

Preacher returns to campus



Norman Morris, a preacher and protestor from a local parish, spoke to students on campus Friday afternoon. Many students engaged in heated discussions with Morris about religion and over a large picture of an aborted fetus (not pictured).



ECU's Board of Trustees collaborate on various issues.

Board of Trustees holds first meeting

Update on security concerns, bond referendum passed

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The ECU Board of Trustees had their first meeting of this academic year Friday and discussed a variety of issues including campus safety, new additions to ECU, a bond referendum proposal and an update of the Brody School of Medicine.

Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for the division of student life, said there have been several campus security measures

in place this year including residence hall ID checks, working with the ECU police in ensuring security and limiting the number of entrances to residence halls.

On Nov. 18, they are going to attend a technology security conference, which all of the UNC system schools will be in invited.

"The goal [of the conference] is to look at state of the art technology that can be used on our campus to enhance security," said Moore.

Faculty and students both are now seeing the positive aspects of the \$225 tuition increase passed last year. The ECU faculty received an approximate 4.5 percent increase in their salaries while

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Voter registration drive held at Minges pool

Students take advantage of opportunity

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More than 100 students registered to vote at a voter registration drive held last Thursday at Minges Coliseum pool during the EXSS 1000 swim test.

The event, hosted by the ECU Exercise Graduate School Organization was planned in an effort to motivate more students to vote by making the registration process more convenient and accessible to students.

The event was a success as students filled out registration forms as they waited for their turn to do their swim test. They could also use the forms to change their place of registration to Pitt County.

The event continued from approximately 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. allowing for five out of the six EXSS 1000 classes to take advantage of the unique opportunity.

Will Glasgow, an ECU exercise and sports science graduate student, was the main organizer of the event.

"I think more people are more likely to register if they can just roll out of bed and go to class," said Glasgow.

"Approximately 1,200 students will take their swim tests on Tuesday and there is a lot of waiting in line. They might as well utilize their time."

Glasgow got the idea for this event from his mother, a health education professor.

Once the plan was put into action, there were plenty of volunteers to help. Several professors offered their time as well as his fellow graduate school peers. Since the drive was held during the EXSS 1000 class, it had to be passed through the exercise and sports science department.

Peter Farrell, chairman of exercise and sports science department was very supportive. "I think it's fantastic," said Farrell.

"When Will came to me with the idea I was very excited. I am surprised that there aren't more of them [voter registration drives]. You would think someone would make it a priority."

Both Glasgow and Farrell agreed encouraging college students to vote is necessary. Glasgow said in order for North Carolina to make a bigger difference in the elections, more people have to vote. He did not want to sway the student's opinion of

the candidates in either direction, but more to let their voices be heard.

"The more people to vote the more uncertainty there is and for some reason, uncertainty in this is a good thing," Glasgow said.

"The youth [are] our future. It is easier to keep voting if you start early."

Students participating in the registration drive agreed that it was a great idea.

Kate Jordan, sophomore physical education major, filled out her form while standing in line.

"It's good because I probably wouldn't have registered if it wasn't right here. I do plan on voting, I just don't know who yet."

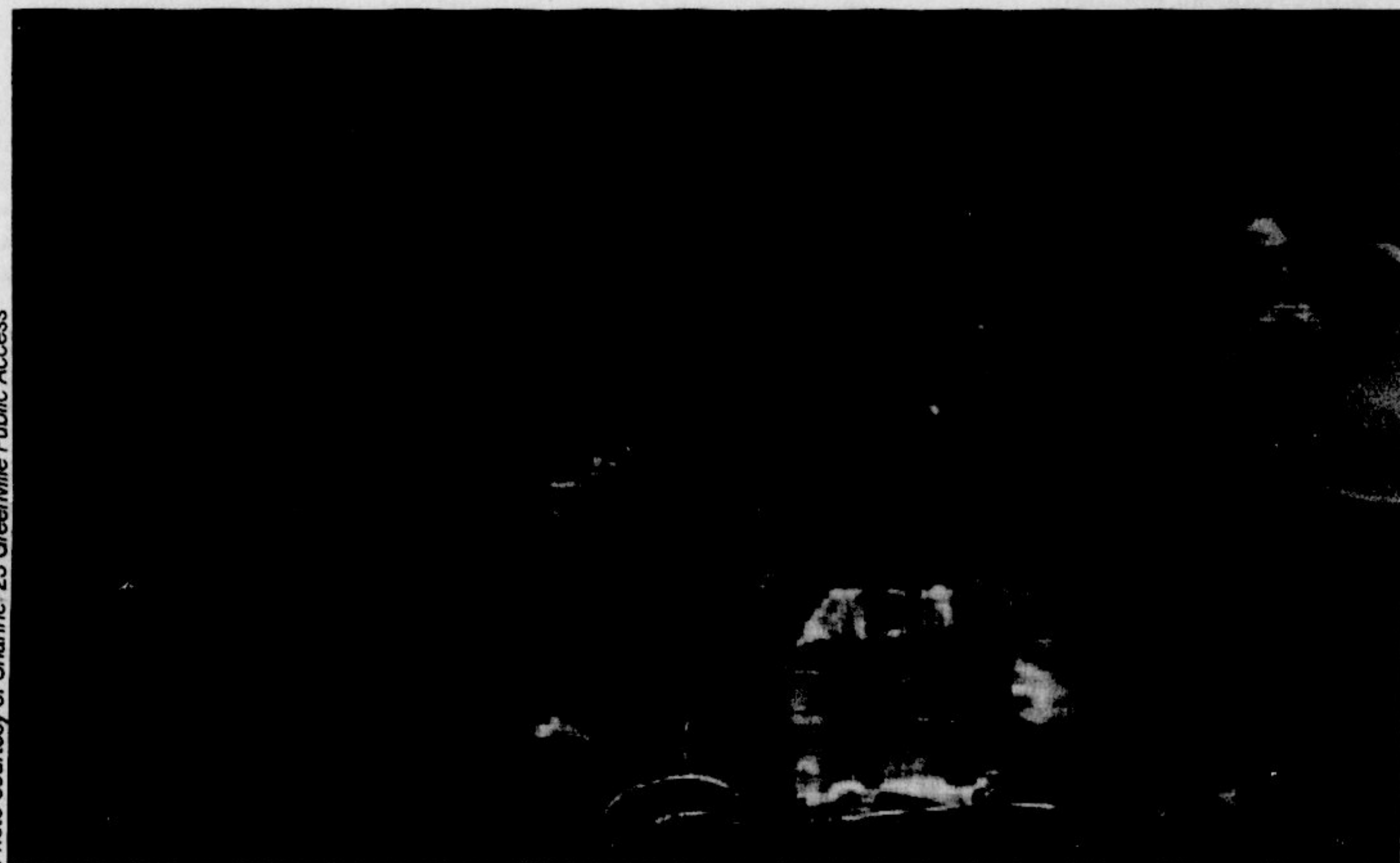
Andrew Summey, senior marketing major, agreed that the drive was an interesting and effective way to get students involved.

"It's a good thing we get to vote. More people should take advantage," said Summey.

He was also undecided which way he would be casting his ballot.

"It would be nice to know who we were voting for. I think the candidates should stop advertising hear say and be more straightforward about their plans," Summey said.

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Rumi provides a mystical performance of thirteenth century song, dance and poetry.

Rumi gives concert at ECU

Event attracts viewers throughout eastern North Carolina

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ECU students, faculty and other Greenville residents gathered at the Wright Auditorium last Thursday to view the group, Rumi, perform a song, dance, poetry and story presentation influenced by the 13th century mystic, Rumi.

The group featured Coleman Barks, the poet and translator,

cellist David Darling, Glen Velez on world percussion and Zuleikha performing the dance and story aspect. The event was the centerpiece of ECU's 3rd Annual World Peace Initiative and was intended to expose the Islamic tradition to the ECU community.

"It's very counter-culture ... because right now in the consumer materialistic-driven society we live in, it's just about obtaining and having and getting more and more and more. It's externally motivated," said Lynn Caverly, assistant director of student activities.

The organizers of World Peace Week wanted to make sure

students took away the right message from this event. This form of art offers another option for young people as opposed to solely indulging in American customs.

"They [students] have a choice: Do I want to spend more time watching Britney Spears ... and buy another mini-skirt and another scrunchy? Or do I want to spend my time helping somebody or just spending some time with myself and the people I love?" Caverly said.

"Don't just be on autopilot and be like a lemming in the ocean and just follow everybody."

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'No Child Left Behind,' a pivotal point in presidential campaigns



'No Child Left Behind' enacted by President Bush helps improve children's education.

Children a priority to both presidential nominees

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Designed to improve student achievement and change the culture of America's schools, George W. Bush introduced the 'No Child Left Behind' law to Congress in 2000, which may play an important role in the November Presidential Election.

According to NCLB, parents will have access to a 'report card' detailing how their child, their child's school and the school system are performing and if any one is unsatisfactory, parents will have options available to them, such as tutoring or even changing schools. Low performing schools risk being taken over by the government. There is now

greater accountability required from teachers, administrators and school boards, even ascending to the governor. Accordingly, teachers will use curricula grounded in scientifically based research and have the training and resources to do so. Annual testing allows teachers to focus on areas students need extra attention. Also, through testing, principals will be able to strengthen their schools' weaknesses and incorporate methods

and strategies backed soundly by scientific research.

Superintendents can keep a closer watch on which of their schools deserve praise and which need assistance in making improvements. School boards and chief state school officers have the ability to compare their district against others across the state and use more and better information to prioritize decisions.

"Under the 'No Child Left Behind' Act, every student in this country will be held to high standards and every school will be held accountable for results," said Bush.

Donna Vogel, a teacher in North Carolina, expressed a common standpoint on the value of a high-school diploma.

"Forty years ago a student graduated from high school with a diploma that meant something.

Today it only means that the student can read at an eighth grade level," said Vogel.

According to the Bush/Cheney Web site, research from the past year of implementing the NCLB shows that fourth graders in urban schools are showing improvements in reading and math. From Georgia, North Carolina and Maryland, to Illinois, Wisconsin and New Mexico, minority children's test scores have increased. President Bush will continue to demand accountability ensuring every student is proficient in reading and math by 2014, as promised by NCLB.

President Bush expects the NCLB act to demand accountability in exchange for the increased federal spending in K-12 public schools. There has been an increase of 49 percent

since 2001.

According to John Kerry's Web site, he and John Edwards are campaigning to establish a National Education Trust Fund. Through this fund they promise schools will always get the funding needed to ensure that NCLB works for and not against teachers, states and schools.

Kerry and Edwards hope to reward those schools that excel under NCLB. An addition Kerry and Edwards hope to implement into President Bush's NCLB is the 'School's Open 'Til Six' initiative. By keeping schools open until 6 p.m. and providing safe transportation, 3.5 million children will be able to participate in after school opportunities.

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Campus News

Student Voting

Voting is still open for homecoming king and queen. Visit Onestop.ecu.edu for more details.

Vicki Yohe Concert

Oct. 1, at the Greenville Convention Center, 303 SE Greenville Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Nominated for the 2004 Dove Award, Vicki wrote and sang her first song at the age of five and has since recorded many hit records during her singing career. Sponsored by MVP & Associates Promotions. Contact 353-4805.

Senior Choreography

Oct. 9 - 10, the senior dance majors bring their choreography to life through different styles including tap, jazz, modern and ballet. For ticket information contact McGinnis Theatre Ticket Office at 328-6829.

Scuba Diving

In a fundraising event by the ECU Scuba Diving Club, there will be two events at Minges Coliseum pool on Wed., Sept. 29 and Wed., Oct. 13. Diving will take place in both the diving well and the lap lane pool. The events are open to all ECU students and participants must sign up three days in advance. Contact Jason Wright if interested.

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 Sun., Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

Crimestoppers Telethon

Annual Crime Stoppers Telethon October 2 - 3. Pre-taped videos of businesses and organizations lip-synching to their favorite song will be judged. Videos will be booked on a first come basis. Prizes will be presented before the telethon ends. Contact 758-7474 for more information.

Bridal Show

Let the experts discuss their many services and options to celebrate your special day. There will be professional teams from start to finish to assist your every detail to make your wedding an occasion to be remembered. Oct. 3 at the Rock Springs Center, Highway 43, Greenville, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Contact 830-8900 for more information.

'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.

Beaux Trio

The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series presents the Beaux Trio. Recognized for five decades as setting the standard for piano trio performance, this world-class ensemble is still considered the finest trio performing before the public. Oct. 2 in the Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Contact 328-6851 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for more information.

Chess Club

East Carolina Knights Chess Club would like to invite you to our weekly meetings. We meet every Friday from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in 212 Mendenhall Student Center. Join us for a challenge or just for fun, regardless of your level of play.

Model UN

The Model United Nations club would like to invite you to a Pizza Party. This will be an informal and informational meeting about the club, as well as a great way to meet current members. The pizza party will take place on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Political Science Library, located in 109 Brewster C.

SU Films: September

Free for ECU students with ID. Movies are being shown from Sept. 9 - Oct. 3. For more information, contact 328-4700. Mercury Cinema: *Super Size Me* Blockbuster: *Dawn of the Dead*

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive on Oct. 6 in Mendenhall from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

News Briefs

LOCAL

Tourism boosters say fall leaf season still a go in western NC
ASHEVILLE, NC (AP) - If they could forsake their Southern manners for a moment, tourism boosters across western North Carolina would stand up and shout: "We're open for business!" Instead, they are busy making phone calls, writing news releases and posting messages on Web sites trying to correct any lingering misconceptions that recent tropical storms ruined any hope of a splendid fall foliage season.

The season brings an estimated \$100 million in economic impact to the region, said Maria Tambellini of the Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Despite what you might be hearing, they are waiting for you to come," said Beth Anne Atkins, a spokeswoman for the NC Division of Tourism. "The water is running and the lights are on." Atkins acknowledged there are some serious road problems - the calling cards left by the remnants of two hurricanes that pummeled the North Carolina mountains over the past two weeks. But travelers should understand that most parts of the mountains were not seriously damaged by the torrential rains and powerful winds, Tambellini said.

Searchers find body of missing WCU student

SYLVA, NC (AP) - The body of a Western Carolina University student missing since he went hiking earlier this month has been found, authorities said.

Jackson County Sheriff Jimmy Ashe said the body of Aaron Joel Esteppe, 19, of Goldsboro was found Friday near Bear Creek Lake.

