

Cate Edwards discusses her father's accomplishments and contributions to North Carolina and his plans for the future.

Kerry rally comes to campus

Candidates' daughters inspire young voters

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A Democrat rally featuring John Kerry's daughters, his stepson and John Edwards' daughter was held in Hendrix Theater last night.

The event, sponsored by ECU's College Democrat chapter catered ECU students, faculty and Greenville residents. North Carolina House Representatives were also present along with Andy Foreman, chairman of the Democratic Party, and other Pitt County officials.

Each speaker discussed a different topic of interest to

college students around the country in hopes of persuading a few young voters.

Cate Edwards spoke on her father's behalf and reminded students of her father's past efforts to make North Carolina heard.

"He knows North Carolina and he shares your values," said Edwards.

"He fought for people across the state who didn't have anyone fighting for them."

Andre Heinz, Kerry's stepson said Kerry and Edwards' plan will give students \$4,000 tax credit each year for four years of college attendance.

He said some students could receive four years of college paid by the federal government in return for two

years of community service if Kerry is elected.

"To me, it sounds like a pretty good start," said Heinz.

Vanessa Kerry said her father has a strong plan to create 10 million new jobs and a stronger economy.

Alexandra Kerry also addressed the issue and said North Carolina has lost approximately 162,000 jobs in the past two years.

"We've never seen as many job losses since Hoover," said Alexandra.

Alexandra also addressed her father's current battle in trying to defend his military past. She said it is really hard for her because she knows the truth and it feels disgusting that the credibility of any veteran

can be contended.

Alexandra said she feels her father is right for the job because he is incredibly compassionate and he considers all the aspects of every situation before making a decision.

"He understands the needs of Americans ... he understands how to build the economy," Alexandra said.

She said because he is a veteran, her father is aware of the sacrifice of war.

Other issues Alexandra said Kerry is looking to improve are issues with the UN. She said her father wants to make sure the UN is respected and wants to invite countries back for discussion.

Concerning the issue

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ECU increases price in Pepsi products

Students, faculty show mixed emotions

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The price of 20 ounce Pepsi products across ECU went up Wednesday, Aug. 18, with the most expensive drinks coming from location convenient vending machines.

The price has been constant for almost four years and the increase is due to changes within the economy and a rise in manufacturer costs, said Allison Metcalf, Aramark marketing program manager of ECU.

"The purpose of the increase in price was to cover the increase in the cost from the manufacturer. It was in no way increased to increase our profit," said Metcalf.

The 22 ounce fountain drinks in all campus dining locations will remain at 99 cents and the 20 ounce bottles will undergo a ten cent increase to \$1.09. Vending machines that distribute 20

ounce bottles had prices increase to \$1.25.

Metcalf said discussions began with members of campus dining the last year in regards to making this increase in price. At that point, campus dining began researching its competitors, such as convenient stores, to check and compare their prices for these products. This is a practice that is completed every time a change is made in the price of any item sold by ECU to ensure that students are not overcharged.

Some students believe the price increase might be due to ECU wanting to take money unnecessarily from its students and employees. This rumor may have been the result of ECU not informing its students of the price change when it was made.

Feelings on the price change, among students and staff, are mixed. While some are angry or baffled, others don't see the big problem with it.

"When I was in college, campus machines, snack bars and

cafeterias were the least expensive place to buy everything. Now they are the most expensive," said Karen Vail-Smith, lecturer in the department of health education and promotion.

James Bynum, sophomore English major and resident of Fletcher Hall, did not share the opinions of Vail-Smith.

"I think it's just a little inconvenient, and if people don't like it, then they can walk an extra 30 seconds and get [Pepsi] from somewhere else," said Bynum.

With the increase in price, students and staff are still given the opportunity to choose how much they spend on their 20 ounce Pepsi while on campus. Everything is relatively close, making both dining locations and vending machines convenient. When customers use their meal plan or Pirate bucks, taxes are not charged, leaving the price at \$1.09.

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20 oz. Pepsi Prices Across Greenville

Campus dining locations: \$1.09
Campus vending machines: \$1.25
Trade Mart: \$1.29
Wal-Mart: \$1.08
Food Lion: \$1.09



West End Dining Hall is still under further construction.

Dining hall scheduled for spring opening

Students show positive reactions to addition

NICK HENNE
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The West End Dining Hall, still under construction, will provide students with food options different from typical cafeteria style eateries and is scheduled for opening in the spring semester.

Gina Shoemaker, project manager, said the dining hall will offer students with a whole new variety of food than the current major dining halls as well as a whole new kind of atmosphere. The kitchen is much smaller and the majority of the food is cooked in the serving area, Shoemaker said.

The main sections of the dining hall will include a Mongolian grill, similar to the Mongolian barbecue on Greenville Blvd., a Chinese food section, a deli and a salad bar.

"It's a lot more modern than a typical cafeteria," said Shoemaker.

West End Dining Hall

The dining hall is scheduled to be completed near the end of October and be open for student use by the spring semester of 2005. While some students thought the dining hall was scheduled to be open in the fall semester, Shoemaker said the scheduled opening time has always been in the Spring.

"It's going to be a different kind of food than Todd. Todd is your typical cafeteria kind of food."

As part of the new addition, the dining hall building will also offer a convenience store available for students and a new plaza is being built right outside the building Shoemaker said. The new plaza will have colored concrete, grass, trees and a clock which was donated by the class

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ECU Professor receives grant, conducts study

Study focuses on capillary growths

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Tim Gavin, assistant professor of exercise and sport science and physiology, received a two-year grant of \$132,000 from the American Heart Association to conduct a study attempting to discover why aging lowers the capacity of skeletal muscle to adapt to stress.

"We're trying to look at capillary response to exercise training. Skeletal muscle and cardiac muscle have a lot of similarities.

There are fundamental differences, but we know that VEGF [Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor] is important for making new capillaries," said Gavin.

Gavin's study will include 32 healthy people divided into two groups of 16 men and 16 women. Each group will consist of eight young adults and eight older adults who will exercise four times a week, with a muscle biopsy from the thigh taken before they begin the exercising, after their first week of exercise and at the end of the eight-week training.

"When we see blockage of



Participants in Gavin's study undergo regular exercise.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Schedule Changes

Today is the last day for schedule changes (add only).

Membership Meeting

The Women of Excellence Membership meeting will be held tonight from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center. This meeting is an open meeting for anyone interested in joining Women of Excellence.

Meet the Greeks

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is having a Meet the Greeks session this evening at 8 p.m. in the Great Rooms in Mendenhall. This session will allow people who may be interested in joining a NPHC organization to meet current members and answer any questions they may have.

Free Screening of 'I, Robot'

E-bay is presenting a free welcome back screening of the movie *I, Robot* at the Hendrix Theater on Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. This screening will allow students to save up to 45 percent off the list prices on their text books and make students eligible to win a variety of prizes. Tickets for this event are available at the Central Ticket Office at no charge.

Leadership Deadline

The deadline for enrollment in the emerging leadership program and the advanced leadership program for freshmen is Friday, Sept. 3. Apply in 109 Mendenhall.

Labor Day

There will be no class on Monday, Sept. 6 due to Labor Day holiday.

Fraternity Rush

Fraternity Rush will be Tuesday, Sept. 7 until Friday, Sept. 10. ECU busses will provide any person interested in joining a fraternity transportation to each fraternity's rush location on Tuesday and Wednesday. Busses will stay at all of the 17 locations for 20 minutes. On Thursday and Friday, students are free to go to whatever fraternity they like. Fraternities will provide transport for these dates. Rush begins at 7 p.m. each night.

Graduation Deadline

The last day for students to apply for graduation is Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Get a Clue

Get a Clue, a student organizational fair, will be on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Wright Place. Various student organizations and activities are taking place at this event enabling students to learn more about activities going on and become more involved.

Chamber Music Festival

The Brentano String Quartet will come to campus for their second appearance in the Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival on Friday, Sept. 24 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

Film Series

The Travel-Adventure Film & Theme Dinner Series opens at Hendrix Theater on the main floor of Mendenhall Student Center, with *Bavaria and the Black Forest* by Fran Reidelberger on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

'HAIR' Production

The American Tribal Live-Rock Musical *HAIR* will be on the main-stage at McGinnis Theatre from Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. Parental guidance suggested due to profanity, drug references and the potential for on-stage nudity. For ticket prices, call the box office at 328-6829.

News Briefs

Local

Search for Navy's first submarine continues

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - The search for the Navy's first submarine off the North Carolina coast will continue even though the first sweep was shortened by bad weather. Researchers looking for the USS Alligator, a Civil War-era vessel that sank in a storm in 1863, scrapped the last two days of the 10-day project over the weekend due to tropical storms Gaston and Hermine. A 108-foot ship operated by the Office of Naval Research surveyed the ocean floor about 20 miles off Ocracoke Island for the Alligator, which sank in the area during a storm as it was being pulled south to Charleston, SC.

Researchers from the Office of Naval Research, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and ECU surveyed miles of ocean bottom with sonar and metal-detecting equipment.

"We got some good targets, we got a good start," said Tim Runyan, director of ECU's program in maritime studies. Runyan said initial scans found two sites worthy of further study. "We're working in water 200 feet deep," he said. "You can't just go over the side and dive on every one." The 47-foot Alligator was supposed to submerge and send out a diver to attach explosives to ships or harbor obstructions. But the vessel had to abort its first mission in Virginia rivers because the water was too shallow for the ship to submerge. A tow ship cut loose the Alligator in the storm. None of the submarine members were aboard when it sank.

Lesser travel will reduce gas prices

CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) - Gasoline costs about a nickel less in North Carolina than it did July fourth, but it's unlikely more people will buy cheaper fuel for Labor Day weekend travel, AAA Carolinas said Monday.

A hurricane approaching the southeastern U.S. should keep the number of North Carolinians traveling during the long weekend unchanged from a year ago at 800,000.

A gallon of regular unleaded gas costs an average of a little more than \$1.81 a gallon, 24 cents more compared to Labor Day a year ago. This year's July fourth average was \$1.86 per gallon. Wilmington has the highest average in North Carolina at nearly \$1.87 per gallon, compared to High Point, having the least expensive at nearly \$1.78.

South Carolina's average price is about \$1.76. The national average is about \$1.87. Despite crude oil prices above \$40 per barrel for weeks, gas prices have fallen due to improving inventory and declining demand. Air travel in North Carolina and South Carolina should increase by a combined 7 percent compared to last year, for an estimated 213,500 vacationers. It could be a sign that vacationers are looking for sunny destinations and planning more long distance trips, said Sarah Henshall, a AAA Carolinas vice president. AAA said nationwide travel should reach an all-time high for Labor Day with more than 34 million Americans taking off for the weekend.

National

Former New Jersey Governor drops sexual harassment charges

NEW YORK (AP) - A former aide to New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey who claims he was sexually harassed by the governor says he won't sue, apparently eliminating the prospect of an embarrassing court fight.

The aide, Golan Cipel, said Monday that McGreevey's resignation announcement was sufficient admission of his wrongdoing and he wished to spare New Jersey taxpayers the financial burden of any damages. "Despite my strong desire to prove my case in a court of law, I have decided not to proceed with my

suit," Cipel said in a statement.

"The main reason is the governor's resignation and his admission of his acts. It's clear to all that McGreevey resigned because he sexually harassed me and that a man of his standing would not have resigned because of sexual orientation or having had an extramarital affair," Cipel, 35, was in seclusion with his family in his native Israel. He issued the statement written in Hebrew and released Monday by an Israeli public relations agency. McGreevey, 47, announced Aug. 12 that he is gay and would resign from office Nov. 15 because he had an extramarital affair with a man. The governor, who has said the relationship was consensual, has not named the other man with whom he was involved. Administration sources identified that persons Cipel. But Cipel, McGreevey's former homeland security adviser, denied he is gay and insisted that he had been sexually harassed and pressured by the governor from the time he first went to work for him. A spokesman for the governor said Cipel's announcement came as no surprise. The spokesman, Micah Rasmussen, also dismissed as "nonsense" Cipel's claim that he would have won if a lawsuit had gone to court. "The governor made clear that he did not want to put the people of New Jersey at risk, he did not want to expose the state to the threat of a lawsuit," Rasmussen said.

World

Taiwan eases military forces

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan's president said he made a goodwill gesture toward rival China on Tuesday, canceling a major live-fire military exercise shortly after Beijing reportedly called off massive war games near Taiwan.

The military drills have increased tensions between the two sides, which split during a civil war 55 years ago. Beijing insists Taiwan is Chinese

territory and must eventually unify or suffer a punishing attack. In recent weeks, China's state-run media had reported that Chinese troops, planes and ships were gearing up for joint exercises on Dongshan Island off the Chinese coast. Officials said the drills were routine, but Chinese media highlighted their focus on capturing islands - a clear warning to Taiwan, which is just 100 miles away.

But Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian said Tuesday that China was canceling the Dongshan exercises, and that he'd reciprocate by calling off a military display called Hankuang, or Chinese Glory.

"We've already formally agreed that we want to cancel the live-fire Hankuang drills set for Sept. 9," Chen told reporters on his plane as he left for a trip to Latin America with U.S. stopovers in Hawaii and Seattle.

China's secretive military hasn't formally announced that it has dropped the Dongshan drills. The reported cancellation left analysts guessing why Beijing might make such a move.

Philip Yang, a political science professor at National Taiwan University, doubted that Beijing was sending Taiwan a goodwill gesture. The cancellation "is probably due to a domestic power struggle or military reasons, such as lack of preparation," he said. "Instead of having a lousy exercise, why not just cancel it?" Yang also said Taiwan's cancellation won't impress China. "I don't think Beijing will buy this. They're not concerned about exercises," Yang said.

If Taiwan clearly provoked a conflict. After arriving in Hawaii, Chen toured Pearl Harbor and said Taiwan and China should learn from the United States and Japan, the state-funded Central News Agency reported.

