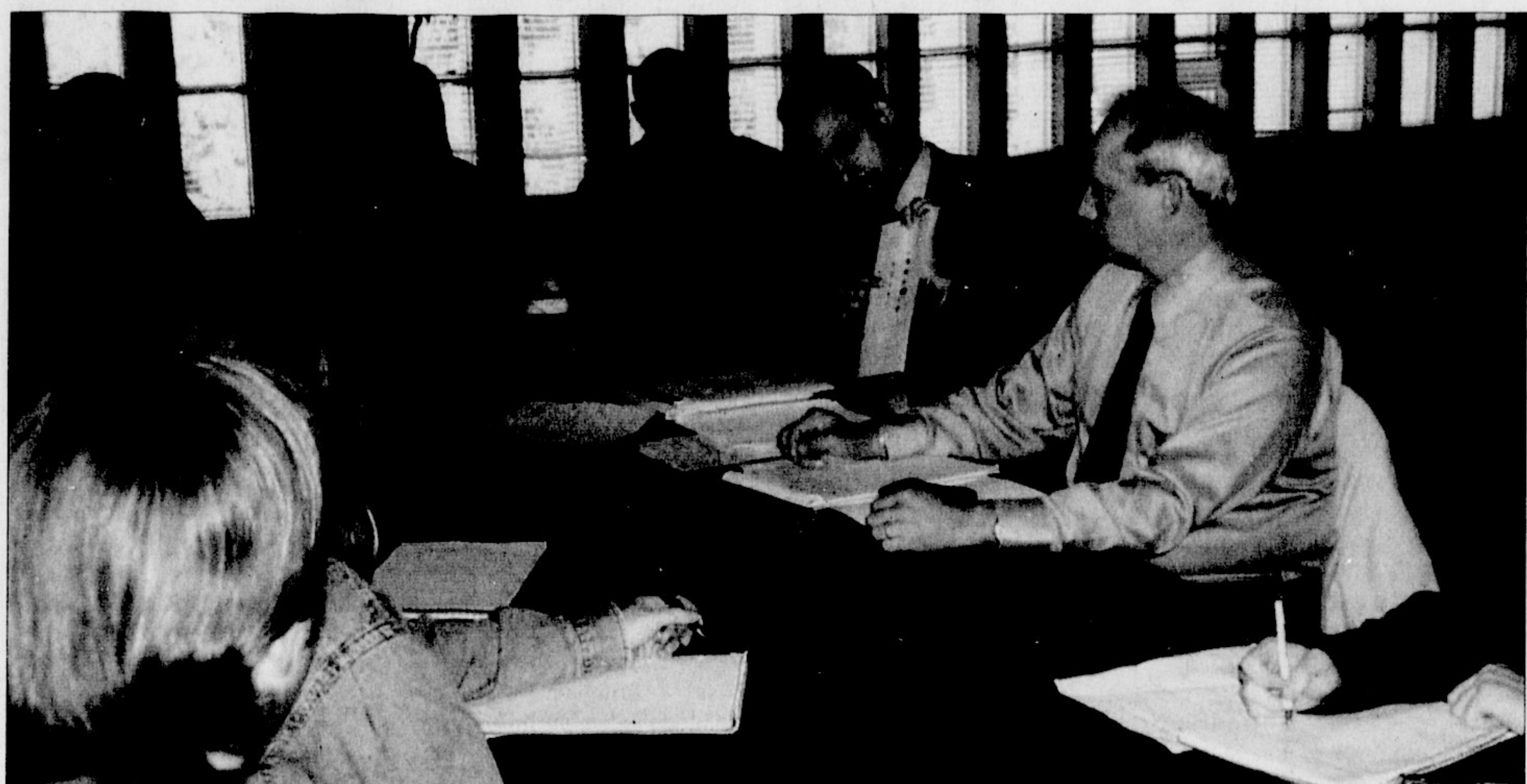


Building expansion projects underway



Visiting architects presented plans on future expansion projects of Mendenhall and Ledonia Wright Cultural Centers.

Mendenhall, Ledonia Wright Cultural Centers set for expansion

CHRIS MUNIER
STAFF WRITER

ECU administrators met Monday, Nov. 29 in Mendenhall Great Rooms to discuss future renovations to Mendenhall Stu-

dent Center and Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

Plans are to update Mendenhall according to safety codes and provide more space for student activities.

Philip G. Freelon, president of the Freelon group of architects, said there are three variables that determine the project for including the size of the construction, quality of construction and funding.

Currently, Freelon's organi-

zation is halfway through the pre-design phase and hopes to be ready to start the design process in early 2005. They are still trying to gather everyone's wish lists and then get funding for the project.

Before students' desires for a bigger student center can be taken into consideration, Mendenhall has to rectify its antiquated safety fixtures. The first renovation mentioned at the meeting was to install sprinkler

systems, which exists in almost all modern buildings for fire protection. Mendenhall is also suffering from a scarcity of toilets. The number of toilets is woefully low and needs to be augmented up to code.

The latter part of this preliminary meeting centered on suggestions of adding space for student activities.

Gina Shoemaker, project manager of Mendenhall/Ledonia Wright renovations, said

Mendenhall should be more student-focused. Mendenhall needs more places for student groups to hold meetings and Ledonia Wright needs more galleries. She said since it is impractical to try to double the size of Mendenhall, there may need to be some shifting of functions in the building. The addition of space should be designated to accommodate the growing needs for students and not be used for additional faculty offices.

The difficulty that arises from such renovations is the availability of funding.

Freelon said his group was working with Washington firms to try to allocate money for future projects. He read through a list of space allotments that would be added to Mendenhall for different functions - including 5,000 feet for student organizations.

Greek organizations and SGA in particular are looking for places to hold meetings and establish office areas. Shoemaker said with new accommodations, fraternities could bring their mandatory study-nights to Mendenhall. Fraternities are often stuck using Bate or Brewster buildings to get studying done. She said new rooms could be better managed by using cubicles rather than hard walls in order to save space.

