theeastcarolinian.com.

Are you up to it? OK, here is the question: Where are all the liberals? Let me elaborate.

In Afghanistan, the first country that was liberated in the war on terror, there will be a free election shortly. Current early estimates are that 41 percent of the population has registered to vote in the upcoming election, including millions of women who will be voting for the first time. Additionally, the draconian restrictions women and girls were forced to endure are being lifted, thereby improving their lives immeasurably. This would never have happened if the country had not been liberated.

Since we all know that women's rights and free elections are sacred scripture for liberals, why have we not heard praises being sung for President Bush and the United States? Why the silence?

Where are all the liberals? The United States under Bill Clinton's leadership sent troops to numer-

ous countries to overthrow despots, stop genocide and various other reasons repeatedly. American troops are still in some of those countries. Each time there was an outpouring of Hosannas from the liberals even though there has been little or nothing to show for the expense in lives or money.

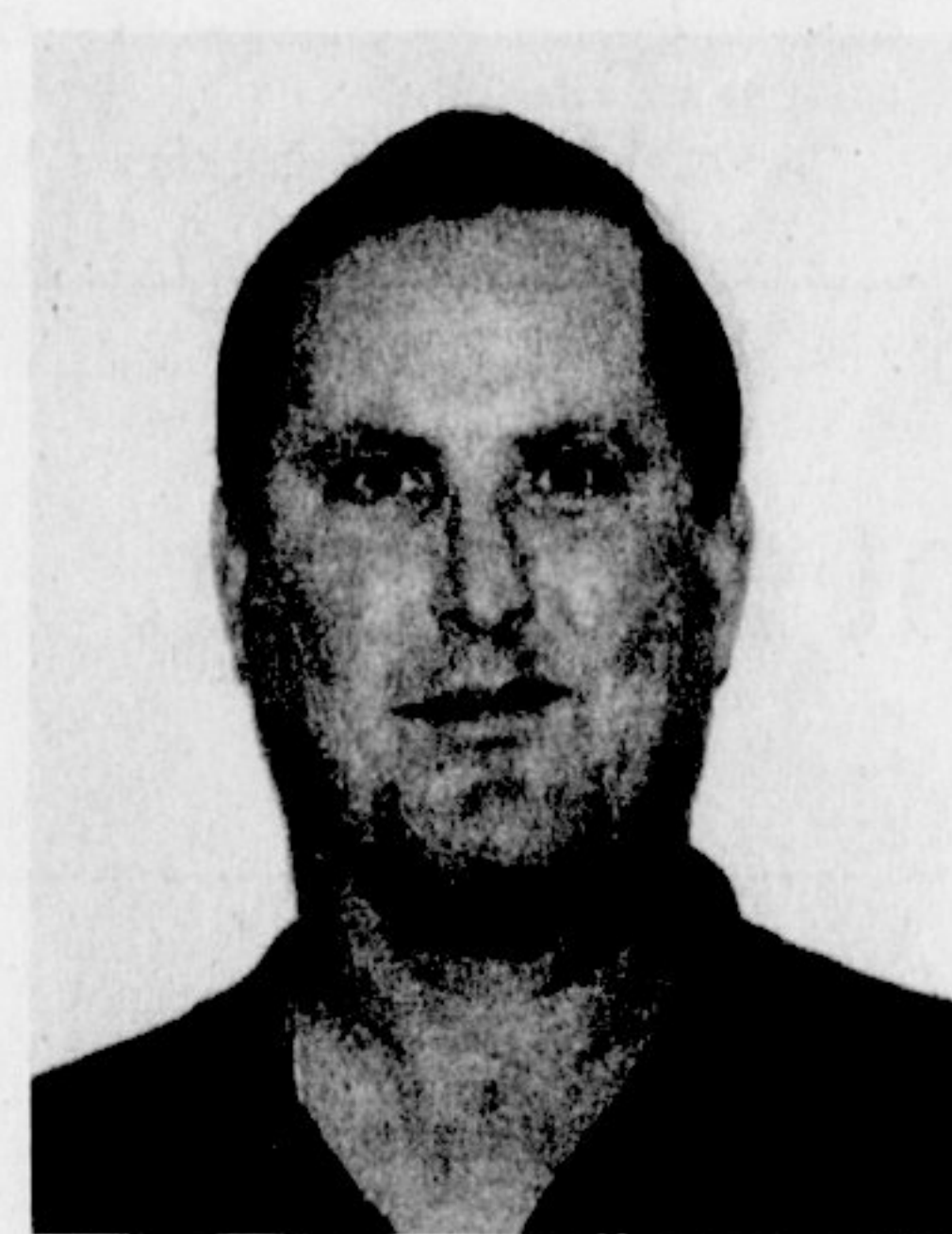
In Iraq, another liberated country, a vicious dictator was overthrown. A dictator who for years openly executed people on a whim, personally tortured people, had subordinates whose job it was to kidnap, rape and kill women and children, often as the husband or father was forced to watch, and who committed mass murder and genocide against his own people and neighboring countries with conventional and chemical weapons.

There are now more than 27 million people who no longer live in constant fear for their lives, women and children are safe from government sponsored rape and murder and like Afghanistan, Iraqis will shortly have a voice in how their country is run and by whom. Where are all the Hosannas now? Where are all the liberals?

Closer to home, we have presidential hopeful John Kerry, who in testimony before Congress after his return from Vietnam, under oath, stated that he committed war crimes. Yet John Kerry now states that he is qualified to be president because of his four-month service in Vietnam more than 35 years ago when he committed war crimes.

A group of decorated war heroes, the Swift Boat Vets, have challenged John Kerry's accounts of his Vietnam service. They state he has lied about certain events, falsified official documents concerning combat operations and injury reports as well as numerous other things. They have done this in the form of a book, radio and TV ads. How has John Kerry responded?

Instead of confronting his fellow vets he has tried to shut them up. His lawyers sent letters to bookstores



requesting that they not carry the book or that they move it to the fiction section. They openly suggested that the publisher not print the book. They sent letters to radio and television stations threatening to sue them for libel if they ran the Swift Boat ads. This is censorship.

These veterans fought for and were decorated by their country. They are Democrats, Independents, Republicans, or not interested in politics. More importantly, they are Americans and have the same free speech rights as every other American. John Kerry and his people are trying to deny them those rights.

The First Amendment guarantee of free speech is supposedly highly cherished by liberals. Yet when John Kerry and his people try to censor decorated veterans, well, you already know the question ...

Where are all liberals? While there are so many more examples, this will do. Now it is your turn. I would really like your opinions.

You have the questions. You have the email addresses. You have the technology.

I look forward to your responses.

Pirate Rant

Editor's note: The Pirate Rant is an anonymous way for students and staff in the ECU community to voice their opinions. Submissions can be sent to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

"Instead of spending money to help the parking situation on campus, officials at the university I'm so proud to attend, decided to spend thousands of dollars on a structure that dings when you walk through it."

"If I can miss class and make straight A's, why should professors be able to lower my grade based on attendance?"

"The only reason I want John Kerry to win in November is so Michael Moore will finally shut up."

"Biggest disappointment about buying books this semester - finding out that the 'Buy one dozen doughnuts get a dozen free' deal from Krispy Kreme is no longer on the UBE Super Saver card."

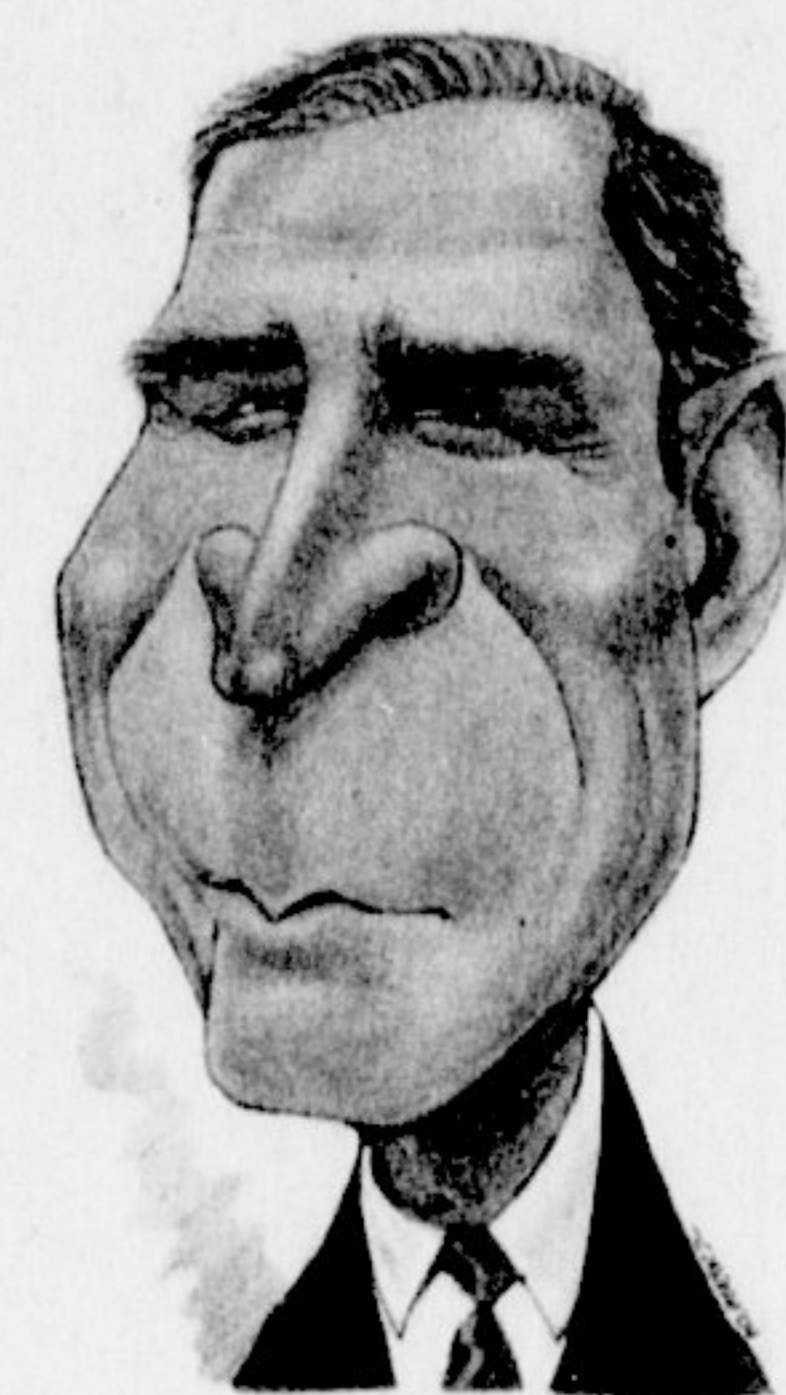
"I didn't know that when I committed to going to ECU, it meant I had to give up Coca-Cola for the next four years of my life."

"Couldn't P. Diddy come up with a more positive way to encourage young people to vote than 'Vote or Die'?"

"I'm trying to keep a positive outlook on ECU football this year - as long as the Pirates win two games we'll improve 100 percent."

"I swear that the parking ticket givers make it their goal to make student's lives as horrible as possible."

"I'd like to put my hands together for the man of the month - Deion Sanders. He may be 37 years old and three years retired, but I believe the man still has the talent left to make around six interceptions per year ... while also making no attempt at tackling anybody within a quarter of a mile radius."



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First week, rekindles sense of ECU community

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT TEAM

Purple. More than 800 new students gathered at the Sonic Plaza two weekends ago to participate in a novel once-in-a-lifetime event - Walk the Plank - as they now become part of our ECU community. **Gold.** More than 1,000 faculty and staff gathered at convocation a week ago as they welcomed not only our new chancellor, but also new faculty to campus. **Go Pirates!** More than 5,000 students participated in our annual Pirate Palooza event before classes started - our largest attendance ever!

EC You Look So Good To Me. In less than three weeks, what do we believe contributes to this growing infusion of excitement and involvement among many different groups on campus? I discovered the more I immersed myself in these activities, especially in the chanting, cheering and celebrating, it not only increased my feeling of being connected to something much bigger than myself ... but it rekindled within me what the true sense of community is at ECU ... where no one is left behind or forgotten ... where every voice and every person matters. We refer to this as the spirit of "ohana" in Hawaii.

Purple. When we consider that

we are now a campus of more than 23,000, there is something to be said about our ability to retain what makes us unique (ohana) without losing sight of who we are. As I watched how Chris Knighten and our ECU Marching Band got 600 students on their feet as they learned our ECU cheers; and as I listened to Professor Henry Ferrell speak about the history of ECU and our traditions, I also learned something invaluable that night about who we are.

Gold. In listening to our new chancellor speak about his vision for ECU - to be bold and known for our aspirations not our fears, I was inspired. As I heard him use several magical words to describe what we can be at ECU, such as "igniting" our ability to be "catalysts" for growth within the region where our students and their learning come first, it not only moved me but many other faculty and staff. Also, as he continued to speak to us about the importance of our institutional integrity, accountability and his commitment to diversity, this reaffirmed to many that perhaps we have rediscovered our "true north" as an institution where we can actualize our mission to serve our students and our communities in new and meaningful ways via our innovative teaching, research and service.

Go Pirates! As more than 5,000 students and a host of local community merchants came out to support our annual Pirate Palooza event (which was staffed by more than 100 volunteers from our faculty, staff, student groups and administration) - we witnessed something phenomenal occur. When you can bring the entire campus community into a fun event where they can celebrate together, we then break down the boundaries that may otherwise separate us both inside and outside of the classroom.

EC You Look So Good To Me! So as we consider what is contributing to our greater sense of excitement and involvement on campus, perhaps it is because we are now looking at ourselves differently. While it may have been challenging for us to see the light at the end of the tunnel associated with all the changes with our past, I believe it has helped fortify us for what we can focus on in the present and for the future.

As our Chancellor reinforced the message that "tomorrow starts here," I believe that these are the times that now call us all to come together to act boldly, to go where this university has never gone before. And when we can do it together, where no one is left behind or forgotten ... well, what are we waiting for? Go Pirates!

"You cannot show weakness in this world today because the enemy will exploit that weakness. It will embolden them and make the world a more dangerous place."

President George W. Bush, on NBC's "Today" show, on why America should not retreat from the war.

Bush suggests anti-terror war cannot be won, igniting controversy

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — President Bush ignited a Democratic inferno of criticism on Monday by suggesting the war on terrorism could not be won, forcing his aides to scramble to defend his remarks just as he had hoped to bask in convention accolades.

Bush sought to emphasize the economy — New Hampshire's appears to be on a rebound — but his comments on terrorism dominated national attention.

In an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show, Bush vowed to stay the course in the war on terror, saying perseverance in the battle would make the world safer for future generations. But he suggested an all-out victory against terrorism might not be possible.

Asked "Can we win?" Bush said, "I don't think you can win it. But I think you can create conditions so that the — those who use terror as a tool are less acceptable in parts of the world."

Democrats, looking for ways to deflect the spotlight from Republicans as they opened their convention in York, pounced.

"After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism," said Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards. "This is no time to declare defeat."

"The war on terrorism is absolutely winnable," Edwards said later on ABC's "Nightline."

"I decided a year ago that we cannot win the war on terror," said retired Gen. Merrill McPeak, former Air Force chief of staff, at a news conference in New York organized by Democrats.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to clarify the president's remarks, telling reporters, "He was talking about winning it in the conventional sense ... about how this is a different kind of war and we face an unconventional enemy."

"To suggest that the war on terror can't be won is absolutely unacceptable," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"First George W. Bush said he miscalculated the war in Iraq, then he called it a catastrophic success and blamed the military," said John Kerry spokeswoman Allison Dobson. "Now he says we can't win the war on terror. Is that what Karl Rove means when he calls for steady leadership?"

Meanwhile Rove, Bush's chief political strategist, acknowledged that the continuing conflict in Iraq could be a political liability in key swing states such as Pennsylvania, Florida and Arizona.

"We're in a war, so you got a lot of people who say, 'I don't like the fact that we're in a war. But I want to win the war,'" Rove said in an interview in New York with Pennsylvania reporters.

The coordinated Democratic attack came as Republicans sought to portray Bush as a strong leader in the war on terrorism in the opening session of the Republican National Convention.

Bush suggested in an interview with Time magazine that he still would have gone into Iraq but with different tactics if he had known "that an enemy that should have surrendered or been done in escaped and lived to fight another day."

He called the swift military

offensive that led to the fall of Baghdad in April 2003 "a catastrophic success" in light of the fact that fighting continues to this day despite the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's government.

Speaking in Nashua, Bush praised a 3.9 percent unemployment rate that is considerably below the national average of 5.5 percent, below other states in the region and below New Hampshire's July 2003 rate of 4.3 percent. "It's dropping every second," Bush said with a smile as he took credit for the state's gains.

Bush was on a three-day, six-state campaign dash that will bring him to New York late Wednesday.

Later, in Taylor, Mich., he acknowledged at a rally before thousands of supporters that that state's "recovery has lagged." July's unemployment rate of 6.8 percent in Michigan was tied with Oregon for second-highest after Alaska.

He charged that Kerry's long-time support for raising automotive fuel-economy standards would worsen the state's unemployment. Kerry's campaign rejected that.

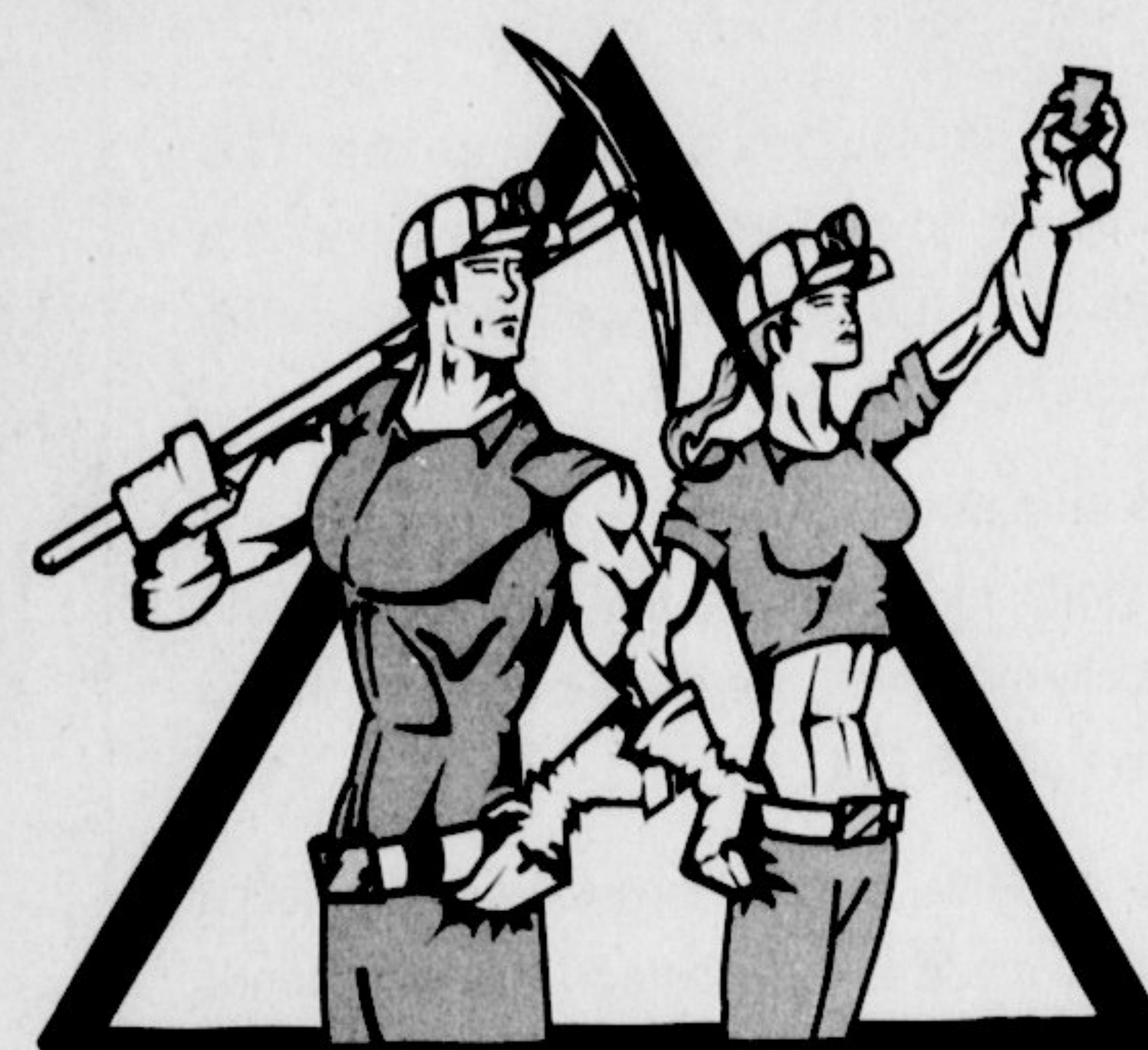
Bush "is trying to mislead Michigan voters on Kerry's plan to increase fuel efficiency," said Kerry spokesman Phil Singer. Kerry would provide \$1 billion to help plants convert to make the autos of the future, Singer said.

