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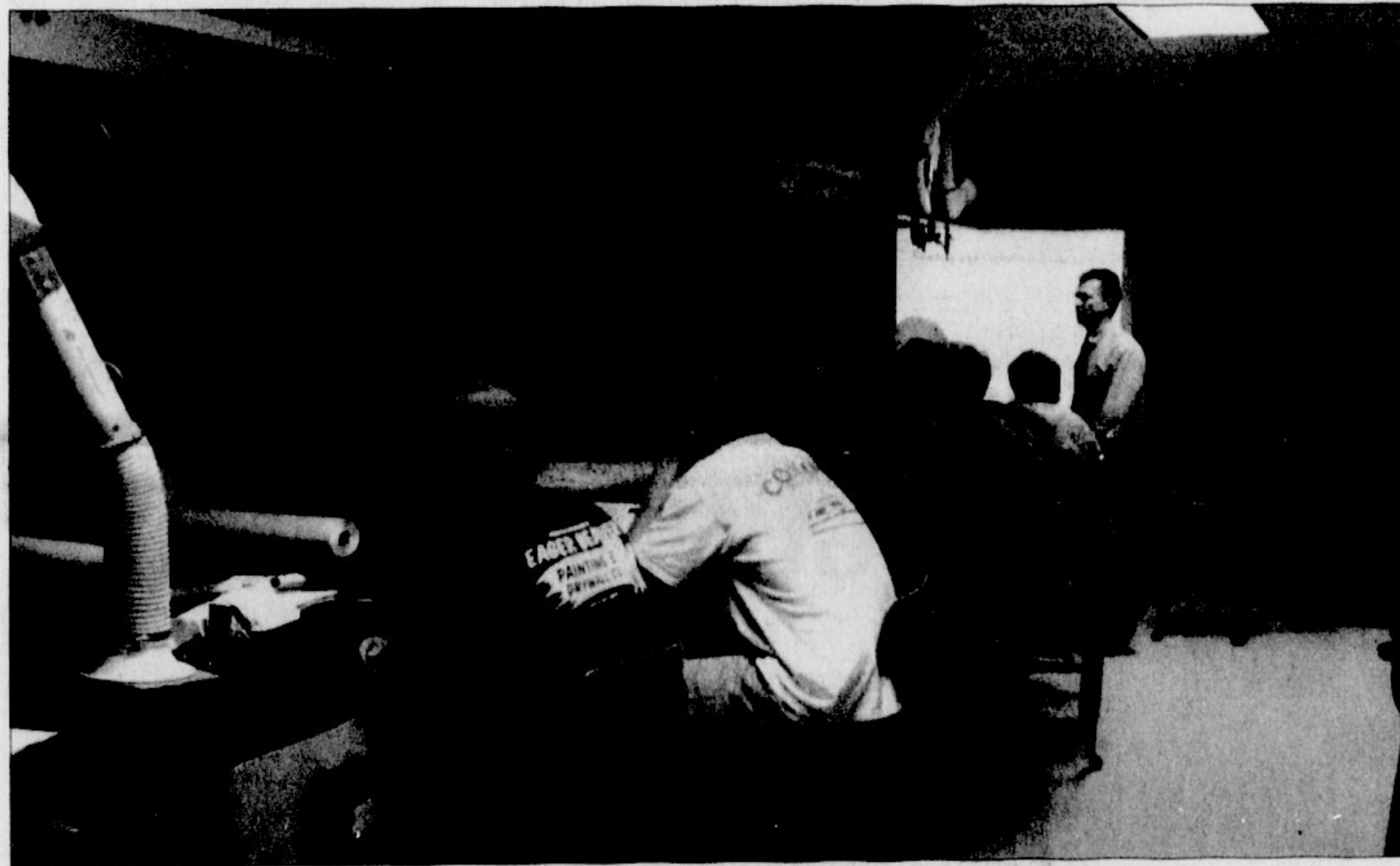
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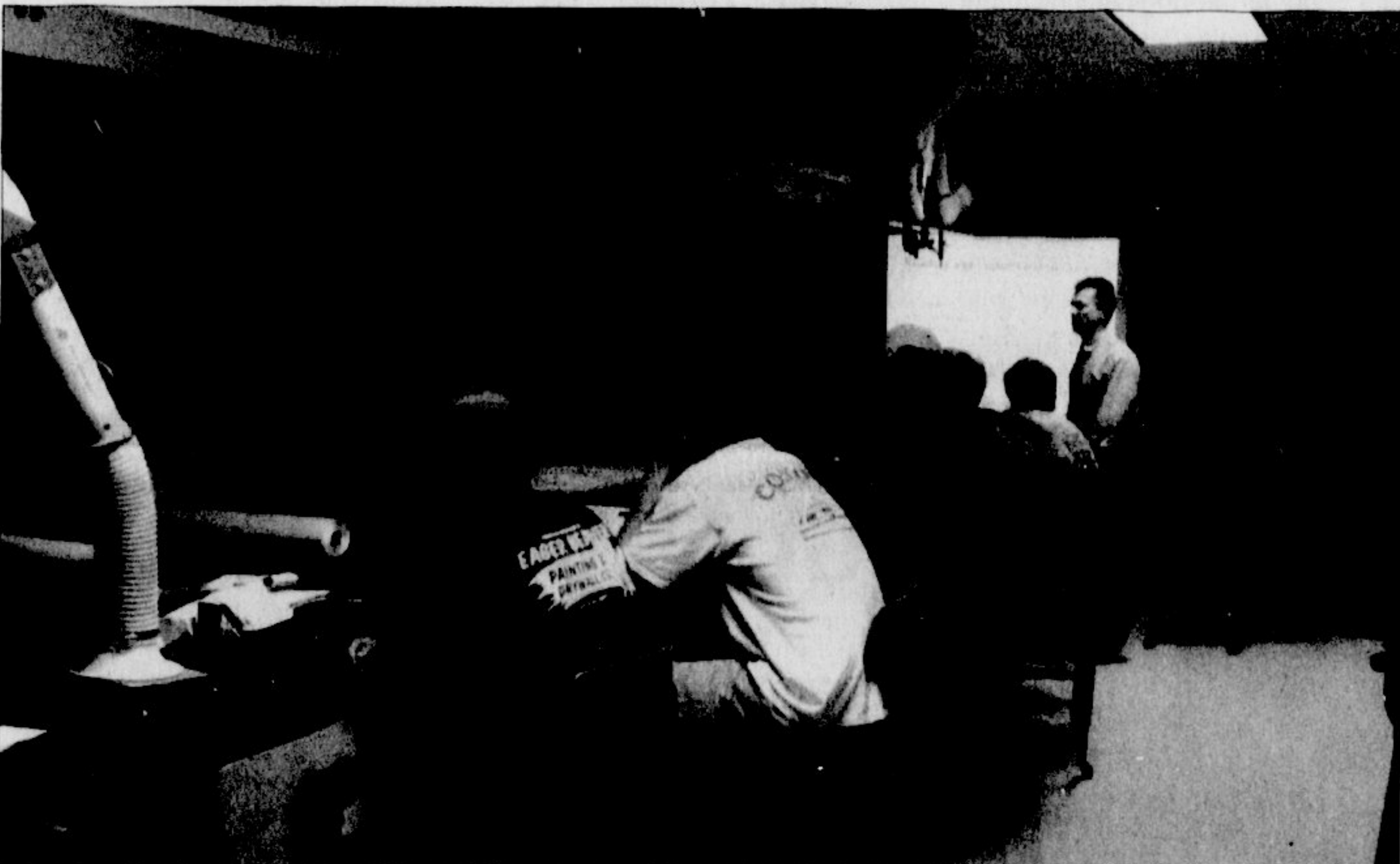
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since last year include higher test scores of incoming students and our continual effort in providing exceptional value toward our students. However, despite these improvements and moving up in rankings, Durham said ECU has not undergone any major changes or improvements.

"The university is probably more like it was last year than it is different than last year," said Durham.

"We don't go out of our way to try to affect the rankings ... we don't sit there and study what we can do to improve our rankings."

Durham said while it's always nice to be on these various lists, *U.S. News* puts a lot of emphasis on aspects such as class size, endorsements and other things we can't do a lot about. Durham said the top 20 institutes on the list this year are made up of private schools only.

"What the magazine doesn't do a particularly compelling job of is trying to access the role the university has in the success of our students which we think is the most important thing for us to be measured," Durham said.

Durham said he feels it is important how well our students succeed both in school and years down the road when they get involved in their professions and not how it stacks up on these lists.

Chris Giggey, senior neuroscience major said he has noticed aspects of ECU improving over the past few years. He said he heard the Brody School of Medicine has improved as it is also excelling in areas of family practice and general practitioner studies. Giggey said he feels ECU will become an institute that appeals to a wider variety of incoming students as a result of the increased rankings.

"I think most people think of ECU as a liberal arts college, that will probably change," said Giggey.

Brian Vierria, senior chemistry major said he hasn't noticed a major change in the degree of difficulty in classes over the last several years. One improvement he said he has noticed though is the increased use of automated methods of teaching.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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. 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 - 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.

Sorority Rush

Sorority Rush is taking place on Sept. 12 - 18. Busses will transport anyone interested to each sorority house. For more information, contact Amanda Lewis. Late registration for sorority recruitment is Sept. 11 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Greek office in Mendenhall 224.

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.

Family Weekend

ECU Family weekend is from Sept. 10 - 12, 2004.

Campus Safety Week

Sept. 13 - 17 is Campus Safety Week sponsored by your ECU Student Government Association.

World Peace Week '04

ECU World Peace Week 2004 will run from Sept. 19 - 24.

News Briefs

Local

West Nile virus

confirmed in Surry County man
RALEIGH, NC - A Surry County man is recovering after being infected with the West Nile virus in North Carolina's first case of the illness this year, state health officials said Wednesday. The man, in his 50s, is recovering at home, said Dr. Leah Devlin, state health director. State labs confirmed the case in lab tests Aug. 31. The virus is carried by wild birds, which are bitten by mosquitoes, which can transmit the virus to humans. The disease is not contagious. Symptoms of West Nile include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, decrease in the level of consciousness, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. People older than 50 years of age have the highest risk of severe disease. People whose immune systems are weakened are also more likely to experience severe infections. Last year two North Carolinians died as a result of WNV infection. Both of them had weakened immune systems, one as a result of cancer treatment, the other as a result of an organ transplant.

UNC-Wilmington swim team removed from probation for now
WILMINGTON, NC (AP) - The women's swimming team at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will be removed from probation while school officials reconsider allegations of hazing by upperclassmen.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo has decided to reconsider the punishment following a meeting with parents of swimmers last week, according to the parents and school officials. When the allegations and punishment announced last month, DePaolo was adamant in her defense of Dean of Students Terrence Curran, who conducted the initial investigation. The new investigation is being performed by Paul Hosier, the provost

and vice chancellor of academic affairs, and will include statements from the entire team. The results will be turned over to DePaolo, who will decide what - if any - punishment is needed.

The investigation stems from allegations that in early April upperclassmen made regular trips to a university dormitory to select unusual clothes for the freshmen to wear to class.

The freshmen later had their faces painted and participated in various activities, including a scavenger hunt in downtown Wilmington and running through an automatic car wash near campus. Team members then allegedly went to an upperclassman's off-campus residence and drank alcohol.

Following the first investigation, DePaolo placed the program on probation for the 2004-2005 academic year. Upperclassmen would not be allowed to participate in road meets during the first semester.

"My job is to protect our students and our campus and ensure safety as much as possible," DePaolo said in July.

"And this was hazing. Our policy is against hazing; we have zero tolerance for it. This was a case of it."

Paralysis not keeping teen from living well

RUTHERFORDTON, NC (AP) - If Joseph Maimone had it to do all over again, he wouldn't have gone skiing with a group of his friends from North Carolina State University in February. That was the day the college sophomore skied into a tree at Snow Shoe Mountain, W.Va., suffering injuries that left him paralyzed.

He remembers the moments before the crash, losing control on a curve and he recalls how close he came to hitting another tree, before actually slamming into one.

"I remember telling myself I'd better be careful when I got up because I knew I had to finish that slope to get to the bottom. The next thing I knew, I'm in the helicopter," Maimone recalled.

In retrospect, he knows the slope was too difficult for him.

Six months after the accident, Maimone, 19, is doing everything in his power to continue the adjustment to being paralyzed and being in a wheelchair. But he believes therapy will lead him "eventually" to the time when he'll be out of the wheelchair and walking and moving again.

Maimone, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maimone of Green Hill, remained at a West Virginia hospital for a month after the accident and was a patient at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Ga., for two months before returning home.

National

In reversal, Justice Department agrees to throw out major terror conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a dramatic reversal on the eve of President Bush's nomination acceptance, the Justice Department acknowledged its original prosecution of a suspected terror cell in Detroit filled with a "pattern of mistakes and oversights" that warrant the dismissal of the convictions.

In a 60-page memo that harshly criticizes its own prosecutors' work, the department told U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen on Tuesday night it supports the Detroit defendants' request for a new trial and would no longer pursue terrorism charges against them. The defendants at most would only face fraud charges at a new trial.

The Justice Department is "concurring in the defendants' motions for a new trial" and asks the court to dismiss the first count of the original indictment charging the defendants with material support of terrorism, the government's filing said.

The department's decision came after a months long internal investigation uncovered several pieces of evidence that prosecutors failed to turn over to defense lawyers before the trial last year. The probe exposed deep differences within the government

over the course of the case and the quality of the prosecution's evidence.

The internal investigation of prosecutorial misconduct found enough problems that there is "no reasonable prospect of winning," the government conceded, drawing back from a case once hailed by the Bush administration as a major victory in the war on terror.

World

U.N. report calls for quick increase in international force in Sudan's Darfur region

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - A U.N. report called Wednesday for a quick increase in the international monitoring force in Sudan, saying the government has not stopped attacks against civilians or disarmed marauding militias.

On July 30, the council gave the government 30 days to demonstrate it was taking action to curb Arab militias accused of attacking, raping and killing villagers in Darfur and improve security and humanitarian access. It threatened punitive economic and diplomatic measures if Khartoum didn't move quickly.

The report to the U.N. Security Council did not mention or recommend sanctions but said the government of Sudan has not been able to resolve the crisis in Darfur and has not met some of the core commitments it has made.

The Sudanese government is under intense international pressure to restore calm across the western desert region where an 18-month insurgency has killed more than 30,000 people and driven more than 1 million from their homes.

The U.N. report cited "some progress" by the government in improving security in several areas where Sudanese have taken refuge, deploying additional police and the beginning of disarmament and the lifting of restrictions to humanitarian relief. It also said the government has made

a commitment not to force those who have fled to return and has established human rights monitors and investigations of the conflict.

Hurricane Frances approaches U.S.

LUQUILLO, Puerto Rico (AP) - Hurricane Frances roared toward the Bahamas and the southeastern United States on Wednesday after churning past Puerto Rico, bringing heavy surf and blustery winds to the U.S. territory.

Frances strengthened to a dangerous Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of 140 mph. Forecasters said it could get even stronger - to a Category 5 storm with 156 mph wind. Still, Puerto Rico saw only moderate rain and winds, and lightning that knocked out electricity to about 17,000 people. No injuries were reported.

The storm was forecast to be passing near or over the Turks and Caicos Islands and the southeastern Bahamas on Wednesday afternoon. Some residents in Turks and Caicos put up plywood on their windows. Others in the British territory hurried to buy emergency supplies, stocking up on bottled water and canned food. By Wednesday morning, the government had not issued any evacuation orders.

The Bahamian government was urging people in the southeastern cays to move to larger islands, said Carl Smith, the national disaster coordinator. One of the most vulnerable islands was Great Inagua, with a population of about 600.

"We're reminding people to get water, food supplies and batteries, and to know what shelter is close to their residence," Smith said.

The Bahamian trade minister, Leslie Miller, threatened to revoke the licenses of any businesses that engage in price gouging. He said his agency has been inundated with calls from people complaining businesses were hiking prices for plywood, light bulbs, batteries and water.

"We will shut you down," Miller said.

Russian flights receive security directive

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two airlines that fly from Moscow to the United States must check passengers and their carryon bags for bombs, according to a government order Wednesday, one week after suspected terrorists crashed two Russian planes.

"The U.S. has determined it's prudent to take additional security measures to increase the protection of flights between the U.S. and Russia until we have more information to assess the situation," said Amy von Walter, a spokeswoman for the Transportation Security Administration.

The airlines affected are Delta Air Lines and Aeroflot Russian Airlines, which fly to the United States four times a day from Sheremetyevo International Airport, a Homeland Security Department official said.

The two planes that crashed on Aug. 25 after near-simultaneous explosions, killing all 90 people on board, had left Moscow's Domodedovo Airport on domestic flights. The planes belonged to the Russian airline Sibir and a small regional airline, Volga-Aviaexpress.

Delta and Aeroflot were ordered to conduct tests of all passengers and their bags for explosives using various technologies, von Walter said. The

airlines also must conduct more thorough screening of all cargo put aboard passenger planes, she said.

Airlines must take additional security precautions around the aircraft when they are at the Moscow airport, and they must inspect the aircraft before passengers board, said a Homeland Security Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Russian authorities are looking into the possibility that suicide bombers brought the planes down, and are seeking information about two Chechen women believed to have been aboard - one on each plane.

Rafi Ron, former head of security at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport and now a security consultant in Washington, said the U.S. government should not limit the stricter security for U.S.-bound planes from Moscow.

