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Tuition increase under discussion

Changes would be enacted next fall

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SOUTH GREENVILLE ELEMENTARY

ECU students mentor at risk children

East Carolina Friends program progressing

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STAFF WRITER

An increasing number of ECU students are participating in a mentoring program in which students work with children of local schools who are in need of extra support and instruction.

Linda Mooney, associate professor with the sociology department, founded the program in the late 1980s.

Under the program, volunteers start out working with pre-school immigrant children, from ages 3-4. After working with the pre-school age group children, the volunteers are put with children between the ages of 5-12.

"The program can always use more volunteers," said Mooney.

Students who want to participate in the program must have at least a 2.2 GPA, 12 completed semester hours and own or have access to a car.

Volunteers help students with academic work as well as become a friend and provide support for children going through rough times. The relationship with a volunteer helps the children by giving them someone they can talk to whenever they need someone to listen and care.

There are several reasons these children have been selected by school counselors to spend time with a mentor. Children are sometimes chosen due to issues in their lives, such as their parents getting a divorce, that require them to open up to other people and socialize.

The program has several events for the students. Each year, they have a Halloween event where children compete in several contests and other fun activities at the event including a Fear Factor table, a talking skeleton, pin the wart on the witch's nose and basketball with a ball that resembles a jack-o-lantern.

The program also sponsors a holiday party in December and

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A proposed increase in student fees and tuition, which would take effect by the fall semester of next year, is under discussion among ECU officials and the Student Government Association.

Campus based tuition is the part of the tuition that comes back to ECU in the form of salary increases for the faculty and the state required amount for financial aid. These are two vital aspects for ECU to keep sufficient in order to maintain a quality institution.

"We certainly have a need to increase salaries," said Chuck Hawkins, interim vice chancellor of administration and finance.

"ECU's salaries for faculty are lower than that of our peers - we need to raise them up to a competitive amount."

This fall, there has been another proposed increase of \$300 per year and approximately a 5 percent increase in student fees.

Hawkins and the SGA are waiting for responses.

"We are still waiting for direction by the North Carolina Board of Governors," Hawkins said.

According to the ECU Fact Book, in-state tuition and fees have increased by more than 46 percent, out-of-state tuition has increased by approximately 36 percent since 1995.

Last year, the ECU finance office proposed a three-year



Appalachian State University students, Emily McDermont and Dorothy Andrews, among other UNC system students, protested the proposed tuition increase last year. ECU is considering another increase for next year.

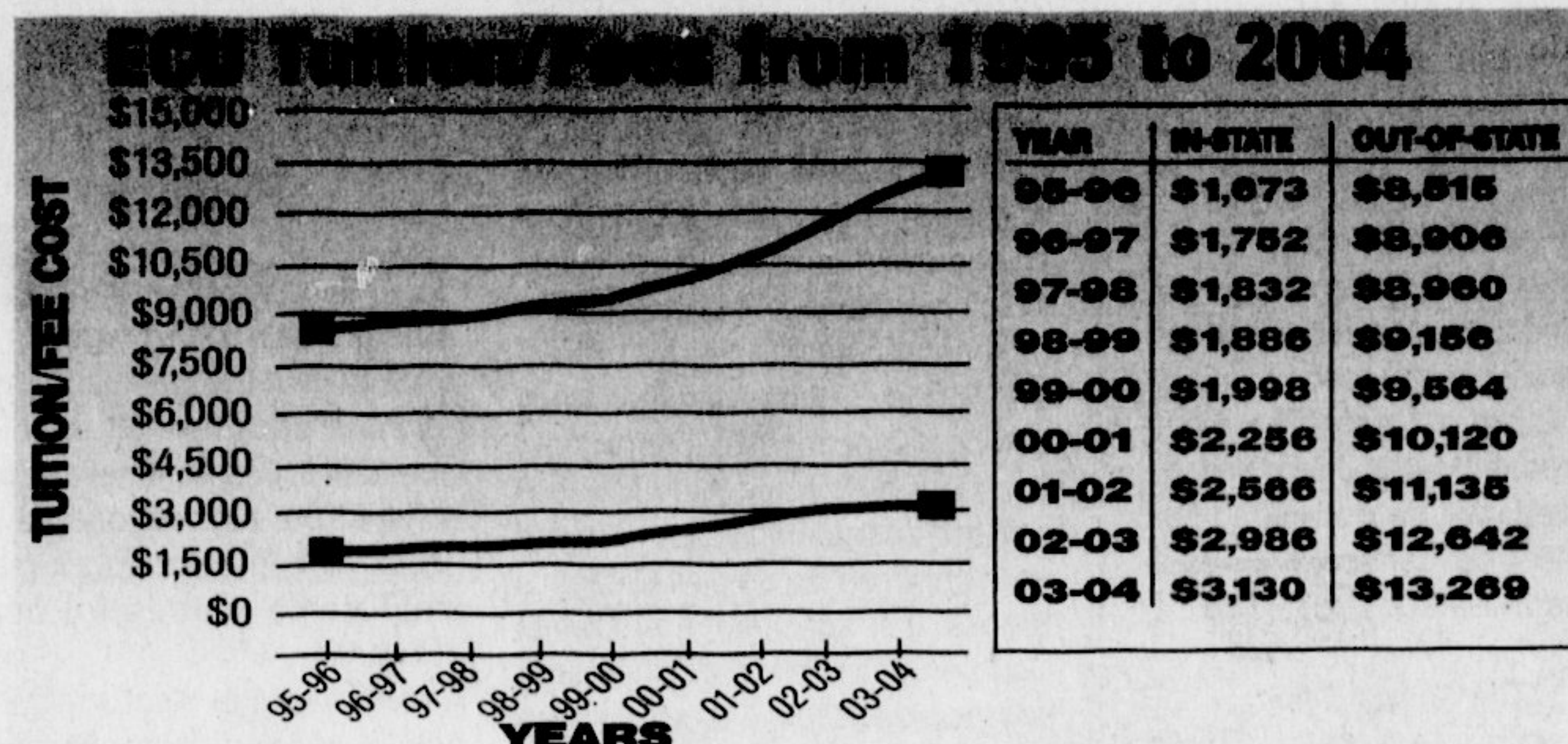
plan that would increase campus based tuition \$300 per year. The majority of the schools in the UNC system had similar tuition increase proposals.

However, the Board of Governors of North Carolina vetoed the plan and reduced the amount to a \$225 increase for one year.

Last year the SGA voted against raising campus based tuition, but the decision was ultimately left up to the BOG.

"It wasn't a matter of not being listened to," said SGA President Shannon O'Donnell.

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For More Information

The schools, all elementary, are South Greenville, Sadie Salter, Eastern and Elm Hurst

Studies have shown that students with mentors have stayed in school, performed better in school, became more likely to attend college and showed better relationships with parents/guardians.

Every 43 minutes a child or teen dies in an accident.

Every 5 hours a child or teen commits suicide.

Students can go to the volunteer office in the basement of the Christenbury Gym or contact Linda Mooney at 328-6137 to find out more about the program.

Professor named on bio-terrorism task

Anderson is one of 20 chosen by CDC

KATIE KOKINDA-BALDWIN
STAFF WRITER

Assistant Professor Alice L. Anderson has been selected to work with The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a bio-terrorism task force designated to improve the community bio-terrorism response.

After being selected in 2003 for the Emerging Leaders Program of the CDC Environmental Health section, Anderson attended leadership training programs in Louisville, Ky. where participants were chosen to be interviewed by CDC leaders Sharunda Buchanan and John Sarisky.

Each candidate had an in-person interview and presented

an in-depth application consisting of explanations for planned projects and past experience.

Anderson said her experience in environmental health separated her from the other candidates and helped in her being selected.

"I have worked in the field and been involved in emergency response with the state Public Health Pest Management section ... during Hurricane Floyd and Dennis," said Anderson.

The task force will be trained in multiple locations throughout the United States and a project within each individual's institution will be completed in the 2004-2005 academic year.

"I was the only candidate on a university faculty and I believe one of the goals of the first institute class was to include as broad an experience base as possible," Anderson said.

Choosing environmental health leaders from different parts of the U.S. that were broadly trained in bio-terrorism and "all hazards" response was the main goal for the CDC. Anderson fit the bill. Having worked hard during past NC hurricanes, Anderson said she feels it is vital for communities to have properly informed and appropriate response teams toward bio-terrorism.

"We did endless hours of sampling mosquito populations after the hurricanes to document need for emergency spraying and coordinated the aerial spray response with several providers," Anderson said.

"During Hurricane Fran response ... I gave talks at 50-60 health departments regarding the risk of mosquito-borne disease transmission. West Nile Virus was not a threat at

that time, but Eastern Equine Encephalitis and other disease problems were risks."

Coordinating broad area aerial sprays and working with friends from other states, Anderson does her fair share of traveling but plans to remain at ECU during her time on the task force.

"I will travel to various training meetings during the year to meet with the others in the group, but will remain here to continue with my other duties as well and to work on my projects, which include bio-terrorism in the curriculum of our environmental health program and in the master's curriculum, in distance education classes I am developing," Anderson said.

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Rumsfeld says Fallujah civilians were warned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eleven U.S. troops were killed in Iraq Monday, the highest single day death toll in the country in more than six months, officials said.

Two Marines were killed when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates River as coalition forces launched an operation to take back the rebel-controlled city of Fallujah.

But it was a tough day throughout Iraq, a senior Pentagon official said Tuesday, noting that nine other U.S. troops were killed in other parts of Iraq as well.

They were three Marines and six soldiers - most victims of homemade bombs and killed in locations southwest of Fallujah, southwest of Baghdad and in and around the capital, the official said on condition of anonymity.

He said it was too early to tell whether insurgents had planned the attacks to divert attention from the fight under way in Fallujah.

The death toll of 11 is the highest since May 2, when nine U.S. troops were killed in separate mortar attacks and roadside bombings in three scattered areas of the country.

In Fallujah, officials said Tuesday they didn't yet know why there was lighter-than-expected resistance. They offered possible explanations including that many of the insurgents left the city before the operation started or that the troops have not yet reached the center loca-



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in a press conference Monday.

tion to which the resistance has retreated.

It is not necessarily bad news if the fighters have scattered, since the main objective is to give control of the city back to the Iraqi government, one official said. Though it means coalition forces will have to fight them another day in another location, pushing them out of Fallujah at least means they have been denied that city as a safe haven, he said.

Civilians in the city of Fallujah got plenty of warning to steer clear of the fighting between U.S.

and insurgent forces, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday in predicting "there aren't going to be large numbers" of civilians killed there.

"Innocent civilians in that city have all the guidance they need as to how they can avoid getting into trouble," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference.

He referred to a round-the-clock curfew and other emergency measures announced by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

"There aren't going to be

large numbers of civilians killed and certainly not by U.S. forces," Rumsfeld said.

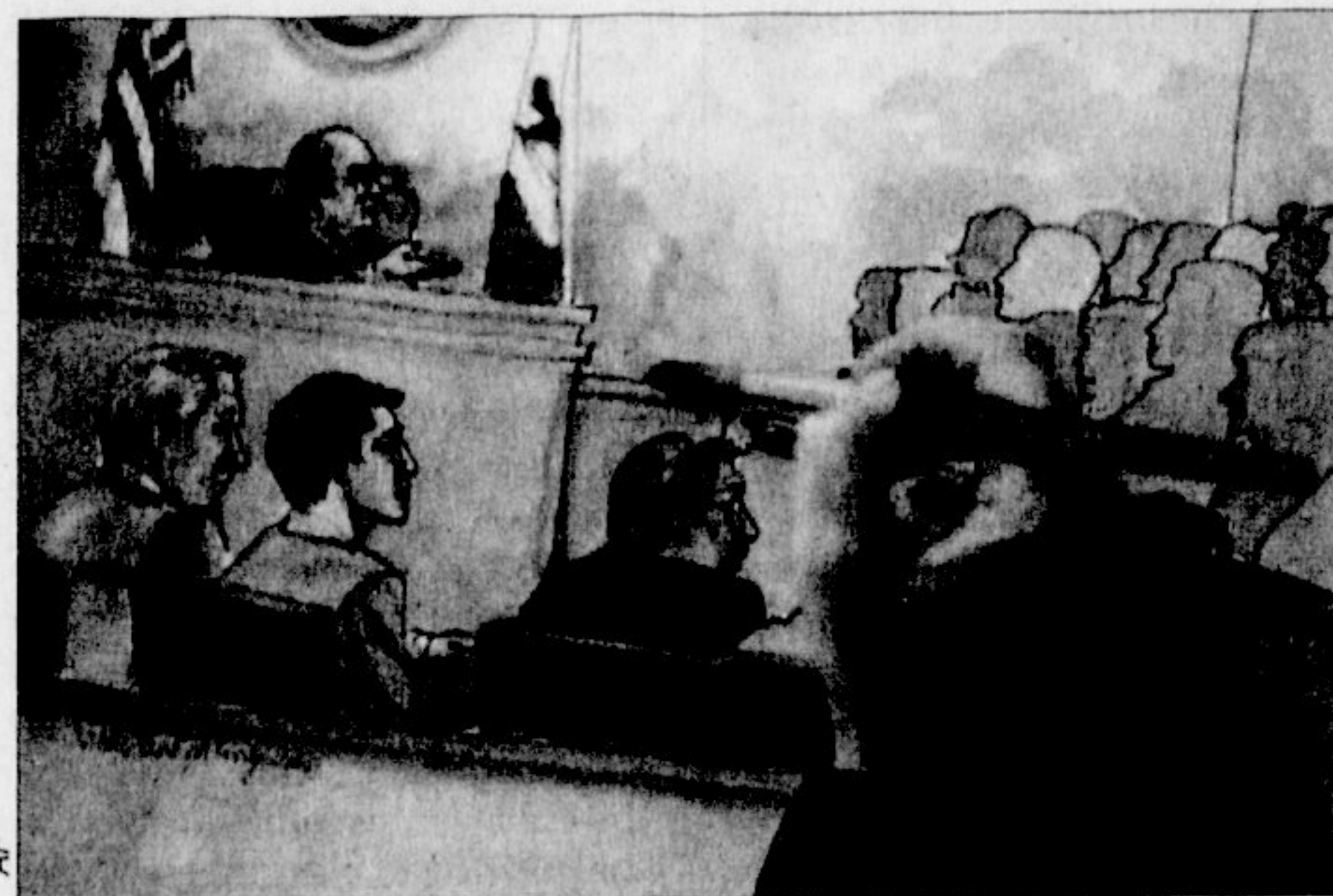
One risk of using overwhelming force to regain control of rebel-held Fallujah is that civilian casualties - nearly inevitable under the circumstances - could trigger a backlash elsewhere in Iraq and in the Arab world against the U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared with Rumsfeld and said it is likely the insurgents will try to use civilians as shields against attacking U.S. troops.

"There are also indications that they want to fight in a more conventional way," Myers added without elaborating.

Rumsfeld said no one knows for sure how many civilians remain in Fallujah. Tens of thousands are reported to have left in recent weeks, and Gen. George W. Casey, the top American commander in Iraq, told reporters Monday that as many as 100,000 civilians may have remained.

U.S. officials also are unsure how many insurgents are there. Myers said some undoubtedly slipped away before the fighting began in earnest, and Casey said some left while others arrived. Casey said those who are fighting are armed with AK-47 guns, rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, improvised explosive devices and car bombs.