"Kerry will ensure that the energy-efficient cars of the future are made in Michigan. Lee Iacocca knows this — that's why he's supporting John Kerry this year," Iacocca, the former Chrysler Corp. chairman, campaigned for Bush in 2000 but backs Kerry this year.

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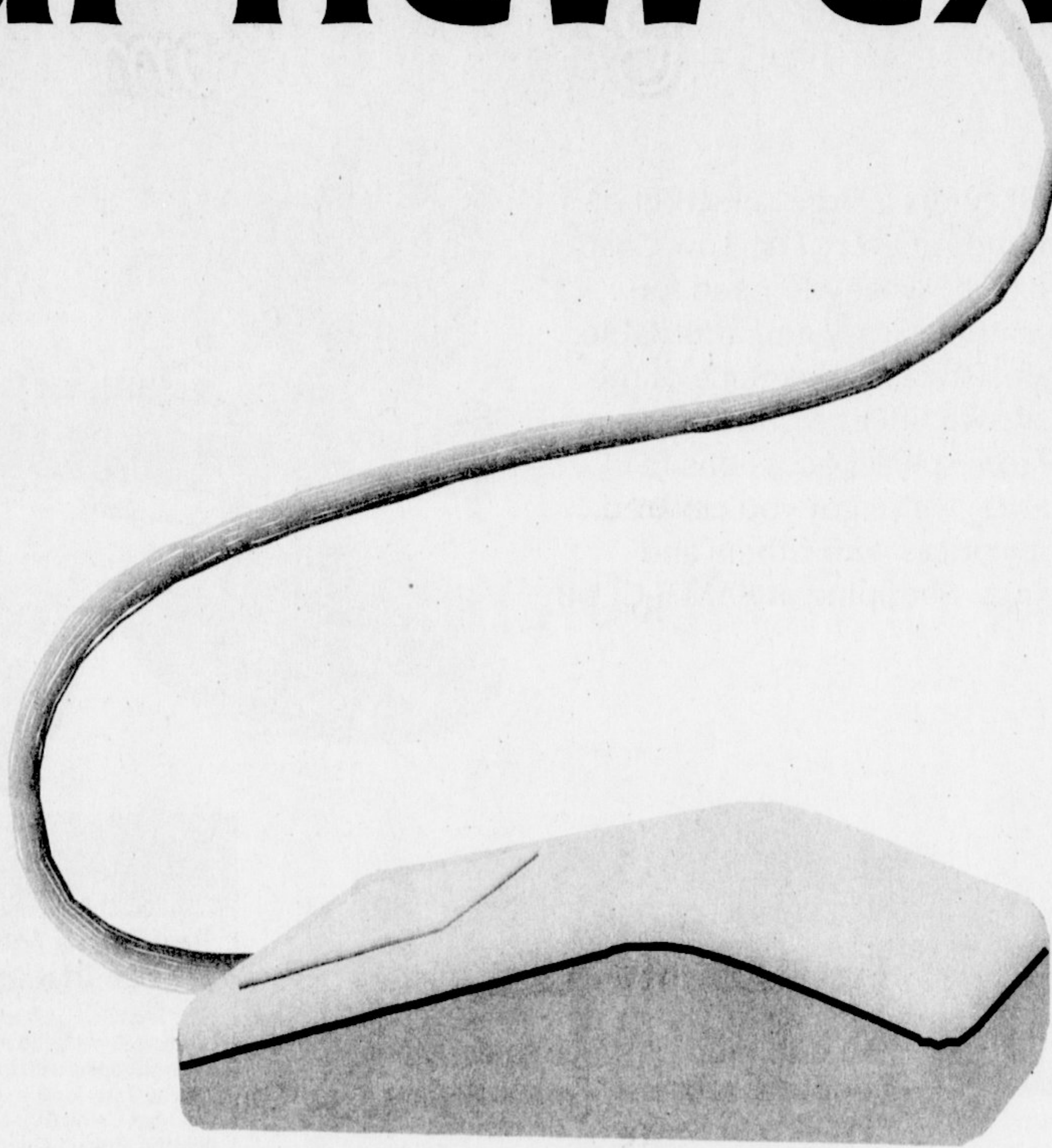
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Names In the News:

A \$25 million lawsuit in which a Texas teenager alleged she was raped after appearing on Maury Povich's syndicated TV show has been tossed out by a New York appeals court.

The girl charged that Povich and his tasteful talkfest, "Maury," were responsible for her rape by a limo driver hours after she taped a December 2001 Povich show about "out-of-control teens." She was 14 at the time and, according to court papers, had been advised by the show's producers to look and act "provocatively" and "sexually" and to talk about her adult lovers on the show. She said she was raped by a man who claimed to be "Maury's limo driver." Maury and its producer, NBC Universal, said the man was not affiliated with the show.

The appellate court's decision reversed a ruling last year by New York State Supreme Court Justice Diane Lebedeff that the girl was still operating under the show's travel arrangements when the alleged attack occurred.

Promises, Promises

A young star on the rise is sticking with a boy her age. That would be the genuinely likable Lindsay Lohan, who is sporting a ring from her 24-year-old honey, Wilmer Valderrama. But before you get all antsy, know that the 18-year-old "Mean Girls" actress' new bling is just a "promise ring" and signifies no impending nuptials. What precisely the Venezuelan American star of "That '70s Show" promised Lohan is unknown.

Captain Unclogged

Patrick Stewart, 64, who played Capt. Jean-Luc Picard on "Star Trek: The Next Generation," underwent a "preemptive" angioplasty this week to widen an artery, his publicist said Friday.

Reflections On Porn

Ellie Cuthbert, who stars in Fox's hit drama "24" opens up to *Sync* magazine about her complex feelings on her film role in the porn-themed comedy "The Girl Next Door." Cuthbert plays a porn star that moves next door to a sweet teenage boy, fulfilling some of his less-than-innocent fantasies. (They end up falling in love in a sweet, unporn kind of way, though.)

Cuthbert says that after making the movie, she was warmly received by porn-industry pros: "They come up and talk to me. They're always very sweet and supportive." In an analogy that is either naive and meaningless or just plain grody, she said the film is "like what *Pretty Women* was for hookers. They're really jazzed."

Courting Solidarity

Oprah Winfrey worked through her recent experiences serving on a jury in a Chicago murder trial by having fellow jurors on her show Thursday. She said she wouldn't want to repeat the task — the panel convicted 27-year-old Dion Coleman of the 2002 shooting death of Walter Holley, 23, over a counterfeit \$50 bill — but she enjoyed sharing warmth and camaraderie with jurors. The segment's highlight was a testament to that camaraderie. One of Winfrey's fellow jurors said the billionaire talk-show queen asked them all to sing whenever she went to the rest room adjoining the jury room to, uh, you know, drown out the noise and ease the embarrassment of it all. Winfrey verified the tale, saying one of the songs they sang was that ultimate celebration of comradeship, "Kumbaya."

Oh God, It's Ellen!

Ellen DeGeneres is getting a promotion to Supreme Being. The comedian will star as God in a remake of the 1977 comedy "Oh, God!" The original starred George Burns as the creator and John Denver as a supermarket manager tapped as a new prophet. "Ellen is a strong comedian and she has always done material about God and questions about God," said Jerry Weintraub, who produced the original movie.

PIRATE PALOOZA 2004



Pirate Palooza helped to welcome back ECU students with food, music, inflatable games and a slide to win free tuition. The event took place during the evening of Monday, Aug. 23 in front of Mendenhall Student Center.

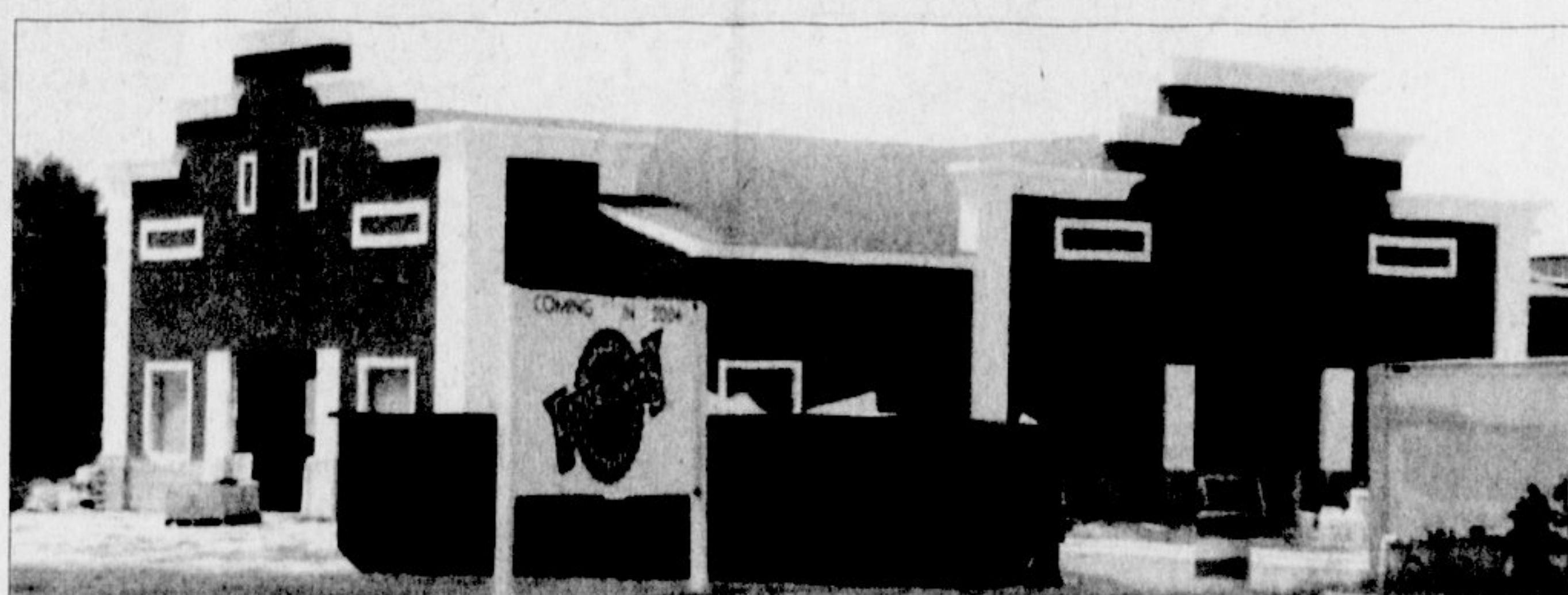


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New restaurants opening soon in Greenville



A new Starbucks Coffee shop is located on Arlington.



The new Fuddrucker's is slowly starting to take shape next to Carmike's Cinema on Firetower Road.

Great new places to hang out and eat well

CAROLYN SCANDURA
STAFF WRITER

When you're not looking, new developments are popping up all over Greenville. Whether these developments are new stores, service providers or restaurants, visiting that location for the first time is always exciting. Recently, Greenville has grown and there are new establishments everywhere you turn. Sometimes students are so caught up in school or work they don't take time to look around and see what is going on. Since January, the town of Greenville has acquired many new restaurants to nourish ECU students and town residents. While some of these restaurants

are still in the building stages, knowing what to expect is nice.

While most students were studying and working during the spring semester, there were many new restaurants established in Greenville. Off 10th Street, by the intersection of Greenville Boulevard, there is a nice, new, clean Subway for students to enjoy.

There is plenty of parking and the location is very convenient to many large apartment complexes. The employees are friendly and the three-foot long subs for \$11.99 is not a bad deal. The more you eat there, the more free sub stamps you get! The commercials on television say, "Eat Fresh," and that really is the case for students who want fast food but don't want the fat/calories/carbs.

Along the ECU Transit Authority's Blue Bus Line, there are great cuisine options as well. Located in the Best Buy shopping center are some eating options many students haven't explored. In January, Ledo Pizza and Pasta was established by Joe and Linda Searles to serve Italian food with a fresh twist on ingredients. Manager Paul Searles graduated from ECU's hospitality program and is always excited when students come in the restaurant. Ledo Pizza and Pasta will be dropping off free pizza in dormitories on the ECU campus during the fall semester, so look out for great, free pizza!

Right next to Ledo Pizza and Pasta is the China King Chinese Restaurant. This upscale Chinese Restaurant has something for everyone. Their menu is diverse and the service is friendly.



Construction is well underway for the new Olive Garden.

Greenville has many walk-in Chinese restaurants but this fine, new, sit-down Chinese experience is a true delight for students who want a true ethnic meal.

For a special evening out, Bellagio, located at the corner of Red Banks Road and Arlington, gives the guest a homey, yet

trendy feel, plus has a full service bar in the back of the restaurant. This is a great place for romantic dates over candlelight.

Along Greenville Boulevard, many new restaurants popped up during spring. Libby Hill Sea-

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Places to eat on campus

Campus Dining offers convenience, variety

Eating on campus is not as painful as many students make it out to be. No matter what you crave, there is something on campus to satisfy your hunger. In fact, variety is one of the finer points of dining at ECU.

The two major spots to eat are Todd and Mendenhall Dining Halls. They both offer buffet-style meals. The dining halls offer grilled items, which include hamburgers, hotdogs, fries and a campus favorite, grilled cheese sandwiches.

You will also find a full salad bar, soup kettles and a dessert bar complete with ice cream and low-fat yogurt, for those of you trying to avoid the "Freshmen 15." Both facilities serve breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday - Friday. Todd is located on College Hill and Mendenhall is located on West campus beside the student recreational center.

If you're stuck on campus most of the day, chances are you won't be trekking back to the Hill or West campus for food between classes. In that case, you have a couple of options. The first is The Croatan, which is located on East campus. The Croatan houses Chick-fil-A, as well as the

Buccaneer Grill. The Buccaneer Grill offers different types of burgers and seasoned fries.

If you don't feel like chicken, then you could go over to the Wright Place. It's located in the middle of campus in the same building as the Dowdy Student Store. There is a Java City where they supply all your coffee, tea or latte needs. If it's down home cooking you crave, try the barbeque, macaroni and cheese and other home cooked fixings the Wright Place has to offer. The Wright Place is also the home of Montague's deli and Bene Pizzeria.

For those of you who get late night cravings, there's something for you too. The Galley and Pirate Market, located on the first floor of Jones Hall, and The Spot, located in Mendenhall Student Center, stay open late just in case you miss dinner at the dining hall or just want a midnight snack. Pirate Market is a full convenience store, while The Spot is part convenience store, part pizzeria, part taco stand and part grill. As you can see, you should never get bored eating on campus. The Galley has Asia Express, which serves a wide variety of oriental cuisine.

Even the SRC doesn't leave you out to dry. After you finish a grueling workout, head down to Center Court, which is located in

the SRC. They offer smoothies, pretzels and a snack bar.

Sometimes students don't go to the recreation center to work out.

"Half the time I don't work out. I just go to the SRC to get a smoothie," said Natalie Williams, a senior family and community service major.

If you're a fan of lean cuisine, take advantage of Campus Dining's All Foods Fit selections. These foods are offered in every location and meet the American Heart Association's dietary guidelines for healthy eating.

Just when you thought your food service needs were filled, dining services decides to add three more places to better serve students. The first addition is the new Java City located in the Library. Now you can have some caffeine for those late night study groups. Coming in December will be the Italian restaurant, Sbarro, that will be located in The Wright Place. The new West End Dining Hall will open in the spring of 2005, and will offer a state of the art all-you-care-to-eat restaurant, convenience store and a Subway. The dining halls also offer several theme meals throughout the year. There is always a Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner. Last year, they hosted

