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Voter registration deadlines quickly approaching

Mandatory for people interested in voting

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With the Presidential Election a little more than a month away, North Carolina voter registration deadlines, which are mandatory for anyone choosing to vote in the Nov. 2 election, are also approaching.

Steve Hines, director of the Pitt County Board of Elections, said registering to vote is a quick and simple process and he encourages anyone who has not yet registered for Pitt County to register as soon as they can.

Voter registration forms are available at the Pitt County Elections Board Office, Town Hall, the local Greenville Library or various other voter registration drives taking place throughout ECU and Greenville. Once completed, these forms can be taken or mailed to the Pitt County Board of Elections office.

Hines said it is important for everyone to participate in the election.

"It is important for people to vote because we all pay various forms of taxes, including vehicle tax, sales tax or property tax. If

you pay taxes in any way you should have a voice in how the government is run, and a way of executing that right is your vote," said Hines.

Students, who have always had a lower percentage of voter turnout, are also affected by state funding and taxes. An example of this is the new state funded West End Dining Hall being constructed on ECU's campus. The project is a state-funded facility directly illustrating how elections affect students, Hines said.

While college students have historically had the lowest turnout when it comes to voting, this upcoming election may have different results.

"We may be surprised at this election; there may be a higher turnout among college students," Hines said.

"With the war, we may see a higher college student turnout because they are more concerned with that kind of thing."

In the late 1960s and 1970s during Vietnam, there were many anti-war protests taking place involving many college students who feared being drafted. This caused a higher number of students to be politically active, resulting in a higher voter turnout.

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ECU student vehicles towed



ECU student vehicles are frequently towed in the neighborhood areas adjacent to ECU campus.

Towing companies bring in business

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The first three weeks of fall semester brought in a total of 197 vehicles towed for parking violations from off-campus locations near ECU's campus.

Carl Reese, the neighborhood services coordinator for the Greenville Police Department, said the main reasons for towing were parking too close to a driveway or intersection, parking over the two-hour visitor time limit or leaving the car too far away from the curb and obstructing traffic.

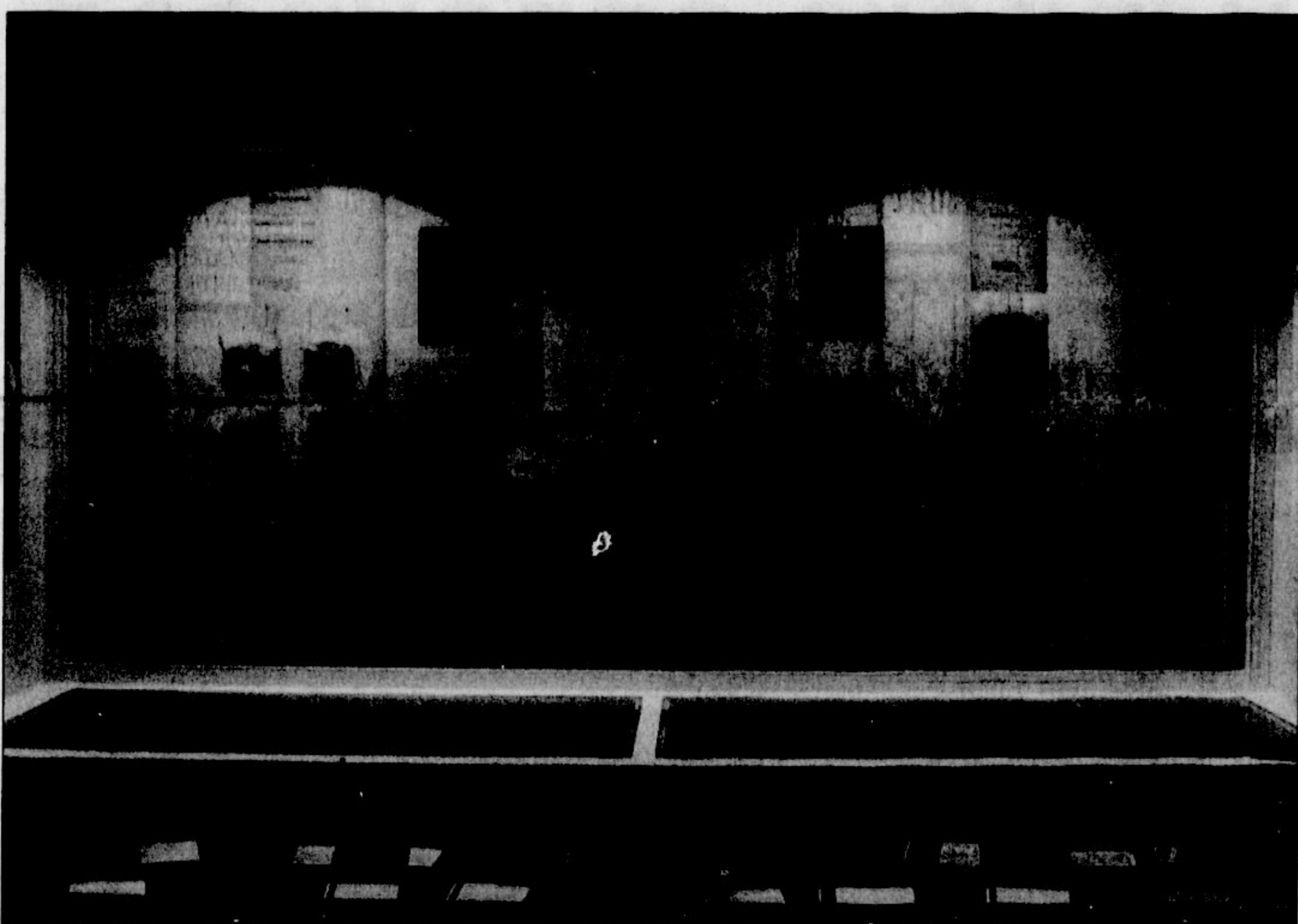
Many streets around

campus are marked to help define the acceptable parking locations. Curbs are marked in yellow paint if they are too close to a driveway or intersection, parking spaces are marked with white paint setting boundaries specifying a vehicle's distance from the curb and signs are in place indicating any parking space time limits.

"It really behooves folks who park over there to read the signs," said Reese.

Michelle Lieberman, the student neighborhood relations facilitator at ECU, recently sent an e-mail to adult commuter students informing them of the potential pitfalls of parking near campus. Lieberman said students

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North Carolina History and Fictional Digital Library offers information to various state counties.

ECU launches new digital library

North Carolina history, fictional digital library now available

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The North Carolina Collection and Systems Department of Joyner Library recently developed the North Carolina History and Fictional Digital Library providing access to digitalized sources to 29 counties of the eastern part of the state.

The digital library offers sources of local histories, historical fiction, author biographies, lesson plans and maps with zooming capabilities for a variety of the counties in eastern North Carolina. These sources are all full-text and searchable. The library also contains links to the county Web sites, public library Web sites and the National Register of Historic Sites.

Elizabeth Smith, professor of academic library services, is the principal investigator of the digital library and oversees the entire project of digitalizing the sources, creating the Web site and making it accessible.

"The digital library was created to meet the needs of students, historians, genealogists and other researchers who are interested in eastern North Carolina," said Smith.

"One could pick a county to do a project on or even use the Web site to plan a trip."

Joyner Library was able to create this resource due to grants

received from organizations and the ability to match some of the funds it received. The project received an NC Exploring Cultural Heritage Online Digitization Grant of \$49,954 to help with the cost of digitizing sources. The library received an additional grant from the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo, NC for \$10,000 to digitize any materials about Dare County for the digital library.

"Another grant was written for the current year and we will probably be doubling the size of the database with it," Smith said.

Smith said with additional financial help this year, the project will be expanding to include video footage and artifacts from the areas.

Larueen Tedesco, English professor at ECU, assisted with the digital library's historical fiction section. Tedesco did research on many of the books to find background information on the stories and biographical information about the authors. He also used this background information to help with the lesson plans that are provided on many of the texts.

"I was part of a workshop to give teachers, who were writing the lesson plans, ideas about what you could say about some of these books," said Tedesco.

The materials for the digital library were picked from the North Carolina Collection and the Snow L. and B.W.C. Roberts Collection of sources dating back to 1734. Due to their age, most of these sources are not in circulation, so the digital



Digital Library can be accessed:
www.lib.ecu.edu/ncc/historyfiction/

library makes it possible to access them.

"[The historical fiction books] offer a window into, in many cases, a way of life that is gone," Tedesco said.

"[The] texts are free, beautifully preserved, you're not going to mess them up and you can use them to do history papers, literature papers or just gather information and learn things about the area."

Wade Dudley, history professor at ECU, said the digital library and any digitized materials are a good idea, and he recommends these kinds of sources to his students.

"I encourage my students to check for online primary sources first, it's so much more effective," said Dudley.

The Web site of the digital library has been online since July and has already had positive responses. It has received approximately 30,000 visitors from several different countries including the United Kingdom, Australia and Canada visiting the most outside of the United States.

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Greenville police, ECU officials prepare for Halloween

Heightened safety measures being put into effect

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The Greenville police, city officials, Fire and Rescue and ECU administrators recently held a meeting and to discuss ways of increasing safety for the upcoming Halloween based on past year incidents.

"The uptown streets were so crowded that it would have been next to impossible to assist anyone who was injured or became seriously ill. There was at least one gun shot downtown last year," said Mary Louise Antieau, director of student conflict resolution who attended the meeting.

Antieau said the city and law enforcement officials are taking additional measures to ensure safety during this year's celebrations.

Similar safety measures are being implemented in the downtown area, as has been done in past years. Barricades are being

set up around the perimeter of the downtown area where law enforcement officials are setting up checkpoints to check for weapons, alcohol, glass and other assorted "forbidden" items.

Last year, people avoided going through these checkpoints and the police are coming up with ways to ensure everyone is examined this year.

Weapons are the biggest concern due to a shooting that occurred last year.

In addition to the measures being taken downtown, apartment complexes are working with the Greenville police to stop any large parties from taking place. Parking on Fourth Street will also be cut off to help ensure safety as there will be many people walking.

The Greenville police are also working with ECU, Alcohol Law Enforcement and ABC stores to try to prevent any incidents from occurring this year.

ECU also plans to create its own safety procedures. On campus, buses will run late to help transport people back to their residences. The Safe Ride system,

provided by the ECU police will also be available to students.

Security is also being implemented due to the football game that will be occurring the Saturday of Halloween weekend.

Students show some concern about safety.

"I think they should cage everyone in and quarantine downtown and confiscate any potential weapons, but still allow everyone to enjoy themselves," said Lauren Dennis, freshman criminal justice major.

"I think underage people really need to watch themselves this year and try to just be smart and be safe," said Rayna Weimer, undecided freshman.

In past years, a number of the incidents that have occurred have been because of non-ECU students.

"Many of the people downtown are not ECU students or PCC students, but are outsiders who come here to do things they would not do where they might be recognized," Antieau said.

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Career Xpo Xtreme Fair a success



Students receive internship and employment information from more than 120 employers present.

Students get business world connections

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ECU's Student Professional Job Fair was held Wednesday in the Mendenhall Student Center brickyard from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. as a part of Career Xpo Week.

The job fair featured representatives from a wide range of businesses in various occupations both local and worldwide. A total of 126 recruiters from differ-

ent fields provided an estimated 2,500 students the opportunity to ask questions and collect information about internship and future employment opportunities.

Catrina Davis, assistant director of Student Professional Development, said one of the main goals of the event was for each student to walk away with several different options.

The visiting recruiters were pleased with the students in attendance.

"We consistently had positive feedback," said Davis.

"They were impressed with

how well prepared and confident each student was."

Jane Marshall, a rehab recruiter with NHC Health Care in South Carolina, said the event has been a success for them for the past several years.

"ECU is an excellent venue for finding qualified students to fill our openings because they have outstanding accredited programs in the areas of physical, occupational and speech therapy," said Marshall.

Like most of the other recruiters, NHC Health Care

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Campus News

Extreme Interviews

Part of career expo week, the Office of Student Professional Development is offering 'Xtreme Interviews'. Contact the Office of Student Professional Development at 328-6050 or visit their Web site at www.ecu.edu/e3careers for more information.

Voter Registration Day

Thursday, Sept. 30 is Community Voter Registration Day in Greenville. This is sponsored by SGA, and the "Pledge to Vote" Common Cause. Registration is being held at 7 p.m. in Mendenhall with Bob Phillips speaking. Refreshments will be served.

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 age 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 Wednesday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday, Oct. 13. Diving will take place in both the diving well and the lap lane pool. The events are open to all ECU students. 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 Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

Crimestoppers Telethon

The Annual Crime Stoppers Telethon is being held Oct. 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. It is being held Oct. 3 at the Rock Springs Center, Highway 43 in Greenville from 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 is 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 considered the finest trio performing before the public. The performance will take place Oct. 2 in Wright Auditorium at 8 p.m. Contact 328-6851 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for ticket 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.

News Briefs

LOCAL

Southern Pines Tornado

CHARLOTTE, NC (AP) - Cleanup crews removed downed trees from houses and roads in Southern Pines on Tuesday, one day after a suspected tornado spawned by the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne. By midday Tuesday, tornado warnings went up in Camden and Pasquotank counties in northeastern North Carolina. There were no immediate reports of any damages or injuries as Jeanne moved out of the state. After drenching Charlotte and surrounding counties late Monday and early Tuesday, Jeanne moved northeast through the Piedmont and into the Sand hills and later on to the coast. At least six possible tornadoes were reported Monday as the storm marched northward. The most damaging suspected tornado was in Southern Pines, where initial reports said there were more than 100 buildings damaged when strong winds peeled off parts of roofs and walls. Gov. Mike Easley announced that the state would spend \$1 million in state money in western North Carolina to pay for relief expenses not covered by other agencies. Most of it will pay for repairing damaged infrastructure.

Senate debate highlights how NC candidates changed on trade

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - The U.S. Senate candidates who debated Monday night both supported the North American Free Trade Agreement when it took effect 10 years ago. Since then, Democrat Erskine Bowles

and Republican Richard Burr have eased off that position somewhat and carved out views on trade that take into account the tens of thousands of job losses in North Carolina many blame on NAFTA. The differences in their response to manufacturing and textile plant closings and layoffs provided the strongest broadsides in their hour long forum. This sharpness wasn't unexpected: each candidate is now on the airwaves criticizing the other's trade record - Burr as a five-term congressman and Bowles as a Clinton administration member. The crossness had already reached a fever pitch several hours before the debate Monday, when Burr called several reporters individually to complain about a new Bowles television ad on trade.

NATIONAL

Rising fuel prices could pose Election Day liability for Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) - If fuel prices keep rising or even stay at their present high levels through Election Day, they could serve as a potent reminder to voters that the U.S. economy is not in such great shape. And that could pose problems for President Bush just as polls show him narrowing the gap with rival John Kerry on his weakest issue, handling the economy. Political analysts suggest any sustained oil price shock could undercut those gains and work against Bush's fragile lead in polls over the Massachusetts senator. In the extreme, it could trigger a recession. Crude oil topped the psychological

milestone of \$50 per barrel on Tuesday. Instability in Iraq, political unrest in Nigeria and damage to U.S. production from hurricanes were all blamed. And while some analysts said the price was not sustainable and should soon fall, others suggested the opposite. "The basic fact is that oil supplies are getting tight and there's not room for things to go wrong," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard and Poor's in New York. "And the higher prices are becoming a significant drag on the economy."

Data collected after California quake could help researchers; no injuries reported

PARKFIELD, Calif. (AP) - A strong earthquake that shook Central California without causing any significant damage or injuries could be a boon to researchers who hope intense scrutiny of the state's earthquake capital may help predict future tremors. The magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, seven miles southeast of Parkfield and 21 miles northeast of Paso Robles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A major quake in the same area killed two people last year. The area of the San Andreas fault where the quake struck is a seismic hot spot that has produced similar temblors every two or three decades and is among the most-monitored quake sites in the world. "It's going to be a lot of data that we can look at," said Andy Snyder of the U.S. Geological Survey. "It ensures a good payoff for all the

work that's been done by the USGS, all the university groups and foreign research institutes that have set up experiments here." Dozens of sensors - seismometers, strain meters, creep meters - dot the remote, sparsely populated region. Drilling is underway there to go 1.4 miles down into the bowels of the 800-mile-long fault that forms the boundary between immense geological plates that grind and produce ground movement.

WORLD

Car bomb wounds six U.S. soldiers; hostage says captors vowed not to kill them

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A car bombing in the northern city of Mosul wounded six American soldiers, the military said Wednesday, while one of two Italian women released from captivity the day before said their captors had promised they would not be killed. Simona Torretta and Simona Pari were released with five other hostages Tuesday, encouraging relatives of foreigners still being held. Hours after gaining freedom, the two were back in Italy with their families. There was no letup in violence inside Iraq. U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with insurgents on a main Baghdad thoroughfare on Wednesday, the Interior Ministry said. At least one explosion could be heard across the Iraqi capital, but there was no immediate word on casualties. Iraqi security forces arrested a suspected terrorist operating on Baghdad's blood-soaked Haifa street, cornering him Wednesday

in a closet as he disguised himself with his wife's underwear, an Iraqi commander said. Five other suspected insurgents were also taken into custody as U.S. and Iraqi forces clashed with rebels on the main thoroughfare, said Col. Mohammed Abdullah.

Yemeni judge sentences two men to death, four to prison for USS Cole bombing

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) - A Yemeni judge sentenced two men to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years Wednesday for orchestrating the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole, an attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's terror network. Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, and Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, were both sentenced to death for plotting, preparing and involvement in the bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors as their destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of Aden. Al-Nashiri, believed to be the mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing, was the only one of the six defendants not in the heavily guarded court to hear the sentences. The other five defendants are all Yemenis. "This verdict is an American one and unjust," al-Badawi yelled from behind the bars of a courtroom cell after judge Najib al-Qaderi sentenced him to death. "There are no human rights in the world, except for the Americans. All the Muslims in the world are being used to serve American interests."

SGA election winners announced



Newly elected Stephanie Brincefield, senior, SGA secretary/treasurer and Erica Felthaus, SGA senior president celebrate.

SGA winners

Erica Felthaus
Senior class president

Justin Dordick
Senior class vice president

Stephanie Brincefield
Senior treasurer/secretary

Meaghan Smith
Junior class president

Heather Dickson
Junior class vice president

Regina Twine
Sophomore class vice president

April Phillyaw
Freshman class president

Sarah Davis
Freshman class vice president

Courtney Fuhrmeister
Graduate class president

Sophomore class president - postponed (investigation pending)

Those who dodge jury service face public shaming and fines - but problem persists



Judge speaks to a woman holding an infant who had failed to respond to one or more summons for jury duty in a hearing at a Los Angeles Superior Court in Long Beach, Calif.

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Every month, hundreds of people are summoned to courts across the nation for a public scolding. It's no surprise that only a handful show up - after all, they are experts at that all-American custom: dodging jury duty. Fed-up judges from Los Angeles County to New York have responded by redirecting these scofflaws from the jury box to the hot seat. Residents who ignore repeated calls to appear can face fines and, even jail time. "It's not an invitation," said jury expert Tom Munsterman.

"It's an obligation." Earlier this month, only eight of 225 people identified as chronic offenders showed up to feel the wrath of Superior Court Judge James L. Wright. Those who ducked their duty were all fined, though penalties would be dropped if they actually served. The eight who did attend had an uncomfortable time. A single mother holding her infant had her service deferred a year. A man who told the judge he ignored the summons because he hasn't mastered English was ordered to report next month.

Wright watched as tears rolled down the face of Darlene Acevedo, a 52-year-old dock worker from Wilmington. "My husband's in the hospital for a year ... I have a certain amount of hours I have to work," she pleaded. "I don't have the time. Right now the way I feel, I can't be a juror." The judge deferred her service to next September. Still teary-eyed outside court, Acevedo expressed anger over being required to serve. "A jury is not something you should be forced to do," she said. "It's some-

thing you want to do." Not exactly, though court orders to serve are largely ignored. Factoring in deferrals, bad addresses and legitimate excuses, an average of 20 to 30 percent of the summonses sent out nationwide net a juror, according to Munsterman of the Virginia-based Center for Jury Studies. Books explain how to duck the duty, and numerous Web sites list excuses both serious and lighthearted: "I get dizzy if I try to weigh evidence" and "I'm allergic to justice." "I don't think people realize it is a citizenship duty until we put it right in front of their face," Wright said last week. Nationwide, courts are trying to do just that - make the consequences of jury dodging more painful. Since November, state trial courts around Phoenix have sent sheriff's deputies to the homes of jury dodgers with orders to appear. In New York County, officials snared 1,443 Manhattan jury dodgers last year with \$250 fines. The massive Los Angeles County court system, which sent out 2.9 million summonses in the last fiscal year and had an initial response rate around 25 percent, is also trying to cope. Sanction hearings, like the one in Long Beach, catch only a small fraction of jury dodgers and are intended primarily as public outreach. Until two years ago, they were held solely at the main downtown Los Angeles courthouse. The massive county's 9.9

million people weren't getting the message, so officials began rotating the hearings among various courts. The county slapped residents with more than \$940,000 in penalties over the first six months of this year, fines that are referred to a collection agency. Court officials couldn't say how many people were fined. The common refrain isn't that people want to avoid serving - it's that serving can be a pain. Courts say they get the message and are becoming more accommodating. Baltimore courts this month began giving jurors cheap parking and discounts at downtown restaurants. California has unveiled simplified civil jury instructions and is working to craft the same for criminal cases. Across Arizona, most of California and at least five other states, jury service now operates under a system designed to limit dreaded assembly room waits to one day. New York has increased juror's daily pay and is mulling the idea of offering free Internet access. In some jurisdictions, potential jurors first call the court to see if they are needed. Aided by free publicity from TV programs focusing on trials and juries - as well as celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey who serve willingly and famously - court officials insist they're making progress. Three-quarters of the people in a summer survey by the American Bar Association disagreed with the notion that jury service is a hardship.

'American Taliban' hopes to reduce 20-year sentence



Parents of John Walker and attorney listen at a news conference in San Francisco on Tuesday, Sept. 28.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The attorney for American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh wants his client's 20-year prison sentence commuted, citing the nation's heightened anxiety when the plea deal was made in 2002 and the fact that another U.S. citizen captured on an Afghanistan battlefield may soon be released.

James Brosnahan, Lindh's lawyer, made the request Monday and argued Lindh was fighting alongside the Taliban in a civil war against the Northern Alliance, that he is not a terrorist and that he never fought against U.S. troops.

Brosnahan said he negotiated the 20-year sentence during a time when a "highest state of fear" was affecting U.S. juries and he thought it was the best deal he could get at the time. Lindh could have gotten life in prison if convicted.

Brosnahan also said the sentence should be reduced because Yaser Esam Hamdi, another American citizen captured in Afghanistan on suspicion of aiding the Taliban, is being released after being held for three years as an enemy combatant.

Hamdi will not be charged with any crime under an agreement with federal officials made public Monday. Hamdi will be required to give up his U.S. citizenship and will be sent to Saudi Arabia, where he grew up.

"Comparable conduct should be treated in comparable ways in terms of sentencing," Brosnahan

said at a news conference. Only President Bush can commute Lindh's sentence.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo, while not commenting directly on the merits of Lindh's request, pointed out that Lindh "pleaded guilty to supporting the Taliban with his lawyers standing beside him."

"The Taliban was a brutal regime that harbored and assisted al-Qaida," Corallo said. "It should be pointed out we are currently engaged in a global war on terrorism against al-Qaida and remnants of the Taliban."

Lindh's request does not specify how much of a reduction he is seeking.

Lindh, a 23-year-old Northern California native, pleaded guilty in civilian court to supplying services to the now-defunct Taliban government and carrying explosives for them. He and Hamdi were both captured in late 2001.

Frank Zimring, an expert on clemency at the University of California at Berkeley, said it is unlikely President Bush will reduce Lindh's term, especially during a presidential election focused on the war on terror.

In all, the president has commuted the terms of two prisoners, both on May 20.

The president commuted the sentence of Bobby Mac Berry, of Burlington, NC, who had been sentenced to nine years in prison in 1997 for marijuana and money laundering convictions.



Sharon Rocha, left, mother of Laci Peterson walks with Alex Loya of the Stanislaus County Victim Witness program as they arrive at the San Mateo courthouse Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Redwood City, Calif. for Scott Peterson's trial.

Defense lawyer underscores investigators' early theory that Laci was poisoned

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The absence of a bloody crime scene led investigators looking into Laci Peterson's disappearance to consider the possibility the pregnant schoolteacher was poisoned to death by her husband, Scott Peterson's lawyer said in an attempt to discredit the investigation.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos asked Detective Craig Grogan Tuesday if at one point investigators theorized that Laci had been poisoned — a theory that never panned out and has not been presented by prosecutors in court.

"One of the theories at some point was maybe Laci Peterson had been drugged, is that right?" Geragos asked.

"Yes, we looked into that," said Grogan.

Grogan, who has been testifying at the former fertilizer salesman's murder trial for more than a week, was due back on the stand Wednesday.