Like the commission that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks, Ron advocates better technology at airport checkpoints so more passengers can be inspected for explosives. Currently, metal detectors - both hand-held and walk-through - do not sense nonmetal bombs, and only those passengers selected for extra screening are checked for bombs in U.S. airports.



Police officers check ID papers in Moscow's Domodedovo airport on Wednesday.

Kerry challenges Bush on war on terror

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - In a sharply worded challenge to President Bush, Democratic Sen. John Kerry said Wednesday "extremism has gained momentum" as a result of administration missteps in Iraq, but said the war on terror is a winnable one with the right policies.

"When it comes to Iraq, it's not that I would have done one thing differently, I would have done almost everything differently" than the president, the presidential candidate said in a speech to the national convention of the American Legion.

Kerry spoke dismissively of a statement Bush made Monday - then rescinded on Tuesday - that the war on terror might not be winnable. "I absolutely disagree," he said. "With the right policies, this is a war we can win, this is a war we must win, and this is a war we will win," Kerry said. "... In the end, the terrorists will lose and we will win because the future does not belong to fear, it belongs to freedom."

Kerry, a veteran who won five medals for service in the Vietnam War, saluted others on the stage as he stepped to the same podium where Bush spoke on Tuesday. He saluted again as he wrapped up his speech.

Kerry accused the administration of failing to keep faith with the nation's 36 million veterans by underfunding VA programs that leave thousands of former servicemen and women without adequate, timely health care and reduced retirement and disability payments.

"The job will be done when the government stops asking veterans for increased co-payments, enrollment fees and other charges to shift the burden of care to more veterans and drive more than a million veterans out of the system," he said.

But the heart of the speech was a strong attack on Bush's

policies in Iraq, delivered at a time when Republicans were midway through a national convention designed largely to stress the president's credentials as an effective commander in chief in the war on terror.

Kerry catalogued what he said was a long list of administration shortcomings on Iraq - failing to heed the advice of senior generals on the number of troops needed for postwar operations, failing to secure the country's borders, failing to share responsibility with NATO or the United Nations, shortchanging the training and equipping of the Iraqi police and more.

As a result, he said, "today's terrorists have secured havens in Iraq that were not there before. And we have been forced to reach accommodation with those who have repeatedly attacked our troops."

"Violence has spread in Iraq. Iran has expanded its influence, and extremism has gained momentum," Kerry said.

The conservative-leaning crowd was mostly silent during Kerry's criticisms of the commander in chief.

Lloyd Woods, a Vietnam war veteran from Caribou, Maine, was skeptical. "If you can believe it, it's a good speech," he said.

U.S. soldiers involved in prisoner abuse face charges soon

Suicide bombers seize Russian school

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is expected to begin filing charges soon against 26 soldiers following a probe into the late 2002 deaths of two detainees in Afghanistan.

Army investigators have recommended bringing abuse-related charges ranging from negligent homicide to dereliction of duty and failure to report an offense, The Washington Post said in a report for its Wednesday editions, quoting two Army officers familiar with the investigation.

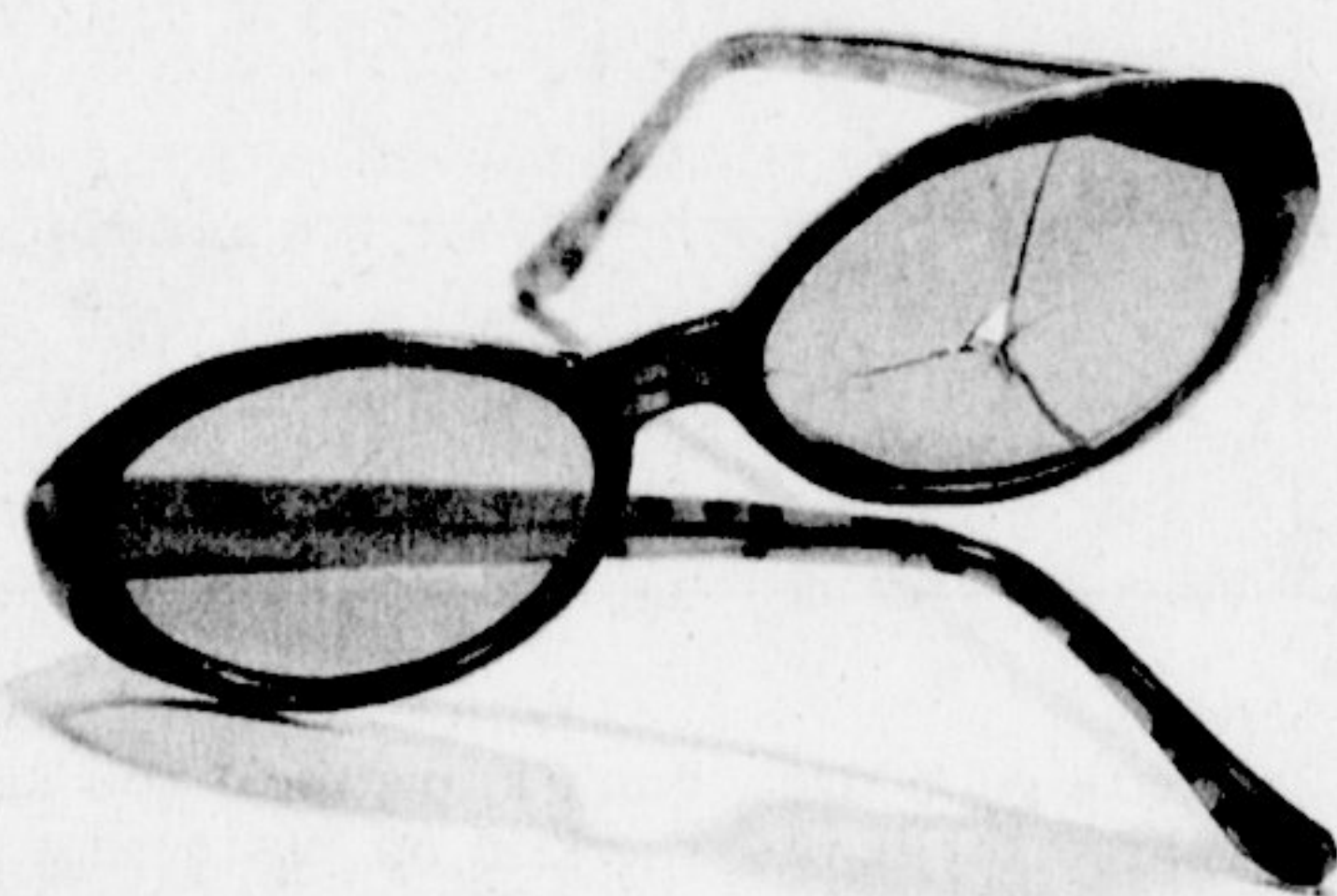
A Pentagon spokesman said he had no information about the report.

In Afghanistan, a spokeswoman for the military said it "welcomes investigation into alleged criminal acts with the goal of determining justice."

"Of course, the accused are innocent until proven guilty,"

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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MOSCOW (AP) — Attackers wearing suicide-bomb belts seized a school in a Russian region bordering Chechnya on Wednesday and were holding hundreds of hostages, including 200 children. The assault came a day after a suicide bomber killed 10 people in Moscow.

The seizure began after a ceremony marking the first day of the Russian school year, reports said, when it was likely that many parents had accompanied their children to class. The attackers warned they would blow up the school if police tried to storm it and forced children to stand at the windows, said Alexei Polyansky, a police spokesman for southern Russia.

Both the school attack and the Moscow bombing appeared to be the work of Chechen rebels or their sympathizers, but there was no evidence of any direct link. The two strikes came just a week after two Russian planes carrying 90 people crashed almost simultaneously in what officials also say were terrorist bombings.

"In essence, war has been declared on us, where the enemy is unseen and there is no front," said Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov, according to the Interfax-Military News Agency. He spoke before the seizure.

The latest violence also appears to be timed around Sunday's presidential elections in Chechnya, a Kremlin-backed move aimed at undermining support for the insurgents by establishing a modicum of civil order in the war-shattered republic. The previous Chechen president, Akhmad Kadyrov, was killed along with more than 20 others in a bombing on May 9.

Gunfire broke out after the raid and at least three teachers and two police officers were wounded, Polyansky said. More gunfire and several explosions were heard about three hours

later, the Interfax news agency reported.

He said most of the attackers were wearing suicide bomb belts.

The attackers demanded talks with regional officials and a well-known pediatrician, Leonid Roshal, who had aided hostages during the seizure of a Moscow theater in 2002, said news reports.

The hostage-takers demanded the release of fighters detained over a series of attacks on police facilities in neighboring Ingushetia in June, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported, citing regional officials. The well-coordinated raids killed more than 90 people.

ITAR-Tass, citing regional emergency officials, said about 400 people including some 200 children were being held captive. A regional police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the hostages had been herded into the school gymnasium.

There were 17 attackers, both male and female, Interfax said, citing Ismel Shaov, a regional spokesman for the Federal Security Service.

In television footage from outside the school in Beslan, a town about 10 miles north of the regional capital of Vladikavkaz, men in camouflage with heavy-caliber machine guns took up positions on the perimeter and other men in civilian dress with light automatic rifles paced nervously.

At one point, a girl of about age seven in a floral print dress and a red bow in her hair streaked around a corner apparently after fleeing from the school, followed by an older woman. Russian news reports said about 50 students managed to escape, some after hiding in the school's boiler room during the raid.

The attack was the latest in a string of violence that has

tormented Russians and plagued the government of President Vladimir Putin, who came to power in 2000 vowing to crush the Chechen rebels but has been largely unable to do so.

Terrorism fears in Russia had risen markedly following the plane crashes and the suicide bombing outside a Moscow subway station on Tuesday night, killing 10 people and wounding more than 50.

A militant Muslim Web site published a statement claiming responsibility for the bombing on behalf of the "Islambouli Brigades," a group that also claimed responsibility for the airliner crashes. The veracity of the statements could not immediately be confirmed.

The statement said Tuesday's bombing was a blow against Putin, "who slaughtered Muslims time and again." Putin has refused to negotiate with rebels in predominantly Muslim Chechnya who have fought Russian forces for most of the past decade, saying they must be wiped out.

Putin interrupted his working holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on Wednesday and returned to Moscow, after doing the same last week because of the plane crashes. Upon arrival at the Moscow airport, Putin held an immediate meeting with the heads of Russia's Interior Ministry and Federal Security Service, the Interfax news agency said.

Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov told reporters near the Rizhskaya subway stop in northern Moscow that the female bomber was walking toward the station but saw two police officers stationed there, turned around "and decided to destroy herself in a crowd of people."

The blast tore through a heavily trafficked area between the subway station and a nearby department store. Doctors worked through the night to

save the lives of others who were severely wounded by the bomb that officials said was packed with bolts to maximize casualties.

Several female suicide bombers allegedly connected with the rebels have caused carnage in Moscow and other Russian cities in a series of attacks in recent years.

Many of the women bombers are believed to be so-called "black widows," who have lost husbands or male relatives in the fighting that has gripped Chechnya for most of the past decade. Investigators of the plane crashes are seeking information about two Chechen women believed to have been aboard — one on each plane.

Police spokesman Valery Gribakin said hours after the blast that police patrols were being increased and document checks stepped up, and that security at subway and train stations and airports was being boosted. However, no increase of uniformed officers was immediately apparent at subway stations during the morning rush on Wednesday.

Fears that the Chechen rebels aimed to export their fight outside the small republic's borders rose in June after insurgents launched a coordinated series of attacks on police facilities in neighboring Ingushetia, in which more than 90 people were killed.

In a videotape released several days after the attack, a man appearing to be warlord Shamil Basayev claimed responsibility for the assaults and said his fighters had seized huge quantities of arms from police arsenals.

In 1995, Chechen rebels led by Basayev seized a hospital in the southern Russian city of Budyonnovsk, taking some 2,000 people hostage. The six-day standoff ended with a fierce Russian police assault. Some 100 people died in the incident.

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Biology from page A1

Biology students in the program set out for a day of fieldwork.

mowing the fields is to simulate natural disturbance, Goodwillie said.

The students will monitor how the plant community changes over time. Eventually they will be able to maintain the highest diversity within that specific community.

"[A] fun aspect of this project is that the data set is always

accumulating, eventually when we get severe weather we can see how the community survives, the damage caused to it and how the community recovers, since it is such a large scale, long term project," Goodwillie said.

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Edwards meets with laid off workers

HUGHESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards on Wednesday accused the Bush administration of leading the nation from "the edge of greatness to the edge of the cliff."

Joining men who lost their jobs because of a recent factory closing, the North Carolina senator said the United States needs a president who "fights for your job as hard as he fights for his own job."

Responding to cheers from several hundred people who attended a rally in a public park in this Pennsylvania town, Edwards promised that he and presidential candidate John Kerry would spread the nation's wealth among more of its citizens.

"We want people to do well in this country — everybody," Edwards said.

The senator joined three former employees of the Techneglas factory on a backyard deck in a swing region of Pennsylvania, the nation's

fifth largest electoral prize. The area of northeastern Pennsylvania, anchored by Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, is socially conservative but often votes Democratic.

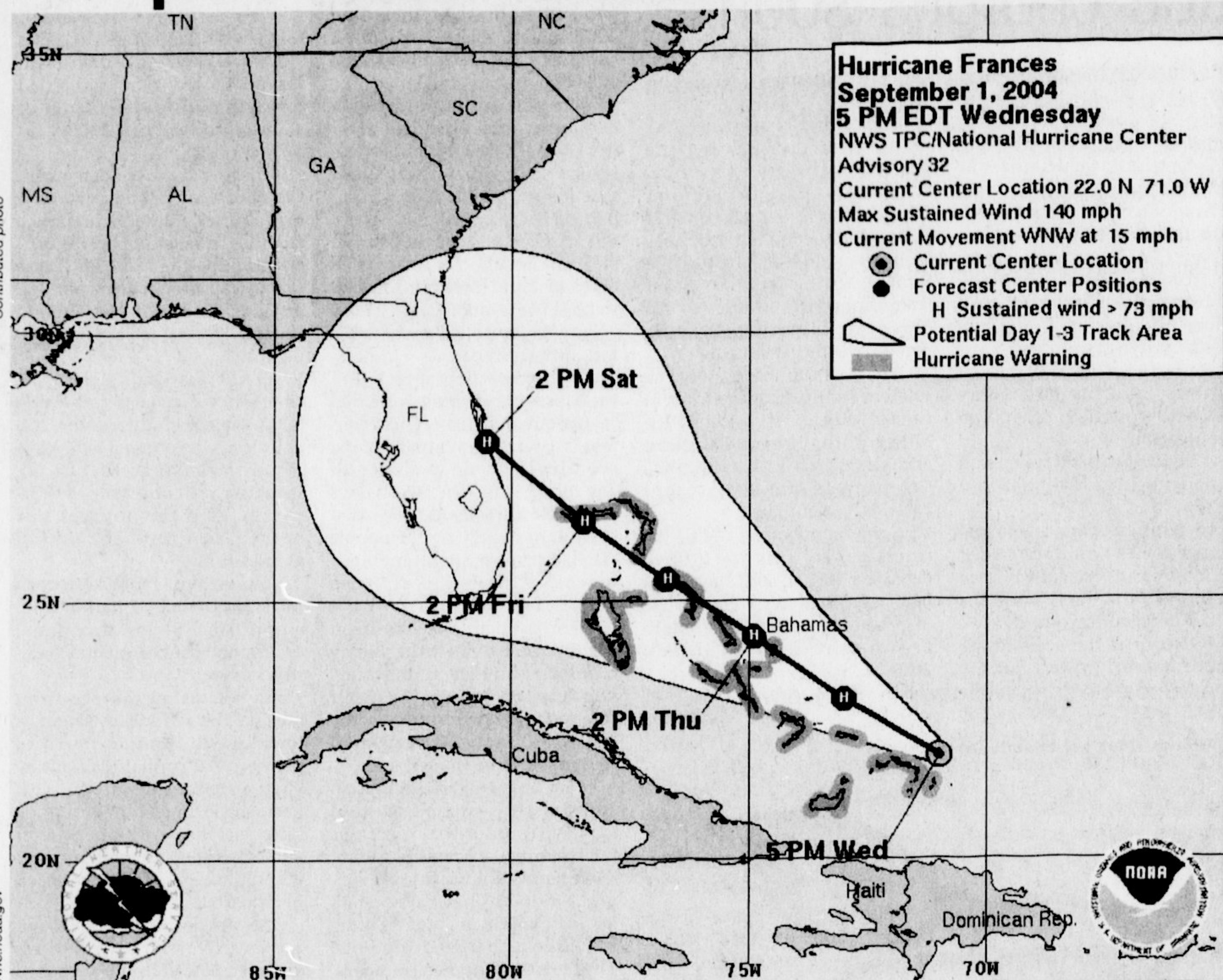
The three were among 670 employees laid off after the TV-glass manufacturer announced a month ago that it was closing its plant in nearby Pittston and two in Ohio because of overseas competition and declining customer demand.

"We're all living the American dream ... and one morning the phone rings and it's the company saying they're going to cease operations," said Stephen Duda, the local union president and a 14-year Techneglas employee.

As the men summarized their experiences, Edwards used them as examples why new leadership is needed in Washington.

"Most people don't realize how much more a job is than a paycheck," Edwards said. "It's about your self-respect."

NC emergency officials brace for possible visit from Frances



CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) — While forecasters tried to pin down exactly where powerful Hurricane Frances might come ashore, emergency officials in central and western North Carolina braced Wednesday for the possibility of strong winds and torrential rain.

