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## Edwards' daughter visits Greenville



Local media and Greenville residents visit the Democrat Office to see candidate's daughter.

### Edwards encourages people to vote

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NEWS EDITOR

Cate Edwards, Democrat vice president candidate John Edwards' daughter spoke at the Greenville Democrat Office yes-

terday and stressed the importance of voting to Greenville residents and ECU students.

Edwards, who has been traveling throughout various universities, including ECU, over the past few months and has noticed a lot of energy among college students about the election. She said ECU had one of the highest turnouts attracting an audience

of more than 500.

"We had a great turnout when we came to ECU," said Edwards.

"There is a lot of interest and enthusiasm around this election and around this campaign."

Edwards said with the deadline for the election approaching, she encourages people to participate in early voting, which runs

from Oct. 14 - 30. She said people have a window of opportunity to make their vote count.

Edwards said she would also like to remind the students that 537 votes determined the election in 2000, which would be equivalent to the size of a college dormitory.

"Every vote counts, every vote matters, it's well worth your time to get out there," Edwards said.

She said it is important to early vote because anything can happen on Nov. 2 that may prevent people from voting. Early voting would be beneficial to the overall election and would not favor either party more, and early voting would especially help younger voters who have busy schedules.

"We have hectic lives and we make last minute decisions," Edwards said.

"What happens in Washington, D.C. affects the lives of young people just as much as it affects anyone else. Its going to affect whether we'll be able to afford to pay for education, it'll affect whether we can pursue affordable health care when we graduate, whether we'll be able to get a job when we graduate [and] whether our friends or roommates or brothers and sisters are shipped off to Iraq."

There has been a recent surge of people registering to vote in

see EDWARDS page A3



KERRY



BUSH

## State Democrats out register Republicans

### Officials pleased to see high voter registration

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North Carolina has had a trend of most voters registering Democrat. Pitt County exhibits this pattern.

According to the Pitt County Board of Elections, the total number of registered voters in Pitt County recently exceeded 90,000. As of Oct. 4, there were 48,734 Democrats, 26,311 Republicans, 198 Libertarians and 14,674 were unaffiliated.

Among the newly registered voters in Pitt County this year, 3,950 registered Democrat, 2,691 registered Republican, 33 were Libertarians and 2,071 unaffiliated. The Democrats' advantage appears to be expanding. The ECU student population contributes to that advantage.

Steve Hines, director of the Pitt County Board of Elections, said Pitt County voters tend to follow suit with the rest of North Carolina and vote Republicans for president and Democrats for local offices. He said he thinks college students may be concerned about the economy and future job prospects, causing them to favor the Democratic party.

"The uncertainty that a lot of younger voters tend to have is that they are not sure they are going to have a job when they get out of college," said Hines.

Peter Francia, assistant professor of political science, said voters in North Carolina would still probably give President Bush 15 electoral votes even after Senator Kerry chose Senator John Edwards, from North Carolina as his running mate, Bush still maintained a lead of around five to seven points.

Francia said she thinks the reason Democrats do well at local elections and not at presidential elections is because local Democrats are more moderate than those on the national scene.

"State Democrats tend to be a lot more moderate on a variety of social issues ... you don't hear too many Democrats talking about more gun control," said Francia.

He said North Carolina Democrats are also not as "anti-tobacco" as national Democrats and are even more moderate on economic issues as well. While North Carolina has been a Democratically dominated state throughout history, it has also been relatively conservative. Centrists like Democratic

Gov. Mike Easley, are effective at appealing to conservative voters.

As far as voter turnout is concerned, election officials are pleasantly surprised to see a record number of registered voters in Pitt County. The next step is to show up and vote on election day.

"If you register to vote, follow through with the process and vote," Hines said.

"It's a more inclusive party [Democratic] with more concern about people that often get overlooked ... on issues [they] are more socially conscious, like on the environment or stronger gay rights ... more with giving money to people who don't have it," said Matt Stambaugh, senior political science major, and president of the ECU College Democrats.

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## Taxes, jobs among topics in third debate

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Sen. John Kerry said Wednesday that 5 million people have lost their health care in the last four years and accused President Bush of "turning his back on the well-being of America." The Republican incumbent responded that his rival's plan to expand coverage was an "empty promise" that would cost taxpayers \$5 trillion.

"It's called bait-and-switch," Bush said of Kerry's proposal to offer coverage to millions of Americans who lack it.

The exchange came moments into the final debate of a race for the White House that has grown steadily closer in recent days — and the last time Bush and his rival will face off before Election Day on Nov. 2.

Kerry and the president also clashed over jobs, taxes and the war in Iraq in their third debate of the general election campaign. The format was identical to their first — but this time Bush avoided grimacing and scowling as he did two weeks ago when Kerry was speaking.

Bush also issued an appeal for healthy Americans to skip a flu shot this winter to conserve scarce vaccine for the elderly and ill. "I haven't gotten a flu shot and I don't intend to," the president said.

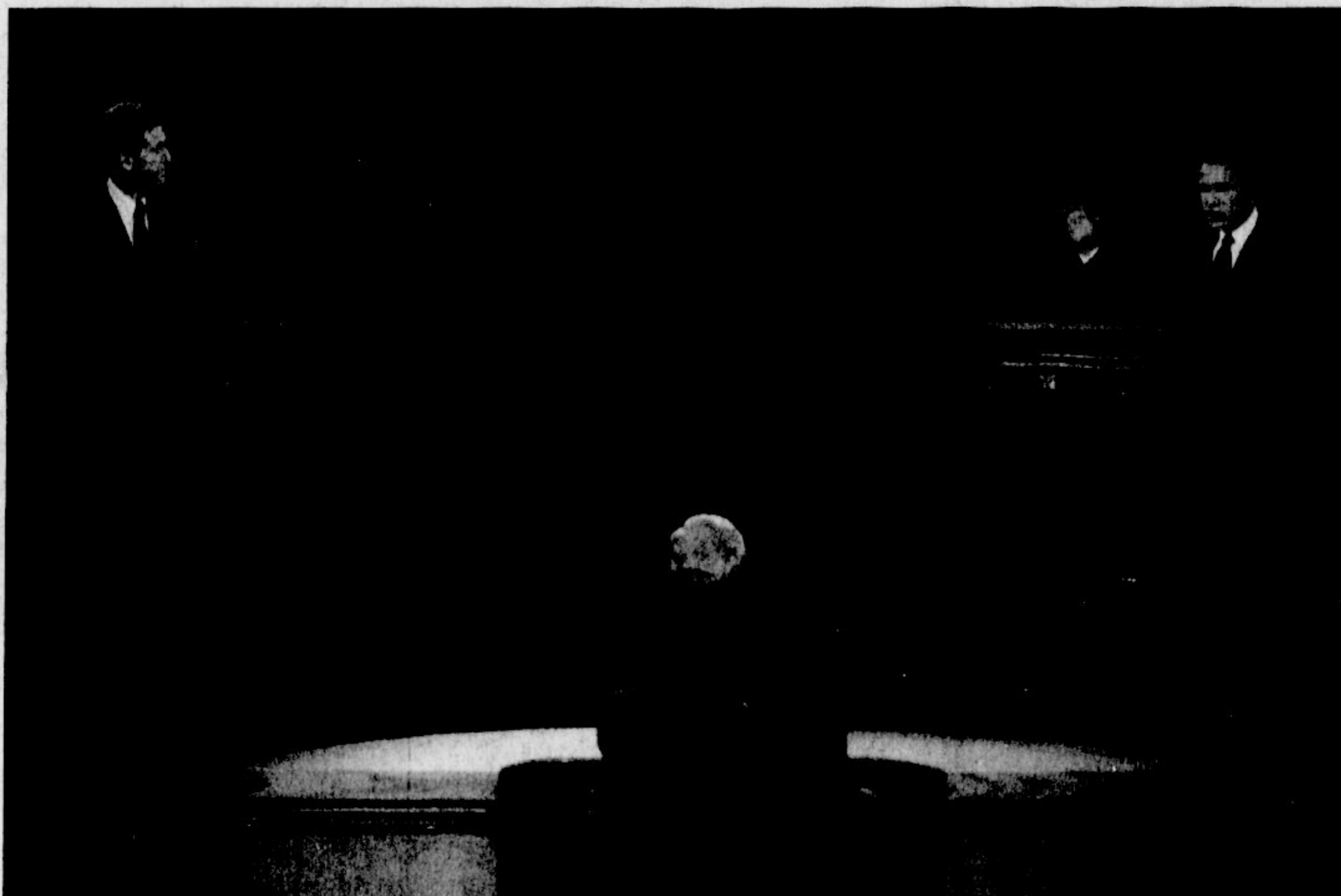
Asked his own view of the shortage of the flu vaccine, Kerry swiftly criticized Bush for his policy on overall health care.

"This really underscores the problem with the American health care system," the Democrat said. "It's not working for the American family and it's gotten worse under President Bush over the last four years."

"This president has turned his back on the wellness of America and there is no system" to help them, said Kerry, who added that he has a plan to expand coverage.

But Bush said a "plan is not a litany of complaints. And a plan is not to lay out programs you can't pay for."

The Republican said Kerry's proposal would cost the govern-



President Bush answers a question as his opponent, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, listens during the presidential debate in Tempe, Ariz., Wednesday, Oct. 13.

ment \$7,700 per family. "If every family in America signed up it would cost the federal govt. \$5 trillion over 10 years," he said. "It's an empty promise. It's called bait-and-switch."

The night's first question was whether America could ever be as safe as it was in a pre-terrorist world, and Kerry swiftly turned his answer into an attack on Bush.

The president "regrettably rushed us into war," he said, and added that the president had "pushed alliances away and as a result America is not bearing this enormous burden where safe is not as safe as we ought to be."

Bush spoke dismissively of his rival.

"My opponent just this weekend talked about how terrorism could be reduced to a nuisance, comparing it to prostitution, illegal gambling," he said. "I think that attitude and that point of view is dangerous."

The two men disagreed over abortion, Kerry saying the choice should be "between a woman,

God and her doctor," and the president saying he wants to promote a "culture of life."

Asked about the Catholic bishops who have advised parishioners it would be a sin to vote for a candidate who supports abortion rights, Kerry evoked the name of John F. Kennedy, another Massachusetts senator and the first Catholic elected president.

He quoted Kennedy's famous 1960 campaign statement in which he said he wasn't running to become a Catholic president, but the first president who happens to be a Catholic.

As states deal with the issue of gay marriage, the candidates agreed that marriage should be preserved for heterosexual couples but differed over the nature and experience of being gay.

Bush answered, "I don't know," when moderator Bob Schieffer asked the candidates whether they believed homosexuality is a choice. Kerry, referring to Vice President Dick Cheney's gay daughter, said it's not a

choice. "We're all God's children," the Democrat said.

The first presidential debate this year drew 62.5 million viewers, the second 46.7 million. The vice presidential debate had 43.6 million.

In the hours before the debate:

— Bush won an expected endorsement from the National Rifle Association, which plans to spend about \$20 million on behalf of the president's re-election, mostly in battleground states. The NRA contends that Kerry wants to ban gun ownership.

— Kerry's campaign rolled out new television ads accusing Bush of distorting the Democrat's health-care plan and criticizing the president for rising costs. Kerry, referring to comments made Monday by Treasury Secretary John Snow, said Snow delivered an "outrageous slap in the face to America's middle class" when he said it was a myth that there had been economic failures on Bush's watch.

## ECU College of Fine Arts and Communication selects new dean

### Elwell looks to improve college

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ECU's College of Fine Arts and Communication has selected a new dean who will take office Nov. 15.

Jeff Elwell, the new dean said he hopes his experience, interest and background in fine arts and communication will enhance

the college at ECU, which was founded in 2003.

"Since it is a brand new college ... I want to try and foster a collegial spirit among the faculty," said Elwell.

Elwell said he will listen to faculty and administration to get a sense of what they are looking for, and then achieve those hopes and expectations. He said he enjoys working



ELWELL

in schools of fine arts and communication because of the environment and his own personal interests.

"The work that goes on in the classroom you see in the art galleries, in the music halls and on stage," Elwell said.

A search committee, made up of four tenured faculty members within the school of fine arts and com-

munication evaluated 50 applicants from across the nation to fill the position for the school's new dean. Once the committee narrowed it down to a final four candidates, James Leroy Smith, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, selected the most qualified applicant.

Elwell holds a Ph.D. in speech communication and theater from Southern Illinois University, and was previously the chairman for theatre arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kasey Edwards, senior communication major, said Elwell's background experience in the field of fine arts and communication will be a great asset to the school.

"I think the new dean will improve the overall reputation of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. I don't think we have been taken seriously by the other departments because they see the school as a catch-all," said Edwards.

Elwell said he is looking

forward to moving to North Carolina with his family and he is also looking forward to meeting the students in the school of fine arts and communication.

The college of fine arts and communication was founded on July 1, 2003 and includes the school of art and design, school of theatre and dance, school of music and school of communication.

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## Campus News

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

#### Fall Break

ECU's fall break is coming up from Oct. 16 - 19.

#### Deadline

Friday, Oct. 15 is the application deadline for students interested in pursuing a bachelor or science degree in rehabilitation services. Applications can be obtained on-line at [ecu.edu/rehab](http://ecu.edu/rehab) or from the department of rehabilitation studies in 312 Belk Building.

#### Jazz at Night

Friday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. the cabaret-style performances will feature musical and vocal jazz selections performed by the students and faculty in ECU's School of Music. Free refreshments will be served and ECU students may pick up two free tickets when a valid ECU OneCard is presented at the Central Ticket Office. All other tickets are \$5. Advance ticket pick-up/purchase is strongly encouraged as these events are a perennial sell-out.

### Free Breast Cancer screening available

The Leo Jenkins Cancer Center is providing free breast cancer screening from 9 a.m. - noon on Oct. 23. Breast cancer is the most frequent cancer in women with 215,900 cases expected this year. Registration is required to receive the screening. Call 847-9450 to make an appointment.

### Award winning authors visit ECU

Seven award winning authors of juvenile and adult literature are coming to ECU on Oct. 23 where they will speak to the ECU community. The event is free, but requires registration. Contact 328-6514 to register or visit [lib.ecu.edu](http://lib.ecu.edu). Contact Maury York for more information at 328-0252.

### The Children's Hour

On the main stage at McGinnis Theatre, ECU will present *The Children's Hour* by Lillian Hellman. The play centers around two women that run a school for girls. A malicious youngster starts an entirely unfounded scandal about them which precipitates tragedy for the women. A serious and adult play. Parental guidance suggested due to the adult subject matter. Runs Nov. 18 - 23. Contact 328-6829.

### ECU Readers' Theater

The Medical Readers' Theater of the Brody School of Medicine at ECU will present its rendition of the novella, *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, Oct. 10 and 19. The Oct. 10 performance will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 131 Oakmont Drive. The Oct. 19 performance will begin at 7 p.m. at Arendell Parrott Academy, 1901 Dobbs Farm Road, Kinston. For more information contact 744-2797.

