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TO THE BEACH

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# Looking back: ECU's 97-year evolution

## How ECTTS evolved into ECU

ECU has come a long way in the past 97 years. It has gone from being a training school with only 16 graduates to a full-fledged university with more than 100 undergraduate degrees.

According to ECU's Strategies for Distinction 2000-05, the university "is dedicated to educational excellence, responsible stewardship of the public trust and academic freedom."

The ECU we know today began in 1907 as a training school for teachers.

In 1901, there was a competition between nine towns for the establishment of a teacher training institute to help reduce teacher shortages.

The first students at East Carolina Teachers Training School enrolled in 1909. The original enrollment at ECTTS was 123 students - 104 were women. At the time, the school consisted of only two-year programs and tuition was \$18 per semester, including books. The first graduating class in 1911 had only 16 students.

In 1921, ECTTS became East Carolina Teachers College and implemented four-year programs. By then the school's enrollment was 1,000

students. ECTC lasted 30 years before changing its name to East Carolina College in 1951. ECC received university status in 1967, thus becoming East Carolina University.

From the original 123 enrolled students in 1909, ECU now has nearly 22,000 students and a wide range of academic programs. In addition to undergraduate degrees, ECU has more than 80 master's programs and 13 doctoral degrees.

In the many years that ECU has educated students, many of its alumni have gone on to bigger things. Actresses such as Sandra Bullock, Emily Procter from "CSI-Miami" and Nina Repeta from "Dawson's Creek" are ECU alumnae.

Several ECU alumni are professional athletes: DeVone Claybrooks of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Leonard Henry of the Miami Dolphins, David Garrard of the Jacksonville Jaguars and Jeff Blake of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Many ECU alumni have won prestigious awards: Loonis McGlohon (two-time Peabody Award winner), Velton Ray Bunch (Emmy Award winner) and Rick Atkinson (two-time Pulitzer Prize winner).

Other famous alumni are Vince McMahon, Chairman of World Wrestling Entertainment Inc.; Linda McMahon, CEO-World Wrestling Entertainment Inc.; Kay Yow, head coach of women's basketball at NC State; and Kevin Williamson, writer/producer/director of "Dawson's Creek" and "Scream."

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## ECU Distinctions

U.S. News & World Report lists ECU among the best public universities in the South.

In the latest survey by U.S. News, The School of Medicine ranked 19th for medical schools - primary care.

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ECU has the largest teacher-education program in North Carolina. It's among the 20 largest in the nation.

ECU has one of the largest art schools in the Southeast and the only art program in North Carolina accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

The school of social work is the only school in North Carolina with both undergraduate and graduate programs accredited by the National Council on Social Work Education.

In the school of human environmental sciences, the hospitality management program is one of only two such programs in North Carolina. The child life program was the first in North Carolina.

The school of nursing has the only nurse midwifery education program in North Carolina.

The music education program in the school of music is among the largest and strongest in the Southeast. The music therapy program is the only one of its kind in a state-supported school in North Carolina.

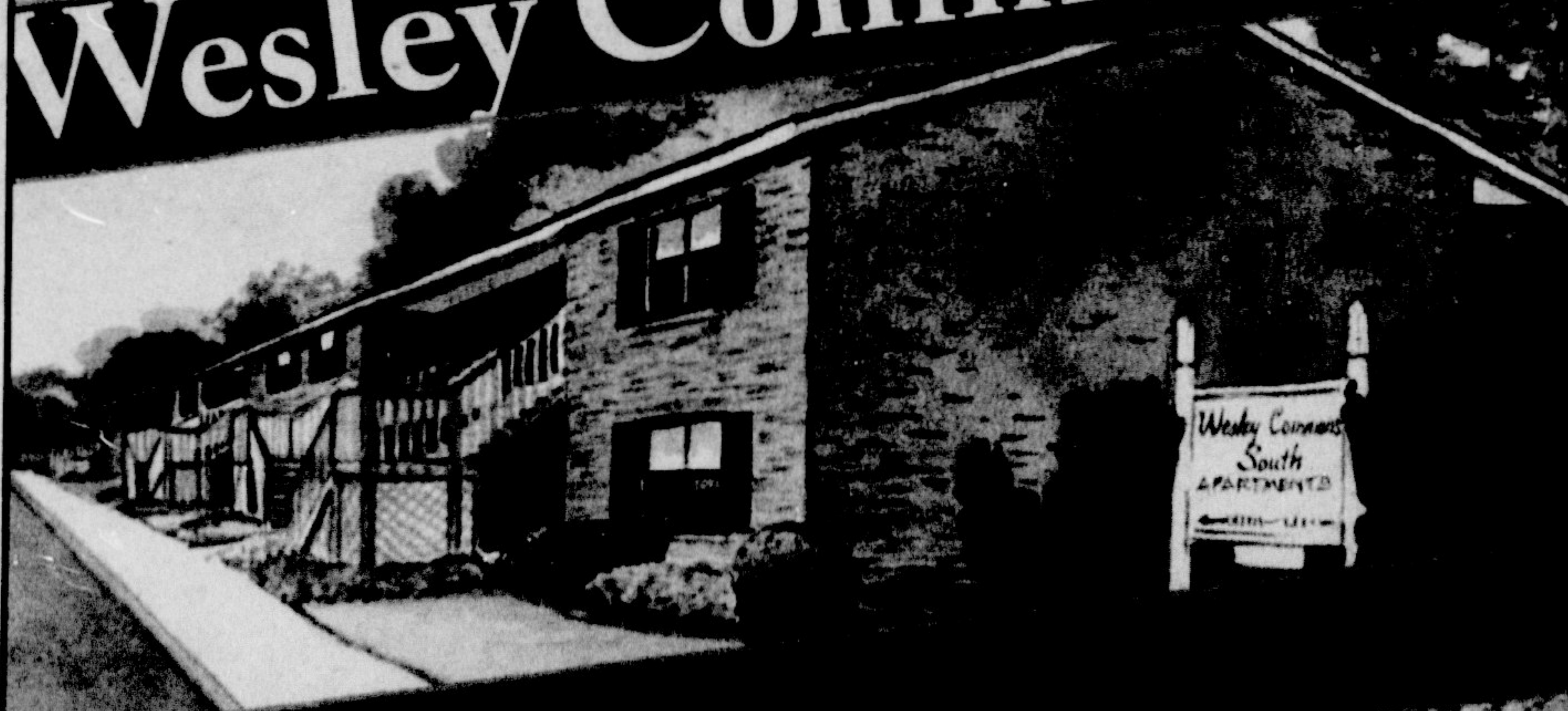
The school of business has the second-oldest accredited MBA program in the state as well as the second-oldest undergraduate program in North Carolina.

The school of education's model clinical teaching program received best-in-the-nation recognition for its alternative approach to traditional student-teaching programs.

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# Homecoming: ECU goes to the beach

*North Carolina beaches offer options vast as horizon*

**CARMIN BLACK**  
STAFF WRITER

North Carolina is bordered by the spacious Atlantic Ocean, so options for spending your free time along the shore are almost endless.

A popular tourist spot for generations is Jockey's Ridge. Located in northeastern North Carolina, Jockey's Ridge is the tallest sand dune system in the eastern United States.

