

Thompson forced to resign

Coach will finish year against Tigers, NCSU

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A visibly irritated and almost teary-eyed John Thompson graciously relinquished his spot as ECU head football coach yesterday at 3 p.m. The announcement came at a press conference in Harvey Hall at ECU's Murphy Center.

Thompson stated that he had met with Athletic Director Terry Holland on Tuesday night and that Holland and Chancellor Steve Ballard had "decided to terminate" Thompson's contract effective immediately after the last two games against Memphis and North Carolina State.

Thompson had a prepared statement that he read before the floor was opened for questions. Thompson started the statement talking about the meeting with Holland and Ballard and continued on to thank the university, athletic programs, players and fans for giving him an opportunity to coach at ECU.

"I want to thank the administration for the opportunity to be the head football coach at ECU," said Thompson.

"It was great to be at a place with such tradition and expectations, and I am confident that those expectations still stay. I also said when I came here that I look forward to building on that tradition through recruiting, through relationships and winning championships. It is an honor and a privilege to be at a place like ECU. I am confident

that we have recruited talent, and good young men to this program and the type of men that represent what ECU stands for. We have built solid relationships throughout the state, region and across the country. I wholeheartedly believe that this program is in better shape than when I arrived here in 2002."

Thompson stated that football is a "bottom line business" and that the bottom line in this case was he and the Pirates did not win enough games during his time at ECU. Thompson also went on to say that he accepted Holland's request that he stay on as head coach for the last two games of the 2004 season.

Holland did not comment at the press conference because he was traveling with the men's basketball team to watch the Pirates play in the BCA Invitational in Raleigh. However, ECU's new AD released a statement that touched on his belief that Thompson inherited a team that was "a house divided" and also felt that Thompson and the coaching staff had "never given up under these adverse conditions."

As far as who may be the next head coach for the gridiron Pirates, Holland refused to give any names but did hint at where the programs will be looking.

"After these two games are played, we will turn our attention to the search for a new coach," said Holland in the statement.

"Our first option will be to seek a coach with a successful record at the Division I level. It is apparent that this is a small pool of people and 99 percent of them are under long-term

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Thompson addresses the media at a press conference in the Murphy Center.



Improvement of downtown Greenville streets is part of the bond referendum.

City will approve referendum this month

Additional funding supports current projects in Greenville

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Greenville's City Council plans to approve the \$2.8 million bond referendum while property owners begin projects through other government funding.

Marvin Davis, deputy city manager, said the city council has to formally approve the voting results at their Nov. 22 meeting before anything can begin.

"They will receive the abstract of votes from the Board of Elections and they will vote to receive those abstract of votes which is the final part," said Davis.

The first step for the project concerning street improvements, the 10th Street connector which would connect 10th Street to Stantonsburg Road, should begin by the end of this year.

"We anticipate awarding a design contract for that at the city council meeting in December," Davis said.

The design contract will award an engineering company the project to which they would create a design to be presented to the City Council. After the City Council's approval, construction can begin. This is the process which most projects will go through, however not to such an extent because the 10th Street connector is a large development.

According to City of Greenville's Web site, the street improvements are included in the State's Transportation Improvement Program and are scheduled for construction in 2009 or 2010.

All storm water drain improvements are scheduled for completion by 2008. The first improvements will be finished by 2005 or 2006.

Though the bond money will not be available to begin projects for some time, various projects that support the referendum are already underway.

Davis said they have begun the revitalization process in West Greenville using community development block grant funds. He said some houses that were boarded up on Martin Luther King Drive have been removed and they have begun improving properties.

Davis also addressed concerns some students showed over public housing in West Greenville. He said the people who are being relocated can choose from a variety of places to live, all of which would be improvements from their current location.

"If a person is being relocated, that means the place they are living in is pretty bad," Davis said.

He said one of these choices might be public housing, but

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BOG chairman visits ECU



Brad Wilson, BOG chairman, visited campus Wednesday.

Wilson discusses issues, concerns

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Brad Wilson, chairman of the Board of Governors of North Carolina, visited ECU on Wednesday as part of his tour to each school in the UNC system.

Wilson spoke with students and faculty and presented his views toward several issues that need to be addressed.

There have been concerns raised over the past several years regarding increasing tuition and student fees within the UNC system.

Wilson said in regard to this year's tuition increase proposals, the Board of Governors wants to process and examine each of the requests individually from each university and make a final decision in February or March determining whether or not to approve the requests.

ECU plans on making a request for a campus based tuition increase for the next fiscal year.

Wilson said with an issue such as a tuition increase, it is important to listen to all of the parties involved who would be impacted by the decision, including students and faculty members within the UNC System.

"We try to balance the equities, listen to the needs, listen to and understand there is a lot of interest of debt load, the impact it will have on financial aid and then try to make a reasonable judgment," said Wilson.

He said the BOG will be cautious in making campus based tuition increases this year and take all concerns raised into consideration.

The general assembly has the final word on tuition increases that is proposed and approved by the BOG.

Wilson said he sees ECU has improved overall through the last several years and he feels ECU will continue to improve.

"There is such a wonderful and rich story that is unfolding here at ECU that I think [Ballard's] plan to market and to tell that story across North Carolina, across the region and across the country is exactly the right path," Wilson said.

"I think ECU and many of our other campuses ... has been so focused on doing all the wonderful things going on here, more time and attention could be paid to getting that message and that word out ... I see nothing but upward mobility for ECU."

ECU underwent a long expensive process last year which resulted in selecting Steve Ballard as the new chancellor.

Wilson said Ballard is excellent in the position and is leading ECU in the right direction.

"[Ballard] is off to a wonderful start, and he has great vision and energy for this institution and ECU ... is lucky to have him," Wilson said.

"He has hit the ground running, and it's clear to me after spending the time with the executive cabinet that there's lots of positive energy and momentum here and we look forward to his

continued leadership."

Wilson then spoke with members of ECU's faculty who brought up concerns regarding ECU and its progress. A main point brought up was the health benefits offered to employees. There have been candidates in past searches who have dropped out when seeing ECU's health plan.

Wilson said ECU's health benefits come from the State Employee Health Plan, which has no difference in benefits with other workers under the plan. The plan however, was formed in the 1970s and has not since been modified sufficiently to meet the current needs of modern day workers and the plan needs to be reevaluated.

Shannon O'Donnell, SGA president said she does not think students want a tuition increase because there is no guarantee it would directly benefit students.

"I also know that students are very frustrated by being burdened by budget cuts and underfunded departments," said O'Donnell.

O'Donnell said she feels this is a year that the legislators need to be very careful when determining tuition increase amounts.

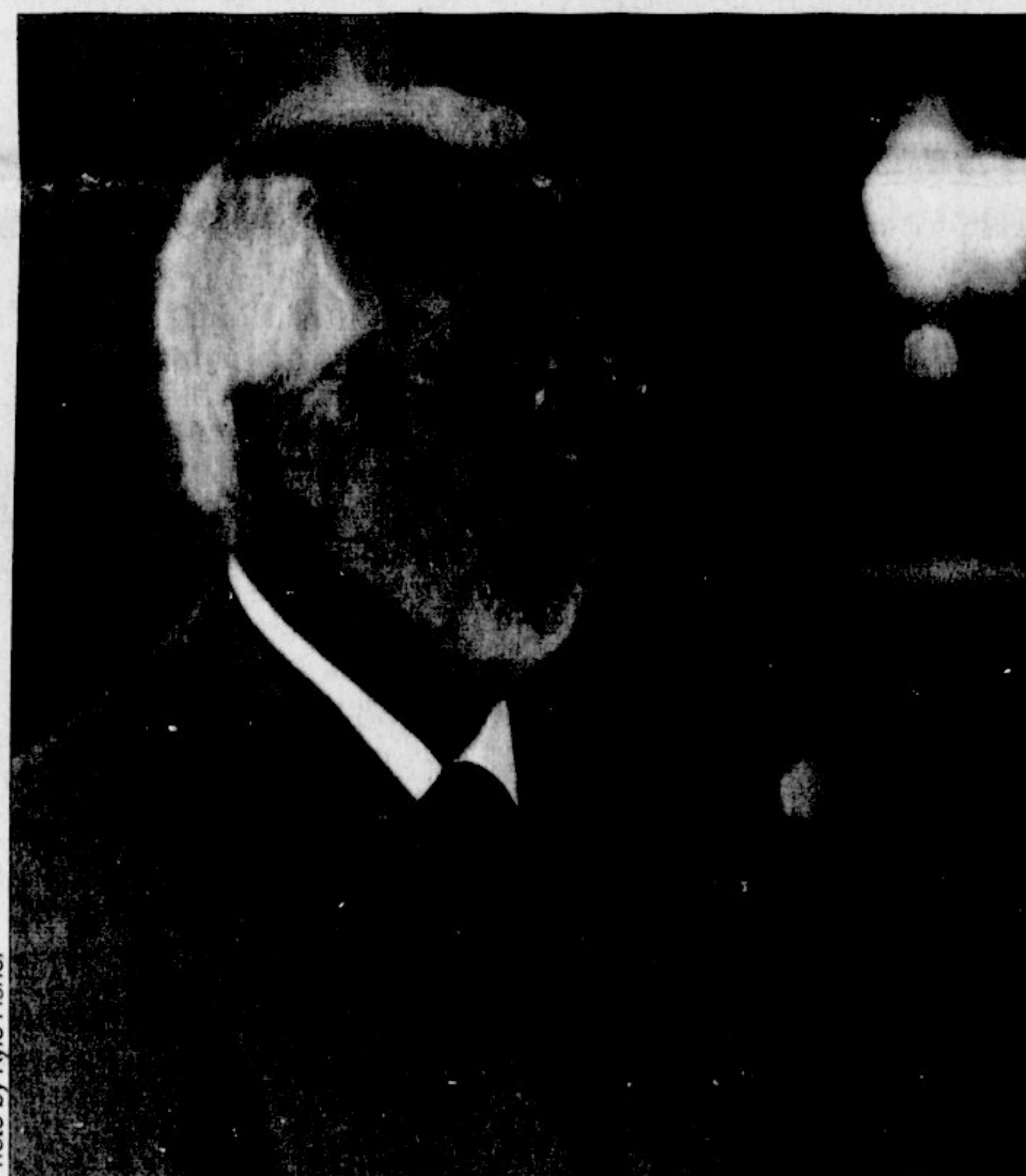
She said the NC State Constitution says that the state of North Carolina has an obligation to citizens to provide an equitable education for all at a reasonable price. With the year to year tuition increases, pricing people out of higher education, tuition doesn't necessarily have to go back to students.

It's important if we are going to increase tuition that we are going to give it back to the schools who need it

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WILSON



VODILA

School violence expert addresses ECU community

Vodila recounts personal experiences to students

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President-Elect of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, David Vodila, talked to local teachers and education students yesterday about his personal encounters with school violence.

The NASSP created a national emergency response team in the fall of 1997 to help train schools in the area of violence. This training entailed how to communicate with students, parents and the media and making plans on how to respond to violent incidents such as Columbine.

As principal at a Pennsylvania high school, Vodila said he had a whole different mindset when he went back to work after the NASSP training, seven years ago.

"I began thinking and developing plans of action," said Vodila. "Teachers and principals need to be trained on what to do ... and that is to respond, not to prevent."

Vodila spoke of personal encounters that he has had with school violence as

an emotional audience listened to every graphic detail.

One encounter he described took place on April 24, 2003 in the middle school of the district where Vodila was principal of the high school.

A 14-year-old, at 7:30 a.m., in a time frame that the local police said was shorter than two seconds, took a .357 magnum out of his backpack and shot the principal of the middle school in the chest. As the principal dropped to the ground, a faculty member rushed to his aid while students fled.

The student then dropped his gun on a chair and pulled out a .22-caliber pistol and shot himself.

Vodila said the incident left students running while gagging, screaming, crying and shaking as the faculty was left shocked.

"This is when I realized that you can't prevent violence in schools, and that's scary. That's when it became personal to me," Vodila said.

Vodila said the only thing that you can do that might prevent these tragedies from occurring is to listen to the kids and make sure that you know each and every one of them.

Vodila said he stressed

Campus News

Correction

TEC has received several responses concerning possible false information in an article titled, "Student assaulted on College Hill." We are currently investigating the information and will issue a formal response in our next edition on Nov. 30. Thank you for your understanding.

Canned Food Drive

Can the van and give to the needy. Delta Chi is holding a canned food drive this week and all that is collected will be given to the homeless.

International Film Festival

The ECU Student Union will sponsor the showing of *Maria Full of Grace*, a story about one woman's journey from a small Columbian town to the streets of New York, today at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tomorrow, they will show *Dangerous Living*, a documentary that uncovers the struggle of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people seeking basic human rights in the face of severe depression.

Gene Therapy

As part of Diversity Week, the ECU Student Involvement Team and the ECU Student Union will be hosting a fascinating interactive discussion on gene therapy with Teja Arboleda in order to explore how to define diversity and work to break down the barriers. Come find out more about the myths and realities faced in living in a multicultural world. The event will take place today from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium.

Workshop

Learn to become a better, more successful student at this academic skills workshop called "Catching Up in a Course When All Hope is Lost." The workshop will be in 205 Brewster D today from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and in 109 Brewster D, Dec. 1. Call the Academic Enrichment Center at 328-2645 for more information.

World AIDS Day

On Dec. 1, the Wellness Education staff will be outside of the ECU student store from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. playing educational games and giving out free information on AIDS. At 7 p.m., J. L. King, author of *Men on the Down-low*, will speak about HIV on college campuses in Hendrix Theater. On-site HIV testing will be offered in the lobby.

Community Festival

The Volunteer and Service Learning Center and the Department of Health Education and Promotion are sponsoring this celebration from 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. tomorrow. ECU is celebrating diversity through a special youth carnival with games and activities for children of all ages.

Cookout and Pep Rally

The Division of Student Life, SGA and Campus Dining will be offering food and a pep rally from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. tomorrow night at the Mendenhall Brickyard.

American Indian Identity

Dr. Anne Waters, Research Associate, Interpretation and Culture, with the State University of New York, Binghamton will hold a lecture called "American Indian Identity: Thoughts About Who We Are" Friday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in 1031 Bate Building. For more information, contact Dee Ann Suggs at 328-6121.

Band Benefit Cancelled

The WZMB benefit for kids that was scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow has been cancelled.

Diversity Pins

From 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., diversity pins will be handed out at the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium student gate to students who want to promote and celebrate diversity at ECU.

Holiday Wonder Benefit

The Eastern North Carolina Dance Foundation, Inc. presents its Fifth Annual Winter Wonder Holiday Spectacular benefiting the ECU Kidney Disease and Transplant Program. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults. The doors open at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21 at the Wright Auditorium. For tickets, call 328-4788.

News Briefs

Local
Greenville to warn
of lead in water

GREENVILLE, NC - Customers of the city water service will get notices warning that pipes in their homes could be leaking lead into their drinking water. The notices were required by federal regulations after more than 10 percent of Greenville Utilities test homes showed elevated levels of lead in samples taken over the summer, said Barrett Lasater, manager of the utility's water and wastewater treatment plants. There is no detectable level of lead in the well and river water drawn and treated by the utility, and the water system doesn't use lead pipes, Lasater said. "There's no lead in the water that we're providing to customers," Lasater said. Lead found in water samples likely comes from solder used to connect copper pipes in homes, he said. Testing results found elevated levels in 26 of 106 homes tested. The utility is required to test water every three years in homes built between 1983 and 1988 and considered to be at risk for lead leaking from pipes joined with lead solder, which was banned in 1986. Samples were collected in 106 of these homes between June and September.

Baptists incorporate
to protect against lawsuits

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - North Carolina Baptists voted overwhelmingly to incorporate to protect the assets of the state's largest religious group from lawsuits. The vote on Tuesday will convert the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina from a nonprofit association to a nonprofit corporation. Administrators within the state's Baptist bureaucracy said North Carolina Baptists have been lucky to avoid a crippling lawsuit. Incorporation will also make business functions more efficient by streamlining the internal approvals needed to sell

property, the group's leaders said. "The incorporation was the single biggest deal" of the annual session of Baptists, which began Monday and was to conclude Wednesday, said Norman Jameson, a spokesman for the Baptist Convention. "We worked long, long, long and hard at it." The state convention has urged individual churches to incorporate for more than a century. About 90 percent of the state's churches with receipts of more than \$1 million are incorporated, a presentation urging incorporation said. North Carolina's 900,000 Baptists are behind only Texas and Georgia as the faith's hotbeds, yet only North Carolina and Mississippi are unincorporated among the 14 largest Baptist states.

National
In Spellings, Bush
turns to education confidant

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Wednesday named White House domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to be the nation's eighth education secretary, saying she has "my complete trust." Bush promoted Spellings to the Cabinet-level job of overseeing the Education Department and enforcing the nation's sweeping school reform law. If the Senate confirms her, Spellings would replace departing secretary Rod Paige. "I share your passion for education," Spellings told the president at a White House ceremony. "Our schools must keep their promise to all children." To the president, Spellings delivers exactly what he expects from schools: results. As Bush's domestic policy adviser, Spellings has helped shape the news while staying out of it herself. Karl Rove, the president's political strategist, was quoted this fall as saying Spellings is "the most influential woman in Washington that you've never heard of."

Spellings worked for six years as Bush's education adviser in Texas, pushing policies on early reading and student accountability. They became the model for the federal law, No Child Left Behind, Spellings helped put together from the White House after Bush's election in 2000. "She understands what he thinks. They're very, very close," said Sandy Kress, a lawyer who worked at the White House for Spellings when he was Bush's senior education adviser.

Young Buck wanted
in Vibe awards stabbing

LOS ANGELES - Police were searching for rapper Young Buck in connection with a stabbing at the Vibe Awards, an assault apparently sparked when Buck's musical mentor, Dr. Dre, was punched just before being handed a Lifetime Achievement Award. Buck fled the Santa Monica airport hangar where the awards show was being taped Monday night, police Lt. Frank Fabrega said in a statement. A warrant was being prepared alleging assault with a deadly weapon. The incident was sparked as Snoop Dogg and Vibe magazine founder Quincy Jones were about to give Dre a Lifetime Achievement Award. A man later identified as Jimmy James Johnson approached Dre, who was seated at a table in front of the stage and appeared to ask for an autograph before punching the veteran hit maker, police said. People began shoving, chairs were thrown and punches flew. Some in the audience of about 1,000 scurried for the exits. Alicia Keys, the night's top winner with awards for artist of the year and best R&B song, was among those who fled. Johnson was dragged away by security staff, but then suffered a serious stab wound when he was attacked by a number of people, including Buck, whose real name is David Darnell Brown, according to police. He is signed to Dr. Dre's record label as part of the G-Unit clique, which was named best group by the music magazine.

"Brown is clearly depicted [on videotape] as holding a knife after the assault and is one of a number of fight participants that was pepper-sprayed by officers in their attempt to stop this fight," Police Chief James Butts told a news conference. "We're asking Mr. David Darnell Brown to surrender himself to police." Johnson, 26, was in stable condition at a hospital.

World

Russia developing new
nuclear missile systems

MOSCOW - President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday Russia is developing a new form of nuclear missile unlike those held by other countries, news agencies reported. Speaking at a meeting of the Armed Forces' leadership, Putin reportedly said Russia is researching and successfully testing new nuclear missile systems. "I am sure that... they will be put in service within the next few years and, what is more, they will be developments of the kind that other nuclear powers do not and will not have," Putin was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency. Putin reportedly said: "International terrorism is one of the major threats for Russia. We understand as soon as we ignore such components of our defense as a nuclear and missile shield, other threats may occur." No details were immediately available, but Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said earlier this month Russia expected to test-fire a mobile version of its Topol-M ballistic missile this year and production of the new weapon could be commissioned in 2005. News reports have also said Russia is believed to be developing a next-generation heavy nuclear missile that could carry up to 10 nuclear warheads weighing a total of 4.4 tons, compared with the Topol-M's 1.32-ton combat payload. Topol-Ms have been deployed in silos since 1998. The missiles have a range of about 6,000 miles and

reportedly can maneuver in ways that are difficult to detect. Earlier this year, a senior Defense Ministry official was quoted as telling news agencies that Russia had developed a weapon that could make the United States' proposed missile-defense system useless. Details were not given, but military analysts said the claimed new weapon could be a hypersonic cruise missile or maneuverable ballistic missile warheads.

Criminals holding
U.N. hostages, official says

KABUL, Afghanistan - Three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan are in the hands of criminals, not the Taliban-linked militants who have threatened to kill them, an Afghan official said Wednesday. Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan, British-Irish citizen Annetta Flanagan and Shajpe Hebbi of Kosovo were seized at gunpoint on Oct. 28 in Kabul after helping organize the country's presidential election. A little-known rebel group called Jaish-al-Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, on Wednesday repeated its demand for the release of jailed comrades in return for sparing their lives. A spokesman for the Afghan Interior Ministry, which is leading the search for the trio, said it believed the group was "not holding the hostages." "The kidnappers are armed robbers, not Jaish-al-Muslimeen," Latifullah Mashal told The Associated Press. "We can say they are thieves." Mashal said authorities believed Jaish-al-Muslimeen had paid the real kidnappers for a video recording of the hostages, which it used to bolster its claim of responsibility and stir fear the group was copying the brutal tactics of Iraqi insurgents. The spokesman said he had no information on any negotiations between the Afghan government and the kidnappers, whom he didn't identify. However, Afghan officials have told AP talks through intermediaries are snagged on ransom demands.

Alpha Delta Pi hosts annual silent auction

Proceeds will
benefit Ronald
McDonald House

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Alpha Delta Pi sorority is hosting its second annual holiday silent auction, open to all ECU students and the Greenville Community, to make a charitable donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

The Delta Omicron chapter of Alpha Delta Pi has decided to hold the auction Sunday, Nov. 21, beginning at noon.

The Ronald McDonald House has been working in conjunction with ADPi to raise money for families in need of housing while their children are in the hospital by accepting donations from area businesses.

"[The Greenville community] has been very supportive of this cause," said Robyn Hodgkins, president of ADPi.

"We have received contributions from all sorts of restaurants, hair and nail salons, fitness centers, country clubs and local boutiques."

The auction is a great outlet for college students who are looking to purchase expensive gifts at

next-to-nothing prices while at the same time making a contribution to their community.

Each item up for bid begins at 10 percent of the retail value and increases in increments of \$1.

"The Ronald McDonald house helps so many children each year, volunteering our time for such a good cause brings not only satisfaction, but gratification," said Katherine Powell, a pledge of ADPi.

"Through the silent auction, we not only will be having fun, but at the same time, we will be raising money for a good cause."

Some Greek organizations at ECU may feel they carry with them bad reputations of being solely social clubs who have no intentions of giving their time to their community.

"People need to recognize our Greek organizations do so much for the community. We need more exposure like this to clear up our negative image," said Ion Outterbridge, director of Greek Life of ECU.

Outterbridge said last year, ECU's 35 combined Greek organizations were able to raise upward of \$30,000 with all of the proceeds going directly to their partnering philanthropies.

Outterbridge also added there are usually 10-15 philan-

thropy activities that take place each month.

"The IFC, the NPC and the NPHC are all doing great jobs of staying involved," Outterbridge said.

