

City plans presented to senate



Photo by Kyle Fisher

Don Edwards showed the senate plans for Greenville.

Issues, concerns raised

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SGA discussed issues concerning the continual effort of revitalizing downtown and West Greenville at their fifth meeting Monday night.

Don Edwards, appointed by the mayor as the chairman for the redevelopment commission, showed the city's layout plans for improving the areas. He presented several visual layouts, some conceptual and some already in the works.

The 10th Street connector project, which involves ECU, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and Greenville, has already been approved and is in the first stage of pre-engineering planning. It will create a road that will connect 10th Street directly to Highway 264 and should be completed within five years.

Edwards said the project hopes to create a more pedestrian-friendly community.

"It will be a great, attractive new way into town and make locating ECU a much easier task," said Edwards.

Edwards also introduced the "Raise the Bar" plan for downtown Greenville.

This project would create a more vibrant scene in the downtown district. The project would make use of misused developments, bring more businesses into the neighborhood and create an atmosphere where students could live, go to school and work all in the same vicinity.

He said the city-center redevelopment plan would make the downtown area a broadly based entertainment district.

Edwards also addressed the West Greenville plan, causing many SGA senate members to raise questions of concern.

The project would revitalize West Greenville by using federal funding and bonds to pay for rebuilding homes but would also force residents to relocate.

One senator questioned whether forcing residents to relocate would do more harm than good in the long run.

Edward said the goal is to provide better housing for everyone but people would be displaced.

A guest at the meeting asked whether better housing was simply another word for projects.

"Assisted living will not be a project," Edwards said.

Another senator asked a question regarding a parking deck in the downtown area.

He said the existence of a parking deck has been discussed for the east side of Evans Street or possibly a few other locations.

Edwards said these improvements will ultimately help the university.

"With improvements, ECU can become an even greater university," Edwards said.

At the meeting, two new senators, Brian Billops and Allison Bradey, were sworn in by SGA Attorney General Matt Stambaugh.

Charmaine Ford, the Diversity Team leader, reminded the senate about the upcoming "Diversity Week" which will be held Nov. 15-20.

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Pi Kappa Alpha brothers and the Ronald McDonald House executive director stand with a check for \$10 thousand to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville.

Pi Kappa Alpha walks for good will

Raises \$11,000 for Ronald McDonald House

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the organization.

"It's 120 miles split into several shifts," said Mike Crollman, community service chair of Pi Kappa Alpha.

"We started walking at 10 a.m. at the Wright Plaza."

Each shift was 11 miles, with five people walking per shift. A car flashing its caution lights followed the walkers.

Crollman said they mapped out the most sufficient directions to Wilmington and spoke with the sheriff departments in each county to make them aware of what they were doing and work out any legal hassles.

The aspect that took the most work was raising the charity money.

Each member of the fraternity made an effort to seek businesses and individuals who were willing to donate to their cause.

Fraternity members parked their cars on the street and spent several hours going from house to house.

"We pretty much went door to door and asked for donations," said Beck.

"Several businesses donated over \$300, some donated \$100."

Crollman said he got all the fraternity members to set a goal of \$300 a piece.

While the fraternity has

already donated \$10,000 to the Ronald McDonald House, they are still receiving more money from organizations that did not have the funding at first.

"We raised a little over \$11,000 from solicitation of area residents and businesses," Beck said.

Pi Kappa Alpha is looking into getting corporate sponsors to participate in an effort to raise their goal of \$20,000.

Beck said nearly 50 of the 57 active members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity participated in the event, which makes the occasion an enjoyable experience.

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Wife accuses top Palestinian officials of trying to grab power from Arafat



Yasser Arafat with his wife, Suha, before he left for Paris.

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat's wife accused his top lieutenants of seeking to grab control from her ailing husband on Monday, nearly torpedoing a visit by three top Palestinian officials in the first sign of an open power struggle while Arafat clings to life.

In a screaming telephone call from Arafat's hospital bedside, Suha Arafat told Al-Jazeera television that Arafat's aides were conspiring to usurp her husband's four-decade-long role as Palestinian leader.

"Let it be known to the honest Palestinian people that a bunch of those who want to inherit are coming to Paris," she shouted in Arabic in her first public comments since Arafat left his West Bank compound for France.

"I tell you they are trying to

bury Abu Ammar alive," she continued, using Arafat's nom de guerre.

"He is all right and he is going home."

In response, Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath and Mahmoud Abbas, the former prime minister and deputy chairman of Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, briefly canceled a planned trip to Paris on Monday to consult with Arafat's doctors and French officials. Shaath later said the trip was back on.

A senior aide to Arafat, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, originally said the three were angry with Arafat's wife and did not want to travel to Paris.

"What came from Suha doesn't represent our people," he said.

"If the president were to hear that, he would reject it completely."

He said Mrs. Arafat "wanted to destroy the Palestinian leadership's decision and to be the lone decision-maker."

Mrs. Arafat said she was calling from Arafat's bedside at the French military hospital, where the 75-year-old leader has been in intensive care since Wednesday.

A producer from Al-Jazeera told The Associated Press the station was confident it was Suha Arafat on the phone. She first called the network's Ramallah office, then its headquarters in Qatar.

Her insistence that Arafat was doing fine came a day after French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier called his condition "very complex, very serious and stable right now."

Palestinians have been making contingency plans in the event of Arafat's death.

Qureia and Abbas have been working together to run Palestinian affairs in Arafat's absence and to prevent chaos and violence if the Palestinian leader dies. Qureia has taken on some of Arafat's executive and security powers, while Abbas has been chairing meetings of the PLO's executive body.

Jamil Tarifi, the Palestinian minister of civil affairs, told Al-Jazeera the group was initially hesitant about going, but that the executive committee decided the trip would help reassure worried Palestinians.



Iraq's prime minister Ayad Allawi in Baghdad Nov. 8.

U.S. forces storm Fallujah

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Backed by a barrage from warplanes and artillery, U.S. troops fought their way into the western outskirts of Fallujah on Monday, seizing a hospital and two bridges over the Euphrates River in the first stage of a major assault on the insurgent stronghold.

The U.S. military said Iraqi troops captured 38 people, including four foreigners when they swept into the first objective, Fallujah's main hospital, which the military and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said was under insurgent control.

Iraqi soldiers stormed through the facility, blasting open doors and pulling handcuffed patients into the halls in search of gunmen.

Allawi said he had given the green light for international and Iraqi forces to launch the long-awaited offensive against Fallujah which is considered the

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Phi Beta Sigma recognized

ECU chapter awarded for service to Greenville

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The Xi Nu chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity at ECU received the State Collegiate Chapter of the Year award last month bestowed by the national headquarters of the organization.

The chapter was awarded based on the numerous hours the fraternity has given back to the local Greenville community.

Dale Thomas, president of the Xi Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, Inc. at ECU, said the fraternity participates in many programs with the Greenville community through organizations such as the American Cancer Society with Relay for Life, March of Dimes and the Little Willie Center, where children from impoverished neighborhoods are mentored. They also participated in voter registration drives.

The chapter devotes time volunteering services to social action programs like their own Sigmas Against Teen Pregnancy in conjunction with their sister sorority, Zeta Phi Beta.

The award was given to the chapter during the North Carolina Conference for Phi Beta Sigma on the NC State campus.

Although the chapter was up against the rest of the fraternity chapters of NC, the members felt that receiving the award was not part of succeeding in a competition.

"Though we were up against other chapters, we feel that we are all equally qualified," said Thomas.

"The other chapters ... also [contribute to] their respective communities in many ways. We live to serve the community."

The Xi Nu chapter at ECU was founded Jan. 29, 1983 with the core institution to promote and impact ECU and the Greenville community in a beneficial manner under its principles and motto.

Phi Beta Sigma is an internationally recognized, historically African American fraternity with more than 600 and 100,000 members throughout the United States, Europe, Africa and India.

The fraternity was founded in 1914 at Howard University on the three principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service. These ideals are exemplified under the fraternity motto, "culture for service and service got humanity."

The official Web site of the fraternity explains the founders of Phi Beta Sigma held a deep conviction they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they came rather than gain skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families.

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Doctors praise heart stocking device, wait for approval



Dr. Spencer Kubo holds a model of the device around a heart.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A simple fabric device that looks like fishnet hose but acts like support stockings helped weak hearts pump more efficiently and even shrink back to

a more normal size, researchers reported at an American Heart Association conference.

The device is targeted at people with heart failure, which happens when a weak or damaged heart can't pump as forcefully as it should. The heart enlarges, fluid backs up into the lungs, and people get more and more short of breath and tired, often making many trips to the hospital until their hearts eventually give out.

About 5 million Americans have this condition and more than a million have the type that might be helped by the new stocking-like device.

The mesh stocking is still experimental but its maker, Acorn Cardiovascular Inc. of St. Paul, Minn., already has approval to sell it in Europe and will seek the same from the federal Food and Drug Administration early next year.

Several experts said Sunday the surgically implanted stocking could fill a gap for people who are not helped by drugs or pace-

makers and who do not want or cannot have a mechanical heart pump or an organ transplant.

"We have little to offer surgically," said Dr. Timothy Gardner, a heart surgeon from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia who had no role in the study.

"There's a lot of interest in this kind of simple technique."

Dr. Douglas Mann, the Baylor College of Medicine cardiologist who led a company-funded study of the device, called it breakthrough technology.

"This does more than any existing therapy that's out there today," he said.

The company-sponsored study included 300 patients at 28 hospitals in the United States and one in Canada.

One part involved 193 people having surgery to fix a leaky heart valve, a common problem in heart failure patients. Doctors gave 102 standard surgery and the other 91, surgery plus the heart stocking.

The second part of the study involved 107 people who did not need valve surgery. Fifty were given standard treatment drugs, ACE inhibitors, beta blockers and water pills, and the other 57 got drugs plus surgery to install the stocking.

After an average of two years, 38 percent of the stocking group had improved compared with 27 percent of the others, according to a rating system including survival and other factors. About 37 percent with the stocking got worse compared to 45 percent of the others.

Only 19 stocking recipients needed a transplant, a mechanical heart pump or other major heart operation, but 33 in the other group did.

"We think this stabilizes the disease process" by relieving the pressure on the heart and giving it support so it can rest between beats, Mann said.

Researchers also measured changes in the heart's shape and size and found dramatic differ-

ences with the stocking around the organ.

"These big hearts, with this device, became small hearts," and went from a basketball shape to the more natural football shape that lets them beat as they should, Mann said.

The stocking actually changes the size of the cells making up the heart, said Dr. Spencer Kubo, Acorn's medical director.

"If this was just taking a size eight person and putting them in a size four dress, you'd say 'Of course you've made the heart smaller,'" said Kubo.

"The mass of the heart is reduced. This is not just a scrunching effect, a corset effect."

The device did not help people avoid hospital stays, but doctors hope it will with longer use. They also hope to develop a way to install it through "keyhole" surgery rather than a big cut in the chest. Company officials would not say what the device is expected to cost.

Campus News

Cell Phone Donation

The Family Violence Program of Pitt County is sponsoring a used cell phone drive until Thursday, Nov. 18. The phones go to domestic violence victims who need a constant and free way to call 911 and a 24-hour crisis line. Collection bins are at the Dowdy Student Store, Food Lion on 10th Street, East Carolina Bank on Red Banks Road and inside the Alltel store inside Wal-Mart. Contact Sara Munzer with the FVP at 758-4400.

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Benefit Concert

Christy's Euro Pub is hosting their second annual breast cancer research benefit concert Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. The event will feature "Mac N Juice," and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research Fund.

ECU Gospel Choir

A special intermission Guest Salvation and Deliverance church choir, Tarboro, NC under the direction of Kristan Herring, Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center, in Hendrix Theater. Prices are \$3 for students and military and \$5 for the general public. For more information call Arturo Cummings at 328-7148 or Tarrick Cox at 328-1518.

Veteran's Day Celebration

The Pitt County Veteran Council will host an event honoring our past and present veterans at Greenville's Town Commons Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Call 758-2788 for more information.

Jazz at Night

The school of music will present a jazz concert at Mendenhall Nov. 12. The concert begins at 8 p.m. For more information, call 328-6851.

NASA at ECU

Dr. Marshall Sheperd, a NASA scientist, will be giving a geography department colloquium entitled, "How Cities Create Their Own Rainfall and Storms." The event will take place Friday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. in 102 Brewster B. Contact Scott Curtis at 328-2088.

NCAA Southeastern Cross Country Regional

A competition of cross country teams from all over the southeast will meet in Grimesland Nov. 13. The race will take place at Lake Kristi on Mobley Bridge Road. Call 329-4530 for more information.

Faculty Exhibition

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

Dissertation Defense

Come see Tim Saltuklaroglu with the communication sciences and disorders department's dissertation defense called "The Role of Gestural Imitation in the Inhibition of Stuttering." The presentation will be Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m. in 103 Belk Building (school of allied health). For more information, e-mail Tim ts0712@mail.ecu.edu.

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 who run a school for girls. A malicious youngster starts an entirely unfounded scandal about them, which precipitates tragedy for the women. Parental guidance is suggested due to the adult subject matter. Runs Nov. 18 - 23. Contact 328-6829 for more information.

News Briefs

Local

Most of 31 E. coli cases linked to State Fair

RALEIGH, NC - An outbreak of E. coli cases linked to last month's North Carolina State Fair is bigger than previously thought, with 31 confirmed cases and another 103 under review, health officials said Saturday.

The number of confirmed infections in the outbreak grew from 20 cases on Friday to 31 on Saturday, said health investigators.

The Department of Health and Human Services said it was investigating 103 additional cases of illness that had not yet been confirmed as E. coli infection, up from 39 on Friday. Department spokesman Bill Furney attributes the jump in potential cases to a heightened awareness from doctors and the general public. Furney said now that health officials are conducting an investigation, "we're in a state where we are looking for it."

Of the 31 people with confirmed E. coli cases, 27 visited the State Fair in October. The outbreak might be linked to a petting zoo at the fair, state health authorities have said. E. coli commonly lives inside of animals and can be passed to humans by eating contaminated meat or through contact with manure, animals or contaminated surfaces. The highly contagious bacterium produces a toxin that can cause stomach cramps, bloody diarrhea and in some cases death. Children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems are most at risk. Seventeen of the confirmed cases were reported from Wake County, where the fair was held. Another three were in nearby Chatham County and two others in neighboring Durham County. One each was reported in Forsyth, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Mecklenburg, Moore, Person, Union and Wilson counties. Ordinarily, North Carolina sees about four or five cases of E. coli infection per month.

Man cleared of murder charge starts foundation to help inmates

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - A man exonerated of murder after spending 18 years in prison for the crime has started a nonprofit foundation to help investigate the innocence claims of other inmates. Darryl Hunt said he began thinking about forming such an organization while he was imprisoned.

"I wanted to help other people, to give

them a voice, because I know I was fortunate to have people supporting me and speaking up for me," said Hunt. "I was innocent, and I know how hard it is for people who are in prison to have voices on the outside to speak up for them."

The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice will also help support people who have been released from prison as they rejoin society. Hunt incorporated the foundation this week and said he plans to finance it through fund-raisers and money he earns in speaking fees.

