

Bond referendum to improve Greenville, ECU

Residents vote on four separate projects

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The city council passed a resolution for a bond referendum so voters can decide if \$20.8 million should go toward projects to improve Greenville.

The ECU Board of Trustees unanimously supported working with Greenville to facilitate the referendum. Several ECU representatives on the Bond Advocacy Committee include Chancellor Steve Ballard, Administrator Don Leggett and Vice Chancellor Bill Shelton.

Shelton said they feel a responsibility to be active with this issue because ECU is such a large entity of Greenville.

The first item on the referendum is a proposal for \$5.7 million toward street improvements.

Marvin Davis, Greenville's city manager, said the project would include an extension of Thomas Langston Road, a 10th Street connector and the reconstruction of West Third Street.

"The pavement surface is poor, the street is narrow, it has poor drainage underneath and it doesn't have sidewalks," said Davis.

Shelton said these projects would help ease traffic in Greenville and the Tenth Street connector, which would connect Tenth Street to Stagnsburg Road, would provide a direct route between the university, city and hospital.

Thomas Langston Road would extend from Memorial Drive to Evans Street.

Brooke Thompson, junior communication major, said the roadways around Greenville need to improve.

"It's hard to get around in Greenville," said Thompson.

Davis said they cannot limit road construction to the summer when traffic is low because of the project's magnitude. Limiting the time when people can work on roads also makes the effort more



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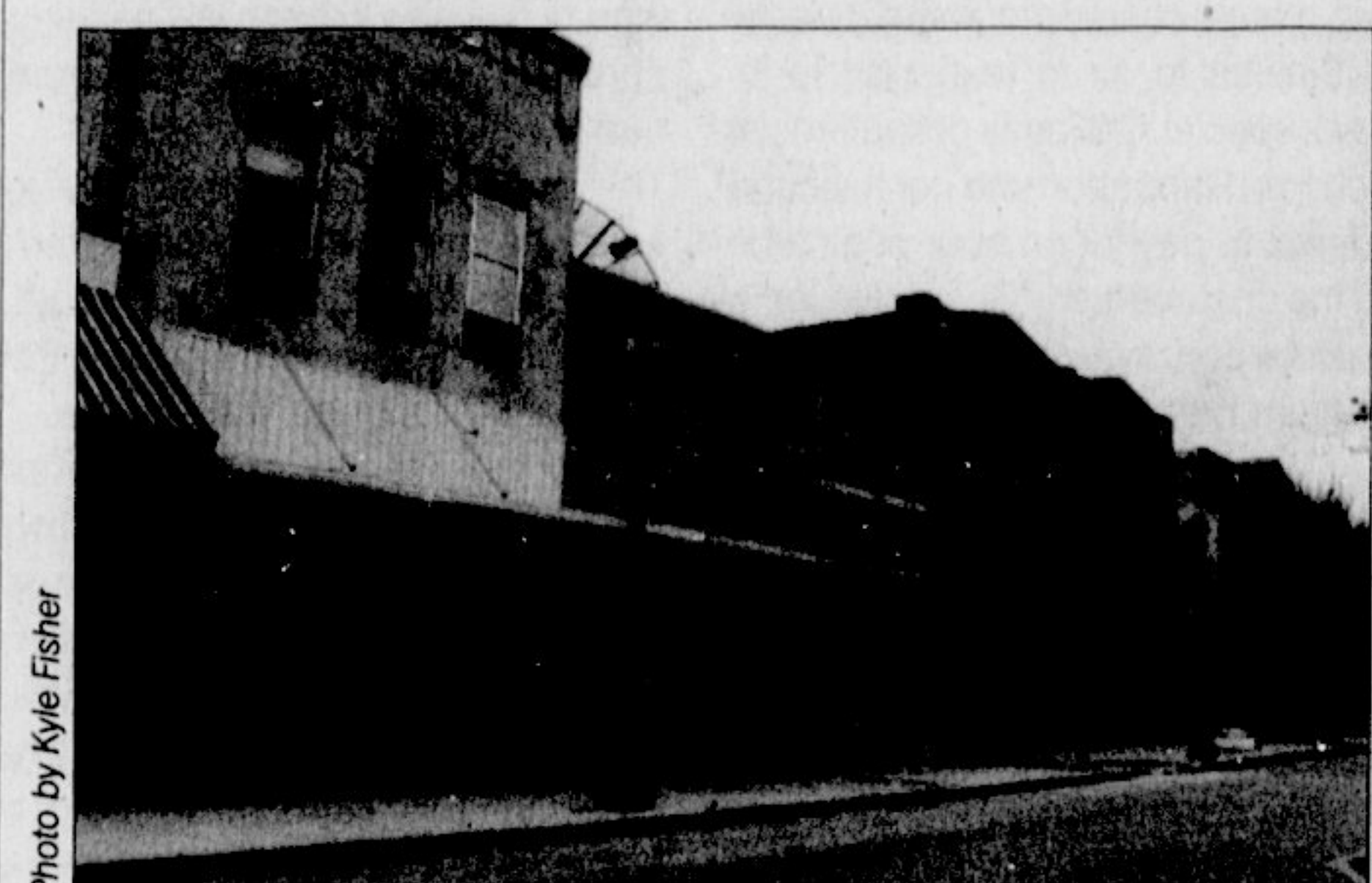


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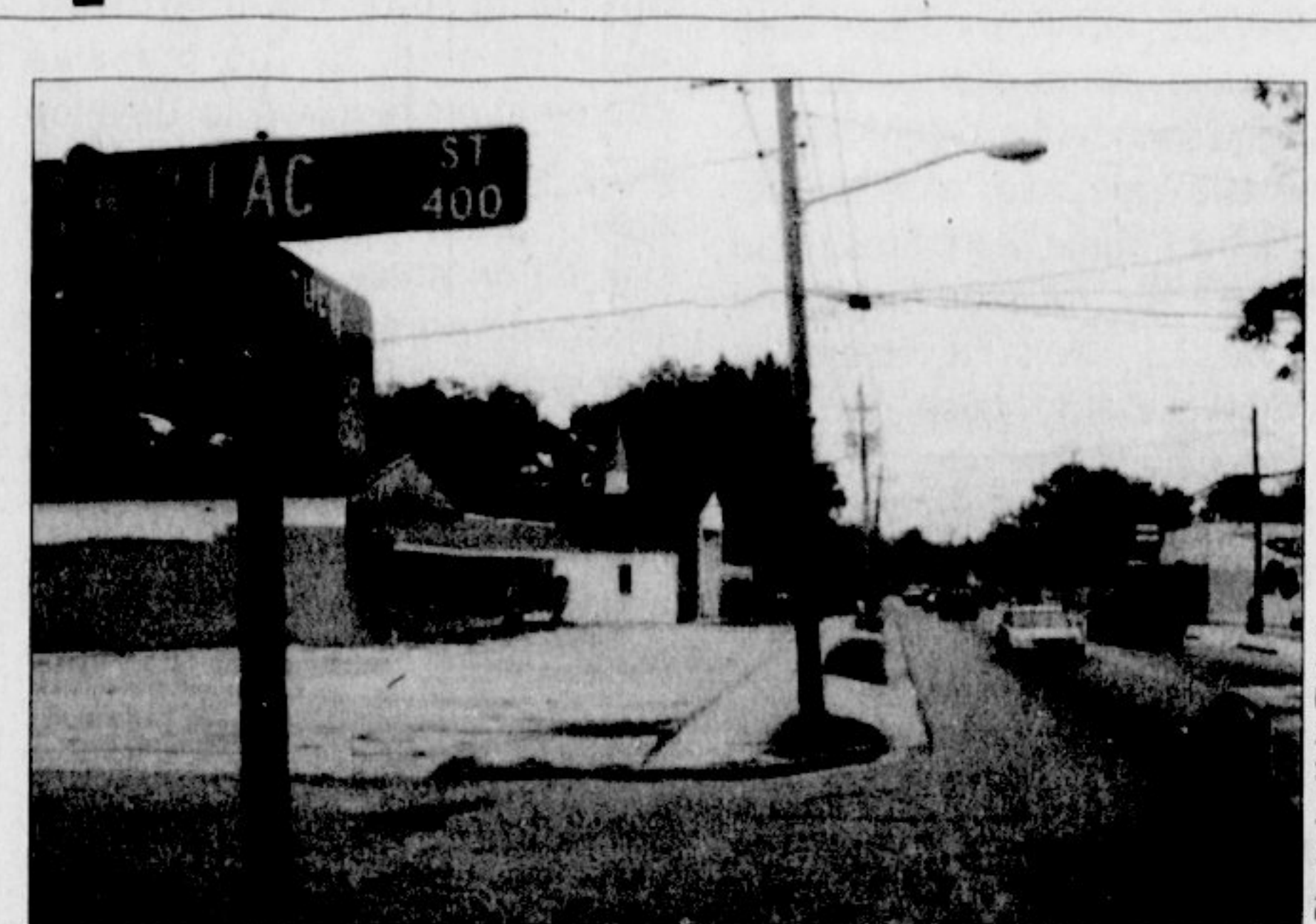


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Roadways, storm water drainage systems, west Greenville remodeling and downtown remodeling are the four improvements in the city of Greenville that the bond referendum will address.

expensive.

The second item on the bond referendum is \$5 million for west Greenville revitalization. This area of west Greenville covers 45 blocks that include specific sections of and around Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Davis said the main purpose of this project is to increase homeownership in west Greenville to 50 percent. The project would either rehabilitate or tear down structures that are worn and would replace the demolished structures with new homes.

Some of these houses are unoccupied, but the city will work with current residents to relocate them to better housing. Middle-income residents who receive

help will eventually have to pay back the cost of fixing their home. Low-income inhabitants will receive a non-refundable grant.

Davis said west Greenville has a high crime rate and the area would be safer if the bond is passed and the neighborhood changes.

The bond referendum also includes a plan to revive the center city, which is better known as downtown. This project will require \$5 million and includes streetscape improvements and leverage for larger projects. Streetscape includes sidewalks, lighting, planters and street furniture.

Davis said there would be low-interest loans for bigger projects to entice businesses to establish themselves in the

downtown area.

He said the current businesses, including bars and tattoo shops will remain in their current locations and will always have a place downtown. The city's goal is to add a variety of businesses to the area.

"The idea is to add more ... we have vacant lots where businesses can be built [and] we have empty stores where new businesses can come in," Davis said.

Davis also hopes for future residential areas and restaurants.

Nick King, junior business major, said downtown is in disrepair, especially the sidewalks.

"All the sidewalks are skewed and jagged," said King.

The last issue on the refer-

endum is storm water drain improvements that will necessitate \$5.1 million. Davis said many current drains are under-sized or too deteriorated to function properly.

"This will be to replace infrastructure in areas that are experiencing drainage problems," Davis said.

Davis said they need to be replaced to ensure the entire line runs properly. These defective drains cause backups, which lead to flooding.

Bill Shelton said the university supports the storm drain improvements. He said ECU has experienced a lot of flooding after hurricanes.

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Do you support the bond referendum?



ERIN BENNETT
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

I agree. It makes the town safer to have more lighting.



ALEX HECK
FRESHMAN, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND FITNESS

I hate to see farmland taken away with houses. But with time I would have to agree with it.

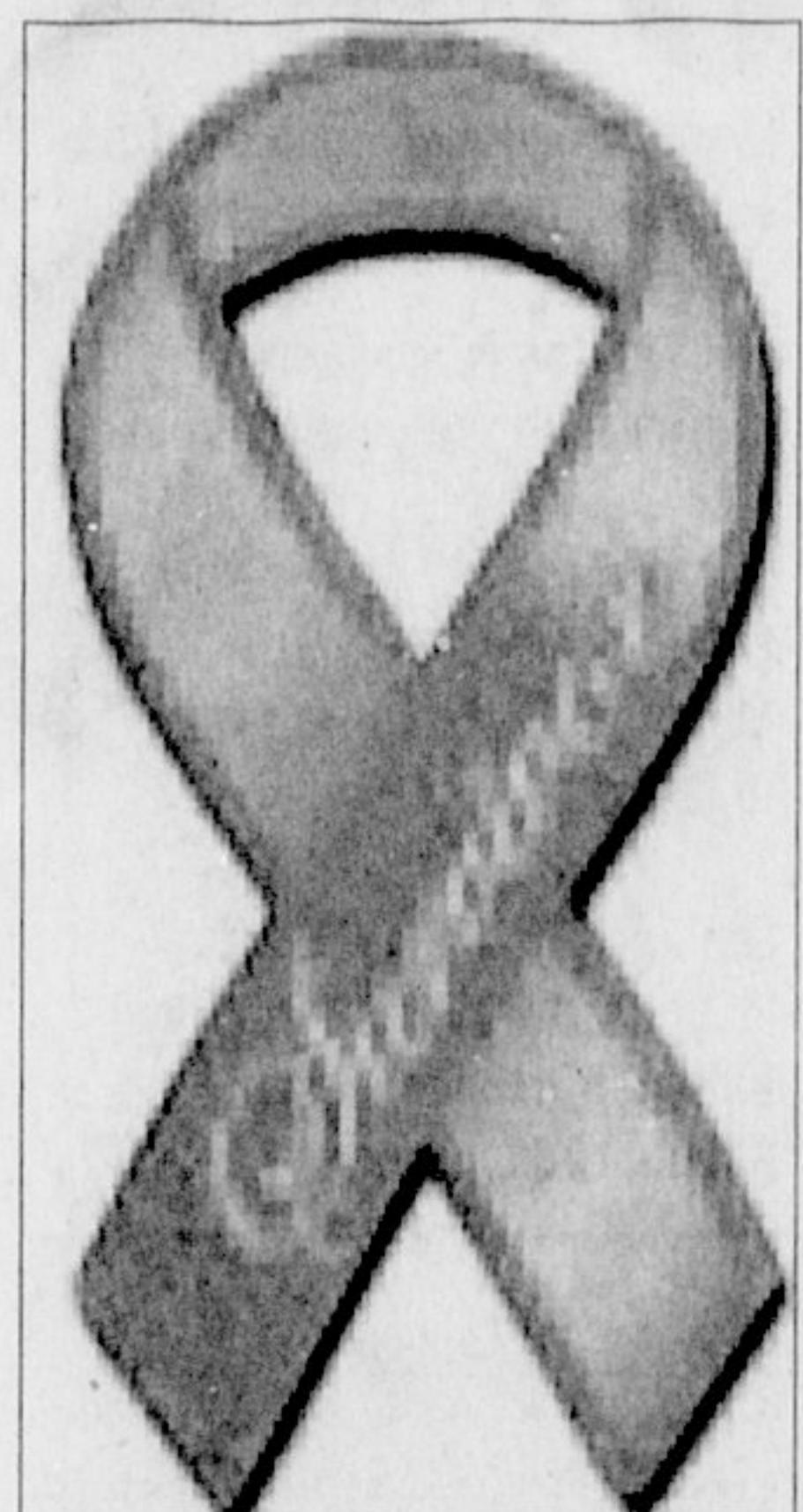


JESSICA DOVE
FRESHMAN, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

I support it. I think it's a good idea.

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Cancer center provides screening



Focus to increase public awareness

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The Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center in Greenville is holding its third annual free breast cancer screening as part of the American

Cancer Society's 20th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign.

The ACS recommends everyone between the ages of 20-39 years have a clinical breast exam at least once every three years. By the age of 40, a clinical breast exam and a mammogram should be performed every year.

Outreach Coordinator Colleen Fenlon-Coda has worked with the past free screening events.

"Our main focus in all of our screenings is to educate. Education and awareness are the most important things," said Fenlon-Coda.

As part of the screening, participants are taught how to do a self-exam, receive pamphlets and information on clinical nutrition, receive a body check package and stickers for calendars to remind about monthly self-exams and yearly appointments.

The service is available to everyone because the center wants to make sure this habit is started young.

Fenlon-Coda related an experience of a 17 year old girl brought in by her single-parent father because he thought that it

was time his daughter knew how to do self-exams properly.

"Once you know your body, you can act quickly should you notice something abnormal," Fenlon-Coda said.

Breast cancer typically occurs in women within or after their late 40s, but college aged women and men are also at risk.

"Men ignore it because, number one, they don't know they have the chance and, number two, because they don't want to think that they can be affected by such a predominantly female disease," Fenlon-Coda said.

The ACS has estimated that approximately 1,450 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone. Early detection is the key and the free screening is an excellent opportunity.

"We have made arrangements for our mammography center to stay open on Saturday so at least people can get some kind of confirmation as to what is going on," Fenlon-Coda said.

The screening is free and general health questions will be asked, such as when the patient's last

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Mary Louise Antieau discusses issues of free speech within ECU to an audience of students.

Free speech a campus concern

Visiting legal experts present views on issue

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Two legal experts spoke at ECU last week in Mendenhall to discuss the issue of free speech on college campuses and its prevalence at ECU.

Gary Pavela, director of judicial programs at the University of Maryland and David French,

president of the Foundation of Individual Rights in Education, are heavy advocates of free speech and think speech policies at universities are unconstitutional and ineffective. They said designating free speech to only specific zones on campus are wrong.

"The Bill of Rights does quite nicely as a speech policy by itself," said French.

"We should not have free speech zones, period."

Pavela said speech codes are

codes of language that evoke the power of punishment. Rather than punish those who say offending statements, we should allow them to speak and defend their views against others. If their speech is nonsensical, it will be self-refuting.

French gave examples of schools that allowed KKK members to speak at their campuses. He said their inane opinions were eventually rebutted after they were allowed to speak their mind

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Joyner hosts literary symposium, features seven prominent authors

Attracts viewers from across North Carolina

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Joyner library, with the help of various sponsors, is hosting a literary symposium this Saturday at Mendenhall Student Center featuring seven nationally recognized authors of various works whose writing was inspired by the eastern North Carolina region.

Diana Williams, special projects officer at Joyner Library said the authors will provide insight of how the region and culture in the area has influenced their work. This will educate people on not only the author's experiences and writ-

ing, but it would also give them an insight and better understanding of eastern North Carolina.

"For people from this area it gives them more insight of their own roots," said Williams.

"For people not from this area, they will get a better understanding of where they are living."

Williams said this is a major event put on at ECU and all of the writers are renowned in their writing.

"This is a rare opportunity to hear them speak," Williams said.

The event has attracted people from all over North Carolina from Asheville to Manteo.

The event will begin with three female authors, Sue Bridges, Elizabeth Jones and Carole

Weatherford, whose focus in their writing has been juvenile and young adult literature. Their work is both fiction and non-fiction.

Bland Simpson, Randall Kenan, Michael Parker and Allan Gurganus will also speak.

"It's really a nice opportunity for ECU students to come face to face with these writers," said Maurice York, North Carolina librarian.

"This is the first time in recent years so many well known writers have come to ECU."

York said he thinks students will be able to connect with some of the writers and relate to their experiences with eastern North Carolina.

The event is being held in

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BRIDGES



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WEATHERFORD



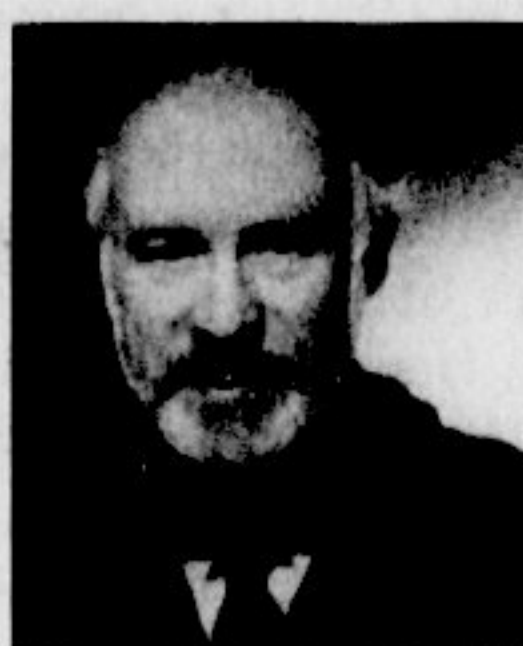
SIMPSON



KENAN



PARKER



GURGANUS

Campus News

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Faculty Exhibition

The 2004 Faculty Exhibition, "A Tradition of Excellence," began Wednesday and will end Nov. 20 in the Gray Gallery in Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The exhibition displays various works including ceramics, digital imaging, photography and weaving. Contact Gil Leebrecht, gallery director at 328-6336.

Contra Dance

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville and ECU Folk Country Dancers will hold a contra dance on Oct. 22. Lessons will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Willis Building on First and Reade Streets. The dance will be from 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Call 752-7350 for more information.

Jazz at Night

The school of music will host a jazz concert Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Mendenhall Student Center. Call 328-6851.

North Carolina Senior Games

Sit back and watch our seniors as they compete in the state basketball championships. NC Senior games of Raleigh will host the three-on-three tournament Oct. 22-24 in William Arena at Minges Coliseum. Call 919-851-5456 for more information.

Take 6

Grammy award winners Take 6 will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Wright Auditorium. Tickets are available from \$10-\$30. For more information, call 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Symposium

The Eastern NC Literary Symposium will take place in Mendenhall's Great Room from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. Seven well-known fiction authors will be present to read from their works. Bland Simpson, a member of Red Clay Ramblers, will also present. For more information, visit lib.ecu.edu/LibFriends/literarysymposium.htm.

Ballroom Dancing

The United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will have a dance on Oct. 23 from 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. at the Willis Building on First and Reade Streets. Begin your evening with a free Fox Trot and Rumba lesson followed by dancing and refreshments. Call 321-3809.

Walk to Cure Diabetes

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will host the 2004 Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Pitt County Fairgrounds on Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. The walk will be 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) long. Participants will be treated to lunch, snacks and the "Best t-Shirt" design contest. Call 431-8330.

The Trial of Jack McCall

Come relive history on Oct. 27 and see the trial reenacted of the man who shot wild Bill Hickok. Enjoy a delicious meal with live music of bluegrass and country western music before the performance. Event takes place at the Rock Springs Center off highway 43. Doors open at 6 p.m. Call 328-6851 for more information.

Chicago

Make plans now to see the Farmville Community Arts Council present Chicago. In the late 1920s Roxie Hart is left by her lover, shoots him and encourages her husband to take the blame. The show will be at the Farmville Community Arts Center on North Main Street at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Sunday show will begin at 3 p.m. Call 735-3832.

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.

News Briefs

Local

Three men tied to Phipps scandal sentenced in federal court

GREENVILLE, NC (AP) - Three men charged in connection with the campaign scandal that brought down former state Agriculture Commissioner Meg Scott Phipps were fined and sentenced to probation in federal court Tuesday. Two of the three were ordered to undergo house arrest. Norman Chambliss, who pleaded guilty in April in federal court to obstructing justice in connection with the N.C. State Fair scandal and received the most severe sentence, six months of house arrest, two years of probation and a \$20,000 fine. Morris Vivona Jr., general manager of Amusements of America, was sentenced to two years of probation and five months of house arrest and fined \$3,000. Chambliss had also admitted that he convinced Vivona to lie to investigators. Former Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Weldon Denny, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI, was sentenced to a year of probation and fined \$2,000.

The sentences ended the federal investigation of the state Agriculture Department, said U.S. Attorney Frank Whitney, adding that he expects no more criminal charges.

"We believe this is the most successful public corruption prosecution in North Carolina history," Whitney said.

NC audit finds 30 percent of grant money used

RALEIGH, NC (AP) - Bureaucratic delays and organizational problems have caused North Carolina's state and local agencies to spend just 30 percent of money granted for homeland security over the last five years. According to the review of the state's homeland security and bio-terrorism efforts, only \$64.7 million has been

used from \$217.4 million in grants awarded by the federal and state governments.

Spending has been slowed, auditors said, by the massive coordination required to develop plans for its use. Up to 10 different local agencies are required to sign off on some projects. One in 10 agencies surveyed declined grants because they were more trouble than they were worth. The report doesn't mean the state has millions of dollars lying around unused, grants are provided as reimbursement after state and local governments spend the money upfront. State Auditor Ralph Campbell Jr. said the state is largely doing a good job using the grants for their intended purposes following the Sept. 11 attacks. Auditors found relatively few errors and questionable expenses, he said. Campbell said state officials have improved security for all citizens. "We are, in many ways, a much safer state now than we were three years ago," Campbell said.

The grants are supposed to go for emergency response efforts, such as gas masks and suits to help workers contain viral outbreaks or chemical spills, mobile units to respond to mass-casualty events or formulation of plans to identify security risks.

National

Broadcaster says only part of film critical of Kerry will be shown

BALTIMORE (AP) - Threatened with a shareholder revolt, Sinclair Broadcast said it will not broadcast in its entirety a documentary critical of John Kerry's anti-war activities, but will instead incorporate parts of the 42-minute film into a news special.

Parts of the film "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal" will be shown during a program examining the use of documentaries to influence

elections. The company said media reports that the entire film would be shown were inaccurate.

The announcement came hours after shareholders challenged Sinclair's plans to air the film, saying the controversial broadcast may hurt their investment. Critics have also called for an advertiser boycott.

Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., the owner of 62 television stations that reach a quarter of U.S. households, has been criticized for ordering the stations to pre-empt regular programming to air the show.

The Democratic National Committee filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, arguing that the broadcast should be considered an illegal in-kind contribution to the Bush campaign.

Two groups offered programs Tuesday to Sinclair to air in response to its news special. California philanthropist Deborah Rappaport and her husband offered to pay for an hour of air time for the documentary "Going Upriver," a positive portrayal of Kerry's service in Vietnam, before the Nov. 2 election day.

Company offers memorial that blasts ashes into space

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - People interested in an out-of-this-world post-death experience can boldly go where no man has gone before with a space memorial service that blasts their ashes into space.

For \$995, Space Services Inc. will place a gram of a person's ashes in an aluminum capsule, attach it to a rocket and send it into space.

"It's very compelling for people ... and we've helped open a new frontier," said Charlie Chafer, chief executive of the Houston-based firm.

In each flight, Chafer and his eight-person team place the ash-filled capsules in a tube and attach them inside a rocket scheduled to send a satellite into space. Once in orbit, the

satellite peels off from the rocket's "last stage," which continues to circle the earth with the capsules inside. Space Services was among some 440 companies offering their services in Nashville on Tuesday at the annual National Funeral Directors Association Convention, which included booths hawking everything from caskets and hearses to burial gowns.

World

School expulsions linked to law banning religious signs

PARIS (AP) - Two Muslim girls who refused to remove their head scarves in class have been expelled from their schools Wednesday as officials began taking action against those who defy a new French law banning conspicuous religious symbols from public schools.

The two girls, ages 12 and 13, were expelled from a school in the eastern city of Mulhouse on Tuesday night, the first to be expelled from French public schools under the new law.

