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Tar River Poetry magazine

'Tar River Poetry'

receives grant to

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KATIE KOKINDA-BALDWIN

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Tar River Poets.

Makuck said.

founded it in 1978."

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The bi-annual ECU poetry

magazine, Tar River Poetry,

received a \$10,000 grant from

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professor of arts and sciences and

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Enrollment reaches record high

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Students struggle in crowd walking to class. Increase brings challenges, benefits

NICK HENNE **NEWS EDITOR**

With ECU's enrollment at a record high of 22,766 students, ECU remains the third largest school in the UNC system.

ECU is not only increasing in the quantity of students, but the quality too is improving.

"We're trying to get more students and better students simultaneously ... If you look at the SAT scores, we are doing that," said Bob Thompson, director of the Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness.

The entire UNC system will have to accommodate for the growth while there is an increase in high school graduates.

Thompson said this increase will have an impact on ECU in later years.

"ECU is expecting a lot more increase in enrollment. Over the next two to three years, we will double the existing distance education ... The on-campus [enrollment] will have a more gradual increase," Thompson said.

Challenges ECU may have to face include the tightness of space. ECU will have to work to accommodate the number of students we are going to be getting and the number of faculty

to serve those students. "This increase will affect ECU in a variety of ways ... [It] will certainly mean more faculty members, but I think it also means increased recognition for ECU's ability to service eastern North Carolina

and the state," Thompson said. "As the graduate programs are increasing in size and the graduates are out there working, probably, in turn, recruits more people. It helps those individuals in their jobs. I think it also increases the opportunities for our undergraduates."

While the enrollment of students taking class on campus has increased, the main cause of the enrollment increase is an increase in distance education, which has increased by roughly 1,000 students for a total of nearly 3,200 students.

Thompson said distance education has been a fairly recent phenomenon during the past five years, and it is currently made up of mostly graduate students. While distance education is composed of mainly online courses, there are some face-toface arrangements either at ECU or at another location.

Existing classroom graduate programs are shifting to distance education courses, and are moving away from the classroom setting.

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Pedestrian hit by driver



Rescue teams and Greenville police are called to the intersection at Fifth and Jarvis Streets minutes after a student was hit by a car. An eye witness at the scene reported the student driver was making a turn onto Fifth Street and did not see the victim who was making her way across the street due to narrowness of the streets and oncoming traffic.

Kappa Delta holds dedication ceremony

Ribbon cutting ceremony marked in chapter's history

NICK HENNE NEWS EDITOR

The ECU chapter of Kappa Delta sorority had a ribbon cutting grand opening ceremony for their new sorority house Saturday, attracting sorority ECU alumnae and the national Kappa Delta president.

Julie Johnson, national president of Kappa Delta, gave a speech at the ceremony, thanking the key people involved in obtaining the house and discussing the

importance of the new house. The celebration consisted of it enhances our reputation and an open house with Kappa Delta alumnae, Ion Outterbridge, the director of Greek life, the national Kappa Delta president and other significant people relating to the chapter in attendance.

Adrian Wilkinson, president & of ECU's Kappa Delta chapter said the chapter will always remember this day, and they look to benefit

from the new addition. "This marks a landmark for the chapter, signifying all the hard work in establishing a house for our chapter," said Wilkinson.

"This is a huge stepping stone for our chapter."

Wilkinson said the house provides a location the sorority can call its own and allows more people to recognize them. She hopes it will bring a lot of positive relations with the Greek system.

Other benefits, Wilkinson said she feels the new landmark will bring are an additional amount of recruits, which will bring more people into the Greek system in general and a common location where the sisters can



Kappa Delta sisters gather with their national president at their house dedication ceremony.

fit the sorority with recruit-

ment and serving as a place

where the alumnae can return.

1897 at Longwood University

in Farmville, Va. The sorority

has four national philanthro-

pies including the Girl Scouts

of United States, Prevention

of Child Abuse America, Chil-

dren's Hospital of Richmond, Va.

and American Academy of

Kappa Delta was founded in

hang out and offer to returning alumnae of the chapter.

"This is a very special day for us, and this is a day that will be marked in the books for Kappa Delta," Wilkinson said.

Outterbridge said this is something Kappa Delta has worked hard for during the past four years since they came back to campus. Outterbridge said Kappa Delta has never had a problem in recruiting members and has excelled in academics, as well - their new house will make them more united with the Greek system NPC. This new addition would only help Kappa Delta con-

tinue to excel Outterbridge said.

Orthopedic Surgeons.

nursing major and member of Kappa Delta, said she will Kappa Delta always look back on this day, and she agrees it will bene-

Kappa Delta has 128 active collegiate chapters in the U.S. and a total of approximately 181,000 Initiates since 1897.

The four philanthropies include: Girl Scouts of America Prevent Child Abuse America Children's Hospital in Richmond American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons

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involved with these honors, they have given TRP a certain prestige. Poets consider it an honor to be published in TRP, even without any dollar signs attached. However, with the grant from the NEA, future compensation is now

possible.

"The lion's share of the money will be used to pay the contributors and when the two-year support period is up, we will re-apply for continued financial support and we hope we will still be able to pay our poets down the

road," Makuck said. TRP also plans to direct some of the money toward advertising TRP on Web sites and in the front and back covers of prestigious literary magazines.

Consisting primarily of original poetry submitted from seasoned and brand new poets alike, the magazine also publishes book reviews, essays on poetry and profiles of poets. Sorting through submission after submission, the task seems daunting - however, Makuck enjoys his job.

"I still read everything, and I love to find someone that has never been published before," Makuck said.

Having outlived the average life-span of most literary maga-

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Vanessa Anthony, senior ECU student commits suicide in

Services available to cope with loss

NICK HENNE NEWS EDITOR

Christopher Pope, freshman music major, was found dead Sunday in Aycock Residence Hall. Medical examiners office ruled the death a suicide.

The Center for Counseling and Student Development has held debriefing sessions and meetings with students in the music department and Aycock

Residence Hall to cope with the death of the student. These sessions are necessary to anyone who is having trouble in dealing with the incident.

Lynn M. Roeder, associate vice chancellor for counseling at the Center for Counseling and Student Development said the quicker the office can get to students affected by the incident and normalize the intense feeling, the better off they will be. The goal of those meetings was to make contact with the students. Roeder said all people react to situations like this in different ways.

"It touches them very deeply," said Roeder.

The Center for Counseling and Student Development allows walk-ins to speak with counselors there and work to rationalize situations. Counseling is free for all students and serves as a neutral party who can listen to any problems students might be experiencing and sort them out in a rational

Roeder said today's college students are stressed and are faced with much competition to the point where it becomes too extreme for them to handle.

Freshmen often have the largest difficulty in adjusting to college life which includes making friends, fitting in and connecting with the college scene. Some students cry out for help while others keep issues to themselves and a small amount of students resort to suicide.

A depression screening day is being held on Thursday, Oct. 7 allowing students to fill out a questionnaire and speak with a counselor about any personal problems they may be experiencing.

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Depression Screening

Depression screening taking Mendenhall Main Floor, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Student Health Services, second floor, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2006 Bate Building, 7 p.m. - 9

Center for Counseling and Student Development can be contacted at 328-6661

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Campus News

Correction

The wrong headline was printed on an Oct. 5 Opinion article. The headline was from an editorial that had appeared the previous week. We apologize for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

SGA Voting

Voting for SGA Sophomore class president was postponed this week. No further details have been given about voting at press

Student Union film series Hendrix Theater in Mendenhall

Student Center will be showing the following movies free with an ECU ID:

Oct. 7 - 10 Baadassss/The Notebook (No screenings on Wednesday,

Oct. 16 and Friday, Oct. 8 at midnight) Oct. 7 - 8 Psycho Beach Party

(Homecoming '04)

ECU Homecoming '04 Mark your calendars and catch

the wave from Oct. 4 - 9.

Scuba diving at Minges

Wednesday, Oct. 13 will be the final opportunity for students to dive at the Coliseum pool. Diving will take place in both the diving well and the lap pool. The events are open to all ECU students and participants must sign up three days in advance. Contact Jason Wright if interested.

American Red Cross

A blood drive hosted by the American Red Cross will be held Oct. 6 in Mendenhall from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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 328-6829.

Adult commuter students

Coffee, juice and continental breakfast foods will be served several times a semester at various locations throughout the campus as a way to let students know they matter. The first Good Morning Commuter breakfast will be in the lower level of Mendenhall on Oct. 7 from.8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact 328-6881 for more information.

Mechanisms of Hurricane

Destruction Lecture Nicholas Coch, Ph.D., professor of geology from Queen's College in NY will be at ECU to discuss his current research on the effects of hurricanes on coastal and inland areas. Sponsored by the ECU Chapter of Sigma Xi, Ph.D. Program in Coastal Resources Management and the departments of biology, geology and geography. Free to all.

Homecoming skit competition

ECU Homecoming skit competition will be held at the Hendrix Theater, 7 p.m. on Oct. 6. Come see your favorite student organizations compete for the best Homecoming Skit. This year's theme is "ECU Goes to the Beach." Free for all.

ECU poetry forum

Poetry forum will be held in 241 Mendenhall at 8 p.m. on Oct. 6. For more information, go to ecu. edu/org/poetryforum.

ECU Homecoming Pirate pep rally and Cookout

On The Hill on Oct. 7 from 4:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. join us at College Hill for a "spirited" ECU afternoon featuring live entertainment, food and fun. At 6:30 p.m. meet coach Thompson and our ECU cheerleaders, dance team and pep band. ECU meal plan will be honored. Those not on meal plan can purchase a dinner ticket for \$7 at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center.

Piratefest

Come and enjoy a fun day of special events featuring sand art and pirate treasure giveaways on the MSC Brickyard Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

News Briefs

LOCAL

Krispy Kreme hires directors to look into SEC concerns

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (AP) - Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. said Monday it has hired two independent directors to chair a new special committee to investigate matters raised by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In July, the federal agency began an informal inquiry into Krispy Kreme's lowered earnings outlook and the way the company buys back franchises. Officials at the doughnut chain have defended their accounting methods and handling of franchise buybacks. The Winston-Salem-based company said it is fully cooperating with the SEC.

One of the new directors is Michael Sutton, chief accountant for the Securities and Exchange Commission from 1995 to 1998.

The other, Lizanne Thomas, is a senior corporate partner in the Atlanta office of global law firm Jones Day, where she also serves as administrative partner.

Krispy Kreme said the addition of Sutton and Thomas increased its board size to 11. It has nine independent directors.

Some independent accounting experts say Krispy Kreme may have used aggressive bookkeeping to boost its earnings when it reacquired its Michigan franchise last year. In the other buyout, completed in January, Krispy Kreme didn't disclose that one of the sellers was Chief Executive Scott Livengood's ex-wife.

Shares of Krispy Kreme closed Monday at \$13.11, down 8 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange.

NC group announces Election Day hotline to report problems

DURHAM, NC (AP) - Lawyers and law students will staff a voting rights hot line on Election Day to assist North Carolina voters who run into problems or witness suspicious activity. The hot line is a program of the North

Carolina Voting Rights Project, an initiative of the nonprofit Institute for Southern Studies. The hot line is part of the project's "Election Protection North Carolina," announced

Monday. "Election Protection North Carolina gets community leaders, voting rights advocates, lawyers, and everyday citizens involved in making sure elections are free and fair," said Chris Kromm, executive director of the Durham-based Institute. "It's about defending the most basic building block of our democracy: the right

The project and the UNC Center for Civil Rights will work with a team of lawyers and law students to staff the voting rights hot line at 1 (866) OUR-VOTE, or (866) 687-8683.