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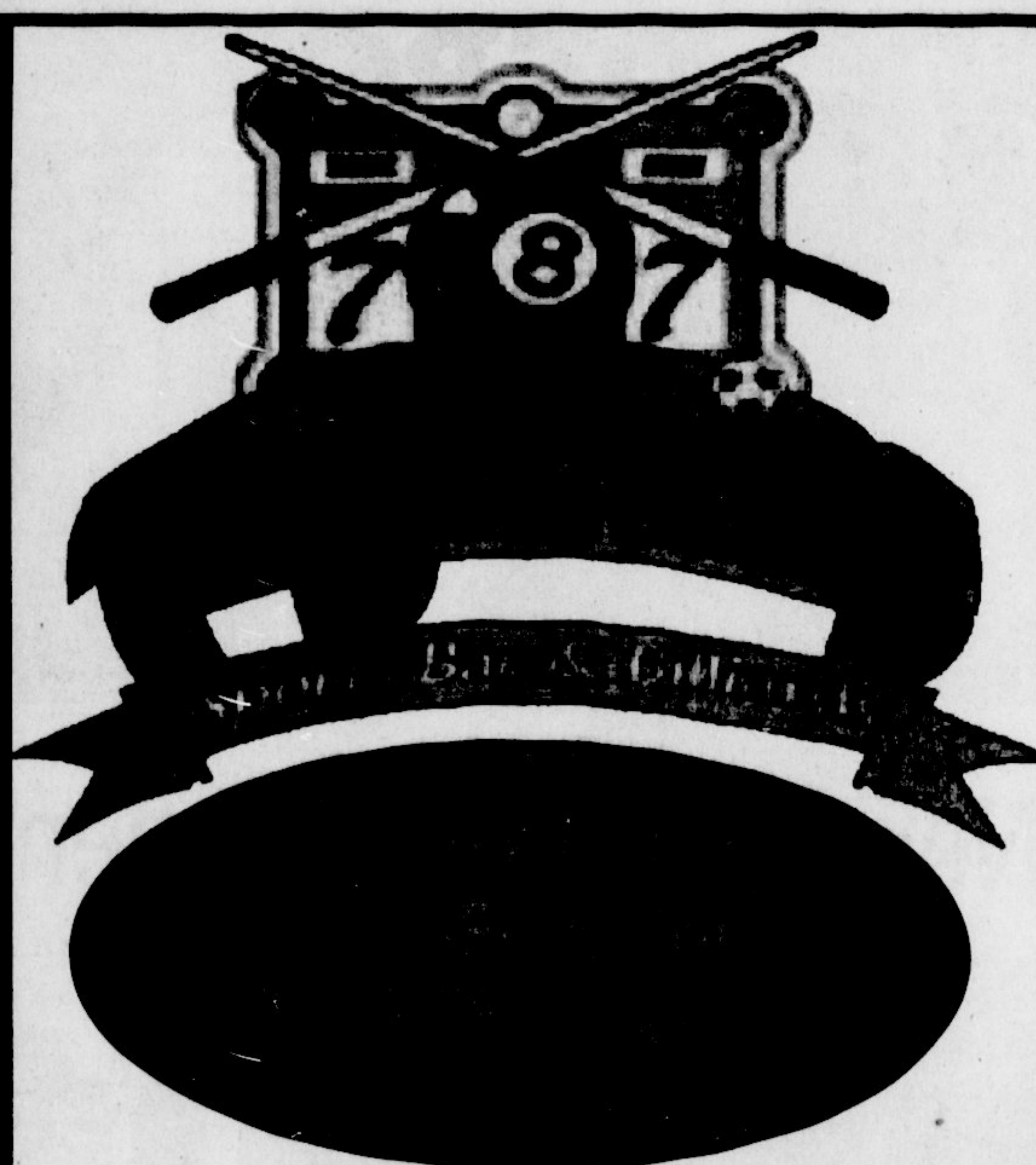
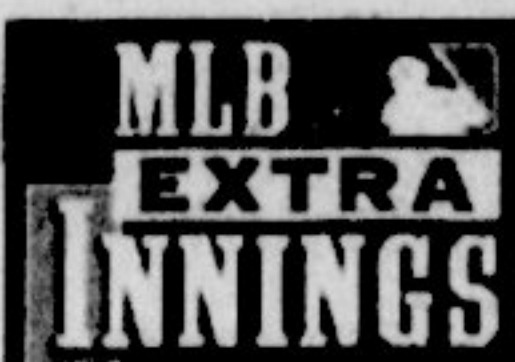
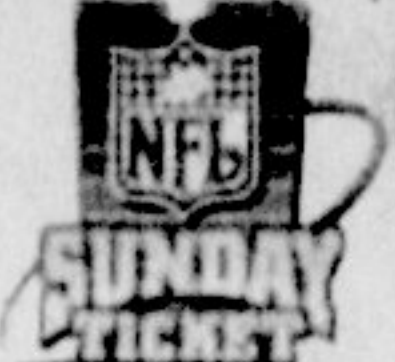
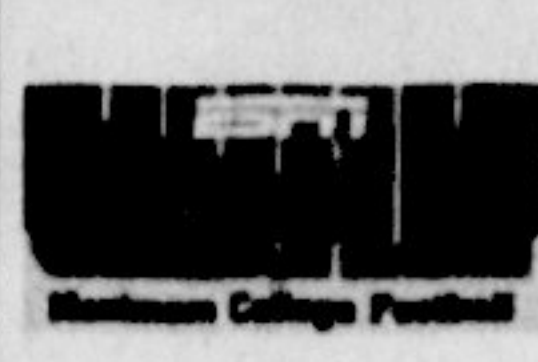
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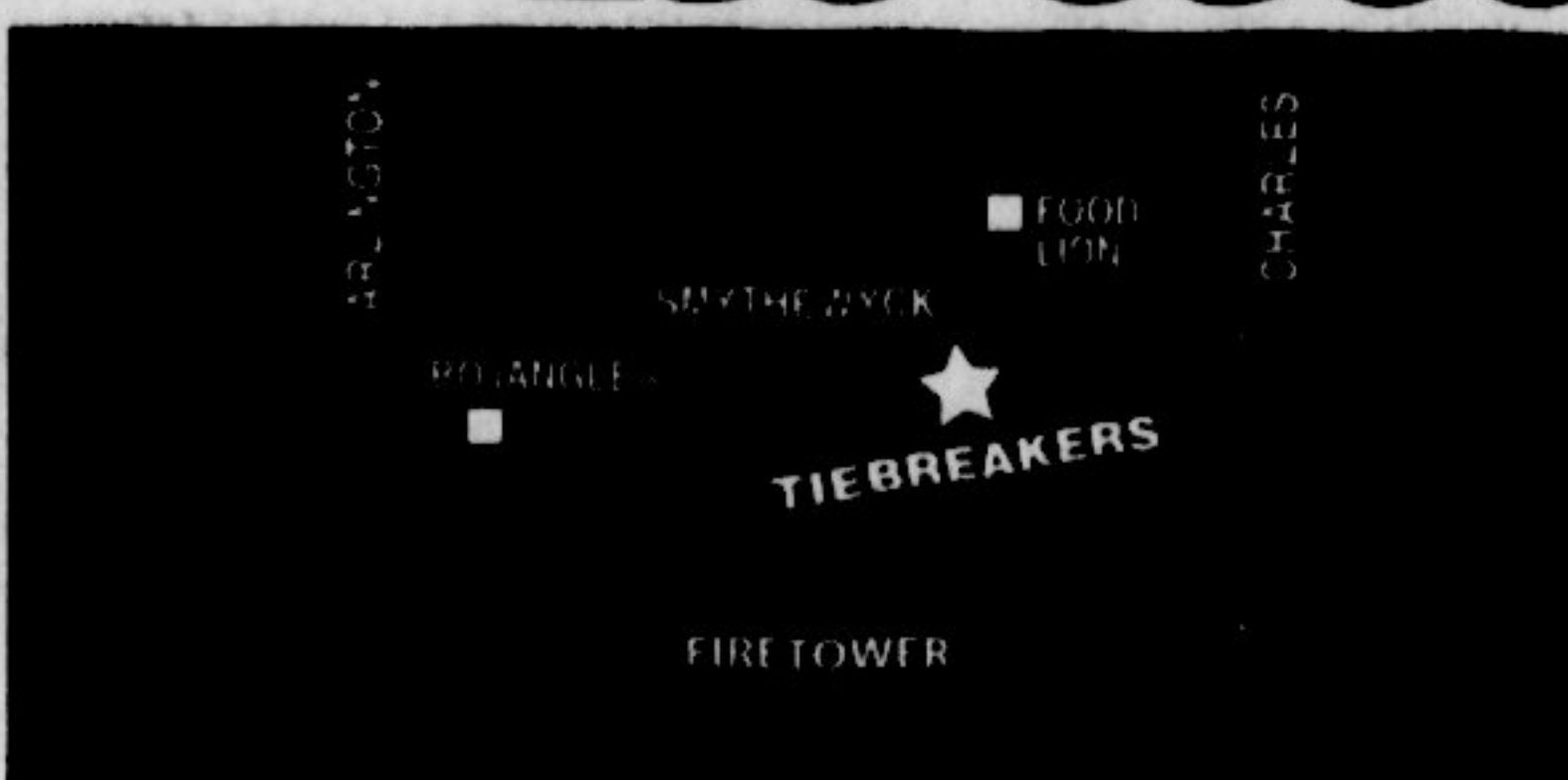
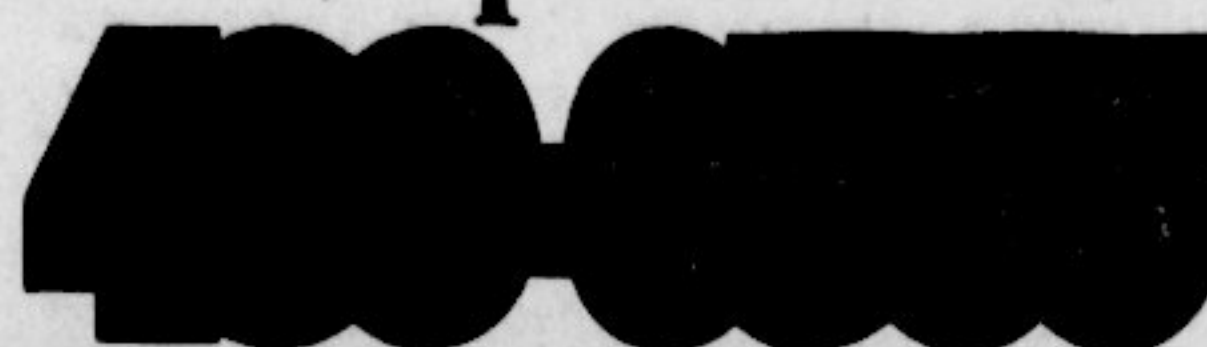
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Autumn arts scene is ready to start its year with a big bang

Students who are interested in getting a little culture should check out ECU's fall lineup of art exhibits, dance performances, performing arts series and classical concerts.

The Jenkins Fine Arts Center will be showing several exhibitions at the Gray Gallery this fall. Craft lovers can enjoy works by the faculty of the Penland School of Craft starting Wednesday, Sept. 1. For those looking for a more interactive experience, there will be a symposium at Gray Gallery Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, in which invited artists will speak and/or demonstrate their craft. Students can also get a taste of ECU's talent by visiting the Gray Gallery during the 2004 Faculty Exhibition, which will feature many different pieces of art created by the faculty and staff of the school of art and design,

and the holiday exhibition and sale featuring student work. All exhibits are free to all students.

The art scene isn't the only thing to check out. The Performing Arts Series has a jam-packed season planned for students, faculty and staff this fall. The Family Fare Series is having two shows this fall. The first is Tales from Around the World which will take place Saturday, Oct. 9. The second show will be Arabian Nights which will be held Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Traveling Arts Series, which shows movies about/from various countries around the world, also has an extremely exciting fall planned for the ECU community. The series has three movies scheduled to play during the fall semester. The first movie will be *Bavaria and the Black Forest* on Sunday,

Oct. 3. The second movie of the series will be *Portugal* on Sunday, Nov. 21. The series will conclude the fall semester with the movie *Alaska, Inside Passages* on Sunday, Dec. 5.

The school of music has a lot to offer this fall. Every month, the ECU Jazz Band performs at Mendenhall as a part of its Jazz at Night series. Opera fans will enjoy ECU's productions of *Toy Shop* (Oct. 13, 4 p.m. at the Fletcher Recital Hall) and *Acis and Galatea* (Nov. 8 and 9, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church). For the holidays, the ECU Women's Chorale and Bell Choir will put on a special concert Dec. 6 at St. James Methodist Church.

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For More Info:

For more information on any of the events listed in the article please visit these websites:

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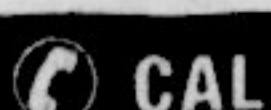
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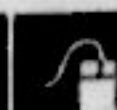
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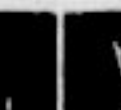
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If the South is famous for its hospitality, then perhaps ECU should be known for its services. The university offers free assistance to students to aid them in their personal, academic and professional lives.

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 is 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?



Clinical lab sophomore, LaShonda Horton, works in the writing center.

A visit to the University Writing Center might help alleviate the problem.

Created primarily to help support students in Writing Intensive courses, the University Writing Center offers one-on-one tutorial sessions designed to help students learn how to correct their own mistakes and improve their writing.

The Writing Center staff will not write a paper for you, however, they will listen to what you say in order to help you express your own ideas on paper. The staff is made up of graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of disciplines, all of whom have received intensive instruction in how to teach writing, revising and editing skills.

There is not one particular 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.

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This year the ECU/Loessin Playhouse will be putting on several productions. There will be a variety of plays and musicals to appeal to everyone. Each year the cast is carefully chosen, and many hours of hard work and dedication are put into each and every show. So this year be sure to express your support and attend as many productions as possible!

The first show will be the musical *Hair*. This rock musical takes the theme from the sixties and seventies, where war, drug-use and racism were all controversial issues. *Hair* radiates many questions of both moral and self-values; not only back in the 1960s and 1970s, but also in today's society. This musical contains 24 amazing numbers including: "East to Be Hard" and "Good Morning Starshine." The show displays a variation of viewpoints which allows the audience to

understand and even feel the love, pain and issues of that time period. *Hair* will be held at McGinnis Theatre Sept. 30 - Oct. 5.

November 18 - 23 the ECU/Loessin Playhouse will be performing *The Children's Hour*. When a school for girls is run by only two women, trouble is close by. A spiteful student starts a rumor about both of the women, consequently engaging the women in a tragedy! Soon, but not quite soon enough, the rumor is found to be untrue. The damage that had been done can not be taken back. This play written by Lillian Hellman distinctly expresses a great moral, not only to the young girl, but to everyone who receives the opportunity to see this wonderful production.

A combination of ballet, jazz, modern and tap-dance are presented to you all on one stage in *Dance 2005*. The faculty and staff of ECU's School of Theatre and Dance have choreographed each step. This upbeat, eccentric and sometimes serious show has become popular among all who appreciate good music and wonderful dance moves. If you've never seen a dance performance, come on out for

Ticket Prices

Tickets for *Hair*:

Public - \$17.50
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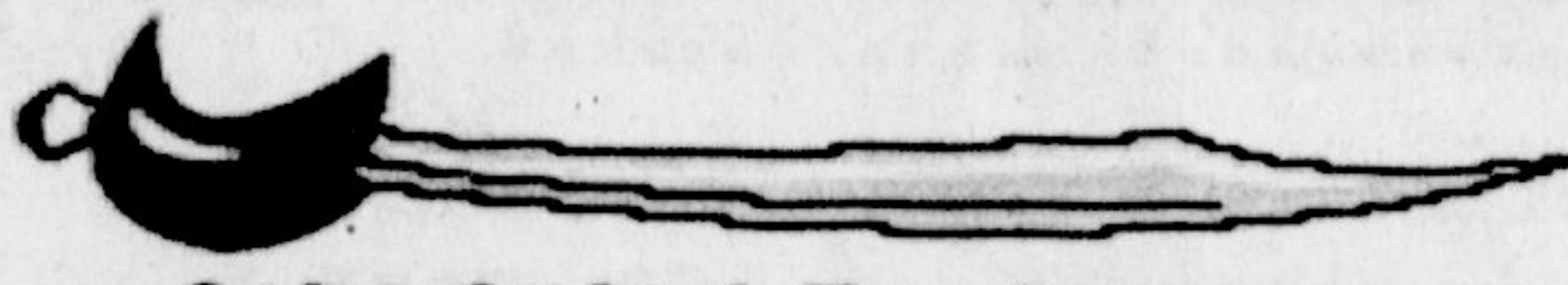


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family soon realized that the once criminals are not real angels who were sent to them.

This moving play can be seen at McGinnis Theatre Feb. 24 - March 1.

The beloved roman-

tic comedy *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare opens April 14 - 19. When a young girl (Rosalind) falls in love with the guy of her dreams (Orlando) she will go to great lengths to win him over. Rosalind confesses

her feelings only to be crushed when Orlando does not feel the same way. Needless to say Rosalind did not take "no" for an answer. To ultimately win his heart she disguises herself and to her surprise her plan went a

little ... too well! How she gets out of her predicament is only part of the good fun and humor to this classic tale!

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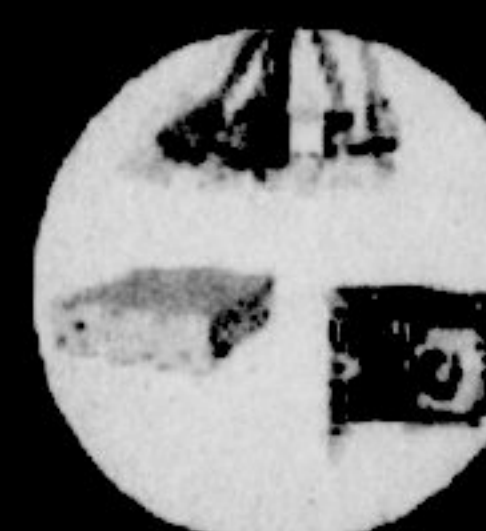
† The LSM meets Sunday nights at 6:00 for informal discussions on faith, Bible studies, worship, programs, and fun nights followed by dinner. The meetings are held at the Annex directly behind Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Transportation is available.

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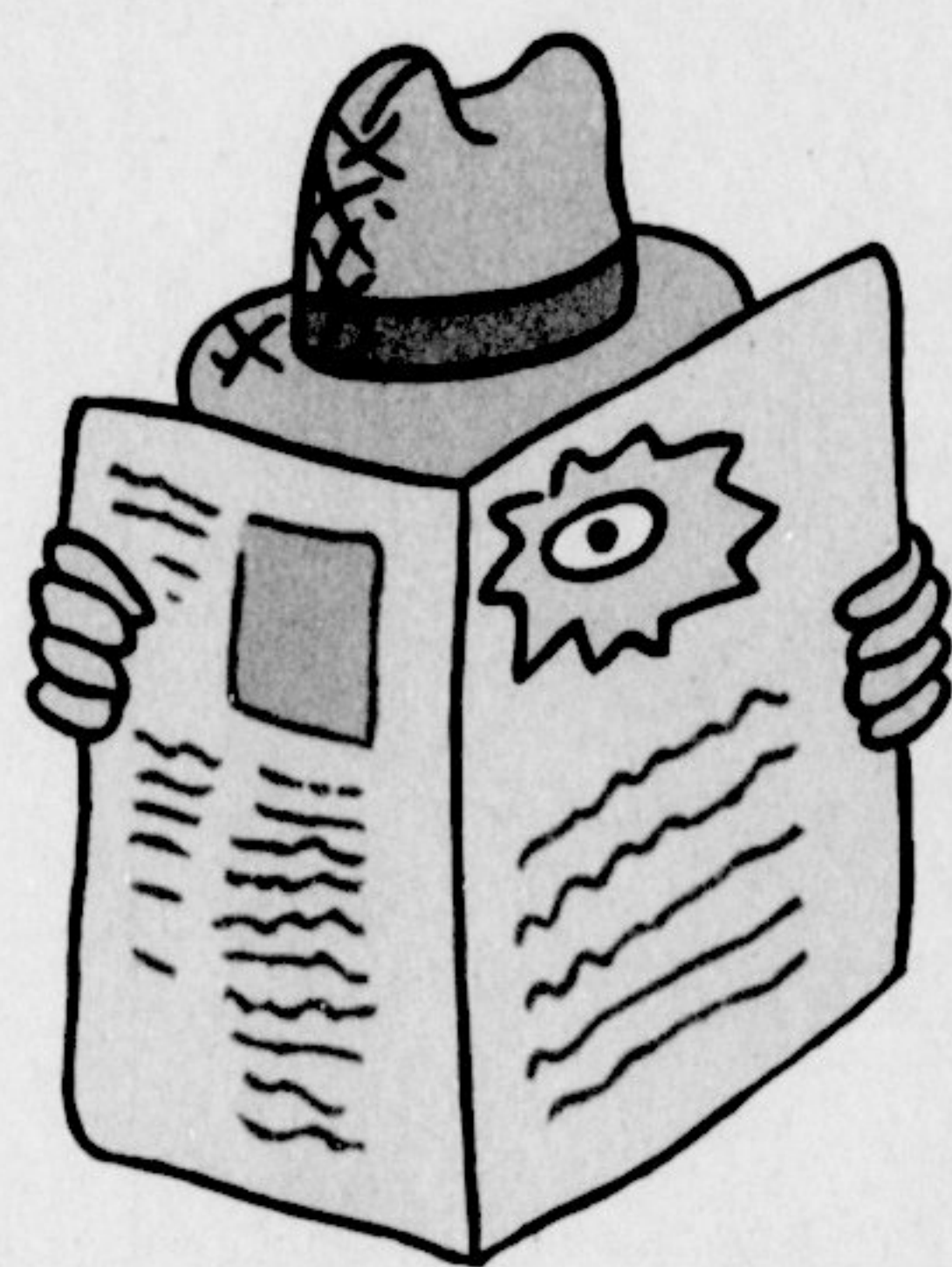
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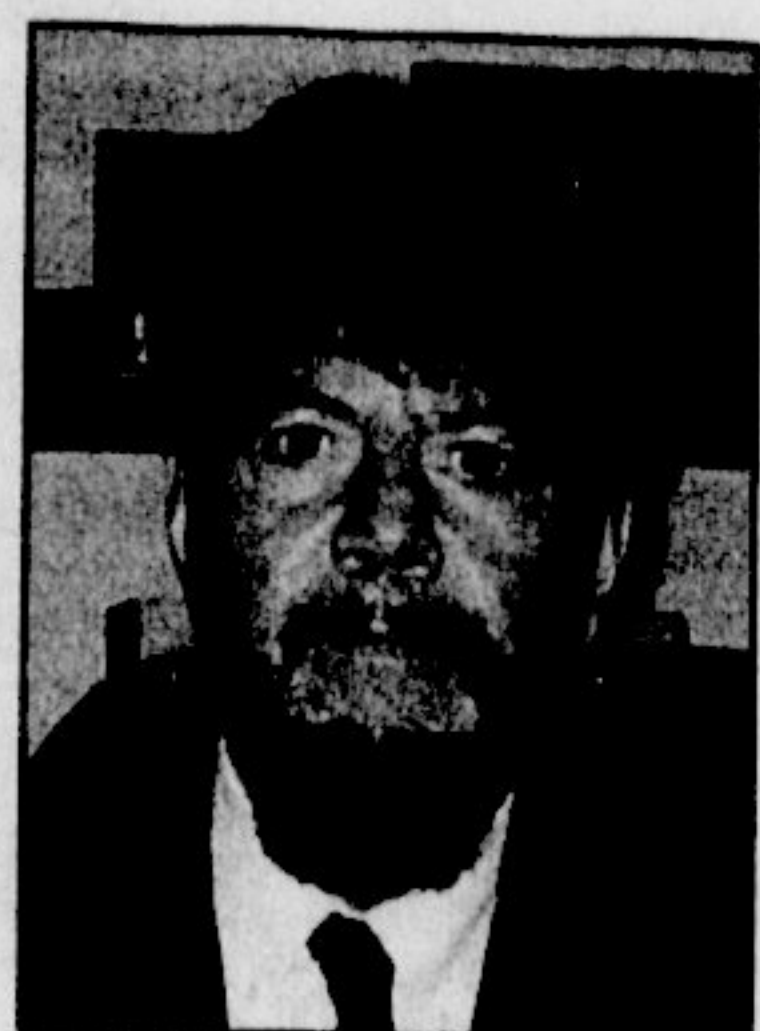
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Restaurants from page B1

food, Hooters and Fuji Japan are all within a block of each other and offer something very different. Libby Hill Seafood is a sit-down restaurant, which allows customers to buy uncooked, fresh seafood at market fresh prices.