There are 72 cases of students who risk expulsion for refusing to remove conspicuous religious signs or apparel. Most are Muslim girls who wear Islamic headscarves, but some Sikh schoolboys are disciplined for refusing to remove turbans. Those expelled have the right to appeal their cases to the head of the academy. If they are under 16, the legal age for leaving school, the expelled students must continue their education at a private school, by correspondence or another means.

The law, passed in March but applied starting with the opening of school in September, bans conspicuous religious signs and apparel including Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses. Muslim headscarves were the main reason for the ban.

The law is intended to uphold France's constitutionally guaranteed principle of secularism, considered undermined by a growing number of Muslim girls wearing head scarves in public school classrooms.

Family donates diary from imprisoned Jewish teen

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) - A Holocaust-era diary and love letters written by a Jewish teen for her Dutch boyfriend while she was imprisoned in an internment camp in 1943 has been donated to Dutch archives.

The journal was kept by 18-year-old Helga Deen during the final month of her detainment in a Dutch internment camp in April-July 1943. That July, she was sent to a Nazi concentration camp in Poland with her brother, father and mother. All four died at the camp.

"She kept the secret diary for her boyfriend in order to help him understand what she was experiencing," said Yvonne Weling of the Tilburg Regional Archive.

Deen recorded some of her day-to-day experiences for her boyfriend Kees van den Berg.

"Maybe this diary will be a disappointment to you because it doesn't contain facts," Deen wrote to Van den Berg. "But maybe you'll be glad that you find me in it: conflict, doubt, desperation, shyness, emptiness."

Van den Berg had written back to Deen on some of the blank pages of the diary, concealed within a school notebook marked "Physics" and apparently transferred back and forth between the pair. He kept the diary after Deen was deported, and saved it along with a lock of her hair.

It is not known how the two exchanged the letters or how her diary ultimately came into Van den Berg's hands. Parts of the diary will be on display for one day only on Oct. 30 in Tilburg.

Production of 'Confessions' educates students on HIV



Performers gave real-life accounts from HIV victims in 'Confessions.'

Real life stories of HIV/AIDS experiences

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The ECU Wellness Education and the Iota Phi Theta fraternity presented an HIV/AIDS educational event last week that informed students of the dangers of the disease and how it is prevalent within their lives.

Speakers auditioned to speak at the "Confessions" event in which they described life experiences of real people and how they have dealt with HIV/AIDS. The goal of the event was to increase the awareness of the students and give them a whole new outlook on the subject. They wanted to emphasize that this disease is present throughout every campus and can affect all people regardless of their age, race, gender or sexual orientation.

"I hope it makes them think about some of the risky behaviors they have probably participated in and show them how dangerous unprotected sex is," said Matt Smith, speaker of the event.

Samantha Shepherd, event speaker, said she wanted to get the message of just how serious the issue is to students so they walk away from the event with a different outlook on the issue.

"I want people to leave uncomfortable. I don't want people to leave on a happy or excited note. I want people to leave thinking about what they heard," said Shepherd.

Smith, in a dialogue written by Hope McPhatter,

graduate assistant in wellness education, said he thanks God every day when he wakes up that he is alive another day.

He said he started college when he was 18 as a normal college guy. He said he lived an uncomfortable life growing up, confused about his own sexuality. When he arrived in college, he accepted the fact he was gay and found himself dating another man for four years. He said they were in love, and he trusted this man.

"On January 14, 2002, my life changed forever. That was the day I knew how I was going to die," Smith said.

Smith was at a regular doctor's appointment for a simple check up when the doctor suggested he take an HIV test as a precaution. His results came back positive.

"How could something like this happen to me? I've only had sex with one person in my entire life," Smith said.

"Sure we didn't use a condom every time, but if he knew he had HIV, wouldn't he have told me?"

After hearing this news, he could only think of how he was going to die and what he would tell his boyfriend. He later found out that his boyfriend knew all along that he had AIDS. His boyfriend then left him and he has not heard from him since.

"The person I loved, that I thought loved me, knew he had something that could kill me and he didn't tell me."

Smith's life events changed. He dropped out of school.

"I do have a new outlook on life though. I no longer think about how I am going to die, I think about how I am going to live," Smith said.

Shepherd, in a dialogue written by Andre McDowell, spoke of experiences with the secrecy of her former boyfriend with whom she had two children. He moved in with a friend who he claimed to be only a roommate. There were many rumors about her boyfriend that she refused to believe.

"Maybe I saw and just didn't want to believe," Shepherd said. When Shepherd later took an HIV test in February of 1998, she found she was positive.

Shepherd said she is a 25-year-old mother of two children who may not get the chance to see her children graduate from school or get married.

"It wasn't his sexual orientation that gave me this disease. It was his lifestyle and our unprotected sex," Shepherd said.

Other speakers included John Carlson, who spoke in the only fictional presentation of the program as an emotionally distraught angel who angrily spoke to the audience of how people carelessly live their lives and become infected with HIV sending them to heaven.

Mark Hayes, another event speaker, spoke of a story of a young man whose parents used drugs and participated in unsafe sex and all the struggles their carelessness had on not only themselves, but other people too.

Students reacted positively to the event.

"Most events I go to about this have really dull people in them. This one had really exciting people," said Aaron Anderson, freshman nursing major.

Anderson said seeing the event will impact his outlook on life.

"There's a lot more stuff I'm going to be thinking about."

Matt Griffin, senior industrial distribution major said he thought the event was informative and overall very educational. While Griffin chooses not to have sex or engage in any other risky behavior that may give him the virus, he said he thought other students would benefit from the event.

"I think it allows them to be aware and know about the facts ... after seeing this event, they can no longer be ignorant concerning HIV and STDs ... they can't say they didn't know," said Griffin.

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clinical breast exam took place. "These are general health questions just to give the clinicians an idea as to where these women are, what they know about themselves, where they fall in the risk category, that way they can become more aware and we can educate them better," Fenlon-Coda said.

Since education and awareness are the keys to early detection, this free screening aims to introduce awareness to men and women of all ages.

"I really encourage them to come," Fenlon-Coda said.

"I think you really have to get to know your body and be proactive in your care."

"It's the only body you have and you can't replace certain parts, your body as a whole is what you are going to be living with all of your life, treat it well."

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Stephanie Ward, senior marketing major, said flooding is a major issue in Greenville.

"All of downtown gets flooded, then the apartment buildings and dorms," said Ward. Brooke Thompson lives on Third Street and has a problem with flooding as well.

"Every time it rains, it floods all the way up to my door."

Davis said all of these projects are necessary for Greenville's population growth. The census in 1990 revealed 50,000 people in Greenville. This year, there are 65,000 residents.

Davis said a plan needs to be made before more people come to Greenville and it becomes too late to fix the problems. He said now is the right time to act because interest rates are low.

Davis said college students should be concerned with how the city looks because it attracts more people to ECU. He said 70 percent of students live off campus, so they should want the town to look good.

"Students should be interested in the city improving," Davis said. "When the communities improve, it's beneficial for students."

Shelton said that a more attractive Greenville has an impact on recruiting college students. He said as Greenville grows, ECU grows as well and all four bonds will help everyone.

No tax increase will result from these bonds. Citizens buy the bonds that will pay for the projects. Those who buy bonds will get their money back with

Screening

Event taking place Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. - noon.

The service is available to everyone in the general public.

Must call to set up appt. at 847-9450.

Must call by Friday at 5 p.m. to register.

Leo Jenkins Cancer Center - located at 600 Memorial Blvd. Between hospital and Brody School of Medicine.

Voter Info

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

Discussion on sexual, gender diversity held at ECU

Students receive heightened awareness

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Anne Boone, psychologist of the ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development facilitated a discussion on bisexuals, gays, lesbians and transgenders last Tuesday at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Boone started off the discussion informing students of major topics in our culture today such as same-sex marriage, parenting and gays in the military. A legislation has been passed allowing same-sex marriages and same-sex adoption in some states.

The United States is somewhere in the middle regarding legislation while other western nations are more progressive. North Carolina remains more conservative in this topic.

The only state that has legalized gay marriage in America is Massachusetts while Vermont

recognizes same-sex relationships.

There are different support groups for non-heterosexuals. North Carolina has a support group entitled Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and most universities have non-heterosexual groups. ECU's campus group is called B-GLAD, Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity.

Boone began by educating the students on terminology. A transgender is a person who does not fall under typical gender stereotypes. A transgender feels like their spirit is a different gender than their body.

"In Native American terms this can be referred to as two-spirited," said Boone.

The discussion was opened up with people's views on gays in the military.

"On one hand, there's some people that think that open homosexuality in the military might foster dissent or discomfort," Boone said. "Other people say that

this should not be a problem."

One student said it should not matter if a person is gay and in the military because that issue has no affect on their ability to serve.

Another student said they are joining the military to serve their country, just as any other heterosexual person who joins the military.

Boone asked what the students thought about the 'don't ask don't tell' policy put in effect in 1993 by President Clinton. Under this policy, many gays were discharged from the military for making it known they were homosexuals.

Same-sex marriage, which has become a political issue and considered in the upcoming presidential election, was the next topic discussed. Several states, including North Carolina, currently have a ban on same-sex marriage.

Marriage provides any couple with benefits such as tax breaks and benefits received when a spouse dies. These are not offered

to same-sex partners.

"I have other people that I work with who [have] only been married a year or two and I've been together with my partner for seven years ... she can't get health insurance [at ECU while] other people who've been married less get health insurance," Boone said.

One student said that because he was raised in a Christian church it is against his morals. He said he does not support it because he looks at how God intends us to be.

Another student said we have to separate church and state. She said this may not apply to gay people because some may not even believe in God.

A student asked why someone else's sexual orientation would bother a person.

Boone said that this may be because people fear things that are different.

Another student interjected and said that when you are raised around something you begin to be comfortable with it. As the

society changes, its people will change.

"Society has shaped so many of our opinions about things," said Lathan Turner, director of the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Amy Elliot, sophomore education major, said she thought the session was good and educational. She said it helps people get different perspectives on the subject and the issues that were brought up needed to be discussed.

Boone said she wanted to raise awareness of non-heterosexual issues and wanted to encourage a dialogue among students because there are a lot of these issues our society is dealing with.

"This issue is present anywhere someone goes in schools, workplace and the voting booth," Boone said.

"As society grows and evolves we're a part of that and we're changing too."

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honor of the Roberts family who has given more than 1,200 books to the North Carolina collection in Joyner Library. All of these books have a North Carolina setting, and some of them are very rare York said.

Ellen Arnold, assistant professor who teaches multicultural literature said she thinks it is a wonderful event, and it's really exciting to have so many well known North Carolina writers here to inspire students in their own writing.

Arnold, who has heard Bland Simpson does much historical research in his writing and makes it creative as well to give it a personal touch.

Arnold teaches Keenen's work and offers a look inside African American communities and histories in eastern North Carolina that is hard to come by in literature. He is also a creative writer as well.

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creating a scenario in which free speech ended a problem for people who were offended.

Mary Louise Antieau, director of the center for off-campus living, said ECU has always had a free speech zone on campus and the preachers that come to campus are free to express themselves in those designated areas.

"The human instinct for censorship is too strong. We ought to be receptive to different points of view. If you disagree with us about affirmative action, say so. We want to create an environment where you can be heard," said Pavela.

In some instances, schools are going beyond their legal means by forcing student organizations to allow anyone to join.

French said student organizations are within their rights to disallow certain people to join their clubs, under certain conditions. It would not seem logical for College Democrats to have to allow Republicans into their organization or for a white supremacist to have the right to be part of the NAACP. A white supremacist is a viewpoint completely contradictory to the NAACP's cause, French said. Nondiscrimination rules commonly lead to this restriction of freedom of association. Colleges are enforcing rules that violate that freedom.

According to French, universities have speech codes that are not well known to their student bodies.

A problem at universities is the way they define harassment and discrimination. The definitions are too broad and most of the time harassment is merely the act of hurting someone's feelings. Colleges are to set on rectifying the anguish of easily offended people.

"Harassment has nothing to do with hurt feelings ... break away from the culture of victimization, where if someone is offended, someone must be punished," French said.

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Our View

After receiving a flood of responses concerning an opinion run last week, *TEC* feels the need to defend our position as a voice for the ECU community. Every week in our opinion page, *TEC* tries to explore topics that are relevant to ECU students, as well as provoke thought about perspectives they may or may not have previously considered. Last Thursday, one of our opinion columnists decided to tackle the significance of an image that is readily prevalent in our surrounding area – the Confederate Flag.

The writer took the position that the flag does in fact have racial ties, causing an immediate backlash from flag supporters as well as descendants of Confederate veterans. Since the publication of this article, *TEC* has received idle threats from those who disagree with the article. Some have said they aim to convince our advertisers to stop supporting us. Other comments were given by alumni who plan to pull their funding from the university (who, by the way, does not fund *TEC*, but does provide us with on-campus residence). Some have even gone as far to say they will never forget the names of certain *TEC* employees so that they (along with their "children and grandchildren") can be sure to never hire those individuals in the professional world.

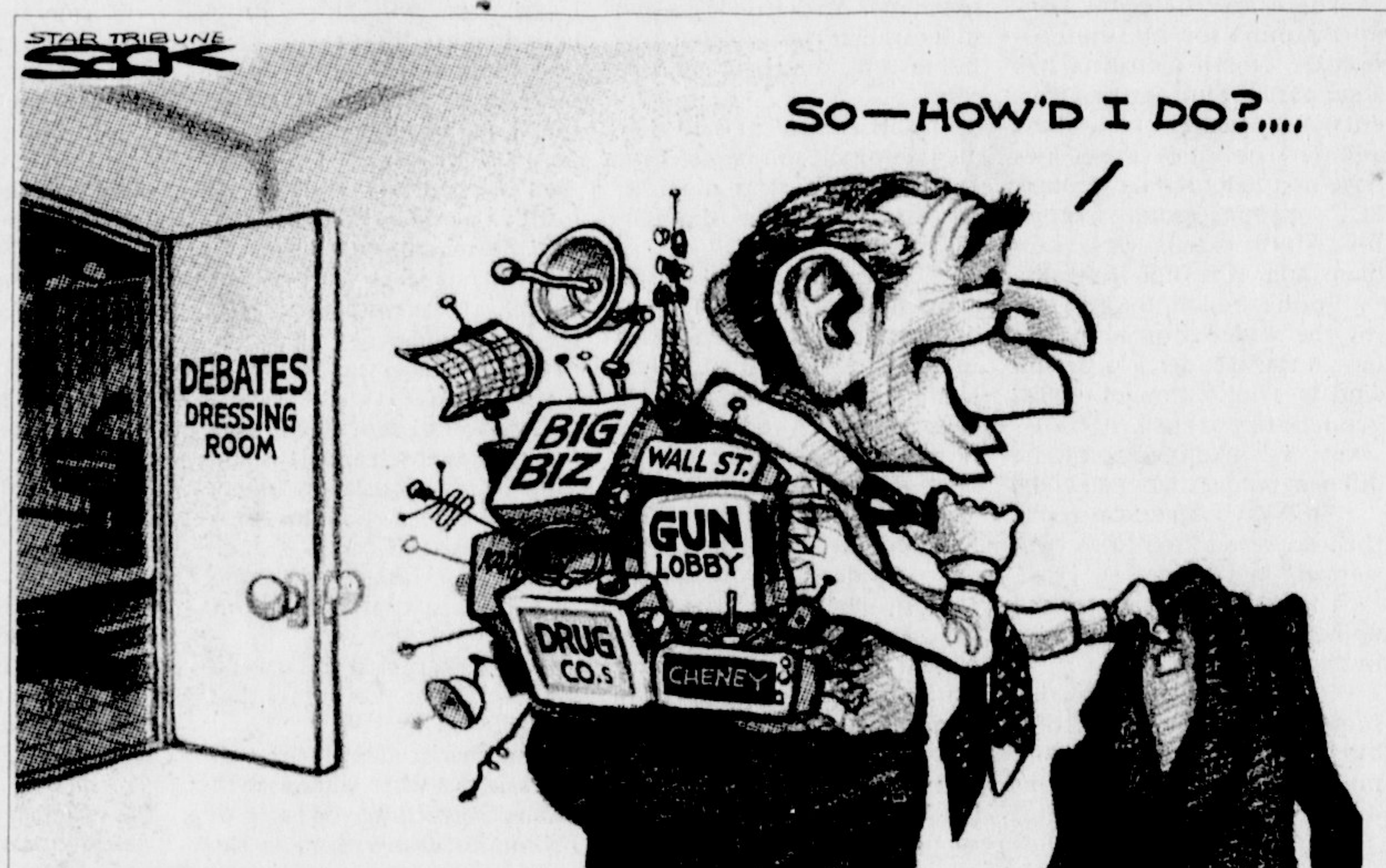
We would like to use this space to clarify the publication of that article. The editorial was in no way intended to be presented as an unbiased discussion on the many interpretations of the Confederate Flag. The article appeared on a page labeled "Opinion," and directly reflects the opinion of the writer, not the opinion of *TEC* as a whole. While we may not agree with the opinion in its entirety, we do recognize it as an issue that many individuals in our community are concerned with and we respect the writer's right to express his opinion, as well as the rights of those who choose to wave the Confederate flag proudly.

As journalists and American citizens, we are deeply saddened that individuals would go to such great lengths to censure a freedom entitled to all of us – the freedom of speech. *TEC* encourages members of the ECU community to exercise your freedom of speech (whether it be in agreement or dissent from the aforementioned article). Letters to the editor may be sent to editor@theeastcarolinian.com or to *The East Carolinian*, Student Publications Building, Greenville, NC 27858. You can also post a response online at www.theeastcarolinian.com.

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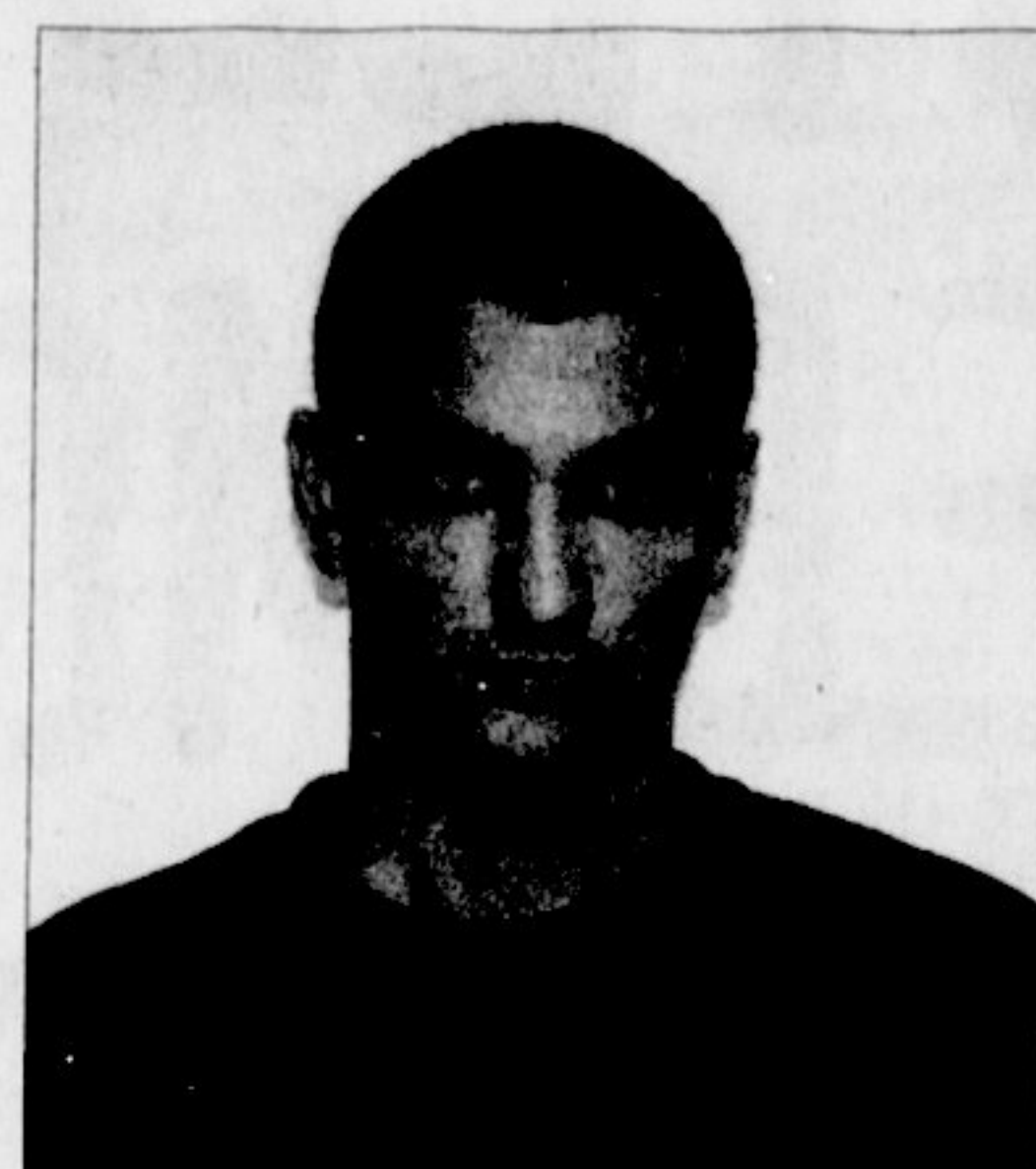


Opinion Columnist

Allow me to clarify my opinions

It seems people have spoken

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER



My intellectual faith in my fellow ECU academia grows in leaps and bounds. The resounding response to this writer's last opinionated blathering instilled in me a deep and newfound respect for the power of open dialogue. Never let it be said that the students of ECU cannot come together and collectively voice their opinion. It seems, unfortunately, that some people have misconstrued the messages and political platforms contained in my articles, so allow me this moment to clarify for you. I hope this can clear up any misunderstanding.

Marriage is a human right, not a heterosexual privilege. Gay people are born gay, and homosexuality is not a virus which can be caught through inadvertent contact and it is not a disease which can somehow be miraculously cured through neo-Christian indoctrination. They are American citizens like everyone else and are entitled to the same rights and protections under the law. If you happen to be gay, more power to you. You will not be struck down by a righteous lightning bolt from heaven and you will not roast in the everlasting fires of Hades. That is sheer fantasy.

Women have the absolute right to make whatever decisions they see fit with their reproductive organs. Until we can legislate responsible sexual behavior and whatever societal factor it is that spawns the evil of rape in this country, Roe v. Wade should be protected with the entire legal arsenal of the U.S. Government.

Guns hurt people. This is one fact which the gun lobbies and the N.R.A. can never seem to get around. It is their nature. I don't count the argument that guns don't kill people, people kill people, which is too ridiculous on its face to even be considered. Thousands of people, many of them children, are killed or maimed every year in gun-related accidents. The United States has the highest gun homicide rate on the face of the Earth, and like it or not this

is in large part due to the number of guns in circulation and the relative ease with which a firearm can be procured in this country. The federal government should implement much longer waiting periods and significantly more in-depth background checks before authorizing gun sales. If all you want the gun for is home protection or hunting, the second amendment protects that right, but I am sure you would not mind waiting a few extra weeks for it. Criminals, gang members and disgruntled postal workers on a shooting rampage, generally speaking, are not the most patient groups of people.

War is ugly. Unless it is the absolute last option, war should be avoided at all costs. Have we not yet reached a level where we no longer need to drop bombs on each other, or bulldoze each other's homes, or blow ourselves up for lack of a better option? I believe the U.S. Government, for all of its rhetoric about a free Iraq and a free Afghanistan, should seriously reconsider its policies toward the Palestinian problem – and it is a problem. One of the major motivators of international terrorism and radical Islamic hatred toward the U.S. is the American policy of unflinching, unwavering support for the state of Israel, even as numerous human rights violations are committed against the Palestinian people on a daily basis. We hold the Israelis to a different standard than the rest of the world, especially the Arab world, and this was one of the major contributing factors to 9/11. It's not that we must not support Israel, but the Palestinian people should be treated with the same

respect. I understand that many people in the U.S. support the Israeli cause in large part because the Israelis look more Caucasian and it is easier to relate to them as a people. Also the specter of suicide bombings in U.S. cities, which by the way ladies and gentlemen, is probably the next step in terrorism on U.S. soil, makes it easier to relate to the Palestinians as the aggressors. When you are under occupation by a foreign power, as the Palestinians are, aggressive action is a last resort when all other options have been exhausted. They aren't allowed to raise an army, they have no money, so how are they to defend themselves? There is nothing more dangerous than a person whose back is against the wall. By the way, this is something many people may not know or may not choose to acknowledge: Far more innocent Palestinians have been killed during the most recent ongoing intifada than Israelis. Unfortunately, the U.S. press is much more keen on showing the horror of a bus being blown up by a suicide bomber than the calculated destruction of thousands of people's homes in refugee camps (by American built bulldozers). That is reality.

People who use drugs and are hopelessly addicted, but otherwise good citizens, do not need to be thrown in a jail cell. They need to be treated for their disease in a substance abuse facility. Billions of dollars are being wasted incarcerating non-violent offenders in this country for crimes like possession of marijuana and petty larceny. This is ridiculous. Crime prevention should be about curing the motivators of crime, i.e., poverty, drug abuse, homelessness, etc, not simply about temporarily curing the symptoms.

We should outlaw the death penalty. Violence begets violence. The unbroken chain of retribution for violent acts, in the form of somehow more humane violent acts, must be broken sometime. I say we break it now.

The Confederate flag is an inherently racist symbol and should be removed from every statehouse and government building in this country.

I am sure many of you are muttering to yourself about what a liberal, unpatriotic, arrogant, northern, atheist, elitist fool I am. And you might be right. We all have our faults.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
Peter Kalajian's editorial, "Confederate Flag still an issue?" would be more appropriately titled: "Confederate Flag now an issue?" The issue of the Confederate Flag on display is only a recent phenomenon in America. However, young Mr. Kalajian's ability to draw upon points of historical reference, probably only as far back as the beginning of the second Clinton administration, undoubtedly handicaps his ability to appreciate the depth of American and Southern culture, the significance the pantheon of Southern Civil War heroes has had in supporting Southern morale through two world wars, a great depression, innumerable smaller military conflicts, three presidential assassinations and untold civil and cultural unrest. These so-called defeated warriors – Lee, Jackson, Davis, and others – have provided Southerners and Americans with a moral compass and a map for leadership skills that continues to be studied today, not only here at home, but also abroad.

Lastly, Mr. Kalajian incorrectly presupposes that the Confederacy was grounded solely in and based only upon a theory of racial hatred. It is ridiculous and simply impossible to ground a legitimate argument by projecting contemporary moral standards through a lens 150 years backward in time and expect to reach accurate con-

clusions regarding the moral character and motivations of either Confederate or Federal leaders. It is equally disingenuous to draft an argument that completely disregards the role that African Americans voluntarily played on both sides of the military conflict.