The hot line is part of the statewide election protection program, designed to educate voters about their rights and to monitor polls on Election Day.

"From the presidency to the governor's race, elections in North Carolina promise to be closer than any time in recent memory," said Tara Purohit, project director. This means every vote will make a difference, and it is critical that we ensure all citizens are able to have their votes cast and counted this November."

The project said that in 2000, voters in Charlotte filed affidavits documenting 40 voters being turned away in one hour in a heavily black precinct. Also, more than 100,000 votes for president were thrown out in North Carolina that year due to various voting system failures.

NATIONAL

Tobacco lawyer denies knowledge of document destruction

WASHINGTON (AP) - A longtime lawyer for major cigarette manufacturers said Monday government lawyers got it wrong when they speculated he would testify he knew firsthand that the industry had

destroyed documents.

Justice Department lawyers had written in a court filing that attorney Robert Northrip would say he knew that documents central to a lawsuit in Australia were destroyed. The suit involved an Australian subsidiary of British American Tobacco Co., PLC. But when Northrip took the stand Monday in the government's racketeering case against the industry, he said he first heard the allegations about document destruction when they became public as part of the court decision against the Australian company two years ago.

He also filed a document with the court last week saying the government was wrong to speculate he knew about document destruction in the Australia case.

Justice lawyers declined comment Monday.

The Australian court decision had named Northrip as one of several people who might be "likely to know whether such documents were destroyed."

David Bernick, who represents Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., also owned by BATCo., said the government lost this round in the case.

"I think he was supposed to be the key witness for them," Bernick said of Northrip. "It turns out that he had no involvement in document destruction."

Northrip also faced questions about an industry memo indicating he advised tobacco executives to destroy research showing cigarette additives were harmful. He testified that he told his clients only that they could destroy data about additives that were tested but not ultimately used in cigarettes.

Employers already filled 2005 fiscal year foreign workers quota

WASHINGTON (AP) - Immigration officials have a message for employers hoping to hire foreign workers through the H1-B visa program for the fiscal year that began Friday: It's too late. The popular visas are granted to foreigners in specialty professions such as architecture, engineering, medicine and computer programming. H1-B visas are good for up to six

Congress set a cap of 65,000 such visas per fiscal year. By the end the workday Friday, Citizenship and Immigration Services already had received enough applications to meet the limit.

Agency spokesman William Strassberger said applications filed by Friday will be considered. For any after that, "It's too late," he said.

Under the H-1B program, U.S. employers must pay foreign workers the prevailing wage for their job fields and show that qualified U.S. workers are not being passed over. The foreign worker must have at least a bachelor's degree or the equivalent. Unions and other critics say the program allows businesses to fill jobs with cheaper foreign labor, but those that use the program say they can't find enough Americans with the necessary math, science and engineering skills.

Sensitivity about exporting American jobs overseas has made Congress reluctant to raise the cap.

Congress last raised the cap in 2000, when the country was enjoying a technology-propelled boom. The H1-B worker limit rose to 195,000, but i fell back to 65,000 last year.

WORLD

Japan takes bolder military role in post-Cold War era

TOKYO (AP) - When the U.S.-led coalition drove Iraqi invaders from Kuwait in 1991, Japan kept its soldiers home.

A decade later, it broke with a pattern in force since World War II: It sent its navy to provide support against the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2001, and this year deployed troops to Iraq on a humanitarian mission.

The new activism illustrates a quickly evolving post-Cold War defense policy aimed at winning Japan the global respect that befits an economic superpower and supporting a world order under which Tokyo has prospered.

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While its defense still depends heavily on 50,000 U.S. troops stationed here, it has moved step by step into the wider world, starting in 1992 when it sent troops overseas for the first time, as U.N. peacekeepers in Cambodia. In the late 1990s, it expanded support of U.S. forces to operations in "areas around Japan," which has been widely interpreted to mean beyond its territorial waters. And now its government has faced down opponents at home to place some 1,000 troops in Iraq and Kuwait.

Millions of Ethiopians still dependent on food aid

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) - At least 4 million Ethiopians would die each year without food aid, a British aid group said Monday, marking 20 years since a devastating famine killed more than half a million people in the impoverished country.

Now, foreign aid should focus on lifting this nation of 70 million out of poverty, rather than just keeping people alive with food handouts, the Save the Children aid group said.

"Millions of people in the historically famine-prone northeastern highlands are worse off and more vulnerable than ever," said Mike Aaronson, head of the group.

Aaronson said "lack of political will" by world leaders and "paltry" aid have not helped the nation combat persistent food shortages - two decades after the 1984 Live Band hit song "Do They Know It's Christmas?" raised \$10 million for starving Ethiopians.

The song raised awareness of a famine facing 8 million Ethiopians and spawned other projects, including the trans-Atlantic Live Aid rock extravaganza in 1985, which brought in more than US\$100 million.

ECU volunteers hold 'Jail N' Bail' fundraiser to benefit children

Proceeds go to children's hospital

SUMMER MARTIN STAFF WRITER

The ECU volunteer center is hosting the "Jail N' Bail" fund raiser this week in an effort to raise money for the children's unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Jessica Gagne, NC campus compact vista, came up with the idea. In the event, warrants are issued to have students or faculty members arrested and sent to a prison called the "Paddy Wagon." Bails have to be paid to get out of jail, and the prisoners' pictures will be taken at the homecoming

event on Thursday. All a person has to do to participate is pay \$1 for a warrant and write the name of the person they want to have arrested on the warrant. The person will then be put into the "Paddy Wagon" until students pay bail to get out of jail. Participants are eligible to pay more than \$1 for the warrant, but the bail will remain twice the amount of the cost of the warrant. Warrants can be obtained from the volunteer office in the basement of the

Christenbury Gym.

The main event will take place Thursday at the top of College Hill from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. in combination with the Pirate cookout and the homecoming pep rally. The event will host two alternative bands - Dolly Dagger and Narallis. There will be free food and drinks for attendants of the event and prizes will also be given. Prizes donated are from Outback Steakhouse, Ryan's Steak House, Greenville Marines and Kmart. Donations are accepted to help raise money for the cause.

This event shows ECU's students care for terminally or temporarily ill children. This fund raiser's main goal is to help improve the children's stay in

as possible. No child wants to be in the hospital during a holiday, so although we can not necessarily give them joy, we try to at least put a smile on their face," said Brooke Griffin, sophomore nursing major.

the hospital. "There are children who have to be in the hospital during holidays ... and we just want to try to make their stay as pleasant

Shawn Moore, program

assistant, said students

who are hesitant about

participating to know they

can be anonymous. People arrested will not be able to find out who paid to have them arrested. Moore said several students

are using the anonymous factor as an advantage to get back at their professors for the many tests given last week. While some students are having fun with this new kind

of fund raiser, others are not

quite sure about the whole idea of having someone arrested and put into the "Paddy Wagon." "I would participate, but only because it is for the children,

Griffin said. The faculty is also taking advantage of the event and is arresting other faculty members.

"The faculty seems to be enjoying this fund raiser. The entire political science department bought warrants for each other," said Moore.

The fund raiser has already raised more than \$100 and after everyone pays bail, there will be a lot more. This is the first year for this event and the goal is to raise \$500. If this year's event is successful, it may be repeated next year, and the organization's goal will rise to a greater challenge.

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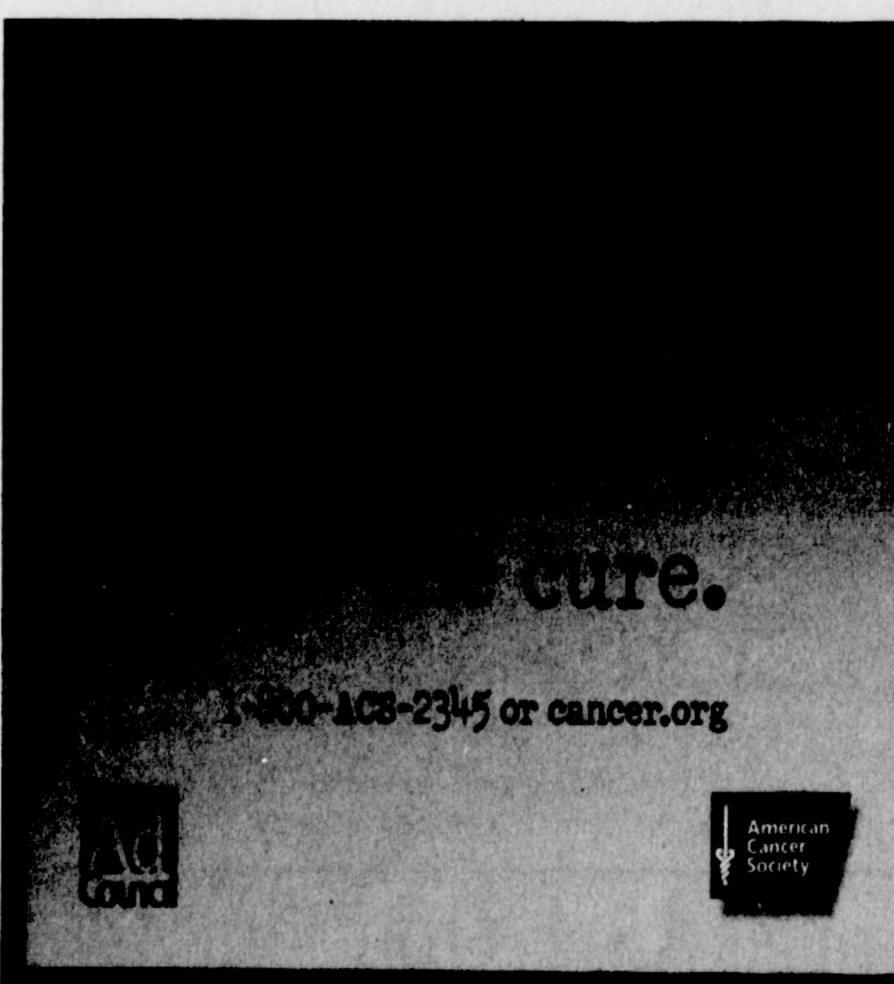
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zines, which is four to six years, TRP keeps a positive outlook for the future. Makuck had the honor of interviewing Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Henry Taylor for the 25th anniversary issue.

"The magazine is well known in the literary community, much more well known than it is here in Greenville. Lots of good things have happened at ECU that people aren't aware of, but people elsewhere in the country are

aware of them," Makuck said. With recognition in the form of \$10,000 from the NEA, perhaps ECU will start to take notice of this home-grown yet, nationally ranked magazine.