### Take 6

On Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. in Wright Auditorium, the seven-time Grammy Award-winning ensemble Take 6, that has redefined a capella music with a sound that blends several styles of popular music with jazz and gospel elements will be performing. Tickets are \$10 - \$30 and are required. Presented by the Office of Cultural Outreach, find information at [ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/ecuarts/SRAPAS.cfm](http://ecu.edu/cs-studentlife/ecuarts/SRAPAS.cfm) or contact 328-4788 or 800-ECU-ARTS.

### The Best of Portugal

Grant Foster, Sunday, Nov. 21 the Travel Adventure film series presents *The Best of Portugal*. There's nothing to "wine" about during this Portugal-packed adventure where you will cheer on a wine boat race and see an old-fashioned wine harvest where the grapes are still crushed by foot. In addition to sipping on those sights, you will also visit the hilltop castle of St. Jorge, meander in a museum dedicated solely to ceramic tile, unload the catch of the day at the Sagres fishing port, take a dip in Christopher Columbus Bay, get fired up at Sao Miguel's volcanic lake and enjoy one of the biggest festivals in the north.

## News Briefs

### LOCAL

#### NC gets more doses of flu vaccine

CHARLOTTE, NC - County health departments in North Carolina will get about 70,000 more doses of flu vaccine in the next two weeks, helping to ease a shortage created when shipments were blocked from one of two vaccine manufacturers. Health officials across the nation have called on healthy people to forgo flu shots this year because the expected supply of 100 million doses dwindled to half when British regulators unexpectedly shut down Chiron Corp., one of the world's main flu shot manufacturers. Aventis Pasteur, another vaccine maker, is supplying most of the doses ordered for North Carolina. But at the request of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Aventis has held back 22.4 million doses that had not yet been shipped.

#### Judge throws out children's petition to 'divorce' father

DURHAM, NC - A Durham County judge has dismissed a petition from two boys who wanted to "divorce" their father and ordered their mother to pay the father's legal fees. The actions of Evelyn Dove Coleman were "egregious and without authority

under the existing law of this state," Judge Marcia Morey said in orders dated Sept. 28.

In what officials believed was unprecedented in North Carolina, the Colemans' twin 13-year-old boys filed a petition in July for "parental divorce" from their father, James Coleman, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

They asked to live with their mother, a former lawyer disbarred in June 2003 for financial misconduct.

The twins signed their own court documents, but Coleman alleged their mother tricked them into filing the petition.

"The children were motivated and manipulated by their mother," Coleman said, adding that a Lenoir County court awarded him legal custody of the boys in August 2002.

### National

#### Lower oil, stronger earnings push stocks higher

NEW YORK - Investors welcomed a sharp dip in oil prices and positive earnings news from Intel Corp. and McDonald's Corp. Wednesday, sending stocks higher in early trading. Wall Street was reassured when, one day after trading above \$54 per barrel, crude oil futures slid substantially lower, raising hopes for a better economic picture by year's end. A barrel of light crude was quoted at

\$51.65, down 86 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Investors also were cheered by Intel's earnings, released late Tuesday, which beat reduced expectations, as well as by McDonald's outlook. The fast food giant boosted its third-quarter earnings outlook, far outstripping analysts' forecasts.

In morning trading, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 24.48, or 0.2 percent, to 10,101.66.

#### 9/11 report leads nominations for National Book Awards

ST. PAUL, Minn. - The final report of the 9/11 Commission led the list of finalists for the National Book Awards announced Wednesday.

The commission's report was among five finalists in the nonfiction category. The authorized edition published by W.W. Norton has been praised as a compelling narrative and has sold well, too, with more than 1 million books in print.

Government reports have traditionally been considered bland and unreadable, so the inclusion is unusual if not unprecedented.

Among the other nominations, read by author and radio show host Garrison Keillor at a ceremony here, was Donald Justice in the poetry category. Justice, who died earlier this year, was nominated for "Collected Poems."

Notably absent from the list were several big-name authors, including

Philip Roth, whose *The Plot Against America* was well-received by critics. Bob Dylan, whose memoir *Chronicles* was also praised, wasn't on the list, either. Nor was Ron Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton.

### World:

#### Ad campaign exposes American child-sex tourists

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government and a Christian group on Tuesday announced an advertising campaign aimed at deterring American tourists from sexually exploiting children overseas.

A huge billboard that looms over traffic in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh warns in English: "Abuse a child in this country, go to jail in yours."

The State Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the group World Vision are behind the roadside, television, print and Internet ads in the United States and the prime sex-tourism destinations Cambodia, Costa Rica and Thailand.

Similar messages are being broadcast in airports and in-flight videos to let sex tourists know they are being closely watched.

Some 2 million children, mostly in poor countries, are believed to be trapped in the underground sex industry, World Vision said an estimated 25 percent of the tourists

who prey on them are U.S. citizens, while the proportion is closer to 80 percent in some Latin American countries.

"In the United States, sexually exploiting a child overseas is a federal crime punishable by up to 30 years in prison."

#### Germany wary over US plan for NATO to take over Afghan mission

POIANA BRASOV, Romania - Germany's defense minister rejected a U.S. proposal to have NATO take over the U.S.-led military mission in Afghanistan, saying Wednesday that his country wants to focus on stabilization.

Peter Struck spoke on the opening day of a meeting of NATO defense ministers. The proposal would combine the NATO peacekeeping force in Afghanistan with the 18,000 strong U.S.-commanded combat mission fighting remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"We are against a merger of the two mandates," Struck told German radio. "The German government sees its engagement primarily with the ... stabilization mandate."

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. ambassador to NATO, had told reporters traveling with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday that the United States wants the two missions combined under an alliance commander, possibly as early as 2005.

## ECU participates in National Depression Screening Day



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ECU Center of Counseling and Student Development

Students receive depression screening

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The Center for Counseling and Student Development spon-

sored ECU's National Depression Screening Day by providing students with screening sessions available throughout the day.

Valerie Kisler-van Reede, a psychologist with the ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development, was the main coordinator for Depression Screening Day.

Kisler-van Reede said a total of 43 students went through the depression and anxiety screening. Of these students, the test results indicated the majority of them did have symptoms of anxiety or depression.

Kisler-van Reede said this day is acknowledged about the same time every year and it was designated out in the community and on-campus for screening people for depression.

"This screening is anonymous and free and it is designed to find out if someone has enough symptoms for further assessment," said Kisler-van Reede.

"We want students to understand depression and anxiety are treatable illnesses, not weaknesses."

The screening day is also a time for students to gather information for themselves or others as the Center for Counseling and Student Development provided many brochures and pamphlets about depression, stress, bipolar disorder, anxiety and about the counseling center in general.

"It is an opportunity for anyone with concerns for themselves or worried about a friend or family member to talk with a

counselor," Kisler-van Reede said.

The screening consisted of a questionnaire that takes about 10 to 15 minutes to fill out. Then a counselor would go over the answers with the person and decide if further help was needed.

Atticia Bundy, an ECU psychologist who helped with the event said the event was a good opportunity for the students.

"The students who come out to the screening can have a feeling of relief to know their concerns are normal and can learn about how to get help if they need it in a friendly and helpful setting outside the counseling center" said Bundy.

"This is a chance for us to come to the students."

Both Bundy and Kisler-van Reede agreed stress and the adjustment period that takes place in college are the main problems for students.

Kisler-van Reede said counselors tend to see a lot of stress in students who are trying to balance their different roles with jobs, hours of class, getting into desired majors and exams.

According to Screening for Mental Health, the company

that runs National Depression Screening Day, depression affects 10 percent of all college students while anxiety affects 7 percent. ECU's numbers are likely to be similar.

Kisler-van Reede said she encourages any student who feels they may have symptoms of depression or anxiety to pick up brochures from ECU's counseling center and learn more about the conditions. She said the counselors are normal everyday people who talk to students about everyday problems college students face. Kisler-van Reede said students who go through their first counseling session find it much easier than they had anticipated.

Ashley Kouris, junior health education major, said she thinks the depression screening is a good idea.

"I think it is a good way for students to learn and to find out about depression and stress, and it is a way for them to get help if they need it," said Kouris.

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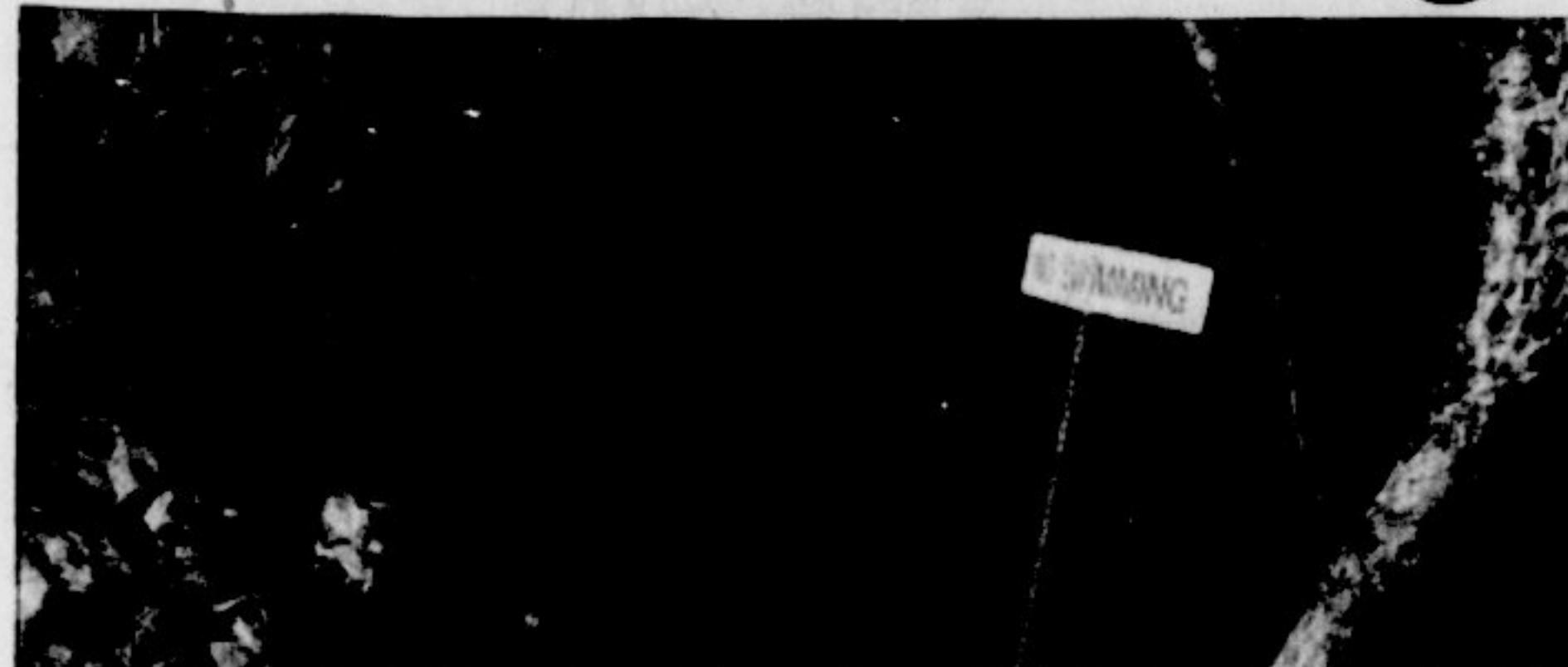
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## Accidental sewage leak into Tar River



improving preventative maintenance. However, he said he couldn't guarantee that a backup will not happen again.

ECU has begun a new training program for staff to inform them of procedures to keep storm drains clear of waste. His goal is to reemphasize to ECU staff that when there is a backup, they need to contact a supervisor who will determine where to discharge waste.

All trees that may potentially propose a problem will also be removed.

Pohlman said they put a camera into the sewer line after the backup and found another root growth which they immediately cleared away.

ECU has begun a new program to make students, staff and visitors aware of the storm drains. ECU has placed markers on storm drains across campus. They are also developing a Web site to promote storm drain awareness.

"We're working with Greenville and doing what we need to do," said Pohlman.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Web site, sewage backups in basements can cause property damage and threaten public health. Sewage can also cause serious water quality problems when it contaminates a water system.

Though it is almost impossible to predict blockage caused by tree roots, people can help prevent sewage backups by educating themselves on what causes these incidents.

According to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality's Web site, some sewage disposals are caused by blockages due to grease as well as root intrusion. The problem can usually be prevented with repair of sewers, cleaning programs and other maintenance initiatives.

ECU is required to report any sewage disposal of 1,000 gallons or greater to North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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## Blair refuses to apologize for British support in Iraq invasion

LONDON — Prime Minister Tony Blair vigorously denied on Wednesday that he misrepresented intelligence about Iraqi weapons before the war, rejecting growing demands for an apology from opponents in Parliament who accuse him of misleading the country.

Blair again accepted that British intelligence pointing to stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons was flawed, but he insisted he had been right to back the U.S.-led invasion.

"I take full responsibility and apologize for any information given in good faith that has subsequently turned out to be wrong," Blair told the House of Commons, in a stormy session dominated by the war.

"What I do not in any way accept is that there was any deception of anyone. I will not apologize for removing Saddam Hussein. I will not apologize for the conflict. I believe it was right then, is right now and essential for the

wider security of that region and world."

Eighteen months after the war began, Iraq still haunts Blair and dominates the political debate in Britain.

He appears to be weathering the storm, however. Although Blair's popularity slumped in the wake of the invasion, according to recent opinion polls it has stabilized and he is considered more trustworthy than his main political opponents.

Blair's principal reason for joining the U.S.-led offensive was his belief that Saddam had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction. The government highlighted the danger in a September 2002 dossier as it tried to persuade a skeptical public of the need for war.

But an official inquiry concluded in July that British intelligence on Iraqi WMD was flawed, that the government had pushed its case to the limits of available intelligence, and it had left out vital caveats in the dossier.

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Pitt County, when compared to other elections. The majority of the people registered to vote in Pitt County are registered Democrats. Issues Edwards said may be driving this increased number of Democrats is the current administration's record job loss, the record surplus turned into a record deficit and the \$200 billion spent in Iraq. She said the current administration has not had a sufficient plan to improve the situation in Iraq.

Edwards said the main problems Kerry and her father would address include education, health care in this country, getting our troops home and how to get good jobs to this country.

A main reason why younger people are apathetic with voting is the lack of knowledge about the major political issues going on within the world.

"I would encourage voters and students if they have any questions to visit campaign Web sites," Edwards said.

Daniel Spuller, a senior political science major who is active with ECU College Democrats, said the event went well and Edwards really energized people to vote. We need to get people out to early vote.

Spuller said he encourages either party to vote early because it gets it out of the way.

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### Early Voting

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## Our View

Walking around campus, it became clear to us that one particular piece of technology has pervaded our lives – cell phones.