Hunt was convicted twice in the 1984 slaying of Deborah Sykes, a newspaper copy editor in Winston-Salem. DNA evidence proved in 1994 that Hunt was not the man who had raped Sykes, but it was not enough to win Hunt a new trial on the murder charge. He was released from prison only after DNA evidence led to a new suspect in December, a man who police and the State Bureau of Investigation say acted alone in killing Sykes.

Hunt was exonerated in February and pardoned by Gov. Mike Easley in April. Hunt said he wants the nonprofit group to work with the NC Center on Actual Innocence in Durham, which looks into potential cases of wrongful convictions. Because of the time involved in investigating cases, the center cannot accept cases in which the defendant has less than three years to serve in prison.

Hunt said he wants to hire private investigators to look at cases in Forsyth County to start, and eventually grow larger.

National

No unfiltered TV. No Internet. No visitors.

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - After a weekend without the creature comforts of home, sequestered jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial were set to resume deliberations Monday for a third full day.

Jurors were monitored throughout the weekend in an area hotel where they could only watch sports and movies on television, and could use a computer without access to the Internet. They were forbidden from discussing the case.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi has decided to allow them to deliberate only Monday - Friday. Twenty-one bailiffs have been sworn in to watch over them throughout the process.

Peterson is charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Laci, and the fetus she carried. Prosecutors claim Peterson killed Laci around Dec. 24, 2002, then sunk her weighted body in the bay.

The remains of Laci and the fetus were discovered a few miles from where Peterson claims to have gone fishing alone the day his wife vanished. Defense lawyers claim someone else abducted Laci while she walked the couple's dog and killed her, then framed her husband. Jurors have two choices should they decide to convict Peterson, first-or second-degree. First-degree convictions, carrying the death penalty of life without parole, would mean jurors believe Peterson planned the killings in advance. Second-degree murder convictions don't require a finding of premeditation and carry sentences of 15-years-to-life for each count. On Friday, jurors asked to review some evidence, including the boat prosecutors allege Peterson used to dispose of his wife's body. On Thursday, they asked to review evidence including photographs taken at the Petersons' home in the days after Laci vanished.

Relatives mix

ashes with artificial reef

ON THE GULF OF MEXICO - Twelve-year-old Justin Pierce loved to fish and snorkel before he died in an accident on an all-terrain vehicle. Now his parents think they've found a way for their son to remain close to the water he loved.

They mixed his ashes with cement to form a hollow concrete ball that was placed in the shallow water off Sarasota in late October. The ball helps restore a critical underwater habitat while becoming a living memorial with coral and fish.

"In a way, he's still alive," said Justin's mother, Lorna.

The growing trend of alternative funeral services has led to innovative ways of memorializing the dead, from turning cremated remains into reefs and fireworks, shooting them into space, turning them into diamonds or enclosing them in keepsake jewelry. "What is unappealing to one person is very much appealing to another," said Jack Springer, executive director of the Chicago-based North American Cremation Association.

The trend of personalizing funeral services is driven, in part, by an increase in cremation. According to

Springer, about 687,000 people were cremated in 2003 and that number is expected to increase by about 40 percent by 2025.

"It is expanding the options that are available to families," said Paul Dixon, executive director of the Funeral Ethics Association. "I do think that it appeals to a certain segment of society, but I don't know that it's for everyone." Roberta Morris, 77, a retiree in nearby Venice, had planned to spread the ashes of her husband at sea, but then she learned about the cremation reefs. "It's not death," said Morris. "It's just the most romantic thing to do with your spouse." Her husband, Robert, was an avid fisherman until 15 years ago, when he was disabled with a brain disorder. "He would have loved this," Morris said. The concrete reefs began as an ecological project, not a funeral service, said founder Don Brawley. He and some friends who are amateur snorkelers developed the reef balls to help restore the underwater habitat. Now more than 500,000 reef balls rest on the ocean floor off 48 countries.

World

Military court

acquits four of conspiracy

AMMAN, Jordan - Jordan's military court on Monday acquitted four men of conspiracy to attack U.S. forces in the kingdom, saying a government declaration last year that no foreign troops were stationed in Jordan nullified the charges against them. The four, including a policeman and a Finance Ministry official, were convicted, however, of illegal possession of an automatic weapon and sentenced to one year in jail. The verdict can be appealed.

Before the U.S.-led invasion of neighboring Iraq, speculation grew that U.S. forces were stationed in Jordan to mount attacks against Baghdad. The government denied that. Later, Jordan acknowledged there were "several hundred" American military personnel in the country. But officials said they were in the country to help set up anti-missile batteries in eastern Jordan to protect the kingdom from Iraqi rockets.

During the 1991 Gulf War, Iraq fired 39 Scud missiles over Jordan to Israel. In Monday's brief hearing, court President Col. Fawaz Buqour said the court found the four defendants innocent of terror conspiracy charges since the prosecution has failed to prove that a crime had been

committed against state security. Buqour defined the crime as conspiring to attack American forces in Azraq and Ruweisid, two desert towns near the Iraqi border. He said the crime became "null and void" when the government "declared there were no American forces in Jordan." Buqour said the State Security Court found the four men guilty of possessing a Russian-made Kalashnikov rifle. Three of the men have been in police custody since late last year; the Finance Ministry official remains at large.

Another earthquake strikes northern Japan

TOKYO - A strong earthquake rocked northern Japan on Monday near the area where the country's deadliest quake in a decade struck last month. At least eight people were injured. The 5.9-magnitude quake, which hit at 11:16 a.m., was centered close to the earth's surface in the Chuetsu area of Niigata state, the Meteorological Agency said. It was considered an aftershock to the 6.8-magnitude tremor that hit on Oct. 23.

After the quake, service on a high-speed train line between Tokyo and Niigata was suspended for safety checks. One train derailed last month when the initial quake struck almost directly under its tracks. Television footage from Niigata showed swaying power lines and ceiling lamps. Three weaker tremors of magnitudes 5.0, 4.5 and 4.2 struck in rapid succession in the half hour following the initial aftershock, the Meteorological Agency said. There was no danger of a tsunami, or ocean waves triggered by seismic activity, it said.

A man in Unonuma was injured after being buried briefly by a small landslide, said Atsushi Moriyama, a spokesman for Niigata state. Five kindergarten students and their teacher were hurt in a nearby town when a wall they were walking past collapsed, and a woman was injured after she lost control of her motorbike, he said. Takeshi Minagawa, an official at the town hall in Nakanoshima, among several towns the quake shook, said he felt 10 seconds of rocking, though items did not fall off shelves.

The town closed several roads to confirm they were safe after the quake, Minagawa said. Japan, which rests atop several tectonic plates, is among the world's most earthquake-prone countries.

Fearing overthrow, loyalists confront French troops in violent standoff



Ivory Coast government supporters demonstrate at a roadblock.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) - French armored vehicles took up positions near the home of Ivory Coast's president Monday, and thousands of his supporters marched on the site, fearing an attempt to oust him as France clamped down on violence in its former West African colony.

Fifty armored vehicles moved in around the home of President Laurent Gbagbo in Ivory Coast's commercial capital, Abidjan, presidential spokesman Desire Tagro said.

"Their presence here is scaring people," said Tagro.

"They're crying and they think that President Gbagbo is going to be overthrown."

The French denied surrounding the house or intending to oust Gbagbo, saying the forces were only securing a temporary base at a hotel a couple hundred yards away for foreign evacuations.

Thousands of people filled the streets around Gbagbo's home after calls on state radio and television for them to do so. French troops fired warning shots to hold back the crowd, said a worker at the Hotel Ivory

reached by telephone and speaking on condition of anonymity.

Protesters chanted against the French, yelling, "The whites don't like the blacks, but we don't care!" Some signs declare, "Ivory Coast is a sovereign state."

French forces have moved to take control of Abidjan after chaos erupted in this West African nation on Saturday. Ivorian warplanes launched a surprise air strike that killed nine French peacekeepers and an American civilian aid worker in the north, held by rebels since a 2002 civil war divided the country. The government later called the bombing a mistake.

France hit back within hours, wiping out Ivory Coast's newly built-up air force, two Russian-made Sukhoi jet fighters and at least three helicopter gunships, on the ground.

Street-level violence erupted, with machete-wielding mobs seeking to exact revenge on French citizens. With armored vehicles and helicopter gun ships deployed, France used tear gas and concussion grenades to quell the mobs.

France said it was not intervening to destabilize the country or take sides in the country's civil war, while Gbagbo appealed for calm.

Over the weekend, hard-liners called for loyalists to form a "human shield" around Gbagbo's home, and on Monday state media called on young and old to take to the streets nearby and at the broadcast headquarters.

Near the president's house, mobs swarmed one foreigner, by appearance an immigrant from a neighboring northern country, caught up in their midst, kicking and beating him.

"Kill him," young men shouted, before he was dragged into the crowd.

Six men, faces painted black, forced an AP reporter from his taxi at gunpoint and commandeered the vehicle.

French Embassy spokesman Francois Guenon denied the French troops were targeting Gbagbo, saying, "It is not a question of ousting him, that is very clear."

French armored vehicles rolled through the city after taking control of the international airport and strategic points, including bridges, over the weekend.

After angry government loyalists looted and burned businesses and roamed house-to-house in search of French citizens, residents on Monday assessed the damage to a skyscraper-lined city that once was West Africa's most prosperous, thanks to Ivory Coast's position as the world's top cocoa producer.

"Everything is burned," said one woman, a teacher at a French school that was looted and torched in the anti-French riots.

"They have stolen everything they could."

"They even tore out the toilet seat," she said, speaking on condition her name not be used. "The only thing I'm waiting for is for the airport to open, so I can get out of here."

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strongest bastion of Iraq's Sunni insurgents.

"We are determined to clean Fallujah of terrorists," Allawi said. Allawi initially said 38 people were killed in the hospital seizure, but the U.S. military later said the people were captured, not killed, at a hospital.

Throughout the morning, artillery and mortars pounded targets in Fallujah and on its outskirts and a U.S. jet swooped low to fire rockets at insurgent positions. An AC-130 gunship raked the city all night long with cannon fire, and before dawn, four 500-pound bombs were dropped, raising orange fireballs over the city's rooftops.

Commanders said the toughest fight was yet to come when American forces cross to the east bank of the Euphrates and enter the main part of Fallujah.

Marines secured an apartment building in the northwestern corner of the city by noon, said Capt. Brian Heather-

man of the 3rd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment.

"The Marines have now gained a foothold in the city," said Heatherman, 32, from Laguna Niguel, Calif.

He said there were some Iraqi casualties as the troops seized the building, where Marines found an improvised bomb hanging above a doorway.

Marine commanders have warned the offensive against Fallujah could bring the heaviest urban fighting since the Vietnam war. Some 10,000 U.S. Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi forces are around Fallujah, where commanders estimate around 3,000 insurgents are dug in. More than half the civilian population of some 300,000 people is believed to have fled already.

U.S. and Iraqi commanders have vowed to stamp out Sunni Muslim guerrillas controlling Fallujah and other cities north and west of Baghdad ahead of vital January elections.

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IAEA chief welcomes nuclear agreement

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency on Monday said that a preliminary agreement between Iran and the European Union's three big powers over Tehran's nuclear program was a "step in the right direction."

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the Vienna-based U.N. agency, said he hoped the agreement will be made official in the coming days.

The preliminary agreement was worked out in Paris with Britain, France and Germany, chief Iranian negotiator Hossein Mousavian told state-run Iranian television on Sunday.

If approved, the deal would be a major breakthrough after months of threats and negotiations. It could spare Iran from being taken before the U.N. Security Council, where the United States has warned it would seek economic sanctions unless Tehran gives up all uranium enrichment activities, a technology that can produce nuclear fuel or atomic weapons.

"I would hope that this would lead to the desired outcome, which is Iran to suspend both its enrichment and reprocessing related activities and open the way for normalization of Iran's relations with the international community," said ElBaradei speaking from a conference on nuclear security in Australia.

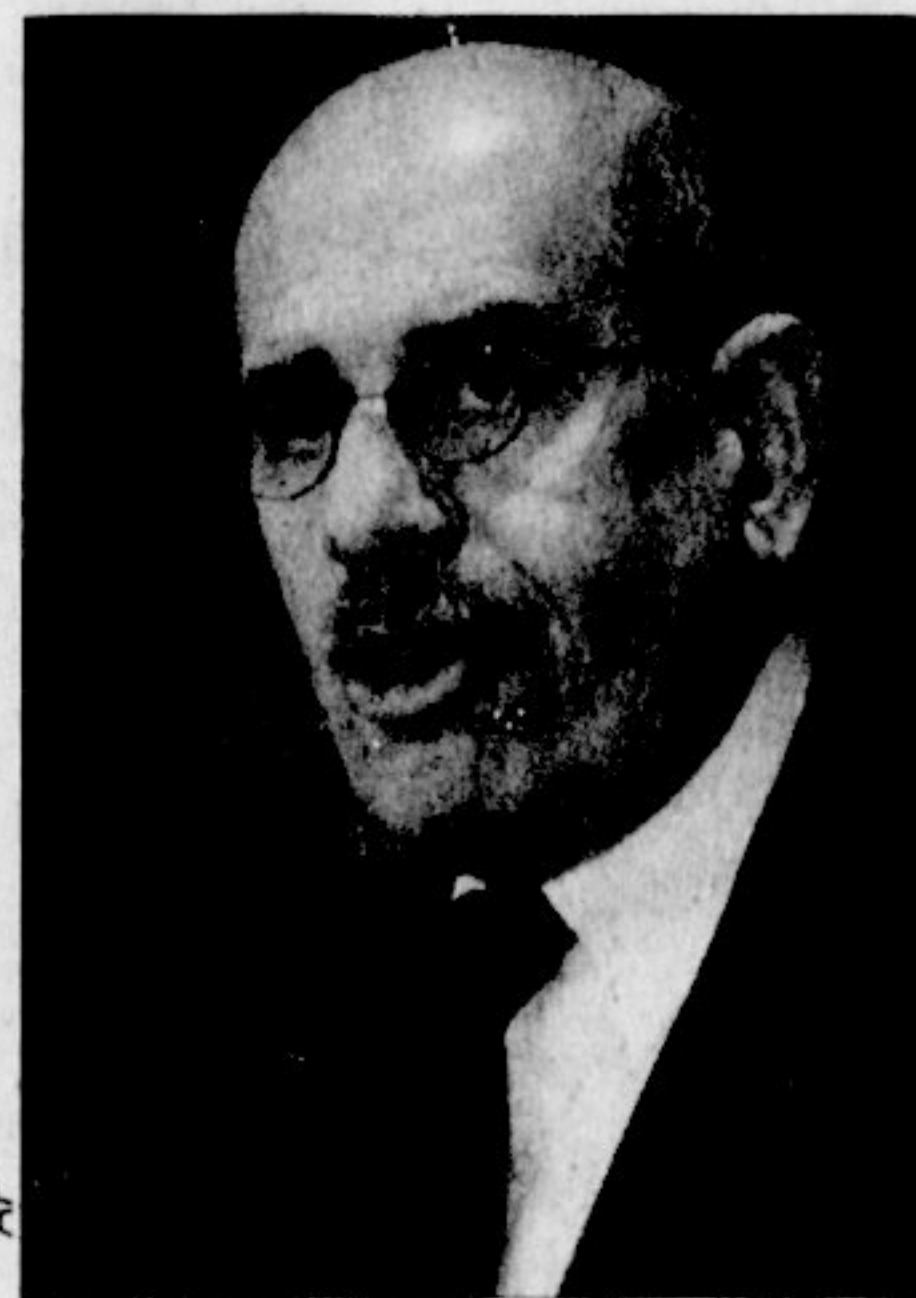
Meanwhile, Iranian lawmakers "are collecting support for a draft bill banning the production of nuclear weapons," legislator Mahmoud Mohammadi told The Associated Press.