Courtroom artist captures Judge Delucchi addressing the jury.

Judge in Peterson murder trial gives jurors a nudge

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Jurors deciding Scott Peterson's fate may have hit a snag after less than a week of deliberations.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi summoned the panelists to the courtroom Monday morning where he reissued instructions on several key points and lectured them about the importance of keeping an open mind.

"The people and the defendant are entitled to the individual opinion of each juror," the judge said.

"Do not hesitate to change your opinion for the purpose of reaching a verdict if you can do so."

"The attitude and conduct of jurors at all times is very impor-

tant," Delucchi said.

"It is rarely helpful for a juror at the beginning of deliberations to express an emphatic opinion on the case."

The jurors listened with grim expressions before they were sent back into the jury room to resume deliberating. It was not immediately clear what prompted the judge's instructions.

Trial observers speculated jurors could possibly be reaching a stalemate.

"They're stuck," said Jim Hammer, a former prosecutor and trial regular.

"[The judge] clearly has indications that they're beginning to hang."

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Campus News

Grant-In-Aid

Delta Xi is offering financial support to female students who will be going into the teaching profession. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and display financial need. The aid will be awarded at the February chapter meeting. For questions about requirements and application, contact Dr. Katalin Szucs at 320-1908.

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 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 tonight 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 from Tarboro, NC under the direction of Kristan Herring will be performing Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. 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 MSC 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 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. Parental guidance is suggested due to the adult subject matter. Runs Nov. 18 - 23. Contact 328-6829 for more information.

News Briefs

Local

Finance director suspended after drug charge
BOLIVIA, NC - Brunswick County's finance director was suspended without pay after she was charged with possession of marijuana, which followed her third DWI charge in 10 years.

Lithia Brooks, 52, announced six weeks ago that she would retire next month after she got her third driving-while-impaired charge in 10 years. But county officials took action Monday after she was charged Saturday night with marijuana possession.

She had been Brunswick's finance director since June 1986 and was making \$94,737. Brooks was charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors, after Brunswick County sheriff's deputies searched a house on Oak Island.

Sheriff Ron Hewett said the department's drug enforcement unit went to the house after receiving complaints about drug sales.

"It was a typical complaint that we followed through with that ended up with not-so-typical results," he said. During the search of the premises, Hewett said, a marijuana cigarette and drug paraphernalia were found in Brooks' car.

Also charged was Theodore Hiatt, 29, who lived at the beach house. He was charged with possession with intent to sell marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Monday County Manager Marty Lawing suspended Brooks without pay. County Attorney Huey Marshall said the decision would be reviewed as information became available.

Brooks' first appearance in District Court on Saturday's drug charges is scheduled for Dec. 7. Brooks is then scheduled to appear court Dec. 14 on her latest DWI charge. Brooks was found guilty of DWI in a 1993 case and not guilty in a 1995 incident.

Teen dies four days after car accident
HUNTERSVILLE, NC - A 14-year-old boy died four days after he crashed his parents' car into a tree less than

a block from his home. Matt Huntz of Huntersville was helping his parents switch around cars at his home shortly before 7 p.m. Nov. 3 when he asked his parents if he could take their 1998 Toyota around the block, said his father, Alan Huntz.

Matt's parents waited a few minutes for their son to get back but needed to pick up a prescription. He and his wife, Susan, decided not to wait any longer and headed out on the errand in their other car.

For some reason Alan Huntz decided to turn the wrong way at Babe Stillwell Farm Road, heading down the dead end toward a water-treatment plant. There he saw the crashed car along the side of the road. The air bag had deployed.

Matt was wearing a seat belt, Alan Huntz said. But the door had crumpled, trapping Matt inside, he said.

The car had spun out on a curve, sliding off the right side of the road and hitting a tree, the Huntersville police report shows.

Matt, a ninth-grader at Hopewell High, died Sunday at Carolinas Medical Center from internal injuries, his father said.

"It was just his time to go somewhere else," his father said. "Certainly we hurt as parents. But we really, really hope something positive comes out of this. That it touches a heart."

National

Bush visits wounded soldiers as fighting rages in Iraq
WASHINGTON - President Bush is paying a bedside visit to soldiers wounded in Iraq as American forces suffered the highest one-day U.S. death toll in more than six months amid fierce battles for control of Fallujah.

A week after the election that gave him a second term, Bush was turning from personnel decisions for his Cabinet and staff to go to Washington's Walter Reed Army Medical Center, accompanied by his wife, Laura. Bush was to see between 50 to 55 soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. On his last visit in March, the president awarded Purple Hearts to eight soldiers.

The U.S. toll in Iraq has surpassed 1,100, and 11 Americans died on

Monday alone. Three more were killed Tuesday in Fallujah.

"We are forever grateful to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"They are serving for an important cause and a free Iraq will help transform a dangerous region of the world and make America more secure. We mourn the loss of all of our fallen."

Bush reviewed developments in Iraq in a meeting Monday with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. The secretary later would not say whether he wants to continue in his job in Bush's second term and said the matter hasn't been discussed in post election meetings.

New age of pharmaceutical racial profiling

NEW ORLEANS - The largest study ever done solely on blacks with heart failure raises the controversial prospect of the first drug that might be marketed to a specific racial group. The experimental drug, BiDiI, dramatically improved survival and cut hospitalizations for heart failure, a problem that affects 5 million Americans, blacks 2 1/2 times more often than whites.

Its maker, NitroMed, plans to seek federal approval for the two-drug combination pill by year's end.

"It's a delight to see a trial that clearly shows a benefit of therapy in a particular racial group," said Dr. Augustus Grant, past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists, which supported the study.

However, some specialists believe the pill also would help whites and say it should have been tested among them but wasn't for business reasons.

The study's results were reported Monday at an American Heart Association meeting in New Orleans, and will be published Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Heart failure occurs when the heart is too weak to pump effectively, causing fluid to back up in the lungs - leaving people weak and short of breath. Half die within five years of diagnosis. Earlier research suggested that standard heart failure drugs - called

ACE inhibitors - do not work as well in blacks, and that blacks may have lower amounts of nitric oxide, which plays many roles in heart health, in their blood.

The Massachusetts biotechnology company, NitroMed, developed a combination pill that gets around this problem, but the federal Food and Drug Administration refused to license BiDiI as a new drug because earlier studies involving mostly white patients showed no benefit.

There were promising signs that the medication helped the few blacks in the studies, and NitroMed won a patent to use it just among that minority group.

International

Arafat's condition deteriorates overnight

CLAMART, France - Yasser Arafat's condition deteriorated dramatically overnight as his coma deepened, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday, and top Palestinian officials met with his medical team.

Two Palestinian officials denied media reports that Arafat had died, including Nasser al-Kidwa, his nephew and the Palestinian Authority's ambassador to the United Nations, who said he had spoken to Arafat's doctors.

"The situation is very difficult, but he is still alive," al-Kidwa told The Associated Press.

Another senior Palestinian official said Arafat is still alive, but has only hours to live. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was in Ramallah in the West Bank and had been briefed by Palestinian officials in Paris.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said that Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia saw Arafat during a visit of more than two hours to the Percy Military Training Hospital in southwest Paris.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath did not say what the diagnosis was. Speaking on CNN, he said Arafat's brain, heart and lungs were still functioning.

"The man is not suffering," Shaath said, adding that Arafat "has typical life support given to people in a coma."

Arafat's wife, Suha, has used French

privacy laws to bar access to the Palestinian leader and there have been frequently conflicting reports about the status of his health.

U.N. workers abducted in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan - Two of three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan have called home to say they are OK, officials and relatives said Tuesday, and one hostage said she expected to be released soon.

A spokesman for the Afghan government said "progress has been made" toward ending the crisis.

"I'm hopeful that we will see their safe release in the near future," said Jawed Ludin.

It was unclear, however, if officials would grant the demand of the Taliban splinter group threatening to kill the trio for a prisoner exchange, possibly involving inmates of the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Shiqpe Hebbi of Kosovo, British-Irish Annetta Flanigan, and Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan were abducted 12 days ago when armed men stopped their marked U.N. vehicle in downtown Kabul.

The kidnapping fanned fear that Afghan insurgents had picked up the deadly tactics of their Iraqi counterparts, who have executed a string of Western hostages.

Afghan and U.N. officials leading efforts to secure their release have been tightlipped about negotiations. But there are signs a deal is possible.

Behgjet Pacolli, a businessman from Kosovo who says he is a relative of Hebbi, told The Associated Press that Hebbi made a satellite telephone call to a friend in Kosovo on Monday. The message was passed to her family, he said.

"She said she feels good and she will be soon with them in Kosovo, and I am happy for that," said Pacolli.

Pacolli said he had conveyed a message to the kidnapers via "influential people" - he met former President Burhanuddin Rabbani on Monday - and had received an answer.

"I expect tomorrow late a success," he said. He said no ransom was being offered.

Lawyer on terror trail says violence is necessary

NEW YORK (AP) - A lawyer accused of conspiring to help terrorists testified at her trial that she believes only violence and a "popular revolution" can combat the evils of capitalism in the United States.

Under questioning in federal court, Lynne Stewart said violence was necessary to reverse an "entrenched ferocious type of capitalism" that breeds sexism and racism. She said civilians must not be targeted, but left unclear what kind of violence she meant.

"I'm talking about a popular revolution," Stewart said.

"I'm talking about institutions being changed and that will not be changed without violence."

Stewart, 65, has been charged with providing material support to terrorists by letting her one-time client, Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, deliver messages to followers after his 1995 conviction for plotting to blow up New York City landmarks.

She faces up to 18 years in prison if convicted.

Throughout the trial, Stewart's lawyers have portrayed her



Lynne Stewart, New York attorney, went on trial for allegedly aiding terrorist client, Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman.

as a zealous advocate for the blind Egyptian cleric, whom she represented at trial and after he was sentenced to life in prison. But they say she acted only as a lawyer.

Prosecutors contend she became a conduit for the sheik to communicate with members of the Islamic Group, an Egyptian terrorist organization that advocated violence, sometimes as part of an effort to free the sheik.

When U.S. Attorney Andrew Dember pressed Stewart to explain what types of institutions she believed must be attacked, Stewart said the American Revolution was accomplished through violence and that the Civil War brought about an end to slavery in the U.S.

"We're not in those times yet," she said.

"People will make the right decision about which to attack."

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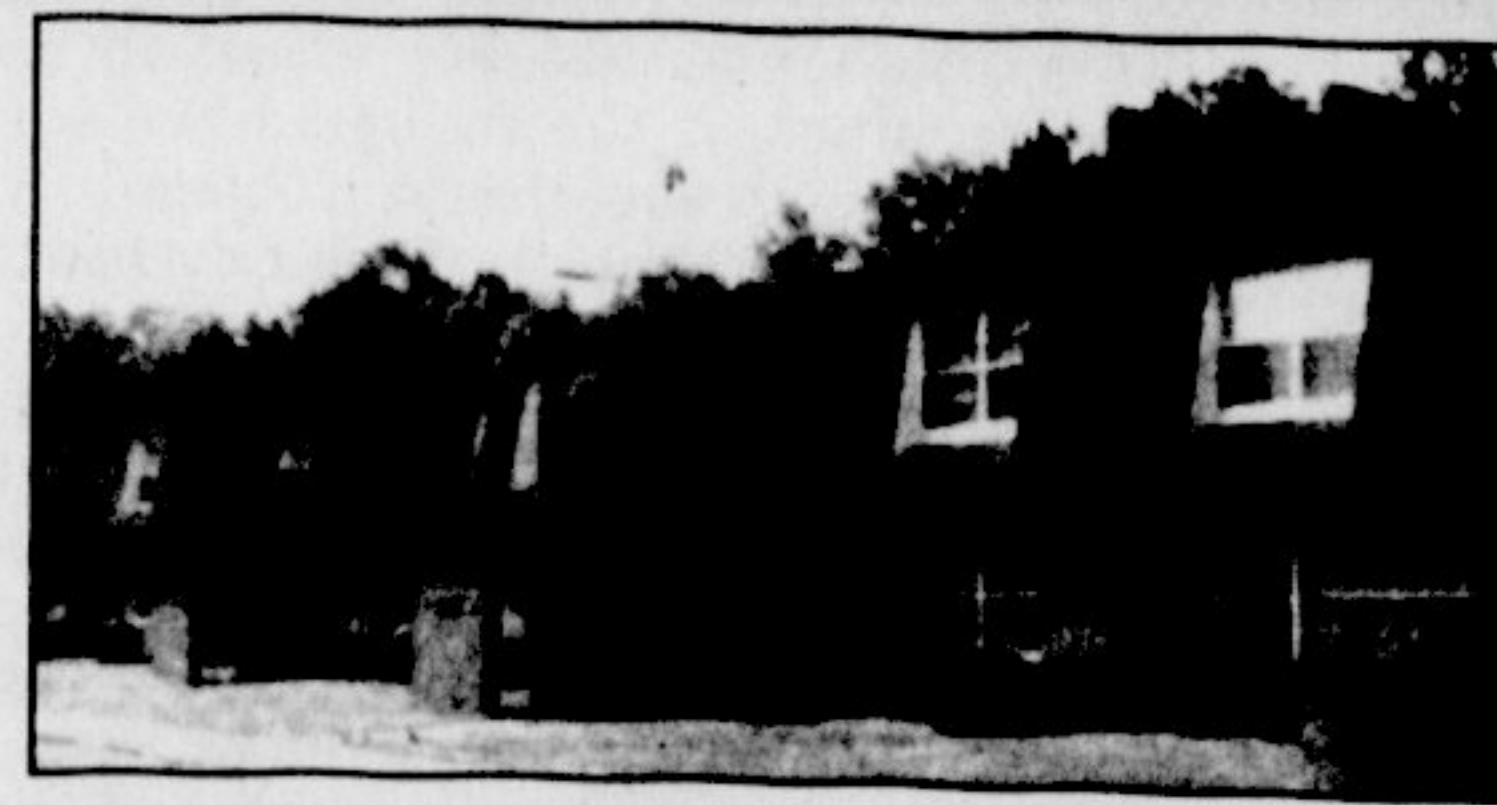
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an end-of-the-year picnic at River Park North.

Mooney has been encouraged to enlarge the program by combining ECU Friends with a program Michael Bassman, director of the honors program, began.

The program started 18 years ago, after Mooney had a student who was interested in doing volunteer work with elementary children, particularly in mentoring. She found there were no programs in Greenville which allowed students to do this.

She then submitted a proposal to Pitt County Schools to begin the new program. The proposal was accepted in February of 1987 and gathered students together to start the first program in the fall semester of 1987.

Since the first year of the program, it has grown tremendously and has helped approximately 700 students in the Pitt County school system.

There are currently twice the number of volunteers than there were last year and Mooney is anticipating the numbers to continue growing.

As the number of volunteers increases, the number of schools the program works with also increases. Currently, there are four local schools the program works closely with to provide mentoring services to the children.

The program requires students to give two hours per week to spend with the child. The program works not only to provide extra assistance to children, but it also helps college students improve self-esteem, enhance parenting skills, increase a student's ability to seek and maintain a job and help to improve academic skills. Volunteer programs such as this look good on future job applications and resumes.

A mentor is someone who provides children with a positive role model, along with parents or guardians. Mentors help children in several ways, such as helping them stay in school, score higher, have stronger relationships with parents and bringing out the best in children.