Packing 140 mph winds and a path that has emergency officials in several Southeastern states jittery, the Category 4 storm was expected to fluctuate in intensity as it headed for the U.S. mainland.

Frances could become a Category 5 storm with top sustained winds of 156 mph or higher, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The storm could hit anywhere from South Florida to South Carolina as early as late Friday, the

NWS said, though it appeared central Florida was the likeliest target.

While the forecast could change, the NWS said strong winds and heavy rainfall are expected across the western Carolinas late in the weekend. If current expectations about the storm's track hold true, the worst conditions would be in the western Piedmont and the mountains.

On Wednesday, emergency officials in the region were getting ready in case Frances moves through after making landfall to the southeast.

"We have a swift water (rescue) team and today we went through the equipment to make sure we're ready," said Randy McKinney, assistant director or the Burke County Office of

Emergency Services.

"This is a pretty good size storm and we hate for it to hit anyone," he said. "We still have a lot of nightmares from (Hurricane) Hugo. While that wasn't a big flood event for us, we had a lot of infrastructure damage. So we are in a state of high concern."

In 1989, Hugo came ashore at Charleston, SC, then held together as it ripped through South Carolina and Charlotte, which is 200 miles inland and doesn't normally see hurricane damage. The city suffered widespread devastation.

Paige Sheehan, a spokeswoman for Mecklenburg County's MEDIC emergency services agency, said staffers are prepared to be called in at a moment's notice.

"With these storms, you just don't know until you know," she said on Wednesday. "We can expand our staffing levels very rapidly and our folks will show up without even having to call them."

"The bottom line is, we want the community to always be prepared for any potential disaster at any time. It could be a freak thunderstorm, it doesn't necessarily have to be a hurricane."

The North Carolina National Guard alerted some 5,000 soldiers and airmen for possible state active duty Wednesday.

The National Guard has 12 helicopters available in Salisbury and Raleigh for use in aerial damage assessment, aerial rescue and aerial re-supply missions.

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Our View

This week at the Republican National Convention, protestors have made countless national headlines for their actions in New York City.

The protesting has become so severe, that arrests related to the event were record-breaking. A New York criminal court spokesman told the Associated Press that Tuesday's arrests in Manhattan totaled to 1,191 – the most convention-related arrests in one borough for one day.

All around the Madison Square Garden convention site, an unusually large amount of police lined the streets with automatic weapons. *TEC* can't help but wonder what kind of scene may develop from the already existing tensions between the protestors and the armed policemen.

Are the armed officers really necessary? Can't they remain somewhere close to the convention site, but out of view from pedestrians?

Since the beginning of the RNC, there has only been one record of violence related to the convention – an officer was beaten unconscious.

However, no suspects were obtained in the beating, and the incident did occur blocks from Madison Square Garden.

The protestors in attendance outside of the convention are peaceful and unarmed. Sure, there may be an occasional rock or bottle thrower, but is a sea of armed men really needed to tame such troublemakers?

The NYPD should take a quick history lesson – many times police have used their guns for crowd control in the past they have committed violent excesses. The tragedy at Kent State is more than enough of an example of such.

Although the past week's action has been tame, tonight will be the true test as President Bush enters the convention to speak. We only hope that both Bush's and the protestors' voices will be heard in a safe and non-violent atmosphere, protecting everyone's First Amendment rights.

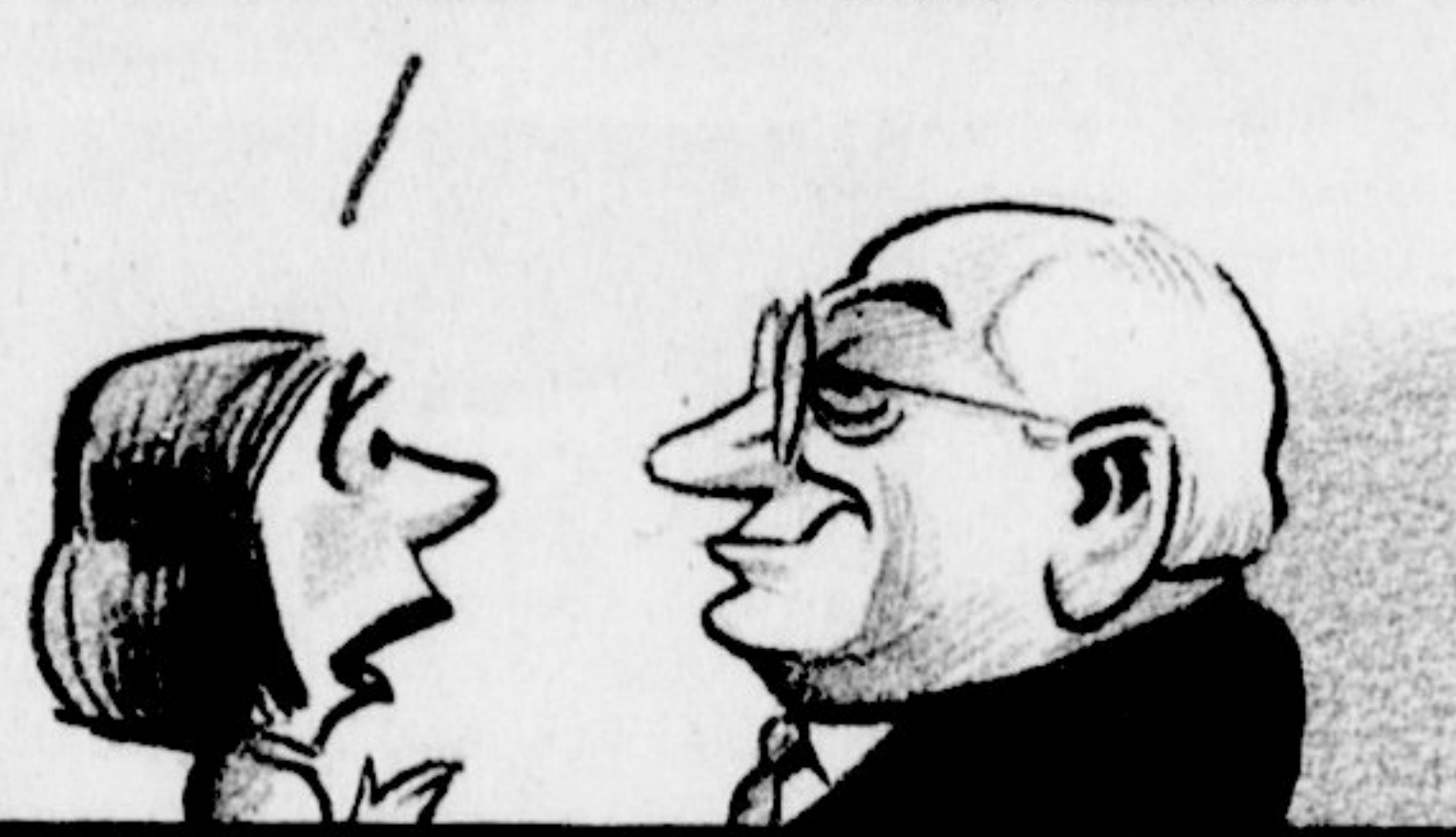
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Opinion Columnist

Republican National Convention draws crowds

Largest political protests in decades planned

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

Warmest salutations to all my fellow ECU students, and to those new arrivals joining us from the world outside of Greenville for the first time, welcome. I understand that the first week of classes after long summers spent lounging on the beach, or slaving away in the back of a steaming restaurant, can distract our attention from important events occurring outside of the insulated cocoon of Greenville, NC, so please allow me to remind everyone of the upcoming Republican National Convention in New York this week.

While the idea of a stadium filled to the brim with sweaty, middle aged white men arguing over which country to invade next would not normally appeal to me on an intellectual, nor any other, level, I find this year's RNC to be of special note.

Massive street protests, the largest since the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, are being planned for the entire week. As tens of thousands of protestors and Republican supporters descend on Madison Square Garden, an Army of security, both N.Y.P.D. and National Guard, along with dozens of other law enforce-



ment organizations, prepare for the onslaught. The question remains: Will the protestors, the vast majority of whom want nothing more than to shout their slogans and wave their banners, be met with tolerance and cooperation (two privileges which they are in fact granted by the United States Constitution) or with pepper spray and attack dogs?

In 1968, Mayor Richard Daly declared war on Vietnam protestors, many of who were American veterans, and forever illustrated to the world the way NOT to conduct business with political protestors. Either way, Karl Rove and the rest of the Bush political assault team have taken steps to ensure that whichever scenario comes to pass, the president will have his back covered so as not to be bothered with the

unpleasantness of political reality.

In a publicized move last week, top Bush administration officials set out on a public relations campaign to depict any protestors at the RNC as unpatriotic and unsupportive of a sitting president. The N.Y.P.D. has already made hundreds of arrests, most often for unlicensed public demonstrations and overt political dissension, often sighting "security concerns" or "public safety issues." Lucky for them, the Patriot Act makes the suspension of constitutional rights in the interests of national security the order of the day.

With national support for the war in Iraq decreasing by the week, and the illusion of Iraqi sovereignty losing credibility with every passing month, Bush needs a miracle. No doubt, he and his crack squad of propaganda artists will do a very convincing job trying to sell his failed policies in Iraq, Afghanistan and at home, but in the end, I have an unflinching faith in the American ability to detect BS coming from national leaders.

Bill Clinton was hung from a yard-arm for his little indiscretion, and all he did was lie about an extramarital affair. To my knowledge, not one American soldier was killed in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Bush has lied to us about a war, and as a result, more than 1,000 Americans and countless Iraqi civilians have lost their lives. Maybe it is time we opened our eyes.

Online Reader Responses

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

When I read articles posted by this individual [Tony McKee], he usually leaves out information and facts that would weaken his argument. The information on the swift boat captains is only a week or so old, so I can't see how that could slip his mind. He did fail to mention that it took several weeks for Bush to call an end to the ads. I am sure Limbaugh and O'Reilly are proud to know that a loyal right-winger like Tony is following in their footsteps of providing misinformation.

— William Nelson

I am very proud to say I am a Liberal and I am here to answer your questions.

People in this country have the right to disagree with political figures, especially those from opposing parties. Democrats do not have to sing the praises of President Bush, that's what the RNC is for.

It is true; we liberated the people of Afghanistan and Iraq, but let's not pretend the current administration did so for the good of the people. The US rarely goes into countries for humanitarian reasons. Iraq has a vast amount of oil, which is of great interest to very wealthy Americans. Afghanistan was of interest to Bush because if it could be occupied, it would be an easy route to get into Iraq.

If we were really interested in removing dictators and liberating oppressed people, why are we not concentrating on other nations? Why, after 40 some years, have we not yet overthrown Fidel Castro, so Cubans can benefit from trade with the United States? You

know we have the capability. Why are we not taking action against North Korea or Iran, both of which have openly said they have capabilities for weapons of mass destruction, both oppress their own people and both have tyrannical figures running the government?

Why doesn't the United States try to help Haiti? We don't even consider Haitian refugees when they make it to our shores. Haiti's government is in chaos, AIDS is in epidemic proportions and there are no real viable products being exported from Haiti. This is greatly suppressing the economy of the country.

The answer to all of my questions is that none of these nations has anything of importance to the United States. We don't care about the people of these countries because we can't gain anything from them. I know my conservative counterparts will say we can't save the world, but maybe we should stop trying to police the world also.

I am so happy you brought up Bill Clinton. You're right, President Clinton sent many troops to other nations for humanitarian efforts. If I remember correctly, Republicans did not praise his efforts. They tried, relentlessly, to attack his personal character. Conservatives do not remember what an excellent job he did as President, only that he had an extra-marital affair. Why should liberals have to celebrate Bush if conservatives did not have to do the same for Clinton? You mentioned hypocrisy in a certain political party... sounds to me like the only party being hypocritical is the Republican Party.

You also brought up the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth. You and I both know these vets are a group that stem from the Republican Party and despite their name, are very untruthful. These men said they "served alongside Kerry." Actually, they were in Vietnam at the same time as Kerry, but not side-by-side with him. Now, I go to ECU with

you, Mr. McKee, but know nothing about you. Just because one is in the same area in the same year as another does not mean they know enough to contest one's character. It is very slanderous. Slander is not covered by the First Amendment, Mr. McKee. These same men came out against Senator John McCain in 2000 and Senator Max Cleland in 2002. Isn't it somewhat suspicious these same men were in all of these places at the same time? They could not have enough first-hand experience with all of these men to comment on their personal lives before they became politicians.

You said there was a lot of hypocrisy in the Democratic Party, but maybe before you point fingers, you should remember the childhood quote, "When you point the finger at someone, you have three fingers pointing back at you."

— Samantha Riley

Tony, you couldn't have worded it any better. I am in total agreement with you. Every thing you said in your article is true. Where are the liberals? Who knows. All I know is that Kerry is a constant liar and he can't seem to make up his mind. He votes for one thing and then votes against it. I don't want that man to be my president. Also, when the primaries were taking place, Democrats were voting for him because they believed that he could beat Bush. They didn't vote for him for what he stood for or what he could do for our country, just because they believed that he could beat Bush. The students at ECU and the nation need to really think about that. Kerry isn't going to do anything for this country but sit on his butt and pretend to do something. I'm voting for Bush hands down. Bush has done well for this country and he will continue to do so.

— Shanda Schroeder

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.

With the elevators in White Hall being out of commission on a daily basis, who needs the SRC to exercise in? I've got 10 flights of stairs to walk up and down, three or four times a day.

Why is it the fire alarms only go off when I desperately need sleep?

We have thousand-dollar, flat-screen TV's throughout the Science and Technology Building that run nothing but announcements, and yet ECU can't afford to get the dishwasher in Mendenhall Dining Hall fixed. I'm sure those plastic forks and Styrofoam trays are great for the environment.

Every time a guy tries to pick me up he gives me some corny line. Do you really think that's gonna make me want to jump in bed with you?

The elevators in White Hall have been broken on and off since move in and yesterday they informed us they will either shut down the elevators completely for two months, or just leave it up to chance. You know what my reward for this huge inconvenience is? A free smoothie coupon at the SRC. Gee, thanks, Campus Living.

Why does the staff get the majority of the best parking spots when they make up a minority of the campus population?

Here's a hint – if I see you passing out flyers for something in the Wright Place and I purposely walk away from you, don't chase me down and ask me if I want one.

I thought it was interesting that certain Republican students chose to hold up signs at the Kerry rally saying "Bush's daughter's are hotter." Is that the only valid argument for the Republican party against John Kerry?

Do the bus drivers not see me when I'm running alongside the bus, flailing my arms, begging them to stop and pick me up?

Why does ECU say they are so poor, and yet they keep building buildings?

We need to exterminate some of the ugly girls on campus and get some more fine ones. [Rant Editor's note: Sounds more like we need to exterminate the a**holes from the campus].

Why does the food in the dining halls have so much fiber? For real man, I'm always running to the john immediately after eating that stuff!



"Trust me, people act differently when you've got jewelry on your head."

Paris Hilton, in her memoir, Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose.

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Surround yourself with a great support system - family, friends:

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Laugh often:

Recent studies are showing the significance of how laughter, fun and mirth help keep people healthy, as well as heal sick bodies. Everyone is really a unique, hilarious person. Look for the hilarity in every situation and keep laughing.

Keep your thoughts positive:

What you put out does come back. So if you want to feel and look great, monitor your thoughts closely to ensure that you are thinking only positive, forward thoughts. If you catch yourself thinking a negative thought, simply turn it around into a positive thought.

Healthy Eats

Tortilla- Black Bean Casserole

Ingredients:

- 2 cups chopped onion
- 1-1/2 cups chopped green sweet pepper
- 1 14-1/2-ounce can tomatoes
- 3/4 cup picante sauce
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 15-ounce cans black beans
- Nonstick spray coating
- 10 7-inch corn tortillas
- 2 cups shredded reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese (8 oz)
- Shredded lettuce (optional)
- Sliced small fresh red chili peppers (optional)

Directions:

-In a large skillet combine onion, green pepper, undrained tomatoes, picante sauce, garlic and cumin. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Stir in beans.
-Spray a 2-quart rectangular baking dish with nonstick coating. Spread one-third of the bean mixture over bottom of the dish. Top with half of the tortillas, overlapping as necessary, and half of the cheese. Add another one-third of the bean mixture, then remaining tortillas and bean mixture. Cover and bake in a 350 degree F oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until heated through. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Let stand for 10 minutes.
-If desired, place some shredded lettuce on each serving plate. To serve, cut casserole into squares and place atop lettuce. Garnish with chili peppers, if desired. Makes 6 to 8 main-dish servings.

Nutritional Information:

Nutritional facts per serving
calories: 248, total fat: 4g, saturated fat: 1g, cholesterol: 0mg, sodium: 631mg, carbohydrate: 40g, fiber: 5g, protein: 15g

Recipe from Better Homes and Gardens: Bhg.com

New Starbucks now open



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Employees at the new Starbucks are ready and eager to help their new customers. The store is conveniently located near Pitt County Community Hospital.

Hospital area now has new place for coffee

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Greenville is growing more and more each day. There are many new restaurants in town but not many of those restaurants have as much to offer as a brand-new Starbucks. Their grand-opening was Saturday, Aug. 28. This unique coffee experience has much more to offer than great coffee drinks. Starbucks is a great place for students and Greenville residents to enjoy coffee and grab a wide variety of pastry treats.