We all know the appeal of Hooters, right? The wings! OK, some people may have other ideas in mind but this controversial restaurant has wanted a part of the town of Greenville for quite some time and finally the people have gotten what they wanted.

Fuji Japan is a great option for ECU students who want a unique dining experience. There are hibachi grills and trained chefs that will make your food right in front of you, in an entertaining, show-like manner.

Right next to Cold Stone Creamery is the site for the brand-new Olive Garden! How did Greenville call itself a city without an Olive Garden? Though this Italian experience is still in its framing stages, the anticipation is quickly building. Menu options include endless salad and breadsticks, and every kind of pasta you can imagine. If your creation is not on the menu, the friendly service will be glad to accommodate you.

El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant and Cantina is located across from Taco Bell on Arlington, next to Boulevard Bagel. Though this restaurant and cantina is still not complete, the colorful sign and building are meant to draw-in true Mexican food lovers.

Also along Greenville Bou-

levard, not quite complete, is a brand-new, brick Bojangles. This location, on the corner of Red Banks Road and Greenville Boulevard, should prove to be convenient for students on the run.

Anyone who has ever been to Raleigh along Capital Boulevard has probably eaten at or passed Fuddrucker's. This restaurant has huge hamburgers, delicious chicken sandwiches and fresh salads all done the way you like it, because you do the fixings yourself.

On Fire Tower Road, right next to the movie theatre, is the building site of Greenville's very own Fuddrucker's. You prepare your sandwich any way you want it, so it's perfect every time.

Eating at new restaurants is

always an adventure.

When asked why she likes eating at new places, senior Susan Willson said, "New restaurants always offer the unexpected. If you have never been there, you don't know what the menu will offer and you could be discovering your new favorite food."

ECU students have many new options available to them in Greenville for the fall semester. Whether eating at an old favorite, a new hot spot or waiting for a new arrival, Greenville is an up and coming city with many dining options. Explore all of the new restaurants that Greenville has to offer this fall and do not forget to tip well for good service!

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Campus from page B2

the Seven Wonders of the World meal, which included foods from each country that housed each of the wonders.

Campus dining works hard to ensure students are satisfied with the food they eat on campus. Many students have positive things to say about campus dining. Variety seems to be the one thing students like

most about the campus dining experience.

"Overall, the campus dining experience offers a great variety you can choose from," said Crystal Hodges, graduate student.

"I like the fact that we are given more variety in cuisine and that we have a sufficient amount of dining facilities for the students," said Henry

Woods, junior health services management major.

Convenience is another factor that students like about campus dining. With at least three locations in each neighborhood, you are sure to find time to eat in your schedule.

"When you're busy with classes and work, it's the best

way to get a meal because it's convenient," Hodges said.

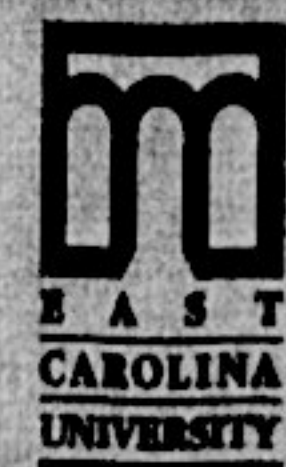
"With all the improvements, students should enjoy a variety of things. Dining is moving up," said Crystal Lane, a representative from dining services.

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Campus Calendar

August 31: The Perfect Resume Workshop 4 p.m. Bate 1010	Student Union Film 'Shrek II' 9:30 p.m. Hendrix Theatre	Sonic Plaza
September 2: Free screening of 'I Robot' 7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre	Video Foam Dance Party 9 p.m. - Midnight Mendenhall Brickyard	September 24: Bingo 9:30 p.m. Mendenhall Dining Hall
September 7: Faculty Recital 8 p.m. A.J. Fletcher Hall	September 11: Avett Brothers 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tailgate Field	September 25: DJ Tailgate Field
September 9: King & Queen of the Halls 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard	ECU Pirate Spirit Rally 6:30 p.m. Minges	October 1: Norma Jean 9 p.m. Pirate Underground
Bingo 9 p.m. Mendenhall Dining Hall	September 15: Get A Clue (ECU Student Organization Fair) 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wright Place Plaza	October 13: Bingo 9:30 p.m. Mendenhall Dining Hall
September 10: ECU FAMILY WEEKEND '04 ECU Pirate Pep Rally 6 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard	September 16: Open Mic 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Pirate Underground	October 22: Jazz at Night 8 p.m. Mendenhall Great Room
ECU Jazz Ensemble Concert 7 p.m. Hendrix Theatre	September 17: Jazz at Night 8 p.m. Mendenhall Great Room	ECU STUDENT UNION MOVIES: Mercury Wed. 7 p.m. Thurs. 9:30 p.m. Fri. 7 p.m. & Midnight Sat. 9:30 p.m. Sun. 7 p.m. Blockbuster Wed. 9:30 p.m. Thurs. 7 p.m. Fri. 9:30 p.m. Sat. 7 p.m. & Midnight Sun. 3 p.m.
ECU Family Fun Night 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. Mendenhall Brickyard	September 19: Dances of Universal Peace 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Mendenhall Student Center	
Free Bowling and Billiards 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Outer Limits	September 21: ECU World Peace Vigil 7 p.m.	

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Todd & Mendenhall Dining Halls
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Taco Tuesdays
SPD (5th and Jarvis Street)
Bate 1010

11am
4pm

SEPTEMBER 1 (WEDNESDAY)

Healthy Pirates Welcome Event
Exhibit: NC Crafts (9/1-10/2)
Federal Work Study Info. Session
The Perfect Resume Workshop
Volleyball Officials Clinic
Nine-Ball Tournament

Student Health Center
Wellington Gray Gallery
SPD (5th and Jarvis Street)
Bate 1023
Student Rec Center 202
Mendenhall Outer Limitz

11am-2pm
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3pm
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9pm-11pm
7pm

SEPTEMBER 2 (THURSDAY)

Federal Work Study Info. Session
Bowling League Interest Meeting

SPD (5th and Jarvis Street)
Mendenhall Outer Limitz

2pm
7pm

SEPTEMBER 3 (FRIDAY)

Emerging Leaders
Cosmic Bowling

Student Leadership Office
Mendenhall Outer Limitz

Application Deadline
11pm-1:00am

SEPTEMBER 4 (SATURDAY)

Cosmic Bowling

Mendenhall Outer Limitz

11pm-1:00am

SEPTEMBER 7 (TUESDAY)

ECU/NFL Pick'em Begins
The Perfect Resume Workshop
The Perfect Resume Workshop
Stress Free Interviewing Workshop
Residence Hall Association
Faculty Recital
Volleyball Registration Meeting

Student Rec Center 128
Minges 143
Mendenhall 212
Bate 1010
Bate Building 1026
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10am
12:30pm
4pm
4pm
5pm
8pm
7pm

+General student football ticket pick-ups begin September 7-9 from 9am-5pm at Minges Box Office; guest tickets available for \$15 before Friday. Students must have valid ECU One Card to pick up tickets.

SEPTEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY)

Giant Subs Lunch
Tennis Registration
The Perfect Resume Workshop
Stress Free Interviewing Workshop
Stress Free Interviewing Workshop
Open House
Freshman Roundtable
Kick Boxing Workout
"NO TAP" Bowling

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Student Rec Center 128
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Student Rec Center
Mendenhall Outer Limitz

10am-6pm
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SEPTEMBER 9 (THURSDAY)

Stress Free Interviewing
King & Queen of the Halls
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Bate 2004
Mendenhall Brickyard
Mendenhall Outer Limitz
Mendenhall Dining Hall

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4pm-6pm
7pm
9pm (Student Union)

SEPTEMBER 10 (FRIDAY)

ECU Family Weekend '04 (Special Events at Mendenhall & Student Rec Center)

Student Union Art Exhibit (opening)
ECU Pirate Pep Rally
ECU Jazz Ensemble Concert
Adventure Extravaganza
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ECU Family Fun Night
Student Union Video Foam Dance Party
Student Union Blockbuster Film: Shrek II

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SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY)

Student Union: Live Band (Avett Brothers)
Contra Dance
ECU Pirate Spirit Rally
ECU Pirates vs. WFU Demon Deacons
Bowling w/ the IOTA's

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7pm (\$)

SEPTEMBER 12 (SUNDAY)

Sorority Recruitment Register on-line at <http://www.greek.ecu.edu/npc/recruitment.cfm>
Sexual Assault Awareness Week (begins 9/12-9/18: Take Back The Night March)

SEPTEMBER 13 (MONDAY)

Stress Free Interviewing Workshop

Brewster D-203

2pm

SEPTEMBER 14 (TUESDAY)

Dialogue on Diversity

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center

6pm

SEPTEMBER 15 (WEDNESDAY)

Get A Clue (ECU Student Organizational Fair)
Stress Free Interviewing Workshop
The Perfect Resume Workshop
Premium Night
Self-Defense Classes (begin)
"NO TAP" Bowling

Wright Place Plaza
Bate 1010
Brewster D-203
Todd & Mendenhall Dining Halls
Student Rec Center
Mendenhall Outer Limitz

10:30am-1pm
4pm
4pm
7pm

SEPTEMBER 16 (THURSDAY)

Thursday Night Bowling Leagues
Open Mic Night

Mendenhall Outer Limitz
Pirate Underground

7pm
7pm (Student Union)

SEPTEMBER 17 (FRIDAY)

Spades Tournament
Jazz At Night (Live)
Salsa Dance

Mendenhall Billiards
Mendenhall Great Rooms
Willis Building

7pm
8pm (Student Union)
8-10:30pm (\$3)

FAMILY WEEKEND SPECIAL EVENTS SEPT 10

ECU JAZZ ENSEMBLE CONCERT

HENDRIX THEATRE, 7PM \$5.00 FOR ECU STUDENTS
\$10.00 FOR ECU FACULTY/STAFF (IN ADVANCE)

GET READY TO GROOVE TO THE SMOOTH TUNES OF OUR ECU JAZZ ENSEMBLE UNDER THE ARTFUL DIRECTION OF CAROLL DASHIELL!



ECU PIRATE PEP RALLY

MENDENHALL BRICKYARD, 6PM

JOIN US IN CHEERING OUR ECU PIRATES TO ANOTHER VICTORY ALONG WITH THE ECU MARCHING BAND, COACH JOHN THOMPSON, ECU CHEERLEADERS AND DANCE TEAM!



WORLD PEACE WEEK SEPT 19-24

World Peace Vigil

Tuesday, September 21
Steps of Joyner Library, 7pm

Join us for a special evening of reflections and musical performances focusing on world peace featuring the Gospel Choir, Native American Drummer, Singers (Gray Wolf Jr.), student and faculty speakers and more!

Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team. For more information call 328-4790.

Sunday, September 19 - Dances for Universal Peace, 4-6pm, Mendenhall 244. FREE. Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team.

Tuesday, September 21 - ECU World Peace Vigil/United Nations International Day of Peace, Joyner Library (Steps of Joyner Library), 7pm. FREE. Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team.

Wednesday, September 22 - ECU World Peace Vigil/United Nations International Day of Peace, Joyner Library (Steps of Joyner Library), 7pm. FREE. Sponsored by the ECU Student Involvement Team.

FREE Student Tickets: RUMI CONCERT

SU Films at Mendenhall

Hendrix Theatre (Free w/ ECU One Card)
For more information contact 328-6004 or <http://www.ecu.edu/StudentUnion>

August 25-29
Mercury Cinema - The Passion of Christ
Blockbuster - The Day After Tomorrow

September 8-12
Mercury Cinema
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Blockbuster - Shrek II

September 15-19
Mercury Cinema - Saved
Blockbuster - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

Student Government Association

September 13-17, Campus Safety Week
September 27 - October 1, Voter Registration Week
October 4-9 - Homecoming Week
November 15-20th - Diversity Week

All campuswide events noted below are FREE to ECU students (with your ECU One Card) except for certain Campus Dining events and those marked by "\$"

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For more information on other ECU campuswide events check your ECU Email accounts for "THIS WEEK AT ECU" announcements or contact 328-4700. This campus event calendar information sponsored ECU Student Involvement Team and Partners in Campus Life (PICL)

Women's Soccer Game Postponed

The women's soccer contest between East Carolina and UNC Wilmington, scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at UNCW Soccer Stadium, was postponed due to Tropical Storm Gaston. There has been no make-up date announced as both schools are in the process of discussing alternate dates. The Pirates will be back in action Friday, Sept. 3, when they host Georgia Southern in the home opener at Bunting Field with a 4 p.m. start time scheduled.

Warner named Giants starter against Eagles

Eli Manning remains the New York Giants' quarterback of the future. For now, the job belongs to Kurt Warner. Briefly citing Warner's experience and recent play, coach Tom Coughlin announced Sunday the two-time MVP had beaten out the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft for the starting job in the season opener at Philadelphia on Sept. 12. The choice wasn't surprising in the wake of Thursday's 17-7 loss to the Jets. Warner played well and Manning did not during his worst day on the field since signing a \$45 million contract in late July. Warner hit 9 of 11 passes for 104 yards, leading the Giants to their only touchdown against the Jets. Manning was 4 of 14 for 20 yards, with two interceptions and a fumble that was returned for a Jets touchdown. Coughlin's decision puts Manning in a backup role for the first time since his redshirt freshman year at Mississippi in 2000, when Romaro Miller started.

Priest costs marathon runner gold medal

A defrocked Irish priest with a history of disrupting sports events was given a one-year suspended sentence and fined \$3,600 Monday for grabbing a runner who was leading the Olympic marathon with three miles to go. Cornelius Horan was convicted by a misdemeanor court of violating Greece's laws on extracurricular sports for knocking Vanderlei de Lima into the crowd on Sunday. De Lima continued running, but he soon lost his lead and finished third. Horan, 57, was wearing a green beret, red kilt and knee-high green socks when he pushed de Lima. Horan, who apologized to the court, was told he would have to serve the sentence if he violated any other laws in Greece in the next three years. He was expected to return home to London.

Curacao wins Little League World Series

Carlos Pineda struck out 11 and Jurickson Profar hit a two-run homer as Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, took an early lead and held on for a 5-2 victory over Conejo Valley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., in the Little League World Series championship on Sunday night. Teams from Curacao reached the international final game the previous three years, but lost each time to a team from Japan. It was the first Little League title for the tiny island in the Netherlands Antilles, and the first for any team from the Caribbean.

South Korean gymnast appeals judging result

South Korea made a last-ditch push for the gymnastics gold medal given to Paul Hamm, appealing to sports' international arbitration panel to say "yes" when everyone else has said "no way." Only hours before the Olympics ended Sunday, Yang Tae-Young asked the Court of Arbitration for Sport to order international gymnastics officials to correct the results from the all-around, and adjust the medal rankings so he gets gold and the American gets a silver. But U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said the appeal was a moot point. The International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG, has already said it won't change its results, and the International Olympic Committee has refused to even consider the idea of giving Yang a gold medal. Yang, who finished with a bronze, was wrongly docked a tenth of a point on his second-to-last routine, the parallel bars. He finished third, 0.049 points behind Hamm.

The time is now for the Pirates

ECU returns to gridiron after impressive off-season

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One year removed from a 1-11 season, Head Coach John Thompson and the Pirates are kicking off the 2004 season with a renewed sense of pride.

Whether the Pirates win two, six or 10 games this season is still to be determined, but one thing is for certain, ECU is a vastly improved team.

Armed with new uniforms, a talented incoming class and the return of Art Brown to complement Marvin Townes, the Pirates are hoping a new look and feel will translate into success.

Offense

The biggest addition to the offense will be running back Art Brown. The senior tailback rushed for more than 1,000 yards in 2002 before being sidelined with an injury last season. Fellow senior Marvin Townes stepped in to become the 12th running back in ECU history to tally 1,000 yards on the ground.

The talented duo will be the focus of the Pirates' offensive attack.

"Art (Brown) is a quality running back, an every down back," said Thompson. "Having both of those guys back makes a big difference."

Brown has been practicing at 100 percent after taking it slow earlier in the summer.

"I'm excited for the team and what we have going this year," said Brown.

"I'm excited for the players and glad to be back on the team. There's going to be a lot of chance for guys to step up and make plays in our offense."

"Me and Marvin (Townes), Chris Johnson and some other guys will be in the backfield," Brown said discussing the packages the offense will implement during the season.

Perhaps the biggest question



Wide receiver Bobby Good (left) and quarterback Desmond Robinson (right) performed well in all the Pirates' summer scrimmages. ECU will open up their season on Saturday in Morgantown, Va. as they take on West Virginia.

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The biggest goal

Pirates loaded with talent, determination

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

While most college kids spend their summers working to put themselves through school or perhaps just make a few extra bucks, the ECU men's soccer team works in a different kind of way - preparing for the rigorous schedule that lies ahead of them for the fall season.

Although the rewards are not monetary, the goal this team has set out to accomplish this year has the potential to be far more rewarding than receiving a paycheck every two weeks. The Pirates look to qualify for the Conference USA tournament in one of the nation's elite soccer conferences.

With the returnees and the freshmen all sticking to the workouts that were assigned to them at the beginning of the summer, the result has been a solid preseason that has the Pirate men poised to make a run at postseason play.

Head Coach Michael Benn is pleased with how things are shaping up heading into the beginning of the regular season.