Prosecutors allege Scott Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay. Grogan, a prosecution witness, said police considered the poison theory because they were unable to find any signs of a struggle and found none of Laci's blood in the home.

Grogan testified that during a Feb. 18, 2003, search of the Petersons' home that police seized a mortar and pestle to examine them for the existence of any drugs. None was found, he said.

Laci's remains — and that of her fetus — washed up in April 2003, not far from where Peterson launched his boat that Christmas Eve morning for what he claims was a solo fishing trip. Investigators have not determined the cause of death.

Peterson's lawyers maintain someone else abducted and killed Laci while she walked the

couple's dog in a nearby park. The dog was found by a neighbor in the street the morning Laci vanished, according to previous testimony.

On Tuesday, defense lawyers sought again to attack the police investigation as incomplete and narrowly focused on Scott Peterson, pointing out inconsistencies in police reports and testimony and failures by detectives to follow leads.

Geragos noted that Grogan had consulted early in the investigation with an expert on tidal action in San Francisco Bay.

The expert, Geragos said, theorized that the 30 pounds of cement prosecutors allege Peterson used to sink his wife's body in the bay would have been too light to keep her pregnant body down.

Grogan said that police also theorized that Peterson had wrapped Laci in plastic before dumping her in the bay, but the expert told him her remains would likely have been found in

much better condition.

Geragos also revisited the issue of whether the fetus was born alive, which defense lawyers claim was the case and would show Scott Peterson was not the killer. Prosecutors say the fetus was expelled from Laci's decaying body.

Grogan acknowledged that a medical examiner had found some evidence that the child may have been born alive.

Geragos also brought up Peterson's own frustration with authorities as they focused on him, a point defense lawyers have suggested caused police to ignore other leads.

"He told you you had been wasting time investigating him rather than following up on leads in the case?" Geragos asked.

"That's correct," Grogan said. The judge has said the prosecution would not wrap up its case this week as previously intended.

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offered information on future career opportunities and internships with possibilities of paid stipends during students' final semester with the company.

Elizabeth Eaton, an ECU alumna attended the event as a recruiter for the NHC which she discovered while attending the job fair last year.

"I think it is a good opportunity for students to see what's out there," said Eaton.

"It gets really overwhelming when you're trying to figure out what you're going to do. For me it was nice to have some personal contact and talk to someone face to face."

Eaton wasn't the only ECU alumna returning to the job fair this year as a recruiter.

There were several former students and some current interns representing businesses and informing job seekers of employment opportunities, proving the job fair is a worth while event.

Tim Boughter of Whiting-Turner General Contracting Co., who is also an ECU alumnus, was on site to answer questions and offer information about potential job opportunities for their company. Boughter agreed that ECU is an ideal location to recruit prospective employees because of its highly regarded Construction Management program. With 22 locations across the country including a brand new office in Raleigh, Whiting-Turner hoped to engage any

students who were passionate about the industry.

Students taking advantage of the job fair thought that it was a very effective way to gain knowledge of the benefits and opportunities that different companies and professions have to offer.

Jeremy Inman, junior construction management major, collected an entire bag full of internship information from an assortment of employers.

"It's pretty useful, being a junior, to get your feet wet in the business world. Having all these companies right at your back door is really convenient," said Inman.

Inman was able to find

numerous corporations that he plans to pursue for internship opportunities.

"I look forward to setting up interviews tomorrow," Inman said.

Student Professional Development was pleased overall with the success of the job fair.

"We know that career readiness is a journey ... We want to make sure the students arrive at the career of their choice."

Other Career Xpo events this week include Xtreme Interviews on Thursday and Friday. Contact Student Professional Development for more information.

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need to be extremely cautious when parking near ECU's campus.

"Students don't understand that parking is strictly enforced ... they say it won't happen to me or I'll take that chance," said Lieberman.

If a student parks in one spot, and then move their car up the street a little before the two hour time limit, the student is still considered parked within the same parking district and your vehicle can be towed Lieberman said.

Reese said the reason for the parking difficulties is the neighborhoods around campus were primarily planned during the first half of the 20th century when automobiles were not as prevalent, making the neighborhood not structured to handle the large amount of vehicles ECU students bring.

"There's just not the capacity to handle all these cars," Reese said.

Reese also said anyone who is planning on attending the Halloween festivities in uptown Greenville to make proper arrangements beforehand to prevent parking difficulties.

"Last year on Halloween there were serious congestion problems," Reese said.

"A lot of cars were towed from neighborhoods near campus, so make arrangements before the event."

Reese said cars being towed from near campus locations are likely to be owned by students who have a full day of class or are running late so they park in unauthorized parking locations.

Debra Wike, senior elementary education major, and Ryan Simons, senior urban planning major, both parked their cars a few blocks away from campus and walked to their 8 a.m. classes together. When they returned they found both their cars had been towed one minute apart from each other.

They had parked in an area that prohibits visitor parking until eight in the morning. Their cars had both been towed just before eight.

Wike said she was let out of class before Simons and had to walk all the way to the Greenville police station to recover her vehicle and was forced to pay a heavy fee. "What are people who have 8 a.m. classes supposed to do? The buses never run on time and I don't want to pay more money to ECU just to park," said Wike.

Simons was upset he was towed so close to the deadline.

"They towed me one minute before eight o'clock," said Simons.

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out for the student population.

However, because of the unlikelihood of a draft for the current war, Hines said he does not feel the student voter percentage will go back up to the level it reached during Vietnam.

Johnathan Morris, assistant political science professor, said he feels this upcoming election is more important than previous elections, which may result in an increase in the college student turnout, but agrees this population has always had the lowest turnout. Morris said a major issue which has always kept young people from voting is their lack of knowledge and involvement regarding political issues.

"I think it's necessary for students to be informed and involved," said Morris.

"Once you've formed your own opinions, that makes them want to get involved and decide how these decisions affect their lives."

Morris said Bush and Kerry have very different views in a variety of issues such as social security and Medicare, and younger voters do not foresee these issues having an impact on their lives, a fact which keeps them from voting. Deciding on these issues today can end up having a direct result in the lives of college students.

According to Hines, a study done earlier this year with college students found that 12 percent of an estimated 7,000-8,000

college students, turned out to vote during the last Presidential Election. The study took a specific population of local Greenville residents who were deemed likely to be students based on their age and living address. This population was used to determine the percentage of college student voting.

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Voting Information

Voter registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 8, 5 p.m.

Absentee mail out ends on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m.

Absentee on One Stop ends Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

Absentee for sick/disabled ends Monday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m.

Election day is Nov. 2
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Our View

Tonight, George Bush and John Kerry will participate in their first presidential debate at the University of Miami.

TEC wants to remind students that the debate serves as a way for each candidate to voice his party's platform and argue the issues – it is not a popularity contest. Be sure to keep an open mind when you are watching and pick your candidate based on what you feel is best.

Although Bush and Kerry are the only two debating (a candidate has to have 15 percent support in national polls to debate), there are other options for president.

Many students may think it's a waste of a vote to pick a third party candidate, but the beauty of being an American is that we have the option to choose a candidate based on whose issues we agree with most.

Genevieve Wong of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism writes, on MTV's Choose of Lose Web site, "If our nation continues to vote pragmatically, there will never be change. Had one congressman not voted for women's suffrage, for example, the Nineteenth Amendment may never have become law.

"The story of how that one vote was cast is one filled with idealism. Originally, the congressman was not going to vote in favor of giving women the right to vote. He deliberated until he received a note from his mother urging him to support women. It was then that he changed his mind – and lost numerous legislative favors.

"I owe this man and his idealism. When women became equal to men under the law, we were able to obtain full freedom – socially, politically and economically.

"Voting pragmatically spawns a political wave that no citizen wants to surf. There are currently two parties. One is commonly said to stand for the left, the other for the right. There is no "moderate" party to represent moderates, who make up 50 percent of the voting population. To limit a voter to two parties is to drive moderation to extinction.

"And there is certainly no party that truly reflects or takes into account the issues of my generation."

While TEC doesn't advocate picking strictly from the third party, we do advocate that you consider all possibilities and make your own decision. Every vote counts and there is no telling what this November will bring.

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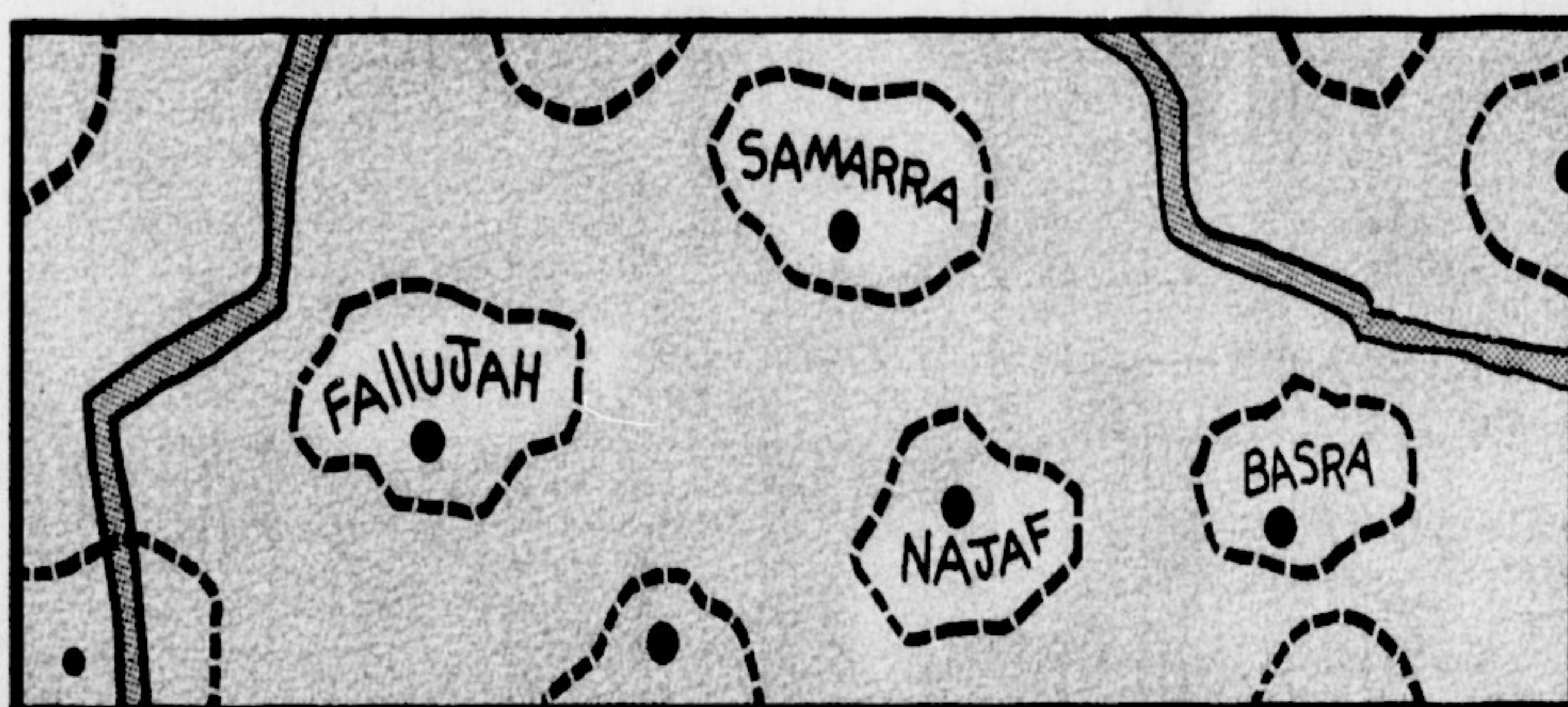
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Opinion Columnist

Firebrand preacher visits campus

Where do we draw the line?

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

As I walked past the library Friday, enjoying the warm weather and daydreaming about graduation, I spied someone who I have not seen in quite some time. Norman Morris, a firebrand Christian minister from a local parish, had once again set himself up within ECU's designated campus free speech zone and was carrying on something fierce. It has been a few semesters since this gentleman and I had an encounter, and needless to say, I had not missed his unique brand of wit and oration.

Last time we met, Mr. Morris took the time out of his busy schedule to inform me that while they can still repent their sins and be saved, all homosexuals on the planet have themselves a one-way ticket to the burning fires of damnation and that abortion is the same thing as sticking a gun to someone's head and pulling the trigger. During his last visit, this small-minded fool attracted a dimly lit crowd, perhaps 15, so this time around he brought with him a six foot tall, close up picture of an aborted fetus, I imagine for the sheer shock value. Naturally, this new addition to his repertoire in the form of a visual aid gathered 40-50 people in front of the library, some to listen in rapt awe, but more likely to shake their heads and chuckle at the backward, religious fundamentalist who had graced us once again with his presence.

Personally, I wrote this gentleman off long ago. After our first encounter, I saw him again and just kept walking, sealing myself not to allow myself to be dragged into an endless, circular argument about how the Bible is historical fact and all of my close friends who were gay were doomed to everlasting torture. I, along with every other reasonable person reading this



article, know these things not to be true (at least the bit about the historical accuracy of the Bible), yet Mr. Morris insists on re-educating the population of this university on the finer points of religious discrimination and bigotry. I have no issue with the man exercising his first Amendment rights, quite the contrary. I encourage people to do exactly that. But the gruesomeness of his pictorial presentation, and the possible disturbance it caused to the pursuit of education on this campus (ECU is, by the way, an institution of learning), is what I take issue with. As I listened to Mr. Morris drone on, I had an epiphany. I thought of a perfect analogy to describe the ridiculousness of the situation with which I had been presented. I thought I might share it. Here we go:

I am extremely interested in informing the students of ECU about the horror of the hostage situation in Iraq, and would like to bring a former hostage with me to speak about his ordeal. Since visual aids improve any presentation, just to drive home the seriousness of the problem, I would like to employ the use of a 55-inch, big screen projection television set, arranged in front of Joyner Library. On this set I will continuously broadcast the vicious beheading of an American hostage. We will all bear witness as the kidnappers slowly saw through

the muscle fiber and spinal column of this individual's neck with a serrated knife, finally separating his head from his shoulders. I can guarantee that if I tried to make this plan a reality, I would either be arrested on the spot or escorted from the premises.

I fail to see the difference between showing the beheading of a living person and the gruesome, mangled remains of an aborted child. Both are highly inappropriate to be shown on campus, for anyone walking by to see, but by the logic employed by so many pro-life fanatics, evidently including Mr. Morris, one life is exactly the same as another, so why not show that life being taken in just as grisly a manner. If I had my way, Mr. Morris would never again be welcome on this campus, but that will not happen.

He has the same rights to free speech as I do, so he can yell and scream as much as he wants (by the way, I checked, and Morris never informed the administration of this University that he would be employing his little visual aid). I would not deny him that right. But things in print, where you make the conscious choice to pick up the newspaper, and things being yelled by a narrow-minded jacka**, where you can choose to just keep walking, are not the same as giant, graphic posters, which are unavoidable. Every single person who walked by, whether they chose to stop or not, was subjected to that, and I for one was deeply offended.

So Mr. Morris, if you get a chance to read this article, for shame, Mr. Morris, for shame. The same goes for the ECU administration that authorized this individual's presence on campus in the first place; maybe next time you should find out exactly what type of demonstration he plans to present, and use your best judgment. I encourage anyone with an opinion on this issue to write into or e-mail TEC – I would love to hear your thoughts.

Pirate Rant

Why do professors make you buy expensive books and then never use them?

When getting your tires rotated and balanced, make sure the repairman was present on lug nut day.

The Presidential Election is a joke! All they seem to know is what the other one did or did not do and make promises they never intend to keep.

Why does Tony McKee keep writing articles bashing Democrats? He's a Republican, right? Why doesn't he write an article supporting Republicans?

All professors should have to take a class that teaches voice variation. My teacher is the most monotone person I've ever met. I can't possibly stay awake listening to that voice.

So I guess I'll have to stop rooting for my favorite team and root for a team that someone who can't even pick a game in the TEC predictions likes.

Why are there so many faculty study rooms and so few student study rooms at the library? That's why the faculty have offices.

Here's a thought ... maybe students would have more school spirit if our teams would give us a reason to.

While we're burning the apparel of other schools, can we set fire to cars with other schools' mascots on them too?

Have any other students noticed the preacher on campus impeding our ways to class with racist, bigoted and outlandish remarks? Having him invade our non-religiously funded institution and get in the way of our education is a direct violation of our civil liberties.

Attention students: You are not at home and your mother's don't work here. Please clean up after yourselves.

Why on earth would a guy tell you he has a girlfriend AFTER you finished making out with him ... for the second time?

I have observed a troubling phenomena across campus, as certain young men's collars seemingly unfold or "pop" themselves out of place. I would ask that all students on campus aid these unfortunate individuals in "unpopping" their collars as they obviously would never want to look so incredibly ridiculous.

Why is it that we are required to take four semesters of a foreign language to graduate with a humanities degree? I have no plans on using it in the future, so why am I required to take it?

Why is it that every time I go to Wal-mart I can never find the things I need and always leave with things I never intended to buy?

Students: Don't stand in the middle of the road chatting with your friends when people are trying to drive. You could so easily get run over and I just may do it one day.

"Nip/Tuck" is the best show on TV!

Nowadays it seems like sex is now the "third base," and hitting a home run is getting his or her first name!

ECU sends out an e-mail saying they will be towing people who are parked illegally in A1 zones – correct me if I'm wrong, but aren't they already doing that?

How come all the guys that are perfect for me all have girlfriends?

Long distance relationships are too hard! Can we invent a machine that can beam me to my girlfriend's place in only a few seconds?

My office has a policy that we can't date people we work with ... so I proposed to my really attractive co-worker that we just get married instead. Yeah, that didn't work too well.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the Sept. 23 article by Michael Harrington in regards to the assault weapons ban, there is the need to point out an inaccuracy in the story.

Harrington reports that the assault weapons ban "prohibited the ownership and sale of semi-automatic assault weapons such as the Uzis and AK-47s." This is not the case.

I am employed at a business where firearms are sold and I can tell you that it has been quite legal to own and purchase the above guns the past 10 years, regardless of the ban.

Ever since the repeal of the ban has become an issue, the media, including Mr. Harrington, has failed to inform the public of what the 1994 ban actually did.

There were several key characteristics of "assault weapons" that were targeted:

- A folding stock
- A pistol grip
- A bayonet mount
- A flash suppressor
- A grenade launcher

Any rifle with a detachable magazine and two or more of the aforementioned characteristics were targeted by the ban.

If the assault weapon did not have any of those characteristics, it was legal to own and purchase.

What's more, the ban only applied to the production of guns after the law took affect.

It was still legal to buy and own assault weapons with the above characteristics that were made before the ban took affect.

As a result, you have a ban that only affects the cosmetics of an assault weapon. What's more, there is a general confusion that exists in regards to automatic and semi-automatic rifles.

Most people, unaware of the difference, might think that if an assault rifle has the appearance of a machine gun, than it must fire like one. However, fully automatic rifles have been banned from most of the public use since the 1930s (you can still sell and buy automatic weapons, but only if you are federally licensed by the ATF).

The reality is that the assault weapons on the market today fire no differ-

ently than your average hunting rifle. And anyone with an average to above average knowledge of guns will tell you that most assault weapons use a bullet that is less powerful than the ammunition used in many hunting rifles.

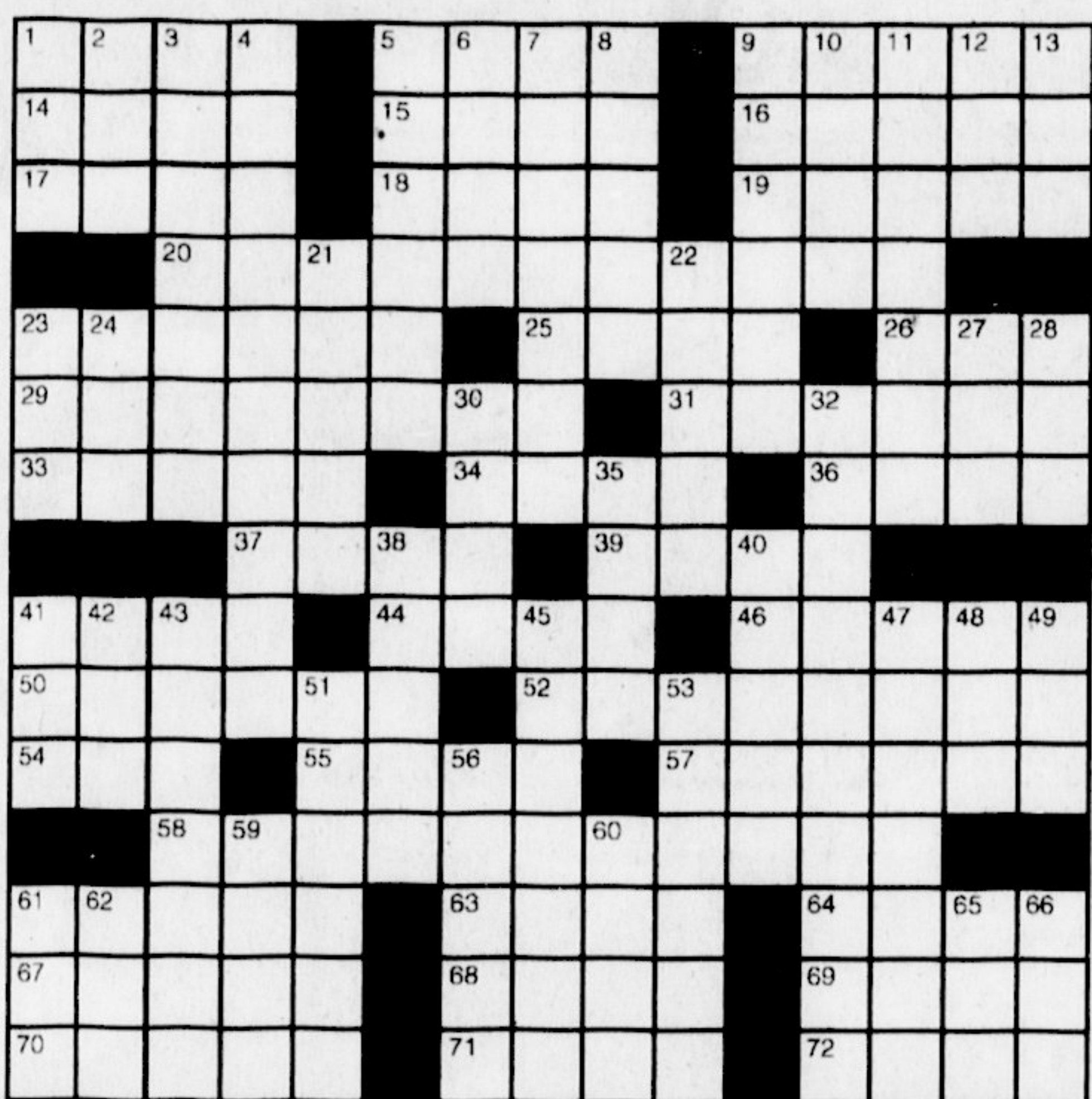
In the end, the much ballyhooed assault weapons ban merely limited the features of these weapons produced after 1994. People come into our store now and comment on the AK-47 on display, that it's legal to purchase now. They are quite surprised when we tell them that it has been legal the whole time. The truth is that assault weapons have been widely available for purchase the past ten years.

Were the mainstream public privy to this background knowledge, the response to this issue might possibly be quite different. As this is an election year, it should come as no surprise then that this has become politicized into an issue with some of the key facts perhaps conveniently left out.