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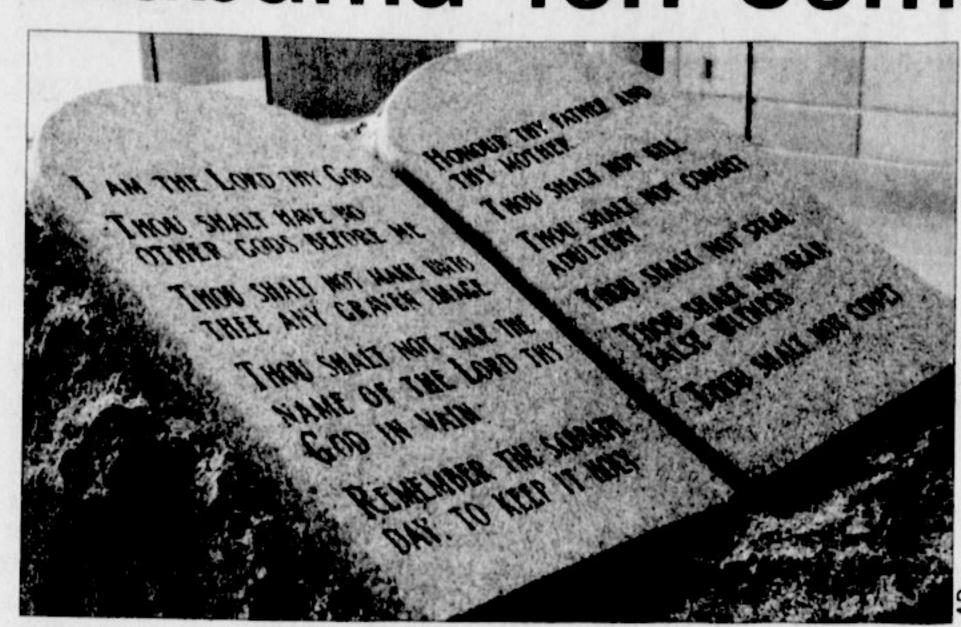
- who staged a brazen opposi-

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The dismissal closes the book

the decision.



The Ten Commandments monument in Montgomery, Ala.

MONTGOMERY, AL. (AP) — The three-year legal battle over ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore and his Ten Commandments monument ended quietly Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Moore's final appeal.

The high court made no comment in declining Moore's request to reverse his expulsion last year by a state judicial ethics panel for refusing a federal judge's order to remove the 5,300-pound monument from the Alabama courthouse.

Moore said in a statement that it was hypocritical for the "liberal Supreme Court" to turn down his appeal even though the justices begin each session with the phrase, "God

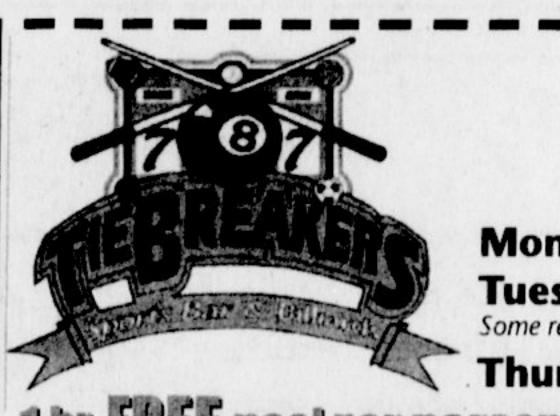
enroll at the University of Ala-"Obviously, when they open bama - Moore never submitted their courts this way the majority to the federal court.

of the court doesn't really mean His refusal to obey U.S. District Judge Myron it," said Moore, whose appeal to keep the monument in the Thompson's order drew hundreds of supporters to courthouse was rejected by the Montgomery last summer and Opponents of the judge inspired similar Ten Command-

and his monument cheered ments displays in other states. But his colleagues on the Ala-"Now, no court on this planet bama Supreme Court, under threat has ruled in Moore's favor," said of fines by Thompson, voted to remove the monument from the director of Americans United for courthouse rotunda in August 2003. The state Court of the Judione of the groups that sued in ciary expelled him from office three months later, saying Moore had "placed himself above the law."

Moore's political future remained uncertain Monday. He has said repeatedly that he would exhaust all of his appeals before deciding whether to run for office again.

Moore's spokeswoman, Jessica Atteberry, said Monday that Moore has not decided whether to run.



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save the United States and this before allowing black students to Drew Carey goes where the laughs are greener in new WB series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drew Carey is going for the green, even appearing before a gathering of television critics with

green hair. The temporary dye job was to draw attention to "Drew Carey's Green Screen Show," which debuts

8:30 p.m. EDTThursday on the WB. The series stars Carey and many of his quick-witted chums from his "Whose Line is it Anyway?" series and his tour group, including Brad Sherwood, Colin Mochrie, Greg Proops, Julie Larson and Sean Masterson.

The cast performs improvisational skits suggested by a live audience, minus all props but in front of a so-called green screen, which is typically used by Hollywood as a canvas for computer-generated imagery that is added later.

On Carey's new show, the green screen is electronically replaced with background, costumes and assorted props that fit the skit - all created by a variety of animation techniques, including hand-drawn, stop-motion and computer-generated.

The studio audience sees none of the effects, but the TV audience is treated to the result when the episode airs six to 12 weeks later.

In one skit, for instance, the actors' faces and voices remain intact, but their bodies become G.I. Joe-style dolls moving against a boot camp background.

In another bit, the background morphs from golf course to farm to baseball diamond to kids' playground to outhouse to jungle scene to picket line to ...

Well, you get the idea. Then there's the routine where

Mochrie is overlaid with a blond wig and peppermint pink maternity pinafore as he gives birth to

twins, drawn to look like Carey. In a conversation heavily punctuated with his amiable laugh, Carey talked about why - after a combined 15 seasons on ABC's "The Drew Carey Show" and "Whose Line is it Anyway?" he's playing with digital tricks on the WB.

For one, he says ABC treated him like a has-been, moving his shows all over the schedule and allowing them to peter out without any firm goodbyes.

But his "sad" experience with ABC hasn't dented his eagerness to make his new series popular on a different network. He says he dreamed up the concept because he's hooked by the talents of the improv players.

"Once you are known for something," he said, "it would be like New Coke to

Drew Carey

change it."

"I guess I just love working with them so much I am always trying to figure ways where I can keep working with them," Carey says. "I've done whole weeks of performance with them, for free, just hanging out with them on the tour bus. They are always so witty, always fun."

Oldest profession turns to nation's favorite sport to highlight its quest for rights

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — It was just a friendly soccer match a social experiment designed to bring together women from opposite sides of the tracks. But when one of the teams produced protest placards and revealed its players to be prostitutes, it plunged Guatemala into a heated debate.

The game was set up by Spanish filmmakers Jose Maria Rodriguez and Jesus Velasco, and by Guatemalan journalist Andres Zepeda who said the idea was to pit the prostitutes against the Ice Devils, a team of wealthy adolescents, and demonstrate that prostitutes are just like ordinary folk. But when the team

nicknamed the Stars from the Wrong Side of the Tracks revealed its true colors, a demanding protection against discrimination and the right to custody of their children, parents of the Ice Devils girls were angry.

Although the Sept. 18 game went ahead, the Stars were expelled from their local soccer club and are now playing a series of games against other teams



The soccer team "Las Estrellas de la Linea" gets dressed for a training session.

made up of prostitutes. Zepeda says the match was "an intentional, confrontational act to provoke two polar opposites within society, without violence, to experience and observe their reaction."

Dina Fernandez, a columnist

for the newspaper Prensa Libre, said the game "goes against common sense" because children and prostitutes "don't mix."

But columnist Claudia Samayoa, writing in the Siglo 21 newspaper, applauded the Stars for fighting for their dignity and

resisting stigma.

The filmmakers said they set out to make a documentary about Guatemalan gangs but changed course when they met the prostitutes in a rough neighborhood near railroad tracks known as "la linea" - the line.

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ECU received the largest amount of enrollment increase money in anticipation of recognition of the growth.

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Our View

Have you ever thought about what a debate proves? Could it prove one is better than the other because of how they present themselves? Could it prove one person answers questions better or worse? Does it prove one person is right or wrong?

In the first presidential debate this election year, President Bush defended his decision to bring down the dictator Saddam Hussein by sending in thousands of U.S. troops saying their sacrifice was both "noble and worthy."

"We're being challenged like never before, and we have a duty to our country and to future generations of Americans to achieve a free Iraq, a free Afghanistan and to rid the world of weapons of mass destructions," said Bush.

According to a CNN article, "Kerry said the invasion of Iraq was an ili-conceived adventure that's 'getting worse by the day' and has distracted the United States from the fight against terrorism, which Kerry insisted he could win too by fighting a smarter war."

Kerry's inconsistencies were made clear during the debate after his congressional decision authorizing Bush to take action in the current war on terror was brought to light.

Kerry is now saying that Iraq "was the wrong war at the wrong place at the wrong time."

At one point during the debate, Bush was asked "if the Iraq experience would make him more reluctant to launch preemptive military operations in the future." The president responded he "never wanted to commit troops" but did so because "the enemy attacked us - and I have a solemn duty to protect the American people."

While both candidates gave valid points, there are still issues that remain to be debated.

The next few weeks will give better insight on which candidate could be better suited to lead America for the next four years.

It is our belief that Bush will stand by his current decisions and hopefully finish what he has started, not only with the war on terror, but in every aspect of his presidency.

If Kerry is elected, it is our hope that he will stand by the American people and make the right choices for our country.

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RACHEL LANDEN STAFF WRITER

59-7. Do you recognize those numbers? I'm sure ECU's football team

No, 59-7 isn't our football team's record over the past few seasons. If so, I probably wouldn't be writing anything about them. After all, I'm not a sports writer and ECU athletics is not my area of expertise.

However, I am an ECU student, one that prides herself on holding high our university's standards. As such, I have something to say.

There's probably no reason for me to remind anyone that 59-7 was the score of Saturday's football game versus the Louisville Cardinals. There was no big celebration in Greenville the night after the game, so I'm sure even if you didn't watch it on television, you can probably guess who left on the losing

Our football program's once touted tradition of excellence seems to be fading into oblivion. After last year's losing season and another that seems to be following suit this fall, ECU fans are getting discouraged.

And why shouldn't they be? All I have to say is 59-7.

I was talking to a friend recently

about the state of our football team and



the financial burden that goes with it. Our university, alumni and supporters in the Pirate Club continue to fund scholarship athletes on a team that really doesn't seem to be performing.

Is it unreasonable to think that if someone doesn't fulfill his athletic potential perhaps his scholarship based on such performance should be revoked? If he were at ECU on an academic scholarship and his grades weren't consistently at a certain level, his academic scholarship would be forfeited.

There are students at ECU who will lose their academic scholarships if they don't maintain an A/B average. Performing at a B level in the classroom is not enough. Being an above-average student puts them on a sort of academic probation. If they don't bring their grades up, they lose their financial frustrations, but giving up and tearing

Yet our football team isn't making still believe.

A's on the field. I would daresay their record doesn't even put them at average. Still, they receive continuous financial backing from the university. Please tell me what is wrong with this have a place here at ECU. picture.

But before you begin sending me hate mail for this opinion, I have something more to add.

Students on academic scholarship who do not make the required grades are given a second chance. They have another semester to prove themselves, to raise their grades and to show they are deserving of their scholarship. If they can do this, then it's pretty much business as usual.

All's well that ends well. The administration understands everyone makes mistakes and most of us deserve second chances.