Mohammadi said the bill could be presented to the parliament next week. He said the draft was prompted by a religious verdict by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, has said that production, stockpiling and using nuclear weapons was un-Islamic and against human interests. "Ayatollah Khamenei's verdict is clear," Mohammadi said.

"So why not make the production of nuclear weapons illegal under Iranian law?"

In proposals to Iran last month, Britain, Germany and France offered a trade deal and peaceful nuclear technology, including a light-water research reactor, if Iran pledged to indefinitely suspend uranium enrichment and related activities such as reprocessing uranium and build-



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ing centrifuges used to enrich it. Europe and Washington fear Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons, but Tehran denies such claims, saying its atomic program has peaceful aims, including energy production.

"We had 22 hours of negotiations. They were very difficult and complicated negotiations but we reached a preliminary agreement at the expert level," Mousavian said.

He said the four countries must now ask their governments to approve the accord.

The preliminary agreement appeared to mark a dramatic breakthrough, since Iranian officials have resisted indefinite or long-term suspension of nuclear enrichment, a process that Iran is permitted to pursue under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which Tehran has signed.

While not being in breach of the treaty, Iran is under heavy international pressure to drop such plans as a good faith gesture.

"If this is approved by all four parties, we will witness an important change in Iran's relations with Europe and much of the international community in [the] not-too-distant future," Mousavian said. He didn't elaborate on the agreement.

The Europeans had warned Iran that they will back Washington's threat to refer the Islamic republic to the Security Council for possible sanctions unless it gives up all uranium enrichment activities before a Nov. 25 IAEA meeting.

Tehran suspended uranium enrichment last year but has refused to stop other related activities such as reprocessing uranium or building centrifuges, insisting its program is intended purely for the production of fuel for nuclear power generation.

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"Pretty much the entire chapter participates ... it's a blast," Beck said.

"It was a really good brotherhood event that benefited the children and families of the Ronald McDonald House, and I like to see all the guys get together and give back to the community."

The Ronald McDonald House is a hotel located across from the Pitt County Memorial Hospital geared to helping families who have children in the hospital and want to avoid the large expenses of hotels and restaurants. The fee to stay there is \$10 per night, and there are 40 rooms available.

Phyllis Flye, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House said their budget is \$330,000 per year, with more than 80 percent coming from donations and fundraisers.

"Events such as this are very important to us," said Flye.

"It's one of our top three events every year."

The two other major events include a fundraiser selling luminary kits to people around Christmas time and the MGA Hooters pro tour golf tournament in conjunction with Brook Valley Country Club.

Beck said while Pi Kappa Alpha's event does take work to run and organize, it is a very doable event and he encourages other Greek organizations to put forth efforts in hosting these large charitable events.

"It just takes dedication ... they have to be held accountable for it. They're expected to go out and raise a certain amount of money," Beck said.

He said Greek organizations should just find something everyone can get excited about and relate to in some way, then there will be less threat of losing motivation.

"It is a general interest within the brotherhood to help this cause," Beck said.

Beck said continual support of the event is greatly appreciated.

"A lot of the money comes from local businesses, so without them the event wouldn't be nearly as successful," Beck said.

"A lot of people just refused to give it to you, they just don't believe you are fundraising."

The Ronald McDonald House generally stays at about an 85 percent occupancy rate and has served 7,700 families and more than 13,000 admissions since it opened in 1987.

Flye said occupants have always appreciated Pi Kappa Alpha's service.

"They are generally thrilled to have a place to stay close to their child while they are staying in the hospital without the enormous costs of hotels and restaurants," Flye said.

"The group of young men in that fraternity have been supportive to our house ... they are a great group of guys to work with and we are delighted to have them as part of our charity."

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Our View

While elections are over, discussion has just begun

It's a week after Election Day and politics are continuing to remain on the front burner of everyone's conversations.

TEC received so many Pirate Rants this past week concerning the election that we had to dedicate today's section to a special ECU "Election Rant."

Although TEC did not choose to publicly endorse a particular candidate, we had our concerns about both. Now that Bush will be in residence for another four years, we hope he takes time to address some of his previous blunders and continue to push America to the best country we can be.

First, the situation in Iraq needs to be resolved. Just how long will it take to give Iraqis total sovereignty? How long until our brothers, sisters, friends, etc. can come home?

Second, Bush needs to construct a concrete plan to cut the deficit, which has grown massively over the past four years.

Third, it is our hope that Bush's history of making decisions based on his morals will be put somewhat in check. Legislation based on gay marriage, abortions and other such highly controversial topics should be considered based solely on the interest of the entire American public, not just those who are of a Christian or similar doctrine.

One thing we were happy to see was the ease of the election process this year. This election season was, for the most part, free of the red tape and voting scandals that plagued the last presidential election. The straightforwardness of this vote helped to reassure some of our faith in the electoral process.

Moreover, TEC encourages our readers that just because the election is over, doesn't mean your comments are unwelcome. When the leader of our country does something you don't agree with, you have that freedom to express your discontent - and what better way to get your voice out to your peers than through the student newspaper of your university?

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Opinion Columnist

Democrats losing touch with Americans

One-party dominance leads to disaster

TONY MCKEE
STAFF WRITER

I offer congratulations to all the organizations that had voter registration drives for this election and also to all the people who helped make possible the incredible turnout for the election. Whether or not your candidate (s) won last week, every one of you deserves to be proud for what you helped accomplish. I hope you continue to take an active role in shaping our country.

That said, I need to get something off my chest.

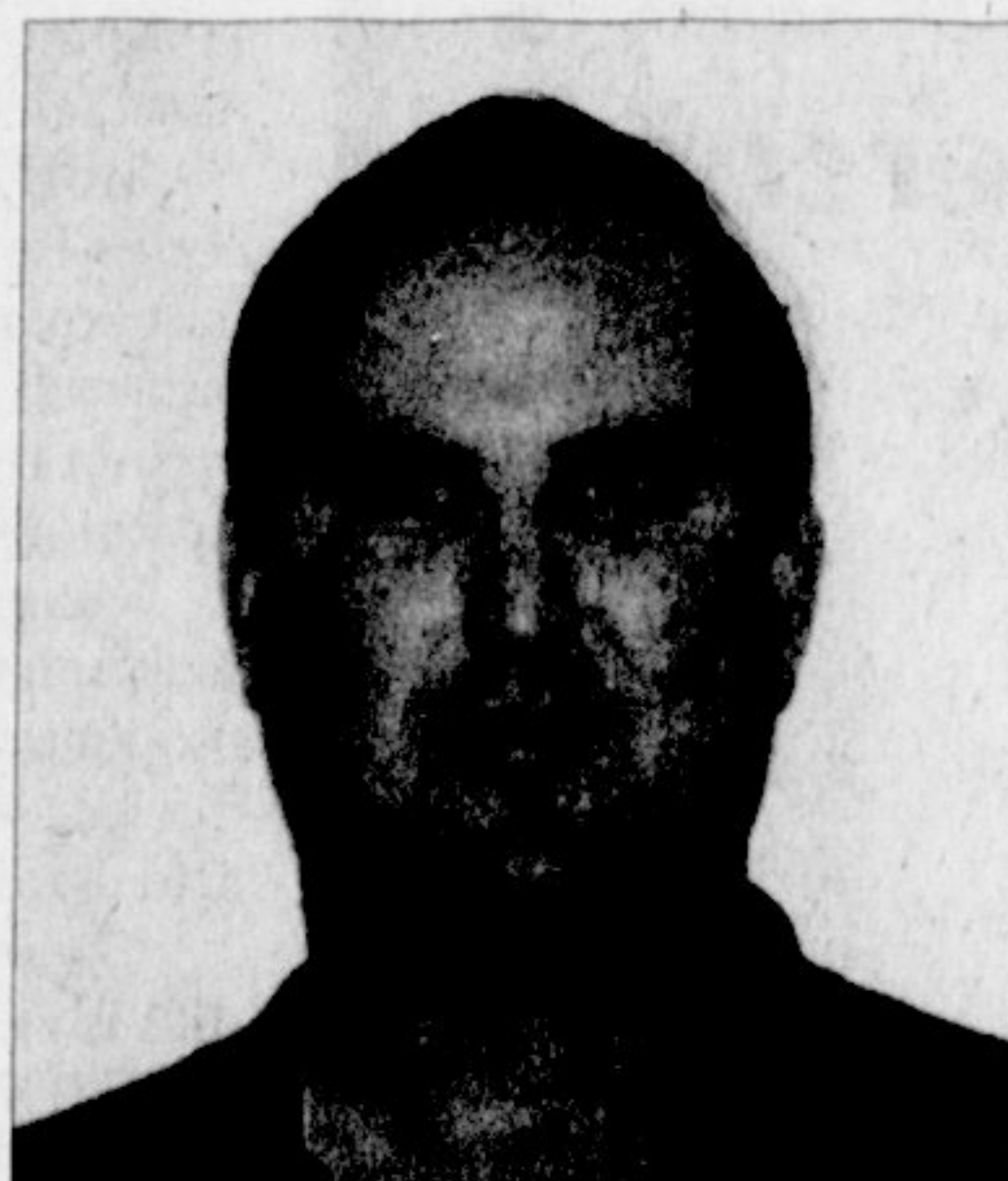
I like to be the first to admit I am (was) wrong whenever possible. Unfortunately, it usually isn't possible because there is always someone who will quickly and loudly point out any errors I make. This is one time where I will be able to be the first to admit my error and offer an apology.

My apology goes to the college Democrats.

I went over to their registration table before the election to compliment them on their registration efforts and wish them and their candidates the best. I also engaged in a little friendly political discourse with the people at the table. Well, at least with the people at the table who were courteous and mature enough not to get up and walk a few feet away when I moseyed up. I did have a good conversation with those who were decent enough to stick around though. And that is where my apology comes in.

Just before I had to leave for class I was asked how I thought the election would turn out. I told them President Bush would win by 5-6%. I was wrong and man enough to admit it. President Bush's margin of victory was about 9-10%. Sorry guys.

There you have it: one of the rare



times I am able to be the first to admit my mistake. I must admit, it is refreshing and good for the soul.

Now, let's move on to other matters.

With the election almost in the record books (the Electoral College still has to cast its votes and make it official), the results follow a trend that has been evident to everyone except the Democrat leadership and left wing fanatics since the early 1990s: the Democrat Party is imploding.

This implosion began when Bill Clinton was president and has continued to gain momentum. From that time on, the Democrats lost their majority in the House of Representatives, their majority in the Senate, numerous state governorships and the presidency twice. Despite all this they still can't see the forest through the hatred they harbor against everyone who is not them.

I have noticed three basic "explanations" that Liberals are putting forth to explain the election results:

First, Kerry was a micro managing idiot who couldn't make a decision without calling a bunch of friends to figure out how he should think and who let the "Clinton-istas" take over his campaign.

Second, the Democrats were not able to get their message out to the

public in such a way as to make people realize how much they cared.

Third, the "Great Unwashed" American voting public was either stupid enough to fall for Republican lies or too stupid to realize how much the Democrats cared.

I kid you not. These are the basic opinions being expressed by liberals to explain their most recent trouncing at the polls. All you have to do is look at any major media outlet and you'll see them.

The Democrats have lost touch with the American people and, in some cases, reality. Even now they can't get it through their thick heads they lost the election. They are still acting like they are in power and the President has to answer to them. I hope reality sinks in soon, but I fear it won't. I think the Democrats have to fall even further before they open their eyes and admit the truth. I hope it happens soon.

Seriously, I hope the Democrats shake up their organization and get their act together soon. It will probably require a major restructuring of the party leadership and a hard, honest self-examination, but it needs to be done.

Without a viable opponent, the Republican Party could turn into what the Democrats are now: so used to being in power they become arrogant, ideologically corrupt and sore losers to boot. That must not happen.

The Democrats have shown that one-party dominance leads to disaster and must be avoided. And frankly, the thought of only one party controlling the political landscape of this country should scare anybody, no matter what political affiliation.

America needs at least two vibrant, healthy political parties. The Democrats have an opportunity to become one such party again. They have to be willing to change though. If they can't or won't, I pray some other party has the courage to do so.

For all our sakes.

Election Rants

The elections are over. It is time to clean up those annoying political signs that are all over the roadsides.

John Kerry walks into a bar. The bartender says, "Why the long face?"

I was happy to see Bush beat Kerry. Raping the Constitution is better than killing it.

As you right-wing conservatives obviously don't care about "other people" (read: the rest of the world and non-white/Christian Americans), I must conclude you do it to save your own children. To this, I must reply. Despite all your efforts, many of your children will still likely: think for themselves, make their own decisions, learn sex-ed from re-runs of "Real Sex 39," get back alley abortions because you outlawed it, dress like Britney, get divorced, date a foreigner, get divorced again, see a terrorist attack on America, see America run out of countries to attack because of it - but most importantly I hope they will recognize that being American does not mean you are special or better than others in the world. American rights are no different than human rights.

Peter Kalajian must be one angry guy. First he bashes the Greek system and now President Bush. Do you hate everything that is cool?

The constitution states there is to be a separation of church and state. To hear politicians like Bush so blatantly disregard a portion of the Constitution is rather upsetting.

Today we salute you Mr. John Kerry voter. While others were at the polls making informed decisions about their candidates, you are relying on Michael Moore for political advice. Yes. No. Maybe. The only thing we know for sure about Kerry is his three Purple Hearts (say it again now). Sure, Bush isn't the most articulate public speaker, but he's not scared of a football. So crack open an ice cold Bud Light Democratic dirtbag, because the Republicans now have four more years.

I would just like to thank everyone who voted for George W. Bush! I am just so excited for gas prices to raise another whole dollar and to not be able to find a job when I graduate. I can't wait for all my tax money to be spent on the death and destruction of innocent people in order to catch this invisible boogeyman. Thanks for another four wonderful years.

I have two questions for all those in favor of Bush. I know that all of you Bush supporters are happy, but do you honestly think that the president should have control over Congress and the Supreme Court? Secondly, how many of women's and ethnic rights are you willing to trade for the illusion of safety?

I heard some students at a bar chanting "four more years!" on election night. Four more years of unjust war, lies and homophobic attitudes? Count me out.

Yahoo for Kerry, showing true character while admitting defeat.

Freedom is on the march ... back to the 1950s. The conservatives have made their choice and they will be responsible if Bush screws up the country. No more room to point the finger at Clinton or the "liberals," my fellow Americans. If Bush messes up the next four years, it's entirely his fault. Who are you going to blame then?

I personally think the Electoral College is the worst thing about this country. I am a democrat living in a state that traditionally votes Republican for president. So my vote, in the grand scheme of things, means absolutely nothing. Why on earth do we not use the popular vote system? Probably because that makes too much sense.

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In My Opinion

Sports in overtime: Avoid extending seasons

(KRT) — All baseball fans have moments when they wish the season would never end. Sometimes it seems as though they've gotten their way.