Mr. Kalajian's argument presupposes that black Southerners were a people unified by their opposition to the Confederacy and uniformly resisted the Southern war effort, either passively or actively. This view can only be maintained by ignoring a mass of research material that strongly suggests that black opinion, like other opinion, was represented across the spectrum, and was strongly influenced by sectional, local and family loyalties which have largely disappeared in the modern world, but which were of paramount importance in the 19th century. Many blacks, free and slave, in fact, considered themselves Southerners first and blacks second, and served the Southern cause enthusiastically.

It is always a dangerous proposition to judge another time, culture, people, and way of life by contemporary standards. To do so only invites future generations to do the same to us.

James E. Hickmon
ECU Alumnus 1996

Dear Editor,
Mr. Kalajian's education regarding the war for Southern independence

appears very limited and clearly tainted with a Yankee perspective that chooses to ignore many facts of history.

First I doubt that Mr. Kalajian would recognize the Stars and Bars if he were to see it. The flag he is apparently referring to as the "Stars and Bars" is the Battle Flag also known as the Southern Cross or St. Andrew's Cross.

Many symbols have been more prominent as a part of slavery but carry no blame. The Stars and Stripes presided over slavery from the beginning of our Union. When the slave trade was outlawed by most civilized nations including the United States, and the English and French navies attempted to police the sea-lanes, the United States refused to allow ships under the U.S. flag to be searched. As a result of this action, European slave ships kept at least one American national and U.S. flag on board. He was known as the Captain of the Flag. This practice continued for more than forty years.

There were always U.S. flags present at Klan events even when the Battle flag wasn't. The most feared Klan symbolism was in the form of a burning cross but no stigma has attached itself to this symbol. Why not?

Garry L. Solomon
Linden, NC

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Pirate Rant

Money can't buy happiness.

Mr. Kalajian, next time become more informed before you insult brave men. By the way, what branch of the military did you serve in?

To all of you who are republicans/democrats because it was instilled in you, grow up and develop your own ideas. I know this sounds crazy, but your parents could be total idiots.

Did anyone notice the white saliva (or whatever it was) in the corner of George Bush's mouth during the final debate?

I was recently a victim of bike theft and saw someone riding my brand new bike downtown. The cops were called, but it was too late. It's time to crack down on the bike thefts in Greenville.

Can someone tell me why all the sewers along College Hill and by Brewster spit out that smoke all day? Why won't someone fix it? That can't be normal. The smell makes me want to throw up.

I see the Marching Band practicing on College Hill and I think they all work so hard and sound great. They really put forward a lot of effort. Good job, everyone!

Some people criticize others because of whom they choose to vote for. I am guilty of it myself. Think about this: If we all had the same views, then this country wouldn't be so great. It would be people's indifference that I would fear.

Just in case anyone was curious: Four more American soldiers died last week in Iraq. Thought you'd like to know.

I can't wait until the basketball season starts. It is by far the most intense ECU sporting event! The games are so much fun and I love cheering on the Pirates. Oh yeah, and I can't wait to see PURE GOLD!

When I see a student wearing a crucifix or a cross I think to myself "it's good to see a fellow believer," but make sure you know what it means to represent what you wear, a lot of people can talk the talk, but few have what it takes to walk the walk.

I visited my friend at another university, and driving on campus, I saw hundreds of people in the quad doing campus activities and whatnot. It would be nice to see more people involved in some of the many organizations ECU has to offer. Be proud to be a Pirate!

Today we salute you, Mr. Constant Collar Putter Upper. You, bedecked in a popped collar, teach us that we no longer have to live with a cold back of the neck. Sure, your pink alligator polo may look feminine to some, but not to the seventeen other guys wearing the same thing at the bar. Where others may see thoughtless fashion conformity, you preach a higher gospel. You preach of a world where it's okay for a man to go tanning. You ask, "Why can't we wear make-up, and use shampoo with lavender essence?" So crack open an ice-cold beer, Mr. Abercrombie (or is it Fitch?), because we all know, when we really need a piece of gum, you might have one ... in your man purse.

Remember, the Electoral College decides who the next president will be, not the popular vote!

To whoever thinks that Bush is a good 'ol boy obviously doesn't know anything about him. I don't know any good 'ol boys who were born in New Haven Conn., went to Andover Prep, Harvard and Yale. Also, who has a father who was a president and whose Grandfather was a senator. Just because he "claims" Texas and can't speak English correctly doesn't make him a good 'ol boy.

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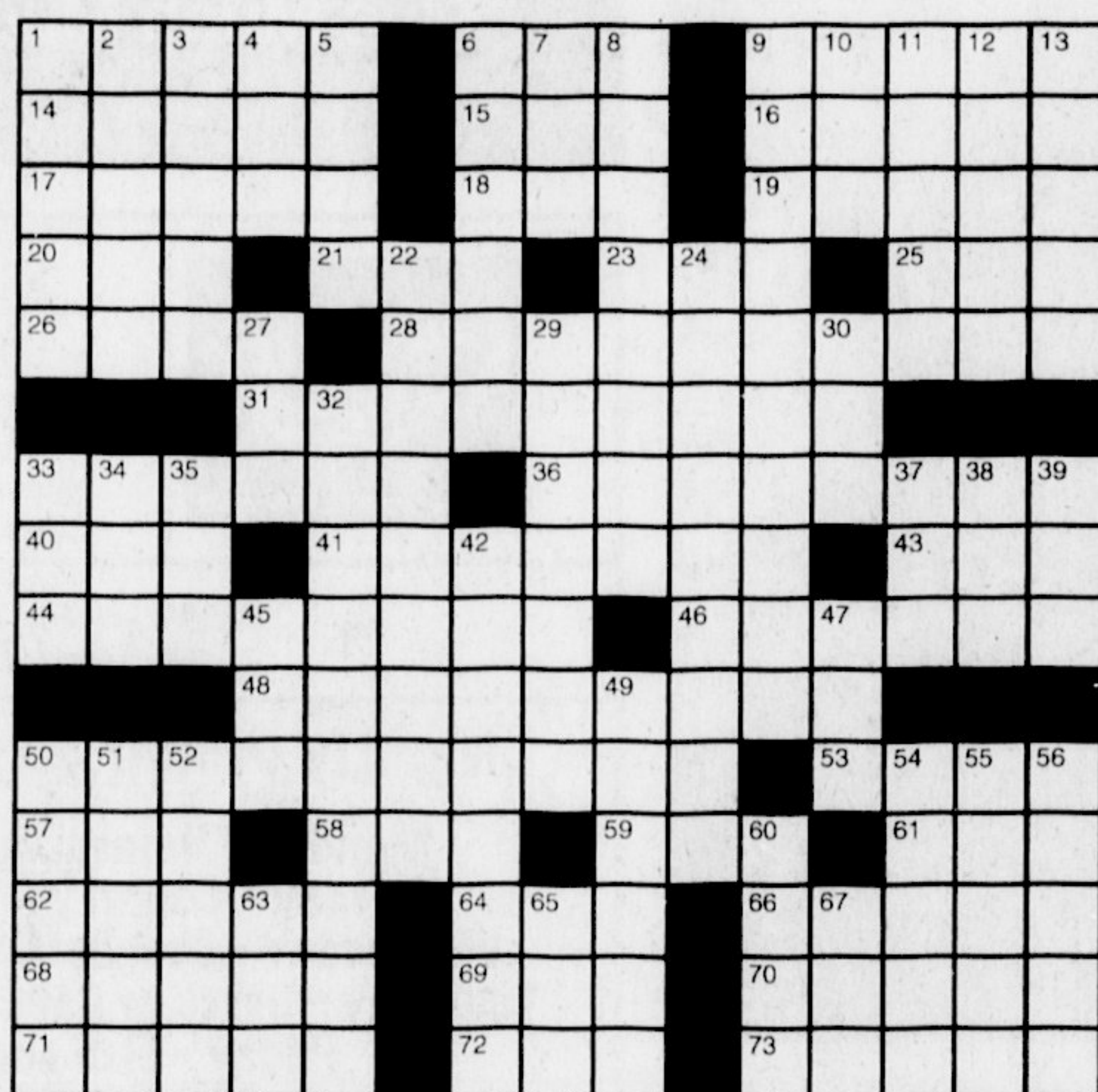
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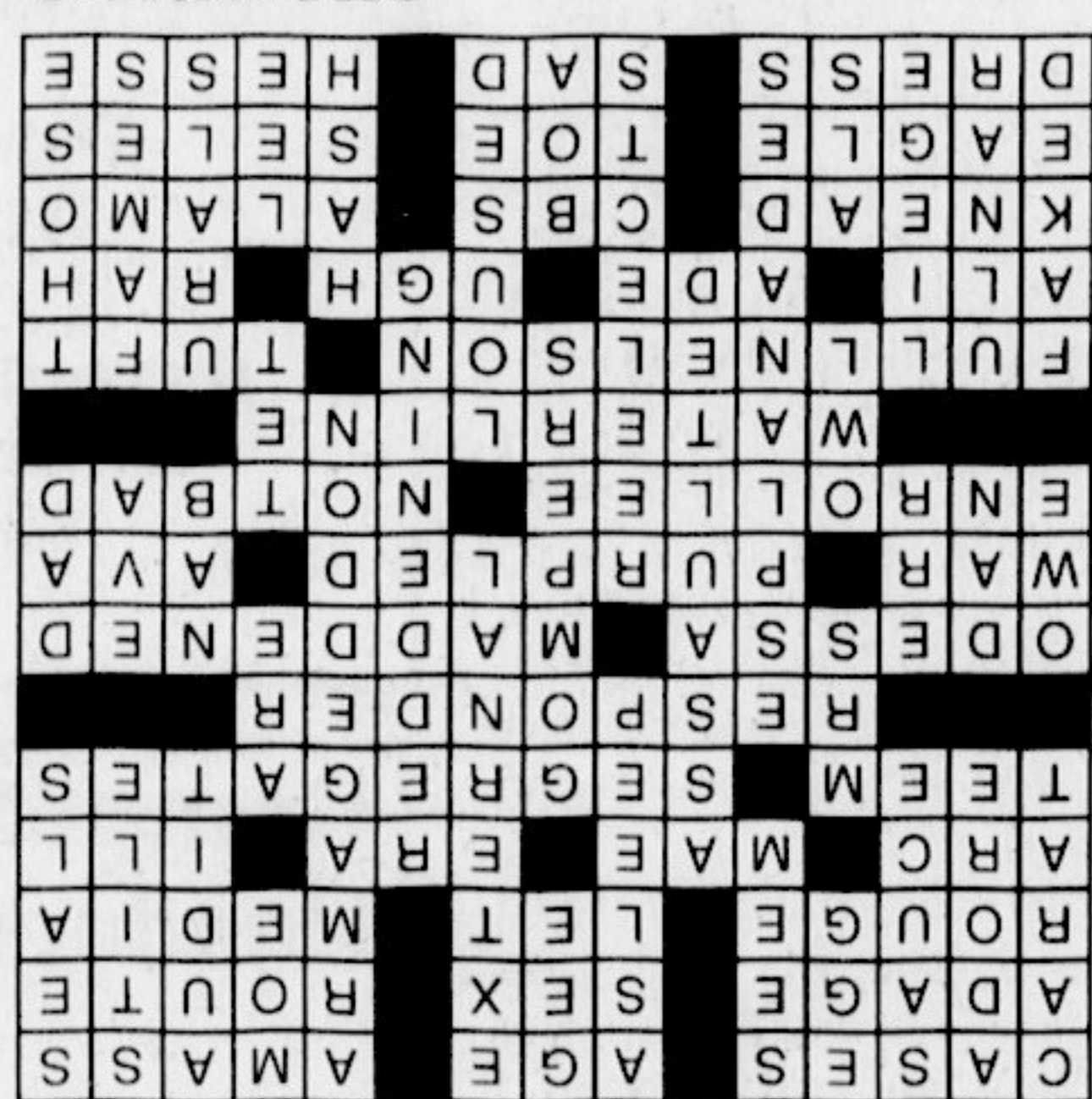
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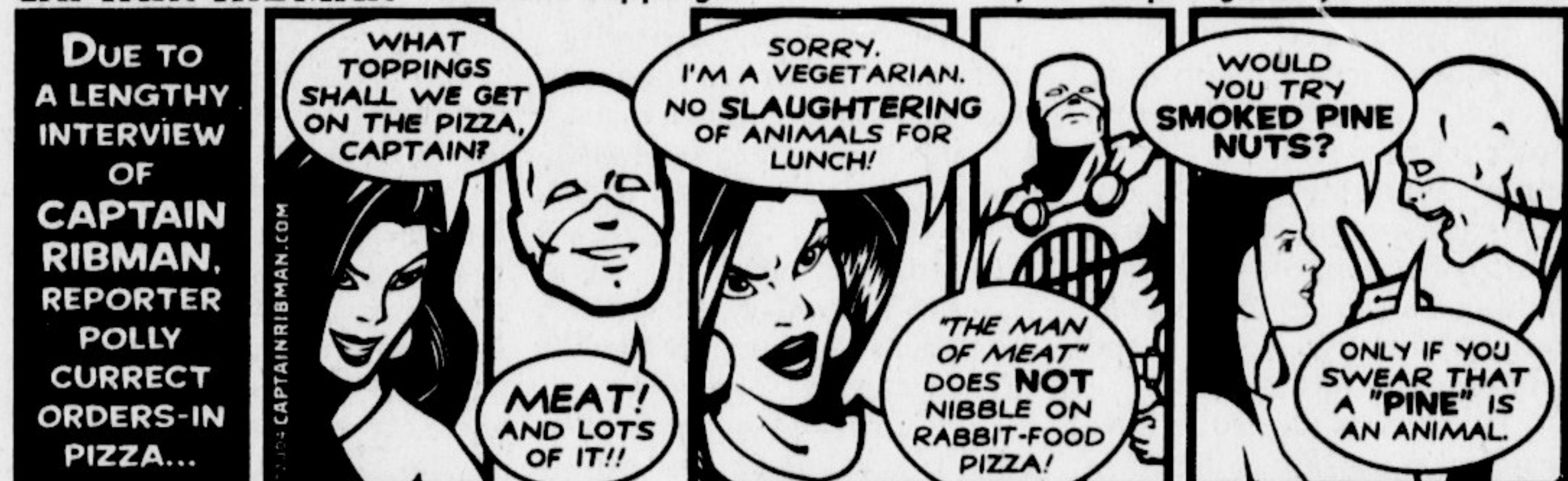
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Fig 1: Pellen
 Causes water pain. Much like Tchaikovsky's composition "Winter and Spring."

And why not? Indeed, this great Romantic composer should be so immortalized. As a young man, he quit a secure government job — at enormous risk and against his father's advice — in order to pursue a career in music. His mild temperament combined with his tendency to work too hard left him with terrible insomnia, debilitating headaches and hallucinations. On top of that, Tchaikovsky's composition teacher never liked his work, even after he became world famous. Setbacks such as these could have finished a lesser man. Instead, they informed his work.



Among the many schools Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky endured a disappointing family, a broken marriage, a blind father.

which remains some of the best loved in history.

Yet some children still confuse Tchaikovsky with a nasal spray.

BLESS YOU, MR. T.

No sensible parent would ever say that arts education isn't important to their child's well-being. Quite the opposite.

In fact, when asked, a majority of parents believe the arts are an integral part of their child's education.

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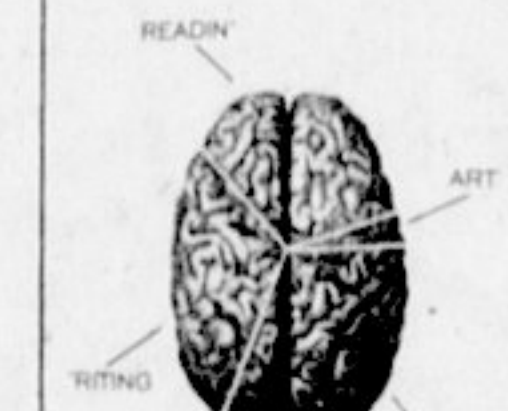
Given all of this, what responsible parent would ever think it's a good idea that their kids spend more time waiting in line in the cafeteria each week than they do in arts classes?

IS THIS SWAN LAKE'S SWAN SONG?

If you think the declining standards in schools today are just the price of doing business, then do nothing. If, on the other hand, you feel this is unacceptable and disadvantageous to your child's

welfare? You need to speak up and demand his or her fair share of the arts. To find out how or for more information about all the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at AmericansforTheArts.org.

Or else the life's work of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky may end up seeming like just another casualty of allergy season.



Someone isn't getting their recommended daily allowance of art.

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Army reservist pleads guilty to prison abuse



FREDERICK

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The high-ranking soldier charged in the Abu Ghraib scandal pleaded guilty Wednesday to five charges of abusing Iraqi detainees at the prison as a two-day court-martial opened at a U.S. base in Baghdad.

U.S. Army reservist Staff Sgt. Ivan "Chip" Frederick, 38, of Buckingham, Va., admitted to allegations of conspiracy, dereliction of duty, maltreatment of detainees, assault, and committing an indecent act. He was expected to be sentenced Thursday.

Under a plea bargain deal, several other charges against Frederick were dropped. According to his attorney, Gary Myers, Frederick, a military policeman and a corrections officer in civilian life, has agreed to cooperate fully in future investigations and will testify in future trials.

Frederick is alleged to have watched as a group of detainees were made to masturbate while other soldiers photographed them. He also is accused of jumping on a pile of detainees, stomping on detainees' hands and bare feet, and punching one in the chest.

In addition, Frederick allegedly helped place wires in a detainee's hands and told him he would be electrocuted if he fell off a box.

"I took one and wrapped it around his finger. Sgt. Davis put one on his hand. Spc. Harman

one on his toe," he said.

Frederick said he thought the interrogator wanted him to scare the prisoner to help out with the interrogation.

The Abu Ghraib prisoner scandal broke in April with the worldwide publication of photos and videos showing American soldiers abusing and humiliating naked Iraqi detainees.

Frederick is one of seven members of the Cresaptown, Md.-based 372nd Military Police Company charged in the scandal. One, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits, of Hyndman, Pa., is serving a one-year prison sentence after pleading guilty in May to three counts.

Spc. Armin Cruz, 24, a Military Intelligence soldier, was sentenced last month to eight months of confinement, reduction in rank to private, and a bad conduct discharge for his part in the scandal.

Frederick, who was in charge of the night shift at Abu Ghraib, told military judge Army Col. James Pohl that Military Intelligence and civilian interrogators told him what conditions to set for detainees.

That included removing detainees' clothing, depriving them of sleep, or taking away their cigarettes, Frederick said. He said they wanted detainees stressed out and wanted them to talk more.

Frederick said he only learned afterward that there were regulations regarding treatment of the detainees.

The proceeding included witness testimony and other evidence but almost all the witnesses are participating by video teleconference from outside Iraq. Several of the defense witnesses are in Washington or Europe. One of the government's two witnesses also will testify remotely, from Mannheim, Germany.

The unusual arrangement ensured better cooperation from witnesses who were afraid to visit a war zone after a military appellate court refused to move the proceeding out of Iraq, according to Myers.

Woman kidnapped while in Iraq



HASSAN

BAGHDAD, Iraq — CARE International suspended operations in Iraq on Wednesday after gunmen seized the woman who ran the humanitarian organization's work in the country. The victim's Iraqi husband appealed to the kidnappers to free her.

Margaret Hassan, who holds British, Irish and Iraqi citizenship, was seized early Tuesday on her way to work in western Baghdad after gunmen blocked her route and dragged the driver and a companion from the car.

Hassan, who is in her early 60s, is among the most widely known humanitarian officials in the Middle East and is also the most high-profile figure to fall victim to a wave of kidnappings sweeping Iraq in recent months.

The Arab television station Al-Jazeera broadcast a brief video showing Hassan, wearing a white blouse and appearing tense, sitting in a room with bare white walls. An editor at the station, based in Qatar, said the tape contained no audio. It did not identify what group was holding

her and contained no demand for her release.

Iraqi officials refused comment on the case, citing the need for security to protect her life.

"I would like to tell the kidnappers that we are in the holy month of Ramadan and my wife has been helping Iraq since thirty years and loved this country," her husband Tahseen Ali Hassan said Wednesday on Al-Arabiya television.

"In the name of humanity, Islam and brotherhood, I appeal to the kidnappers to free her because she has nothing to do with politics."

Hassan's husband told Al-Jazeera that his wife had not received threats and the kidnappers had not contacted anyone with any demands as of Tuesday night.

Hassan has lived in Baghdad for 30 years, helping supply medicines and other humanitarian aid while speaking out about Iraqis' suffering under international sanctions during the 1990s.

Gay Episcopal bishop accepts controversies

NEW YORK — The gay bishop at the center of the debate over homosexuality that has driven the global Anglican Communion said he was sorry conservatives were upset by his consecration, but said he had no regrets about his ground breaking elevation to church leadership.

Episcopal Bishop V. Gene Robinson, in an Associated Press interview on Wednesday, also said he was committed to working with those who opposed his confirmation to see how they could remain together in the fellowship of churches, despite differences over what the Bible says about gays.

"We regret how difficult this made things in many parts of the Communion," said Robinson,

who leads the Diocese of New Hampshire. "Certainly, I do not regret that my becoming a bishop has been a real blessing to me and my diocese."

Robinson's comments came two days after an Anglican commission studying how the Communion can stay unified said the U.S. church should apologize for electing him without consulting more with other Anglicans. The report, released Monday in London, did not comment on Robinson personally or ask him to resign and it recommended no punishment for the Episcopal Church as conservatives had demanded.

The Episcopal Church, with 2.4 million members, is the U.S. province of the 77-million-member Anglican Communion,

which traces its roots to the Church of England.

Robinson is the first openly gay priest to be elected bishop in the Anglican Communion.

The commission did ask Anglican provinces for a moratorium on electing gay bishops and developing liturgies for same-sex blessing ceremonies. Robinson said he anticipated that gay clergy would agree to the moratorium on becoming candidates for bishop, but he did not think they should be required to do so.

"If they feel called, I think they should put their names forward," he said.

Anglican leaders worldwide will spend months studying the report's recommended solutions for ending the

rift. Robinson said he did not expect any reconciliation in his lifetime of those with opposing biblical views on homosexuality. Still, he hoped conservatives would be open to exploring how to remain in the same church.

Some U.S. conservatives have already broken from the Episcopal Church, while others have formed a network of dioceses and congregations that they call a "church within a church," in opposition to Episcopal leaders.

"If the conservatives choose not to remain at the table, I don't know what can be done about that," Robinson said. "What I'm saying is that I'm going to be at the table. The American church is going to be at the table."

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Students are reminded of the Graduate and Professional School Fair Thursday, Oct. 21 from noon - 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose room of the MSC. Students can meet representatives from more than 50 renowned graduate and professional schools in the nation. This event is free and sponsored by the ECU Graduate School. For more information call 328-6012 or visit research2.ecu.edu/grad.

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville in conjunction with the ECU Folk and Country Dancers will be dancing the night away with music of all kinds Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade Streets. For more information call 752-7350

Jazz at Night will be held by the ECU School of Music on Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in the MSC. For more information about the event, call 328-6851.

Free breast cancer screening is available for students Oct. 23 at Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center. This screening is free from 9 a.m. - noon at the center. Registration is required; students who are interested in participating in free screening should call 847-9450 to make an appointment.

Take 6 will be playing as a part of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series at Wright Auditorium Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. This seven-time Grammy Award winning ensemble of a-capella music has jazz and gospel elements. For more information call 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

ECU Swing Night at The Hobby Horse will be at 811 Dickenson Avenue from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday Oct. 23. Student admission is \$4 with beginner lessons at 7:30 p.m. DJ's PinUp and Mista Mike will be at this ECU Swing Dance Club sponsored event. For more information, contact ecuswingclub@yahoo.com.

Healthy Hints:

Don't forget about all of the great exercise opportunities that are available to you on campus at the SRC. To choose a class that would suit your needs, visit their Web site at recserv.ecu.edu.

Cold and flu season is rapidly approaching. Students are reminded that one of the easiest ways to stay healthy is to drink plenty of water and wash their hands often. By "flushing our systems" and not allowing germs to get into our bodies, our immune systems can stay strong. Vitamin C and avoiding extreme temperature changes will also help your immune system to stay its strongest.

Taking a warm shower or bath rather than hot, will improve skin tone. Hot water dilates blood vessels, which leads to redness. The cooler the shower or bath, the smaller your pores tend to appear.

Recipes:

Kabobs with Wild Rice
Ingredients:
1 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1-inch thick
1 large green, red or yellow bell pepper, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
12 large mushrooms
1 package (6 ounces) long grain and wild rice blend seasoning
1 tablespoon fresh balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon water
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1 teaspoon Hoisin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Instructions:
Trim fat from beef steak; cut into 1 1/4 -inch pieces. In large bowl, whisk together seasoning ingredients; add beef, bell pepper and mushrooms, tossing to coat. Alternately thread pieces of beef, bell pepper and mushrooms on each of four 12 inch metal skewers. Prepare rice according to package directions; keep warm. Meanwhile, place kabobs on rack in broiler pan so surface of meat is 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil 9 to 12 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Season with salt. Serve kabobs with rice.

Quantity: Makes 4 servings

Occupational gender role reversals

From mostly female to male

Elementary school teaching

DANIELLE WIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Elementary school teaching has been and continues to be a predominately female occupation. Before World War II, females were only limited to jobs such as nursing, secretarial work and teaching. Only after this period did men start to slowly ease their way into a career of teaching at elementary levels. Now, men are easily accepted to do secretarial work and nursing, as women are to do construction work and engineering occupations. Since the 1970s, equality has been a fight and in this decade there has been a change, especially in certain occupations. Gender isn't as big of an issue as it was then, but there are still problems concerning gender discrimination accepting the fact that men are able to do women's jobs as well as women can prosper in men's work. Even though men are highly needed in elementary education, they are simply turned away by what it does not offer.

Males that teach at elementary levels may or may not have children of their own, but as far as discipline and creativity is concerned, males bring something new into this field of education. Not to specifically say male teachers are into a softer side that you usually would not see. Male teachers have to work harder to gain parent's trust and respect because of this issue. Teachers usually have to hold conferences with parents to gain trust and inform parents of the child's behavior and progress. Kids living in single parent homes with their mothers are more positive to respond to male teachers because it is usually unexpected, considering the fact that some kids may not have a standing male-father figure in their lives. The job requires nurturing and special care for young children, which is not a popular thing males look forward to in teaching the short attention span of 20 to 30 young boys and girls. They are also turned off by what the job criteria concerns, such as decorating bulletin boards, helping kids build their imagination, reading and telling stories while being a part-time baby-sitter and making it an exciting place away from home. Not to mention the fact that elementary education is not a high paying occupation unless they are appointed to principal or superintendent. Men also have to deal with funny remarks from people who look down on them because of their interest in teaching young children. They are surrounded by female teachers that sometimes make them feel like the odd ball or completely isolated from the rest of the staff.