Part of the plan is to

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ECU hosts campus safety conference

Event introduces latest security technology

MICHAEL HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

ECU hosted a campus safety conference Nov. 18, at the Murphy Center, with officials from 36 universities and organizations and eight product vendors in attendance to discuss the best ways to maintain a safe atmosphere on college campuses.

The event allowed different schools from around the state to compare their methods and the security measures in place at their respective universities. They were then presented with PowerPoint presentations from eight different vendors offering the latest campus safety technology.

Barry Duval, director of the Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing, organized this event to address existing problems with campus safety and to hopefully fix these problems with the latest security technologies that were presented by the eight product vendors.

"We feel technology is going to help us," said Duval.

James Leroy Smith, interim vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, said during his speech, which opened the conference, the main reason they held this event is to make sure students are comfortable on their campuses.

"We want our students to be safe," said Smith.

Representatives from various NC schools followed the welcoming remarks of Smith by discussing the main safety concerns on their campuses and how they are addressing them.

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ECU prepares for fall commencement

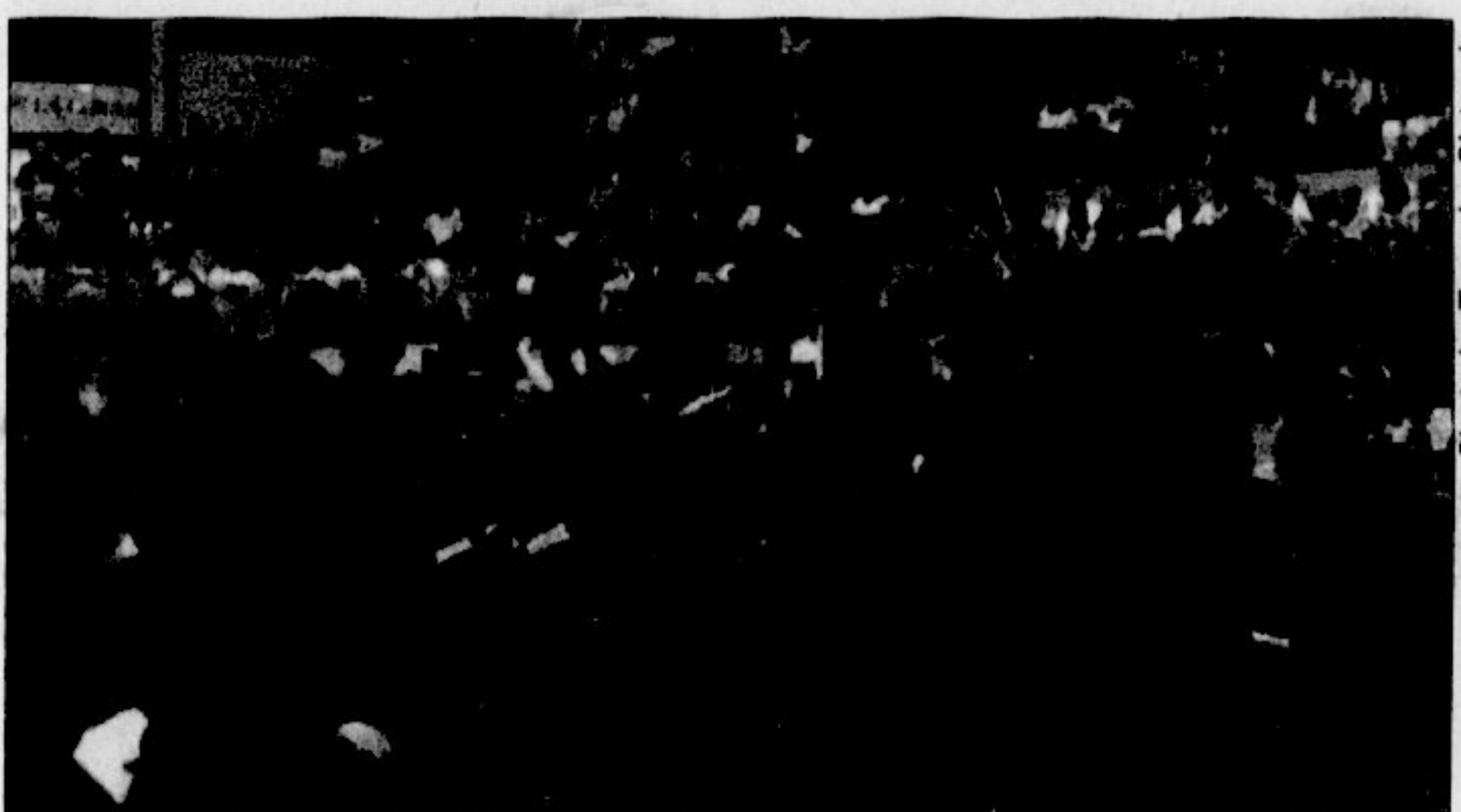


Photo by Janelle Sistrunk

Nearly 2,000 students are eligible to graduate in December.

Each department creates a unique ceremony

KRISTIN DAY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU is finalizing arrangements for the university graduation commencement in December, as well as smaller departmental ceremonies that would incorporate specified colleges and schools within ECU.

Liz Johnston, director for disability support services, said this graduation would be different from last December when administration changed the format. A student survey following last December's ceremony indicated students wanted to return to the original arrangement.

"Starting with last May, we went back to the old way which is the university ceremony and then the colleges and schools can have their own event," said Johnston.

At 9:30 a.m., there is going to be a band concert where the wind ensemble plays holiday music. Students will then process in by school and college. Individual names will not be called.

"This year Dr. Ballard will be giving remarks and then the degrees are conferred by Dr. Ballard by the degree candidates standing up as the group ... [then] they sit back down," Johnston said.

One student will also be awarded the Thomas Jordan Jarvis Medal presented by the Board of Trustees of ECU in recognition of extraordinary service to the university or society.

Johnston said it is the highest award given by the university.

This December, 1,740 students are eligible to graduate. The ceremony is also open to students who graduated in August.