Visitors to Jockey's Ridge State Park can experience a feeling similar to that of being in the desert. The shifting sands, high winds, extreme temperatures and lack of water cause the park to resemble an environment like the Sahara Desert. The spectacular sunsets, as well as the variety of plant and animal life, are enough to make Jockey's Ridge a paradise for any nature lover.

As for avid sightseers and history buffs, they should make their way to Kitty Hawk. Once a remote area, the birthplace of aviation has now grown into a bustling resort town that is sure to provide some of the

best recreational fun on the coast.

While at Kitty Hawk, vacationers can receive kite-boarding lessons, kayak on guided tours, take a jet boat dolphin tour or parasail. For those looking for something simpler, the Albemarle Sound is just a short drive away.

Nags Head and other destinations along the Outer Banks provide some of the best waters for surfing and kayaking along the East Coast. The best waves show up on the north end of the island just a few hours before and after low tide. Seasoned wave riders can participate in the annual Outer Banks Surfing and Kayaking Festival held each October.

One of the most popular beach towns for North Carolina college students is Wilmington. Wilmington is close to many major North Carolina beaches, including Wrightsville Beach, Carolina Beach, Fort Fisher, Kure Beach, Figure Eight Island and Bald Head Island.

Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach, also known for their surfing potential, have been dubbed "the hurricane capital of the East Coast."

Wilmington and its beaches

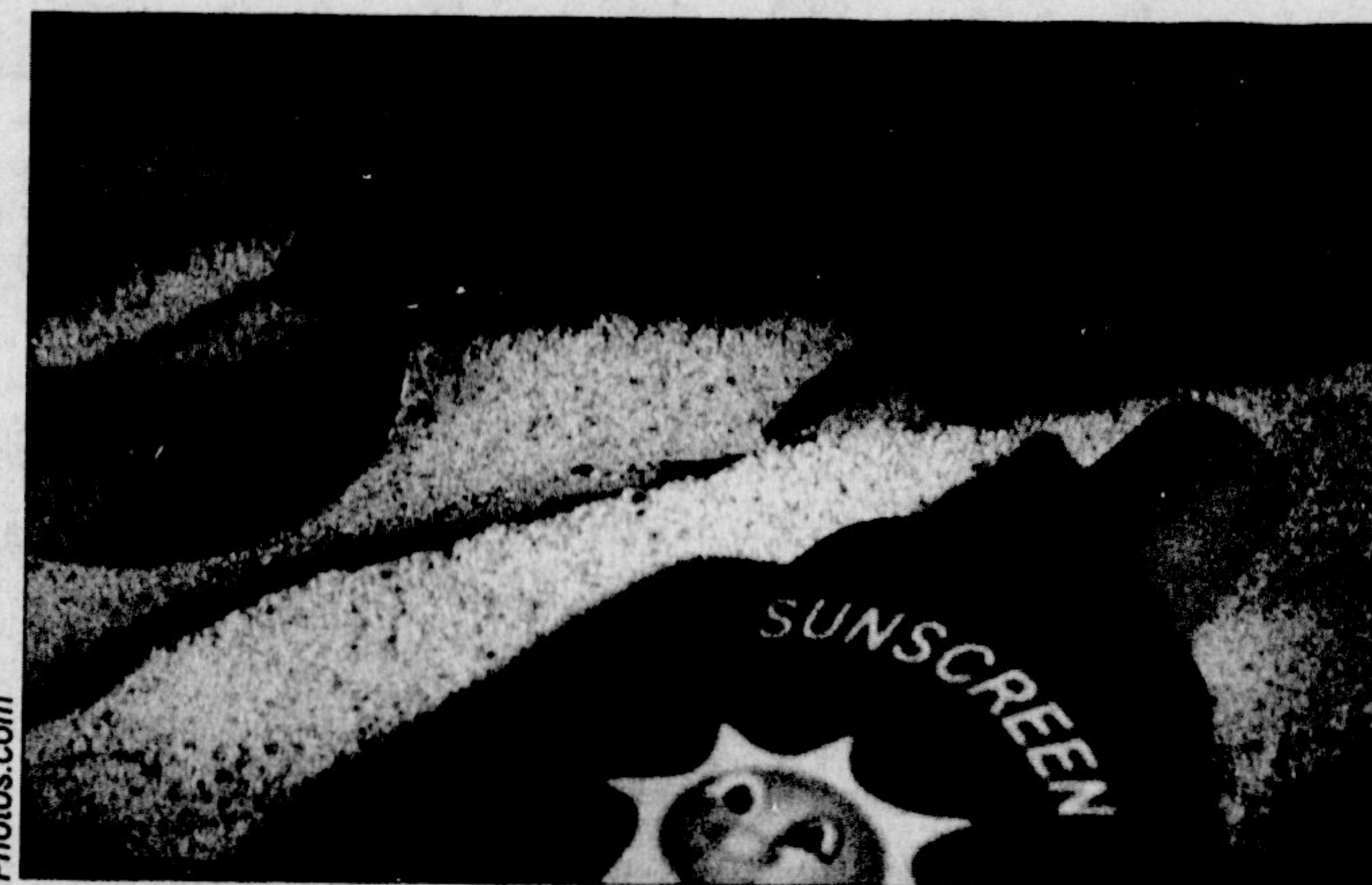
aren't just for surfing. The town contains dozens of attractions, meaning there is something for everyone. For some of the best shopping and dining, take a stroll down Front Street in the historic downtown area. Water Street, bordered by the Cape Fear River, is just another short walk away. Across the river, the USS Battleship North Carolina still stands as a proud patriotic symbol and is open daily for tours.

Once the sun sets on Wilmington, the nightlife flourishes. Downtown Wilmington heats up as the local bars and clubs open their doors to college students. Wrightsville Beach and its beach bars offer a more laid back atmosphere, but only those 21 and older are admitted into the bars.

Heading to the beach doesn't have to be your typical vacation shared with your siblings in the minivan. Pack up your swimsuit, throw in a few towels and head to the North Carolina coast.

A visit to one of the beaches, any beach, is sure to be a great time.

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A beachy atmosphere is the theme for this year's Homecoming.

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# Pirates march to their own musical beat

*Band keeps toes tapping with musical tribute*

**TREVOR WORDEN**  
STAFF WRITER

What would a football game be like without music? Bands help make a football game what it is, especially at ECU.

The ECU Marching Pirates perform elaborate half-time shows and provide the crowds with pep songs. However, besides the traditional fight song, the Marching Pirates play a variety of pieces, including music from the Broadway hit *Chicago* and the popular song "Hey-Ya" by Outcast.

The Marching Pirates' musical styling is so broad that the group requires an extreme amount of dedication from its members. They assemble a week before classes begin to practice for six days.

Each member of the band attends a two hour class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, providing them with six hours of practice per week.

"The group is very dedicated to learning each piece quickly and efficiently and then being able to perform them in front of



Photo by Kyle Fisher

The band will perform a tribute to Chicago during their next show.

thousands of people," said Christopher Knighten, director of the Marching Pirates.

The group will be traveling to many locations this fall. They will be recruiting in the mid-Atlantic region for future Marching Pirates and they will also be playing at several national events.