Now, we in no way mean to imply that the conception and rapid development of cell phones and their technology are bad, but we have noticed the excessive usage of cell phones.

Ironically, it seems like most students, some of us included, have developed a cell phone dependency. Signs of this dependency can be seen all over campus.

Some examples are students dashing from class to immediately check messages or return missed phone calls, cell phones ringing incessantly in and out of class, calls being taken between class, taking calls during group meetings or study sessions and cell phone use while driving.

Another non-campus cell phone dependency is the use of cell phones during movies. It's mind boggling to imagine what types of calls our peers must take that are so important – it's like being surrounded by on-call physicians or organ transplant recipients.

On a more serious note, we recognize the fact that cell phones are convenient and that many people feel they are good time savers, but we would like to emphasize the value of simple cell phone etiquette.

Letstalk.com provides some simple tips to better cell phone etiquette: "Lights off, phone off – no citizen should take a call at a theater or at the movies.

Off means off – please respect the rules and when asked by an establishment or airline to refrain from using a cell phone, do so.

Don't cross the personal space boundary – be mindful of how close you are to others when using a cell phone in a public place.

Stop noise pollution – you should remember to keep conversations private and not shout into the phone.

Heads up – you should act responsibly when walking or driving while on a cell phone."

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## Opinion Columnist

# Confederate flag still an issue?

*Rhetoric excuses are not fooling me*

PETER KALAJIAN  
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As I drove down Fifth Street yesterday, I spied a bumper sticker that addresses an issue I have been waiting for an excuse to write about. It was in the back window of a pickup truck (whose ability to operate I found simply amazing), strategically situated between an empty gun rack and another sticker depicting Calvin (of Calvin and Hobbes fame) urinating on "Osama" with a devilish grin on his face. I will leave the "Osama" reference and defamation of an innocent newspaper comic strip character alone for the purposes of this article, and will concentrate on the content of the other bumper sticker.

It was a simple, Confederate flag, next to which was written the words, "Heritage not Hate." Now, if I have ever read something more deserving of one of my diatribes, I cannot recall. This statement, which for the record I believe to be sheer nonsense, speaks of an issue with which I had very limited experience before relocating to North Carolina, but an issue of importance nonetheless.

All my life, the Confederate flag was something of a joke to me. My history classes in high school and earlier had taught me that the Confederate defeat during the Civil War was a good thing, that the moral argument against slavery (espoused by the Lincoln government in Washington) was a black and white issue, about right and wrong, and that the Union triumph in 1865 was righteous. Granted, the history I was taught spoke from a biased perspective, from the moral high ground of the abolitionists and northern intellectuals, and never really addressed the true, underlying reasons for the Civil War, which I would come to learn much later.

After considering all the information I have been able to locate on the subject, after long hours of trying to understand just where the Confederacy was coming from and why they wanted to defend their way of life, I have come to a few conclusions. Naturally, these conclusions reflect my upbringing and Northern perspective, and I am more than confident that my loyal readers will have more than a



few comments of their own to contribute.

First of all, "Heritage not Hate," is an extreme cop out. Sure, the Confederate flag, displayed in the year 2004, some 140 years after the actual conflict ended, may stand for some long forgotten Southern pride issue. It may stand for the struggles that people in the Southeastern region of the United States suffered through and the wars that they fought. It may stand for some perceived difference between the North and South, which apparently has persisted to this day, and may fondly recall the era of Southern dominance of the United States.

Whoops, little mistake there. The South has never "dominated" anything. It is another region within the greater whole, just as it was then and remains so today. As for the "Not Hate" part of the bumper sticker, a more laughable statement I cannot recall. There are far too many damning coincidences that will forever relegate the Stars and Bars to the level of racist propaganda. Why is it that hate groups all over the country, to this day, fly the Confederate flag as a symbol of their ideology? White Supremacist organizations, the sad, pitiful remnants of the Klu Klux Klan, along with many other neo-Nazi and racially motivated groups all include the Confederate flag amongst their symbols of worship. Is this coincidence? Are people who fly the Confederate flag, be it in bumper sticker form or on the end of a flagpole, trying to align themselves with such openly evil and backward-thinking organizations? I don't think so. I think people fly the flag to recall the once glorious Confederate States of America and celebrate their history, while at the

same time somehow overlooking the racial implications inherent in the very symbol they hold so high.

Make no mistake. Whether you choose to recognize it or not, the fact remains the same: The Confederate flag is a racist symbol. It was during the Civil War, it remains so today. I challenge anyone to show me an African-American person with a Confederate Flag bumper sticker or "The South will rise again" written in their computer's screensaver. Is this a coincidence? You would sooner find a Swastika flying outside the Israel embassy as you would a Confederate flag flying at an N.A.A.C.P. rally. To me, the symbols have long been morally relative to each other. Both stand for hate, oppression and the wanton murder and destruction of a group of people because of some perceived inferiorities. Plantation owners in the South, before and during the Civil War, treated slaves the same way they treated horses and sheep. They were not human beings, quite the contrary. They could be bought and sold like farm equipment and with as much compassion. So too during the Nazi era in Germany – Jews were not considered people in the same way that German citizens were, therefore their wholesale murder could be justified. Anyone who cannot see the glaring similarities between the Confederate flag and the Swastika needs to pick up a history book and do some research.

If you care to display a symbol that represents the brutality and viciousness and lack of humanity that was involved in something like the slave trade, as the Confederate flag clearly does, you are entitled. The first Amendment to the Constitution allows you the freedom to display just about whatever you care to, but consider this: If you are going to fly the Stars and Bars, don't sugar coat it. Don't downplay the racial aspects and idealize the cultural aspects. They are one in the same. Be up front and honest about your feelings. "Confederacy = Hate," I think would be a far more realistic bumper sticker, and as we speak I am in negotiations to have a number of said bumper stickers produced. Let us just call a spade a spade and forget about the "Heritage not Hate" nonsense. It is hateful, you know it is, and beating around the bush about it only takes away from the power of the argument. Let the responsive mud slinging commence!

## Pirate Rant

Walking on College Hill, I always hear someone driving by blaring that rapping and tapping. Why not bombard people with some good music like 1980s music or some Led Zeppelin?

The SGA has good intentions with the new dorm approximately a block from the new dining hall. But would any student want to live so near downtown – an area more susceptible to crime than campus?

The MLB put out a shirt that said, "Who's Your Daddy?" with a Yankees logo and a pacifier that had a red "B" on it for the Boston Red Sox. While I'm a diehard Yankee fan and I think that shirt is hilarious, why on earth did the MLB produce and promote these shirts? I could see some shirt company in New York making it, but Major League Baseball? That's disgraceful, even if they discontinued the shirt recently because BoSox fans complained.

Why do people you meet in class act so friendly to you, but the minute you meet them outside of class with their group of friends, they don't know you anymore?

If banks can close on Columbus Day, why do I have to go to school? I mean, without Columbus, there wouldn't be America!

I was always taught that the purpose of costume jewelry is for it to look classy and real. These giant fake pearls that a lot of girls wear are anything but. That is why costume jewelry is called costume jewelry.

Some students are making the library the last place that I would consider a study environment. Attention noisy students: leave the cell phones on silent and the conversation outside!

The pen is mightier than the sword, if it is sharpened to a point, dipped in deadly poison, and thrown from ten feet away. But really, you're better off with the sword.

I have to say that the Homecoming Step Show was off the hook and I want to say that all the fraternities and sororities that participated were great. I have one question though ... where are all those fine guys that were at the step show? I mean I never see those guys on campus!

When it's 55 degrees, why do girls walk around campus in short shorts and belly shirts?

Why do some students talk the entire time during a lecture and then ask "what's going on?"

I was really disappointed in the presentation of Homecoming week in Tuesday's front cover. The photos did not represent the diversity of students on ECU's college campus, nor did it show the Homecoming king and queen. I know there is a certain amount of space allotted for pictures and articles must be included, but this paper could showcase more diversity in it.

Apparently I didn't get the memo that the fashion police had come to ECU's campus. Until they start writing tickets, I am going to dress however I want to. What a person wears is a reflection of who they are and no one has the right to criticize another person's outfit.

I am a Spanish 1001 student and I am so tired of the people in my class who took Spanish all through high school shouting out every answer and making rude comments when another student says a wrong answer. Just because you aren't in the appropriate Spanish class, that is no reason to criticize students who are trying their hardest.

If you don't like people who are smoking where you are standing outside, then move. People smoke outside, it's not like they are lighting up a cigarette in class. Also, we got it – it's stupid to wear the Lance Armstrong bands and smoke. Now stop writing about it.

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## In My Opinion

# Kerry's troubling conflict over Iraq situation

(KRT) — It would be fascinating to peer into the mind of John Kerry. Why has he had so much trouble offering a coherent position on Iraq – the most important issue in the presidential race?

I can't remember a candidate who has been more conflicted on such a pivotal issue, and I suspect the problem is an unusually heightened tension between what he feels he must say to win and what he really believes in his heart.

Kerry evidently understands that he cannot be elected president on a McGovernesque platform. Voters are not ready for a candidate who cries, "Come home, America," and urges troop withdrawals from a difficult fight regardless of the long-term outcome.

Americans are deeply disturbed about the course of this war, but most voters seem to understand that victory is imperative – that allowing Iraq to dissolve into a terrorist haven would represent a strategic defeat. Most under-

stand that there are some things worse than war, such as losing one.

So Kerry is careful to say, as he did earlier this year, that "failure is not an option in Iraq." And during his first debate with President Bush in Coral Gables, Fla., he agreed that a too-quick withdrawal would be disastrous. "We have to win this," he said.

Indeed we do, but other things Kerry has said over this long campaign have raised doubts about his resolve. When it comes to Iraq, Kerry has pretty much said everything, which is the same as saying nothing.

He says we have to win, but he also says Iraq is the "wrong war, in the wrong place at the wrong time."

He admits Saddam Hussein was a threat but he calls the invasion of Iraq a "diversion" from the goal of shutting down al-Qaida – as if those two objectives were mutually exclusive. Surely, he remembers reading about World War II, when we fought simultaneously in

Europe and the Pacific.

Kerry endorses the strategy of pre-emptive war – the linchpin of the Bush doctrine – and even says every president has always possessed such power. But he also declared any plan for pre-emption must pass an unspecified "global test" – language that implies a veto by other countries.

He voted to authorize the use of force against Saddam, but he calls the invasion a "mistake" and a "colossal error." Yet when asked if troops killed in action had died for a mistake, he says no.

To be sure, not much as gone as expected in Iraq since the fall of Saddam's regime; there is much to criticize in the handling of the war.

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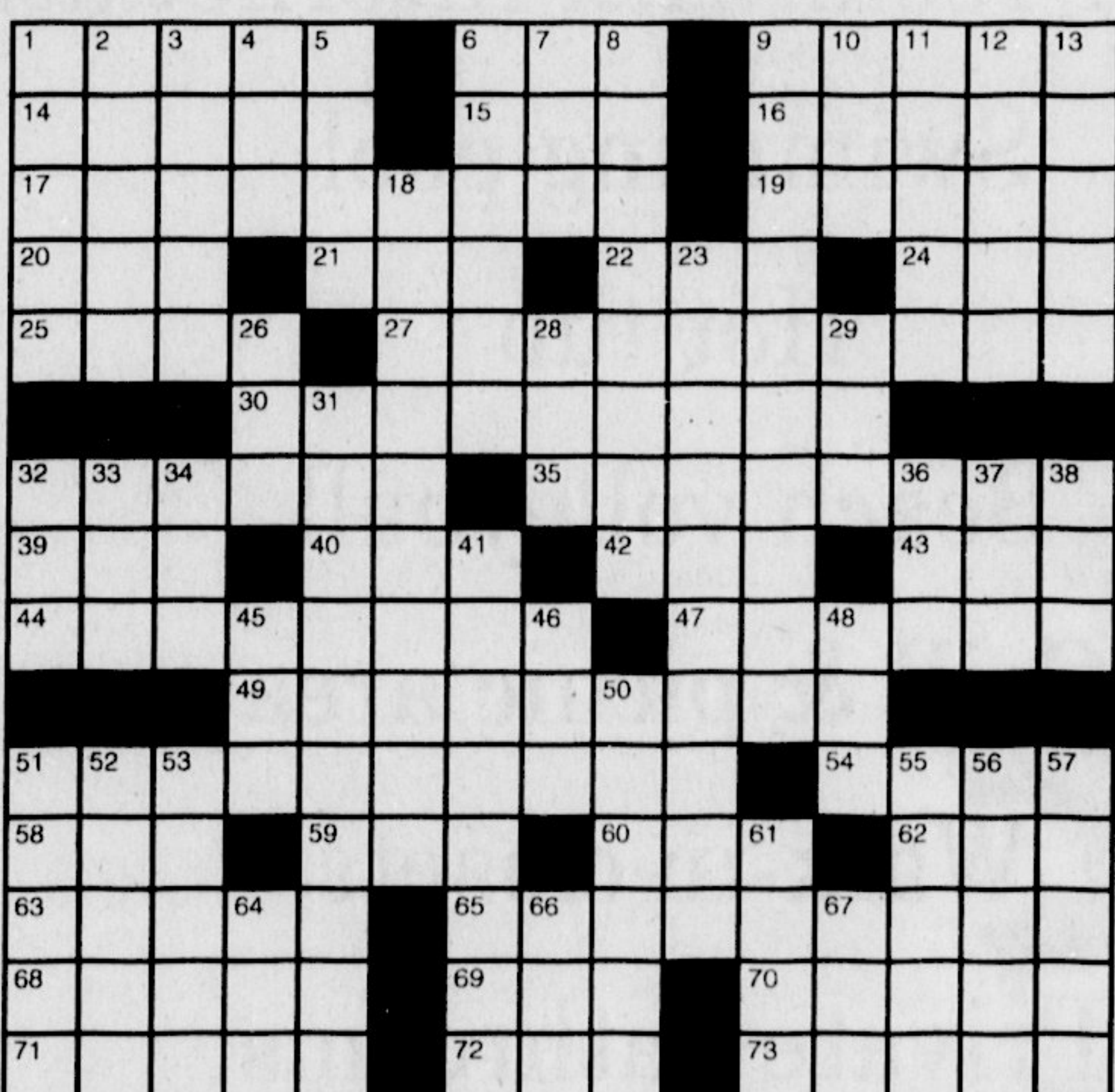
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### Healthy

To avoid overeating, eat lunch and some snacks throughout the day. Your stomach will be satisfied and your waistline will stay in check.

- Yogurt and granola
- Baby carrots
- Butternut squash
- String cheese
- Crackers
- Nuts, raisins, chip mix
- An apple, banana or fruit
- Pita bread
- Microwave popcorn
- Granola bars

-Choose your snacks wisely. Balance your diet with your favorite foods.

-Try to vary your diet. Yogurt every day may be good, but you may want to try other dairy products like milk or cheese. Veggies are also a good choice.