Robyn Hodgkins said Alpha Delta Pi enjoys giving back to the community and has participated in several recent events including the Heart Walk, the Boys and Girls Club of America and the Special Olympics.

"We are really hoping to see a remarkable turn out this year, we are inviting students, the community and our alumni to come out to our event and help us raise money for those less fortunate," Hodgkins said.

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Auction

Last year the Delta Omicron chapter was able to raise a remarkable \$2,000, and this year is hoping to up its earnings to \$3,000 with all of the proceeds going to ADPi's main philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House.

Advice and a Slice
program to benefit
students, faculty

Communication
professionals speak
at next event

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The Office of Student Professional Development, the College of Fine Arts and Communication along with Chanell's Pizza are throwing an Advice and a Slice informational event where students interested in a career in mass communication can meet professionals of this background Nov. 22 at the Jenkins Fine Arts Auditorium from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

It is the second Advice and a Slice event, with the first held on Nov. 18, that concentrated on the fields of mass communication, public relations, advertising and production.

The purpose of the event is to create awareness for the students and to create resources for students from backpack to briefcase, said Jim McAtee, assistant director and liaison to the college of fine arts and communication at the Student Professional Development.

The event will begin informally and students will be able to have pizza and meet with leaders in broadcast journalism, motion picture and television production and sales before participating in a two hour interactive open discussion.

Students can benefit by coming and learning how to break into the business, what the panelists wish they could have

done as students differently and simply networking with influential people of the industry, said McAtee.

The event is open to all students and faculty and free of charge, so anyone interested in learning about the communication industry, media broadcasting, print journalism, advertising, theater arts or music can attend.

The scheduled panelists of professionals to attend are Frank Capra Jr., president of Screen Gem Studios, Heather King, anchor and reporter for WITN-TV, Wade Poorman, production manager of WNCT-TV, John Quinn, director of sales and marketing at One Source Communications and Melissa Preas, news director at WNCT-TV.

PRSSA, National Broadcasting Society, the Jenkins Fine Arts Center and the ECU School of Communication and Fine Arts and Design are all supporting the Advice and a Slice event.

"I am pleased that so many successful people are willing to use their time and energy to invest in our students, and I applaud those students who choose to take advantage of this opportunity," said Suzanne Martin, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Professional Development director.

"These nights will be the latest example of a true partnership between ECU and the business community."

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contracts at their current institution. Therefore, the pool of candidates will include coordinators at highly successful Division IA programs and highly successful head coaches from other Divisional levels.

Chancellor Steve Ballard also issues a statement for the press conference, which concentrated heavily on what he felt like John Thompson contributed to the university and football program.

"We appreciate the energy and enthusiasm that coach Thompson brought to ECU," said Ballard.

"There has never been any question about his desire to build a winning program. We wish him well."

Coach Thompson has made valuable contributions to ECU and to our community. He has represented ECU well, and he has been an unabashed booster of the program. The community has benefited greatly from the involvement of student-athletes that coach

Thompson has encouraged."

The news of Thompson's resignation took many players by surprise.

"When I heard, I was absolutely shocked," said freshman linebacker Patrick Dosh.

"Everybody was shocked that it happened so early and so fast," said sophomore quarterback James Pinkney.

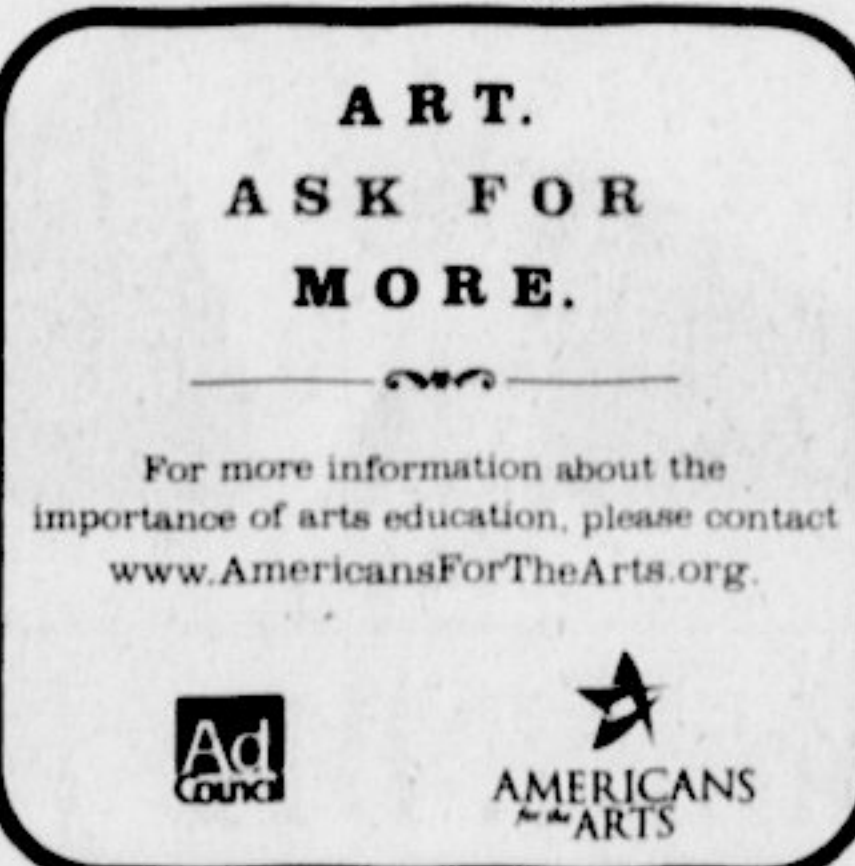
"It's real hard right now trying to prepare for these next two games and knowing that you're going to war with a coach who you know won't be here next year for you. Right now we're trying to get everything settled and just play football."

"Last year was a rough season and this year was a rough season, but if you look at the whole picture, we had receivers and tight ends get hurt, receivers quit the team, we got hit with the injury bug so we just played to play the best we could with what we have, but it obviously wasn't enough for the program," said freshman

defensive back and punt returner Travis Williams.

Thompson will coach his last home game this Saturday against Memphis and then finishes the season in Charlotte in the heavily anticipated match-up with NC State. Thompson, ECU's 18th all-time head coach has just three wins in 21 games, including only two home wins, both of which came this year against Tulane and Army.

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on making a simple plan of action and practice it twice a year at the least. Schools in Pennsylvania and California, as well as other states, have laws enforcing schools to have and practice these plans.

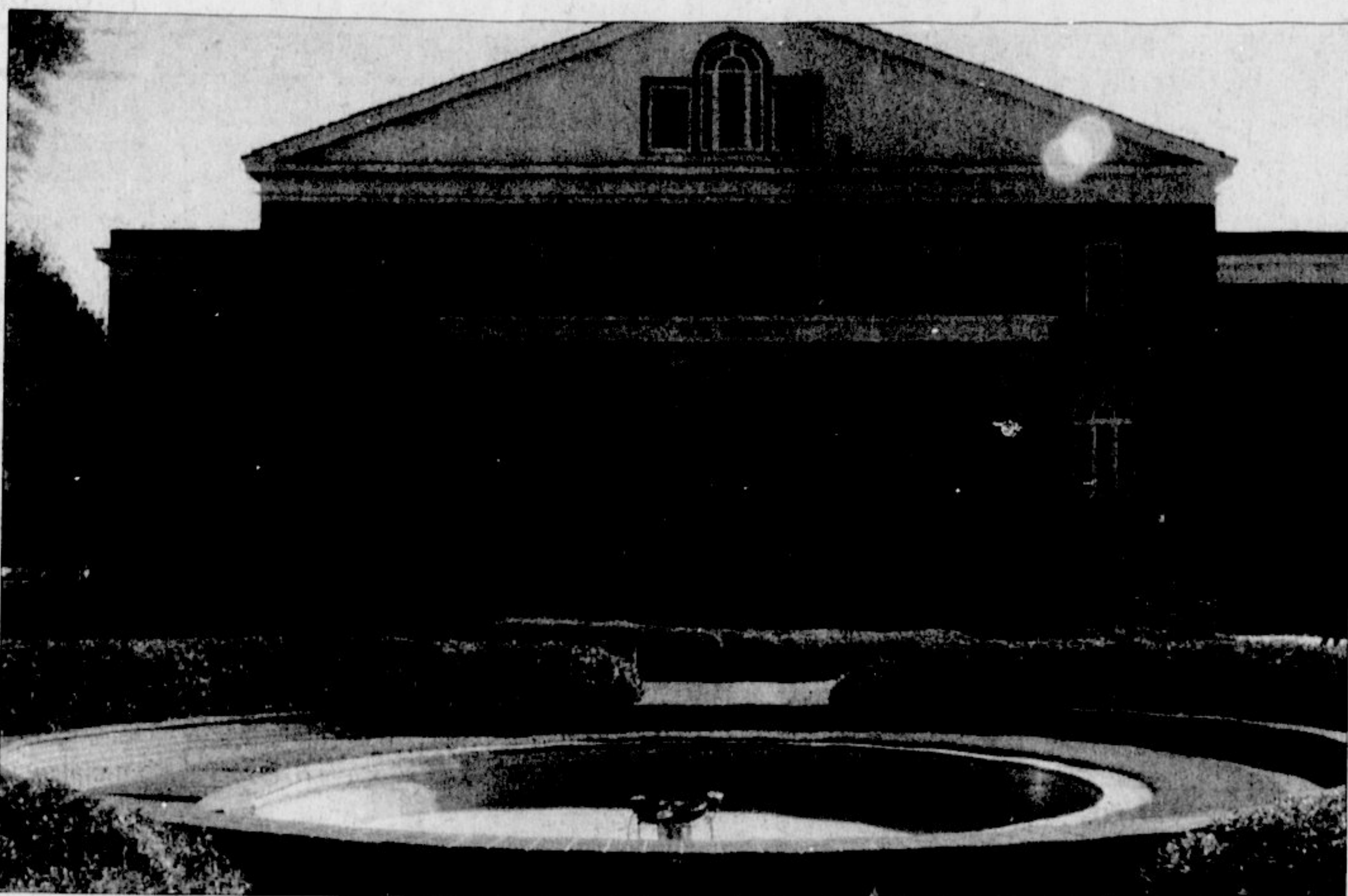
William Grobe, ECU associate professor of the department of educational leadership, attributes much of the violence in schools

that we have seen since the mid-nineties to this being a generation of students that raise themselves.

"It was good to get an inside perspective [on school violence] besides what you hear on the news," said ECU criminal justice graduate student Jessica Carroll.

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Fountain construction progressing



The fountain at Wright Circle is currently under construction due to sink holes.

Sink holes identified as problem

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The fountain situated in the middle of Wright Circle is running again despite an imbalance in the water caused by sinkholes on the north side of the fountain.

While the fountain is running, the problems with the water balance are still present and need to be corrected. The root cause of the sinkholes still

remains unknown.

Todd Marshall, project manager of the Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services at ECU, said a local planning company, Rivers and Associates, and ECU are working out the details of a contract that will have the fountain worked on in the upcoming year.

Marshall said Rivers and Associates will do a thorough investigation to find the cause of the sinkhole and try to determine the best solution to the problem and how much that will cost.

Marshall said some rough estimates made by ECU hovered

around \$400,000, but the exact cost will not be known until the fountain is examined more thoroughly.

"The work that Rivers and Associates do will further evaluate the cost," said Marshall.

Marshall said work on the fountain will probably begin in the summer because Wright Circle is a busy area filled with students during the fall and spring semesters, whereas during the summer, the number of students is decreased and the work would not be as disruptive to campus.

"You don't want a lot of people trying to walk around heavy equipment and open

trenches," Marshall said.

The fountain at Wright Circle is one of the most identifiable landmarks at ECU and is shown frequently on campus literature distributed to potential ECU students.

Marshall said repairs on the fountain are important because of the fact it is heavily represented as a campus symbol.

"It's one of the focal points on campus," Marshall said.

While the problems causing the sinkhole could be related to the storm drains or sewer lines, Marshall said that still remains unclear.

Campus maintenance has been battling problems with soil loss with the fountain for several years. Only recently, maintenance turned to the Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services who decided to get down there and see what is going on in hope of fixing the problem.

Loanda Grissett, freshman nursing major, said she hopes the fountain will be quickly repaired because it is a campus monument everyone associates with ECU, much like the columns at Joyner Library.

"People come and take pictures by it when it's on, but it's never on," said Grissett.

Angel Gonzalez, freshman computer science major, said he has not even noticed the fountain not working.

"I never really paid attention to it, I was always late for class," said Gonzalez.

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Farid Soleimani of NCRI illustrates Tehran's nuclear plans.

Group says Tehran got black market blueprints

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran bought blueprints of a nuclear bomb from the same black-market network that gave Libya such diagrams and continues to enrich uranium despite a commitment to suspend the technology that can be used for atomic weapons, an Iranian opposition group said Wednesday.

Farid Soleimani, a senior official for the National Council for Resistance in Iran, said the diagram was provided by Abdul Qadeer Khan, the Pakistani head of the nuclear network linked to clandestine programs in both Iran and Libya.

"He gave them the same weapons design he gave the Libyans as well as more in terms of weapons design," Soleimani told reporters in Vienna. He said the diagram and related material on how to make nuclear weapons was handed to the Iranians between 1994 and 1996.

Mark Gwozdecky, spokesman for the International Atomic Energy Agency said, "we follow up every solid lead," but added the U.N. nuclear watchdog would have no further comment.

A diplomat familiar with the agency and its investigations into Libya's and Iran's nuclear programs said the IAEA has long feared that Iran might have received bomb-making blueprints from Khan.

"The IAEA has found that Iran received pretty much the same things Libya did from his network," said the diplomat, who

spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"The one thing that they have not been able to find was the blueprint."

Libya bought engineers' drawings of a Chinese-made bomb through the Khan network as part of a covert nuclear program that it renounced last year.

Iran says it does not have such drawings, and no evidence has been found to dispute that claim. Experts say it is possible that Iran possesses a copy.

Former U.N. nuclear inspector David Albright earlier this year described the Chinese design that Libya owned up to having as something "that would not take a lot of modifying" to fit it on Iran's successfully tested Shahab-3 ballistic missile.

The opposition group made its claim days after Iran announced it would suspend all activities related to nuclear enrichment as part of an agreement with three European nations aimed at heading off a confrontation over its nuclear program.

Soleimani said centrifuges and other equipment needed to produce enriched uranium had been covertly moved from a facility at Lavizan-Shian to a nearby site within Tehran's city limits.

The opposition group says Lavizan-Shian was home to the Center for Readiness and New Defense Technology and was part of the covert attempt to develop nuclear weapons.

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there are further alternatives. "They still have individual choice and free will in this matter," Davis said.

While the plan for center city revitalization is scheduled to be presented to the city council in January, Davis said some of these projects are also underway.

"There are a lot of things that compliment these bond projects," Davis said.

Construction has begun making an expansion of city hall which is done through financing other than the referendum. Greenville Utilities has begun making improvements to the Wachovia building.

Facade grants have also been

available to property owners who want to restore the front of their buildings.

Candice Pierce is the contractor working on White's Theater on Fifth Street. She said a facade grant from Greenville gives an incentive of up to \$2,500. She said the grant gave her enough money to start the project and because the improvement contributes to the city's historical feature, she receives a tax credit.

"We have changed it from a non-contributing structure in the historic district to a contributing structure, which means you can get a 40 percent tax credit,"

said Pierce.

Pierce said she supports improving uptown Greenville because it makes the city a better place to live. This is why her goal is to make the theater look like it did years ago.

"The goal was to try to make it look more like it used to ... If uptown Greenville looked and felt more like Franklin Street, the university would be happy, the kids would be happy, the town would be happy — it would just be a better thing," Pierce said.

Pierce said White's Theater will not show movies because it used to be owned by Carmike Cinemas and they

are not allowed to become competition, but she wants to make it a performance-type venue. She said it will probably be a performance hall or practice hall for things like stage plays.

Davis said some projects can start with cash on hand and the bonds will reimburse the money later. He said the bonds will enhance what these early projects have done.

"The bonds will certainly do more good things we have started already," Davis said.

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Armed group kidnaps 31 Iraqi police returning from training



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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — An armed group kidnapped 31 Iraqi policemen who were returning from training in Jordan, authorities said Wednesday, and a suicide car bomber rammed a U.S. convoy north of Baghdad, killing 10 people, hospital officials said.

The attacks were part of a wave of violence that has swept across Iraq's Sunni Arab heartland during the U.S. offensive to retake the insurgent bastion of Fallujah. The violence has made November one of the bloodiest months of the Iraqi insurgency.

The American death toll in the war in Iraq surpassed 1,200 with new Defense Department identifications Tuesday night and Wednesday. The total of 1,206 deaths included 1,202 identified members of the U.S. military, three military civilians and one unidentified soldier reported to have died Tuesday in Balad.

The police officers were abducted Sunday, when gunmen stormed the hotel the officers were staying at in the town of Rutba, near the Jordanian border, said a police spokesman in the city of Karbala, south of Baghdad. A Karbala policeman returning from Rutba said around 20

armed men attacked the hotel, covering the captives' heads with black bags and tying their hands before dragging them away, the spokesman said.

The gunmen took the mobile phones, cameras and documents from the unarmed policemen, the officer recounted to the spokesman. The officer himself said he was beaten but not kidnapped by the gunmen.

Most of the policemen were from Diyala province, which lies north and east of Baghdad, the spokesman said.

Insurgents have repeatedly targeted new members of the Iraqi security forces that the U.S. military has been training. On Oct. 23, gunmen ambushed a group of Iraqi soldiers returning home from a training course on a road east of Baghdad. Around 50 of the soldiers, who were unarmed, were killed execution-style with gunshots to the back of the head.

On Oct. 16, nine Iraqi policemen returning from a training course in Jordan were ambushed and killed on their way home to Karbala.

The car bomb came during clashes in Beiji, a city 155 miles north of the capital, witnesses said. The vehicle hit a convoy

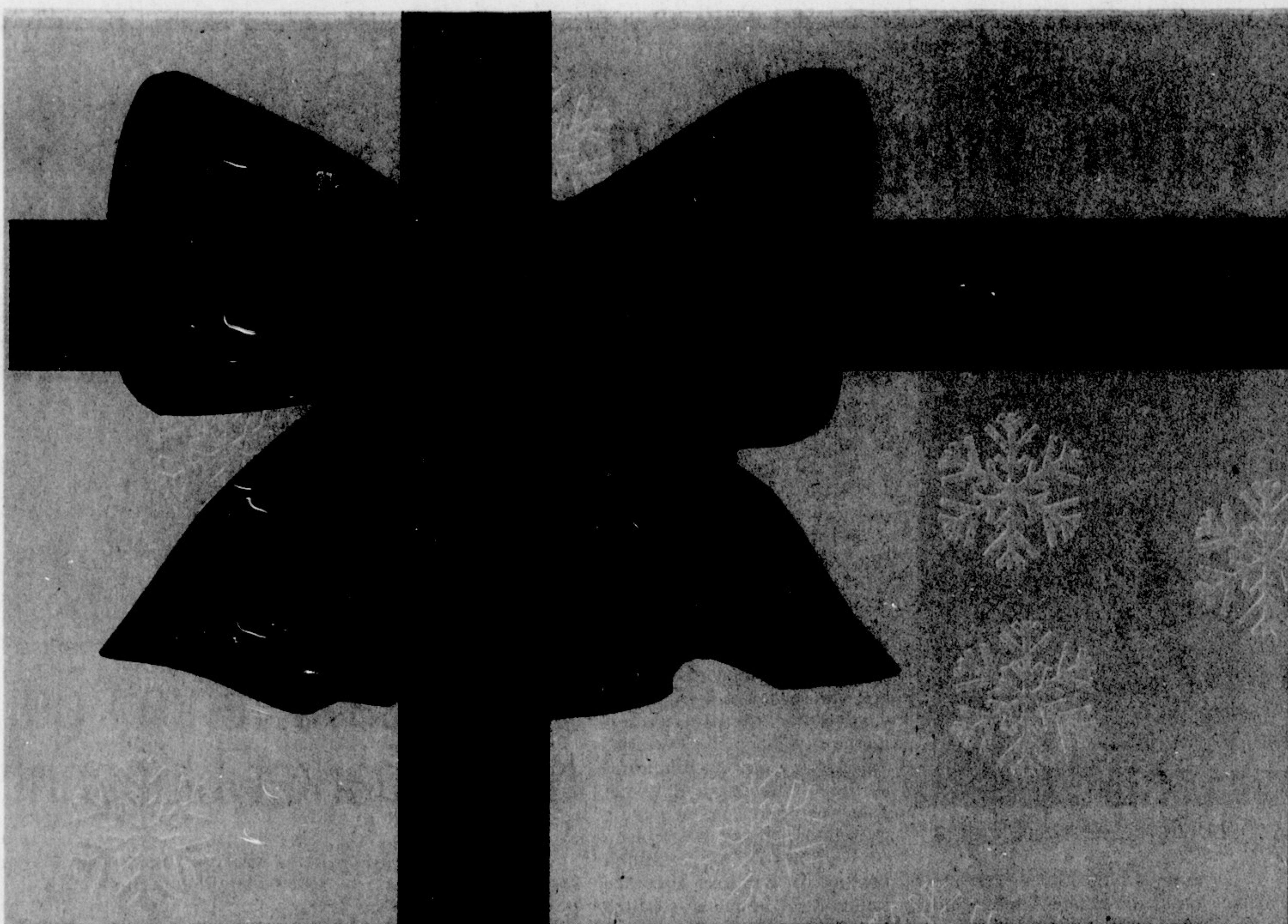
and exploded, then U.S. soldiers opened fire.

Ten people were killed in the blast and nine others wounded, hospital officials said. The 1st Infantry Division said three U.S. soldiers were wounded in the suicide attack. Beiji is the site of Iraq's largest oil refinery and a major power station.

In Fallujah, heavy machine-gun fire and explosions rang out in south-central parts of Fallujah as U.S. Marines hunted fighters still in the turbulent city. In the northern Jolan neighborhood, U.S. Marines fought insurgents who officers said had sneaked back into the city by swimming across the Euphrates River.

Bullets snapped overhead as Iraqi body-collection workers supervised by the Marines sought cover behind walls and in buildings. After 15 minutes of fighting, three insurgents were dead and one Marine was slightly injured in the hand, officers said.

The rush of warplanes streaking through the low-lying clouds shook the city and blasts sent smoke into the sky. The U.S. military said that air strikes Wednesday were concentrated in southwestern Fallujah, destroying enemy positions.



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Q & A with Kevin Roach

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

A model of consistency. That is something Kevin Roach has grown into this season ever since he was given the opportunity to prove himself on the gridiron. Roach's soft hands and great knowledge of the game is now a key part to the ECU wide receiver core and the entire Pirate offense. Roach took some time out of his busy schedule to comment on the season thus far and the Pirates' last two football games.

TEC: Last Saturday marked your first career start as a Pirate. What were your feelings entering the contest with South Florida?

KR: I was very excited. I knew I was going to get a lot of playing time and just really looked forward to it.

TEC: You had a career day with five receptions going for 47 yards but the biggest surprise in the game came when you connected with Chris Johnson on a 25-yard pass, a play that caught the Bulls off guard. Talk a little bit about the play.