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Protesters storm government building in Russian region



Demonstrators broke through a government building in Cherkessk on Nov. 9.

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Protesters stormed the government building Tuesday in a volatile southern Russian region amid rising anger over a multiple slaying that led to the detention of the regional president's son-in-law, police said.

About 1,000 people, including elderly women in head scarves, smashed metal barriers against the building's doors, shattering the glass panels, according to video shown on Russian state television. The crowd then pried open the doors and entered the building, seizing the office of Karachayev-Cherkessiya President Mustafa Batdjev, the region's Interior Ministry said.

The NTV television channel said Batdjev fled through a back door. Regional police said that no officials had been in the building at the time of

the protest. At least seven police were injured in the clash, the Interior Ministry said. Some special forces troops sent inside to prevent protesters from seizing the entire building also were injured.

At least two civilians also were hurt, the Interfax news agency reported.

The protest began after prosecutors said they had discovered a common grave that appeared to contain fragments of the men's bodies.

Relatives of the victims say the men disappeared Oct. 10 after being summoned to a meeting at a cottage belonging to Ali Kaitov, Batdjev's son-in-law. Investigators found bullet casings and bullet holes in a search of the cottage. Neighbors also reported hearing automatic gunfire.

Kaitov surrendered Oct. 25 and is detained on abduction and murder charges, which he denied. Two more suspects were detained in St. Petersburg over the weekend, and Russian media said they provided information about where the bodies were located.

The Russian prosecutor-general's office said the bodies apparently had been sprayed with gasoline and set ablaze, ITAR-Tass reported.

Prosecutors earlier arrested four police officers and three security guards on charges of involvement in the abduction.

The Karachayev-Cherkessiya region has been plagued by frequent contract murders and other violence, some linked to rivalry between local criminal clans and some spilling over from warring Chechnya.

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"I think it is very difficult for students to see why the tuition is increased."

According to O'Donnell, the student fees all come back to ECU in the form of student services. This includes the 24-hour computer labs, the new Piratemail e-mail system and a projected new recreation facility, which would possibly be the largest higher-learning recreational facility in the U.S.

Students, however, still feel as though their voices are not listened to on this issue.

"I feel that we have no say in what goes on with the student government and decisions like increasing student tuition," said senior Elizabeth Bunn.

Hawkins said there is a way for students to voice their opinion — join a focus group. Last year, there were three or four of these

groups that met with the SGA to discuss matters such as these.

"[Students'] opinions play an important role; they bring up ideas that we have not even thought of," Hawkins said.

O'Donnell said students have always done a decent job of expressing their concerns on tuition and fee increases.

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Deliberations were to resume Tuesday.

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Campus News

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Delta Xi is offering financial support to female students who will be going into the teaching profession. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and display financial need. The aid will be awarded at the February chapter meeting. For questions about requirements and application, contact Dr. Katalin Szucs at 320-1908.

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 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 tonight 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 from Tarboro, NC under the direction of Kristan Herring will be performing Thursday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. 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 MSC 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 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. Parental guidance is suggested due to the adult subject matter. Runs Nov. 18 - 23. Contact 328-6829 for more information.

News Briefs

Local

Finance director suspended after drug charge

BOLIVIA, NC - Brunswick County's finance director was suspended without pay after she was charged with possession of marijuana, which followed her third DWI charge in 10 years.

Lititia Brooks, 52, announced six weeks ago that she would retire next month after she got her third driving-while-impaired charge in 10 years. But county officials took action Monday after she was charged Saturday night with marijuana possession. She had been Brunswick's finance director since June 1986 and was making \$94,737.

Brooks was charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors, after Brunswick County sheriff's deputies searched a house on Oak Island.

Sheriff Ron Hewett said the department's drug enforcement unit went to the house after receiving complaints about drug sales.

"It was a typical complaint that we followed through with that ended up with not-so-typical results," he said. During the search of the premises, Hewett said, a marijuana cigarette and drug paraphernalia were found in Brooks' car.

Also charged was Theodore Hiatt, 29, who lived at the beach house. He was charged with possession with intent to sell marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Monday County Manager Marty Lawing suspended Brooks without pay. County Attorney Huey Marshall said the decision would be reviewed as information became available.

Brooks' first appearance in District Court on Saturday's drug charges is scheduled for Dec. 7. Brooks is then scheduled to appear court Dec. 14 on her latest DWI charge.

Brooks was found guilty of DWI in a 1993 case and not guilty in a 1995 incident.

Teen dies four days after car accident

HUNTERSVILLE, NC - A 14-year-old boy died four days after he crashed his parents' car into a tree less than

a block from his home.

Matt Huntz of Huntersville was helping his parents switch around cars at his home shortly before 7 p.m. Nov. 3 when he asked his parents if he could take their 1998 Toyota around the block, said his father, Alan Huntz.

Matt's parents waited a few minutes for their son to get back but needed to pick up a prescription. He and his wife, Susan, decided not to wait any longer and headed out on the errand in their other car.

For some reason Alan Huntz decided to turn the wrong way at Babe Stillwell Farm Road, heading down the dead end toward a water-treatment plant. There he saw the crashed car along the side of the road. The air bag had deployed.

Matt was wearing a seat belt, Alan Huntz said. But the door had crumpled, trapping Matt inside, he said.

The car had spun out on a curve, sliding off the right side of the road and hitting a tree, the Huntersville police report shows.

Matt, a ninth-grader at Hopewell High, died Sunday at Carolinas Medical Center from internal injuries, his father said.

"It was just his time to go somewhere else," his father said. "Certainly we hurt as parents. But we really, really hope something positive comes out of this. That it touches a heart."

National

Bush visits wounded soldiers as fighting rages in Iraq

WASHINGTON - President Bush is paying a bedside visit to soldiers wounded in Iraq as American forces suffered the highest one-day U.S. death toll in more than six months amid fierce battles for control of Fallujah.

A week after the election that gave him a second term, Bush was turning from personnel decisions for his Cabinet and staff to go to Washington's Walter Reed Army Medical Center, accompanied by his wife, Laura. Bush was to see between 50 to 55 soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. On his last visit in March, the president awarded Purple Hearts to eight soldiers.

The U.S. toll in Iraq has surpassed 1,100, and 11 Americans died on

Monday alone. Three more were killed Tuesday in Fallujah.

"We are forever grateful to the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"They are serving for an important cause and a free Iraq will help transform a dangerous region of the world and make America more secure. We mourn the loss of all of our fallen."

Bush reviewed developments in Iraq in a meeting Monday with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. The secretary later would not say whether he wants to continue in his job in Bush's second term and said the matter hasn't been discussed in post election meetings.

New age of pharmaceutical racial profiling

NEW ORLEANS - The largest study ever done solely on blacks with heart failure raises the controversial prospect of the first drug that might be marketed to a specific racial group. The experimental drug, BiDil, dramatically improved survival and cut hospitalizations for heart failure, a problem that affects 5 million Americans, blacks 2 1/2 times more often than whites.

Its maker, NitroMed, plans to seek federal approval for the two-drug combination pill by year's end.

"It's a delight to see a trial that clearly shows a benefit of therapy in a particular racial group," said Dr. Augustus Grant, past president of the Association of Black Cardiologists, which supported the study.

However, some specialists believe the pill also would help whites and say it should have been tested among them but wasn't for business reasons.

The study's results were reported Monday at an American Heart Association meeting in New Orleans, and will be published Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Heart failure occurs when the heart is too weak to pump effectively, causing fluid to back up in the lungs - leaving people weak and short of breath. Half die within five years of diagnosis. Earlier research suggested that standard heart failure drugs - called

ACE inhibitors - do not work as well in blacks, and that blacks may have lower amounts of nitric oxide, which plays many roles in heart health, in their blood.

The Massachusetts biotechnology company, NitroMed, developed a combination pill that gets around this problem, but the federal Food and Drug Administration refused to license BiDil as a new drug because earlier studies involving mostly white patients showed no benefit.

There were promising signs that the medication helped the few blacks in the studies, and NitroMed won a patent to use it just among that minority group.

International

Arafat's condition deteriorates overnight

CLAMART, France - Yasser Arafat's condition deteriorated dramatically overnight as his coma deepened, a hospital spokesman said Tuesday, and top Palestinian officials met with his medical team.

Two Palestinian officials denied media reports that Arafat had died, including Nasser al-Kidwa, his nephew and the Palestinian Authority's ambassador to the United Nations, who said he had spoken to Arafat's doctors.

"The situation is very difficult, but he is still alive," al-Kidwa told The Associated Press.

Another senior Palestinian official said Arafat is still alive, but has only hours to live. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, was in Ramallah in the West Bank and had been briefed by Palestinian officials in Paris.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said that Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia saw Arafat during a visit of more than two hours to the Percy Military Training Hospital in southwest Paris.

Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath did not say what the diagnosis was. Speaking on CNN, he said Arafat's brain, heart and lungs were still functioning.

"The man is not suffering," Shaath said, adding that Arafat "has typical life support given to people in a coma."

Arafat's wife, Suha, has used French

privacy laws to bar access to the Palestinian leader and there have been frequently conflicting reports about the status of his health.

U.N. workers

abducted in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan - Two of three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan have called home to say they are OK, officials and relatives said Tuesday, and one hostage said she expected to be released soon.

A spokesman for the Afghan government said "progress has been made" toward ending the crisis.

"I'm hopeful that we will see their safe release in the near future," said Jawed Ludin.

It was unclear, however, if officials would grant the demand of the Taliban splinter group threatening to kill the trio for a prisoner exchange, possibly involving inmates of the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Shiqpe Hebbi of Kosovo, British-Irish Annetta Flanigan, and Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan were abducted 12 days ago when armed men stopped their marked U.N. vehicle in downtown Kabul.

The kidnapping fanned fear that Afghan insurgents had picked up the deadly tactics of their Iraqi counterparts, who have executed a string of Western hostages.

Afghan and U.N. officials leading efforts to secure their release have been tightlipped about negotiations. But there are signs a deal is possible.

Behgjet Pacolli, a businessman from Kosovo who says he is a relative of Hebbi, told The Associated Press that Hebbi made a satellite telephone call to a friend in Kosovo on Monday. The message was passed to her family, he said.

"She said she feels good and she will be soon with them in Kosovo, and I am happy for that," said Pacolli.

Pacolli said he had conveyed a message to the kidnapers via "influential people" - he met former President Burhanuddin Rabbani on Monday - and had received an answer.

"I expect tomorrow late a success," he said. He said no ransom was being offered.

Lawyer on terror trail says violence is necessary

NEW YORK (AP) - A lawyer accused of conspiring to help terrorists testified at her trial that she believes only violence and a "popular revolution" can combat the evils of capitalism in the United States.

Under questioning in federal court, Lynne Stewart said violence was necessary to reverse an "entrenched ferocious type of capitalism" that breeds sexism and racism. She said civilians must not be targeted, but left unclear what kind of violence she meant.

"I'm talking about a popular revolution," Stewart said.

"I'm talking about institutions being changed and that will not be changed without violence."

Stewart, 65, has been charged with providing material support to terrorists by letting her one-time client, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, deliver messages to followers after his 1995 conviction for plotting to blow up New York City landmarks.

She faces up to 18 years in prison if convicted.

Throughout the trial, Stewart's lawyers have portrayed her



Lynne Stewart, New York attorney, went on trial for allegedly aiding terrorist client, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman.

as a zealous advocate for the blind Egyptian cleric, whom she represented at trial and after he was sentenced to life in prison. But they say she acted only as a lawyer.

Prosecutors contend she became a conduit for the sheik to communicate with members of the Islamic Group, an Egyptian terrorist organization that advocated violence, sometimes as part of an effort to free the sheik.

When U.S. Attorney Andrew Dember pressed Stewart to explain what types of institutions she believed must be attacked, Stewart said the American Revolution was accomplished through violence and that the Civil War brought about an end to slavery in the U.S.

"We're not in those times yet," she said.

"People will make the right decision about which to attack."

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Mooney has been encouraged to enlarge the program by combining ECU Friends with a program Michael Bassman, director of the honors program, began.

The program started 18 years ago, after Mooney had a student who was interested in doing volunteer work with elementary children, particularly in mentoring. She found there were no programs in Greenville which allowed students to do this.

She then submitted a proposal to Pitt County Schools to begin the new program. The proposal was accepted in February of 1987 and gathered students together to start the first program in the fall semester of 1987.

Since the first year of the program, it has grown tremendously and has helped approximately 700 students in the Pitt County school system.

There are currently twice the number of volunteers than there were last year and Mooney is anticipating the numbers to continue growing.

As the number of volunteers increases, the number of schools the program works with also increases. Currently, there are four local schools the program works closely with to provide mentoring services to the children.

The program requires students to give two hours per week to spend with the child. The program works not only to provide extra assistance to children, but it also helps college students improve self-esteem, enhance parenting skills, increase a student's ability to seek and maintain a job and help to improve academic skills. Volunteer programs such as this look good on future job applications and resumes.

A mentor is someone who provides children with a positive role model, along with parents or guardians. Mentors help children in several ways, such as helping them stay in school, score higher, have stronger relationships with parents and bringing out the best in children.

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Protesters storm government building in Russian region



Demonstrators broke through a government building in Cherkessk on Nov. 9.

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — Protesters stormed the government building Tuesday in a volatile southern Russian region amid rising anger over a multiple slaying that led to the execution of the regional president's son-in-law, police said.

About 1,000 people, including elderly women in head scarves, smashed metal barriers against the building's doors, shattering the glass panels, according to video shown on Russian state television. The crowd then pried open the doors and entered the building, seizing the office of Karachayev-Cherkessiya President Mustafa Batdyev, the region's Interior Ministry said.

The NTV television channel said Batdyev fled through a back door. Regional police said that no officials had been in the building at the time of the protest.

At least seven police were injured in the clash, the Interior Ministry said. Some special forces troops sent inside to prevent protesters from seizing the entire building also were injured.

At least two civilians also were hurt, the Interfax news agency reported.

The protest began after prosecutors said they had discovered a common grave that appeared to contain fragments of the men's bodies.

Relatives of the victims say the men disappeared Oct. 10 after being summoned to a meeting at a cottage belonging to Ali Kaitov, Batdyev's son-in-law. Investigators found bullet casings and bullet holes in a search of the cottage. Neighbors also reported hearing automatic gunfire.

Kaitov surrendered Oct. 25 and is detained on abduction and murder charges, which he denied. Two more suspects were detained in St. Petersburg over the weekend, and Russian media said they provided information about where the bodies were located.

The Russian prosecutor-general's office said the bodies apparently had been sprayed with gasoline and set ablaze, ITAR-Tass reported.

Prosecutors earlier arrested four police officers and three security guards on charges of involvement in the abduction.

The Karachayev-Cherkessiya region has been plagued by frequent contract murders and other violence, some linked to rivalry between local criminal clans and some spilling over from warring Chechnya.

Increase from page A1

"I think it is very difficult for students to see why their tuition is increased."

According to O'Donnell, the student fees all come back to ECU in the form of student services. This includes the 24-hour computer labs, the new Piratemail e-mail system and a projected new recreation facility, which would possibly be the largest higher-learning recreational facility in the U.S.

Students, however, still feel as though their voices are not listened to on this issue.

"I feel that we have no say in what goes on with the student government and decisions like increasing student tuition," said senior Elizabeth Bunn.