Meredith Clinard, the manager of the new Starbucks located at the corner of Arlington and Stantonberg Roads, is very excited to be opening this new store. Meredith is a young, up-beat Starbucks coffee master who began training to be a manager in June of 2004. Her training was done under the tutelage of Brian Harrison, the manager of the Greenville Boulevard Starbucks. When asked how she would describe working at Starbucks, Clinard said, "I love it. It's a lot of fun. There are many

challenges but we have fun at what we do."

There are new Starbucks popping up all over the country because of the way this amazing company does business. Walking into a Starbucks alone, it's obvious that all of the employees are having fun with what they do but further investigation tells why. Starbucks has two different kinds of mission statements, which address aspects of the company outlook that many companies do not really think about. One of these missions deals with how to maintain the financial livelihood of the company and apply the highest standards to serving employees and customers. The other, is to work towards a role of environmental leadership, which encourages employees and customers to preserve the environment.

The Arlington Boulevard Starbucks has 20 employees who are an even mix of ECU students and Greenville residents. Each employee is trained for two weeks. They all learn how to do everything from setting up the drip coffee machines to foaming milk to making a caramel macchiato and pouring the milk at just the right rate that it does

not spill all over the floor.

Coffee making standards that are set by the Starbucks Corporation are very stringent and learning these techniques is important; but after basic techniques are learned is when the fun part starts. Employees at Starbucks strive to make the coffee experience the best for each customer, every time they are in the store. Whether the customer comes up to the counter or uses the drive-thru, coffee personalization is always welcome. Some coffee veterans have different requests such as, 5/8 of an Equal packet or nine counterclockwise stirs. Everyone has different tastes. Manager of the Greenville Boulevard Starbucks suggests customers experiment with their coffee. If customers do not like the way the coffee turned out, the store will take it back and make a new one until the customer is right.

All of the employees at the Arlington Boulevard store are very up-beat just like their manager Meredith Clinard.

"The Matt," aka Matt Lewis, a junior construction management major, explained how he started working at this Starbucks location: "Meredith asked me to come and work for

her. It is a great environment and [I] hope to be here till graduation."

"Starbucks gives you so much. It is a fun environment that moves very fast. The employee benefits are great and everyone is really fun," said a Starbucks employee.

With such great testimonials from employees, it is no wonder that Starbucks was on The Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work for 2004 list. Not only does Starbucks provide a happy and safe place for employees to work, they are also very involved in the community. The Starbucks Foundation, in place since 1997, is "dedicated to enriching the lives of youth in underserved communities." For more information about Starbucks the Corporation, the Starbucks Foundation or possible job opportunities, visit their Web site at www.starbucks.com.

Starbucks is a great place to pick up a quick coffee and pastry or to sit and study. Some students have been known to study at various Starbucks locations for up to six hours at a time, which is fine with all of the employees.

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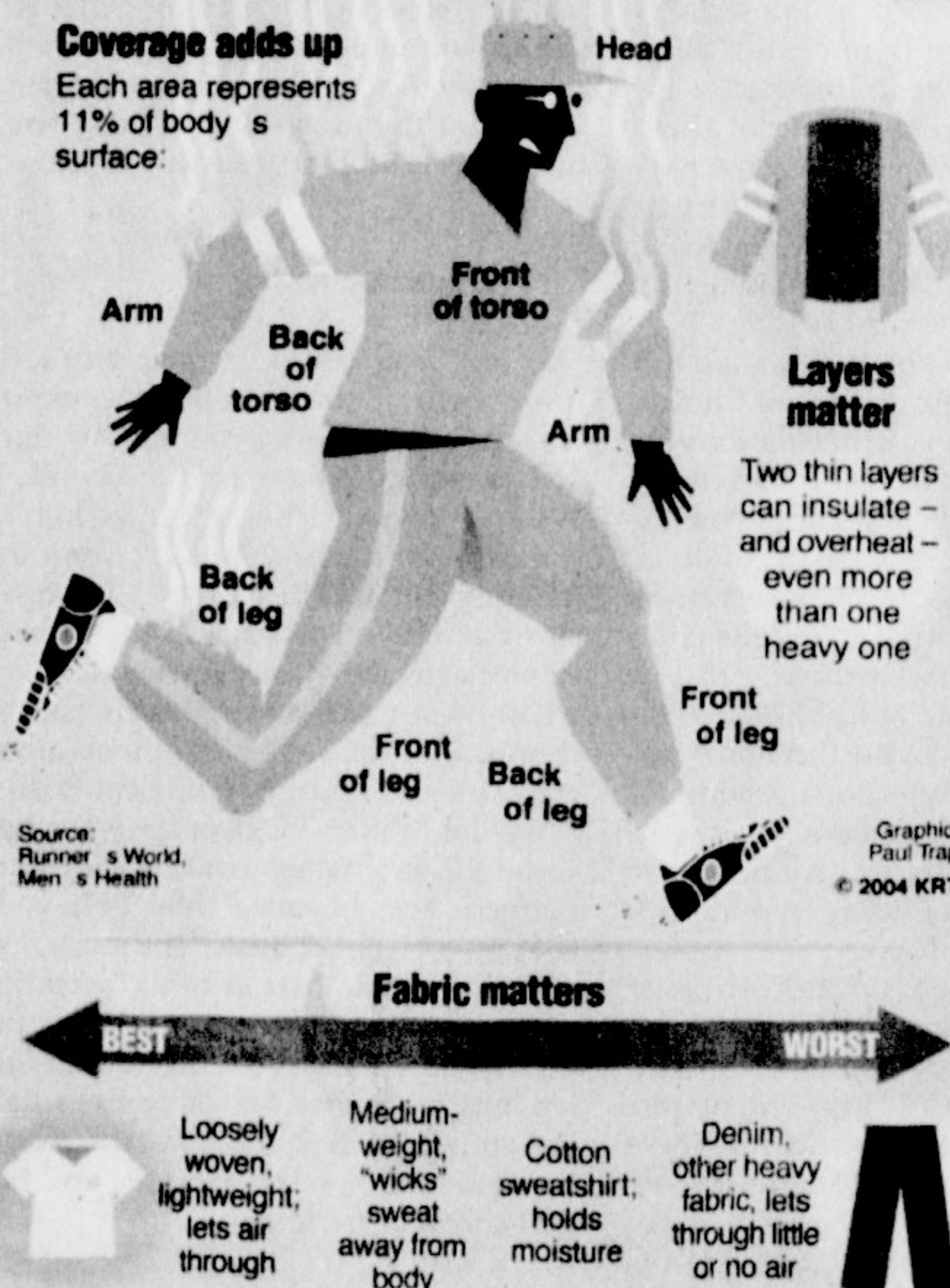
the Greenville Boulevard location, Brian Harrison. The new Starbucks, which is very close to the hospital, is a great place for students to study, hangout together or just sit and people watch. Visit this upbeat staff soon and you will be glad you did!

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Tillotson, author and ECU alumnus, publishes memoir

Jerry Tillotson adds 'Nights of Fury,' to list of published works

LISA TUMBARELLO
SENIOR WRITER

Author, Jerry Tillotson, a 1965 graduate of ECU, has recently released a memoir collection, *Nights of Fury*, revealing his struggles of growing up as an openly gay person from post World War II to Sept. 11.

Tillotson is a native of Thomasville, NC, and has written numerous novels of suspense, horror and gay erotica. He is widely recognized and praised for his writing, especially in the gay community.

Tillotson has a strong fan base from the North Carolina area since many of the settings

and experiences, which he writes about, are adapted from the time he spent growing up here. He most often uses the Piedmont and coastal areas in his novels, and also has incorporated some of his experiences at ECU into his stories.

Tillotson assumes several pen names for his stories, each with a different personality and story style. Although there are many, his most recognizable alter egos are Jason Fury, Andrea D'Allasandra and he will soon be introducing yet another as Kandy Kristmas.

Jason Fury is most appropriately the author of *Nights of Fury*. *Nights of Fury* is a collection of experiences adapted from his personal journals from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Fury devotes an entire chapter in this memoir collection to his experience at ECU when he studied here from 1963 - 1965.

Tillotson describes his two years at ECU as a turning point in his life. ECU had not yet encountered an "out-of-the-closet queer boy before ... this brought out the worst and the

best in people," said Tillotson.

Hetouches on many damaging times at ECU as a result of being so unashamed of who he was.

"If you were even suspected of being a queer at ECU - and most other colleges in the early 1960s - your life could be made hell," Tillotson said.

"Mine was, many times over." As a gay student at ECU in the 1960s, Tillotson found support in the least likely of places. He tells of the jocks who accepted him and the gays who wanted nothing to do with him.

"The gays at ECU were totally in the closet," Tillotson said. "They considered me too obvious."

Nights of Fury tells of the "simply unforgettable men" of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. In the Disco days of big hair and high fashion, sex was everywhere and being a sexually free male was much different than it is today. Tillotson's account of this extraordinary era will be an interesting read not

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only for gays but also for those who want a better understanding of what it was like to be gay.

"I hope readers will be intrigued with how queer people lived, starting after World War II on up to the present," Tillotson said.

"Since I witnessed the Sept. 11 massacre at the World Trade Center, this should give the book an added jolt of shock."

Tillotson worked for 15 years in the journalism field after he graduated from ECU. He worked at the Wilmington Star-News after he graduated and eventually moved around to several notable journalism

publications before moving to New York City in 1978.

Tillotson now works for *New York Life* and continues to write in his spare time. He is soon releasing a more youth-targeted novel, *Doofus*, *The Little Christmas Boy*, under the pen name Kandy Kristmas.

"I like writing as Kandy Kristmas. She's very down-to-earth, maternal, warm and nurturing," Tillotson said.

The 231 page story is aimed at the Harry Potter crowd and is described by Tillotson as "a fast-paced fantasy novel that should keep everyone on the edge of their seats."

Tillotson will be adding this novel to his already acclaimed list of more than 15 stories including *Eric's Body* and *The Rope Above, The Bed Below*, which have become staples in the gay community. Tillotson is constantly churning out new works and will surely keep his fan base satisfied for years to come.

To check out more about Jerry Tillotson visit www.jerrytillotson.com. To purchase any of Tillotson's novels visit www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Mind games: Play them now, build brainpower for later

(KRT) — OK, we're getting our bodies in shape.

Now, it's time to do a boot camp for your brain.

A growing body of research has concluded that by keeping your mind active, you may stave off the memory loss and diminished brain functions associated with aging. Physical exercise and a healthy diet can boost the brain, too.

"If you start in your 30s or 40s, you have four or five decades to control these factors that come into operation that can have a very dramatic effect," says Dr. Ranjan Duara, medical director of the Wien Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach.

So, bravo to the crossword-puzzle-a-day crew, the amateur CPAs doing their own taxes, the polyglots who add one more language to their repertoire. Any and all of these activities done in earlier life can help bolster the mind in old age, a concept experts call "the cognitive reserve" theory.

Jeanette Tristman of Miami Beach has lived her life by that creed. At 86, she spends hours on the computer, does crossword puzzles and reads voraciously.

"This is the only way to do it," she says. "If you don't use it, you lose it."

Some experts, however, doubt these exercises have an inside track of lowering the risk of cognitive decline. Without hard data to support such claims, it's just too early to know, says David Loewenstein, director of research at the Wien Center.

WATCH EXTREMES

"It can't hurt to stay mentally active, but anything that's good can also be taken to an extreme," says Loewenstein, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Miami. "I have people ask me, My God, do I have to play Scrabble six hours a day?"

In the past, conventional wisdom held that brains did not grow cells after a certain point. But research has shown that lab animals that navigated mazes in captivity buffed up their hippocampus, a part of the brain involved with storing memories. It's not known whether mental activity has a similar effect on human brains, but research holds that what one does now can pay off later.

"What you put in earlier in adulthood and middle age can help you guard against some of the other aspects of cognitive decline in later life," said University of Florida psychologist

Michael Marsiske.

To help people stockpile that mental capacity, "brain gyms" have proliferated on the web, with names ranging from MyBrainTrainer.com to Happy-Neuron.com, each one promising a collection of mental calisthenics.

At Memory Concepts, subscribers pay an annual fee of \$99 to pump mental iron with exercises that tax five aspects of memory - language, executive function (problem-solving), visual-spatial skills and long- and short-term memory.

Watching two family members suffer from Alzheimer's disease inspired founder Janet B. Walsh to create her own mental exercises, like taking art classes and brushing her teeth with her nondominant hand. Eventually she paired with a neuropsychologist to develop a program, which she likens to training at the gym.

"You really need someone to show you how to lift weights properly or run on that treadmill properly," says Walsh, 48, of Long Island. "We're actually saying the mind has the same capacity and we're just going to help you along."

But others say the toughest mind games may do little to enhance people's ability to function in the real world as they age. One of the largest studies to date of older adults' cognitive abilities, the National Institute of Aging's ACTIVE trial (for Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly), demonstrated that while the subjects aged memory and problem solving tests on paper, they registered no improvement in daily living. This result suggests that structured classes or even exercises found on the Web may be misguided, says University of Florida psychologist Marsiske, one of the principal investigators.

"It's acontextual. It's not related to real life," he says.

Rather than taking classes on how to improve one's memory, he said, people should engage in real-life activities such as going to the library or taking courses that spark one's mind.

DIET AND FITNESS

Intellectual activity alone does not necessarily suffice. Physical fitness and a healthy diet, important for maintaining sound bodies, helps maintain sound minds.

One recent National Institute of Aging study found that after six months of regular aerobic exercise, seniors improved their

recall ability by 25 percent, according to cognitive function tests performed at the beginning and end of the period. Those who engaged in nonaerobic exercise for that same period saw no benefit.

Earlier this month at the Alzheimer's Association meeting in Philadelphia, a Harvard doctor reported that middle-aged women who ate vegetables, particularly leafy greens, stayed sharper than their counterparts who turned their noses up at this food group.

"These are all good things when it comes to brain health," says Dr. Gary Small, director of the UCLA Center on Aging and co-author of *The Memory Prescription* (Hyperion, 2004). "What's good for your brain is also good for your heart."

In his book, Small describes a four-pronged plan to improve the memory in just two weeks, calling it "a boot camp for the brain." The plan melds memory exercises, physical activity, a diet high in antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids, and stress reduction.

Neuro-imaging scans showed that in just two weeks, a group of volunteers, age 30 on up, saw a 5 percent improvement in the efficiency of their brain function, Small says. Their stress levels and blood pressure dipped.

Now, he hopes to follow people over the long term to see if the results will continue to accrue.

"If we can get such dramatic results in two weeks, imagine if people did this for two months or two years. I would predict that it would lower the rate of Alzheimer's," he says. "This may not cure it, but if we can stave it off for six months or a year, it would have a huge impact on public health."

For some, memory problems are not a symptom of old age but a way of life. All his life, Ira Abrams, 71, has had trouble recalling people's names. At social gatherings, the Aventura man would station his wife by his side and whisper a constant stream of "what's his name, what's her name" to her.

Years ago, he joined the brain gym of his generation, taking a class to hone his ability to recall names. "That memory course," he says, "from, oh ... what's his name."

A beat passes. He hems nervously and then blurts out, "Dale Carnegie," as the answer bubbles up from the inner recesses of his memory.



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New art exhibit starts the season off fresh

Greenville Museum of Art presents artist James Daniel, III

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SENIOR WRITER

On Sept. 9 an exhibition at the Greenville Museum of Art opens with James Daniel's artwork and will go through Oct. 31.

Daniel is from Asheville, NC and for seven years he worked with Ben Long, a popular fresco artist, as his assistant as well as his apprentice. In 2002, Daniel had his own show for the first time at the St. Eugene's Catholic Church in Asheville.

Fresco is mostly known for its boom in Italy during the 13th and 14th centuries. Michelangelo's "Sistine Chapel" and Leonardo DaVinci's "The Last Supper" are some of the most famous works done during this time.

Then, the Catholic religion was a major influence on most paintings. Now, there is a larger range of subjects.

"You shouldn't try to classify yourself as just one thing or

another. In Italy, no matter what style you practice, they call you a painter, until you reach a certain level of artistic achievement. Then they call you an artist," said James Daniel, III on the Gallery C Web site.

Fresco involves painting water-based colors into wet plaster. If the plaster dries before the artist is done painting, then they must start over again. This does not allow much room to experiment and make changes. Therefore, this style of painting requires a detailed plan before starting.

Daniel's exhibition will cover how fresco is made from beginning to end. He has made mini frescoes, cartoons and studies made on other frescoes to give customers/visitors more information on the art of fresco.

Opening night, Sept. 9, Daniel plans to be there at 6 p.m. to speak about his work at a gallery talk.

The Greenville Museum of Art started off as a storefront in downtown Greenville and has grown to now be a 10,000 square foot gallery.

The gallery has many things

Event Info

Who: James Daniel, III
Where: Greenville Museum of Art
When: Sept. 9 - Oct. 31
Visit GalleryC.net for more info on Gallery C in Raleigh and Gmoa.org for more info on Greenville Museum of Art.

to offer its visitors, such as: gallery talks, openings, tours, luncheons and performances.

It caters to the young and old with the various programs offered. Anyone can sign up for class and workshops at the gallery as well.

It is located at 802 South Evans St. in Greenville. The gallery can be reached at 758-1946. Admission is free.

Gallery C, located in Raleigh and founded in 1985, represents Daniel and is known to be one of the oldest and finest art galleries in the state. They have a wide variety of artists and styles.