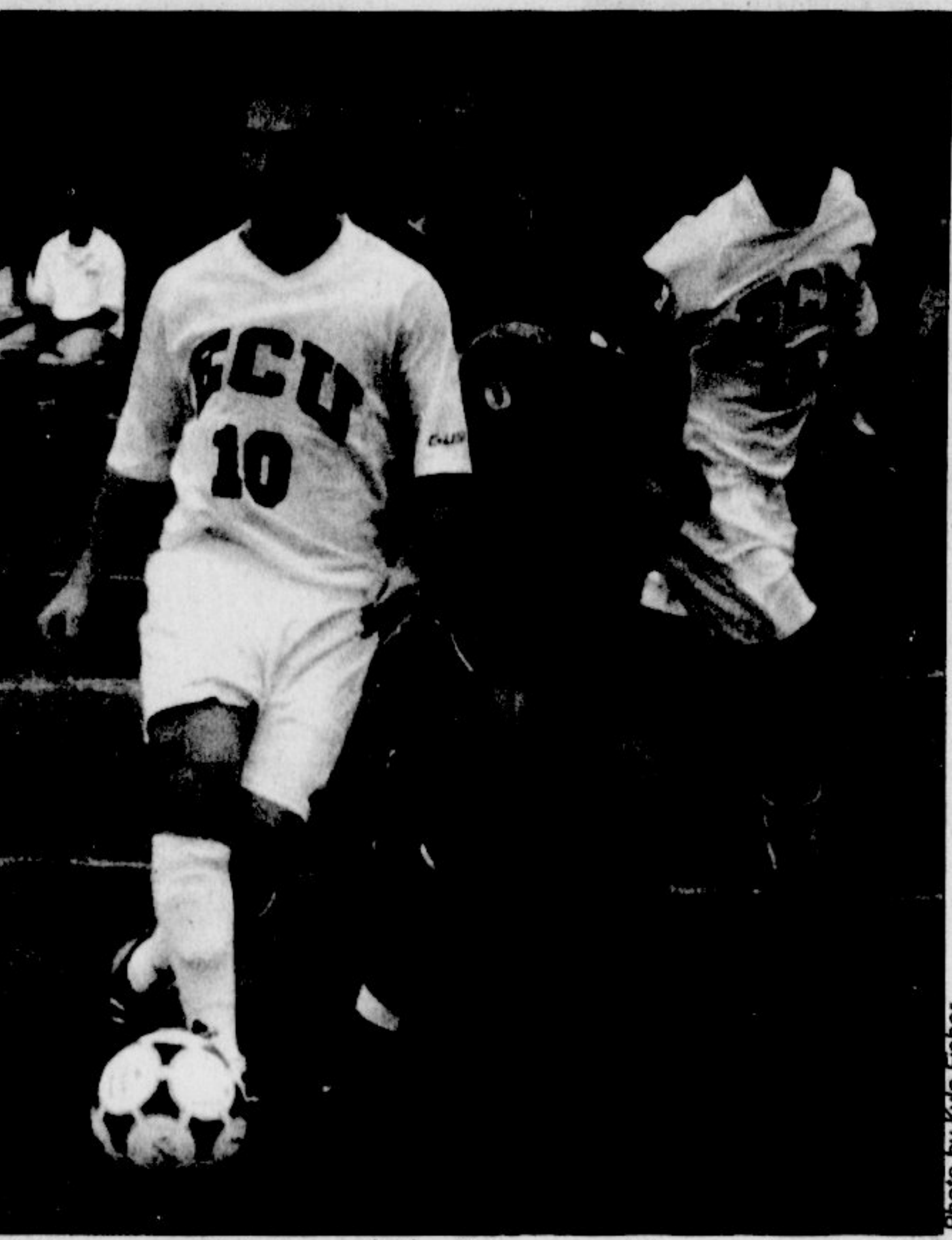
"We did well in the preseason," said Benn.

"We won one scrimmage and tied another, so although we have a very challenging conference schedule, we're still certainly looking forward to the fall."

The Pirates' conference schedule includes some of the nation's most renowned soccer programs such as St. Louis, who enters the season as the 4th ranked team in the nation, as well as UAB who was named the nation's 25th best team to start the 2004 campaign. Annual powers Cincinnati and Marquette are also key games that will play part in determining conference positioning for postseason play.

Despite the greatness of C-USA, Benn believes the conference race will be much closer than preseason rankings and numbers may indicate.

"One of the exciting things about our conference, despite how good it is, is that on any given day, anyone in our conference can beat anybody. And so, every time we step out there in



Defenseman Rob Cann (10) will be one of five seniors leading the way for a young but very talented 2004 ECU squad.

conference games, we feel we have a chance to win if we play well," Benn said.

Only six out of 10 conference teams will qualify for the C-USA tournament to be held in Louisville, Ky. Therefore, ECU's fight to be in the top six may be decided in a key stretch of home games in early October against Depaul, Charlotte and Marquette.

"Every game is going to be a battle, and I believe that most of the games will be decided in the last couple of minutes."

In order to come out on the winning end of games that go down to the wire, Benn believes that winning the battle in the air could decide the outcome of the game.

"It's absolutely vital that we challenge well in the air on the headers. It can set the tone for the whole game, and if you can let the other team know that you're going to dominate that aspect of the game, then some of the headers won't late could decide the contest."

One game decided on a header could seal the Pirates' fate as to whether or not they will make the conference tournament, so Benn uses that as a

McClellan hired as new SID Director

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Tucked away in the depths of the Ward Sports Medicine building is a man working vigorously in preparation for the upcoming athletic season. Few people will know his name or notice all of his hard work. As important as his work is, there is simply not enough time in the day for a man like Tom McClellan.

McClellan is the newest and one of the most important members of the ECU athletic team. He was hired by Nick Floyd, interim athletics director, to become director of athletic media relations. The void was created when former sports information director Craig Wells took another job.

"We [sports information directors] act as an intermediary between the coaching staff, student-athletes, administrative staff and the media. We are a bunch of hats. We record and keep all of the statistics, prepare and act as editors on media guides, game programs and now we have to be the ambassadors of the Internet. We have the job of telling the story to people on the outside about our respective schools and attract interest in ECU athletics," said McClellan.

"This job is about calling and e-mailing people back. It's about doing the little things," McClellan said.

From setting up statistics monitors on press row for game days to the day-to-day filtering through the credential requests, it all falls under McClellan's job description. McClellan has not earned the job without hard work. He received his B.A. in journalism/public relations at Sam Houston State in Texas. After graduating, McClellan worked with the Georgia Southern Media Department starting in 1988. He then left to become sports information director at Stetson University.

After leaving Stetson, McClellan took over the department at Georgia Southern in 1996 and had held that post for the last seven years.

McClellan traveled to numerous baseball regionals while at Stetson and Georgia Southern.



McClellan brings a positive and personal touch to ECU.

McClellan's resume also includes running an NCAA basketball regional in 1996. While holding the post at GSU, McClellan oversaw national exposure of the football team that won two I-AA national championships.

Adrian Peterson broke almost every single rushing record in I-AA while at Georgia Southern. He won the equivalent to the Heisman at the I-AA level. McClellan dealt with all of the media requests and helped to market Peterson, who became a household name among college football fans.

"We had some fun with him. We made a CD, launched a Heisman campaign for him and he actually got a couple of votes," McClellan said.

True to the McClellan's personality, he helped Peterson struggle through a speech impediment and pronounced stuttering problem. "We had to help him in not only communicating with the media, but to do well in his class work and to handle himself in a very critical society. To see him grow through his hard work to overcome his speech impediment made me more proud than anything he did on the football field," McClellan said.

After seven years at Georgia Southern, McClellan was ready for a new challenge.

"There is a marked difference between Division I-AA and I-A. I had my eyes open walking on campus here. Seeing what is on the table here and the potential ECU has, it's incredible the dif-

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McCallion and Schwanke look to lead Lady Pirates

ECU women coming off of fantastic spring

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

Momentum is one of the most important aspects in sports. No matter which sport is in question, a team with momentum can beat just about anyone. If this holds true this year, expect the women's soccer team to have a great season.

The women built up a lot of the momentum they needed for this season last spring. After finishing the 2003 campaign in a heart breaking overtime loss to Charlotte, the women dominated their spring schedule. They posted a 7-0-1 record and dominated on both ends of the field.

The Lady Pirates enter this season picked to finish ninth in Conference USA for the second consecutive year. Defending champion UAB is predicted to repeat as the conference champion while in state rival Charlotte is slotted to finish fifth.

The schedule for the ECU women this fall also features games against two ACC opponents, as well as home conference games with DePaul, Marquette, Tulane, Southern Miss and South Florida.

Coach Rob Donnenwirth's biggest question mark this season will be on the defensive side of the field. The Pirates graduated virtually all of their defenders, including Penny Perrott, C-USA's co-defensive MVP last season. The play of the defense this season will be the difference in many close games. The roster features only one senior and no juniors. The one senior in the backfield, Megan Schwanke, will need to anchor a young and inexperienced defensive unit.

However, if the opposing attack gets by Schwanke and her fellow defenders, they will run into one of two experienced goalies. Red shirt sophomore Lauren

Church was expected to be the starter last season, but an injury forced her to sit out the season. The Pirates then looked to sophomore Linds Troxler, who stepped into the role as the number one keeper. She recorded 70 saves and 1.10 goals allowed average. Troxler also posted four shutouts on the season. The battle for the start in goal will be interesting to watch but whoever wins the job will have a solid backup right behind her.

The strongest part of the Pirates this season will be the play of the forwards.

Due to her play last season, junior Meghan McCallion earned preseason All-Conference USA honors heading into this year and is a lock to start up front for Donnenwirth's attack. McCallion has scored an amazing 20 goals in her first two seasons as a Lady Pirate. As of now, she is fourth all time in scoring with two full seasons left.

With the defense as young as it is, scoring goals will be at a premium to counter any defensive mistakes, which makes McCallion all the more valuable.

Coach Donnenwirth will have strong midfielders this season as well. Senior Sarah Stoltz is one of the best two-way players on the team. Another senior, Rachelle Cabeciras, ranks in the top five in five career categories including shot percentage and goals scored. The play of these two and their ability to control the tempo of games will be a crucial part ECU's scheme this year.

All in all, it looks to be a good season for the Pirates. Expect great goaltending and loads of scoring. McCallion should move up the list on the all-time scoring list before finishing her career next season as the greatest goal scorer in ECU history. If the young defense can hold up, expect a birth in the C-USA tournament.

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



A young ECU women's soccer team will take to the field this fall.

Women's Soccer Schedule

Friday	Aug. 27	at Virginia	L 0-4
Sunday	Aug. 29	at UNC Wilmington	7 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 3	Georgia Southern	4 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 5	St. Francis	3:30 p.m.
Thur.- Sat.	Sept. 9-11	Furman Tournament/Greenville, SC	
Thur.	Sept. 9	Clemson	5 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 11	Furman	2:30 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 17	Campbell	4 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	Virginia Commonwealth	2 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 24	at Charlotte*	7 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 26	at Western Carolina	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 1	DePaul*	4 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 3	Marquette*	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 8	at Saint Louis*	7 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 10	at Memphis*	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 15	Tulane*	4 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 17	Southern Miss*	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 22	at Cincinnati*	7 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 24	at Louisville*	1 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 29	USF*	2 p.m.

*denotes Conference USA match

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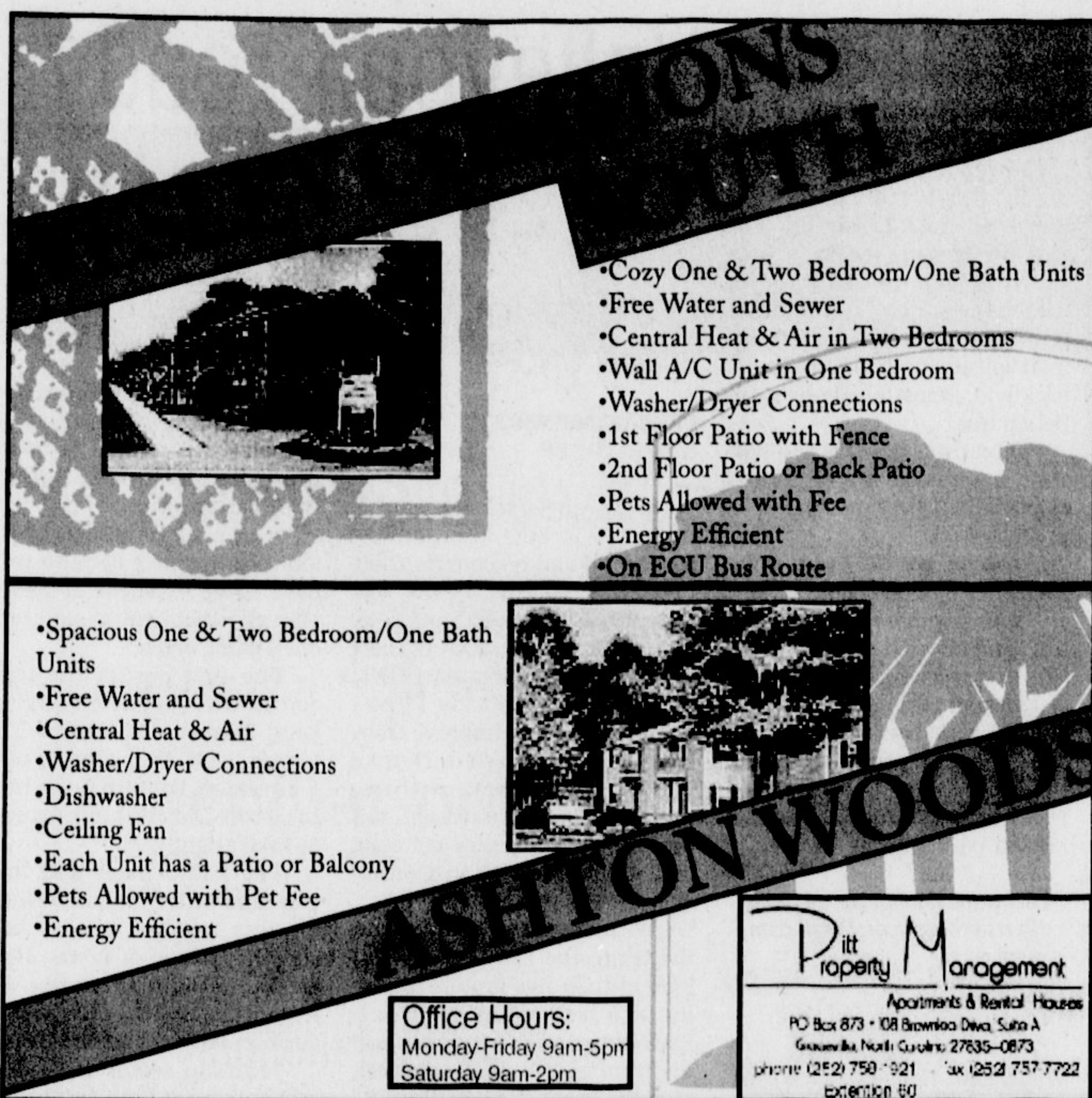
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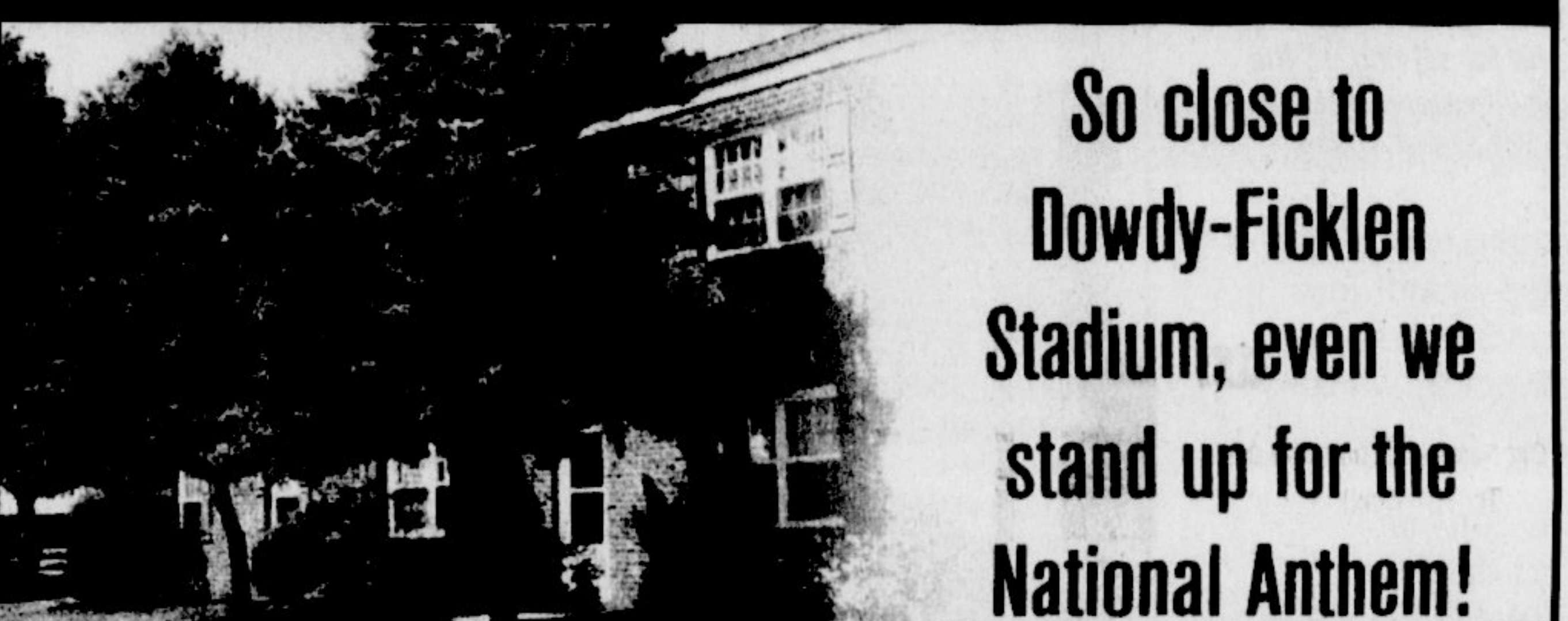
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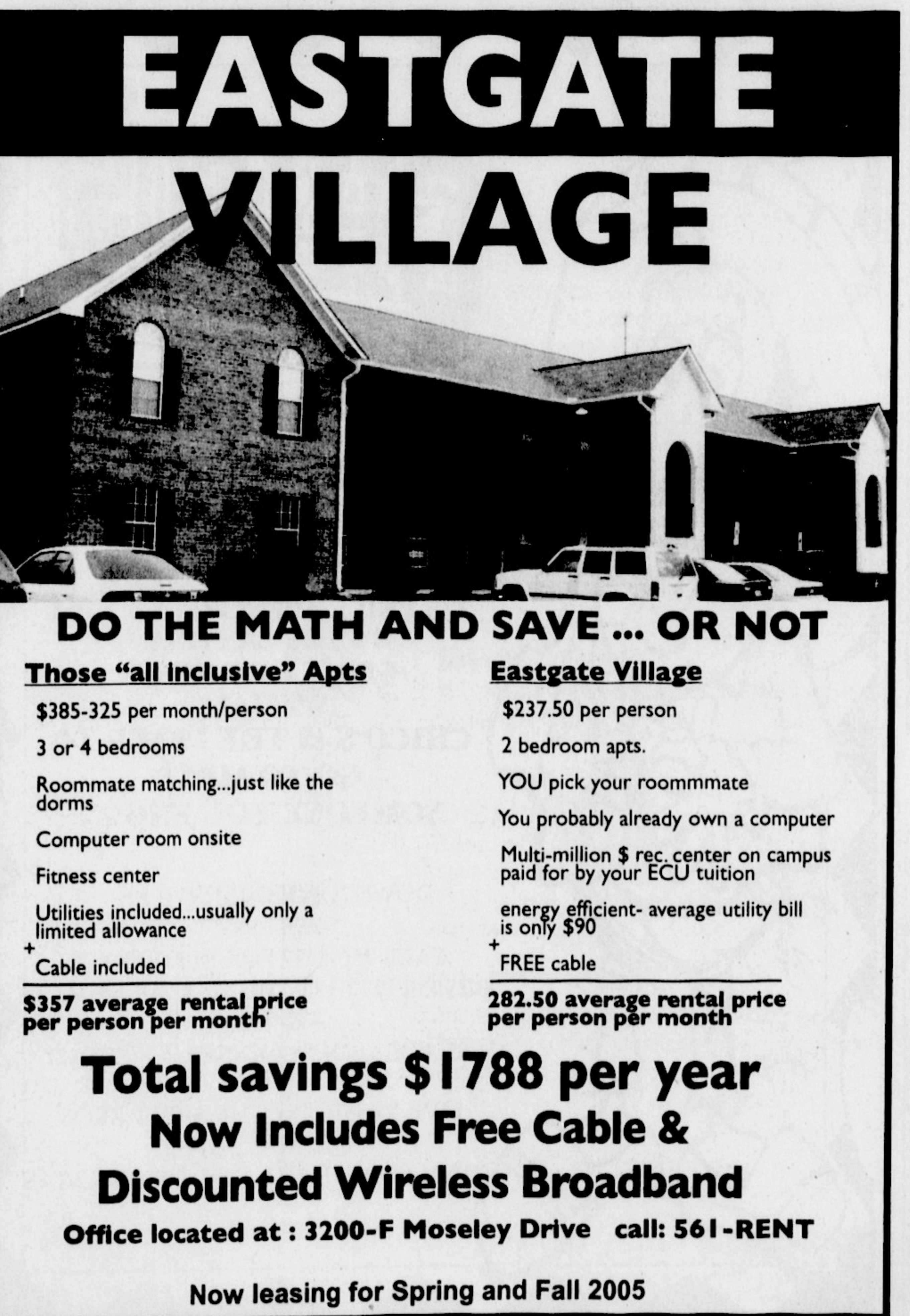
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Pirate swimmers ready to take to pools

Parker, Cronin eager to fulfill leadership roles

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

It's a sport of millimeters and thousandths of seconds. It's a sport where to be a fan you can't help but scream if you are in attendance. It's a sport that ECU has dominated and placed its stamp on as one of the most winning traditions in Pirate athletic history.