Homecoming is always a big event for the ECU Marching Pirates. The group will be presenting a show they call "A Musical Tribute to The Windy City."

The performance includes several selections from the musical *Chicago* and some songs from the group known as Chicago. This

year's Homecoming football game is the only one in which they will perform the entire show at home, although the Pirates performed it a week earlier when they traveled to the Oakton Classic Band Festival in Washington, D.C.

The ECU Marching Pirates was created in 1938 with a small group of devoted musicians. At first, the band only consisted of a wind section. The original ensemble played at the football team's first home game against what is now Campbell University.

ECU won that game, and since then, the marching band has played at every home game. Today, the Marching Pirates is the largest student organization on campus, including about 200 members.

"It really helps you meet other people, which makes joining the band an even better option for freshmen," said Larry Keeler, junior musical education major and section leader.

"It is a great way to meet people on campus and have lots of fun, continuing what you love to do, which is play music," said Ivan King, junior business management major and squad leader.

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## Marching Pirates

A Musical Tribute to the Windy City

"Fanfare and Overture" – from the musical "Chicago," arranged by Barrett

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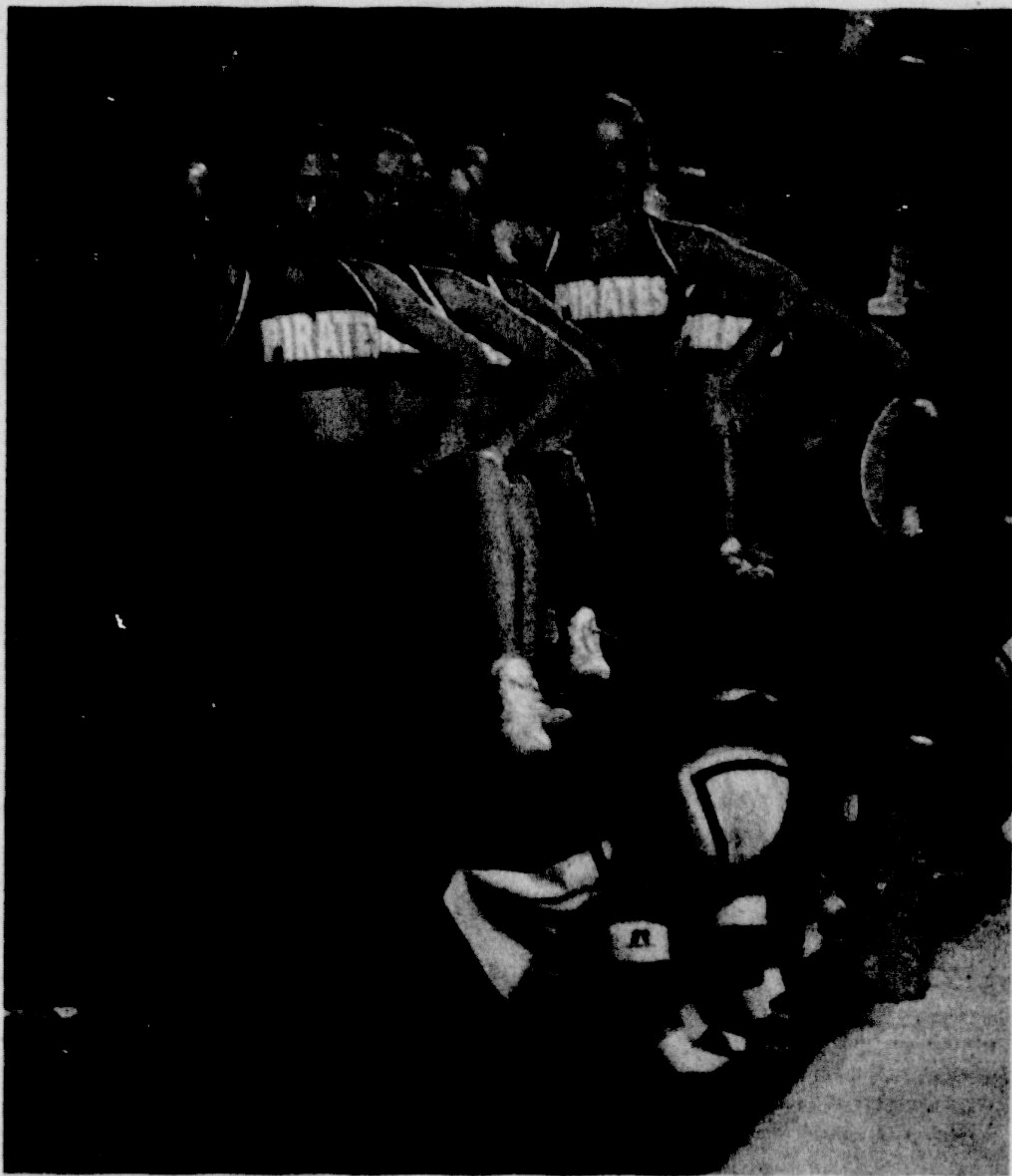


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## ECU's athletic traditions



Post touchdown push-ups are part of ECU's many game traditions.

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*Rituals help make cheering for Pirates even better*

**JOHN BREAM**  
SENIOR WRITER

ECU has been left in a compromising situation after the fallout from the expansion of the Atlantic Coast Conference and the depletion of Conference USA. Over the years, ECU has continually been left out of major conference realignments for many reasons, one of them being a lack of big time sports tradition.

Perhaps the commissioners of the Bowl Championship Series conferences should come down to Greenville one weekend and see for themselves that ECU students and alumni are some of the most prideful people you will ever meet. Our athletic programs, especially football, have numerous traditions that make being a Pirate a lot of fun.

The big day finally arrives when ECU has a home football game. After tailgating all morning, it's time to make that long walk to Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. After entering the stadium and heading up the bleachers, you are deluged by a sea of purple and gold.

In 1909, the administration of ECU left it up to students to decide what the colors of the school should be. Old gold and royal purple won the popular vote.

### Traditions

#### The ECU Fight Song "E.C. Victory"

Cheer for East Car'lina,  
Cheer for old E.C.,  
We know we're the finest,  
Onward to victory!  
GO PIRATES!  
Cheer for East Car'lina,  
Cheer on for old E.C.,  
Loyal and Bold,  
We're the purple and gold,  
WE ARE THE PIRATES OF ECU!

The following year, the colors were worn by ECU's first baseball team, which won most of its games, including its season opener of a 6-2 win over a local Greenville team. A newspaper account of the game credited their win to the enthusiastic cheering of the school's student body for "winning the victory for the purple and gold." It is a phrase that has stuck with all of the ECU teams for more than 90 years.

Because you were smart and joined the ECU Pirate club, you've got a great seat on the 50-yard line in the midst of the student section. All of a sudden over the loud speakers you can hear the opening riffs of Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" playing.