"We were afraid last week we may never find Esteppe because of the flooding that occurred in the area from Tropical Depression Ivan," said Ashe.

The remnants of Hurricane Ivan, which swept through western NC last week, had suspended rescuers' search for the body.

Esteppe and 19-year-old Misty Dawn France of Jacksonville, also a WCU student, went hiking Sept. 9 when the remnants of Hurricane Frances were producing torrential downpours in the area and causing flash flooding. They visited Paradise Falls, located near the Wolfe Creek Lake and Bear Creek Lake dams. France's body was found a few days after two disappeared.

NATIONAL

Powell says situation in Iraq 'getting worse'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Secretary of State Colin Powell sees the situation in Iraq "getting worse" as planned elections approach, and the top U.S. military commander for Iraq says he expects more violence ahead. Their comments Sunday followed a week in which President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi spoke optimistically about the situation despite the beheadings of two more Americans and the deaths of dozens of people in car bombings. In its latest report, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents Friday, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

Powell said the insurgency is only becoming more violent as planned January elections near. "It's getting worse," he said on ABC's "This Week." "They are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election," Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East, warned that voting may not be possible in parts of Iraq where the violence is too intense.

"I don't think we'll ever achieve perfection and when we look for perfection in a combat zone we're going to be sadly disappointed," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Abizaid compared the situation in Iraq to the disputed U.S. presidential election in 2000 that put George W. Bush in the White House following a protracted Florida ballot fight that ended up in the Supreme Court. "I don't think Iraq will have a perfect election. And if I recall, looking back at our own election four years ago, it wasn't perfect either," he said.

Golf course formed in Iraq sands

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) - Some people who believe Iraq is just one big sand trap, now have some tools to tackle the terrain.

A local resident, Doug Murdock, was inspired to collect golf clubs and balls for soldiers after hearing that the son of his friend, Claude Dance from Shreveport, La., had been sent to Iraq. "Prior to his son going, Claude had seen that some of the troops were making makeshift golf courses. They would round up clubs and balls and play golf," Murdock said.

Before long, buckets full of clubs and balls were being donated and gathered at the Elkins Lake Golf Course. Care package organizer Joe Peery attributed the response to the community's support of the troops in Iraq.

"I didn't think we'd get quite that many clubs, but I knew we'd get some," Peery said.

Soldiers in their spare time have shaped their own makeshift small golf courses - some of them up to six holes - in the Iraqi desert.

"I've heard about them laughing and cutting up, saying you've got to be able to hit out of sand traps to play this course," Peery said. "We just kind of started this wanting to give them something to do. A little diversion of

any kind is a pretty good deal."

WORLD

Three U.S. soldiers injured, one critically, in Afghan attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Three U.S. soldiers were wounded, one of them critically, when Afghan insurgents attacked their vehicle with rockets and guns, the American military said Monday.

The military also announced the capture of more than five Taliban leaders, and confirmed the death of a rebel commander who had been released from the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The American soldiers were hurt when militants attacked the vehicle Saturday morning near Qalat, the capital of the troubled southeastern province of Zabul, a military statement said. It said the three wounded soldiers were evacuated to a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany for treatment. One soldier was in critical condition and the other two were in stable condition.

Zabul is a focus of operations for the 18,000-strong American-led force battling Taliban insurgents and other anti-government militias across the south and east of Afghanistan.

More than 900 people have died in violence across the country so far this year. U.S. and Afghan officials say militants are stepping up attacks in an attempt to disrupt Oct. 9 presidential elections.

U.S. and Afghan forces captured "more than five" Taliban leaders in operations since Saturday, the statement said. No details of their identity was released.

Bomb threat forces Athens-New York flight to land in London

LONDON (AP) - A bomb threat that mentioned Iraq forced a New York-bound Greek airliner to make

an emergency landing Sunday at London's Stansted Airport escorted by military jets, authorities said.

An airport spokeswoman said an Athens newspaper had received a phone call saying there was a bomb on board the Olympic Airlines plane. "Flight 411 Olympic for America has a bomb for Iraq," a caller to the Ethnos daily said, according to a tape the newspaper made available to journalists. In a second call, a voice that sounded like a different person said, "Are you listening? Flight 411 Olympic for America, bomb. America will see. Six o'clock message for you." Authorities immediately notified the pilot of the call, and he asked for a military escort.

Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled planes to assist the airliner, the Ministry of Defense said. The plane, headed from Athens to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, landed safely at Stansted at 3:30 p.m., an airport spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the plane, with 301 passengers on board, landed in "full emergency" status and was safely evacuated.

"It is not believed to be anything out of the ordinary at this stage," a Department of Transport spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

"Fortunately nothing has exploded, if indeed there was a bomb on board, but we take all threats seriously." Airline officials said the sweep of the aircraft would take up to four hours and then the passengers would continue their trip on the same plane.

The jet stood far from any terminals and fire trucks waited at the ready, several hundred yards away.

The Defense Ministry said the Royal Air Force jets had returned to base.

Greece sent no troops to Iraq, but did not object to the use of a U.S. air base on its soil to support the war. Public sentiment strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion.

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The audience gave favorable reviews regarding the performance.

Jay Crier, sophomore anthropology major, said he particularly enjoyed the way Zuleikha's dancing animated her stories and how Barks presented his poetry.

"I liked the context and how he brought it to life."

Anne Ehringhaus, a resident of Ocracoke Island, traveled from the Outer Banks of North Carolina to see the concert. She said she liked how open and great she felt after watching the show.

"I love Coleman Barks' voice," said Ehringhaus.

Thomas Douglass, assistant professor of English, is a former co worker of Coleman Barks and helped bring Rumi ECU.

Bob Ebendorf, ECU art instructor, Joanna Iwata of Student Involvement and Caverly also assisted in bringing Rumi to ECU.

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For sailors or pilots or former grunts, there's a new fulfilling opportunity open



Pvt. Christopher Crawford of Ironton, Mo., eats at an army base.

FORT KNOX, Ky. (AP) - The loss of Christopher Crawford's landscaping business and a divorce brought him back to the military after a 14-year break. Brandon Beaver's Navy career wasn't progressing, but the prospect of getting out and attending a civilian police academy seemed dull.

Beaver and Crawford are both in the Army now.

They are among 26 in the first batch of recruits with prior military service going through the Army's new war fighter refresher course, taught at Fort Knox, 40 miles south of Louisville. After four weeks here, and for some, additional training in their specialty, half will likely join Army units in Afghanistan or Iraq.

"It is actually my duty since I came in, to go to combat, and I like that challenge, to go over and defend our freedom," said Spc. Michael Bonnett, 25, who never fired a weapon during his four years in the Navy and spent the last three years in retail.

Their backgrounds are diverse, and they come from each military branch. They vary in age from 25 to 39. Two are women. Four came straight from the Air Force or Navy; Others like Crawford have been out of the military for more than 13 years.

The four straight from the Air Force or Navy are participants in a special program called "Operation Blue to Green," which went into effect last month to allow the qualifying 8,000 sailors and 16,000 air men downsized from those branches to smoothly transfer to the Army if they so choose without losing rank.

With wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. military is looking for more soldiers to sign

up. Before this course, those from the Air Force and Navy, or those out of the Marine or Army more than three years, all had to attend full basic training if they joined the Army.

The course will be taught to about 3,200 soldiers with prior service in the next year - including all those participating in "Operation Blue to Green." The course has training in Army doctrine, weapons handling and combat skills such as thwarting convoy attacks.

For those without Army experience, there are differences. Most of them are small, such as Army soldiers saying "Hoo-ah" for "yes" rather than the Navy's "Uh-ah." Others are bigger, such as learning how to handle Army weapons. Half had never spent a night sleeping in the backwoods during an exercise - a mainstay in Army life - before coming to Fort Knox.

Capt. Tom Oakley, 26, said he's reminded of another difference each time he says, "At Ease" to the soldiers.

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the ECU students have received an improved advising program.

There are seven advising centers on campus, each center specializing in different majors and one of those being a center for undecided or reconsidering students who can be better guided in what they want to pursue. This advising addition will give the students an improved sense of belonging, clear career direction and good quality advising. These are a few essential components set in place that will improve ECU's retention rate Moore said.

Chuck Hawkins, interim vice chancellor for administration and finance, said ECU would eventually have to vote on several financial decisions including campus based tuition and student fee adjustments. Hawkins said the opinions of the students are always considered when making these decisions.

"I think our system here at ECU really sets the bar for other UNC system schools," said Shannon O'Donnell, president of the student government association.

"I'm just really grateful to ... have that kind of input on behalf of the students because I think that the administration really does take what the students have to say into consideration."

A major decision passed at the

meeting was the support of a bond referendum creating a formation of a partnership between ECU and the city of Greenville. This partnership will work to improve vital aspects of Greenville, which will in turn benefit both the city and school. These aspects include street improvements, a storm water management system, center city revitalization and remodeling of downtown and west Greenville. Each project would cost approximately \$5 million.

Philip Dixon, Greenville attorney, said ECU has expanded more than projected over the last several years and is continuing to grow. The proposed bond referendum is necessary to make improvements within the city that will serve both the school's and city's needs.

Chancellor Steve Ballard supported the proposed referendum.

"We view it to be a long term commitment to partnership between the city and ECU. It can change the shape and nature of both downtown and the growth of ECU ... we are very excited about the possibilities," said Ballard.

"The futures of the city and the university are the same. We need to address what we will look like in 2010 and 2012."

Issues within the Brody School of Medicine and cardiovascular center were also addressed in a committee meeting preceding the BOT meeting.

Michael Lewis, vice chancellor at Brody, said the school still has many successes despite the financial challenges faced. A main strong point is the growth in enrollment and the addition of a new Biosensory Center which will encompass several programs from within. A state of the art Laupus Library is another addition being planned for the school.

The majority of the payer classes of the patients at Brody include patients on Medicare, Medicaid and a separate class of patients who are predominantly made up of uninsured or under insured.

"What we're trying to do is break even with three worst possible payer classes being responsible for two thirds of our business," said Nick Benson, senior associate dean for operations at Brody. The uninsured and under insured class made up 13 percent of the charges last year totaling to approximately \$24 million. Two of every three of the patients of this class come from outside Pitt County.

"We're surrounded by some of the worst demographics in the

state ... Brody is known as the place to send your uninsured," Benson said.

In addition to dealing with these paying classes, the school is also suffering from other financial strains including a 161 percent increase in mal practice insurance since 2000 and a deduction in state funding of approximately \$14 million over the last five years.

The school is looking at several options in order to compensate for these losses including additional business opportunities, increase of care from insured state employers and implying expense deductions. There has also been consideration in forming a Family Care Center which would help generate revenue.

ECU's Cardiovascular Center is progressing as they received several grants and awards, one allowing for Dr. Chiu, who excels in molecular biology stem cells to visit the center and provide a leading edge on technology said Brian Floyd, director of operations at the institute.

"We have a great institution ... some of our quality is hidden, but is becoming less and less hidden every day. ECU is working to ensure that the great things we do become more well known by

our constituents," Ballard said.

Our enrollment is at an all time high this year of 21,756, a six percent increase and an 11 percent increase of graduate students. Another major success of ECU is distance education, making up for the majority of the enrollment increase. ECU received 81 percent of the UNC system's distance education funding.

ECU's students also account for ECU's success. ECU students have a 13 percent higher graduation rate when compared to ECU's peer institutions, a nearly doubled graduation rate of minority students and nearly one third of ECU students are involved in some form of volunteer and community engagement.

Ballard said it bothers him that the party school reputation stays with ECU despite its successes. ECU's sociology is ranked first in the nation in terms of scholarly publications, the Brody School of Medicine is ranked fourth in rural medicine and 15th in family medicine.

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Our View

At the ECU vs. Cincinnati game this weekend, we couldn't help but notice some students exhibited poor decisions and a lack of school spirit that reflected badly on the rest of us Pirate fans.

For starters, we are all in college, so we should be able to conduct ourselves in a mature fashion.

Yelling "F*** Cincinnati" and "Bulls****" is not something that we as a student body should be tolerating. It is one thing to adamantly support our athletic teams, but yelling vulgarities is another thing.

ECU is a school that has a strong alumni and community backing, it would be a shame to have it ruined by a few restless and rowdy students.

We don't want our whole student body to get a negative label because of the unfortunate behavior of a select few students.

Also, an occasional fight broke out in the student section during the game and this is not something we as Pirate fans should be proud of.

It's a shame that we can't get together to peacefully watch and support our athletic teams without attempting to beat the crap out of each other. Athletic events are supposed to be events that the student body comes together as a whole to support our fellow students.

We were also disappointed that many students chose to leave the game at half time, when the Pirates were only down by a few points. When the Pirates really needed our cheering the most, half of the stands were empty, which doesn't make good for team morale.

At our next home football game before you start swearing at the other team, the referees or your fellow students, remember that when you sit in the student section your actions reflect on the student Pirate fans as a whole.

TEC encourages those few spoilsports out there to be proud of your team and conduct yourself in a true Pirate fan fashion.

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NEWS: GLOBAL WARMING MAY SPUR FIERCER HURRICANES



Opinion Columnist

Several examples of Kerry's wishy-washiness

Do you really want this man to be president?

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Time to celebrate! Once again, most Americans will have more money in their pockets or, and equally important, will be able to keep what they have.

Congress passed, and President Bush approved, another tax "cut" package. I'm not sure tax "cut" (as a lot of people are calling it) is appropriate though. This package is largely just extending tax breaks that were approved years ago that were set to expire this year. But hey, they can call it what they want as long as it means the government keeps its hands out of my (and your) pockets.