KR: We have been practicing it all week and they called it. I was a little nervous at first but I just caught the ball and did the best I could to get it out there to him.

TEC: Is it hard to stay motivated for the rest of a season knowing your team does not have a chance at postseason?

KR: Yeah, it is real hard. But going into every week you still feel like you have a good game plan and you are out here just to win. You are laying your pride on the line now and for this weekend we are doing it for the seniors.

TEC: How important is it that the Pirates are returning home for this weekend's contest against Memphis, considering you guys have won two straight at Dowdy-Ficklen?

KR: I guess we just feel more comfortable at home. Memphis is a great team and we have to come ready to play and hopefully we can get the seniors one last win at home.

TEC: Aside from winning the final two games, what does this team need to do in order for them to consider it a successful ending to the season?

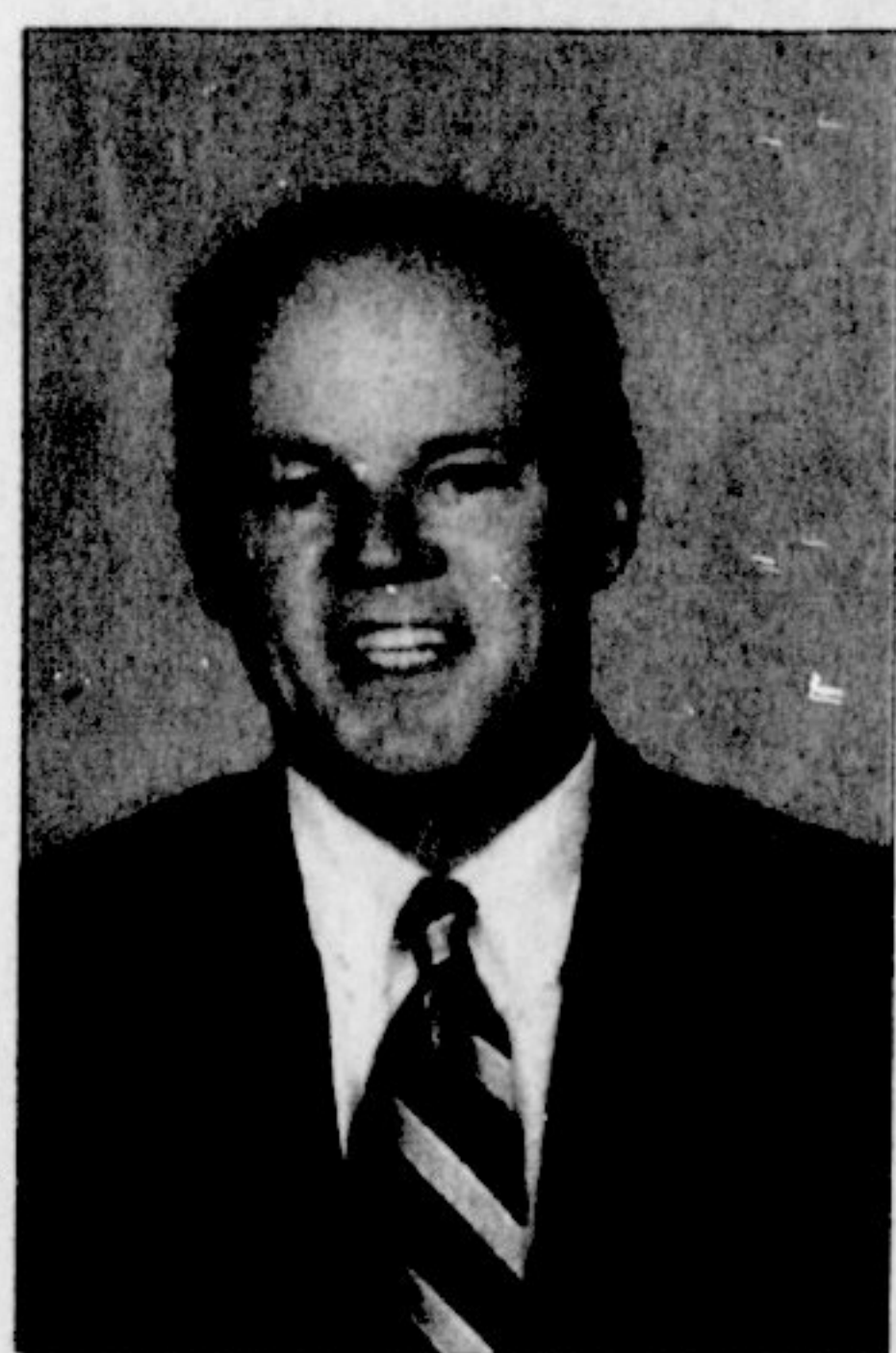
KR: Never giving up and just keep battling and doing the best we can.

TEC: You are such a great role model to so many young kids around the area because you take care of business without bringing any glory to yourself. Do you have a message for these kids that look up to a guy like Kevin Roach?

KR: It is a lot of hard work to get here. I feel like when a receiver, running back or anybody scores a touchdown, it wasn't just that one player that did it, it was the other 10 guys on the field that helped him get it.

The best thing to do is just to go and celebrate with your teammates, whether it be a score or a big play.

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Courtesy of SID

John Thompson

All of our focus is going into the University of Memphis, a very good football team. When you look at them the first thing that comes up is their offense and DeAngelo Williams. In my opinion, DeAngelo Williams is one of the best backs in the entire country. The best back, I believe, in our conference. There is no question about it that he is as explosive and as good a back as there is anywhere. He has great cuts, great quickness and great balance. He does so many things. Their offense doesn't just revolve around DeAngelo Williams though. Danny Wimprine has gotten better and better and better.



Courtesy Memphis SID

Tommy West

This was obviously a big win (over USM). It was big because it got us to six (making the team bowl eligible), but the biggest reason is that Southern Miss has been the measuring stick in this conference, and that gave us the chance to not only beat them this year, but also to even up with them at 2-2 in the last four years. It was a big win, but now they get even bigger as we go to ECU this week. I think it takes a weight off our football team knowing that we are bowl eligible, so now we can just go play. I expect our football team to play better now because of that. It's kind of exciting I guess.

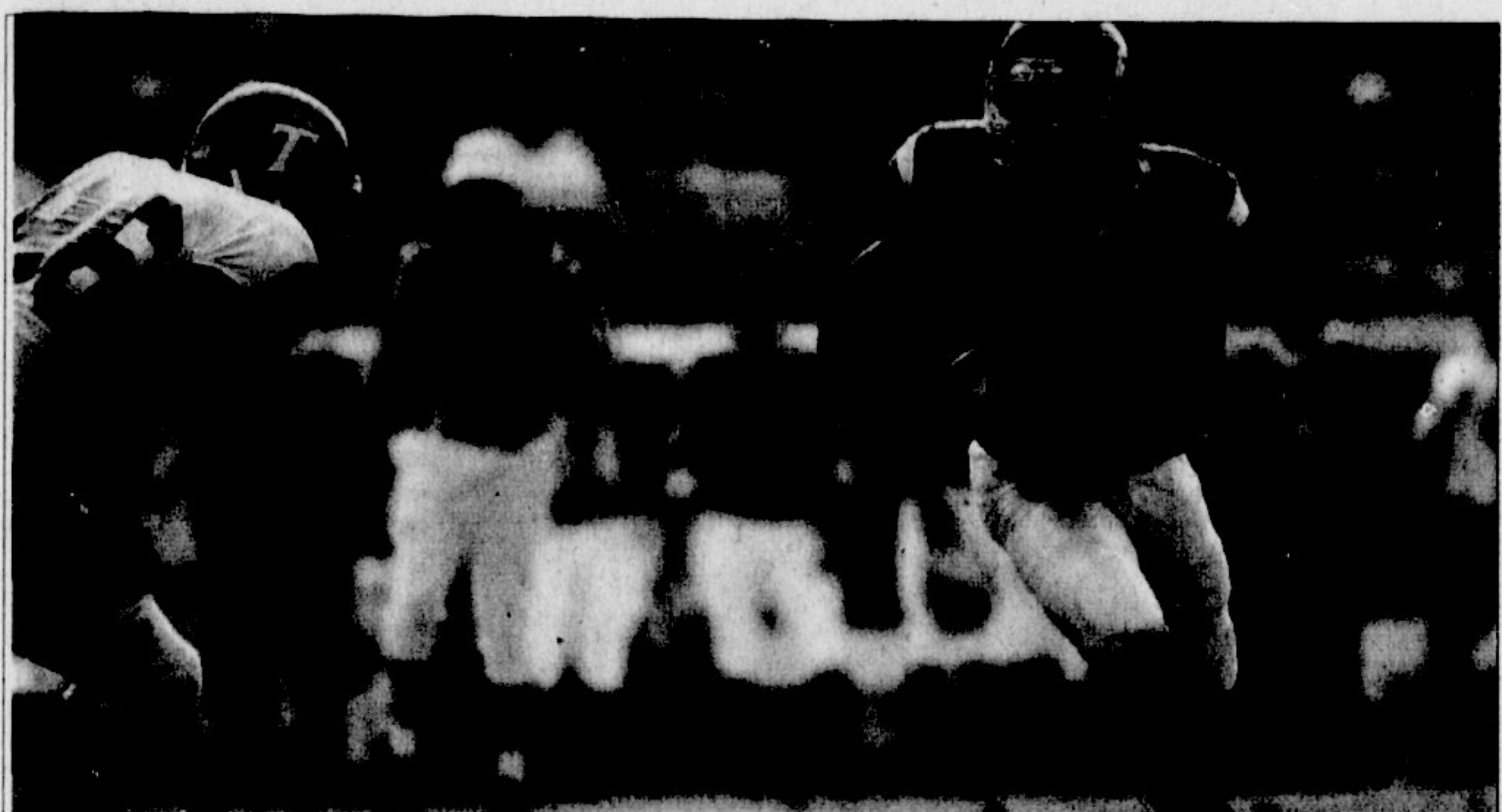


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Marvin Townes will play his final game as a Pirate Saturday afternoon.

Seniors to lead ECU Saturday

BRANDON HUGHES
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

A dark cloud will be hanging over the head of ECU football for the rest of the season following the departure of Head Coach John Thompson on Wednesday. It should be interesting to see how the players will react against Memphis on Saturday. The Pirates have some advantages over Memphis but whether they will capitalize, is the issue at hand.

1. Emotion and adrenaline will be running high in this Conference-USA battle and it's something that could either hurt the Pirates or propel them to a much needed victory. The news of Thompson's departure has sent shockwaves throughout the locker room and the tumultuous week has taken the focus off of the opponent at hand. But something like this could be a motivating force. The Pirates may play with their best effort this season out of respect for Thompson and perhaps attempting to prove that letting him go was the wrong decision. But on the other end of the spectrum, ECU could just throw in the towel and play like zombies against the Tigers. I'm going to select the former simply because of the dedication and hard work shown by the Pirate seniors. Running backs Art Brown and Marvin Townes haven't had the 2004 campaign they both expected, but you best believe they're not going down without a fight.

2. Freshman Travis Williams has been a pleasant unexpected surprise for the Pirates. Williams rode the bench the start of the year before being handed the punt-returner role several games into the season. Williams responded accordingly and the Pirates are ranked ninth in

the country with a punt return average of 14.8 yards and Williams is ranked fifth in the nation individually. Williams has also seen action in the defensive backfield and even a limited role as a wide receiver. With only a handful of wide outs left to finish the season, look for Williams to continue his stellar rookie campaign and come down with a few receptions from quarterback James Pinkney. Someone needs to step up and make a big play in the receiving corps. Brian Howard, Kevin Roach, Will Bland and Bryson Bowling are all inexperienced but provide an excellent blend of speed and strength. At least two will have to become a threat to the Memphis secondary for the Pirates to pull off the upset.



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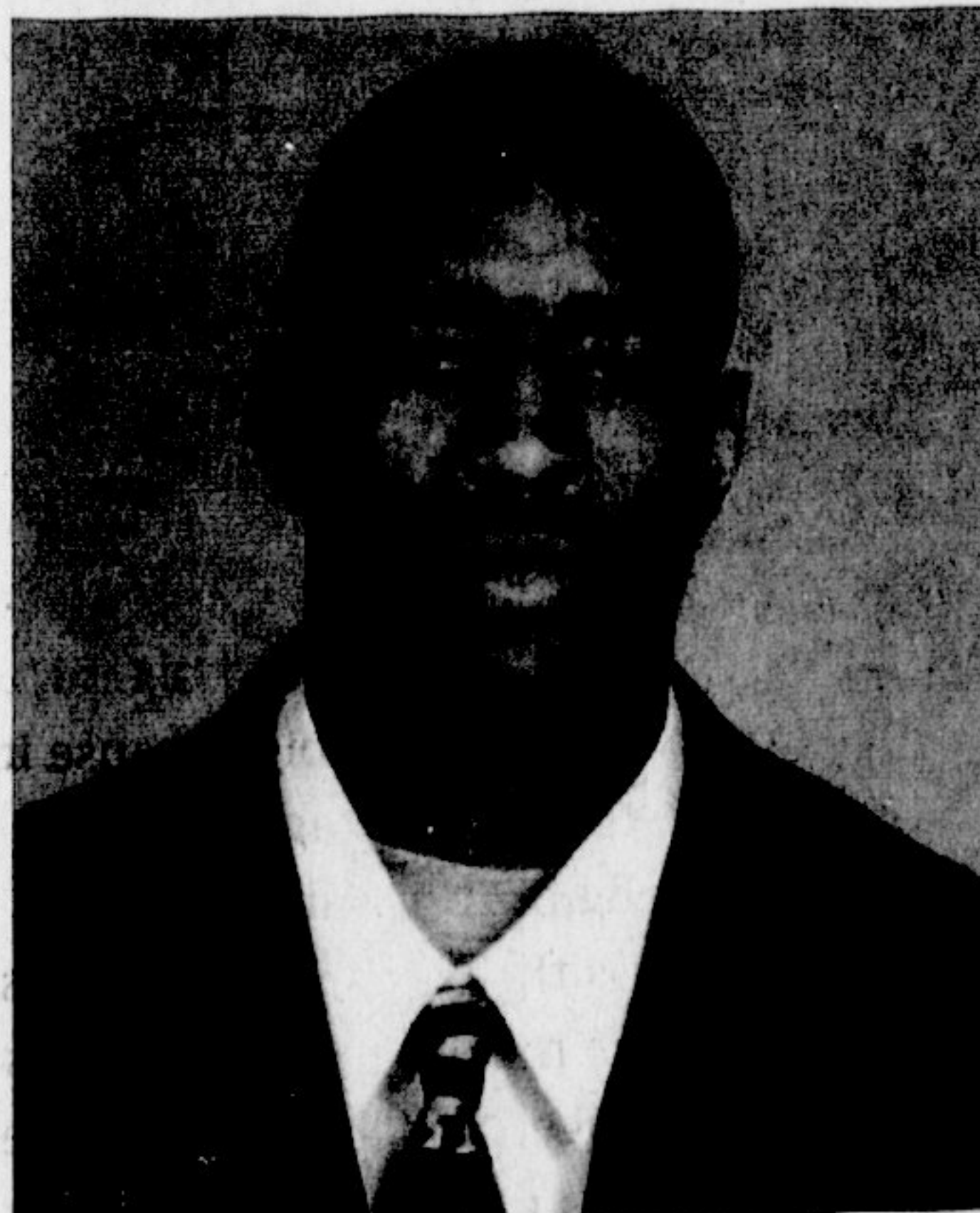
3. ECU isn't going to hold many advantages on the defensive side of the ball especially with star running back DeAngelo Williams blasting through holes on Saturday. The Pirates are ranked 114 out of 118 teams in rushing defense in the nation and the best tailback in the conference will get a shot at that Swiss cheese defense this weekend. But Memphis could have some trouble punching the ball into the end zone once they get close to the goal line. The Pirates have allowed just one opponent this season a perfect red zone scoring mark. West Virginia put points on the board every trip inside the Pirates' 20 but ECU's defense has stiffened on occasion against other opponents. The Pirate offense has been perfect on red zone scoring opportunities the last seven games, cashing in on 17 straight chances. Overall, ECU is converting 88 percent (22-of-25).

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ECU Game Breaker

Williams provides explosive spark for ECU



Height
5' 11"

Weight
175

Classification
Freshman

Hometown
Daytona Beach, Fla

High School
Atlantic HS

Amid all the confusion at the helm of the Pirate ship, one syllable has fulfilled his duties to the fullest. It seems like there is nothing on the football field that Travis Williams cannot do. Punt returner, defensive back and wide receiver, it really doesn't matter. If asked to play right guard, Williams would probably do so serviceably.

On Senior Day, ironically enough, the true freshman finds himself on the two-deep depth chart on both sides of the ball.

Williams' greatest asset is his speed. He was inserted into the lineup as a punt returner after junior Demetrius Hodges sustained a shoulder injury. On his first collegiate punt return, Williams fumbled inside his own 25 yard line. However, since Williams has gained experience, he stands fifth nationally and first in the conference at 17.8 yards per punt return.

That's not good enough for Williams. The speedster has a lofty goal of a return average of 20 yards. He's got a chance to make that happen. Currently, Williams ranks as the first in the all-time single season punt return yard average category. The lack of all trades even guaranteed a touchdown against Houston, but came up short.

On defense, Williams has been implemented to the game-plan more each week. He now serves in the nickel coverage unit and is the primary back-up at cornerback. He has seven tackles in just eight games.

The natural cornerback will possibly start at the wide receiver position. Injuries caused Williams to move to the wide receiver position before the South Florida game. In being more oriented with the offensive system, Williams could provide the deep-play threat that the Pirates have been lacking.

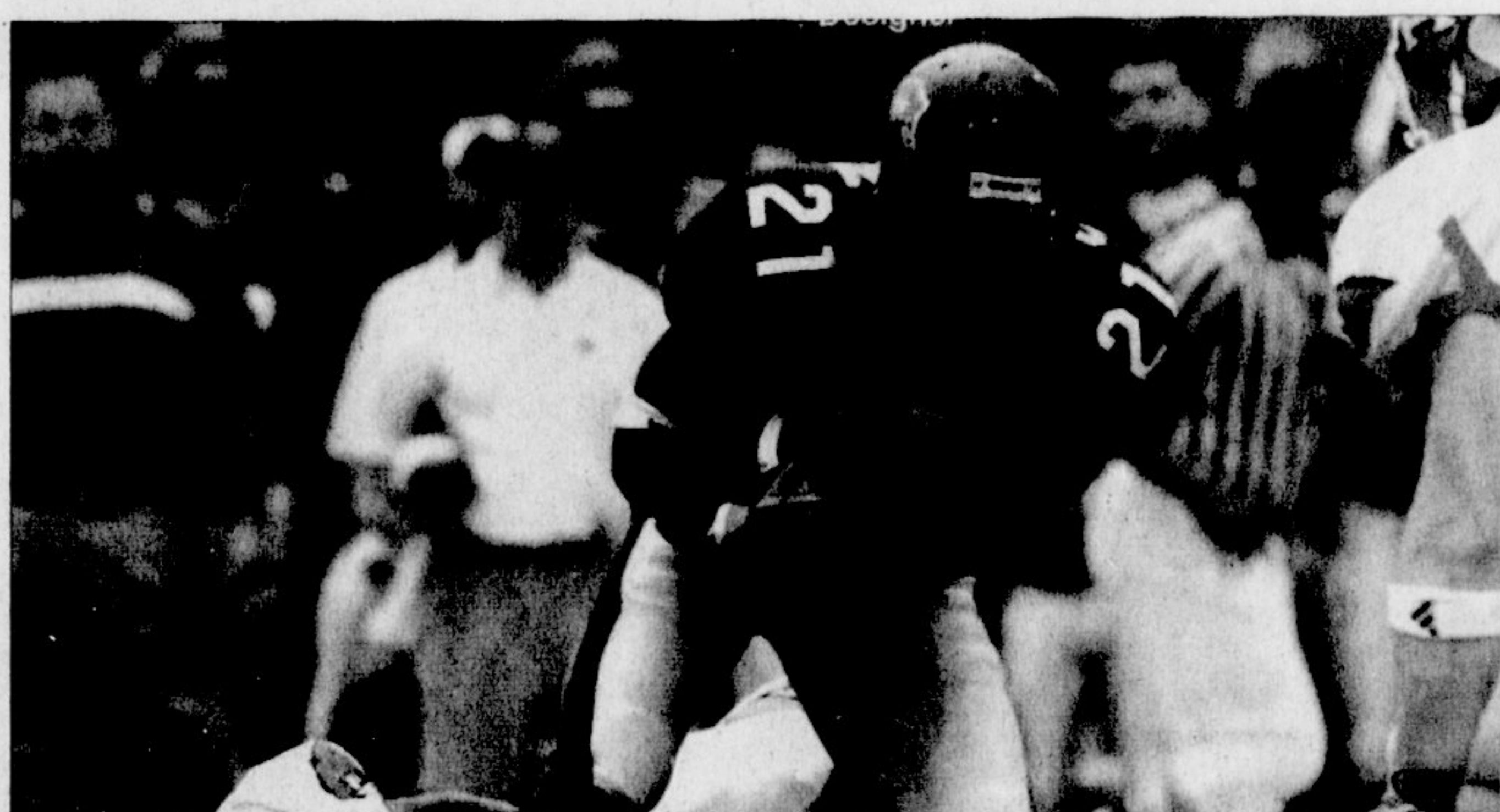


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Tavares Gideon has scored an outstanding nine touchdowns this year.

Tigers bring dangerous offense to ECU

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR WRITER

Memphis strolls into Greenville this weekend to play a hurting Pirate team that will have a hard time focusing on the task at hand with the recent resignation of Head Coach John Thompson. The Tigers won't need to play their best game to come out with a win, but here are some key things that they must do to beat a deflated Pirate squad.

1. Feed the ball to DeAngelo Williams. Williams has been a stud thus far and is probably the most under-rated back in all of college football. He's rushed for 1,395 yards in nine games with an average of 148.9 yards per contest. Saturday could be a record-setting day for the superstar junior, as the Pirates have already shown that they are likely to yield performances like that, including West Virginia running back Kay-Jay Harris' coming out party in the season opener for the Pirates in which he rushed for 337 yards and four scores. The Pirate defense has improved since that shelacking, so don't expect Williams to have a repeat performance of Harris', but the talented tailback is capable of a career day.

2. Establish the running game with Williams to allow Danny Wimprine to go to the line when Williams starts to hit the gaps and holes in the Pirate D, expect quarterback Wimprine to look to his solid receiving core led by senior Tavares Gideon, who has 36 catches for 461 yards and nine touchdowns this year. The Pirates can't shield too much on Gideon, because Wimprine has shown that he will spread the field. His excellent field vision has allowed him to complete 10 or more passes to nine different receivers. Expect Memphis to use Williams to draw the Pirate defense in and lull them into the same defensive sets, and for Wimprine to use that to exploit the ECU secondary effectively. If the Tigers can balance the run and the pass, it's going to be a long game for the Pirate Nation.



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WIMPRINE

Pirates under 21 points and cruising to victory.