Brad Scott
Salesman, East 70 Pawn
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sharif or Epps
 - 5 Curving courses
 - 9 Exhibitions
 - 14 Turn toward
 - 15 Goody stuff
 - 16 Of hearing
 - 17 Kermit, for one
 - 18 Fixed charge
 - 19 Longtime pal
 - 20 Believer in free will
 - 23 Flummox
 - 25 ___ Roberts
 - 26 University
 - 26 Away from the prow
 - 29 New Jersey city
 - 31 Miller or Jackson
 - 33 Go-between
 - 34 Actress Daly
 - 36 M. Descartes
 - 37 Be ___ as it may...
 - 39 Strong inclination
 - 41 10-speed ride
 - 44 College pad
 - 46 Staggers
 - 50 Type of shower
 - 52 Not in residence
 - 54 Metal container
 - 55 "Thief" star
 - 57 Costello's straight man
 - 58 The Boss
 - 61 Sneeze sound
 - 63 Fruit with green pulp
 - 64 Cup brims
 - 67 Cuts of pork
 - 68 Jack Sprat's diet
 - 69 Tropical root
 - 70 Runs easily
 - 71 Work units
 - 72 Singer Phoebe
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ and running
 - 2 Besmirch
 - 3 Devoted follower
 - 4 Subjected to rigid order
 - 5 Comes to terms
 - 6 Laugh loudly
 - 7 Fluffy
 - 8 Primitive weapon
 - 9 Easy
 - 10 Charismatic glow
 - 11 Ancient period
 - 12 Managed
 - 13 Slightly shift
 - 21 Nativity
 - 22 More scarce
 - 23 Mineral spring
 - 24 Playground pastime
 - 27 Half a sawbuck
 - 28 Kickoff aid
 - 30 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 32 Strings of parks
 - 35 Desensitized
 - 38 '50s candidate Stevenson
 - 40 Diving bird
 - 41 Eng. channel
 - 42 Author Levin
 - 43 Family ties
 - 45 Having longer, slender limbs
 - 47 Certain English schoolboy
 - 48 Permit to
 - 49 Ready to go
 - 51 Spanning
 - 53 Smooth, shiny fabrics
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 - 62 Talk baby talk
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 - 66 Boar's mate



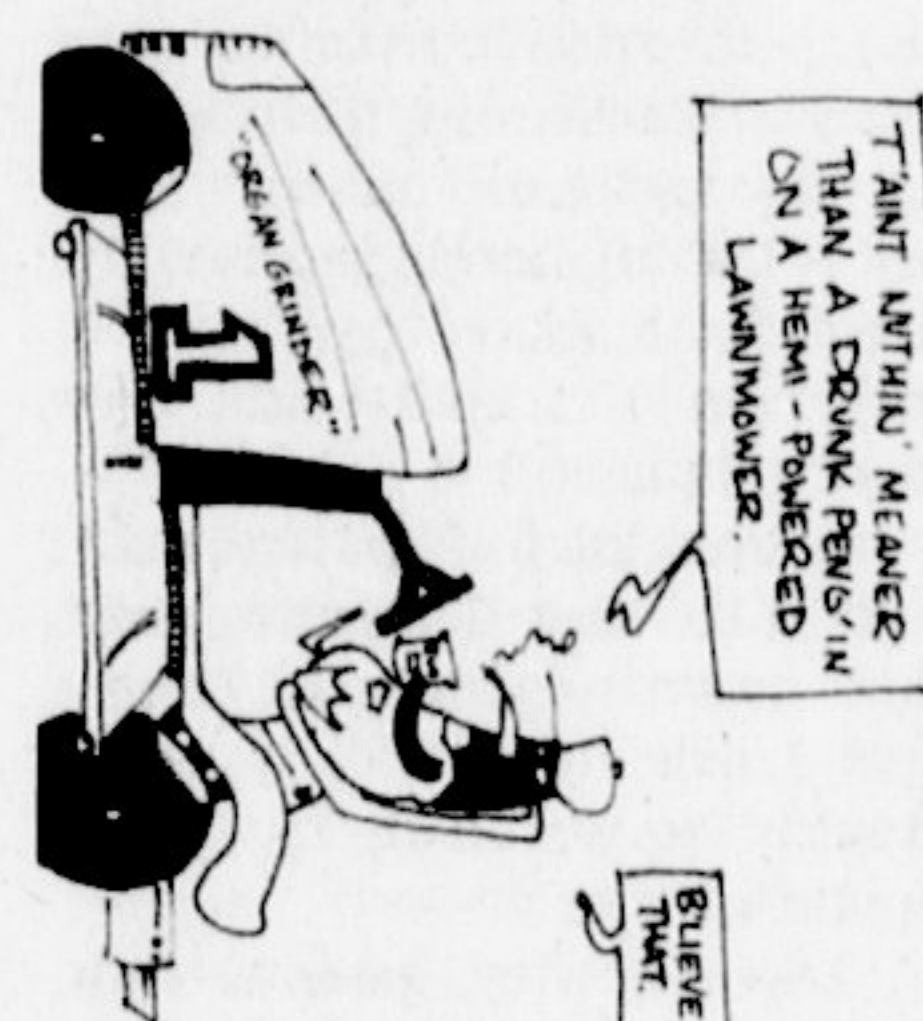
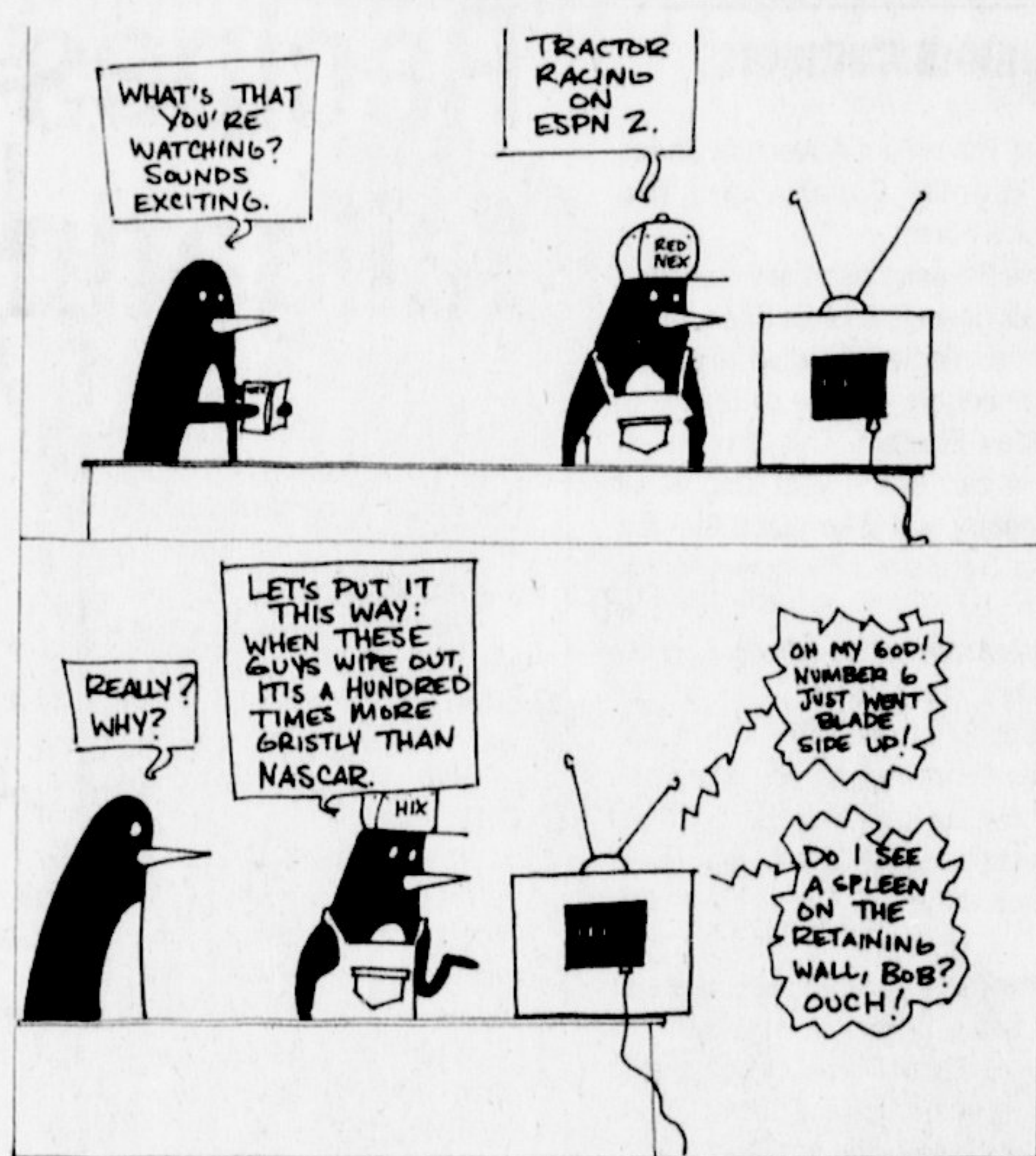
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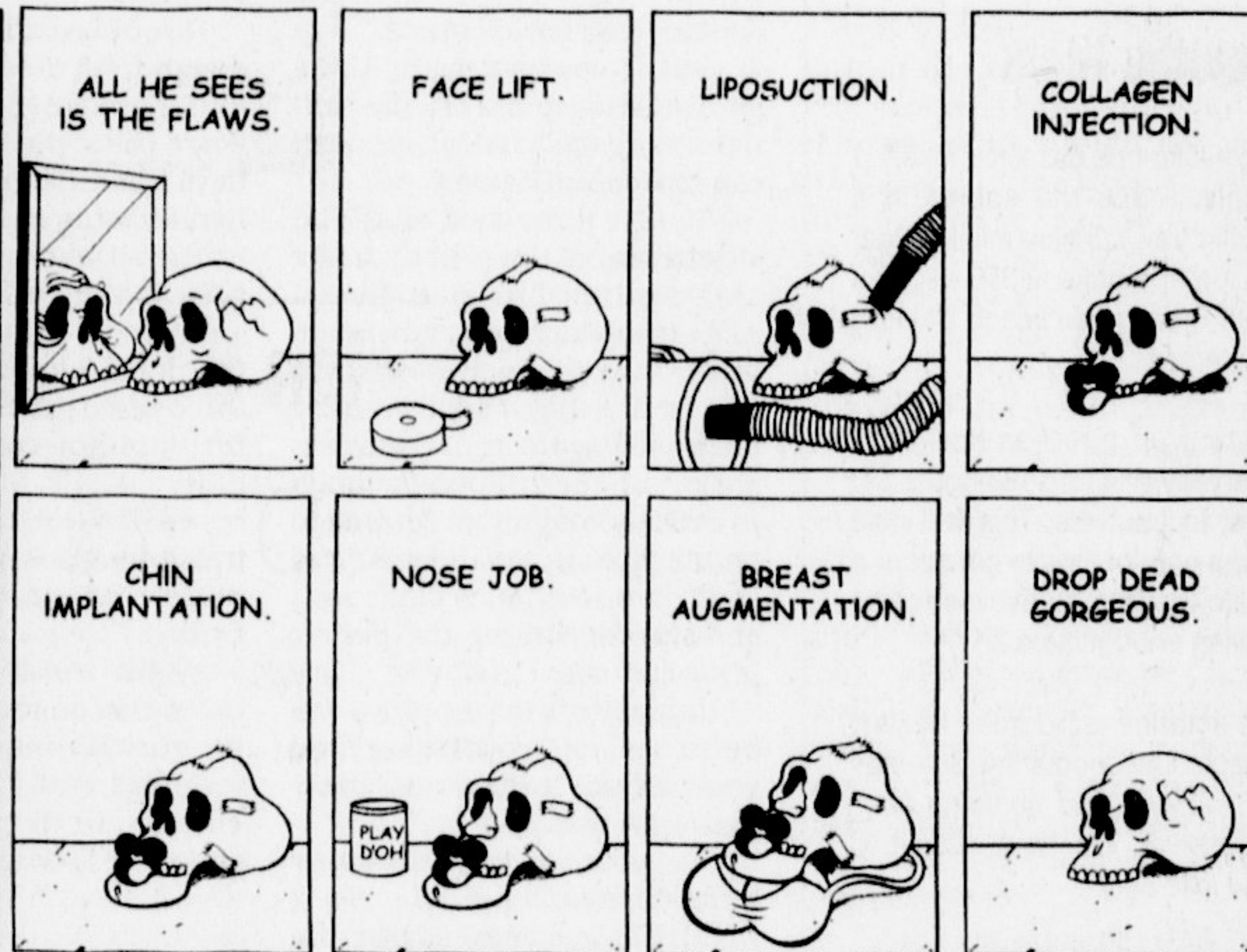
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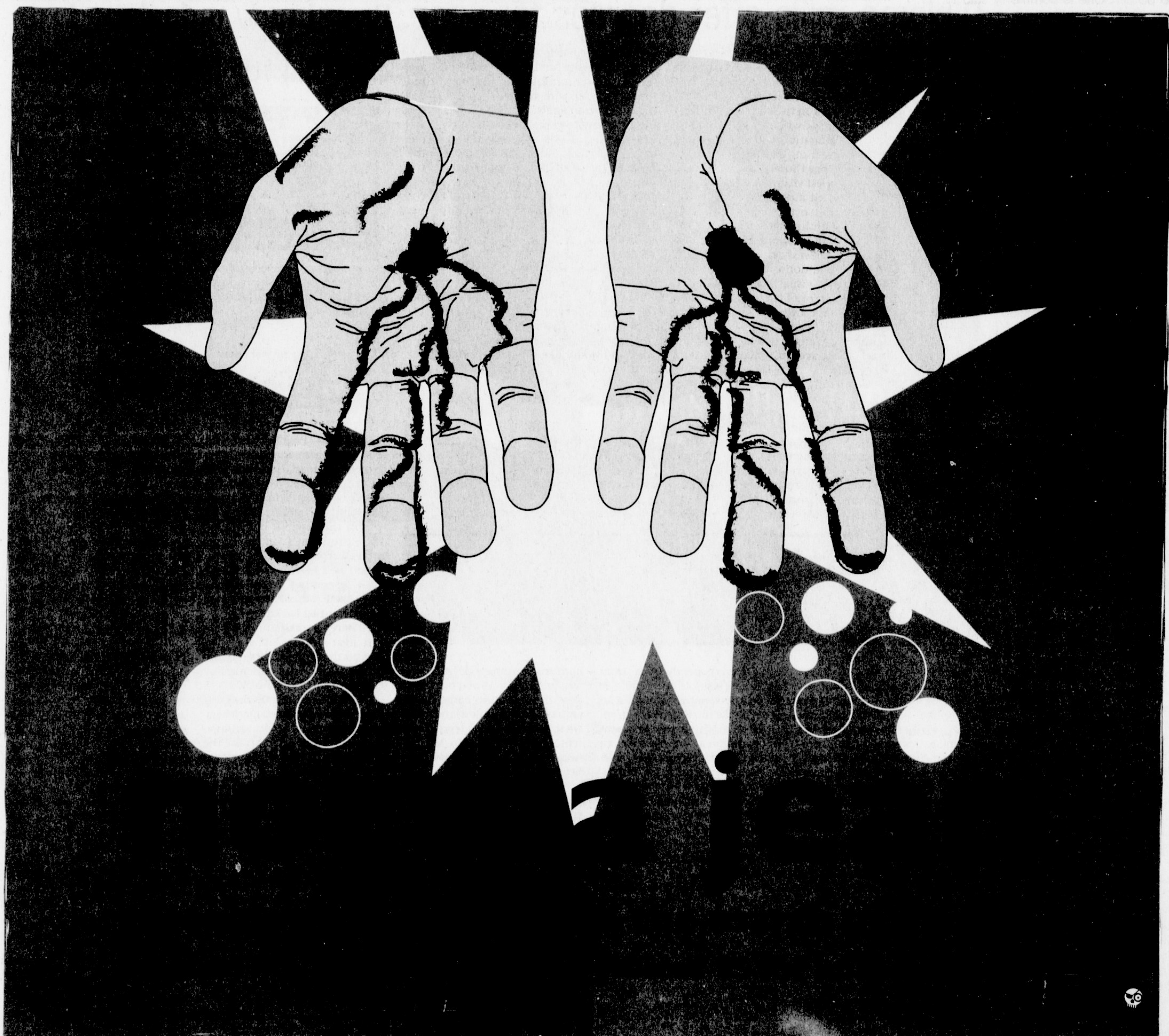
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Announcements:

The Travel Film Adventure Series Presents: *Bavaria and the Black Forest*.

This Bavarian escape will show a walk down Romantic Road, a tour of the medieval walled village of Rothenberg and the birthplace of Albert Einstein. This film, which is a part of the year long travel itinerary, will take place Sunday, Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. in Hendrix Theater.

Tickets for Bette Midler's "Kiss My Brass" tour went on sale Monday, Sept. 27 at noon. The tickets, for this "Enormously Entertaining" show, as the *New York Times* described it, will be for the Nov. 1 show at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

The Pitt County River Festival is being held on Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be games, food, entertainment and activities which will be free to the public. Volunteers are needed to help out with the festival. Contact Carolyn Garris with the Pitt Soil and Water Conservation District at 752-2720 to find out more about volunteering.

Healthy Hints

A great fat-free dessert is a baked apple. Place the apples in a muffin tray, sprinkle a little sugar on top and bake at 350 degrees until the apples reach desired tenderness.

Waking up a half an hour early everyday can add 183 hours per year to your life. This will give you plenty of time to get out and exercise without the excuse of not having enough time.

A nectarine is a great, healthy snack. One nectarine only has 67 calories and contains fiber, potassium, vitamin A, vitamin C and folic acid.

Bananas are a great fruit but along with the high number of carbohydrates, they are supposed to be high in potassium. This is not a myth but there are other options available for people who are not scared of carbs. A banana gives 22 percent of the daily recommendation for potassium where as a potato with the skin provides 42 percent of the daily recommendation for potassium.

Skipping meals can lead to out-of-control hunger, often resulting in overeating. When you're very hungry, it's also tempting to forget about good nutrition. Snacking between meals can help curb hunger, but don't eat so much that your snack becomes an entire meal.

If you keep portion sizes reasonable, it's easier to eat the foods you want and stay healthy.

Weekly Recipe:

Apple Crisp

1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon almond extract
6 cups (about 6 medium) tart apples, sliced and unpeeled
1/2 cup uncooked oatmeal
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons chopped almonds
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3 tablespoons reduced-fat margarine
Yogurt Topping
1/2 cup plain nonfat yogurt
1/8 teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon sugar

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place apples in a 1 quart casserole dish that has been sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Mix water and almond extract and pour over apples; toss to coat. Mix remaining ingredients until well mixed and crumbly, then sprinkle the topping over the apples. Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes, or until top is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm with yogurt topping. Yogurt Topping: mix all ingredients together.

Nutrients per serving:
Calories: 174
Total fat: 5 grams
Saturated fat: 1 gram
Cholesterol: trace
Sodium: 84 mg
Carbohydrate: 30 grams
Protein: 3 grams
Dietary fiber: 4 grams

Recipe from 24 Hour Fitness.

Recipes for tailgating times

(KRT) — It's tailgating time. And this season, rather than the usual wings and chili, think about treating your fellow fans to pizzas on the grill.

Portable grills have made it easy to cook great meals in stadium parking lots. If you really want to wow your gang, cook individual pizzas on the Freedom Grill.

It attaches to the back of any vehicle with a standard 2-inch receiver hitch, locks into place while traveling, and leaves room in the SUV for all the food.

The Freedom Grill (you can check it out on the Web at www.freedomgrill.com) sells for about \$800, but there are less expensive grills, such as the Thermos Char-Broil Grill-2-Go portable propane grill and the Weber charcoal Go-Anywhere grill.

If you've got to have the latest gadget, pick up the new Zagrill, which sits on the grill grate for cooking homemade pizzas.

But if you just want some good-tasting pizza at the stadium, any charcoal or gas grill can make terrific pizza.

To save time, cook meat and vegetables on the grill at home and cut into bite-size pieces. Almost any topping can be used. If choosing meats, fish or shellfish, be sure they are fully cooked before adding them, as the pizzas are not on the grill long enough to cook thoroughly, according to James McNair, creator of Pizza Deck, a box of 50 recipe cards and tips for making the perfect pizza at home.

Ingredients for toppings can be in separate containers, and your tailgate buddies can make their own pizzas.

Or, you can have everyone bring different toppings.

McNair recommends freshly made dough, but not everyone has time for that. Many recipes suggest using Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crusts.

Tote the cans in the cooler;

one pop-open container can easily make two small circles.

Or you can roll out the crusts before leaving home. Separate the circles with waxed paper, spray with non-stick spray, and keep in a cool place.

Rounds of puff pastry make a good base for lighter toppings such as artichokes, goat cheese and fresh herbs. This chars quickly, so watch it, but it has the best flavor.

Travis Bewley, general manager at Mad Mushroom Pizza in Lexington, Ky., recommends brushing the dough with garlic butter or beer before adding the toppings.

"It brings out a lot of the flavor of the bread," he said. "The bread is really important to how the pizza tastes."

Craig Burnham, store manager at Brooklyn Pizza in Lexington, agrees with Bewley about the bread.

Brooklyn Pizza makes the dough fresh every day.

"It's rolled into a ball, and we don't pat it out and slap it. We have a method of stretching and hand-tossing it. We throw it up in the air and spin it around to get it to stretch," he said.

When it's time to cook, place the dough onto the rack of the uncovered grill directly over medium-hot coals or on a gas grill.

Grill for 1 to 2 minutes or until dough is puffed in some places and starting to become firm.

When the dough is just starting to char on the underside, turn the crust. Cover with cheese and toppings and grill a few more minutes, until cheese is melted and crust is crisp.

HERE'S HOW TO COOK PIZZA ON A GRILL

Step 1: On a charcoal grill, build a medium-hot fire in half



Hot sausage grilled pizza is a great item to try at your next tailgating get together.

the grill (two bricks placed end-to-end work well as a divider). For a gas grill with two burners, preheat one burner on high, leaving the other unlit.

For a single-burner gas grill, preheat on high, then lower the flame after cooking one side of the pizza crust.

Step 2: Roll out pizza dough into four circles and place on a floured cutting board. Bring the

dough, toppings and a pair of tongs grillside.

Step 3: Place two of the dough circles on the hot side of the grill. Within one minute, the dough will puff slightly, and the underside will firm up and be striped with grill marks.

Use tongs to flip the crusts over and onto the cooler side of the grill.

Step 4: Spread half the top-

pings on the two crusts. Cover the grill and cook, rotating the pizzas once or twice, until the toppings are heated through, about five minutes.

Step 5: Remove pizzas from grill. Repeat steps three and four with the remaining dough and toppings.

From: *The Essential Eating Well Cookbook*

Diploma mills offer degrees for price Brand new redesigned \$50 bill for better security



(KRT) — Turns out I was wrong when I said my editor was no rocket scientist. It took about 20 minutes — and a valid credit card — for her to complete her doctorate in aerospace engineering from Ellington University.

No books, no tests, no classes and no expertise in the subject.

Ellington, which says it's in Belize, is one of the hundreds, if not thousands, of diploma mills thriving on the Internet. They sell everything from high school to postgraduate diplomas at fees ranging from \$39 to \$5,000.

The Internet has enabled just about anyone with clip art to create a campus, such as the chiropractor who offered health-related degrees from Russia via his Englewood, N.J., office. Operators skitter across the borderless Net, unfettered by local or national standards and restrictions.

Some companies mint knock-

offs — bogus paper diplomas from legitimate schools. For \$290, *The Record* newspaper was able to order a fake nursing degree from Columbia University at www.phonydiploma.com. We spent an extra \$10 for magna cum laude.

Others are more sophisticated: they may try to pass themselves off as legitimate distance learning schools by having some actual faculty or requiring some coursework. Some, like Ellington, claim to review applicants' self-described life experience but usually have only telemarketers on their "faculty," federal investigators say.

My editor has no plans to apply for a job at NASA anytime soon. But others have used the bogus degrees to get jobs — many at a high level — in industry and government.

"Diploma mills are unfair to those who work long and

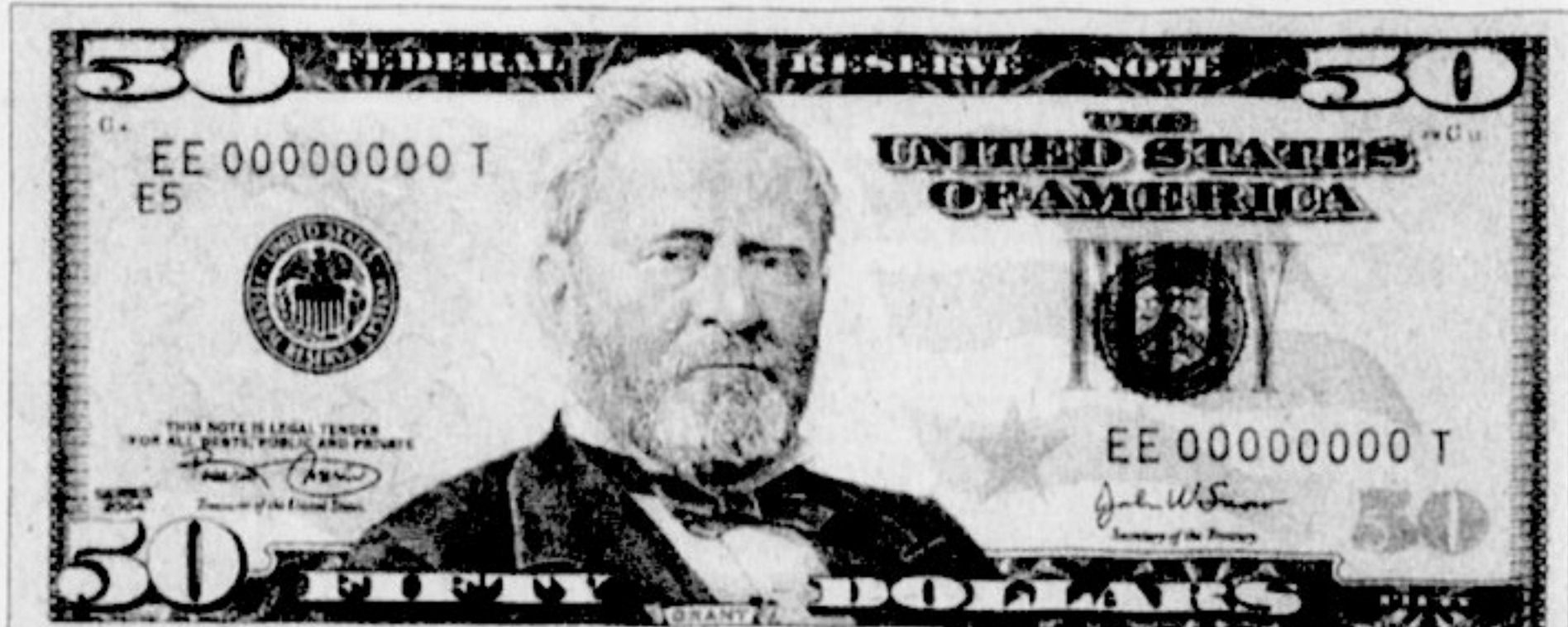
hard for legitimate degrees, and who might get passed over for a raise or promotion based on an employer's misunderstanding of what a diploma-mill degree truly represents," Sen. Susan M. Collins, R-Maine, said in testimony before Congress.