"Lack of males in school sometimes makes one

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Women firefighters

Despite stereotypes, they've always been there

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STAFF WRITER

For decades women have been fighting and sometimes dying alongside men in communities throughout the country. Since the days of bucket brigades, women have fought fires and at times shown valor worthy of commendation. Women in the Fire Service, Inc., an organization formed in 1982 to increase the number and influence of women in the fire service, distributes information about women in the fire service and provides counsel for firefighters, both male and female.

According to their Web site at wfsi.org, today there are more than 6,000 female full-time firefighters and more than 40,000 female volunteer firefighters. Molly Williams, an African-American slave, holds the title of "the first known woman firefighter." She was a member of "Oceanus Engine Company #11 in New York City." After Molly Williams, the next known woman firefighter was Marina Betts, "a tall and impressive French-Indian woman from the Shinbone Alley district of Pittsburgh worked on the bucket brigades at fires." According to wfsi.org, Betts recruited volunteers among "male spectators" and possessed an "imposing presence and sharp tongue."

The avenues for professional women firefighters were opened with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. According to the act, "It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an employer to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual, or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; or to limit, segregate, or classify his employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, or national origin..."

Judith Livers, a dental assistant, was hired by the Arlington Virginia Fire Department in 1974, becoming the nation's first full-time female firefighter. She has since retired as Battalion Chief Judith Brewer.

The effects of the efforts of early female firefighters can be seen in the Greenville Fire Department, where four women currently serve. The early struggles of some seem to have made the path smoother for others.

"We're not really females down here, were firefighters,"

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Fun, food and rides all at your back door

North Carolina State Fair is underway in Raleigh

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Have anything to do tonight? Want to go to the fair for free? Only today, Thursday, Oct. 21, can you bypass the \$6 admission fee by bringing four Food Lion brand cans of food to any main gate. You will save a few dollars and all proceeds go to the Food

Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

To be really prepared for the fair this year however, make sure to bring an appetite and some walking shoes with you as well. This year the fair was able to expand its concessions and ride area since the Sam G. Rand Grandstand, an adjoining baseball field, was recently paved over.

With more space means not only more rides and less people bumping into you, but it also means lots and lots of food. At the North Carolina State Fair, there is something for everyone. The tra-

ditional turkey legs, cotton candy, roasted corn, candy apples and an abundant variety of fried dough are among the top choices. Recently vendors have become more creative and have literally begun frying everything from candy bars and Twinkies to bananas and the new item this year, pickles. Yup. You can buy a fried pickle with dipping sauce or a fried banana dunked in banana pudding.

If you don't fancy all the fried foods, greasy sausages and many other cardiac-arrest side

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Systems Check: Is this gadget 'wave' of future



To chart Seahawk Heath Evans' progress as he works out, trainer Joel Jamieson fits him with OmegaWave's electrodes.

(KRT) — Ever get the feeling your body isn't quite up for today's scheduled workout? I feel that way almost daily now. But you must also have those days when you feel more capable than what your training regimen calls for. I get that once in a blue moon.

So when I learned of a high-tech gadget that claims to give athletes an inside peek into when the body is primed for action or in need of rest, I jumped at the chance.

The device, OmegaWave, tests your physiological systems in just a few minutes while you're resting on your back. No treadmill tests or blood draws. Just metal clamps on ankles and wrists, and a few electrodes fastened to your chest.

The test measures the functioning of the central nervous system, as well as cardiopulmonary, hormonal and detoxification systems. It monitors heart rates and slow

brain waves and produces personal data in the form of graphs, charts and advice. Essentially, the process is like the diagnostic systems check mechanics would perform on your car's engine to make sure it's running smoothly.

Scientists of the former Soviet Union developed the OmegaWave. Some of them moved to Eugene, Ore., and began a company called Omega-Wave Technologies.

The device has been on the market about four years and is used by universities from Stanford to Duke, college, professional and international amateur teams and individual athletes, like one who used it to prep for the Olympics. Researchers use it, as do companies developing sports nutrition.

Company president Allen Huffstutter said three systems are being used in Washington — two by athletic clubs. A Seattle-area doctor is using the system to

do fibromyalgia research. Some potential users are still waiting for more independent testing.

The device can cost as much as \$35,000.

The Bellingham Athletic Club in Washington got one three years ago and uses it to screen new members, help plan and monitor training programs and complement programs targeting weight loss, says Cathy Buckley, club owner. "We've actually sent members to the doctor after we found abnormal heart and stress readings with the device," she says.

Joel Jamieson, director of EndZone Athletics in Kirkland, Wash., has administered the OmegaWave tests to former University of Washington football star Reggie Williams, kick boxers, Seahawks and other elite athletes. The system lets each assess how his or her body is responding and adapting to training.

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items, there are still many other enjoyable things at the fair. Every night there is live entertainment and a special concert in the Dorton Arena. If you are a country music fan, this weekend is definitely up your ally. Gary Allan is playing Saturday, Oct. 23 and the big ticket Lonestar, will be performing Sunday, Oct. 24. Both shows play at 7:30 p.m. in the Dorton Arena for an extra charge of \$5 to \$10.

Friday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 24 you may also go and see the fast-action, car-crashing Demolition Derby event that is held annually in the local stadium. And if that doesn't get your heart racing, you better head over to the rides. The Sling Shot, Tango Tidal Wave and Super Himalaya are among the top choices, but if you like high and fast stomach-jerking rides, a wait to ride on the Power Surge will surely be worth it. Like the Tango, it is a ride where you are strapped into a four-man seat, only you go extra high and spin around a lot more than other typical

fair rides. Plus, this ride actually lasts more than 30 seconds.

So you've ridden some rides, eaten some food and walked around way too much. You may just want to go home, but remember there is a lot more to the fair. The North Carolina State Fair has some of the best agricultural shows in the South. You can go and see cows, pigs, chickens and many other animals compete in various events. There are garden shows and tractor shows, tractor pulls and even pie-eating contests. The fair offers something for everyone who visits it this year. You have until Sunday to get there.

The fair opens at 9 a.m. and your admission ticket is good until midnight of that same day so you'll have plenty of time to fully experience the North Carolina State Fair. For more information, to get directions or to see a daily schedule visit NCStateFair.org and click on General Info.

This writer can be contacted at features@theeastcarolinian.com.

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It can be used to shape protocol, too, including when the body needs recovery time.

"An athlete like (Seahawk fullback) Heath Evans, or any athlete, is interested in making sure their body is responding properly to their training and that their bodies are going to be in optimal condition when they need them to be during the season," Jamieson says.

But can it help us normal folk? My test wound up with several pages of graphs and colorful charts about my various internal systems:

The stack included an overall evaluation: Central nervous system: sufficient resistance to physical and psychic loads. Gas exchange and cardiopulmonary system: early indication of hyperfunction.

Detoxification system: tendency toward overload. Hypothalamic-hypophyseal-adrenal systems: Insignificant hypofunction. It also assessed my reactions, which was my only mark that gave me pride.

Jamieson explained it was just a snapshot of what was going on that particular day.

Such results, he says, provide a baseline for future testing and for developing individualized training - also based on goals, lifestyle and training experience. That individualized method is safer and brings faster results, he said.

He typically charges \$100 for the first consultation, which includes interpreting the results and setting up a training plan. Pricing for follow-up tests varies, but generally cost about \$25.

Is such a device necessary? Some think so, some not. Is it something we civilians could gain from?

Huffstutter says yes. The OmegaWave measures and interprets adaptation and reaction to stress, something many of us don't have a feel for.

And we lack the body-awareness, time and even-keel approach that true athletes have. In fact, the system is being used in Holland by a researcher who is studying corporate burnout.

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Americans have too much on their plates?

(KRT) — Donna Ihms didn't want to seem weird, and her date didn't want to seem cheap. Neither of them was sure the restaurant would allow it.

But two entrees just seemed like too much food.

"So one of us said, 'Why don't we just split something?'" says Ihms, who lives in Dallas. "It just made sense not to stuff ourselves or leave so much food behind. Then it dawned on me what we were doing."

What they were doing was portion control, a buzzword in America's battle against obesity.

At home, you can plan how much to eat, put your food on a kitchen scale, save leftovers for the next meal.

But eating out in a super sized world presents a buffet of challenges.

"A typical restaurant portion might be two or three servings," says Jennifer Neily, a dietitian at the Cooper Clinic. "And that's before the rolls and the chips and all the other extras."

Those factors can make calorie counting at a restaurant next to impossible.

Most fast-food chains now reveal their nutritional content, either in a pamphlet at the restaurant or on Web sites. You may not want to know what's in that Super Value Meal, but it's not hard to find out.

Moreover, they're served in specific portions, so the totals are easy to add up.

But head upscale on the food chain and that's no longer true. From all-you-can-eat buffets to endless pasta bowls to restaurants that give you lots of food for your money, there's no telling

how much fat, cholesterol and calories you're piling up.

"When we were younger and got to go out for dinner, it was a real special occasion," says Lori Goodman, a Weight Watchers group leader in Dallas. "It was a special treat, so you didn't have to worry about it so much."

"But with our busy lifestyles now, it's a necessity to eat out a lot," she says. "So you need to make better choices."

Researchers have documented that portion sizes have ballooned at many restaurants as Americans' appetites grow along with their desire to feel that they're getting their money's worth.

And when presented more food, says Barbara Rolls, professor of nutritional science at Penn State University, we're likely to eat it.

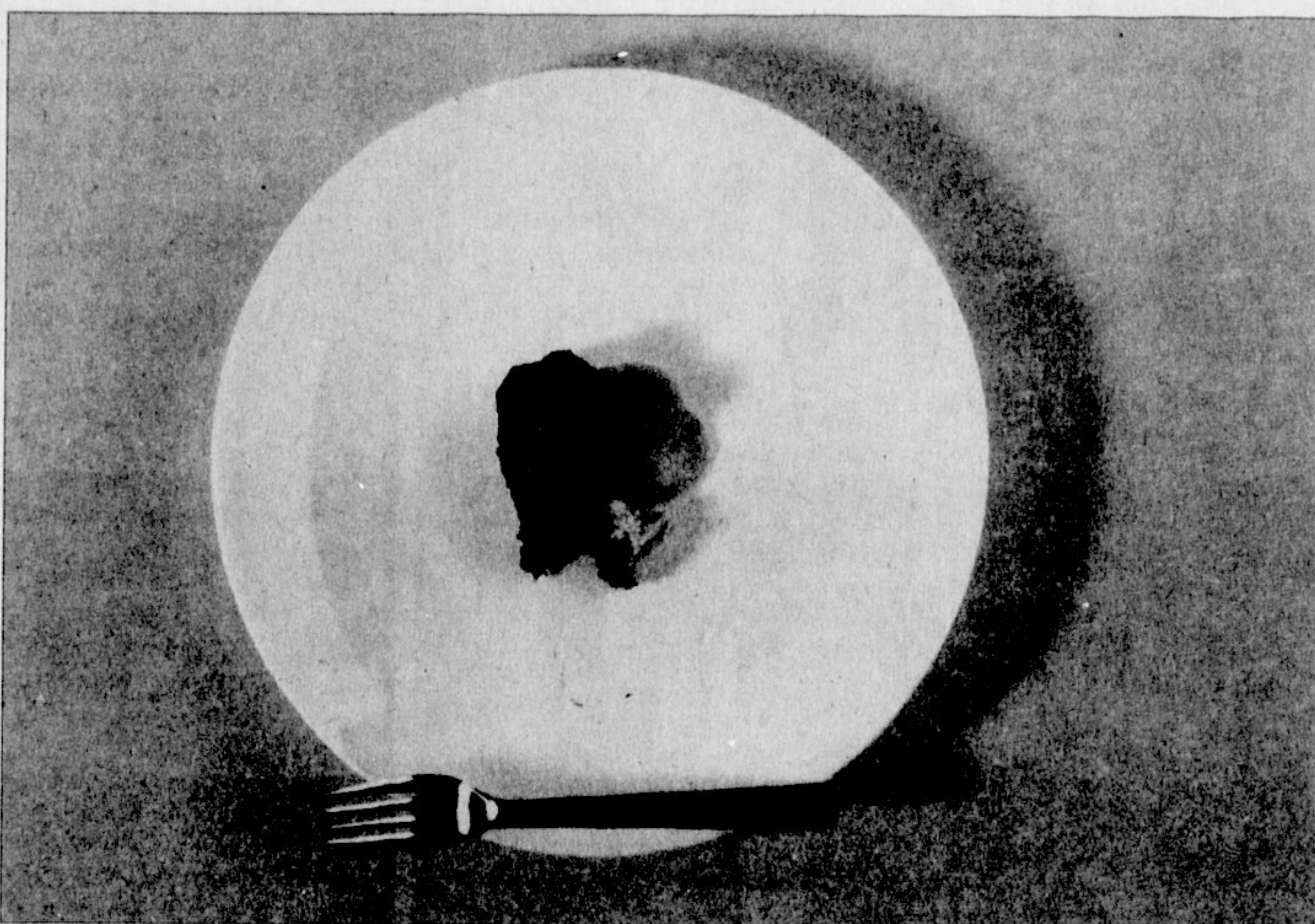
"As a species, we're very bad at resisting temptation," says Rolls, whose studies have shown that larger portions lead to more consumption.

"Customers like this food, and we're so concerned about value that we can't be expected to leave it on the plate," Rolls says. "But we're in the midst of an obesity epidemic which is going to overwhelm our health-care system and something needs to be done."

Nutrition advocates are pressing the restaurant industry to make nutritional information more available to customers and offer more options to eat less.

In the meantime, Rolls says, "If you eat out a lot, you really need to have defensive strategies."

Goodman's advice includes not arriving too hungry, pre-



Portion control is the latest buzzword in America's battle with obesity and diet crazes.

viewing the menu to scout the best options, asking for healthier substitutions and getting every sauce and dressing on the side.

"You'll get a taste and you'll be amazed what you have left," she says. "It's just part of being more mindful, and it's absolutely something you have to practice."

But the hardest part may be downsizing the notion of what constitutes a serving.

Nutritionists recommend visualizing a meat portion as the size of a deck of cards, a starch portion as the size of your fist. Neily says you should look at your plate as having four quar-

ters: one-fourth meat portion, one-fourth complex carbohydrate such as pasta or potato, and one-half vegetables.

If a big restaurant portion is on the way, the simplest solution is to split it. If you don't have a dining partner, Goodman says, have the waiter bring the to-go box with the meal.

"If you cut your food in half right away and put half in your box, you won't miss it," she says. "Out of sight, out of mind. But if it's still in front of you, you'll keep picking at it."

Weight Watchers tends to provide catchy phrases to reinforce good habits, and portion

control is no exception.

If there's too much on your plate, Goodman says, "we say you can waste your food, or you can waste your food."

Ihms says she and her boyfriend regularly share restaurant meals, "and it's opened up all sorts of possibilities."

"Our goal wasn't to save money, but sometimes it works out that way," she says. "You can order an appetizer or dessert, or get something else on the side."

And when they're finished, Ihms says, "there's still almost always something left over. We'll say to each other, 'How can one person eat all this?'"

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said Captain Sue Barrett, the head of a local fire station.

"We're expected to do the same job," Barrett started her career in the Winterville Fire Department and later joined Greenville Fire and Rescue, where she worked her way up the ranks.

"I work real hard when I'm here, I work real hard when I'm not here," Barrett said when she was asked how she achieved her rank of captain. When asked about any difficulties she faced due to her gender she said, "For me it has been smooth, they're (the men) are part of the reason I am where I am today."

On the flipside, Captain Shannon Terry, a member of the Greenville Professional Firefighter's Association and Women in the Fire Service, Inc., has had to deal with discrimination from the public.

"As a female I get a lot of hostility from people who appear to have drunk a lot of alcohol," said Terry.

Terry went on to reveal that often members of the public feel they can get away with saying things to her because of her gender.

In regards to the ECU campus, attitudes toward women firefighters seem to be very positive.

"I think that female firefighters deserve the chance to prove their courage and bravery. Anyone who has the ability and willingness to help others in time of need is very commendable," wrote sophomore Jessica Collier, on an ECU discussion board put up to gauge the opinion of ECU students about female firefighters. A grad student named Sarah Downing expressed a similar sentiment.

"Anybody can do anything these days. I know there are some women who would make excellent firefighters," Downing wrote.

No matter what happens in the future, women firefighters have already made their mark on history with the many lives they and their male counterparts have saved.

To all the firefighters out there, thank you.

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Teaching from page A7

feel isolated most of the time," said Glen Joyner, principal of Belvoir Elementary School and former (male) middle school teacher.

"Females are known to be more understanding as far as changes within young girls and even little boys," said Danielle Brown, Eastern Elementary School secretary.

Most teachers have kids of their own, which make them a little more aware of children's needs, especially in a society where children live in single parent homes where most of whom are mothers. Motherly instinct is always a plus in teaching primary school children.

"Typical elementary school teachers are Caucasian, middle class females, although there has been a slight increase in male elementary school teachers these days," said Scott Thompson, professor and coordinator of elementary teaching.

Males are looked down upon because it is not a typical men's job. Male teachers apparently don't become teachers because of money. They are and have to be highly interested in teaching. They are passionate about their occupation and actually want to get out there and make a difference to not exactly raise, but help guide young children into the right paths. Most males do not initially jump into elementary education. They have no choice but to go by whatever openings that are available. Those that settle become comfortable teaching that level of education and end up loving it.

Although females make up 80 percent of elementary school faculty, males continue to increase slowly but surely in elementary education. Upper grades, like middle and high school, are well balanced. Even though males could be just as effective as female teachers, most males apparently don't look into primary school teaching as a full time career. It is a good start for those fresh out of college. Elementary education has a high demand for male teachers. In the future, male teachers could steadily increase in elementary schools eventually making them as well balanced as middle and high school.

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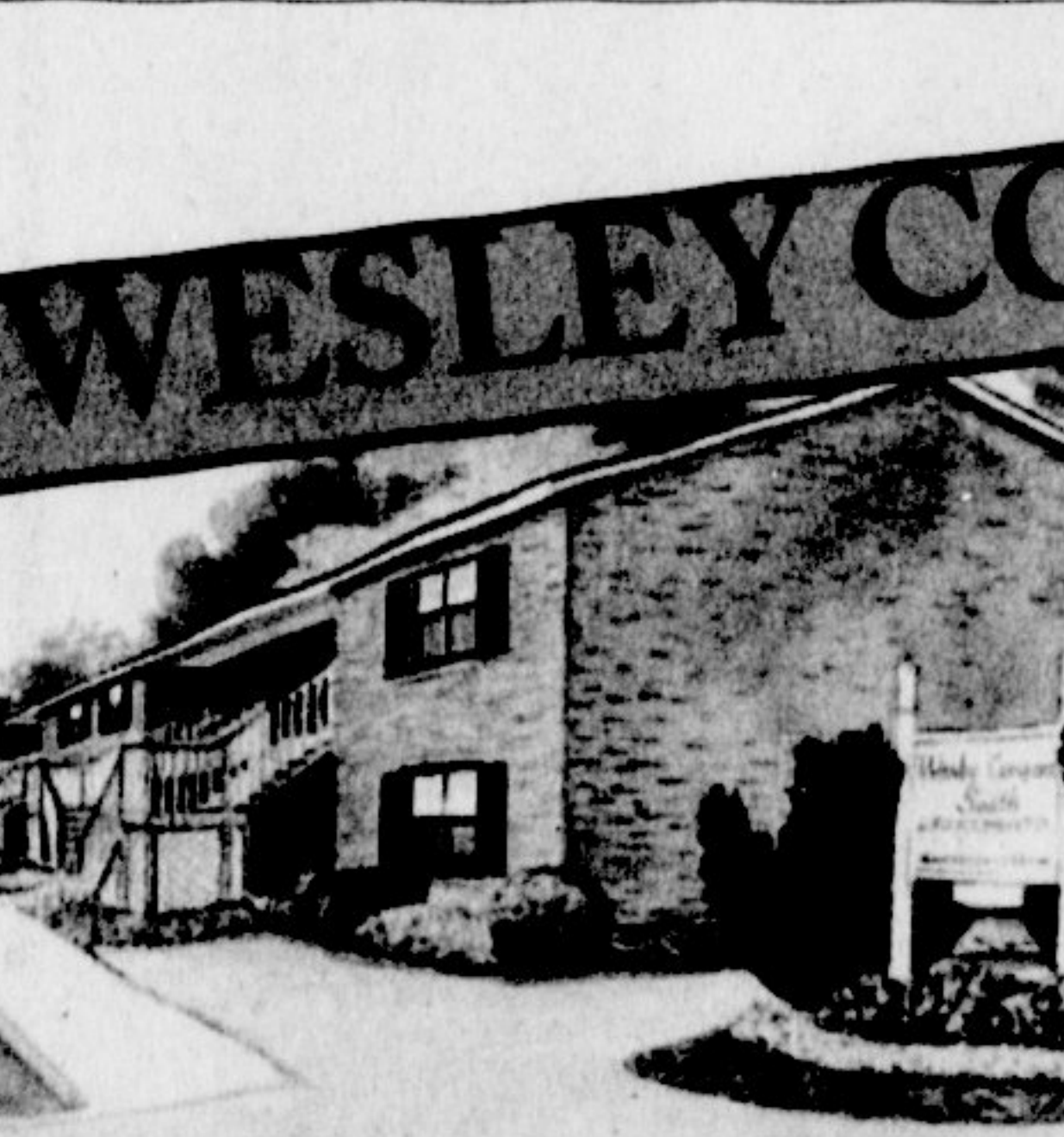
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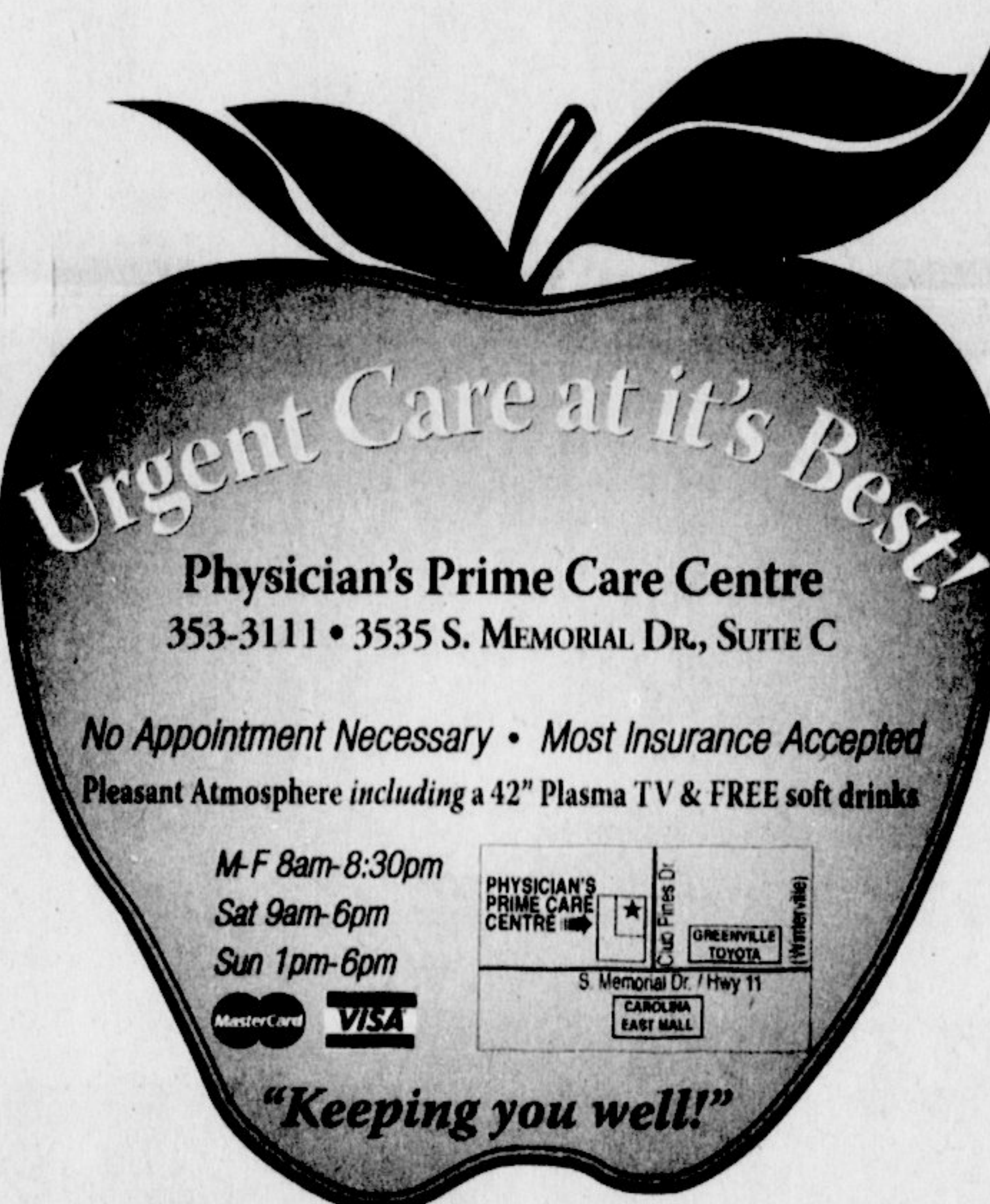
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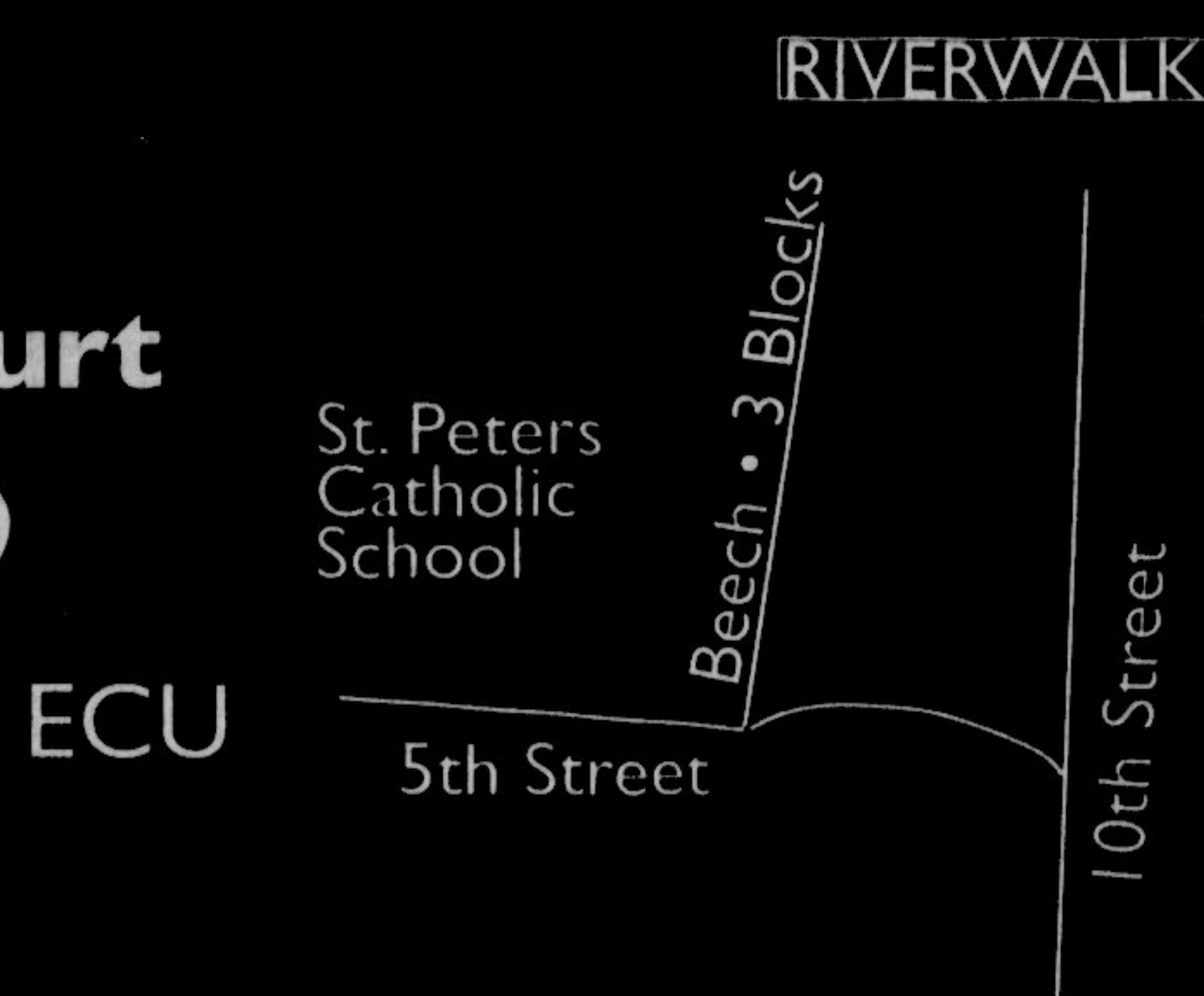
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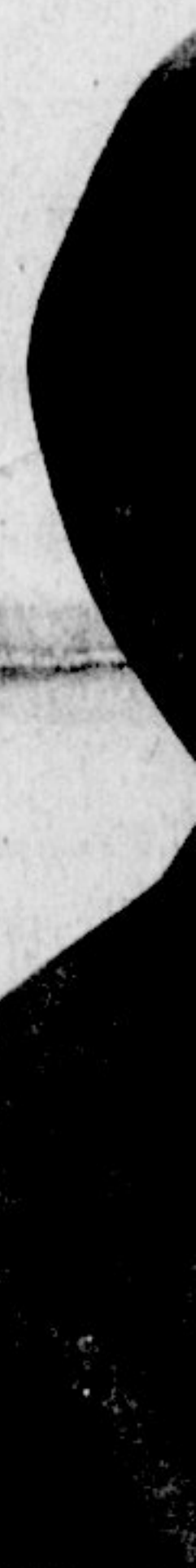


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A Tale of Two Teams



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Patriots looking as strong as ever

TONY ZOPPO
SPORTS EDITOR

The New England Patriots earned their second Vince Lombardi trophy in three years after they defeated Carolina last season 32-29 in Super Bowl XXXVIII. They were a team of many strengths and just one weakness last year, boasting everything but a running game.