4. Kick the Pirates while they're down. Let's face it. The ECU Football Team is probably at an all-time low as far as demeanor and self-confidence goes. Losing a head coach never spells success, so I don't think that the Pirates will put up much of a fight this weekend. However, if Pirate fans turn out in record numbers, and the team rallies around Thompson and his staff for the final two contests, who knows, maybe they can do something special. Something that we all can remember John Thompson for.

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Memphis Game Breaker

Williams comes in leading Conference USA

Memphis has a concoction for success. The Tigers have the sixth best running back in the nation and the ECU rushing defense is 114th nationally. I'm no math major, but it's simple arithmetic.

There is no doubt about it - DeAngelo Williams is the best running back the Pirates will face this season. That's pretty good company considering Kay-Jay Harris' raked in 337 yards, Eric Shelton danced in the end zone five times, and just last week Andre Hall bowled Pirates over for 161 yards.

The highly touted recruit has already collected 1,340 rushing yards in only nine games. In comparison, the Pirates' entire team has accounted for only 899. The Doak Walker Award Semifinalist has 15 touchdowns. His 15 scores set a school record for rushing touchdowns in a single season with two games left.

His biography needs chapters. The Wynne, Ark. native is the reigning Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week. Tommy West's back ran for 27 times for 199 yards and scored two touchdowns in a win over Southern Miss. It was the second time that the junior back garnered the same award this season.

Williams will re-write the Memphis record book. He already holds several for the rekindled Tiger program. Williams boasts career-highs of carries at 37 and yards at 262. The ladder could be set this weekend. Lame-duck Head Coach John Thompson explained in his weekly press-conference that Williams is one of the best backs that he's seen.

If Williams stays at UM next season, he should be one of the front-runners for the Heisman Trophy. If not, he'll be playing on Sunday. He's just that good.



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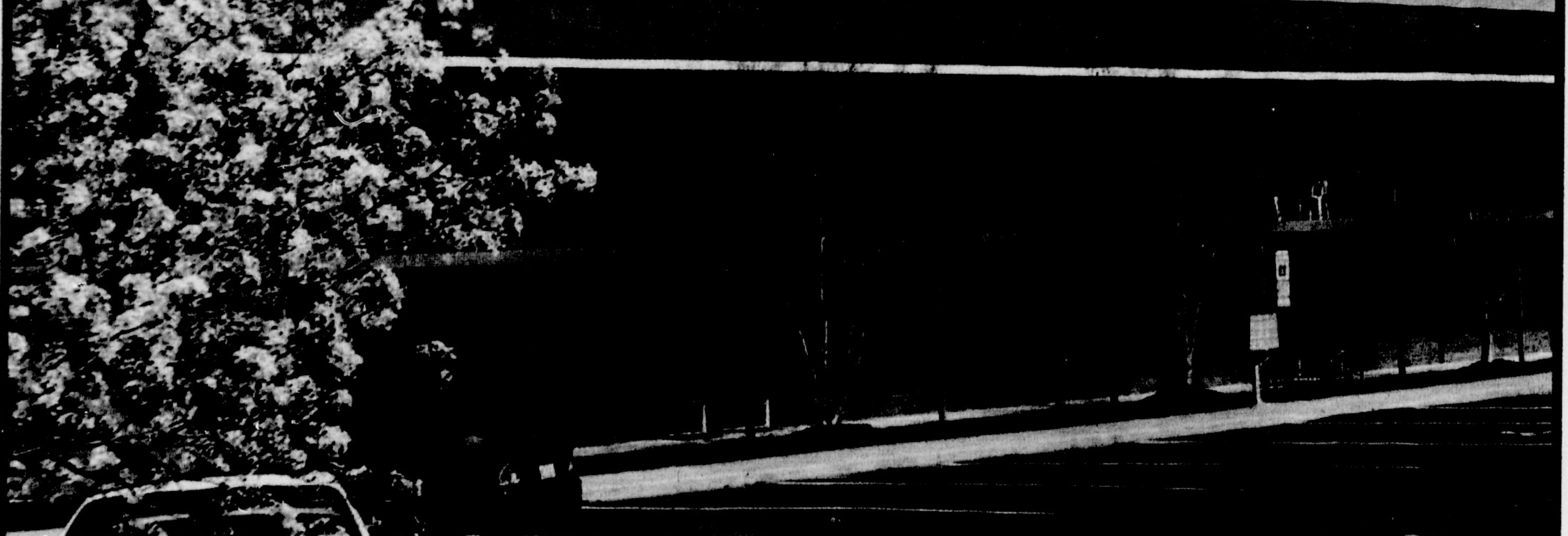
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Announcements:

Friday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. there will be a Salsa Dance at the Willis Building. This Salsa Dance will be sponsored by the Folk Arts Society of Greenville and the ECU Folk and Country Dancers. For more information about the event, call 752-7350.

The Children's Hour will be performed at McGinnis Theatre Thursday, Nov. 18 - Tuesday, Nov. 23. Shows will be performed each day at 8 p.m. except for Sunday when the show will be performed at 2 p.m. A rumor is started about two teachers at a girls' school. Irreparable damage has been done by the time the gossip is exposed. This play contains adult subject matters.

Saturday, Nov. 20, the Dance Collective will perform the 5th Annual Winter Wonder Holiday Spectacular Benefit. This benefit, presented by the Eastern NC Dance Foundation, Inc. is supporting the ECU Kidney Disease and Transplant Program. This event will be held at Wright Auditorium at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. For more information, call 355-7880.

Healthy Hints:

Vitamins are a vital part of everyone's diet. Without vitamins, your body can not complete essential processes such as keeping a healthy immune system or even keeping good vision. When eating a proper diet, such as a diet based on the food guide pyramid, it is relatively easy to get all the recommended dietary allowance of vitamins. But many people are on reduced calorie, reduced carbohydrate or reduced sugar diet which can limit vitamin intake. In order to avoid potential vitamin deficiencies, multivitamins were created. Multivitamins can be purchased at pharmacies and health food stores but any kind of vitamin or supplement should always be discussed with a physician. Recommended dietary allowances of vitamins have been set by USDA to keep Americans healthy. Visit na.usda.gov for more information about daily intakes of nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

Weekly Recipe:

Cinnamon Twists:

1/2 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Line a sheet pan with parchment or buttered waxed paper. Unroll the puff pastry on a work surface and brush the pastry with melted butter. In a small bowl, toss together the sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle evenly over the pastry. Working lengthwise, cut the pastry into 6 even strips, each 3/4-inch wide. Twist the strips, keeping the cinnamon sugar on the inside, to make long twisted "straws." Transfer to the prepared pan, run your fingers along the twists to straighten, and bake about 20 minutes, until puffed and golden brown.

Caramel Sauce:

2 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
1 cup heavy cream
Pour the sugar into the center of a saucepan. Carefully pour the water around the sugar, trying not to splash any sugar onto the sides of the pan. Do not stir; gently draw your finger through the center of the sugar to moisten it. Over medium heat, bring to a boil without stirring. Cook until light caramel in color and immediately remove from the heat. Carefully (it will bubble up and may splatter) stir in the cream with a wooden spoon until smooth. To serve, place an apple on each serving plate. Drizzle with caramel sauce, sprinkle with peanuts, and place a pastry straw in the hole of each apple so that it sticks up like a wooden stick.

Thanksgiving holiday: Then and now

History behind great event

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Thousands of years ago the ancient civilizations of Greece, China, Egypt and various countries often had days of thanksgiving, usually to pray and to give thanks to the gods or spirits for a bountiful harvest. This tradition has continued into America.

During the early 1600s, groups of people from England called the Separatist Puritans were fleeing religious persecution. The Puritans left their home of England to move to Holland for religious freedom. After living in Holland for about a decade, the Puritans did not like the Dutch lifestyle according to their religion and did not want their children influenced by the Dutch - wanting to practice their religion and their lifestyle in their own way, they decided to leave Holland and travel to the New World.

The Puritans were able to set sail from Plymouth, England with about 110 Pilgrims on the ship Mayflower for the New World on Sept. 6, 1620. Land was sighted off Cape Cod on Nov. 10, 1620, but the Pilgrims did not settle on land until December in Plymouth, Mass. Plymouth had a great harbor, which was bountiful with fish. The Pilgrims landed on the territory that was inhabited by the Wampanoag Indians, of whom was a part of the Algonkian - speaking peoples. The Pilgrims feared attacks from the Wampanoag Tribe, but the tribe was very peaceful and welcoming.

The first winter of 1620 was very harsh for the Pilgrims. The snow and ice were very heavy and



Thanksgiving is a holiday that has been celebrated by Americans for many years. Turkey is one of the key symbols of the holiday.

this prevented the Pilgrims from being able to properly settle at the landing site. About half of the Pilgrims died due to starvation and disease.

It was not until March 1621 when Samoset, from the Wabanake Tribe saw the English settlers. He decided to enter the Plymouth settlement and with perfect English, said, "Welcome." Samoset brought along with him Tisquantum or Squanto from the Pokanokit Wampanoag Nation. Squanto spoke better English than Samoset, and was able to

converse with the Pilgrims.

The Pilgrims were not in very good condition. They were running out of food, their crops were not growing well, they were living in poorly built shelters and about half had died during the winter. Because of Squanto's belief and custom to help others in need and welcome visitors, he stayed with the Pilgrims for the next few months to help them. He proved to be a tremendous help to the settlers. Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to survive: he taught them how to

plant crops using the soil foreign to the settlers, he taught them how to use fish as fertilizer, how to build Indian style houses, how to gather sap from Maple trees, cook clams, and taught many more skills.

It is said that without Squanto's help, along with the help from the people of the Wampanoag Tribe, the settlers would not have survived another winter.

Sometime between September and early November, the Pilgrims had a bountiful harvest and they had built successful houses, so

they wanted to celebrate. The Pilgrim Governor William Bradford and Captain Miles Standish invited Squanto, Samoset and the Wampanoag leader Massasoit and their people to join the Pilgrim's harvest festival.

As was the custom in England, the Pilgrims celebrated the bountiful harvest by feasting, playing games, giving thanks and taking the time to pray.

The Wampanoag Tribe provided most of the food in order

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Scarecrows are often seen in windows and yards to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

Traditions are abundant during this holiday season

Thanksgiving rituals different for every family

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With the crisp air of fall breezing around you and the noisy crunch of fallen leaves under your feet, we can feel that it is once again that time of year - the time of year when the holiday season kicks off with the age-old traditions of Thanksgiving.

Everywhere, people are making preparations to accommodate close friends and family for the holiday. Thanksgiving is a time where we stop and think about all we are thankful for and to reflect upon the past when the pilgrims had that first, peaceful feast with the Native Americans.

Since then, Thanksgiving has evolved into many time-honored traditions which families and friends take part in. New traditions are created every year and added to the long list of customary activities such as watching parades and football, shopping on "Black Friday," decorating, traveling and of course stuffing ourselves silly with endless amounts of Thanksgiving food.

Thanksgiving day is famous for providing tons of entertainment. From parades to football, there is never a shortage of holiday festivities to satisfy everyone's entertainment needs.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is one of the largest Thanksgiving celebrations in America. Broadcast on live Television from New York City,

the parade features musical, theatrical and dance entertainment along with elaborate floats adorned with celebrities and gigantic balloons of cherished American icons.

"For Thanksgiving my whole family goes to New York City and we go see shows and spend time together," said Megan Gulla, junior dance major.

"Sometimes we go see the Macy's parade. One year I even performed in it."

One of America's favorite Thanksgiving traditions includes watching football while the smells of Thanksgiving dinner fill the house. Although very cliché, fathers and sons gather around the TV to watch the Detroit Lions and Green Bay Packers duke it out while mothers and daughters prepare all the family favorites for the holiday. The Thanksgiving day football game is traditionally played only by the Packers and the Lions, but in recent years, more NFL teams have been asked to play on this festive day. More than 5,000 local and college football games are also played across the country on Thanksgiving day.

Many families like to travel for the holidays. As one of the biggest travel times of the year, families and friends travel to neighbors' homes, other towns and other states to enjoy the holidays. Some people travel to multiple destinations in order to visit everyone and experience the holiday with as many people as possible.

"For the past few years I've been traveling to South Carolina for Thanksgiving," said Richard Kears,

junior broadcast journalism major.

"But we don't celebrate on the actual day. We celebrate on Saturday with a family reunion. About 40-50 of my relatives get together for pot-luck dinner, then all the younger people go out 4-wheelin', shoot clay pigeons and have fun."

No one ever forgets the real meaning of Thanksgiving ... to stuff yourself silly. It may not be the driving force behind the holiday, but it is one aspect that most Americans are not willing to pass up.

Traditional Thanksgiving foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, green beans, biscuits, gravy, cranberries, and pumpkin pie adorn dining rooms all across the country.

"My dad always smokes turkey rather than baking or frying it," said Cliff Robinson, junior English major.

"We go to my grandparents house where they make all of the other food and then we hang around and watch football for the rest of the day."

Many families prepare holiday dishes with special family recipes that give traditional favorites a home-made touch. There's always one dish that completes the holiday - without it, Thanksgiving would feel null and void.

However, no Thanksgiving would be complete without that day-after feeling. The one you get when you wake up, and you're still full from one-too-many slices of turkey and too many spoonfuls of cranberries. Many people choose to use their day

What's the Thanksgiving gobble gobble all about?

Interesting fun facts about turkeys

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Thanksgiving is a holiday where we come together and give thanks for all we have and an excuse to consume a lot of food. The main staple is turkey. Without turkey, in my view, there wouldn't be Thanksgiving.

Turkeys, in fact, are very interesting animals. According to the National Turkey Federation, only tom turkeys (males) gobble and hen turkeys (female) make a clicking noise. The NTF also reports that domesticated turkeys cannot fly and wild turkeys can fly for short distances, up to 55 mph and can run 20 mph.

The United States is a big producer of turkey. According to a study by the NTF, consumption of turkey has increased 113 percent since 1975, "due to customer recognition of turkey's good taste and nutritional value."

Speaking of nutritional value, turkey can be prepared in many different ways. It can be baked, deep fried, broiled, roasted, grilled or smoked. No matter how it is prepared it is delicious. Some way or another, you will probably eat some kind of turkey this holiday season.

North Carolina is the second top producing state of turkey, as Minnesota is number one and Arkansas is number three. The U.S. has 8,436 farms reporting turkey sales, each of which contribute to 274 million turkeys raised each year.

Turkey also has many past stories to tell. Long ago, when the national symbol of America was being decided on, Benjamin Franklin believed it should be a turkey, yet many others disagreed and made the symbol of the U.S. the bald eagle.

Way before that time, early explorer's universalized turkey when they were exploring the "new world," hunted them and then brought them back to Europe.

Presently, the NTF as a symbol of their appreciation gives the president two turkeys every year and present him with a live turkey. This has been a tradition since 1947. After the ceremony, the wild bird is then taken to a historical farm.

There just seems to be a

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Turkey Facts

Americans of all ages love turkey because of its healthful, "comfort" food profile. A national study on turkey consumption found:
- Nearly half of U.S. consumers eat turkey at least once every two weeks with more than a quarter eating turkey lunch meat.
- Ground turkey has high appeal among all ages, genders and economic levels.
- Away-from-home consumption of turkey sandwiches continues to grow, appealing to about everyone: Eaters between 18-64 years old, dual-income families and employed singles.

June is National Turkey Lovers' Month.

When Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin sat down to eat their first meal on the moon, their foil food packets contained roasted turkey and all of the trimmings.

White Meat vs. Dark Meat:
- White meat is generally preferred in the United States while other countries choose dark meat.
- A turkey typically has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
- The two types of meat differ nutritionally. White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.
- The rich flavor of dark meat is especially valued in soup and stew recipes. Dark meat holds up well in rich marinades and is a perfect choice for grilling and barbecuing.

The top four most popular ways to serve leftover Thanksgiving turkey are:
- Sandwich
- Soup or Stew
- Casserole
- Salad

In fact, turkey is most often prepared in a sandwich year-round. However, low-fat, convenient products like ground turkey, turkey sausage and turkey bacon, as well as turkey cutlets and tenderloins, are becoming increasingly popular.

This information is provided by The National Federation of Turkey.

Celebrating holiday on campus

Will students stay on campus for break?

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Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching and ECU students are counting down the days when they get to go back home for those home cooked meals, cherished time with their families and a few days off of school to just relax. Don't forget the plentiful sales of the weekend after Thanksgiving kickoff to get your Christmas shopping started.

A large population of ECU students migrate home during the holidays, but what about those who decide to stay? Believe it or not, in the midst of those leaving for Thanksgiving holiday, there are a small percentage of those staying here.

"Usually there is a slim average that actually stay on campus during this time period," said Wayne Newman, ECU Campus Living marketing director.

Maybe you are waiting for

the winter break or maybe you have plans waiting for you here at ECU. If there is nothing happening on campus during the holidays, more than likely you will find something to do in Greenville, or you could just catch up on some sleep that you have been missing or will not get for the next few weeks.

We will not leave you out in the cold. I bet you are wondering what activities are going on during this time. Bad news is, all non-academic housing will be closed starting Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. Mendenhall and Todd Dining halls will be closed after the last dinner on Nov. 23, so stock up on some goodies while you still can.

Good news is the dining halls will be serving Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 17 and the International Student Association will be serving a Thanksgiving feast at the International House Nov. 19.

"There will be an Underground band Nov. 20 and all movies playing will be showing between Nov. 15 - 21," said Amanda Riles, Student Union, junior nursing major.

Classes on campus will

resume as scheduled on Monday, Nov. 29.

Most places on campus are not usually open during Thanksgiving, which highly encourages students to go home and celebrate this time with their families. It is about time you get a break from school to just visit with friends and families.

As much as we probably have tried, turkeys will not fit in your toaster oven and it does not taste too great cooked in the microwave. Whether it is mom's, grandma's or aunt's cooking, take a break.

This is a great time to show your family what you have been up to at ECU, if this is not the case go out and spend time with a friend. Don't have too much fun - you may not want to come back to school.

Breaks are good to get you starting fresh and fired up for those final exams and papers. Yes, we must admit we are counting down the days until winter break leading up to students' favorite holiday. Lets just enjoy this time while we can.

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Turkey farms all around the country are preparing for the holiday season.

huge popularity with turkey and Thanksgiving. Some other NTF statistics include, "97 percent of Americans surveyed by the National Turkey Federation eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds, meaning that approximately 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving in 2003." This is a

large amount of turkey.

As a final note, turkey has been rumored to make you very sleepy after it is eaten, particularly at Thanksgiving. The NTF reports that "Many people report drowsiness after eating Thanksgiving dinner. While turkey often receives the blame, recent studies suggest that carbohydrate-rich meals may cause sleepiness by increasing the number of trypto-

phans in the brain. Therefore, the unusually large, multi-coursed, carbohydrate-rich meal most people eat on Thanksgiving is more likely the cause."

This Thanksgiving, you now know that the turkey can't be blamed for anything. Have fun, be thankful and gobble gobble.

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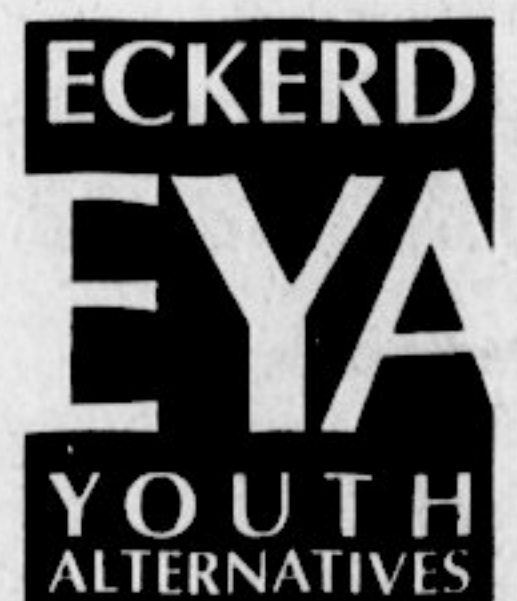
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to feed the 90 people that arrived from their tribe. They supplied deer, fish, beans, lots of fowl, dried berries and much more. This celebration lasted for three days, in which peace and friendship developed between the two different groups at that time.

It was also a time where an agreement was made between Massasoit and the settlers giving the Pilgrims some land so they could continue to build their settlement of Plymouth.

Unfortunately, the peace and friendship did not last long as new English settlers arrived and took over the majority of land where other tribes were living.

As time passed, wars broke out between Indian Tribes and European settlers, and no days of thanksgiving were celebrated.

After the day of thanksgiving in 1621, a celebration of thanksgiving only occurred every so often over the years. President George Washington declared a day of thanksgiving to give thanks to God in the late 1700s.

In 1817, New York State had adopted Thanksgiving Day as a custom to be celebrated.

"We really didn't see Thanksgiving as a regular holiday until the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln was urged to declare a day of thanksgiving, which he did in 1863 and again in 1864. The person who was really responsible for this was Sara Josepha Hale," said Gerald Prokowitz, Ph.D. in History.

Hale had been a magazine editor, and starting in 1827, she had asked the presidents of the United States to declare a national holiday of Thanksgiving. "Hale promoted Thanksgiving to encourage family values of the era," Prokowitz said.

During the late 1800s and up until the 1920s, the story of America's "First Thanksgiving" with the Native Americans came about at a time when many different immigrants arrived in America.

As a story that told of two different groups of people being peaceful with each other – it was used as an inspiration and beneficial way to help the multicultural immigrants to form an American identity.

In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving from the last Thursday to the third Thursday in November in order to extend the Christmas shopping season, but this proved to be unpopular with many people. Because of this, Congress permanently fixed the date to the fourth Thursday of November in 1941.

Today, there are many Americans that celebrate Thanksgiving Day. A question of "What Thanksgiving means to people?" was asked of several Americans.

Robin Jacobs is an Indian member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

"We do celebrate Thanksgiving. Our people have always been thankful and have always been very religious because we knew the value of helping out people and being good to your neighbors. It is sad in a way about Thanksgiving because it also means the loss of many of our people and their cultural heritage," said Jacobs.

There is a National Day of Mourning that some Native Americans participate in on Thanksgiving Day to honor their oppressed ancestors.

"But Thanksgiving is a time of fellowship, friendship and a time for families to get together," Jacobs said.

Junior marketing major Anja Hartung is a first generation American.

"My family did not start celebrating Thanksgiving until I was in my early teens. My mum decided to start when my younger sisters were young and wanted to celebrate an American heritage like most of our neighbors and friends, since after all, we were Americans,"

said Hartung.

"Our family opted for a combination of the usual turkey served with our favorite foods. Although it may not be a traditional meal, I believe everyone celebrates this holiday in their own way and just having your family there is what counts the most."

Diane Mouse, a Native American of a United Keetoowah Cherokee tribe said, "My perspective on Thanksgiving is that it's sad that Thanksgiving Day is celebrated only once a year. For me, I have Thanksgiving everyday. When we eat, we give thanks to the creator. I celebrate on Thanksgiving Day with my family, but I also look for people who have no family and I invite them to my house and feed them. I believe that was about the way our ancestors did it. When you see someone in need, then you just open up your home to them."

John Patrick von Suskil, a senior and German Studies major believes that Thanksgiving is a time where people get away from their busy schedules to see their family.

"After we eat our traditional formal dinner, my family and I watch the movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," said von Suskil.