"If the job is critical to public safety — like an aeronautical engineer — or involves significant responsibility — like a teacher or border-patrol agent — then bogus degrees can do tangible and substantial harm."

The Record spent \$398 to purchase the degree "package" from Ellington. It includes lifetime verification of the degree for prospective employers.

Ellington, like others on the Web, claims to award the degree based on an evaluation of an applicant's self-assessment. Susan

see DIPLOMA page A8



(KRT) — President Ulysses S. Grant gets a multi color makeover on the new \$50 bill, which the Treasury Department will introduce Tuesday in the nation's capital.

On the new bill bearing the 18th president's image, Grant is freed from the oval frame to which he's been confined since 1913, appearing instead before a stylized red, white and blue American-flag backdrop.

There's a small, metallic blue star near Grant's left shoulder, and on the reverse side the image of the U.S. Capitol is flanked by clouds of small yellow "50s."

The more intricate design is intended to make counterfeiters' job more difficult, said Dawn Haley, a spokeswoman for the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

"It's an ongoing effort to stay ahead of those would-be counterfeiters," she said.

"Every seven to 10 years, we're going to be introducing new currency."

Although digital counterfeiting accounted for only 1 percent of the counterfeit notes detected in the United States in 1995, improvements in printing technology have pushed that figure to 40 percent in recent years. Within the United States, the \$20 bill is the most frequently counterfeited denomination.

Overseas, the \$100 bill is the forgers' favor-

ite, followed by the \$50 bill.

Still, only 1 in every 25,000 \$50 bills in circulation is thought to be counterfeit, according to the Treasury Department.

The new \$50 bill includes the subtle security features that appeared on its predecessor, which was introduced in 1997. A watermark reproduces Grant's portrait when the bill is held up to the light, and a plastic security thread marked with the bill's denomination is woven into the paper.

The "50" in the lower right corner of the bill appears to change color, from copper to green, when the bill is tilted.

Many of the \$50's new bells and whistles are similar to those of the new \$20 bill, issued last October, which features a blue-and-peach image of an eagle behind the portrait of President Andrew Jackson.

A new \$100 bill is forthcoming, and the Treasury is considering redesigning the \$10 bill. The \$1, \$2 and \$5 bills will remain the same, because they aren't counterfeited often enough to justify the effort.

This is the sixth redesign of the \$50 bill since Grant first appeared on the \$50 gold certificate in 1913.

The 1997 version introduced a larger, off-center portrait of Grant, an enlarged image of the Capitol on the reverse and a boldface "50" in the lower right corner of the reverse, all of which



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Welcome to the real world: Interns prepare for job market

(KRT) — You've heard about the best and the brightest. This is them.

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Stacey Hicks was a 4-year member of Michigan State's varsity rowing team. Nancy Stano is vice president for finance of the Panhellenic Association at the University of Michigan. Danielle Williams was the valedictorian of her high school class. Nick Weiss played varsity lacrosse at the University of South Carolina.

When these young people — nearly all are 19 to 24 — talk about mediocre grade point averages, they mean a 3.4 out of a possible 4.0.

This is accounting giant Deloitte and Touche's 2004 intern class. Forty of them, sitting primly at folding tables in a harshly lit meeting room and waiting for orientation to begin.

It's June 7. Day one of a 10-week internship in which all those theories they learned in business school will be put to the test.

A few of them are here for their second internships. But for most of these young adults, this is entirely new territory.

They look calm. But most are feeling a palpable sense of insecurity. They don't really know what the work will be like, or whom they'll be working with or what their surroundings will be.

"I'm not even sure this is what I want to do," said Ashley Blake, a 21-year-old college senior. "It's so hard to know. But that's why I'm here this summer — to find out."

It's not that these young people haven't worked before. It's just that this job is so different from anything else they've done. No hamburger flipping or retail transactions at D and T. This is the real thing. A real job with real responsibilities and real money — \$1,800 to \$3,000 a month — more than most of them have ever made. This is why they've gone to college. This is their first step into the world of grown-up work.

Internships are one of the nation's growth industries. While estimates from government agencies and professional organizations vary wildly — they range from 250,000 to more



than 2 million — all agree on one point: The appetite for interns is growing at a rate of more than 10 percent a year. There is no sign that the demand will slow.

Demographics tell the tale. During the next 20 years, tens of millions of baby boomers will leave the workforce. But the generations that are being relied on to replace them are much smaller. And although the demand for workers in the manufacturing sector is expected to continue shrinking, the market for people in white-collar positions like these interns are learning — accountants, auditors, consultants — will continue to climb rapidly.

"We know that the numbers of qualified people in the next 15 to 20 years are going to be fewer," said Ron Cooper, human resources director of Deloitte's Great Lakes region. "They're already born — we can't create any more of them. But at the same time, we know that there are going to be more and more opportunities opening up for those students."

According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. economy will experience a shortage of 10 million workers by the end of the decade. That number will jump to 35 million by 2030.

For U.S. businesses, it portends a serious employment crunch. For many, the response has been to expand internship programs to begin selling their business to prospective employees early.

Recruiting for this intern class began more than two years ago.

"I'd say the first formal exposure to the big accounting firms comes in their sophomore year," said Tom Linsmeier, chairman of Michigan State's accounting and information systems department. That first encounter isn't with recruiters, though. It's with guest lecturers.

"We have a course that we require all our students to take which deals with accounting careers. The vast majority of the guest lecturers are people from different firms and companies who come in and talk to the students about what they do."

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Find the hidden job market

(KRT) — The hidden job market: It sounds pretty ominous, even scary. What is it and how does a job seeker find it?

The hidden job market isn't a cache of job openings stashed in an underground mine or in a treasure chest somewhere in the Pacific Ocean. If you are willing to take the initiative, be creative and think "out of the box," your chances of finding a job are dramatically increased.

Research and studies show that 75 percent of jobs are never advertised. So how does a job seeker find a job? The first thing to do is build a network. How? Before the Internet and Monster.com and other online search engines, people actually talked to each other. They met at church, the supermarket, sporting events, social events and even in their neighborhoods. The Internet is great, but statistically, sitting home and surfing the Web will not get you a job.

The second thing to do is to approach companies directly. In other words, you must go to work to find work. Finding a job in itself is a full-time job!

The sad fact is that there is only an 8 percent chance that you will find a job through an advertisement in the newspaper. Even sadder, the chance of finding a job using the popular employment Web sites is less than one-half of 1 percent.

Does this mean you should ignore these resources completely? No. If your chances of finding a job through ads in the newspaper are 8 percent, then use 8 percent of your time looking at the papers. Use about 1 percent of your time surfing the Web. Use the rest of the time in activities that will statistically increase your chances of finding a job.

A successful networking campaign can be close to 90 percent effective and can be done by any job seeker at any skill and educational level. It involves developing and utilizing business and personal relationships to help you reach your goal of finding a job. When networking, you do



not have to ask directly for a job, as this could put the other person on the spot. Instead, seek advice, knowledge and ways to expand your contact universe. Your contacts may introduce you to other contacts, and those contacts to others, etc. That's what building a network is all about. Talk with everyone you know, even if they don't seem to be in your field.

For example, I know a guy who is a software engineer. He had just been laid off from Lucent and was looking for a job. He spoke to all of his contacts, expanded his network and had a few good leads. His wife, who is a teacher, invited him to a picnic with other teachers. My friend complained, but finally decided to go. At the picnic, he met the spouse of his wife's co-worker who happened to work at a start-up telecommunications company. My friend is now happily employed. Don't rule out any function because you feel there are no potential contacts. Always carry cards or resumes that include your contact information including name, telephone number and e-mail address.

Find out when social, business, Chamber of Commerce and trade association meetings are held and attend. Talk and mingle with people you know and those you don't know. Many

times, there will be a greeter at the door who can introduce you to other people.

People are usually more than willing to help. Find others who are job hunting and swap stories. Attend networking groups.

There are specific things to do when doing your networking and job-search campaign. While looking for jobs in the newspaper, online or elsewhere, monitor companies and industry hiring. There is a good possibility that they might be hiring others with your skill set.

Here's an example: I was searching for a recruiting position on a Web site I use often. On the site, I saw a company that was looking for a trainer, not a recruiter. I e-mailed the contact a cover letter and a resume. I got a call the next day, saying the company was looking for a recruiter, which was not advertised at all! I went for the interview and got the job. Chances are, since the job was not advertised, I was not competing with all of the other recruiters out there who are looking for work!

Your skills may be desired by industries that you never even considered. I checked out Tufts University's Web site recently and found 122 jobs — many of which were staff openings rather than academic positions.

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DeSantis, an assignment editor, submitted a vague but truthful resume of less than a page. It mentioned her bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, a job at a shoe store and her tenure as a PTA mom.

Her relevant experience was deliberately general: "Interests include aeronautics, electrical engineering," her letter read. We threw in "well-acquainted with commercial aviation."

Based on this self-evaluation, she received official-looking transcripts that detailed her good grades in classes such as Advanced Propulsion and Computational Aerodynamics. After getting a B-minus in the Aerodynamics of Wings and Bodies in the fall of 1995, she apparently caught her stride, according to the transcripts, earning mostly A's before defending her dissertation and being awarded the doctorate degree in 1998.

Efforts to rein in the \$500 million-a-year industry have been sporadic and haphazard. Only four states have penalties in place for those using degrees from diploma mills.

Some of the most egregious operators have been prosecuted under federal mail-fraud statutes

but, for the most part, the mills operate under the radar and free of federal regulation. It's not illegal to operate a non-accredited university, but it is illegal to send out a fraudulent diploma through the mail. The businesses have even been able to get around federal regulations requiring that schools be accredited by creating their own fake accrediting agencies.

And there seems to be no end in sight:

Hundreds of federal employees — some using their tuition reimbursement stipends — have purchased degrees from diploma mills, according to an investigation by the Government Accountability Office.

Teachers in a number of states have been found to have fake graduate credentials that boosted their taxpayer-funded salaries. And, while there are no numbers available, experts believe the private sector suffers from the same kind of fraud.

Scores of bogus accrediting agencies and verification services have sprung up to bolster the fake institutions — most run by the same people, making it harder for prospective employers to spot the frauds.

"These operators are really good at hiding in plain sight — changing their location and changing names," said Robert White, a congressional aide who helped organize federal hearings on the issue.

The GAO investigation found that 28 high-ranking officials at eight federal agencies hold degrees from diploma mills, including three who have top security clearance at the National Nuclear Security Administration.

In reviewing the records of just three of the unaccredited schools that cooperated, the agency found at least 463 federal employees were "graduates." They included more than 200 working for the Department of Defense. Investigators for the GAO said they didn't know whether those employees faced any penalties as a result.

In an effort to tighten up on diploma fraud, the federal government is changing its application forms and the department of education is creating a Web site of legitimately accredited institutions, said Paul Desaulniers, the GAO investigator who worked on the report.

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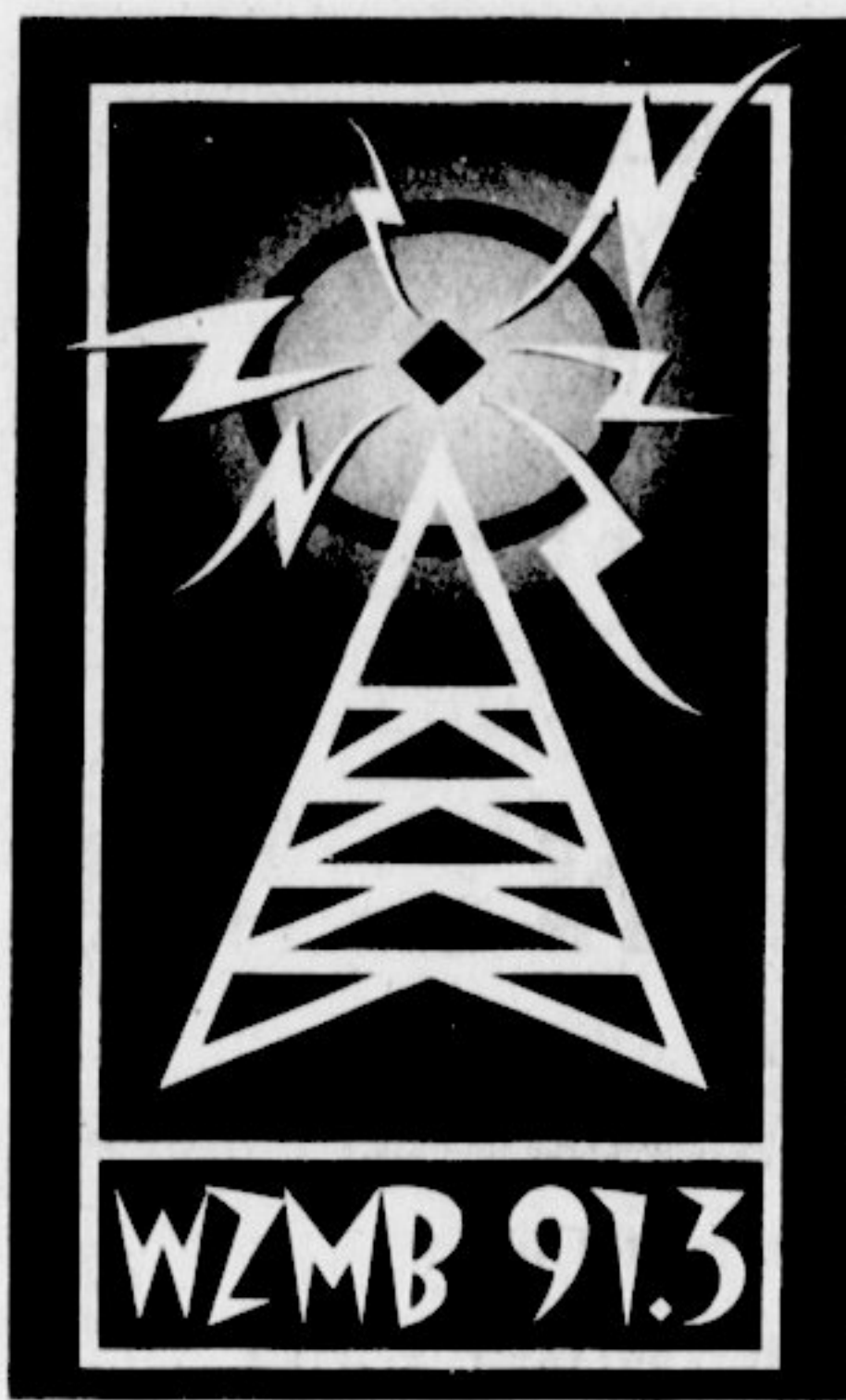
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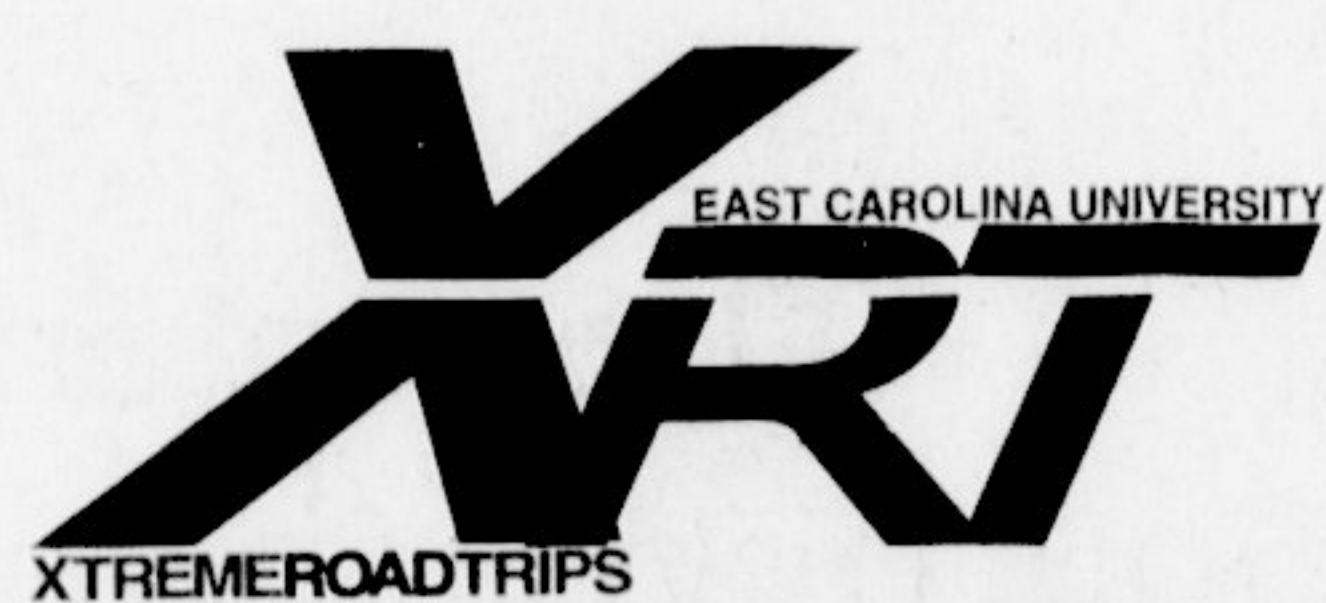
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The sisters of Phi Beta Chi would like to congratulate our sister of the week, Amy Kibler! Don't forget the Pajama Party Social Friday. See you all there!

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What a weekend! Thank you Phi Tau, Theta Chi, and Delta Chi for a wonderful time. Love the Ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to congratulate all of our new members. Welcome to the family Juliana Allen, Sarah Daughtry, Shelby Fowler, Maria Germina, Maggy Jones, Michelle Kwak, Shelly Lambdin, Mary Craig Misenheimer, Jennifer Parks, Amy Pruitt, Kathy Pearsall, Kelly Paramore, Nicole Schray, Holly Seaton, Canaan Sewell, Krista Small, Megan Trzcinski, Chloe Tupper, and Jessica Williams.

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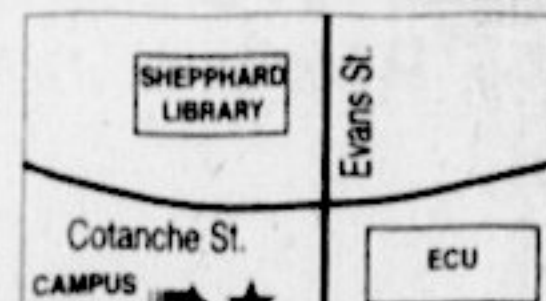
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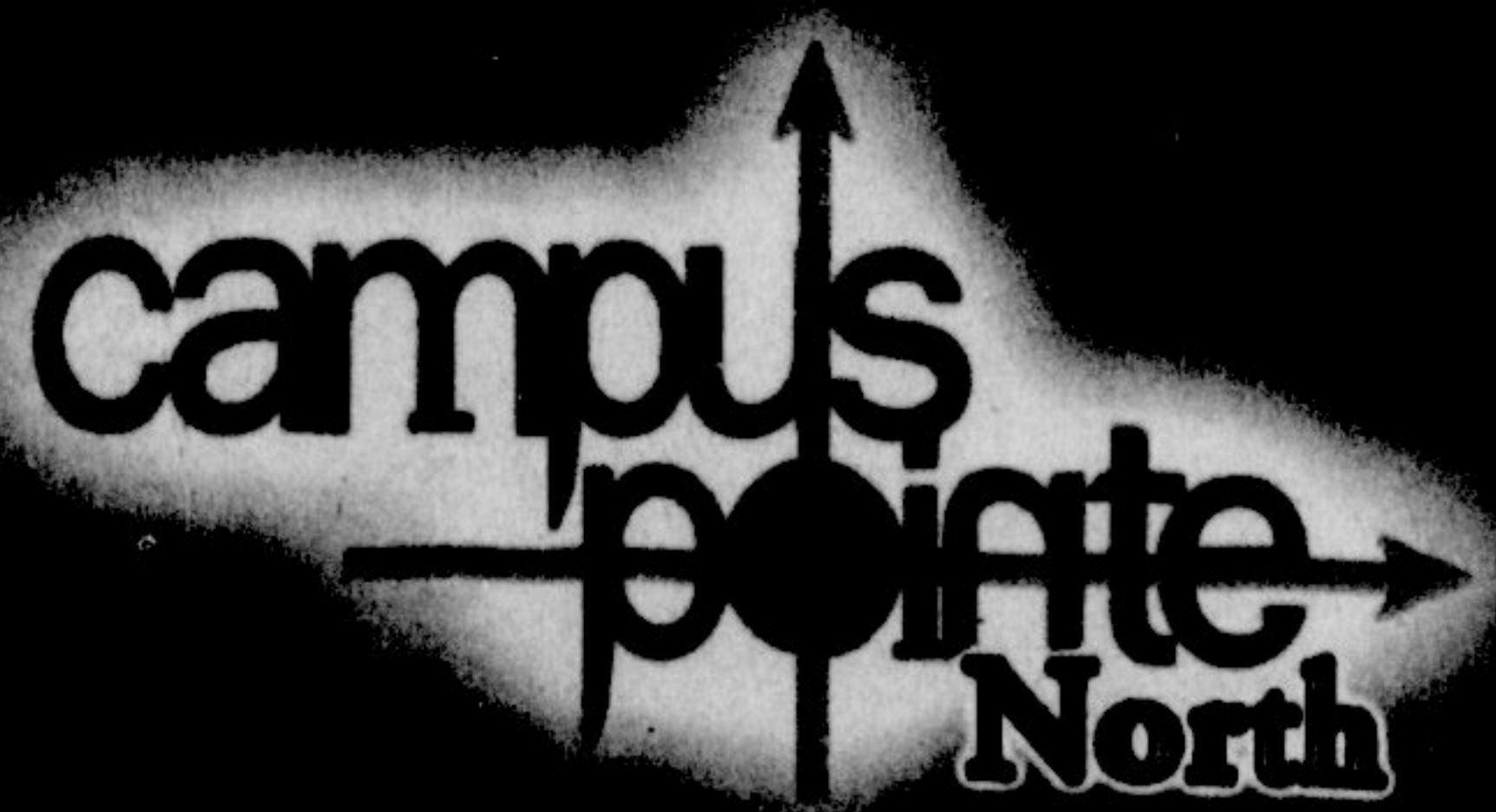
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Purple, gold should be only colors on campus

OPINION

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

I guess you don't understand. Yeah, I'm talking to you. You - the person in the UNC shirt or the NC State hat. You want to walk around ECU's campus and wear other school's clothing. I got a few simple words for you. Don't wear that crap on my campus.

I don't care where your daddy went to school or who you've always rooted for. In fact, I couldn't care less. It doesn't matter if you were baptized in the Duke Chapel, you were conceived in the Bell Tower at UNC or your sister is the president of FFA at NC State. Don't wear that crap on my campus.

I bleed purple because I am a student at the university I chose to attend. I support only this school, my school.

I take it personally when students do not have enough pride in the same school I adore by choosing to back other teams. It's the same as saying you are an American citizen, but support other countries. It doesn't make sense.

People tell me it's just a Michigan shirt. It's just a Texas hat. It's only Miami shorts. Hey, it matches my outfit. No, it's more. It's them sticking a dagger through the spirit of ECU.

You don't believe me? All right, ask Mark Lindsay, a graduate from the class of 1984 who is also the Founder and Administrator of the non-licensed ECU fan Web site, piratefans.net

"Back in the 1970s and 1980s, the ECU students really had big-time loyalty to ECU and we sported ECU gear with great pride," said Lindsay.

"I mean, why promote the ACC in Greenville? It's like slapping this university, city and region right in the face. Those who wear ACC gear on this campus show absolutely no regard or loyalty to their alma mater or their fellow students. And to the student's credit, I see far less of this going on now than in the past few years. ECU students are catching on to this fact."

For you out-of-staters, let me spell it out for you. Eastern North Carolina has struggled for everything it has. It always has and it always will. The state government ignores us in Raleigh. The wealth in the state is in the Triangle/Triad area where all four ACC schools are located.

"The last thing we need is for our own student body to wear ACC gear on this campus," Lindsay said.

"This is one of the finest universities on the east coast. Be a Pirate is the message here. Stand up for ECU. You do not have to take a back seat to anybody in this state."

There are reasons as to why some people want to secede in order to form the 51st state. Residents here know exactly where the borders would be too, split right down Interstate 95. To the west of Interstate 95 is a snobbish attitude that continually tries to keep our Pirates down.

For instance, our new engineering program was completely rejected by the NC State Board of Trustees because it would hurt them financially. That is ridiculous as we have 35 students compared to their several

thousand.