The classic rock anthem is played at the beginning of every

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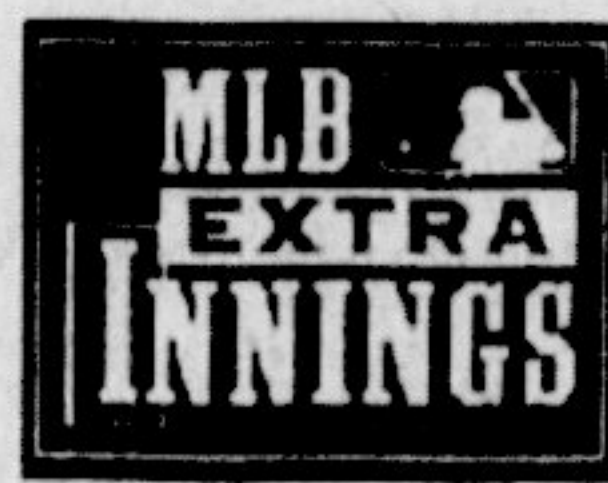
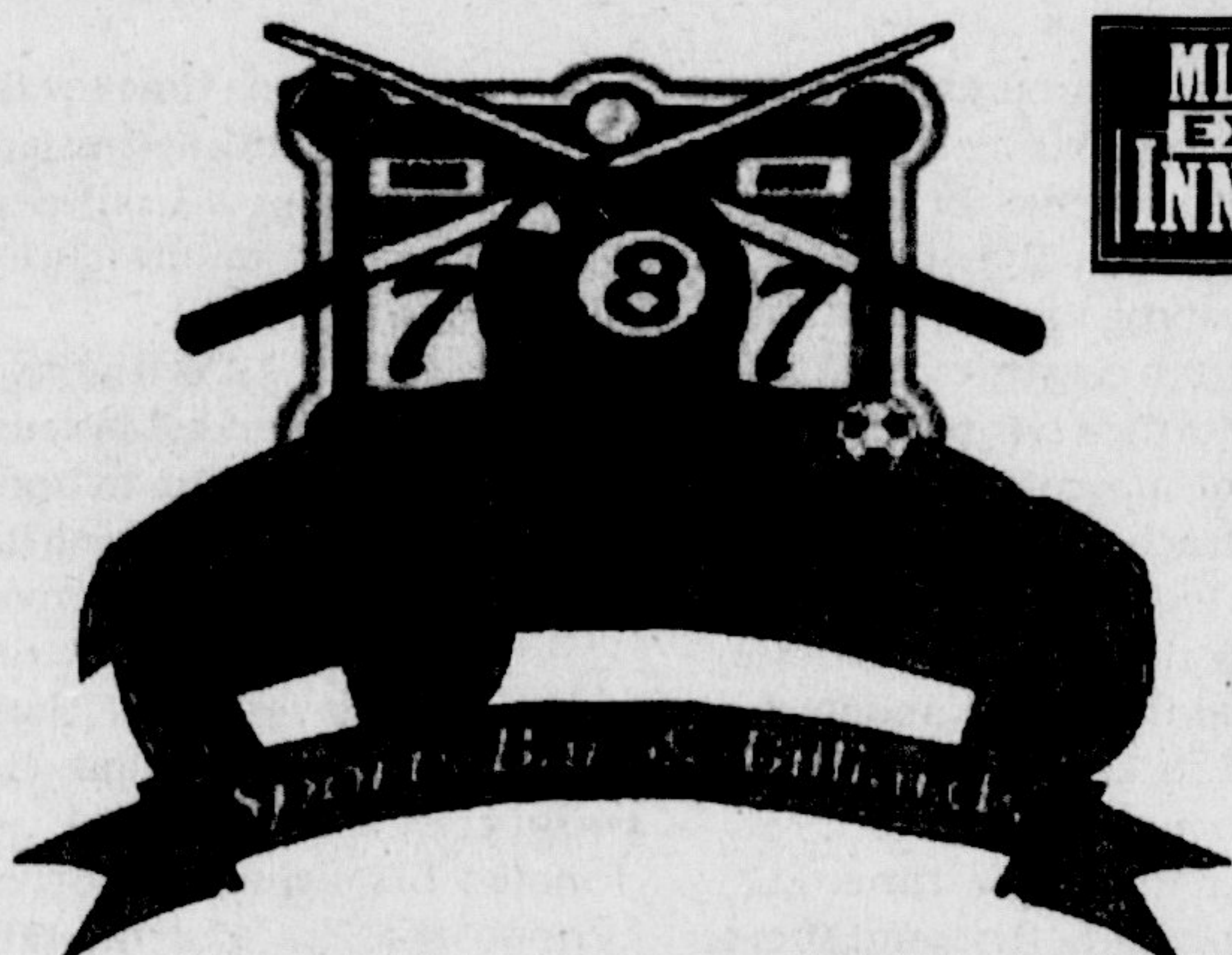
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## Pirate Fest, Picnic promote pride

*New events added to Homecoming festivities*

**RACHEL LANDEN**  
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

Summer may be over, but it's not too late for a beach party with your fellow Pirates.

Mendenhall Brickyard is the place to be on Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. for shagging, skits, sand and of course, spirit. The four-hour event known as Pirate Fest will incorporate elements of Pirate Palooza, Get A Clue and Barefoot on the Mall as it makes its debut during the week of Homecoming 2004.

Each student organization can set up a booth at Pirate Fest to recruit new members, pass out information, publicize events or play games. Any organization with a booth will also earn 250 Spirit Points for the competition.

Pirate Fest will also be a great time for these organizations to collect non-perishable items for the Salvation Army canned food drive. Every piece of food will earn an organization one extra Spirit Point.

Winners of the banner, lawn decorations, window decorations and skit competitions will be announced during the afternoon. The top three skits will also be performed.

Individual students can also win at this event. Three students will go home with a treasure chest full of gift certificates, tailgating gear and other prizes.

Those who don't win any of Blackbeard's Treasure can still take a piece of Pirate Fest home with them. Make sand art with sand imported from Emerald Isle or preserve the memories with a picture key chain.

All the while, students can enjoy listening to beach music played by DJ, Steve Hardy. For

those with their shagging shoes on, they can take their turn on a dance floor set up especially for the afternoon.

After all the dancing under the hot sun, it may be time to cool off. Aramark will be giving out free ice cream to help you do just that.

Food is a big part of Homecoming week and isn't limited to Saturday afternoon tailgating. Todd Dining Hall will host a Pirate Picnic on Oct. 7 from 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Students with meal plans can use a meal to pay for their dinner at the cookout and everyone else will be charged for a meal.

At 6:30 p.m., Head Football Coach John Thompson and members of the ECU football team will arrive to speak to those in attendance. The cheerleaders, dance team and marching band will all perform. Phi Beta Sigma will also present a step show.

Pirate Fest and the Pirate Picnic are new events that are sure to become student favorites. Grab your flip flops and a towel, hit the brickyard or drop in at the dining hall. Homecoming 2004 may be the best beach trip yet.

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### **i** Picnic

**Pirate Picnic**  
**Thursday, Oct. 7**  
**4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
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**ECU football players, cheer-**  
**leaders, dance team and**  
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## Students pour enthusiasm into Spirit Cup competition

*New events make competition more inclusive, fun*

**JOHN BREAM**  
SENIOR WRITER

We all know about the more celebrated Homecoming traditions such as the football game and parade, but no other Homecoming tradition fosters Pirate Pride like the Spirit Cup competition. Through competitions in several events, the Spirit Cup allows students and organizations to get directly involved in the Homecoming festivities. One lucky and truly spirited organization is then crowned Spirit Cup Award winner for 2004.