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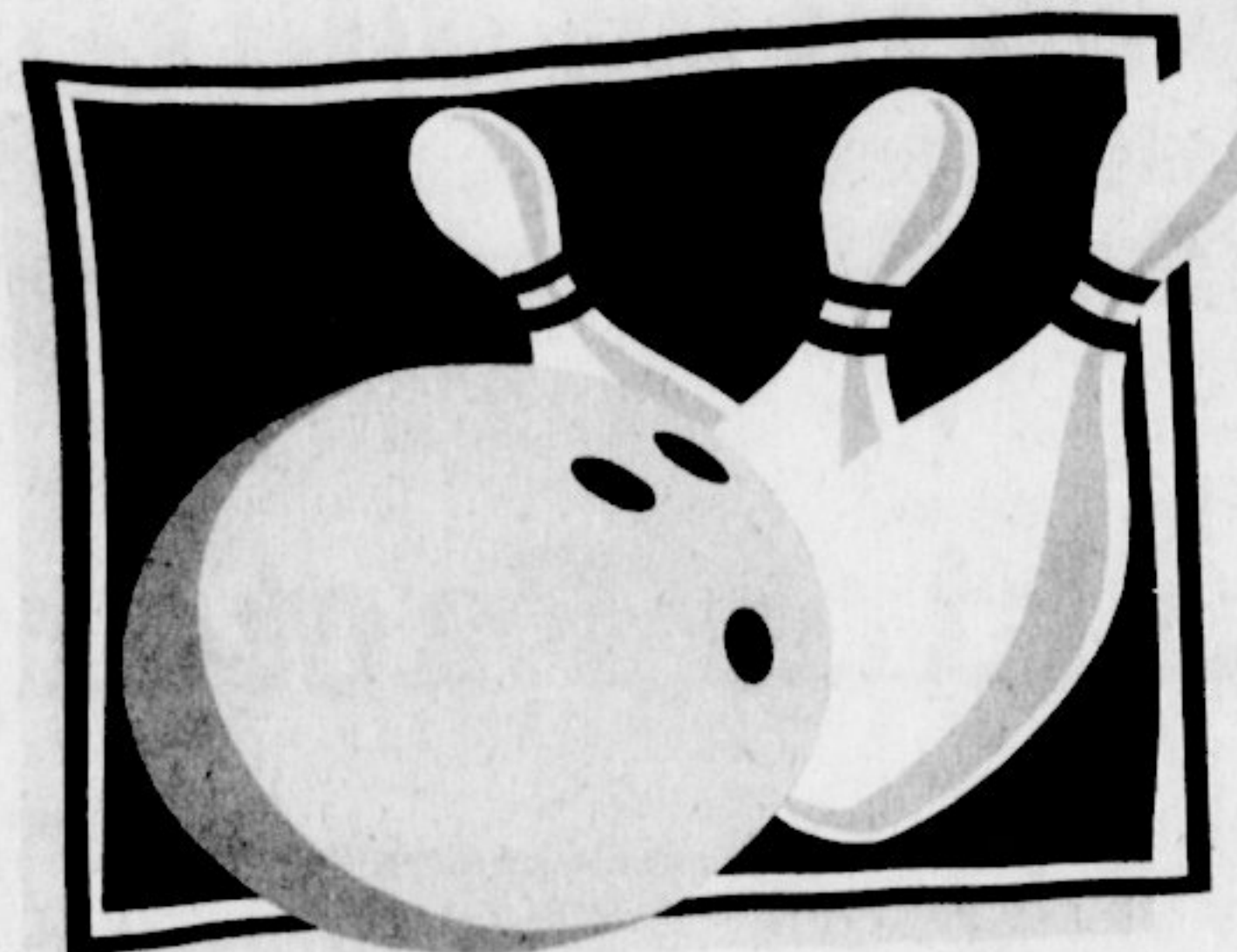
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In 31 states, freshmen must be vaccinated against meningitis



Schools across the nation are helping students stay healthy this school year by requiring students to receive meningitis shots before coming to school this fall.

(KRT) — For the price of a pair of sneakers, John Kach probably could have saved his fingers and legs.

Kach, a college student in Rhode Island, believes vaccination against meningitis would have kept him from contracting the bacterial illness — most likely in his dormitory — that led to the loss of his limbs four years ago. If only he had gotten that shot, which costs about \$85.

"I went to the doctor's office for a physical. They recommended getting vaccinated, but they didn't have vaccine at the office," Kach said during a recent teleconference sponsored by the federal Centers for Disease Control and the National Meningitis Association.

"I figured, meningitis, whatever... I went to school and didn't get (immunized) there," he said. "I played basketball, had a good time. I didn't get to it. I regret it."

Every year, about 125 college students like Kach contract

meningitis, and five to 15 of them die. The risk of dying is six times higher for students in dormitories, particularly freshmen, according to the American College Health Association. Up to 80 percent of those college cases are preventable with vaccine, the organization said.

In general, the vaccine is 85 percent to 100 percent effective in preventing meningitis in older children and adults.

This year, New Jersey joins 30 other states that require all freshmen and transfer students who plan to live in college campus housing either to be immunized against meningitis — which New Jersey's law does — or to be educated about the disease, before they start school.

New Jersey and Connecticut have the toughest college meningitis immunization state laws in the country, according to the National Meningitis Association. Rep. Robert E. Andrews, D-N.J., has sponsored a similar federal

bill in Congress.

New Jersey's law will affect about 37,000 students living in dormitories at four-year colleges, said Marilyn Riley, spokeswoman for the state Department of Health and Senior Services. Last year, there were 29 cases of meningitis in New Jersey, including seven victims between the ages of 18 and 25 years old, Riley said. Four of the 29 patients — all men, and ranging in age from 23 to 72 years old — died.

There have been 20 cases of meningitis in New Jersey so far this year. Six people have died, including a 5-year-old girl who died in July at a day camp. Fellow campers and workers were given antibiotics as a precaution, and there were no other cases.

Meningitis is a form of meningococcal disease that inflames the membranes of the brain and spinal cord. Another form, meningococcemia, infects the blood. Meningococcal disease strikes about 2,500 Americans every year, causing death in up to 15 percent of cases.

The deadly, contagious bacterial bug is carried in small droplets. It can be spread by a kiss, a cough, a drink, a smoke, a sneeze — especially in close quarters, such as a college dorm. Bacterial meningitis can cause brain damage, hearing loss and learning disability.

There is also a viral form of the disease, which is less severe and usually resolves without specific treatment.

College students are particularly vulnerable to the disease because "they don't eat right or sleep right and they share close quarters. That's always been a concern," said Shirley Smith, director of health services at the Madison, N.J., campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

This summer, letters like this one from Gail Pakalns, director of Seton Hall health and counseling services, were part of freshmen orientation packages at colleges in New Jersey:

"Dear Incoming Seton Hall University Student: I am writing to inform you about the new law that requires meningitis immunization for all incoming students (undergraduate and graduate) who will be living in campus housing. The New Jersey law goes into effect ... September, 2004."

Seton Hall expects that 850 of its 1,225 freshmen will live on the campus this year and therefore need to be immunized against meningitis, according to Joan Osthus, associate director of health services. The students were told they could be vaccinated by their own doctor or at a campus clinic for \$85, Osthus said.

Seton Hall had a confirmed case of the disease in 1994, when a student found a friend feeling weak and feverish in his room. The ill student was taken to a hospital, where he was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis. Preventive medication was given to all who might have had contact with him, and the campus was alerted about the case. The student recovered completely, and no one else became ill, according to campus health services.

John Kach, the Rhode Island college student who survived meningitis, had a far more severe case. One day in 2000, Kach was in his dorm when he developed flu-like symptoms that included vomiting and a 104-degree temperature. When he was no better the next morning, his girlfriend took him to a hospital.

He developed red and purple blotches on his arms and back. A blood test showed he had 10 times the normal number of white cells, which fight infection. His lungs and kidneys were shutting down.

"My blood was curdling, like milk," recalled Kach, who developed gangrene in his hands and legs. Eventually, doctors had to amputate most of his fingers and both his legs below the knee.

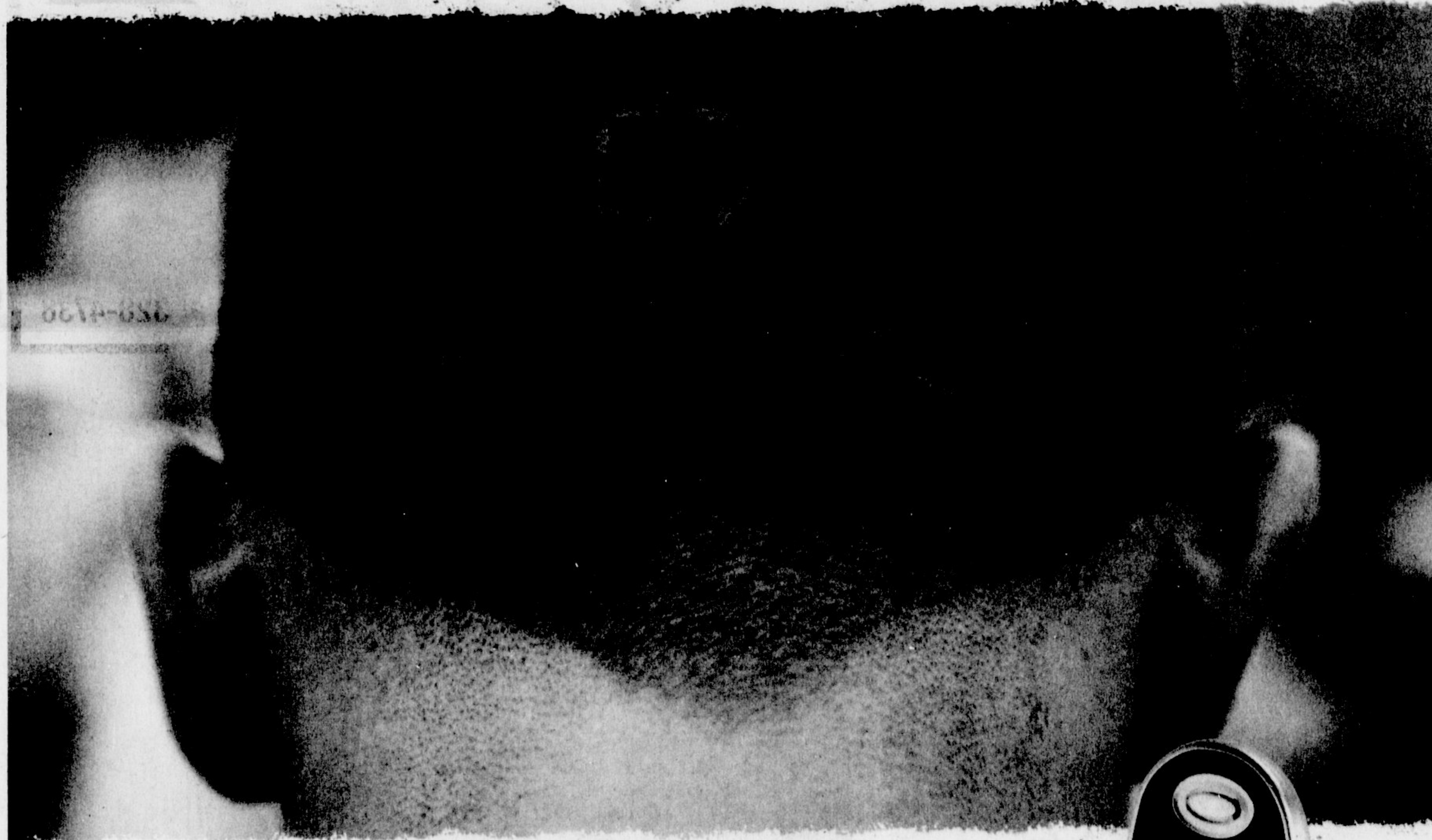
"It's such a rare disease, but to me it's not so rare. I've seen people suffer and die from it. A lot of people are not as lucky as I am," said Kach, who is attending college again. He now advises high school seniors to get vaccinated before they go off to school.

"The possibility of meningitis is reduced. It's one less thing to worry about," he said. "It's only \$80. It's a pair of sneakers."

Meningitis vaccine is not routinely recommended for adults, just those such as college students or military personnel housed in close quarters, said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the CDC.

"Even though it's a very devastating disease, it's very rare, and people are reluctant to get vaccinated," Gerberding said. "Fortunately, we don't have a lot of cases. But the ones we have are serious."

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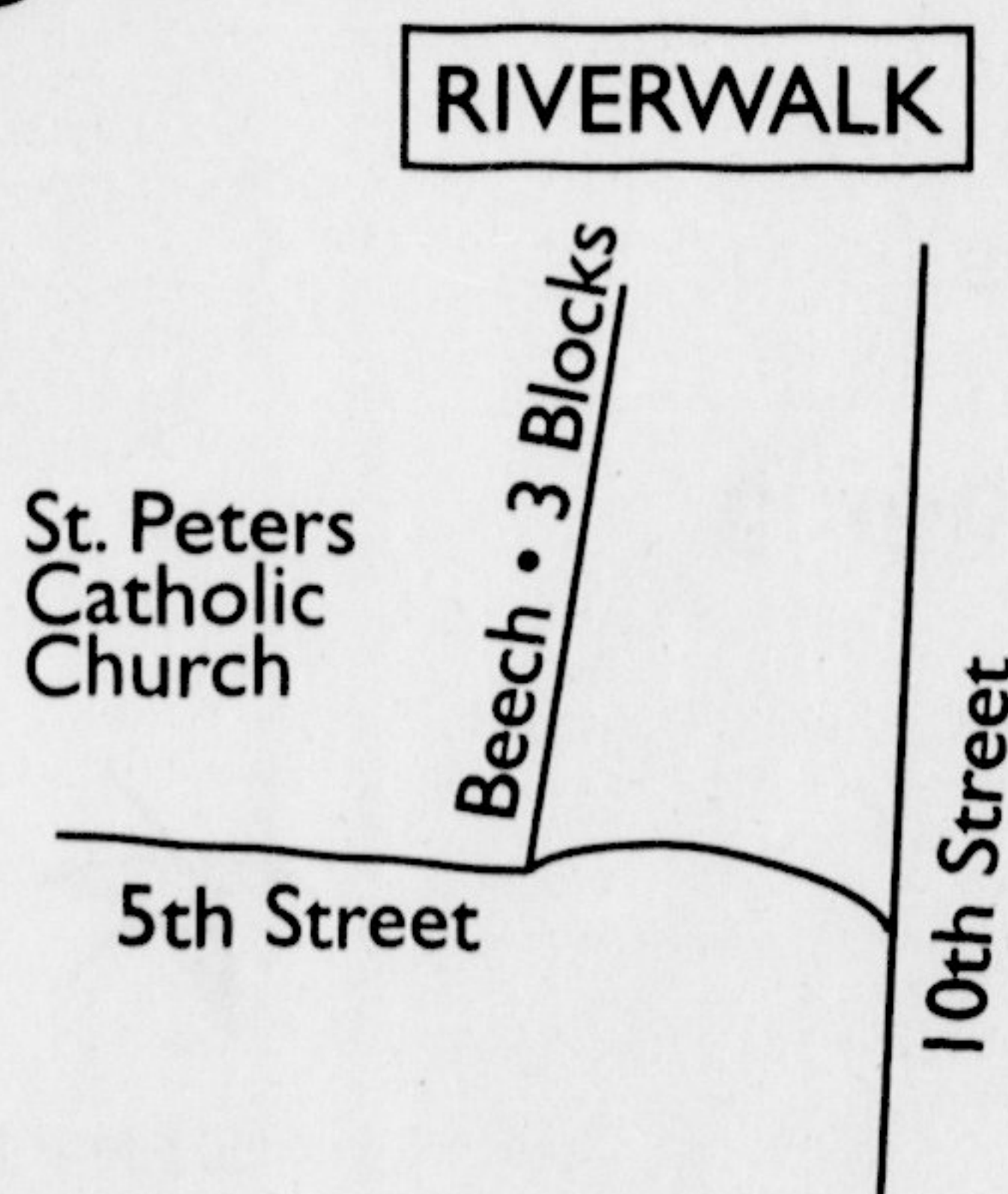
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Dream Team will return in 2008

Unfair criticism directed toward USA

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Quick - name a team or an athlete that made the medal stand this year at the Olympic Games rolling on about two months of practice. Not four years, not three. Two months.

OPINION Have you thought of one yet?



A h , there you go - The USA basketball team, r i g h t ? Now name another. Didn't think so.

Why are we making such a big deal about this year's "Dream Team" not standing atop the podium? Team USA basketball did something a lot of countries combined were not able to do the entire two weeks of competition: medal. A bronze medal, but nevertheless, a medal.

I know, I know. We are Team USA, the team who is expected to always win the gold in basketball. This was definitely a disappointment considering that we have won gold every Olympics since 1992, the year we introduced the "Dream Team," or professional athletes, to compete in the games.

So what went wrong with the 2004 squad? Nothing. We threw together a bunch of all-star athletes that were WILLING to travel overseas and represent our beloved country. Those athletes had a few months of preparation to get used to each other and the international style of play and rules.

Speaking of international style of play, maybe they should just refer to it as "international barrage of three point field goals," with an asterisk beside it. Asterisk being that the three-point line was several feet shorter than what our NBA players are used to in the association.

If our players had the same amount of time to prepare for the games (year-round) as all the international teams did, we would have put up triple digits in each contest. Let the world's greatest athletes (NBA) shoot-21 foot jumpers for a year straight and then see what kind of numbers they put up then.