On that note, I'm not taking off my purple and gold. I'll be at every home football game wearing my ECU t-shirt and screaming for my Pirates. That's right. I'm giving them a second chance because I know those guys are out on the field playing their hearts out. They're our fellow Pirates and they want to make us proud just as badly, if not more so, than we want them to.

I know a lot of students and even ECU graduates have given up on their alma mater. Fair weather fans bash our team and bash coach Thompson. To what purpose?

Sure, it may help relieve some down will get us nowhere. I, for one,

Pirate Rant

Why is a 20-page research paper worth the same amount in my final grade as a 55-minute exam? Should I have spent the same amount of time on each?

ECU football couldn't even beat the local high school teams here if even they were given a seven-point starting lead.

I can appreciate someone speaking freely, but someone should intervene when pictures of aborted fetuses are being shown right here on campus.

Whatever happened to holding a door open for the person behind you?

Support your military and acknowledge their sacrifices from time to time.

Why bash the other presidential candidate? They both want to do great things for this country. What are you doing for a great number of people?

Just because ECU may not be as good in basketball or football than other schools, cheering for ACC teams just because they are good is called jumping on the bandwagon and following the crowd.

It was so nice to see the B-GLAD chapter of ECU in the NC Pride Parade this past Saturday in Raleigh. Thank you for reminding me (and others) that we all

Thank you, Graham Wilson, for your response to another one of Tony McKee's biased, sarcastic, uninformed articles. Thank you for doing your homework and for setting the truth straight.

To all the residents above me in Greene Hall: What is it that you do not understand about "Please do not slam your door?"

When labs say they will be open for specific hours for student use, they need to stay open during those times. It's not like I have my whole life to do this one project.

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Letters to the Editor ate, it did not change my mind one bit. I still feel a woman has a right to choose,

Dear Editor,

This being my first year at ECU, I am stunned at the number of college students that smoke cigarettes. I respect their right to do as they will, but not when it infringes on my rights. When waiting outside between classes, someone never fails to walk directly in front of me or sit down beside me and flick ash in my face. Not only is it rude and inconsiderate, it is a health hazard, especially for me since I am allergic to the smoke. Just as bad, when students are finished smoking they throw their butts down on the ground anywhere they feel like. I wish students would show more respect for the rights of other people. I believe it would be a great idea for there to be designated smoking spots on campus for those people that have to have their cigarette between classes.

Brad Gustafson ECU Student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Peter Kalajian's article, titled "Firebrand preacher visits campus," printed in the Thursday, Sept. 30 edition of TEC.

I have obviously read the article, and can, in good conscience, say that I agree with him 100 percent. I have a few gay/lesbian friends and relatives and personally, I fail to understand why it is such a sin to love somebody. I am a Pagan, but I am very familiar with the Ten Commandments and one of them, as you probably also know, is "Thou shalt not lie." So, my question is this: Is this preacher, who no doubt means well, trying to say it is better to lie about who one actually is, better, to lead a false life, than it is to be true to oneself? If so, I believe his heart is in the wrong place.

As for the issue of abortion, I am pro-choice and wanted to reiterate on what you said, that, whereas the picture this man was toting about with him was disgusting and thoroughly inappropri-

whether I agree with her reasoning or not. I don't believe that I, myself, would ever have one, but it is the right of every woman to have that choice. It is also a much better thing for abortion to be legal than for it to be outlawed, which would risk hundreds, maybe thousands of women's lives a year, due to unsanitary tools and locations. Years ago, abortions were being performed by doctors, whose licenses had been revoked for one reason or another, who used mangled coat hangers to carry out this deed. I would barely hesitate to say that most people, whether they agree with me or not, would agree it is better to keep abortion legal.

I think that even though this man thinks he knows he is doing what is best for the younger generation, he needs to open up his closed mind, and for once, let in love, and stop the hate from flowing out.

Freya Turppa TEC Reader

Dear Editor,

This is in response to your "Firebrand preacher visits campus" article in the Sept. 30 edition of TEC. I can understand your disgust of the 6-foot aborted baby picture. Though I was not there to see it, me being a college graduate who happened upon your newspaper of sorts, via a coworker, I can only imagine the stomach turning experience.

But I have a couple of questions, and I must warn you I am what you so aptly called a "religious fundamentalist /bigot/ any other name you have for Bible believing Christians." That said, I also want to assure you that, while I can sense in your article that you, yourself were aiming for a smaller shock factor with the notion that anyone who believes that the Bible is historical is a fool (low-blow), I must say to you that I have heard much harsher and more

cliché comments of my faith and that you have not offended me. My question is, were you more disgusted by the enormity of such a gruesome picture or the subject itself? Because abortion is an ugly and gruesome thing. I have felt that way even before I began my journey with Christ. Another question, are you a moral relativist? Because if this is the case, then my opinions and ramblings are lost to you outside of the movement of the Holy Spirit.

There is a huge difference between seeing what you saw on your campus and comparing it to the horrible acts of terrorists in Iraq. One, killing babies is legal and it happens everyday. What the terrorists do, post Saddam, is illegal and a cowards way of bargaining. The only thing in common is death, killing innocent lives. Either way, seeing it large and close up has to be damaging and the result of viewing such material should cause action against such cruel acts, don't you think?

Becki Buck TEC Reader, New Bern

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Peter Kalajian's Sept. 30 editorial about the minister preaching on campus. He attacks the man for being a bigoted religious fundamentalist, yet in the same editorial, he states every "reasonable person" knows the Bible is not historically accurate. Based on this, would assume Mr. Kalajian believes that Christians aren't "reasonable" people. That is just as bigoted as anything that Norman Morris preached on campus and every Christian that read the column should be offended.

I find it funny that these leftwingers claim to be the defenders of civil liberties, but they are the first ones to try to get someone to shut up who has a conservative Christian point

David Crews ECU Student



"It was pretty exciting to sit and write with Elvis. He's an artist who can make my thoughts into poetry. I'm just grateful that I have this happiness with him, both artistically and personally."

- Country singer Diana Krall, on her collaboration with husband and songwriter Elvis Costello on Krall's new album, "The Girl in the Other Room."

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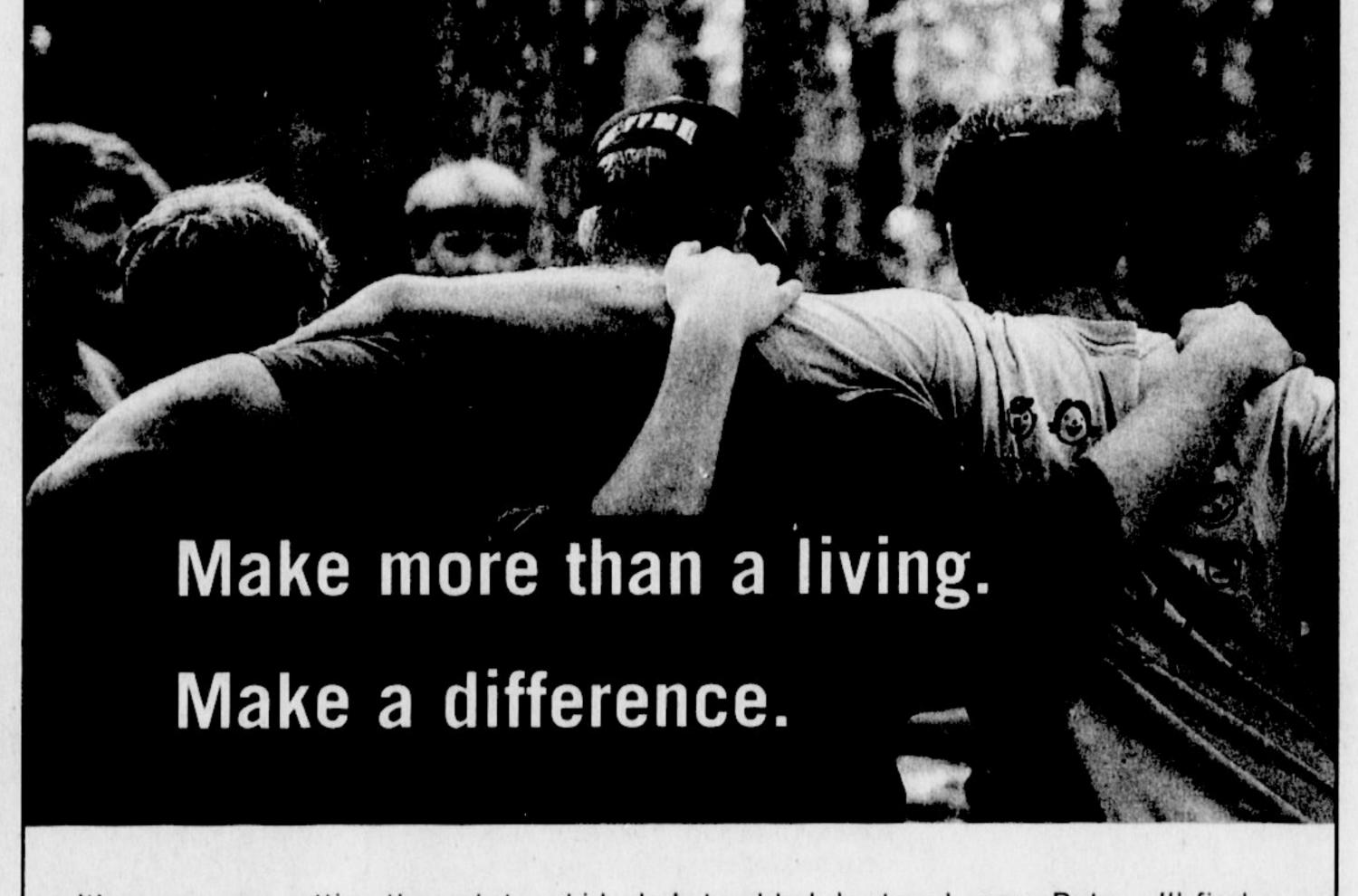


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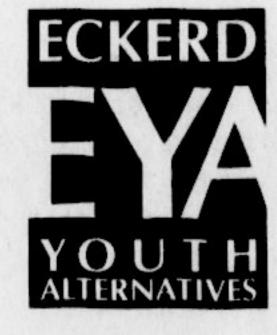
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Cancer - Being thoughtful is more than a natural talent of yours. You work at it and that may be necessary now.

Leo - There are so many interesting things to do other than that which you've previously obligated yourself. Don't you hate it when this happens?

Virgo - Continue to solicit advice from one with more experience. There's no reason you have to learn it all the hard way, especially since a friend of yours already

Libra - Of all the kinds of discipline there are, the kind you apply to your own self is the best by far. It's not easy, but this is a perfect time to practice.

Scorpio - A distant friend or relative dispenses good advice. Trade by sharing the story of a miracle that's happened to you recently.

Sagittarius - In a perfect world, you'd be able to buy whatever you want. You can bring yourself closer to satisfaction by learning to want what you can afford. You'll be closer to enlightenment, too.

Capricorn - Common sense isn't really all that common any more. Advise a person who doesn't have much, but carefully. Your words may not be welcome.

Aquarius - Once you've got the workplace routine firmly in place, you'll produce much more with much less effort. It shouldn't be long now.

Pisces - You're good at fantasies, but you need somebody else to help with the structure. Being in love with a person like that is an excellent plan. If you're not yet, you could be soon.