Grusome footage of suspected kidnapped men revealed

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) - A Web site linked to an Iraqi militant group showed a video of what was purported to be the killing of 12

Nepalese workers by militants who had kidnapped them.

The Nepalese Foreign Ministry said it could not confirm the report of the hostages' deaths. The 12 had been reported kidnapped Aug. 20. The video showed a masked man in desert camouflage apparently slitting the throat of a blindfolded man lying on the ground. The blindfolded man moans and a shrill wheeze is heard, then the masked man displays the head to the camera before resting it on the decapitated body.

Other footage showed a man firing single shots from an assault rifle at the back of the heads of 11 others. Blood seeps from their bodies on to the sand. Still photos of similar scenes were posted on other Web sites known for militant Islamic comment.

A statement on the Web site signed "Ansar al-Sunna Army" vowed to keep fighting the Americans in Iraq. "America today has used all its force, as well as the help of others, to fight Islam under the so-called war on terror, which is nothing but a vicious crusade against Muslims," the statement said.

At the end of the four-minute video, a man reads another statement off-camera, vowing to fight the Iraqi government. "We will work on exterminating them until the last fighter," he said. "Do not sympathize with this impure group, they have left their country and traveled thousands of kilometers to work with the crusader American forces and to support it in its war against Islam and holy warriors," the Ansar al-Sunna statement said.

T12 men free."

In an Aug. 20 Web statement, the little known Ansar al-Sunna Army claimed to be holding 12 Nepalese hostages and demanded Nepal stop sending workers to Iraq. The same group later claimed to have kidnapped and beheaded an Arab-American it said was a CIA spy, but the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad had said it was unaware of an American hostage.

Democrat rally held in Greenville

U.S. Senate candidate looks to address nation's needs

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Greenville Democrats gathered at ECU's Willis building on July 31 to attend a Democrat rally accompanied by U.S. Senate candidate Erskine Bowles, who presented the crowd with his plans for helping the both North Carolina and the United States if elected.

Bowles, at the end of a 42-city trip, said the large turnouts of people have really pumped him up in his campaign.

"You can see the excitement, you can feel the enthusiasm. People are excited about this race because they want somebody to go to Washington who can do something real," said Bowles.

Bowles said he has been to various cities and towns throughout North Carolina where he has talked to various workers who have expressed their problems and concerns with issues.

"I think about the people I've met and the problems they have and all these plans we've come up with and all these ideas we have to make North Carolina a better place to work and live are all based on the stories of people I've heard as I've traveled through his state," Bowles said.

One of the major issues Bowles addressed at the rally was that of foreign trade and its impact on jobs within the United States. Bowles and his campaign met a couple who worked in the textile business for 20 years and made \$63,000 per year with decent benefits. They lost their jobs when the plant closed down and were unable to classify themselves as unemployed. Bowles said the husband was eventually able to find work in retail making

Election Info:

The election is being held on Nov. 2

For more information on Bowles and his campaign, visit www.bowles2004.com

\$14,000 per year with no benefits.

"That's why we created this jobs plan for North Carolina that can truly make a difference in Pam and Dave's [the couple's] lives ... if we're going to trade, I'm not going to support anyone of this one way trade. We've got to force foreign countries to open up their markets to U.S. goods and services and stop illegal train shipments that are coming in here and costing us thousands and thousands of jobs," Bowles said.

Bowles said American companies today are given as much as \$67 billion dollars of tax credits to locate their companies in foreign countries. Bowles said if he is elected, he will look to give these companies the same amount of money to locate their companies in the United States.

Democrat and Greenville resident Penny Funkhouser, who attended the rally, said she agrees with Bowles' plan for jobs and trade.

"I think it's important so we can have a standard of living that is acceptable," said Funkhouser.

Bowles said he met a man from Greensboro, NC who could not take his sick daughter to the doctor because she had no health insurance. The man ended up eventually having to take her to the emergency room, where the cost was five times the amount it would have been if they had gone to the doctor, Bowles said.

"I think every child in America ought to have health care

insurance," Bowles said.

Bowles said if he is elected into office, he will work to ensure that children coming from these less fortunate families are given not only health insurance, but also improved educational experiences.

Marc Ritsema, a child psychiatrist in Washington, NC who attended the rally, supports Bowles and said Bowles is a key person needed on the U.S. Senate to defeat George Bush. Ritsema said the most important issue he feels Bowles addressed at the rally was health care and ensuring health care for children and people who cannot afford it with the current health care plan. Ritsema also said he feels strongly that the country is in need of a new president who can improve our relations with foreign countries after Bush's term, and he feels it is necessary to elect Bowles into the U.S. Senate to help make this change.

Another major issue Bowles addressed is providing senior citizens with decent retirements and the ability to afford prescription drugs. With the far lower prices of these same prescription drugs in foreign countries, Bowles said he does not feel we are using the purchasing power of the program to drive these prices down.

"I don't think any of the ideas are democrat or republican ideas ... they are American ideas," Bowles said.

Carlos Monje, spokesman for the campaign, said Bowles plans on doing full-fledged work with American colleges to improve the overall college education. Bowles feels college education is a key to the economy, and he wants to make it as accessible as possible.

Monje said Bowles would like to encourage all college students and young people to vote and be active in politics.

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Fellows in the program will study at the Brody School of Medicine

Untreated cases of diabetes can lead to serious health effects. While 80 percent of deaths caused by diabetes are from heart disease, other problems include kidney disease, blindness and sometimes, amputation of limbs.

Carrie Spencer, a senior elementary education major at ECU and a diabetic, said she has been affected by the problem of the shortage of diabetes specialists in North Carolina.

"I had to see PA's all the time instead of real doctors, and considering that my diabetes was pretty wild at times, this was not working out for me," said Spencer.

"When I came here [Greenville], there were not many options."

Spencer said she feels the new fellowship at the Brody School of Medicine will be of much help to diabetics and people who are at risk of getting the disease.

"I think that with all the new cases of diabetes, especially in children, bringing in people with specific knowledge in the area of diabetes is crucial to the health of all these people," Spencer said.

Spencer said prevention is the most important aspect people need to know about diabetes. With more specialists in Greenville here to help us learn these things, Spencer said she feels the fellowship is very important.

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Rebel Shiite cleric calls on his fighters to end fighting with U.S., Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr wants his followers to end their uprising against U.S. and Iraqi forces while he considers forming a political movement, senior al-Sadr officials said Monday. Al-Sadr has backed off other commitments in the past, but a truce would be a major victory for interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi by removing a serious insurgency and potentially bringing many of the Shiite cleric's followers into the effort to build a peaceful democracy.

The announcement came amid conflicting reports on Iraq's vital oil exports. Iraqi oil officials and the governor of Basra state said exports were shut down after a rash of pipeline attacks. However, world oil prices decreased as traders said other reports suggested some oil was still flowing.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, October contracts for light sweet crude fell 90 cents a barrel to \$42.28 — well below peaks above \$48 a barrel in mid-August. Also Monday, the U.S. military said a roadside bomb attack on a U.S. military convoy just outside Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, killed a U.S. soldier and wounded two making there a total of 974 U.S. service members that have died. Since military operations began in March 2003, according to the U.S. Defense Department. Sheik Ali Smeism, a political adviser to al-Sadr, announced the ceasefire decision in Najaf, calling on the cleric's Mahdi Army militiamen to "stop firing until the announcement of the political program adopted by the Sadrist movement." He also urged U.S. and Iraqi troops to move out of the center of Iraqi cities, although that did not appear to be a condition for the unilateral ceasefire.

When asked if the truce would take effect immediately, Smeism said, "I hope so." Fiercely opposed to a continued U.S. presence in Iraq, al-Sadr had posed the biggest challenge yet to Allawi's government, with three weeks of heavy fighting in Najaf threatening to enflame Iraqi Shiites by endangering the revered Imam Ali Shrine.

A peace deal mediated by Iraq's top Shiite religious leader ended the fighting in Najaf last week, but clashes have continued elsewhere. Al-Sadr's aides and Iraqi government officials met in Baghdad on Monday to try to negotiate an end to violence that has wracked the capital's Sadr City slum.

The government has repeatedly called on al-Sadr to disband the Mahdi Army and join politics. His aides didn't say whether he was considering dissolving the militia, but for the first time they said he was preparing to enter politics.

"This latest initiative shows that we want stability and security in this country by ending all confrontation in all parts of Iraq," said Sheik Raed al-Khadami, an al-Sadr spokesman in Baghdad. "Al-Sadr's office in Najaf will issue a call within

the next two days to join the political process." That would help bring legitimacy to elections scheduled for January, but Allawi's government also still faces a 16-month-old insurgency among Iraq's Sunni Muslim minority, which provided the backbone of Saddam Hussein's regime. In an interview Monday with Al-Arabiya television, Iraq's national security adviser, Mouwaffaq al-Rubaie, reiterated that al-Sadr must disband his militia. "Building democracy in Iraq can not happen while armed militias exist in Iraq," he said.

Al-Sadr visited the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf on Monday for the first time since his militia left the holy site Friday after using it as a refuge during fighting, according to the office of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric who now holds the keys to the site.

Meanwhile, Iraqi oil officials told The Associated Press on Monday that oil shipments had stopped completely from the south, which account for 90 percent of Iraq's exports. Iraq's other export avenue, a northern pipeline to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, also carried no oil Monday, an oil official in Ceyhan reported. Two senior officials from the state-run South Oil Co. said on condition of anonymity that attacks in the southern Rumaila oil fields Sunday immediately shut down the Zubayr 1 pumping station. They said reserves in storage tanks allowed loading of tankers

to continue for several hours, but ran out late Sunday.

Basra Gov. Hassan al-Rashid, when asked to confirm whether oil exports had halted, said: "Yes, they are stopped." Dow Jones Newswires later quoted an unidentified port agent in Basra as saying the terminal was operating. The agent reportedly said the weekend attack struck a pipeline not involved in pumping oil to the terminal. But on Monday night, an AP reporter visited South Oil Co.'s headquarters in Basra and officials said no oil at all had been pumped for export Monday.

Before the latest attacks, the south was exporting about 600,000 barrels a day — a third of the normal average of 1.8 million barrels a day, due to other attacks early last week.

Allawi condemned the pipeline sabotage, saying it was making ordinary Iraqis suffer.

"This is causing a great loss for the Iraqi people in terms of revenues, which could be used in the reconstruction of the country and to pay the people and get the economy back on track again," he said in an interview with CNN aired Monday.

Al-Rashid said the country was losing \$70 million a day because of attacks on oil facilities. Smeism, the al-Sadr aide, also denounced oil attacks. "This is a threat to the country's economy, a threat to the country's infrastructure," he said. "We ask the brothers to please stop this."

Florida billboard company sues NC's transportation chief

FAYETTEVILLE, NC (AP) — A Florida billboard company has sued North Carolina's transportation secretary, saying Lyndo Tippettt violated his company's right to free speech by asking it to limit its advertising of adult clubs.

Sunshine Outdoor of Florida Inc. filed the lawsuit earlier this month in U.S. District Court in Raleigh. The suit charges that, as secretary of the NC Department of Transportation, Tippettt has tried to censor advertising by adult entertainment businesses and has retaliated against billboard companies that carry the ads.

"I promised that I was going

to sue them, and I sued them," said Jerry Sullivan, president of Sunshine Outdoor. "Everybody thought I was joking, but I wasn't."

His other company, Kit-Kat Cafe Inc., operates Cafe Risque, a topless club, on Interstate 95 in Harnett County. Kit-Kat Cafe Inc. also is a plaintiff. Sunshine Outdoor, which uses its billboards to advertise Cafe Risque, has been in a running battle with Tippettt since last winter, when the transportation secretary sent a letter to Sunshine Outdoor asking the company not to lease billboards to Cafe Risque.

The lawsuit charges that the

letter was a veiled threat. "While couched in the terms of voluntary compliance," the lawsuit says, "the letter emphasizes that the current state administration expects that action will be taken against adult entertainment advertising." The lawsuit alleges that the state has threatened to revoke permits for at least two billboard companies that carry adult entertainment ads, and says some companies will no longer lease billboards to Cafe Risque under a request from Tippettt. Douglas Turner Jr., a Dunn lawyer who is representing Sullivan, said the state is trying to restrain Sullivan's right to free speech and that Tippettt should be ordered to

stop discriminating "based on the message or the content of the advertising."

According to the lawsuit, Cafe Risque depends on billboard advertising to draw customers, many of whom are tourists, businessmen and truck drivers who travel the interstate.

The club has lost money as a result of Tippettt's actions, said the lawsuit, which seeks an award of unspecified damages. Bill Jones, a spokesman for the DOT, said the department has not received the lawsuit. "The attorneys have not had a chance to review it, and we would not be able to comment until that happens," Jones said.

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"It's a good selling point," Shoemaker said.

"I think it will help keep students on campus eating so I think it will help bring revenue to campus."

The new dining hall will use the same typical meal plan system used by all other campus dining locations and will provide services to everyone within ECU, Shoemaker said. The dining hall will also serve as a convenience factor for students living on campus.

Mendenhall is currently scheduled to keep its dining area and services unchanged for this academic year. While there are plans in the future to renovate Mendenhall, the student center is always planned to offer some sort of dining area for students. These services may eventually undergo some change, but no changes have been put into affect for next year, Shoemaker said.

The total project costs approximately \$13.2 million and is being funded by the housing and dining funds and student fees, Shoemaker said.

Shoemaker said ECU's dining administration did tours of other university campuses and observed different dining halls. They noticed other campuses that used this style dining hall and have gotten positive feedback. Shoemaker thinks the new dining hall will be an asset to ECU dining.

"Those people who didn't want to eat at Todd because it was such a typical dining hall might actually eat at west end ... because it will have all the things you don't normally see in a typical dining hall," Shoemaker said.

"And those who love Todd will still love Todd."