With the acquisition of Corey Dillon from the Cincinnati Bengals over the off-season, the Patriots no longer have a discernable weakness.

Throughout his career, Dillon was the only cat on the Bengals who had the ability to play well

consistently and he did just that for seven long, painful years. He rushed for more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six years in the

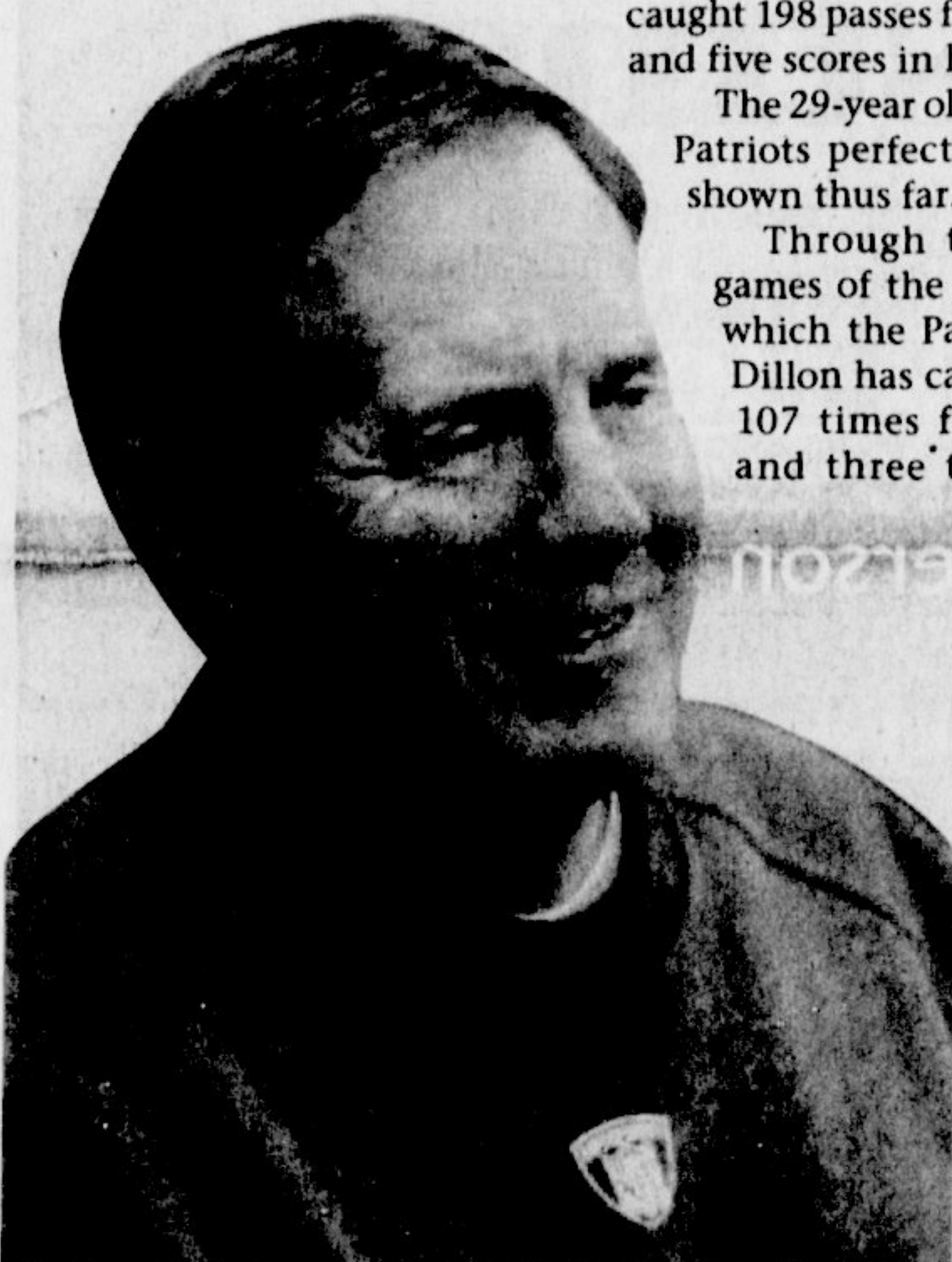


NFL (all with Cincinnati). The only season he didn't rush for at least 1,100 yards was last year when Rudi Johnson took over at running back for the disgruntled Dillon.

Dillon is also a guy who holds onto the ball. In 112 games, he has fumbled just 21 times - that's barely more than once per season. He can also give you quality plays catching the ball out of the backfield as he has caught 198 passes for 1,510 yards and five scores in his career.

The 29-year old fits with the Patriots perfectly and it has shown thus far.

Through the first five games of the season, all of which the Pats have won, Dillon has carried the ball 107 times for 522 yards and three touchdowns.



THE PATRIOTS AND PANTHERS ARE HEADED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS THIS SEASON. ONE MAY END UP PLAYING IN ANOTHER SUPER BOWL WHILE THE OTHER WILL BE LUCKY TO STRUGGLE TO A .500 RECORD. WHAT CHANGED AND WHAT STAYED THE SAME? LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

He has also collected six receptions for 28 yards and fumbled only once.

However, the thing that makes New England special, a team some are starting to call a possible dynasty is that they don't have just one guy excelling at doing his job. The Patriots have an entire team full of players who can give you quality performances week in and week out.

Tom Brady is unquestionably the Patriots' leader in the huddle. He is perhaps the most poised quarterback in the league and definitely among the leaders in football IQ. Brady also performs his best when under pressure - a quality that all great athletes possess. The two-time MVP has thrown for 1,159 yards on 84-143 passing with 10 touchdowns this season.

Brady's receiving core has taken a few hits this year as Deion Branch, Brady's top target last season, has been out with a knee ailment since week three. Troy Brown, the third-leading receiver last year, has been bothered by a shoulder injury for most of the season.

One of the main reasons the Pats stay ahead of most teams is their depth. The two Davids in the core, Givens and Patten, have stepped up in Branch and Brown's absence. Givens is leading the team with 19 receptions for 336 yards and one score while Patten has corralled 17 passes for 324 yards and three trips to pay dirt. Also complementing the leaders is the speedy Bethel Johnson who is playing through pain, and tight ends Christian Fauria and Daniel Graham. Kevin Faulk is also a valuable receiver out of the backfield and is often effective on screens, swing passes and short routes over the middle.

Patriots' offense, thy name is versatility.

New England's defense boasts much of the same solid talent, consistency and work ethic, but the team's one potential weakness is also found on that side

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Carolina wracked by injuries in 2004

TONY ZOPPO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Carolina Panthers, who stunned everyone last year by making an appearance in Super Bowl XXXVIII and tearing through the NFC like a hot knife through butter, are standing at 1-4 and third in the NFC South this season. A team that had so much promise coming out of a heartbreaking loss to the Patriots in the title game last year has looked anemic on offense and the D-line, pride of the Panthers a season ago, looks flat-out weak.

What on Earth happened?

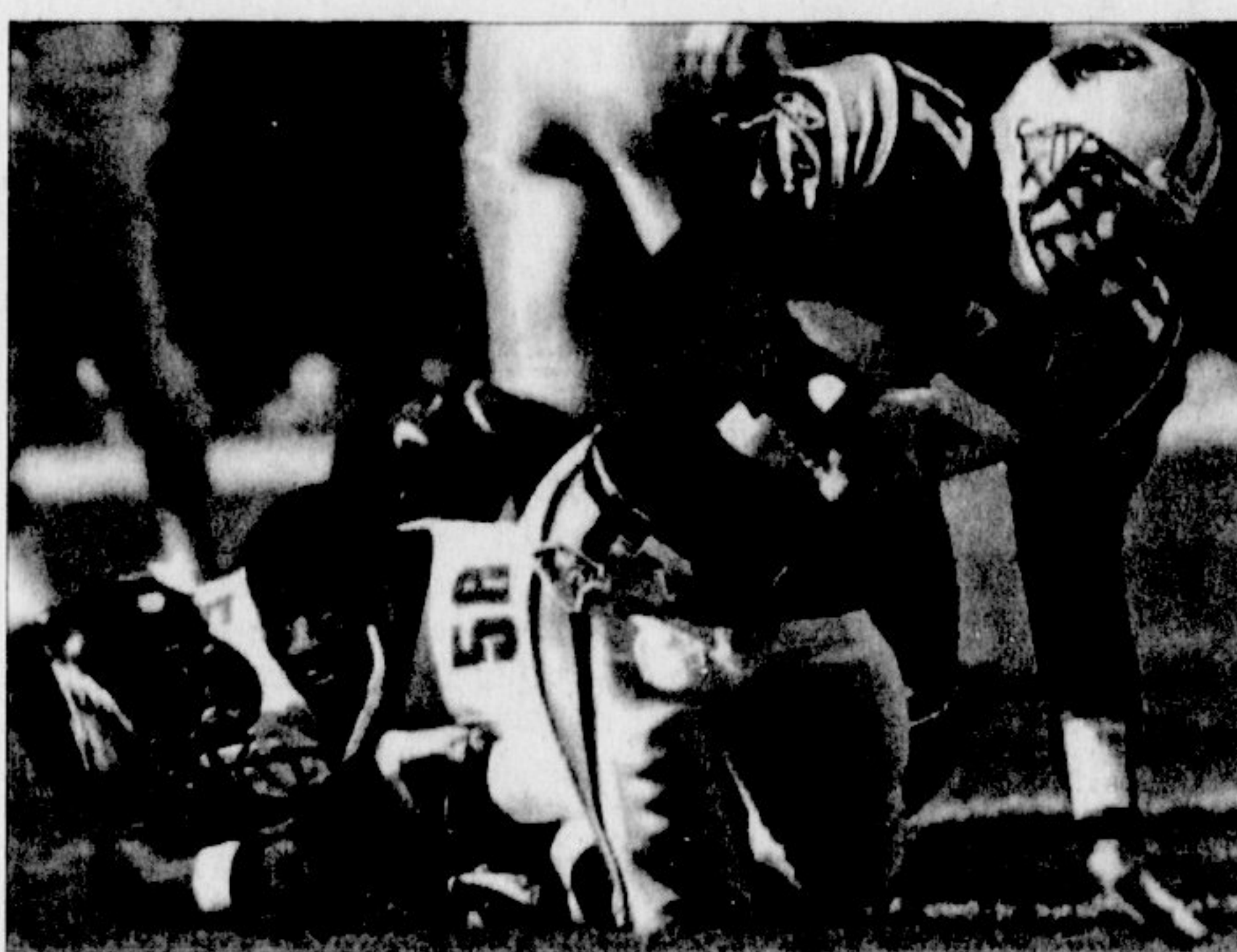
Something that can kill even the best teams in the NFL - injuries.

Saying that injuries have hurt Carolina would be a massive understatement - they have devastated this team.

After just the first week of the season, their two biggest offensive threats went down with injuries.

Stephen Davis was forced to go under the knife for knee surgery after an aggravated ligament problem and explosive wide receiver Steve Smith is out indefinitely with a broken leg. However, even after suffering those huge losses during the 24-14 opening night defeat at the hands of the Green Bay Packers, the Panthers bounced back the following week and beat the offensive-minded Kansas City Chiefs 28-17.

Explosive backup DeShaun Foster started in place of Davis and had a spectacular day with 32 carries for 174 yards and one score. Keary Colbert, the University of Southern California's all-time leading wide out, came in to replace Steve Smith and also did an outstanding job, catching three passes for 46 yards and a touchdown. But Carolina took yet another big blow that game as defensive tackle Brentson Buckner exited with a minor



Delhomme has been in this position often for Carolina.

knee injury.

The Panthers went on to Atlanta in week three and got stomped on by Mike Vick and



the Falcons 27-10 and yet another injury popped up, again on defense. Linebacker Mark Fields began to suffer back spasms after that game and didn't make the flight to Denver this past weekend because the team feared it would aggravate the injury further.

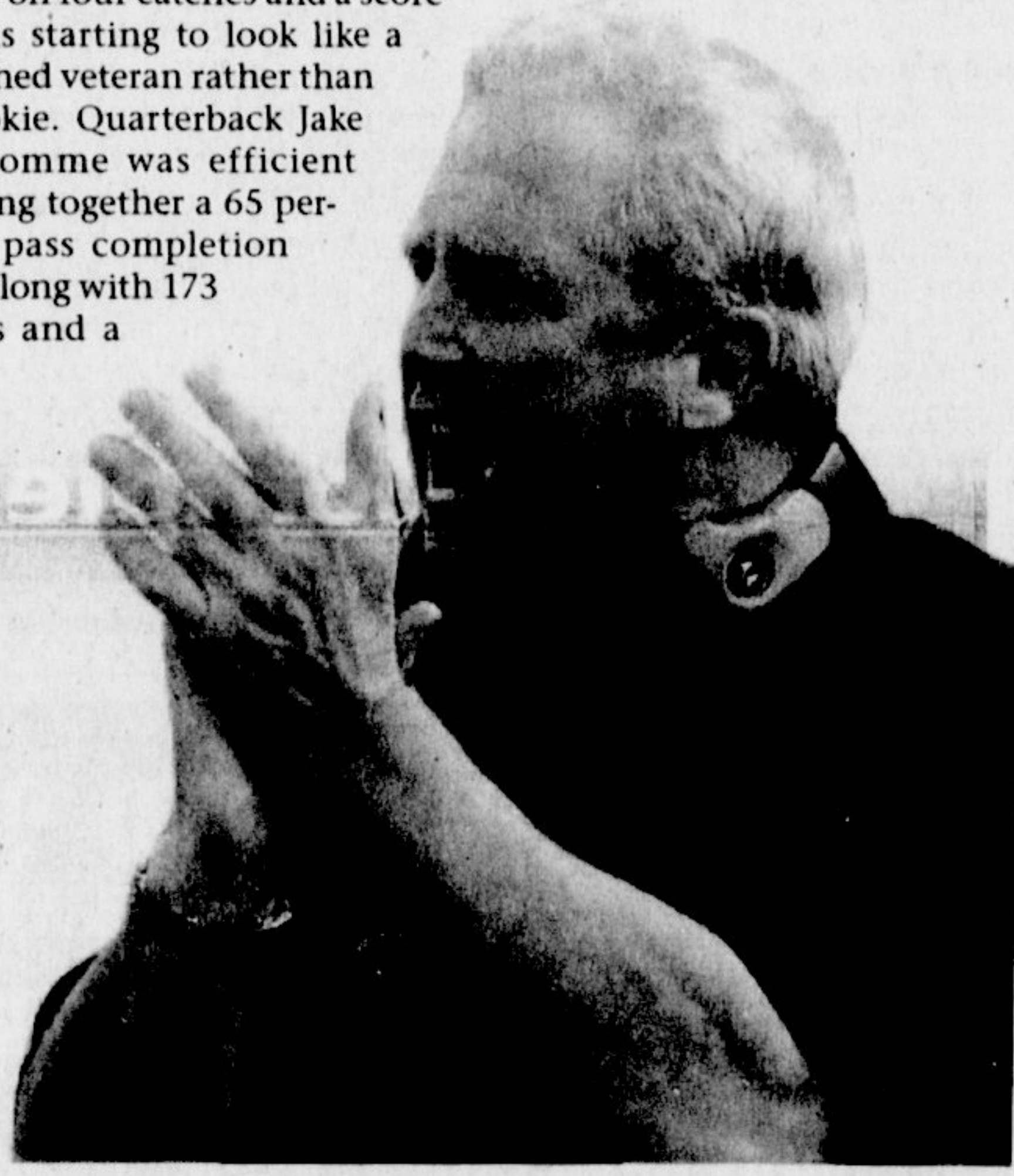
Then we come to two Sundays ago against the Broncos. Colbert lead the receiving core with 115 yards on four catches and a score and is starting to look like a polished veteran rather than a rookie. Quarterback Jake Delhomme was efficient putting together a 65 percent pass completion rate along with 173 yards and a

touchdown pass. But a bonehead penalty by offensive tackle Matt Willig pushed Carolina out of field goal range late in the game. This will eventually cost the Panthers a chance at tying the game up 20-20 and perhaps taking it into overtime.

The loss hurt Carolina but not as much as losing yet another key offensive player. Foster went down in the second half with an injury to what looked like his chest. It turned out to be a broken collarbone and Foster is out for 6-10 weeks.

Davis came back this last Sunday against the Eagles but carried the ball just 15 times as the Philadelphia Eagles shelled the Panthers 30-8.

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Week Six: TEC predictions



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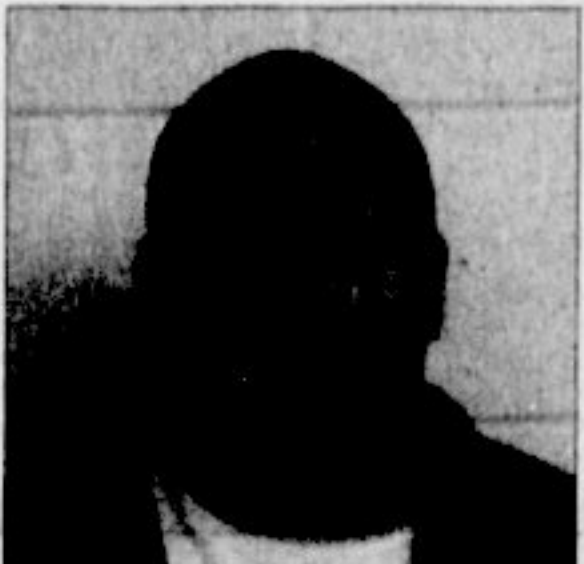
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Leonard, Foster at top

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the season nearly half-way through, the race between the staff is starting to heat up. The leader board is starting to take shape with Robert Leonard and Matthew Foster at the top. Leonard led the staff with a 9-1 record last week.

Maryland vs. Clemson
Disappointing is the only word to describe these two teams this season. The Terps have been anemic on offense the past several weeks and the Tigers are winless since an opening game

overtime victory against Wake Forest. The Terrapins seem to be the stronger team but will have to come out of their shell to take down Clemson at home. Maryland wins 20-13.

BC vs. Notre Dame
The Irish have emerged from obscurity and are well on their way to becoming the dynasty they once were. OK, maybe not, but Notre Dame wins again against Boston College by the score of 26-12.

Michigan vs. Purdue
These two elite squads are battling for the Big Ten title and the loser will likely drop out of the race. Purdue's high-powered offense was stymied by Wisconsin last week, but look for them to

rebound against the Wolverines. I'd like the Boilermakers to take this one in a shootout 34-31.

Texas vs. Texas Tech
This game could be an upset in the making. The Red Raiders have lit up the scoreboard for 70 points twice this season, but they won't get even close to half that against the Longhorns. Texas Tech makes it interesting late, but Texas pulls away for a 30-24 win.

ECU vs. Southern Miss
The Pirates will head down south to face Conference USA rival Southern Miss. I believe the Golden Eagles are vastly overrated and suspect against the run. If ECU were hosting USM, this could be an interesting match-up. But, the Pirates have struggled mightily

on the road and should fall 33-17.

Chargers vs. Panthers
One year removed from a Super Bowl appearance, Carolina is in danger of losing the season with a few more losses. The Panthers have been decimated by injuries while San Diego has one of the top offenses in the NFL. The Chargers win 27-13 and Carolina should start thinking about next year.

Falcons vs. Chiefs
I thought the Chiefs finally started clicking, but then they fall to an over achieving Jacksonville team. Falcons quarterback Michael Vick has been average this season and maybe even a little boring. I want to see more of him breaking ankles against

Kansas City, but I think it's the Falcons' defense that preserves a close 23-20 victory.

Jets vs. Patriots
Easily the best NFL game of the week, these undefeated teams will compete at New England. Everyone is talking about the Patriots' winning streak, but New York may have the best shot at taking them down. However, I think the Pats could be the second team in NFL history to go undefeated so I'm taking New England in a 24-23 win.

Cowboys vs. Packers
These two storied franchises have fallen on rough times in 2004 and both are on the brink of a dismal season. But a win could earn some momentum for a late

push. I'll take Brett Favre on my team any day against an aging Vinny Testaverde and no running game. Head Coach Bill Parcells is the only reason the Cowboys are staying afloat and they lose again to Green Bay 20-16.

Bears vs. Buccaneers
The only reason to watch this game is to induce a nice long nap on the couch. The season is undoubtedly over for both teams and now the only thing to compete for is a higher draft pick next season. Hopefully, Chicago doesn't waste another one on a mediocre player because Tampa Bay will win this one 13-7.

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*Not featured in this installment: Brandi Renfro (32-18)

ECU picks up crucial victories

Lady Pirates sweep
C-USA weekend series

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STAFF WRITER

While students scattered to various destinations for fall break, the ECU women's soccer team stayed in Greenville and fought for their hopes of making the conference tournament. Before the weekend started, the Lady Pirates found themselves on the outside looking in at the bottom of the standings.

Tulane and Southern Miss both came into town ahead of ECU in the standings. With only one conference win, the Lady Pirates have struggled all season. The importance of these two games was high and both Tulane and Southern Miss have struggled as well. This was the Pirates' golden opportunity to pick up two wins and four valuable points in the conference standings. Mission accomplished.

Tulane came into town Friday with hopes of defeating ECU. Friday marked the first time the Green Wave came to Greenville and the Lady Pirates were not friendly hosts.

Juniors Meghan McCallion and Carmen Calpo were the stars of the game as they led the Pirate offense.

McCallion's goal came in the 41st minute of play on a break-away. Calpo found McCallion up field with only one defender to beat. McCallion worked her way past the defender and was

one-on-one with the keeper. Her shot would touch nothing but the back of the net as the Pirates took an early 1-0 lead.

McCallion and Calpo weren't through.

Calpo found herself with a shot, but it was saved. Calpo got her own rebound and found McCallion wide open. She fired a shot and scored her second goal of the day from about 12 yards out.

The Pirate defense would hold strong as goalkeeper Lindsay Troxler stopped all seven of Tulane's shots. With the shut-out, Troxler moved into fourth all-time on the ECU shut out list and the team picked up a much needed win.

The Southern Miss Golden Eagles came to town Sunday. Southern Miss has been a team near the bottom of the standings all season. The Pirates needed a win to pick up their first conference weekend sweep of the season.

Southern Miss came out early and scored in the 12th minute of play to take a 1-0 advantage. At times like this earlier in the season, things just seemed to get worse. The team would turn up the pressure and would give up one or two more goals. This time, it wouldn't be the case.

ECU hung in there for the rest of the half and came out after the break and got on the board. Once again, Calpo would be the quarterback for the Pirate attack.

She found McCallion open downfield. McCallion would get



CALPO

a shot off, but it was blocked. Senior Krystal Pabey took the rebound and tied the game up.

Pabey would later throw the ball in from out of bounds and found sophomore Rachel Hils who scored what would be the game winning goal.

With the two wins, the Pirates are now on the inside looking in so to speak. They moved into a tie for seventh place in conference standings. One of the teams they are tied with is Tulane. The win on Friday now gives the Pirates the all-important tiebreaker against the Green Wave.