This year, the Spirit Cup competition features many new and exciting events that make it easier for all students to participate. Any student organization or area business that has access to a lawn can participate in the lawn decoration competition. The group with the best decorated lawn wins a trophy.

In addition, this year, members of the residence halls can decorate their windows. First and second place winners receive a trophy after the judging on Oct. 4.

However, to win the Spirit Cup, an organization must participate in at least three Homecoming competitions, one of which must be the float competition. By participating in these, the organizations accrue points. The organization with the most points at the end wins the coveted Spirit Cup and \$750.

The three main components of competition are the float contest, skit competition and banner contest. Each contest will be judged based on the following criteria: use of theme, creativity and originality, design, color combination, workmanship and spirit. Exceptional entries into these competitions can receive extra points in addition to the minimum for participation.

Participation in the float competition merits an organization 1,000 points. The winner of the float competition, as judged during the parade, receives \$350, second place \$250 and third place \$150.

Each organization will also have the opportunity to present a skit during skit night of Homecoming week. This event is held at Wright Auditorium and all students are able to attend. Participation in the skit competition grants each organization 500 points. The winner of skit night

receives \$150, second place \$100 and third place \$75.

This year, one of the most visible aspects of the Spirit Cup competition will be the banner competition. In previous years, banners have been hung at the stadium during the Homecoming game, but this year, they will be hung around campus during Homecoming week. Participation in the banner competition gives an organization 200 points. First place receives \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25.

Organizations can receive 250 points for having a booth at Piratefest. This event will be held Oct. 8 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Mendenhall Brickyard. With beach music from DJ Steve Hardy, students can shag the afternoon away. Students can also make sand art and have their favorite beach memories preserved on a picture keychain. Three treasure chests full of gift certificates, tailgating supplies and other prizes will be given away. Furthermore, the winners of the skit, banner, lawn decoration and window decoration competitions will be announced.

In keeping with ECU's tradition of service, the main way organizations can acquire points is through the canned food drive competition. An organization receives one point per can for the first 1,000 cans, 1,100 points for 1,001-1,500 cans, 1,200 points for 1,501-2,000 cans and 1,300 points for 2,001 cans or greater.

If you're unable to participate in the Spirit Cup competition, there is still plenty you can do to show your Pirate pride. Be sure to support each of these organizations going for the Spirit Cup and bring your enthusiasm to the game as the Green Wave from Tulane gets painted purple.

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### Spirit Cup

Contest	1st	2nd	3rd
Banner	\$100	\$50	\$25
Skit Night	\$150	\$100	\$75
Float	\$350	\$250	\$150
Lawn	Trophy	Trophy	X
Window	Trophy	Trophy	X

Competition	Points
Banner	1000
Skit Night	500
Float	200
King	100
Queen	100
Piratefest Booth	250

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home game as the Pirates take the field through the west end zone, which is engulfed in a huge cloud of purple smoke, creating its own purple haze over the field. The team entrance was made even better in 2002 when an inflatable tunnel linking the Murphy Center and the end zone was erected.

The Pirates have just stormed through the tunnel and Pee Dee the Pirate is now rumbling around on the field right in front of you. The mascot's name resulted from a contest among the elementary school students of Pitt County in 1983 to give "the pirate" roaming around the field a nickname. Pee Dee was the choice of the students, believed to have come from the Pee Dee Rivers that flow through North and South Carolina, which were notorious for being traversed by pirates.

In 1985, the chancellor of ECU decided to drop the mascot's name and only refer to him as "the pirate." However, the name has persevered and Pee Dee the Pirate is still one of the main attractions at every sporting event.

"Pee Dee the Pirate is such a great mascot," said Mary Catherine Knight, sophomore biology major.

"He's always at the games and does a great job at getting students moti-

vated by running around on the sidelines and waving his sword around."

The school's mascot is derived from the pirates that looted the eastern seaboard in the late 17th and early 18th centuries and ECU's proximity to their territory. In 1934, the school mascot was changed from the Teachers, a name referring to ECU's founding as a teaching college, to the Pirates in order to increase enthusiasm among students and strike fear in the hearts of ECU's opponents.

It's finally game time. ECU chooses to receive first, and after a great return to the 35, the offense takes over. On the first play, James Pinkney completes a 15-yard pass to Damarcus Fox for a first down.

Thus starts one of the most fun parts of the football game when the announcer comes over the speaker and says, "The ball is on the 50 yard line, where it's a first down."

All the fans yell, "Pirates," which is then echoed back by the announcer. A couple of plays later, the Pirates break one all the way to the end zone for a score, which is celebrated by firing the cannon and playing the fight song.

According to the ECU Athletics Web site, "The use of the cannon goes back to at least 1967, when East Carolina officially gained uni-

versity status. At the time the fight song was 'Dixie' and, at the start of every home game, a Confederate cannon was fired to introduce the Pirate football team."

However, in 1974, the use of the cannon was ended because a player inadvertently ran in front of the cannon while it was being fired, knocking the player to the ground.

In the early 1990's, the cannon tradition was restored, thanks to the efforts of long-time Pirate supporter, Ken Howard, who donated his time, support and cannon that he and his father built.

Perhaps the only thing that might drown out the cannon is the ECU fight song, "E.C. Victory," which is also played after ECU scores a touchdown. The fight song ends with the students yelling the last line, "We are the Pirates of ECU" with a "hey" tucked on the end.

Let's just hope that John Thompson can restore another ECU tradition this season - winning. Hopefully we will all be yelling "Pirates," listening to the cannon and singing along to the fight song a lot more than last year.

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# Tailgating an essential part of football

## Tailgate Tips

### Pre-game parties add to football fun

**JESSICA CRESON**  
SENIOR WRITER

Football is one of the many ways to bring people together at ECU but no football game would be complete without tailgating.

Tailgating is one of the most common ways of getting people interested in going to a football game but it also celebrates the excitement of ECU's games. Family, friends, students, faculty and alumni have a good time in the fields and parking lots before the game.

"It is a part of being in college and supporting your school," said Sara Caras, junior public relations major.

Tailgating can mean something different to each person. To a freshman, it might be something they have been looking forward to for a while. For someone in a sorority or fraternity, tailgating might be a more formal event. They might have to dress nicely and meet for a catered meal under a tent before the game.

For the most part, students seem to bring a small grill for hamburgers or hotdogs, along with some coolers full of beer. Drinking is a large part of tailgating for college students. It is a time where friends can meet up and hang out, visit people and party at ECU.

"I have only been twice, and we make hamburgers and hotdogs," said Pat Rollack, junior psychology major.

"It is just a time to chill with friends before the game and have fun."

Bringing fast food or take out is a popular way of tailgating without the fuss of grills and cooking.

Tailgating is something stu-

dents should take advantage of while they are in school. Once these years have passed, people spread out, lessening the chances to gather with best friends and have a blast supporting ECU.