As far as future of ECU dining, Shoemaker said there are not any plans for major additions. Smaller scale changes may

occur in the upcoming future, Shoemaker said, but nothing major will take place.

Amy Maples, junior biology major who is a resident of Flemming Hall, located on central campus, said she plans on going to the new dining hall once it opens in the spring.

"I think a lot more students will be more apt to eating at the dining facility because it will provide a greater variety," said Maples.

Maples said she has specific dietary needs that are not always fulfilled at the ECU's current dining halls.

"It will cater other's needs," Maples said.

Maples also said she feels the plaza would serve as a gathering place for students and the overall project would be a success.

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the arteries either in the leg or in the heart you start to see an increase in capillaries, so there is a significant amount of similarity between the two as well as very fundamental differences," Gavin said.

While researching aged muscle, Gavin said he and his graduate students saw numerous studies focusing on a single group of elderly individuals and their ability to produce new capillaries. They also found separate studies on highly trained athletes and how their muscles adapted and responded to exercise, but there were no studies conducted that Gavin and his students found that fit the design of his project.

Recognizing that the elderly portion of our population is increasing in numbers, this was a question that could only increase in importance, Gavin said. He and his graduate students set out to tackle the problem.

"What we always find is [that] we answer a question, and we get two out," Gavin said.

Gavin said questions were left unanswered including if aging impacts the body's ability to make new capillaries, if exercise plays a part in creating new capillaries and if a protein called VEGF plays a vital role in the signals to create new capillaries. Seeing that the VEGF occurs differently and less often in older muscles and knowing that the young muscle model is what should be happening, Gavin is looking at whether or not exercise is causing the aged muscle to use and produce the protein more like the "ideal" young muscle.

"By looking at the leg muscle, we hope we can get some insight into how aging may impact what happens in the heart. To gain some baseline information, baseline data, at least that's what we see as the importance of our data," Gavin said.

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of American troops in Iraq, Alexandria said her father feels that American troops need to be brought home as soon as possible, but he knows he cannot just pull them out immediately.

Each speaker said they agreed that no matter which party people affiliate themselves with, they should vote.

"Each one of you on Nov. 2 has the ability to make the difference," Alexandria said.

Rick Kearney, chair of the department of political science also urged students to vote this

year and called the election the most important presidential election of my time.

Students agreed the event was informative. Several students said they knew nothing about the Democratic Party's plans for tuition and they were surprised in hearing the daughter's remarks.

When several Republican attendants in the audience showed their views in the race for the White House they were met with acceptance from the daughters.

"I actually appreciate the fact

that there are people from both sides who are here participating," Alexandria said.

"We live in a democracy and I respect that."

The Kerry daughters said they began this tour to get their father's message out to as many people as possible.

The next stop the rally is making is to a college in Norfolk, Va. where the Kerry daughters, Edward and Heinz are scheduled to speak next.

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Our View

President George Bush said Monday that he did not think the war on terror could be won. His statement had Democrats criticizing him for bringing us into a war promising victory, and then taking that promise away, as if admitting defeat.

Tuesday, Bush retracted his statement in a speech to the national convention of the American Legion, saying, "We meet today in a time of war we did not start, yet one that we will win." Since changing his statement, Bush-bashers accused the president of being wishy-washy and indecisive.

And so the battle continues between which side is right, which side is honest and which candidate will make the best president.

TEC would like to remind young and unsure voters that a few conflicting statements aren't enough to decide the next leader of our country.

From now until November (and probably after), Democrats and Republicans alike will continue to battle over insignificant statements, Vietnam War performances (or lack thereof) and personal stories from decades past.

Instead of falling victim to the he said/she said battles between the two parties, take the months left before the election to research the candidates in what issues they stand for and what they have previously done in political office.

Consider to yourself if it really matters to you what Bush said about the war on terrorism, or what exactly John Kerry did or didn't do in Vietnam. Don't make such issues out to be important simply because the media does.

Lastly, after reaching an informed conclusion about your decision for president, share your views with others - whether it's through a heated political debate with the liberal down the hall, a discussion with your conservative teacher or as a letter to the editor of this newspaper.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." And in this case the best interest will be using your right to vote in the most informed and intelligent way possible.

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Opinion Columnist

Sharpening my bouquet of number two pencils

Year promises change for everyone

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One of my favorite movie lines has to be from *You've Got Mail*. When Tom Hanks' character waxes eloquently about a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils, I too want to buy school supplies and head back to class. Maybe I would get a brand new pencil box to complement that bouquet, preferably the plastic kind with my name spelled out in puffy paint.

But then again, I'm in college now, and those third grade thrills are something of the past for me. Still, I can't help but feel dizzy with anticipation when I start to think of a new school year.

It isn't necessarily that I'm eager about returning to the books, the homework, the projects or the tests. In fact, when I put it that way, I almost wonder how I could even muster up a little excitement. Yet somehow, each year, I get that same old feeling.

Who will I be this year? Who will I meet? How will my life be different? The questions swirl in my head, and I can hardly get to sleep the night before



the big day - the biggest day in August (besides my birthday, of course).

To me, it's bigger than New Year's. I don't get into making resolutions that I will probably never keep, and I don't make it a point to discuss my workout routine with the world. But a new year of school ... that's different. Anything could happen.

Of course, nothing usually does. Or maybe it's when I reflect on the past year, I don't notice the subtle changes that have taken place. Similarly, I think I probably take the monumental events for granted. What am I looking for anyway?

I don't imagine I'll win the lottery, considering that I've never bought a ticket. I don't expect to be discovered

by a talent agent and get my own recording contract - anyone who's ever heard me sing would understand.

But what I do wonder is who will become my new friends or if I will fall in love. I want to know if this is the year when I decide on a future career. I think maybe this is when I will know who I am and who I want to be, so that I finally stop worrying or wondering and decide that my yearly anticipation has been fulfilled.

After all, it's the same thing each year. Maybe that underscores the fact that I should have outgrown it by now, but I think the excitement only builds with each passing year.

But instead of shopping for new tennis shoes and a book bag with matching lunch box, I'm buying textbooks and paying rent. I'm not 10 years old anymore. Somewhere, somehow, I grew up, and yet I still feel the pains of growing. Fortunately, with them come the hopes for an exciting new year.

I've always liked happy endings, and I keep thinking I'll stumble upon a happily ever after. Isn't that what we're all searching for anyway? So, whether or not a bouquet of newly sharpened pencils accompanies our new beginning, it's here again. And I can't help but think this year will be different.

Online Reader Response

Response to column, 'In wake of recent events, where are the liberals?'

In my reading of a few of your articles over the past couple of months I have figured something out. You are very similar to Michael Moore. While your views may be polar opposites, the way you present them to people are very similar. You both seem to feel that leaving out crucial pieces of information in order to make your argument appear stronger is an acceptable practice. For example, you list only the positive developments of Afghanistan while leaving out the frequent terrorist attacks from Taliban remnants and factional fighting that still plague the country. That is similar to the way Michael Moore pathetically portrayed Iraq as a peaceful, happy nation prior to the U.S. invasion in his piece of fiction/documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" - which, by the way, you used your column to criticize him for doing.

In addition, the only criticism I hear frequently from the political left about Afghanistan is that we shouldn't have diverted forces from that area to fight a war in Iraq. After all, wasn't it Al-Qaeda who attacked us and still drives us to release code orange warnings?

Your opinion on Iraq also seemed to leave out some key information. You stated that 27 million people don't live in constant fear anymore. That country is in the middle of an insurgency. I'm quite sure that large amounts of those 27 million still live in fear, just a different kind of fear. In addition to that I have never heard anyone from the political left lament at Saddam not still being in power. For the record, the common complaints on the Iraq war tend to be for not going in with U.N. approval, not waiting longer so as not to stretch our forces thin by fighting a two front battle, and for extremely poor post war-planning. To try to paint liberals as pro-Saddam is every bit as deceptive as Michael Moore trying to paint the Bush family as more concerned with the welfare of the Saudis than with the U.S.

Your opinion on the swift boat veterans is also inaccurate. You claim that John Kerry hasn't confronted the swift boat veterans, but multiple times he has criticized the group and called their allegations totally untrue. He pursued legal action because they were slandering him and making false accusations that have shown to have an impact in the latest polls. In this particular case it is extremely pathetic because numerous veterans who served with Kerry that night have had an extremely terrifying and horrible war experience trivialized for political purposes. The group is funded by GOP donors and its leader is an active republican. You try to paint them as this completely unbiased voice by calling them "democrats, independents and republicans," but their funding and leadership are from the political right. Why didn't you include this info in your article so that your readers would have a clearer understanding? Was it because it might make your argument weaker?

Mike Harrington

In My Opinion

The food business has become increasingly gross

(KRT) - Do you think American food can get any more disgusting?

I mean, once Hellmann's has introduced Bacon & Tomato Twist mayonnaise - basically a liquid BLT you schmear onto bread (or lettuce, if you're doing Atkins) - it's hard to imagine anything less wholesome and natural unless we're talking Michael Jackson.

Which we're not. Because while everyone else is railing about pasty-faced alleged pederasts, who rails for the mom whose kids are demanding Chips Ahoy-flavored chocolate pudding in a tube?

Me! Your average, nauseated supermarket shopper, stunned to see there is now a liquefied version of what should be a solid cookie, served in a

squeeze tube that should be a bowl, sucked directly into a mouth that, in an ideal world, should have demanded something a little daintier, like a plastic spoon.

Squeezable bacon. Suckable cookies. What next? Pepsi pellets?

Those are still in test marketing. Already on the shelves, however, are foods almost as appealing/appalling (depending on your age), most the result of adding cookie elements to candy, candy elements to crackers or cookie/candy/cracker/crunch elements to yogurt.

Take, for instance, Nestle's Butterfinger hot cocoa mix. Clearly, plain old hot chocolate just wasn't cutting it. Nor was hot chocolate with bunny-shaped marshmallows, another Nestle's bev-

erage. No, Nestle's marketing mavens must have realized it was losing the entire demographic of Americans who want to quaff piping-hot pulverized candy bars. And so ... now they can!

But in the food biz, there is no shame. Everything old is new again, usually by virtue of extra icing or a dusting of sour cream 'n' onion flavoring.

If, God forbid, we are what we eat and we eat what they're trying to sell us, then perhaps we are as dumb as these instructions on an Oscar Mayer Lunchables Nachos package would suggest: "Dip chips into cheese and salsa." As my Ritz Bits cracker/cookie/candy/Simpsons/S'mores snacktime character might reply: "D'oh!"

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.

Every morning I drive through the intersection of First Street and Warren Street, and every morning I get stuck behind some idiot who doesn't know how to maneuver through a four-way stop. Where did you people learn to drive?

So, if I become a Republican, I'm supposed to think that God hates homosexuality and loves the death penalty?

The Video Music Awards Sunday bid farewell to Jay-Z upon announcing his retirement from the rap game. That is, until next year, when he'll announce his comeback.

When a kid like Mike Williams makes the right decision to go back to school and do everything in his power to keep his amateur status and continue his education, maybe the NCAA should consider making an example out of him the right way - by reinstating him.

As if spending a dollar for a 20-ounce Pepsi wasn't highway robbery enough, the powers that be decided to increase it another 25 cents. I can buy a two-liter for much less than a buck and a quarter!

A bathing suit cover-up is exactly what the name suggests - a piece of clothing designed to cover up a bathing suit. If it was meant to be a shirt worn with jeans or worn as a dress, then it would be called a shirt or a dress.

It's time for USA 'ballers everywhere to realize that playing the game that is played in the NBA today just won't cut it on an international level. I propose playing something called team-oriented basketball and at least for one or two quarters trying to play some legitimate defense.

Think you're supporting the war by slapping a Bush/Cheney bumper sticker on your high-priced SUV? How about actually enlisting in the armed forces? That'll show how much you really support it.

Constant construction, plus rain from Gaston, equals one ugly, muddy campus.

Ballard is insane! I love him, he kicks some serious a--. Coolest guy I have met at ECU.

Next time one of my fellow students is raped, robbed or assaulted, please do me a favor - let me know what the suspect looks like so that I can prevent being the next victim.

The only "reality" in these TV shows is that America is becoming increasingly more shallow and superficial, and maybe even a little degrading to some people.

It'd be nice if everyone turned off their TVs for a day or two and experience life and its reality for what it is - not the pathetic concept the networks are trying to feed us.

So many students go through the day shutting doors in other people's faces, never smiling to strangers they pass by or bumping into people and saying nothing. It's really sad. We live in the South, and the South is supposed to be famous for its courtesy ... we sure don't exemplify that.

ECU students are some of the most disrespectful people I have ever encountered. Last spring, we had to have hall meetings because students would stuff newspapers in the toilet, and better yet, not even flush. Even worse, a kid on the fourth floor urinated in the elevator of Jones Hall every weekend when he got intoxicated because it was "funny."

More kindness and courtesy are definitely needed on campus. It pains me to see our fine university tarnished by the few inept students who cannot hold their liquor or were raised in a barn.

It is ludicrous to tell someone that they are an adult, but then to tell them that they must attend a class, that for all intents and purposes is not worth attending, like the introductory health course, for example.

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Weekly Horoscopes

Aries

It's not a great time to travel, but it's a good time to think about all the strange experiences you've had in the past few days. You could have an epiphany, and those are quite fabulous.

Taurus

Luckily, you have plenty of whatever you need, and it's close at hand. You might even have enough to share with someone who's doing without. But don't give away everything.

Gemini

If you can do without a little of something of which you have a lot, you could benefit a person who never asks for anything. This would be a good deed, which is also a good investment.

Cancer

You don't have to tell everything you know or use up all of your supplies. Keep something in reserve, just in case you need it later.

Leo

You could be easily dazzled by intricate gadgets and gages and get yourself way into debt. Resist that enticing temptation.

Virgo

A person who's a little wobbly now could use a little support. Enforce the rules, however, or this person could take more than you've got to give.