Johnston said the number of students who sign up varies from year to year, but she expects a lot of students will attend this December.

"This year, because commencement is during exams, we expect a good turnout because everybody's

on campus," Johnston said.

Johnston said she encourages students to reserve a seat using OneStop at least a week before graduation and if there are any problems trying to sign up through the Internet, students can call their office.

Their Web site also has instructions and parking information for students and families who are attending school and college recognition ceremonies.

Douglas Kruger, chairperson for the construction management department, said construction management graduates will have a ceremony with the technology and computer science graduates Dec. 10. They have a tradition of "topping off" graduates by placing a hard hat on their heads as they walk across the stage.

"We needed to find some way to recognize our students," said Kruger.

Ann Bogey, director of professional programs at the college

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Graduation

Students are encouraged to sign up for graduation ahead of time. Got to OneStop, click on "Tools" and then "Commencement Reservation."

Students and guests attending events at Williams Arena should park at Ficklen Stadium and in the Minges lots while parking for events at Mendenhall Student Center, Wright Auditorium, McGinnis Theatre, Bate and Brewster will be at Allied Health.

For more information, go to ecu.edu/commencement. The Web site has important information for students and families who are attending recognition ceremonies and more essential parking information.

The university commencement will be Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at Williams' Area at Minges Auditorium.

ECU recognizes World AIDS Day

Free testing available to students on campus

NICK HENNE
NEWS EDITOR

ECU is taking part in the nationally recognized World AIDS Day, taking place on Wednesday, Dec. 1, to bring awareness to the HIV/AIDS virus and the threat it has to college students.

A series of events are scheduled throughout the ECU campus in recognition of the day. The Healthy PIRATES will be set up in the Wright Plaza giving out games and information making students aware of both the day's events and some general information on HIV/AIDS.

At 7 p.m. in Hendrix Theater, J.L. King, author of novel *Men on the Down Low* an HIV/AIDS prevention expert is speaking. Representatives from the Pitt County Health Department are also going to be conducting HIV/AIDS testing as part of the evening events. The students who receive testing will be tested in a private room and can pick up their results from the health department at a later time. Prizes and giveaways are being offered to these students.

A donation box will be set up at the evening event for students to make donations including canned food and toiletry items for people who have been infected with the virus. Students can receive volunteer credit from the ECU volunteer center for making a donation.

"This day is important because people tend to forget that HIV and AIDS are serious diseases and they are not important anymore, but the rising rate of HIV and AIDS proves that to be wrong," said Hope McPhatter, graduate assistant at the wellness education department.

"Students need to be more aware of this disease before anything happens to them."

While it is a determined

nationwide statistic among college students that one in every four students has a sexually transmitted disease, it is not determined how many college students have HIV/AIDS.

McPhatter said the disease is definitely prevalent among the 15-24 age group within NC. This age group commonly engages in risky behavior and has a feeling of invincibility causing them to overlook the threat the HIV/AIDS virus and other viruses impose.

Shanae Couch, health educator at the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization, an organization that takes several measures in educating Pitt County about HIV and AIDS, is working with the ECU Wellness Education Department on the day's events.

Couch said out of the 49 counties in North Carolina, Pitt County is the 17th highest ranked county with cases of HIV/AIDS. While we remain above average, this number has improved as we were ranked in the top 10 several years ago.

Couch said this number is not an accurate representation of the caseloads within Pitt County and North Carolina due to the number of people who are infected with the virus who do not receive testing.

Couch said she encourages all students, especially the ones who have engaged in risky behavior at some point in their life to take advantage of the free testing being offered during World AIDS Day.

"It's better to get tested than to get tested when you are ill, because then your body is already under attack and your body will not be able to fight off the virus," said Couch.

"We're finding an increase in HIV on college campus along with other STD's."

There will also be a panel discussion taking place where students can ask questions concerning the virus. Student Health officials, along with PICASO representatives and David Aldridge, a man infected with HIV/AIDS

virus will be taking questions.

"They can get it from the professional standpoint, they can get it from the person with HIV standpoint," Couch said.

"The severity of the virus and how it can spread through a population quickly ... especially if everyone is making careless decisions."

She said college students do not take this issue seriously enough due to the other things going on in their lives.

HIV is a virus that attacks the immune system making people vulnerable to other viruses. It is most commonly transmitted through the transfer of bodily fluids that are commonly a result of sexual behavior or drug abuse.

"I think college students know of the risk, but because they think that it won't happen to them, they don't take the necessary precautions," McPhatter said.

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FYI

The J.L. King presentation at 7 p.m. in the Hendrix Theater is a ticketed event that is free for students and \$3 for faculty and staff.

This first 100 people who attend the event will receive a free World AIDS Day t-shirt.

1/3 people who are infected with HIV don't know they have it.

scouch.picaso.org

This event is sponsored by the Wellness Education Department and the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization.



HANNAH BRODIE
SOPHOMORE GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR

"No, I take care of myself and I am in a monogamous relationship."



ANDREA SMITH
FRESHMAN ACCOUNTING MAJOR

"Yes, if you have unprotected sex but I don't do that."



NATALIA CUMBERBATCH
SR. PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

"Everybody is in danger if they are not aware and cautious."

Campus News

Edwards in Greenville
Senator John Edwards will be in Greenville Dec. 1. Come by the Sheppard Memorial Library at 530 Evans St. for this stop on his "Thank You Tar Heels Tour" at 11:30 a.m.

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.

Memorial Quilt
SGA will host the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at Mendenhall Student Center until Dec. 6. The AIDS Memorial Quilt is an international memorial to those who have died of AIDS. For more information contact dailye mail. ecu.edu.

Free HIV Testing
Wellness Education and PICASO are sponsoring free HIV testing all day Dec. 1 at the ECU Student Health Services building. Students who come to get tested will receive free giveaways. Students will be given one hour of volunteer credit by donating canned food, paper towels/plates and toiletries for men and women. Call Hope McPhatter at 328-6794 or Shanae Couch at 830-1660 for more information.