As for the older crowds, and some younger, tailgating can be an art. Face paint, purple and gold everything, car decorations, children in ECU attire and food that is carefully planned and prepared can all be a part of the tradition.

In order for tailgating to go smoothly, there are some things students and other game-goers need to be aware of before planning the day.

Lots open four hours before the games start and out-of-town visitors can't enter lots until the day of the game. Cars can only use one parking space due to the amount of cars using the lots. Also, kegs are not allowed.

Keep in mind that once the game starts, people will be asked to move into the stadium or leave completely. For some, they just like to meet up with their friends and tailgate for a while, but don't have an interest in attending the game.

Portable toilets and trashcans are placed throughout the lots for people to use as needed. Throwing away trash is important for everyone to do. Because there are so many people tailgating, there is a lot of trash created from eating and drinking. It is a good idea to bring a trash bag, so there will be less to clean up.

Students who are drinking must remember to bring their ID with them. Underage drinking is monitored closely.

Drinking too much at a game can also cause unwanted problems. Fights, getting sick and getting in trouble with cops for various disturbances or public intoxication can put quite a damper on

the event. Tailgaters need to take into consideration the possible outcomes of drinking too much before a game.

"[Tailgating] is fun until you get into the game and everyone is drunk," Caras said.

When you tailgate, don't forget your grill, charcoal and matches, ice and cooler, drinks, cups, plates, utensils and even extra chairs. Many people forget to bring chairs, which can be a real pain when there is nothing to sit on.

People might also want to bring cards, a radio, a camera and a football.

No one wants to be stuck in a sudden rain shower or be underdressed for the cold, so be aware of the weather when planning for your comfort.

Finally, don't forget your tickets, purple and gold, and most importantly, your school spirit.

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Plan your menu a few days before the game and keep it simple.

Stock up on plenty of plastic utensils, cups, serving plates and napkins. And don't forget the condiments.

Use two insulated coolers - one for drinks and ready-to-eat foods, the other for raw meats. Pack foods in reverse order so the last ones packed will be the first ones used.

Bring plenty of water and other non-alcoholic drinks. Non-drinkers and kids will need something to sip on, and you'll also need water to help put out your grill's fire.

Disposable containers, such as zip-lock bags, make cleanup and storage simpler. Toss any extra trash in a bag you bring with you and take away when you leave.

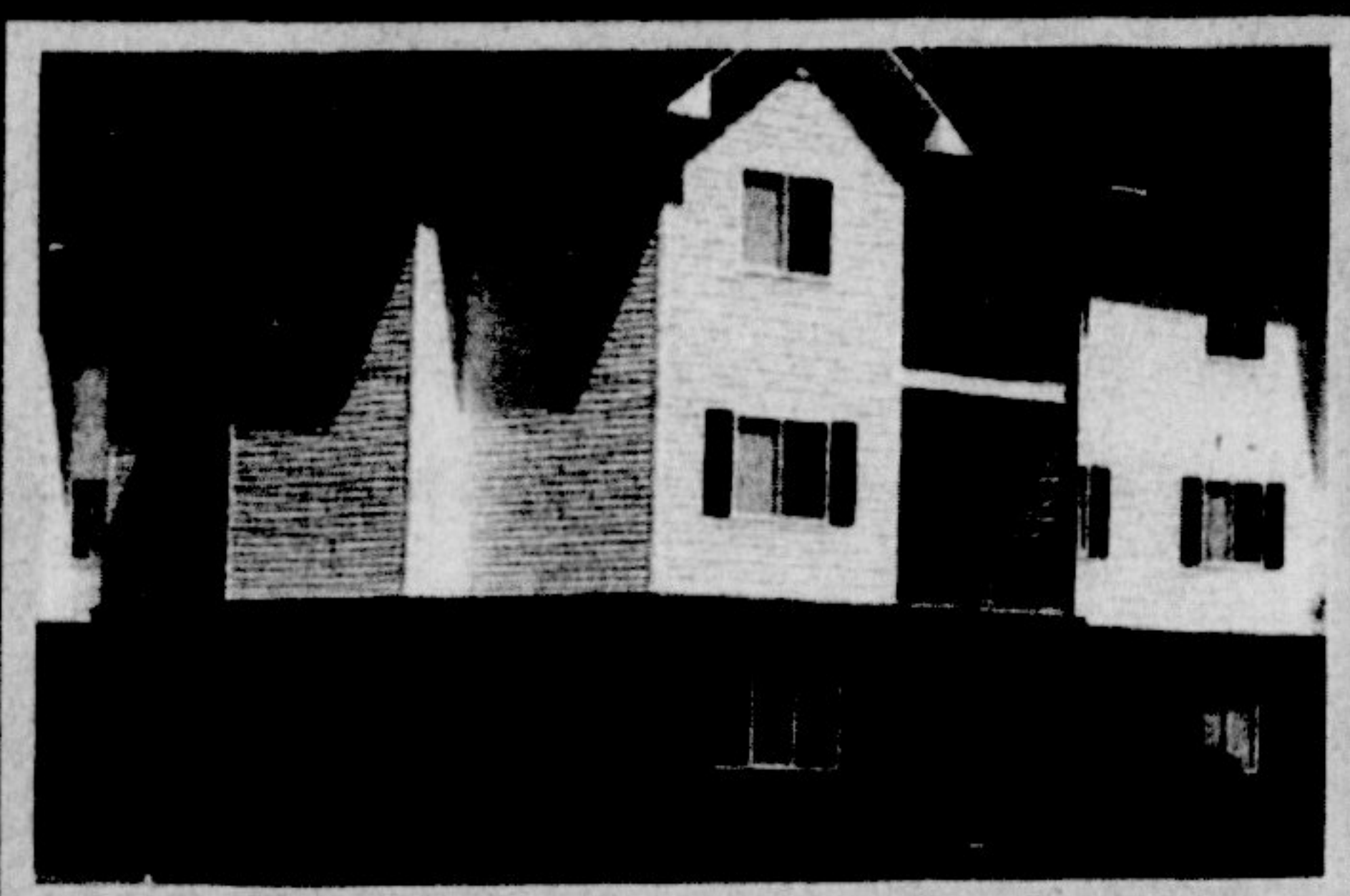
Bring enough chairs so everyone has a place to sit. Folding lawn or beach chairs and expandable camping chairs are both portable and inexpensive.

Dress in layers. It may be a hot afternoon in the sun but once it gets dark, the temperature can drop by a lot.

Get to the stadium and nearby lots early so that you can find a space to park. Lots for tailgating at ECU open four hours prior to kickoff.

Take the time to cook meat in order to thoroughly destroy harmful bacteria. Ground meat should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees (brown or gray inside) and poultry to at least 180 degrees (until juices run clear).

Bring a radio so you can listen to the pre-game commentary. Hearing about the team and the game can help put even reluctant fans in the mood for football.