Thanksgiving has eventually evolved to take root in America. It has come to mean a day of feasting, being with family and being thankful and grateful for close friends and freedom.

Whether people celebrate with a nontraditional feast, participate in the National Day of Mourning, watch a Christmas movie or celebrate a day of thanksgiving everyday, one thing is clear: Thanksgiving ties everyone by the celebration of one of the oldest and most universal holidays, and the fact that we are thankful for our lives and the lives of our ancestors.

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Holiday gift ideas for males

Don't wait until last minute to find out what to buy your guy

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The time is drawing near. It's going to be here before you know it. So what are you going to buy that guy of yours this holiday season? Well, never fear. There are plenty of great gift ideas out there.

Many gifts that are given year after year, that never fail include cologne, clothes, car accessories, sports paraphernalia, movies, electronics and a few others. But be careful. Some of these gifts may be too typical.

"I don't like to get cologne," said Bobby Spruill, a junior communications major.

"Too many guys give cologne. It's played out."

Or, if you and your guy, or friend, are really close or serious, you may want to give a timeless gift, one that will last a lifetime. The best example of this that most of us think of would be a very nice, very expensive piece of jewelry or watch.

But the best gifts aren't always the most expensive. The most meaningful gifts always come from the heart.

"I like to give gifts that have meaning and not just something that's on their list," said Erica Haines, a senior recreational

therapy major.

"Like references to inside jokes or little things that others don't know about make good gifts. And I always give a stocking because they're fun and you can give something silly."

"The two best gifts I ever received from a girlfriend was a song book with a collection of sheet music for the piano and a comforter for my bed that was really comfortable," said Rick Anderson, a senior accounting major.

Not only are these gifts thoughtful, but they are also original. They are things that are likely to never be forgotten. They can also help if you are low on cash. Other cheap, but thought filled gifts include scrapbooks, a picture of you and your guy in a nice decorated frame, a home-made CD with all of you and your guy's songs, gag gifts, lingerie for you and for him or baked goods wrapped in holiday decorations. Don't hesitate to be creative.

So what are our guys asking for this year? Some of the top gifts mentioned are clothes, shoes, DVDs, electronics and without a doubt, video games. That's right. If your man is even remotely into video games, then you can't go wrong with Grand Theft Auto San Andreas, Halo 2 or Madden.

NoBrain.com also mentions some of these gifts. There top gift ideas for him this season include alcohol (but only if you're of age kids), a watch, sports equipment, entertainment accessories and electronics.

Now all you have to do is find these great gifts. If you're thinking in going in the directions of clothing, find out what brands your man likes best and head to the mall. If you want to go in the direction of electronics or video games, try places like Radio Shack or Best Buy. For more expensive gifts, search online. Finally, if you're low on cash and decide to go the route of a romantic dinner or baked goods, head to the craft store and add flowers or candles to personalize your gift.

"The best Christmas gifts are supposed to be something I really want. Concert tickets to a favorite artist or tickets to see a favorite sport team are perfect," Spruill said.

That's one thing most of the guys out there would almost certainly enjoy. Tickets to anything they are interested in tops the list.

"One year for Christmas I got my boyfriend two tickets to a Panther's football game," said Kasey Edwards, a senior communication major.

"He loves football, but he had never actually been to one of their games. He took his grandfather and they had a blast."

So this holiday season, don't be afraid to do something different or to get creative. Despite what you may think, guys want to know you put some thought in to their gifts. After all, who doesn't?

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off from work wisely by laying on the couch and recuperating. Others however, choose to brave the retail scene and head out to begin holiday shopping on the day known as, "Black Friday."

Retail stores prepare weeks in advance for the holiday rush that officially begins on "Black Friday." Those brave enough to take

on the shopping malls can expect to brush shoulders with millions of holiday shoppers and wait in those traditional, mile-long holiday lines.

Whatever traditions your family chooses to participate in, keep in mind the real reason we celebrate Thanksgiving. The reason beyond football

and turkey. Thanksgiving is about being thankful that we have friends and family to share holiday memories with. Be safe this holiday and remember to leave the diet at the front door... stuff yourself silly.

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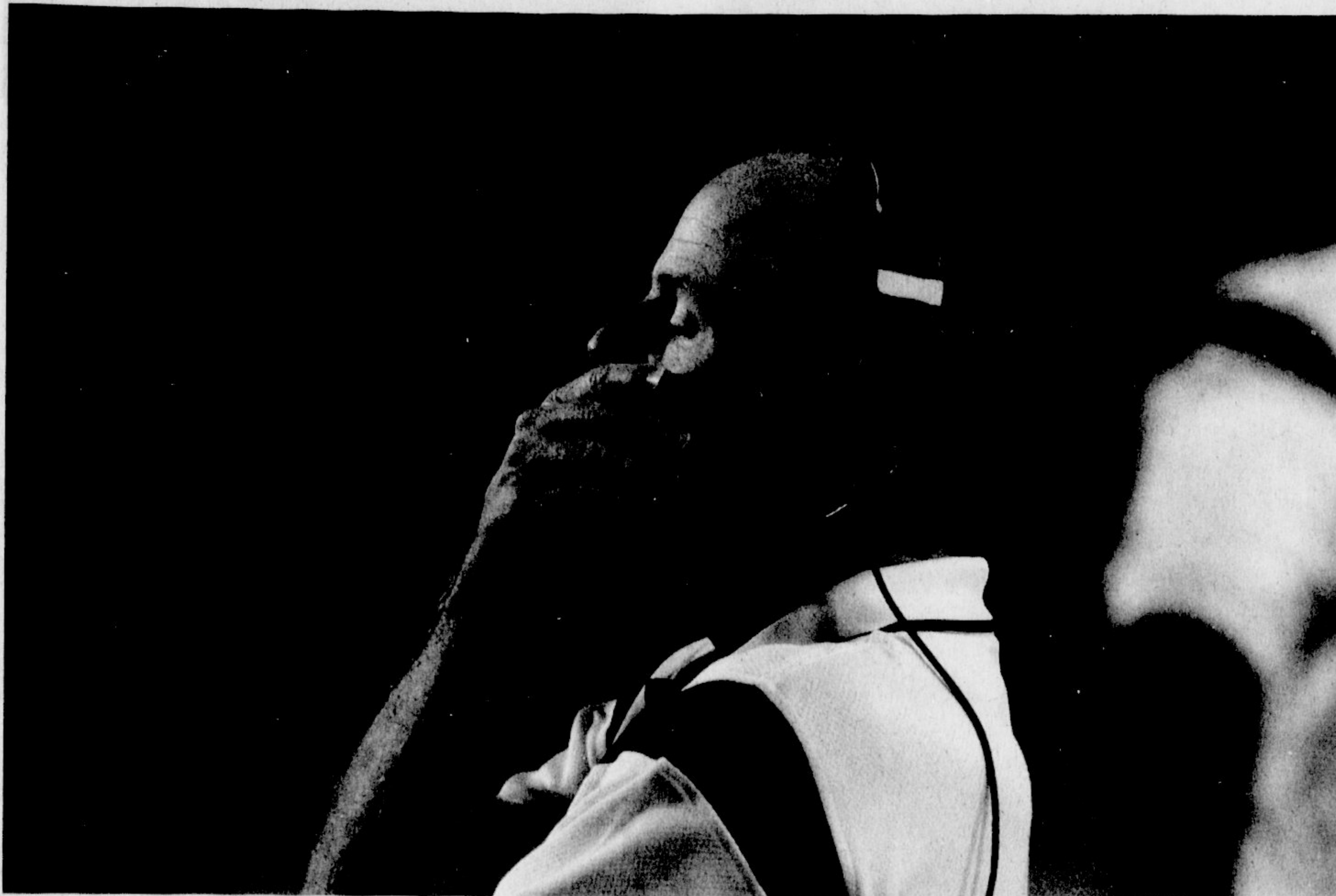
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Thompson signed on as the Pirates' 18th all-time head coach on Dec. 20, 2002 and will leave with five wins at most.

Thompson leaves graciously

Coach forced to resign amid 3-18 record

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

Let's all agree on one thing. Nice guys seem to always finish last. Lame-duck ECU Head Coach John Thompson is a man with great integrity and enthusiasm. He has always extended a warm welcome to anyone who ventured into the second floor of the Ward Sports Medicine Building and had a smile on his face.

The grace that Thompson exhibited at his afternoon press conference simply does not match any Pirate victory. He stood tall amid a frenzy of reporters trying to get all of the answers.

Thompson never wavered from his mission since arriving

on campus Dec. 20, 2002. The long-time defensive coordinator wanted to highlight recruiting, build relationships and win championships. Most of the time two out of three ain't bad.

He, unfortunately, will not get the chance to accomplish his third and most important goal. The landscape of college athletics simply won't allow it. A "win-now" mentality has spread throughout the country like kudzu in a well-tidied garden. The innocence of the coaching profession has been lost to the business side of athletics.

New administration has taken over since Thompson first took the helm nearly two years ago. Chancellor Steve Ballard, who posts an athletic background, ignored a search committee and a separate task force to hire an athletic director. Ballard did it his own way, by hiring a consultant

and hit a home run with the classy Terry Holland.

Holland's relationship with Thompson apparently was not what it appeared to be on the surface. At the weekly press conference, held each Tuesday afternoon, Thompson and Holland were seen communicating openly. Charlene Thompson, John's wife, spoke about how Greenville is a great place to raise her family.

However, on Tuesday night the administrators felt the need for a change atop the Pirate ship. The rug was pulled out from under Thompson, which clearly blindsided his players, staff and family.

Both administrators have been entrusted with the athletic program, which starts with football. The football team usually heads the payment of the non-revenue sports.

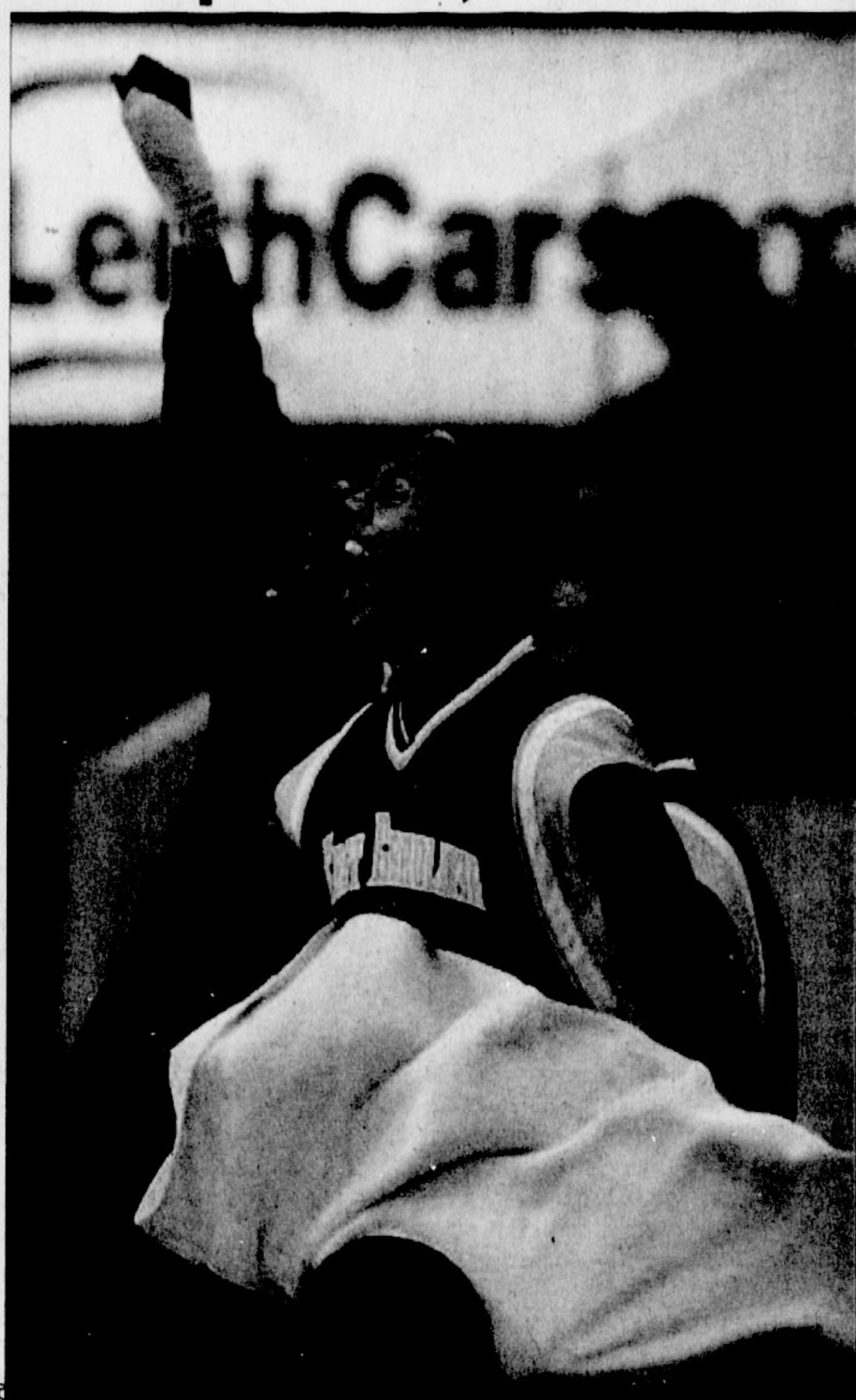
Thompson inherited a team in shambles. The athletic director, chancellor and Pirate faithful were a "house divided." Thompson's continuous losses could not unite the Pirate Nation. Unfortunately for Thompson, he was thus treated like a rebound fling after a bitter divorce.

The main issue is time. ECU missed its chance to move on to greener pastures when several major conferences realigned. As long as Holland is the athletic director, the Pirate faithful can rest assure that the train will not pass ECU by once more.

Holland did not feel that Thompson had shown an ability to win coveted championships in the time allotted. New coaches are usually reevaluated after a three-year process, but the court-

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Pirates rip Waves in opener, 80-58



ECU will play Oregon St. in the second round at 9 p.m.

Cook nets career high 21 points in victory

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

On a grim day in ECU athletics, the men's basketball team provided a bright ray of hope for the Pirate Nation.

ECU used an astounding 47 second-half points to dump Pepperdine in the first round of the BCA Invitational at the RBC Center in Raleigh. The matinee

match-up saw ECU end the game with commanding a 35-13 run.

"This is a great win," said ECU Head Coach Bill Herrion.

"We had so many unknowns coming into the game with all the guys who have never played a Division I-A game."

ECU's youth movement had seven players that had never donned the purple and gold in Division I-A competition. The Pirates were also without their star center Moussa

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Jackson: One of the guys

Jackson will attempt to finish what she started

BRANDI RENFRO
STAFF WRITER

Girls can't play ball. That's how it's always been right? Before Title IX, girls really couldn't play ball — they weren't allowed to on the competitive level.

But even so, the thought has always been women just can't play like men can. Some people still think that way. They're not good enough, not strong enough, not fast enough. No way, no how. Don't tell Jennifer Jackson that.

If you've seen Jackson play, you either thought or said aloud, "The way she plays must have come from playing with the guys." Bingo.

"When I first started playing, I was usually the only girl that played and none of the boys let up on me. They never let me get away with anything and I began to get tougher because of that," said Jackson, the 5-foot, 9-inch ECU guard.

"I knew that if I cried, my grandmother would make me come in the house and I wouldn't be able to play with them anymore."

In fact, Jackson's grandmother hated the fact that she wanted to play with the guys all of the time.

"I would have to beg my grandmother to let me play with them and she was always in eye-sight because she was afraid that I would get hurt," Jackson said.

Jackson's determination paid off.

At age 10, her grandmother allowed her to play in the Farmville Dixie Youth League.

"Playing on the Dixie Youth League taught me how to play on an organized team setting and it also allowed my family and others to see me play in a real game," Jackson said.

Jackson continued playing on the Youth League, but by age 14 the league organizers told her the only way she could continue to play would be to join the boys' team.

But by that point, she was old enough to play for the junior varsity squad at Prince Edward County Middle School.

She had a successful season and was named "The Most All-Around Player" and the "Best Rebounder."

The following year she met the person who would become her basketball mentor, coach Jim Wahrman. Coach Wahrman was the varsity head coach and an instrumental part in Jackson's success and life in general.

"When I first met coach Wahrman I was really nervous," Jackson said.

"He came by my house the summer before my ninth grade year and told me that I would be on the Varsity team. He felt that I was ready and he told me when practice was.

"He pushed me for all four years and made me better each year. He saw potential in me that I couldn't even imagine and gave me advice that helped me reach my goals."

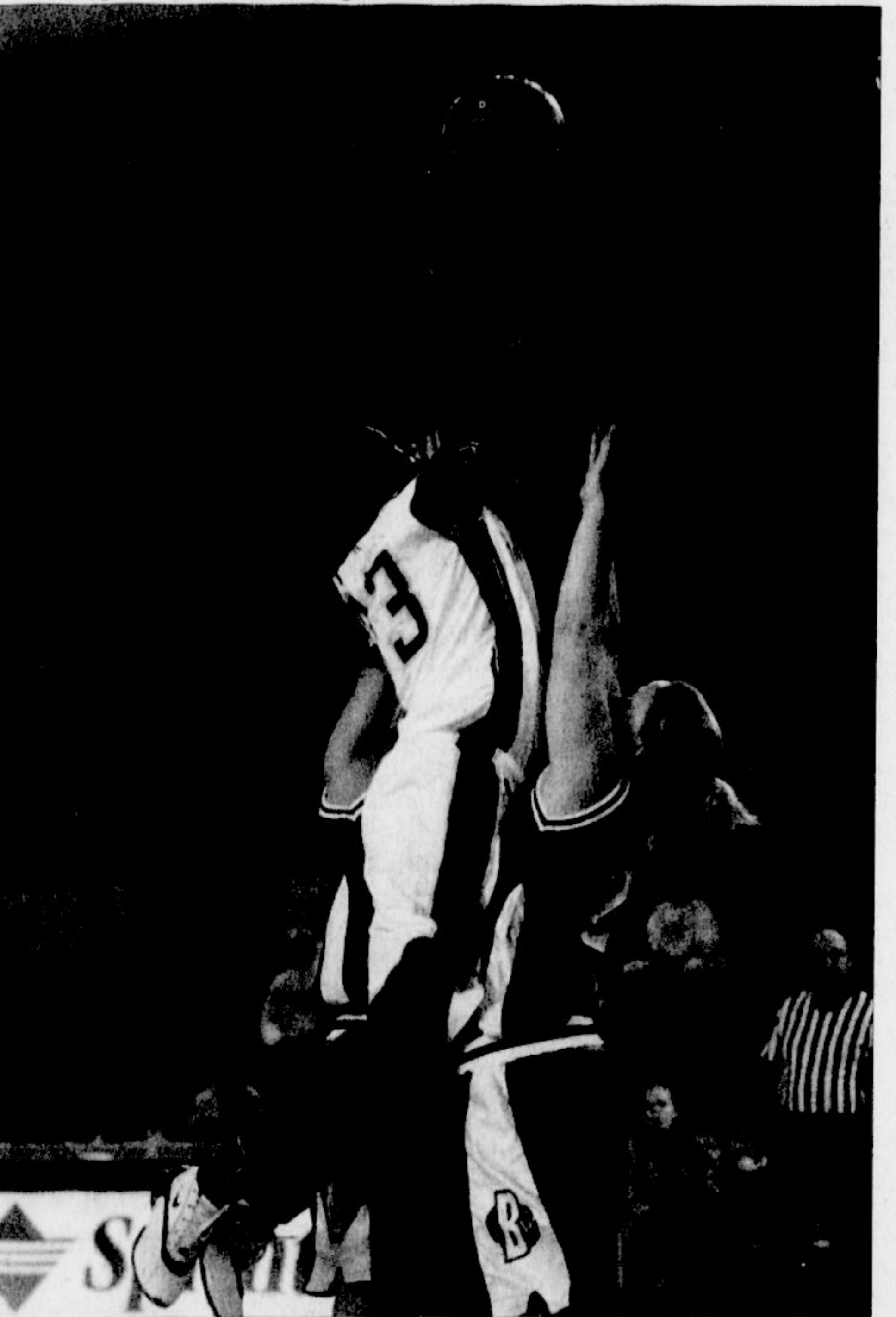
Jackson describes her ninth grade year as a very interesting and educational experience. She was the sixth man for the first part of the season, but soon made the starting lineup. At the end of the year, she received an honorable mention on the All-Region team.

As each year passed, she became better and better and her teammates were also improving. All the hard work and dedication paid off for the team when they won the State Championship in the AA division.

"That was one of the greatest moments in my athletic career," Jackson said.

"We had a great team that year and had many great athletes. It's something that I will never forget."

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Jackson will look to lead the Lady Pirates in 2004-2005.



The Tigers are 2-0 this season with wins over Savannah State and George Mason.

Memphis opens season at No. 24

BRENT WYNNE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Whoever said John Calipari couldn't coach in the NBA was right. He couldn't. But the college scene has been a completely different story for the fiery leader who led UMASS to the top of the college basketball world in the early 1990s. In 2000, after his brief stint with the New Jersey Nets, Calipari returned to the college game to take over at the University of Memphis. Needless to say, he picked up right where he left off.

In his four years as head coach, he has led the Tigers to four straight 20-win seasons, four straight postseason births and three division or conference titles.

The Tigers' four postseason runs included two NCAA appearances in 2003 and 2004, and the NIT Championship in 2002.

The team has compiled the most conference victories, 47, in the last four years of Conference USA play. Calipari has this year's squad poised to defend last year's regular season title and to add double digits to that total once again.

The Tigers entered the 2004

campaign with a preseason ranking of no. 24. That ranking has held steady after two wins against Savannah State and George Mason in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, in which Memphis held the opposition to less than 29 percent shooting in both contests.

Defense will be a key to this year's team after the loss of last year's Conference Player of the Year, Anthony Burks, who averaged 16 points per game and was responsible for even more when one considers the contributions he made as the team's floor general with five assists per game.

So what did Calipari do to replace Burks? Well, he just brought in the nation's top recruiting class as ranked by Hoop Scoop. This marks the second time in his tenure with Memphis that his recruiting class has been number one and every year since his onset, his groups of recruits have annually ranked in the top 10.

The standout in this year's class is Darius Washington Jr. If there ever were such a thing as a quick replacement for Burks, this newcomer would be it. The

6-foot, 1-inch, 185 pound guard can do it all. He averaged 32 ppg in his senior year at high school and he's already proven with a win in the McDonald's All-American Three Point Contest victory he can shoot the trey. Defensively, Washington rebounds like a power forward and plays hard-nosed defense that will give even the conference's elite guards a tough time.

Someone who is used to giving people a tough time is ESPN's 2003-2004 Freshman of the Year, Sean Banks. Banks will be one of the anchors on this year's team and look for the 6-foot, 8-inch power forward to do a little bit of everything.