Blood Drive
Alpha Phi Omega will hold a blood drive from 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Mendenhall Student Center. Take some time to save a life by donating blood.

Alcoholics Anonymous
An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting will be offered in room 14 Mendenhall Student Center from noon - 1 p.m. The meeting is open to any person who feels they may have a problem with alcohol or would like to explore this issue further. Meetings will continue as long as interest and participation permits.

Open Mic
Via Cappuccino will hold an open mic night Tuesday at 8 p.m. Sign up at Via anytime before the event or at the door at 409 Evans St. across from EmERGE. Call 439-0700 for details.

Chemistry Tutors
Ace your chemistry final. The Chemistry Club is offering chemistry tutoring for \$15 - \$20 per hour. Old final exams and notes are available. Prices are \$10 for an exam packet and \$15 for notes. Email chemclub@mail.ecu.edu for more information.

Symphony Orchestra
ECU's School of Music is hosting the ECU Symphony Orchestra at the Wright Auditorium Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. Call 328-6851 for more information.

Festival of Trees
The Family Support Network of eastern North Carolina is hosting the Ninth Annual Festival of Trees from Dec. 1 - Dec. 23 at the Greenville Convention Center. View an array of beautiful trees decorated by businesses and individuals. Bring your children for Bedtimes with Santa and pictures on Dec. 2 and Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. There will also be a preview party on Dec. 3 with a live silent auction from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. The cost for the preview party is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Call 328-4494 for more information.

Business After Hours
An evening networking with other business professionals in marketing and building will be held on Dec. 2. The event is sponsored by the college of fine arts and communication and Bank of America and will be held at Jenkins Fine Arts Center from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. For details, call 752-4101.

Holiday Lighting
Come to Farmville to enjoy music and food and to get your picture taken with Santa. The Farmville Development Partnership will host the event in Downtown Farmville at 6 p.m., Dec. 2. Call 753-4670 for more information.

News Briefs

Local

Highway Patrol evacuates Kinston hotel
KINSTON, NC - Calm returned to a hotel in Kinston early Sunday after police evacuated guests in response to reports of what sounded like shots fired from a room in the building. Kinston police Cmdr. William Murphy said Sunday morning investigators and a SWAT team could not locate where the sounds originated or confirm whether reports of either gunshots or breaking glass were accurate. He said there were no injuries, arrests or property damage. Police were called at about 9 p.m. Saturday by someone who reported hearing shots in or near the Hampton Inn, Woody Spencer, spokesman for the city Department of Public Safety, told *The Free Press* in Kinston. He said there were "flashes and things that sound like explosions." A worker at another hotel next door said he heard gunfire and police were all around the building. Officers continued to hear more noises as the evacuation and search took place. Investigators believed the disturbance was occurring in a third-floor room. Hotel guests were taken to a nearby restaurant as police searched the building, Spencer said. "They went room to room on two or three floors," Murphy said, adding that the SWAT team left the building at around 4:30 a.m. Sunday. He didn't know when guests were allowed back into the hotel - a Hampton Inn spokeswoman was not available early Sunday.

NC schools struggle with nursing shortage
CHARLOTTE, NC - The number of school nurses in North Carolina has not kept pace with rising enrollment and increased demands for diverse health needs. In the fast-growing Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district, for example, the state's biggest with more than 121,000 students, there is

one nurse for every 2,171 students. The national guideline is one school nurse for every 750 students. "There weren't even enough nurses when we had 80,000 kids - now there's definitely not enough," said Maria Bonaiuto, Mecklenburg's director of school health services since 1999. Across the country, only a few states, such as Vermont and Delaware, have reached the 1:750 goal. The shortage in NC means most schools don't have a nurse on duty every day. Some nurses split their time between two schools. Some have as many as five. Public health officials are pushing hard for more school nurses because health needs of students have changed and are now more demanding. Nurses still apply bandages when needed, but they are more likely to have trained teachers and other school staff to perform routine first aid so they can pay attention to more serious problems. "School health now is more than doing screenings or checks for head lice and band-aiding," said Marilyn Asay, state school nurse consultant, in charge of supervising all North Carolina school nurses. "Medical management is much more sophisticated. Students are on many medications that require monitoring." The North Carolina General Assembly this year appropriated \$4 million specifically for school nurses, the first time in state history any amount was set aside for school nurses only, according to state officials.

Ebersol survives jet plane crash that kills two
GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol and his college-aged son emerged from the fiery wreckage of a corporate jet after it crashed during takeoff and burst into flames, killing two crew members. Rescuers were still searching for Ebersol's younger son, whose seat was missing from the

smoldering ruins. The 18-seat charter jet with six people on board crashed Sunday morning at Montrose Regional Airport in southwest Colorado, not far from the Telluride Ski Area. A heavy snowstorm had lightened up before the plane prepared to depart for South Bend, Ind., where Ebersol's son Charles is a senior at the University of Notre Dame. A witness said the impact ripped the cockpit from the fuselage and Charles Ebersol helped his 57-year-old father to safety through the front of the plane. A second son, 14-year-old Edward, was missing. Denver NBC affiliate KUSA-TV reported. The station said crews searched by helicopter and on the ground, but even "Teddy" Ebersol's plane seat could not be found. A Montrose County Sheriff's spokeswoman said the boy had not been located by late Sunday. The sheriff's office also said two people were killed in the crash, though their identities were not released. KUSA said the victims were the pilot and co-pilot. Hospital officials said three men were treated after the crash. Federal officials said the aircraft also had a flight attendant on board.

Medical marijuana goes back to Supreme Court
WASHINGTON - Angel Raich tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she took up another drug: pot. The mother of two has the support of her doctor and a California medical marijuana law when she lights her pot pipe every few hours. The Supreme Court hears arguments Monday whether that's enough to protect Raich from the federal government, which makes no exceptions for the seriously ill in its war on drugs. Groups such as the Drug Free America Foundation fear a government loss in this case will undermine campaigns against addictive drugs. Supporters of Raich and another ill woman who filed a lawsuit after her

home was raided by federal agents argue that people with the AIDS virus, cancer and other diseases should be able to grow and use marijuana. Besides California, nine other states allow people to use marijuana if their doctors agree: Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont and Washington. After hearing the arguments, the Supreme Court will consider whether the federal law that bans marijuana possession can be enforced in those states. The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled against the government in a divided opinion that found federal prosecution of medical marijuana users is unconstitutional if the marijuana is not sold, transported across state lines or used for non-medicinal purposes.