Hawkins said there is a way for students to voice their opinion — join a focus group. Last year, there were three or four of these

groups that met with the SGA to discuss matters such as these.

"[Students'] opinions play an important role; they bring up ideas that we have not even thought of," Hawkins said.

O'Donnell said students have always done a decent job of expressing their concerns on tuition and fee increases.

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Our View

Multivitamins prevent birth defects and prematurity

New research findings suggest that women who take multivitamins before becoming pregnant are less likely to deliver prematurely. Research conducted at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill concluded that women who took multivitamins before conceiving were half as likely to deliver before 37 weeks of pregnancy.

The *American Journal of Epidemiology* states that continued use of multivitamins through the first couple of months of pregnancy appears to have no influence on the risks of prematurity. However, this does not mean regular use of a multivitamin should stop – they offer benefits to the expectant mother as well as the baby.

According to a study by Dr. Anjel Vahratian, multivitamins contain folic acid, which is a B vitamin that helps prevent birth defects in the brain and spinal cord if taken early in the pregnancy. Folic acid may improve the placental environment, which during the last months of pregnancy can help fetal growth.

Vahratian's team conducted an investigation to see how a woman's diet before conceiving affects the fetus. They asked 2,010 women between their 24th and 29th week of pregnancy about their multivitamin use before and during the pregnancy. It was concluded that approximately 30 percent took vitamins before and during their pregnancy and 54 percent said they only took the vitamins once they knew they were pregnant. They also found that 93 women only took the vitamins before conceiving. Of those women, only five gave birth prematurely. According to the article it is "a lower rate of prematurity than seen in nonusers, in women who took vitamins before and during pregnancy and in those who started vitamins once they became pregnant."

TEC would like to encourage all women of childbearing age to take a multivitamin to ensure your health and the health of your baby, whether you are pregnant now or thinking about becoming pregnant.

If continued use of a multivitamin is not your choice, then consider eating foods rich in folic acid, such as dark green leafy vegetables, bananas, nuts and asparagus. The combined use of a multivitamin with foods containing folic acid can ensure a healthy pregnancy and less risk of birth defects.

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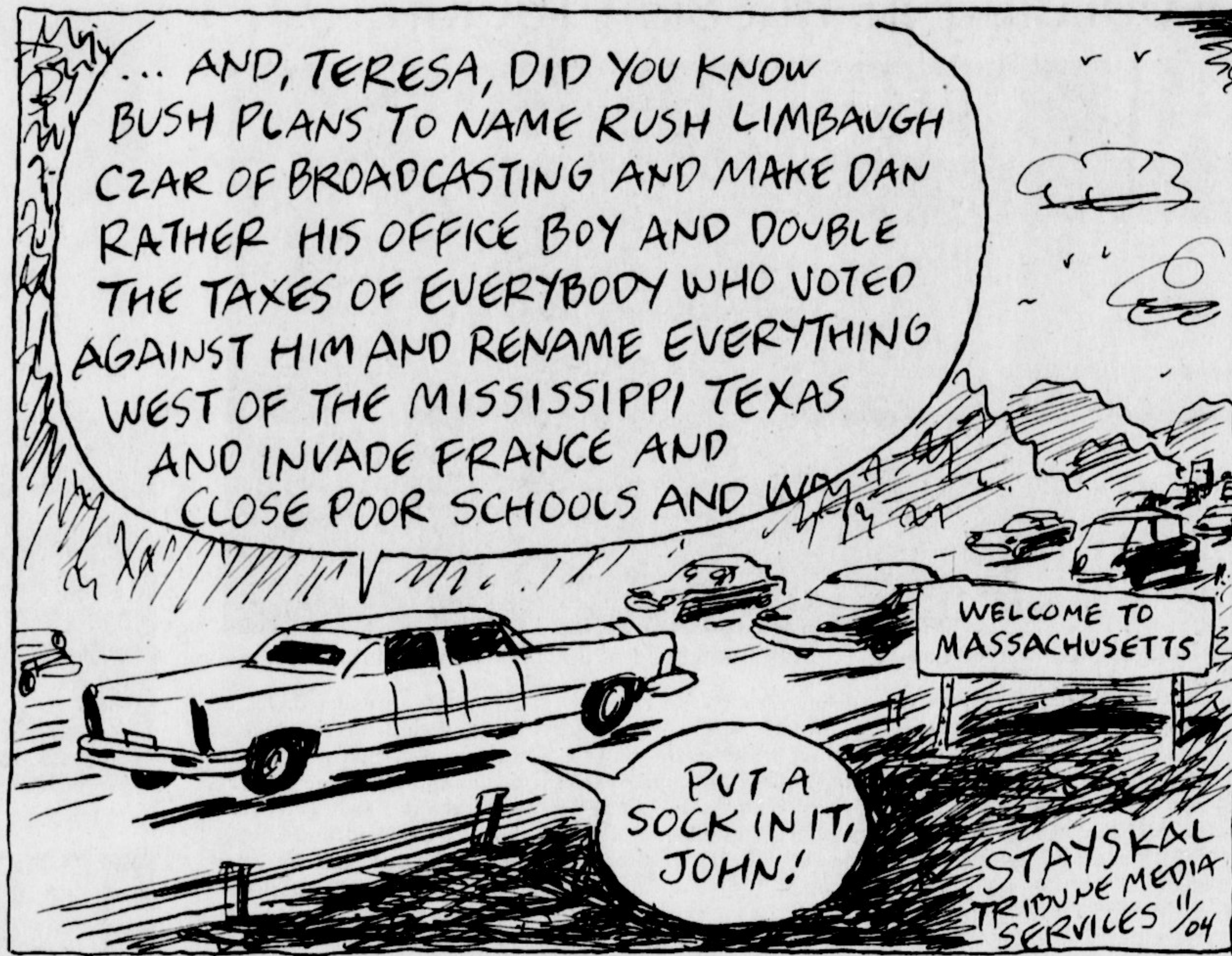
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Opinion Columnist

Retraction is a cause for regret

No risks equal no rewards

RACHEL LANDEN
STAFF WRITER

It's been two weeks since my last column appeared in TEC. If anyone thought maybe I had been fired or decided to quit, my return today should prove those suspicions incorrect.

I wasn't let go, nor did I decide to give up. Well, not exactly, anyway.

Actually, I did have an opinion prepared for last Wednesday's issue. I submitted it and was planning to see it in print before I got second thoughts. I didn't shout to stop the presses but I did beg my editor to retract it before it was even published.

There's nothing especially dramatic about the situation. I just changed my mind, asked that the opinion not be printed and it wasn't. End of story, right?

Not quite. Although my one-page commentary didn't create any scandals in the newsroom or on campus, the issue still plagued me. What I wrote was by no means a generally offensive or inflammatory piece – I just worried that some people might take seriously what I meant as a joke or satire. I didn't want to take that chance.

It seems that because as soon as I made my decision, I should have let it go. But now I can't help but wonder if I made a mistake. After all, I am writing on the opinion page of TEC. No matter what I say, someone is liable to disagree



with me.

If I write something positive, a reader is sure to think I'm too happy. If I write something negative, someone else will likely deem me too critical. That is the risk I take, or at least the one that perhaps I should take. In this case, it is one that I missed out on last week.

Life is all about risks and taking chances. Everyday when we leave our houses, apartments or dorm rooms, we are taking the first chance of many for that day. We risk our health, our safety and our lives when we exchange the security of our shelter for the uncertainty of the world outside.

But what if we were too scared to leave our homes and venture out in public? Surely we would miss out on life. Maybe we could get our groceries delivered, have someone pick up our dry cleaning and stuff envelopes for money from home. Perhaps we could get by and continue our existence.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In the Nov. 4, edition of *The East Carolinian*, Peter Kalajian writes a post-election editorial titled "Democrats fall short yet again." Rather than rant and rave in his normal Bush-bashing style as if he needed to prove he was a spoiled loser, Kalajian would have better served his readers by writing an intelligent editorial entitled "Why have the Democrats fallen short yet again?" The answer to this question rests in the very essence of Kalajian's unreasoned arguments.

If the Democrats are to ever reclaim the White House and the majority of houses of the American electorate, they must move their political ideology more to the center of the political spectrum and to the thinking of an average American who still places a value on values. In short, like Kalajian, the Democrats must sing the same song that most Americans are singing.

Kalajian references that President Bush and the Republicans swept the Southeast and the Central Plains. His implication is clear. Kalajian would lead his readers to believe that the northeastern and western U.S. citizens voted clearly for Senator Kerry, thereby coloring their states blue. Kalajian should visit a map that shows how the people of the various counties in these states voted. Had he done that, Kalajian would have discovered that only the New England states would be colored blue. For example, California is actually more dominantly colored red, even though its 55 electoral votes went to Senator Kerry because of the large metro areas.

However, I must not bash Kalajian anymore. I once walked in his shoes. I once believed as he believes. I once thought I had all the answers to all the questions. Then, one day, something happened to me, and it will happen

to you, Kalajian. I discovered I did not have all of the questions, much less the answers. So, Mr. Kalajian, enjoy your idealism and liberalism. It will one day be replaced with realism and conservatism. You may not even realize it is happening, but it will happen.

That's what Mr. Kalajian and the Democrats need – a solid dose of realism and conservatism. Watch out, Kalajian, with realism comes responsibility! Oh! Darn it! I then have to deal with the real world, not just the ivory tower of intelligentsia.

Tim Mizelle

Dear Editor,

Close to 60 million Americans feel that we need more military spending, senseless loss of life, tax cuts for those who do not need them and a good health care system for only those who can afford it.

In 2000, George W. Bush campaigned to "unite" Americans. Now, we have never been more divided, which could in return play to Bush's favor. In the Nov. 3 edition of *The New York Times*, an editorial was published claiming that "Bush does not see division as a danger. He sees it as a wingman." With post elections comments flying, Americans have expressed that unity is important. How can we as a nation come together if our leader does not see this as a priority?

It's also very startling to me to hear that most people voted for Bush based on his morals, when morality questions seem to be one of the bigger issues facing our president right now. Loss of life in Iraq is not moral – denying citizen's affordable health care is not moral – and denying women's rights is certainly not moral.

This administration gathered much false evidence to go to war with Iraq with no clear cut plan, putting Ameri-

can troops and our country in a very immoral position. It amazes me that even after all the lies were surfaced we still support this bogus war and the man who led us in this direction.

David Bodenheimer
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Dear Editor,

Peter Kalajian's [Nov. 4] editorial, "Democrats fall short yet again" is the exact reason Democrats are failing to win elections. Your views on economics are ludicrous. In the United States today, there is a lower unemployment rate than in any of the Clinton years. The top one percent of wage earners in this nation earns 40 percent of the wealth yet pay 99 percent of federal taxes. In fact, I believe the redistribution of money from the rich to the poor is socialism. Unfortunately our country has become more socialist due to the liberals. Socialism has, time and time again, proved to be the unworkable "ideal" government. So who do you quote to complain about President Bush? Karl Marx, author of the "Communist Manifesto." So I see.

What do the Democrats need to win elections? Nominate more centrist candidates, particularly in the South and Midwest. Most of all, quasi-socialists like Kalajian need to refrain from insulting people that have Christian morals and values. Face it, Bush has received a mandate from over half of the American electorate and we're tired of being told that homosexuality and abortion are divine rights and guns are wrong. There's an old saying that "pride goeth before the fall." Well, the Democrats believed all along that they are smarter and they got their butts handed to them.

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Pirate Rants

I understand we will have to work with other people when we graduate. However, group projects that affect my grades now are unfair. It seems I always get stuck with people who don't care and I end up having to do my part and theirs.

Why is it that some teachers start teaching 5 - 10 minutes before the class is scheduled to start?

I thought we were out of high school. Snickering, giggling and whispering to your neighbor about someone else's comment is stupid. Be a big boy or girl and speak up.

Don't you think it's strange that the only close-minded and ignorant people are the ones that disagree with you?

Fifty thousand people are dead and 1.2 million people are starving in refugee camps in the Sudan, all because of government-backed militias. If only that country had some better terrorists, or at least more ties to better terrorists, then we could bring freedom to them too.

Why is it that when something is running perfect, someone always has to try to fix it?

I am sick of seeing people wear John Deere hats as a fashion statement. About 99 percent of the John Deere apparel on campus is worn by people who have never even mowed a yard, so I don't know why they think they should advertise farm equipment.

Guys and dolls ... if you go to the gym, work out. Don't just stand around looking pretty with your face full of make up or flexing in the mirror when I am really trying to work up a sweat and get in shape.

So I go to Wright Place and I buy a fountain drink that is already overpriced. I was thirsty. I drank it all quickly. Then I go to get a refill, and what do they say? "You must pay for that." Are you kidding me?

What is the deal with the tattoos on the lower back of the chicks on this campus? It is so not sexy. Don't you girls realize those things grow as your body does?

How hard is it to make it to class on time? I know that on occasion people do oversleep, but what about the people who come into class late everyday?

I'm glad most teachers didn't cancel class last Monday just because it was the day after Halloween. Students that go out and get drunk out of their minds shouldn't be given any special treatment. You're here to learn and to get an education, not to get drunk. There are other ways to celebrate the holidays and other big events besides getting drunk.

It seems fads follow in sequence with fads from 30 years ago. A few years ago, bell-bottoms came back and now it's the 1980s popped-collars. Maybe next it'll be Vanilla Ice and "Word To Your Mother" jackets.

Look ladies, I'm a very busy guy so if I don't call you back right away that doesn't mean that I don't want to see you. I will get to you eventually so will all of you please stop calling me, IMing me and coming over all the time. There is plenty of me to go around so just wait in line.

Today we salute you, Mr. TEC Bud Light commercial wannabe writer. While others are out making a difference in the community, all you can do is write silly rants about metrosexuals and John Kerry voters. Though you may be an ace at hunting, fishing, attempting to be funny and drinking beer, you are still caught up in Dick Cheney's and Karl Rowe's chain of deception. So crack open an ice cold Bud Light TEC Bud light commercial wannabe writer, because you'll have plenty of time to smell the crap (four years more) while dealing with a potential lawsuit.

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Top 5s:

Top 5 Movies:

1. *The Grudge*
2. *Ray*
3. *Saw*
4. *Shark Tale*
5. *Shall We Dance?*

Top 5 TV Shows:

1. *CSI*
2. *CSI: Miami*
3. *Desperate Housewives*
4. *Without A Trace*
5. *Survivor: Vanuatu*

Top 5 DVDs:

1. *Day After Tomorrow*
2. *Van Helsing*
3. *Garfield: The Movie*
4. *A Cinderella Story*
5. *Raising Helen*

Top 5 CDs:

1. *Jay-Z and R Kelly*
2. *Trick Daddy*
3. *Simple Plan*
4. *Rod Stewart*
5. *Nelly*

Top 5 Books:

1. *The Da Vinci Code*
2. *The Two Swords*
3. *Northern Lights*
4. *Plot Against America*
5. *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

Horoscopes:

Aries: Planning is one thing, but working up a good strategy is another. You've roughed out the general dates and times. Now get into the specifics.

Taurus: Although you normally think things out carefully before proceeding, you don't have time to do that. Work fast, you can fix errors later.

Gemini: Don't let yourself get distracted with daydreams and mess up an important job. Your workload is increasing tomorrow. Make sure you're well prepared.