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Recipes from



**Healthy Hints:**

To avoid overeating at breakfast, lunch and dinner, try eating some supplemental snacks throughout the day that will fill your stomach without expanding your waistline:

- Yogurt and fresh fruit
- Baby carrots
- Butternut squash soup
- String cheese and whole-grain crackers
- Nuts, raisins and chocolate chip mix
- An apple, banana or other piece of fruit
- Pita bread and hummus
- Microwave popcorn and fruit juice
- Granola bar

• Choose your snacks healthfully. Balance your high-fat and low-fat snacks in order to be able to enjoy your favorites in moderation.

• Try to vary your routine. If you eat yogurt every morning for a snack, you may want to try adding fruit to it or tomorrow eat some fresh veggies instead to keep things interesting.

**Recipes:****Howling Full Moon Cheese Cake:****Ingredients:**

28 Halloween OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted  
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened  
3 cups cold milk, divided  
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
1-1/2 cups thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping  
Yellow food coloring  
4 cinnamon red hot candies  
Decorating gel

**Instructions:**

**FINELY** crush 26 of the cookies; mix with butter. Press firmly onto bottom and 1 inch up side of 9-inch springform pan.

**BEAT** cream cheese in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Gradually add 1 cup of the milk, beating until well blended. Add remaining 2 cups milk to dry pudding mixes in another bowl. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Add to cream cheese mixture; mix well. Gently stir in whipped topping and 2 drops food coloring. Pour into crust; smooth top with spatula. Add a few additional drops of food coloring to top of cheesecake; spread lightly to create a shimmering "full moon" effect.

**CUT** remaining 2 cookies in half to resemble bats' wings. Add candles for the "eyes," securing candles to cookies with decorating gel. Place "bats" on top of cheesecake. Run small knife or spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim of pan. Refrigerate at least 4 hours before serving. Store leftover cheesecake in refrigerator.

**Black and Orange Spook Cups:**

1 qt. (4 cups) cold milk, divided  
1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O Chocolate Fudge Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
10 glasses or plastic cups (7 oz.)  
1 pkg. (4-serving size) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling  
Few drops red food coloring  
Few drops yellow food coloring  
10 OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, crushed  
1 cup of Halloween Sprinkles

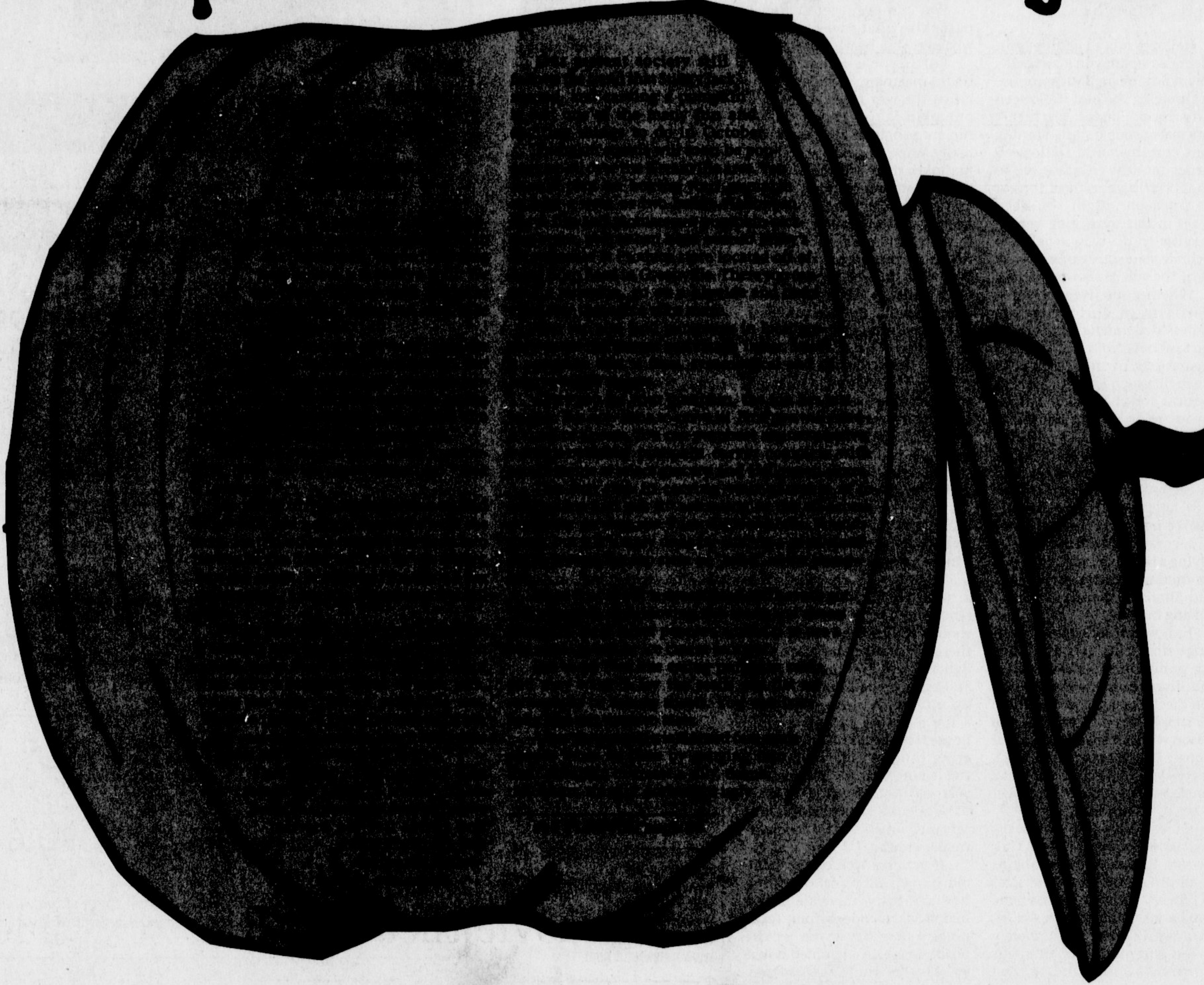
**POUR** 2 cups of the milk into large bowl. Add dry chocolate pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Spoon evenly into the glasses, filling each glass half full; set aside.

**ADD** remaining 2 cups milk to separate large bowl. Add dry vanilla pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Stir in food coloring until pudding is of desired shade of orange; spoon evenly over chocolate pudding layers. Top with crushed cookies.

**REFRIGERATE** at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Top with sprinkles.

Recipes from Kraft.com

# Pumpkin time is here again



## Kids aren't only ones who can't wait Downtown scene on Halloween

Be safe, have fun

**TOMEKA STEELE**  
STAFF WRITER

It's that wonderful time of year again. The most celebrated holiday at ECU is just around the corner. Yes, almost Halloween. ECU is notorious for having the best parties and downtown nightlife on Halloween night. But along with great power comes great responsibility and students must know how to stay safe downtown.

Downtown Greenville will no doubt be filled to capacity with students not just from ECU but from schools all over North Carolina. With crowds that large, Greenville police will be in full force downtown and ECU police will be patrolling the campus. Alcohol Law Enforcement agents and Greenville officers will be patrolling the student apartment complexes enforcing alcohol violations.

The Greenville Police Department, Winterville, Farmville, ECU police and the Pitt County Sheriff's office will work together during Halloween night to ensure the safety of the students.

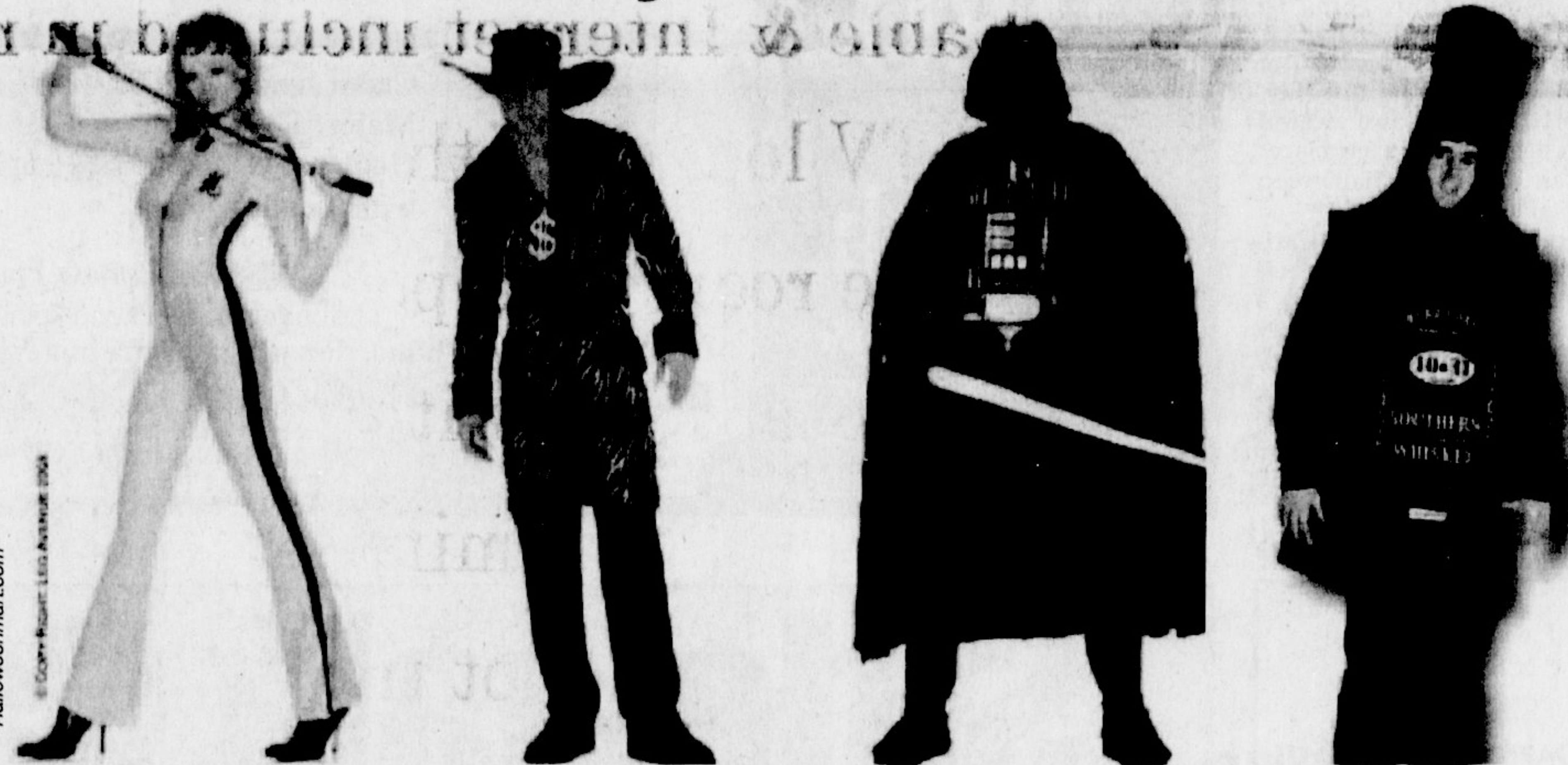
"There will be over 100 law enforcement officers and the Pitt County Sheriff's Department mounted to patrol assigned to the downtown area," said Major Kevin Smeltzer of the Greenville Police Department.

It is advised that students wear flame retardant, non-restricting costumes. There shouldn't be any kind of costume that incorporates a weapon, a weapon look-alike or that can be used as a weapon. No alcohol will be allowed in the crowd.

Students should have some form of ID on them, whether it's to get in a club or just for identification purposes. Students that have mace on their key chains should remove the mace before venturing downtown or into any party or club.

"Students should take advantage of on-campus activities to the fullest extent possible. Always go in a group if going to the downtown area. Make a pact that group members will look out for one another," said

see **DOWNTOWN** page B4



### ECU students produce some of best costumes

**JESSICA CRESON**  
SENIOR WRITER

As Halloween is approaching pretty quickly, people are racking their brain for a costume idea or they have it all figured out and can't wait to show their bright idea off.

For many ECU students, it's never too early to start pondering their next Halloween costume.

"It takes a lot of creativity to find the perfect costume. You don't want something that's played out," said Gray Lusk, a senior theater and media production major.

There are five factors that a person needs in order to be successful in their Halloween costume. They are: wardrobe (obviously), trademark (something unique), makeup for believability, accessories for perfection and last but not least, your behavior. To really pull off an awesome costume, you have to act the part as well. If someone is dressed as a pimp, they should not be hanging out alone in a corner, they would need to be cocky and surrounded with girls for it to be realistic.

When students go downtown for Halloween, there are all kinds of costumes to be seen. Girls' flaunting their stuff as Playboy playmates or Hooters girls is always a popular choice. Remember, it's cold out there ladies! Everything from Twinkie costumes to marijuana blunts or joints to someone being a bucket of popcorn and much, much more can be seen downtown on Halloween night. Many students

can recall some of the most creative costumes they have seen downtown, such as The Heisman Trophy and a speed bump (a yellow outfit with tire marks on the front). Make it a goal for your costume to be one that someone won't forget.

If you cannot think of a costume that you really want to do, the Internet is the best source for ideas. There are cheap costume ideas, last minute ideas, some for men and women, ideas for couples or groups and even sites that can tell you what you can be with certain materials you have already.

In Greenville, Halloween Express in the mall and Party Makers off Arlington Boulevard, are the main places students go to get costumes, ideas and accessories. Thrift stores, especially vintage store Dapper Dans, can have some hidden treasures that would make a truly authentic costume or give you some ideas/accessories to work with. Michael's craft store has all kinds of paints, makeup and much more to offer people who might want to make their costume. Other stores that might have things to add to a costume are: Spencer's Gifts, Claire's and Gadzooks.

"I usually look for ideas on the Internet and then get my supplies from Halloween Express," said Lauren Dykes, a junior communication major.

According to everythinghalloween.com, the top costume picks are:

1. Spiderman
2. Star Wars
3. Pro Wrestling
4. Classic Monsters (Frankenstein, Dracula, vampires, etc.)
5. Austin Powers

6. Heroes and Patriots (cops, firefighters, Uncle Sam, Statue of Liberty, etc.)

7. Scooby Doo and friends

8. Powerpuff Girls

9. Pop Idols (Britney, Christina, Jessica, etc.)

10. Various - (The Osbournes, rednecks with mullets, pimps, disco dancers, etc.)

Although for this year, pirates, Mario and Luigi (from the Real World's Halloween), Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, the Hilton sisters, the Stepford Wives and Uma Thurman in her yellow suit and cast from *Kill Bill* might be the popular costumes. Current events, like movies, TV shows and musicians are common costumes for college students.

Some cheap/easy costume ideas include: ghosts, angel, nerd, homeless person (bum/hobo), clown, ninja, tourist, princess, soldier/hunter, rock star, hippie, gypsy, mime and dalmatians.