World

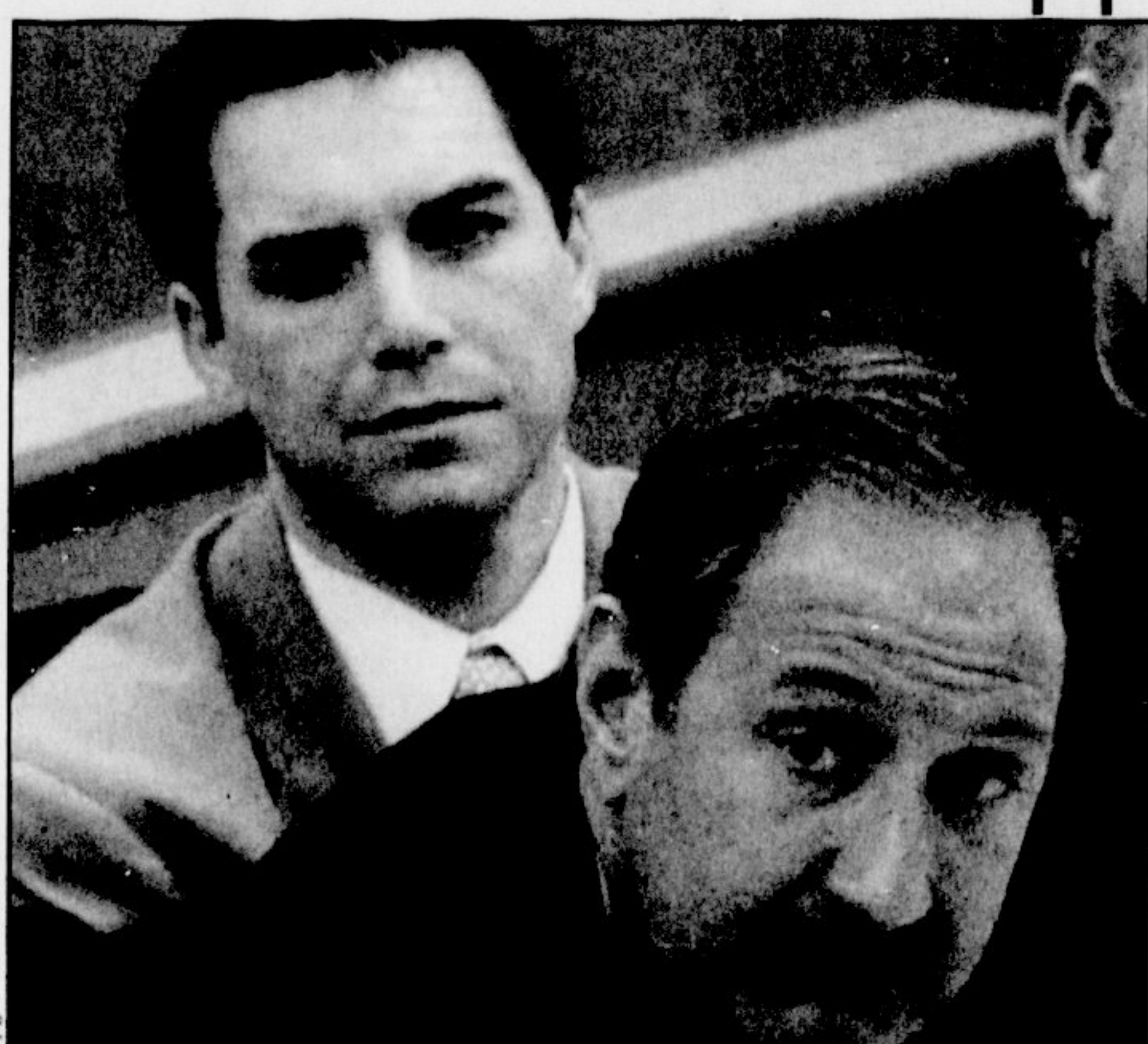
Bhutan bans tobacco sales, public smoking
GAUHATI, India - The tiny Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan has gone to extremes to protect its pristine environment, its ancient culture and the well being of its citizens. The country's forests are strictly conserved. Television was banned until a few years ago. And only a few thousand tourists are allowed in each year. Next month, this idiosyncratic Buddhist nation of 700,000, nicknamed Shangri-La, will become the first country in the world to ban all smoking in public and all sales of tobacco. The royal National Assembly passed a resolution in July to bring about a total ban on tobacco sales across the country and the government has decided to enforce the ban beginning Dec. 17, Lily Wangchuk, a Bhutanese Embassy spokeswoman in New Delhi, told *The Associated Press* by telephone. It will be illegal to buy tobacco, sell it or smoke anywhere in public. The fine for breaking the rules: \$225 - an enormous sum in an impoverished nation. The World

Health Organization's Web site says Bhutan is the first country in the world to enact such legislation. Individuals will be allowed to bring tobacco into the country for personal consumption, but only after paying 100 percent tax on the cost price. They can smoke it only at home.

China, Southeast Asia adopt free trade accord
VIENTIANE, Laos - Southeast Asian nations and China signed an accord Monday to create the world's biggest free trade area by removing tariffs for their 2 billion people by decade's end, a key step in their vision of a trade bloc to rival Europe and North America. Leaders in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations also signed a pact to flesh out their agreement last year to create an ASEAN Community along the lines of a unified Europe by 2020. It aims to create a common market with common security goals. "China's initiative has put both the U.S. and Japan on the defensive," said Chao Chien-min, a Chinawatcher and political science professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University. "China is using its huge market as a bait to lure ASEAN countries away from the U.S. and Japan and build closer relations."