Banks will have to play big down low and rebound the basketball this season for the Tigers to play the bulky teams like Cincinnati and Louisville competitively. I think Banks will be a double-double machine this year as he's already shown in the first two games by averaging 17.5 ppg and 8 rpg. Banks has only played limited minutes in the first two contests, so expect both

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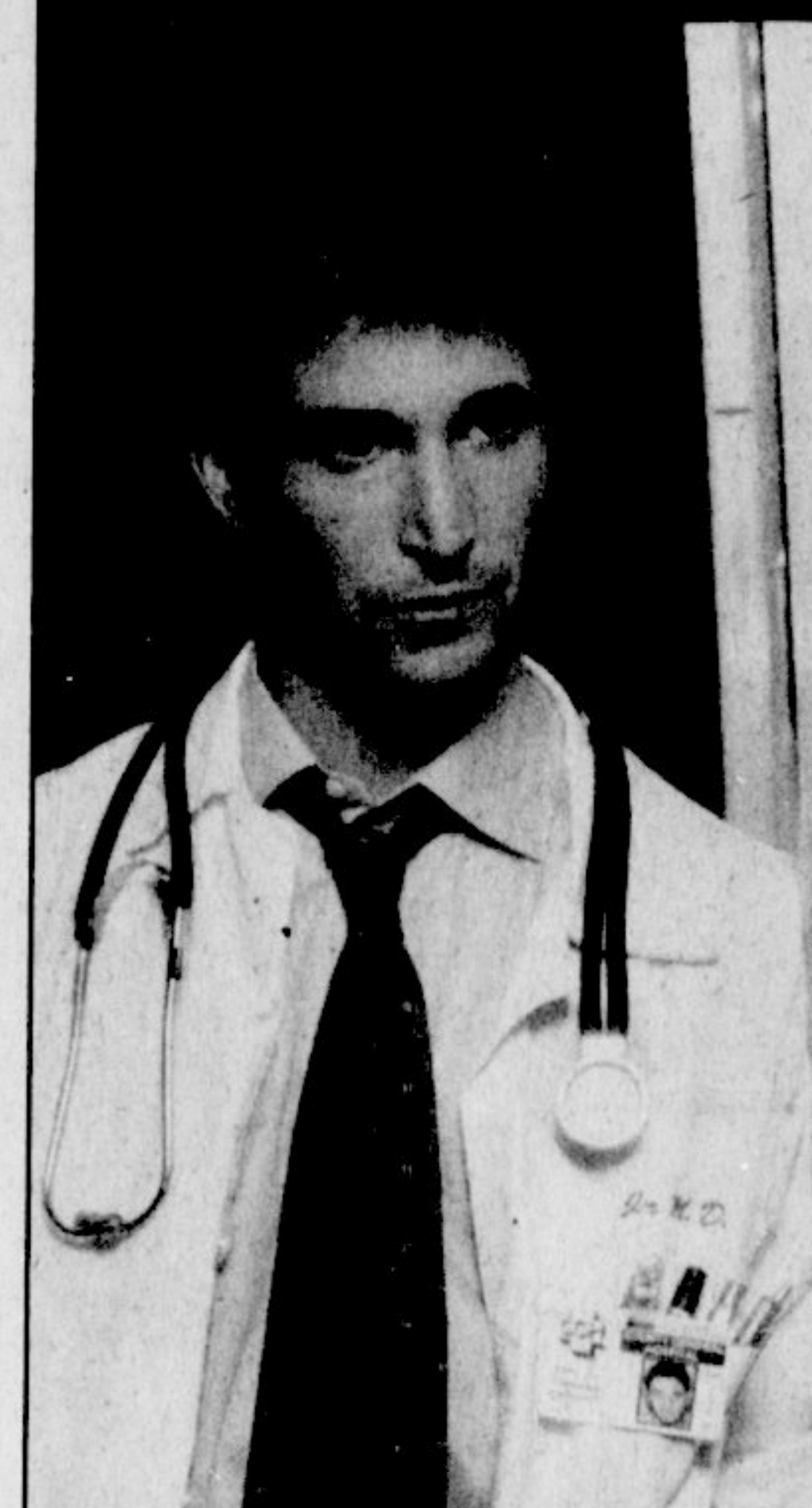


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Thanksgiving wishes from the staff of 'TEC'

On behalf of all of us at *TEC*, we would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

This year, perhaps more than any other, it is important to recognize the gifts in our lives.

TEC is thankful for so much. We are thankful for the education that we are receiving from this fine institution.

We are thankful that one day we will graduate with a degree from this special place and have our experience follow us the rest of our lives.

We are thankful for all of the dedicated staff and faculty members who give us their time and support, like William Clutter, Stephanie Dicken, Marie Britt, Janet Respass, Yvonne Moye and the members of the ECU Media Board.

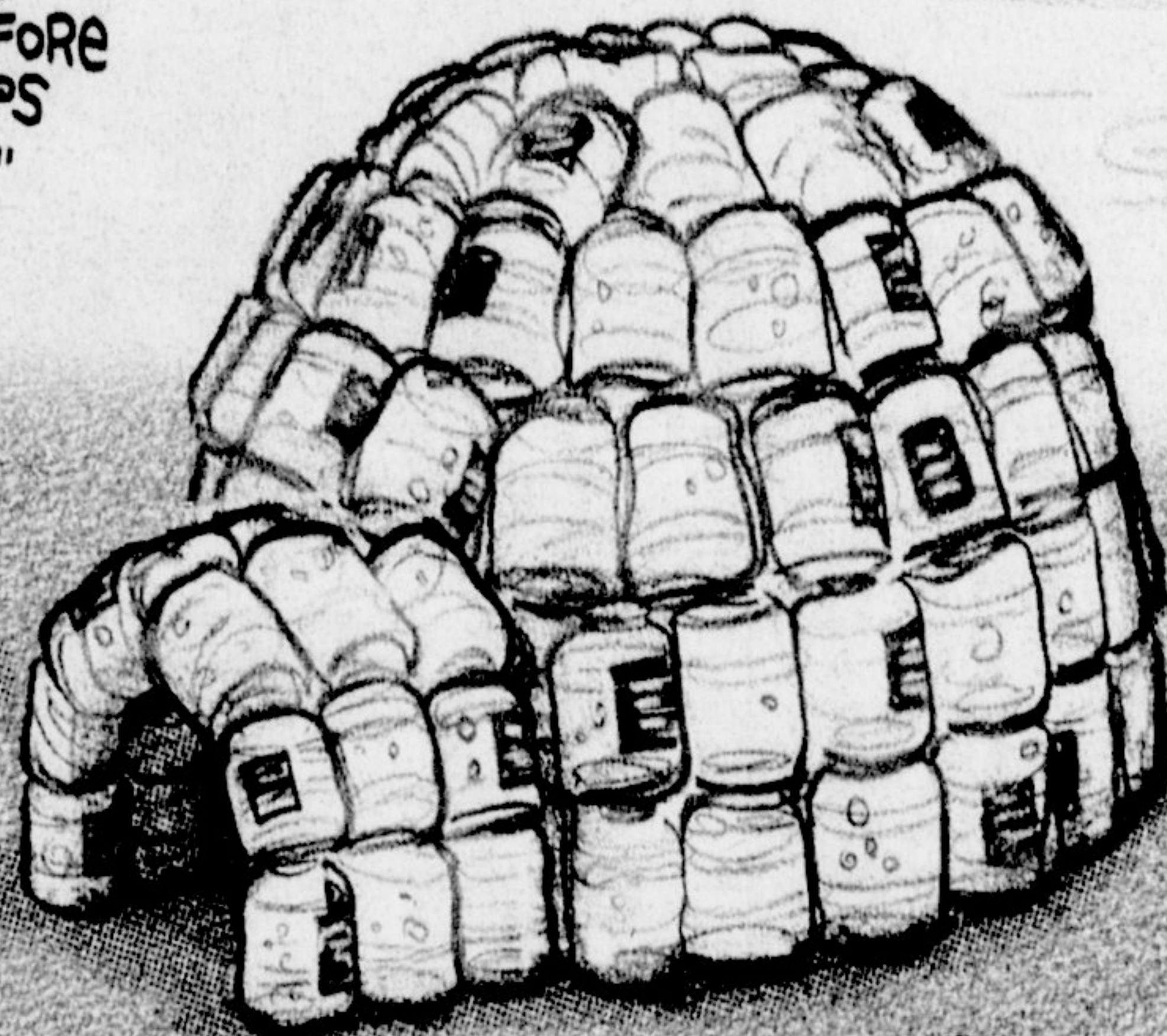
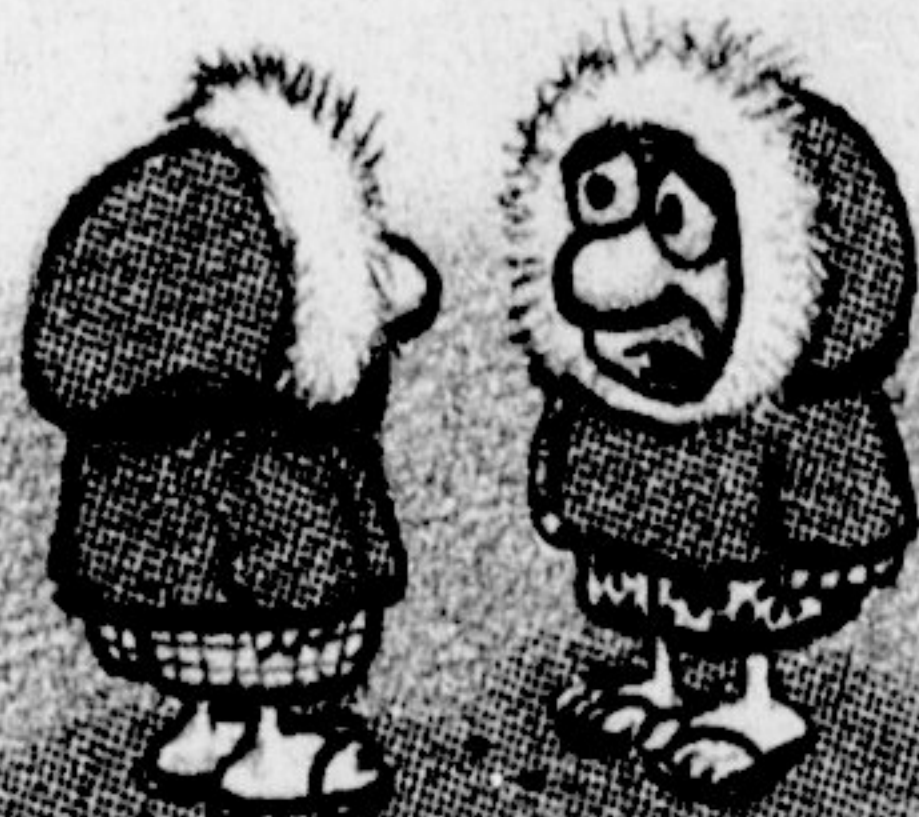
Perhaps more than anything else, we are thankful for being a part of this wonderful country. We are so very thankful for the freedom that being a citizen of the United States grants us.

We wish everyone in the ECU community a safe trip home, whether it means getting on a plane and flying to a destination or getting in your car and driving five miles down the road.

Enjoy the time off and remember to give thanks for the many gifts in your life.

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Opinion Columnist

ECU loses one of its friends

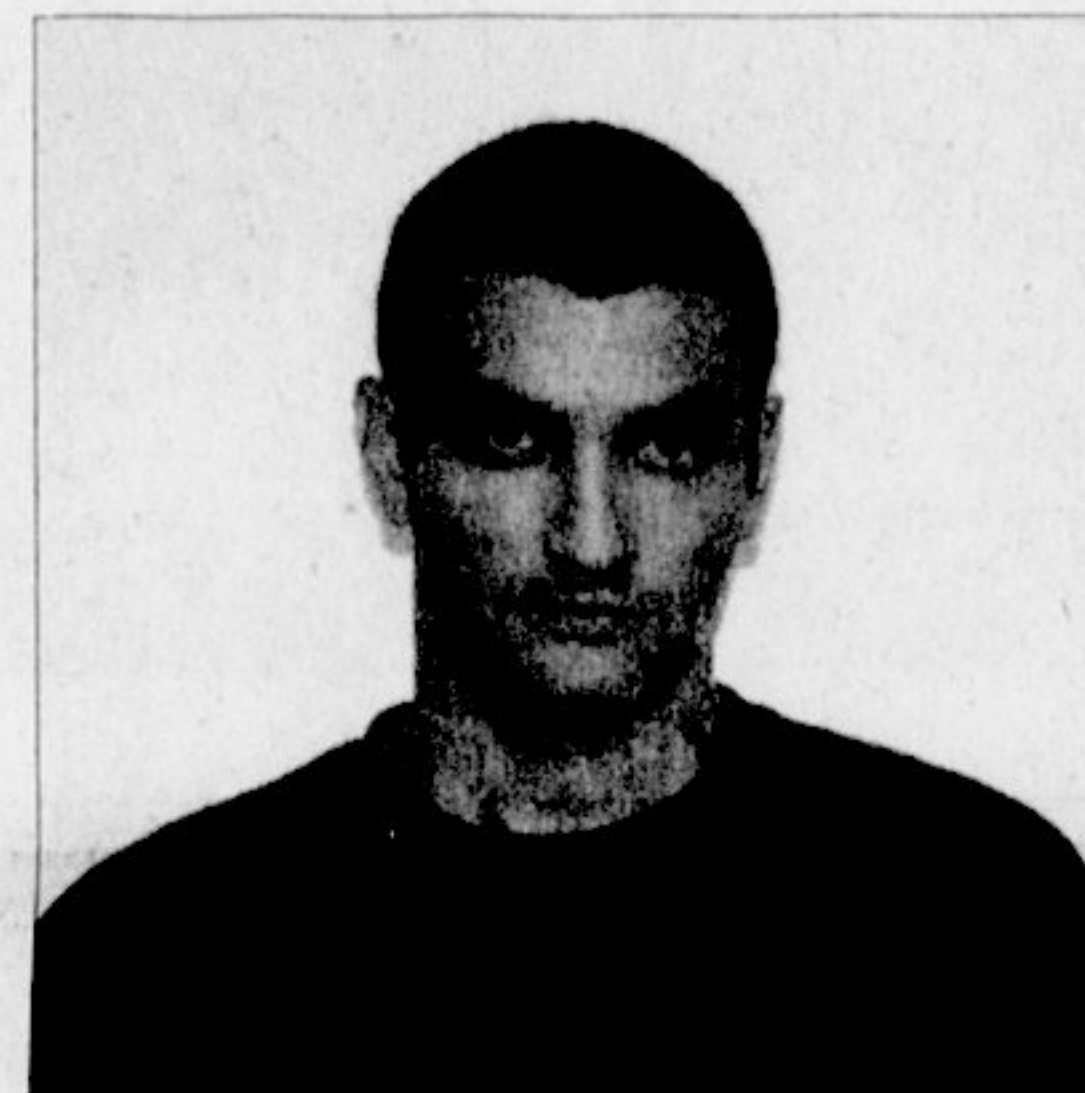
Politics can wait this week

PETER KALAJIAN
STAFF WRITER

No politics this week, folks, sorry to disappoint. I know how you all look forward to reading my column, but there is something more important I would like to bring to everyone's attention.

The ECU community lost one of its shining stars last weekend and I lost a good friend. Kate Italiano, a senior political science major and one of the sweetest people I have ever known, was killed last Friday in a car accident on Route 264 outside of Greenville.

Kate and I knew each other for two years, sharing classes and political discussions, and commiserating over more than a few beers. She was active with the ECU College Republicans on campus and did her part to be involved in the political process, never backing down from her conservative viewpoints, even in the face of my con-



stant haranguing during our western European political science class.

She was dismissive of my liberal rantings and ravings without being disrespectful – a feat often attempted but rarely accomplished, but that was Kate. I never heard her speak a coarse word about anyone and her luminescent smile could invigorate even the most stressed out, downtrodden classroom. She was involved without being callous – something I wish I could say

about myself – and her passing marks a sad day, both for me, her family and friends and the ECU community as a whole. Kate was a blinding light amidst a sea of overwhelming political ignorance, and I would like to extend my deepest condolences to her family and boyfriend.

If you love someone, tell them. Kiss your children whenever possible and let them know how special they are. Never let an opportunity to make your true feelings known pass you by, because life is fragile. In the blink of an eye, it can all be over.

Wherever you are Kate, I hope it is better than the world you left. I consider myself privileged to have known you and ECU was lucky to have had you as a student. May the golden trumpeters of heaven welcome you amidst the angels. You will be missed.

P.S. Kate, I know you never had the chance to gloat over the Bush victory, at least not to me, so let me take this opportunity. You were right, I was wrong. Your Republican Party was triumphant.

In My Opinion

Thompson fired, Holland means business

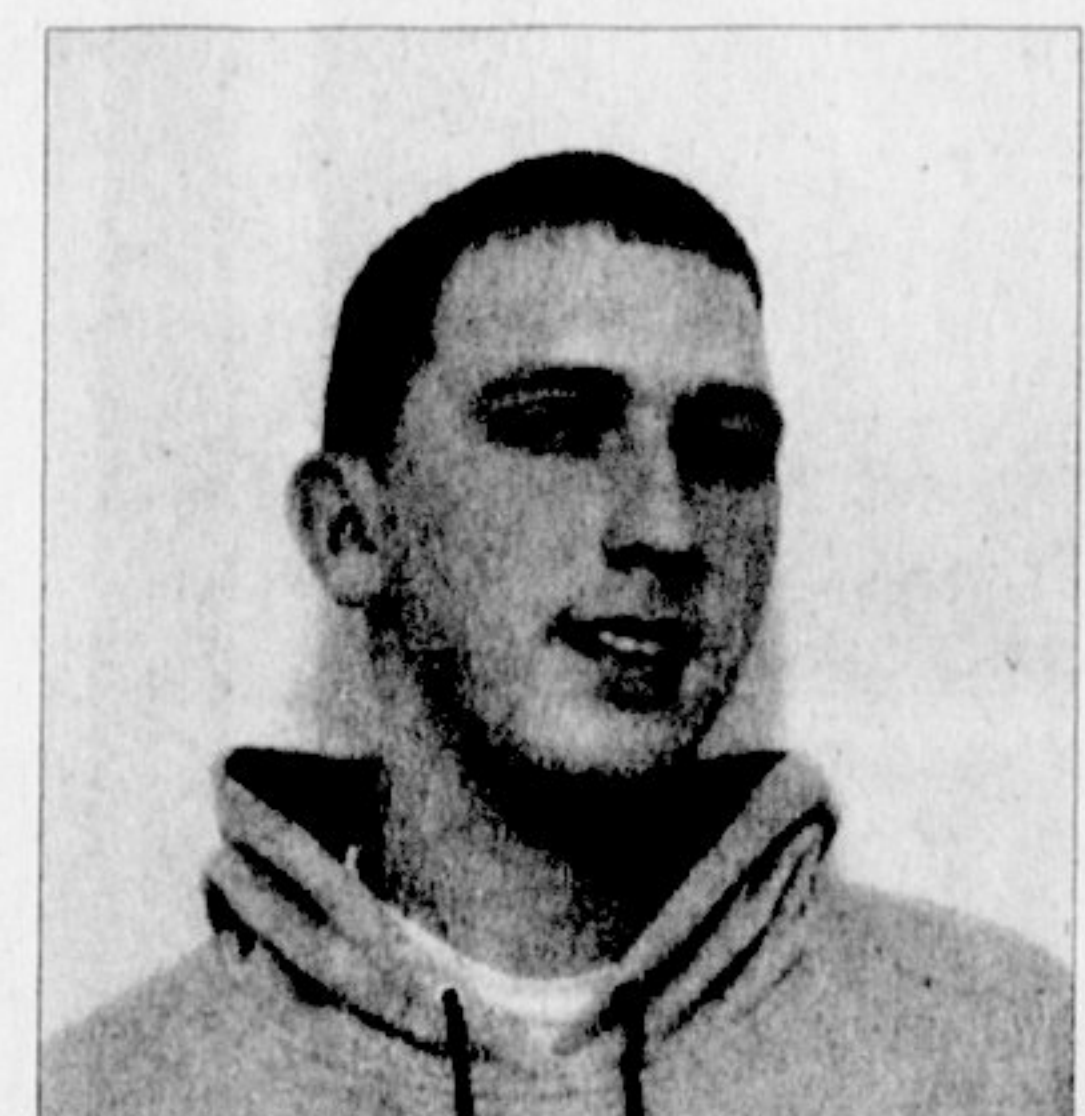
Forced resignation not fair

JOHN BREAM
STAFF WRITER

We're sorry coach Thompson. What happened yesterday was incredibly unfair. We salute you as a warrior who did your best to put out the best team you could every week. The situation you walked into was not enviable, but you gave it your best, even without great players to help you build a team. Your class was evident at the press conference. Your heart was with this ECU program. You never quit on us – the administration quit on you. We thank you for the effort and heart you put into this football program. We're sorry you weren't given enough time to make a true impact. We hope the next program that hires you will treat you with more respect and dignity than ECU.

In case you missed it, one of the saddest moments of ECU football history occurred yesterday at 3 p.m. Head Coach John Thompson was forced to resign effective at the end of this season. This decision was very disappointing for Pirate faithful, and Thompson is certainly undeserving of this. It has to be hard to continue to shell out \$350,000 per year to a coach who has only amassed three wins (3-18) in two years as the Pirates' head coach, but this is certainly not his fault. What the decision really reflects is new Athletic Director Terry Holland, means business, and losing will not be tolerated at ECU.

This firing was entirely unfair, and moreover, came at the wrong time. Thompson inherited a team from former coach, Steve Logan, that



was clearly one of the worst teams in Conference USA. Everyone knew that the 2003 football season was going to be especially painful as ECU rebuilt its program. Logan left a team whose leader was the abominable, Paul Troth. We all remember that nightmare. No one expected Thompson to automatically be the savior of ECU's program. Building a successful football team is all about recruiting – a process that takes years.

But this is the most unfortunate part of the saga. Thompson had no chance to recruit. He wasn't hired until December 2002, so in reality, 2004 is Thompson's only true recruiting class. Recruiting a successful program takes years because of the critical importance of establishing a reputation. Let's face it – ECU is in a horrible recruiting situation. North Carolina does not put out a lot of football talent each year, especially in comparison with states such as Texas or Florida. ECU has four programs in North Carolina to compete with. If you're an outstanding athlete, what incentive does ECU offer you to come here? There's no BCS bowl for

C-USA. C-USA is falling apart. The conference is replacing Louisville, South Florida, Cincinnati, TCU and Army with Marshall, SMU, Rice, Tulsa and UTEP. Except for Marshall, none of these teams have established football reputations, and even Marshall has been down in recent years (5 - 5 this year).

Thompson expanded the ECU recruiting base into Florida, where his name still has great recognition as one of the great defensive masterminds in college football. Thompson is a great recruiter. But, now, unless we are able to hire a big name coach again (look at how we treated Thompson, who'd want to come here? But, Holland has major connections, so who knows?), it looks like recruiting concentration will be back on talent-poor eastern North Carolina. Even the best coaches can't win with inferior talent, and ECU is not as talented as the other programs in C-USA. The remedy to this is time – but that luxury was not afforded to Thompson.

Why now, Holland? This has to be demoralizing for our players. Couldn't you wait 10 more days until our season is over? How can this possibly help our team prepare for a tough match against the high-flying Memphis offense this week and the critical showdown against NC State next week? The NC State game is so important for recruiting purposes and pride in this state. I guess building for next season and coach shopping 10 days early must have been more important.