The Lady Pirates will try to move up the standings once again this weekend on the road against Cincinnati and Louisville.

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ECU swimming/diving teams crush College of Charleston

Teams off to great
early season starts

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For most teams, the first event or competition on a new season is used to gauge where the team is in their training and to make the needed adjustments for the upcoming schedule. However, some teams don't fall under the typical opening for a new year, like the Pirate swim team.

This past Saturday marked the season opener for the Pirates

as they hosted the College of Charleston in the Minges Aquatic Center. Neither team left any doubt as to what the outcome of the meet would be. The women downed the Lady Cougars 183-109, while the men took care of business with a convincing 172-102 victory.

ECU Head Coach Rick Kobe was in high spirits after the solid performances from both teams.

"We were absolutely ecstatic on how we swam and dove today," said Kobe.

"The College of Charleston is an up and coming team, but we knew we could handle that. We

just truly swam extremely fast."

Extremely fast included a varsity record set in the 100-yard backstroke by Josh Barthlow with a winning time of 50.68 seconds.

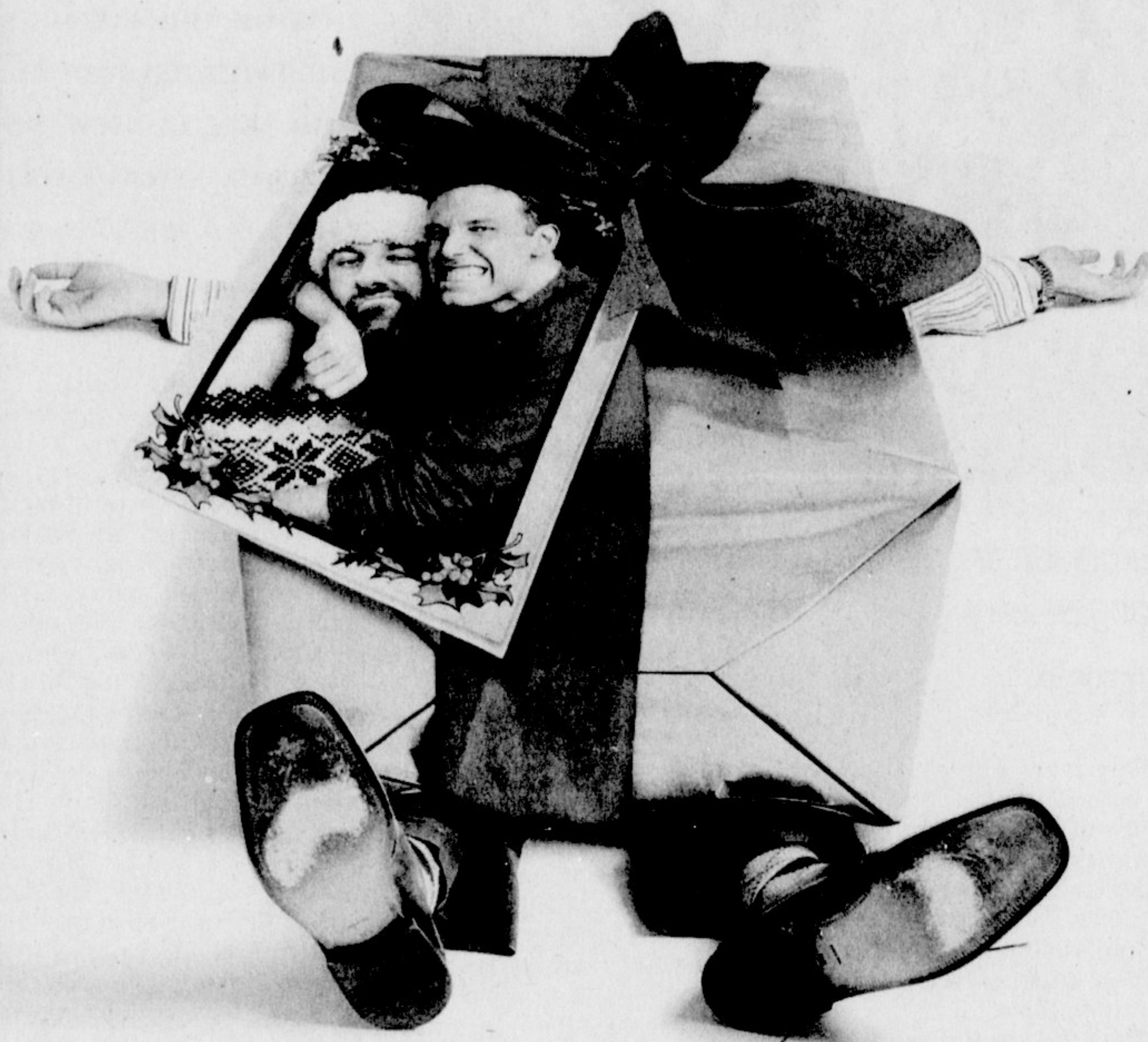
"It's huge to swim that fast this early," Kobe said.

"Just about every person on this team had incredible early season times. So it makes us really excited about the potential for the rest of the year."

On the women's side, freshmen EC Moore and Megan Pulaski paced the team by posting two victories each. Moore

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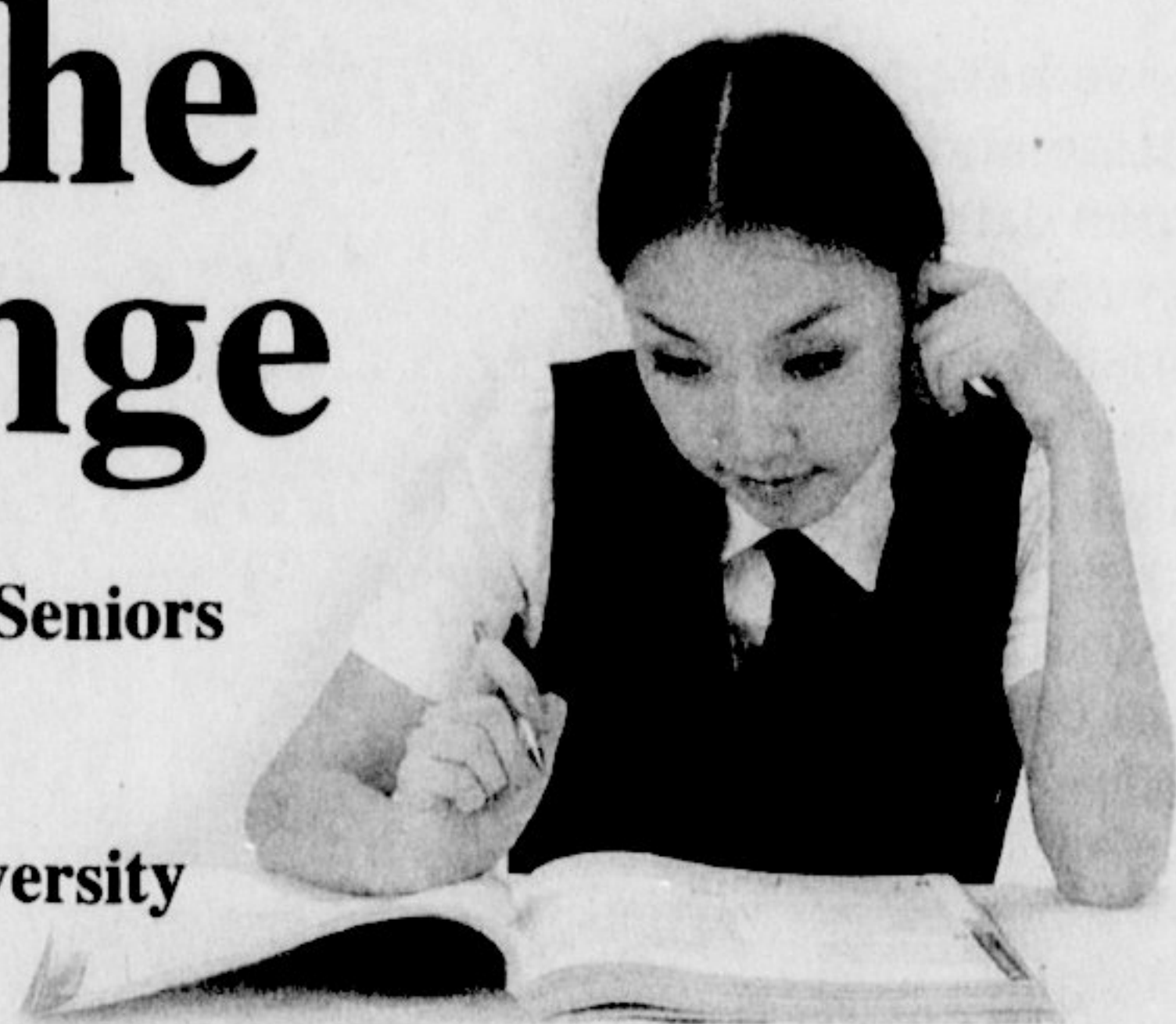
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won the 100 backstroke (1:00.66) and the 200 backstroke (2:07.78), while Pulaski took the 200 freestyle (1:55.87) and 500 freestyle (5:03.79). Age and experience led the men's side as seniors Dean Cheek and Casey Cronin also placed first in two events. Cheek won the 1000 freestyle (9:59.82) and 200 backstroke (1:56.31). Cronin took the 200 freestyle (1:42.59) and 200 breaststroke (2:09.09).

"We are exactly where we need to be right now, from top to bottom, event to event," Kobe said.

The ECU Diving Teams also had a lot of success in the pools as well, sweeping the board in their events.

"We did excellent today to bounce back after coming off a tough loss to Chapel Hill, who had a very talented team," said ECU Head Coach Richard MacDonald.

Both teams return to action this Saturday as they play host to



The Pirates will face Davidson this weekend at home.

Davidson at 2 p.m.

"I think it's going to be about the same level of competition as C of C, but we'll try and come in and be as excited as we can be and step up," MacDonald said.

"Davidson has a good pro-

gram and they have some really good kids, but we just plan on swimming faster than we did today," Kobe said.

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The night of champions: Part I

Long intramural season comes to an end

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Competition last Wednesday night brought about heartaches and triumphs as 12 teams competed in the 2004 Intramural Football Championships. These 12 teams were the best in their category and came to solidify a season of hard work and dedication.

Game one consisted of the sororities Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Phi. Both teams were excited to be here and to win a championship.

"We are very proud to be here and we have worked pretty hard to get here. We can't wait to go out there and represent," said Vicky Theodorou, of Alpha Xi Delta.

The game began with both teams coming out aggressively. Alpha Xi Delta came out very strong defensively, but Alpha Phi was ready and combated their aggressiveness with some of their own.

Unfortunately, the game was cut short during the first half due to an injury to a player. This game will resume sometime next week.

The next game was between Red Banks and Dem Boys & Dem.

Both teams are undefeated and this proved to be a very physical game.

They were both excited about being here and playing in the championship game.

"We're excited to be here and the entire season we have had the mentality that we need to treat each opponent like they are better than us," said Nicholas Bennett of Dem Boys & Dem.

"All of us are hungry and want to bring back a championship."

The game started out physical and fast paced, with Dem Boys & Dem scoring the first touchdown on a 10-yard throw from quarterback Daniel Henry.

Red Banks came back with a touchdown pass of their own from quarterback Nick Wright. Their defense forced a turnover and they scored their second touchdown of the first half.

At the end of the first half the score was 14-7 in favor of Red Banks.

Red Banks came into the second half with a tenacious defense and caused another turnover, but a fired up Dem Boys team took it right back.

Dem Boys came out strong offensively, but one of their players became too rowdy and was ejected from the game. This turned the game around and Red Banks regained possession of the ball. They scored another touch-

down, taking a 20-7 lead.

Unfortunately the game was called due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Red Banks and Dem Boys both played a heart wrenching and emotional game, but Red Banks came out victorious.

"They (Dem Boys) underestimated our offense, we played man to man the entire game because we scouted them and knew that we could win with that strategy. We were also very patient offensively and fortunately it paid off," said Wright.

The third game of the night was between Usual Suspects and 4-Schizzle. This was also expected to be both a physical and emotional game, and it lived up to each of those expectations.

The game began with 4-Schizzle coming out strong defensively and getting an interception by Eddie Jones. Usual Suspects countered with an interception of their own, but they couldn't connect offensively and 4-Schizzle retained possession. 4-Schizzle went on to score a touchdown by Travis Cox.

Usual Suspects struggled during the most of the first half to get things started offensively due to 4-Schizzle's hard nose defense. Reggie Williams of 4-Schizzle intercepted another pass and by the end of the first

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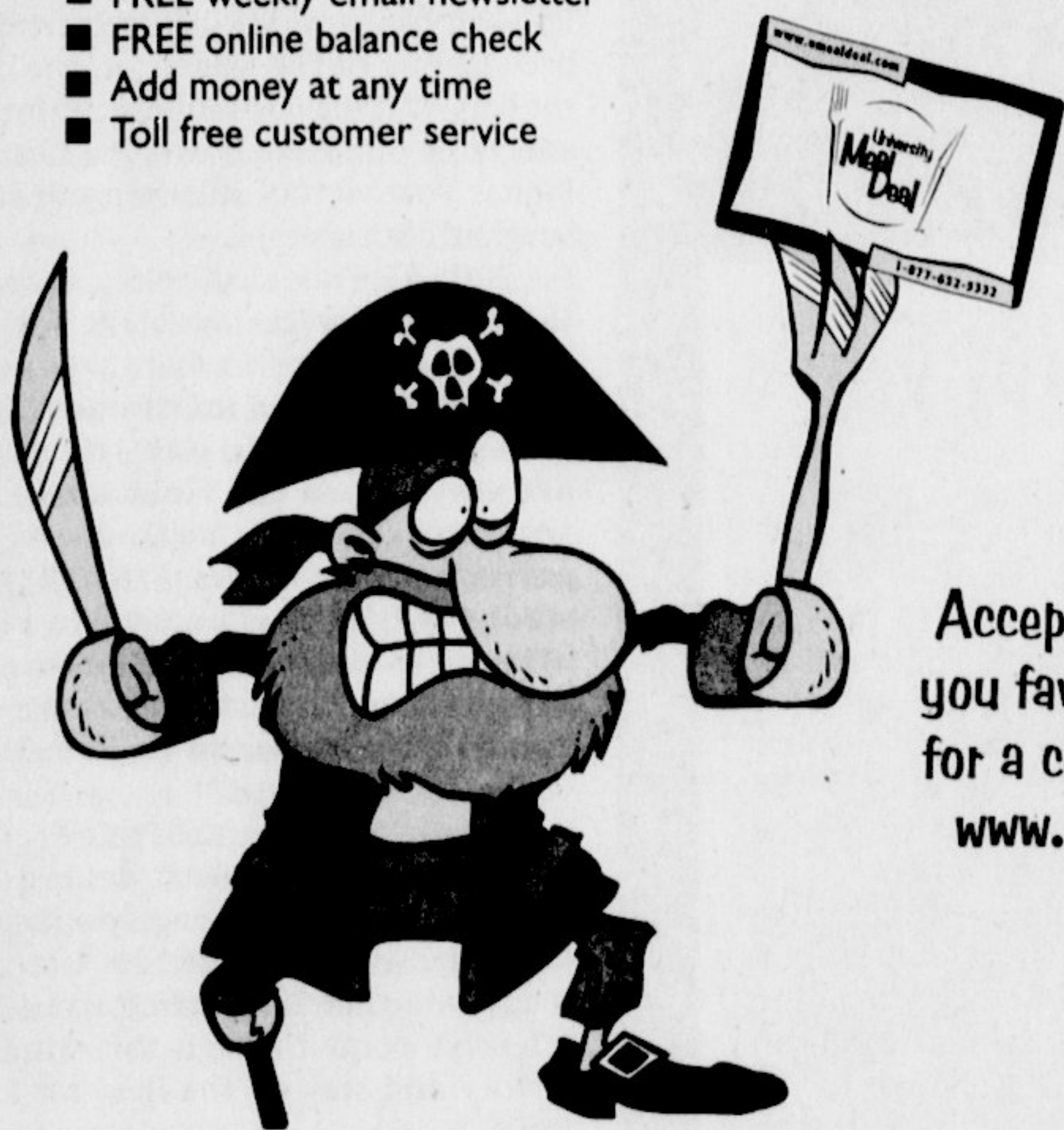
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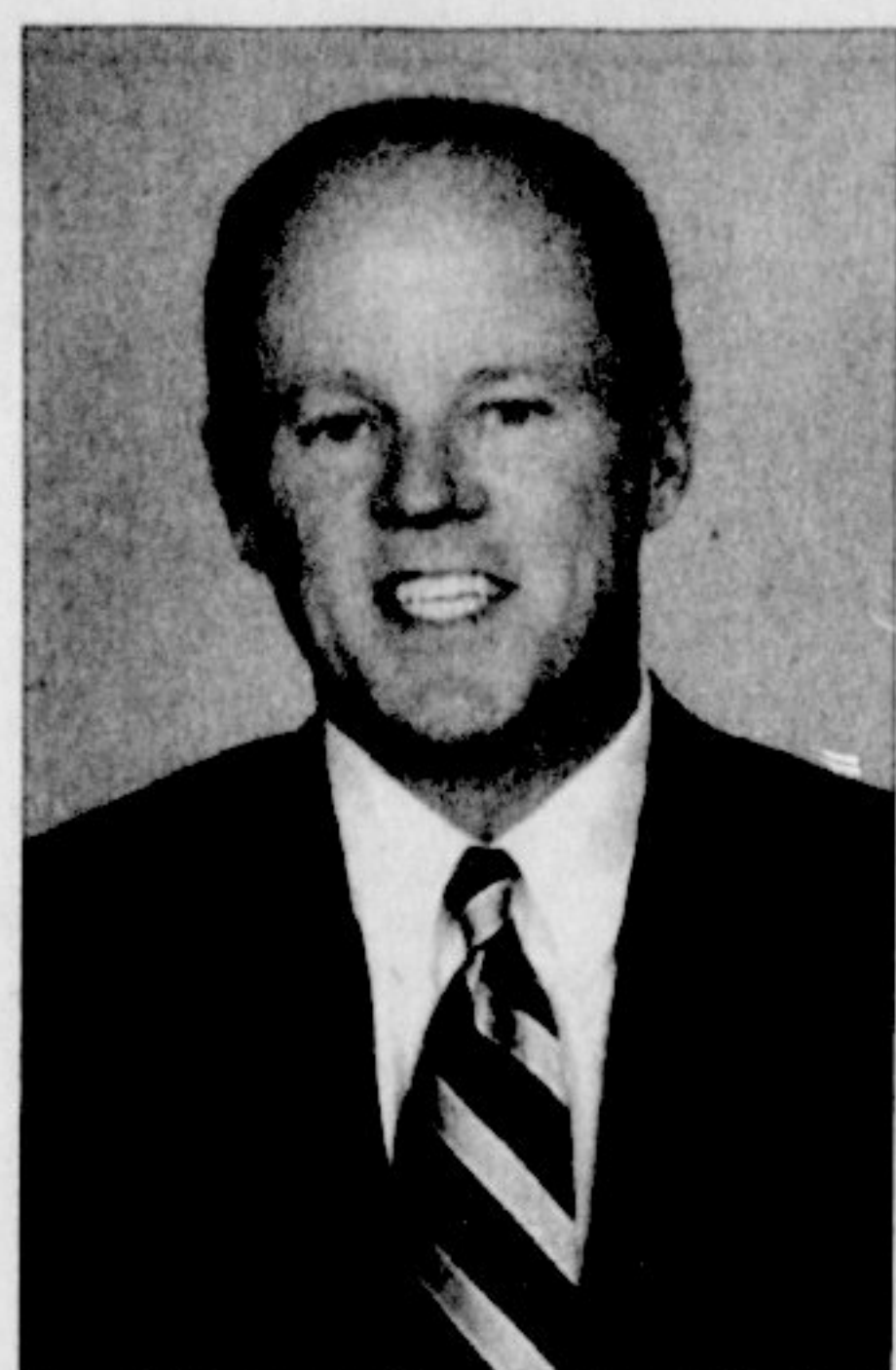
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"I think we are going to be a more prepared team because we have had more time to focus. We have really maximized that time and been able to focus and spend more time coming off of the open date. We didn't have a previous game to grade; we didn't have a previous game to review so we went straight to Southern Miss as soon as they got back on Monday morning. It has been very good. Obviously Jeff and I go back a long way. I worked there for seven years. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Jeff Bower and I have said this over and over in all regards. I am looking forward to taking our football program in there to play. I am not going in there to play Jeff Bower and he is not going to play me. It is our team against their team. I do respect him. Other than that, let's go play ball."

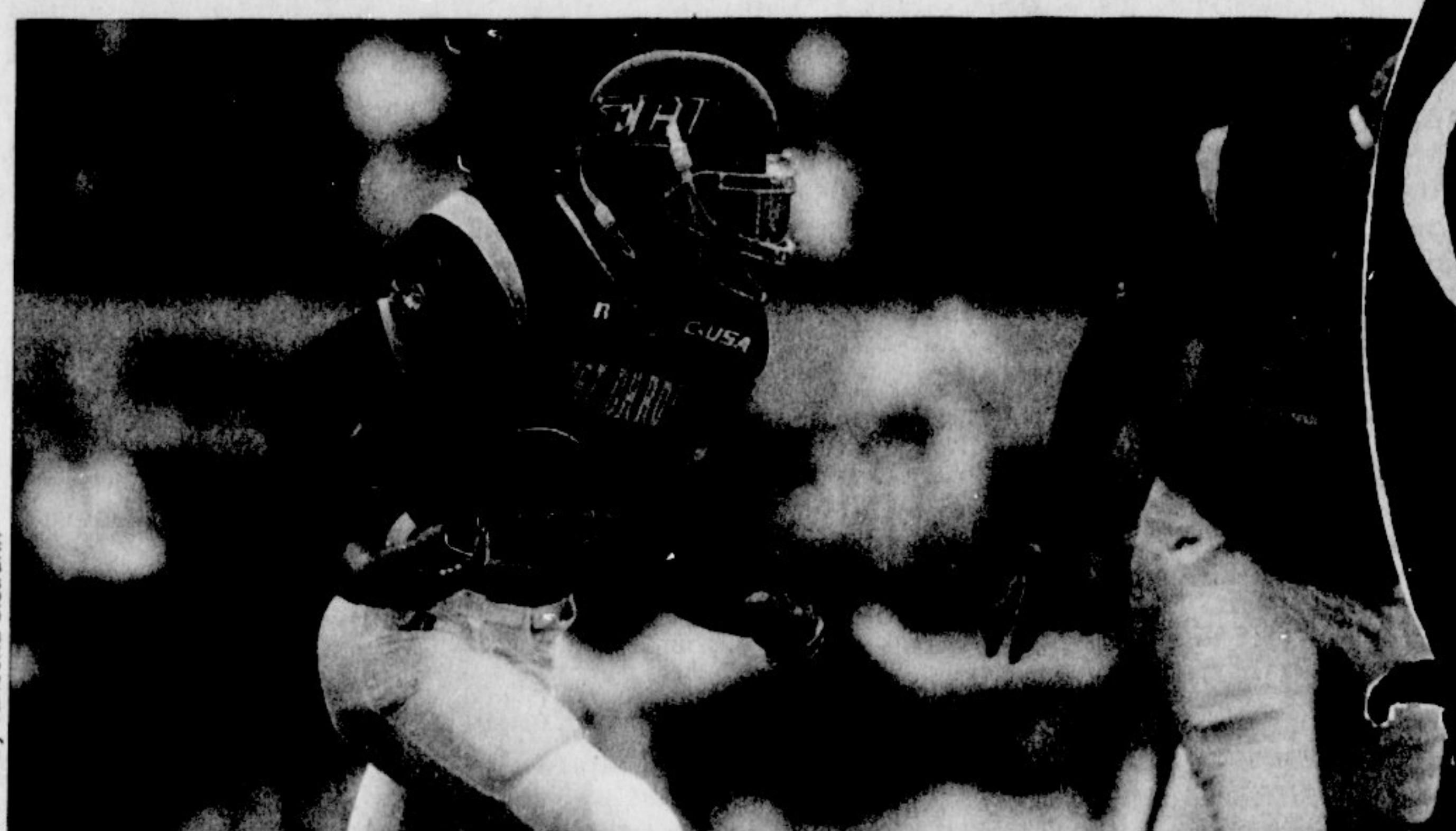


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Johnson will once again be the heart of ECU's offense against Southern Mississippi.

Pirates riding tide of victory

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The Pirates should be prepared to take on Conference USA rival Southern Miss following a bye week. Head Coach John Thompson earned his second career win two weeks ago while the Golden Eagles are coming off a 27-3 hammering at the hands of Alabama. Let's take a look at some of the advantages the Pirates could have in this storied rivalry.

1. Southern Miss was manhandled by Alabama's defense, managing just a 37-yard field goal by placekicker Darren McCaleb. Golden Eagles' quarterbacks completed just 6-of-23 passing attempts for 23 yards and that should be the focus of the Pirates' defense on Saturday.

ECU must stop the strength of their opposition and that is the running game. If the Pirates can successfully stop the run by putting seven and eight players near the line of scrimmage, then they can be competitive. Southern Miss hasn't displayed the ability to consistently throw the ball down the field so a lot of pressure will fall on the shoulders of the Pirates' secondary. The defensive backfield will most likely be left on an island, covering man-to-man in hopes that their aggressiveness will pay off by producing some interceptions.

2. Starting quarterback Dustin Almond was out with an injury against Alabama and his return is questionable. Damion Carter, who completed just 5-of-20 passes against the Crimson Tide, will start in his place. Losing Almond is a big blow to the Golden Eagles and a huge advantage for the Pirates.

James Pinkney is continuing to grow and mature under ECU's complex offensive system, but still needs time to deliver the ball and the threat of a solid running game. Freshman standout Chris Johnson will play a vital role once again this week in order to take some pressure off Pinkney.

Johnson had a breakout performance against Tulane with 158 yards rushing on 31 carries and will need another solid outing against a much better defense. But the Golden Eagles have shown weakness at times defending the run. In USM's weekly press conference, Head Coach Jeff Bower said they must find a way to stop

the run and that everyone has run the ball well on his defense. He also challenged his defensive line to step up. It should be interesting to see how they respond.

3. Southern Miss is allowing just more than 21 points per game including a 35-29 overtime win over the 1-5 Houston Cougars. The Golden Eagles allowed 274 rushing yards in the season opener to Nebraska and 262 rushing yards to Alabama. The only game in which USM stifled the run was in a 27-20 win over South Florida, allowing just 55 yards on the ground.

The much-maligned Pirates' defense has taken its fair share of criticism over the last several years, but they can still earn the advantage in every outing. Southern Miss is not a big play offense, relying on a constant and steady dosage of smash mouth football. If ECU can avoid giving up the big plays on defense, the offense should have a shot at the end of the game.