The state government recently gave three times the amount of money (\$180 million) to UNC than it gave to ECU. It only gave the minimal asking price for the Pirates to form a new heart center despite the area being among the nation's leaders in heart disease and obesity.

ECU students, by wearing non-ECU apparel, you are trivializing what students, faculty and administrators have fought for since its inception in 1907.

"It is a huge slap in the face to other ECU students that have pride in the school they attend, and to past and present ECU leaders who have fought those same in-state schools to become what we are today," said Minges Maniac president, Seth Horton.

"People just don't realize the damage they are doing to ECU when they support those other

schools. If they want to support that school so badly, they should just go there."

Even alumni see this issue as just plain disrespectful.

"I came here in the late 1980s and early 1990s," said Pirate Radio 1250 AM founder and owner, Troy Dreyfus.

"It seemed that then school pride was much more prevalent. You just wouldn't see that while we were in school. I knew many people would give that person grief if they wore that NC State hat or UNC sweatshirt."

Dreyfus has a clear message to those students who make the conscious choice to support other schools.

"It's disrespectful to the school that you are a part of and that you are paying to attend. People need to have

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Week Two: TEC predictions



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*Not featured in this installment: Brandi Renfro (5-5)

Pirates debut in TEC top 10 weekend picks

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With our inaugural edition of the weekly TEC predictions behind us, Robert Leonard, David Waskiewicz, Matthew Foster and myself have sprinted out to an early lead.

Above are this week's selections and each writer's season record.

Boston College

vs. Wake Forest

Wake Forest gets the better of Boston College in this hard to predict match-up. I like the Demon Deacons in a close game, 31-27.

NC State vs. Virginia Tech

The Wolfpack just aren't the same without Philip Rivers. The defense had a strong showing against Ohio State last week but I don't think quarterback Jay Davis is ready to lead NC State against the Hokies. Tech rolls 27-13.

Clemson vs. Florida State

Clemson was upset last week by Texas A&M and the Seminoles aren't the dominating team they used to be. Chris Rix is far from a great quarterback, but good enough to beat the Tigers 31-20.

Iowa vs. Michigan

Iowa was rocked by Arizona State while the Wolverines squeaked past San Diego State last week. Both teams aren't playing their best football, but I like Michigan in this one 23-16.

Cincinnati vs. ECU

The Pirates debut this week in our predictions. A lot of our sports writers are going for the upset. I'd like to see

it as well, but the Bearcat defense maybe the best ECU faces this season. The Pirates will get their first win soon, just not this week. Cincy wins 27-13.

Cleveland Browns vs. New York Giants

The Giants rebounded nicely against the Redskins by forcing seven turnovers. Tom Coughlin was under the microscope before the season because of his tyrant-like approach to coaching. Another win against the Browns should douse the fire. Giants win 16-9.

Baltimore Ravens vs. Cincinnati Bengals

Easily the toughest selection from the NFL ranks, I like the Ravens over the Bengals this week based on both teams' performances last weekend. The Bengals won in ugly fashion but I don't trust their defense against Jamal Lewis. Baltimore wins 20-10.

Green Bay vs. Indianapolis

The lowly Bears shocked the Packers last week. I think Brett Favre and Green Bay rebound nicely, too bad they play the Colts. Indy wins this one 30-17.

Dallas vs. Washington

No one knows the identities of these rivals. Which

team will show up? Hopefully it's the Redskins from Week One and Cowboys from Week Two in this storied rivalry. I'm hoping Ramsey doesn't throw more interceptions as Washington wins 20-7.

Tampa Bay vs. Oakland

Remember when these two teams battled for the Super Bowl a few seasons ago. What a difference a couple of years makes. Oakland wins the match-up of maybe the oldest and slowest teams of the NFL, 17-13.

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pride and support the school they are in. While some people would say it's superficial, I take it very personal."

What about our athletes that put in their blood, sweat and tears for this school? Students who wear other team's gear just don't care about all the time and effort that athletes sacrifice in bettering our school. Heck, these students are even trivializing anyone, athletically or not, that competes with an ECU logo across their chest.

If I were an athletic recruit touring campus, why would I want to go to a school where everyone is wearing someone else's gear? If I were just a regular student touring campus, why would I want to go to that school? Put simply - I wouldn't.

I realize everyone grew up rooting for a certain team and with the influx of NC students from west of Greenville and it probably wasn't the Pirates. That simply has to change. What is a better time than now?

That is why I am proposing a large-scale bonfire of all the non-ECU apparel people own or can find. I strongly encourage student organizations, local businesses and administration to get behind this new idea. Pirate Radio 1250 AM has expressed large interest in being a part of this new event.

This new tradition would stop the apathy that is so rabid among the student population today. The public burning should take place on ECU's campus and it would cure this travesty faster than any other means.

The bonfire should take place before a home football game in order to increase the school spirit and morale. It would send a clear message that the students of ECU back our athletes and coaches.

The next time a student is wearing a school's clothing that doesn't spell ECU, just tell them you have a few words for them. All you have to say is, "don't - wear - that - crap - on - my - campus."

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NY Jets flying high

(AP) — For the last three years, Herman Edwards spent his bye week working long hours, trying to fix the problems that plagued his slow-starting New York Jets.

He showed up to work alone on weekends while players and coaches took a break, refusing to rest until he figured out how to save the season. It worked in 2001 and 2002, when the Jets rallied to make the playoffs.

Another slow start last season turned into a disaster. After opening 0-4, the Jets went 6-10. So Edwards hatched a plan. He would make his team younger. He would make training camp harder. He would will his team to 2-0.

So at the first team meeting six months ago, the coach announced his short-term goal.

"We only had two games in September," Edwards said. "I could load up my ammunition, everything for two games. It's just like that was the season for us, for at least two games. We got to come out of here 2-0."

After wins against Cincinnati and San Diego, the Jets are 2-0 for the first time under Edwards and the second time in 11 years.

Now Edwards can take the bye weekend off. His reward? Going to the Nevada-San Diego State game to see his son, Marcus, play receiver for the Aztecs.

"I actually get to see my son play a football game, which is pretty special for me," Edwards said.

This season could turn into something special as well. The next three games are against winless teams: Miami, Buffalo and San Francisco. It is possible the Jets could be 5-0 before their game at New England on Oct. 24.

But no one is thinking ahead right now. Edwards is just pleased he accomplished one of his goals.

"We've never done that around here," Edwards said. "We've never had games in the bank. We're always using a credit card trying to get out of debt. Credit card's paid in full now. I'm looking at the 14-game season, and now what can we do? That's what we have to look at, see how many we can win."

Before presenting his 2-0 plan to the team, he met with several team leaders to explain exactly what he wanted to do. Everyone was on board. From that moment

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ECU to face Charlotte, WCU

Women's soccer will play two in-state foes

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

To say Charlotte and ECU don't get along wouldn't be accurate. To say they hate each other; well that's a better assessment.

Since the two schools are the only Conference USA representatives from NC, an in-state and in-conference rivalry has grown. This rivalry may be the strongest in women's soccer.

Let's go back to last season. The ladies were having a great season, but had dropped a few close conference games. Heading into the last game of the season, they needed a win to grab the last spot in the conference tournament. This crucial game took place in Greenville against Charlotte.

The game was an all-out, defensive battle for 90 minutes. The score was finally settled in overtime, when Charlotte scored the game winning and season ending goal. This rivalry will be renewed this Friday in Charlotte.

Instead of finishing conference play against the 49ers, the ladies open conference play this season against Charlotte, where the intensity will be as high as ever.

"They are our rival," said Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth. "It's been one of those games every year against them. It's always a really physical and emotional game."

Both teams have been struggling this season, and want to start conference play on the right foot. ECU enters the game at 2-4-1 and Charlotte comes in at a surprising 0-7-0. They met one common opponent in Virginia Commonwealth and both teams were beaten by a sound margin.

The Lady Pirates hope to rebound from a 3-0 loss to VCU.

While the thought of last year's game will be in the back of the Lady Pirates' minds, Donnenwirth knows this must not be the focus of the game. "We can't forget last year," Donnenwirth said. "But in the end, this is a new season. Every conference game is important, and we really need to get the win to get some momentum."

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ECU Volleyball team prepares for William & Mary this Friday

Lady Pirates return for non-conference play

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

It has been a rough couple of weeks for ECU's Volleyball team to say the least. After starting the season with a promising 4-2 record at home, the Lady Pirates went on the road only to lose five of its last seven games. The Lady Pirates' record now stands at 6-7 and the team will be looking to get back to their winning ways as they return home this Friday to face William & Mary.

The inexperience factor has continued to haunt ECU this year. With one senior and seven juniors, William & Mary clearly have an experience advantage over the five junior, senior-less Lady Pirates.

"We are a young team," said ECU's Head Coach

Colleen Munson.

"We play well, we just need to work better playing as a team. We are making inexperienced mistakes. We need to work on being consistent and closing out games."

William & Mary, who are 6-4 so far this season, won their last two matches and are looking to extend their winning streak against the Lady Pirates. Sophomore Sarah Long leads the way offensively for the Lady Tribe with 95 kills. Junior Erin Simmons and sophomore Kathleen Hawley provide the defense for the team with a combined 270 digs between them.

The keys to the Lady Pirates' success will be to control the game from the start to finish.

"We have to play our game," coach Munson said.

"William & Mary are always good competition, they are really competitive. We just need to play at our tempo."

Playing at ECU's tempo could

mean a whole lot of kills for the Lady Pirates. Four of ECU players have more than 100 kills; Junior Erica Wilson leads the team with 138. Rounding out the defense for ECU would be junior Johanna Bertini, who leads the team with 178 digs and sophomore Heidi Krug who is second only to Bertini with 96 digs.

A win against William & Mary will extend the Lady Pirates winning-streak to two matches and give them momentum going into their upcoming home game next Tuesday against Campbell. Both home games are crucial to win for ECU as they begin conference play on the road Oct. 1 against UAB.

"It is extremely important to win both home games," coach Munson said.

"It will give us confidence; help us build momentum for the road as we begin conference play."

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The Lady Pirates started out the season 4-2 and then went on to lose their next five out of seven games. The women are looking to bounce back at home this weekend.

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John Thompson

"Cincinnati is a seasoned, veteran team and has maybe the best defensive line in the conference. For us to just say we're going to line up and whip them one-on-one, well, nobody else had done that yet. I don't see a weakness on their defense inside or out and with [Jamar] Enzor running to the football, the only way to succeed is to take it right at them and I expect us to be better on Saturday. We had a good balance in our off week, worked hard and had a few days off to get our legs back and get some people healthy. I think this team is hungry to prove themselves."



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The Pirates' James Pinkney is just as much a running threat as he is a passing threat. Pirates looking to attack 'Cats

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

1. Quarterback James Pinkney should be the most effective weapon against the Bearcats Saturday. Pinkney has been a solid performer under offensive coordinator Noah Brindise's new offensive schemes, throwing the ball deep down the field to an array of receivers.

"They're (Cincinnati) a very good defensive team, right now we're breaking down the tape of them bit by bit, but we feel like we can exploit their secondary," said Pinkney.

All of the hype before the season focused on Art Brown and Marvin Townes, but it's been Pinkney who has led the offense. The sophomore signal-caller has thrown for 555 yards this season.

"We just need to play together as a team," Pinkney said.

"One minute, the offense will be clicking and the defense won't be and next minute, the defense will be clicking and the offense won't be clicking."

Pinkney is going to take care of the football for the Pirates to have a shot at their first victory.

"James (Pinkney) has to come out and play well early," said Head Coach John Thompson.

"We can't go through what we've been through the last few games. He's been aiming the football and throwing interceptions early in the game. He has to come out relaxed and poised and get us down the field."

James has gotten us out of a lot of trouble. We've given up way too many pressures and he's been running for his life back there."

The sophomore has been doing a good job moving around in the pocket, but taking off and utilizing his underrated mobility would give the Bearcats one more variable to contain.

2. Before the season began, the ECU faithful knew they could count on one advantage over their opponents week in and week out with Marvin Townes and Art Brown in the backfield. What they didn't know was a trio of backs would provide an offensive punch.

Freshman tailback Chris Johnson burst onto the scene with an 86-yard touchdown run against Wake Forest and figures to be a vital cog in the game plan heading into this weekend.

"It's given me a little bit more playing time," said Johnson of his long run.

"The coaches have got a few more plays for me this week."

Townes will be back at full speed after going down with an injury against Wake and will get the start.

"We've got to get the running game going,"

Thompson said.

"We have to establish some toughness in the run game and not just the big plays. We can chew up some yards doing that."

The Pirates will need significant contributions from all three backs, specifically Townes and Brown. If Townes is hampered, Brown needs a monster game for ECU to put some points on an outstanding Bearcat defense. Chris Johnson will be the home run threat; hopefully the speedster will break one Saturday, from either returning kicks or out of the backfield.



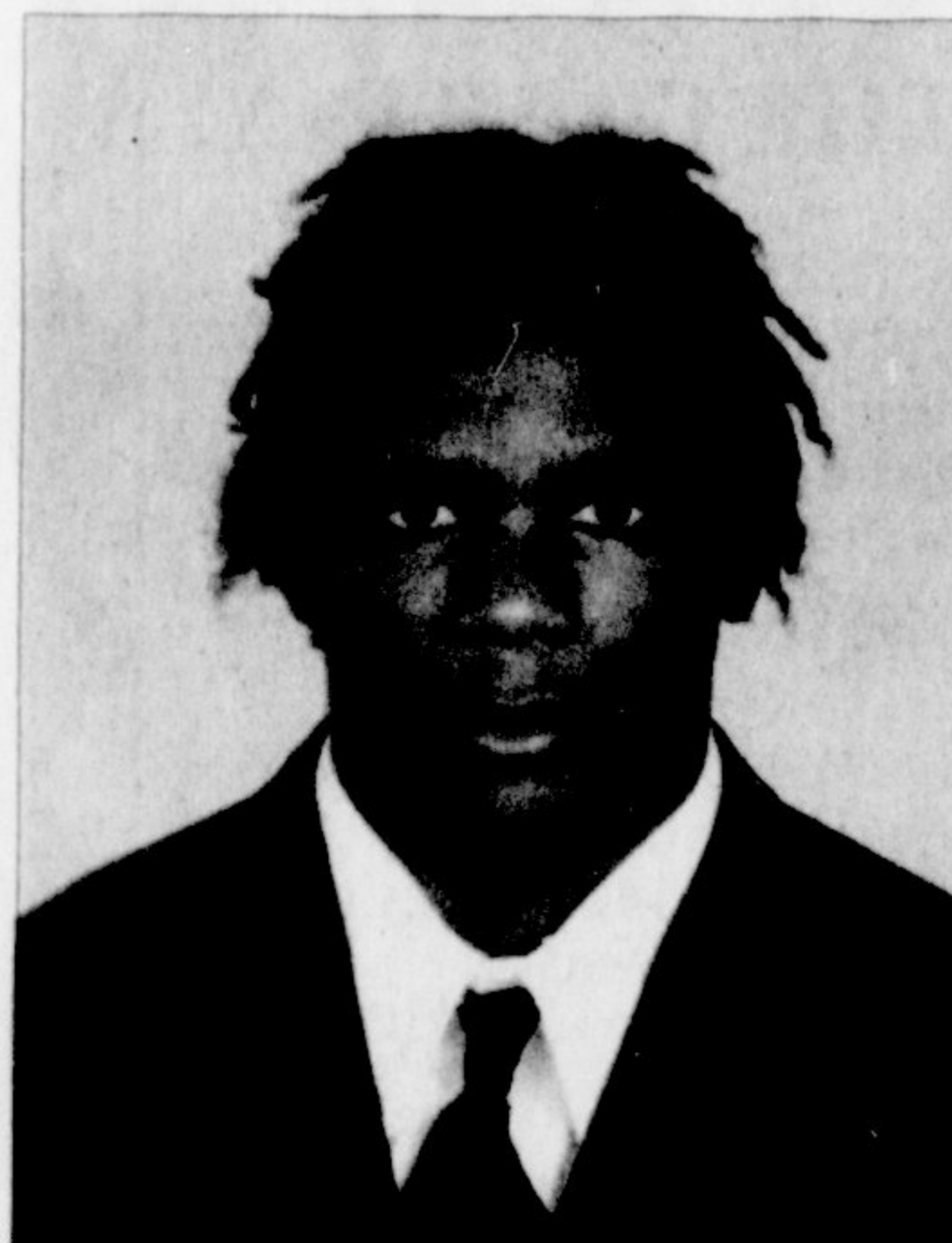
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3. Punter Ryan Dougherty is another player that figures to give the Pirates an edge against the Bearcats. The sophomore has booted the ball well this season; the only hope is he'll get as few opportunities as possible. Dougherty is averaging 45.1 yards per kick in 2004. Cincinnati punter Chet Ervin is averaging 41.4 yards per punt. Dougherty, a Preseason First Team Conference USA selection, averaged 43.9 yards per punt last season and will be a huge factor if the game comes down to a field position battle. ECU also needs to give Demetrius Hodges an opportunity to return punts by forcing more three-and-outs on defense. The Pirates have no return chances this season.

4. The final key for the ECU Pirates will be the play of their wide receivers. The core this year doesn't have a true star like it did last season with Terrance Copper, but they have the potential to be a great unit of wide outs if they can coalesce and keep the drops at a minimum. There were far too many dropped balls in the Wake Forest game and that cannot happen against the Bearcats if ECU is to have any thoughts of winning this game. Demarcus Fox needs to step up and get open long down the field so the Pirates can finally back defenses off the ball because of a deep threat. Edwin Rios blew up against WVU but had a bagel in the catches column against Wake; look for him to step up and catch four or five passes and perhaps a touchdown. Complementing those two players will be Bobby Good, Kevin Roach, Will Bland and Robert Tillman. Tillman also has the potential to go deep but these four receivers can wreak havoc on Cincy's defense if they can get open consistently in the flats, up the seams and on intermediate routes.

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ECU Game Breaker



Courtesy of SID

Chris Johnson possesses blazing speed

Chris Johnson can fly. Well, almost. Johnson has been clocked at 10.62 in the 100 meters and

Height
5' 11"
Weight
170

Classification
Freshman
Hometown
Orlando, FL
High School
Olympic High

ran the anchor leg on the fastest 4x100 relay junior team in the nation. Johnson's speed makes him a threat to score anytime he touches the ball.

The true freshman leads the Pirates in rushing with 103 yards despite being third on the depth chart. His electric 86-yard scoring run was the second longest ever by a freshman at ECU.

Johnson may see more carries this weekend due to the fact that starting tailback Marvin Townes will be playing with a sprained knee.

"We need to put the ball in his hands a lot more," said Head Coach John Thompson.

"He may be a true freshman but he is a fast, true talent." The

budding start currently ranks 47th in the nation averaging 20.29 yards per kickoff return. The Florida native also ranks 43rd among all-purpose runners averaging 125 yards per game. "He's a playmaker," said running backs coach Jerry McManus. "He's got confidence in his ability. He has a great attitude where he feels like he can make a play every time he touches the ball. That's what you have to have to be a great running back."

"It's different from high school. The speed of the game has been real fast," said tailback Chris Johnson.

Trust me, Chris Johnson will be able to keep up. The question will be whether the Cincinnati defense can.

Looking for Number

Townes ready to lead ground attack



Courtesy of SID

ECU tailback hopes to break game open, get first 'W' over Bearcats

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Pirates are looking to get things turned around this Saturday with Bearcats in the first Conference USA game of the season.

A big key to future Pirate success will lie in the hands of one of their key running backs. Marvin Townes, the 6-foot, 200-pound senior tailback, has amassed just 64 yards on 18 carries this season. However, a knee injury sidelined Townes for the majority of the season. After healing for more than a week, Townes took some time to offer his thoughts on the season thus far and what the Pirates are looking to do.

TEC: First of all, how is the knee coming along?

MT: It's coming along really good. There's still a little pain, but I can't deal with it.

TEC: How effective do you think you will be able to be this weekend?

MT: That's a big thing because we need everybody this weekend. The back off the injured list is a big thing for this weekend and how we play a big part.

TEC: Can you describe your emotions when the injury originally took you out?

MT: I was really scared. I was in tears but it wasn't because it hurt. It was because I thought it (the season) had ended that quickly. But luck and blessed me, and it just turned out to be an MCL sprain.

TEC: Chris Johnson had a great run against Wake Forest and flashed some talent. Do you think about him and do you think he will see some extended playing time?

MT: Probably so. He has too much talent to just sit on the sidelines. He's a great player.

TEC: What do you feel are the positives and negatives on the season thus far?

MT: We are putting up points and we are staying together. The negatives definitely deal with the turnovers and little things that we do. We have no margin for error and you can win football games by cutting down the turnovers and we will be OK.

TEC: How do you feel about your performance so far on the young season?

MT: I feel OK about my performance so far, but I am not happy. I reached 100 yards in a game yet. Last week I felt like I could have reached 100 yards but unfortunately I was out so I will just bounce back this weekend.

TEC: How is the offensive line coming along?

MT: The line is doing really good and I tip my hat to them. They're on every single snap.

TEC: Do you think this weekend is going to be a breakout performance for you?

MT: It should be. But not just this weekend, any week should. Every time we go out on the field, it should be something great.

TEC: What do you feel that you guys need to do offensively to get the most out of this game?

MT: We have to attack, put points on the board and just control the game.

TEC: And finally, what do you feel you need to do each game from here on out to win?

MT: First of all, I have to be a leader and play hard. And as coaches say, I have to be my own man and be my own blocker. I have to be physical and keep everybody on their toes.

Marvin Townes is expected to play this weekend and says, as of now, he's about 90 percent. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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es ready to round attack



reak game on, get first 'W' of season

get things turned around this Saturday when they host the Cincinnati game of the year. The Bearcats will lie in the hands of one of their key running backs, Marvin Townes. The 180-pound senior tailback has amassed just 64 yards on 21 carries with zero touchdowns. Townes was sidelined for the majority of the match-up with Wake Forest more than a week. Townes took some time out of his busy schedule to talk to the media and what the Pirates are looking to accomplish this weekend.

nee coming along? "It's still a little pain there but nothing that I can't handle."

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at run against Wake Forest and flashed some of his athletic ability. What do you think he will see some extended playing time this weekend? "He has a lot of talent. He is going to be a key player for us."

the positives and negatives on the season thus far for the team? "We are staying together through this tough time. We are winning some games and losing some. We are dropping passes. We are not winning football games like that. We just need to win some games."

your performance to far on the young season? "My performance so far, but I am not happy because I have not been consistent. Last week I felt like I could have had a real big game, but I just bounced back this weekend."

coming along? "I'm doing good and I'm happy to be out there and battle."