Cancer: Don't let your passion for being in style lead to an attack of the jitters. Trust your own instincts. They're right on target.

Leo: You love it when you can immerse yourself in an interesting subject. Make time to do that while you can. Others need attention tomorrow.

Virgo: Abundance is flowing your way and it's because of something you've already done. It may have been only a wish you made and you acted upon.

Libra: It's good to list your talents and attributes every once in a while and to count your blessings. Figure out how to make a profit with them. Now's a perfect time.

Scorpio: You're being energized, not just because you're cleaning things up, but because Mars is coming into your sign. You'll love that.

Sagittarius: Your team or group goes round and round, talking the issue to death.

Capricorn: The people who are in the lead are talking quite freely now. Ask questions so you'll know what's going on and what you should do next.

Aquarius: Learn just as much as you can, especially about beautiful things from afar. Pay attention! This could lead to great career advancements.

Pisces: Beautiful things can be your downfall or your inspiration. If you surround yourself with the best, they're also a good investment.

All aboard new 'Polar Express'



Christmas tale comes to big screen

KATHERINE DAY
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With the popularity of computer animation and the success movies that use this advanced technology have, waves of new and innovative story-telling continue and thrive. The 1986 Caldecott Medal winner *The Polar Express* is following in the footsteps of such hits as *Toy Story* and *Shrek* by partaking in the same animated technology which continues to evolve. The latest Warner Bros. release is aiming to please the holiday crowds Nov. 10.

Different technologies have been experimented with to bring new visions to the big screen. In a process called rotoscoping, *The Polar Express* brings its characters to life by using live actors to capture their image and performance so they can be duplicated with CGI. Academy Award winning actor Tom Hanks (*Philadelphia*, *Forrest Gump*) lends his talents to take on the roles of The Hero Boy, Father, Conductor, Hobo, Scrooge and Santa Claus.

The holiday film, with Hanks as Executive Producer, is aiming

for a younger audience that may have missed out on last year's Will Ferrell comedy *Elf*. Based on the popular children's book, *The Polar Express* hopes to share the Christmas tale with a whole new generation.

Doubting the existence of Santa Claus, a young boy (voiced by both Tom Hanks and Daryl Sabara) lays awake the night before Christmas Day. Hearing what sounds like sleigh bells and reindeer on his roof, he gets out of bed to investigate the strange noises. What he finds is a steam engine and a conductor inviting him to come along on a journey to the North Pole. When the boy boards the train, he is greeted with many other children, all doubting the existence of Santa Claus.

Director Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*, *Cast Away*) utilizes special effects to masterfully tell the story brought to life in Chris Van Allsburg picture book. The visually stunning film carefully mimics the movements of its actors to produce an astoundingly realistic effect. *The Polar Express* continues the movement of technologically advanced children's films.

For nearly 20 years now, the book has been a favorite among children, especially during the Christmas season. Robert Zemeckis was eager to take on the project.

"It became an annual tradition to read the story to my son while he was growing up and it never failed to fascinate him," said Zemeckis.

"The imagery has an otherworldly quality, existing somewhere between dreams and reality, which captures the mystery of a restless Christmas eve."

People of all ages can relate to the excitement and anticipation that comes the night before Christmas. In the big-screen interpretation of the story, the magic comes to life so audiences young and old can enjoy the familiar story. A sneak preview will play in select cities on Nov. 6 for families to get together and share the holiday season earlier this year.

The Polar Express is already being looked at as the year's top Christmas film that will surely draw the holiday crowd. The film's star, Tom Hanks, fondly recalls reading the story to his

children and the effect it has had by heightening the Christmas experience.

"For years, between November and December, depending on the children's ages, I think I read it four times a week, twice a night, over and over again. So I've been aware of the story since my 14-year-old was three," said Hanks.

More than anything, *The Polar Express* is a story about faith and hope. It chronicles the point in a child's life that they begin to feel the weight of skepticism and realize a meaningful part of their childhood is being taken away. The belief in Santa Claus is apart of the innocence that comes along with childhood. It is when a child can look forward to the magic that comes with Christmas, not just the presents and the time off from school. Santa Claus is not just a myth, it's what makes childhood special and Christmas enchanting.

The heartwarming story may be over the top, but for

this Christmas tale, it seems appropriate. An advanced review was reserved for Joshua Tyler of Cinema Blend Online, which he approached with slight objection. "In any other movie this would be cheesy and utterly unacceptable, but in a Christmas movie this sort of schmaltz isn't only acceptable, it's heartwarming. The really important thing to remember kids is if you believe in the impossible, you'll get really great presents. *The Polar Express* is an impossibly strange CGI gift, but not a bad one."

Time will tell how other critics and audiences will react to this film. However, it's fair to say fans of the book will be delighted to see the beautiful story in theaters this month. *The Polar Express* will surely be a pleasant surprise for everyone wanting to see an uplifting Christmas film that looks to bring out the believer in all of us.

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'Rebel' spawns two art exhibits, one for 'rejects'

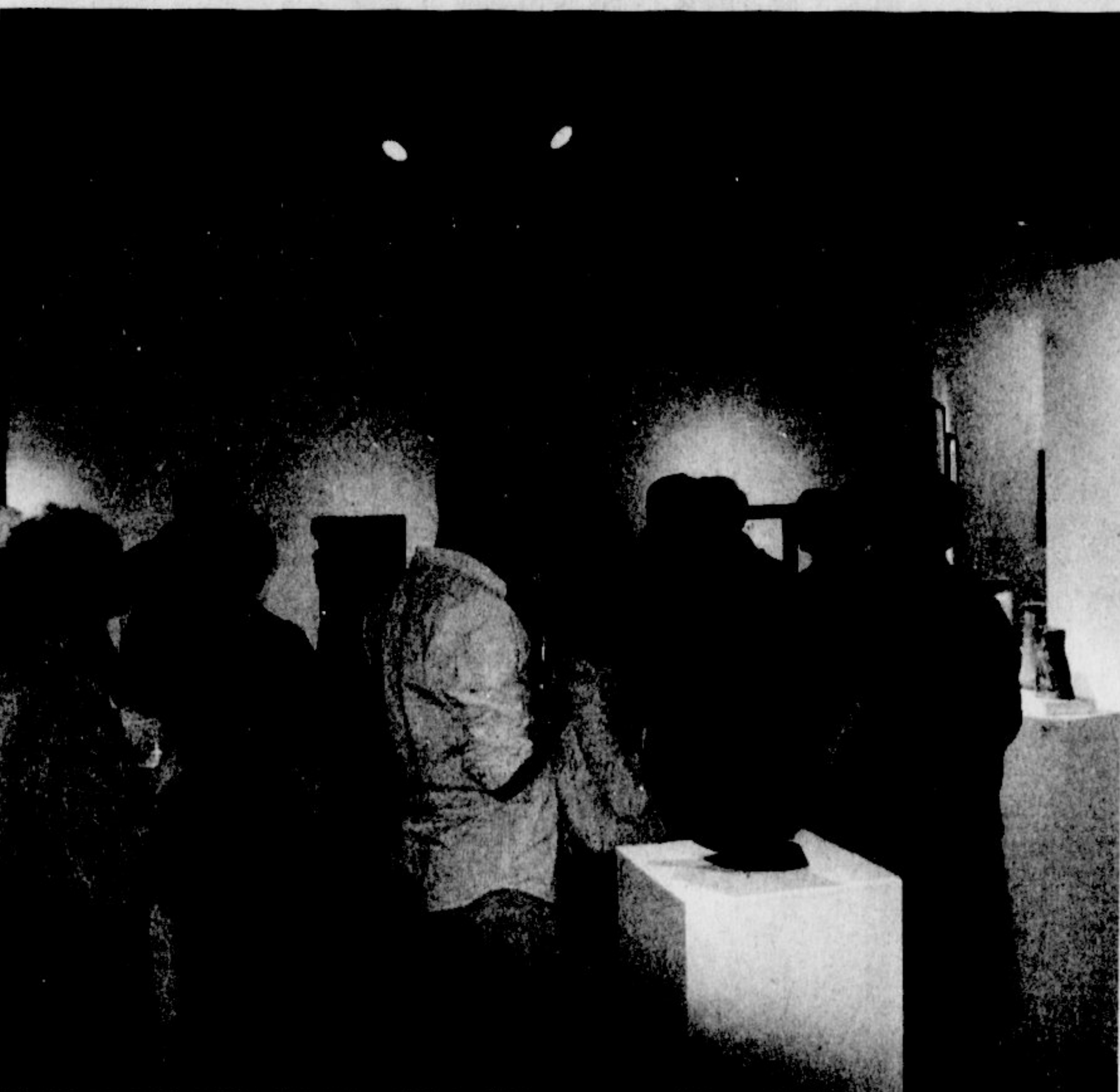


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Students and faculty gather at Emerge Gallery for the Rebel Show premier.

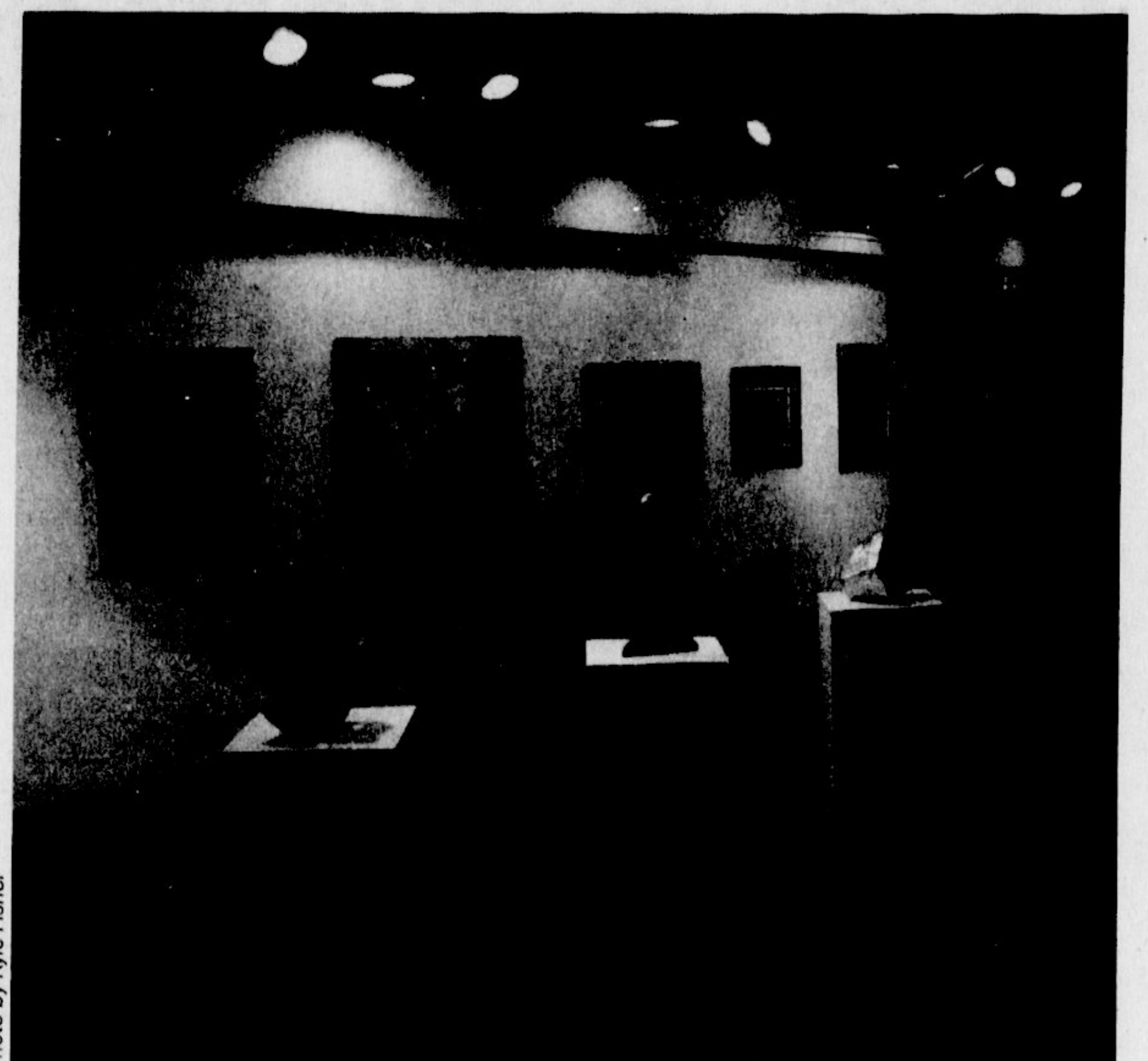


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The Rebel Reject Show held in Mendenhall was for artwork not chosen by the Rebel.

'Seed of Chucky' coming soon to a theater near you

Fifth film in 'Child's Play' series

GARY MCCABE
STAFF WRITER

Every weekend it seems like a new horror film is being released complete with a brand new 'bad guy' everyone is supposed to be afraid of. Because of this, the pecking order among these so-called 'bad guys' is in a constant state of flux. One exception to the trend, is Chucky from the *Child's Play* series. Chucky has carved out a niche for himself and has been able to stand-out among the ever-growing population of monsters, aliens and psychotic dentists - despite being a mere 2-foot, 6-inches. Two-foot, 6-inches of foulmouthed, bloodthirsty doll, that is.

It all began with the 1988 release of the original *Child's Play*, written by Don Mancini who also would go on to write each additional film in the series. The

film centers around serial killer Charles Lee Ray, also known as 'The Lakeshore Strangler.' Mortally wounded during a shoot out with police, Ray evades the police briefly, hiding out in a toy store. Desperate and near death, Ray performs a voodoo ritual which transfers his soul into a nearby 'Good Guys' doll before police storm into the shop to finish the job.

He might have died in one sense, but Ray lived on through the doll, being reborn as 'Chucky.' When a young lad named Andy receives the doll as a birthday gift, Chucky's killing spree begins with the demented doll slaying every human being in sight. As the body count rises, so does Chucky's frustration with his physical limitations and soon a plan is hatched to find a new body to take control of. Chucky sees his new owner Andy as a perfect host and spends the duration of the film pursuing him, ultimately failing in the end and gets charred for his trouble.

For some reason, Chucky caught on with audiences. Maybe it was because they enjoyed Chucky's foul mouth and wicked sense of humor. Maybe they identified with his plight. Or maybe they just really enjoyed seeing a doll throwing a babysitter out of a window of a high-rise apartment.

Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun Times* offered one theory for his popularity: "What is it about dolls that makes them seem so sinister? Why is it that kids in the movies always seem to share some evil secret with their dolls?"

And why is it that when you see a doll on a shelf, its eyes seem to move by themselves? I think when we were kids, we all secretly believed our dolls were up to something while we were asleep. And the movies can exploit that fear, because most of us are not aware we carry that secret around as part of the subconscious trauma that makes life so interesting."

Whatever the reason, Uni-



versal ordered two more films featuring the pint-sized lunatic, each invariably similar to the original. In each, Chucky would be resurrected in some fashion and would begin slaughtering each human being that comes between him and his goal of stealing Andy's body.

With each passing sequel,

the films became less horror and more comedy. The death scenes became more elaborate and down-right ridiculous as each death was merely a set-up for a 'clever' one-liner from Chucky. A fine example is from *Child's Play 3* where after choking a police

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officer to death with a plastic bag, Chucky quips, "there's nothing like a strangulation to get the circulation going."