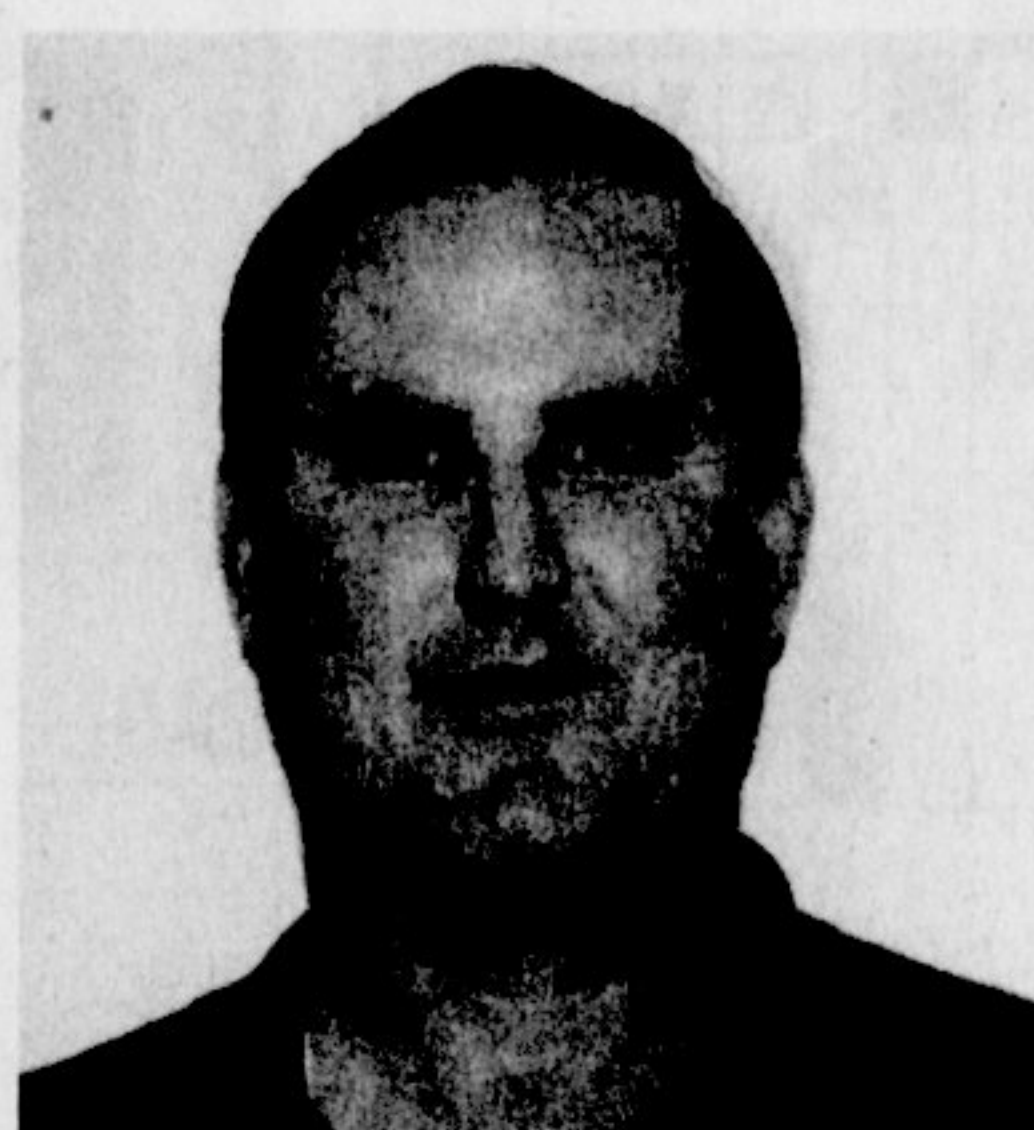
There was one very strange thing about this particular bill however. John Kerry voted yes.

This is the same John "flip-flop" Kerry that has voted in support of tax increases, or against tax breaks and fiscally responsible government, more than 350 times in the last 19 years. Here are just a few examples:

He voted "no" at least five times against a balanced budget amendment, "yes" to a six-cent a gallon tax hike in 1990, "yes" to another gas tax hike in 1993, "yes" to maintaining the 1993 tax hike in a 2000 vote, "no" on a budget that would have cut spending and taxes in 1997, "no" on the fiscal year 1999 tax cuts, etc...

For 19 years the man has believed that your money is the government's money and now, because he is running for president, he is suddenly in favor of tax cuts? Get real.

Here's another reality check: John Kerry has complained that President Bush didn't show leadership on 9/11 because he stayed in that classroom with the children until the story was finished. Kerry said he would have been more decisive. Really? By his own admission, he and several other top Democrats sat "in a daze" from the



time the plane hit the second World Trade Center Tower until the Pentagon was hit and they were informed that the building they were in was being evacuated.

That, ladies and gentlemen, was 40 minutes. For forty minutes from the time the second tower was hit until the Pentagon was hit John Kerry sat in a "daze." Can you say "O-o-o-o-p-s!"?

Another mea culpa for Kerry has been his numerous positions on Iraq. Just one example: In 1997, when Clinton was president, John Kerry appeared on "Crossfire" and said the following: "We know we can't count on the French. We know we can't count on the Russians. We know that Iraq is a danger to the United States and we reserve the right to take pre-emptive action whenever we feel it's in our national interest," or words to that effect. Yet four years later Kerry said (and is still saying) the exact opposite. Why?

Kerry has called President Bush's integrity and commitment to duty into question by accusing him of being AWOL during his National Guard service. Even by John Kerry's standards (such as they are) the hypocrisy here is stunning.

John Kerry was absent 64 percent of the time from last year's (the 108th) Congress. He has been absent 87 percent of the time from this Congress. He missed 78 percent of Public Intelligence Committee (which he is putatively a member of) meetings in the last eight

years. He can't stay around to do his job as a senator and he wants to be president?

Kerry's lack of decisiveness on anything is disturbing. What is even more disturbing is that he has also shown a propensity to outright lie if he thinks it can help him (or get away with it). The best example of this is when he was in Florida in March of this year pandering for the Cuban vote.

In an effort to ingratiate himself with the local Cuban exile population by showing how tough he was on Fidel Castro he stated that he had "voted for the Helms-Burton legislation [1992] to be tough on companies that deal with him [Castro]." Minor problem here: John Kerry voted against that bill. He deliberately lied in an attempt to gain votes from the Cuban population.

I'll leave you with the ultimate example of John Kerry's wishy-washiness. These are direct excerpts from letters Kerry sent to one of his constituents, Wallace Carter of Newton Centre, Mass. in January 1991:

On Jan. 22, 1991, he wrote, "Thank you for contacting me to express your opposition to the early use of military force by the U.S. against Iraq. I share your concerns. On Jan. 11, I voted in favor of a resolution that would have insisted that economic sanctions be given more time to work and against a resolution giving the president the immediate authority to go to war."

And nine days later, to the very same person:

"Thank you very much for contacting me to express your support for the actions of President Bush in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. From the outset of the invasion, I have strongly and unequivocally supported President Bush's response to the crisis and the policy goals he has established with our military deployment in the Persian Gulf."

All these examples, and almost everything that Kerry does, illustrate that he is indeed unfit for command.

Do you really want this man to be president?

Pirate Rant

How can a place call itself a bar if it doesn't have any Jagermeister?

The more I see the class officer signs, the less I want to vote for the people.

Attention students who live at Pirate's Place: It's not a trailer park! So pick up all your damn plastic cups, beer bottles and other crap laying all over the grass, parking lot, etc.

Does Blackboard ever work when you need it to?

I took the advice of the meteorologists on the Weather Channel and decided to stay out of the water off of Florida's beaches as Hurricane Jeanne brought waves reaching heights of 20 to 30 feet. I'm glad we have experts providing such insightful suggestions.

Do ECU students have a death wish? Please, at least look both ways before crossing the street.

I know when it comes to college football its all about winning, but our Pirates are coming along. Everything great takes time. I'm not saying that I like losing. I'm saying that I see progress, and progress is always positive.

When professors want to cancel class, they should try to do so before the class is scheduled to begin. Two hours later kind of defeats the purpose.

Someone should really inform the drunken masses that yelling at football games should be done only when our defense is on the field. All night against Cincinnati the stadium stayed quiet while they had the ball and got loud when we were on offense. Being loud all the time can be forgiven as excessive exuberance, but cheering at all the wrong times is just dumb.

Could we please do without cheers involving expletives? Some cursing is unavoidable, but I don't think it sends the best message when the crowd's loudest moments all night came while chanting "F*** Cincinnati."

When did people start wearing ties without collars and collars without ties?

Yes, I 'grew up' a UNC Basketball fan, and I own more UNC apparel than ECU apparel, but I also show my Pirate Pride as much as the next student. Get over it. People can wear UNC, Duke or NC State. Most of those people are the first ones in line to get in to the ECU game with the Pirate Pride displayed.

I want to thank Spectrum for bringing Fahrenheit 9/11 to ECU's campus. I haven't seen a better movie in all of my twenty years. Hopefully it will shed some light.

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 submitted anonymously online at www.theeastcarolinian.com, or e-mailed to editor@theeastcarolinian.com. The editor reserves the right to edit opinions for content and brevity.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This message is in response to two items that you featured in the Pirate Rant section of the Sept. 22 edition of TEC.

Campus Living is planning a new residence hall that should break ground very soon. Details can be found here: www.ecu.edu/campusliving/halls/upcoming/.

Also, it is true that Mendenhall Dining Hall will be shut down once West End Dining opens, however, we must point out that Mendenhall is a dated dining hall. One of the biggest reasons for building West End is to keep a current look, feel and taste to the Dining Halls. True, central campus students will be walking a little further to eat, but the experience, food and atmosphere should make up for the stroll.

Mike Godwin
Assistant Director of Campus Living Marketing

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We should ignore Mr. Eric Gilmore's request [in the Sept. 23 article titled, "Identity Crisis"] to abandon supporting the schools you grew up loving.

For starters, Mr. Gilmore's opinion contradicts our First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and freedom of expression. I'm sure ECU's administration, faculty, alumni and students do not expect devoted fans of other teams to abandon these rights that our forefathers shed blood over. We have a right, according to the Constitution of the United States of America, to wear a shirt with whatever team we want on it.

To further our point, I ask you this question: Should coming to ECU for four years replace the previous 18 I spent cheering for the Duke Blue Devils? The answer is "no." To simply stop supporting a team you grew up loving just because you went to another college is hypocritical, cowardly and down right wrong. It's jumping on the bandwagon and following the crowd. The fans who have told Mr. Gilmore "...it's just a Michigan shirt. It's just a Texas hat. It's only Miami shorts," are correct. These things are only articles of clothing, not anti-Pirate protests. Just because we may wear Duke shorts or a UNC sweatshirt, doesn't mean we don't cheer for the Pirates on game day. The fact of the matter is, someone can be a Duke, Carolina, State, Texas, Michigan

or Miami fan and still cheer for ECU. Saturday, we were wearing our Pirate Club t-shirts ready to yell "First Down Pirates" with the announcer. But at the end of the day, we'll be more pumped up anticipating Duke and Carolina's first basketball match up on Feb. 9, than we'll ever be waiting to watch the Pirates travel to Clemson.

Now we'd like to take the time to let ECU's student athletes know how much respect we have for them, and how much we appreciate their hard work, but frankly, ECU's athletics are not on the same level as these ACC teams. This has nothing to do with the players or coaches. Rather, it is a result of demographics, conferences, budgets and alignments. John Thompson and Bill Herrion are outstanding coaches, and have made tremendous strides in recruiting quality athletes to play in Greenville.

But, as true sports fans, we like to see the best teams playing at the height of NCAA competition. ECU's conference opponents and non-conference schedules can not compare to even the least of ACC teams. The most exciting conference games for the gridiron Pirates this year are at Southern Miss and against Memphis. Duke and Carolina both get Florida State, and play Virginia Tech and Miami respectively. These teams would make anyone in C-USA buckle under the pressure. Compared to the Maui Invitational,

where UNC will start their basketball season, ECU's opens at the BCA Invitational, which is filled with teams who would be ecstatic to receive an NCAA birth. While the Cameron Crazies will be getting their faces painted for games against Michigan State and Oklahoma, the Minges Maniacs will be most excited for non-conference home games against Toledo, a NIT (No Invitation Tournament) participant and Old Dominion. Teams in the ACC play on a national level, and are seen in top 10's and top 25's consistently throughout their seasons. C-USA teams may experience a brief stint in a national poll.

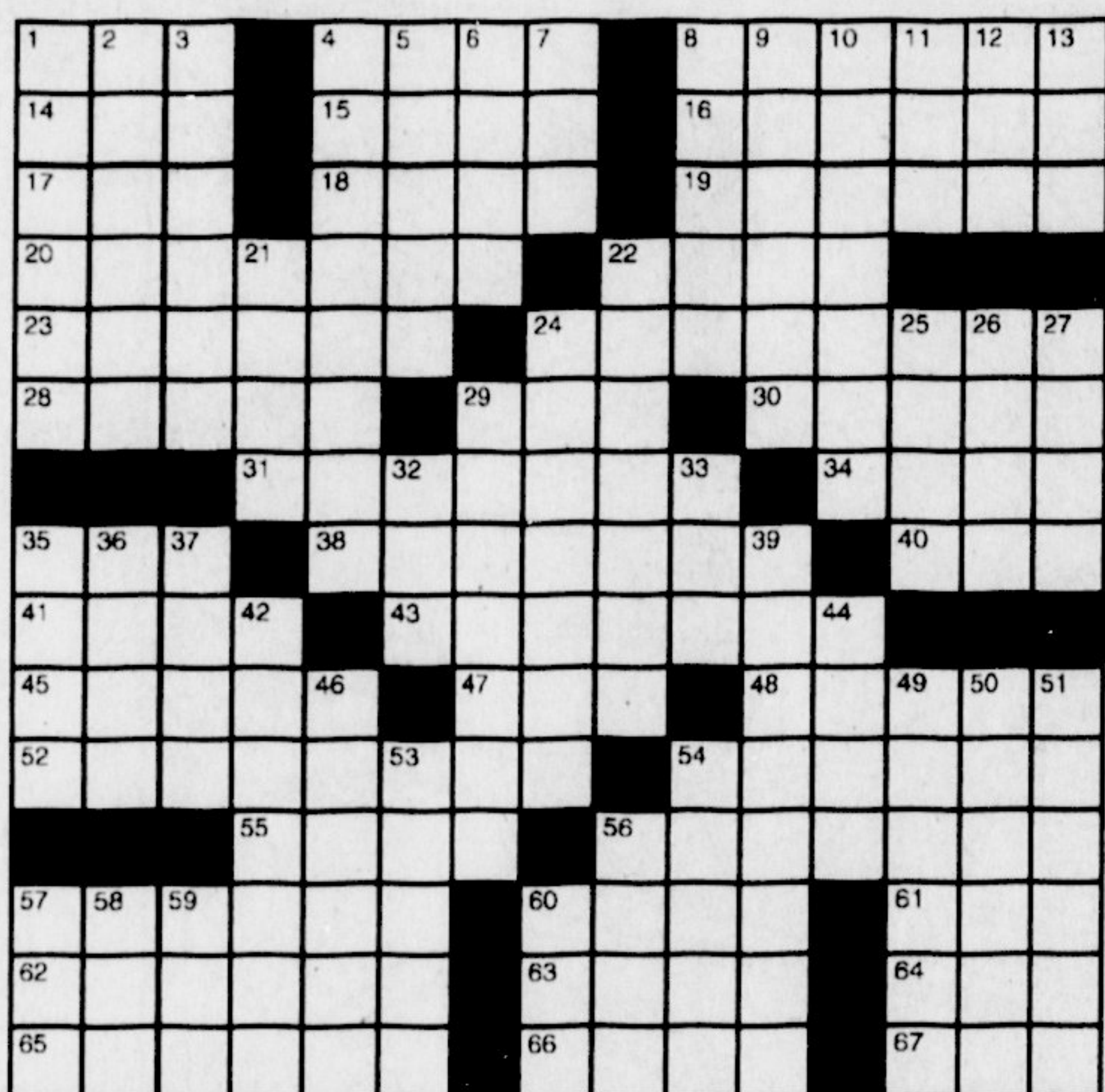
We could have gone to our ACC schools, but college isn't all about athletics. Some people come here for a unique degree that is not available at another school, while others love the smaller campus, the people or our school's environment. It's a simple fact - people come to this school from all over our state and country. These same people grew up cheering for a college team which, undoubtedly, brought them joy and heartache. If this team was not ECU, they should not be criticized, looked down upon or seen as traitors. Instead, they should be applauded for cheering and supporting the team they truly love.