Again, coach Thompson, we're sorry. Thank you for two years of service at ECU. We hope that good fortune, lots of wins and better treatment follows you in your coaching career.

Pirate Rants

Just when the hip-hop world was looking more positive, there is a stabbing at the Vibe awards. Grow up guys, and leave the streets behind when you make your first million.

I cut my nose hair, does that make me a metrosexual?

If I want to wear my snow boots, John Deere hat and Duke sweatshirt with a mini skirt, then let me and shut up about it. Who made you the fashion police?

Why is it necessary for couples to kiss and cuddle at the Rec Center? It's bad enough trying not to feel sick when you are working out let alone watching two people walk around the track making out. At the gym? C'mon, save it for your own personal time.

Ever eat one of those "fun" size candy bars? What the hell is so fun about a small a** candy bar?

Hey, I'm the lazy guy in the group projects that you people seem to bash. If you only understood my importance. While the rest of the group is working diligently, I am making off-topic comments about what my friend did when he was drunk. I'm hitting on the girl next to me while you go about the project. Yeah, I showed up 15 minutes late for the meeting, but I had to catch the end of "Real World/Road Rules Challenge." They were voting Adam off – how could I miss that? I repeat information that has just been said to make it look like I am contributing while I am thinking what a sucker the leader is.

Why is John Thompson leaving? Any coach with the poor players and turmoil we have would have trouble winning games. Give him a chance!

When you are in a building with three floors, and your class is on the third, if you are able, take the stairs. There are people who need the elevators that are having to wait because of your lazy butt.

Who is this new athletic director? We're not Virginia, and we're not in the ACC. A quick fix isn't gonna happen.

It figures that it would take a homosexual to quantify what a metrosexual is – a metrosexual is a man who prides himself on his appearance. He spends time and money on the way he appears to his peers, superiors and even his family. Some would say that they could be gay, but no, they are not. There is a difference between a straight man with gay tendencies and a gay man, like me, who is just straight up gay.

I have to agree with the person who said the Opinion page is becoming boring. All we read about is Tony McKee's hatred for the Democratic Party and Peter Kalajian's condescending attitude toward anyone not like him. I really feel it's time to hire some new people because there are so many other issues that need to be discussed in politics.

If Parking and Traffic is going to financially exploit students further by putting meters up everywhere, then raising the price of them, please maintain them – there is no excuse for five or more meters to be jammed or out of order!

I wish the library would take some of the faculty study rooms and convert them to student group study ones. The faculty ones are never unlocked and they are always empty while students fight over the group study rooms. We students should have more quiet areas in the library to study.

When did Kid Rock forget that he used to rap nonsensically? Someone should probably let him know about 1998.

Some of these rants are about as funny as a fart in a space suit. Make them more witty, please!

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the honeymoon ended. Frustration from Thompson was evident because his pathway to success is built on patience.

Lost in the transaction are the players. The seemingly forgotten commodity will probably have to learn new offensive and defensive systems, their third in five years. Offensively for James Pinkney, he will learn his fourth offense in as many years. The team will send off only four senior starters. Young guns Travis Williams, Chris Johnson and Patrick Pinkney all provide some hope for the future.

Even so, the Pirate ship must still set sail. With the timing of Thompson's resignation, Holland undoubtedly has a new coach in mind. Speculation and rumor will flood all media outlets and Internet message boards, but only one man knows for sure where the Pirates' destination is.

This new hire will help to mark Holland's legacy. Speculation has centered on former long-time Georgia Head Coach Jim Donnan. Donnan was replaced by current Head Coach Mark Richt. Donnan, an NC State

graduate now serves as an analyst for college football on espn.com and is rumored to have expressed some interest in the job.

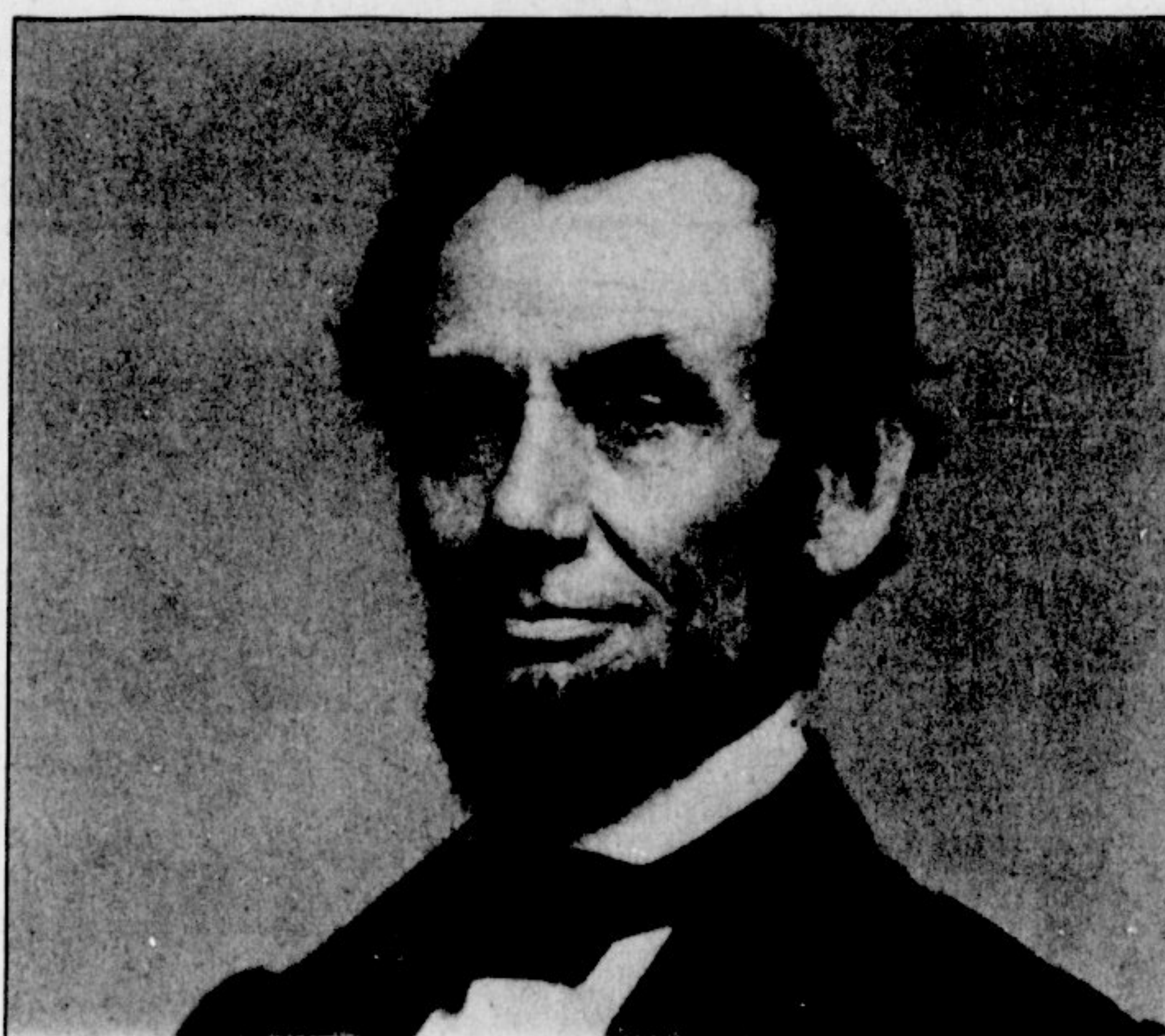
Because Steve Spurrier attended the Tulane game, many believe that he is a candidate. However, the University of South Carolina has seemingly tied up the ole ball coach once Lou Holtz departs.

Jerry Kill highlights other possible names in the Division I-AA ranks. The Southern Illinois coach resurrected a program that had not been to the playoffs in 20 years. He now touts the number one ranked team nationally in I-AA after a conference championship last season.

Whoever is at the helm when the Pirates kick off the 2005 campaign will have to unite the now polarized fan base. The new coach will have to be a name that makes ECU fans pony up some dollars to combat a staggering financial problem.

Let's just hope that he's not a nice guy. We don't want to finish last.

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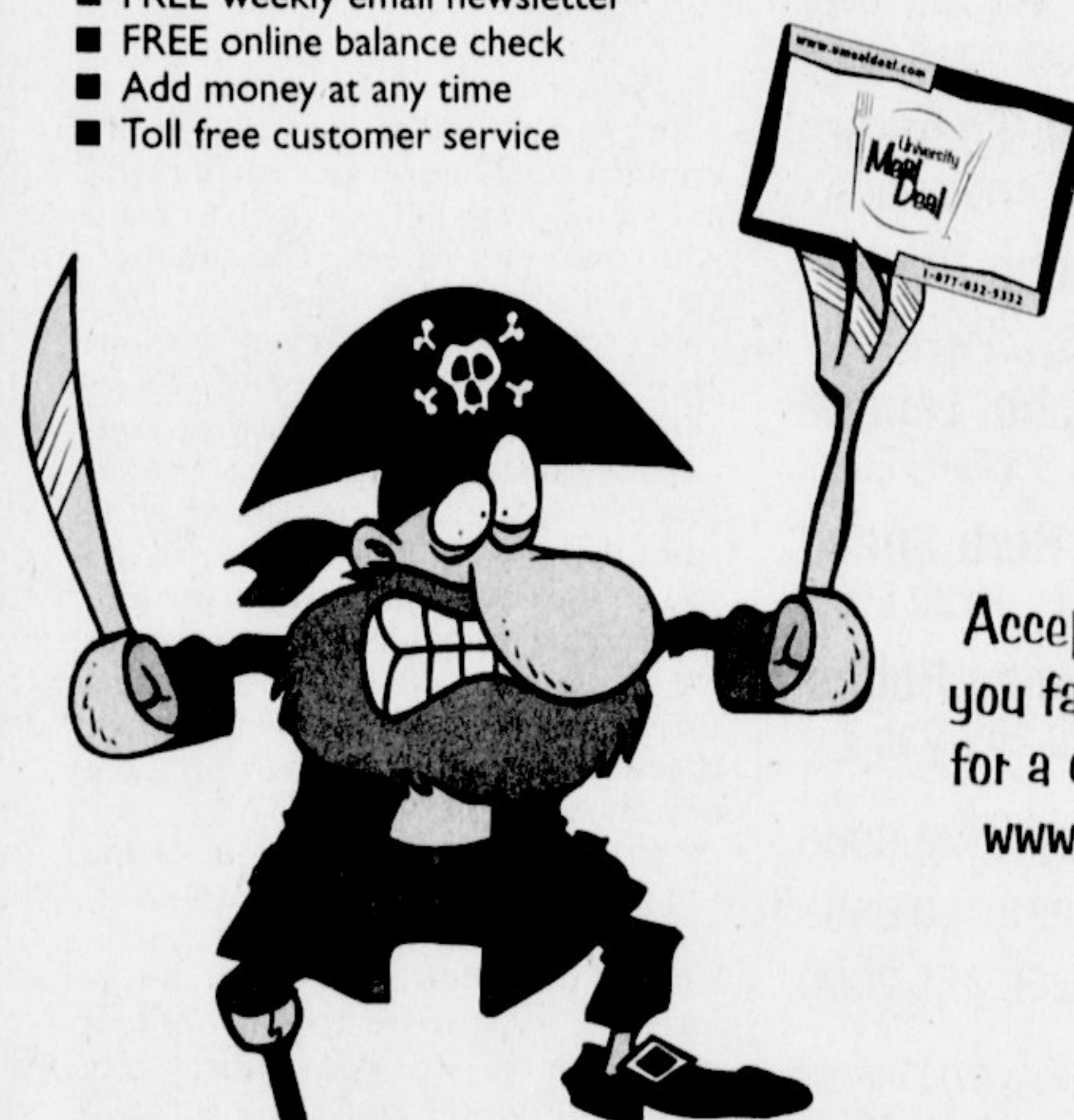
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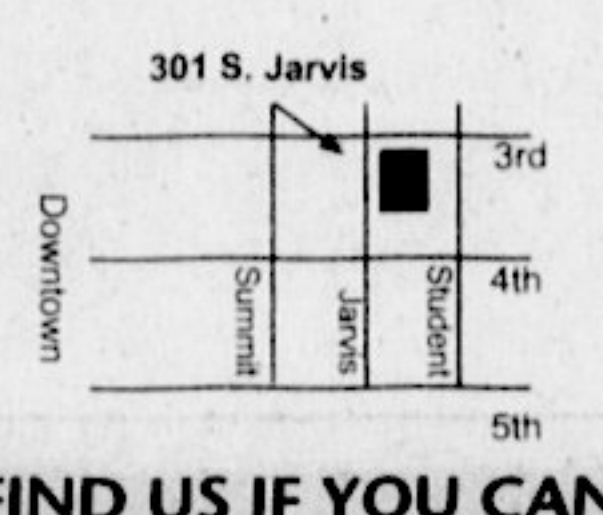
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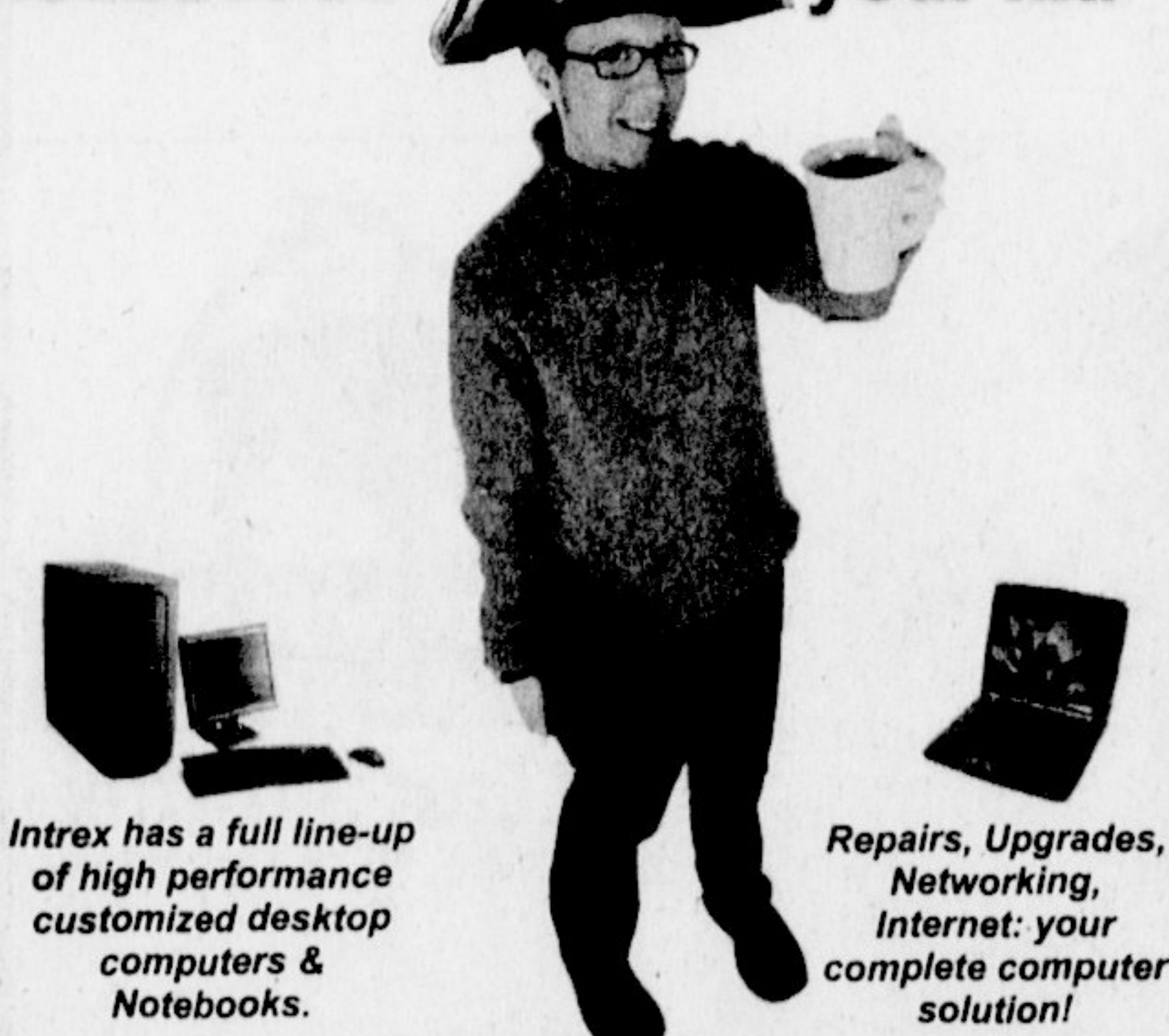
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Jackson also came close to the Player of the Year award but lost by one vote to a girl named Samantha Pankey.

Heard of her? You should have - she's one of Jackson's current teammates.

However, things didn't go exactly as Jackson planned her freshman year at ECU. With seven freshmen and a fresh start in Conference USA, the Lady Pirates didn't have a great season. Not only were they losing a lot of games, Jackson also wasn't connecting with the coaches like she had hoped.

"Me and the coaches just weren't on the same page. I didn't really know what type of player they wanted me to be, I just wasn't having fun," Jackson said.

Things started to change for the better when all of the sudden Head Coach Dee Stokes resigned

in the middle of the season. It shocked both players and assistant coaches alike.

"We all couldn't believe that they just left so quickly. It was like she was at our practice then she was gone, it made it hard to finish the season," Jackson said.

Enter current Head Coach Sharon Baldwin-Tener and cue Jackson's breakout sophomore season.

She averaged 17 points and seven rebounds per game, became the second leading scorer for the Lady Pirates and was lights out in the clutch. She was also named MVP of the team and was named third team All-Conference.

"I felt like I had a lot to prove that year because I didn't get to show my skills during my freshman year," Jackson said.

"I just wanted to go out there and play and hoped that good things

would happen."

Then opposing teams started to plan for her. She was a scoring threat and teams doubled her every chance they could get. She now had to maintain the status she had attained. But that proved to be difficult as she only averaged 14 points per game and six rebounds per game. She was still named to the third team All-Conference.

"I didn't feel pressure at first but then as more people began to talk about it, I started thinking about it. I let it get to me and it affected my game, I was disappointed in myself because each year I wanted to get better," Jackson said.

This year Jackson hopes to come back as a legitimate scoring threat and help her team reach the NCAA Tournament. Being her senior year, this is her last

year to reach her goals, but she knows this year's team is capable of shocking everyone with the athletes they have.

"I am ready to compete this year, we have a great team and people who are hardworking and dedicated to our system. The other seniors have been stepping up day in and day out and with that kind of leadership we can only do great things," Jackson said.

"I have a quote that I try to live by everyday and that is 'Don't focus on the outcome, focus on the process'. That basically means if you focus on the outcome, you will eliminate the process and forget to do the little things which will hurt the outcome."

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Badiane because he was ruled ineligible due to his participation in a summer league game. Through it all, it didn't matter.

"We wanted the game more," Herrion said after the game.

"These guys aren't afraid out there."

Freshman Tom Hammonds, Jr. notched 14 points in his first collegiate game. The 6-foot, 4-inch swing guard finished four-of-five from downtown during his 25 minutes of play. Two of the four were in a critical stretch that helped to jump-start the second half run.

Fellow freshman Jonathan Hart led the Pirates on the glass with 12 rebounds. The 6-foot, 6-inch freshman grabbed seven offensive boards and also added six crucial points. Hart showed poise late when he stepped out and drilled a pivotal 17-footer with nearly four minutes remaining to keep the lead in double digits.

"We think he is a good

athlete that has a chance to be a really good player," Herrion said after the game.

"With Moussa out, we needed to get someone to step up. Believe it or not, he was probably the MVP of the game."

Newcomer Josh King also hit three three-pointers in his 18 minutes on the floor. The reigning North Carolina State Player of the Year notched his 11 points when Pepperdine switched to zone.

Paul Westphal's team led at the half 39-33. The Waves were up eight in the first half with the Pirates in foul trouble. Frontcourt players Mike Castro and Corey Rouse both had two fouls at the intermission.

In the second-half, both Castro and Rouse took over. The duo grabbed seven and six rebounds respectively and also combined for 18 points. The Pirates out-rebound the taller Pepperdine by four, which is by

leaps and bounds better than the effort ECU put up against Barton a week ago when the Pirates were outrebounded by the Division II Bulldogs, 47-43.

"Rouse played tremendous," Herrion said.

"Our frontcourt kids played really well."

Mike Cook led all scores with 21 points. Cook notched ten of his 21 from the charity stripe.

"Cook is our leader out there," Herrion said.

"He does so much for us," Kingsley Costain led the Waves with 15 points.

ECU is now 3-1 all-time at the RBC Center. With a win today, the Pirates can advance to the championship game. The Pirates will move onto the second round of the three-day tournament and will face Oregon State at 9 p.m. tonight.

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as the season enters its middle to late stages.

The Tigers will look to junior Rodney Carney to help carry the bulk of the scoring load along with Banks and Washington. Carney, a 6-foot, 7-inch forward is a good scorer who can step out and hit from the perimeter as well as back down and use his strength to muscle opponents down low. He averaged 13 ppg last season and hit a career high six trifectas against South Carolina in the NCAA tournament. Carney rebounds the ball well for a small forward and gets his fair share of blocks, as he collected 32 last season alone.

Some of the Tigers' key role players will include Jeremy Hunt, Joey Dorsey, Anthony Rice and Duane Erwin.

Hunt, a junior guard, has been effective thus far in the

young season averaging 10 ppg and grabbed nine boards against Savannah State in the opener. Expect to see him and Washington split time at the point guard slot.

Another one of Calipari's freshman gems is Joey Dorsey. Dorsey, who went to Laurinburg Prep in NC, has averaged a double-double in his first two regular season games with 10 ppg and 14 rpg. This may turn out to be the Tigers' biggest impact freshman after the dust settles.

Anthony Rice, who made some huge three-point baskets down the stretch in Memphis' hard fought victory last season at ECU, will continue to loom in the shadows of Banks and Hunt this season, which will make him all the more dangerous. His pure touch from the outside

is scary and when he gets hot, every one in the given arena will know it.

The wild card for the Tigers could be senior Duane Erwin. Not known for his scoring ability, the 6-foot, 9-inch forward has improved dramatically in the off-season, and will make his presence felt with his shot-blocking ability and on the boards. His 44 blocks and 6.3 rpg, were a big reason for the Tigers' late season push last year. As an improved scoring threat, teams may find themselves clueless as to how to guard a Memphis team that will have so many weapons.

One of those weapons, though not a player, still will prove to be un-guardable. That weapon is the Memphis home court advantage. Playing in their final games in The Pyramid last year, the Tigers

rolled to 21 straight victories and bring that streak into a new season and a new arena in the Fed Ex Forum, which also will play home to the Memphis Grizzlies of the NBA.

The C-USA tournament will be held there this season and I'm going to go ahead and make my prediction. It'll be the Tigers playing in front of their home crowd for the C-USA championship.

This is a dangerous team, not only in the scope of the conference, but nationally as well. Don't be surprised to see the Tigers still standing come Final Four time.

Think I'm crazy? Think again in March.