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# Weekend abounds with alumni activities

## Alumni Homecoming Events

Friday, Oct. 8

8 a.m. – ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic, Brook Valley Country Club, Golf package \$125 per person

5 p.m. – Freeboot Friday, Uptown Greenville – corner of Fifth Street and Evans Street, Entertainment featuring Lil Brian and Zydeco Travelers

6:30 p.m. – Outstanding Alumni Reception, Greenville Hilton, Free

7:30 p.m. – Outstanding Alumni Banquet, Greenville Hilton, \$25 per person

Saturday, Oct. 9

9 a.m. – Open House and Continental Breakfast, Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center, Free

10 a.m. – Homecoming Parade  
11:30 a.m. – Alumni Association Tailgate, Charles Boulevard behind the VIP tents, \$15 per person

2 p.m. – Football game – ECU vs. Tulane

6:30 p.m. – ECTC and EEC Reunion Dinner and Dance, City Hotel and Bistro, \$20 per person

## Pirates reunite for Homecoming 2004

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STAFF WRITER

Past and present Pirates will descend on Greenville this weekend for Homecoming 2004.

"Homecoming is a special time for alumni to return to Greenville and celebrate our Pirate heritage," said Paul Clifford, associate vice chancellor for alumni relations.

Friday, the ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic will kick off the weekend's activities. The event,

which raises money for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, will be hosted by former ECU and Green Bay Packers football player George Koonce.

Later Friday evening, the Outstanding Alumni Awards Ceremony at the Greenville Hilton will honor the achievements of ECU graduates who have excelled in their professions. Recipients of the annual award are nominated and then voted upon by the awards committee of the ECU Alumni Association.

Freeboot Friday, the outdoor concert held downtown on Friday evenings before each home football game, is scheduled to feature the music of Lil Brian and Zydeco

Travelers.

Saturday, alumni are invited to share a continental breakfast at the Taylor-Slaughter Alumni Center before the Homecoming parade along Fifth Street. Following the parade, alumni can participate in a tailgating event before the ECU vs. Tulane football game.

The evening and weekend activities will conclude post-football game with a reunion dinner and dance for alumni of East Carolina Teacher's College and East Carolina College.

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## Outstanding Alumni

The Outstanding Alumni Award is chosen by the Alumni Association's Awards Committee each year. The award recognizes ECU alumni who have made significant achievements in their professions.

William "Carl" Ealy ('76) is an artist and owner of Pathway Art Inc. in Charlotte, NC. Ealy's paintings of idyllic nature scenes can be found on the Pathway Art Cards produced through his company.

R. Sam Hunt ('65, '66) is the owner of Hunt Electric Company in Burlington, NC. He has been honored through the naming of the Sam Hunt Freeway in Alamance County.

Lucy Ervin Roberts ('65, '73) helps set the curriculum for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first and second grades in North Carolina through her job position. She currently serves as section chief in the North Carolina Department of Education's Division of Instructional Services.

William "Phil" Hodges ('79, '84) founded Metrics Inc., a pharmaceutical development and testing company, in 1994 in Greenville, NC. The company, which originally had only four employees, now employs more than 130.

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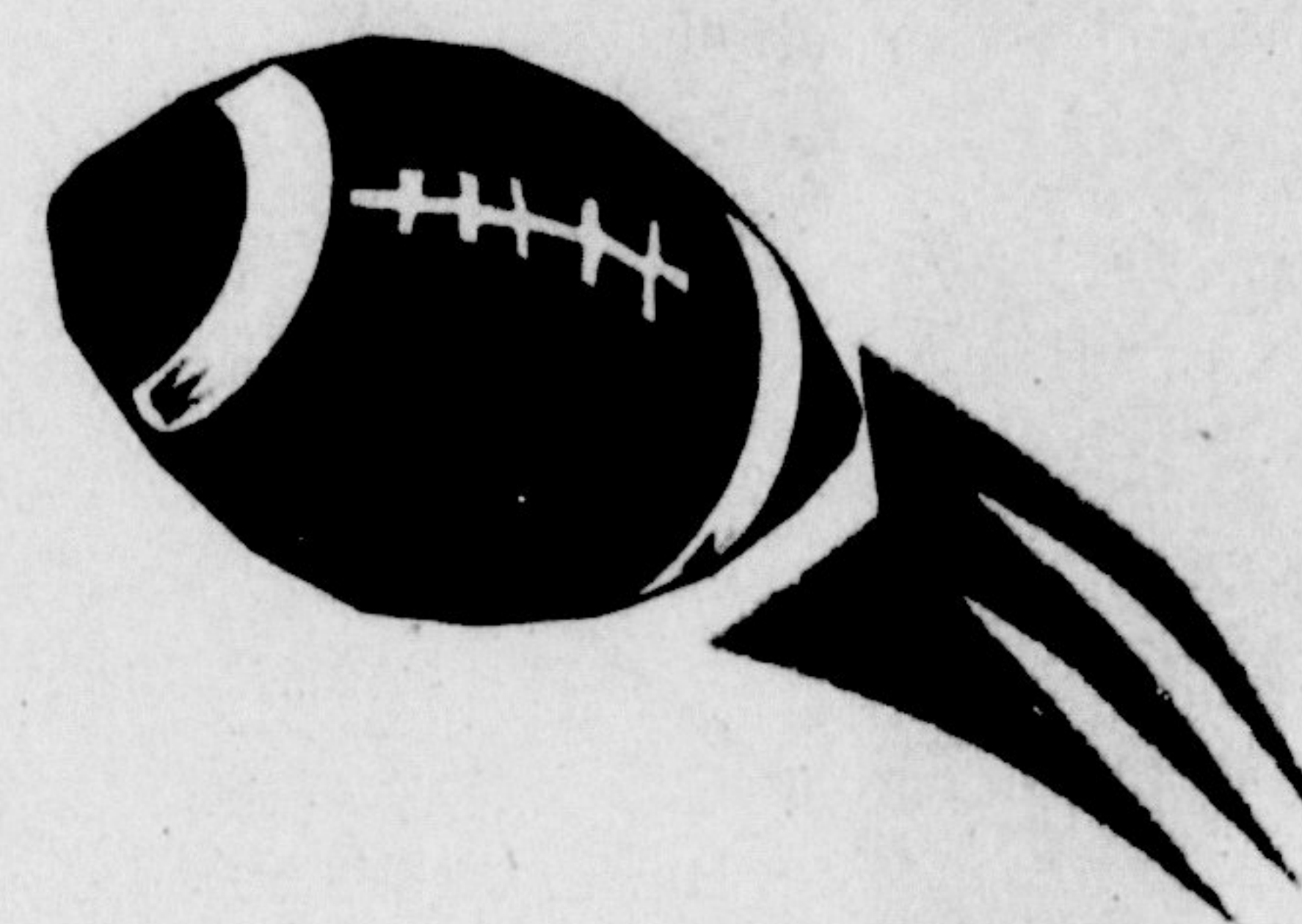