Raiford Gainey and Tyler Perkinson
ECU Students

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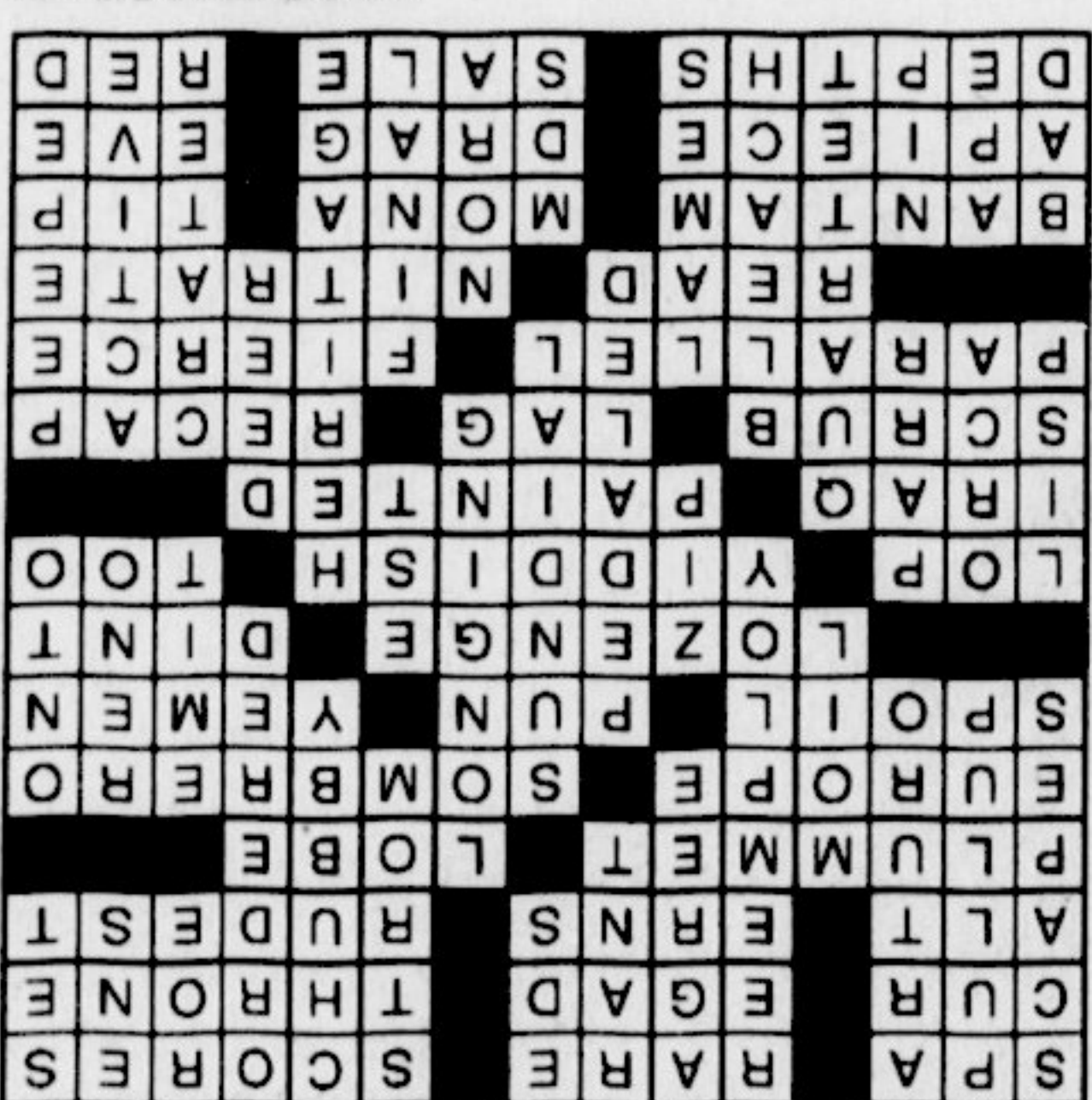
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Wednesday, Sept. 29th (10-2PM), MSC Brickyard

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Thursday, Sept. 30th ~ Contact SPD for location information

Please visit the SPD website at www.ecu.edu/e3careers, or call 328-6050 for more information on how to sign up for on-campus interviews.

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Friday, October 1st ~ Contact SPD for location information

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Announcements:

HAIR: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical will be showing at McGinnis Theatre Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. For more information, visit www.theatre-dance.ecu.edu.

Don't forget about the career fair at ECU. The main event, a job fair, will be Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. There will be more than 100 employers at the fair, which is open to students in all majors.

Thursday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. there will be a presentation by Penland School of Craft's director, Jean McLaughlin. After the lecture, there will be a reception at the Gray Gallery. For more information, visit www.ecu.edu/graygallery or call 328-6336.

Names in the News:

The most important comedic event of the decade is about to happen: Jerry Seinfeld will host a Nov. 25 hour long "Seinfeld" retrospective, "The Seinfeld Story," on NBC, which will feature clips from the most important sitcom ever made, plus interviews with its cast, and the creative prodigies behind it, including Larry David. In a case of coincidence, the special will air two days after the DVD package of the sitcom's first three seasons appears in stores.

Cynthia Nixon, 38, of "Sex and the City," has a girlfriend. According to the *New York Daily News*, the couple began dating in January, a few months after Nixon dumped photographer Danny Mozes, with whom she has two children. That's when Nixon started having "a different kind of sex in the city," tabloids say. That, and its astoundingly clever headline, "Same Sex in the City," adorns an interview in which the "Sex and the City" star utters a classic and awfully sensible non-denial: "My private life is private. But at the same time, I have nothing to hide. So what I will say is that I am very happy."

Speaking of couples, *Star* magazine is reporting that Sandra Bullock, an ECU alumna, is ready to make an honest man of Jesse James. The magazine says Bullock's tattooed, custom-motorcycle-making man (who claims he's a descendent of famed cowboy villain Jesse James) proposed to her when they vacationed in Hawaii in July, and the nuptials could be as early as this fall!

The *New York Daily News* says that bachelor's bachelor Hugh Grant, the devilishly debonair Brit, who was most debonair even when caught using the services of a prostitute, might be ready to settle down. The replacement for Hugh's last love, Elizabeth Hurley? Jemima Khan, daughter of some big financier guy.

Billy Bob Thornton is proving once again that his manhood is mighty and fruitful. The 49-year-old actor and former hubby to unbearably hot Angelina Jolie, already has three kids from two previous marriages. Now his new girlfriend, Connie Angland, 39, has given birth to his fourth. Named Bella, she weighed in at 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

Yes, there will be more dazzling special effects and soporific plotlines: Variety reports that there will be a "Terminator 4," and California "Govinator" Arnold Schwarzenegger is negotiating to play a limited role in the sequel.

Oliver Stone's epic "Alexander," starring Colin Farrell (with Jolie playing his mom), will not be released Nov. 5 as planned, but on Nov. 24. Why? A studio suit says it's because the later date "positions it better for academy consideration," implying academy members are too stupid to remember the movie if they see it early. Then again, considering academy members are crystal-buying, mantra-saying, yoga-and-pilates-addicted Tinseltown types and celebs, the dude might be right.

Campus Scene

Internationally renowned piano trio performs

ECU's performing arts series opens with Beaux Arts Trio

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ECU and the Greenville community will play host to an international musical sensation on Oct. 2 when Beaux Arts Trio performs in Wright Auditorium.

The ensemble's concert is the first event in the 2004-2005 season of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series. Considered the preeminent trio of their time, pianist Menachem Pressler, violinist Daniel Hope and cellist Antonio Meneses will present a program of classical music, including selections by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Schubert.

Although Hope and Meneses are not members of the original group, Pressler has been at the helm since its conception in 1955. Founded 50 years ago, Beaux Arts Trio has a tradition of excellence that has been heralded by such publications as *The Boston Globe*, *Time Magazine* and *The Washington Post*.

Additionally, all three are celebrated individually as respected musicians. Pressler, who has been inducted into the Academy of Arts and Letters, has also received the Gramophone Life-



Pianist Menachem Pressler, violinist Daniel Hope and cellist Antonio Meneses combine to form the Beaux Arts Trio.

time Achievement Award.

Meneses has won first prize at international competitions held in Germany and Russia and Hope has twice been voted the Young Artist of the Year by a German magazine.

Their individual achievements are numerous and varied, but their work together has earned them a reputation as the best of their kind. Pressler, Hope and Meneses were named Musical America's Ensemble

of the Year in 1997. Their list of international accolades and performance opportunities as a group is equally impressive and extensive.

The trio played at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, as well as festivals in Moscow, Edinburgh, Vienna, Helsinki, Israel and Hong Kong. They are also a regular on university campuses, including those of Harvard, Yale and Berkeley.

Their show at ECU is one of

many stops on their 50th anniversary tour. The tour will take them along the entire eastern seaboard of the United States, as well as west to places like California and Hawaii, and south of the border to Mexico City.

Students, faculty and community members are fortunate to have the opportunity to witness such great talent in a local venue. The concert is courtesy of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, a program that



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Day trip to New Bern provides change of scenery

Two festivals in October

MARTHA HILL
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Want to get away for just a day? Take a leisurely drive to New Bern, NC. You can stop along the way for a Pepsi-cola and a moonpie while you travel back in time.

New Bern, settled in 1710, is the second oldest city in North Carolina. The downtown area, situated on the Trent and Neuse rivers, boasts art galleries, antique stores, gift shops and restaurants to the day traveler.

If you are a history buff, Tryon Palace is a good place to start your tour of New Bern. Built in 1770 by Colonial Governor William Tryon, this historical site was used as a colonial and state capitol. The palace is mostly a reconstruction of the original building. Inside one can enjoy period antiques and art, while outside you can stroll around the extensive landscaped grounds. Tryon Palace is open year round from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. General admission is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children five and up.

You can also take a self-guided walking tour through the historic district to get a feel for the old world charm of colonial times.

Pepsi fans can visit the birthplace of this bubbly concoction on the corner of Middle and Pollock Streets. There is a reproduction of the soda fountain where pharmacist Caleb Bradam invented "Brad's Drink," now known as Pepsi-cola. Bradam proclaimed the drink as "exhilarating, invigorating and aids in digestion."

If you are a yachting enthusiast, you can stroll down to the Sheraton on the waterfront and observe the multimillion-dollar yachts passing through on their way to various destinations or meander along the waterfront.

There are two festivals coming up in the month of October that you may want to check out. The 17th Annual Oktoberfest is celebrated by members of the New Bern Alpenverein and anyone



Tourists can see where Pepsi was created at the birthplace of this popular beverage.

else who would like to join in an evening of German food and festivities. For \$9 one can enjoy an authentic German meal. A bratwurst dinner with German potato salad, Bavarian sauerkraut and rye bread will be served. Beer, soda and homemade German desserts are also available for an extra fee. Entertainment will include a 16-piece German Band. What more could one ask for? Oktoberfest is held Oct. 1 from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the Farmer's Market on South Front Street.

The 24th Annual Mumfest is another option for a day trip in October. Mumfest is one of the top 10 festivals in the state.

"This festival offers more for people of all ages," said Amy Hammond of the Craven County Convention and Visitor's Center.

This fall celebration is a street festival with live entertainment, street vendors, arts and crafts, exhibits and amusement park rides. Tryon Palace is also open to the public and admission into the gardens is free of charge. This festival runs Oct. 9 - 10. For more information, go to www.mumfest.com.

To get to New Bern from Greenville take 264 east to Washington and then take highway 17, which will lead you into the heart of the town. If you have more time take Route 43 to highway 17. Enjoy your trip.

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Cell phone carriers try novel pitches

(KRT) — It's so cruel, but so clever. Virgin Mobile USA's "rescue ring" lets subscribers program their cell phones to ring during a bad date, providing a convenient escape.

A new breed of wireless carrier is relying on ideas such as the rescue ring and American Idol-related polls (does Ryan wear boxers, briefs or nothing at all?) to attract young cell phone users.

As mainstream cell phone service providers struggle to attract customers and increase sales in the grim economy, two maverick companies are changing the rules of the wireless game. Virgin Mobile and rival Boost Mobile are targeting the high school and college-age crowd with simple pre-paid wireless plans and features based on fun and convenience rather than just pricing.

Unlike mainstream plans that do credit checks and lock customers into annual contracts, Virgin Mobile and Boost — both part-owned by major cellular companies — let customers buy minutes through calling cards sold at music and electronics stores — so even pre-teens could buy and manage their own wireless minutes. And unlike existing prepaid plans, Virgin Mobile and Boost offer cutting-edge services and a hip image.

But what makes these pre-paid newcomers even more intriguing to the industry is their ability to control costs through simplicity. Virgin Mobile said its service plan is so straightforward, 87 percent of subscribers added minutes to their account in January without speaking to customer service and 50 percent activated their phones online.

Those numbers have the wireless industry salivating because, aside from marketing, calls to customer service are one of the biggest costs in the business.