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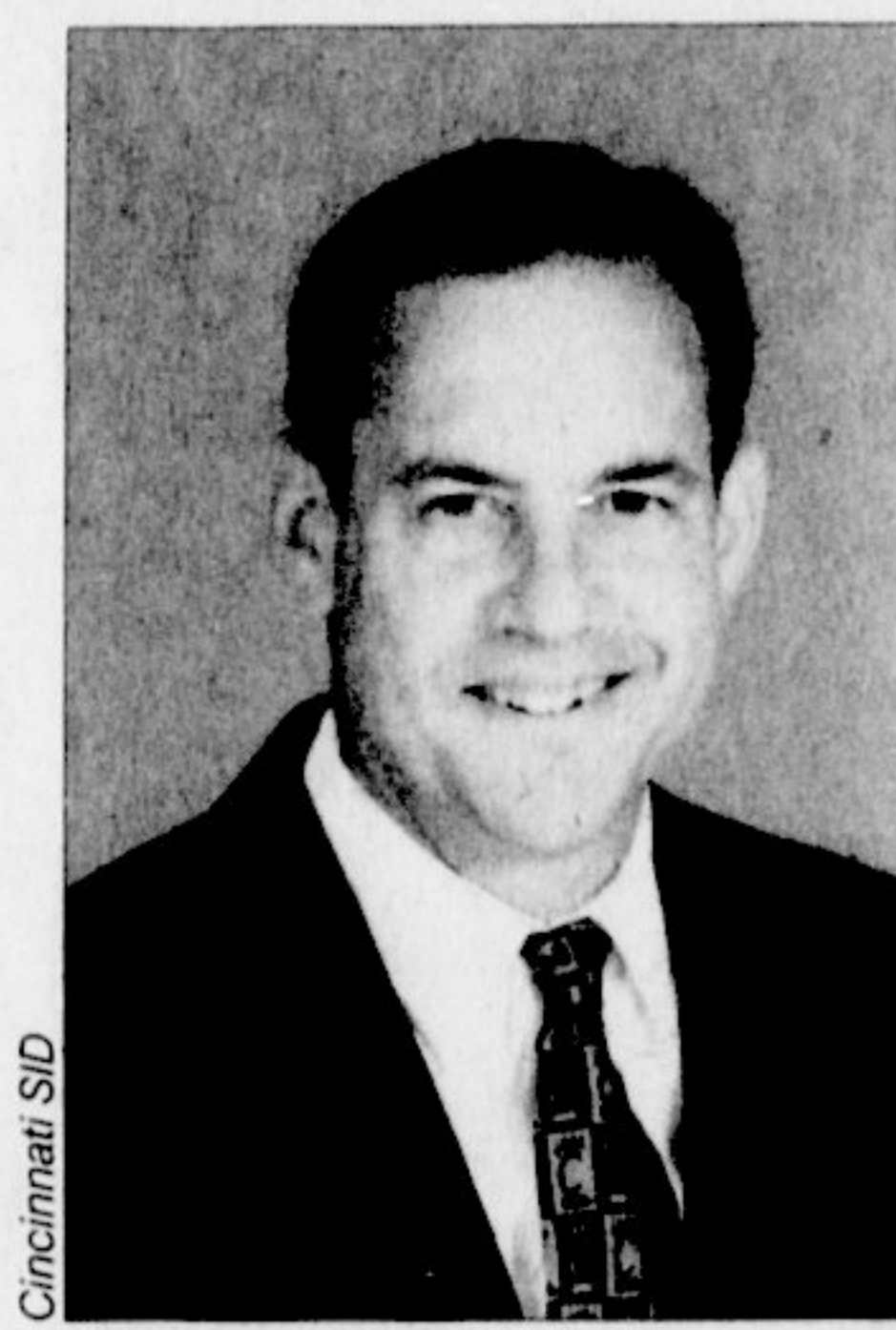
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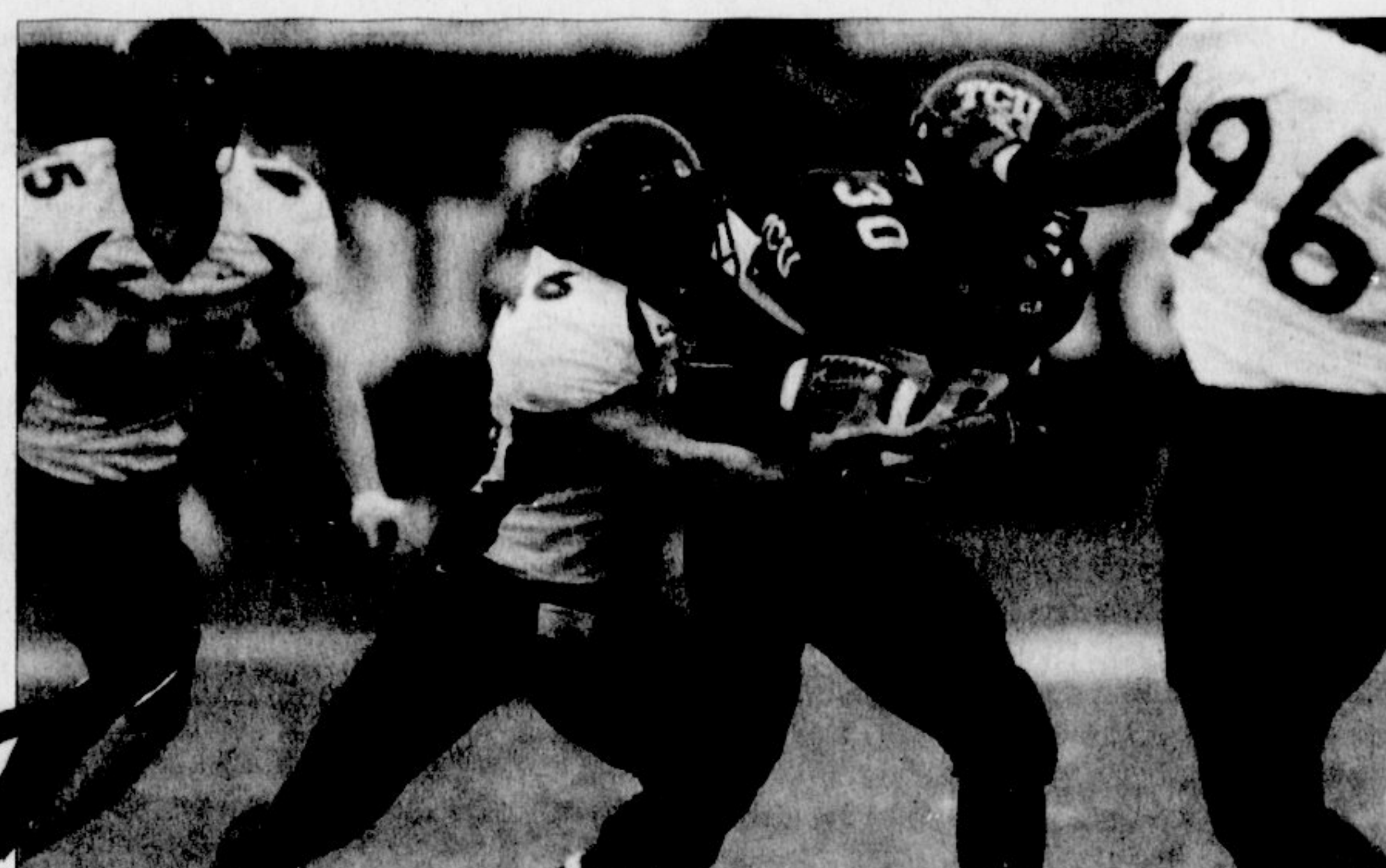
play this weekend and says, as of now, he feels his right knee is healed and he will be back on the field for 7 p.m. at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Mark Dantonio

"We are starting classes this week and our operations guy told me that we are 1-4 in games at the beginning of school. I have also been told that we have lost our last seven away games. ECU is 0-2. They've had a week off to prepare for us - to get healthy and put in new wrinkles. They've got a good quarterback who can throw the ball all over the place. Rios is their top receiver. They've got decent running backs, one that ran for 1,000 yards in 2002 and one who ran for 1,000 yards in 2003. We need to get ready and go with focus."



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The Bearcats' Jamar Enzor collected a total of 137 tackles last year.

UC brings balance on '0'

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Don't let the Bearcats' meager 1-2 record fool you. This team, under new Head Coach Mark Dantonio, has a lot of weapons, some of which may give the Pirates problems in this weekend's Conference USA showdown. Let's examine a few.

1.

Can you say balance? The hardest thing for a defense to guard against is unpredictability. In their first three regular season games, Cincinnati has proven they will add that element to the game. As a testament to that, the Bearcats have rushed 555 yards and passed 575 yards in three contests. That's nearly a one-to-one ratio. Cincinnati will have the best chance of imposing their will on the Pirates if they go to the ground early, bring the corners in, and then exploit the secondary. This will be a key to the game and ECU will have to mix up their looks on defense if they want to control the run/pass offense of the Bearcats.



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play more guys in the box than originally anticipated with the talent ECU has at the tailback position.

2.

Individually speaking, the Bearcats have three major weapons on offense allowing them to spread the field and the defense. The first, and perhaps most crucial, is senior running back Richard Hall. Hall rushed 238 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown, and three touchdowns in Cincinnati's win over Miami of Ohio. His ability to breakdown the defensive line has allowed quarterback Gino Guidugli to go to the air early and often during the young season. Guidugli has been quite effective with the passing game, as he has thrown for 575 yards and three touchdowns. Guidugli has also rewritten the Bearcats record book. He owns the career records passes attempted (1,214), completed (670), passing yards (8,820), touchdowns (52) and total yards (8,938). Guidugli's favorite receiver thus far has been Hanniba Thomas, who had a huge game against Miami of Ohio, racking up five catches for 175 yards and a score. Hall needs to start off big in order for Guidugli and Thomas to get on the same page. If this doesn't happen, ECU can blitz at will and allow the Pirate secondary the opportunity for some picks because Guidugli has shown some vulnerability to the pass rush in earlier games.

4.

The X Factor: Many times games will come down to the final few ticks. You have to be willing to take the risk, whether early or late, that may decide the outcome of a game. In a game that is anticipated by many to come down to the last few minutes, maybe even last drive, Cincinnati may come up with the goods down the stretch better than a Pirate team who hasn't faced a tight game as of yet. Granted, neither has Cincinnati, but let's take a look at one particular statistic: 4-7 on fourth down conversion - Talk about guts. Most teams would be astounded at the end of a season with that fourth down conversion rate, let alone after three games. Dantonio has already shown in his first year he is willing to do whatever it takes to win, whether it be going on a gut instinct in the second quarter with a fourth and two from your own 49, or pulling out all the stops with a little razzle dazzle. Cincinnati should be a fun team to watch, but may get carried away at times with the play calling. If they continue to succeed in areas such as fourth down conversions, they will give the Pirates all they can handle this weekend in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

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Cincy Game Breaker

Richard Hall boasts senior experience

Richard Hall is licking his chops this week in preparing for the Pirates. Hall knows that he is about to face statistically the worst run defense in the nation. The Pirates are allowing 359 yards per game on the ground. The starting running back for the Bearcats currently ranks 16th in the nation and third in Conference USA in rushing average. Hall is averaging at 111.3 yards per game.

Hall exploded for 238 yards on just 14 carries against Miami (OH), the sixth highest UC total ever. The Ohio native earned C-USA Player of the Week honors. In that game, Hall had runs of 70 and 79 yards along with three touchdowns.

The senior running back

knows the Pirates well.

Hall tore through the ECU defensive line for 177 yards in 2003.

"We saw a lot of him last year, he is a very good running back," said ECU Head Coach John Thompson.

"Obviously they are going to come in and try to run the football. Who wouldn't against the numbers that we have thrown up on defense? I think that is a challenge to our pride and to our manhood on defense."

Hall is a dual threat as a capable receiver with 22 receptions for 252 yards in 2003. The back also ranks 49th in the nation for all purpose-runners with 120.33 yards per game. It will be up to the Pirate defense to set up to the

plate or Richard Hall could break the game wide open.

Height
5' 11"

Weight
209

Classification
Senior

Hometown
Cincinnati, OH

High School
Wyoming High



Courtesy of Cincinnati

Men's Golf team takes to road

ECU set to play in the Adams Cup of Newport

MATTHEW SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's golf has gotten off to a solid start this season. The Pirates finished seventh out of 17 at the Mid Pines Intercollegiate, where they defeated some good competition.

At the First Reliance Bank Intercollegiate they finished 10th out of 13 teams. In the Mid Pines tournament they were able to defeat such respected golf programs as Furman, Davidson, Maryland, VCU and Old Dominion.

Senior Adam Howell and junior Phillip Reale finished in the top ten of that event. They hope to build on that success Monday when they travel to Rhode Island to compete in the Adams Cup of Newport. This tournament will also feature some very good competition.

"There are 15 teams competing in this event and five played

at the NCAA Tournament last year," said coach Kevin Williams.

"I would say of the 15 teams, we will be seeded somewhere in the middle of the pack and hopefully we can pick up some quality wins to help us become a better team."

This year's version of the men's team features a youth movement, but every tournament signals yet another building block for the team. The young team has experienced some growing pains so far this season.

"The first 36 holes of the tournaments we have played pretty well, but the final 36 have been where we have struggled," Williams said.

Williams feels that three freshmen have really showed some good potential this season.

"Freshman David Smith has been our most pleasant surprise and Ryan Solan and Martin Nicholls (two other freshmen) have impressed me with the impact they will make on our program," Williams said.

The course at which the team is playing is not an easy course

by any means, so the team will have to stay focused and motivated.

"The Adams Cup is played at the Newport National Golf Club which is a very tough course and it will be a stern test for us and all the teams," Williams said.

"If the wind blows which it normally does then we will have to be mentally strong to handle tough conditions."

The Orchard Course on which the tournament will be played is a Par - 72, 7,200-yard links style championship course designed by legendary golf architect Arthur Hills and his associate Drew Rogers. Many have said this course reminds them of the great, old courses in Ireland.

After this tournament, the team heads to Chapel Hill to compete at the Franklin Street Partners Invitational. The Pirates will then host their first home match, the Pirate Fall Intercollegiate from the Bradford Creek Golf Club.

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on, every Jets player knew they had to start 2-0.

"Every person, if you can ask them one thing that they remember from the beginning of off-season training to now - I think everybody had 2-0 in their heads," running back Curtis Martin said. "His focus became our focus, and that's what makes good teams."

It also helped that Edwards decided he needed to rely more on Martin, who leads the league in rushing after two games with 315 yards. Chad Pennington is healthy and started his first career season opener against the Bengals, making it easier for the Jets to get continuity with their quarterback.

The defense is entirely revamped under new coordinator Donnie Henderson. Edwards dumped aging veterans Mo Lewis, Marvin Jones, Sam Garnes and Aaron Beasley and has infused youth everywhere: rookie Erik Coleman starts at safety, rookie Jonathan Vilma will start at linebacker in place of the injured Sam Cowart, and second-year player Victor Hobson also starts

at linebacker, while rookie Derrick Strait is the nickel back.

With all the new faces, the attitude of the team is different. Martin constantly says the leadership is much better this year. After losing seven games last season by seven points or less, the Jets have won both their games by close margins this year.

"With the new attitude we have, we expect to win," Pennington said. "We don't expect to sit back and say, 'Here we go again.' There is a greater expectation that when adversity does strike, it is not the time to put your head down and sulk. It is time to do something about it."

Even young players are allowed a voice, and have pumped up the enthusiasm with their exuberance.

"The veterans, the coaches, they accepted us and they told us they expect us to play and they expect us to compete," Vilma said. "They said we're not rookies after a couple games, we're going to go out there and keep playing ball. Now we're one of them."

The Jets have started 2-0 seven previous times in team

history. Only once did they make the playoffs - in 1968, their Super Bowl winning season. Edwards knows they have a long way to go before the season ends.

So what is the next short-term goal? Edwards refuses to say. But one thing is clear: the fast start could be huge.

"We got 14 games left now to find out what kind of team we are," Edwards said.



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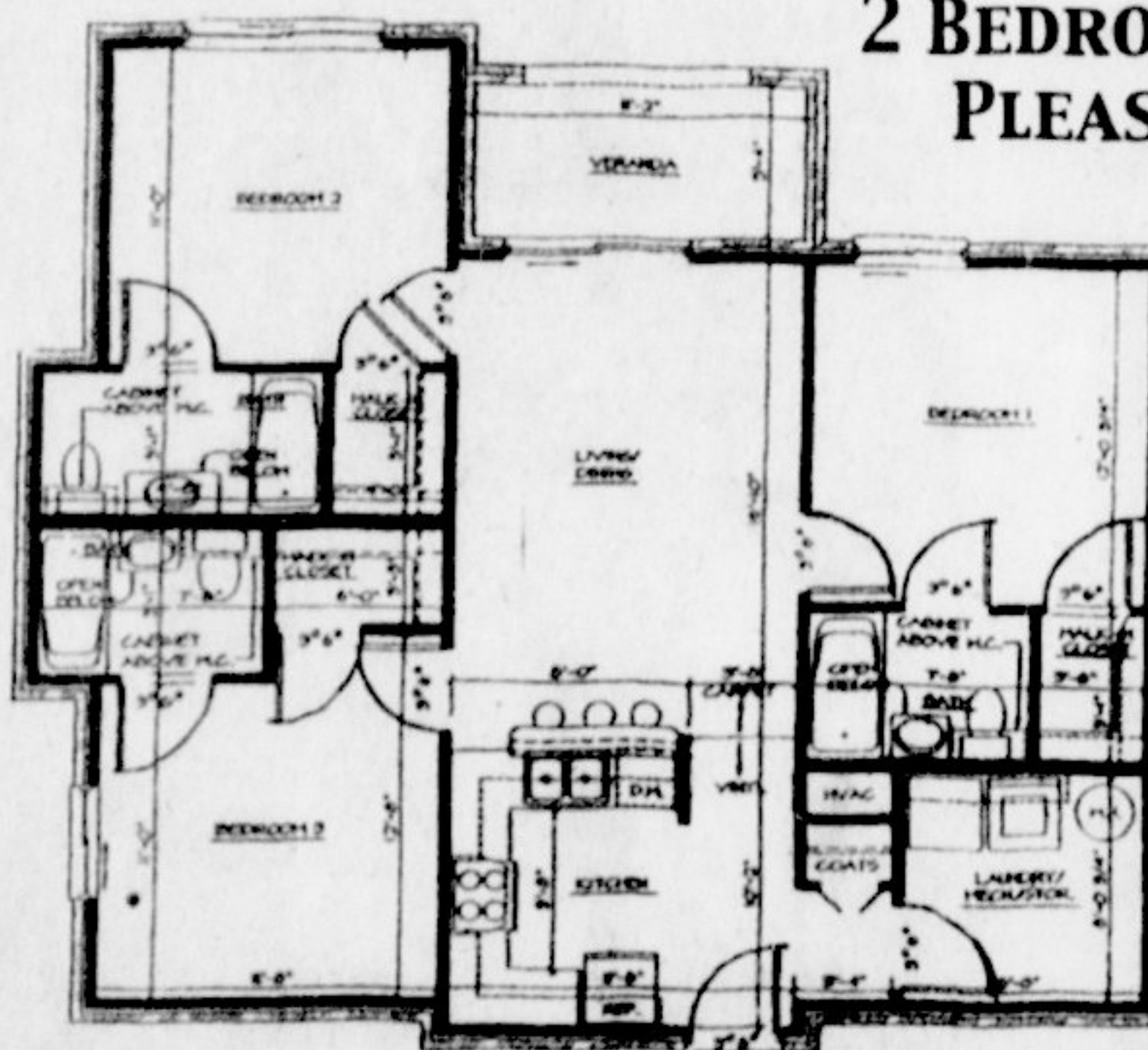


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Pirates announce 2004-2005 men's basketball schedule



Clemson and South Carolina will visit Greenville this year.

face Old Dominion on Sunday, Dec. 12, and Winthrop on Friday, Dec. 17.

After exams conclude, ECU heads to Mobile, Ala., to face South Carolina in the Coors Classic Invitational. This will mark the first meeting between the two schools since 1998 and the Pirates' first game against former Head Coach Dave Odom. The all-time series is tied at 5-5.

Following a brief Christmas vacation, the Pirates return to action against another Palmetto State foe, Clemson. ECU makes its first trek to Littlejohn Coliseum for a first-ever meeting with the Tigers on Wednesday, Dec. 29. The Pirates will conclude non-conference play at home against St. Andrews on Monday, Jan. 3.

ECU begins its fourth season of Conference USA competition on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Minges Coliseum against USF. It will be the first of two meetings between the two mirror rivals this season. The Pirates will also play Charlotte and UAB twice again this season. Both home games against UAB (Jan. 15) and Charlotte (Jan. 29) will be televised by ESPN Plus.

The Pirates will visit the 49ers on Saturday, Jan. 8 and the Blazers on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Cincinnati makes its final visit to Minges Coliseum as a C-USA member on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Saint Louis (Jan. 26) and Marquette (Feb. 12), whom are also changing conferences next season, will make their final appearances in Greenville during the 2004-05 campaign. Other C-USA home games include visits from Southern Miss (Feb. 23) and Houston (Feb. 26).

In addition to their three road games against their mirror rivals, the Pirates have conference road dates at Louisville (Jan. 19), DePaul (Jan. 22), Memphis (Feb. 2), TCU (Feb. 5) and Tulane (March 5).

The Conference USA Tournament will be held March 9-12 at the FedEx Forum in Memphis. The top 12 teams in the final regular season standings will all compete for the league's automatic NCAA Tournament bid.

ECU will play exhibition games in November against Newberry (Nov. 4) and Barton (Nov. 11).

Non-conference games against Clemson and South Carolina, a regular season opening tournament in Raleigh, and visits by Cincinnati and Marquette highlight the 2004-05 ECU men's basketball schedule, released today by university athletic department officials. There are 13 games scheduled against teams that participated in either the NIT or NCAA Tournament last season.

The Pirates begin their season sixth season under Head Coach Bill Herriion against Pepperdine on Nov. 17 in the opening round of the BCA Invitational at the RBC Center in Raleigh. Host NC State, Elon, Fair-

leigh Dickinson, New Orleans, Oregon State and Sienna are also in the three-day tournament. ECU then makes a return trip to Gardner-Webb (Nov. 23) after hosting the Bulldogs a year ago.

ECU opens its 13-game home schedule against Belmont Abbey on Sunday, Nov. 28.

As the calendar turns to December, the Pirates will play three of their first four games during the month at home. Toledo, a NIT participant last season, makes its first-ever visit to Greenville on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Following a road date at Western Carolina (Dec. 7), the Pirates return home to

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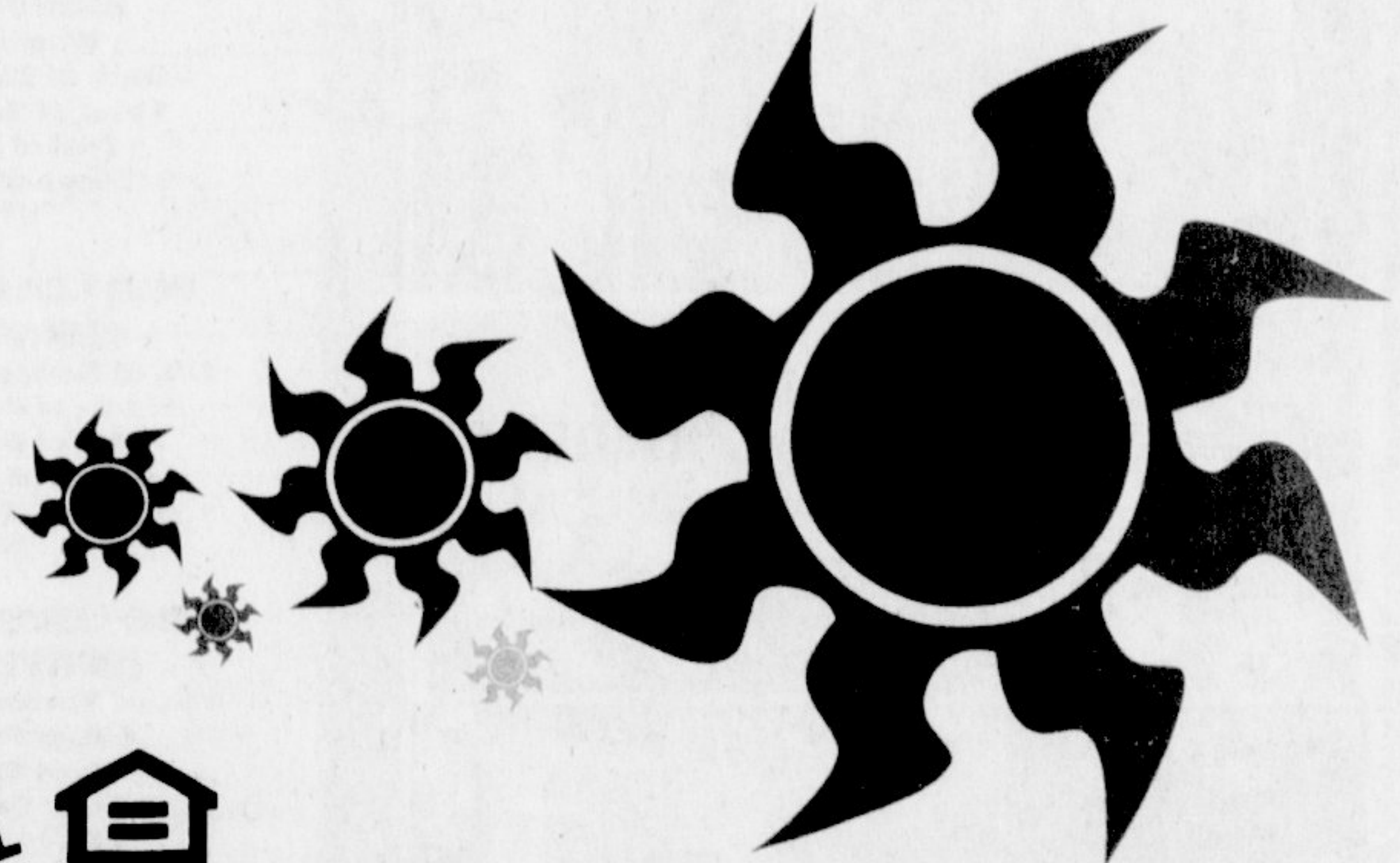
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Henry to start for Dolphins

Ex-Pirate embodied ECU football



OPINION

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Leonard Henry will go down as one of the best running backs in ECU football history. He will have his chance to make a mark on NFL history this weekend when his Miami Dolphins host the undefeated New York Jets.

The ECU alumnus will make his first career start for a reeling Dolphins team. In fact, the Dolphins are throwing Henry to the wolves. The Dolphins rank last in the NFL in total rushing yards (142), rushing yards per game (47.3) and points per game (7.7).

The Dolphins' woes started when Ricky Williams unexpectedly retired. Dave Wannstedt's club was forced to propel Travis Minor into the starting lineup. He has a bum ankle. He's hurt. Sammy Davis, a natural fullback, was given a chance. He's hurt. The Fins traded a third-round pick in order to get Lamar Gordon. He dislocated his shoulder this past week. He's hurt and will not return this season. Miami is now forced to use its third tailback in four games.

All of this is a blessing for Henry. The Clinton, NC native has patiently waited for his chance in the limelight — three years to be exact. He has turned down offers from other clubs and has been shuffled back and forth between the practice squad. Basically, it's about time that he will get the respect he deserves.