The run-up to the ASEAN summit in the Laotian capital was clouded by concerns that Thailand's crackdown last month on a protest that left 85 Muslims dead could inflame regional militants and over Myanmar's failure to deliver on pledges to go from military rule to democracy. Some countries indicated they might call those two ASEAN members to task in what a break with the group's tradition of keeping out of domestic affairs. But both issues were kept off the table during the summit's ASEAN-only agenda Monday, Thai government spokesman Jakrapob Penkair said. Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra had threatened to walk out if the village crackdown was raised.

Peterson said to appeal case



Scott Peterson and attorney Mark Geragos listen during the prosecution rebuttal to the defense in November.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The jury that convicted Scott Peterson of murder reconvenes this week to decide whether he should be executed, but the decision may not be final for years given his numerous options for appeal. Appeals are expected to focus on the performance of Peterson's high-profile Los Angeles attorney, Mark Geragos, legal experts said. "An appellate attorney would argue that Geragos was incompetent," said Pete Kossoris, a retired Ventura County death penalty prosecutor. "One of the things he can be criticized for was his promise of certain evidence in his opening statement and he never offered it."

Geragos, as with others

involved in the case, remains under a court-imposed gag order.

After a five-month trial that became a national sensation, Peterson was convicted Nov. 12 of first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Laci, and second-degree murder in the death of the child she carried. Arguments begin Tuesday in the trial's penalty phase, in which the same jury will decide whether he should get the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

A celebrity lawyer who has represented such well-known clients as Winona Ryder and Michael Jackson, Geragos will not represent Peterson once he is sentenced. State-appointed, publicly funded lawyers will take over, a

standard practice in California murder appeals.

The effectiveness of the defense is a bread-and-butter issue for appeal in capital cases, experts said.

In his opening statements to jurors in June, Geragos floated a series of explanations for the murders of Peterson's wife and child. Among them was that transients who lived in the couple's neighborhood abducted Peterson's pregnant wife, then framed him after learning about his alibi, which was widely circulated in the media.

Geragos never backed up his opening statements, which could have prejudiced jurors against his client.

Peterson's possible grounds for appeal also include the dismissal of two jurors during deliberations. One was ousted after performing her own research on the case - the reason for removing the other juror, who was the foreman of the panel, has not been disclosed.

Then there are the numerous hearings regarding evidence - what was allowed before the jury and what was excluded.

Perhaps the most damning evidence against the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman was the hundreds of secret recordings between Peterson and his mistress, Amber Frey, but defense attorneys could argue that the recordings were inflammatory and not relevant to the case.

The recordings portrayed Peterson as a liar and an uncaring husband in the days after his wife was reported missing on Christmas Eve 2002.

attending the big ceremony because it would be a good experience to be there with everybody. She is going to the small ceremony because it is more personalized.

"Because they recognize you by name ... [and] you're there with the people you went to class with," said Ingram. Graduation candidates who are attending the university event must arrive no later than 9:15 a.m. to assure seating. Check-in will be at Gate 1 at Minges Coliseum. For more information, look at ECU's commencement Web site.

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Travelers waited around airports for hours due to delays.

Thanksgiving brings airline complications

Weather, increase of travelers cited as factors

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Thanksgiving holiday, America's busiest travel time of the year, brought numerous flight overbookings and delays throughout the nation leaving holiday travelers waiting around airports for the next available flight.

Dezmond Davis, gate agent for Delta Airways, said Thanksgiving is America's busiest travel time of the year.

"This is the peak time," said Davis.

Davis said there were approximately 100,000 travelers booked to fly through Delta Airways in Atlanta's William B. Hartsfield International Airport on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Typical days throughout the year bring in approximately 60,000 travelers. This high volume of travelers concentrated in the small time period brought longer lines, parking complications and numerous flight delays.

In addition to the high volume of travelers, there were also weather increments along the east coast causing flight cancellations and delays.

Davis said the best time to travel is early in the morning to avoid the rush of people. He said it typically does not rain until later in the afternoon, causing less delays due to weather in the early morning.

"They have to cancel flights and worry about operation and safety ... they don't want to have a big air traffic jam," Davis said.

He said students, along with any other person who plans on flying in the upcoming Christ-

mas holiday, should get to the airport as soon as possible and check weather forecasts in advance to anticipate any hazardous conditions that may lead to delays.

Dustin Jones, sophomore business major who flew to Springfield, Mo., said while all of his flights were on time, the airlines made added additional flights to his travel without giving him prior notice. This caused his 87-year-old grandmother to wait in the airport for five hours for his flight to arrive.

Leslie Neilson, freshmen business major, said she flew to Long Island for Thanksgiving and did not experience traveling difficulties because she flew out of North Carolina several days before the main onset travelers.

Darren Mansell, sophomore business management major, who flew round trip to Tampa, Fla., had a different experience.

"There were a lot of people ... it was crazy," said Mansell.

Kendra Neff, freshmen at Bowdoin College, was flying from her school to Indianapolis for Thanksgiving and experienced delays in her travel. Her first flight from Maine was delayed an hour and a half and her flight from Atlanta was delayed two and a half hours.

"I'm assuming the weather just got everything backed up from the start of the day," said Neff.

Vivian Rodriguez, senior psychology major at Carnegie Mellon University, said she found the Thanksgiving travel hectic.

"It's chaotic, there are a lot of delays, lots of people running around like crazy trying to find their gates and flights," said Rodriguez.

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Wake Forest University now requires an identification card or a student sponsor to gain access to campus, which has led to a 22 percent reduction in their crime rate. The cards are also used to gain access to residence halls.

North Carolina Central University's biggest safety concern has been larceny, which they addressed by providing more lighting in certain areas of campus.

While these and the rest of the schools attending the conference have all taken steps on their campuses to improve safety, the eight product vendors in attendance all offered new and innovative technology that can make campuses even safer.

The presentations all included technology that will allow a victim to alert authorities to a crime the second it happens through personal alarm devices that are activated through the press of a button.