There are several articles out now stating the rest of the world has caught up with the Americans in the sport of basketball and may have even passed them in skill level. Those statements and articles require one simple answer: bull.

Kobe Bryant, Shaq, Kevin Garnett, Ben Wallace, Jason Kidd, Steve Francis, Vince Carter. You tell me when to stop and I will. Tracy McGrady, Paul Pierce, Baron Davis, Reggie Miller. OK, so you get the point and other writers should too.

I do respect other nations in that they do send their absolute best to the games because their players feel it as a honor and duty to play and represent their country in the Olympics. "Team" USA should take notice to the rest of the world and see how much it means to them to win the gold medal. These excuses that were thrown in at the last second by some of our star athletes would just be unacceptable in other countries. Hats off to those that went and performed the job they were supposed to do.

I know what you are still thinking. "But we got the bronze medal, so what?"

I hate that. I remember watching the 1992 team cruise through the entire games, never challenged. In fact, Head Coach Chuck Daly never used a single time-out in the entire tournament.

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ECU opens season against No. 10 WVU

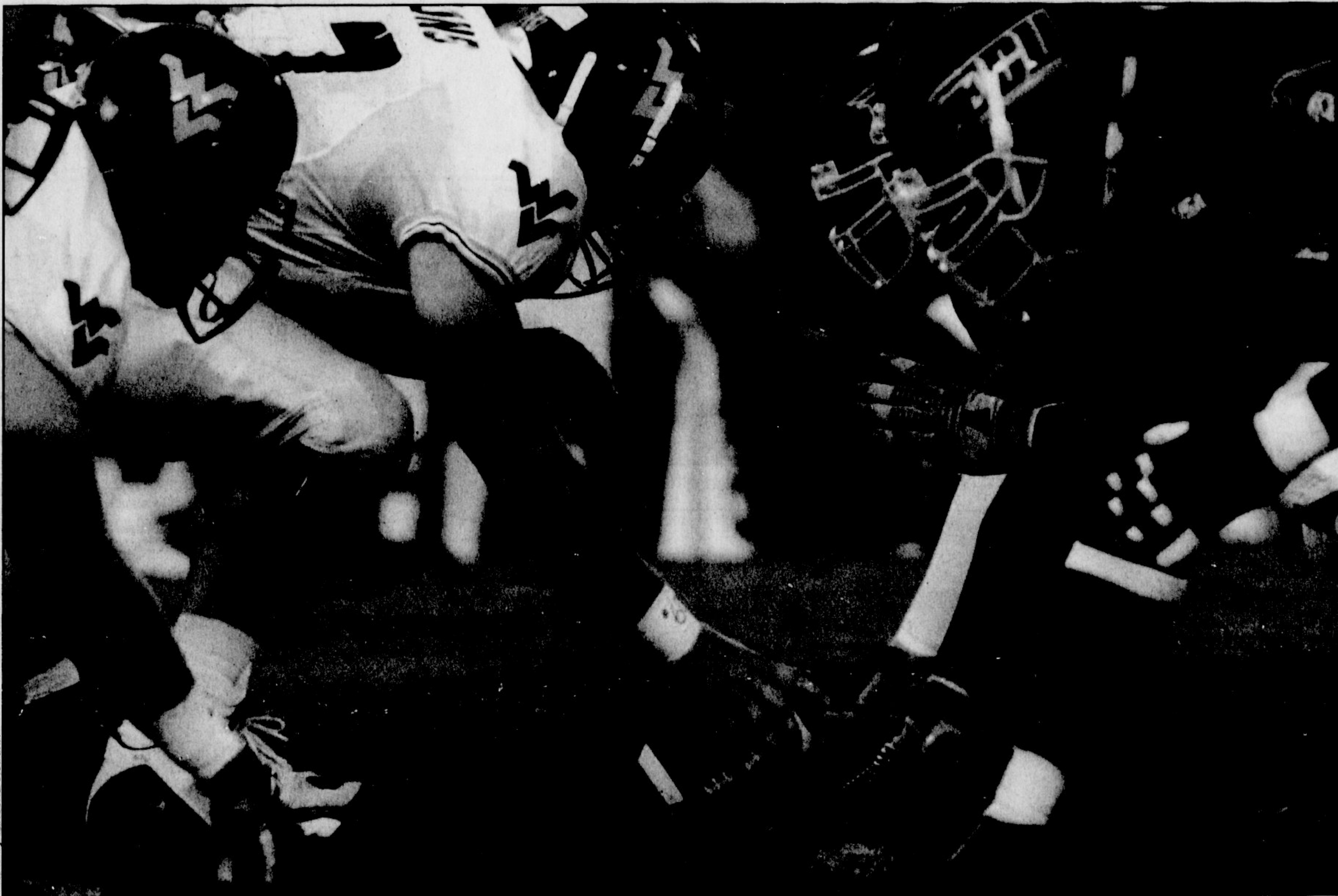


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The Pirate defense will have to contain West Virginia standout quarterback Rasheed Marshall, who scored four touchdowns on ECU last season.

Pirates want first win in Morgantown

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

That time of year has finally arrived. The ECU football season is upon us. With the turn of the calendar to September, ECU students and fans should now be able to sense football in the air.

The Pirates will begin its season with a new slate when they travel to play No. 10 West

Virginia on Sept. 4 at 6 p.m. A sellout crowd of 60,000 is expected at Milan Puskar Stadium for both team's season openers.

"From the moment that we walked off the field against Southern Miss, our football team has turned their attention to this season," said Head Coach John Thompson at his weekly press conference.

"We've had a bad taste in our mouths since last season and we want to spit it out."

"I think you will see a differ-

ent edge to this football team. There is a commitment to getting this program back to where it used to be. Nobody likes where we are, but everybody knows where we are going to get to. We are on the right path and the right direction," Thompson said.

The first test of the 2004 season should shape up to be the hardest. The heavily favored Mountaineers are now the feature team in a weak Big East and have their eyes on a BCS bowl. In a hostile environment, it will be

important that the Pirates have the right attitudes.

Offense

The Pirates will debut a version of the Fun-N-Gun offense under new offensive coordinator Noah Brindise. The Steve Spurrier protégé hired away from the Washington Redskins has shown in the off-season he wants to spread the ball all over the field.

"Noah Brindise has put together a very good plan that will take advantage of our personnel," Thompson said.

Those strong personnel will

include 1,000 yard rushers in Art Brown and Marvin Townes. ECU is only one of three teams in the nation to have two returning 1,000 yard rushers. Brown, red-shirted the 2003 season because of a nagging knee injury, wants to hit the field with a vengeance. Joining Brown and Townes in the backfield will be big-bodied fullback Jermaine Veal.

Handing off to both running backs will be sophomore quarterback James Pinkney.

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ECU to host tournament

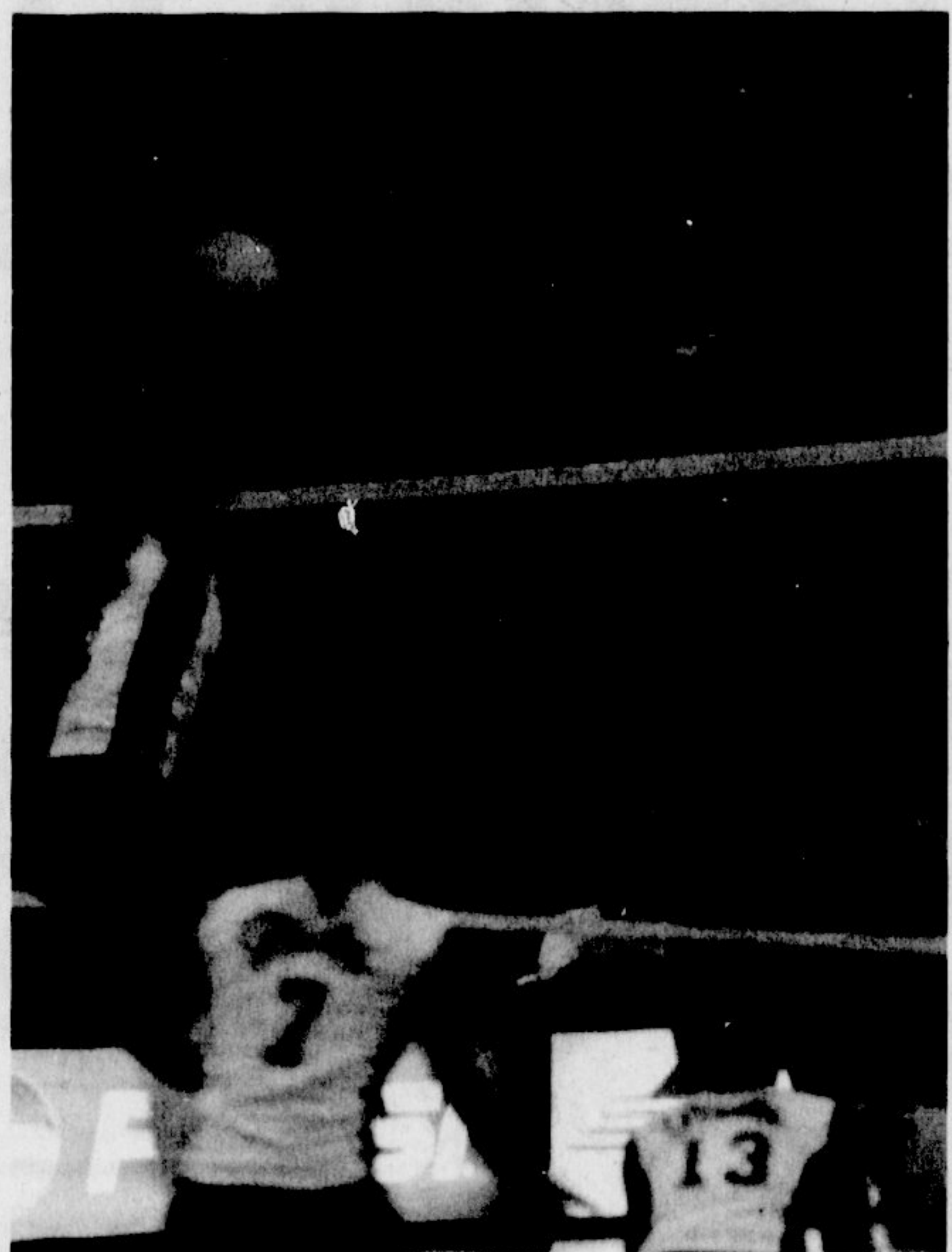


Photo by Kyle Fisher

ECU Volleyball will compete against High Point, Furman, Mercer and Lamar this Friday and Saturday as the Lady pirates play host to the City Hotel and Bistro Invitational. All ECU matches are scheduled at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on both days.

Overtime heartbreaker

ECU men's soccer fall to UNC-W, 2-1

KYLE ROGERSON
STAFF WRITER

UNC-Wilmington has proved to be a respectable opponent over the past few years and a loss in overtime is not the way the Pirates had hoped to start their season against their archrival. However, that was the story at Bunting Field yesterday afternoon as the Seahawks defeated the Pirates 2-1.

The Seahawks controlled the first half with ball possession and well-made passes. Russell Bienias, a sophomore defender, scored the only first-half goal

for the Seahawks at about the 20th minute of the game. Bienias stood just inside the box as he drilled a shot off a half volley past the Pirate keeper, Brian Pope.

In the second half the Pirates answered with a goal from Terron Amos in the 74th minute of the match. Terron had threatened to score earlier in the game and he finally was able to capitalize on a great offensive opportunity.

The ball was crossed into the box by Matt Kowaleski and made its journey to the foot of Amos standing approximately five yards from the goalkeeper. He easily placed the ball in the back of the net and tied the game at one.

Later, Amos brought the fans to the edge of their seats during

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A new world record



Defrocked Irish priest Cornelius Horan attacked marathon leader Vanderlei De Lima.

Another Olympics, another sideshow

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

After the summer 2004 Athens games, Generation X will have plenty of stories to tell their grandchildren. However, it won't be about Michael Phelps' incredible run to eight medals or the USA men's basketball team bringing home a disappointing bronze medal. Phelps' record will likely be outdone in the years to come, and the United States basketball team will return to dominance on the international level.

What will be remembered about this year's Summer Olympics however, is the staggering number of drug cases and how those cases effectively tarnished an already sub-par Olympic experience for the viewer.

As of Aug. 28, the day before the Olympics concluded, a record 21 different drug cases were reported in a story ran by the Associated Press. Keep in mind



Paul Hamm speaks to reporters about his gold medal.

that each case doesn't necessarily involve one athlete. A number of cases had two or more culprits, such as the one involving Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou, who were effectively pulled out of the games while the IOC was investigating their missed doping tests.

At least Kenteris and Thanou didn't have to suffer the embarrassment of competing and winning, then getting caught red-

handed like Hungary's Robert Fazekas, who lost his gold medal in discus after he allegedly tampered with a doping test.

The fact that the Athens games were clouded by failed drug tests and cheating athletes didn't come as a surprise to me. Although the number of cases is extremely high, the Olympics have rarely been without incident.

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Team from page B1

That truly was the "Dream Team." Jordan, Bird, Magic, Drexler and so on. It was a team that molded itself into one single unit with one united purpose: to destroy any competition in its path.

That's what is coming again in four years. The United States will restore its original basketball swagger and show the rest of the world how great a team can be and how crushingly painful it will be to face them in the Olympic Games.

The whole NBA gets to read all these articles on how everyone has finally caught up to us and how everyone is on a level playing field. I will personally say thanks to those writers who will have awakened a sleeping giant. A giant that will step on anything that comes between it and its goal. A giant that is Team USA. A giant that will once again become "The Dream Team."

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The USA men failed to win a gold medal in Athens this year.

Soccer from page B1

the final minute of the game. He received a lofted pass from near midfield as he was entering the box running forward toward the goal. He managed to maneuver around the final defender between he and the goalkeeper and as the fans gasped, he gave the ball one last touch before shooting. However, he nudged the ball too far out in front of him and the UNC-Wilmington keeper pounced on it.

With Terson's misfortune, the Pirates headed into overtime.

It was obvious that ECU had the momentum during the first part of OT and they created many offensive opportunities early in the period.

However, the Seahawks regained control of the game.

One of their strikers ripped a shot with his left foot from twenty yards out that soared past an outstretched Brian Pope and hit the left post of the goal frame.

Moments later, a Seahawks player crossed the ball into the box from the left flank. UNC-Wilmington forward Keith Shevlin was in perfect position to head the ball past Pope into the back of the net.

This somewhat new rivalry does not amplify the game for the players exclusively. It was an equally tough game for the referees. The center referee was



Captain Reed Avren played well against Wilmington but ended the game scoreless. The Pirates will take on Longwood next.

forced to stop the game several times as the tempers of a few players flared up.

While both teams played very aggressively, the players did not become overwhelmed with emotion at any one point during the game. Many fouls were called and a number of free kicks were given, along with two yellow cards.

One of the two cards was given in regulation and the other was awarded late in the overtime period to Pirate midfielder Chris Mobley.

Likewise, Head Coach Michael Benn did not become heated as a result of the game.

"Losing is losing," said Benn, responding to whether a loss in this particular rivalry stung any more than a regular game.

"You hate to lose a game like that, with how hard we fought but overall, a loss is a loss."

The Pirates will take to the field again this Sunday when they play Longwood at home on Bunting Field at 1 p.m.

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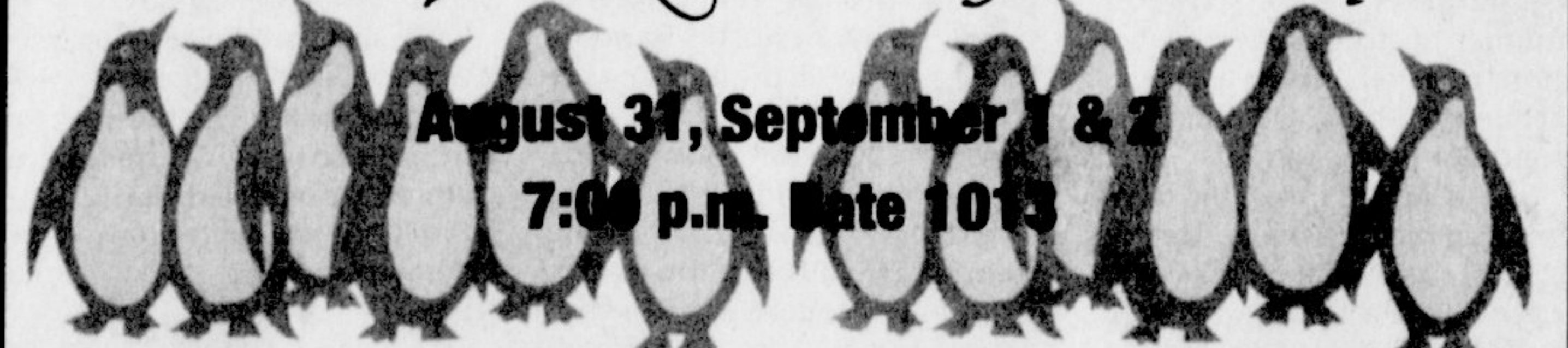
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Pinkney separated himself from the other quarterbacks in the off-season and quelled any possible controversy. He grasped the detailed offense quickly and never relinquished his spot on the depth chart.

Pinkney will have several options to throw to. The wide receiver position is largely unproven, but there is no shortage of bodies so no receiver should be wounded.