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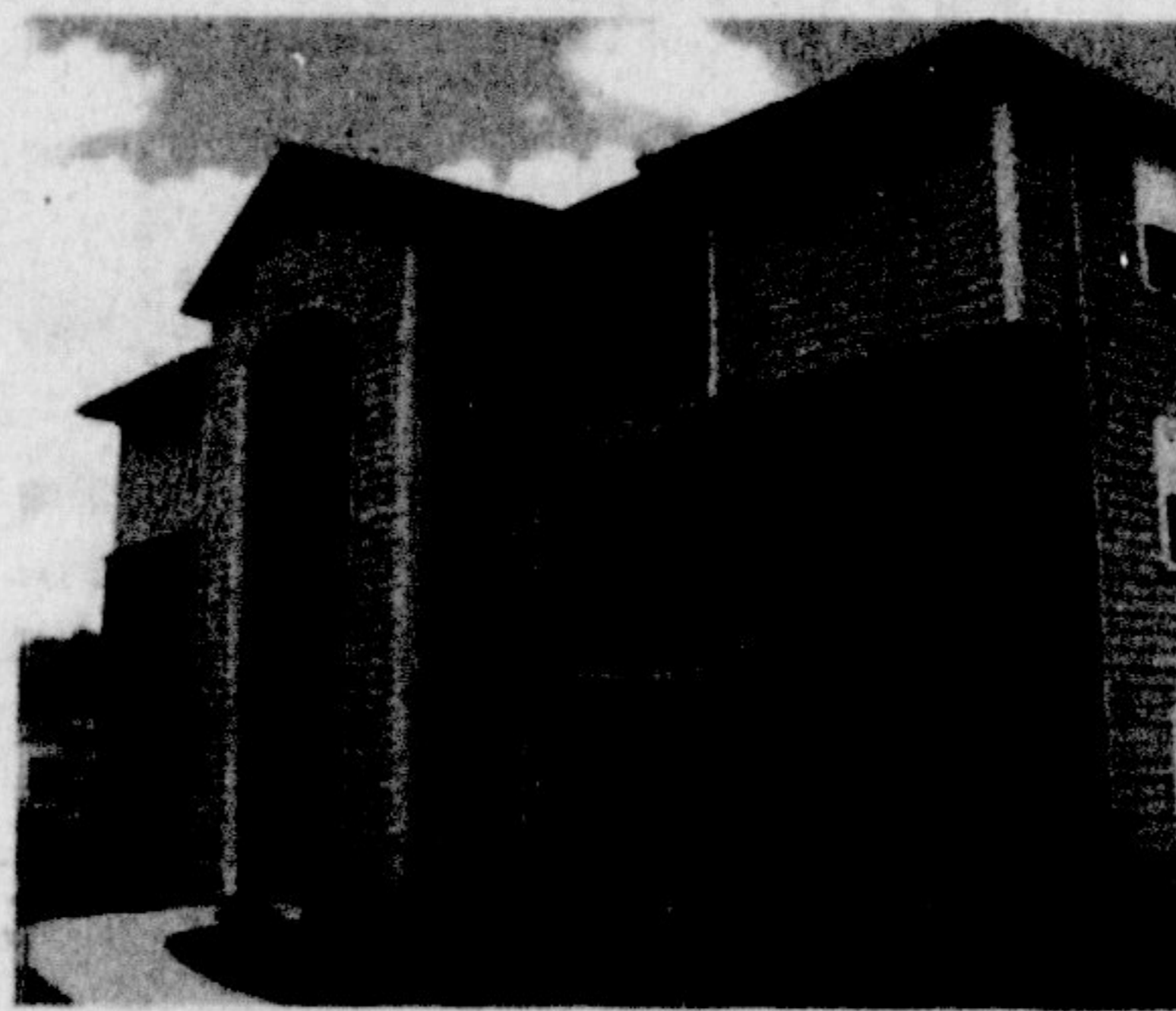
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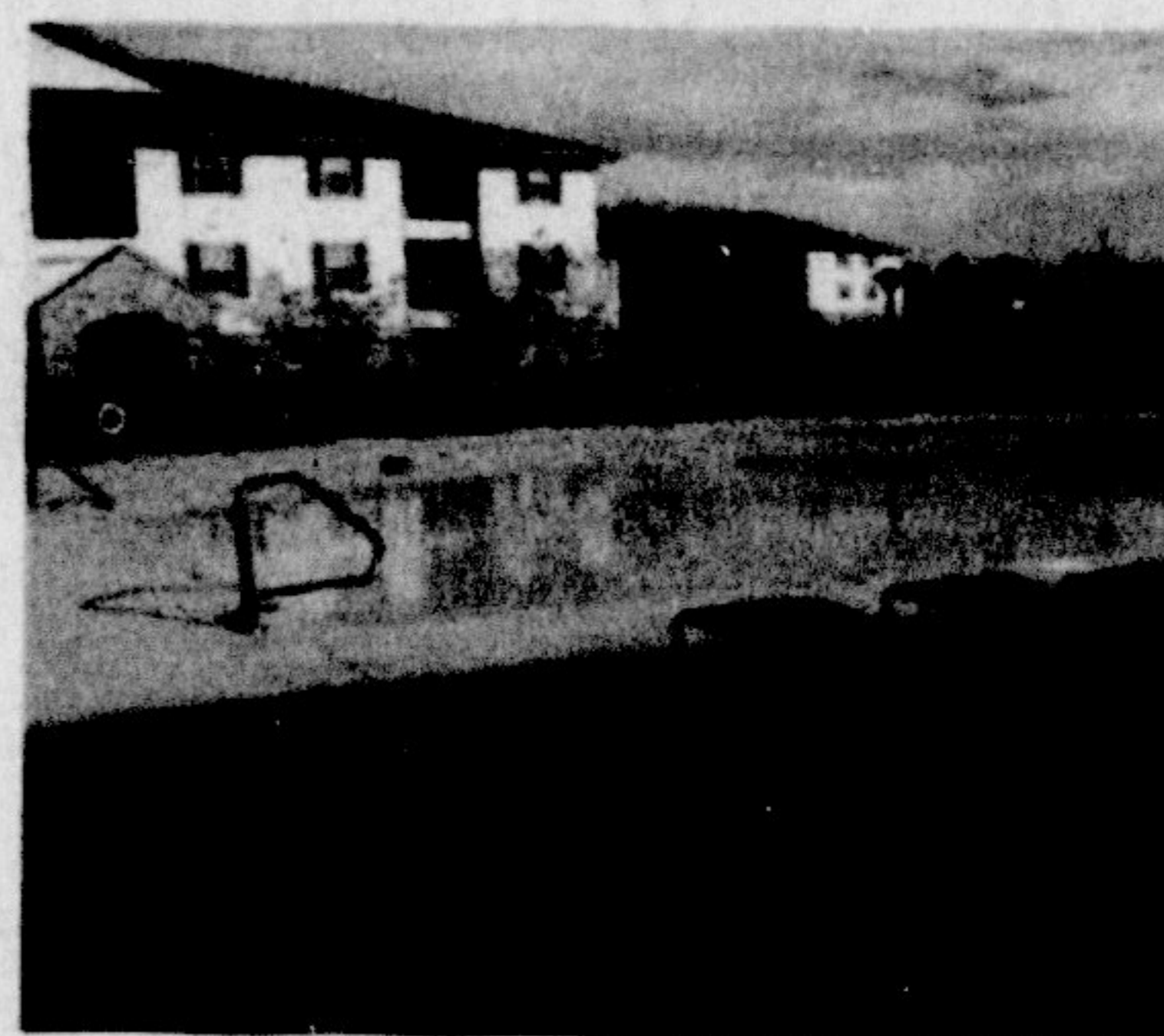
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