Andrew Cole, wireless industry analyst at consulting firm Adventis, said Virgin Mobile's results show how pre-paid companies can make money.

"No carrier in the U.S. would have in their wildest dreams come up with the rescue ring. It's a good example of how these



Cell phone company offers new way to bail on intolerable dates.

companies are important and relevant," said Cole. "If it's done well, it can actually make the market more efficient."

Though it might seem like a gimmick, the rescue ring is just one example of how Virgin Mobile is trying to create a community and a culture among its users. Here's how it works:

To use the rescue ring, a cell phone user preprograms the phone to ring at a time when the user might need an escape. There's even a choice of several MTV personalities to voice the rescue. When the phone rings, the user can choose to ignore or answer, depending on the circumstances. Virgin Mobile also has features such as a "balance button" that shows how much talk time the user has left and message groups where users can share opinions through text messages.

So far, the strategy appears to be working. Virgin Mobile USA has amassed about 450,000 new customers since it went live last August, said CEO Dan Schulman. And he's on track to reach a half million by this month.

"The rock in our slingshot in this battle of David versus many Goliaths is focus," said Schulman. "We built this from the ground up to focus on the youth market."

Virgin Mobile and Boost have been around for less than a year, and several young people in Silicon Valley said they are still skeptical of the pre-paid newcomers. "It's like, hmm, too good to be true," said

is currently in its 42nd season. "We have a real strong reputation for being great presenters," said Carol Woodruff, director of Cultural Outreach.

Each year, the series presents some of the best examples of artists and performers in a wide variety of genres, including opera, jazz, ballet, folk music and Broadway show tunes. Nine more events are scheduled for the season after the series opens with Beaux Arts Trio.

Take 6, a Grammy Award-winning group, will be the next featured act at a concert on Oct. 23.

Subscriptions to the entire season of the performing arts series are still available. Smaller subscriptions, which offer a selection of six of the nine shows, may also be ordered.

Discounted tickets for Beaux Arts Trio may be purchased individually through the Central Ticket Office until Oct. 1. On the day of the show, however, tickets will return to full price.

"You will never in your life, ever again, have the chance to experience this caliber of performances for \$10," Woodruff said.

"You go to college to expand yourself to new people and new ideas."

Participating in the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series seems the ideal way to do both.

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FYI

S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series - Beaux Arts Trio

Advance individual tickets may be purchased at the Central Ticket Office Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for ECU students, \$12 for youth, \$22 for ECU faculty and staff and \$24 for the public. All tickets bought on the day of the event will be \$24. Visit www.ecuarts.com or call 328-4788 for more information.

Hava Brchich.

But competitors in the wireless market are taking notice. Analysts are whispering that other companies, spurred by Virgin Mobile's early success, are thinking about launching similar ventures focusing on teens and young adults.

Particularly, some in the wireless industry now think that some of these potential young customers — contrarian teens who listen to rap-metal, for instance — would never buy a phone from the same wireless carrier their parents use. It will take a different brand name and a different marketing message to reach them.

It makes sense, then, that mainstream wireless carrier Sprint PCS owns half of Virgin Mobile USA — the other half is owned by Virgin Group, the British travel and entertainment company. Nextel Wireless, the business-centric carrier, owns 66 percent of Boost Mobile.

While they are both targeting the youth market, Virgin Mobile and Boost are going about it in different ways.

Virgin Mobile has a partnership with MTV that allows its subscribers to use phones for video voting, audio postcards and wake-up calls from reality-show celebrities. Also, Virgin Mobile has attracted a national customer base that is 55 percent female, which is highly unusual in the wireless business. Boost has tie-ins with surfing, biking and other extreme sports

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State University, its results are probably not a direct reflection of the entire country, she said.

Student stress at the University of Colorado at Denver, Larsen said, may be due to its position as an urban, commuter university. Many of its 11,000 students work full time.

"Parking alone is enough to give you a headache," she said.

However, Rebecca Davenport, a psychologist at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, said the trends she sees at the rural, 16,000-student university represent a larger picture.

Davenport previously worked at Mercyhurst College, a private suburban college in Erie, Pa., with 3,000 students.

Although Mercyhurst College had slightly more anxiety problems, overall "I was seeing the same sorts of issues," she said.

The study ended before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. After Sept. 11, Kansas State University saw a drop in the number of students visiting the counseling center, which Benton said was due to "a sense of solidarity that ... pulled people into a sense of common care and concern."

The effects of Sept. 11 on students at other universities were mixed.

Larsen, at the University of Colorado at Denver, said she saw

"a ton" of cases afterward, although many students did not attribute their stress directly to that event.

Federman said case numbers at UVa. did not increase, and it's too soon to predict the long-term effects of Sept. 11.

The counseling centers have tried to address the increase in serious mental problems in several ways.

The University of Colorado at Denver teaches its counselors more techniques to address anxiety, grief and loss. Counselors now focus on "stress inoculation," which means teaching preventive techniques for handling stress, Larsen said.

Craig Vickio, director of the Bowling Green State University center, said the center improved its emergency response system one and half years ago.

"Because of the increasing numbers of crises and emergencies ... we have a system now in place where throughout the day there's a person assigned for emergencies," he said.

Counselors have realized they are the front line when it comes to serious problems. Benton, at Kansas State University, said 20 years ago counseling centers did not worry about diagnosing mental illnesses.

Now, she said, "we're putting out fires more."

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7	Ohio State	3-0	7
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16	Florida	2-1	16
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18	Minnesota	4-0	19
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22	Louisville	3-0	24
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24	Maryland	3-1	23
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Others Receiving Votes: Notre Dame 121, Arkansas 26, Kansas St. 24, Southern Miss. 23, Colorado 20, Missouri 11, Stanford 10, NC State 2, South Carolina 2, Navy 1, Texas Tech 1.

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4	Miami (FL)	3-0	4
5	Texas	3-0	5
6	Ohio State	3-0	6
7	West Virginia	4-0	7
8	Tennessee	3-0	8
9	Auburn	4-0	10
10	California	2-0	9
11	Florida State	3-1	11
12	Virginia	4-0	12
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14	Utah	4-0	14
15	Purdue	3-0	15
16	Florida	2-1	16
17	Fresno State	3-0	17
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24	Ok. State	3-0	25
25	Arizona State	4-0	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Notre Dame 83, Colorado 36, Missouri 30, Kansas State 29, Arkansas 20, North Carolina State 18, Southern Mississippi 17, Nebraska 11, Iowa 6, Memphis 5, Texas Tech 5, South Carolina 3, UCLA 3, Virginia Tech 3, Boston College 2, Northern Illinois 1.

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Miami (FL) 38, Houston 13
Louisville 34, North Carolina 0
UAB 35, Memphis 28
Southern Miss 32, Tulane 14
USF 45, TCU 44
Connecticut 40, Army 3

This Day In Sports

1920 - A Chicago grand jury indicts eight members of the Chicago White Sox on charges of fixing the 1919 World Series, known as the "Black Sox Scandal." White Sox owner Charles Comiskey immediately suspends the eight players.

1976 - Muhammad Ali wins a unanimous 15-round decision over Ken Norton at Yankee Stadium in New York to retain his world heavyweight title.

1996 - Nebraska and Penn State become the fifth and sixth major colleges to win 700 games, following Michigan, Notre Dame, Texas and Alabama. Nebraska routs Colorado State 65-9 and Penn State beats Wisconsin 23-20.

1997 - Wendy Ward records the lowest total in relation to par in the 47-year history of the PGA tour for her first victory. Ward's 23-under 265 gives her a two-shot victory in the Fieldcrest Cannon Classic. Ward, who made just one bogey all week, closes with 13 consecutive pars to match Kelly Robbins' PGA record for the lowest 72-hole total.

2003 - Dante Hall becomes the first player in NFL history to return a kick for a touchdown in three straight games, taking one back 97 yards to give Kansas City a go-ahead score in the fourth quarter of its 17-10 win over Baltimore.

Bearcats claw Pirates, 24-19

ECU suffers slow death to Cincinnati at home

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Oh, so close. ECU again showed visible improvement from a year ago, but the Pirates came up short once again as the University of Cincinnati downed the Pirates 24-19 in front of 29,332 at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium Saturday night.

The Pirates couldn't stop the bleeding the last 8:05 of the fourth quarter and the Bearcats (2-1, 1-0) retained possession after a 17 play, 77-yard drive to end the Pirates' (0-3, 0-1) fate.

"[The drive] felt like a slow death," said Head Coach John Thompson.

"It was frustrating. We've got to get it back. That's the defense's job. When it comes time to make the play, we've got to make the play."

The young Pirates had their chances offensively on several occasions late in the third quarter and early fourth, but couldn't capitalize. The ECU offense averaged the ECU 44-yard line for starting field position in the second-half.

"As an offense, we had our chances to score," said ECU quarterback James Pinkney.

"That last drive just took everything out of us."

First year Cincinnati coach

Mark Dantonio issued a defensive game plan the Pirates couldn't answer. The Bearcats, who have nine senior starters on defense, created six sacks, including a safety.

"They're defense was great especially their front four," said wide receiver Damarcus Fox.

"Trent Cole and Frazier were two great D-ends. If the sacks could've been avoided, then it's a different ball game."

"James Pinkney does everything you ask," Thompson said of Pinkney's 192 yards passing.

"He got the heck knocked out of him. He kept getting back up where most people wouldn't have gotten back up."

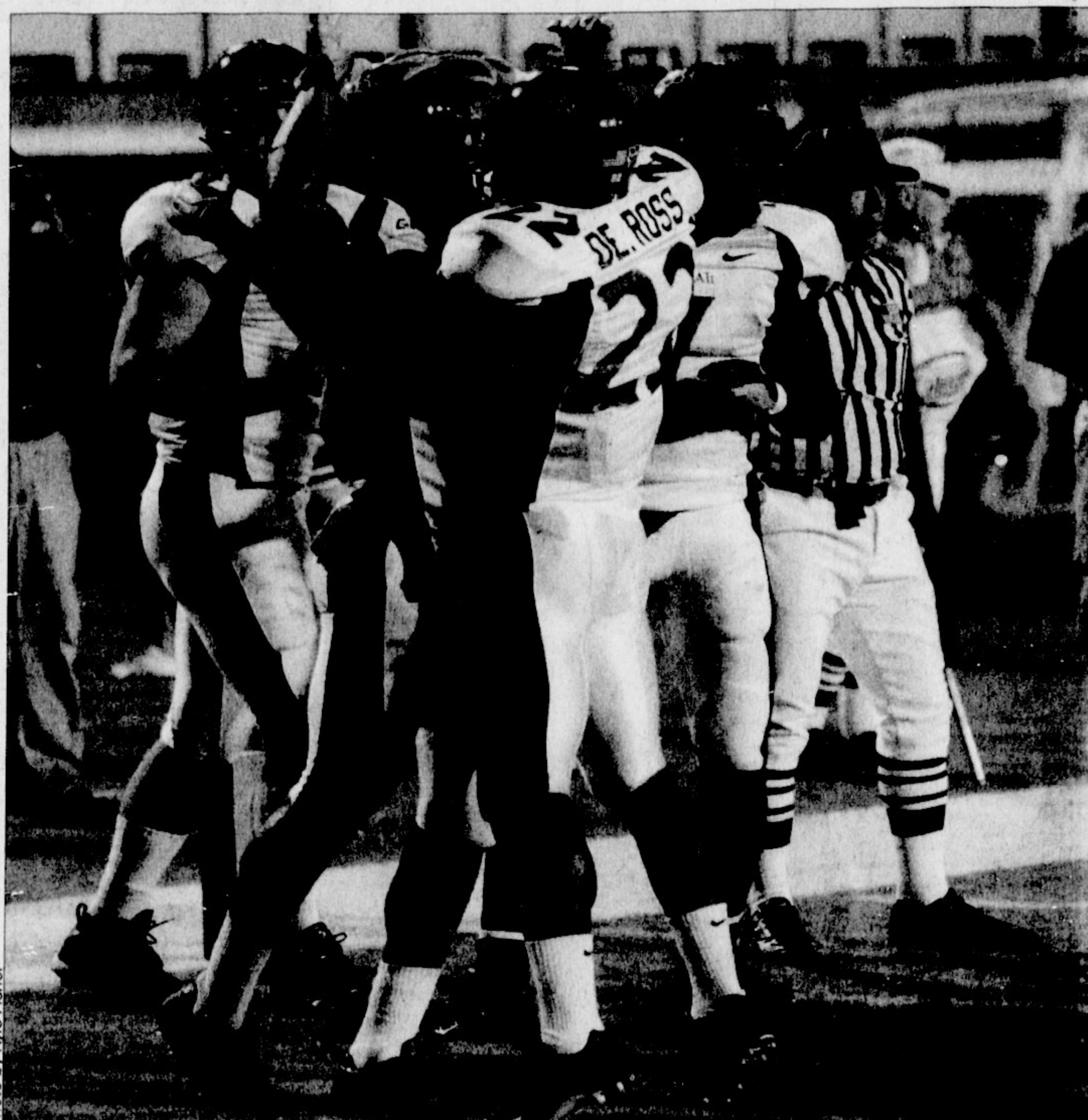
Pinkney dropped to 25th in the nation for total offense averaging 249 yards per game. Not helping were Pinkney's rushing totals.

The sophomore QB finished the day with 45 yards rushing on 10 carries. The Pirate running attack didn't fare much better with a net gain of 11 yards on 31 carries.

Starting tailback Marvin Townes was hampered by a knee injury suffered last week. Freshman sensation Chris Johnson led the rushing attack with five carries, 26 yards.

The Pirates scored first for the first time all year with a 36-yard field goal by Cameron Broadwell in the first quarter,

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The Bearcats had a lot to celebrate as they claimed their first C-USA victory Saturday night.

William & Mary pounds
Lady Pirates at home

ECU played well for one set and then dropped three straight.

ECU Volleyball falls to 6-8 for season

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Volleyball team was glad to be home last Friday as they opened play against William & Mary after coming off a road trip to forget, where the Lady Pirates lost their previous five out of seven games. The ECU women didn't fare any better against the Lady Tribe, falling 4-1 and losing their eighth game of the season.

Play started off on the right foot for the Lady Pirates as they were able to win their first game in the best of five series. After finding themselves down by seven points, ECU was able to rally back and win game one, 30-28. Juniors Pam Ferris and Erica Wilson combined for seven kills in the win.