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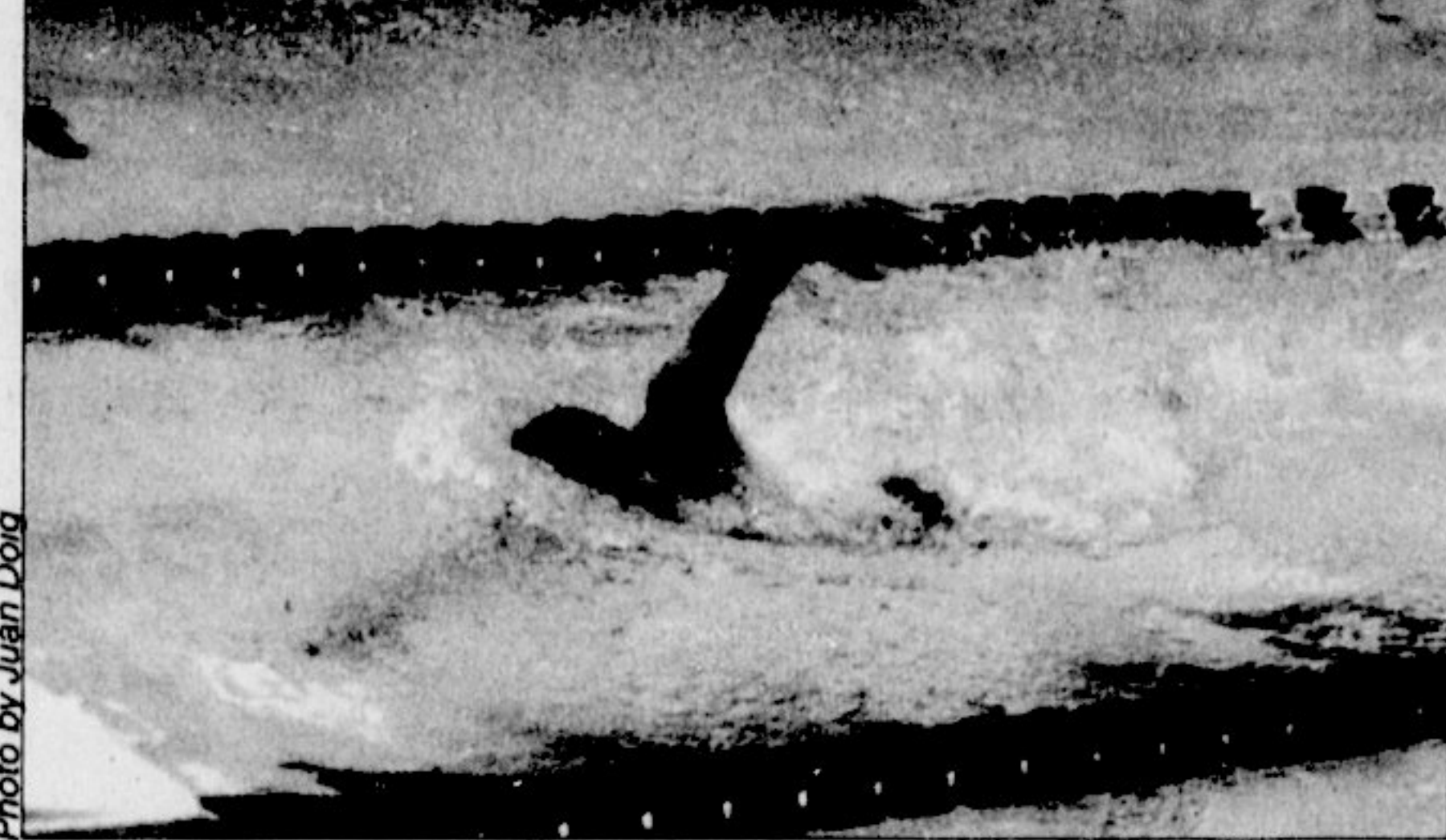
The Pirate swim teams, under Head Coach Rick Kobe, have been one of the most dominating forces in Pirate athletics during Kobe's tenure, and this year looks to be no different.

Though ECU lost a few key swimmers from last year's team, the Pirates have reloaded with the new incoming recruiting class and are ready to fire away at this year's competition.

"We brought in our largest and most talented recruiting class ever," said Kobe.

"These freshmen will step right in and truly be a big part of this program and hopefully enable us to win both championships this year."

The Pirate freshmen will have a solid core of current Pirate swimmers to look to for experience and motivation throughout the season.



Both the men and women's swim teams finished second in Conference USA at the end of 2003-2004 season.

On the women's side, returning senior Diane Parker and junior Holly Williams both look to have yet another successful season. Parker, despite any achievements she may earn this season, will go down as one of the most prolific swimmers in ECU history.

"She (Parker) is very versatile which makes her very valuable," Kobe said.

Senior Casey Cronin will lead the men's charge to the conference title this year. Cronin is coming off three solid years as a Pirate where he has been conference champion in several events.

"Casey swims everything and swims it well," Kobe said.

"We have Kelly Hendrick and Gavin Stark backing him up which are good kids in their specialty events."

The key to the Pirates' year in and year out success is credited to Kobe's ability to make sure that his swimmers maintain a steady balance between the

different strokes of the sport.

"We really have always tried to balance out all the events. And when you balance out your events, that's how you win dual meets and that's how you win championship meets," Kobe said.

A picture perfect example of individual balance is this year's eight-medal performer, Olympic champion Michael Phelps.

"What he did these past couple of weeks was truly incredible," Kobe said.

Truly incredible could be used to describe the tradition of Pirate swimming and what they have been able to accomplish over the years. Truly incredible will hopefully be the words used to describe this season after it is all said and done.

The Pirates open with the Purple/Gold meet on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m.

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Men and Women's Swim Schedule

Oct. 7	Purple/Gold	Greenville, NC	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	College of Charleston	Greenville, NC	3 p.m.
Oct. 23	Davidson	Greenville, NC	2 p.m.
Oct. 29	at James Madison	Harrison, Va.	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	at George Mason	Fairfax, Va.	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Duke	Durham, NC	2 p.m.
Nov. 13	at George Washington	Washington, D.C.	1 p.m.
Nov. 18-20	at Nike Cup	Chapel Hill, NC	All Day
Dec. 2-4	at U.S. Open	San Antonio, Texas	All Day
Jan. 15	William & Mary	Greenville, NC	1 p.m.
Jan. 22	at UMBC	Baltimore, Md.	1 p.m.
Feb. 5	UNC Wilmington	Greenville, NC	2 p.m.
Feb. 23-26	C-USA Championships	Houston, Texas	All Day
Mar. 17-19	NCAA Championships (Women)	W. Lafayette, Ind.	All Day
Mar. 24-26	NCAA Championships (Men)	Minneapolis, Minn.	All Day

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ference and the facilities that are here," said McClellan.

While mostly dealing with football during the fall season, McClellan is in charge of all of the intercollegiate sports offered at ECU. He has four people reporting to him including a secretary so McClellan will have to balance management duties as well.

"I knew that I needed to become a head SID to learn how to manage a budget and staff," McClellan said.

"It's a never ending process in football. Its stuff that people sitting on the couch watching have no idea what is going on."

Not being from the area, McClellan will have to orient himself with a whole new media core. What he doesn't know now, McClellan will surely make up for in effort. The only real question would be whether he has enough time.

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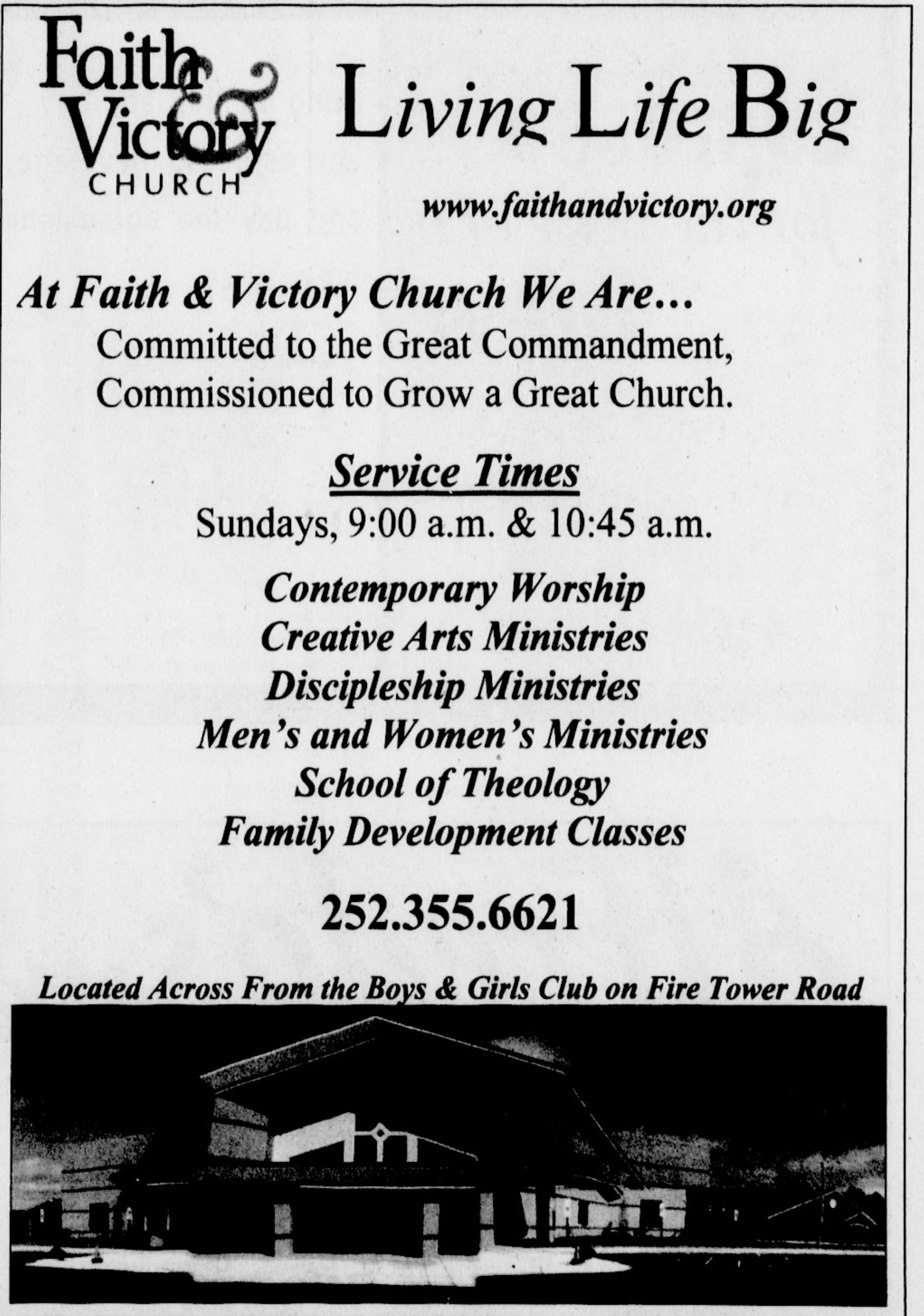
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Football from page C1



Assistant coach Jerry McManus weaves in between Pirates as they stretch out before one of their summer practices.



The Pirates will try to spread teams out and throw the ball more often this season as part of their new "Fun N' Gun" offense.

chart. Dontre Brown, Shauntae Hunt and Guy Whimper will be counted on heavily to play well and stay healthy.

The unquestioned leader will once again be linebacker and All-American candidate Chris Moore. Moore will likely challenge the NCAA leaders in tackles after a

great off-season. Moore was as impressive as ever after recovering from an injury, swarming around the ball and being involved in almost every tackle in practices and scrimmages.

Undersized but athletic Mickey McCoy and DaShaun Stephens will man the other

linebacker positions with Richard Koonce and John Chilsom seeing plenty of action. Koonce will likely start at the bandit position.

Many believe that Zach Baker will have the biggest impact than any newcomer. Baker is a junior college transfer and will step in right away at the free safety position. The hard-hitting Baker will complement sophomore cornerback Erode Jean who's impressive 2003 season earned him a spot on the College Football News Freshman All-American Team and a Conference USA All-Freshman selection.

Manning the other corner position will be senior Donald Whitehead. Kyle Chase will be starting at the other safety spot and Kasey Ross will be the primary backup and could push for time ahead of Whitehead and Chase.

Special Teams

The Pirates will have one of the top punters in the nation in Ryan Dougherty. Dougherty was selected to the First Team Pre-season All C-USA after averaging

44.5 yards per kick in 2003.

Place-kicker Cameron Broadwell will return to boot the field goals and extra points. Broadwell was 12-of-18 on field goal attempts last season.

Little known Chris Johnson will be the primary kick returner for the Pirates. The speedy freshman will also push for time in the backfield. Demetrius Hodges will field punts.

Thompson knows it will take time to rebuild the Pirates to respectability, but remains optimistic.

"We've got to earn some respect," Thompson said.

"Our guys have put in a lot of time and invested a lot in the off-season running and being in the weight room this summer. These last two weeks have been grueling, but that's what pays dividends."

The highly anticipated season will kick-off against nationally ranked West Virginia Sept. 4.

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Football Schedule

Sept. 4	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	6 p.m.
SEPT. 11	WAKE FOREST	GREENVILLE, NC	7 p.m.
SEPT. 25	CINCINNATI *	GREENVILLE, NC	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Louisville *	Louisville, Ky.	3 p.m.
OCT. 9	TULANE *	GREENVILLE, NC	2 p.m.
Oct. 23	at Southern Miss*	Hattiesburg, Miss.	7:30 p.m.
OCT. 30	ARMY *	GREENVILLE, NC	2 p.m.
Nov. 6	at Houston *	Houston, Texas	5 p.m.
Nov. 13	at USF *	Tampa, Fla.	7 p.m.
NOV. 20	MEMPHIS *	GREENVILLE, NC	2 p.m.
NOV. 27	NC STATE	CHARLOTTE, NC	1 p.m.

* denotes Conference USA game

Volleyball ready for 2004 season

Lady Pirates kick off against UNC-W

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

As the new school year is underway at ECU, team athletics gear up and prepare for their upcoming seasons. ECU's volleyball team is no exception as they get ready to kick off their season Wednesday against UNC Wilmington. The Lady Pirates will be looking to improve from last year's 10-21 record. Despite being a young team with no seniors, the Lady Pirates will not be discouraged as they compete in their fourth year in Conference USA.

With the lack of seniors on the team, the Lady Pirates will look to their five juniors to step up into leadership positions. Erica Wilson will be trying to lead her team in kills again this year, after last year's team-leading 287 kills. Fellow juniors Pam Ferris and Katie Jannusch will also step into leadership roles for ECU. Ferris and Jannusch combined for more than 400 kills and 387 digs last year.

The strategy of Head Coach Colleen Munson this year will focus on the team's speed, tempo and defense. Johanna Bertini, Caitlin Daly and Trish Monroe will provide the team with

a strong defense, something Munson has based this year's team around.

"It gives us confidence that if we don't block a ball, we're going to dig it," said Munson, in an interview with ECU Sports Information.

"Our practices are going to be more competitive because we'll have three excellent defensive players which will make everyone's game better."

The first test for the team comes this Wednesday as the Lady Pirates host UNC Wilmington. UNC-W is coming off a 6-20 season, but with a new head coach the Lady Seahawks cannot be taken lightly.

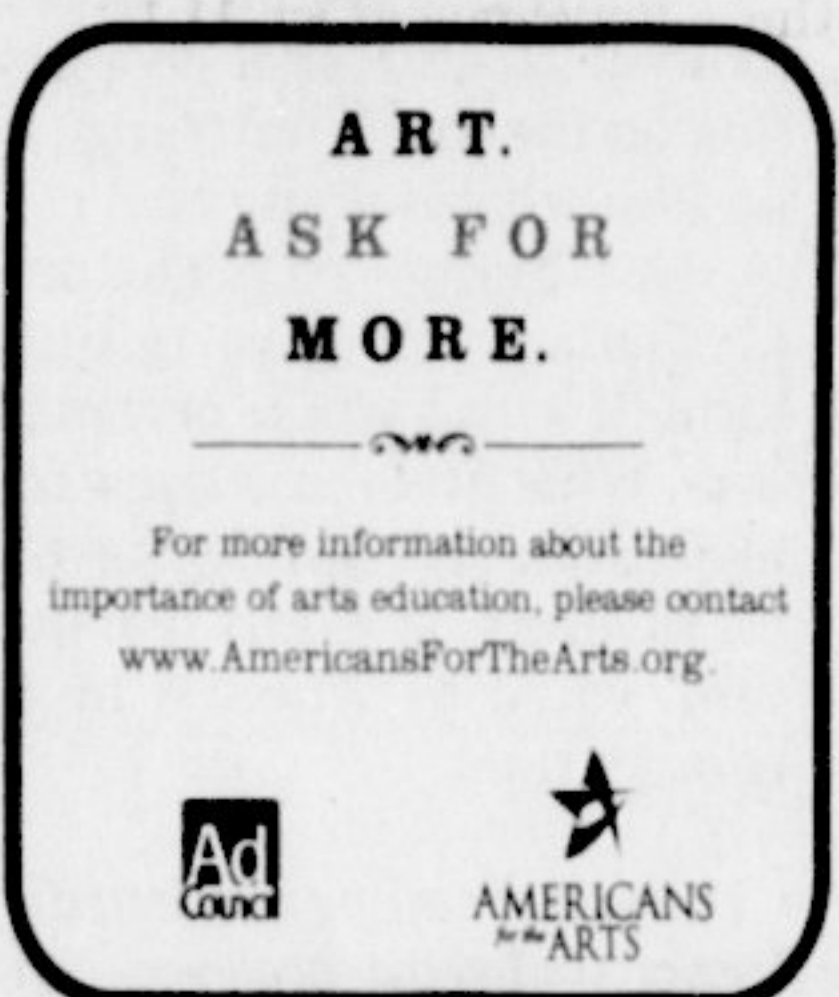
The Lady Pirates will then continue with their home schedule this weekend as they host the City Hotel & Bistro Invitational. The tournament will feature teams such as High Point, Furman, Mercer and Lamar.