The Pirates have seven players that could see time at the receiver position. Leading the corps will be the speedy Damarious Fox. Arguably the fastest player on the team, Fox is the leading returning receiver and last season scored one touchdown to go along with 131 receiving yards.

Starting at the other receiver position is Brian Howard, who was superb in the last two scrimmages.

"Our wide receivers have stepped up. We've been able to do some things with so many young guys. Having Robert Tillman step in to the wide receiver position will help our football team," Thompson said.

Also contributing to the receiving corps will be senior Edwin Rios, junior Bryson Bowling and sophomores Bobby Good, Will Bland and Kevin Roach.

The offensive line remains a question mark. With only one starter returning, Thompson is looking to some younger, inexperienced guys to step up in big ways. Gary Freeman, who gained 10 pounds and lost eight waist sizes this off-season, will anchor the O-Line.

The offensive line will need to play well in order to create holes for the talented running backs and for Pinkney to have sufficient time to throw.

Two junior college tight ends will provide immediate help at a position that was a severe weakness last year. Shawn Levesque will start, but Shawn Harmon and Josh Coffman will give Brindise enough leeway to run the

ball in short yardage situations.

Cornerback Adam Jones will lead the West Virginia defense. Jones is a physical corner who was named to the Preseason All-Big East first team and led the team with four interceptions last year.

Joining Jones as leaders on the defense will be linebacker Adam Lehnortt and defensive tackle Ben Lynch, who received high praise among the preseason publications.

Defense

"Defensively, we wanted to play faster and we are playing faster. There is an understanding and a comprehension of how we should play," Thompson said.

ECU's defensive line is the biggest weakness of the team. Guy Whimper and Dontre Brown will have to anchor the razor thin D-Line. Richard Koonce will provide some speed at the end position, but will give up nearly 60 pounds against the mammoth line of West Virginia.

Chris Moore, the nation's returning tackler and Butkus Award candidate will be the most vocal player on the defensive side of the ball.

"Chris is a leader on this football team. When things go well, Chris will be right in the middle of it, but when you go against us, you will see Chris getting it straight," Thompson said.

Some new faces will be at the outside linebacker position. JUCO transfer Jamar Flournoy and converted fullback Dashaun Stephens will start to give ECU speed off the edge.

The secondary will be the strength of the Pirate defense. With so many young guys getting experience last year, the ECU pass defense should be tail down on the nearly 200 yards per game they gave up last year.

Erode Jean, a Conference USA All-Freshman team a year ago will be featured against the team's best receivers. Donald Whitehead will bring experience at the other corner position

in being the only senior. JUCO transfer Zach Baker and Kyle Chase will start at the safety position.

The ECU defense will have their hands full in stopping the WVU offense. The Mountaineer offense starts with two-year starter Rasheed Marshall. Marshall burned ECU last year for four touchdowns. He has the ability to run the option or drop back in the pocket and look at his large receiving targets.

"If Marshall has a good game throwing or running, it's going to be tough for us. We've got to not let him have a good game," Thompson said.

The Pirates are going to have to stop a dual threat in the backfield, courtesy Kay-Jay Harris and Jason Colson. Both Mountaineer running backs will share time and carries on Saturday. The No. 10 team has averaged 448 yards rushing over the last two meetings against ECU and WVU has only gotten better.

The Mountaineer offensive line can be credited with a majority of the rushing statistics. The line averages 297 pounds, which would be good for any professional team. Guards Jeff Berk and Dan Mozes are both All-Big East selections.

The best player on West Virginia's team is the returning Big East newcomer of the year in 6-foot, 5-inch wide receiver Chris Henry. Henry burned ECU for two scores on his way to 1,006 yard receiving season. The sophomore receiver has an 8-inch advantage over 5-foot, 9-inch cornerback Erode Jean.

Special Teams

The special teams should again be a strong suit for the Pirates. Ryan Dougherty, one of the nation's best punters, will lead the kicking game. Place kicker Cameron Broadwell nailed virtually every field goal in each of the Pirates' scrimmages. Brandon Howard has received praise from Thompson and will be the long snapper.

Returning kicks will be superstar freshman Chris Johnson and senior Marvin Townes. JUCO transfer Demetrius Hodges will return punts.

Adam Jones will lead West Virginia's special teams. He averaged 26.3 yards on kickoff returns and 6.1 yards on punt returns this past season.

The Mountaineer kicking game will feature place kicker Brad Cooper who contributed 79 points last season with a career long field goal of 43 yards.

Intangibles

Mountaineer Field is no easy place to play and Thompson believes that his team knows that.

"You look forward to being in a hostile atmosphere because you feed off that energy. If they come out and are booing us and throwing stuff at us, we will use that to our advantage," Thompson said.

ECU's football team and fans will talk about how the Pirates were snubbed by not receiving a Big East Conference invite last year. This will be the Pirates' first time to prove to the nation that they made a mistake.

"Everybody [at ECU] talks about having a chip on their shoulder," Thompson said.

"I think you're going to see that because everybody has that chip and that little edge."

The Mountaineers lead the all-time series 13-2 and the Pirates have never beaten WVU in Morgantown. They came close in 1996 when former Head Coach Steve Logan decided to go for a late two-point conversion and subsequently failed, losing the game by a mere one point.

In those 280 days since the Pirates have last played, the coaching staff and football team have changed their attitudes. This ECU football team knows what it has to do. All they have to do is prove everything on the field. It's that time of year.

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Olympic from page B1

In the 1972 Munich games, 11 Israeli athletes were killed after being kidnapped by Palestinian terrorists. Five terrorists and a policeman were also killed in a blood bath that came as a result of a rescue attempt.

In 1980, the United States, along with West Germany and Japan, decided to boycott the Moscow games in protest of the Soviets' invasion of Afghanistan. Four years later, the Soviets retaliated by boycotting the LA games.

As if that wasn't enough drama for the history books, the 1996 Atlanta games will be remembered for an extremist who bombed Centennial

Park, killing one and injuring 111.

Maybe the International Olympic Committee should add a new event to the games that includes all the convicted terrorists, the boycotting countries, and the athletes who failed their drug tests. They could call it storytelling and the best story will be the one that ruins the experience for the most athletes and fans. That particular story would win the gold. I mean, pardon my sarcasm, but aren't the Olympics starting to become a world circus for clowns, who could be countries, terrorists or athletes?

This particular year it just happened to be the corrupt

athletes who took center stage. However, despite the fact that the summer games in Athens set the record for the number of drug cases, there can be something positive taken from that. The IOC is apparently more efficient in their drug testing, which was first introduced in Tokyo in 1964 and has been steadily improved over the years to keep pace with the athletes who will inevitably try to cheat the system.

Even though the committee has made significant progress with catching cheaters, the drug problem is like a sinking boat that has six holes in it; the IOC

has five fingers to plug these holes, but one is always left open, leaving one problem or another continually exposed.

As with criminals, the cheating athletes will always be one step ahead of the authorities, so maybe it's time for the IOC to make another committee to specialize in drug testing. Not random testing, but testing in full for every athlete who has anything to do with the games. That way, perhaps we can put an end to the epidemic of drug use in the Olympics.

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Patriots look to repeat as champs

A preview of 2004-2005 NFL season

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America's favorite pastime will be upon us soon. The giants among men will don their pads and helmets and begin to earn their \$1 million paychecks. The preseason is drawing to a close with plenty of fresh faces on each team. Rookies are hoping to make an impact, while seasoned veterans gear up for another championship run.

Several new rules will play an important factor in the upcoming season, including the new injury rule. Teams must report injuries of any player and cannot falsify any reports.

The emphasis on another rule could have a big impact during the season. Officials have been encouraged to enforce the chucking by the defensive backs off the line of scrimmage. Defensive backs can't make contact with receivers running a route after five yards from the line of scrimmage. This will undoubtedly light up the scoreboards and some star receivers should have career numbers.

NFC East
Philadelphia won this cupcake division last season, but the Eagles will be in for a much tougher schedule with a collaboration of some of the greatest coaches in the NFL. Dallas surprised everyone in 2003 with the addition of coach Bill Parcells. Look for the same improvement from the Washington Redskins after Joe Gibbs returned to D.C.

on a white horse. The Giants will dwell in the cellar.

Philly will take this division again, but it won't be easy. The Eagles barely outlast the Redskins, who make a run with one of the most dynamic offenses in the league. The combination of Mark Brunell, Clinton Portis and Laveranues Coles will be fun to watch, but the lack of a defensive line will be their undoing. The Cowboys could have run away with the NFC East, but a poor off-season will haunt them down the road. They desperately needed a running back and addressed the issue by drafting Julius Jones and signing Eddie George. It will be the ageless Vinny Testaverde handing the ball off to the declining George after replacing Quincy Carter, who was cut after failing a drug test. The Giants added new Head Coach Tom Coughlin, but gave up way too much for Eli Manning.

NFC North
Green Bay and Minnesota will battle for the North division title. Brett Favre is one of the greatest quarterbacks of all-time, but his age will catch up with him eventually. If Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper can cut down on his turnovers and Randy Moss stays out of trouble, the Vikings have a shot. Chicago should have a dismal season, but Detroit has a huge upside with loads of young talent. Hopefully, Joey Harrington will blossom into the player everyone expects him to be.

NFC South
The Carolina Panthers came out of nowhere last season to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl. Unfortunately, they didn't make the most of perhaps their only opportunity. The Panther defense is for real, but Jake Delhomme was an aberration. Stephen Davis needs to stay

healthy for them to repeat in the competitive South, but won't put up spectacular numbers thanks to a depleted offensive line.

New Orleans is always a sketchy team to predict. The Saints are very streaky, but the defense needs to improve for a playoff appearance. Tampa Bay had an off year in 2003, but they will be back strong in 2004. Look for them to compete with Carolina, but eventually come up short. Atlanta still needs a better supportive cast for Michael Vick.

NFC West
San Francisco and Arizona will be the two worst teams in the NFC, which leaves St. Louis and Seattle. The Rams still have the slight edge, but the Seahawks have the better quarterback. Matt Hasselback is the most underrated signal caller while the Rams' Marc Bulger earns the most overrated.

St. Louis still has Isaac Bruce, Torry Holt and Marshall Faulk and added rookie running back Stephen Jackson. That should be enough to outlast Hasselback, who is being talked about as a possible MVP candidate.

AFC East
New England easily won this division on their way to the Super Bowl and it looks like another easy path this season, especially with Corey Dillon added to the mix. Buffalo has the best shot with a healthy Drew Bledsoe and some receivers to throw to. Miami has no legitimate quarterback to take the pressure off the Ricky Williams-less backfield and the New York Jets are destined for another mediocre season.

AFC North
The North had arguably the weakest division in the AFC as Baltimore escaped with just a 10-6 record. The Ravens will improve on that mark with their suffocating defense led by Ray Lewis.

Their fate hinges on whether or not running back Jamal Lewis will stay out of jail.

Cincinnati has to eventually start Carson Palmer, the No. 1 pick last season, but it's unfortunate because Jon Kitna finally had a breakout year. Dillon is gone to Buffalo and the Bengals will be under .500 once again. Pittsburgh picked up Ben Roethlisberger in the draft to eventually replace Tommy Maddox at quarterback. That might take place sooner than later, but the Steelers, along with Cleveland, will have a losing record. Jeff Garcia is the new Browns offensive leader, but he will need more weapons in order to contend.

AFC South
Indianapolis and Tennessee had identical records in 2003, but the Colts just keep getting better. The Titans have issues at running back after losing George.

Jacksonville and Houston are doomed for another anemic season. The Texans are on the way up, but still a few years away from being a contender.

AFC West
Kansas City had a spectacular offense last year and Denver couldn't quite compete. The Broncos traded star running back Clinton Portis to the Redskins and acquired Champ Bailey. Seems like Washington got the better end of that deal. Still, Denver will hang in there, but the Chiefs will emerge again.

Oakland and San Diego should both rebound nicely from horrible campaigns in 2003. The Raiders have two capable quarterbacks in Rich Gannon and Kerry Collins. And the Chargers got the best quarterback in the draft in Phillip Rivers, plus everything the Giants gave up to get him.