This year's World Series was a short one, consisting of only four games, but it didn't end until Oct. 27. Back in 1954, by contrast, the Series wrapped up on Oct. 2. On Oct. 2 of this year, the World Series hadn't even begun, partly because the regular season still hadn't ended. A seven-game series with a couple of rain outs could have forced some teams relying on Mr. October to seek out a Mr. November.

It's not as though the season has merely been pushed back. It has also been pushed forward. Ted Williams played his first Opening Day on April 18, 1939. This year, the first pitch of the year was thrown on March 30. Our warm-weather sport now lasts from the chilly mists of April till the frost is on the pumpkin. If Roger Kahn were writing a book about the Dodgers today, he'd call it "The Boys of Non-Winter."

Baseball is not the only offender, or even the worst. The NFL now begins in early September and sometimes doesn't play the Super Bowl until February. In the days before the Super

Bowl, the championship was settled by New Year's Eve. The first Super Bowl, for that matter, was played on Jan. 15, 1967.

The NBA, well, we suspect there are convicted killers who go to jail at the start of the NBA season and complete their sentences before it has ended. The regular season tips off the first week of November and the title series doesn't wind up until the middle of June, three months later than in the 1950s and long after most people have exhausted their interest.

The ceaseless expansion of playing seasons breeds boredom. It also lowers quality. More games mean more wear and tear on players. By the time this year's Series started, the St. Louis Cardinals were running on fumes.

Or maybe they just had trouble swinging the bat while wearing thermal underwear. Baseball was not designed for bracing winds and frigid temperatures, but they're what often prevails by the time the postseason rolls around. The sight of parkas, mittens and fur hats is now as much a part of the World Series spectacle as the victory champagne.

Why do the leagues keep extend-

ing the season? The obvious reason is money. The more games, the more opportunities to sell tickets. But the logic of that approach would be 52 weeks of competition in every sport.

In any case, it's about time professional sports traded a little quantity for quality. If three rounds of postseason competition are needed to produce a World Series champion, fine, keep the postseason as it is, but shorten the regular season. Old-timers can recall that 154 games was good enough for Babe Ruth and Ted Williams. They ought to be enough for modern players.

Some fans will complain that abbreviating the regular season would put some single-season records out of reach. (Roger Maris needed a longer season to break Ruth's 60-homer record.) Maybe so, but that might merely balance the effects of modern nutrition, training, videotape and even illicit substances. And what's wrong with starting a new record book?

Contrary to the prevailing assumption, fans can get too much of a good thing. Samuel Johnson's remark about "Paradise Lost" is also true of the modern professional sports season: Nobody ever wished it were longer.

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Announcements:

The ECU Gospel Choir will be performing on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. in Hendrix Theatre, Mendenhall. Tickets will be \$3 for students/military and \$5 for the general public. As a bonus, the special intermission guest will be the Salvation and Deliverance Church Choir from Tarboro, NC, under the direction of Kristian Herlin. For more information, contact Tarrick Cox at 328-1518.

For those students who meet the CDC definition of high risk flu sufferers, there will be a Student Health Flu Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Health Building Multipurpose Room. The shot will cost \$12 for regular, high risk students and free of charge for students with NC teachers state employees insurance, with insurance card and ID. For more information about the clinic or to determine whether you are a high risk flu sufferer, go to the Student Health Center Web site at ecu.edu/studenthealth or call 328-6841 for more details.

There will be a presentation about "How Cities Create Their Own Rainfall" on Friday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. in 102 Brewster B. Dr. Marshall Shepherd, a NASA scientist, will be presenting at Geography Department colloquium through a Minority Scholar Presence Grant. Dr. Shepard has researched meteorology in the Laboratory for Atmospheres at the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. His experience with the White House, Department of Defense and NASA will make this presentation exhilarating. For more information, contact Dr. Scott Curtis at 328-2088.

The Adapted Sports Day will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the SRC. This year's theme, "From Greece to Greenville," will feature Olympian and Paralympian Jean Driscoll. Driscoll has won the Boston Marathon eight times and was named one of the Top 25 female athletes by *Sports Illustrated*. She will discuss her experiences as a disabled athlete. The Adapted Sports Day will also include wheelchair volleyball, wheelchair basketball, bowling, tai chi, hand cycling, goalball, table tennis, canoeing and seated aerobics. The \$5 registration fee will cover breakfast, lunch, the keynote presentation, all instructional sessions, parking and a t-shirt. Call 328-6387 or 2718 for more information.

Names in the News:

How hot is Sarah Michelle Gellar's latest scary flick, *The Grudge*? So steaming that the movie, which has been out three weeks, has already spawned a sequel, the *Hollywood Reporter* said. No word on whether our favorite vampire slayer will star.

Until now the closest you could get to your idol, Jessica Simpson, was to envelop yourself with her angelic voice as she slathered yourself with products from the pop star's Dessert cosmetic line. But soon, your deepest desires and grandest dreams will come true. Soon, you will be able to own Jessica Simpson wear! According to the *New York Daily News*, the 24-year-old vocalist and MTV reality star, has signed a deal with New York-based manufacturing firm Andrew Sports Club to produce a clothing line set to rival that of Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen: a line of junior sportswear including kids' clothes, hats, watches, jewelry and even undies under the Jessica Simpson and Sweet Kisses brand names. Meanwhile, Jess and her less famous but supremely patient husband, Nick Lachey, tell *People* magazine that rumors of troubles in their perfect marriage are icky lies.

Jessica Simpson is being sued by the manufacturer of the Dessert Beauty line of edible cosmetics. According to TV's "Celebrity Justice," Cosmojet, which filed the suit in Los Angeles Superior Court, says Jess and Dessert owe it almost \$200,000 after Cosmojet made \$1 million worth of product but was paid only \$800K.

Sound swarms from Mendenhall

Engine Down, The Capulets rock ECU

TREVOR WORDEN
STAFF WRITER

It seemed like an ordinary Thursday night at Mendenhall. People were at The Spot hanging out in the lounges or getting coffee from Java City. Although it wasn't an ordinary Thursday night because Engine Down would play at Pirate Underground, covered by The Capulets. The thought of going to this show sent electricity through my body and everyone I was with, making this Thursday night different than all the rest.

When getting downstairs to the room the bands were playing in, there was a nice size crowd, all of which were talking, playing pool or finding the merchandise sold by the bands.

Momentarily, The Capulets took the stage and began playing a strong set. Cover bands seem to fall into the extremities really good or really bad. When opening, the night crowds always seem to be more critical of the band. This band did fall into the extremities of being really good or really bad, and from the overall opinion, I think it could be determined those there Thursday night really liked what they heard.

The Capulets had a very unique look and sound. The band had an authentic, vintage look to add to their appeal. With the vocals of Ted Leo and The Pharmacists, a beat like Modest Mouse, and melodies comparable to Weezer, The Capulets proved to be one of the best bands from the Greenville area. They now have a competition under their belt, which proves their excellent product, winning a battle of the bands in Chapel Hill. Their blend of melodic guitars and driving beats fit nicely together. The dual vocals of Josh and Alex Pope gave a distinct and different approach to each song. The band includes members Stuart McLamb, Josh Pope, Alex Pope and Thomas Charles Simpson.

When asked about what helped influence their sound,

Stuart McLamb said, "We are influenced mainly by British Pop and Seventies Glam Rock."

When The Capulets finished their set, a brief intermission took place and people began to encircle the stage. Everyone knew what was coming and murmured in anticipation.

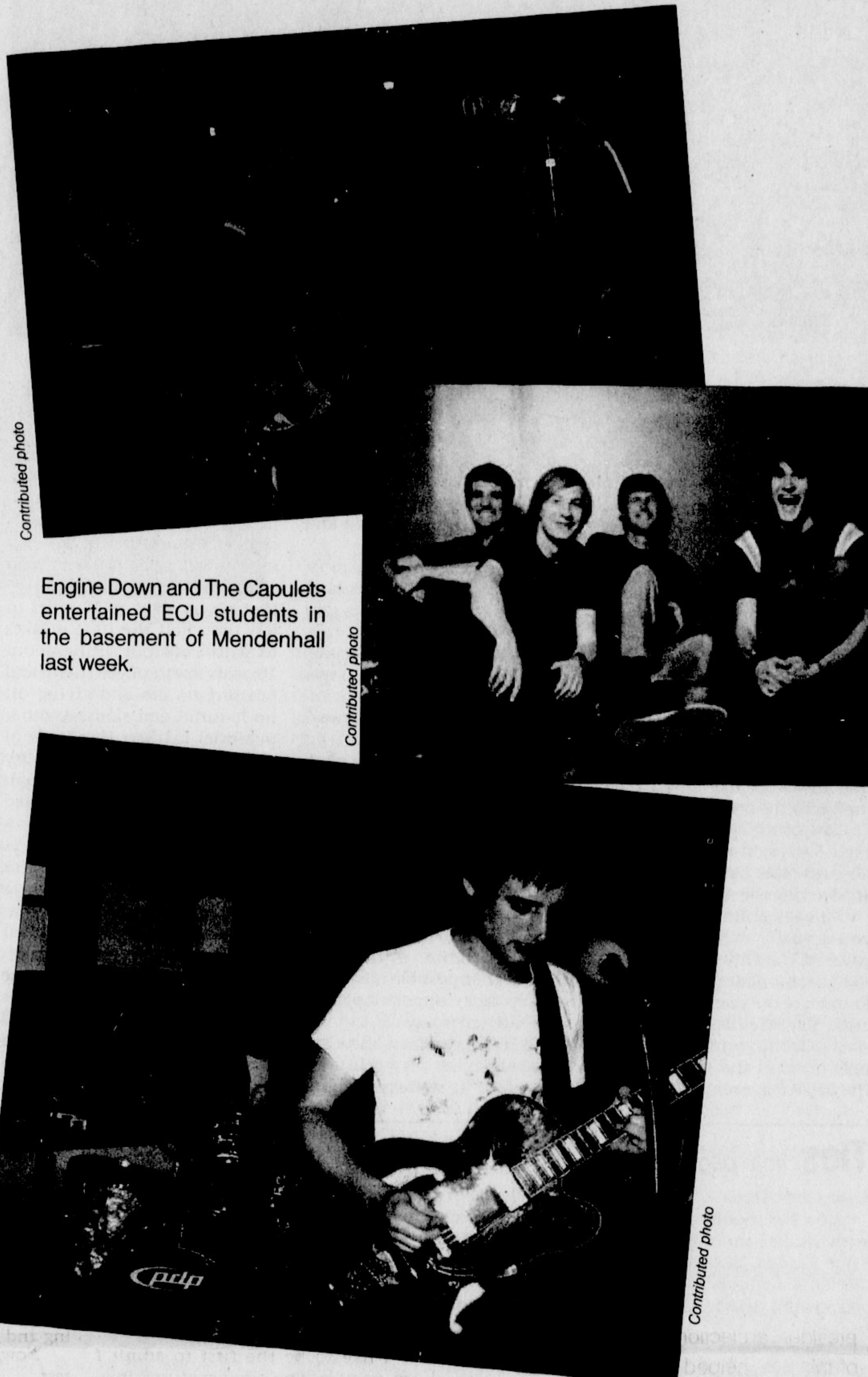
Ending the hiatus, Engine Down began playing with the haunting opening chord from their first track off the *Demure* CD. A shady blue light was thrown across the stage setting the mood. Then sounds from the drummer came which added a lot to the band as a whole. He took a new and different approach to drumming using moroccos for drumsticks. The drummer, Cornbread Compton, did a kind of dance throughout the show as he played. Compton added to the feel of the band and the sound in general through his unconventional beats. Keeley Davis, lead singer and lead guitarist, had a melodic voice resembling Chris Connolly's from Saves the Day. One song led into another and the crowd showed their approval clapping joyously after every song. Engine Down played mostly songs from their new album which is self-titled and was released Aug. 25. The members of the band include Keeley Davis, Cornbread Compton, Jonathon Fuller and Jason Wood.

They have been touring the east recently with Ted Leo and The Pharmacists, Keeley Davis said. They have previously toured with other bands including Ranier Maria.

Their influences, include metal bands from the 1980s like Motley Crue and some outsider influences including artists like Prince. Through their wide range of influences the four guys have banded together to provide an excellent sound.

If you missed the opportunity to see these two great bands in action, you can check out The Capulet's Web site at thecapulets.com, and Engine Down's Web site at enginedown.com.

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Engine Down and The Capulets entertained ECU students in the basement of Mendenhall last week.

New ties for guys who want some change

(KRT) — Want to get a guy riled up? Insult his taste in neckties.

We did that last year, when we suggested in a fashion column that clip-on ties are "tacky."

Boy, did that get readers' necks in a knot!

We heard from guys who love clip-ons. And we heard from guys who hate them, but defend the right of the convenience-conscious, fashion-challenged or klutzy to wear them.

The vehemence of the responses left no doubt: Whether they knot or clip their ties, men care about neckwear. Even those who have sworn off wearing ties have an opinion about them.

Now that fall is upon us, and summer's casual dress codes are going the way of autumn leaves, the time seems right to check on the evolving status of neckwear. Sales of men's ties are on the upswing, say trend-watchers. And women's ties, which pop up as a quirky accessory every few years, also are expected to be a popular item this fall.

Ties were the crown jewels in the men's power-dressing movement of the 1980s, says Jerry Andersen, spokesman for the Men's Dress Furnishings Association, a trade group in New York.

But neckwear fell out of favor during the dress-down 1990s, he says. That's when Casual Friday morphed into Casual Everyday. When "business casual" was defined, debated and redefined. When even the most tradition-bound bankers and lawyers swapped their suits and ties for khakis and polo shirts.

Now the tide is turning. "There's a return to dressed-up style, especially among younger customers," says Andersen. "We saw it first with the specialty-store customer, who spends more money on clothes and is more tuned in to fashion."

The first ripple of change came in 1999, when ABC-TV game-show host Regis Philbin scored a double-whammy. His "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" show was a huge hit, and so were the

solid-colored metallic ties he wore with his dark shirts. Men started buying dress shirts again, just so they could team them with "Regis ties."

But the dark, tone-on-tone look didn't last long. "Too dreary," says Andersen.

It is being replaced this fall by a flood of striking patterns and brilliant colors, including hot pink. Andersen expects these lively new looks to sweep even the most ardent no-neckwear advocates back into tie departments.

"Our neckwear business is up," says Craig DeLongy, an owner of John Craig clothiers in Winter Park, Fla. "I think we're on a run."

"There are men who love wearing neckwear," DeLongy explains.

"They find adding a new tie to an old shirt is a great way to update their wardrobe. And the neckwear right now is irresistible."