Libra

Continue to push yourself to complete the project you're working on. Don't overdo it. In fact, it'll be better if you edit.

Scorpio

A conflict of interests could arise, or you could accidentally accept two engagements for the same time. Better check your schedule again.

Sagittarius

There may not be quite as much available as you thought to finish a project you're working on. Better conserve what you've got.

Capricorn

Postpone an expedition until after you've done a little more planning. Something you thought you had in abundance turns out to be scarce.

Aquarius

You're at a plateau, enlightenment-wise, where you can stay for a while. Don't worry about making more transformations. Polish up what you've achieved.

Pisces

You have a hidden advantage in that you're directly linked to the Spirit. This gives you the ability to come up with amazing ideas.

'Vanity Fair' shines on screen



Witherspoon executes film with class, style

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A classic novel created by William Thackeray was written in 1847. "Vanity Fair: A Novel without a Hero" portrays the struggle of a woman torn down by war, poverty and other social disadvantages and her journey to make a better life for herself. The setting takes place in a mid 1820s England, during the Napoleonic wars.

Some could be timid about seeing a movie made for a time period that was so long ago, but the time period has little impact on the plot. The core of this movie focuses on the same struggles our generation faces today. It's a movie about pulling oneself out of so many disadvantages, so many obstacles, to find a life that would be better, not only for oneself, but for one's offspring.

The movie stars: Reese Witherspoon, Romola Garai, Tony Maudsley, Jonathon Rhys Meyers, James Purefoy, Jim Broadbent, Gabriel Byrne, Bob Hoskins and Eileen Atkins. Becky (played by Reese Witherspoon) and her best friend Amelia (played by Romola Garai) are poor orphan girls, who become aware their only way to acquire a favorable social status is to marry a man who possesses it.

After several failed plans, Amelia marries a man who, shortly after, dies in the Battle of Waterloo. After the death of her husband, her father-in-law disowns her, leaving Amelia and her newborn baby to live in dire poverty. Becky becomes a governess in the Crawley Family's home, and soon falls in love with their opulent son, Rawdon Crawley (played by James Purefoy).

They are soon married, but when Rawdon's sister learns of the marriage, he is quickly thrown out of the family leaving both Rawdon and Becky with nothing. Becky becomes

pregnant soon after Rawdon quits the marriage. The girls have to decide what to do with themselves and how to provide for their infant children.

In this book and in the movie there are many parallels to the book made movie, *Gone with the Wind*. In fact, many would speculate the writer of *Gone with the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell, gleaned most of her plot from the story line of *Vanity Fair*. The comparisons are shocking to say the least.

A war takes away men who are influential to the main characters, both main characters are very vain and want attention, in the end, the lead girls are left with nothing and if that wasn't enough, both leading ladies marry men they don't love. The comparisons continue and if you didn't like *Gone with the Wind*, you might want to save your \$7.

Reese Witherspoon, despite her infamous *Legally Blonde* escapades, executes the character, Becky, well. She brings innocence and whim mixed with stern and brash behavior to this film. Romola Garai was cast perfectly for her role, making it so distinct and completely set apart from the rest of the cast. Rhys Meyers brings compassion and tolerance to the role of William Dobbin, who inexplicably loves Amelia.

The balance that all the actors and actresses bring to this movie could not have worked so well to create a truly remarkable film. The characters in this film make the story come alive and real to so many who have enjoyed the written version of *Vanity Fair*. Overall this film is one that could be appreciated by many different kinds of people, with many different views on what makes a movie "good."

Upon speaking to several students who read *TEC*, anticipation for the movie seems to be high and the national media review seems to share the same amount of enthusiasm.

"I would like to see this film



because of its empowering message, that no matter your circumstance you can always attempt to make life better," said Natalie Marshall.

Upon questioning another *TEC* reader, Shama Nixon said, "The possibility of ingenuity expressed through these women makes this film intriguing."

While there were only girls who commented on the movie, guys should rest assure that the movie, while feminine at times, will appeal to them as well.

Because this movie focuses on a girl trying to make her way to the social time light does not mean that guys can't relate to the feeling of rejection, being torn by war and trying to find true love.

The movie was well executed in cast, thought, plot, scenery and costumes. Its artistic views and somewhat feminine appeal may not seem intriguing, but the film should be seen to be understood and appreciated.

The film may not be your average movie, but it is a film that once appreciated, is sure to become an instant favorite!

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Rock the Vote Tour gets Wylde

Wylde Bunch comes to ECU

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What happens when you take blends of hip-hop, rock, rap and pop music and fuse them together? You get a Wylde Bunch of unique songs that reaches out to a variety of listeners.

The 14-member band, Wylde Bunch has joined the line-up for the Sept. 7 stop at ECU on the Rock the Vote tour.

What started out as just playing around and jamming for your friends and family, the Wylde Bunch has snowballed into playing around and jamming for crowds of thousands of people. The group's debut album, *Wylde Times at Washington High*, just released on Columbia Records/RED, is a big change from the records they used to sell out of the trunks of their cars.

Being from South Central Los Angeles, this group of high school friends were notorious for their antics and energy, hence the name, Wylde Bunch. The friends played in the school marching and jazz bands and played together as a real band whenever they could. The group is a family affair as well. The guitar player, Pops, is Dame's father. Dame, one of the four MC's in the group also plays along side his two brothers, keyboardist, Daniel and back-up singer, Byg Sexy, as well as cousin, Tazzo, also one of the groups' MC's.

It wasn't until after graduation when everybody was together that they recorded a "backyard, cheesy demo," as Dame said, that began circulating around the neighborhood. It became an instant hit at parties and the group grew from there.

They have since performed with the artists like N.E.R.D, O.A.R and The Roots on The Sprite Liquid Mix Tour and even served back-up to Bow Wow on the Pepsi Smash tour. The group of friends were also the winners of the "Best Local Talent" award at the first ever Steve Harvey Hoodie Awards.

The group has found an infectious sound, unique to the listeners because music has never been made like this before. With the single "Last Day of School" off *Wylde Times at Washington High*, making it onto the new EA sports game Madden 2005, the album is sure to make their already broad audience even larger.

Other songs on the album include songs like "Our Lyfe," a rap song over hot guitar sounds. With a vintage sound that resembles the likes of Earth, Wind and Fire, "Byg Shot" is another favorite on the album.

These are just a few, but every song on *Wylde Times at Washington High* packs in so much energy and spirit that the listener feels like they are at a live show. If you enjoy laughing and goofing off with your friends, you will definitely enjoy the vibe you get from this group.

When talking about his band, Dame said, "We just brought our feelings and that's how it came out. If you get to spend time with us and be around us, for the most part, we're real positive people who like to have fun."

So their positive message in their music comes naturally to them. Live life, have fun and be happy are all values that they keep close. So all that feeling and energy goes into their music all the time.

"If you take the adrenaline of 14 people, bottle it up, shake it up and let it explode, that's what our shows are like every time," Dame said.

"The band is amazing. They bring a great show with them especially with all 14 members giving their all," said Denise Carberry, PFA Media representative.

The shows are free to the public and will be held all over the country leading up to this year's election. It is definitely not something you want to miss.

"I really want people to give the record a chance, and give us a chance to make them love us," Dame said.

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Former ECU student to appear on 9th season of 'Survivor'

'Survivor: Vanuatu - Islands of Fire' promises new thrills

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Recent graduate of ECU, Julie Berry, will be appearing on the ninth season of "Survivor." Julie graduated from ECU in December of 2003.

The season premiere will air Thursday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. on CBS.

"Survivor" is one of the hottest reality shows out right now with ratings grossing 20 million every episode.

The ninth season is titled "Survivor: Vanuatu." This "Survivor" is different from the rest in the way that there will be

18 competitors instead of the usual 16.

Vanuatu is a group of 83 islands located in the South Pacific near "The Ring of Fire" which is an area of high volcanic activity.

The 18 players will compete for a chance to win the million dollar prize. The players' ages range from 21 to 59 and the producer of the reality hit, Mark Burnett, set up the two tribes based on gender.

CBS estimates at least 50 million viewers will tune in to watch the battle of the sexes.

The identities of the new castaways were revealed Tuesday Aug. 17 on "The Early Show." The women's team color is yellow (Yasur) and the men's team color is red (Lopevi).

Berry is 23 years old and was born in Lewiston, Maine. In

December 2003, she was accepted into the Peace Corps where she would travel and work with young people at risk.

Due to the secrecy of the show, Berry is unable to comment about "Survivor: Vanuatu-Islands of Fire" until the episode airs when she is voted off or until the final episode.

On the official "Survivor: Vanuatu" Web site pre-clip, Julie describes herself as some what of a Tomboy.

"I'm down to get dirty and rough and do any physical challenge out there," said Berry.

Berry worked as a Pitt County mentor to school children and completed her internship at Growing Up FIT!

Growing Up FIT! is a program that helps children recognize the importance of nutrition and physical activity.

Berry has previously worked as a behavioral interventionist for other adopted children having emotional issues.

Julie is described by her former co-worker and friend, Amanda Mathias, as being a free spirit.

Julie is extremely adventurous and fearless and it didn't surprise any of us when we found out she had done "Survivor," said Mathias.

Julie plans to continue her education and receive a master's degree in counseling.

She is single and living in Gorham, Maine. Recently Julie was reunited with her biological sister and says it was the most important experience in her life.

"I think Julie is going to make a great Survivor contestant because of her determination and

lack of fear - nothing scares this girl," said Mathias.

"Survivor: Vanuatu" will be the ultimate challenge of the sexes and is sure to be bigger and better than the previous shows.

On Berry's pre-clip she says she will use any strategy necessary to win.

"I'll try my damndest to do whatever I have to do and I hope that's good enough, so we'll see," said Berry.

"Survivor: Vanuatu" will be an intense, unpredictable, crazy ride for us all to watch and we have one of our own to root for.

Be sure to tune in and see if our fellow Pirate makes it as a castaway and better yet if she can take home that million dollar prize.

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Video Music Awards tamer than past, but still a frenzied scene

(KRT) — There was no Madonna-Britney Spears kiss, no partially-clad Howard Stern coming down from the rafters and certainly no wardrobe malfunctions.

The MTV Awards show Sunday featured typical frenetic energy and sexy style and a few musical surprises, but it was mostly a kinder, gentler version of past shows.

Usher showed as much skin as anybody, preening in front of the camera bare chested as simulated raindrops fell on his chiseled body during the opening performance of "Burn." And the sometimes raunchy comedian Dave Chappelle even kept it relatively clean — despite teasing that he wouldn't.

"It's the biggest mistake you made since Janet Jackson at the Super Bowl," he jokingly warned, alluding to the MTV-produced Super Bowl halftime flesh show that created a fire storm earlier this year.

There may have been plenty of sex appeal on show in Miami — cleavage was the main fashion trend for women, cool colors for

men — but little shock appeal on hand.

MTV was ready, though, using a several-second tape delay for the first time. The audio delay, used for years, was in heavy use during the hip-hop medley, which featured Lil Jon, Petey Pablo and Fat Joe.

The change of scenery for the awards, typically held in New York or Los Angeles, helped raise the decadence level at the celebrity-soaked affair, held at the downtown American Airlines Arena.

OutKast's vivid "Hey Ya!" — perhaps best described as the old "Ed Sullivan" show on acid — won four awards, including video of the year. Jay-Z's "99 Problems," the most nominated video with six, also won four. That gritty black-and-white video depicts the singer's own killing as a metaphor for his much-ballyhooed retirement.

"I felt like I was trying to push the envelope," Jay-Z, dressed in a dapper white suit and hat, said as he accepted an award — called a moonman after the channel's logo — for best rap video.

"That was my punishment and this is my reward."

Usher won his first moonman as he took best male video for "Yeah!"

"This is my first time coming up here — let me take my time with this," said a beaming Usher. "I'm so damned happy right now I don't wanna leave."

As usual, the awards were an afterthought to explosive performances and surprise cameos.

Alicia Keys gave a dramatic, soulful spin of her hit "If I Ain't Got You," and was buoyed by Stevie Wonder on harmonica. Moments later, she joined Wonder and Lenny Kravitz as they sang a classic Wonder hit, "Higher Ground."

Keys also appeared on stage to honor the late Ray Charles, who died in June.

The daughters of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and President Bush made an appearance — the Bush daughters on videotape — to urge people to vote. Even the Rev. Al Sharpton made an appearance connected to voting — not for the election, though, but for the Viewer's

Choice Award.

Acclaimed rap newcomer Kanye West staged a dramatic version of "Jesus Walks," then instead of using a Chaka Khan sample for his hit "Through the Wire," brought the R&B veteran on stage to sing the real thing.

In a strange stunt, Flaming Lips singer Wayne Coyne appeared on stage enclosed in a big plastic ball pushed by fans on the arena floor. But perhaps the most surreal and bizarre performance came from the Polyphonic Spree, the twenty-something member rock choir that performed in multicolored, choir like robes. They looked like members of a lost cult from the 1970s.

There also was an appearance by uber-twins Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen. Mary Kate, who recently was treated for an eating disorder, alluded to her ordeal before introducing Jessica Simpson.

"Thank you to everyone — you have been very supportive for the last couple of months," said Mary Kate.

It was one of the few sub-

dued moments during the lavish night.

Usher and Simpson arrived on the red carpet not by car, but by luxury yacht. Simpson, glamorously attired in a white dress with a silver bodice, arrived with husband and "Newlyweds" co-star, Nick Lachey, in a 68-foot boat.

The biggest entrance of course, came from P. Diddy. Dressed in a white suit and with a Mohawk haircut, he arrived in a

towering yacht along with Ma\$e, Naomi Campbell and Bruce Willis.

The scene outside the arena was frenzied before the show. Performers such as Ashlee Simpson and Jadakiss rocked an energetic crowd while stars walked the red carpet, showing off their fashions — or lack thereof. Lil' Kim looked anything but, as she almost busted out of the skimpy top of her flowing dress.