USM is averaging just 4.0 yards per carry on the season, but that formula has equaled success thus far. ECU will need to get some early stops on first downs to force long third down situations on defense. Starting running back Anthony Harris has rushed 347 yards this season but his longest run is just 25 yards. Little used tailback Larry Moore has the longest run from scrimmage at 39 yards and the longest passing play for USM was only 46 yards.

On paper, the Golden Eagles haven't earned the respect represented in the national polls. Other than a 32-14 victory over Tulane, USM has won its other three games by an average of 5.7 points.

4. Punter Ryan Dougherty garnered much of the preseason accolades on special teams for the Pirates. But it has been placekicker Cameron Broadwell that has given the Pirates an advantage this season. Broadwell has connected on 9-of-10 PAT attempts and 6-of-7 field goals in 2004. And it was his leg that gave ECU its first win of the season. Broadwell hit the game winning 30-yarder against Tulane and will be counted on to boot several more through the uprights at Southern Miss.

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Inside Scoop Jamar Flournoy

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With a 27-25 victory this past Homecoming weekend over Tulane, John Thompson and his ECU Pirates collected their first win on the 2004 campaign and Thompson's first ever home triumph since he took over at the helm a year ago.

The Pirate defense was key in the nail-biter, coming up with stop after stop en route to victory. Junior college transfer, Jamar Flournoy, came up with four tackles in the contest. Flournoy has become one of the leaders on the defensive side of the ball with his outstanding performances game in and game out. Here is what he has to say about the Pirates' first victory and their upcoming opponent, Southern Mississippi.

TEC: The defense really stepped up against Tulane in last weekend's contest. How much confidence does that performance give you guys?

A: It gives us a lot of confidence. Also, we have confidence in our offense because they are staying on the field more and giving us time to rest, which allows us the ability to correct our mistakes. I think the defense gets stronger like that because we depend on our offense to drive the ball down the field and give us time to rest so that we will be able to come out tougher in the next series.

TEC: In the Cincinnati game earlier this year you guys played phenomenal defense but the offense was not able to put enough points up on the board to get the win. As a defensive unit, how does it feel to play another tough game against Tulane and the offensive come through this time, lock down the victory and stay on the field for longer periods of time?

A: It feels great. It gives us a chance to get our legs back and focus more on correcting our mistakes.

TEC: What changes have you made coming into this year and throughout the season, being that you are a junior college transfer?

A: The main changes would be my mentality and reacting quicker because it is a whole lot faster than junior college and I

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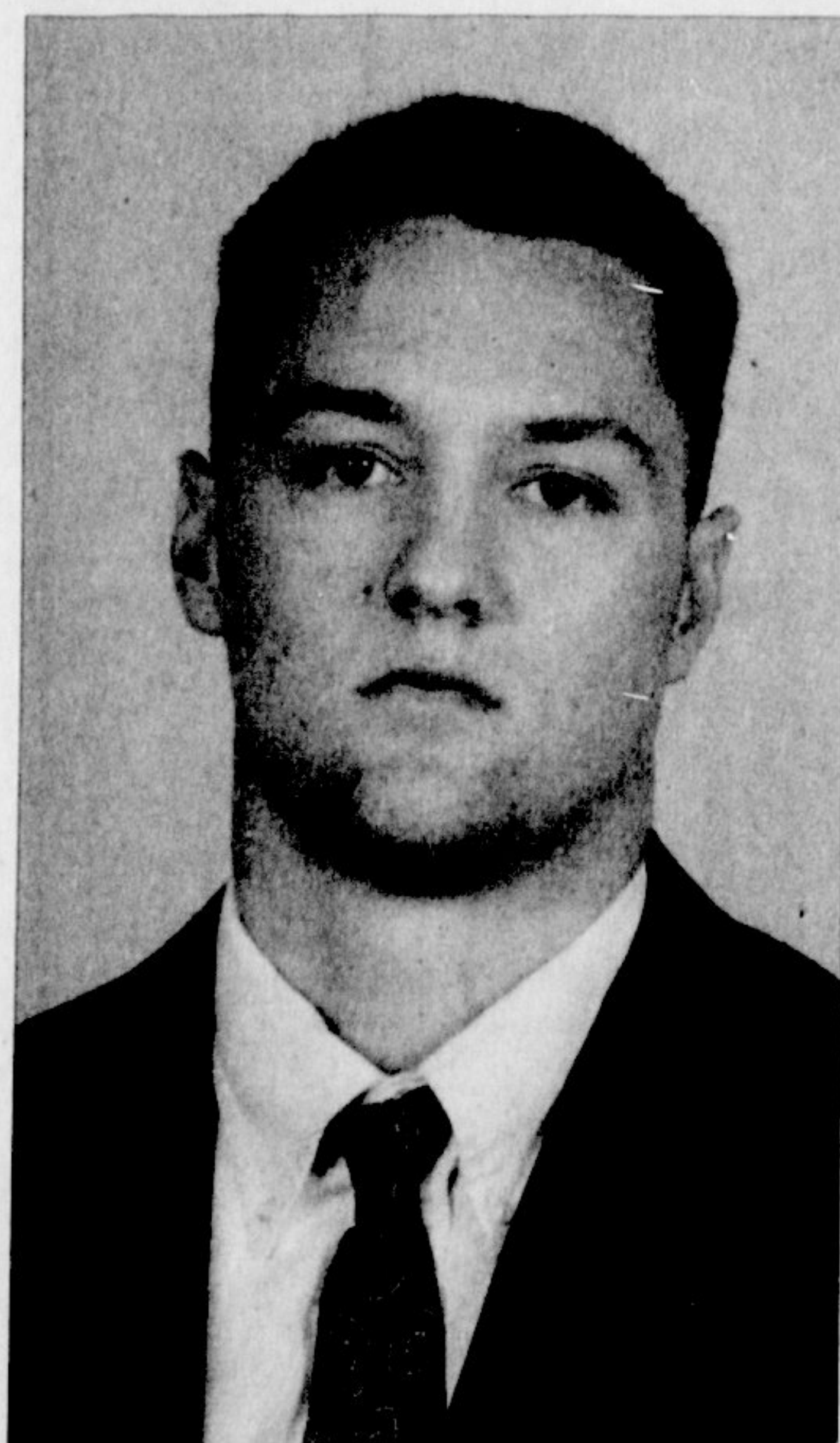
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ECU Game Breaker



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Good gaining confidence off of Tulane win

Bobby Good came to ECU to play for his uncle, ex-offensive coordinator Rick Stockstill. Good's plans came true for a couple of games where he showed promise his freshman season before going down with a knee injury. Stockstill then left for the University of South Carolina. In Noah Brindise's new offen-

sive system, Good has flour-

ished. He currently ranks first on the Pirates in receptions. He has pulled down six receptions in two different games in the Pirates' 2004 campaign. He also is first among active players in receiving yards at 249.

Good had a career-game in front of the home crowd versus Wake Forest. The Florida native hauled in six receptions for 122 yards and a touchdown. It's the only career touchdown for Good thus far.

In missing receivers already, Good has filled in nicely for starters Edwin Rios and Damarcus Fox. The sophomore will start his fourth game in a row, which ranks him fifth on the offense for consecutive starts.

"We have to stay consistent at wide receiver," said Head Coach John Thompson at his weekly press conference. "We don't have a lot of bodies, but those guys have to keep going. If we are thin at tight end, wide receivers are

going to have to get it done." The coaching staff is relying heavily on Good and other receivers to be able to provide some continuity for quarterback James Pinkney. Good has seen the field more than any other receiver available and is the best-known commodity for the sophomore signal caller.

Good is known as a crisp route runner who can stretch the field vertically. In being able to use his speed, Good can free himself to get open in the secondary. It won't be easy with Good matching up against the speedy John Eubanks. The junior Southern Miss defensive back has recorded two interceptions and has uncanny closing speed.

Good is best utilized when catching the ball on corner routes or on crossing routes where he would have the ability to run after the catch. The sophomore is going to have to provide some fireworks in order for the Pirates to win.

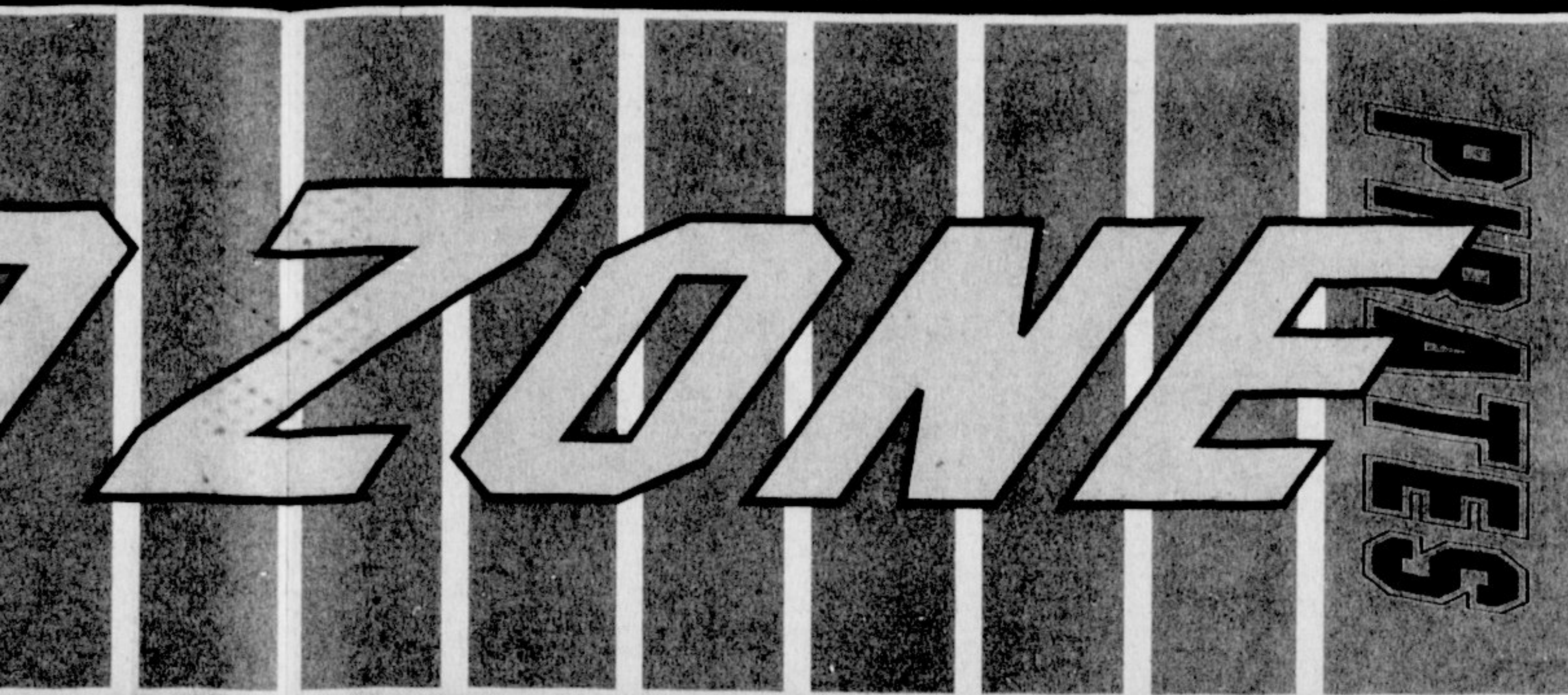
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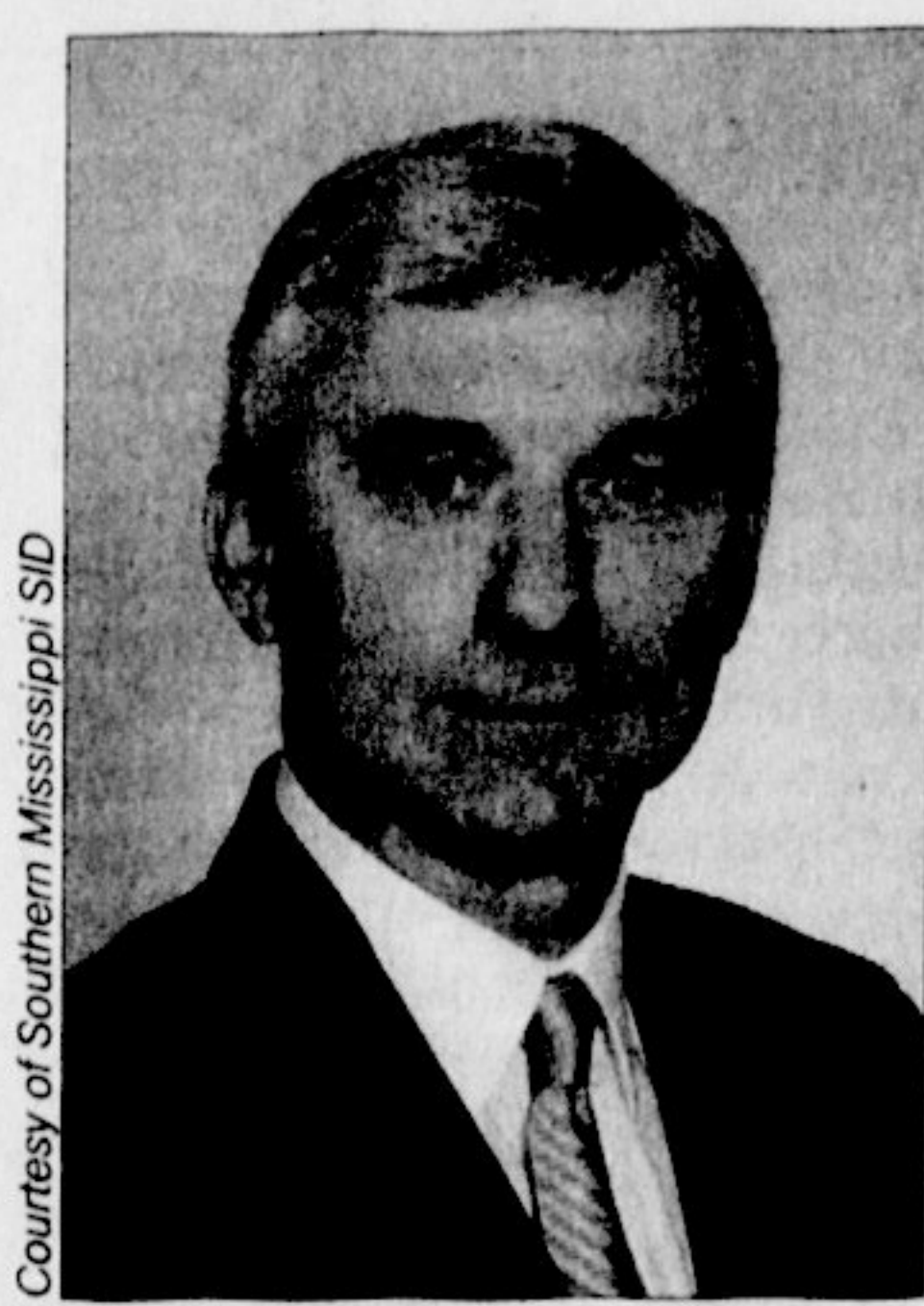
Hometown
Lake Mary, Fla.

Junior College
Lakewood High Prep



Jeff Bower

"They've [ECU] had a few weeks to get ready for us. They're coming off a good win at Tulane, and I'm sure they'll come in here with a lot of confidence. The true freshman Chris Johnson is the one who they've played a lot in recent weeks. He won the starting job and is fast. We've got to make some improvement and find a way to put some points on the scoreboard. We've got to find a way to stop the run. Everyone has run the football on us. We need to perform better and we're calling on our defensive lineman to perform better. We need to find some answers on offense to find a way to put points on the scoreboard. They [ECU] really play hard. They play with their motor running. Last week, they came from behind to win the Tulane game. That's got to give them a lot of confidence.



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The Scoop: Dar Fournoy

have worked hard on getting my speed up.

TEC: What are some differences in playing at the junior college level versus Conference USA?

A: Skill level is a little above the junior college. I came in and everything was moving fast. I realized then I was behind and I got with the guys during the summer and started working harder. I did a lot of feet drills, one on one with the Dbs, and I studied the quarterback more, reading their eyes and their shoulders. Just a lot [of] mental work.

TEC: What does the defense need to do to continue to get better on the season?

A: We just need to try and get all 11 guys around the ball. If individuals can do their job on every play, the defense will be successful.

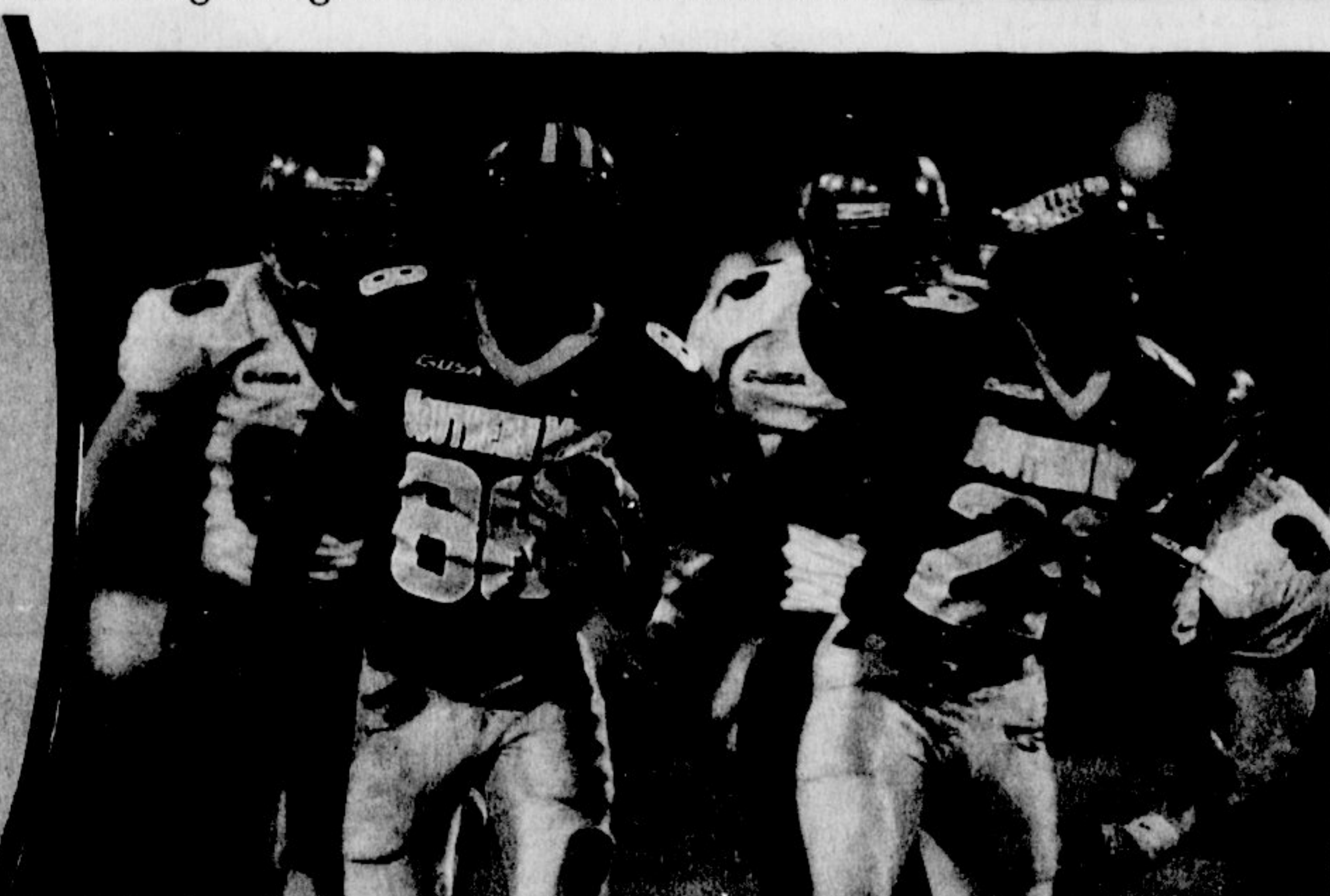
TEC: Lately on third downs, the defense seems to be swarming everywhere. What is that and what do you guys call that play?

A: We are just trying to disguise the defense so that the quarterback will not be able to get up to the line and read what is going on and be able to make the correct adjustments. We call it "Pirate." At the beginning of the season teams were converting on third down and third and longs. So coach came up with the "Pirate" and now teams are starting to have trouble with this look and we continue to make changes to the play so that the teams are not able to study the film and know exactly what is going on.

TEC: How does coming into this weekend's game with a win change the team's outlook or approach to its next opponent, Southern Miss Eagles?

A: It's a change in confidence. Coming off a win and going down to Southern Miss we know we are capable of winning the game because our confidence level has risen.

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Marvin Young will lead a receiving core that came out flat against 'Bama.

Eagles hungry for a win

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The Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi will be looking to right the ship this weekend in Hattiesburg coming off of an embarrassing 27-3 defeat at the hands of the Alabama Crimson Tide. The loss marked the first for the Eagles, and in order to avoid a let-down this weekend, here's what USM has to do:

1. Run the ball. The Pirates are giving up an average of 238.6 rushing yards/game to go along with a swollen touchdown tally of 15. While Southern Miss hasn't been hugely effective in the ground game, keep in mind that they have tangled with some nasty defensive squads. Alabama is only allowing 13 points per contest while Nebraska is giving up just 66.8 yards a game on the ground to opponents. Both of those opponents are superior to the Pirates as far as the front seven goes, so Southern Miss should go to ground early and often to establish the pace of the game. Back-up QB Damion Carter will be handing off to tailbacks Anthony Harris and Sherron Moore, who have combined for 639 yards and three touchdowns. With the help of Harris and Moore, the golden birds torched Tulane for 305 yards and two touchdowns in the running game. The Pirates' defense resembles the Green Wave's in a lot of ways, so expect USM's approach to be the same heading into Saturday.



Eubanks

running as smoothly as possible on offense. Expect Jeff Bower to keep Carter's inexperience in mind as he will likely use the pass very sparingly. However, Carter and Bower may be able to surprise ECU with some shots up field, as Thompson's defensive scheme going into the game is to put more pressure on Carter and to load the box to guard against the run. If Carter can continue to lure the safeties and the corners in, he can look down field for a possible game-breaking play.

3. Continue to play solid against the pass. The Southern Miss "D" against the pass has been outstanding up to this point in the season. They have collectively forced 10 interceptions and have put together some significant returns after the picks, including one 49-yard touchdown by linebacker Naton Stewart. Defensive backs Travis Coley and John Eubanks anchor this stingy core and have tallied two interceptions apiece. Look for a lot of blitzing and pressure on QB James Pinkney, that may ultimately force him into some bad decisions and further pad USM's interception total.

4. Do the small things well. The Golden Eagles have been in some pressure cookers this season and have had to rely on the legs of place-kicker Darren McCaleb and punter Luke Johnson to help put them on top in the close contests. McCaleb is eight for eight on field goal attempts this year with his longest kick of 41 yards coming against South Florida in a 27-20 win on the Bulls' home turf. Johnson has averaged 41.5 yards on 28 punts this season and USM will continue to rely on his placement and strength to win the field position game. Third down conversions have also been crucial in the Eagles 4-1 mark this season. They are 31 of 76, which calculates to 41 percent, compared to the Pirates 32 percent. The Eagles have avoided many third and long situations, which will definitely come in handy Saturday, against a Pirate defense that is only allowing a 32 percent conversion rate on third down tries.

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Southern Miss Game Breaker

Boley brings All-American talent to the table

Michael Boley can finally step out of the shadow. In fact, he can now step purely into the spotlight. Boley had been overshadowed by superstar linebacker Rod Davis for most of this career, but with Davis selected in the NFL draft, the defense is led purely by Boley.

Boley sports quite a resume. He is the nation's leading returning tackler. He's been selected All-Conference for two years already. He was selected the Preseason Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year. He is a consensus Preseason All-American. The list goes on.

In 2004, he's backing it up. His 20 and 19 tackle efforts helped Boley garner the C-USA Defensive Player of the Week honors twice. Boley ranks No. 2 in the nation in forced fumbles, No. 15 in total tackles and No. 24 in solo tackles.

Over the past five seasons, Southern Miss has allowed the

fewest touchdowns of any team in the nation. Over that span, Boley ranks among the top 20 in sacks. He's just that good.

Boley gave ECU a taste of what may be to come over the past two seasons. In 2002, Boley recorded 12 tackles including seven unassisted. He backed that up in 2003 with seven unassisted again leading to 10 total tackles. Boley also forced a fumble by then-ECU quarterback Paul Troth.

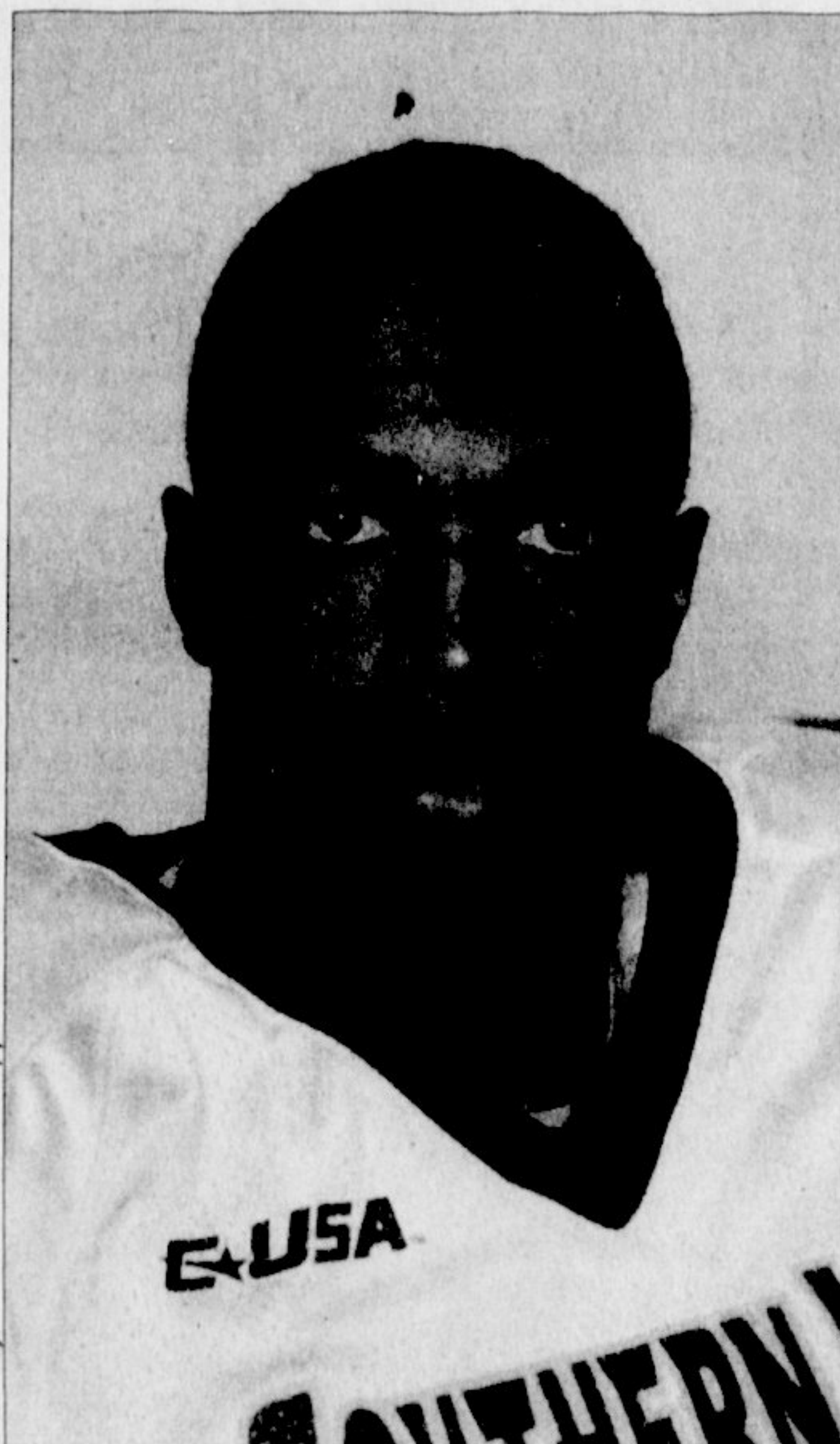
Boley's elder brother, Kenneth also plays along side his younger brother at the linebacker position. Kenneth Boley serves as a role model for Michael. The elder Boley walked on the team even though he is enrolled in the National Guard.