'Shark Tale:' Hollywood attempt at teaching virtue

Stereotypes flow throughout movie

JASON FREEMAN STAFF WRITER

What if all of Hollywood got together to make an animated movie? Undoubtedly, it would include mobsters, as a salute to classic movies like Goodfellas and The Godfather. It would also likely have a closeted son dealing with issues of identity to teach tolerance and an

frey Katzenberg and David Geffen. Shark Tale is produced by DreamWorks Animation, a division of DreamWorks SKG. Shark Tale is the latest film in a series of animated hits from DreamWorks that include Shrek and Shrek 2 - the highest grossing animated

film in history.

The film displays the talents of Will Smith as the lovable liar Oscar. Smith talks fast and brings his unique brand of humor to the film. His style harkens back to his days on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," when he could convince us he was a struggling high school student and not a multi-millionaire recording artist. This film would have afforded Smith the opportunity to escape the hiphop image that limits so many rapper turned actors if it wasn't for the fact his character exuded stereotypical characteristics, such as a preference for gold chains and making "white fish" feel insecure.

Robert De Niro and Martin



Scorcese also contribute their talent. They provide the voices for the mobster fish which have Italian accents, but will likely be defended as not having any ethnicity when Italian-American groups criticize yet another inaccurate representation of their community.

No group is safe in this movie and utterance of "Oy Vey" by De Niro's character - Lino, the Godfather, rounds out the fictional characters' "veiled" references to real groups.

The plot of the movie encompasses the misadventures of Oscar, a fish trying to achieve his

dreams of fame and fortune and residence at the top of the reef. He gets his opportunity when, due to a strange twist of fate, he is directly responsible for the death of a great white shark who happens to be the son of the all sharks on the reef's leader. With the help of the dead shark's insecure brother Lenny, voiced by Jack Black, and the loving disapproval of his secret admirer/best friend Angie the angelfish, voiced by Renée Zellweger, Oscar charades as "The Shark Slayer" until he is forced to admit the truth after he discovers he had everything he ever needed from the

beginning. Oh, and everybody lived happily ever after.

Deferring from my own opinion and turning to the expertise of my ten-year-old cousin, Thomas, I asked how the movie

"It was kinda good. It had gushy love in it ... I hate gushy love," he said after leaving the movie theater.

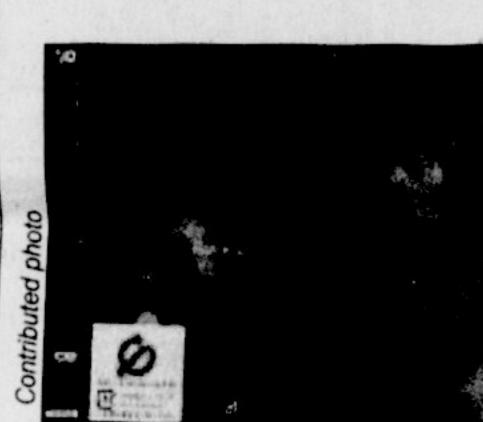
Despite his criticism, he did laugh at various parts. However, the adult themes and references, such as Oscar telling Angie "You had me at hello" (Jerry Maguire) and Angie's mysterious discomfort at the line, were lost on him entirely.

Despite the shortcomings, the movie did have some funny parts and the animation looks amazing.

Bottom Line: Not really a good film for young children, but you would probably laugh, just not all the way through and probably for the wrong reasons.

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Tim Cullen, polished talented singer with a new sound



New solo artist releasing his new album, 'Fun Razor'

CARMIN BLACK STAFF WRITER

"Great men are made to make great music." If this quote proves true, then Tim Cullen is the new "great man" in town.

This polished talent is the former lead singer/songwriter of

Summercamp, the once wildly popular band known for touring with major artists such as The Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Foo Fighters and Rage Against the Machine. Summercamp unfortunately split in 2002.

Now going solo, Tim Cullen has finally set a date to release his much anticipated album entitled Fun Razor through Los Angeles' well established Long Live Crime Records.

Fun Razor is set to hit the shelves of major record stores October 5. Not to be alarmed by the CD's title, Fun Razor is actually a highly energetic, fun and in-depth compilation.

One of the appeals of Fun Razor is it features many credible guest musician spots, ranging from Misha Feldman and Tony Sevener of Summercamp to Luke Tierney of the Penfifteen Club and Silver Jet, as well as Ben Pringle of Nerf Herder.

Tim Cullen is now hitting the road with his new material - he has kissed the days of traveling with bandmates goodbye and has moved on to bigger things for himself.

Now solo, Tim has found himself tagging along with other bands. This past summer, Cullen traveled all over Japan playing various gigs with Sugarcult and Bowling for Soup.

. While in "The Land of the Rising Sun," Tim's music created lots of hype. He was able to set up a good fan base as is shown by the fact that while there he managed to sell 10,000 copies of his record. He also received rave reviews from many Japanese pop music magazines such as Snoozer, Rockin' On and

Cullen seems to have made a great decision in his choosing to go solo. Not only was he picked up by a major label, Long Live

Crime Records, but he was also able to work with producer Thom Flowers, who is known in the music industry for working with such names as Sugarcult, The Ataris and Bad Astronaut.

"Being a solo artist is enabling me to explore new paths beyond what I could do when I was in a band," said Cullen.

It is evident when listening to Tim's new album, you are hearing from someone who not only loves what he is doing, but has a real talent for expressing how he feels in song.

Tim's talent is most evident when listening to the words in his songs. These days it's easy for well known artists to put out music that is simple and catchy, since most record labels seem to be more concerned with their artists "looking the part," rather than really having the talent to "sing the part." However, with the new trend of relying on your

image to make money, Cullen is obviously going against the grain.

With songs like "All" from the new album, Tim speaks of letting go of his pride to be able to tell a woman he is still in love with her. Lyrics like these set Cullen apart from your everyday "boy band."

This man obviously has a great deal of talent that he is finally having the chance to showcase.

"The songs of Fun Razor are an eclectic part of my life which has helped me find myself, perfect my songwriting skills and create music I love," Cullen said.

Cullen's lyrics and catchy beats will appeal to anyone through this CD - it's easy to relate to this man. He is putting out in-depth material, while at the same time not being afraid to have fun, reveal his heart and state how he feels.

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Singer captivates listeners

Inside Charlotte Martin

REID DORSETT STAFF WRITER

Charlotte Martin, the gifted songwriter and pianist, recently released On Your Shore. The emotion provoking album is held together by confessional lyrics and captivating melodies. Produced by Ken Andrews (Air, Pete Yorn) and Martin, the album is on RCA Records.

The record is full of big crescendos and soft love songs. It is designed for everyone from goths to beauty queens. She sings of faith, love, hope and emotions involved with everyday life. She lays herself bare touching listeners with truths and fears. After the first time listening to this album, it's difficult to put anything else into the CD player. It is a very connecting album that relates to the emotions and thoughts of listeners.

Martin also gives her all during live shows. Her personality and musicianship overwhelm the room, giving the audience a sense of intimacy. Using the chance to further connect with fans, she keeps things conversational and even offering gifts to the crowds on occasion. Newspapers such as The Boston Globe and The New York Times have praised her shows saying she gives an "unforgettable display of emotion."

Martin recently sang the song "Bring on the Day" on the Sweet Home Alabama soundtrack. Her



Charlotte Martin releases her inspirational album On Your Shore.

music compares to others such as Fiona Apple, Sarah McLachlan and Kate Bush.

After finishing a tour with Liz Phair, Martin is now ready to start a small college tour with singer/songwriter Matt Nathanson. The adventure begins in Toronto Oct. 4 and ends in Cleveland Nov. 8. Sadly, she will not be touring in North Carolina this time, but plans to have another nationwide tour soon.

Martin grew up in a small college town and eventually went to Eastern Illinois University, where her father was a respected professor, to study music. She

earned her bachelor's degree in opera. For a time, she thought she would be a professional opera singer. However, at college, her life changed drastically. While living with her good friend Raven, she experienced typical college drama. Worse, she also experienced two friends' suicides, one being her boyfriend's sister and her best friend. She wrote one of her first songs for her funeral. Anorexia also overwhelmed part of her life, but she has overcome it to appreciate steak and peanut

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Artist's debut album shines You can have these

new 'Goodies'

DANIELLE WIGGINS STAFF WRITER

The highly anticipated album debut is here. Ciara, Goodies, was released Tuesday, Sept. 28 with her chart topping single, "Goodies" featuring Petey Pablo. Other featured artists include: Missy Elliot, Ludacris, R. Kelly, T.I. and Jazze Pha. The album contains 12 hot tracks plus a bonus track of "Goodies" featuring Jazze Pha and T.I.

It doesn't matter whether you are in the mood to dance or just relax, this album was made for favorite songs to dance to then there are plenty other singles for you to practice your dancing skills with songs like "Looking at You," "1,2 Step" and "Hotline." For those R. Kelly fans, there's also a track called, "Next to You." Every track is different, still containing the unique styles and sounds that many crave.

Buying this album will not be a mistake – it's worth \$14.99 plus tax, unlike any other albums, this album is jammed packed with hot singles. The lethal combination of music produced by Jazze Pha, Anthony "T.A." Tate and Henry "Noonie" Lee, and the unique voice of Ciara is bound to put the album number one on the billboard charts. Who can go wrong with songs produced by Lil Jon.

New young artists are not



always guaranteed a long reign in the music industry, this is not the usual one hit wonder, there is potential for this new talented artist bringing both hot dance moves and singing ability, whose style is closely compared to Aaliyah. It brings much more attention to the audience to you. If "Goodies," is one of your watch all the talent an artist has to offer. Many have tried to pull the famous matrix move in her video, although it would be a lot safer to leave it all to Ciara and just listen to this new album. The album need not to be burned or downloaded, you may miss a little. The album book contains an autographed picture and lyrics to some tracks off the album which you cannot find off any bootlegged CD, "not the real deal."

Listen carefully, lyrics deal with everyday issues girls go through with the good and bad in relationships and it's all about just being young and having fun. For more on lyrics and photographs go to CIARAWORLD.com or LAFACE.com. For males, if you cannot relate to the album, just

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'Going Public:' New self-help narrative on inside politics

ANGEL GONZALEZ STAFF WRITER

Michael Gecan starts his story in a New York City neighborhood once called "the beginning of the end of civilization." As an organizer for the Industrial Areas Foundation, Gecan was hired by residents of this neighborhood to help them save their community. He and the leaders of the community took more than 10 years fighting the NYC politicians in a valiant struggle that it took to add 5,000 more homes to this neighborhood. Famous negotiations included some with former NYC mayor,

Rudy Giuliani. Using his extensive knowledge of politics and philosophy, Gecan writes an objective narrative that doubles essentially as a how-to guide for anyone who wishes to make a stand in their community.

The political power he uses in this story tells readers how the NYC government actually is behind-the-scenes, as he spent years upon years trying to work with a church in the community where its residents wanted better homes and quality of life to live in.