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TV Soap Operas hold writing contest

REID DORSETT
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Proctor & Gamble Productions peek into the creative minds of students by holding their third writing contest. The contest asks college students to write a long-term story line for one of the production company's soap operas, "Guiding Light" or "As the World Turns." The contest is a way of giving students an idea of what it's like to write for this style genre, and also possible job opportunities after school.

"Though most new writers are hired to write dialogue, we hope to find college students with the instincts and talent to be storytellers of the future," said Mary Alice Dwyer-Dobbin, executive in charge of production for Proctor & Gamble Productions.

The contest is designed for students enrolled in a writing class during the fall semester of 2004. Students interested must request an application by Oct. 1 and return the application by Nov. 12. Two winners, one for each show, will be selected by Nov. 17. The winners will then be given a trip to New York to meet the writers, producers and executives of the show.

"It's exciting to see a com-



Proctor and Gamble give students the chance to test their skills.

pany give students such a great opportunity," said Jamie Faust, sophomore nursing major.

This excitement can be seen in many soap opera lovers, as well as in non-fans.

"I don't necessarily watch soaps a lot, but it's cool to know that college students are contributing to entertainment," said Matt Toler, junior electronics and computer networking major.

Entries will be judged upon creativity, conflict, story plot, romance and audience appeal. A good entry includes these characteristics and goes beyond the normal story using creativity to stand out from other submissions. Entries must also include characters from one of the shows

in a long-term story format. A long-term story is the actual story line over a period of time, usually months or years.

"The best soap opera stories are usually romantic focusing on a female protagonist pursuing her dreams and goals while overcoming huge obstacles," Dwyer-Dobbin said.

Interested students should send a postcard with name, address, phone number and e-mail address to Amy Miltenberger, Proctor & Gamble Productions, 825 Eighth Ave., 35th Floor, New York, NY 10019 or call 1-866-789-9186.

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Box office bonanza shows movie biz booming

(KRT) — So did you know that three of the 10 top-grossing movies of all time were released this year? Yet another was released late last year and made the bulk of its fortune in 2004? That 11 of the Top 20 have been released in the past five years?

Don't feel so bad — it's not common knowledge. But the summer of 2004 is headed toward being the biggest money maker in history.

By Labor Day, analysts say, the domestic box office should surpass \$4 billion, which tops the previous record-holding summer of 2002.

The biggest movie that summer was *Spider-Man* — the biggest release this summer has been *Spider-Man 2*, which has earned more than \$360 million and, last week, remained in the Top 10 after eight weeks in theaters. (*Shrek 2*, which opened in the middle of May, has earned more than \$435 million, making it third biggest of all time.)

No fewer than eight movies released this summer — plus three others released in early

or mid-May — have passed the magic \$100 million mark, which remains the blockbuster bell to ring, even in an age in which movies like *Spider-Man 2* cost \$250 million to produce and market.

Ancillary sales of DVDs — a market that continues to have runaway growth — often double a film's earning power. Many movies, especially comedies and thrillers, now earn more from DVD sales and rentals than they do in theaters.

There is no end to theories as to why the motion picture industry has enjoyed such a dramatic comeback in the past 20 years. Although it is true that fewer North Americans attend movies than they did in the 1950s, when average admission was less than \$2, it is also true that until nearly every U.S. home had a television (something that didn't occur until the 1960s), movies had been America's primary entertainment outlet for two decades.

Today, movies compete for attention and dollars not only with network television, but also

with cable, more sports franchises, the home video market, personal computers and video games.

Yes, there are more movie screens than ever, and movies are marketed more aggressively — and more innovative, considering the church group groundswell that has made Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* the eighth biggest of all time with \$370 million. But, there is also a growing feeling that there is a more central reason for the movie boom:

"I think we're making movies people want to see," said Sam Raimi.

Before Raimi was tapped to direct *Spider-Man* and its sequel, his most successful film at the box-office had been the baseball drama *For Love of the Game*, which took in \$35 million during its run. With an estimated budget of \$50 million, it was considered a failure.

The last eight months — stretching back to December's *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* (seventh of all time) — prove Raimi's point.

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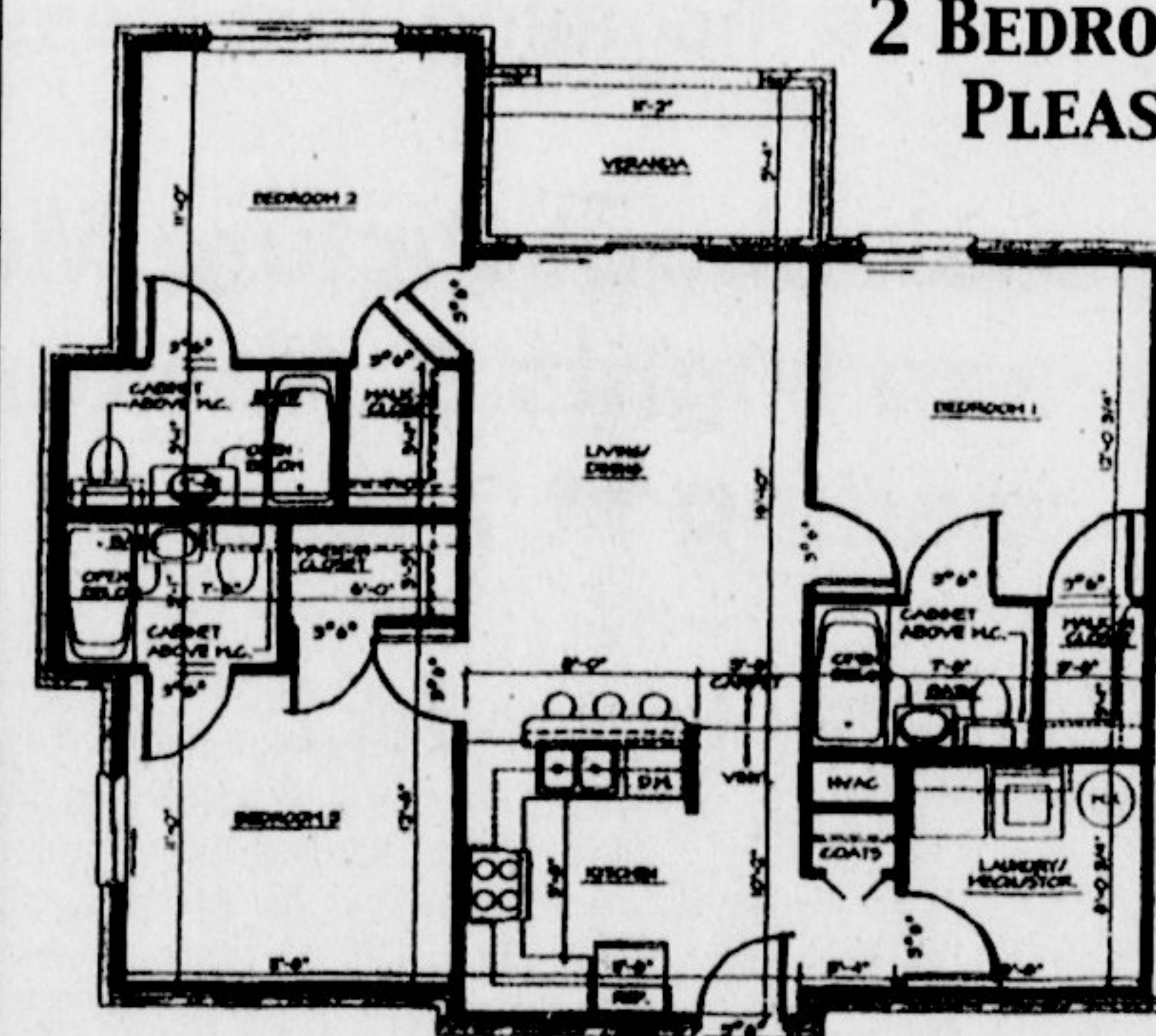
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Sports Briefs

Barkley under investigation

Former NBA star Charles Barkley is under investigation for indecent assault, police said Monday. A woman reported she was assaulted by Barkley at the nightclub 32 Degrees, Cpl. Jim Pauley said. Police received the report at 1:20 a.m. ET Friday, Pauley said. The investigation is being conducted by the department's Special Victims Unit, and police did not release any details of the allegation. Attempts by the Associated Press to reach Barkley, now a basketball analyst, or his agent were unsuccessful Monday night. Barkley was a nine-time All-Star and the league's MVP in 1993. He has been an analyst with cable network TNT since his retirement in 2000. No charges have been filed.

Cubs manager gets 1,000th win

Dusty Baker had plenty of praise for Greg Maddux after a significant win for each of them moved the Chicago Cubs into the NL wild-card lead. Maddux threw seven shutout innings for his 302nd career win, and Baker got his 1,000th victory as a manager in Chicago's 5-2 win over the Montreal Expos on Monday night. Maddux (13-8), who became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 wins on Aug. 7, scattered five hits, struck out two and walked none. He also went 2-for-3, including an RBI single on a grounder which caromed off Paul Bako as he stood on third base. LaTroy Hawkins got one out for his 20th save in 26 opportunities to close out Baker's milestone win. He's 1,000-848 in 12 seasons with the Cubs and San Francisco Giants.

This Date in Sports

1912 - Smokey Joe Wood of the Boston Red Sox, on his way to a 34-win season, beats Walter Johnson of the Senators 1-0 in a specially arranged pitching duel at Boston. The victory is Wood's 16th straight.

1923 - The United States wins its fourth consecutive Davis Cup by beating Australia four matches to one.

1946 - Patty Berg wins the U.S. Women's Open golf title by beating Betty Jameson in the final round.

1973 - George Foreman knocks out Jose Roman at 2 p.m. of the first round in Tokyo to retain the heavyweight title.

1975 - Tom Seaver strikes out Manny Sanguillen in the seventh inning to become the first pitcher ever to strike out 200 or more batters in eight consecutive seasons. Seaver records 10 strikeouts in the Mets' 3-0 triumph over Pittsburgh.

1984 - Willie Totten of Mississippi Valley State passes for a Division I-AA-record 536 yards and nine touchdowns in a 86-0 rout of Kentucky State. Jerry Rice catches 17 passes for 294 yards along with five touchdowns and breaks his own Division I-AA record for receiving yards.

1989 - Chris Evert becomes the first 100-match winner in 108 years of U.S. tennis championships. Evert, playing her final U.S. Open, beat Patricia Tarabini 6-2, 6-4.

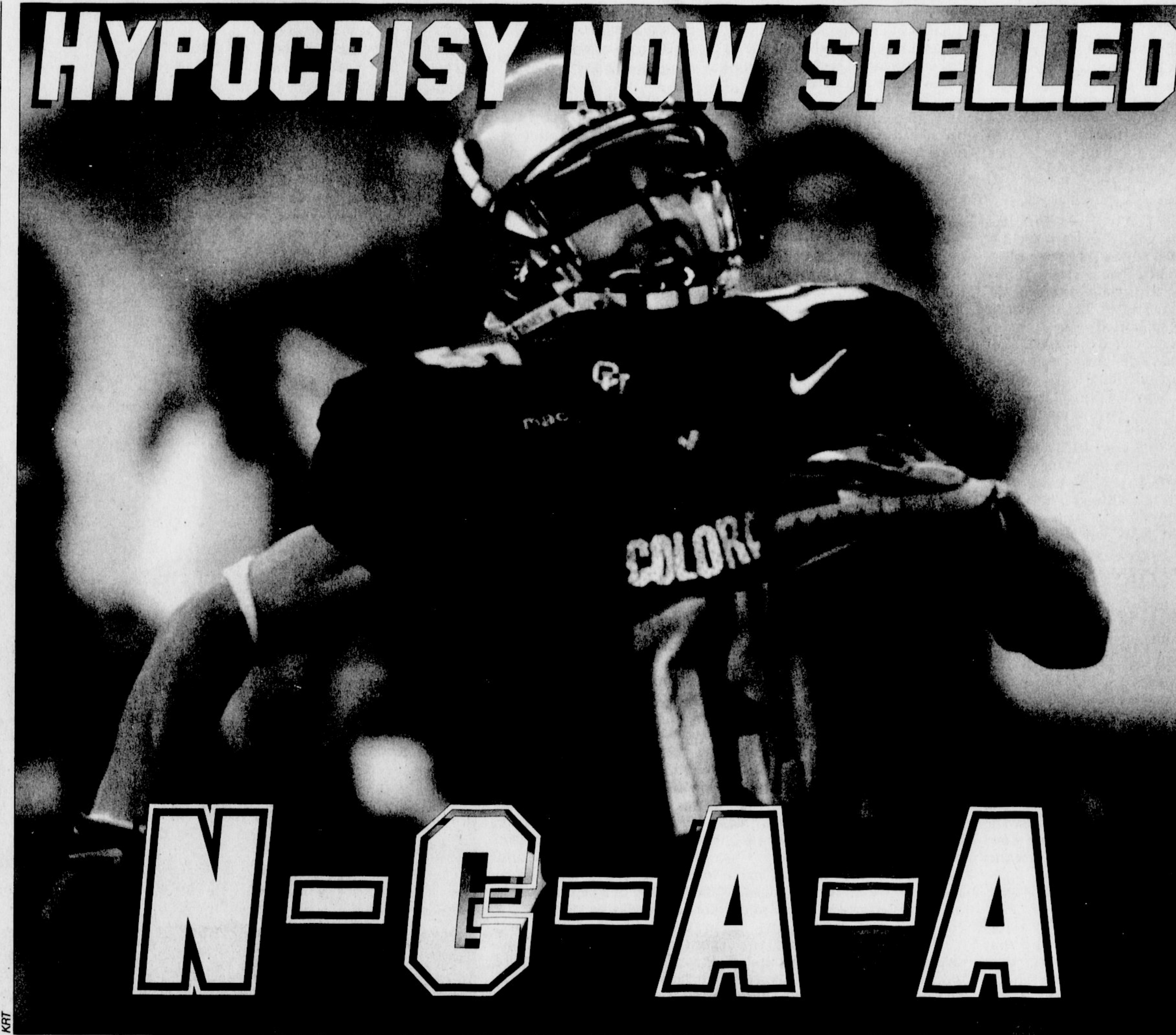
1996 - Kenya's Daniel Komen lowers the world record in the 3,000 meters by more than four seconds in the Rieti Grand Prix II. Komen finishes in seven minutes, 20.67 seconds, breaking the mark of 7:25.11 set by Noureddine Morcelli in 1994.