The Code Blue Corporation, Linear Corporation, Grace Industries, CISCOR Corporation, Bosch Security Systems and The Phoenix Group International all presented derivations of a handheld device that works off sensors on campus.

The basic idea of this technology is to allow a victim or witness of a crime to press a button on their handheld device, which will be picked up by a censor on

campus and will within seconds alert authorities to the victim's location and identity through a computer system.

This technology is a more advanced version of the blue light panic system ECU uses where a student can press a button at certain locations on campus and alert authorities to a crime or problem.

The fact the new technology is personalized would cut down on prank alerts because the student triggering the alarm would be identified through the computer system.

Nextel Communications and Cingular Wireless were the other two vendors on hand and they presented variations of cellular phones which serve the same functions of the personal alert devices.

The phones offer panic buttons through global positioning systems that will alert authorities to the whereabouts of the victim within seconds. Since they are phones they can take the place of existing phone systems on campus.

Barry Duvall said he hopes to organize a second conference in the spring to gauge the progress of all the attendees of the conference in making their campuses more secure.

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Students receive real world guidance

'Advice and a Slice' gets positive feedback

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NEWS EDITOR

The Advice and a Slice events, held in the Jenkins building, featured various speakers from the business world who came and gave advice to students who are pursuing careers in communication.

Jim McAtee, career coordinator, said the event was a phenomenal success.

"I think the students really showed up with intelligent questions and have a true interest in their future," said McAtee.

He said the event was received well by both students and faculty in the college of fine arts and communication, as well as the speakers.

"I think the panelists were pleased to come because it seems business people are always interested in helping students and show interest in helping students and giving them guidance,"

McAtee said.

The Monday night event attracted 205 ECU students while the event on Friday night attracted 188.

"We expected around 100 students both nights," McAtee said.

McAtee said he thought the students asked intelligent questions indicating they are looking forward to graduation and to make good use of what they learn.

Much of the information the speakers stressed to the students is implemented in the communication and fine arts courses, indicating the ECU faculty is producing what the business community looks for from students.

Faculty members showed interest and attended the event too.

"Faculty came to stay abreast of what is happening in business world," McAtee said.

McAtee said a person must have general experience and the way they get experience is through internships, coming to

student professional development and talking to a career coach to make a plan is beneficial.

"I'd like to see them use this information in planning for their first job out of college and starting early."

He said he really appreciates everyone who helped make this work, it was created through student professional development, but in partnership with the college of fine arts and communication faculty.

Frank Cappa Jr., president of Screen Gems Studios, said he was very impressed with the large turnout at the event and the well thought out questions ECU students asked.

He said it is very difficult for students at any university to know what they are going to end up doing after graduation and he hopes the event gives the attendees a better idea about what they will pursue.

Heather King, co-anchor and reporter for WITN-TV, NBC, said she graduated in 2002 before she began her career. While her

job is a whole new lifestyle than her college life, she enjoys her work.

"It's a very different social calendar ... It's so much fun because every day is different," said King.

Every day she begins work at 3 a.m. with news stories and events.

King said she encourages students who are still in their undergraduate years to get organized and begin looking for internships. It is important for students to keep an open mind when looking to find a job.

Brandon Ruckdashel, senior musical theater major, said it was beneficial for students to talk directly to people who are within the work world and he was amazed at some of the speakers ECU was able to bring.

John Jee, senior production major, said the event was a success and he received some useful information on the importance of how to market yourself in the business world.

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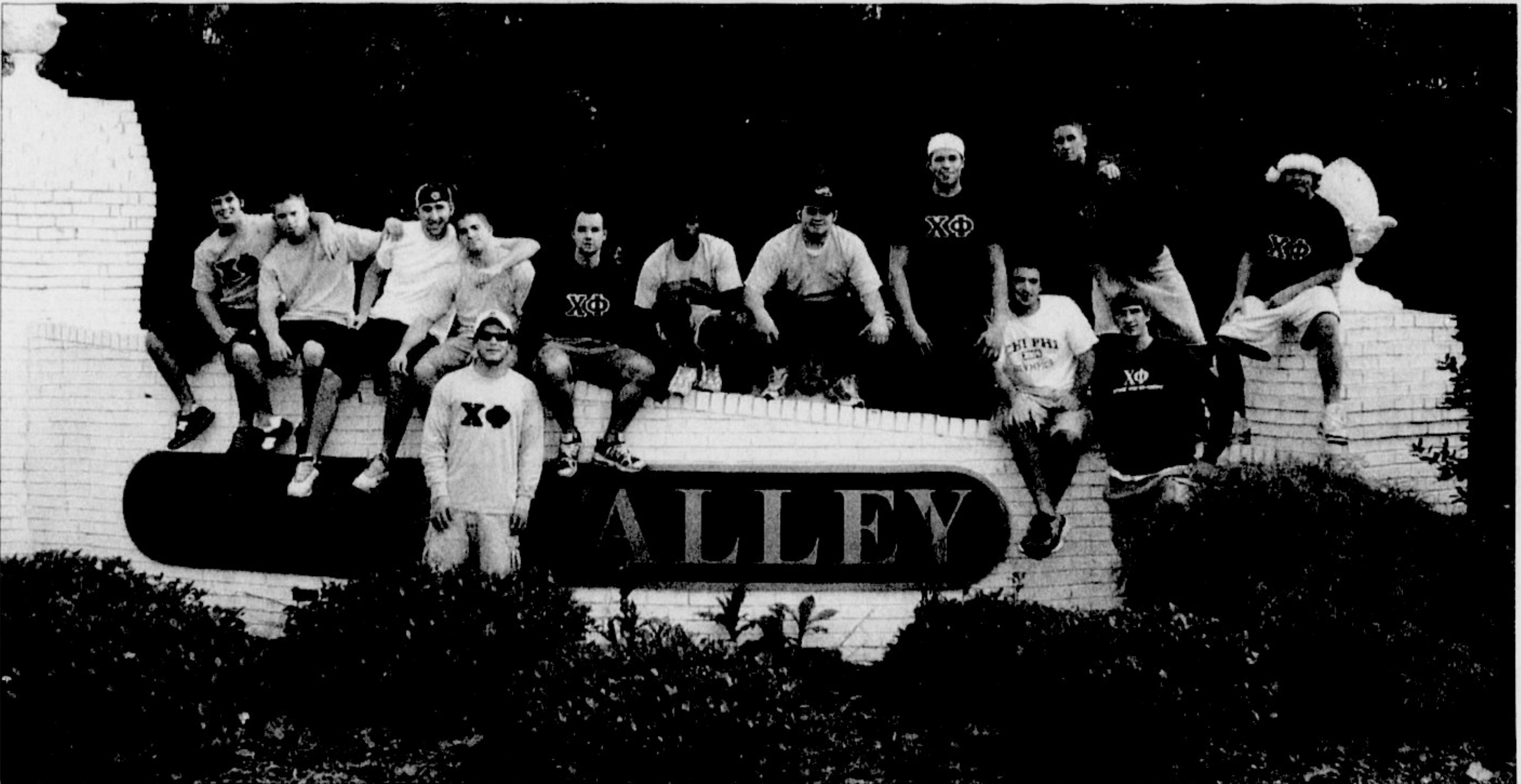
make another meeting room that would serve for overlapping purposes. Many groups have meetings that serve similar functions and can share meeting rooms effectively.