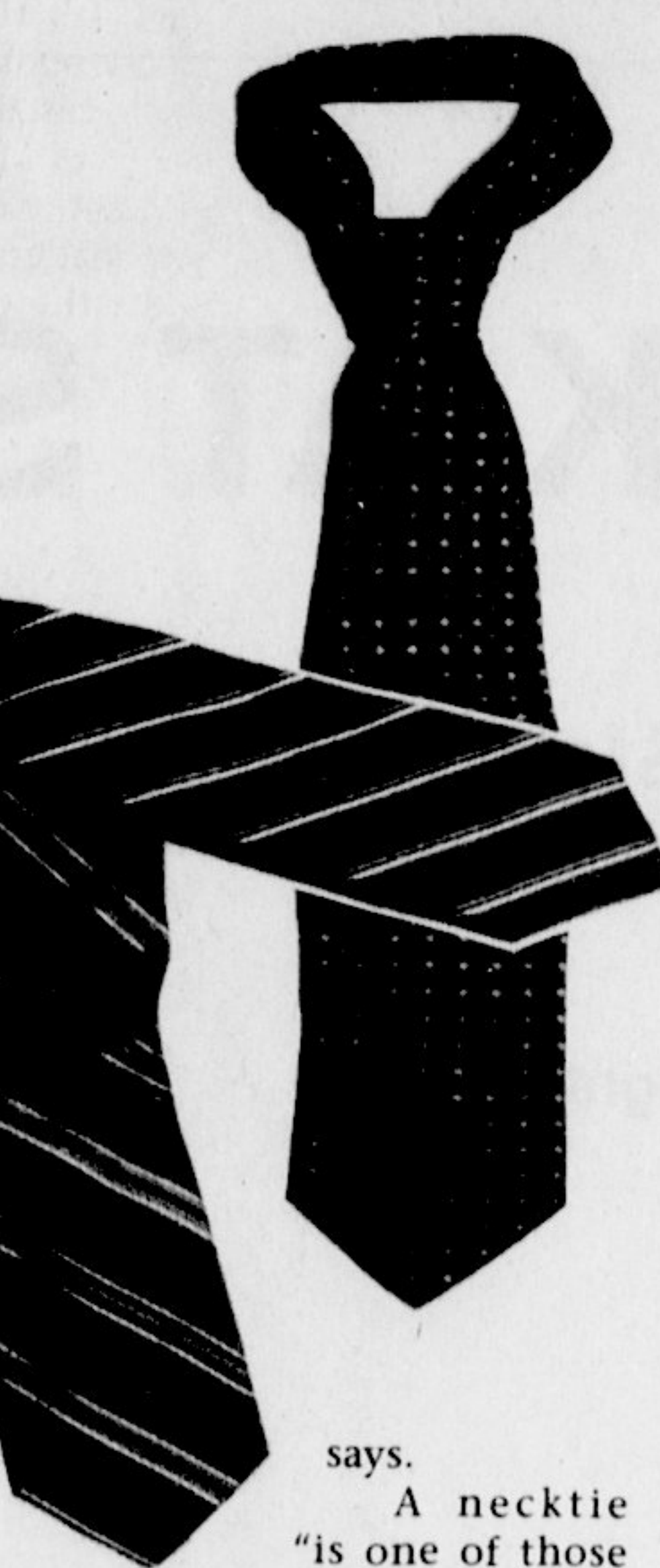
Orlando, Fla., attorney David Paul is one of those men who are crazy about ties.

"If I really like a tie, I'll buy it," says Paul, 34.

"I can spend \$200 or more on a tie, which is completely irrational. But a really good tie is unique. It ties differently. It sets you off differently."

He is especially fond of seven-fold neckties by Robert Talbott, which he buys at Christopher Jude clothiers in Orlando for \$210 a pop. Fashioned entirely by hand from a single piece of luxurious silk, the tie is folded seven times into itself. The volume and quality of the silk creates a substantial knot and exceptionally elegant drape.

Paul enjoys buying souvenir ties when he travels, giving ties as gifts, and trading ties with friends and colleagues. "Kind of like adult baseball cards," he



says.

A necktie "is one of those things you can wear and make a fashion statement without really doing a whole lot," he says. "Everybody notices your tie. Not everyone likes them, but everyone notices them."

Nothing kills an outfit like a bad tie, says Carson Kressley, one of the Fab Five hosts on Bravo's hit show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

In his just-published style guide, "Off the Cuff" (Dutton), Kressley offers a couple of tie-buying tips:

"People ask how to find a good tie," he writes. "It's kind of like when you see a puppy at the animal shelter: When it's the right one, you'll know it."

When shopping for neckwear, "Give the tie a good feel," Kressley advises.

"A good tie will have an inner construction that is actually tangible. If you took it apart, there would be something like a piece of mesh or screen that gives body to the structure. A bad tie is wimpy and soft."

The most useful tie knot is the four-in-hand, which works with all collar types, except the widest spread collar, he says. (Coachmen who drove a team of four horses, or four-in-hand, knotted their neckwear in this fashion,

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Segways wobble but don't fall down

(KRT) — A symphonic hum emanates from a Sunnyvale, Calif., neighborhood as helmet-clad players cruise eight inches above the grass on Segway super scooters, swinging their mallets at a small spongy soccer ball in an 8-mile-an-hour polo match.

Standing on his Segway platform like a modern-day gladiator is Steve Wozniak, gracefully leaning forward and backward on the two-wheeler to propel himself across the field, popping the occasional wheeie.

From the pavement to the playground, the 53-year-old Silicon Valley icon and Apple Computer founder known as "Woz" has become Segway's top unofficial salesman in Silicon Valley. Wozniak gets such a charge out of the battery-powered Segway that he collects them like some would model airplanes and takes them wherever he goes.

He crams them six at a time into his Hummer, four into his Toyota Prius, then cruises the rolling hills of his Los Gatos, Calif., neighborhood and San Francisco's famously steep sidewalks (where Segways are officially banned out of concern that they endanger pedestrians, a contention that Segway and its customers vigorously dispute). He stops to chat up gawkers, sometimes letting them hitch a glide. After evening concerts at the Shoreline Amphitheater in Mountain View, he takes friends on moonlit trails where skunks scamper alongside the whirling scooters. He even hopes that his biographer will dedicate an entire chapter to Segways.

"It's just a lot of fun," Wozniak said. "You get addicted to it."

On this Sunday morning, however, he temporarily loses his customary equilibrium. Smacking the soccer ball, he wobbles then falls on his rear end. For a moment he smarts that the self-balancing contraption that he describes as an

extension of his central nervous system has let him down. Then he climbs back aboard and floats away.

"We will have to have an MIT award," hoots one of the players, all Silicon Valley techies and venture capitalists, "for Most Impressive Tumble."

The Segway Human Transporter clearly has a faithful following here in this digital incubator powered by microchips and misfits who know a thing or two about reinventing the wheel. Whether it will become fad or flop (or — in the valley lexicon — wired or expired) depends on Segway's ability to get traction outside of this silicon subculture filled with upwardly mobile technogeeks.

So far the superscooter's nearly two-year test drive with the general public hasn't exactly been smooth. This so-called "evolution in personal mobility" has begun with a whimper instead of the big bang everyone was expecting.

The megahyped 2001 launch was fueled by a leaked book proposal that built wild anticipation for the top-secret product known only by its code name. When he finally unveiled "Ginger" on national television, inventor and chief spinmeister Dean Kamen claimed the Segway would revolutionize transportation the same way the automobile did a century ago. It hasn't even come close.

Kamen predicted that the Segway LLC would sell 50,000 to 100,000 in the first year. But the company that refuses to release sales or production numbers was forced to reveal in September 2003 after a voluntary recall that it had sold just 6,000 scooters in six months. Sluggish sales won't help Segway fulfill Silicon Valley venture capitalist John Doerr's pre-release boast that the company would hit \$1 billion in sales faster than any other start-up. The Wall Street

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Jon Bauer, Derek DiCarlo and Steve Wozniak battle for control playing polo on their Segway's.

Journal reported in February that Segway's 2003 revenue was \$25 million.

You don't need to take a look under the New Hampshire company's hood to know that the Segway hasn't replaced walking or driving (nor has its popularity dwarfed that of the personal computer, another improbable Kamen prediction). Segway users may cruise chat rooms en masse, but you rarely see the two-wheelers roaming Bay Area sidewalks.

Will Segway go anywhere? A lot is riding on that Darwinian question: the superscooter's future and the \$130 million-plus that investors like Doerr have sunk into the company.

Part of the quandary is that even Segway's most evangelistic customers have a hard time articulating the mystique.

"It's something you get once you actually experience it for yourself," said Alex Ko, a 33-year-old mechanical engineer and founder of the year-old San Francisco Bay Area Segway Enthusiasts Group, which sponsors polo matches and glides around the Bay Area, even a riding tour

of the penguins and tigers at the San Francisco Zoo in August. "Explaining it in words is so difficult because it is so different than anything out there. People have kind of said, 'You think about what you want to do and it does it.'"

But until recently in most areas of the country, you couldn't even take the Segway for a spin before buying one. The only way to hook up with a Segway was through the company, specialty retailer Brookstone or on Amazon.com. Some used Segways also are up for sale on eBay.

Segway also faces the challenge of proving that it is more than just an expensive toy. In post-bubble America, there are just far fewer idle rich willing to shell out a small fortune (\$2,995.95 for the smaller p series to \$4,495.00 for the larger i series) for an alternative mode of transportation with limited use. Another possible hitch: The Segway faces opposition from some citizen groups.

To keep its business afloat and get sales moving, Segway LLC has ramped up its strategy of hawk-

ing the superscooters through authorized dealerships across the country to target commuters, corporations, retailers and warehouses and government agencies. For example, the company is billing the Segway as "the most efficient transportation device ever to set foot on a factory floor" and as a "police patrol workhorse" that covers eight to 10 miles in less than half the time it takes to patrol on foot, using about 10 cents worth of electricity and burning no gas and giving off no harmful emissions. Another potential market: Hundreds of people with restricted mobility are using Segways even though the scooters are not approved or marketed to the disabled as a medical device.

"The independent dealer network allows for a place where customers come, see, experience, try, buy and get service for their machines by passionate, experienced professionals in their home towns," CEO Ron Bills, who was brought in to jump-start sales, told Segway Chat, the online bulletin board for Segway riders, in June. Gregg Williams, who owns

California Speed-Sports, which now sells Segways alongside exotic European motorcycles and Italian scooters, says the strategy is working. Williams has found happy homes for 18 Segways in the past two and a half months, three alone to Wozniak, who piled them all into his Prius. Williams is banking \$180,000 that even the busted Bay Area still houses plenty of disposable income and a pioneering spirit.

Most Segway fans welcome the strategy of building a national network of dealerships that sport the Segway name.

But some longtime Segway riders wonder whether Detroit-driven dealers of expensive engines and upholstery are the best routes to bigger sales. On Segway Chat one disgruntled fan objected to a large Lexus dealer in Florida snagging the first dealership, arguing instead for Segway to model itself on Apple Computer, branding itself as a maverick "think different" product.

"At a Lexus dealership, it will be perceived as being more expensive and a luxury item," the fan complained.

"It destroys the Segway's differentness. That differentness cannot be maintained by selling it alongside cars, motorcycles or bicycles. If the Segway is a pedestrian product, it shouldn't be sold with cars. It gives the impression that the Segway has 'sold out' to the automobile industry.

"Of course Detroit would want the Segway portrayed as a toy or a novelty. If the Segway is in the pocket of the auto industry, how can any transportation revolution even begin?"

But another Segway fan disagreed: "I think it is important that Segway develop additional outlets for sales, if for no other reason than for the viability of the company."

"I think that's the right strategy," said Wozniak. "The company just didn't have that strategy soon enough."

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hence the name.)

Bow ties should not be worn with regular suits, he believes. That look is "just a little too Orville Redenbacher." And when worn with a tuxedo, they should be hand-tied.

Which brings us back to clip-on ties. Style gurus do not like them. But some guys appreciate

the convenience of clip-ons, especially if medical conditions such as arthritis or dyslexia make knotting a tie painful or difficult. (JCPenney, Sears and Big & Tall Men's Wear are among the few stores that carry clip-on ties for adults.)

Men who work close to machinery with moving parts often wear clip-ons as a safety

precaution. If the tie gets caught in the machinery, it pops off. The tie may get chewed up, but not the wearer.

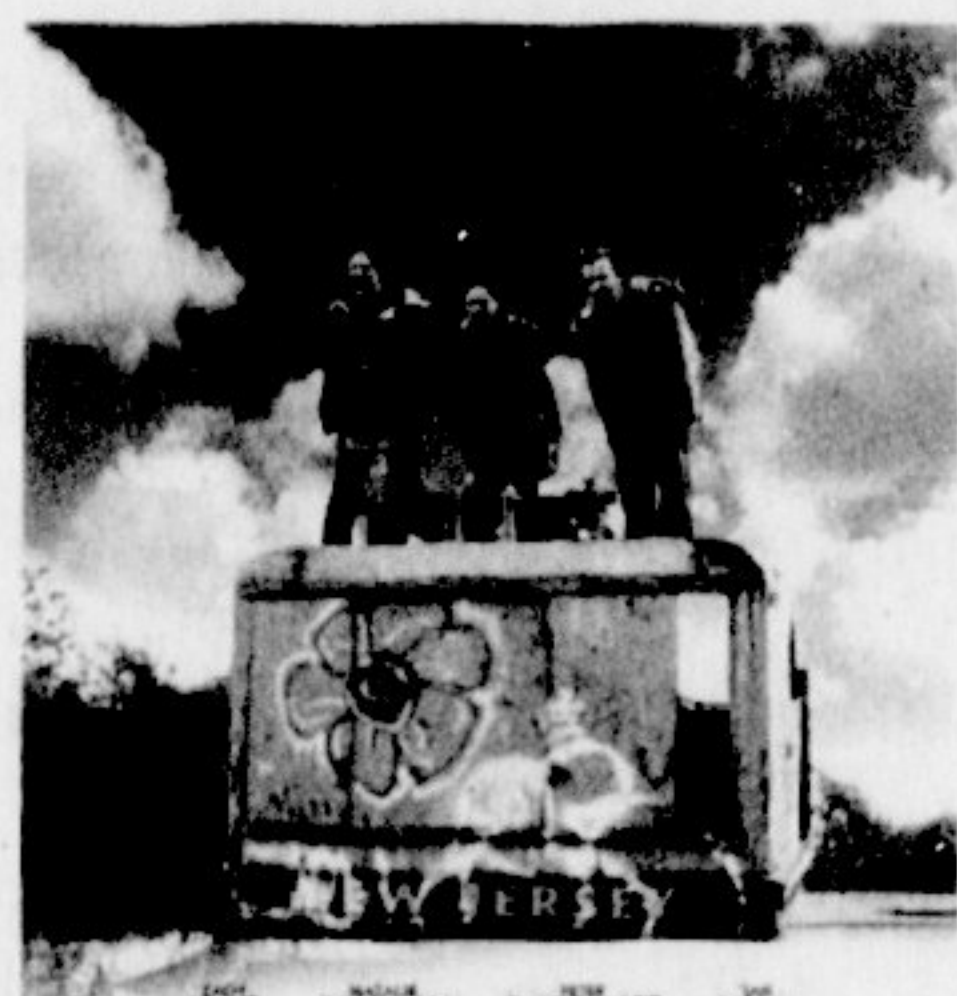
Police officers also wear clip-ons, usually made from the same material and the same color as their shirts.

"If someone were to grab them by the tie, he couldn't

swing them around or use it to choke them. The tie would simply come off," says Sgt. Brian Gilliam, public information officer for the Orlando Police Department.

If a police officer wears a regular wrap-and-knot tie with his uniform, it means just one thing, says Gilliam: "He's top brass, and he's in a formal setting."