1998 - Mark McGwire breaks Hack Wilson's 68-year-old National League record for home runs in a season, hitting his 56th and 57th in the St. Louis Cardinals' victory over the Florida Marlins.

2001 - Iowa's Aaron Greiving ties an NCAA record by scoring touchdowns on three consecutive carries in a 51-0 victory over Kent State.

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HYPOCRISY NOW SPELLED



'National Committee Against Athletes' shows true colors

Opinion

TONY ZOPPO
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Picture this: A governing body of athletics forces its hundreds of thousands of athletes to strictly adhere to rules of amateurism while the system itself makes billions of dollars per year off these athletes' talent.

Mike Williams and Jeremy Bloom can picture it. In fact, they have a grip on it so well that I doubt Kevin Lennon, NCAA vice president for membership services, would see it if it bit him in the a**.

Williams was recently denied reinstatement to the NCAA for violation of amateurism bylaws when he dropped his classes at

USC last spring to enter the April NFL Draft. Bloom was equally denied the right to both accept endorsement money to fund his way toward the Winter Olympics and still play football for the University of Colorado.

Both cases carried extraordinary circumstances.

Williams entered the draft via Maurice Clarett. Clarett challenged the NFL eligibility rule that, in order to play professional ball, an athlete must be three years graduated from high school. The courts ruled in favor of the former Ohio State tailback and Williams decided to ride Clarett's coattails into professionalism, against the advice of certain USC officials that the ruling had a chance of being overturned.

Five days before the draft, the second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided to uphold the NFL's age standard and Williams was left with only one thing to do

- attempt to reinstate himself as an amateur in the NCAA. Everyone knows the story from there.

At first glance, it seems a just decision. Add in a few facts beneath the raw surface of the issue and it's plain to see this was a grave injustice.

The USC standout receiver did more than grab an application, fill it out and put his John Hancock on it.

NCAA Bylaw 12 states, in essence, that an athlete may not accept payment of any kind for his/her athletic abilities or performance. It also states that an athlete cannot enter into agreement with an agent, sign professional contracts, etc. Williams did everything he had to in order to become an amateur again. He severed ties with agent Mike Azzarelli and paid back all monies and benefits received in his time away from the university.

Williams also enrolled (and

passed) in six credit hours worth of courses this past summer before his designated sport started in the fall (a new rule instituted last year).

Now it was all in the NCAA's hands to make a case-sensitive decision with concern to extraordinary circumstances.

However, once again, the sole governing body of college athletics lacked the decency and foresight that so many wish they had. The minute Williams had to leave the decision in NCAA hands, he had a snowball's chance in hell to be reinstated.

Speaking of snow, let's take a gander at Mr. Bloom's case.

Jeremy Bloom is, or perhaps more correctly was, a junior receiver and kick returner specialist for Colorado. He is also a world-class freestyle skier and wants to take his talent to the 2006 Olympics. This past January, Bloom announced he could no longer properly fund his

training for the upcoming winter games without accepting some type of endorsements. He stated he would begin accepting said endorsements and renewed what has been a two-year struggle with the NCAA. There was optimism that this time Bloom may get his chance to both accept the money and play football. However, the NCAA wanted more information on what Bloom did when he won \$45,000 in prize money more than a year and a half ago. Turns out, he gave it to charity.

What a terrible, self-centered thing to do.

After weeks of dragging it out, the NCAA denied Bloom his request to play football if he was going to accept funding for his Olympic training. Early last week they officially ended his college football career as the appeal was also struck down. Sure, why shouldn't they? It's not

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Twelve things you should know about college football 2004

(KRT) — Oklahoma's Jason White has a chance at a second Heisman, but he's not even the top candidate in his league. There's a Steve Spurrier back in the college ranks and the Big Ten will be looking at things more closely than any other league. That's just a sampling of the annual course load's 50 things to know about college football.

1. Once again, adjustments were made to the BCS formula. Under the new system, the Associated Press, coaches and computer polls have equal weight in determining who plays in the BCS championship game (Orange Bowl, Jan. 4). Last year, when Southern Cal and LSU split the championship, computer polls were worth 75 percent.

"This will be easier to understand, much more accurate and will serve us better," said Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen.

"Will we get into trouble again? Probably."

2. The Atlantic Coast Conference puts even more weight on its terrific rivalry with now conference-mate Florida State. The same can be said for Virginia Tech's annual meeting with Virginia.

"The game's already an electric atmosphere," said Virginia stud defensive end Chris Canty. "You already don't like them.

When you're in the locker room, you're ready to knock their heads off ... and then you've got a little conference win on the line, maybe a conference championship on the line."

3. Micheal Spurlock has the pleasure of following Eli Manning as the Ole Miss quarterback. Spurlock's talents in the option have caused the Rebels to adjust the offense.

4. While Maurice Clarett preps in Texas for another shot at the NFL draft instead of his junior season, Ohio State will lean on its defense and a popular yet untested quarterback named Justin Zwick.

5. Colorado has had a tumultuous off-season, including some nine allegations of sexual assault involving players or recruits.

"We know we're under the microscope," said Buffaloes quarterback Joel Klatt.

"Only a few times in a man's life do you get the opportunity to be under the microscope and respond. We look forward to the challenge."

6. Nebraska is running the West Coast offense under former Raiders coach Bill Callahan. (Yes, Husker fans, it's legal to pass on first down.) Callahan is trying to change an offense that ranked 114th in passing and

74th in scoring.

7. Lions quarterback Zack Mills needs 380 yards to become Penn State's all-time passing yardage leader. Who currently (and temporarily) holds the record? Answer to come.

8. If you're looking for a Heisman dark horse, Hawaii quarterback Timmy Chang needs 2,218 yards to break Ty Detmer's career mark. The Rainbows, however, are only on national TV twice: Oct. 29 at Boise State (ESPN2) and Nov. 12 at Fresno State (ESPN).

9. Mouse Davis, the father of the run-and-shoot offense (the football equivalent of the Hula-Hoop fad) is with Chang in Hawaii, directing the special teams under June Jones. Davis also assisted Jones in the NFL.

10. One candidate for most underrated running back in the land is Syracuse's Walter Reyes. The pressure's on coach Paul Pasqualoni, though, after going 10-14 over the last two years.

12. Oregon State has the pleasure of playing two defending champions this season. The Beavers open at LSU on Saturday and play host to Southern Cal on Nov. 6. In 1992, the year following the last split national champions, Arizona played them both. It lost to Miami, 8-7, but upset Washington, 16-3.



OU has the talent to be the top dog in the NCAA again.

An explosion - disc golf's short history

Game is one of fastest growing sports today

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

There may not be a sport that has grown more in the last thirty years than disc golf. Three decades ago, there were no disc golf courses to be found - now there is a course in 23 countries and at least one in every state.

Disc golf is played much like normal golf, with a few key differences. Instead of hitting a ball into a hole, the goal is to throw a disc, a specially designed version of a Frisbee, into an elevated target supported by metal chains or what is called the basket. Each hole has a designated teeing area and an individual basket for that hole. Akin to a normal golf hole, a disc is thrown as many times as necessary to reach the basket. The hole is completed when the disc comes to rest in the chains, or in the base of the basket. The goal is to finish each hole in as few throws as possible with the lowest score winning. Unless otherwise noted, each hole is a par three and score is kept in proportion to par.

"Steady" Ed Headrick invented the sport in 1975. Headrick is also the inventor of the modern Frisbee (the name Frisbee was

patented by Whamco, Headrick called his invention a flying disc and sold the naming rights to Whamco) and the targets that are used in play. He also put the first course in the ground at Oak Grove Park in Pasadena, California also in 1975.

Within eight years, disc golf had spread across the country. It made its way to North Carolina in 1983 to Horizons Park in Winston-Salem, and to Kentwood Park in Raleigh. The popularity of the sport, especially among college students, was one of the biggest proponents to the sport's expansion. Disc golf made its way to ECU in 1988 when student Todd "Pygmy Man" Markov persuaded the university to put a course in. The course is now located beside the baseball field.

The course here at ECU has aided many current players on their way to success in the sport. In fact, some actually make a living playing.

No ECU disc golfer has made it bigger than Larry Leonard, currently ranked 21st in the world. Leonard, who makes a living as a professional disc golfer, used the ECU course when he was a student in the late 1980s to practice and perfect his game.

"I played the course two times a day, every day," said Leonard.

"I learned different things by trying different shots."

Contact info

For more information regarding the ECU open, contact the club at ecudiscgolf@hotmail.com

To make his living, Leonard plays in Professional Disc Golf Association sanctioned tournaments on weekends. The PDGA offers six levels of competition for professionals and amateurs with 26 different divisions that are broken down by skill level, age and sex. The disc golf world meets every year for the world championships, which take place somewhere in the USA. This year's competition took place in Des Moines, Iowa where a record number of 917 participants made their way to Iowa for a chance to claim a world title.

The PDGA will make its way to ECU on Sept. 18 - 19 for a tour event. The tournament will begin both days at 10 a.m., with spectators welcome at no charge.

Leonard, along with Brian Shweberger, also ranked 21st in the world, and Walter "Snoop" Haney, ranked 10th in the world, are among the expected 90 athletes scheduled to compete.

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Quarterback race ends in Tye for TCU

(KRT) — TCU quarterback Tye Gunn has overcome two injury-plagued seasons, several surgeries and the pain of having to watch his team chase Bowl Championship Series dreams without him.

Now, he's overcome a quarterback competition.

TCU coach Gary Patterson announced Monday that Gunn has won the starting quarterback job over Brandon Hassell and will be the starter when the Horned Frogs open the season Thursday against Northwestern.

Patterson said the decision was extremely tough, but Gunn's ability to manage the game and his performance this preseason earned him the starting nod.

"It's not that Brandon hasn't done a good job this preseason, but we had to make a decision," said Patterson.

"Tye does a great job of managing the game. He doesn't throw interceptions, and he doesn't put us in plays that are bad ones. He was that way as a redshirt freshman, and the guy is 8-0 as a starter."

Patterson met with the two quarterbacks Sunday afternoon

and told them of his decision.

Hassell, who is 7-2 as starter, said he wasn't upset with the choice, and he felt like Gunn had gained an advantage over the course of the camp.

"I felt in the back of my head that Tye was a little ahead, and I needed to catch up," said Hassell.

"I'm not upset about the situation. I've seen how he's worked through the injuries and how hard he's worked this summer to get back. He's done everything he's had to do for it, and there's no one I would rather have playing in front of me than Tye Gunn."

Gunn, who has missed 13 career games because of injury, has shown his old form since recovering from several injuries. He missed the end of the 2002 season with a knee injury and missed eight games last season because of a separated shoulder and groin injury.

The Horned Frogs have averaged 32.1 points per game with Gunn as the starter. He has seven touchdown passes and five interceptions in those games.

"After all the injuries, I

don't think people really know how frustrating that was," said Gunn.

"I mean one injury is bad, two injuries is worse and three is unreal. It kept getting worse and worse. I've really worked hard, and it's kind of a payoff to start. But I can't relax and not go hard in practice because I know for a fact (Brandon) will start in front of me if I do that."

Patterson maintained both quarterbacks will play this season, and Gunn said he hasn't been told he will be the starter throughout the season.

Hassell is expected to play in the third or fourth series against Northwestern.

Both quarterbacks said they weren't interested in playing a two-quarterback system, but offensive coordinator Mike Schultz said Hassell certainly gives TCU a viable second option.

"We feel like Brandon has the ability to come off the sideline and be productive like he did last season," said Schultz.

"This was a very tough decision, but Brandon will get a chance to play."