He shows, using the power of the written word, how anybody who has the mindset of being a leader can succeed in changing a community and grasp the ability to move unmovable bureaucracies. of public action dates back to his very rough and disturbing childhood in a Catholic elementary school in Chicago, where he witnessed a tragic fire in his school that claimed the lives of 92 children and three nuns. Gecan's story is indeed an inspiring one, however, due to lack of publicity, and the appearance of the book as another boring how-to guide

with Chicken Soup for the Soulstyle stories on success. My first thought of this book was how it could possibly be interesting when our current state of politics is anything but interesting until propaganda sets in.

The book itself isn't very long. As a true-to-life story of how to get things done in a society of corruption, it's very interesting in the little amount of pages it has to show for it. In fact, it plays out more like a novel told in first person against all of the obstacles Gecan's vision of the value with many references to other situations in the third person.

As a how-to guide, the book runs like a textbook without questions, showing complete real-life examples on how to achieve effectively, certain goals involving loads of red tape on the local level. As a how-to guide, it certainly lacks in visual aid to help distinguish what on earth the man is talking about.

Since the book's genre is politics and social action, it comes as no surprise that should be really big words and phrases in this piece such as "political idolators," in which this word he made up due to a definition given to him about people who make idols out of political officials. In fact, there are so many names and terms to remember to understand the complexity of this book that there is (solely for the readers' benefits) a fully catalogued index of events, names and terms that appear in the book.

I have been given mixed feelings about this book. Anyone reading this book will see the inspiration the man had to finish his task no matter how many years it took. However, as political as it is, it can only seem as interesting as the movie Antwone Fisher, where it seems like it could be made into a movie, but it isn't interesting.

· The corruption the book brings out in NYC politics can very well be compared to Michael Moore's latest controversial documentary, Fahrenheit 9/11 weaseling out political scandal and using propaganda to unleash the fact that our government as it is sucks and needs to be changed. However, true or untrue that statement may be, Gecan's story with the subplot of uncovering the evils of NYC politicians has failed, mainly because the book was released a little late only to discover that Rudy Giuliani is no longer mayor and his board of advisors and trustees are out

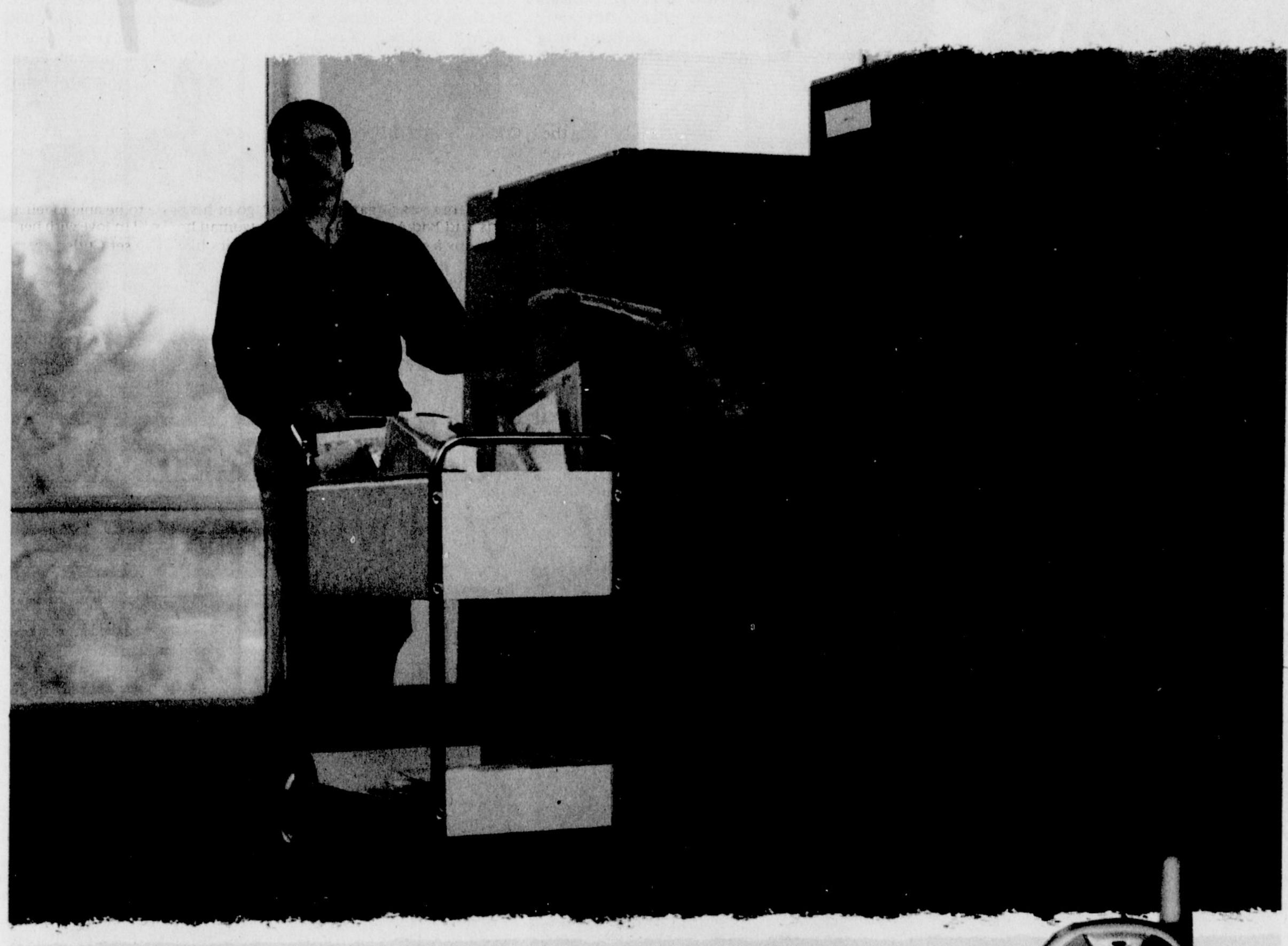
of power in NYC. As a literary medium, I would highly recommend this book to people majoring in political science looking to create some views to uphold. As an anytime, read-for-fun book, it will be a shear disappointment. For the people who just have to know or seem

AN ORGANIZER'S GUIDE TO CITIZEN ACTION MICHAEL GECAN

to be very interested in this type of subject, then unless you feel like burning a hole in your wallet (the book retails at a hefty \$12) it would be a lot better to check it out from the local library. Available now.

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butter M&M's and to speak out to others dealing with the problem.

Expressing herself in her music, she moved to Los Angeles to begin a career in her passion. She did receive a deal, and recorded the album One Girl Army with producer Tom Rothrock (Badly Drawn Boy, Foo Fighters). It was recorded with talents like bassist Sasha Krivtsov (New Radicals) and drummer Joey Waronker (R.E.M./Beck), with Martin on piano and vocals. It was never released though. She worked through the struggle of getting started and stands stronger now as a person, artistically and professionally. Soon after One Girl Army, she got her own studio equipment and began recording a new group of songs with Ken Andrews. The album In Parentheses was released in August 2003. This record was deemed by critics to be much more mature lyrically and musically.

Recently, Martin became a spokesperson for RAINN. RAINN stands for the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network. This organization, co-founded by Tori Amos, is a program designed to educate people about sexual assault. It also offers free confidential counseling through their hotline 1.800.656. HOPE. Martin is the face of "Get Carded 2004," which is designed to get information to students on college campuses. As well as being a spokesperson, she has a song on a benefit CD called "For the Next X." This benefit CD was released to celebrate the charity's 10 year anniversary. Other musicians featured include Michelle Branch, Matchbox Twenty and Indigo Girls.

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listen and look at the pictures. Goodies features club hits and tracks you can play in your car or to practice that matrix move of yours "but don't break your back." If you want to slow it down just a little then, "Let me see you 1,2 step." It is perfect for parties or workout plans, don't ask Kanye. The hip-hop, R&B sound of Ciara is guaranteed to bring future success with other chart topping singles. Look for new videos from Ciara and maybe you could learn a little more dance moves to show off at clubs and parties. The artist is fresh, new and eager to gain more fans. Rush, don't wait, pick up this hot album and take this album to the top of the billboard lists. Look forward to watching this artist grow and continue to make ground breaking records for years to come.

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Sports Briefs

Earnhardt loses points lead

NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. was knocked out of first place in the Nextel Cup by a slip of the tongue. Earnhardt was docked 25 points and fined \$10,000 by NASCAR on Tuesday for cursing during a TV interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway.

Now, instead of leading Kurt Busch by 13 points in the Nextel Cup standings, Earnhardt, the son of the late seven-time series champion Dale Earnhardt, trails by 12 with seven races left in the season. Richie Gilmore, director of competition for Dale Earnhardt Inc., said the team will appeal NASCAR's decision. Pointing out that Junior's comments were not made in anger, Gilmore said the team has received hundred of supportive calls from fans. Appeals are heard by a threeperson panel selected by NASCAR from the National Stock Car Racing Commission. No date has been set for the appeal. Earnhardt will still be credited with the 14th victory of his career and fifth at Talladega but, with the points penalty, it's as if he finished fifth on Sunday. Still, he has plenty of time to make up the deficit on Busch, with up to 190 points available at each of the last seven events. In February, NASCAR president Mike Helton told drivers to watch their language on radio and television. Less than a month later, he showed he meant it: Johnny Sauter was fined and lost 25 points for swearing during a radio interview following a Busch Series race in Las Vegas.

Pippen retires

Scottie Pippen announced his retirement from the Chicago Bulls, the team he and Michael Jordan led to six NBA titles in the 1990s. Pippen, 39, voted one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1996 in a poll commemorating the league's 50th anniversary, was known for his all-around play - especially his defense against some of the league's best scorers. Pippen was brought back to Chicago last season to give a young Bulls team leadership and experience, but he had knee surgery in December and played in only 23 games as the Bulls went 23-59. It was the first time in his career the seventime All-Star had missed the playoffs. After his championship years with the Bulls, Pippen was traded to Houston in 1999 after the lockout, played one season with the Rockets and then spent four years in Portland. He signed a two-year, \$10 million deal to return to Chicago and averaged 5.9 points.

Packers CB dealt to Saints

Mike McKenzie got his wish Monday, seven months after asking out of Green Bay. The Packers sent the disruptive cornerback to the New Orleans Saints for a second-round draft pick in 2005 and a backup quarterback. Since ending his holdout without retracting his trade request three weeks ago, McKenzie had been paid more than \$485,000, but played just nine snaps, all against Chicago, because of a puzzling hamstring injury that led fans and some teammates to wonder whether he was still holding out, but getting paid anyway. Rosenhaus said McKenzie will play under the terms of his current contract, but hopes to have talks with Loomis soon about an upgrade. The Packers acquired quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan and the pick for McKenzie and a future conditional sixth-round draft choice. The Packers have been interested in O'Sullivan since the Saints took him in the sixth round of the 2002 draft out of UC-Davis.

Favre expected to return

The Green Bay Packers are confident quarterback Brett Favre's first concussion in nine seasons was mild and won't prevent him from starting next Monday night against the Tennessee Titans. The status of backup Doug Pederson, however, isn't as positive. Without Pederson, third-stringer Craig Nall would back up Favre.