William and Mary bounced back hard in game two jumping out to a 20-9 lead. The Lady Pirates were able to close the gap to within six, but couldn't come out on top as the Lady Tribe went on to win game two, 30-18.

It was all down hill for ECU after game two. William and

Mary rolled on to win games three and four with scores of 30-28 and 30-24 respectively. ECU was out hit .253 to .171 in the match.

"We need to work on pursuing balls," said Head Coach Colleen Munson.

"We practice hard, we work hard. With pursuing balls comes consistency, and with consistency comes more wins."

Junior libero Johanna Bertini was able to dish out a career high 22 digs in the Lady Pirates' defeat. Wilson and junior Paige Howell led ECU with 14 kills. Howell also led the team with a hitting percentage of .591, the highest match percentage on the team this season.

With the loss, ECU now drops to 6-8 on the season. The Lady Pirates will be looking to bounce back today as they face Campbell in their last non-conference game this season. A win is necessary for the Lady Pirates as they open conference play on the road this weekend against UAB and USE.

The Lady Pirates are set to face Campbell tonight at 7 p.m. at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum.

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Lady Pirates continue road skid



ECU suffered two tough losses against WCU and Charlotte.

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	ECU	Charlotte
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	ECU	WVU
Goals	0	2
Shots	6	13
Saves	6	1
C. Kicks	3	2

(SID) — The ECU women's soccer team fell to in-state foe Western Carolina Sunday afternoon 2-0 in non-conference action at Schrader Field.

After battling to a scoreless tie after one half of play, the Cat's (2-5-1, 0-1-1) capitalized on increased offensive pressure in the second half. Freshman forward Lauren Atkinson beat Pirate (2-6-1, 0-1-0) defender and goalkeeper Linds Troxler at the top of the box and found the back of the net just seven minutes into the second half to give the Catamounts a 1-0 lead. The goal was Atkinson's first in her collegiate career.

Late in the second half, soph-

omore Stephanie Svoboda drove the ball down into Pirate territory, past two defenders, before dishing off to Atkinson. The freshman forward then crossed the ball back to Svoboda for Western's second goal of the game and Svoboda's team-high third on the season.

The Catamounts out shot the Pirates 13-6, with freshman Heather Dittmer leading the way with three. Svoboda, Atkinson and Megan Chambers each added a pair as well.

The Pirates will return to action Fri., Oct. 1 when they host DePaul in their first Conference USA home game of the season at 4 p.m.

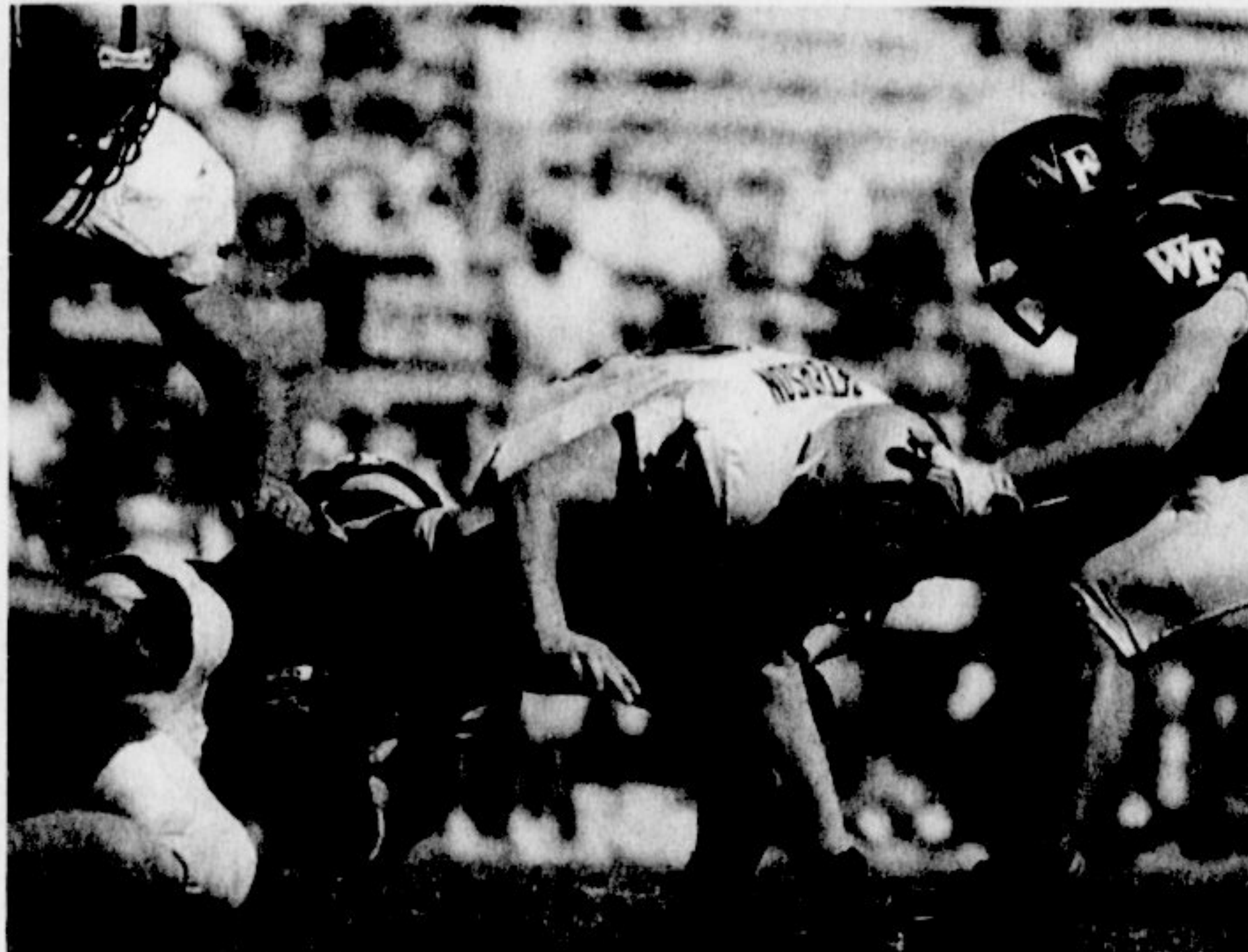
Charlotte

The Lady Pirates dropped their third consecutive match Friday night as they fell in their C-USA opener to in-state rival Charlotte, 2-0, at Transamerica Field.

Charlotte's (1-7-0, 1-0-0) Kim Miles scored the game's first goal when she corralled a beautiful cross from Lindsey Palmiero. She then sent a scoring shot about 10 yards out past ECU goalkeeper Lauren Church in the 38th minute.

The 49ers got an insurance goal in the 57th minute of play when Laura Crews scored her first career goal on a header from Lindsey Beam's corner kick.

Big East losing its BCS clout



BC stumbled on the road at Wake Forest as they lost, 17-14.

(KRT)—No matter which way the Big East Conference turns, it bumps into criticism and bad news like a blindfolded person in a dark room looking for light a switch.

With Miami and Virginia Tech now playing football on Tobacco Road, the Big East finds itself relegated to the nonsmoking, no-respect section. Add an "L" (for losing teams and games) and, for 2004, it's the Big East. The Big Easy also fits.

The league has the same number of teams in the Top 25 as Conference USA and the Mountain West Conference, and one less than the Western Athletic Conference.

"It's not our fault schools decided to leave," said West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez.

"It wasn't like we said, 'Get out!' I think the Big East is fine. Our administrators have a great plan for the future."

"The perception is that the Big East is weak, and it is a false perception."

Perhaps. But don't tell that to the five NCAA Division I-A conferences not in the Bowl Championship Series, the conferences whose champions don't get automatic BCS bids.

The Big East is one of the six BCS conferences and is guaranteed that status for the next four years. But now that the Big East/

Big East/Big Easy has lost some of its football clout, the buzzards are circling.

Saturday was not a good day for the Big East's reputation.

Syracuse was no match for Virginia, Temple — which is being evicted from the Big East after this season — lost to Toledo and Pittsburgh had to score 21 fourth-quarter points to pull off an overtime victory against NCAA Division I-AA Furman.

Boston College lost at Wake Forest, not that the Big East cared that much. The Eagles, who were off to a 3-0 start, jump to the ACC next year.

The main (only?) good news was that 2005 additions Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida all won Saturday.

The only ranked Big East team is No. 6 West Virginia. The Mountaineers are 4-0 and don't face another team that is currently ranked. West Virginia's toughest remaining games figure to be Saturday at Virginia Tech and Nov. 13 at home against Boston College.

And that's where the speculative fun begins. While an undefeated West Virginia would be a boost for the beaten-down Big East, if the Mountaineers go 11-0, it could cause yet another Bowl Championship Series controversy.

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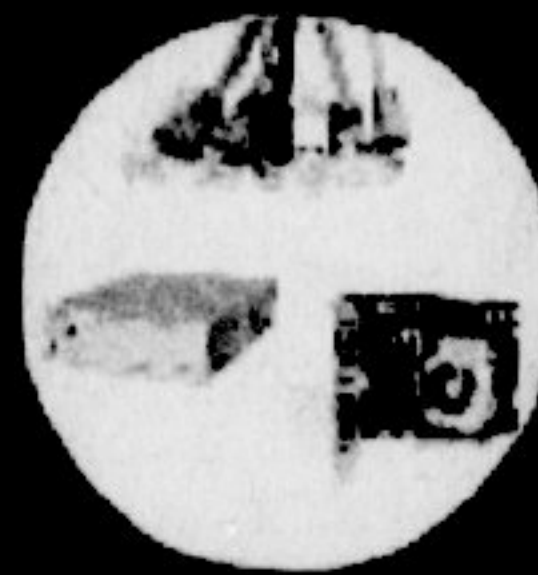
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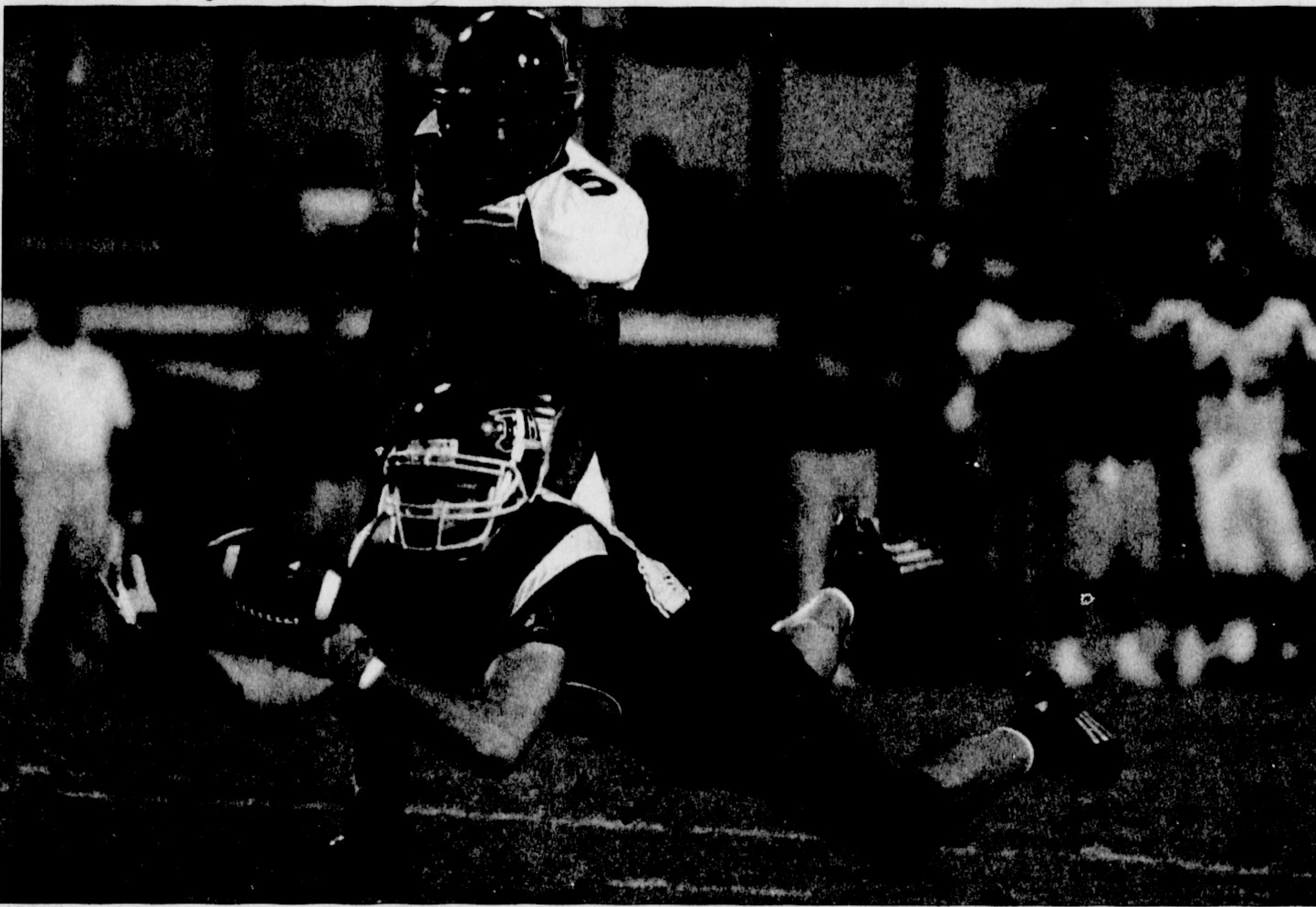


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With the exception of Damarcus Fox, ECU receivers missed several opportunities to make big plays Saturday night.

but the downside was the drive stalled after a big 37-yard pass to Damarcus Fox.

After a second Cincinnati three-and-out, Pinkney fumbled a hurried snap on the ECU 49-yard line.

Gino Guidugli, who made his 40th consecutive start for the Bearcats, took advantage of the turnover, issuing a six-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brent Celek.

On the ensuing kickoff, Chris Johnson fumbled on the ECU 19. Cincinnati capitalized again on an ECU turnover with a 25-yard field goal by Kevin Lovell.

The Pirates answered with a 14-play, 74-yard drive that ended in another 25-yard field goal by Broadwell. Cincinnati held ECU after the Pirates had first-and-goal from the two.

On the next Cincinnati possession, Guidugli hurried a lateral to the feet of his running back and Kyle Chase picked up the fumble on the Cincinnati 22.