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ECU Volleyball ready for C-USA Tournament

No. 9 Lady Pirates prepare for Houston

DAVID WASKIEWICZ
STAFF WRITER

With the regular season now behind them, the ECU Volleyball Team has set their sights on a new target, the Conference USA Tournament. The Lady Pirates come into the tournament ninth seeded and are scheduled to play Houston in round one. ECU hopes history does not repeat itself, as the Lady Cougars already swept the team earlier this season.

"I feel we have a really good chance in the first round against

Houston," said ECU assistant coach Ryan Manning.

"We lost to them earlier this season but we have improved since then. We are looking forward to it."

Sophomore Kelly McAnelly has led the way for the Lady Cougars this season. With her 432 kills, ECU has to be aware of her presence on the court. Junior Kariny Ritter is also a big presence. Ritter has racked up 303 kills as well as leading her team in serving aces with 28. Defensively, junior Jaci Gonzalez leads the team in digs with 576. Overall, Houston hits .163 as a team.

Houston handed ECU their first conference loss of the season earlier this year, so the Lady

Pirates are quite aware of what the Lady Cougars are capable of. In their previous match ECU junior Erica Wilson led her team in kills with 10. A similar performance from Wilson would be key in hopes of a win this weekend.

Wilson, junior Paige Howell and sophomore Jaime Bevan continue to lead the Lady Pirates in offense as each player has more than 250 kills. Junior Johanna Bertini leads the team in digs with 438. Overall ECU is hitting .187 as a team this season.

Despite being in the C-USA tournament, Manning assured there will be no changes and the team will continue to prepare for this game as they have done every other game this year.

"There is not going to be much difference in practice," Manning said.

"We just need to focus on playing hard and continue to improve in practice."

If the Lady Pirates can pull out a win against Houston, they will have their hands full as they face number one seeded Louisville. The Lady Cardinals defeated ECU just two weeks ago at their home and will definitely want to do it again this weekend.

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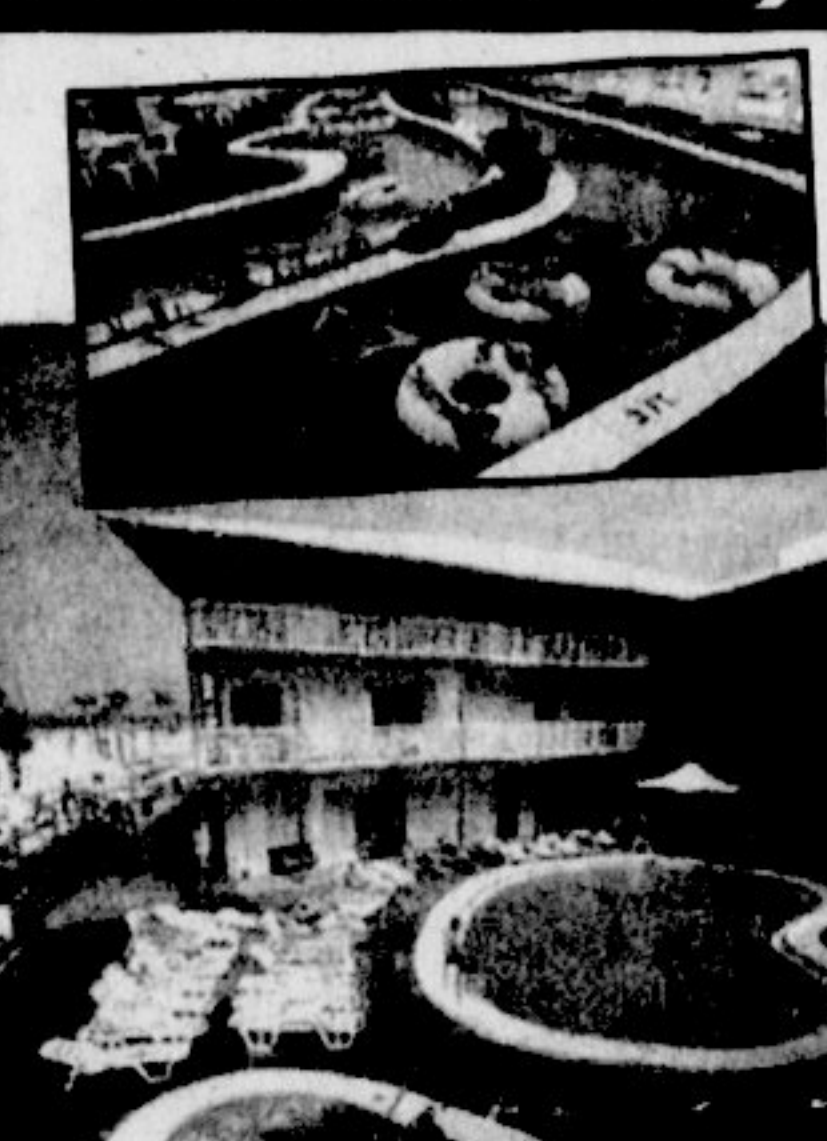
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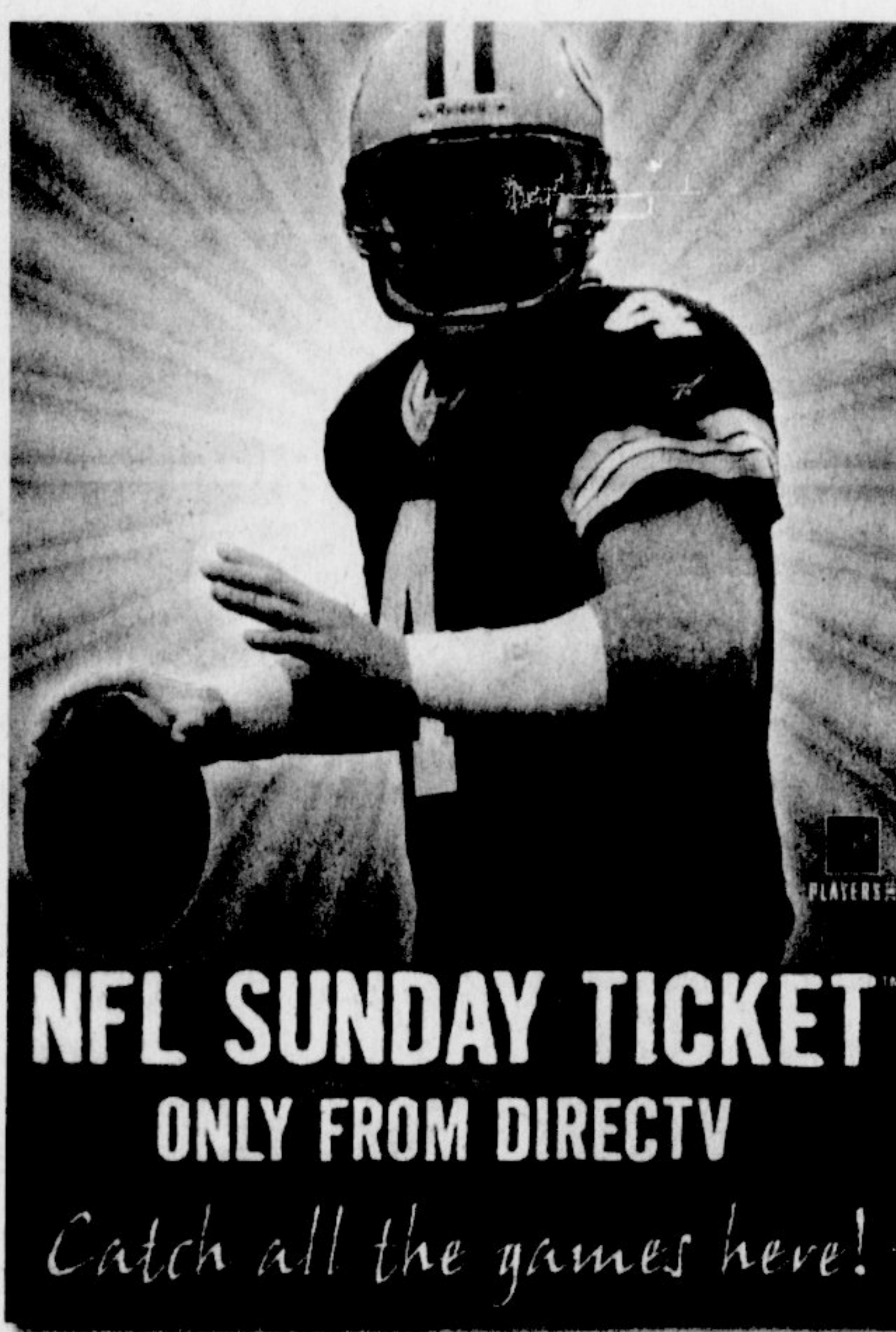
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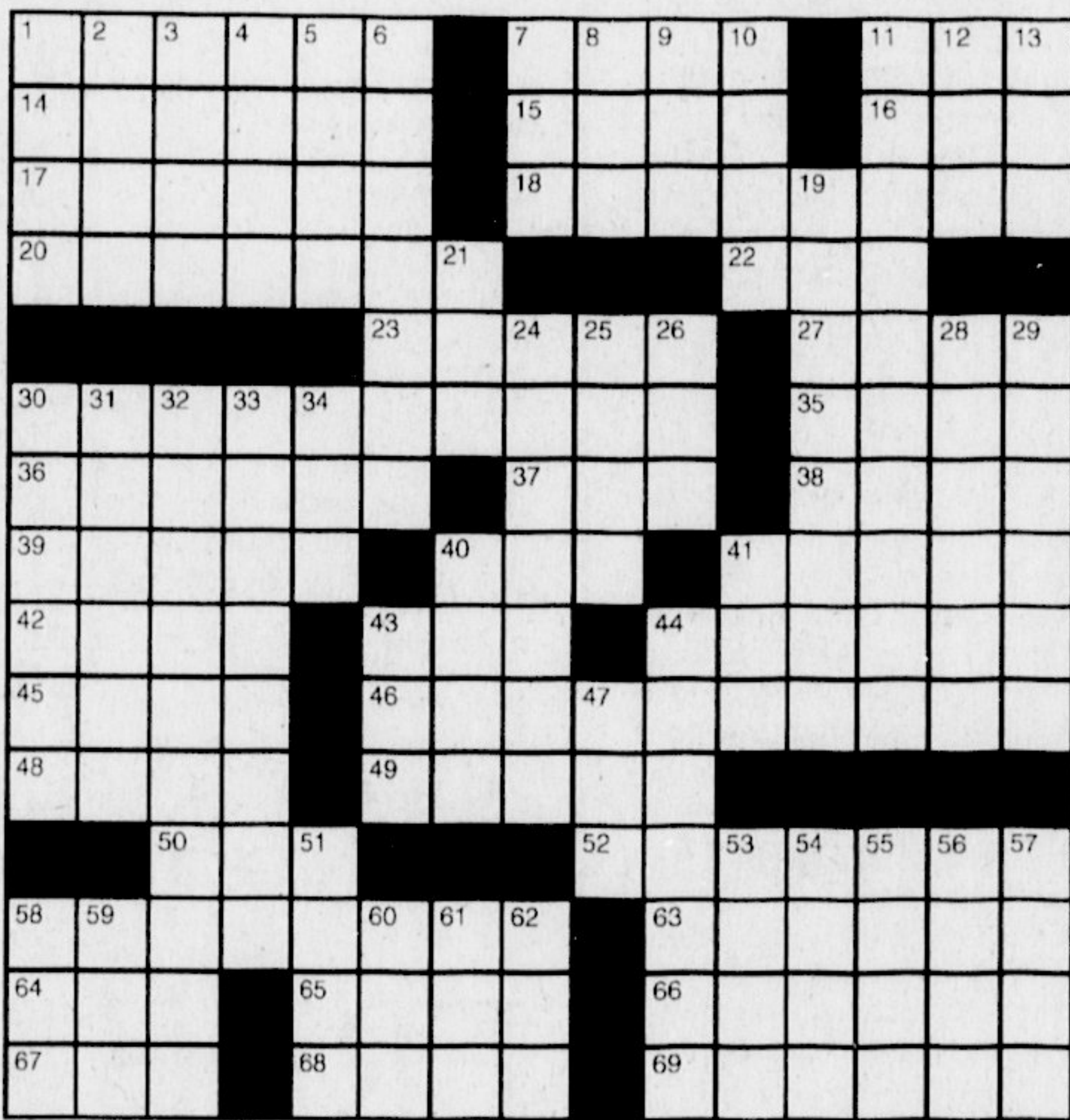
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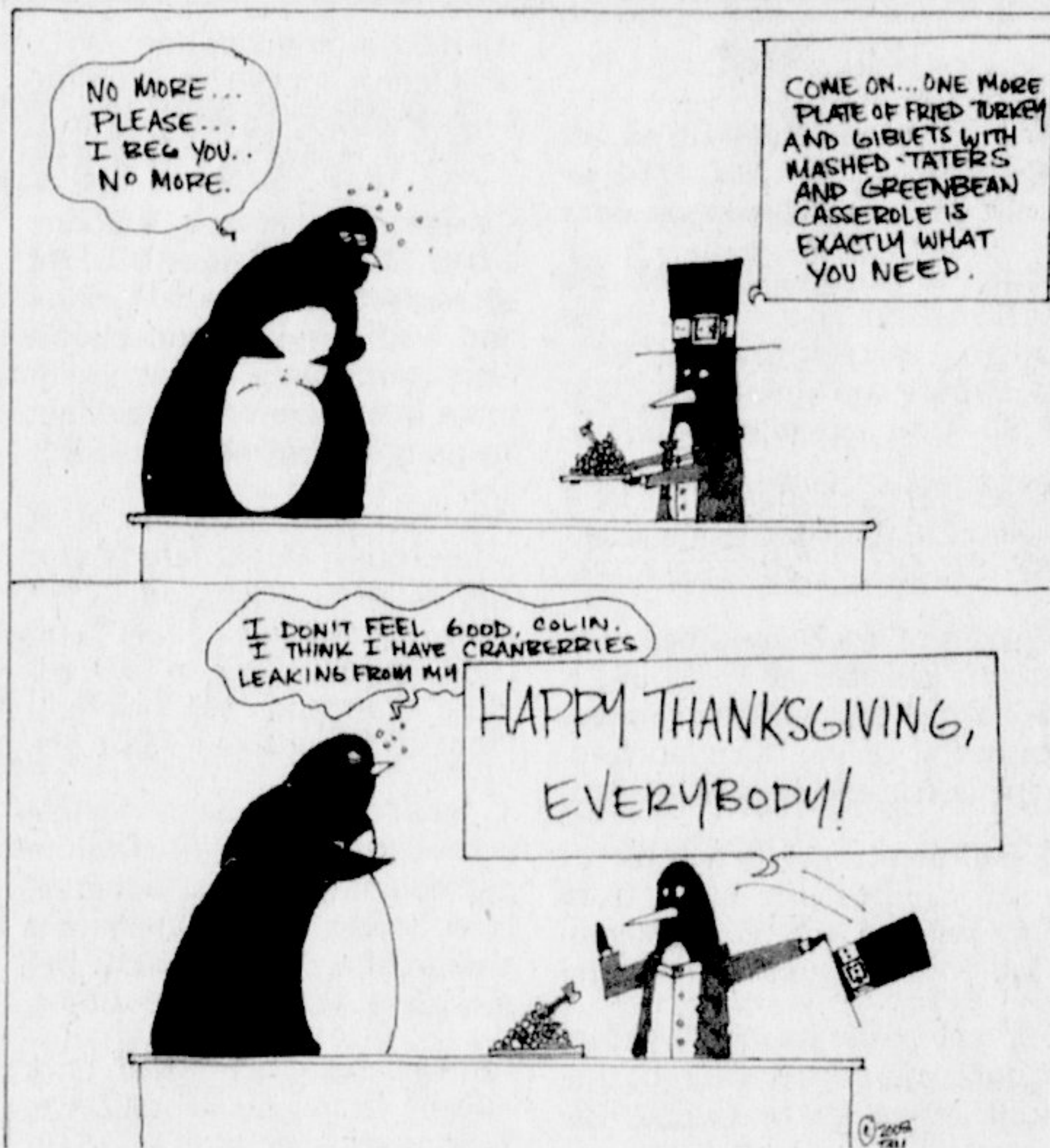
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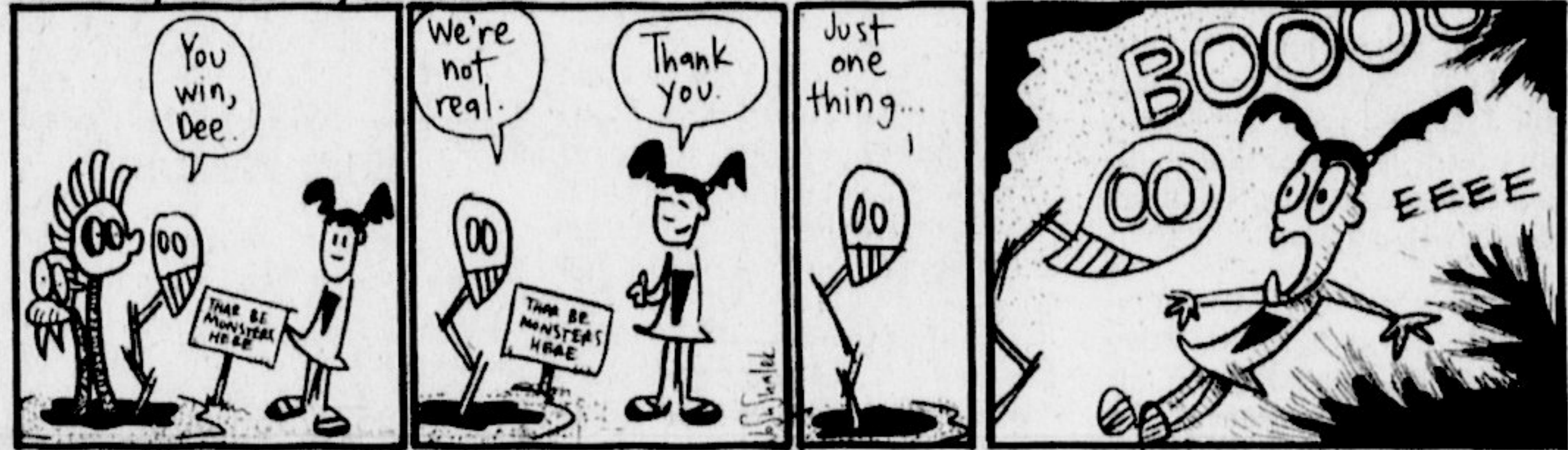


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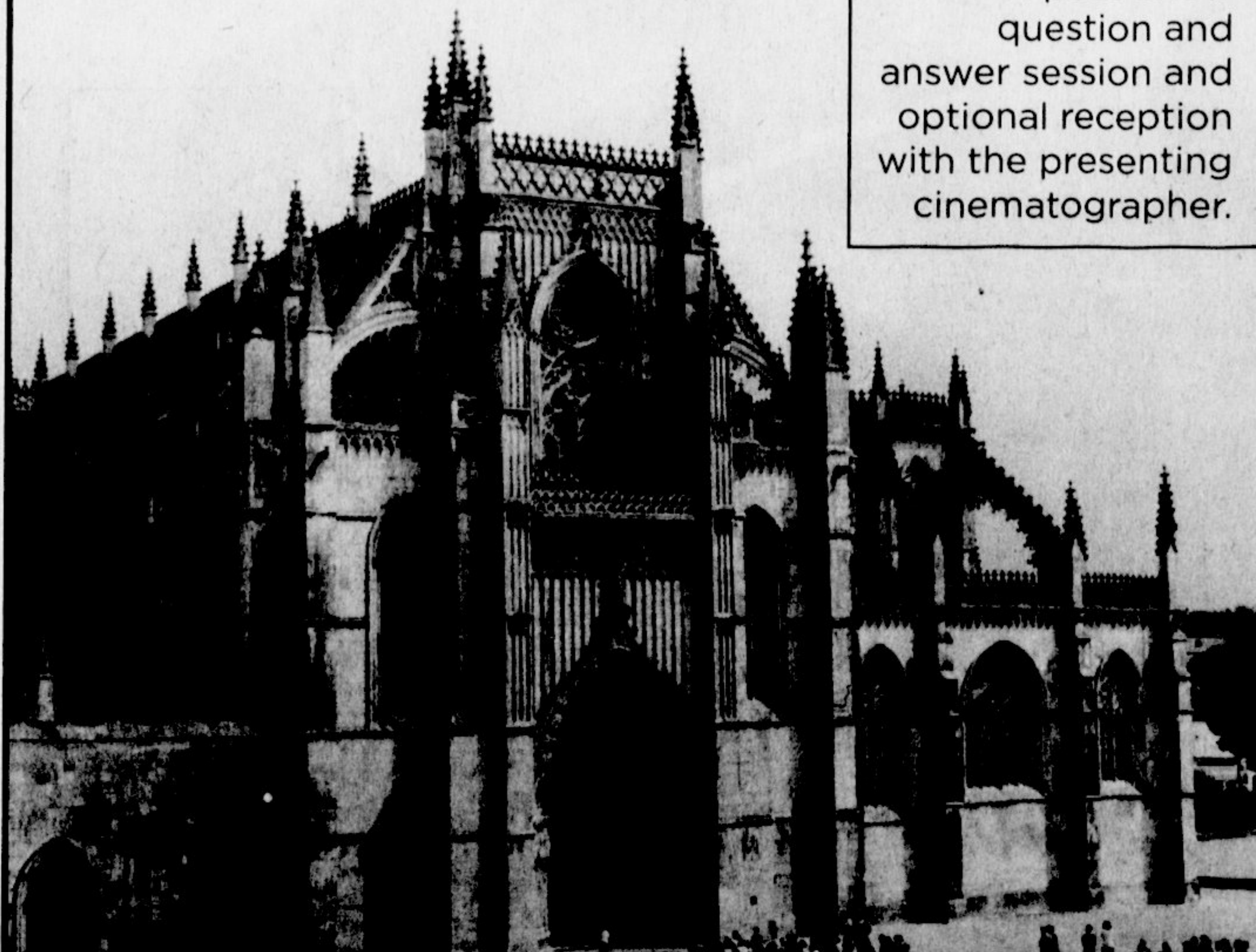
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Sigma Sigma Sigma would like to remind everyone that its time for our annual Rock-A-Thon. Get sponsors and/or be a sponsor- all proceeds benefit Robbie Paige Memorial! Special thanks to Jessica M. for all her hard work and to the residents of The Big Johnston for always showing us a good time!

The sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma want to thank Theta Beta Pi for the social on Friday. We can't wait to do it again.

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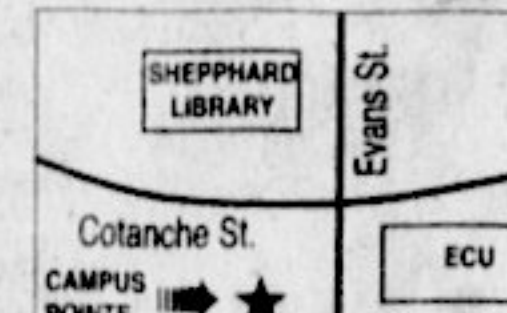
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