"In past years I have been a Red Skins player, cowgirl and Little Red Riding Hood. I went to Overton's for the Red Skins costume and got white leggings and a football that I made into a purse. It ended up being pretty cool," said Shannon Williams, a senior marketing major.

Even a sweatshirt can offer many different possibilities. The most elaborate sweatshirt costume is the seagull. The sweatshirt needs to be white (hooded would be best) with feathers attached. A beak can be made out of felt and attach it to a pair of goggles, then get yellow leggings and then it is a seagull. For a cat, find a plain black sweatshirt turned inside out and wear black gloves with puffy paint for the

pads on the paw. Of course, ears are needed also. A brown sweatshirt turned inside out, with dog ears, collar, tags and gloves with paw prints will be a perfect dog costume. A dinosaur can be done with a green sweatshirt, also turned inside out, with felt triangles going down the back and green makeup and maybe a tail to top it off.

Irish, Scottish and Welsh pagan traditions and celebrations, such as Halloween, were integrated into the Christian Church as just another holy day. Halloween has become a symbol of Harvest Season coming to a close and the coming of darkness in the same way the bunny is to Easter and the evergreen tree is to Christmas. It is now a major part of modern western celebration.

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### Halloween Costume Ideas:

- Start planning at least two to three weeks in advance
- Most of the time a costume ends up being \$50.
- Some quick ideas: Carry around a "Got Milk" sign and wear a milk mustache like the ads, wear a trash bag with white trash (like papers) overflowing to be "white trash" and find an umbrella and attach bubble wrap to the top with long, clear or white streamers to be a jellyfish (wear white if desired).



# Simple ways to make your Halloween look last longer

Decorate your house with spooky style

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STAFF WRITER

Halloween is easily the most celebrated holiday in Greenville. Downtown Greenville is notorious for throwing the best Halloween party around. Since it is so highly anticipated people start planning their costumes and Halloween parties months in advance. To make Halloween last longer than just one night you need to get in the spirit long before.

In order to do this it helps to decorate your surroundings with all of the fun Halloween icons. Whether you live in a house, apartment or dorm there are endless decorating options for you to choose from. You can find decorations in many stores in Greenville such as Party Makers, Spencer's and Cracker Barrel.

If you are on a tight budget, as many of us students are, have no fear, stores like Wal-Mart, Target and The Dollar Tree make Halloween affordable for everyone.

"Halloween is my absolute favorite holiday. I have all kinds of decorations and instead of buying a bunch at one time I just accumulate a little each year," said Shannon Smith, a junior nursing major.

Halloween decorations can range from cute cats and smiling pumpkins to dead bodies and disgusting rodents. If you don't feel like going all out there are simple ways to welcome the season without spending a lot of money. Using orange and black around your living space is just a simple way to add holiday cheer to your surroundings.

Of course there is always the traditional symbol of Halloween. You can buy pumpkins in all different shapes and sizes at grocery stores and roadside stands. Just outside of town on Highway 43 there is a privately owned pumpkin patch that sells pumpkins, gourds and painted

wooden Halloween statues. Buy a few small gourds and pumpkins and arrange them in a basket, bowl or just on the table to add a little spice to a room.

You can even get artificial pumpkins that you can carve whatever your heart desires easily.

But if you'd rather go the traditional route, a regular pumpkin is the way to go. Carving a pumpkin is something that is fun for people of all ages. If you really want to carve a detailed pumpkin there are kits available with all different kinds of knives and patterns to help you. If you need some inspiration on what to carve or just want some helpful pointers there are numerous Web sites full of pictures and directions. It is important to remember that pumpkins rot just a few days after they are carved so you may want to wait until as close to Oct. 31 as possible.

After your pumpkin is carved you can either use a votive candle to light it up or now there are small battery-operated pumpkin lights. If you use a candle you should never leave it unattended and keep it away from all curtains, decorations and combustibles. Pumpkins should also be kept away from high-traffic areas in which they may get knocked over.

Spider-webs spread across a room with spiders scattered throughout it instantly adds a spooky Halloween feeling. Now there are orange and black tube lights as well as pumpkin, ghost and even eyeball lights to liven up a room. A strobe light and a fog machine can make your house feel like it's haunted. Flickering candles give your house the feeling that it's hundreds of years old. A scary sounds CD that plays spooky grunts, creeks and screams will scare any trick-or-treater around.

If you are sick of the same old things and want something new and scary, there are plenty of options to choose from. Technology now has given us the power to create a haunted house as scary as the ones you pay

for. At Spencer's they now have Halloween DVDs that produce horrifying optical illusions on your television screen. There are talking hologram and crystal ball images sure to scare anyone who sees them.

Ghouls, creepy skeletons, mummies and dead bodies will frighten people of all ages. There are decapitated heads and limbs, hanging pirates and blood soaked everything. They even have window hangings that look like oozing blood.

You can easily set up a mad scientists lab by filling jars filled with water and red food coloring with teeth and eyeballs floating in them. If you have any past costumes you can place scary masks around a room.

For Halloween entertaining there are plates, cups and shot glasses that look like skulls, and candy bowls with scary looking hands that grab you whenever you reach for a piece. You can even get candy bowls that look like it's floating in a pool of blood. For background noise without a scary sounds CD, you can just play your favorite horror movie in the background that should supply plenty of scary noises.

If you want more ideas on how to decorate or for do it yourself projects there are an endless amount of sources on the Web.

Remember that Halloween is supposed to be a night of scary and haunted things, but most of all fun. So whatever you do be smart and be safe.

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## History of Halloween

Night of chills, thrills

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The word Halloween originated from "All Hallows Eve." It was a night when people believed they could bring back the dead and cast spells. We now celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31, but only in the United States, Canada and the British Isles. The majority of people no longer try to bring back the dead; instead children go from door to door while wearing costumes and collect candy. As years have passed

many people enjoy going to haunted houses, riding hayrides, carving pumpkins and attending festivals to celebrate this day. Since Halloween is just around the corner, here are a few places that can make your Halloween memorable.

Farmville Development Partnership along with their proud sponsor Sprint, is hosting a "Hometown Halloween." They will have a variety of games for kids, face and pumpkin painting and a hayride. They will also have a coloring contest, where the winner will receive a \$50

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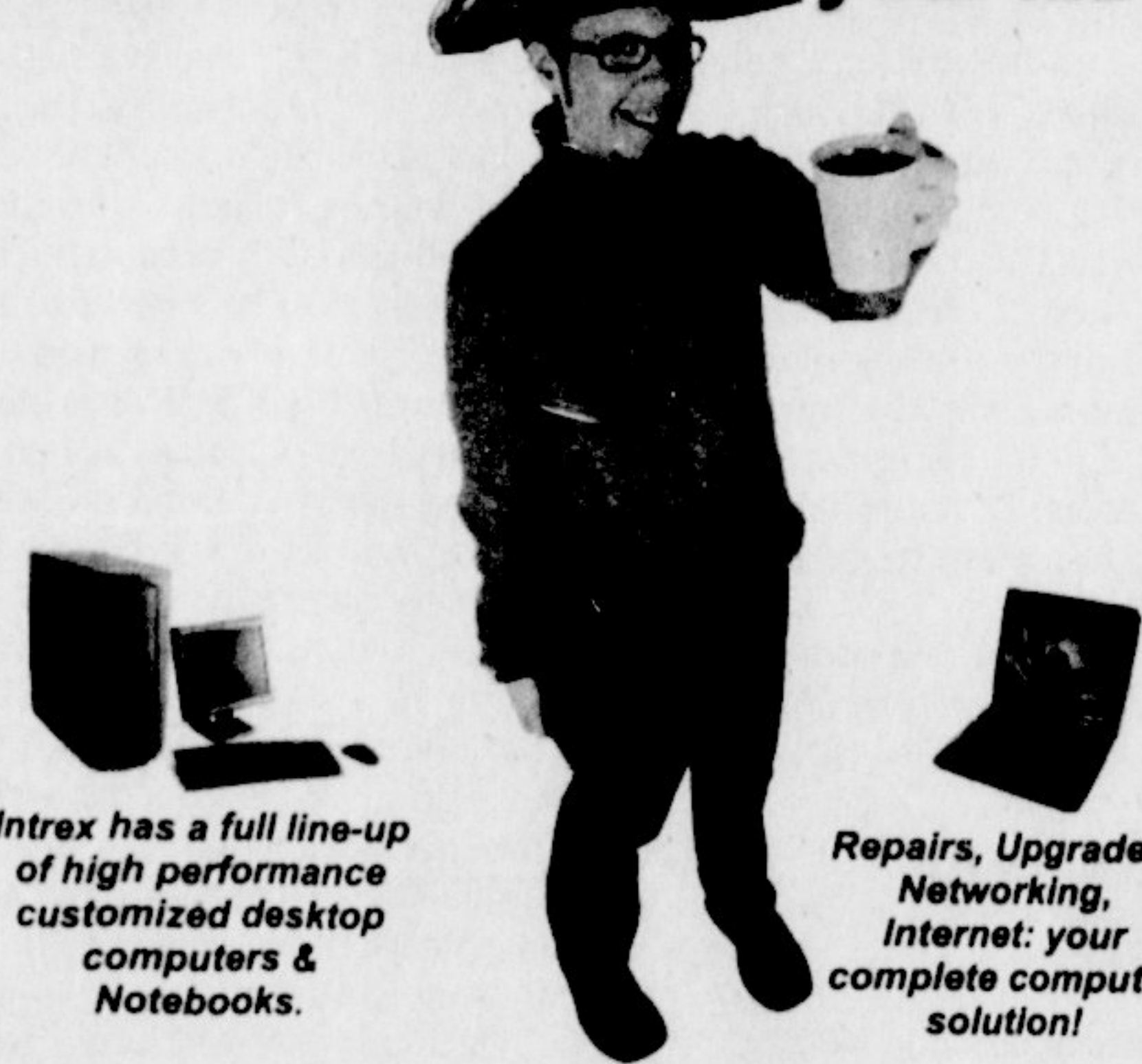


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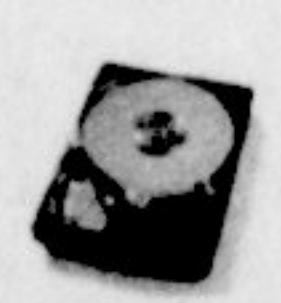
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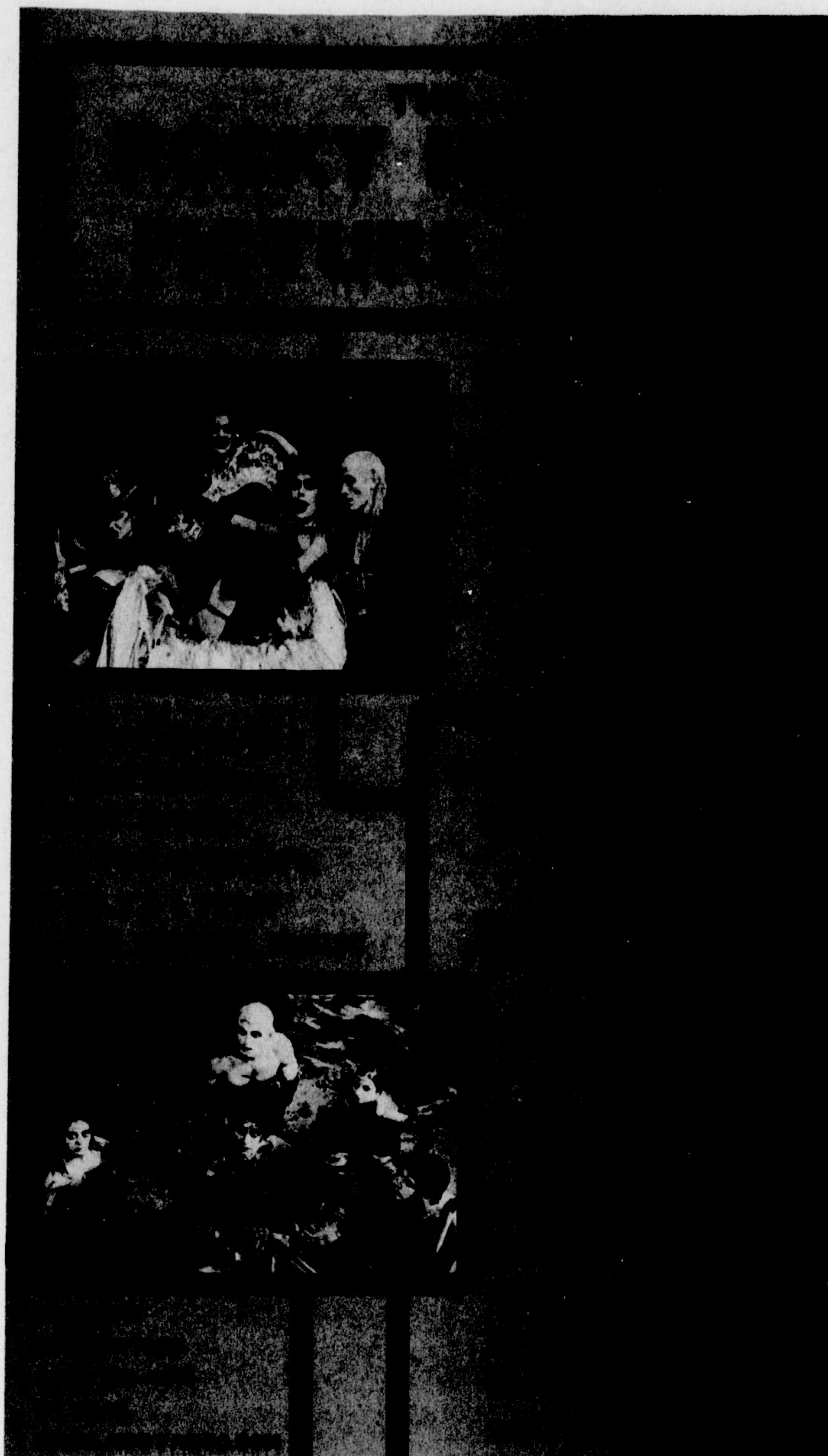
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## Halloween from page B2

savings bond. These activities will be held Oct. 31 at downtown Farmville between Church and Wilson Street. The fun starts at 4 p.m. and goes until 6:30 p.m.

"The decision to make this event early was to try and make Halloween fun and safe for everyone," said Margie Moore, the director of this event.

Another great idea the people of Farmville have decided to do is "Sweet Cop!" Any cop in Farmville pulled over with the blue lights on will fill your bucket full of candy. The plan is to get kids in earlier, so they can be safe.

The New Bern Historical Society is hosting their 14th annual "Ghost Walk." This year's theme is the "Revolutionary War." Visitors will enter and be greeted by "ghosts" who tell their stories in historical homes, sites and cemeteries.