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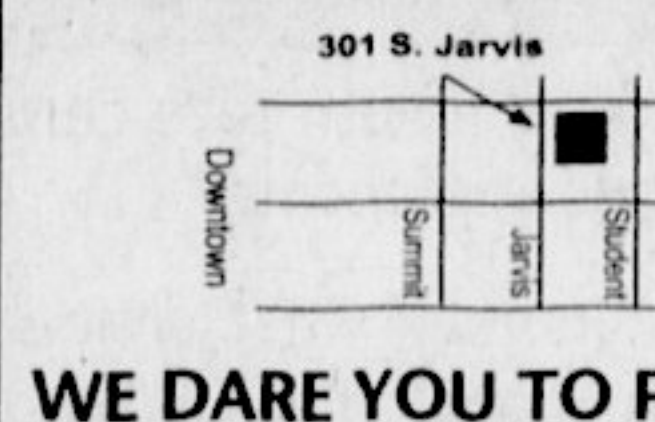
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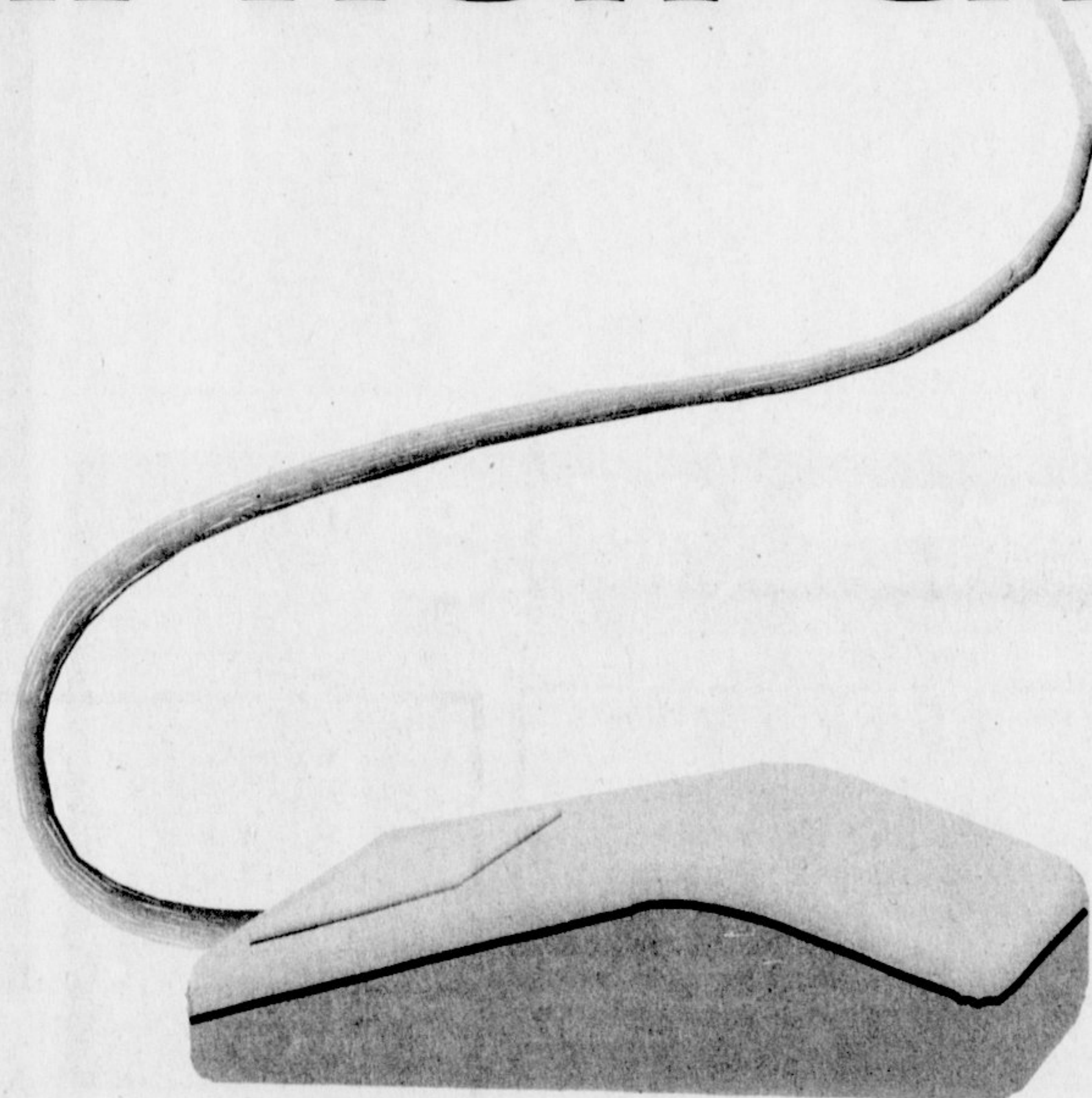
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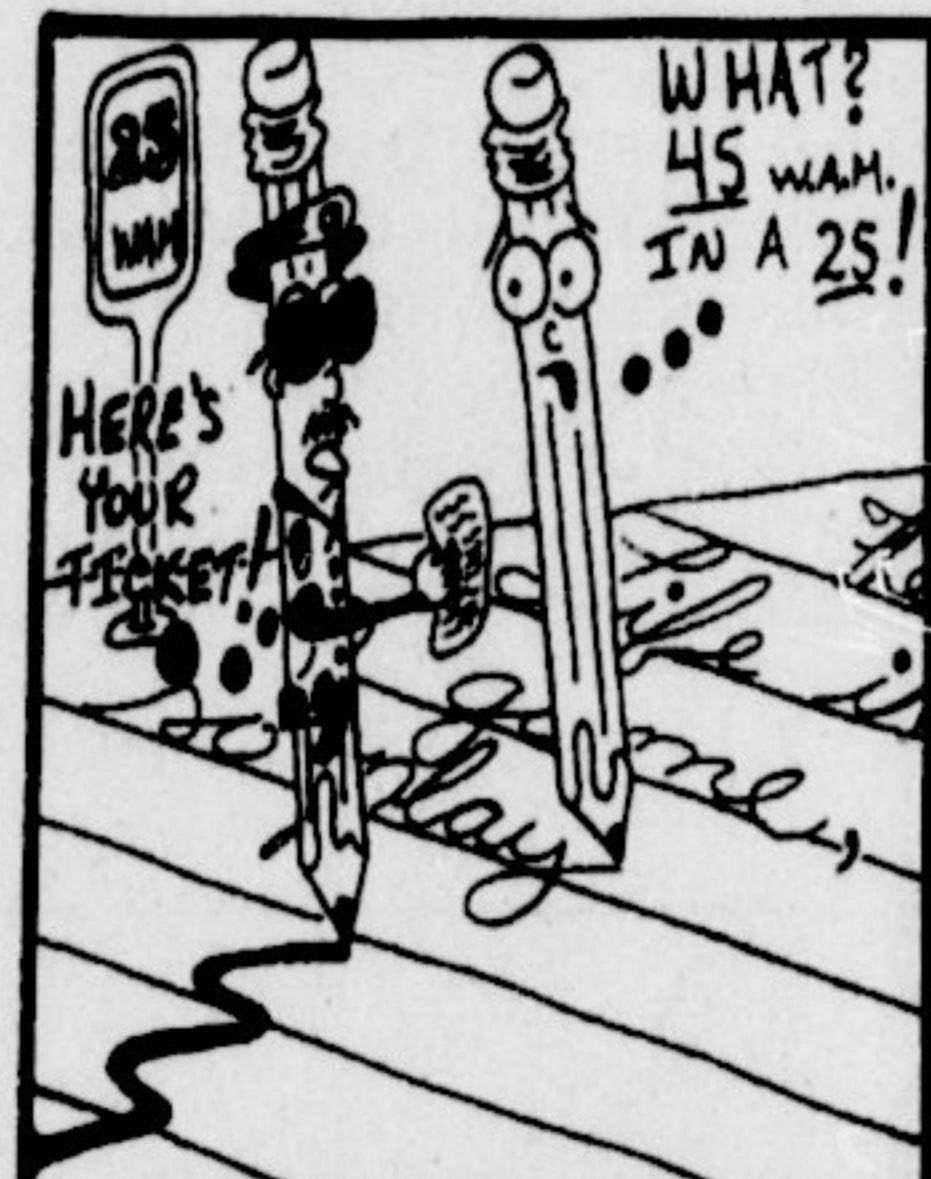
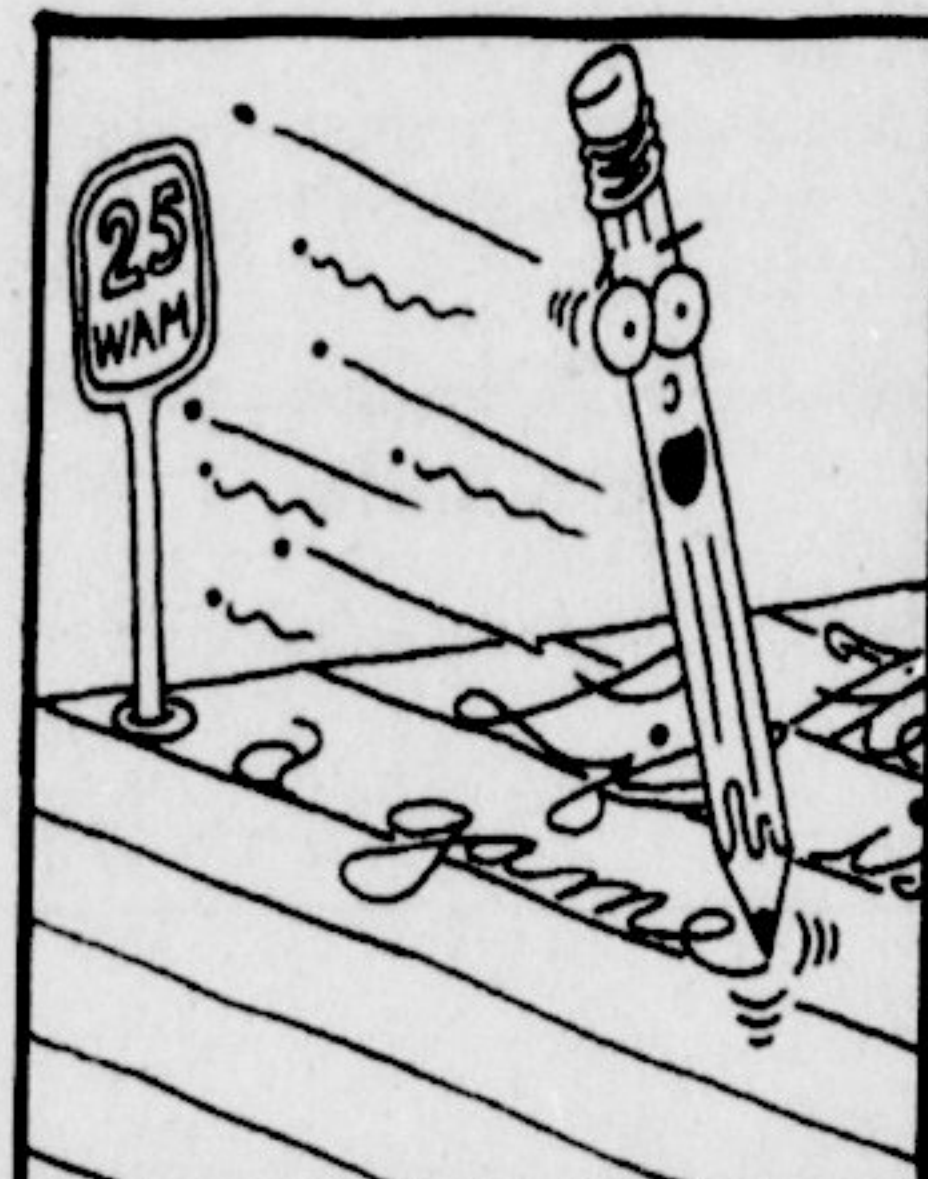
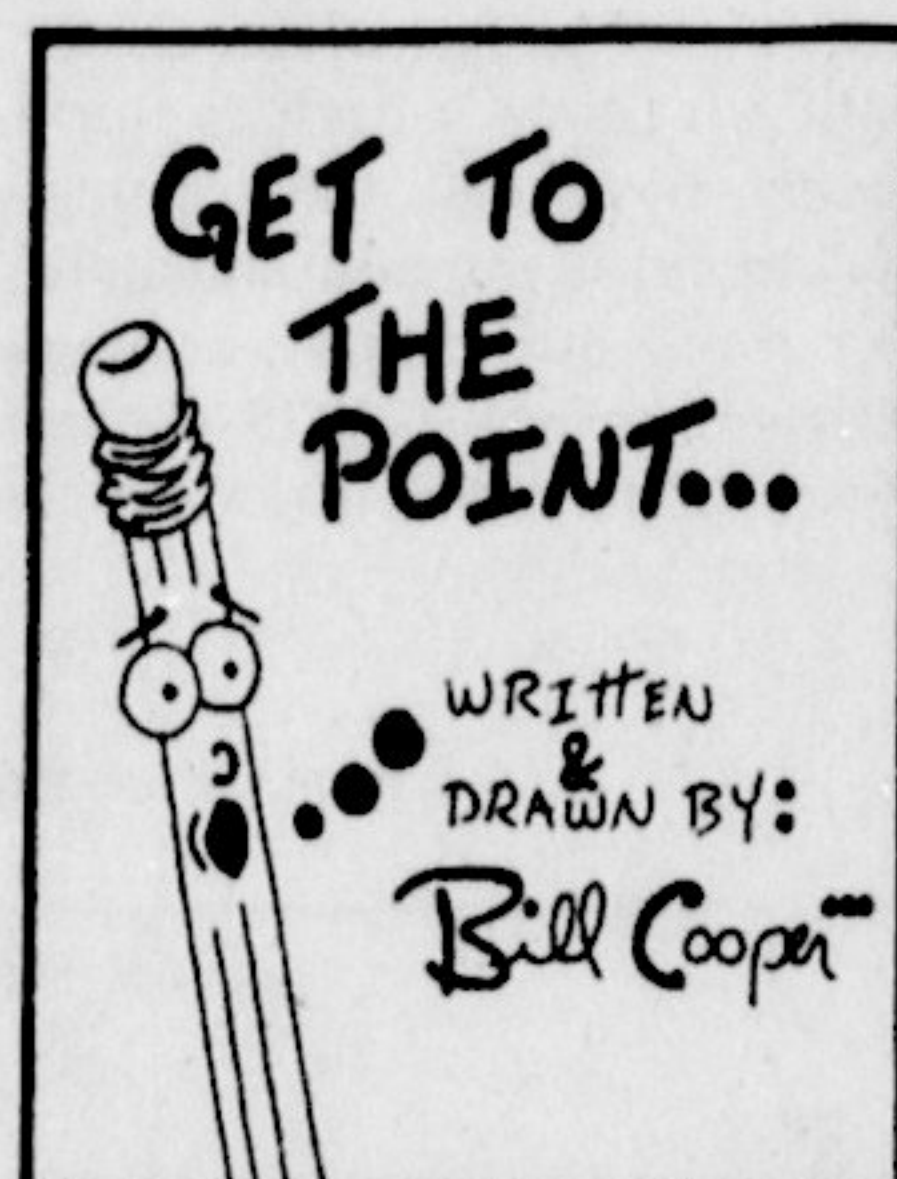


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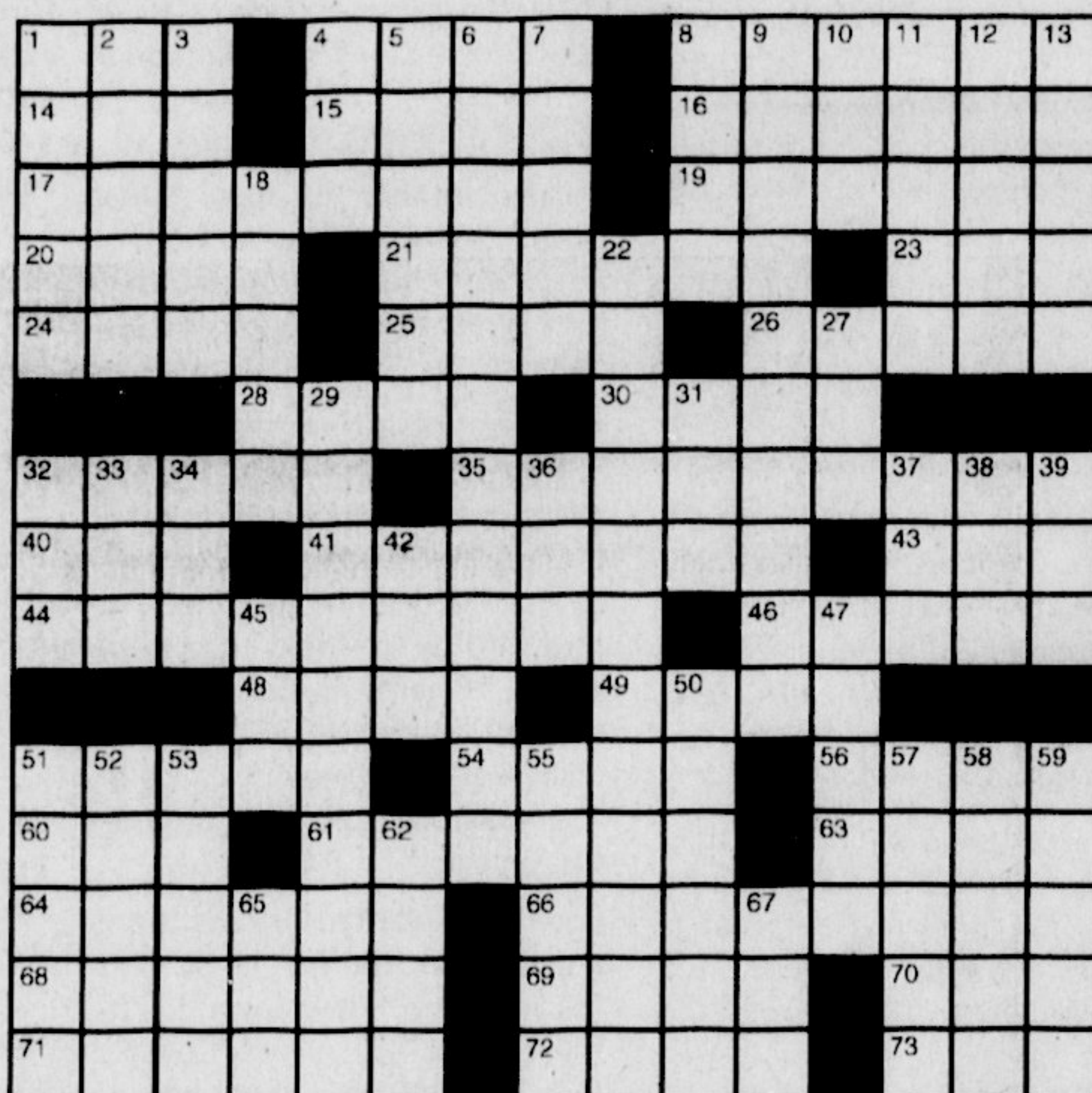


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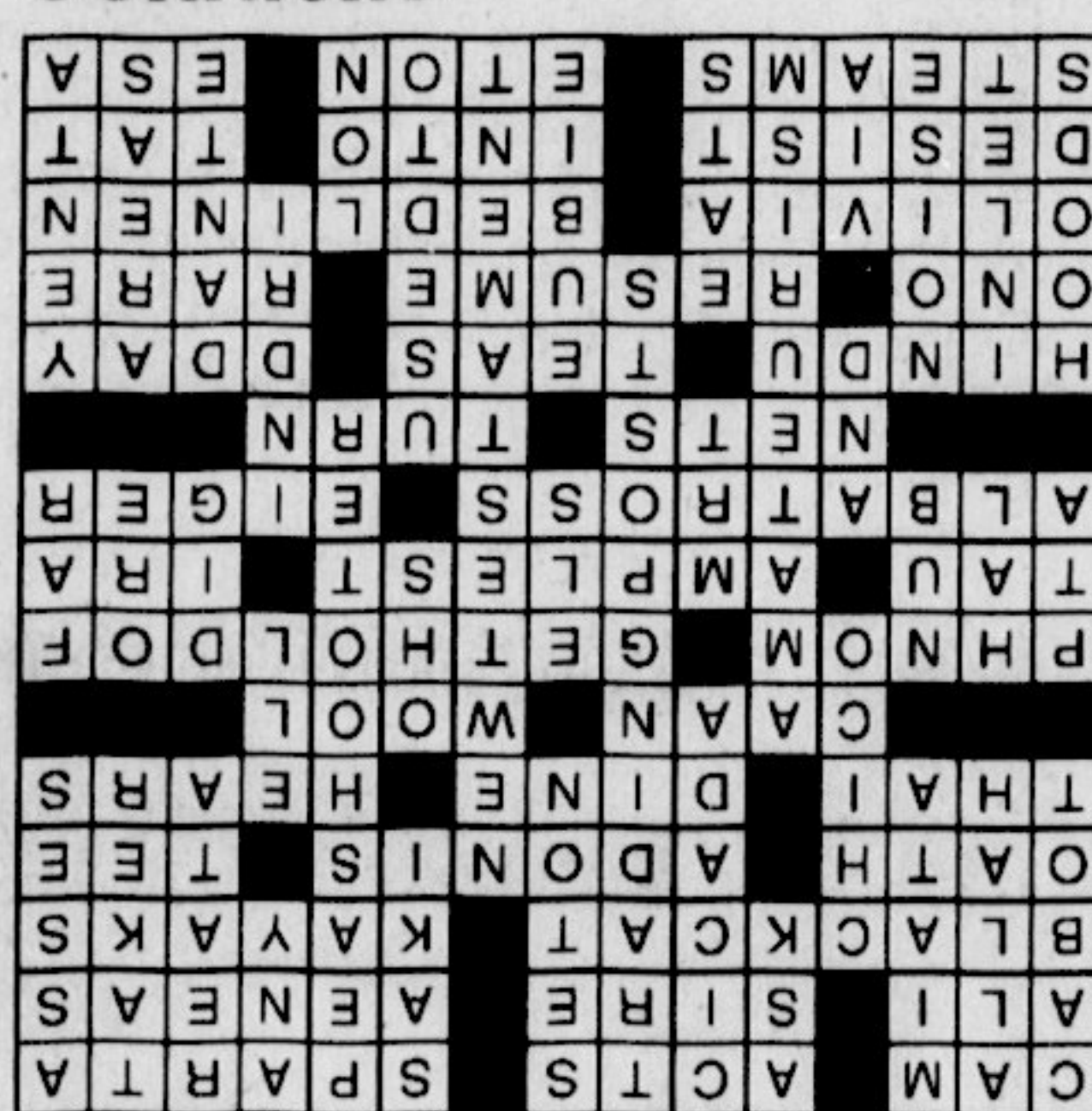
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