Southern Miss has on the young defensive coordinators in the nation in Tyrone Nix. Nix played under ECU Head Coach John Thompson when Thompson was the

defensive coordinator at Southern Miss.

Playing a Homecoming game in front of the Southern Miss fans in M.M. Roberts Stadium could spell trouble for the Pirates. If the Pirates don't control Michael Boley, the trouble will come in the form of No. 27.

Height
6' 3"
Weight
228
Classification
Senior
Hometown
Athens, Ala.
High School
Elkmont HS



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half, the score was 7-0 in favor of 4-Schizzle.

4-Schizzle came out strong offensively and scored their second touchdown. Usual Suspects still struggled to develop a rhythm offensively and couldn't connect during their possession.

Cox scored his second touchdown of the night during his team's possession.

In the end, 4-Schizzle's tena-

cious defense and offensive cohesiveness proved too much for the Usual Suspects. The final score was 19-0.

"We had great teamwork tonight and many superior athletes and we were just doing big things tonight," said Garrett Peterkin of 4-Schizzle.

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ECU soccer drops two

Pirates suffer tough loss on road trip

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The Pirates have managed to hang on to a .500 winning percentage through nearly six weeks of competition. For every win they have walked off the pitch with, they have then gone on to take a tough loss. The fall break weekend was no different as the Pirates fell to No. 24 UAB and Alabama A&M.

ECU played UAB tight until the 85th minute of play when Jerson Monterio headed a pass from a fellow Blazer past Pirate keeper Brian Pope to break a scoreless tie and lift UAB to victory, 1-0.

The shutout victory marked the fifth of the season for the Blazers, who stand at third in Conference USA behind Memphis and St. Louis.

The Pirates went down to Normal, Ala. to bring their record back up to .500 after losing to UAB in Birmingham only two days prior to Monday's match.

The Alabama A&M Bulldogs scored their first goal of the game no more than five minutes into the match. Eugene Sepuya, a

senior forward at Alabama A&M placed the ball in the back of the net from six yards out. This gave the Bulldogs an early 1-0 lead.

The Pirates battled back to score the equalizer fifteen minutes into the second half. J.W. Gallagher sprinted into the Pirate offensive third and found his favorite target, Terron Amos. Amos finished the attack easily and the Pirates looked for the go ahead goal.

The Bulldogs found their next scoring chance before the ECU was able to. It was an unfortunate miscue by the Pirate keeper Brian Pope that lead to Alabama's winning goal. Pope attempted to clear the ball out of the box but the ball deflected off the back of one of his defenders, David Rowe. Pope tried to keep the ball out of the net but he was unable to snatch it from the net as it slipped in behind him.

The Pirates are still 2-2 in C-USA matches, but their overall record has slid away from the winning percentage, which they held onto for much of the season.

ECU's next match is against a C-USA rival, Louisville at Bunting Field on Sunday.

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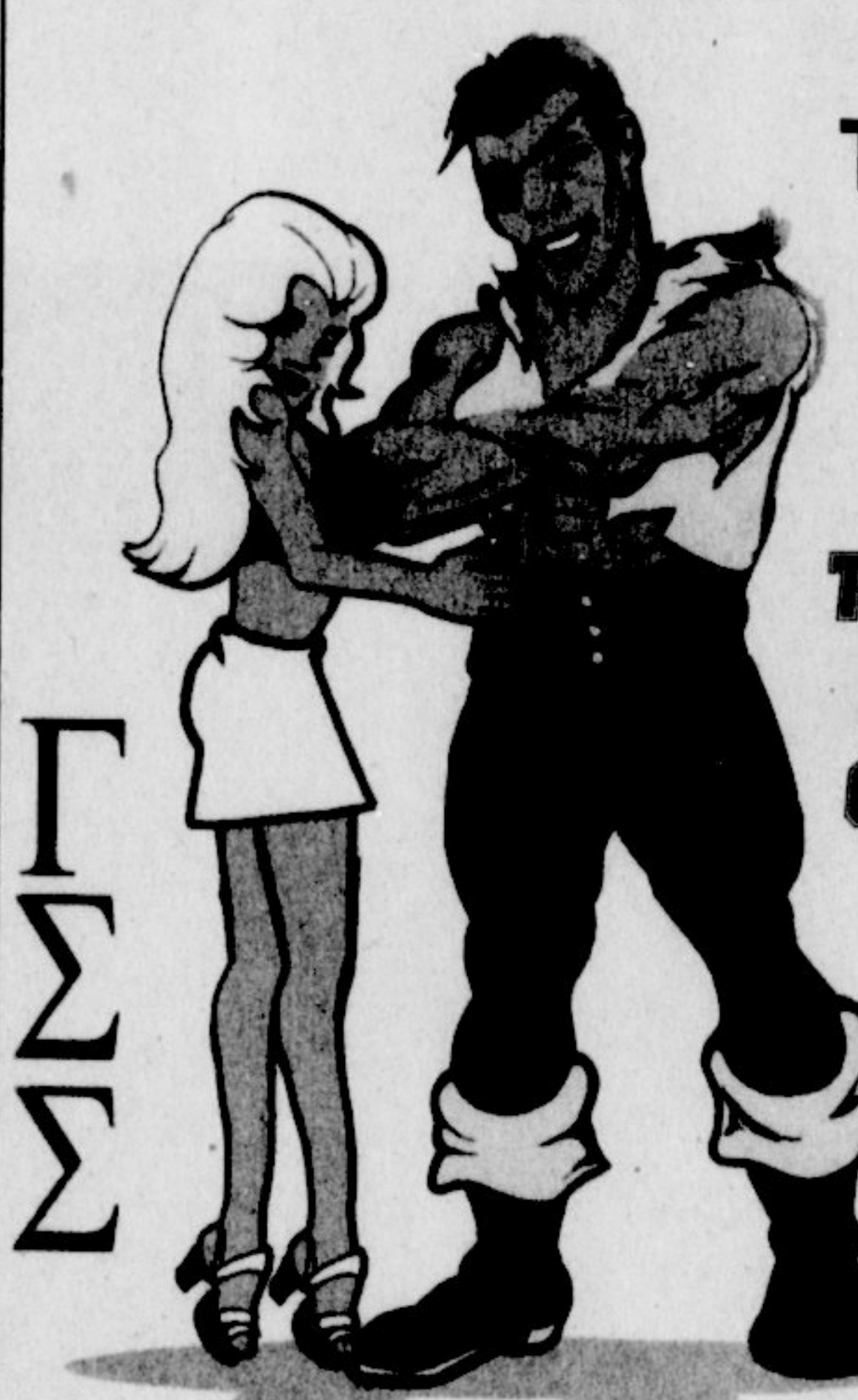
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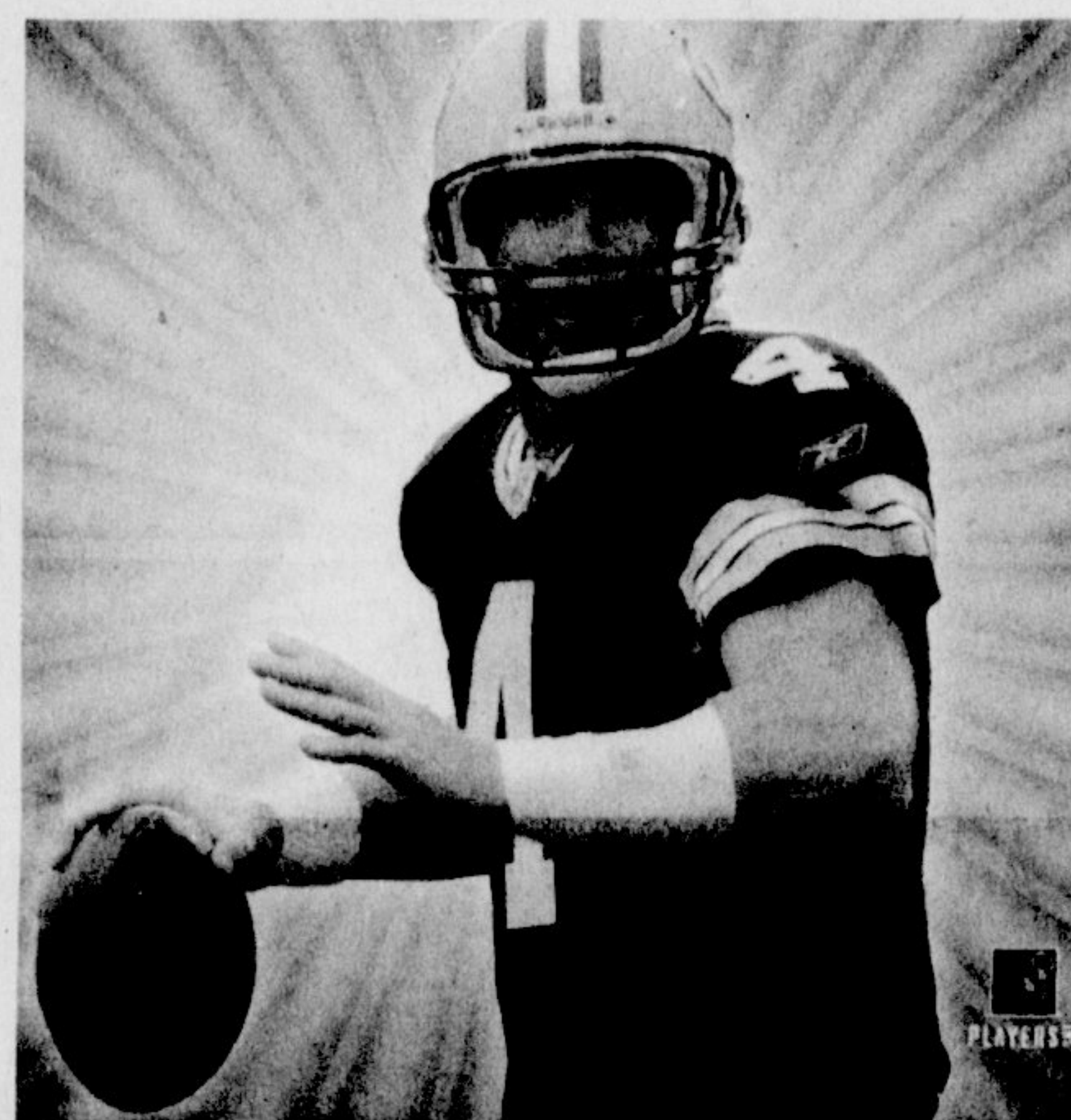
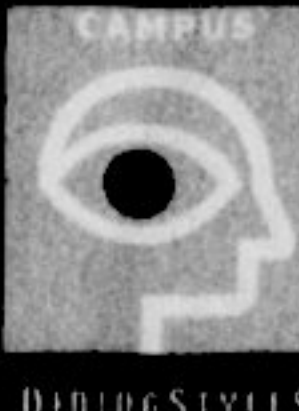
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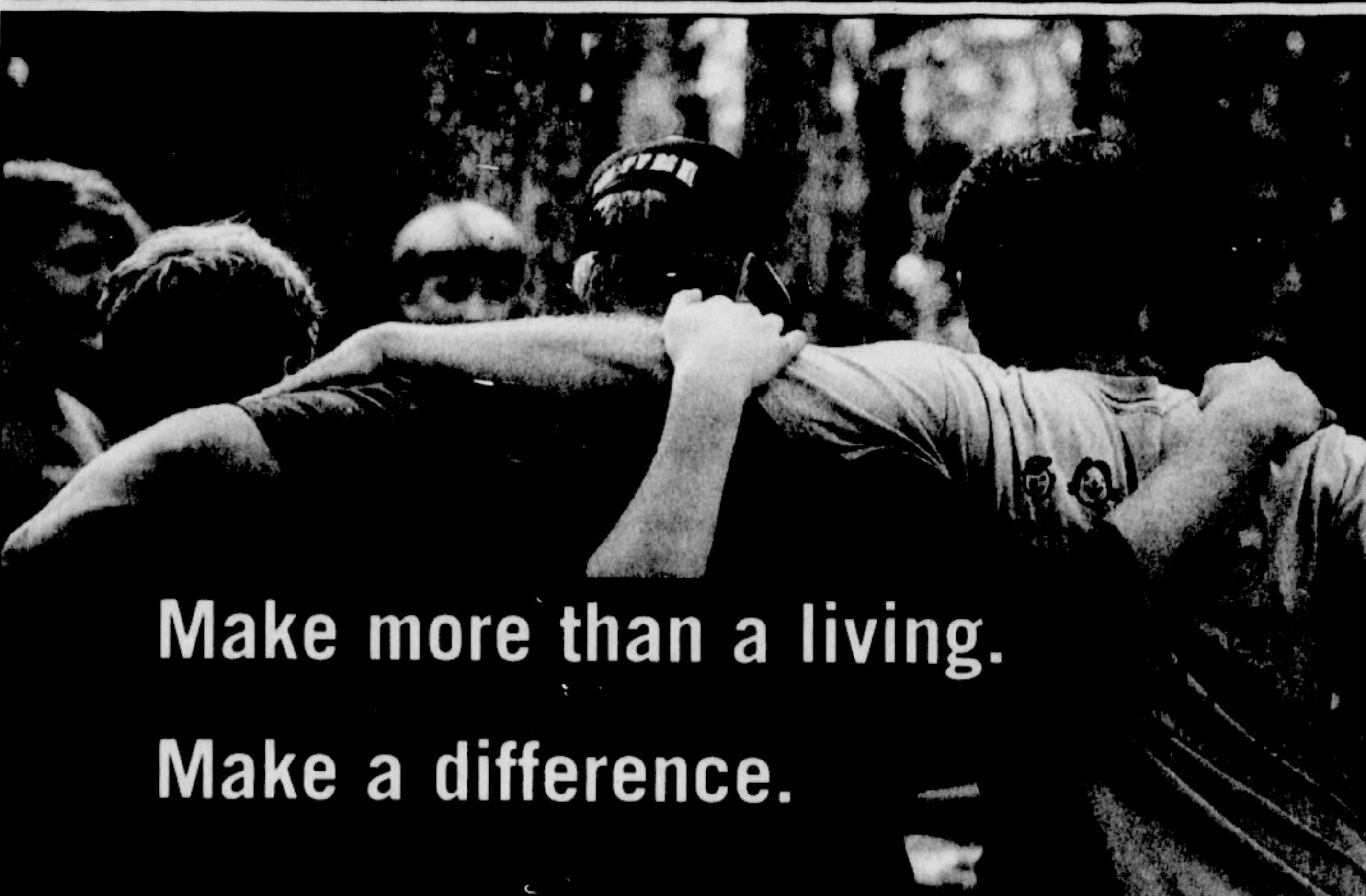
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Carolina looks like a group of tamed house cats rather than Panthers five games into the season but it isn't because of a lack of intensity or talent. This team is simply depleted. The full list of injuries goes something like this:

Deshaun Foster, RB, Col-larbone, out 6-10 weeks. Kavika Pittman, DE, Knee, out for season; Kris Jenkins, DT, Shoulder, on injured reserve. Bruce Nelson, OG, Hip, out for season; Damien Richardson, S, Neck, on injured reserve; Shane Buton, DT, Knee, on injured reserve; Steve Smith, WR, Leg, out for season. Williams Hampton, CB, Knee, out for season; Brentson Buckner, DT, Knee, day-to-day; Mark Fields, LB, Back, questionable for San Diego this Sunday; Rod Smart, RB, knee, questionable for San Diego.

Four players on injured reserve, another two done for the season for sure and Foster hurt for what may play out to be the rest of the season spells D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R for Carolina. Buckner may come back against the Chargers

but won't be 100 percent. Back spasms are tricky and relentless so Fields won't be back for at least another week. Although Davis returned and played well against Philly, he won't be 100 percent until this Sunday or after. Not to mention that he takes such a beating week in and week out that missing Foster for the next 6-10 weeks will put an enormous strain on the heart of Carolina's offense.

On defense, Carolina simply won't be able to stop the run like they did last season. They have given up 100 yards or more on the ground in three of their first five games this season and give up more than 140 yards rushing per game. The Panthers gave up barely 108 yards rushing per game last year en route to their Super Bowl appearance. They're also ranked 13th in the NFC in take-aways and 27th in the NFL at -6.

With 10 games remaining, including two match ups with New Orleans, the second game of the season against Atlanta, games



against both Seattle and St. Louis and no bye week, the Panthers' playoff hopes are looking dismal at best. Unless the defensive line gets healthy fast and Davis can carry the ball 25-30 times a game, this team will lose nine to 10 games and relinquish their claim to NFC champions.

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of the ball. That weakness is the run defense.

Last season, the Pats gave up 111 yards against Clinton Portis in a week nine win against the Denver Broncos. Portis ran the ball 26 times for 111 yards and a

touchdown. Ricky Williams also did well against New England in the first match up between the Dolphins and Patriots when he ran for 94 yards in week seven.

That was it. Those were the best games a team could muster when they faced New England last year in regards to running the ball. The Pats gave up one 100-yard rushing game in 19 total contests (including postseason).

However, they had Ted Washington last year. Washington was a guy who could clog up the middle just by standing in front of an offensive line. The man is so big he has his own personal gravitational pull. He brought in planetary influence to the Oakland Raiders in the off-season, and left a hole in the New England defensive line.

So far this season, the Patriots have given up just one 100-yard rusher en route to 20 consecutive wins and counting. Edgerin James ran the ball 30 times for 142 yards in a painful loss to the Pats in week one. Buffalo Bills' back Travis Henry also had a solid game against the defending champs, collecting 98 yards on 24 carries. The Patriots will face quality running backs in seven of their remaining 11

match-ups. Though they are undoubtedly strong on defense, teams who can really push the run will be able to go to the ground against New England.




When you get past that small potential hitch, there's nothing left to criticize. This team has one of the most underrated line-backing cores in the league and a defensive backfield that features the always-dangerous Ty Law and always-much-more-dangerous Rodney Harrison. Harrison's idol is none other than Ronnie Lott. Lott did severe damage to his left pinky in a game in 1985. He had the choice of getting season-ending surgery, or amputating the tip and playing on. The man told them to cut it off. If that doesn't number 37 in Patriots' silver and blue staring YOU down on a route across the middle? I didn't think so.

Add in Adam Vinatieri, one of the many players on this team with ice water in his veins and two Super Bowl game-winning field goals, and no TEAM in the NFL wants to stare at ANY of these guys on the opposite side of the field.

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ECU Volleyball swept by C-USA opponents Memphis, St. Louis

Lady Pirates prepare for next conference game

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Getting back on track was the goal of ECU's Volleyball team heading into last weekend as they faced two more conference opponents, Memphis and St. Louis. After having their best ever start in Conference USA, the Lady Pirates have dropped their last two conference games and were trying to rebound last weekend.

ECU headed to Memphis, Tenn. for their first match of the weekend. As the Lady Pirates soon found out, Memphis was ready to play jumping out to a quick lead in game one. The Lady Pirates could only stay within four as the Lady Tigers eventually pulled away winning the set 30-19. Memphis quickly followed their defeat of the Lady Pirates with another in game two, this time winning 30-22. ECU was ahead at the start of game three 5-3, but quickly lost the lead as Memphis pulled off a 17-9 run, completing the sweep with the final score, 30-22.

The Lady Pirates were out-hit by Memphis .390 to .126. Junior Erica Wilson posted a double-double with 10 kills and 10 digs for ECU. Freshman Mignon Dubenion also came away with 10 kills in the loss.

The next day, ECU traveled to St. Louis, Mo. to face the Lady Billikens. The Lady Pirates came out strong in the first game hanging in to tie the game at 15. Unfortunately, St. Louis pulled away with a 10-5 run defeating ECU 30-20. It was the same story for ECU the next game as the Lady Billikens pulled away from a close 9-8 score to win 30-22. The Lady Pirates were able to hang in with St. Louis in game three trailing only by one point 25-24. The Lady Billikens then went on a 5-1 run winning, 30-25 and completing the second sweep against ECU in two days.

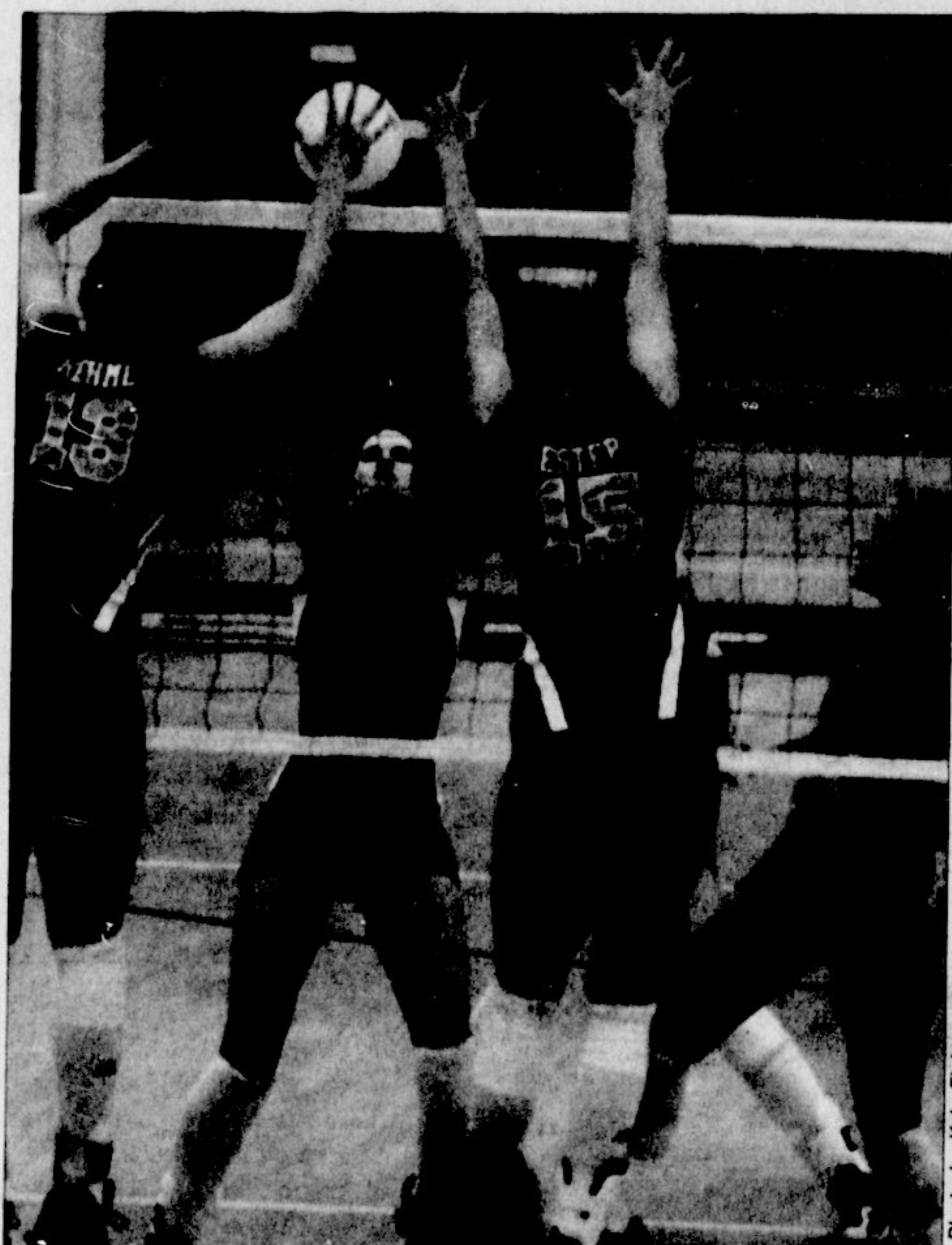


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ECU will play Tulane in their next C-USA contest at home.

ECU was out-hit .381 to .146 in the loss to St. Louis. Junior Paige Howell and sophomore Jaime Bevan combined for 23 kills as junior Johanna Bertini came up with 10 digs in the match.

The Lady Pirates are now 8-13 overall, 2-4 in conference play. ECU will return home this weekend to face Tulane and Southern Miss in an attempt to end their four-game losing streak.

Tulane is currently 11-4 (3-2) and are looking to improve their record against ECU. Senior Deva Fowler leads the way with 199 kills for the Lady Green Wave averaging 3.9 a game. Overall, Tulane is hitting .248 as a team compared to their opponent's .152.

Southern Miss is 5-12 and will be trying to win their first conference game of the year when they

face ECU. Senior Amy Truong and sophomore Amanda Blunk have combined for 422 digs this season. Overall, Southern Miss is hitting .145 this season.

ECU will have to be able to close out games in order to come up with wins this weekend. Wilson continues to lead the Lady Pirates in kills with 222 while Bevan isn't far behind with 211. Much of the kills can be contributed to Heidi Krug's 888 assists. Overall, ECU hits .201 as a team so far this season.

The Lady Pirates open play against Tulane this Friday at 7 p.m. at Williams Arena in Minges Coliseum. Play will then continue on Saturday as they face Southern Miss.

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