The Masonic Theater will have music to awaken the spirits. St. Peter's AME Zion Gospel Choir will present a concert during the tour. Hundreds of actors and volunteers will help you experience the mysterious

stories of long ago New Bern. Be sure to check out "New Bern at Night Ghost Walk."

Fear Farm offers a variety of things to do including the Fear Forest, the Black Hole and the 3D-Maze. They also have a haunted hayride. Fear Farm is located in Clayton, on 1620 Loop Road.

"Don't be afraid of the dark, be afraid of what's in it," said Glenn Boyette, an employee at Fear Farm.

"Woods of Terror" is one of the largest haunts on the East Coast. It is also ranked in the top 20 Scare Fests by MSNBC and number one in North Carolina by hauntedhouse.com. Although it's located in Greensboro, more than three hours away, many say it's worth the drive.

"It was too scary for me to finish," said Katie Hudson, a freshman at ECU.

"My friends and I drove more than three hours to experience this one-of-a-kind haunted world," said Meagan Ralley, a junior at ECU.

They have "The Tomb," a

2000 square foot pitch-black, dark maze with scares at every turn. "The Black Hole" is where you will enter the woods of the old spirits. "Backwoods Slaughter House" is one of the scariest haunted houses ever. I believe the name explains it all.

The "Hillbilly Hayride" gives you a break from being completely scared to the best laughs at every turn. If you dare to enter "The Killing Field" you will experience many chills and surprises.

They also have a rock and roll nightmare complete with fog, lights and heavy metal music. The "3D Experience" will take you on a walk on the wild side with full-color fluorescent lights and 3D glasses. If you survive the "Woods of Terror" then you will walk through the 3D Vortex where you will be turned upside down and inside out, back to reality.

Be sure to experience all the fun, laughter, chills and thrills this Halloween.

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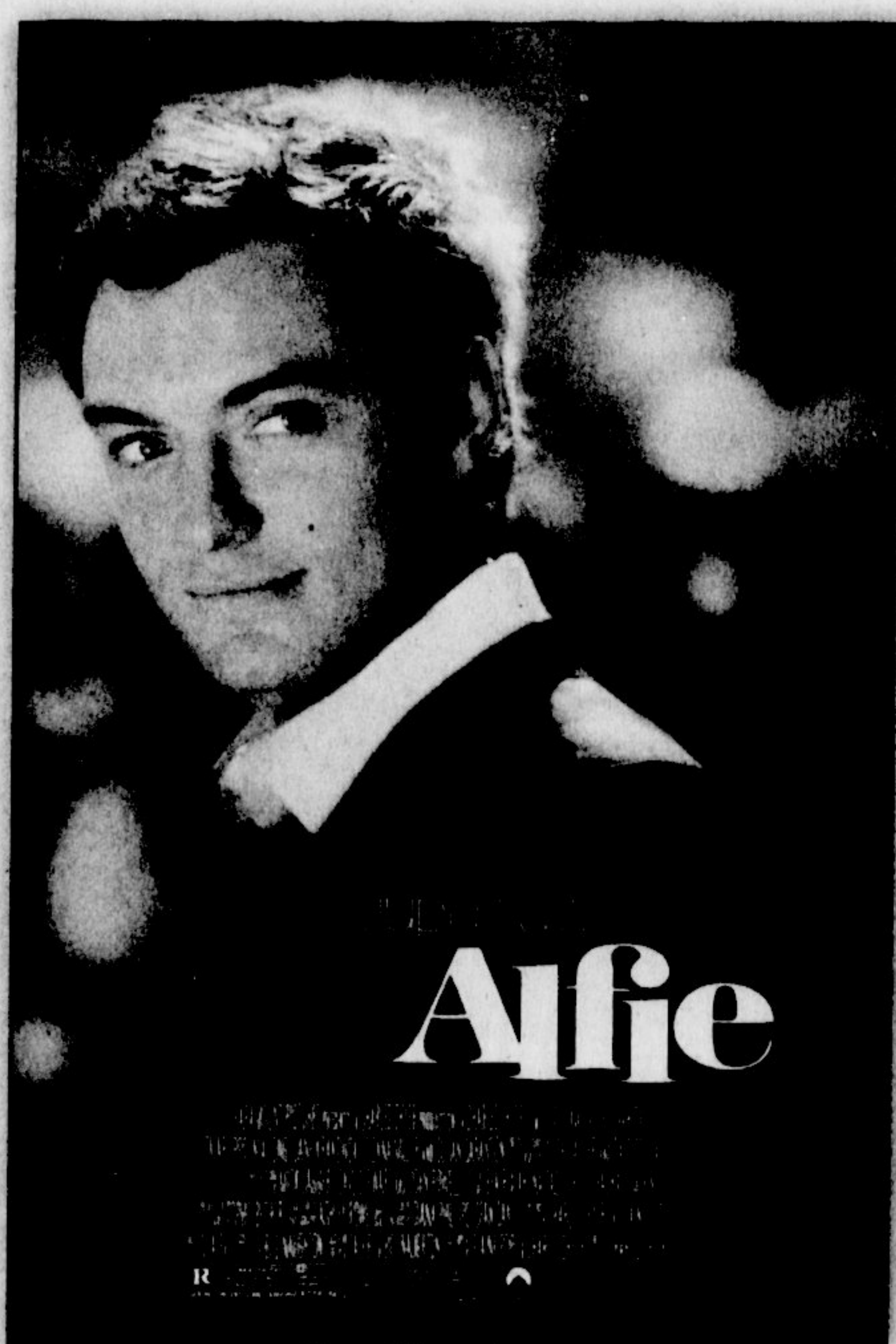
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**Pumpkin** *from page B1*

pumpkin. For those looking for a more skilled, professional or just "better" carved pumpkin, many will draw out a design with permanent marker or pencil. Others still create stencils, turning their pumpkin into a piece of art.

For help on cleaning, stenciling and carving your pumpkin, check out PumpkinNook.com.

If searching for more creative and unique pumpkin-carving ideas, there are tons of previously carved pumpkins at PumpkinGutter.com.

For those more professional pumpkin carvers, you may want to go to ExtremePumpkins.com where you can view pumpkin artwork from all genres. Examples include "Carrie Pumpkin with Pumping Blood," "Conjoined Pumpkins" and even a more traditional "Mullet Pumpkin." You can also find creative stencils and tips from the Extreme Pumpkin Carvers themselves.

Once the pumpkin is carved, all that is left is a light. Most find shorter, thicker outdoor candles to work the best, but really any candle will do.

As far as the tips go, the last and most important one is to light the candle after it is in the pumpkin to avoid burning yourself.

You may even stick a nail up through the butt of the pumpkin to secure the candle in place.

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**Downtown** *from page B1*

Major Frank Knight of the ECU Police Patrol.

Safe Ride is an escort service provided to the ECU community, and students are encouraged to utilize this method of transportation. The parking downtown will be atrocious and it's better to car pool.

Females should be extremely aware of their surroundings. There have been many assaults downtown on Halloween night.

"In the past few years we have had a number of females who have been groped and assaulted after they have exposed their breasts in the crowd. Even with more than 100 officers the size of the crowd restricts our ability to monitor activities within the crowd," Smeltzer said.

Please do not drink and drive. To make sure that there are not alcohol violations, the Greenville Police Department along with the North Carolina Highway patrol will set up Drunk Driving check-points around Greenville.

Now that safety is out of the way, lets move on to what's actually going to go on downtown. It will most likely be a whole lot of standing around, flashing, trying to walk through a thick smoldering crowd and that's pretty much it.

"Downtown is crazy on Halloween. It's something I look forward to every year. Looking at all the customs and watching how people act is very amusing to me," said Adanna Igboko, a junior nursing major.

Many of the nightclubs downtown along Cotanche and Fifth Street are only open Tuesdays through Saturdays. Since Halloween falls on a Sunday this year it is unclear whether any of the clubs will be open for business.

The Girls Gone Wild crew in the past has come to downtown Greenville on Halloween in hopes of recording many young, wild college girls who flash. It is likely that this Halloween Greenville will draw in many people looking to party and looking for trouble.

Students should not carry large sums of money or valuables. Students should also make sure to lock their cars and hide all their valuables such as CD faces to avoid car theft. There will be ECU police patrolling the student parking lots but one can never be too careful.

On Halloween night ECU is the place to be. One can meet very interesting new people and have a ton of fun, but with so many people in one little section of town a lot can happen fast.

"We want students to have a good time, but we encourage students to use the same safety precautions they would use at any other time. I would ask that students not walk from one area to another alone and use the buddy system," said Robert Shroud, ECU Chief of Police.

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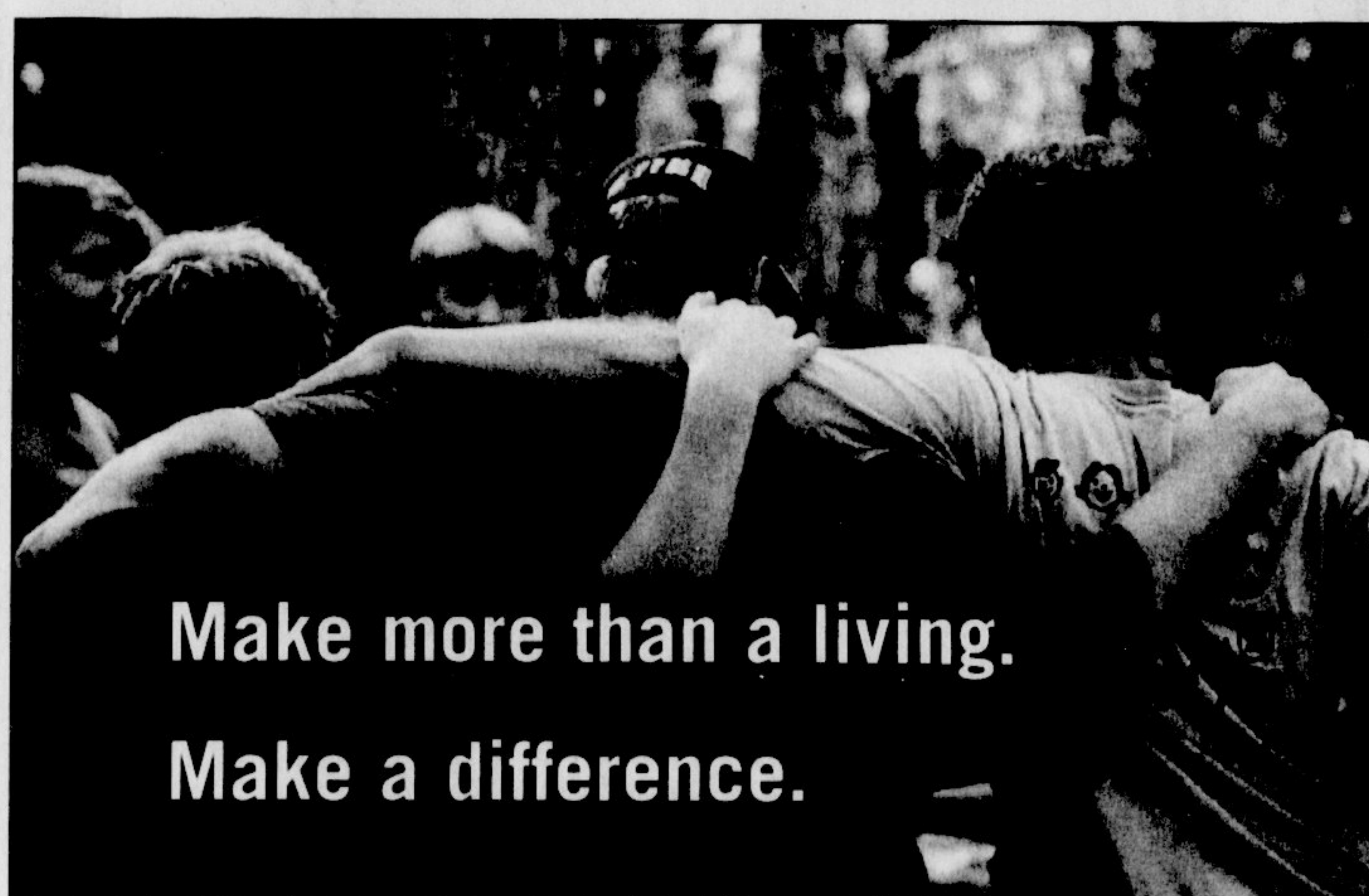
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Sports Briefs

Panthers' Jenkins done for season

Carolina's All-Pro defensive tackle Kris Jenkins will miss the rest of the season with a shoulder injury that has been bothering him all year. The Panthers placed Jenkins on injured reserve Wednesday, and coach John Fox said Jenkins will have surgery to correct a torn labrum. Jenkins was injured in Week 2 against Kansas City, but tried to play through the pain, Fox said. "He was only a shell of himself the last two weeks, he couldn't extend his arm," Fox said. "It was evident to the coaches, myself and to him. It's too hard a position to play with one arm." Jenkins has shoulder problems dating back to college at Maryland, but had stayed injury free through his first three seasons. He became a dominant player at his position, earning two consecutive trips to the Pro Bowl while leading Carolina's defensive line. Now, he's just the latest Carolina star to go down with an injury. Receiver Steve Smith (broken leg) and running back DeShaun Foster (broken collarbone) are out indefinitely. Running back Stephen Davis (knee), defensive tackle Brentson Buckner (knee), linebacker Mark Fields (back spasms) and kick returner Rod Smart (knee) also have missed time with injuries. "I've never been on a team before that has lost so many of their top guys," Davis said. "But injuries are part of the game."

Plummer gives in

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer agreed Wednesday to stop wearing a sticker on his helmet in memory of an ex- teammate killed in the war in Afghanistan, and the NFL agreed to find other ways to honor the slain soldier. Plummer faced heavy NFL fines for wearing the small No. 40 sticker on his helmet last Sunday in memory of Pat Tillman, who played with Plummer at Arizona State and on the Arizona Cardinals. Tillman quit football to join the Army Rangers. In April, he was killed in combat in Afghanistan. The NFL agreed to play public-service spots in stadiums on Veterans Day that Plummer will record on behalf of the Pat Tillman Foundation. The Broncos agreed to put a No. 40 logo near the play clock in the north end zone at Invesco Field at Mile High and to run ads promoting the foundation on the scoreboard during games.

ECU Jayvees sting Hargrave, 19-7

Young players gain game experience

ERIC GILMORE STAFF WRITER

Winning must be contagious. The ECU Jayvees followed the example set by the varsity team on Saturday to boast something that has been quite unusual lately. The Pirates are now on a winning streak.

The ECU Junior Varsity squad downed Hargrave Military Academy 19-7 on Tuesday afternoon inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

In a span of four days, ECU accomplished winning back-to-back games for the first time since Nov. 10, 2001 when the Pirates hung on to beat Cincinnati 28-26.

"Winning is fun," said Head Coach John Thompson.

"Just like we did out there Saturday, we did what it took to win the game."