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3	Auburn	9-0	3
4	Wisconsin	9-0	5
5	California	9-0	4
6	Texas	8-1	6
7	Utah	9-0	7
8	Georgia	8-1	8
9	Michigan	8-1	10
10	Virginia	7-1	12
11	FSU	7-2	13
12	Louisville	6-1	14
13	West Virginia	8-1	15
14	Boise State	8-0	16
15	Tennessee	7-2	9
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	18
17	LSU	6-2	17
18	Miami	6-2	11
19	Iowa	7-2	20
20	Arizona St.	7-2	23
21	BC	6-2	24
22	Texas A&M	6-3	22
23	UTEP	6-2	25
24	Notre Dame	6-3	NR
25	OK St.	6-3	19

Others Receiving Votes: Texas Tech 84, N. Illinois 77, Alabama 52, Ohio St. 28, South Carolina 24, Southern Miss. 12, Bowling Green 4, Georgia Tech 3, Oregon 3, Toledo 3, Clemson 1, Navy 1.

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6	California	7-1	6
7	Texas	8-1	7
8	Utah	9-0	8
9	Michigan	8-1	9
10	West Virginia	8-1	12
11	Virginia	7-1	13
12	FSU	7-2	13
13	Boise State	8-0	15
14	Louisville	6-1	16
15	LSU	6-2	17
16	Virginia Tech	7-2	18
17	Miami (FL)	6-2	10
18	Tennessee	7-2	11
19	Iowa	7-2	20
20	Arizona St.	7-2	23
21	BC	6-2	25
22	NIU	7-2	14
23	Texas A&M	6-3	22
24	OK State	6-3	19
25	Texas Tech	6-3	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Bowling Green 70, Texas-El Paso 68, Notre Dame 66, Ohio State 46, Alabama 26, Clemson 17, Georgia Tech 9, South Carolina 7, Southern Mississippi 6, Fresno State 5, Navy 5, Oregon 2, Iowa State 1, Miami (Ohio) 1, Purdue 1.

Around the C-USA

Louisville 56, Memphis 49

Air Force 31, Army 22

Tulane 42, Navy 10

Cincinnati 52, Southern Miss 24

This Day in Sports

1946 - Notre Dame fights to a 0-0 tie with Army to snap the Cadets' 26-game winning streak.

1953 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules 7-2 that baseball is not subject to antitrust laws, maintaining the game is a sport, not a business.

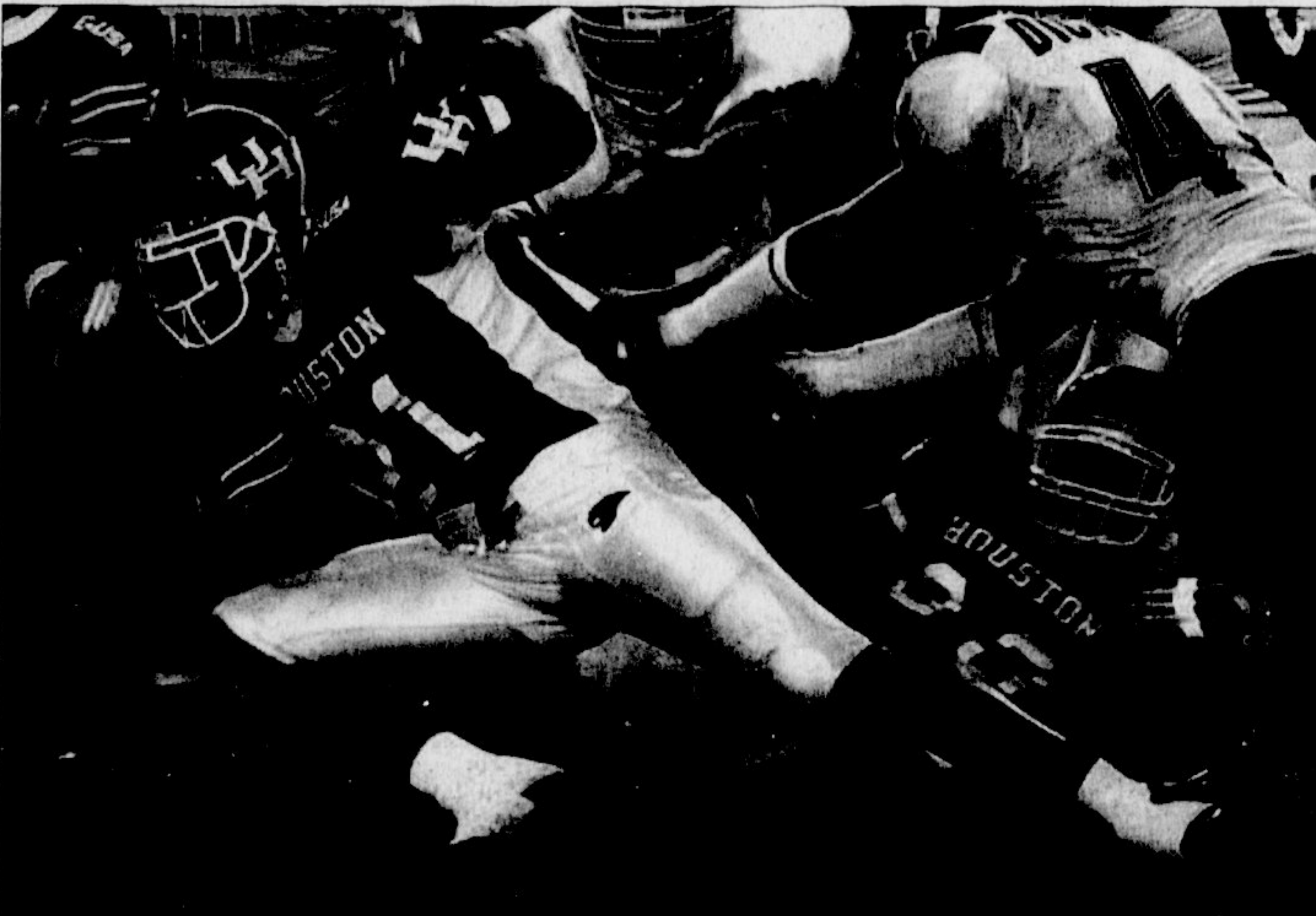
1957 - Claude Provost of the Montreal Canadiens sets an NHL record by scoring four seconds into the second period of a 4-2 victory over the Boston Bruins.

1972 - John Bucyk of the Boston Bruins scores his 1,000th point with a goal in an 8-3 win over the Detroit Red Wings.

1984 - Larry Holmes scores 12th-round technical knockout of Bonecrusher Smith to retain the IBF heavyweight title in Las Vegas. Smith is cut around the eyes and nose, and the bout is halted when he is unable to see out of his left eye.

1991 - Marshall Faulk of San Diego State returns after missing three games because of injury and breaks the NCAA record for touchdowns by a freshman with his 20th in a 42-32 win over Colorado State.

Road woes continue for Pirates



Harold Taylor (left) finished with five catches for 100 yards while Kevin Kolb (right) collected 298 yards of total offense for four scores (two rush, two pass).

ECU's weak second-half seals fate, 34-24

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Same story, different place. It seems to be the mantra for the youthful Pirates' season. Each week on the road, it's the same fateful ending, with only the setting changing.

Another chapter was logged in the Pirates' tale on Saturday in Houston. A tough week for the Pirates ended with yet another road loss, 34-24 at Robertson Stadium. ECU appeared to be in the driver's seat at halftime, but their hopes of a win were dashed as the game continued.

A back-and-forth game saw Houston's 21 unanswered second-half points take momentum of the game. Sophomore quarterback Kevin Kolb's four touch-downs including two sneaks put away the restless Pirates.

Kolb's masterful unveiling of

the Houston (3-6, 3-3) game plan stifled the Pirate defense. The Stephenville, Tex. native amassed 251 yards on 13 completions with two touchdowns.

The Pirate (2-6, 2-4) offense helped seal their own bowl-game fate in accounting for four turnovers. Sophomore quarterback James Pinkney threw all four interceptions, all of which proved to be costly. The reigning Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week was questionable after being involved in a car accident Wednesday, but managed to play the entire game. Pinkney threw for 267 yards, but the interceptions hurt his team.

"It is tough, throwing four picks, no matter whose fault it is," said Pinkney.

"You're not going to win throwing four picks. The first half, we executed well. The second half, things didn't go our way and we just didn't play ECU ball."

Coach Thompson echoed the thought of his offensive leader.

"We got out-played in the second half, that is pretty obvious," said ECU Head Coach John Thompson.

"We made critical mistakes that they [Cougars] capitalized on."

The 14 points Houston scored following ECU turnovers didn't help the Pirate cause. The four interceptions caused the ECU defense to be on the field more than usual.

"It's the defense's fault that we are out there way too long," Thompson said.

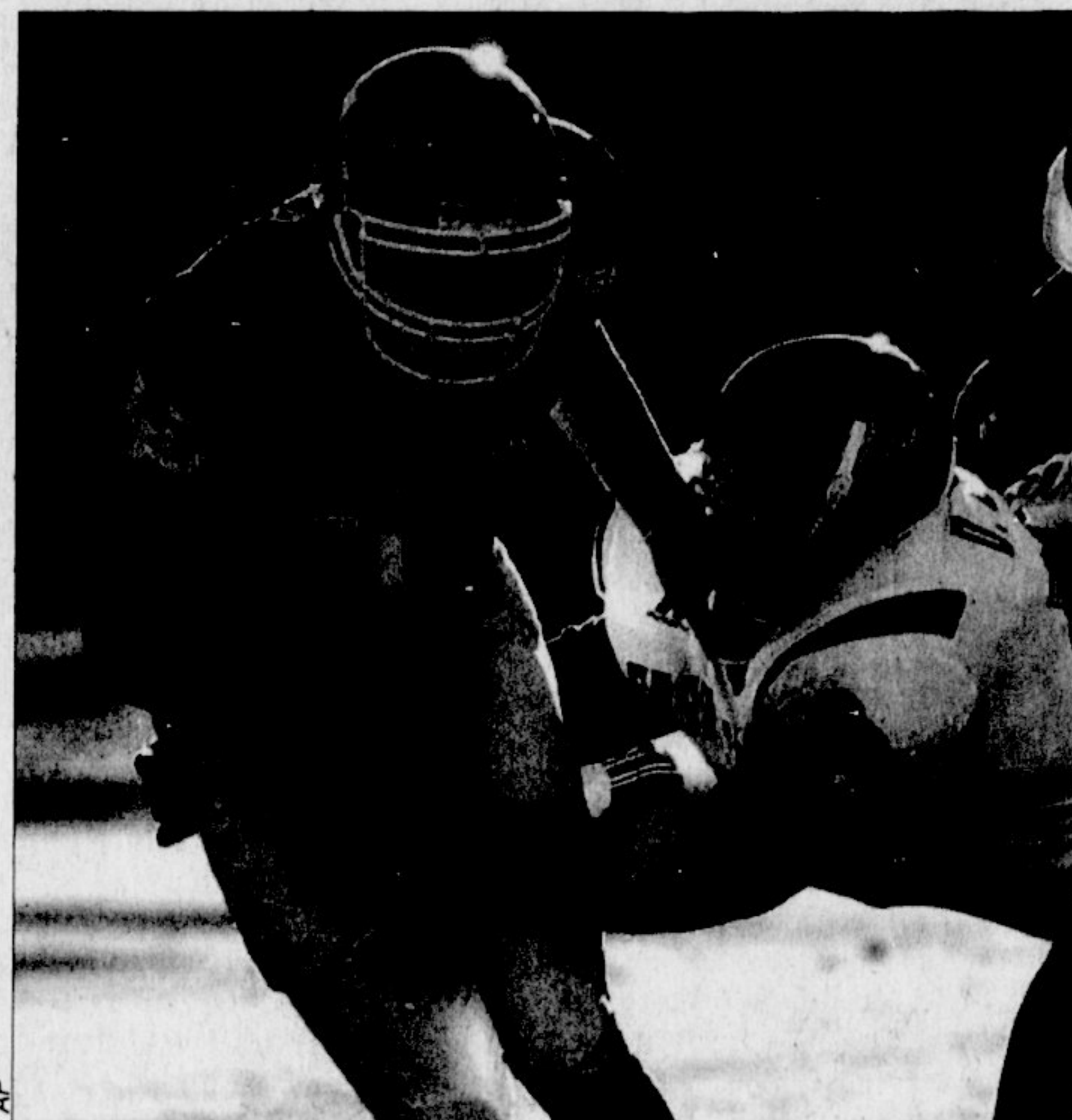
"They [Cougars] made some third downs on us."

Even so, it seemed like the Pirates were a different team in the second-half.

"There was a lot of energy on the sideline," Thompson said about his team going into halftime.

"In this dressing room during half-time, there was a lot of energy. But we just came out here in the second half and we really lost it down at the goal line."

Two questionable calls erased



any momentum that ECU could have mustered. A personal-foul facemask penalty took away an ECU fumble recovery on the Houston two-yard line.

Trailing 28-17, Donald Whitehead grabbed the facemask of Anthony Evans on third down and was subsequently called for the 15-yard infraction. The penalty catapulted Houston to a clinching 11-play, 98 yard scoring drive.

The first half had a Houston Homecoming crowd in a daze. The Pirate offense struck first with unusual ease when Art Brown caught a 15-yard pass. It was the second touchdown for Brown since he scored four in Houston almost two years ago.

Kolb established two drives to take the lead at home. Touchdowns via a 35-yard pass to backup quarterback Blade Bessler and a seven-yard scamper by Anthony Evans were the end results of Houston's next possessions.

Sandwiched in between the Houston possessions was a clip

called against ECU that negated a 78-yard sprint by freshman Chris Johnson. The clip was nowhere near the play and no flag was visible on the field.

Nevertheless, the Pirates responded with 10 points of their own. Following consecutive interceptions by each team, ECU scored on a four-yard pass to fullback Jermaine Veal. The touchdown pass was the eight consecutive for Pinkney, the longest span since David Garrard threw a touchdown strike in eighth straight games during the 2001 season.

The Pirates also used a ten-play drive to score as time expired in the first half. A season-long 45-yard field goal by Cameron Broadwell brought the Pirates to their last lead.

Injuries added up in the first half like change in your couch. A steady flow of bodies were carted off the field. Sophomore receiver

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Lady Pirates fall 2-1 to UL in first round of C-USA tourney

ECU takes early exit after crushing 2-1 loss

ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

All good things must come to an end. That's how the saying goes at least, and it proved to be true for the ECU Women's Soccer team as they suffered a 2-1 loss to Louisville in the Conference USA tournament, bringing several upsets in the Lady Pirates' season to a screeching halt. Their five-game win streak, their dreams of a conference title and their season all ended at once.

"I'm still really proud of the way the team hung in there," said Head Coach Rob Donnennirth about his team's play against UL.

"I honestly feel we played the best soccer of the year even though we lost, but that's what soccer is about. We played great in the second half; just happened to give up a counter attack goal."

The Lady Pirates and the Cardinals battled for a right to play top seeded St. Louis and to advance in the tournament. Earlier in the season, ECU defeated Louisville. That win gave the Pirates their second in a row, which eventually led to a school record tying five in a row.

Almost like every game this season, the Lady Pirates headed to halftime down a goal. The Cardinals scored the first half's only goal in the 32nd minute of play.

Even during the win streak, the Lady Pirates seemed to be down at halftime. Like the ladies have done all season, they did not give up at this point and came out ready to tie the game.

Junior Carmen Calpo would get the offense going in the second half. She dribbled up and found Senior Sarah Stoltz open. Stoltz found the goal and tied the game at 1-1.

The Cardinals bounced back from the goal and scored what proved to be the game winner with 13 minutes left in the game. The Pirates would not be able to score, ending the game, the win streak and their season.