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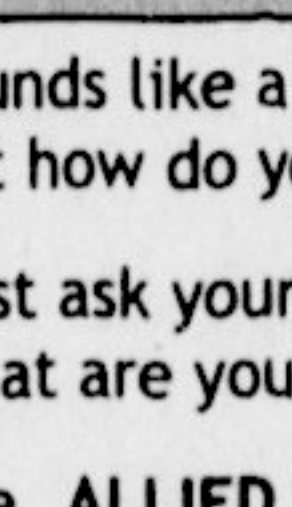
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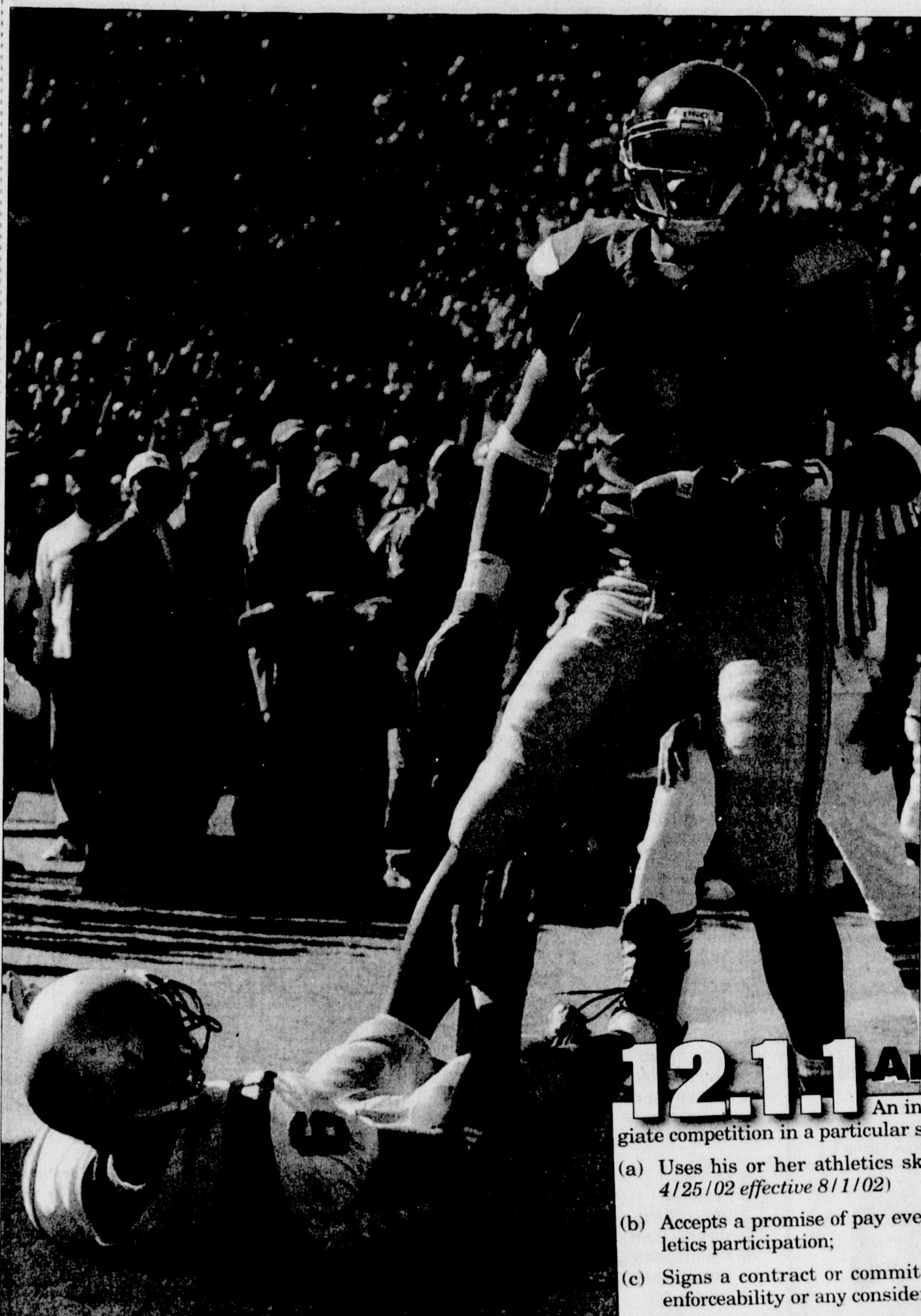
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Pete Carroll on NCAA's Decision:

"We knew all along from the tone that we got from the highest level, that he (Williams) would be denied. Thier tenor was that he didn't deserve this opportunity. I could tell from the very beginning how hard they were going to make this, but to take it all the way to one hour before we leave? I couldn't be more disappointed. It's very cold and insensitive for them to deny him this opportunity."

like there is some Olympic exception in their bylaws right?

Take a look at figure two. It reads, "It is permissible for an individual (prospective student-athlete or student-athletes) to participate on Olympic or national teams that are competing for prize money or are being compensated by the governing body to participate in a specific event, provided the student-athlete does not accept prize money or any other compensation (other than actual and necessary expenses)."

That excerpt is known as Bylaw 12.1.1.4.1.1 - Exception - Olympic and National Teams. Bloom needs endorsement/prize money for training - I'd say that is a "necessary expense." And while it is somewhat clear the compensation cannot be endorsements or prize money, I think the NCAA could have made an exception here considering they have a 99 percent match to their own bylaw.

Not to mention the NCAA states every athlete who files for reinstatement is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, certain exceptions can be made with concern to circumstances within each individual case before the outcome is decided.

Have Mike Williams and Jeremy Bloom not been subject to extenuating and extraordinary circumstances?

On one end, you have a kid who is so physically ready for the NFL there isn't a cornerback in the nation who can stop him on any given day. He took his game to the NFL because of a decision made by the courts and had every right to do exactly what he did before the ruling was reversed. Even then, he handled everything maturely and set his affairs in order as if he had never renounced his amateurism, or dropped out of school.

On the other end you have another amazing athlete who is not only an impact player at one of the nation's top football schools but also a 2002 Olympic skier and freestyle mogul champion. Now he wants to take his ability to the Olympics in Torino but can't fund his way there by himself.

And where these players are denied, other much less worthy players are given

privilege. Miami Hurricanes recruit Willie Williams has been to jail 12 times and if it weren't for a knee injury this past week, he'd be playing linebacker for the 'Canes this Saturday.

Chris Weinke was accepting money from a minor league baseball team while he was "leading" the Florida State Seminoles to the National Championship. Tim Dwight received a \$1.4 million signing bonus from Atlanta in 1998, yet because his football eligibility was complete, he was allowed to run track for Iowa.

The Fat Cats up in Indianapolis see one thing and one thing only - dollar signs.

There is no institution more hypocritical than the NCAA. It sits back and says that under no circumstances is an athlete allowed to accept endorsements or prize money earned via their athletic ability. Doing so would forfeit their status as an amateur, thus making them ineligible for any further NCAA competition. And yet, in their very own holy grail of a constitution, they have certain exceptions that would allow acceptance of some of these monies.

But as far as the governing body itself ... hell, they can make all the money they want off these athletes. You name it and a big-time university has it - apparel contracts, TV contracts, athletic beverage contracts, soft-drink contracts, etc., and the NCAA gets a sizeable piece of the endorsement pie.

Schools like USC and Colorado don't make these deals because their campus is scenic or their chemistry program is top in the country. They make these deals because athletes like Williams and Bloom do things with a football in their hands that ordinary people can barely do in their dreams.

And now, these two athletes, under very uncommon circumstances, want to make more of themselves and are flatly denied by a business that relishes in its make-up-the-rules-as-we-go style of governing.

Somebody, please wake me when the nightmare ends.

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12.1.1 Amateur Status

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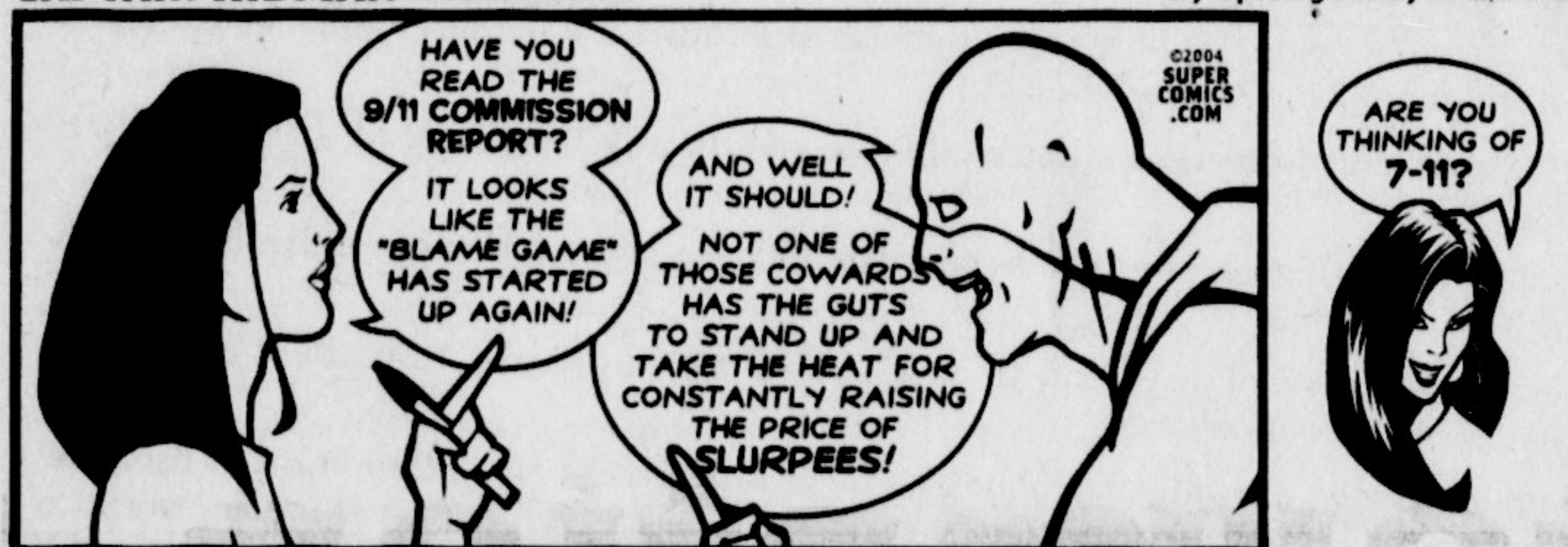
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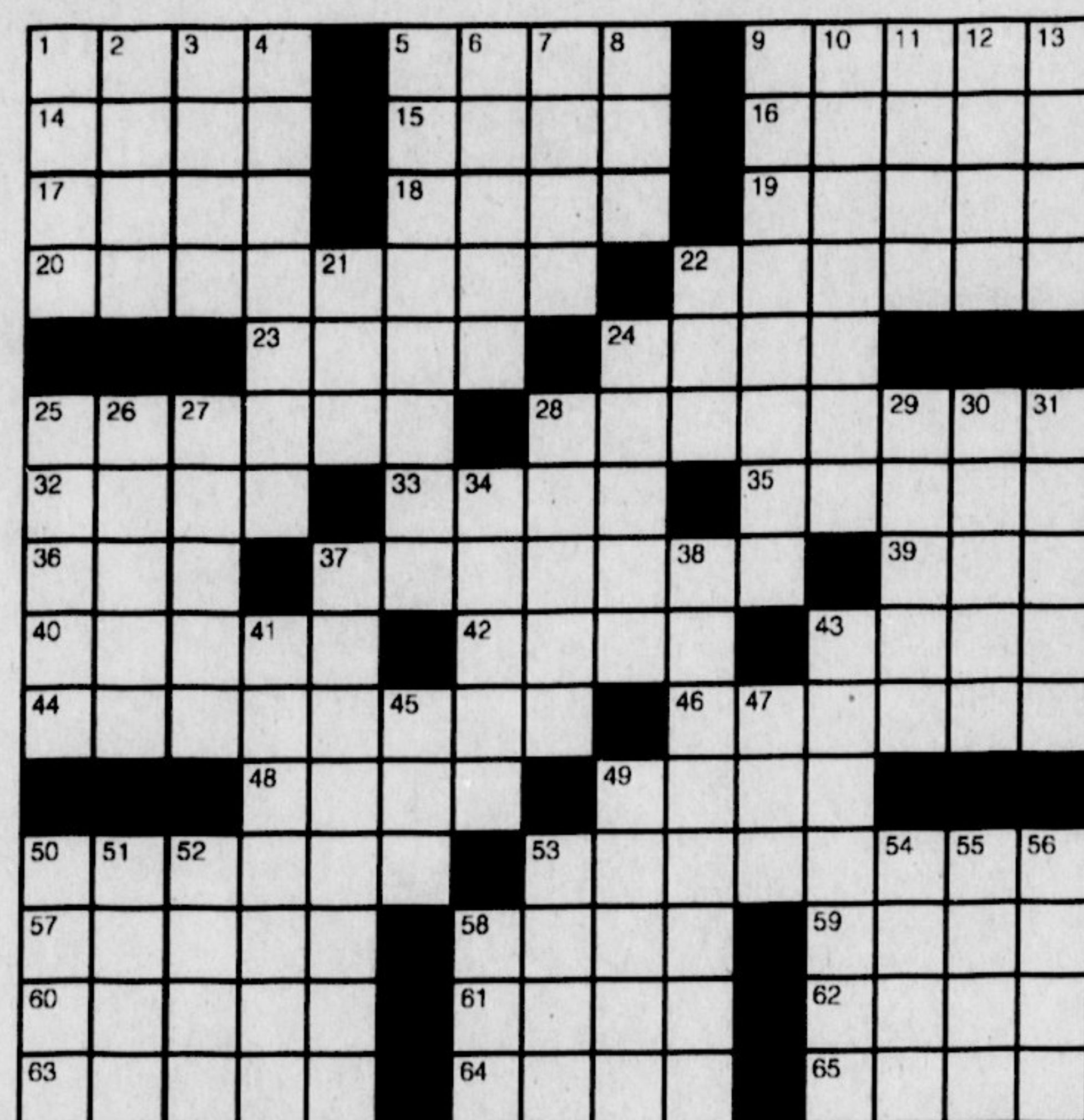
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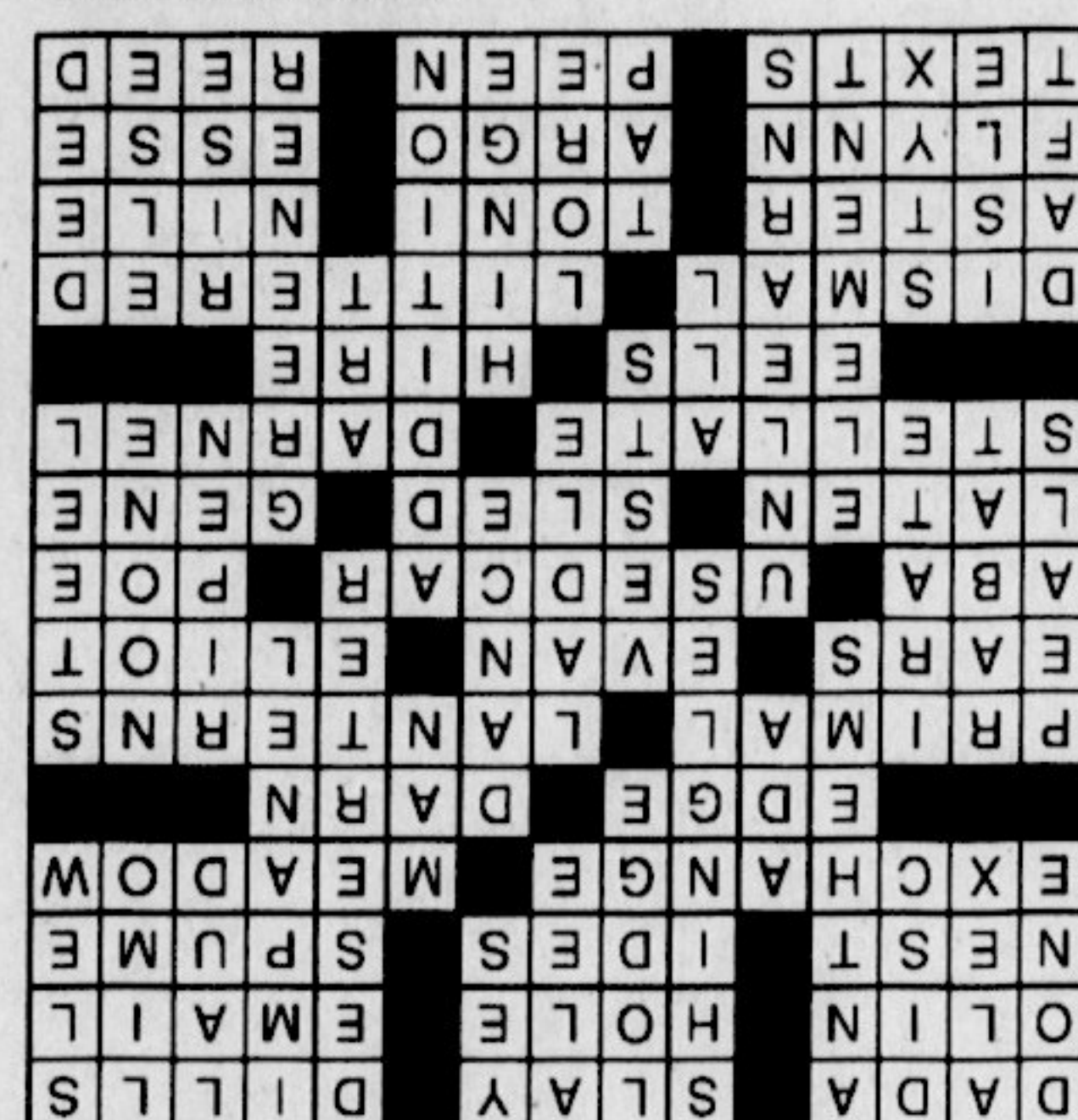