Henry dressed for three games in 2003, but did not see any game action. He was allocated to NFL Europe. The

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Pirates set sail for Louisville

ECU still looking for first win of season

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates will sail their ship into Louisville this weekend after falling 24-19 to Cincinnati at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium on Saturday. ECU is looking to pull off the stunner against the No. 22 ranked Cardinals, who are flying high with wins over Kentucky, Army and UNC to start the season.

Louisville vs. UNC Game Recap

The Cardinals were slow to start against the Tar Heels last week, but dominated in the second half, both offensively and defensively, to pummel Carolina 34-0.

Louisville racked up 455 offensive yards against the hapless Heels and held them to 222 yards while forcing three turnovers.

The tailback tandem of Eric Shelton and Michael Bush combined for 168 yards rushing on 30 carries and quarterback Stefan LeFors completed 13-of-16 passes for 123 yards to lead Louisville. Shelton found the end zone three times, including a 37-yard romp in the third quarter.

The Cards improved to 3-0 with the shutout and are sitting atop the Conference USA rankings.

Last Meeting

The Pirates tied the game at 13-13 in the third quarter after a Cameron Broadwell field goal, but Louisville scored 23 points in the fourth quarter to take a 36-20 C-USA victory last season on Oct. 25.

Cardinal running back, Eric

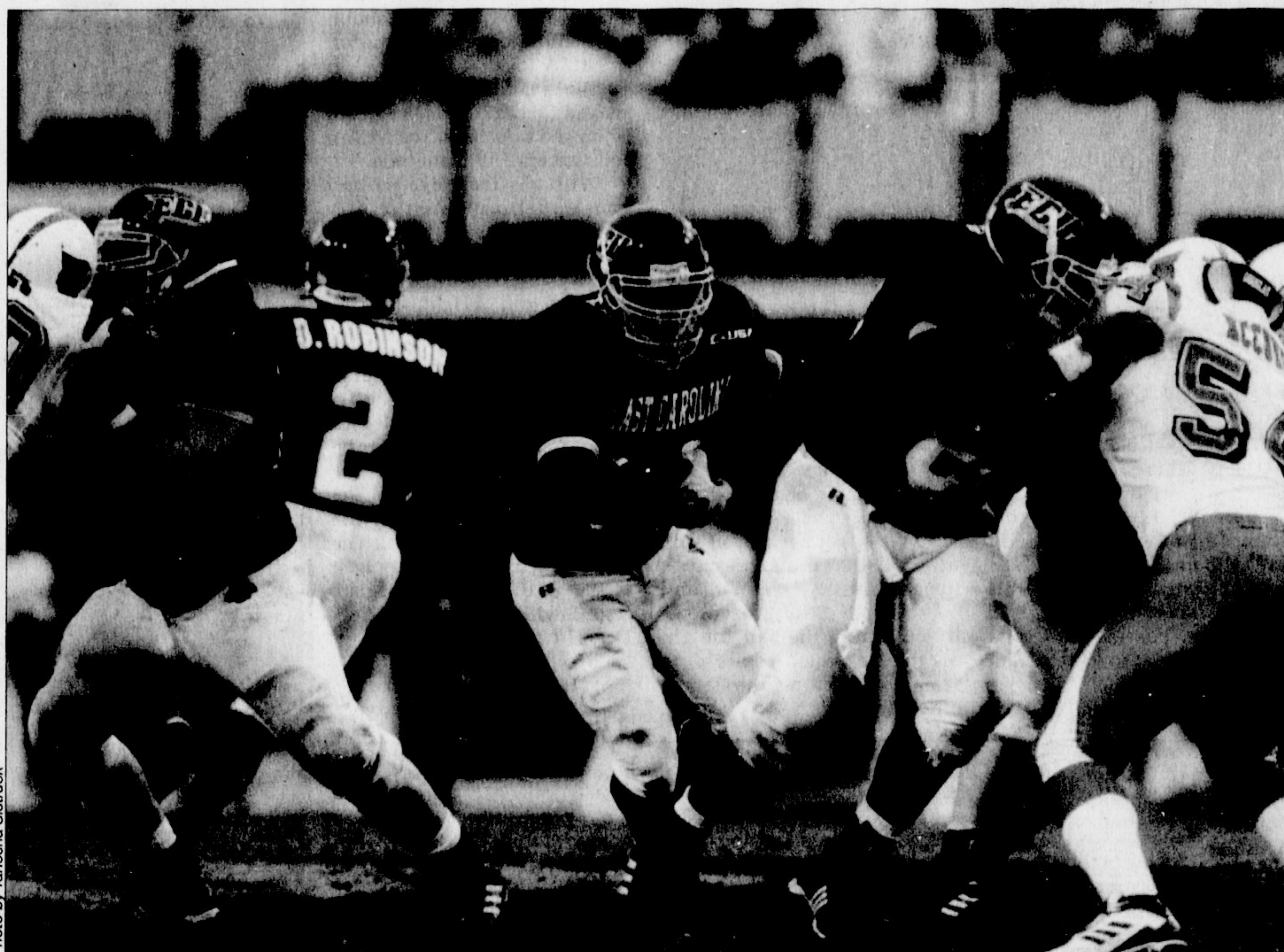


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The Pirates are looking for revenge against the Cardinals from last year when Louisville beat ECU 36-20 in Greenville.

Shelton rushed for 118 yards and a score while Stefan LeFors completed 17-of-27 passes for 187 yards with a 35-yard touchdown strike to J.R. Russell.

Desmond Robinson threw for a career high 291 yards on 24-of-

42 passing. Terrance Copper was Robinson's primary target, catching 10 balls for 147 yards.

The Cardinals reeled off 17 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach, but the game wasn't with-

out controversy. Copper hauled in a two-yard scoring pass with 24 seconds remaining to cut the lead to 30-20. And Louisville, instead of taking a knee, handed off to T.J. Patterson who sprinted 42 yards for a touchdown as time

ran out. The Pirates took exception and the bad blood between these two squads may surface again on Saturday.

Players to Watch

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Lady Pirates looking to end losing streak

ECU women host two in-conference contests

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

After dropping the season opener to nationally ranked Virginia, the women's soccer team won two in a row.

That's the good news. Here's the bad news. Those two wins have been the only two this year in nine attempts.

This past weekend, coach Rob Donnenwirth gave his team the idea that the season started over. Beginning conference play last Friday in Charlotte, the Pirates were in fact 0-0 in conference

play, so in a way, the season did start anew. After losing that game and an out of conference match with Western Carolina this weekend, the Pirates will need to start over again.

Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth said a big part of ECU's lack of wins is due to their lack of confidence and aggressiveness on the offensive side of the ball.

"We need to do a better job on the attack, we are not creating many scoring chances," said Donnenwirth.

"Our team right now just needs to get some confidence. When you are struggling, you feel you get every bad break out there. We will be ready. I know our team will play with heart, but we really

need to execute as well"

The ladies will host two conference games in Greenville this weekend. Not only are these conference games, but also their importance is increased because the Pirates need a win desperately to break this slump. The first of these games is with DePaul's Blue Demons this Friday. The two teams battled here in Greenville last season also and fought to a 1-1 tie.

Both these teams have a different look than they did almost a year ago.

DePaul is a high-powered offense. They've put up six goals



Photo by Aaron Walton

Allison Howell has yet to score this season and ECU will need all the offensive firepower they can muster against DePaul.

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Week Three: TEC predictions

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*Not featured in this installment: Brandi Renfro (10-10)

Tough SEC picks highlight weekend

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Welcome to the third edition of the weekly TEC predictions. David Waskiewicz, Matthew Foster and myself have a comfortable advantage over the rest of the staff thanks to a solid 8-2 record last week.

Above are this week's selections and each writer's season record.

Arkansas vs. Florida

Arkansas has been impressive this season and deserve some

national attention with their only loss a close one against Texas. They will get it this weekend. I'm going with a big upset in the college ranks. The Razorbacks will head into "The Swamp" and come out with a 27-24 win.

Wake Forest vs. NC State

The Wolfpack just wish they had this defense to help Philip Rivers last season. Unfortunately, they have no legitimate quarterback and that will hurt them the rest of the way. But the defense is strong enough to beat the Demon Deacons 21-12.

LSU vs. Georgia

The defending national champion Tigers have awoken to

find themselves in a battle just to stay alive in the SEC race. I think they will, but the Bulldogs are too strong, especially at home. Georgia wins 24-17.

Auburn vs. Tennessee

The SEC has another outstanding match-up with the Tigers rolling into Tennessee. I still don't trust those Volunteer freshmen quarterbacks and they shouldn't have beaten Florida. Auburn remains undefeated with a 23-20 win.

ECU vs. Louisville

The Pirates had a golden opportunity to notch their first win of the season against Cincinnati, but fell 24-19. Louisville

is nationally ranked and will handle the Pirates 30-20 away from the friendly confines of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Cincinnati Bengals vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

This match-up could easily be the toughest pick of the week. I like Pittsburgh and their rookie quarterback. But if I attempt to spell his last name, I might be compelled to switch picks. So, Ben and the Steelers take this one 20-10.

Oakland Raiders vs. Houston Texans

With Rich Gannon sidelined for maybe the entire season, the Raiders throw Kerry Collins under center. I think this is a

blessing in disguise for Oakland. The underrated Collins makes the silver and black an instant playoff contender. Collins leads a blowout win over Houston 34-16.

Atlanta Falcons vs. Carolina Panthers

Everything points to the Panthers clipping the Falcons this weekend. Carolina has rested during the off week after dismantling the Chiefs. But I like the new Michael Vick Experience commercial so much, I have to take Atlanta in this one, 20-19.

St. Louis Rams vs. San Francisco 49ers

Both of these teams look absolutely horrible, San Francisco in

particular. I think the 49ers finally make the Rams seem like the St. Louis team of old. Rams win 27-10.

Kansas City vs. Baltimore Ravens

The Chiefs are in dire need of pulling out their first win of the season. Ravens running back Jamal Lewis got back on track last week and Kansas City hasn't been able to stop the run. However, the Madden cover jinx finally hits Ray Lewis this week as he tweaks a muscle during his pre-game dance routine. Chiefs win 30-17 in my second upset special.

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ECU Women's Golf travels to Tampa for Beacon Woods Invit.



The Lady Pirates will need junior Heidi Helliesen (left) and senior Adrienne Millican (right) to finish in the top 10.

Lady Pirates compete in tourney for first time

MATTHEW SAUNDERS
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's golf team, finishing 11th out of 16 in the Cougar Fall Invitational in Charleston, SC earlier this month, will travel to Tampa, Fla. on Friday to play in their second match of the season - The Beacon Woods Invitational.

The women's team is lead by

senior Adrienne Millican who has been ranked as one of the top 100 players in the country the last two years. Freshman Emelie Lind, who is a top recruit, is also expected to play well. Coach Williams says that one of the best qualities of this team is their consistency.

"We've got five players who will be in each round because of their consistency," said Williams.

"We have the great quality of hitting the ball straight off the tee, which allows us to remain competitive throughout any tournament."

The teams the women will be competing against include Conference USA rivals Louisville, Southern Miss, South Florida and UAB. Other teams in the tournament include James Madison, Georgia State and Coastal Carolina. Coach Williams sees about half of those teams competing for an NCAA Tournament spot.

"JMU, Louisville, South Florida and Coastal Carolina will all be on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament," Williams said.

Williams feels like he has some very strong players on this team, and feels like they have a lot of potential.

"We've got six players on this team (out of eight) who can compete in every tournament," Williams said.

"Adrienne, Emile, Heidi (Helliesen), Michelle (Williams), Jamie (Quinn) and Jessica (Hauser) all give us a chance to be very good."

This will be the first year the women have competed at the Beacon Woods Invitational. The ECU women will next play host at the Taco Bell Intercollegiate from Bradford Creek Golf Club, Oct. 11-12.

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twice and have scored at least three goals in four of their games. Blue Demon Julianne Stich plays a key part in all of that scoring as she's the biggest offensive threat in the conference and is only a junior. She was last season's conference offensive player of the year and this year's pre-season player of the year. Coming into the game Friday, Stich has scored six goals and recorded five assists in 10 games for the Blue Demons.

"The biggest thing is we need to try to neutralize Julianne Stich - she's a pretty dynamic player," Donnenwirth said.

"She is their spark plug.

We need to stop her and make sure we defend well against the other players."

However, DePaul is also in a slump. After starting conference play with a 3-0 shutout of Marquette, they have dropped two in a row and are looking to bounce back against the Pirates.

ECU will need to play sound defense and take advantage of DePaul's style of play by counter attacking.

Sunday, the Golden Eagles of Marquette will come to town. Marquette is 0-2 in the conference and has also been struggling.

"Marquette is traditionally the class of the conference," Don-

nenwirth said.

"I don't think they are as high powered as they have been, but they are still Marquette."

The Golden Eagles play a similar aggressive style as the Blue Demons. They have out shot their opponents this season by an amazing 136 to 86 margin. The Lady Pirates will need to help out their keeper by not letting the Golden Eagles get their shots off. Marquette doesn't have a good shot percentage, and this can be taken to the advantage of the Pirates.

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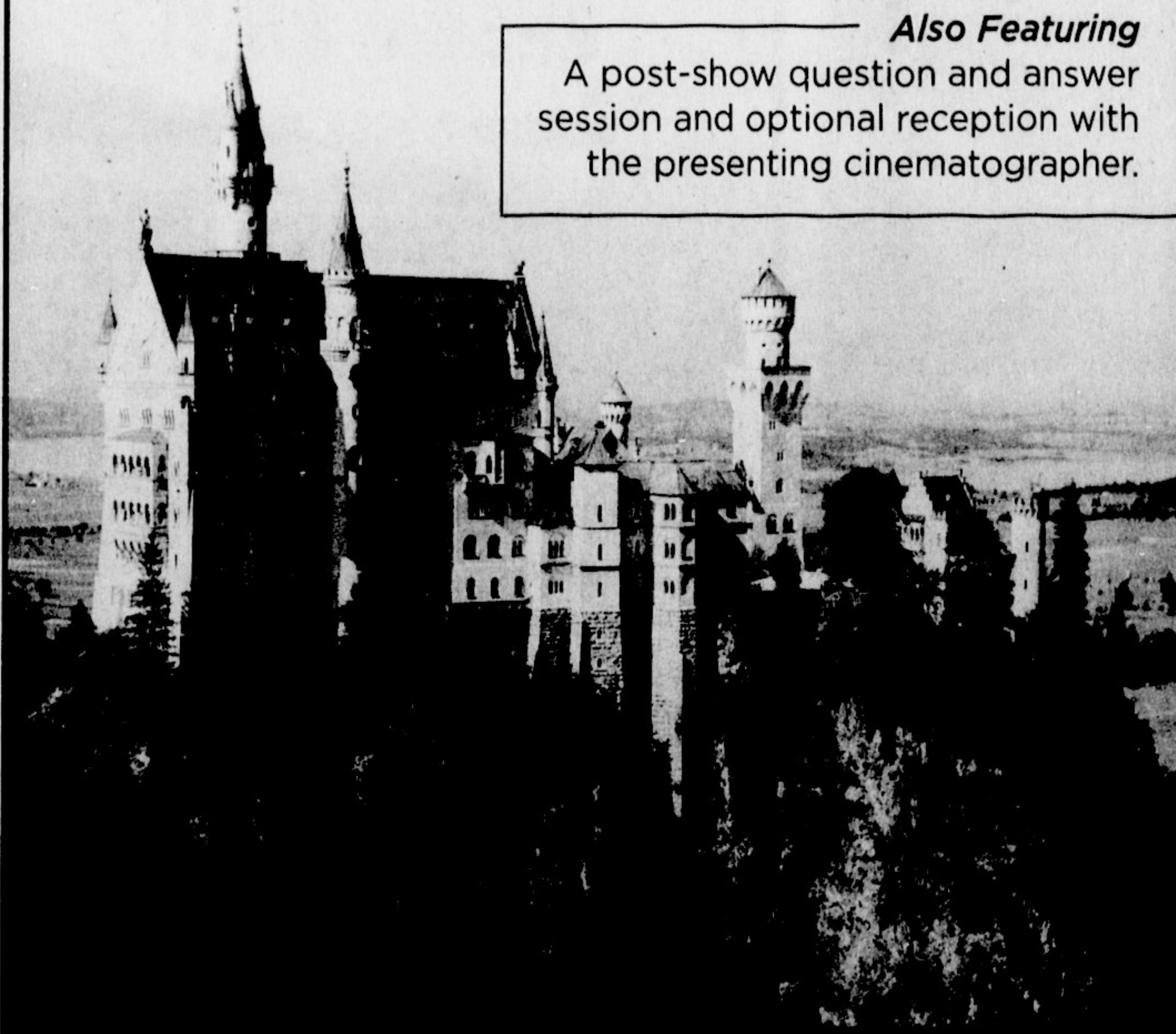
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Lady Pirates gear up for C-USA road trip against Blazers, Bulls

ECU women hope to put it all together

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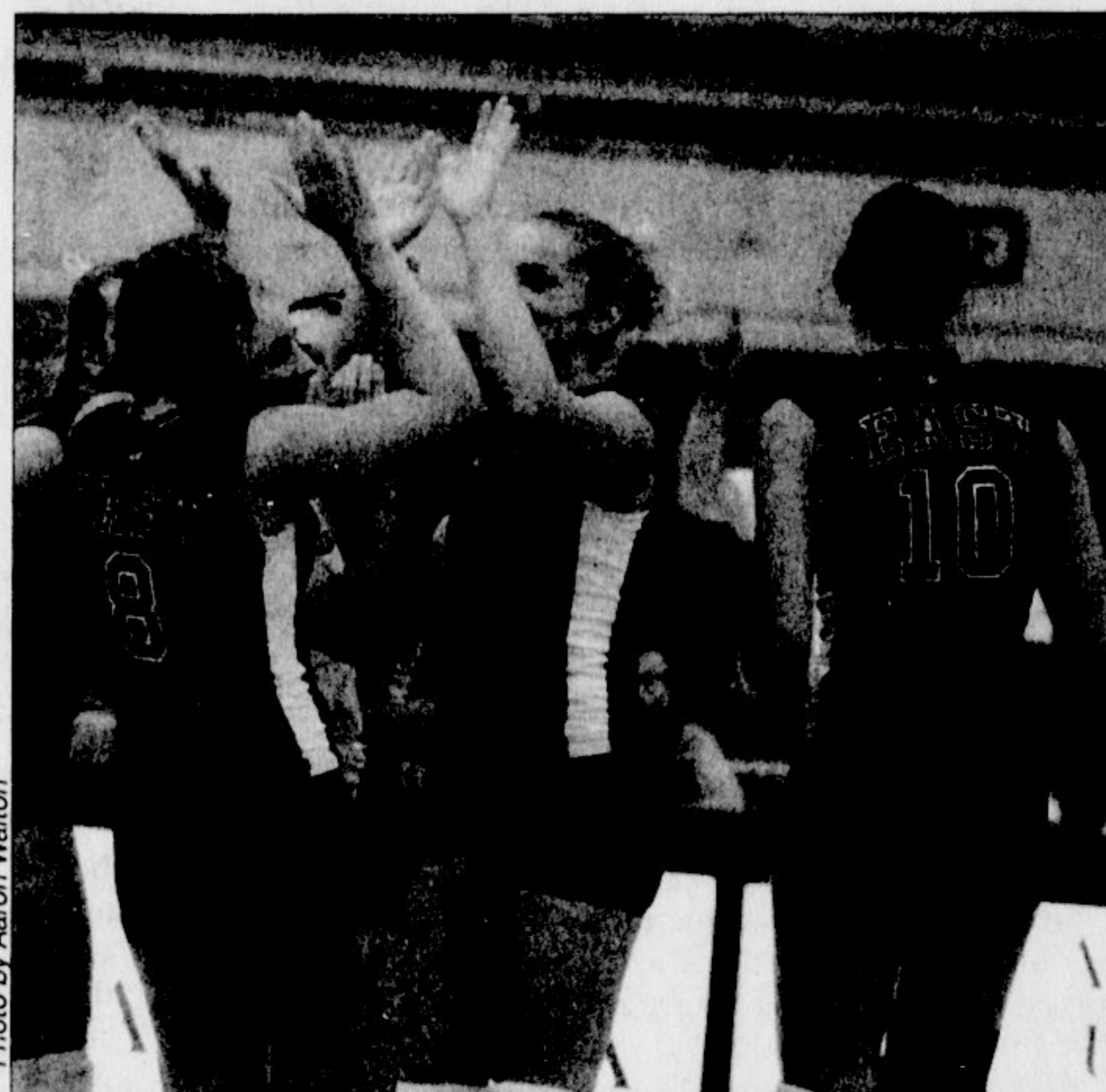
The slump still continues for the ECU Volleyball team. After going 2-5 on the road, the Lady Pirates came home last weekend only to lose to William and Mary three games to one. ECU also fell to Campbell last Tuesday three games to two. Now all that's left for the Lady Pirates are conference games. The first conference test for ECU comes this weekend against UAB and USF.

The ECU Volleyball team (6-9) will be looking to get back to the basics as they prepare for conference play. For the Lady Pirates that means defense, consistency and playing opponents at their own pace. Head Coach Colleen Munson stresses that these tactics will be used against UAB and USF, the same way they've been used against any non-conference teams played this year.

"We prepare for each team the same way," said Munson.

"We work hard and we practice hard, we have to prepare for UAB and USF the same way."

ECU junior Erica Wilson continues to lead the way with 156 kills this season. Junior Paige Howell and sophomore Jaime Bevan aren't far behind Wilson as they each have more than 150 kills. Junior Johanna Bertini continues to lead the team in digs with 213, averaging 3.87 a game. The Lady Pirates have an



The ECU women will be looking to get back to their winning ways this weekend against UAB and USF on the road.

average hitting percentage of .200 this season.

UAB currently has a record of 1-9 and is coming to this weekend's match off their first win of the season. Much like ECU's roster, UAB is a very young team with no seniors. Freshman Charli Lindley leads the Lady Blazers with 70 kills, while sophomore Brianna Galvin leads the team with 139 digs. As a team UAB has hit only .079 this season.

The Lady Bulls aren't much better than UAB, posting a 2-8 record. They are currently on a seven game losing streak and will be trying to get win number

three against ECU. Like ECU and UAB, USF also lacks seniors on their team. Junior Flavia Silveira leads USF with 137 kills and is second in digs with 97. Overall the team has a hitting percentage of .126.

The Lady Pirates will try to get back to their winning ways this Friday as they travel to Birmingham, Ala. to face UAB. They then travel to Tampa, Fla. to wrap up their two game road trip this Saturday against USF.

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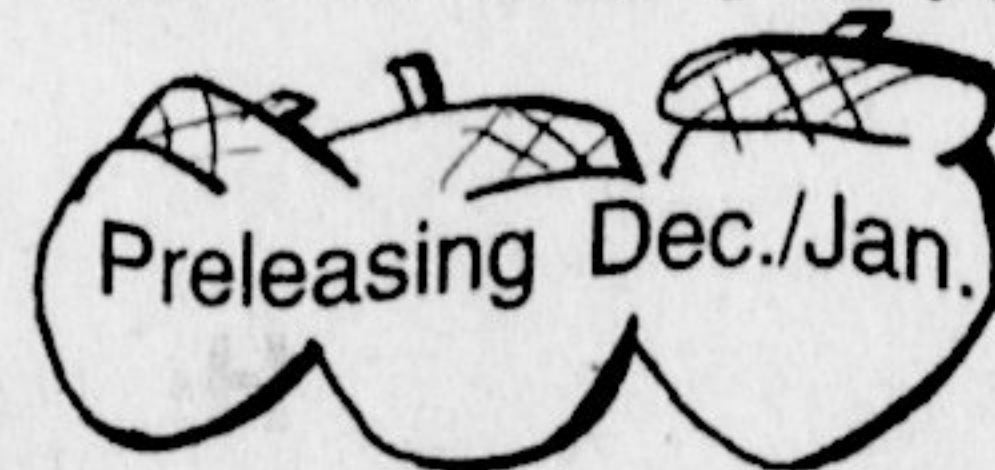
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Pirate runners will split up this weekend

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Pirate men's and women's cross country teams will be pulling split duty this weekend as both squads head into their third meet of the season.

Both the men's and women's squads will send their top seven or eight runners to the Great American Cross Country Festival to be held in Cary on Friday. The remaining portion of both teams will race in the Overton/Pirate Invitational being held at Lake Kristi on Saturday.

Head Coach Joe Catania sees the dual races as a good opportunity for his kids.

"We're going to send our top seven or eight men and women to the race in Cary this weekend and the rest will stay behind to race at Lake Kristi," said Catania.