The first two sequels to *Child's Play* failed to reach the success of the original but maintained a cult following. Following *Child's Play 3* in 1992, the series 'hibernated' for several years, as movie-goers no longer seemed interested in horror films. That all changed with *Scream* in 1996. Suddenly, horror was cool again and Chucky was back with *Bride of Chucky* in 1998.

In *Bride of Chucky*, Charles Lee Ray is once again resurrected as Chucky, this time by his old girlfriend Tiffany, played by Jennifer Tilly.

Shortly thereafter, Chucky kills Tiffany and transfers her soul into another doll's body. The two then team up, killing anything breathing, on their path to dig up Ray's body, which conveniently was buried with a Satanic voodoo charm capable of raising the dead.

The ending, where Tiffany and Chucky marry, left open the possibility of another film when Chucky's son is born with the same demonic ruthlessness that his parent's were infamous of.

Seed of Chucky features the orphaned son of the dolls, Glen who heads to Hollywood after the production of a movie based on his parents starts.

The brutal story of Chucky and Tiffany draws actress Jennifer Tilly to take on the lead role and Redman to direct the horror "urban legend." Glen resurrects his dead parents and once again, they return to their murderous ways much to kind-hearted Glen's horror.

In *Seed*, Chucky can't seem to understand his son's passive ways while Tiffany is excited her favorite actress (Tilly) is starring in her life story to notice. Unsatisfied with his current son, Chucky yearns for a real human child, deciding that Tilly would be the perfect mother.

As of yet, the film has had few screenings and little is known of it outside of what the film studio behind it has released.

This much is known, the film was directed by Don Mancini who has written the screenplay for each film in the series so the film will be true to his earlier efforts.

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Nintendo Fusion Tour sweeps through NC

A night of hard rock and video games

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The Nintendo Fusion Tour swept through Charlotte and Myrtle Beach this week with headliners Story of the Year and support acts My Chemical Romance, Letter Kills and Autopilot Off. As the tour's slogan states, the tour is a "fusion of music, video games and lifestyle." The venue's lobby was filled with Nintendo GameCube kiosks featuring games ranging from the soon to be released *Mario Tennis* to *Metroid Prime* and *X-Men*. There were free giveaways with vintage Nintendo patches, stickers and buttons as well as rock magazines up for grabs.

Autopilot Off, whose sophomore album, *Make a Sound*, was released this spring, took the stage at around 8 p.m. inside the House of Blues in Myrtle Beach, SC. Dressed in noticeably preppy attire, consisting of button-down shirts and tight fitting jeans with perfectly sculpted hair, Autopilot Off played before an already full crowd. With a set list consisting of their newest single, "What I Want," they started the show off on the right note, getting the crowd to sing along with them and continuously crowd surf.

Letter Kills were next on stage with arguably the best set of the night. Including acrobatic stage antics including microphone tossing, stage diving and writhing and rolling all over the stage, the crowd showed just as much energy as the five rockers on stage. The fist-pumping "Lights Out" was the highlight of their set as the guitarists were running across the stage and the crowd was chanting along with lead singer Matt Shelton. It was a miracle how Shelton didn't manage to knock out any of his guitarists as both the microphone and the microphone stand went twirling across the brightly lit stage. Their set came to an end around 9:30 p.m. after playing their first single, "Don't Believe."

My Chemical Romance arrived on stage to a now sold

out crowd and they rocked every person in attendance on Saturday night. With a dimly lit stage and enough eyeliner to put a high school cheerleader to shame, MCR was clearly the most hardcore band to grace the stage. Introducing their current single, "I'm Not Okay (I Promise)," "this song is for anyone who owns a radio," MCR ripped out an impressive half hour set.

Headlining band Story of the Year, known for their two singles "Anthem of our Dying Day" and "Until the Day I Die," took the stage at around 10:30 p.m. and played an hour long set containing almost every song off their debut release *Page Avenue*, as well as a unique addition.

To add a bit of comedy, SOTY took a break in the middle of their set to announce they found a way to prove they are indeed talented. Then they began a medley of pop songs including "Sweet Home Alabama," Goo Goo Dolls' "Iris," and Michael Jackson's "Beat It." As this medley was taking place, each member of the band alternated positions. The drummer took over as the lead guitarist, the singer took the drums and the guitarists tossed their guitars back and forth. With a stage presence much resembling that of 80s hair metal bands, the guitarists were bouncing in unison around the stage and even managed to throw in a handful of high kicks.

The Nintendo Fusion Tour came to an end at around midnight, leaving the fans exhausted and satisfied, yet still wanting more. After the show, all four bands were outside signing autographs and taking pictures with fans until nearly 2 a.m. Talk about dedication.

If you weren't a fan before this concert, you were definitely a fan after the show. Mixing video games with punk rock, Nintendo succeeded in pleasing their fans this fall. To hear songs from all four bands as well as taking a glimpse at music videos from Story of the Year and My Chemical Romance, head over to nintendofusiontour.com.

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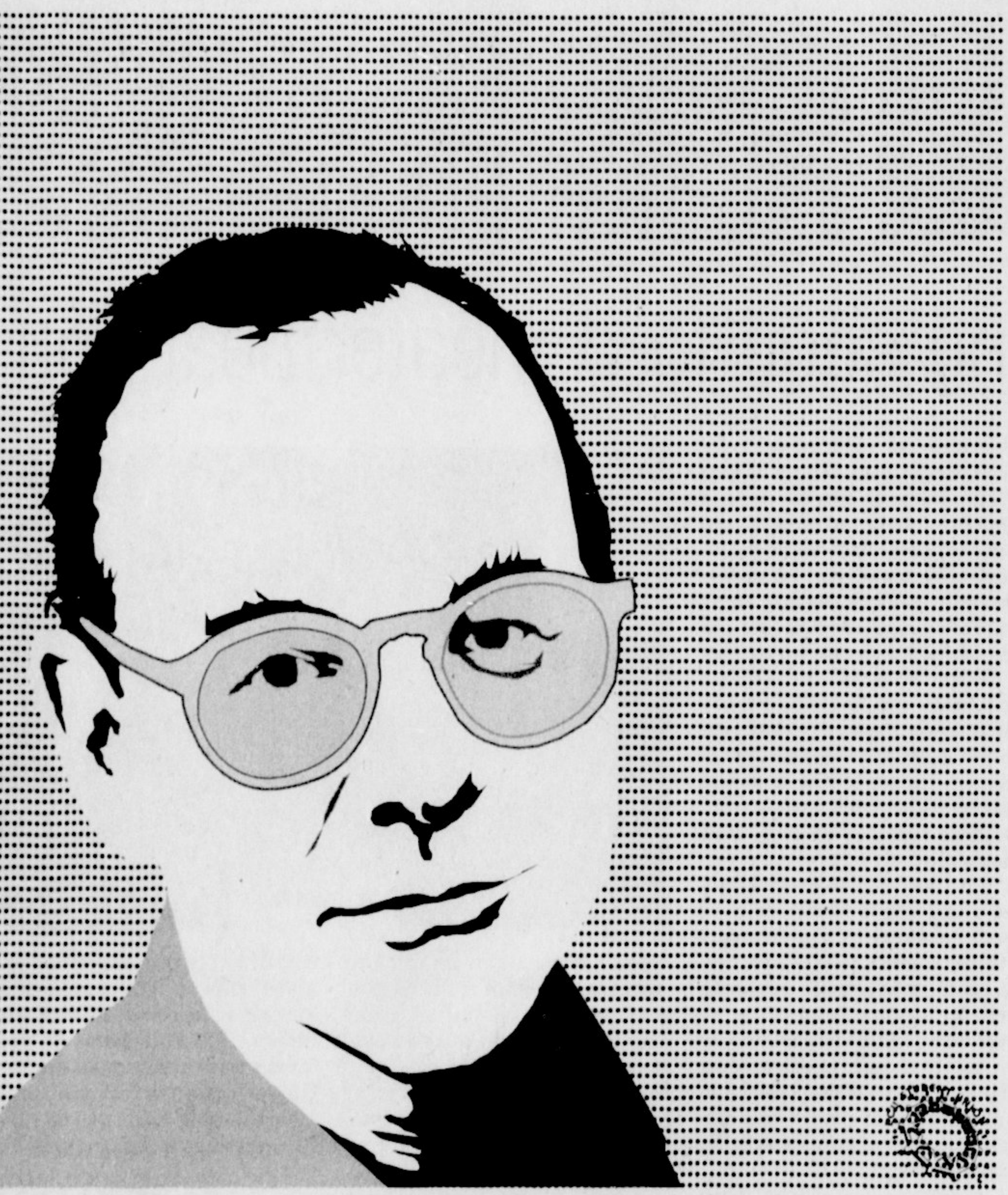
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Sports Briefs

Strahan out for season

The New York Giants' chances of getting back to the playoffs took a major hit with the loss of All-Pro defensive end Michael Strahan for the rest of the season with a chest injury. Strahan, the NFL's all-time, single-season sacks leader, tore a pectoral muscle on his right side while attempting a tackle in the third quarter of Sunday's 20-21 loss to the Chicago Bears. Not only did the Giants (5-3) lose the six-time Pro Bowl player and cornerstone of their defense, they also lost the other starting defensive end, Keith Washington, for the season with a knee injury. Strahan is scheduled to have surgery Wednesday. He was not available for comment. The losses of the defensive ends made the question of whether it was time for top draft pick Eli Manning to take over at quarterback for Kurt Warner insignificant Monday. For the record, Warner will start at Arizona on Sunday. Strahan was hurt early in the third quarter, reaching out to tackle Chicago's Anthony Thomas. When Thomas cut inside, Strahan's right arm bent back. He walked off the field with his arm hanging down.

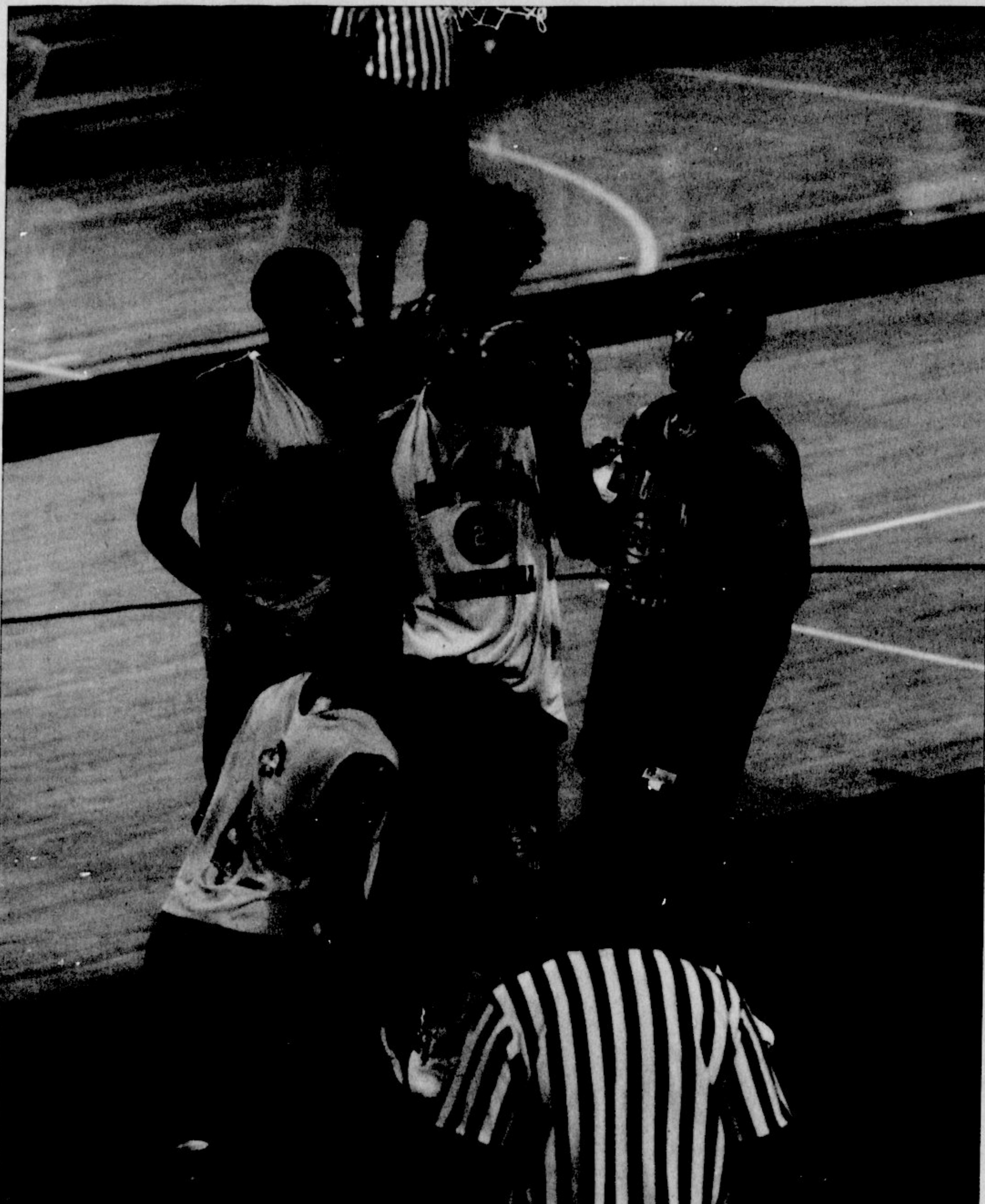
Phelps charged with DUI

Six-time Olympic champion Michael Phelps was arrested last week and charged with drunken driving. A trooper saw the 19-year-old swimming sensation go through a stop sign Thursday night, state police said Monday. The trooper saw signs of intoxication and arrested Phelps for driving under the influence, police said. Phelps also was charged with violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign. The legal drinking age in Maryland is 21. The swimmer from suburban Baltimore won eight medals at the Athens Olympics, including six golds. Phelps, wearing a Baltimore Ravens jersey, was introduced to the crowd before the team's game Sunday night. If Phelps is convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol, he could receive a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and 12 points on his driver's license for a first offense. The (Baltimore) Sun reported. He could be subject to a 60-day sentence and a \$500 fine if convicted on a first offense on the charge of driving while impaired. On either charge, a judge could give a defendant probation before judgment or impose a lesser penalty, but the driver could still lose his driving privileges.