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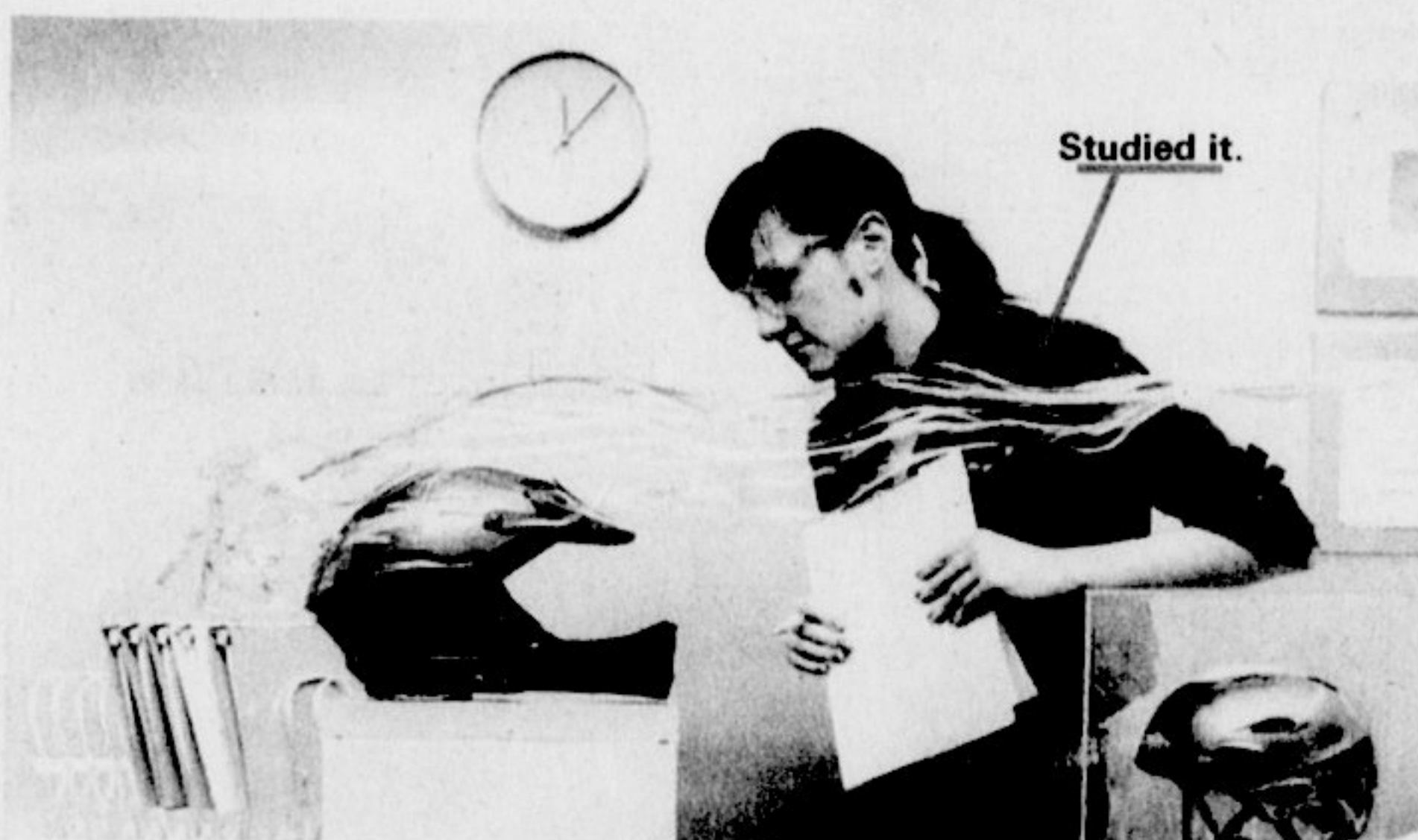
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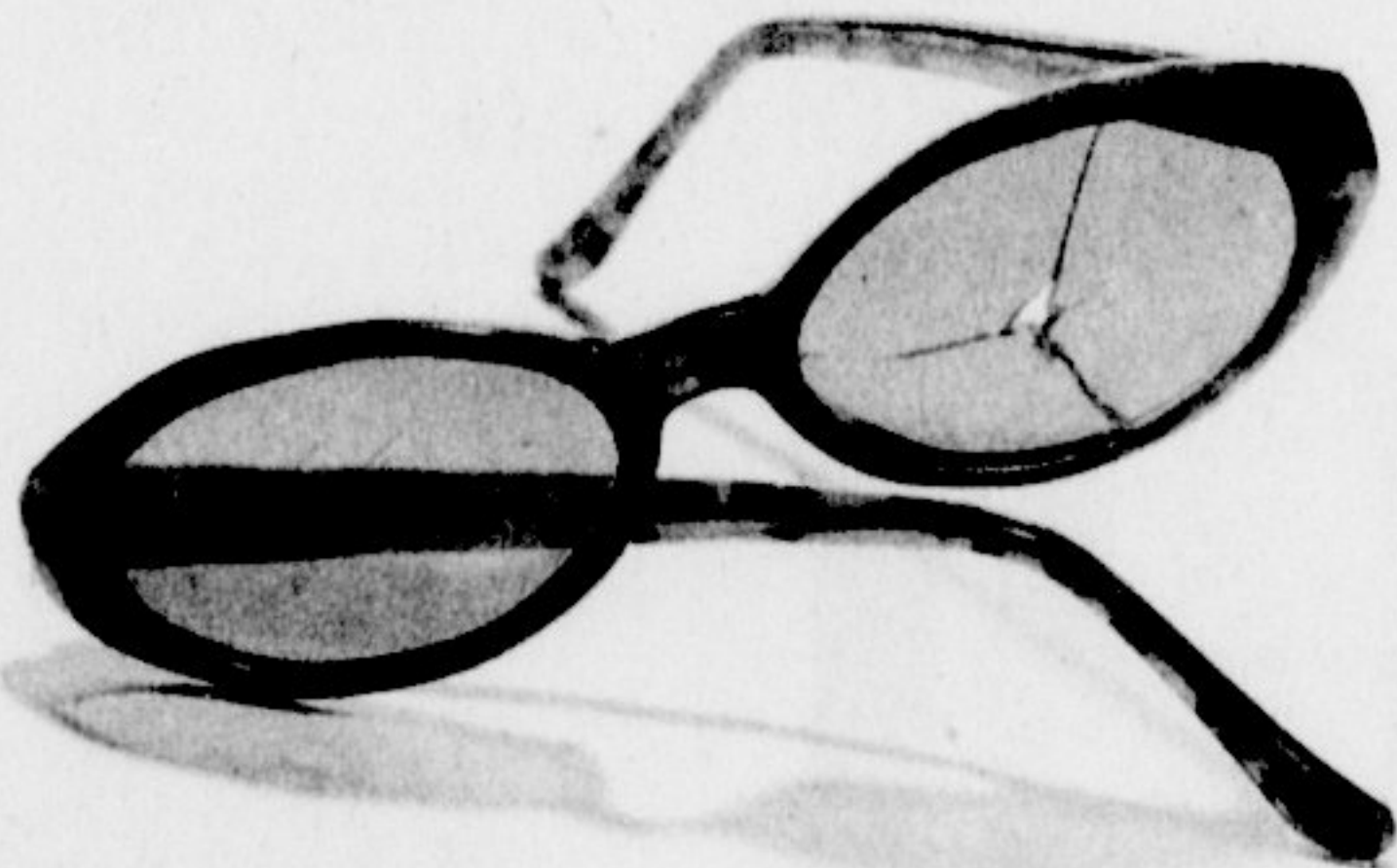
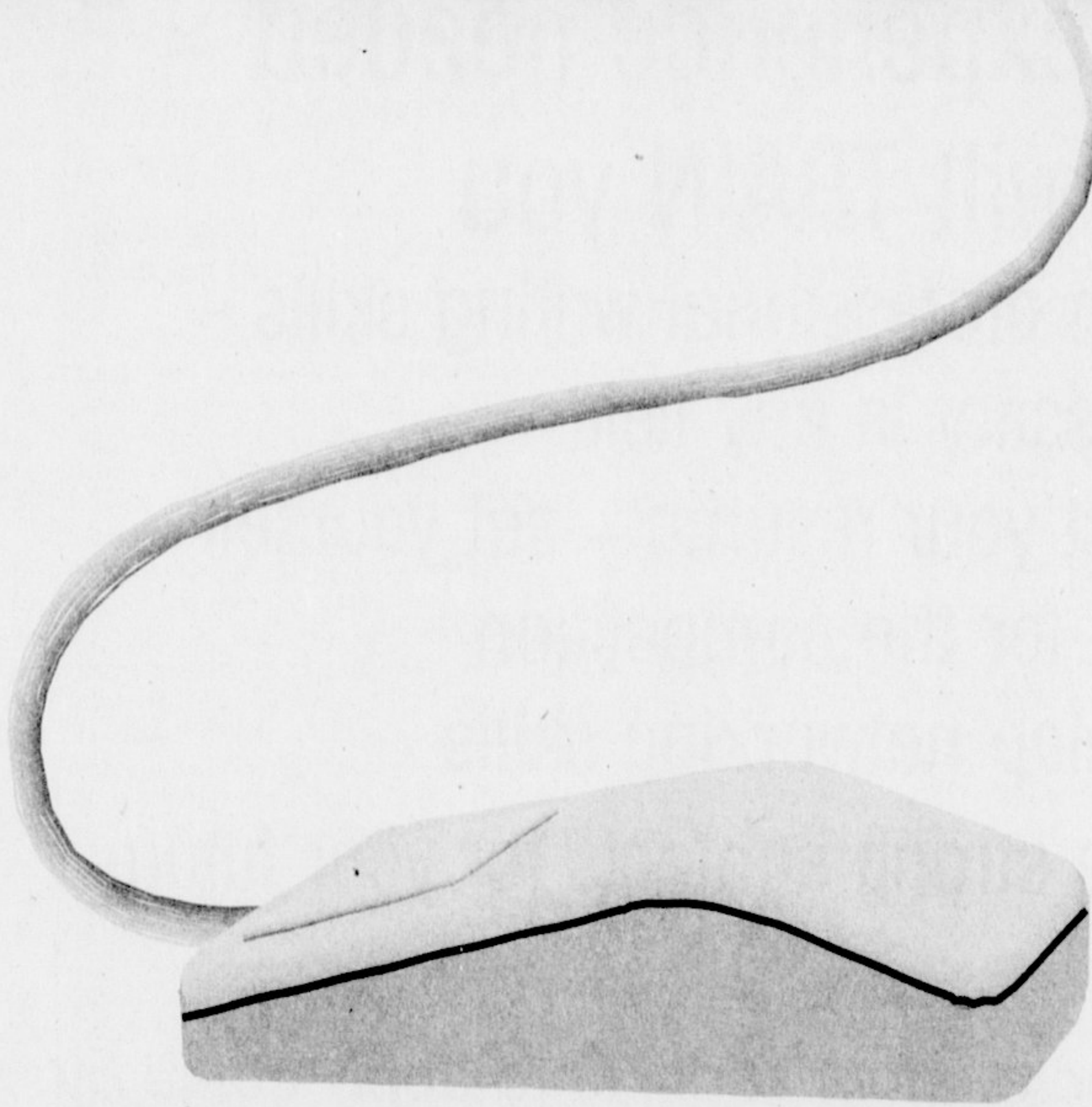


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