"It's good for the kids. While our top men and women will be

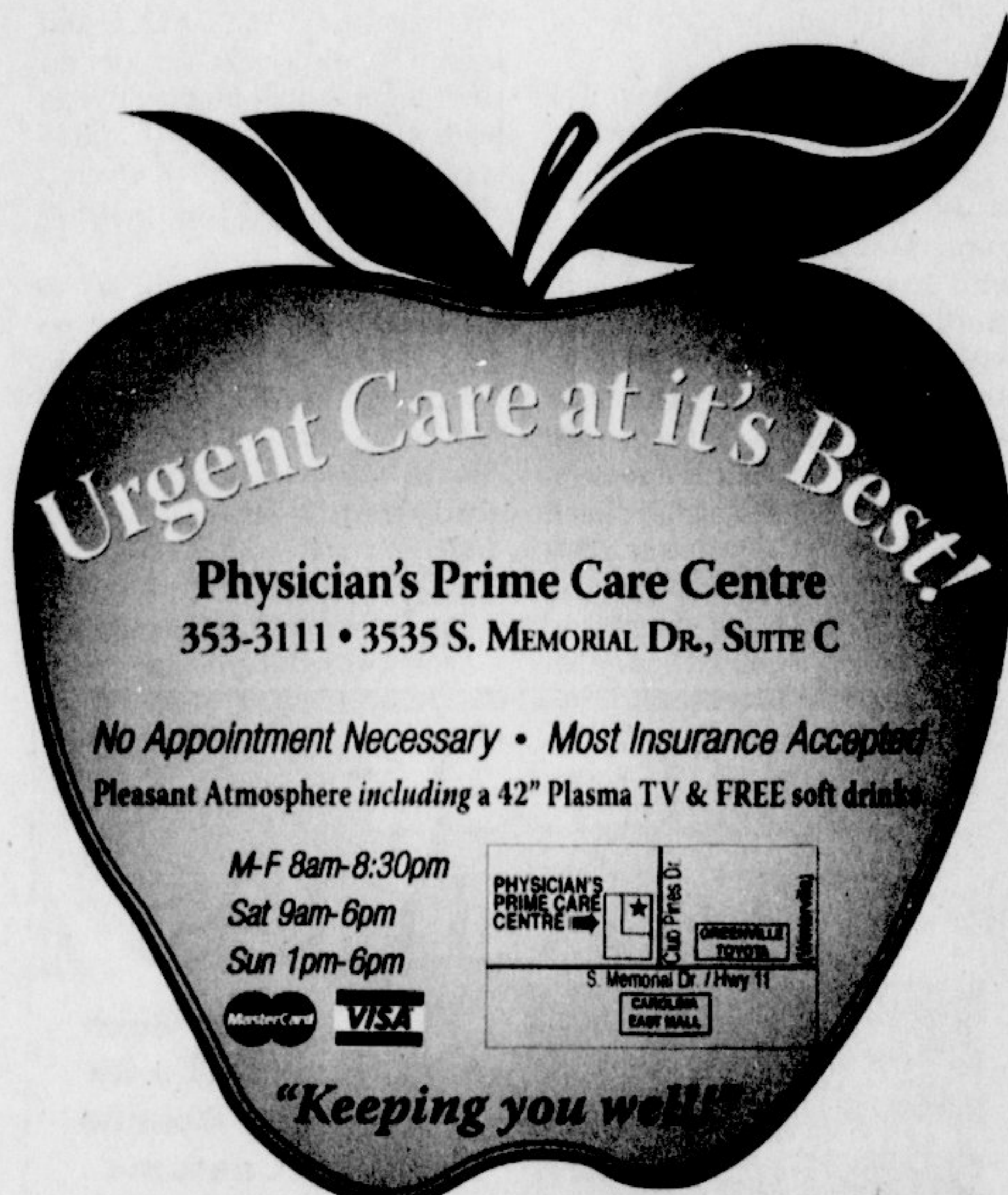
learning how to race in big meets, the ones who are running at Lake Kristi will get to experience the race running higher than they normally would. This is good because they will gain valuable front running experience that will help both teams out come championship time."

Matt Hanlon, Kyle MacKenzie, Jessica Collins and Johanna Allen will look to build off of the momentum gained two weekends ago at the Raleigh Invitational as they prepare themselves to run against some of the nation's elite distance runners.

Both teams in Cary will likely run in the Nike Race of Champions which will include many top 25 teams. Start time for the women's 5K race is set for 4:45 p.m. with the men running the 8K race at 5:15 p.m.

The Women's Race at Lake Kristi will begin around 9:30 a.m. with the men's race following approximately 30 minutes later.

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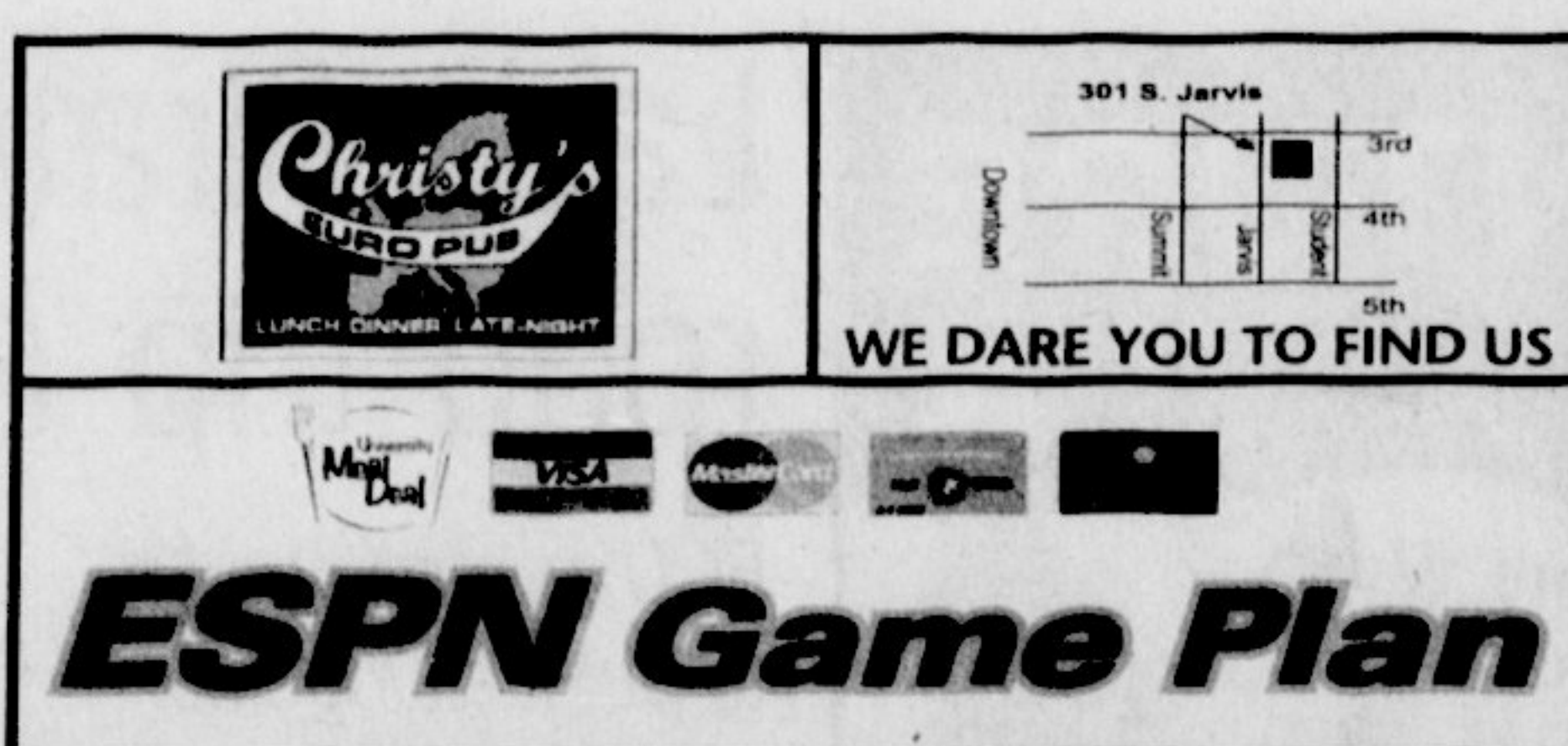
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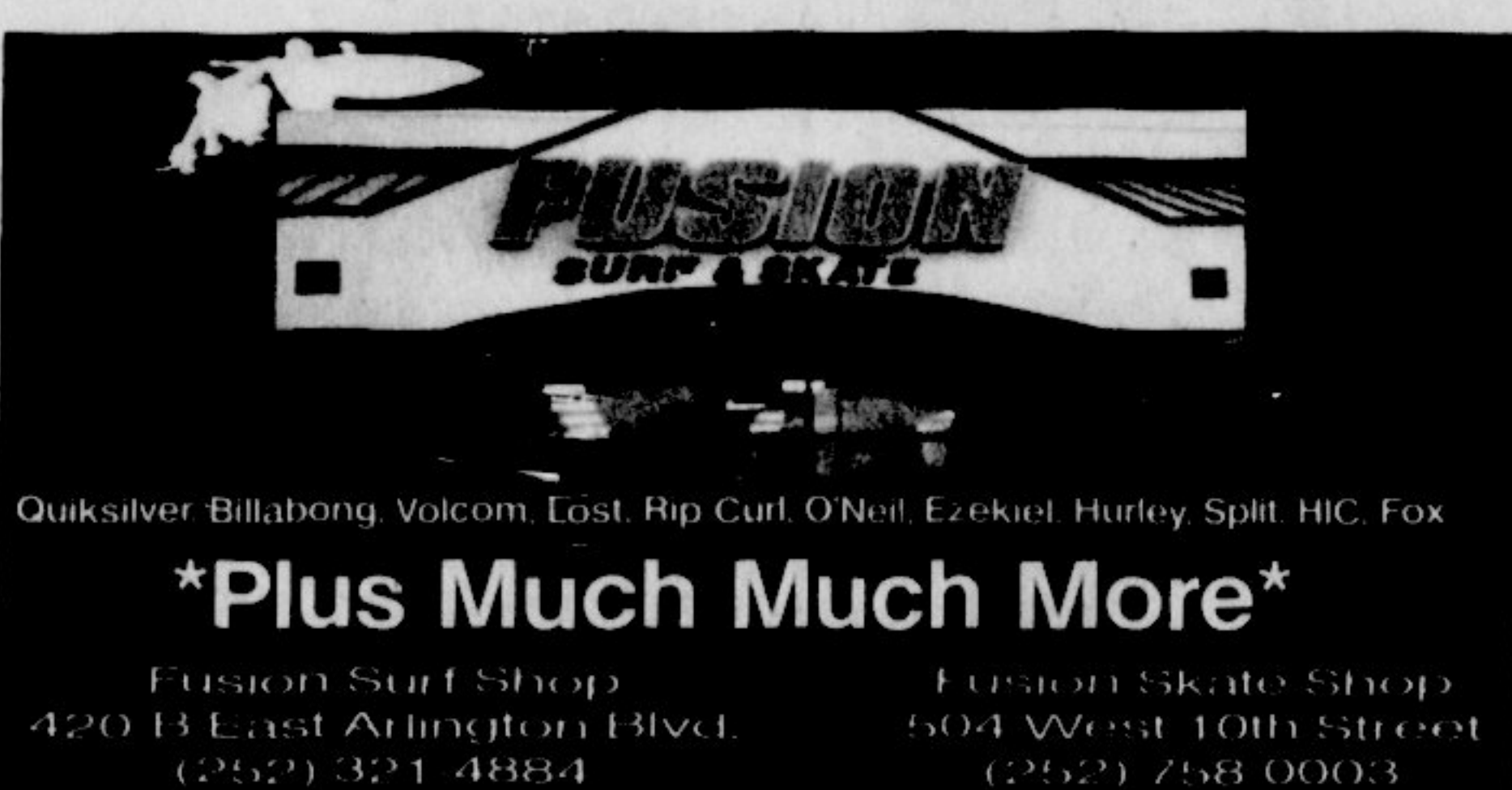
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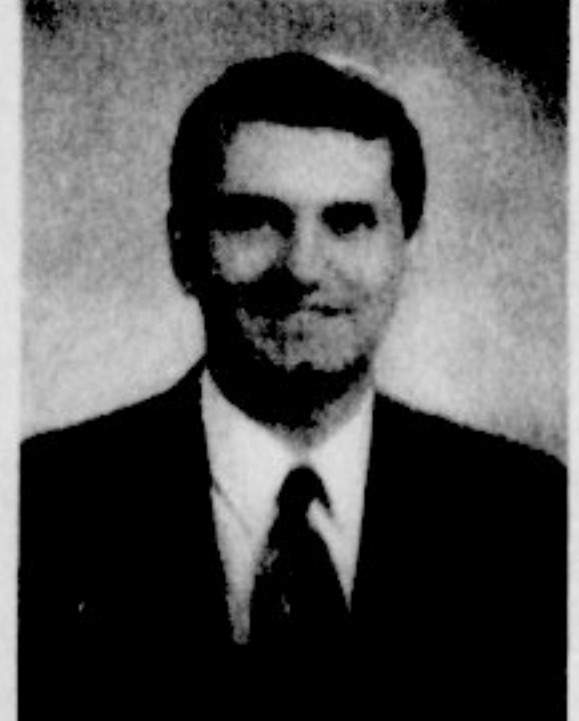
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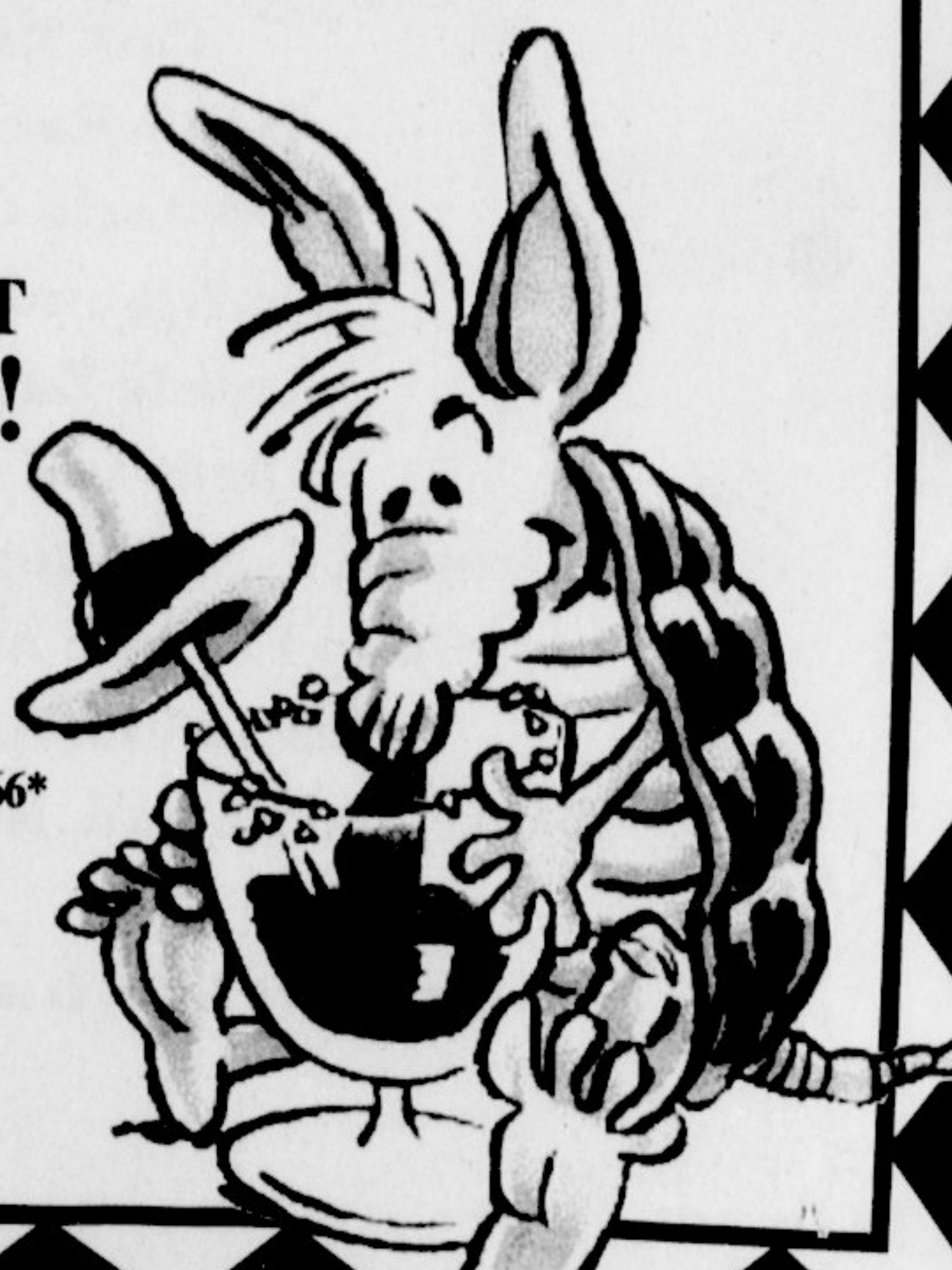
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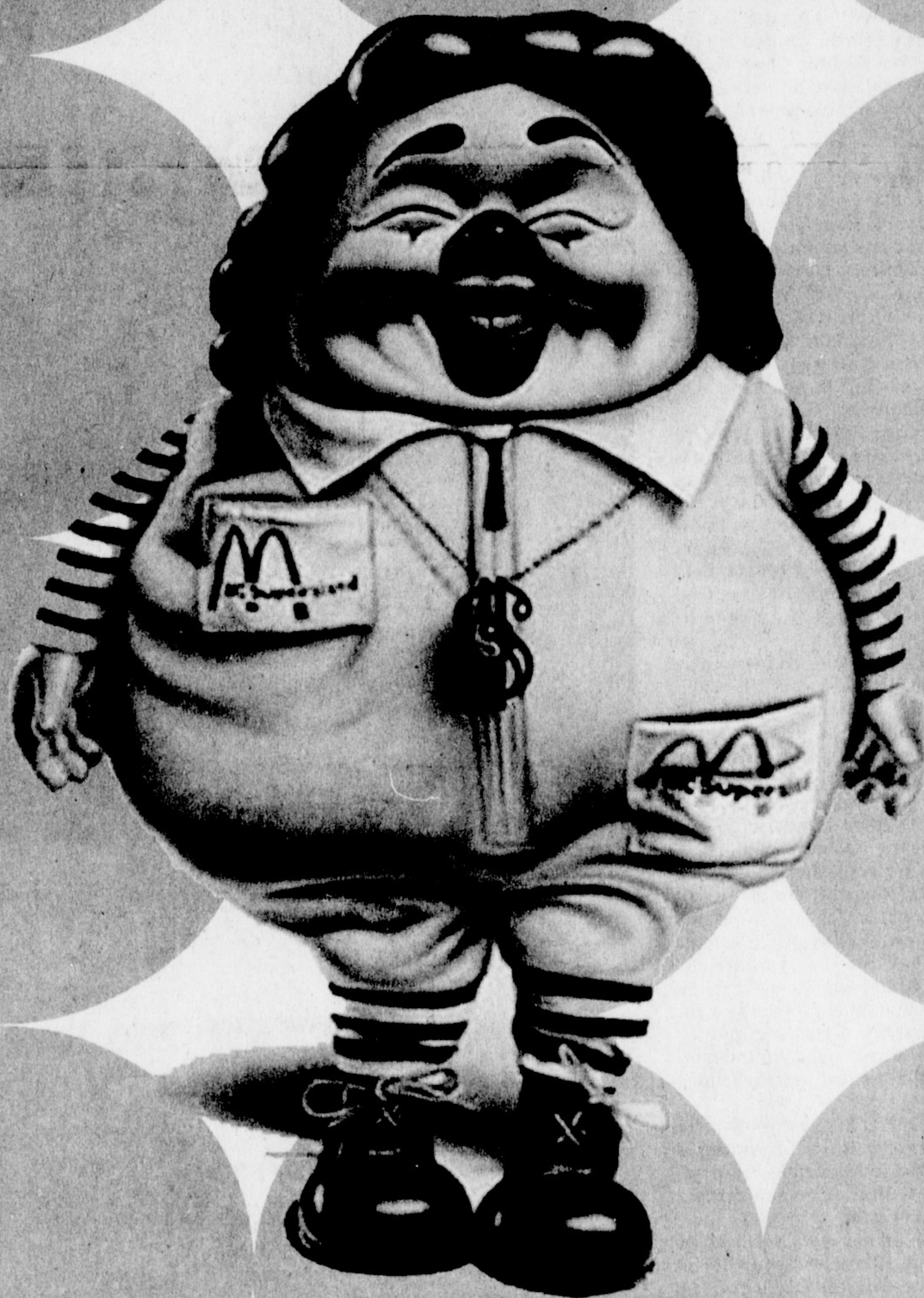
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Marvin Townes was limited to just six carries as the ECU offense rushed the ball just 19 times against Cincinnati. Townes will need more than six touches for ECU to compete with UL.

Senior quarterback Stefan LeFors is the next in line of a host of impressive Cardinal signal callers, and could be the most talented. Chris Redman and Dave Ragone haven't witnessed much success in the NFL, but LeFors is concentrating on a C-USA title and a win over the Pirates.

The 6-foot, 200-pound, quarterback has completed 72.2 percent of his passes this season for 532 yards. Fortunately for the Pirates, LeFors has found the end zone just twice with one interception. LeFors is more mobile than past Cardinal quarterbacks and that may pose a problem for the Pirate linebackers. The senior has rushed 15 times for 79 yards this season.

Like the Pirates, Louisville has a deep and talented backfield. The only difference is their production. Michael Bush has gotten the most reps with 44 carries and 212 yards and two touchdowns. Eric Shelton, Lionel Gates and Kolby Smith all have more than 100 yards on the ground and at

least a 5.2 yards per carry average. With the Pirates still struggling with stopping the run, any of the four could have a break out performance.

Junior Broderick Clark and senior J.R. Russell captain the receiving core. The duo has combined for 26 receptions and 212 yards. Russell has played the role of the possession receiver in 2004 while Clark figures to be the home run threat. The junior is averaging 16.7 yards per catch, including a 61-yarder.

Quick Facts

Freshman running back Chris Johnson will get his second career start on Saturday, supplanting Art Brown and a hobbled Marvin Townes. The speedster leads the team with 132 yards rushing on 13 carries, good for a 10.2 yard per carry average.

The Pirates have done well at making adjustments during halftime this season. ECU has been outscored 70-22 in the first half, but after the break they have closed the margin to 41-37.

Quarterback James Pinkney has completed passes to 13 different receivers this season. Bobby Good, Edwin Rios and Damarcus Fox all have more than 100 yards receiving.

Prediction

The Pirates should've pulled out a win over the visiting Bearcats last week after finally displaying a solid defensive game. Louisville has been a C-USA powerhouse the last several seasons and will give ECU all they can handle. I think the Pirates will put points on the scoreboard against a questionable defense. The Cardinals did shut out UNC and Kentucky, but allowed 21 points to a porous Army offense. The question is which team will show up. But even if the Cardinal defense doesn't play to their potential, I believe the Cardinal offense, led by LeFors, will be too tough to overcome. ECU falls in another close battle, 30-20.

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ex-ECU back was named the NFL-Europe Offensive Player of the Week in the first week after he rushed 114 yards and two touchdowns. Henry played in only three NFL-Europe games before he suffered a groin injury.

Henry rehabilitated here in Greenville this past summer.

"I wanted to go back to the foundation, where everything started for me," said Henry in July before the season started.

Unfortunately for Henry, he suffered a quad injury during training camp and missed virtually all of preseason camp. Henry claims to only have been healthy for the past three weeks.

"Miami knows I can run. I'm just looking for an opportunity to play. Whatever they tell me to do or wherever to go, I'm doing it 100 percent," Henry said.

Henry answered the call last week against the Pittsburgh Steelers. When Gordon was sidelined, Henry stepped in to do an ample job. The seventh-round choice finished with 41 yards on 21 carries in horrid weather conditions. A career-high 12-yard burst showed a flash of brilliance that Henry has showed time and time again in Greenville.

Henry quietly ranks second in career rushing for the Pirates with 3,089 yards. Henry gained 1,432 yards his senior campaign, which ranks second all-time in school history. Pretty good, considering ex-coach Steve Logan and ex-offensive coordinator Doug Martin didn't give him the ball. Henry averaged 7.8 yards per carry in being the nation's sixth-leading rusher.

Henry is not the type of player to complain. His faith has led him in a different route than most NFL players. L-Train, as the Pirate fans have come to know him, was "saved" in January after dealing with some off-the-field issues. Now, Henry thanks God for his blessings every time he gets the chance.

"God has blessed me to play this game and go out there and do the things that I do. All you have to do is be patient. That's been my whole career, being patient. Not listening to the criticism or whatever. If it's God's will, it will be done," Henry said before the season.

Henry continues to follow the Pirates. He had words of encouragement for Marvin Townes and Art Brown in July.

"The older guys and the senior class have to get back to the foundation. [Football] is the foundation of this community. We breathe football around here. We can't let this program slide," Henry said.

While at ECU, Henry wasn't a vocal leader. Instead, he preferred to lead by example. Henry's style is similar to quarterback James Pinkney.

If Pinkney adopts half of the attitude Henry had while he was a Pirate, this season will be heading for clearer waters.

This Sunday, pay attention to a former ECU running back. As much as he gave for the Pirates, the Pirate Nation owes him that much. Hey, he might just make history.

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