True freshman Patrick Pinkney, no relation to James, took all of the snaps under center. Pinkney, a Fayetteville native and Shrine Bowl participant, completed 10-of-22 for 127 yards and two touchdowns.

"We played together," said Pinkney.

"As a quarterback, I think you have to get your teammates to believe in you. I just have to keep working hard to make sure they keep believing in me."

Pinkney showed the Pirate coaches that a Pinkney will be leading the offense for the next several years.

"We knew he could," Thompson said.

"He's been accurate, a leader, moving around. He's going to be

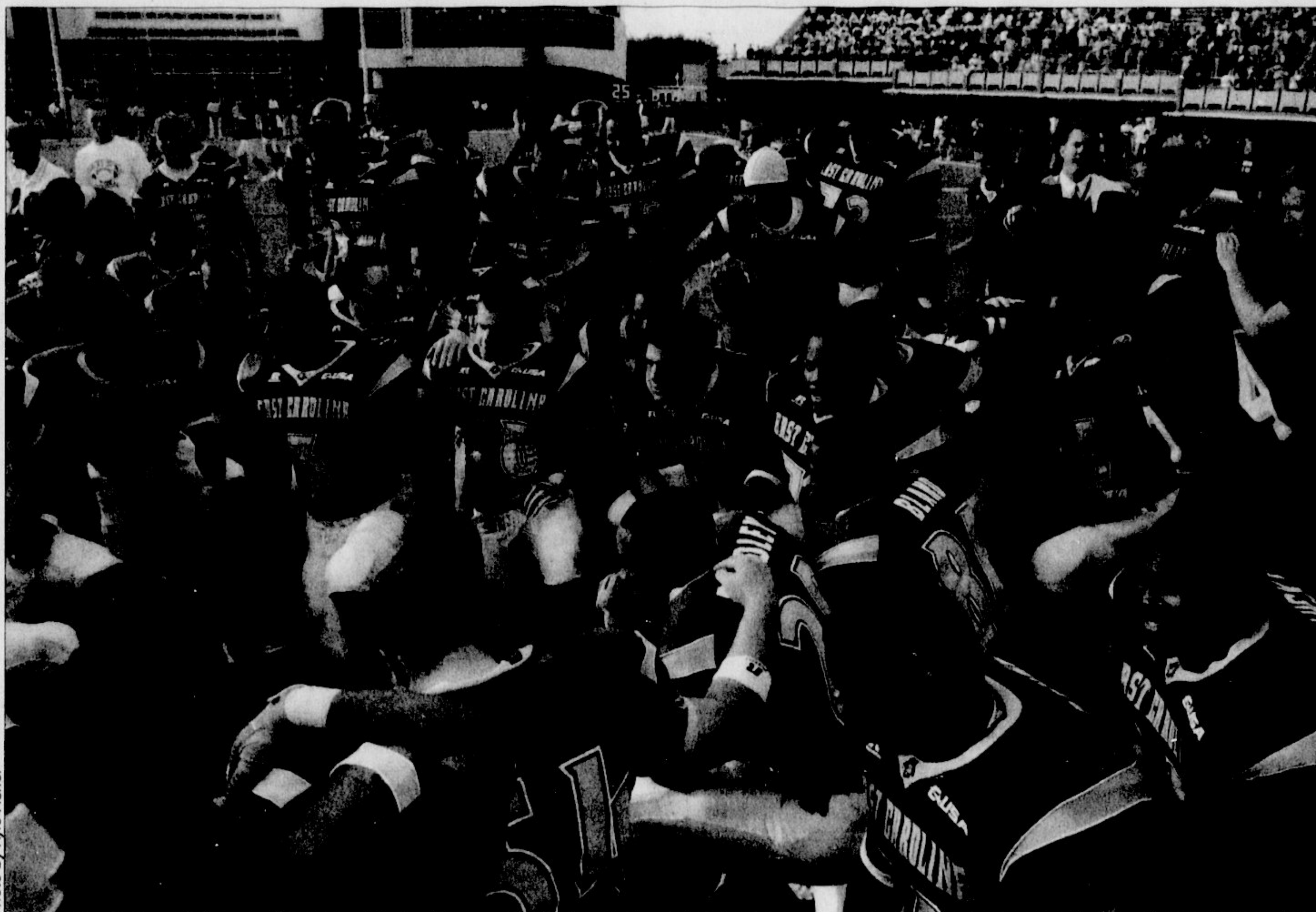


Photo by Kyle Fisher

ECU's JV squad beat Hargrave Military Tuesday; recruit Patrick Dosh made nine tackles from his new linebacker position.

special, really special."

It was tough for the Pirates to begin with. Andre Brown, a J.H. Rose alumnus and highly touted running back, blocked Woody Schmidt's punt in the first quarter. He scored three plays later on a 3-yard scamper.

"They got our attention with them blocking the punt," Thompson said.

"I think our guys wanted to

step up and compete."

Brown didn't look like a five-star recruit in his homecoming game, rushing for 46 yards on 13 carries. He didn't qualify academically after he originally signed with NC State. The former state champion is eligible to go wherever he chooses following his year at Hargrave (6-1).

Much of the credit for stopping Brown goes to the defense,

especially the interior.

"These young [defensive linemen] need to play," Thompson said.

"It's time to produce. This is about getting our team better."

Patrick Dosh led the team with nine tackles including a sack after recently moving from the quarterback position to his current post at outside linebacker.

"I know what it feels like,"

said Dosh about the sack.

"It's awful. It was awesome. I had fun and it was a great time."

Dosh approached Thompson a week ago about the move. He saw his first action as a Pirate on Saturday when he got a snap at special teams and defense.

"I want to do whatever I can to help out the team," Dosh said.

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Allen has new year, new coach, new target

Big expectations for healthy Johanna Allen

BRENT WYNNE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Les Brown once said, "Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner." While most people can tackle the first two commands with no problem, it's the last that normally sets the stars apart from the rest.

Johanna Allen, a fifth year senior and member of the women's cross country team, lives this entire quote every day of her life. Battling injuries throughout her

career, Allen has shown the resilience that often defines greatness.

One particular injury, a knee ailment, kept Allen from competing during the entire 2002 season and nearly a quarter of the 2003 campaign. Instead of giving up on a career that had such a promising start, Allen vowed to work hard enough to make a fantastic comeback.

"I was just determined," said Allen.

"I was like 'I don't care if I'm the last person in the race, I just want to get back out there and compete.'"

"I give a lot of the credit for my comeback to my coaches and family. They were both very supportive."

It wasn't long before the comeback was officially complete as Allen raced to a top 10 finish at the IC4A/ECAC championships and was named an All-ECAC performer.

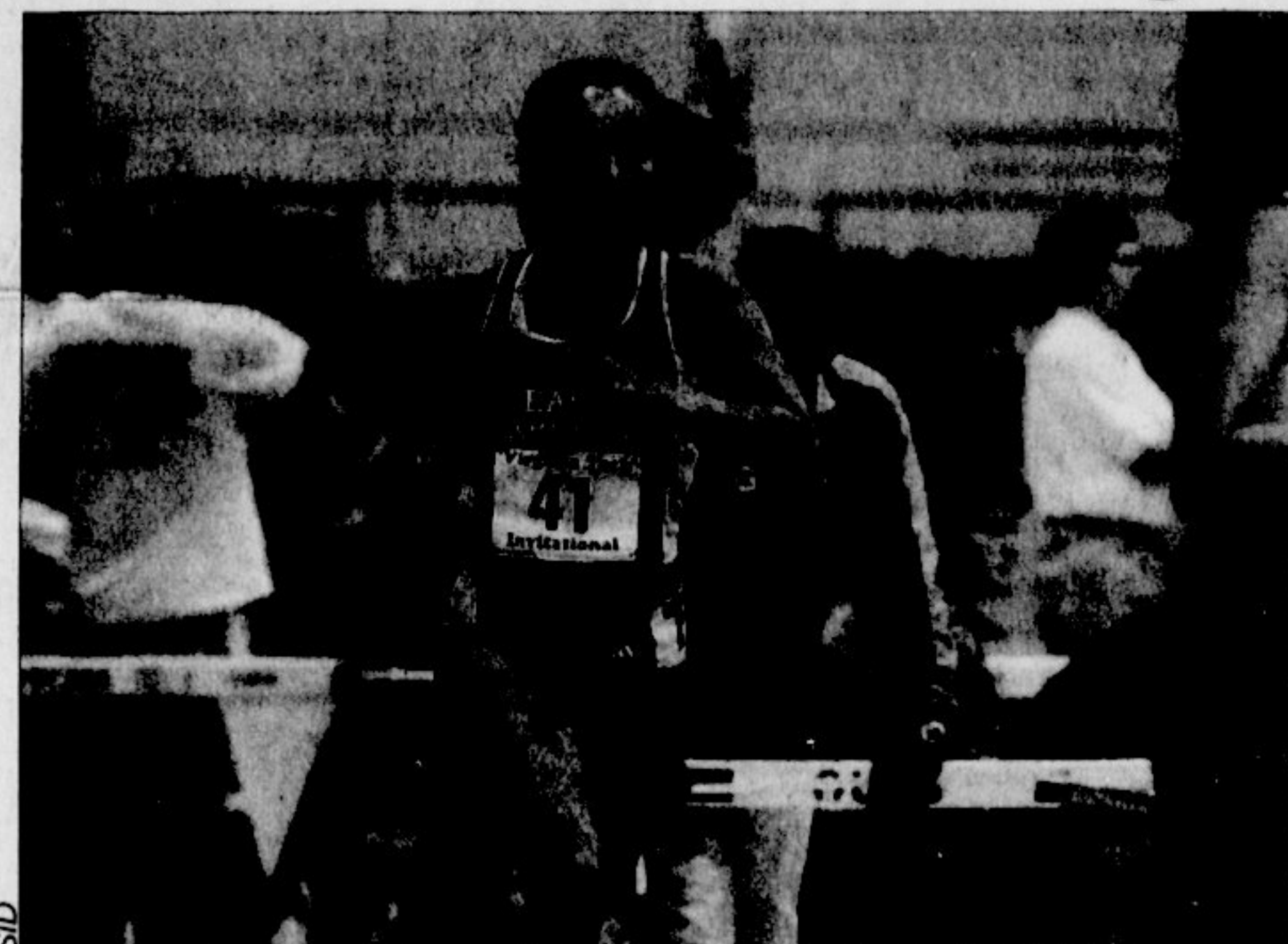
Building on the momentum gained in that final race of last season, Allen has set a goal that was once unthinkable, but now suddenly very achievable.

"I want to go to nationals," Allen said.

"I don't feel like I'm at the top of my game yet, but I know I can reach that level, I just have to do the workouts and keep my legs and my body healthy."










"I just want to prove

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Allen will attempt to live up to high expectations this season.

Week Five: TEC predictions

								
BRANDON HUGHES 28-12	TONY ZOPPO 25-15	BRENT WYNNE 22-18	TRENT WYNNE 25-15	ERIC GILMORE 21-19	ROBERT LEONARD 27-13	DAVID WASKIEWICZ 28-12	MATT SAUNDERS 23-17	MATTHEW FOSTER 29-11
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Texas over Missouri	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Eagles over Panthers	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Panthers	Eagles
Chiefs over Jaguars	Chiefs	Chiefs	Jaguars	Chiefs	Jaguars	Jaguars	Chiefs	Chiefs
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Patriots over Seahawks	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Seahawks	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Steelers over Cowboys	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Cowboys	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers

\*Not featured in this installment: Brandi Renfro (26-14)

Foster takes lead in TEC picks with 29 wins

BRANDON HUGHES ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Several writers are bunched together at the top of the standings this week, but it's Matthew Foster who claims a one-game advantage against David Waskiewicz and myself with Robert Leonard in close pursuit.

The Pirates are off this week, but there are still a host of difficult games to predict so let's get started.

Louisville vs. Miami

Both teams come into this

game undefeated and the Cardinals could have the defense to upset the Hurricanes. I'm definitely not the biggest Brock Berlin fan in the world but Miami has enough firepower to put this game away late 27-14.

**Wisconsin vs. Purdue**  
Another undefeated matchup with both teams on a roll. I think the Boilermakers' offense is too explosive for Wisconsin to stay close. I'll take Purdue in a 31-20 win.

**Virginia vs. FSU**  
Virginia is surprising people once again this season. The Cavaliers lost quarterback Matt Schaub to the NFL, but

are constantly moving up in the polls. I believe UVA stays undefeated with a big win against FSU. The quarterback situation needs to be solved between Chris Rix and Wyatt Sexton and that confusion will be enough to give the Cavs a 28-27 victory.

**NC State vs. Maryland**  
The Wolfpack were denied a win against the Tar Heels last week in a controversial call to end the game. They'll bounce back nicely this week against ACC foe Maryland. Look for the Terps to fall 24-19.

**Missouri vs. Texas**  
The Longhorns were defeated

in most likely the premier matchup of the season thus far against Oklahoma last week. Meanwhile, Missouri is quietly putting together a good season. I think this one will be closer than people expect with Texas winning 30-24.

**Panthers vs. Eagles**  
Carolina looks to be on a downward spiral with injuries decimating their backfield. And the Eagles just keep cruising. Look for the NFC's premier team to have no trouble against the Panthers, winning 31-15.

**Chiefs vs. Jaguars**  
These two squads are heading in opposite directions. The Chiefs

finally played well in a big win against Baltimore two weeks ago, while the Jags are stumbling following a 3-0 start. Look for the trend to continue with Kansas City winning 28-14.

**Redskins vs. Bears**  
Everyone is counting these two teams out and right now I would have to agree. I'm still waiting for Joe Gibbs to do something positive with this team and I think they'll gain some momentum heading into the bye week after beating Chicago 23-10.

**Seahawks vs. Patriots**  
If this meeting occurred last week, some writers might have selected Seattle. But with the

Rams beating the Seahawks after coming from so far behind, that had to put Seattle on shaky ground. Don't forget how good this team is, but the Patriots aren't losing yet and should pull this one out 24-20.

**Steelers vs. Cowboys**  
Two of the NFL's most storied franchises clash on Sunday and while it's not Terry Bradshaw against Roger Staubach, Pittsburgh has a pretty good arm under center in Ben Roethlisberger. The rookie should lead the Steelers to a 20-16 win.

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## ECU Women's soccer desperate for wins



ECU is facing two must-win C-USA games this weekend.

### Lady Pirates host two conference games

ROBERT LEONARD  
STAFF WRITER

After dropping two conference games on the road this past weekend, the women's soccer team fell to 3-8-2 on the season. Only one win and one tie has come in conference play, giving the Lady Pirates only three points and a place near the bottom of Conference USA.

The Lady Pirates need points quickly if they're going to move into the top eight of the conference to get a chance to compete in the conference tournament. Their next two games will provide the Lady Pirates the chance to do just that.