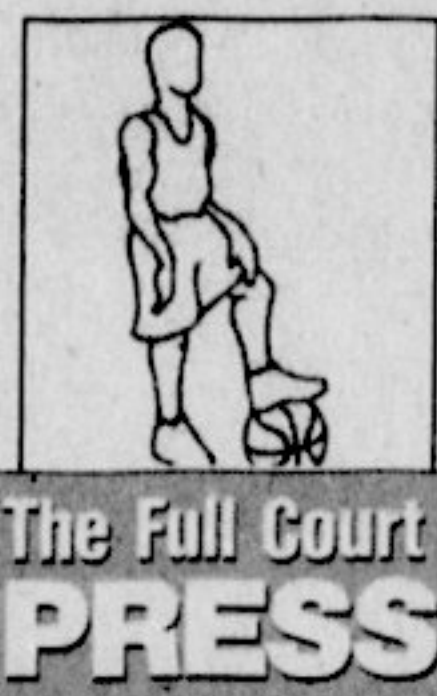
Ex-NHL player sentenced to jail

Former St. Louis Blues player Mike Danton was sentenced Monday to 7 1/2 years in prison for trying to have his agent killed. Danton, 24, said nothing as U.S. District Judge William Stehl imposed the sentence. Danton is expected to ask to be moved to a prison in his native Canada. As for his hockey career, there is no parole in the federal system and, the judge noted, Danton might not be allowed to return to the U.S. after completing his sentence. His contract with the Blues expired after the 2003-04 season. At the sentencing, Danton's attorney, Robert Haar, apologized on behalf of Danton "for the pain and disappointment he has caused" his teammates and fans. Danton pleaded guilty in July to murder conspiracy charges. Prosecutors said he tried to hire a hit man to kill David Frost, his agent and Canadian youth hockey coach. Authorities said Danton and Frost had argued over Danton's alleged promiscuity and alcohol use and Danton feared Frost would tell the Blues' front office about his behavior. In September, a jury acquitted Katie Wolfmeyer, 19, of Florissant, Mo., of charges she took part in the plot. Wolfmeyer claimed she did not know Danton was trying to hire a hit man when she introduced him to an acquaintance, Justin Levi Jones. Prosecutors said Danton offered Jones \$10,000 to kill Frost. The plot unraveled when Jones, a police dispatcher, went to authorities with cell phone recordings of some of his conversations with Danton.

Newberry provides test for ECU



Corey Rouse (23) and Mike Castro (35) combined for 18 rebounds against Newberry Thursday but the Pirates' pair in the paint will have to perform better while Moussa Badiene is out.



ROBERT LEONARD
STAFF WRITER

Basketball season is upon us and it's here through March. The men's team opened their season up last week in an exhibition. Minges Coliseum, while lacking people, was very energetic. Some things looked a lot better than they did a week ago, some looked worse.

Here are the good things. Marvin Kilgore is the man. I admit it. I was not impressed with him at this time last week, but I have changed my opinion. In fact, my opinion of the team and the players has changed quite a bit.

Against Newberry in an exhibition win with a score of 90-45 last Thursday, Kilgore was awesome. He got the starting job at the point and looked like a different player from what I saw in the Purple/Gold Game.

The young point guard scored 14 points, was a perfect 2-2 from three-point range and dished out seven dimes. The stat I'm most impressed with, however, is the number zero. He had no turnovers, which was what I was most concerned about with him.

Mike Cook also looked impressive. He gave me the shock of the night when he didn't start at a guard position. He started at small forward. He dropped 13 points on what was a poor shooting night for him.

Cook missed all five of his three point attempts and was only 5-13 from the field. He earned five of his points from the free-throw line. He must con-

tinue to score from the free-throw line. He will be double-teamed quite a bit this season, and will not get many open looks. If he can drive and get his two points at the line, the Pirates will be well off.

Japhet McNeil did something he didn't do much of last year - he scored. McNeil matched Kilgore's game high of 14 points and hit from behind the arc once. He did turn the ball over twice and had just four assists, but I think he will still start this season. This team's defense is one of the weaker parts I feel and McNeil is the best defender less than 6-foot, 10-inches. This team historically has been a defensive minded team and McNeil will be the defensive leader in the backcourt. He proved that with his four steals against Newberry.

Overall, the deciding factor in the win was the turnover margin. The Pirates only gave the ball away seven times and forced 26. Turnovers have the biggest correlation with winning in basketball and if the team continues to perform like this in the turnover column, great things will happen.

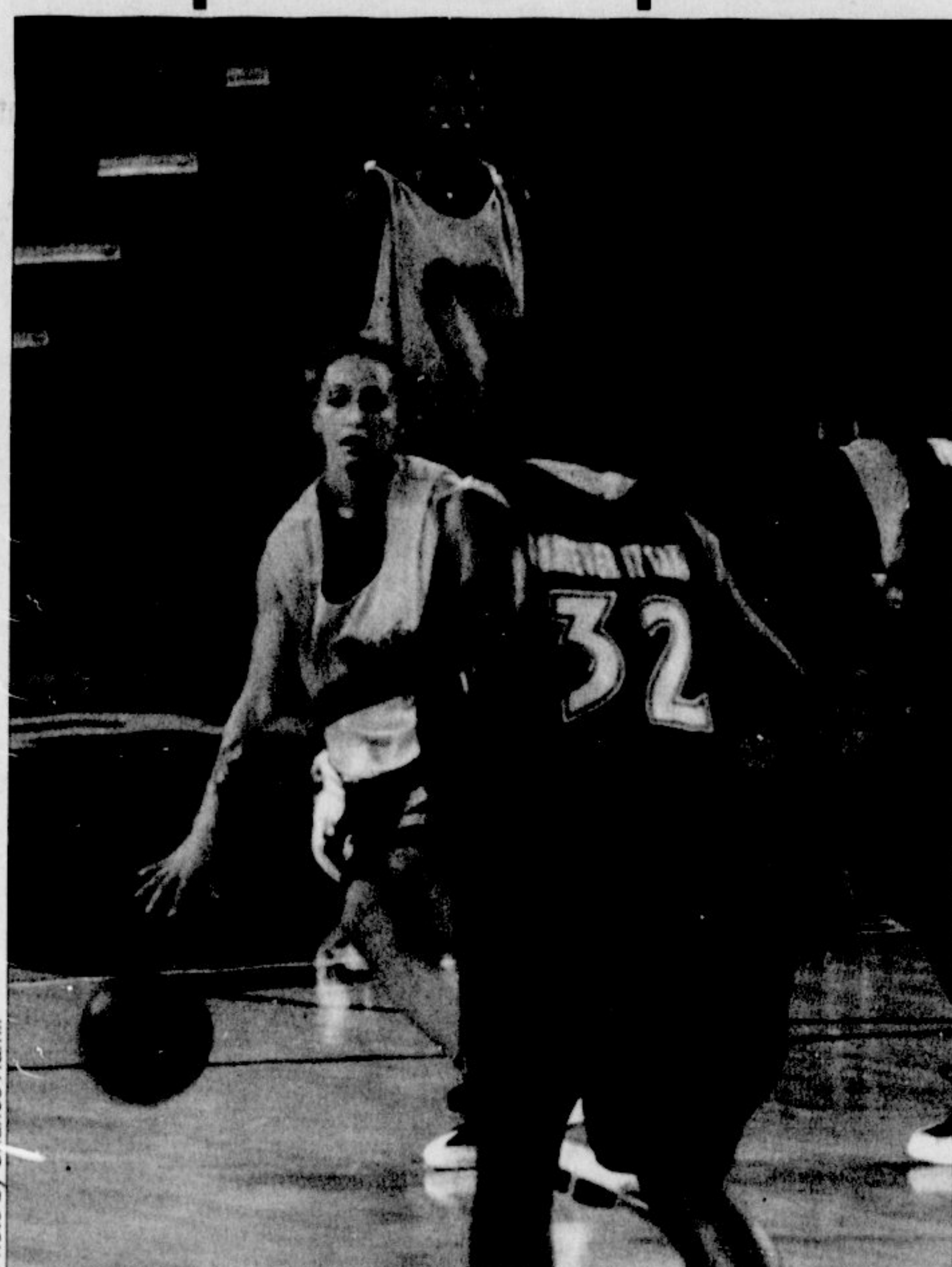
But until we get to those great things, I'm going to criticize and scrutinize a little bit. Not everything was all roses for the Pirates against Newberry.

First off, Moussa's injury is most certainly a downside. A sprained thumb kept him out of the game and he is expected to miss another week or so. Without Moussa, this team doesn't win. And if he can't play, Bronson is the man inside.

Unfortunately, we were not able to see Bronson during the scrimmage. He was held from

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ECU preparing for Wannstedt resigns after 1-8 start



It's business as usual for the Lady Pirates at practice.

Davie, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt called it quits Tuesday midway through a dismal season that began with the retirement of running back Ricky Williams and has left the team with the NFL's worst record at 1-8.

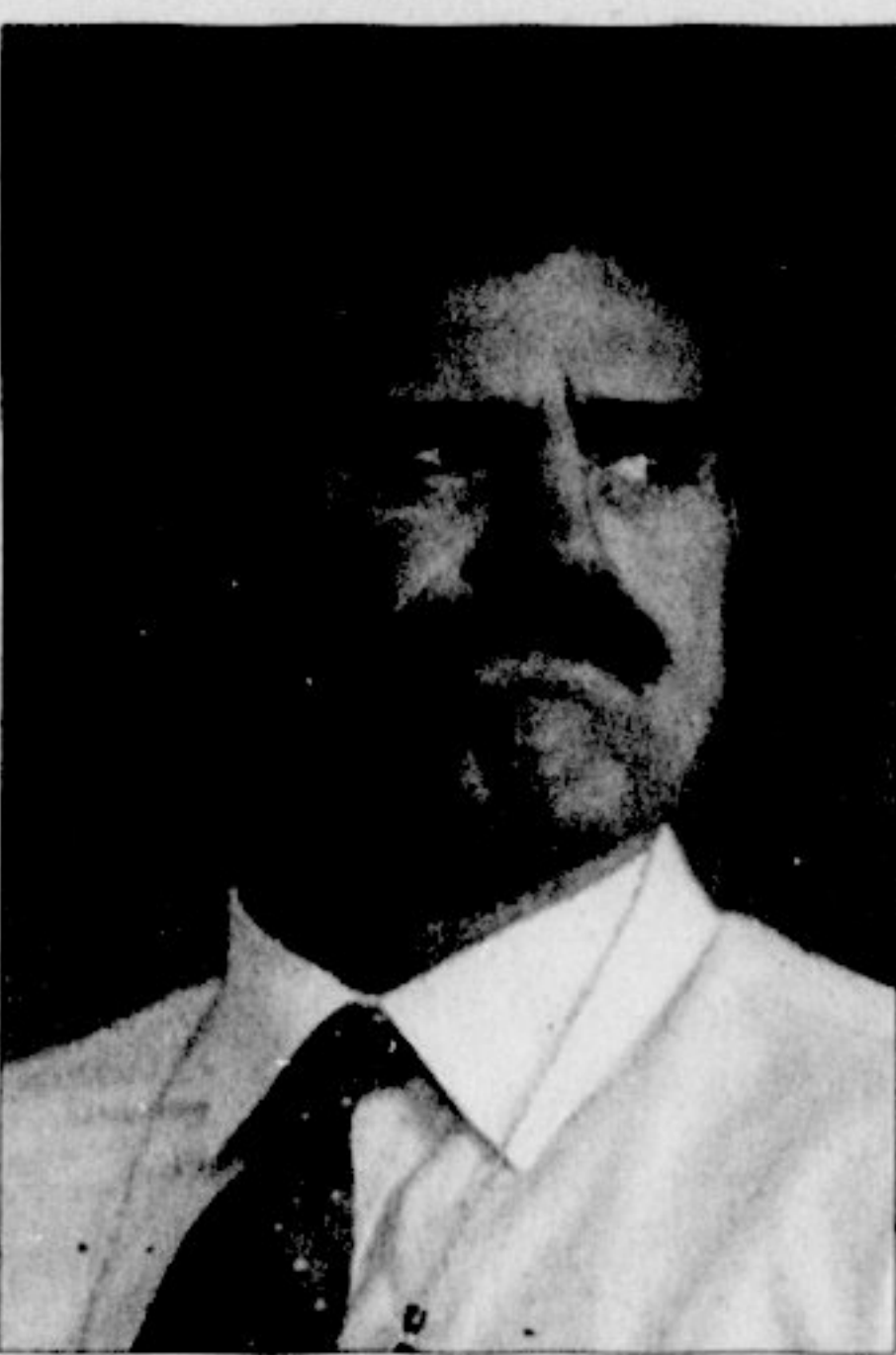
Defensive coordinator Jim Bates was promoted to interim coach.

"As you might imagine, this was not a very easy decision from a personal standpoint, but I believe it is a proper decision at this time for being a professional," Wannstedt said. "Somebody has to accept the responsibility. I am the head coach and that falls on me."

The timing of the coaching change wasn't surprising, with the Dolphins beginning their bye week.

Bates' first game as interim coach will be Nov. 21 at Seattle. He was head coach of the USFL's San Antonio Gunslingers in 1985 and joined the Dolphins as defensive coordinator when Wannstedt became head coach in 2000.

"Our focus, my focus, for the next seven weeks will be to get better, to win football games," Bates said.



WANNSTEDT

"We will play hard and will step up to the task."

Wannstedt's final defeat came Sunday, when Miami blew two leads and lost 24-23 to the Arizona Cardinals, who ended a 17-game road losing streak. The Dolphins endured their most lopsided defeat of the season last Monday, 41-14 against the archrival New York Jets.

Dolphins players were aware of Wannstedt's tenuous situation and rising discontent among fans.

"I feel sorry for the guy because he's a first-class guy," cornerback Patrick Surtain said after Sunday's defeat.

"It's not like guys aren't going out there giving 110 percent and laying it on the line for him. We're doing it all - getting holding penalties, offsides, we're doing crazy stuff. How can he control that when he's on the sidelines?"

Wannstedt barely avoided being fired after last season, when Miami failed to reach the playoffs for the second year in a row. Huizenga decided to keep Wannstedt, but stripped him of authority over personnel decisions.

Little has gone right for Miami since. Wannstedt was twice forced to change offensive coordinators during the off-season, and Williams abruptly retired just before training camp. Receiver David Boston, the top offseason acquisition, suffered a season-ending knee injury before the first exhibition game.

That was the start of an injury wave, and the Dolphins have had the worst start in their 39-year history. They're one defeat from their first losing season since 1988.

Wannstedt, who succeeded

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Points From The PAINT

BRANDI RENFRO
SPORTS WRITER

Saturday.

During the scrimmage, they played several mini-games focusing on different game situations. Both teams were able to practice different offensive tactics, as well as defensive maneuvers. Although no score was taken, both teams played as if it were a live game.

The Lady Pirates have continued to progress throughout the week. Keisha Anthony came back from an injury and was able to play in the scrimmage. The team is beginning to gel and are becoming more accustomed to each other's styles.

The only unfortunate event that occurred is Catherine Cooley was unable to play in the scrimmage due to an injury, but she should be back within the week.

ECU has their first game in two weeks against Duquesne and should have plenty of time to get everyone healthy. But, the only disadvantage about the game against Duquesne is it's their first game against anyone else. The game against Campbell doesn't really count, in my book, because it wasn't a live, full game. It was more for practice than competition.

Unlike the men's basketball team, the Lady Pirates are not playing any exhibition games. I don't think this is necessarily a good thing because exhibition games give teams a chance to see what things need to be fixed or adjusted before the season begins. They also give the coach a chance to see how certain players react to certain situations. Hopefully, they will have all of the kinks fixed and be ready to roll by their first game. If not then, it will be a slow start for the season.

That wraps up all of the Lady Pirate news for the week. I will be giving my predictions for the season after the Duquesne game, but look for another installment of *Points from the Paint* next week.

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Men's Lacrosse falls to UVA



The ECU Men's Lacrosse team fell just one game short of taking the Down and Dirty Classic championship this past weekend in Greenville. The Pirates won their first three games in impressive fashion against UMBC (9-3), Maryland (4-1) and UNC-W (8-4) but lost to Virginia in the final game, 6-2. John Rapport and Jamie Montgomery led ECU in goals over the span of all four games, notching five each, and Adam Betz led the team in assists with seven.