The Pirates only took 27 seconds to score when Pinkney found fullback Jamarcus Veal on a six-yard touchdown pass. It was the first career touchdown for Veal.

On the Pirates' next possession, Pinkney was sacked on two consecutive plays. The second was ruled a safety as Cincinnati senior line-backer Jamar Enzor terrorized Pinkney in his own endzone.

The Bearcats once again took advantage of ECU's miscues after the safety. Cincinnati had a 10-play, 54-yard drive that concluded on a Butler Benton one-yard touchdown run. The Bearcats trick-attempt at a two-point conversion failed.

Benton finished the day with 127 yards on 25 carries while his counterpart Richard Hall had 98 yards on 20 carries. The Pirates now rank dead last at 117th in the nation in rushing defense allowing nearly 312 yards per game.

After the half, Cincinnati scored first with a gut-wrenching 18-play, 82-yard drive that ate nearly five minutes off the clock. Guidugli threw his 56th career touchdown pass to Hannibal Thomas.

The electricity came back to the crowd as Pinkney completed a 75-yard bomb to Fox. It was the ninth longest pass in school his-

tory and the longest since Marcus Crandell found Mitchell Gallo-way back on Oct. 11, 1995.

"We saw the one-on-one [coverage]," Pinkney said.

"Fox is a speedster. It was a five-step drop. Fox got by him and I just threw the ball."

Damarcus Fox had a career-day in pass receptions (five) and yards (161). Fox's 161 yards ranks seventh all-time in a single game by a receiver.

"It was amazing," Fox said. "I would trade all of that for a win. All of the yards and the touchdown was good for the moment and it feels good, but a win would have felt better."

A questionable call on a punt-block by Tommie Bradley erased sure field-position for the Pirates. The Cincinnati punter bobbled the snap, but Bradley was called for running into the kicker. The crowd, coaches and players were all sent into a frenzy after a long conference by the officials.

"I was told that the punter reestablished himself," Thompson said in a dejected manner after the game.

On the next possession, Thompson decided to go for a

fourth-and-two on the Cincinnati 48. However, the Cincinnati defensive pressure strangled the Pirate offense once again. ECU's next two drives stalled and the Pirates were never in scoring position again.

"If you could see that dressing room and be around those guys you will see where the real hurt is," Thompson said.

"It is not injury, but it is hurt."

Players were seen visibly sobbing leaving the field. The Pirates knew it was a winnable game that slipped through their hands.

The Pirates will travel next Saturday, Oct. 2 to Papa John Stadium to take on No. 22 Louisville.

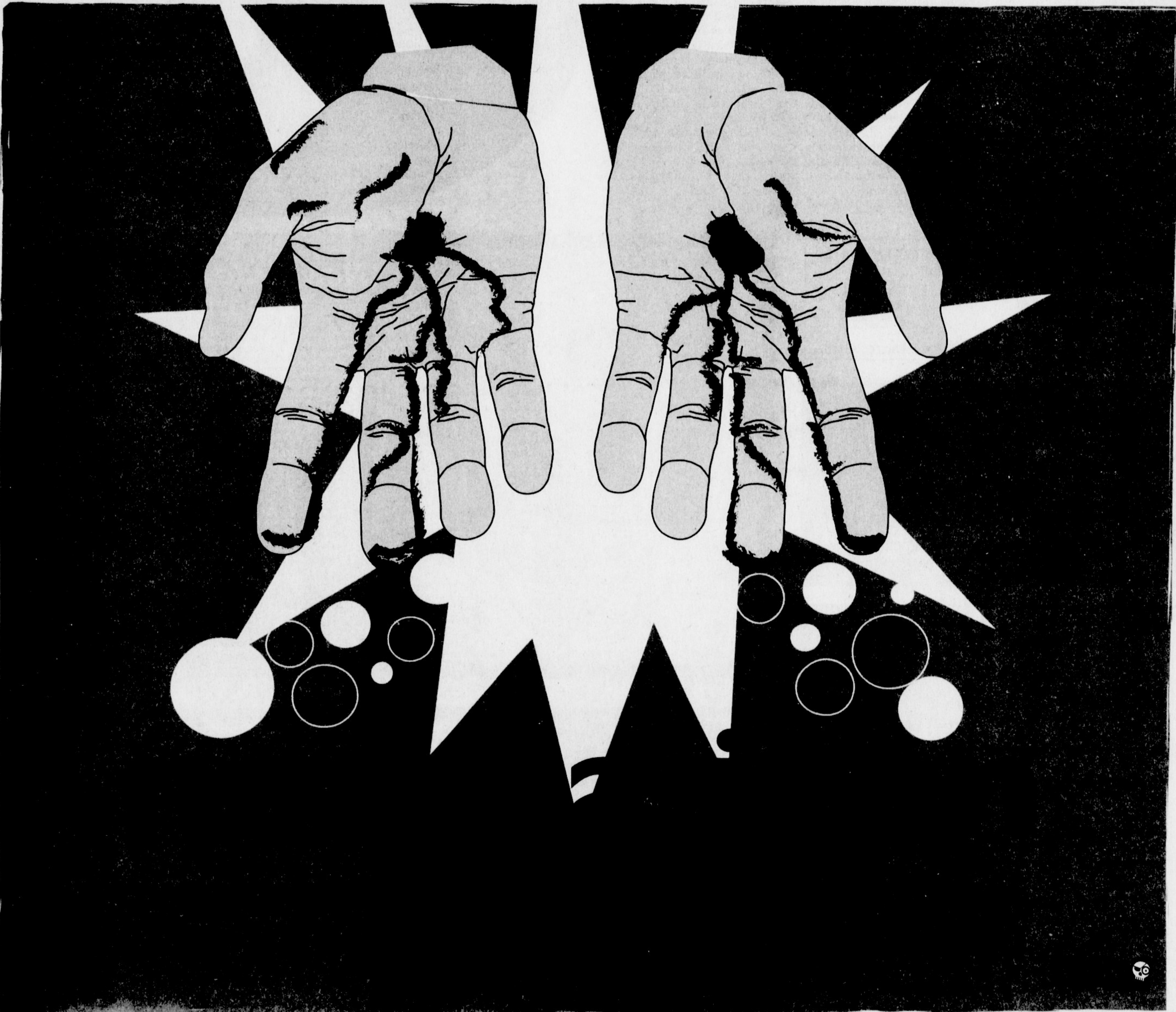
We have got a lot of gas left in our tank," Thompson said.

"We are going to keep rolling."

"We're not going to quit fighting," said defensive end Richard Koonce of the 0-3 record.

"We're not going to stop. We're still going to be a family, no matter what."

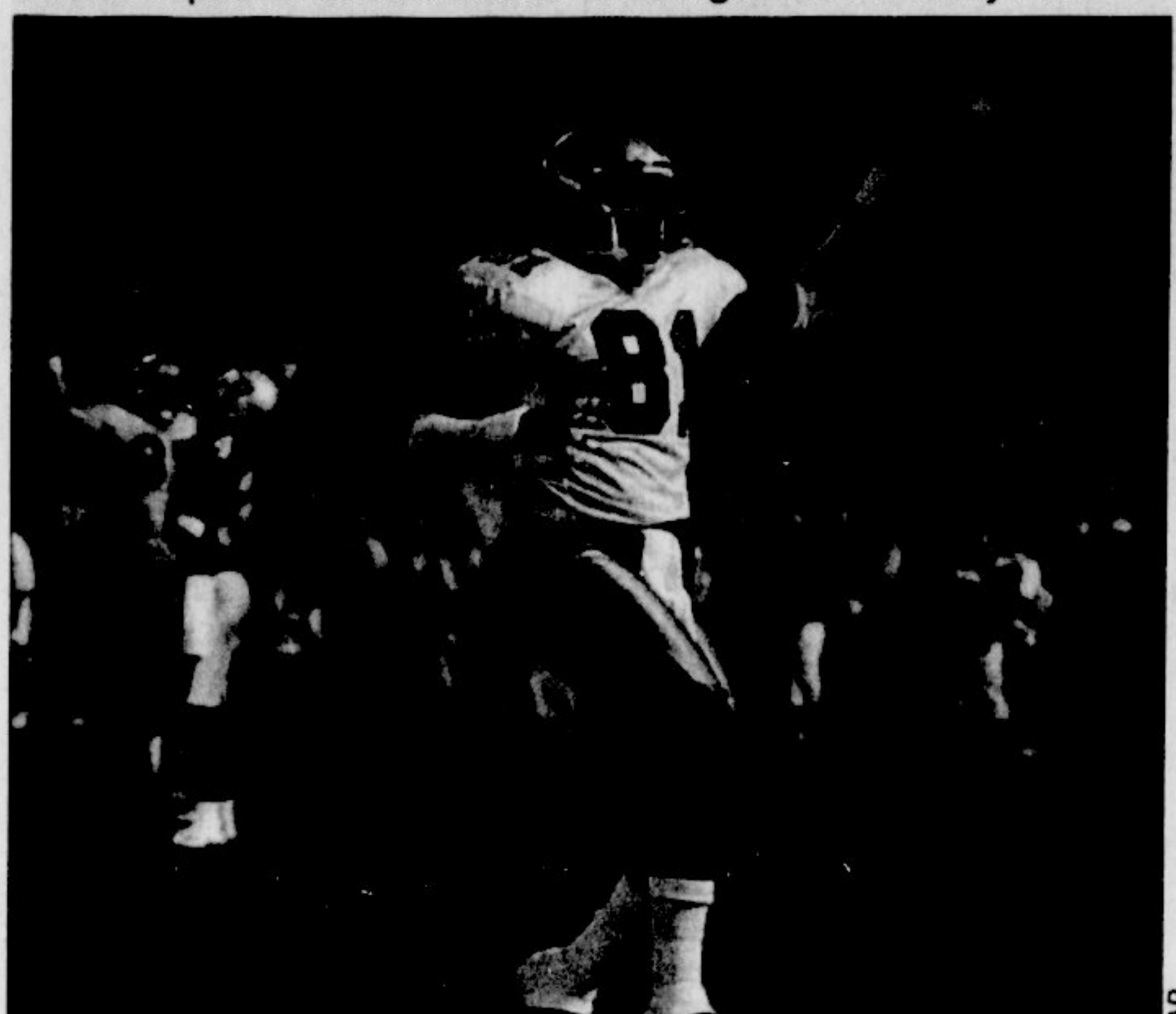
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Age catching up with Rice, Brown



The receptions streak ended at 274 games for Jerry Rice.



Brown has played more of a role in scoring for the Bucs.

(KRT)— Perhaps future Hall of Famers Jerry Rice and Tim Brown can one day look each other in the eye and ask:

What happened to us?

Rice, 41, caught zero passes a week ago for the first time since 1985. Brown was more involved for the Bucs, with seven receptions. But the man with a career average of 13.7 yards per catch gets about half that now. And Tampa Bay's injury-riddled roster is so thin that Brown is the NFL's senior punt returner, at 38.

So a second question may follow:

Is it time?

"Very seldom do we know it's time to hang it up," said Jim Plunkett, the former Stanford quarterback who kept his own NFL career going until he reached 40.

"Usually we all have to be told by someone else not that they're necessarily right."

Former NFL players are not inclined to pass judgment on Rice and Brown for extending their careers past their prime. Talk with even a handful of them and it is evident that there's no formula for determining when it's time to run off the field for keeps.

Plunkett thought he could still play until then-Raiders coach Mike Shanahan told him in 1988 that his days as a Raider were over and no other NFL team showed

interest. Former 49ers running back Roger Craig woke up one morning at 33 and knew it was time to move on. Center Randy Cross figured out more gradually that his level of play had dropped after 13 years as a 49er. Defensive back Rod Woodson, who finished last season with the Raiders, let his knee make the decision.

And wide receiver Lynn Swann, whose nine-year career with Pittsburgh could easily have been extended beyond the 1982 season, treated it strictly as a business matter. Broadcasting beckoned. "Could I have played another two or three years? Absolutely. Did I leave something behind? Absolutely," said Swann, whose 16.3 yards per reception helped put him in the Hall of Fame.

"But that was OK. I didn't think the opportunity presented to me by ABC would be there the next year, and so I took it."

He turns to the words of NBA legend Julius Erving in explaining how most pro athletes look at retirement (even though Swann didn't follow the advice).

"He said, 'I'd rather play one year too long than one year too few,'" Swann said, 52, who is one of ABC's more visible analysts.

"If you get out thinking you've still got something to give, you'll always regret it."

For most players, Swann said,

multimillion-dollar salaries are a big incentive to keep playing. But there are others: the camaraderie, the challenge and the crowds.

There's also ego and, Swann said, don't buy into the idea that some players are such nice guys that they don't have one.

"Every guy on that field believes 100 percent in himself and his ability to beat the guy on the other side. Every guy's got an ego," Swann said, "and it's tough to swallow when they tell you 'We're going to put you on the bench.'"

Swann said he never wanted to face that moment. Other players have been willing to make the accommodation.

Craig spent the final two years of his career with Minnesota. With the Raiders in 1991, he carried the ball 162 times; with the Vikings, that number dropped to 105, then 38. That wasn't a problem, he said. He knew his role was to help younger players develop.

"When Dennis Green called me to come to Minnesota, he said, 'Roger, I need you to lead the ship, to show these guys what it takes to be a champion,'" said Craig, now the director of business development for Tibco Software.

Early in his final season, Craig knew in an instant that the end was near.

"Normally I was the first guy in and the last one to leave the football field," he said. "One morning I just could not do it. I didn't have the same passion."

That internal wake-up call never came for Plunkett.

So what is happening now with Rice and Brown?

Cross goes a little further than the other former players in his assessment: "Jerry was playing last year better than a pretty good percentage of the receivers in this league. Tim, on the other hand, wasn't."

Swann said that, ultimately, it gets back to that willingness to make adjustments.

"Has time passed them by as starters? It is certainly catching up with them if not about to pass them," Swann said, adding that each player must decide how long he is willing to play a subordinate role.

"Then at some point, it won't be their decision."