The top seed and host St. Louis Billikens, who only lost one game in regular season conference play, lost the championship game to the UAB Blazers.

Women's Soccer Season Statistics

Overall: 8-9-2	Home: 6-1-2	
Conference USA: 6-3-1	Away: 2-7-0	
Team Statistics	ECU	OPP
Goals-Shot attempts	26-195	39-254
Goals scored average	1.32	1.97
Shot pct	.133	.154
Shots on goal-Attempts	98-195	138-254
SOG pct	.503	.543
Shots/Game	10.3	13.4
Assists	24	37
CORNER KICKS	73	107
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	0-0
Yellow cards	14	4
Red cards	0	0

Individual Team Leaders

No.	Name	GP	G	A	Points
28	Meghan McCallion	19	10	5	25
25	Krystal Pabey	18	3	5	11
9	Sarah Stoltz	19	4	2	10
10	Carmen Calpo	19	3	4	10
16	Rachel Hills	18	2	1	5

The championship for UAB, who finished second in the regular season, was their first title in women's soccer.

Last season, the Lady Pirates started strong and finished poorly. The season ended with an overtime loss to Charlotte, a win ECU needed to make the conference tournament. Donnennirth was much happier with the way the season went this year.

"Talent wise we had a great team last year," he explained.

"I just felt like for a lack of a better word we choked last year, so this was a little reversal that last year."

Even though the Lady Pirates were not a part of more action during the tournament, they still had a very successful season. The main theme of this season would be who would play defense. With only one senior in the backfield and four freshmen, the Lady Pirates struggled at first. At one point, they were 3-8-2. A 5-1 finish to their season put ECU just below .500 for the year, not bad considering what it could have been.

"When you're struggling at the end of September, as a coaching staff, we were never going to give up," Donnennirth stated.

"We just wonder how the team is going to keep going; for-

tunately we had four very good seniors with strong character that would not let it happen. We started winning and getting confidence, I always felt like we had a team that could win - the way they came back and finished fourth shows the leadership of the seniors. Other players played well, but the seniors mentally never gave up, they stepped it up."

Those four seniors (Stoltz, Meghan Schwanke, Krystal Pabey and Rachelle Cabeceiras) were the anchors of this year's squad and will be sorely missed.

Cabeceiras was honored with third team all-conference along with Junior Meghan McCallion. Cabeceiras was a leader on the field this season, not by scoring many points, but by helping control the tempo of the game.

Heading into next season, the Lady Pirates will need to keep their heads up. They will have loads of talent returning next season even without their four seniors. Both goalkeepers will still be in Pirate uniforms along with McCallion leading the attack and almost every defender.

McCallion will lead the Lady

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ECU suffered four shutout losses for the season, all of them coming in the last six games, including one against UM.

ECU finishes season in six-game slump

Men's soccer ends year with 4-0 loss

KYLE ROGERSON
STAFF WRITER

The Pirates ended their 2004 season on a down note as they dropped their sixth consecutive game to No. 13 Memphis,

4-0. The losing streak successfully knocked ECU out of any postseason play and placed the Pirates in ninth place, ahead of DePaul, a team that won only three games the entire season.

Memphis had lost just one Conference USA match the entire season and they brought a 13-3-1 overall record with them to the

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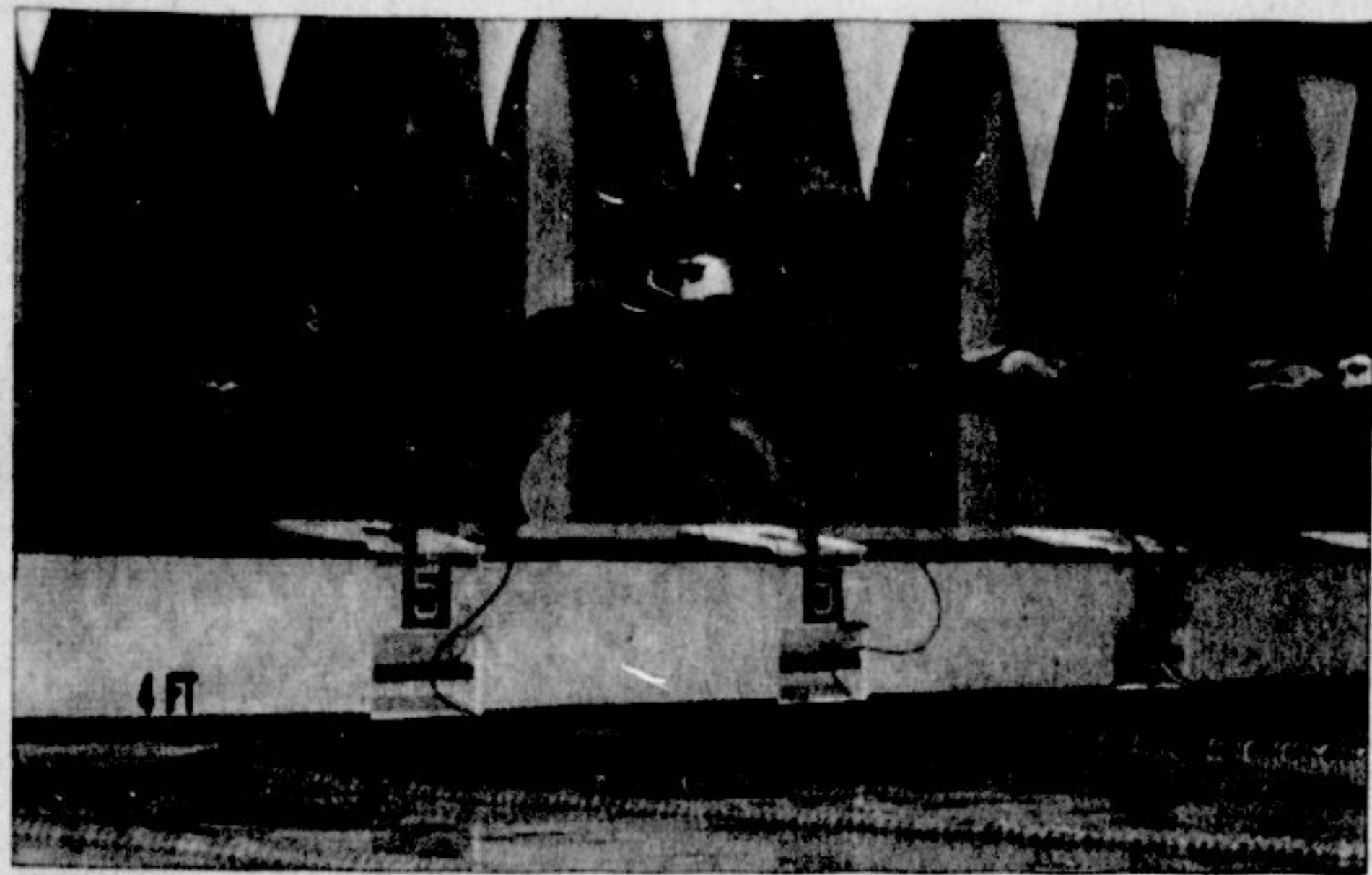
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Swimming/diving split at Duke



A touch pad malfunction may have cost the ladies a win.

Women fall short of claiming victory by .10

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

The ECU men's and women's Swimming/Diving teams headed into Durham this past Saturday boasting identical, undefeated records and looked to add another 'W' beside the name Duke on the schedule. The last race of the day, 400-yard freestyle relay, proved to be the Ohio of the swim meet, as both the Pirates and Blue Devils needed to carry it in order to declare victory in this extremely close competition.

With just one point separating the Pirate and Blue Devil men heading into the day's final showdown, ECU's freestyle relay squad of Josh Curnutte, Greg Neville, Kelly Hendrick and Gavin Stark turned in a blazing time of 3:08.63, good enough to seal a Pirate vic-

tory, 124-118.

Stark also won the 200 freestyle (1:43.82) and 100 freestyle (46.81) while senior Casey Cronin took home the 200 IM (1:54.44) and 200 breaststroke (2:06.83). Freshman diver Ryan Hunt claimed the one-meter event, posting a winning score of 269.55.

The ECU women were not as fortunate in the relay, touching the wall just one-tenth of a second after a Lady Blue Devil and losing by the final score of 123-120.

However, a wall pad malfunction and judging error may have cost the Lady Pirates the victory.

ECU's Adrienne Williams touched one half-length ahead of Duke's Julia Lewis but the time did not register immediately after she hit the wall. The judge at the far side of the starting blocks marked down the time that showed up on the board, giving Lewis the victory by .01 seconds.

Senior Diane Parker proved

again to be the rock of this team, picking up wins in the 200 breaststroke (2:18.84) and 200 IM (2:05.83). Freshman Christie Icenhower, like her partner on the men's side, won the one-meter event with a score of 241.95.

"We swam well today, in a very hostile environment," said ECU Head Swimming Coach Rick Kobe in an interview with SID.

The Pirates have swam well all season and it's starting to be recognized nationwide.

CollegeSwimming.com recently posted the top-100 collegiate swim times in each event for the 2004-2005 season thus far. The Pirates had an astounding 26 times make the list, seven coming from the women's side and 19 from the men. With this, ECU enjoys the most top-100 times to ever make the list this early in the season.

Cronin's time of 1:53.48 in the 200 IM against George Mason ranked 27th in the land, while freshman Josh Barthlow's 100-backstroke time of 50.45, an ECU varsity record, placed 25th. Cronin's top times in the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke as well as the 200-freestyle also made the list.

Four of the men's relay times found the top-30 as well.

On the women's side, Diane Parker has three times listed in the 100 breaststroke (37th), 100 fly (48th) and 200 breaststroke (63rd).

ECU travels to George Washington on Saturday, Nov. 13 to take on the Colonials at 1 p.m.

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pitch. The Tigers extended their streak of shutouts to four after the game against ECU.

Memphis scored the opening goal within the first 10 minutes of the match after earning a corner kick opportunity. The Pirates have consistently allowed their opponents to create more offensive opportunities in the first half than they have been able to muster.

However, it seems as though ECU plays better as the game progresses. They have taken more shots than their opponents in the second half of their matches this season and have accumulated several more goals in overtime periods than the opposition.

However, Memphis never looked back once the second half began.

Less than 20 minutes into the second frame, the Tigers added their second and third goals of the game. They had finally worn the ECU defenders down after more than 50 minutes of scoreless play.

Two of the four goals scored by Memphis were following a corner kick given up by ECU. Dayton O'Brien was server on both of the occasions and his two assists in that contest tied him for the most ever by a Memphis player at 12.

The Pirates will not continue into the C-USA playoffs and end their season with an overall record of 6-12-0.

ECU Head Coach Michael Benn made a special point to thank his seniors for their hard work and leadership throughout the season. The time they have put into practice and other preparation will not go unnoticed.

ECU will be graduating only a small percentage of their 2004 roster and look forward to the upcoming schedule. The large amount of freshmen on the team now have a year of experience under their belt to guide them to success next year.

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Pirates next season as a senior and once again led in this season. She also received all-conference first team honors for her play.

Coach Donnenwirth has this program headed in the right direction, and has several plans for the off-season in order to build a strong team for next year.

"The first thing we have to

do as a coaching staff is see who are leaders are going to be, all our seniors were leaders this year," said Donnenwirth.

"Our captains (Megan and Rachel) were captains for two years, so we need to see who will step into a leader role. We also need to recruit, I like the players we have now, but in order

to keep the program going we have to recruit. Every weekend from now until January we will be on the road looking for good players. The off-season will be critical as well; spring is where players develop."

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ECU swept by UL, UC

ECU volleyball falls twice in final road trip

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With just four games left on their schedule, the ECU Volleyball team headed into their toughest weekend of the season last Friday when they faced No. 22 Louisville and Cincinnati. Both teams were coming off of wins and were top ranked contenders in the Conference USA standings. The Lady Pirates would have to play flawless volleyball and hope their momentum from their previous two wins would be enough to defeat their opponents.

Unfortunately for ECU, Louisville made quick work of the Lady Pirates. The Lady Cardinals swept ECU in three straight games, 30-18, 30-24, 30-14. Louisville had a combined team hitting average of .304 in the win. Freshman Kelley Wernert led ECU with 11 kills and had an attack percentage of .280. Junior libero Johanna Bertini had 14 digs and became only the sixth Lady Pirate in school history to have above 1,000.

ECU looked to bounce back from the loss the following Saturday when they traveled to Cincinnati, OH to face the Lady

Bearcats. Despite junior Paige Howell's .500 hitting percentage and junior Erica Wilson's eight kills, the Lady Pirates were swept once again, this time 30-18, 30-17 and 30-22. The win gave Cincinnati a first round bye in the upcoming C-USA tournament.

The Lady Pirates are now confronted with a 12-16 record, 4-7 in conference play. Next weekend ECU will wrap up their season at home with their final two opponents DePaul and Marquette.

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The Lady Pirates have two games left for this season.

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Bobby Good suffered a possible season-ending knee injury and starting center Charley Dempsey hurt his leg.

To begin with, the Pirates were without the services of four offensive linemen, which caused lesser experienced players to see their first significant action of the year. Only one lineman started in his same position last week.

In the second-half, it was all Cougars. Anthony Evans, a third-team C-USA player last season, grounded out 153 yards on 35 carries. The Houston ground game exploited the smaller Pirates and allowed for Houston to play ball-control. The Cougars held the ball nearly five minutes more than the Pirates.

Junior linebacker Chris Moore did his part in the defensive cause registering 14 tackles including five for loss. Zach Baker picked off his team-leading fourth pass of the year.

However, the multiple offensive sets Houston implemented confused the Pirates. ECU was

called for several penalties involving too many players on the field. Art Briles's system has given ECU and John Thompson trouble the last two seasons.

ECU tried to rally late when Will Bland caught his first pass of the season. The little-used sophomore receiver scored on a 58-yard reception to cut the lead to 10. The Pirates had a flicker of hope when Mickey McCoy recovered the ensuing onside kick. However, the Pirates failed to convert on fourth down and Houston ran out the clock.

The Pirates lost their first game ever in Houston and fall even deeper in the conference standings. ECU will travel to Tampa to take on South Florida on Saturday at 7 p.m. The Pirates will be playing for pride after being eliminated from bowl competition. Next week, the setting will be different, and hopefully the ending will follow suit.