Munson seems confident that this year's team will be successful.

"You go and play hard, night-in and night-out, whether we're at home or on the road," Munson said.

"It's imperative we show up every night. We know that we're a good team, now we have to go out and prove it."

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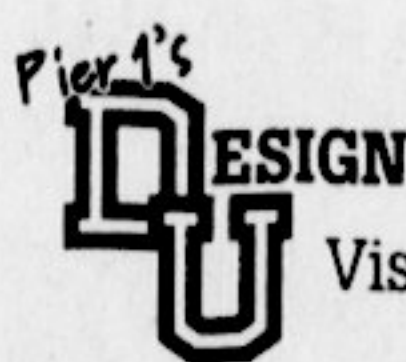
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in September to try and avenge a 5-2 loss to the Blue Devils from a year ago.

This year's squad returns a number of key players on offense, including team captain Reed Avren, who Benn expects to put scorers Michael Logan, Chris Mobley, Terron Amos and a number of others in prime position to score goals.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Pirates have improved tremendously with the return of starters David Rowe, Pat Cutler and Rob Cann from last year's team. The anchor of that defense will be sophomore goalkeeper Brian Pope, who started in goal his freshman season and according to coach Benn had "a very good freshman year," and has come back ready to go at it this year.

Although the Pirates return many of their starters from a year ago, Benn feels that freshman Alex Diedrichs will play a crucial part in the team's success.

"Alex has come in and it looks like he's going to be starting at center mid-field for us. He's a very sound, technical player and I think he'll compliment Reed (Avren) very well.

"This will be the most talented team that we've have had here in my six years," Benn said.

The veterans have done a good job of what Benn calls "welcoming" the freshmen to the team, which has led to the devel-

opment of good team chemistry up to this point in the season.

"We stress getting together off the field and doing some things like going out to dinner, and just last week, we got together and watched the U.S. national team in a World Cup qualifier," Benn said.

With the team clicking off the field, Benn believes his squad will carry that chemistry over onto the field.

"We're a family. Our players pull very well for each other,

and that's something that we stress everyday, to be there for each other, both on and off the field, and know that you're not just working for yourself, but you're working for your family," Benn said.

The Pirates will begin their march towards a great season on Wednesday with Wilmington. First ball is scheduled for 3:30 pm at Bunting Field.

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Men's Soccer Schedule

Sept. 1	UNC Wilmington	Greenville, NC	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Longwood	Greenville, NC	1 p.m.
Sept. 8	High Point	Greenville, NC	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	at Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	Elon	Greenville, NC	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	UNC Asheville	Greenville, NC	11 a.m.
Sept. 22	at Duke	Durham, NC	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, Ohio	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Campbell	Buies Creek, NC	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	DePaul*	Greenville, NC	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 6	Charlotte*	Greenville, NC	3 p.m.
Oct. 10	Marquette*	Greenville, NC	12 p.m.
Oct. 16	at UAB*	Birmingham, Ala.	8 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Alabama A&M	Normal, Ala.	3 p.m.
Oct. 24	Louisville*	Greenville, NC	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Saint Louis*	St. Louis, Mo.	8 p.m.
Nov. 3	at USF*	Tampa, Fla.	8 p.m.
Nov. 6	Memphis*	Greenville, NC	1 p.m.
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* denotes Conference USA match

ECU golf team set to "tee off" 2004-2005 season in mid-September

Pirates looking to improve on 2003-2004 year

MATTHEW SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

On September 13, the ECU men's and women's golf teams will be teeing off their 55th annual campaign. The men will be starting their season on the road at the Mid Pines Intercollegiate Tournament in Southern Pines, NC while the women start on the road at the Cougar Fall Invitational in Charleston, SC.

The men and women both look to improve on disappointing season's in 2003-2004 in which neither team lived up to expectations. Head Coach Kevin Williams expects better results

from his teams this season.

"I think we have a good chance to be very competitive this year," said Williams, now in his tenth year as ECU's head golf coach.

"We have a lot of new faces, and with the new enthusiasm generated by these newcomers, I feel we can be very good this year."

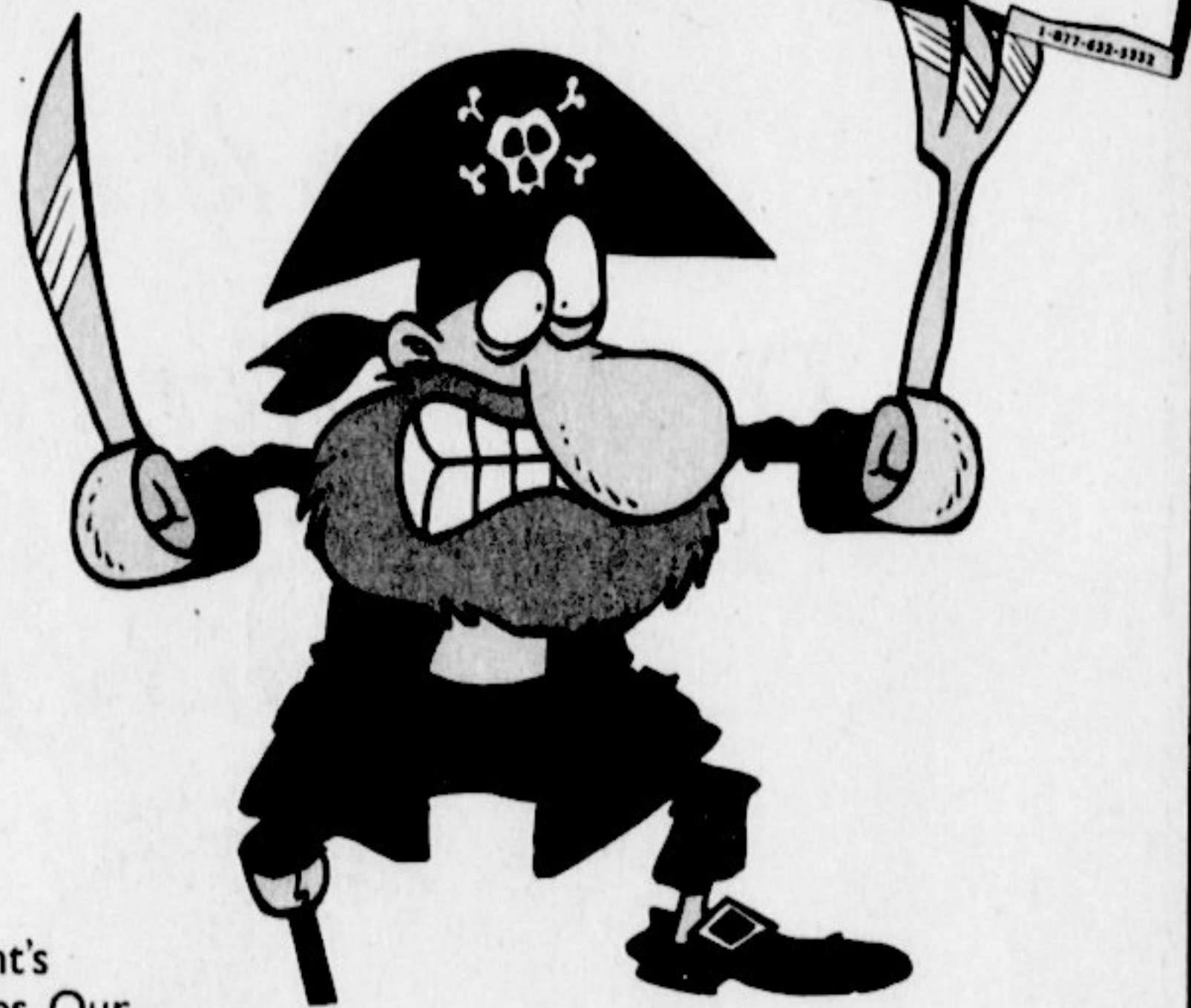
Williams expects freshmen Ryan Solan of Charlotte, Martin Nicholls of Cali, Colombia and Chris Ault of Levittown, Pa. to help form a solid nucleus for the men's team, lead by returning starter, junior Adam Howell of Rocky Mount and transfer, sophomore Ryan Neal of Arlington, Texas. The men's first home outing will be Oct. 18-19 at the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate from Bradford Creek Golf Club.

For the women's team, Williams expects top recruit, freshman Emelie Lind of Balsta, Sweden to make a big impact along side senior Adrienne Millican. Millican of Fuquay-Varina continued to show why she is ranked in the top 100 collegiate players in the country by finishing 33rd out of 125 at the NCAA Championship in May. Other notables to watch on this year's women's team include sophomores Jessica Hauser of Germantown, NC and Michelle Williams of Wolfville, Nova Scotia along with juniors Heidi Helliesen of Droeback, Norway and Jamie Quinn of Sanford, NC. The women will be making their first home appearance Oct. 11-12 at the Lady Pirate Fall Intercollegiate, also at Bradford Creek Golf Club.

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ECU prepares for new Intramural facility

Facility to be largest, most unique in nation

TRENT WYNN
STAFF WRITER

Dump trucks and bulldozers are hard at work preparing the site that will leave you breathless at its completion.

Construction has begun on what is going to be the largest intramural facility in the nation. Located in front of the County Fairgrounds, this new facility will almost be three times the size of the next largest field complex at Ohio State University.

With it being such a large project, the expected completion is a little uncertain,

according to Guy Hodges, one of the Intramural Directors.

"It's still in the planning stages and the schedule cannot be projected yet," said Hodges.

"By now, all we should know is the cost."

The firm may have never had to assess such an enormous project.

"The size will make it unique," Hodges said.

"Most campuses do not have this kind of space for this type of facility."

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The Diamond Bucs will look to achieve another 51-win season in an improved stadium.

Harrington Field project underway

New stadium doubling seating capacity

MATT COCKRILL
STAFF WRITER

The Harrington Field expansion is currently underway with the new stadium scheduled to be complete in February 2005, just in time for the next season to begin.

"The main reason for the revamping of the stadium is so we can hold NCAA tournaments," said Todd Marshall, project manager for Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services.

"The new stadium will have a 3,000 seat capacity for tournaments."

The new stadium will have a 3,000 seat capacity, which is double what the old stadium could hold. It will include bleachers and individual seating as well as press boxes and upgraded seating for booster club participants. The upgraded seating will include chair backs.

The new stadium will also include a locker room for the home team, a training room, a coach's office and indoor batting tunnels that can be used year-round.

Architects developed the design of the new stadium

with input from the ECU Board of Trustees and the baseball coaches.

The Harrington Field parking lot will be paved and expanded to include a pedestrian plaza, an area between the parking lot and the front of the stadium, which will give fans a place to meet before the game. The new parking lot will be able to hold up to 100 cars.

In addition to other construction, the parking lot, stadium entrance and surrounding field areas will also be upgraded with landscaping work.

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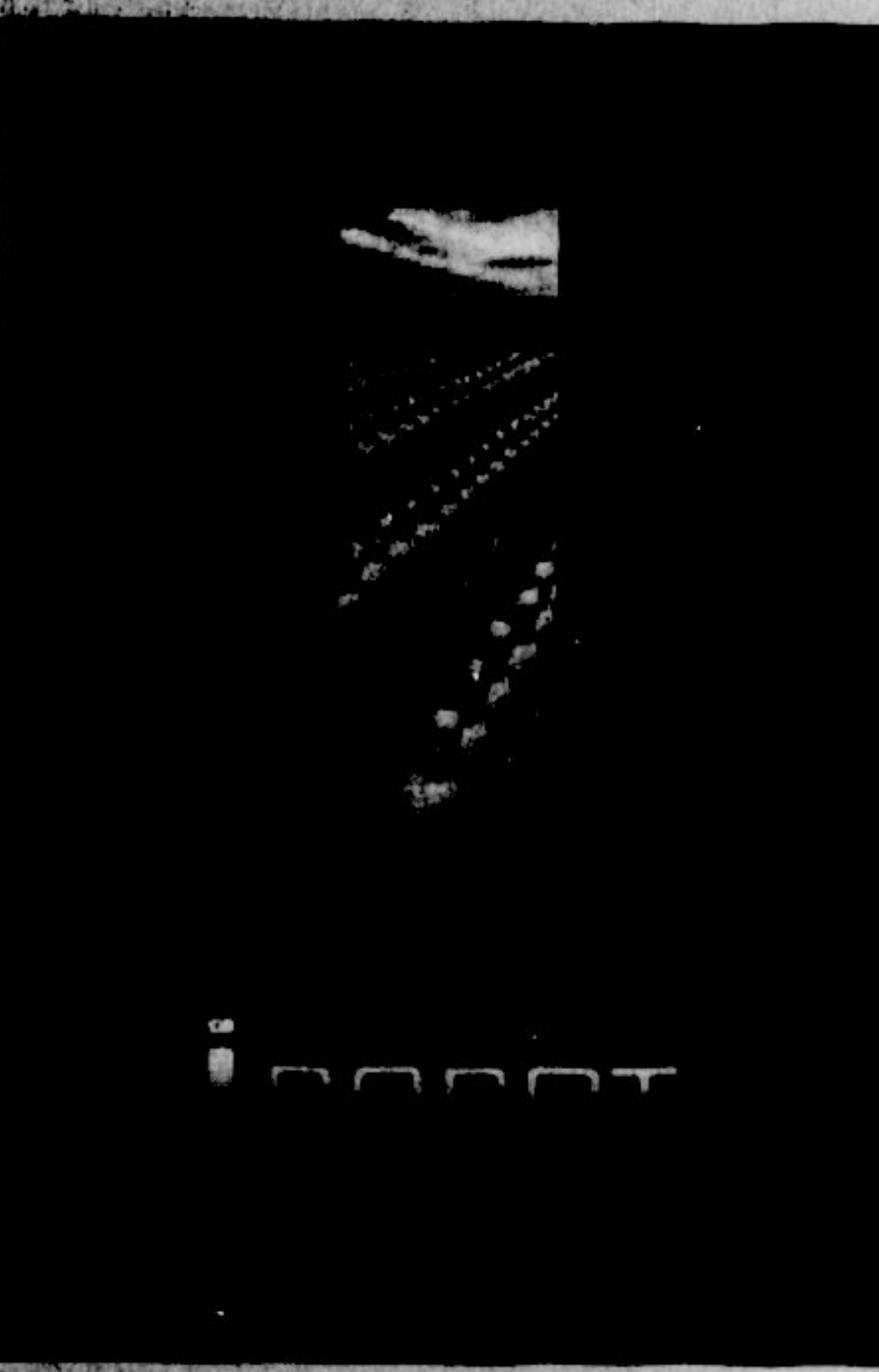
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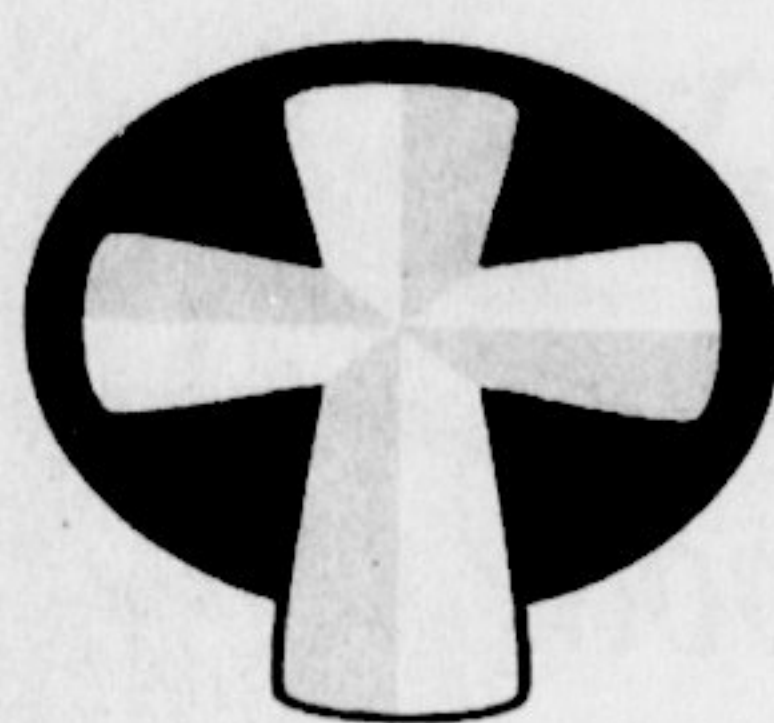
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Relish in big non-conference matchups while they last

(KRT) — Marquee non-conference games may soon follow eight-track tapes, Betamax and Z. Cavaricci pants down the road to extinction.

Now that the strength-of-schedule component has been removed from the Bowl Championship Series formula, why would any highly ranked team (i.e. Southern California) want to challenge another good team (i.e. Virginia Tech) and risk a loss?

USC escaped FedEx Field on Saturday with a 24-13 victory over Virginia Tech. The Trojans were supposed to win; they were 17 1/2-point favorites. But it was obvious USC coach Pete Carroll was relieved to get this one over with. Watching Hokies quarterback Bryan Randall scramble around for 235 total yards couldn't have been comforting.

"Nobody said you have to be at your best in the game," Carroll told reporters afterward.

Chances are good that college administrators and coaches all over the country watched Saturday's festivities. It's just the situation many will avoid now that the strength-of-schedule component is out, along with the "quality-win" component and deductions for losses.

The strength-of-schedule rating is not completely gone, though. Several computer rankings still use SOS as a criterion. However, the aver-

age of four computer rankings make up only one-third of the BCS formula. The other two-thirds come from votes accumulated in The Associated Press Top 25 poll and the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll.

Top-tier teams will probably not put themselves in dicey situations anymore by scheduling tough non-conference games. Expect Powerhouse U. to challenge Northwest Paper Bag State. Ultimately, college football fans will be the ones who suffer as they wait until October, when conference play really heats up.

This weekend, there are some interesting non-conference matchups. Oklahoma State at UCLA, Pittsburgh at South Florida and Syracuse at Purdue, for example. Florida State and Miami meet next Monday. But now that both are in the ACC, it doesn't count as a non-conference matchup.

The rest of the month features some high-caliber teams, at least by name anyway, going at it. Texas meets a retooled Arkansas squad on Sept. 11. Arizona, under new coach Mike Stoops, hosts Wisconsin on Sept. 18. Ohio State and North Carolina State tangle the same day.

Unless TV executives step in and offer boatloads of cash, these are the types of games we may not see in 2005 and beyond.

Clemson recently dropped Oklahoma from its

schedule because Clemson athletic director

Terry Don Phillips said the ACC schedule was tough enough. No need to face the Sooners in 2008 or 2011, apparently. OU could probably pay a stiff fine to get out of traveling to Oregon in 2008, but AD Joe Castiglione said, "That's not how we operate."

Next season, the Sooners are scheduled to face TCU, Tulsa and then travel to UCLA in non-conference action. Those three may not be slam-dunk victories, more like layups. OU may add more gimmies in the future, though.

Fans once mocked Kansas State for its cream-puff scheduling. Seemingly every land-grant institution and directional school found its way onto the Wildcats' schedule. K-State's Bill Snyder looks like a coach who was ahead of his time.

Philosophically, most coaches and ADs want to schedule three types of non-conference games: one against a solid, but beatable team with name recognition, one against a mid-level team, preferably with regional connections, and a third against a low-level team looking for a payday.

Without the strength-of-schedule component to consider, Central Michigan, Idaho and Buffalo may start touring the country harder than the Beatles.

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A look at the 2004-2005 NFC East

(AP) — Joe Gibbs and Bill Parcells have five Super Bowl wins between them. Tom Coughlin took an expansion franchise in Jacksonville and had it in the AFC championship game in its second year.