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Astros squeeze in, Marlins on outside

MATTHEW SAUNDERS STAFF WRITER

Three of Major League Baseball's most storied franchises, the Yankees, Red Sox and Cubs, all made it to the League Championship Series last year. In those series, we were treated to some unforgettable moments. Who can forget the famous "Bartman" incident in game six of the Cubs vs. Marlins NLCS or Aaron "Bleeping" Boone's series winning home run in game seven of the Yankees vs. Red Sox ALCS? Grady Little's indecision to pull a tired Pedro Martinez for the Red Sox in game six of the ALCS, and the Marlins Josh Beckett's accession to one of _baseball's top

postseason pitchers couldn't have been more dramatic. Baseball fans can only hope for this postseason to be as exciting as last year's.

This year, the Yankees and Red Sox will be back in the postseason, but the underachieving Cubs and the defending champion Marlins will not be back. The Astros and Angels, two teams who had high expectations to contend, looked on the verge of collapse during June and July, are now able to get back into contention in spectacular fashion. The most surprising team, the Cardinals, have turned into a powerhouse and no one wants to face them. Bobby Cox was able to orchestrate another NL East Title for the Braves, but for some reason the postseason never seems kind to them. The Twins and Dodgers also field strong



Baseball Postseason Capsules:

AL Division Series Twins vs. Yankees

The Twins, who were on the verge of contraction a few years ago, are back in the postseason for the third straight year. They now have an undisputable ace in Johan Santana who pitched lights out during the regular season, compiling a 20-6 record with a 2.62 ERA. The Yankees, postseason regulars, are loaded with hitters and Gary Sheffield, who came from the Braves during the off-season, is having another MVP caliber year. This should be a very good series - a rematch from last year's ALDS, but the Yankees' offensive firepower, and their solid pitching, not to mention "Mr. Postseason," closer Mariano Rivera, will see the Yankees advancing to the ALCS once again. Yankees in four

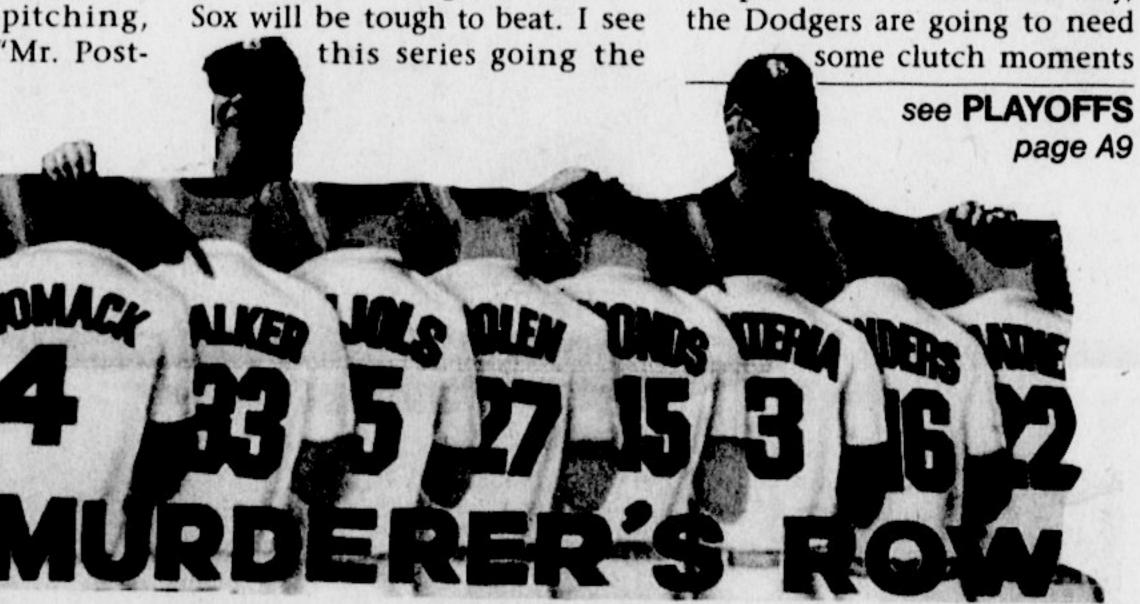
Red Sox vs. Angels

This should be a fun series. The Angels have one of baseball's most talented and unheralded players in Vladimir Guerrero and they have been red hot going into the postseason. They hope for some of the same success they to advance to the World Series and win it all. The Red Sox, victims of bad luck last year, hope to get one step further than they did last postseason. Curt Shilling has become the ace of their pitching staff and if Pedro Martinez can get things back together the Red

distance with Red Sox pitching, timely hitting and solid defense giving them another trip to the ALCS to face their nemesis. **Red Sox in Five**

NL Division Series

Dodgers vs. Cardinals This series may finally get the Cardinals some much-needed attention and respect. They had baseball's best record during the regular season and they probably had in 2002 when they were able field the best all around team in the majors. They have three legitimate MVP candidates in Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen and their pitching is underrated. It goes without saying the Dodgers will have their hands full. After Milton Bradley's temper tantrum the other day, the Dodgers are going to need



Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriquez joke around as the Yankees practice for their ALDS matchup with the Minnesota Twins while St. Louis Cardinals fan Marty Prather shows off a new sign for the hometown team. The Cards demolished L.A. in game one of the NLDS, 8-3. The Yanks and Twins play tonight at 8p.m.

ECU Purple/Gold swim meet moved to Friday



ECU gets first taste of 'friendly' competition

TRENT WYNNE STAFF WRITER

The ECU swim team will officially kick off their competitive season this Friday as they usher in the new year with the traditional Purple/Gold meet.

The meet was originally scheduled for tomorrow, but was moved to Friday due to class conflicts with several of the Pirate swimmers.

Although the Purple/Gold meet is just an exhibition, ECU Head Coach Rick Kobe, feels this is not a race to be taken lightly.

"It's a real important meet for the freshmen to learn about racing because they are coming

from U.S.S. programs where they were basically swimming three day meets and just swimming for time," said Kobe.

"Where on the university level, dual meets are a race and you are swimming against an opponent." Along with getting the new

faces familiarized to the different style of competition, the race also allows Kobe and his staff to take in what's going on as well.

"This race allows the coaching staff to see where we are in regards to our training," Kobe said. "However, it is early and

this is only our sixth week in the pool. It truly takes about 12 weeks to get any type of real conditioning accomplished."

On some occasions, the Purple/Gold meet plays a big part in who swims to start off the season.

"Our first two meets happen to be at home, which is good for our new kids because we don't take everybody on the road meets," Kobe said.

"Sometimes, the Purple/ Gold meet is even more important if we open up on the road because then we would have to select who goes according to how they swam in

this meet." Kobe, in an effort to spruce up the competition at the Purple/Gold meet, normally proposes a challenge to the team which results in a reward if the team is successful in completing it. So what is this

year's proposal? "If they can set eight Purple/ Gold records we may cancel Saturday's practice as a reward to

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Taking a 'Paige' out of Howell's book



Junior Paige Howell leading ECU volleyball

DAVID WASKIEWICZ STAFF WRITER

With no seniors this year, the ECU volleyball team has been forced to look to their five juniors for experience. So far, they've stepped up and taken the role of leader. Three of ECU's top four kill leaders have been juniors, not to mention junior Johanna Bertini leading the team with more than 200 digs just midway through the season. With the great teamwork and leadership displayed by ECU, one junior in particular has been able to step her game up to a

whole new level, Paige Howell. Standing at 6-feet, 2-inches Howell has provided a spark to ECU's offense and defense, whether by spiking a kill or blocking the ball. With her aggressive playing style, Howell adds a new physical aspect up front on the court.

"Paige Howell has contributed significantly to the team," said Head Coach Colleen Munson.

"She is a tremendous player and a big presence on the court. She works hard, is physical and a big player."

Howell got into volleyball at an early age.

"My sister played and I sort of played around with her like in the

yard of my house," said Howell. She first started playing for school in 1997. In her second year, Howell helped her high school to a Class 3A state championship. It was the same year in which she received all-conference honors. The following year, she was named the Big Eight Con-

ference Player of the Year. After high school, Howell attended Pitt Community College, where she was able to lead her team to two conference championships in 2001 and 2002. She was also named the Region X Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2001. In 2003, Howell transferred from PCC to ECU where she was red-shirted

her first year. Howell has been able to step up her game for ECU. This year alone, Howell has the highest hitting percentage of the Lady Pirates, posting .346. She also ranks third on the team for kills with 172, averaging 2.87 a game. In the Pirate Invitational earlier this season, Howell was able to showcase her talent setting a career high 24 kill match against Mercer. The performance led Howell to be the only ECU player named to the all-tourna-

ment team. Despite her aggressive nature on the court, Howell insists she's laid back. Instead of getting pumped up before games, she distends herself from the other

players to get focused. "I'm pretty laid back, I don't do anything special before a game," Howell said.

"I like to be by myself, I like to clear my head."

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has helped her past teams win, she knows there's always room for improvement.

"I want to make myself better, we need to play as a team, but want to get better as well," Howell said.

With half of this season left and her whole senior year to go, Howell has more than enough time to continue to improve. She has realized she has come a long way since playing volleyball in the yard of her house.

"I am very satisfied with this year's performance," Howell said. "I have come a long way and it feels pretty good doing so."

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the team," Kobe said. Being the great coach that he is, Kobe understands the importance of hard work and staying in the pools as much as possible.

"We like to see them practice so we try and make it (challenge) pretty difficult," Kobe said.

"Everyone will do better at this meet than they do at practice. A lot of practice is just survival and making intervals."

The new kids on the block may quickly find out that swimming two events in two hours beats swimming 8,000 yards in two hours at a normal coach Kobe practice. With these tough practices, Kobe is keeping his

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eyes open for some breakout performances, especially from his youth.

"Most of the surprises will come from the freshman class because we know what the upperclassmen are capable of," Kobe said.

"As important as this meet is for everybody, it's really important for the freshmen."

Friday's meet, which will include the UNC dive team in the exhibition, will kick off at 3 p.m. ECU's first regular season event against the College of Charleston is slated for Saturday, Oct. 16, also at 3 p.m.

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Making strides in right direction

Cross Country teams put on a show

BRENT WYNNE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Led by stellar performances from Matt Hanlon and Johanna Allen, the ECU men's and women's cross country teams posted second and sixth place finishes respectively at the Great American Cross Country Festival at SAS Soccer Park on Friday.

Hanlon covered the 8k men's course in a speedy time of 25:39.49, while Allen ran the 5k women's course in 18:13.88.

Both teams competed in the Seeded University Race which included 16 men's teams and 13 women's teams.

Jacksonville State won the men's race, while High Point took home the women's title.

Defending Conference USA champion Kyle MacKenzie finished 13th with a time of 26:42.03 and was followed by senior Craig Schmidt with a time of 26:58.22. Junior John Loehr and sophomore Stephen Tausend rounded out the top five which represented the scoring total for the Pirates.

Head Coach Joe Catania's goal at the onset of the season was to have the gap between his top five runners under 30 seconds. After a just under two minute gap and a second place finish in a prestigious event, the Pirate men are moving in the right direction with the Conference USA championships on the horizon.

On the women's side, Allen



Allen

was supported by strong races from Jessica Collins and Caitlin Littlefield that aided in the Pirate women's sixth placing showing. Collins placed sixth with a time of 18:45.54 and Littlefield posted a time of 19:51.34, which was good for a 31st place finish.