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Bobcats listing links callers to adult chat line

(AP) — A local phone book lists a number that's supposed to provide callers with information on buying Charlotte Bobcats tickets but instead refers them to an adult chat line.

The NBA expansion team and BellSouth officials are trying to figure out how it happened.

The correct number, (800) 4NBA-TIX, is an official NBA number established by the league three years ago through which callers in any city purchase single-game tickets.

It's the same number that ran in the 2002-03 BellSouth White Pages, back when the city had the Charlotte Hornets.

But the number in this year's BellSouth book released in September — as well as last year's

2003-04 book — lists a toll-free number that's different from the official NBA one.

BellSouth and Bobcats officials said they learned of the glitch Thursday.

"We certainly apologize to any of our fans who have been inconvenienced by this," said Chris Weiller, Charlotte Bobcats executive vice president of corporate affairs.

The Bobcats want the incorrect number rerouted to the Bobcats' direct line for tickets and other information: (704) BOBCATS.

Clifton Metcalf, a BellSouth spokesman, said the company followed its usual procedures with the Bobcats.

Weiller said team officials didn't review the ad for this year's phone book.



Bobcats owner Bob Johnson addresses the crowd before Charlotte's opening game against the Washington Wizards.

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Jimmy Johnson in 2000, has a record of 43-33 in Miami. His career NFL record, including six seasons with the Chicago Bears, is 84-90.

Wannstedt was fired in 1997 by the Bears. His final two teams there went 4-12.

The Dolphins won only one playoff game under Wannstedt, and that was four years ago. Even with seven Pro Bowl players in 2002, including NFL rushing

champion Williams and sacks leader Jason Taylor, the Dolphins missed the playoffs.

One of Wannstedt's first moves when he became coach was to nudge a 38-year-old Dan Marino into retirement. As a replacement Wannstedt acquired Jay Fiedler, who has never been popular with Dolphins fans.

Wannstedt was just the fourth coach in Dolphins

history, and only Don Shula coached the team longer.

While the Dolphins have been a perennial playoff contender — until this year, at least — they haven't reached the AFC championship game since 1992. Their last Super Bowl berth was in 1984, and they haven't won an NFL title since 1973.

Huizenga, who became sole owner of the Dolphins in 1994, has been through three coaches

in pursuit of a championship. He nudged Shula into retirement following the 1995 season, and Johnson called it quits four years later.

Speculation regarding the next coach began weeks ago, with LSU's Nick Saban, former Florida coach Steve Spurrier, Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Brad Childress and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis mentioned as possibilities.

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the game for what coach Herriion defined as "academic reasons." A team this thin cannot afford suspensions. Hopefully, the message Herriion sent by not dressing Bronson sent a message to the players.

Due to both centers not playing, Corey Rouse and Mike Castro started at the four and five. They combined for 18 rebounds, seven of which were offensive. However, they were the two biggest guys out there. I feel these two must rebound better for this team to succeed. I know that seems a little unreasonable, but against a team like Newberry, Castro and Rouse should have grabbed 12 or 13 boards each. My favorite thing about coach Herriion is the way he teaches players to box out and I am certain this will not be an issue.

It seems every year this team struggles from the free-throw line. If Thursday was any indi-

cation of this year, don't look for any improvements from the charity stripe. As a team, they were a dismal 21-39, a horrid 53.8 percent. Bad teams shoot 70 percent from the line and they shot 53.8.

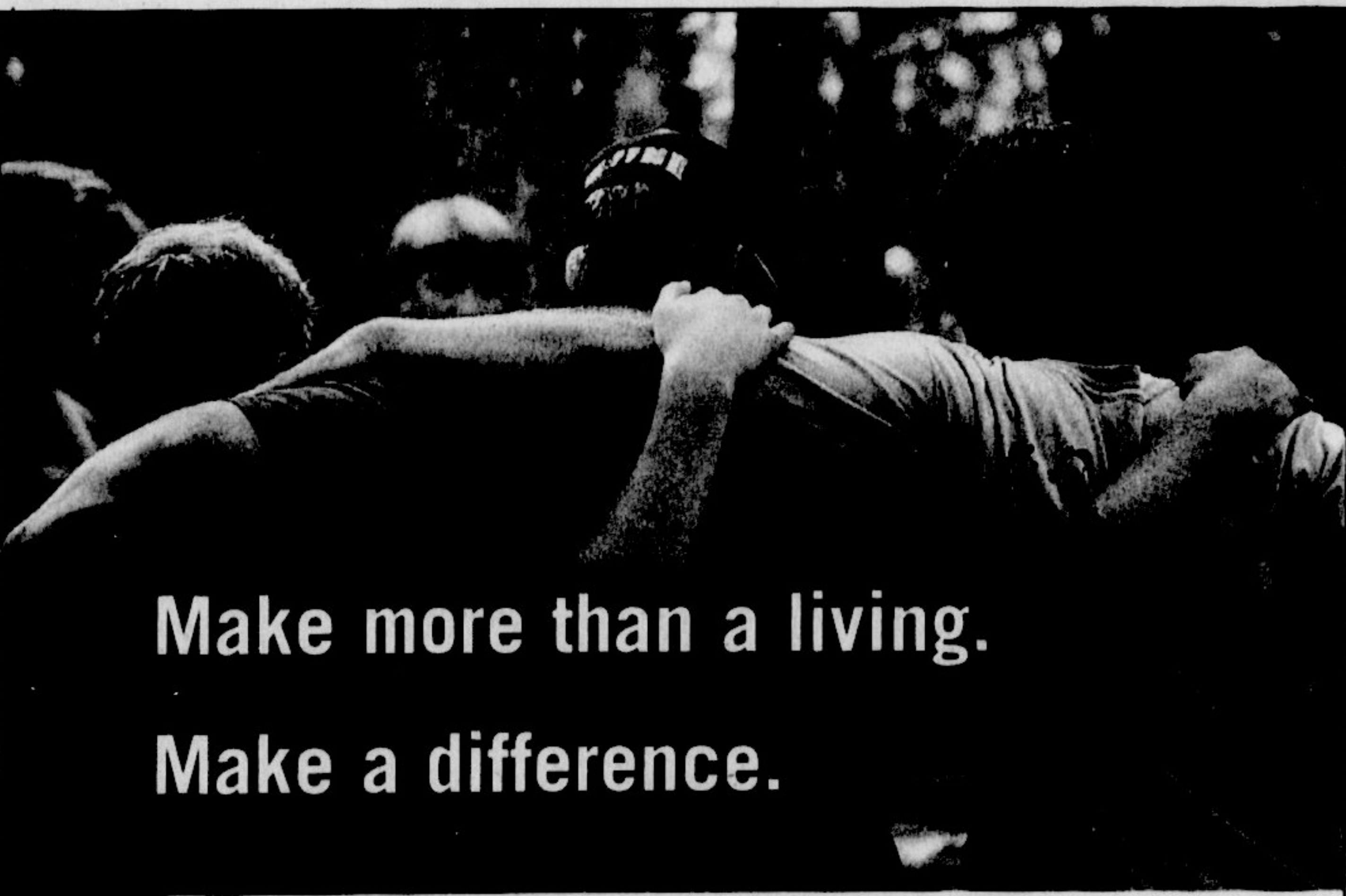
Only Josh King was perfect from the line, and he only shot one time. All a team needs to do is hack the mess out of the Pirates and they win. Besides turnovers, free-throw shooting and field goal percentage are perhaps the only other statistics that can tell you who won just by looking at them.

The game showed lots of promise, but there are some things that need to be worked on. They get a chance to get some of that work done Thursday against Barton at 7 p.m.



Bronson can be an inside threat for the Pirates this year but has to excel in the classroom if he wants to stay on the court.

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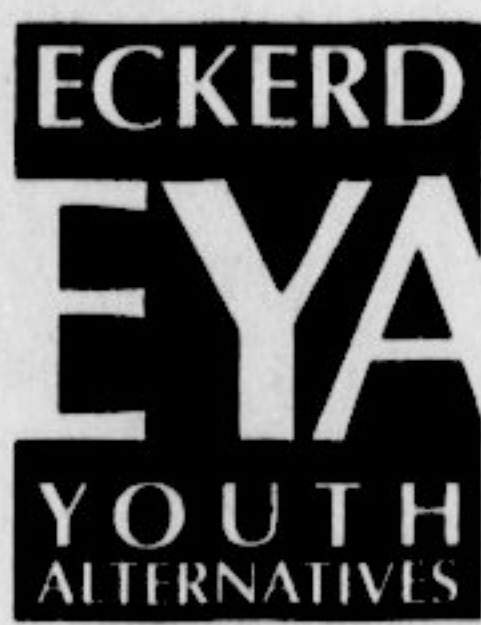
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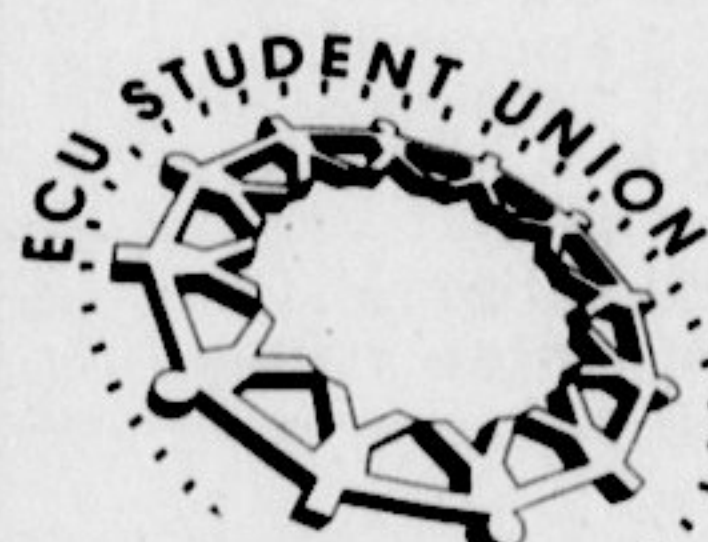
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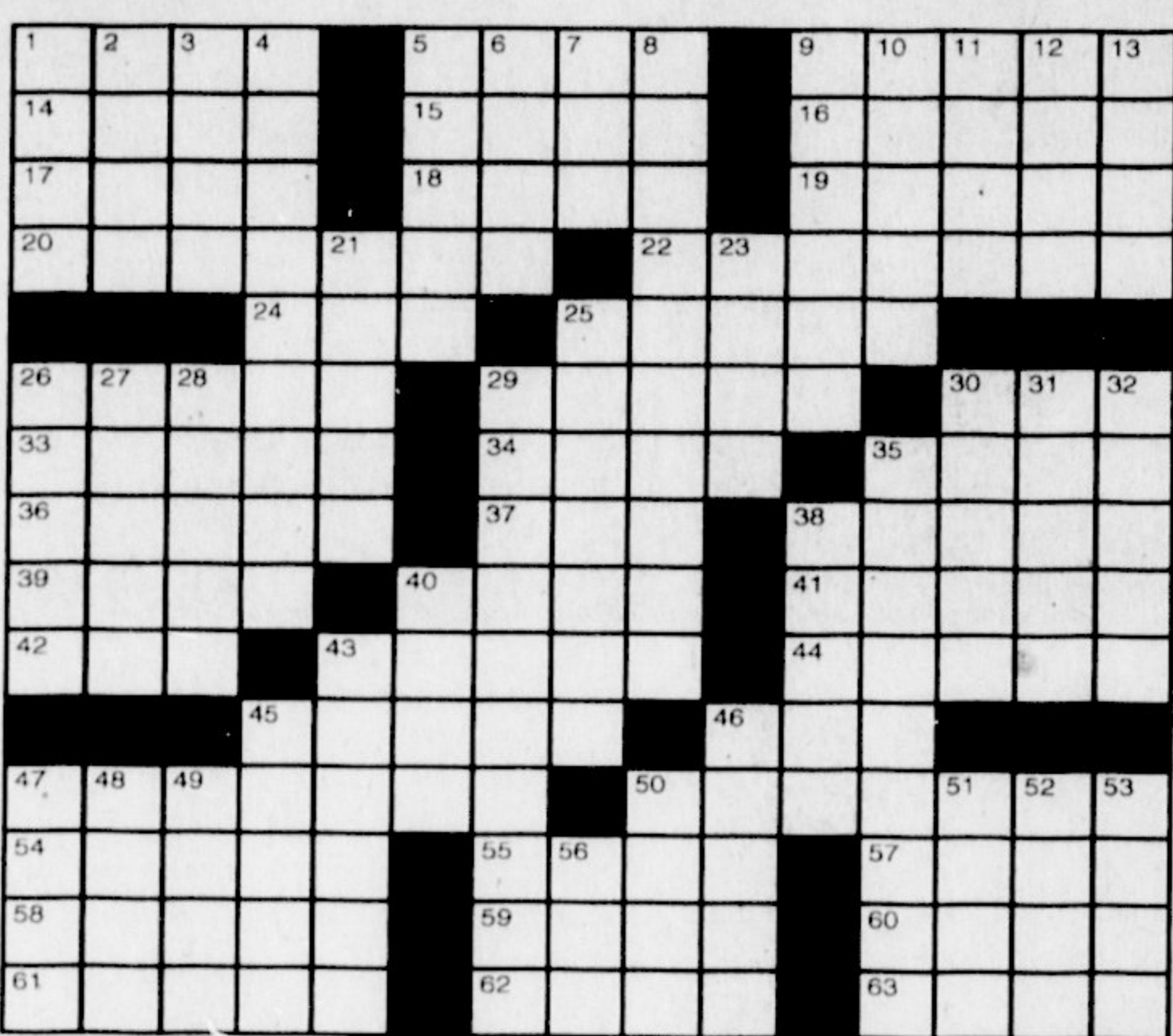
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- ACROSS**
- Bedazzles
 - Lowish card
 - Water sources
 - Wallop
 - First-rate
 - Benefit
 - Simplicity
 - Hauls
 - Neon aquarium fish
 - Quiver
 - In that place
 - Weep
 - Lascivious looks
 - Roast host
 - Gilliam or Jones
 - DDE's predecessor
 - Singer Abdul
 - Shafts of light
 - de foie gras
 - Chide
 - Scrimp
 - Specter from Pennsylvania
 - Resistance units
 - Largest landmass
 - Very cold
 - Lea low
 - Windshield cleaner
 - Portents
 - Detection device
 - La-la lead-in
 - Locomotives
 - Exalt
 - Colossus
 - Lee or Kenton
 - Eye layer
 - Absinthe flavoring
 - Formerly, formerly
 - Foul
 - Saw socially
 - Low grades
 - Concludes



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- DOWN**
- Promote criminal activity
 - Have on
 - Otherwise
 - Biological research units
 - Score
 - Bounder

- Solutions**
- Chang's twin
 - Yore
 - Diluted
 - Myrtle or Medgar
 - Behind time
 - Former Italian bread
 - Bed-frame element
 - Staff of life
 - Towel word
 - Less well-sealed
 - Derby site
 - Rough and tough
 - Mario of New York
 - Encroached on another's privacy
 - Actress Berry
 - Brew holder
 - Is inclined
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 - Greek marketplace

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- Assistant
- Wished for
- De-soap
- Pitched abodes
- Mild expletive
- Totenberg of NPR
- Gallop or trot
- Foundation
- Terrible ruler?
- off (keep at bay)
- Jabbers
- Three in Italy

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