The NFC East, however, belongs to Andy Reid.

Reid took over the Eagles in 1999, went 5-11 with Donovan McNabb as a rookie and is 46-18 since, not counting the playoffs. The only stain on his record is three straight losses in NFC title games and even that is a dubious blemish — give him credit for getting back there every year.

With the addition of Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse, the Eagles have more than a decent shot at doing it again, although it would be considered another disaster in Philly if they stop there. Never mind winning the NFC East — that seems easy. Reid, his players and the city will be satisfied with nothing less than its first NFL title in 44 years.

First things first.

The Eagles are clearly the class of the NFC East, winners of the last three division titles and probably up against weaker opposition than last season. Dallas, which finished 10-6 and made the playoffs in Parcells' first season, could take a step back; Washington, 5-11, has a long way to go, even under Gibbs; and the Giants are rebuilding under Coughlin.

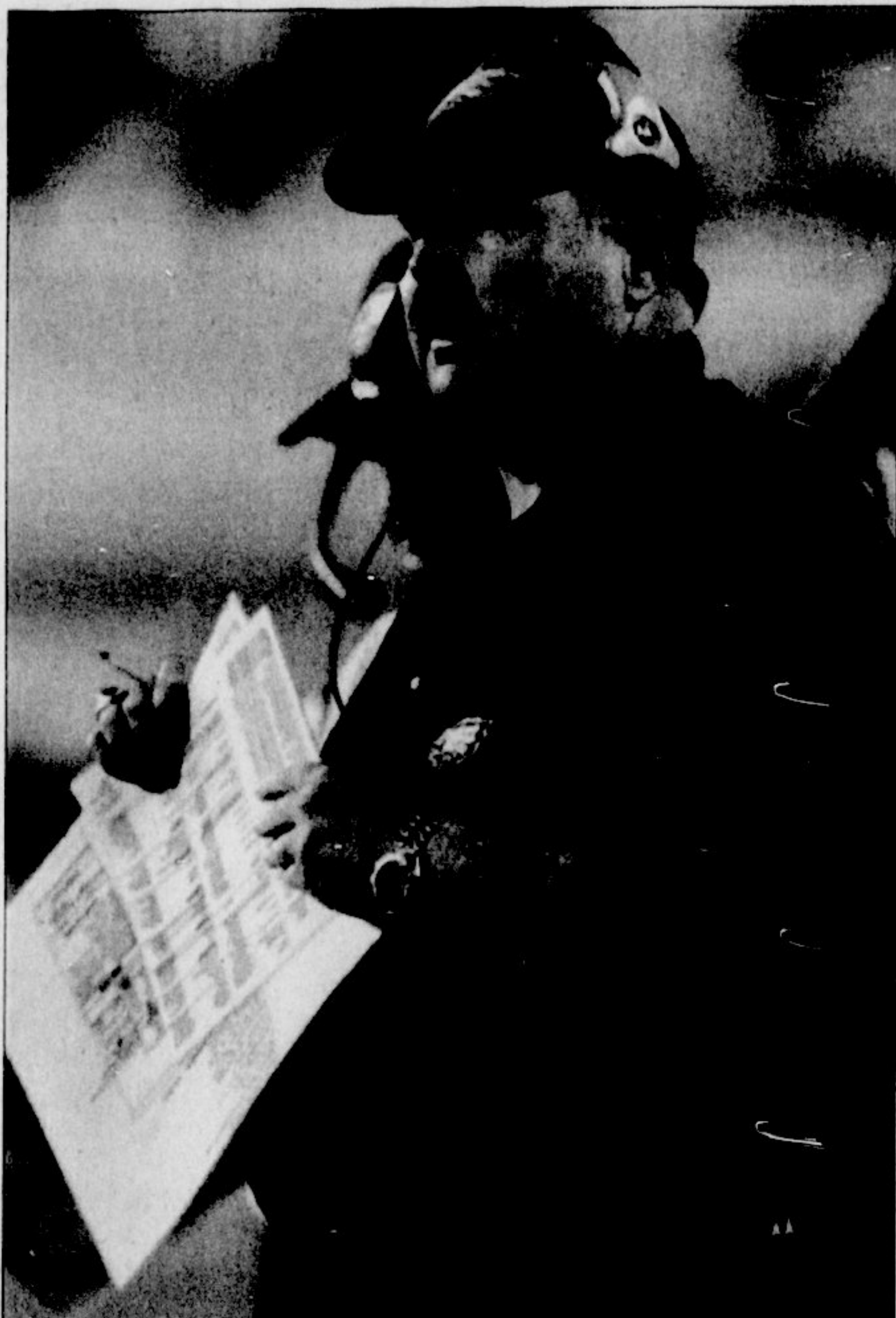
So Philadelphia it is, with Owens giving McNabb the first premier receiver he's had.

"I feel very comfortable back there with T.O.," McNabb said of his new receiver whose tempestuous behavior got him run out of San Francisco. "We are doing some different things now. I think that we've been able to understand exactly what we are doing and know what we are seeing out there."

There are two negatives in Philadelphia.

One is the loss of cornerbacks Troy Vincent and Bobby Taylor to free agency, especially Vincent, a leader in the locker room whose influence was the exact opposite of Owens' in San Francisco. The second is injuries: Defensive end N.D. Kalu and running back Correll Buckhalter already are lost for the season and a dozen others are banged up.

But Kearse can be a devastating pass rusher when healthy (and he has been this summer) and Owens is the one thing the Eagles have lacked — a No. 1



Head Coach Andy Reid looks to prove that his Philadelphia Eagles can get past the NFC Championship this season and put their names on a ticket to Super Bowl XXXIX.

receiver for McNabb. The load at running back now falls on Brian Westbrook, who is more suited for spot duty.

The main defensive problem will be at cornerback, where youngsters Lito Sheppard and Sheldon Brown step in for Taylor and Vincent. It doesn't help that Brian Dawkins, one of the game's best safeties and the leader of the secondary, has been a training camp casualty.

The rest of the division can bask in the glory of its coaches.

Among them, Reid, Gibbs, Parcells and Coughlin are 427-274-1, with those five Super Bowl wins, seven Super Bowl appearances and 13 championship game appearances. And their record would be even better if they hadn't struggled in their first seasons. Parcells with the Giants and Patriots, Reid in 1999, and Coughlin with a first-year expansion team.

Gibbs also started poorly, 0-5 in 1981 before finishing 8-8 that year and winning the Super Bowl the next.

So Washington fans have made a savior out of Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in his first tenure with the Redskins (1981-92). This year, his presence alone should improve the team, although past spending sprees by owner Daniel Snyder have come to nothing under Norv Turner, Marty Schottenheimer and Steve Spurrier.

Gibbs has some weapons, with the biggest upgrade at running back with Clinton Portis, who in two years in Denver rushed for 3,099 yards. But Portis came at a steep price when the Redskins surrendered Champ Bailey, one of the league's best cornerbacks.

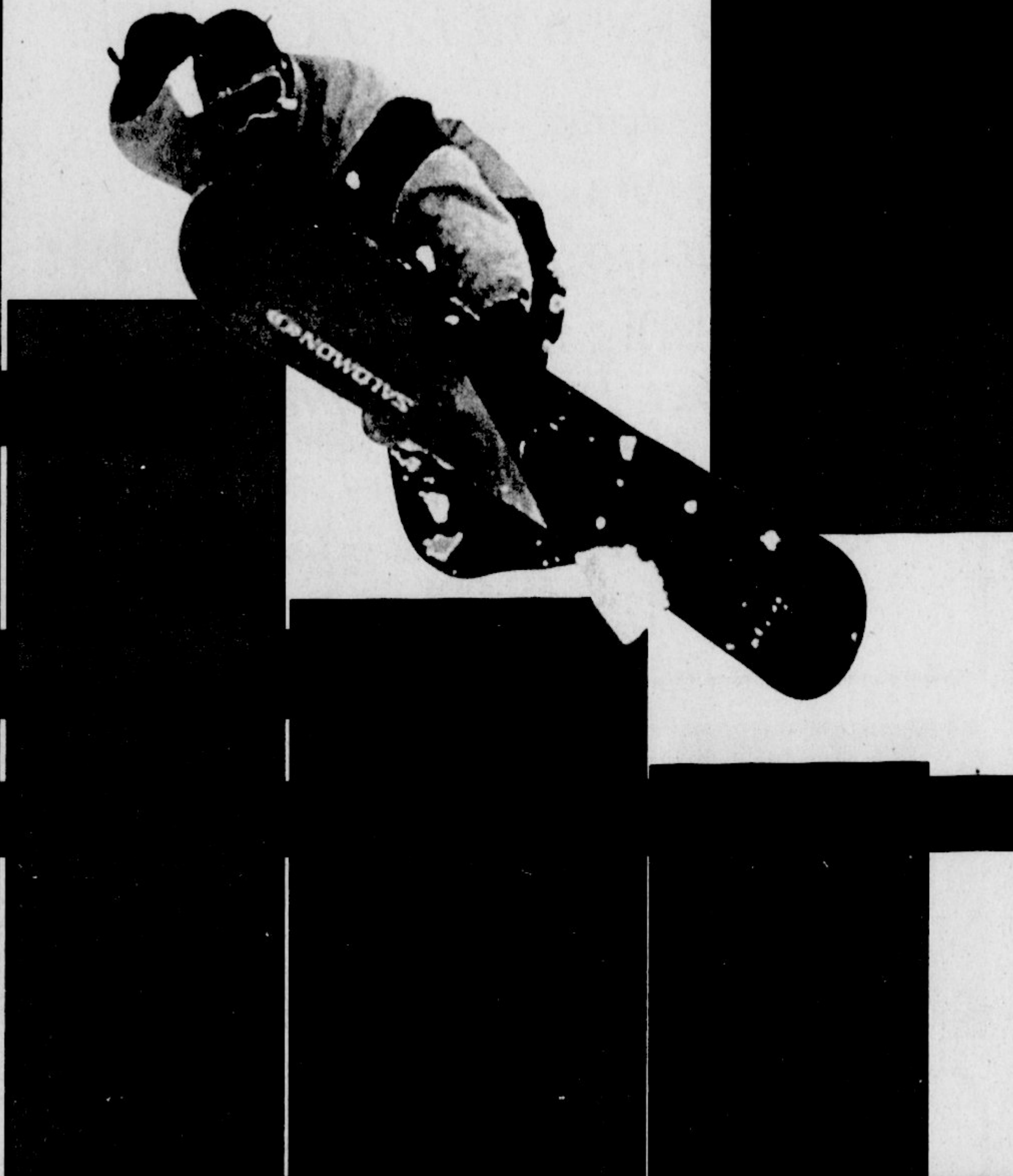
Bailey will be replaced by another free agent, Shawn Springs. But the key to the defense will be linebacker LaVar Arrington, whom Gibbs and his new/old assistants plan to turn loose to rush the passer.

Another offseason acquisition, Mark Brunell, won the

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starting quarterback job from incumbent Patrick Ramsey. Laveranues Coles is a first-rate wide receiver, but the offense could be hurt because of a season-ending Achilles' tendon injury to right tackle Jon Jansen, probably the Skins' best offensive lineman.

Dallas will begin the season with 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde at quarterback after Parcells cut Quincy Carter, last year's starter, reportedly for failing a drug test. Behind Testaverde is Drew Henson, who is promising but spent the last

three seasons playing baseball and has never taken a snap in the NFL.

Two other old-timers will play big roles in the offense: running back Eddie George, signed after being cut by Tennessee, and wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, benched in Tampa Bay and obtained in a trade for Joey Galloway. Johnson played for Parcells with the Jets and may still be effective, but George, who turns 31 next month, is on the downside of his career—he's averaged 342 carries per season in eight years and just

3.3 yards per carry the last three seasons.

As with any Parcells team, the defense is solid, although safety Darren Woodson, the last player from the team that won three Super Bowls in the '90s, is out after back surgery.

The Giants entered last season with Super Bowl hopes and finished 4-12, thanks in large part to a horrible offensive line and a spate of injuries. Coughlin was brought in to replace Jim Fassel and instill discipline in a team that finished 0-8 and clearly quit.

There are more than 20 new players, including six new starters in the defensive front seven, but the offensive line doesn't seem markedly better.

The center of attention has been quarterback, where the Giants traded for Eli Manning, the top pick in the draft, and brought in two-time MVP Kurt Warner to break him in. Warner's experience and Manning's inexperience were painfully evident in an exhibition against the blitzing Jets, and Warner was chosen to start the season.

The best news of the pre-

season has been the re-emergence of Ron Dayne, kept inactive by Fassel all of last season. So far, he's averaged over 7 yards a carry and could be a major help for the overworked Tiki Barber and for Warner.

"It's the choice that is in the best interest of the New York Giants," Coughlin said when he anointed the veteran. "And we'll go from there."

Not very far from the looks of it.

Predictions: Philadelphia 12-4; Washington 9-7; Dallas 7-9; New York 5-11.

Federer wins first match of U.S. Open

(AP) — Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Roger Federer began his quest for a third Grand Slam title this season Monday, defeating former French Open champion Albert Costa, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open.

Playing on an oppressively humid afternoon at the National Tennis Center, Federer came into the Open on a mission. He has never progressed beyond the round of 16 in four previous appearances at the season's final Grand Slam.

But now he is seeded No. 1, the pre-tournament favorite, and he played an efficient first-round match against Costa, who is more at home on clay than the hard courts of the Open.

Federer took 2 hours, 4 minutes to beat Costa, who had split four previous matches with the top seed.

"I lost the last two times I played him, once on clay, once on hard," Federer said. "He knows how to beat me. I started to figure out how to play him today, so I'm happy about that."

Not on Monday. Blasting serves as high as 129 mph, Federer delivered 11 aces to one for Costa and won easily.

Next for Federer is qualifier Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus, the 2003 world junior champion, who defeated France's Gregory Carraz, ranked 156 places above him, and took a set against 14th-seeded Nicolas Kiefer in the Athens Olympics.

Longtime Open favorite Jennifer Capriati, seeded No. 8, dropped her first set to Denisa Chladkova but then recovered for a 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory. Playing tentatively at first, Capriati struggled early before taking charge.

"She came out firing. I didn't expect her to come out and play so well," Capriati said. "I wasn't comfortable in the first set. She's got to start making errors. She's got to come down. I'm very relieved. The conditions were tough. I dug deep and pulled out some shots when I had to."

Mardy Fish, the silver medalist at Athens and seeded No. 26 at the Open, defeated David Ferrer 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 and Olivier Rochus ousted Wimbledon semifinalist Mario Ancic, seeded No. 27, 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (6).

Earlier, third-seeded Carlos Moya got an early scare from wild-card entry Brian Baker, dropping the first set before recovering to defeat the 19-year-old 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Equipped with the highest Grand Slam ranking of his career, Moya came into the Open off a strong season. He reached the quarterfinals at Cincinnati and at the Olympics, losing to the eventual champion both times. So Baker, making just his second appearance in this event, seemed to be an easy first-round draw.

But the teenager got an early lead in the opening set and then won the tiebreak, even after losing a lead.

After that, however, Moya established control. He ripped 24 aces and 66 winners in the match that stretched 3 hours, 7 minutes.

Second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo defeated American Marissa Irvin 6-4, 6-2 in the opening match of the tournament.

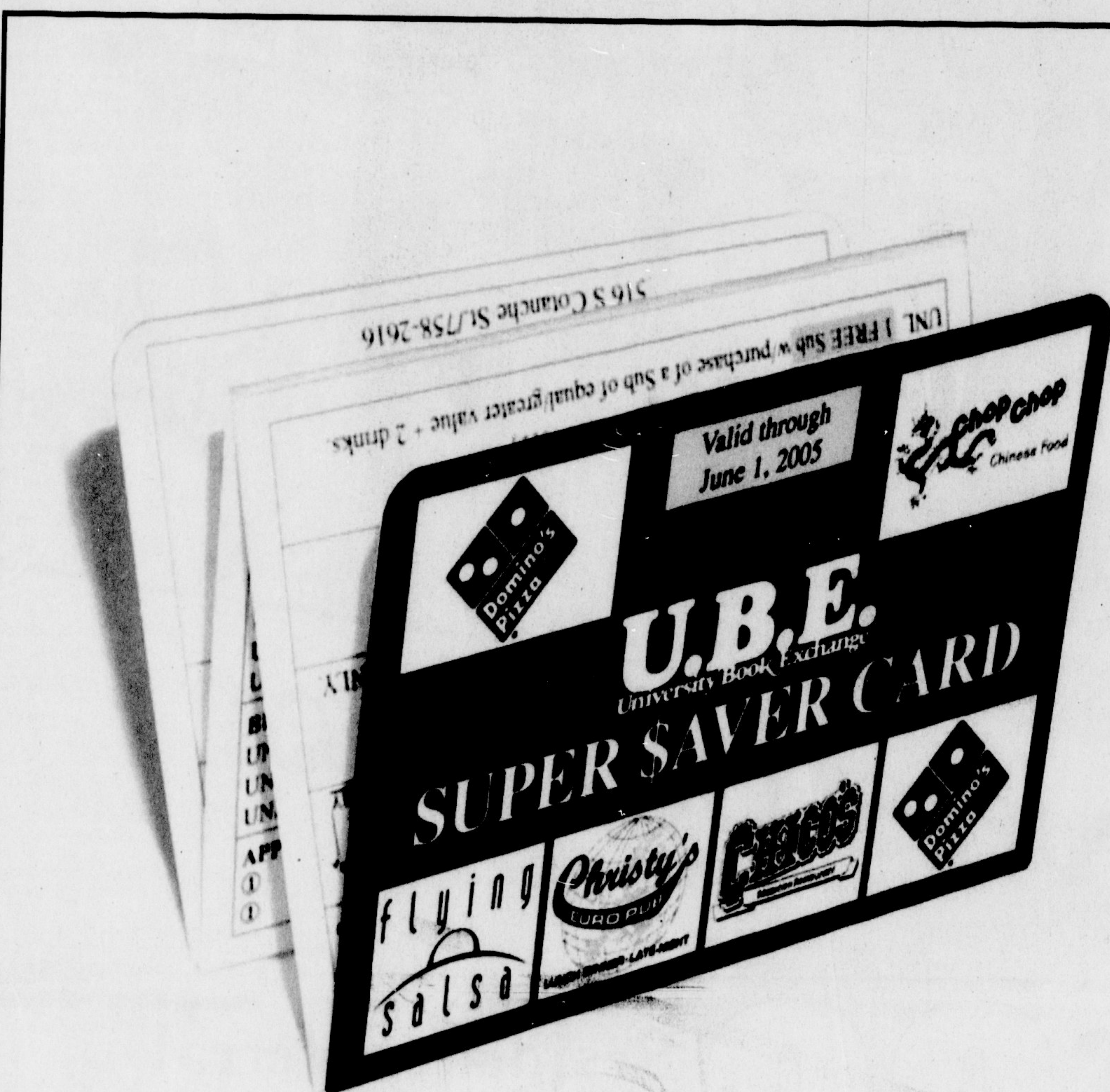
Mauresmo, the silver medalist at the Athens Olympics, waited out a 20-minute rain delay at the start and then wore down Irvin methodically. She hit 18 winners and had seven aces, six in the second set.

A semifinalist or better in eight of 12 tour events this year, including Wimbledon, Mauresmo overcame four double faults and won 77 percent of her first-serve points. She converted all four of her break-point opportunities and finished the match in 1 hour, 13 minutes.

The high seed does not disturb Mauresmo, who has never won a Grand Slam.

"I don't feel the pressure of being No. 2 or No. 3 seed or whatever," she said. "My goal is still the same coming here as it was going to Wimbledon or the other Grand Slams. I want to go to the end and try to get that trophy."

"You know, it's the first rounds, never easy. I guess I have a few things to adjust in my game. But overall, you know, a good start of the tournament."



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