Freshman Hayley Flynn, whom has been a "pleasant surprise" according to Catania, finished fourth on the team and 50th in the individual standings with a time of 20:39.33.

Junior Megan Walling



MacKenzie

rounded out the scoring for the Pirate women. The Pirates will return to

action Oct. 16 when they host the State Championships/Regional Preview at Lake Kristi. Many of the state's and region's best teams are expected to be in attendance and the race should be a good warmup for both squads as they prepare for the C-USA championships to be held Oct. 30 in Chicago, Ill.

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like Steve Finley's game winning, division clinching, grand slam the other night. This one will only go three games.

Cardinals in three

Astros vs. Braves

After some awful playing earlier in the season, which produced then manager Jimy Williams' exit, the Astros finally started playing up to their high expectations. At 42 years old, Roger Clemens is amazing. He had yet another Cy Young caliber season in which he went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA. The Astros also feature some good veteran play-

ers who have been in the playoffs before. The Braves started out slowly, but then got on track and turned their solid run into yet another NL East title, their 13th straight. The Braves are lead by pitcher Jaret Wright and center fielder Andruw Jones, and yes, John Smoltz is still there too. I think this will be a good series with the Astros' strong pitching rotation and their veteran leadership being too much for the young Braves to

handle. Astros in four

World Series Prediction

Yankees vs. Cards

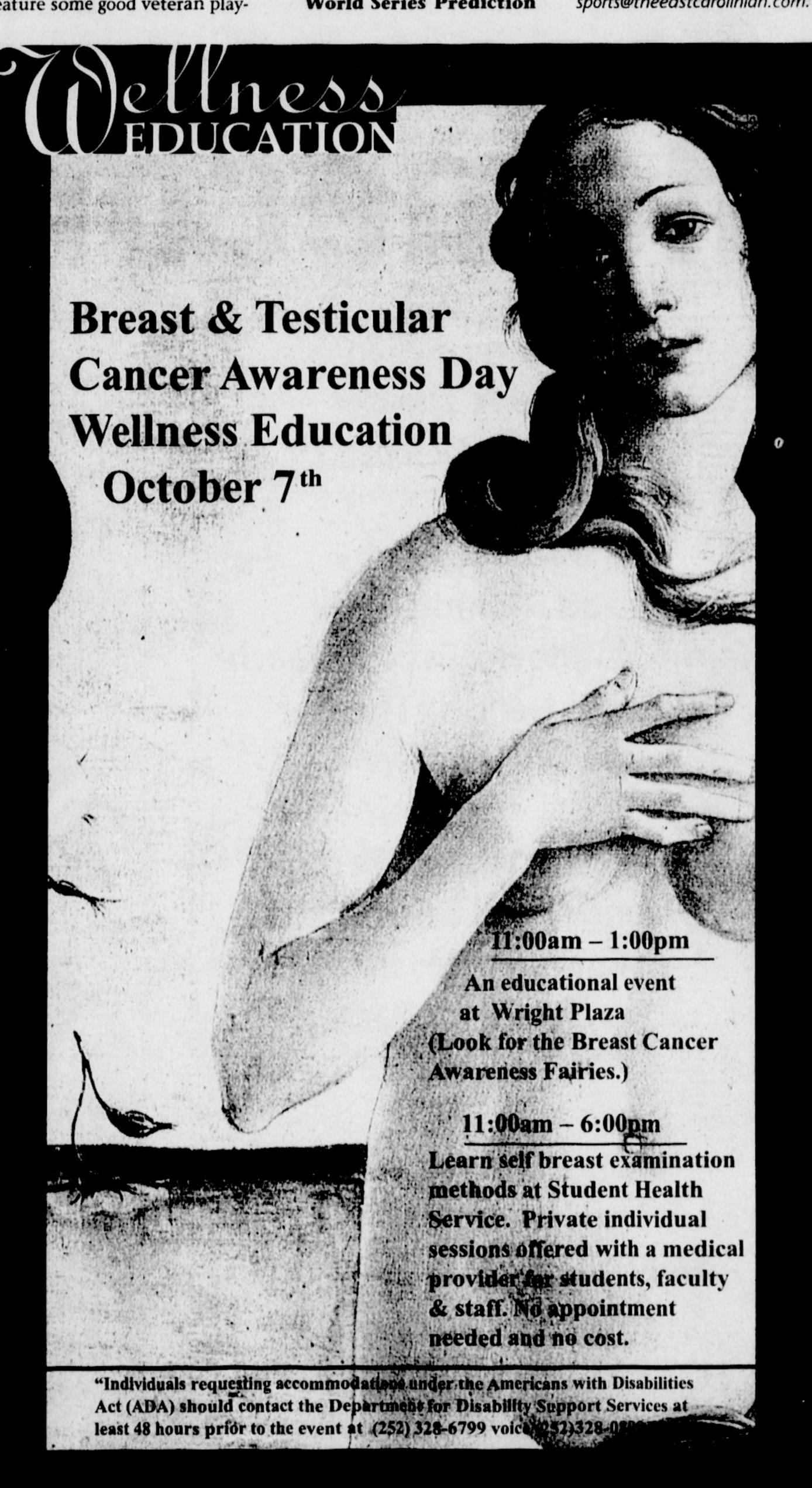
I see the two teams with the best regular season records meeting in the "Fall Classic." The Yankees will be able to get past the Red Sox in the ALCS, and the Cardinals will be able to overcome the Astros in the NLCS. It will definitely be an exciting match with two storied franchises going head to head. I see the Cardinals finally getting the respect they deserve.

Cardinals in seven

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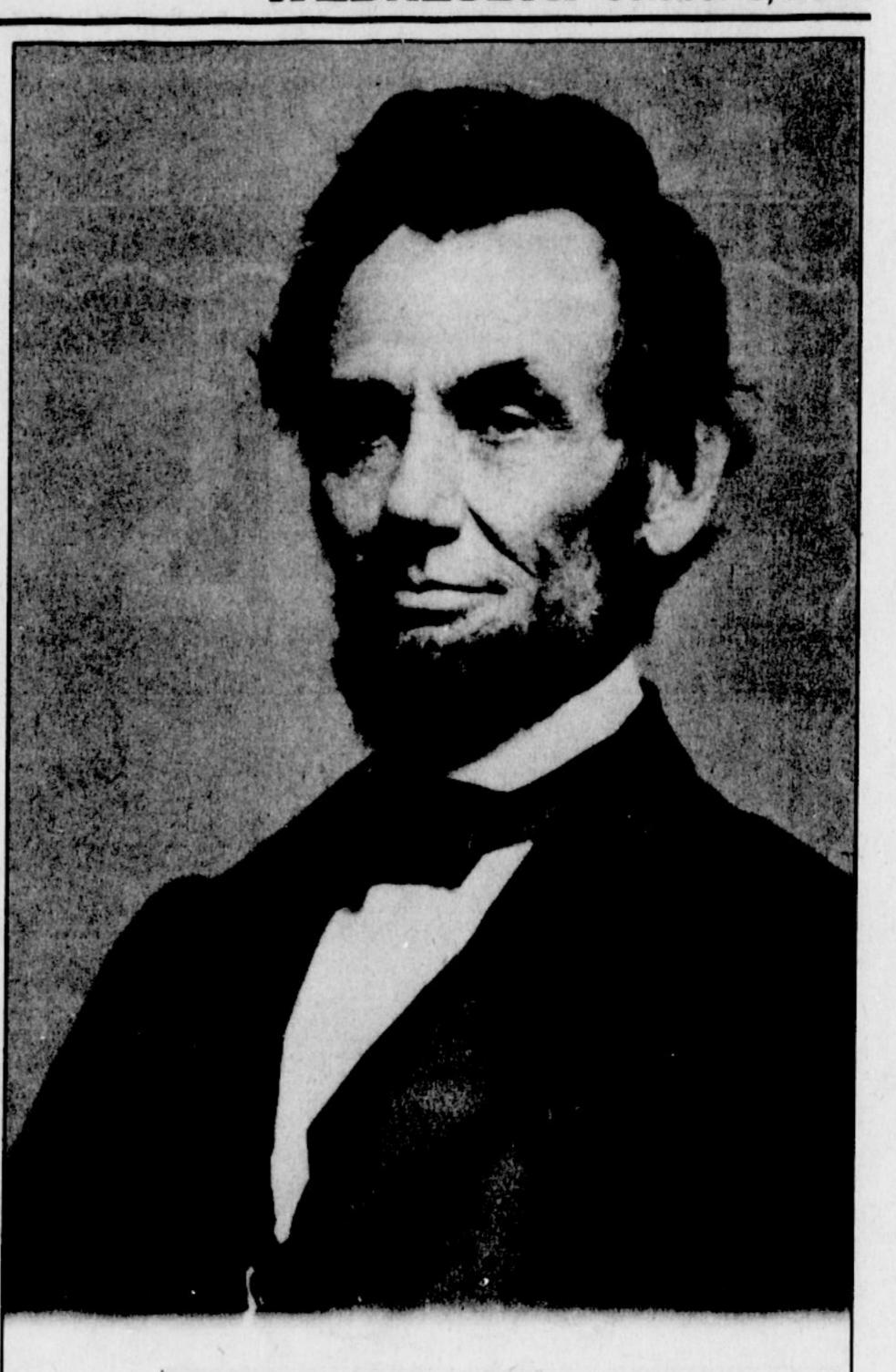
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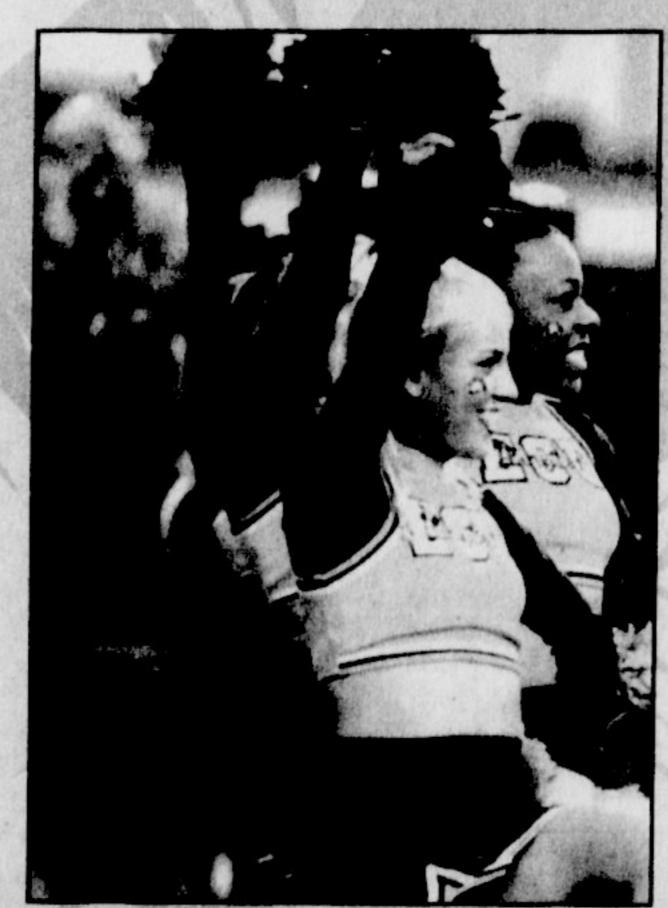
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