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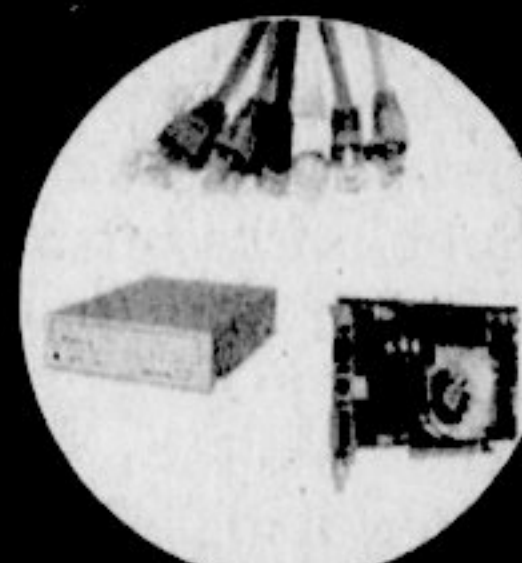
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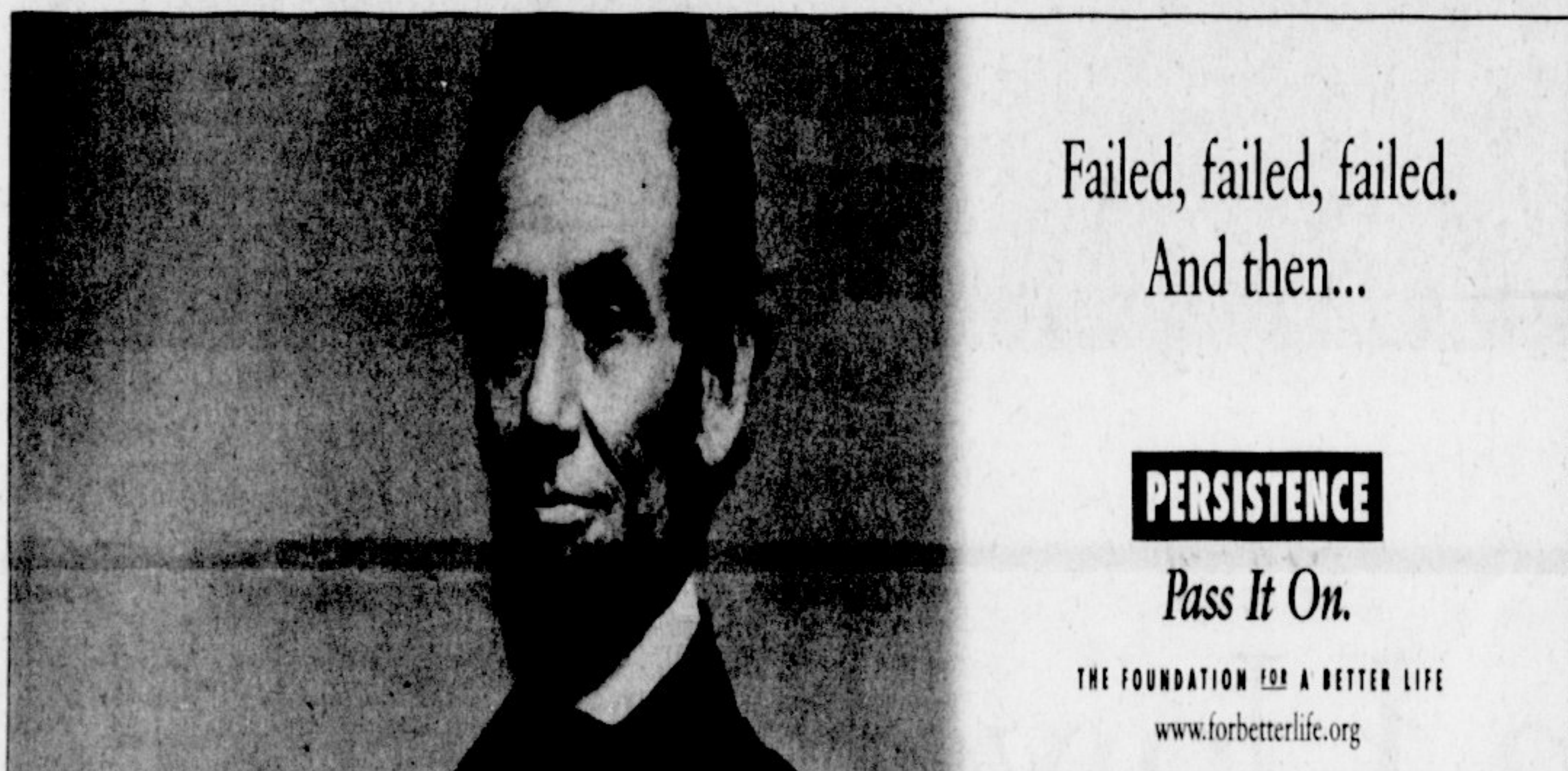
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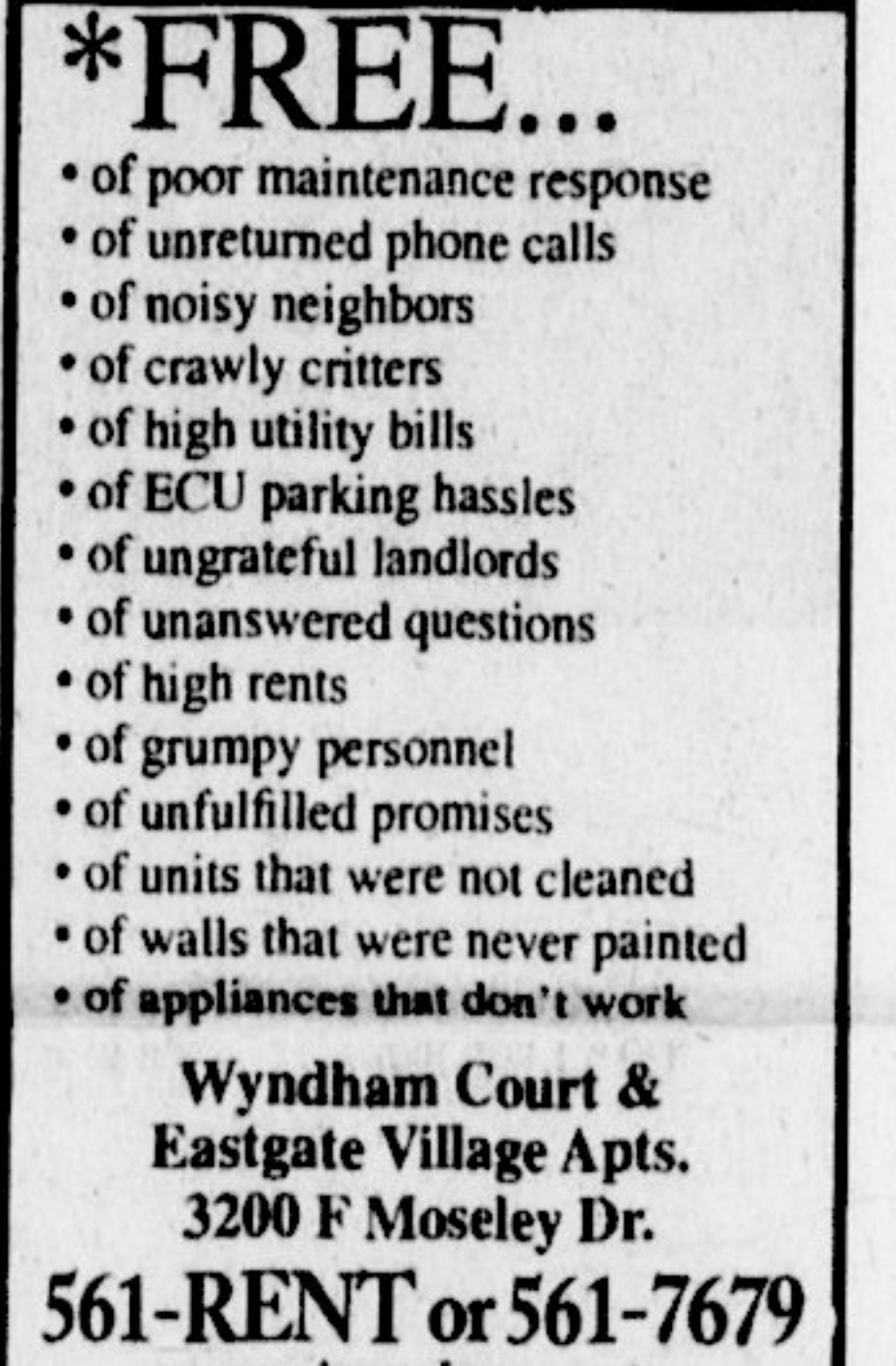
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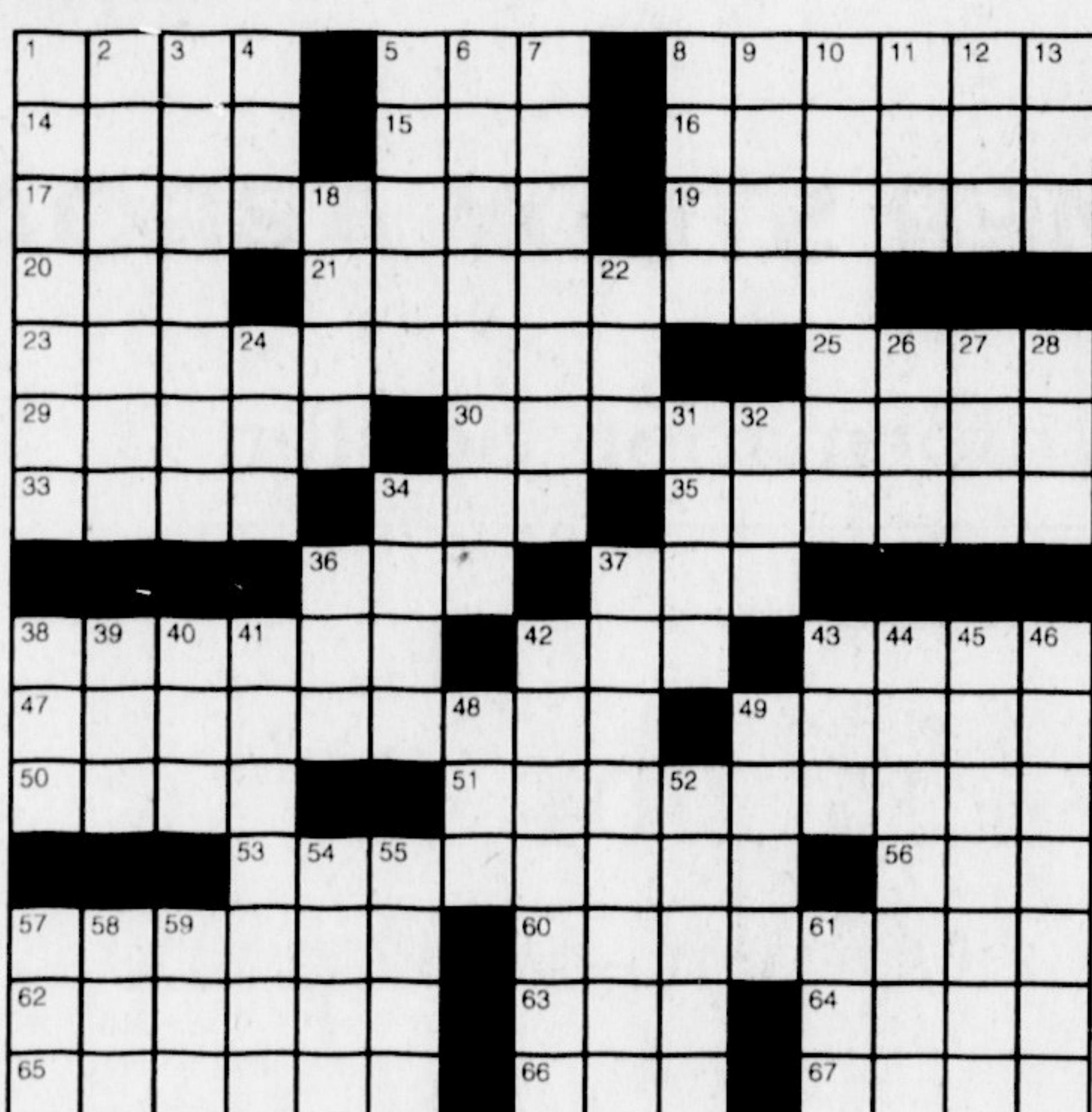
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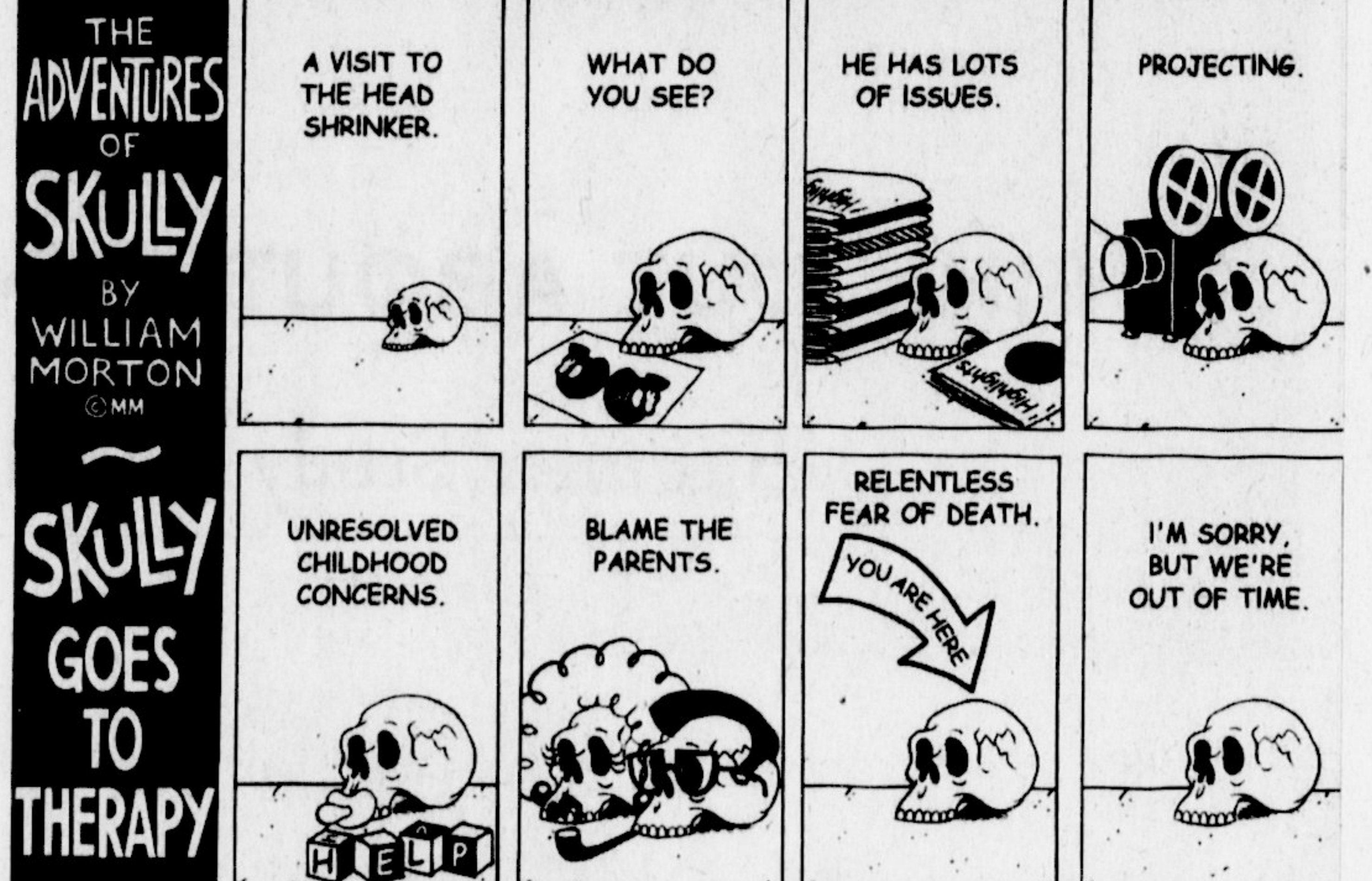
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