The Tulane Green Wave comes to Greenville Friday. Tulane, like the Pirates, struggled in non-conference play. But, a 3-1-1 conference record has turned their season around. Tulane sits fifth in the conference with seven points. While they've been dominated this season in some games, they do have a 4-1 victory against sixth place TCU.

The Green Wave play a slower style of soccer, focusing on possession. Lady Pirate Head Coach Rob Donnenwirth knows the importance of controlling the ball against a team like Tulane.

"They are a good possession team, good midfielders,"

said Donnenwirth.

"This is the first time we are playing them at our place. They are tough to beat at home, so we're looking forward to playing them at home."

After the Tulane game, ECU will once again host a conference foe. The Southern Miss. Golden Eagles will be in town on Sunday, hoping to get a win against the favored Lady Pirates.

Southern Miss. has one conference win, which came at the hands of Cincinnati 1-0. The Golden Eagles have more out of conference wins than the Lady Pirates, but ECU has played a much tougher schedule.

Southern Miss likes to attack and play an up tempo style of soccer. They've scored as many as seven goals in one game, and look to do the same against ECU's struggling and young defenders.

Coach Donnenwirth knows controlling the speed of Southern Miss. will be a crucial part of the game.

"They have a few very fast attacking players," Donnenwirth said.

"I think against them it's going to be critical to take the play to them, but be aware of the counter attack."

The Tulane game is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday and the Southern Miss. game will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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myself and race with the top girls in the country."

Qualifying for the national meet won't be something Allen can accomplish alone and she believes the move to replace old Head Coach Len Klepack with new Head Coach Joe Catania will help put her above the top and into the national spotlight.

"I felt like coach Klepack held me back a lot," Allen said.

"He made me paranoid about re-injuring myself and when you have that stuff on your mind, it's more likely to happen. With Catania, you don't have time to think about stuff like that. He tells me that I'm going to work hard and it's going to show. He's always screaming out to me to get up there, to get on the girl's shoulder in the lead. I might not be in the lead, and he will be like 'Get up there with the leaders.' I can be an aggressive runner and I like to compete, so I think coach Catania is good for me."

Catania has high expectations for his fifth year senior, and as an acknowledgment of that, he named Allen the team captain for the women's squad, something that Allen believes will push her even more.

"I definitely want to be the best team leader I can be and help the girls," Allen said.

"I want us to compete with the best teams in the conference, region and the country. With the title of captain, the pressure is there to perform well and to not let your teammates down."

With team practice everyday as well as the whole "academic thing," finding time to spend with teammates outside the world of cross country may be hard to come by, but Allen makes sure the squad does find that quality time, even if it's just for a few hours at a time.

"Everybody has crazy schedules, so it's hard for us to get together a lot," Allen said.

"So when we can get together, we try to do team dinners. I try to work on keeping the team personable as to where we feel comfortable like sisters, so we can talk to each other about whatever is going through our mind. Mentally it can be fatiguing, so you have to stay in touch not only physically, but mentally as well."

So, how does the crazy schedule unfold in the life of Johanna Allen daily? Well, for most of us, breakfast would be a good start.

"I get up in the morning and I usually do three to five miles," Allen said.

"Sometimes I skip a day to sleep in because extra hours can really help. Mondays and Wednesdays are my busiest days with class all day until 3:30 p.m. and then practice until about 7 p.m. I usually ice and stretch, cause I've learned my lesson if I don't do maintenance on these little legs, they'll start falling apart on me."

"Then, I go home and watch a little TV, probably a little too much TV, eat dinner, do a little homework and go to bed."

"Sometimes I try and shock myself because it seems so tedious and repetitive, so I'll mix it up every now and then."

Mixing it up may also mean rearranging priorities, something Allen laughingly admitted to.

"I put running before my academics a lot," Allen said smiling.

"I prioritize things a little backwards. It's my therapy. If I don't do it everyday, then I might feel like I'm going insane."

Between the running and studying, in that order, comes little time for a social life. But when Allen finds time outside of her student athlete status, she enjoys many different things.

"I like renting movies more than going out to movies, because you can just chill in your apartment on your couch," Allen said.

"I guess once you get to the fifth year senior status, you kind of get tired of the going downtown scene, so I don't really do much of that at all anymore. I'm a homebody a lot. Maybe it's cause I have senior-itis or something."

Allen's favorite movie to chill on the couch and watch is *Braveheart*. She also owns classics like *Caddyshack*, but you won't find a Dave Chappelle DVD in her collection, as the comedian's skits have been the source of some sleepless nights for the tight-scheduled senior.

"I think Dave Chappelle has been driving me crazy," Allen said, laughing at the absurdity of the situation.

"I was really awakened the other night by somebody partying hard outside of my apartment, obviously drunk, screaming 'I'm Rick James!' and I was like, 'It's everywhere I go!'"

Movies and free time aside, the cross country star will be returning to action this Saturday as the Pirates host the annual State Championships/Regional Preview meet at Lake Kristi.

Allen's strategy changes from race to race, according to a number of different things that can change a runner's approach frequently.

"I like to change it up," Allen said.

"It depends on who is in the race, and if I know what my competition strength is. But no matter what, you got to go with it the whole way. Mentally, it's not as challenging running with other people."

Just being around her, one can tell that Allen is not just a runner with skill, but a student of her sport as well. With such discipline and eloquence found only in champions, a coach's mentality radiates from Allen, something she says she wants to pursue heavily after her career as a runner is over.

"I can definitely see myself

wanting to pursue coaching as a career," Allen said.

"I like trying to help people and it's a feeling of fulfillment when you feel like you've helped somebody. I like to think I have a little talent there, so I definitely don't want to throw all of that away."

Allen compares working with athletes to school in the sense that athletics is a class that non-athletes have never taken before. She says if you have never been an athlete, then you wouldn't know how the world of athletics would affect you.

"It's like a different breed," Allen said.

"I want to be around people who already know how it is."

Allen plans to move back to her home in northern Virginia and hopes to one day work in the Washington, D.C. area as either a coach or as a physical trainer.

The life as a college athlete can be a tough life to live. However, in the her case, if you live it right it can be very rewarding and can teach you many things about yourself and life in general.

"Cross country has definitely pushed me to grow up," Allen said.

"If I wasn't an athlete, I would stay in bed."

"As an athlete I had to learn discipline. It helped me to stay driven through all these years, so I hope I carry it with me throughout life."

There are those who are good, those who know they are good and those who will never toot their own horn, no matter how big they get. Allen is the latter. Her modesty is unsurpassed and that in itself will take her a long way in life, discipline or not.

What defines greatness? After an hour interview with Johanna Allen, I now know.

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## Football from page B5

"At this point, I just want to play. It was an adjustment at first moving to the other side of the ball. I'm going to stick with it."

Sophomore Edwin Burke finished with 98 yards on 14 carries for ECU. Normally, the scout team running back, Burke has made the most of his chances to shine. Robert Tillman, who

moved to wide receiver this season, carried the ball 12 times for 66 yards.

Redshirt freshman Steven Rogers hauled in four catches for 87 yards and two touchdowns. One of the touchdowns was thrown by fellow receiver Will Bland.

"I wanted to come out there and show the coaches that I can play

on the college level," said Bland.

"I want to help us win some more games."

The Pirates will look toward playing Southern Miss. Oct. 23.

"These guys are going to be sore," Thompson said.

"We are going to get ready for Southern Miss. We know this is going to be a physical game. They

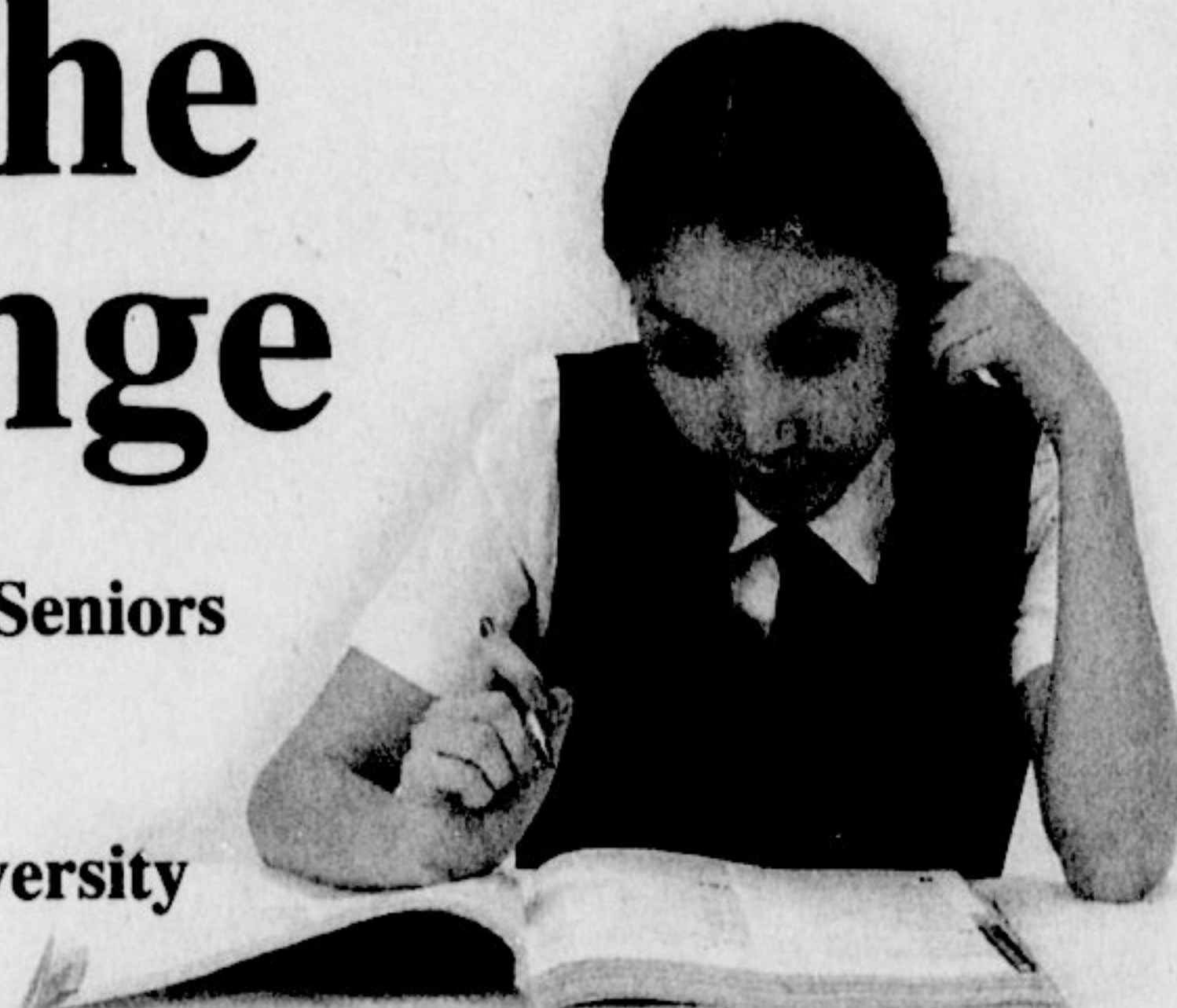
are the team that has won the most games in this conference. They are the king of the hill."

Though it's an uphill climb, the Pirates have a shot at continuing this new streak. The other type of streak—a winning streak.

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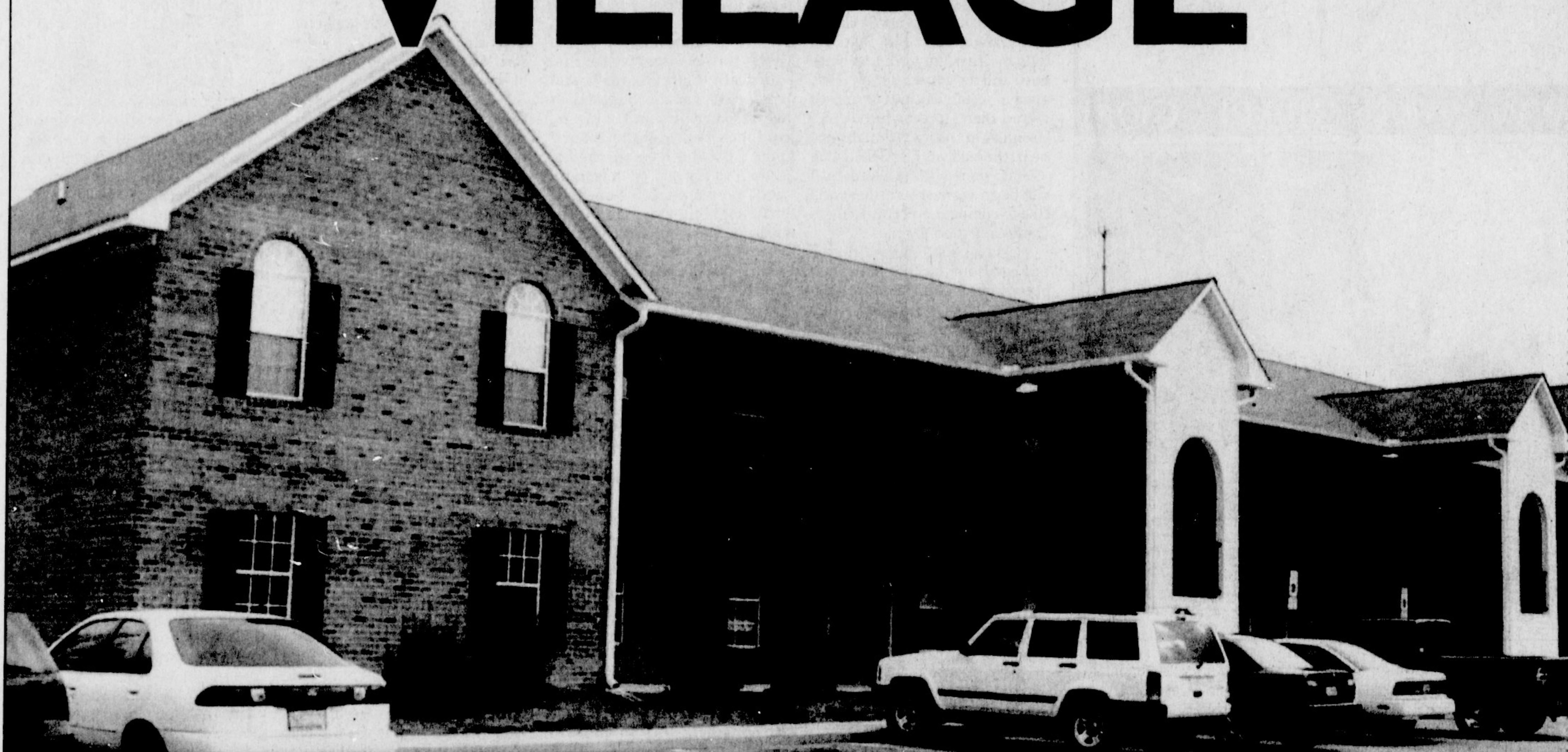
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