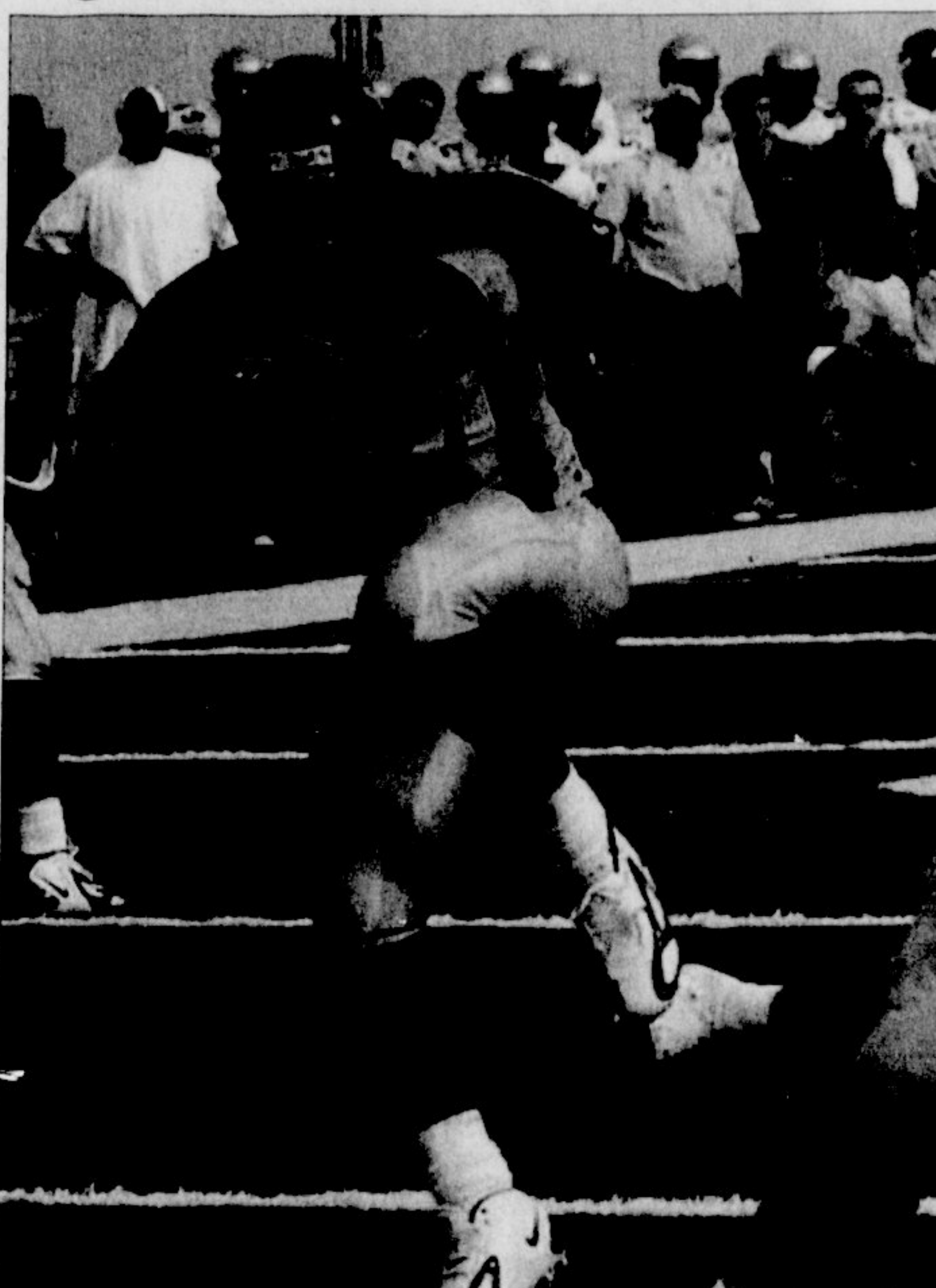
A teammate of Rice's and Brown's last season in Oakland, Woodson said the two wide receivers are being held to an unreasonable standard their past.

"Don't compare them to their legends," said Woodson, 39, who now serves as an analyst on the NFL Network after an injured left knee prompted his retirement.

"You should compare Jerry to the other receivers in the NFL now. That's fair. And it's fair to Tim in Tampa, too."

"I think we get caught up with the birth certificate thing. We want to know how old they are. They're diminishing their legacy? It's unfair to compare them to their legacy."

Big East from page A8



West Virginia is by far the strongest team in the Big East.

Voters in both polls love teams with a zero in the loss column. That means that as long as West Virginia keeps winning, it will keep moving up. One of the teams currently ranked ahead of the 'Neers (Oklahoma or Texas) will lose at least one game.

If West Virginia finishes No. 2 in the rankings behind an undefeated team, would one-loss teams from stronger conferences scream about injustice?

And if West Virginia finishes undefeated but ranked No. 3 because the poll voters decide that a one-loss team from a stronger conference should be No. 2, would West Virginia and the Big East scream about injustice "and" prejudice?

The answer to both conjectural questions is an emphatic

YES!

LOOKING BACK

There were 10 games last week between teams from Bowl Championship Series conferences and non-BCS conferences. The BCS teams won seven. For the season, the BCS vs. non-BCS scoreboard reads 70-16 in favor of The Big Boys. After gaining 514 yards rushing in his first two games to lead NCAA Division I-A in rushing, Louisiana Tech junior running back Ryan Moats has gained only 178 yards in his past two contests.

LOOKING AHEAD

Best games: Auburn at Tennessee, LSU at Georgia, West Virginia at Virginia Tech, Wake Forest at North Carolina State.

Note of interest: Purdue, which plays at Notre Dame on

Saturday, hasn't won in South Bend in 30 years.

HEISMAN WATCH

The top five candidates for the Heisman Trophy:

1. Matt Leinart, Southern Cal quarterback: He was cool and collected in leading the Trojans back from a 28-17 halftime deficit to beat Stanford.

2. Cedric Benson, Texas running back: Continues to show consistent production. In three games, he has rushed for 181, 188 and 189 yards.

3. Kyle Orton, Purdue quarterback: For the season, 13 touchdown passes with no interceptions. A productive game and victory at Notre Dame on Saturday would be a huge boost.

4. Jason White, Oklahoma quarterback: You snooze, you lose ground. White and the Sooners had the weekend off, but he's got plenty of games in which to move up.

5. Chris Leak, Florida quarterback: The sophomore didn't help his case against Kentucky on Saturday, throwing three interceptions in the Gators' 20-3 victory.

O'BRIEN WATCH

The top five candidates for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award:

1. Matt Leinart, Southern Cal: Completed 24 of 30 passes for 308 yards against Stanford. He also scored on a 1-yard run.

2. Kyle Orton, Purdue: Against Illinois, he was 35-of-50 for 366 yards and four touchdowns. For the season, he has attempted 96 passes without an interception.

3. Jason White, Oklahoma: The defending Heisman Trophy winner ranks seventh in passing efficiency, and should get a chance to put up some numbers against Texas Tech on Saturday.

4. Marques Hagans, Virginia: In his first season as full-time starter, Hagans is sixth nationally in passing efficiency for the undefeated Cavaliers.

5. Jason Campbell, Auburn: The senior has completed 60 percent of his passes, with six touchdowns and only one interception.

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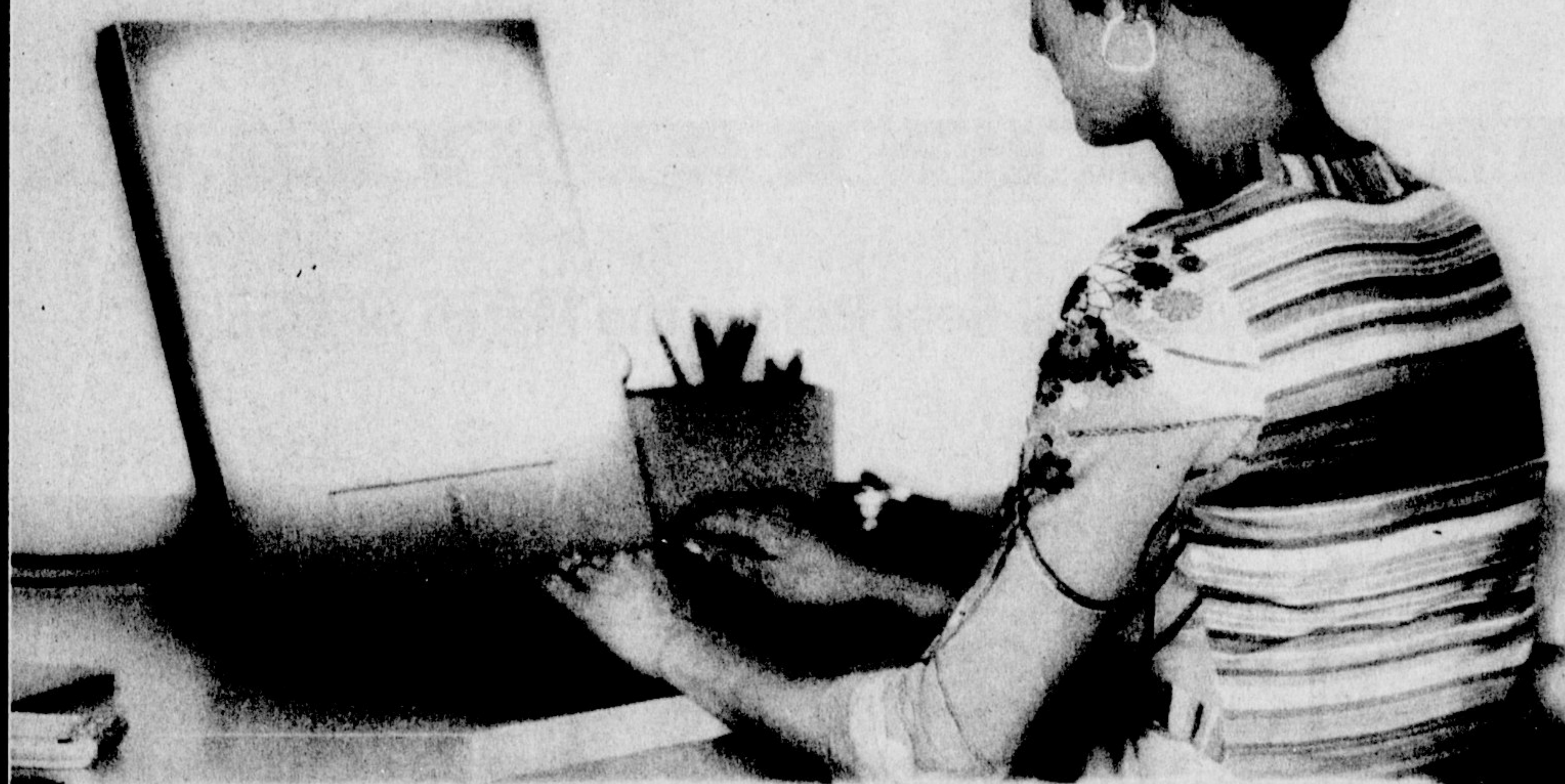
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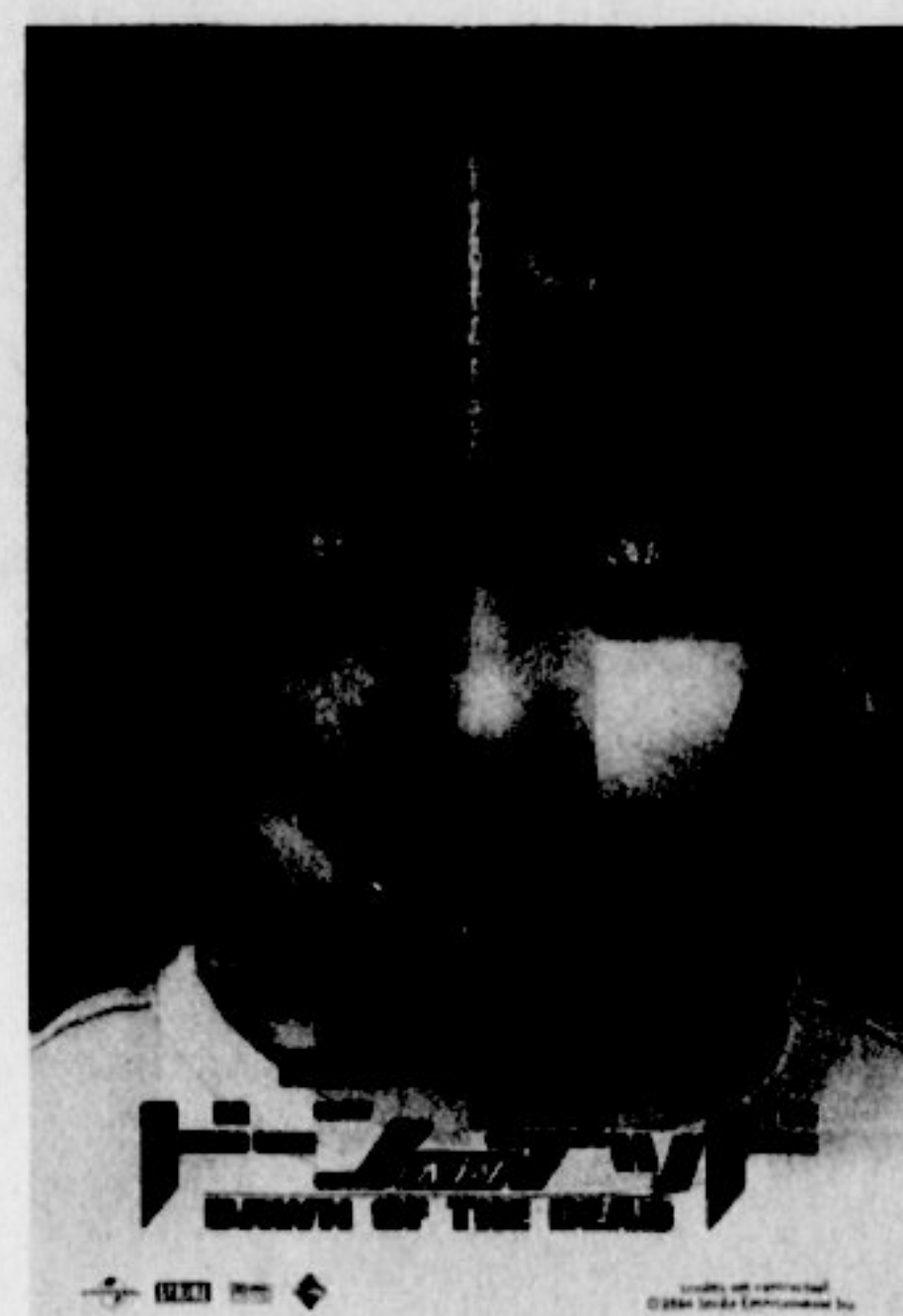
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