All renovations done to Mendenhall will depend on the availability of funds and it is important to

realize the safety and sanitation measures will be addressed before any student amenities. Toilets and fire safety are fundamental and will be considered priorities by ECU administrators.

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Chi Phi holds food drive



Chi Phi fraternity recently held a food drive in the Brook Valley neighborhoods. Grocery bags were passed out to each residence where residents donated a total of 990 pounds of food to be donated to Greenville's Homeless Shelter.

John Edwards saying farewell, planning future



John Edwards gives a farewell speech on the Senate floor.

ASHEVILLE, NC (AP) — Democrat John Edwards is pondering his future as his tenure as a North Carolina senator winds down, but says even his campaign for vice president fit his view of public service.

Edwards has planned a three-day farewell tour around North Carolina this week to thank those who sent him to Washington. "I want to make sure North Carolinians know how much I appreciate and am honored to have represented them," Edwards said last week.

"I saw my job as helping make sure ... that the voices of regular North Carolinians were heard and someone was fighting for them and trying to help them."

After his Senate term ends, Republican Richard Burr won the election for the seat that Edwards gave up to run for vice president with John Kerry. Edwards will concentrate first on his wife's battle against breast cancer.

Edwards will be giving up a seat that no one has held for very long. Democrat Sam Ervin's reelection in 1968 marked the last time someone kept the post for more than a term.

The 51-year-old Edwards has ideas about the path his party should take for the future.

He said that the party needs to be sure voters understand Democrats have the same values as the people Edwards grew up

with in South and North Carolina, where Republicans have dominated national elections.

"I wish we'd had better chances, better opportunities [in the 2004 campaign] for me to talk about what my personal values are," Edwards said.

"How important my relationship with God is, how important my faith is in our day-to-day lives, the struggles my family's had in the past, plus what Elizabeth is facing now."

Democrats also need to reach out to those who voted for Bush, he said.

"In order for us to unite the country ... those voters have to believe that our values, my values and the values of other Democratic leaders, are the same values they believe in. That means we have to be touching them, reaching out to them."

Edwards said that even without a forum in the Senate he plans to keep a high profile.

"We've had lots of proposals and offers out there," he said.

"The bottom line is: I have to sort my way through all of that stuff and figure out what makes the most sense and what's the best way to fight for these things I care about."

Edwards said he will continue to give speeches around the country and may publish another book. He also plans to build a new home near Chapel Hill.



Several members of the Liberal Democratic Party hold party flags as they picket the Ukrainian Embassy in Moscow.

Supreme Court considers Ukraine election appeal

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's Supreme Court debated the validity of presidential election results Monday, while an eastern province scheduled a referendum on autonomy and the opposition threatened to further paralyze the government through a blockade.

Fearing that the bitter political dispute was breaking apart the former Soviet republic, President Leonid Kuchma made a plea for unity, the Interfax news agency reported.

"We can't in any instance allow the disintegration or split of Ukraine," Kuchma said at a meeting with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich and officials from eastern regions.

Kuchma's call came as the Supreme Court considered an appeal by opposition candidate Viktor Yushchenko against the bitterly disputed results of the Nov. 21 presidential runoff, which declared Kremlin-backed Yanukovich the winner.

Under Ukrainian election legislation, the court is unable to rule on the overall results but can declare results invalid in individual precincts. Mykola Katerinchuk, an aide to Yushchenko, said the appeal focused the results in eight eastern and southern Ukrainian regions — more than 15 million votes, almost half of the total number in the runoff.

He said the Western-leaning opposition claimed severe violations of Ukrainian legislation and asked the court to throw out the results.

The court was expected to hear arguments and then retire to review the case before issuing a decision. It was not clear how long the proceedings would last.

The ruling could pave the way for a new vote, which the opposition is demanding, or remove the only barrier to the inauguration of Yanukovich, who has the backing of Kuchma and the Kremlin, which still yields significant political and economic influence over energy-dependent Ukraine. Yanukovich was declared the winner with a margin of 871,402 votes.

"The official results of the elections do not meet the people's will and this is a violation of their constitutional rights," Roman Zvarych, a Yushchenko aide, said inside the courthouse.

"I hope that the Supreme Court will be guided by the law."

While the court's decision is likely to boost the legitimacy of whichever side it seems to favor, it could also deepen the divide and prolong the crisis by fueling anger in the other camp. Thousands of pro-Yushchenko and pro-Yanukovich supporters massed outside the court building.

But tension mounted ahead of the session. Yushchenko, who claims his victory was stolen through election fraud, rejected government appeals Sunday to call off tens of thousands of protesters and urged his backers to maintain their weeklong round-the-clock vigil and their blockades of the Cabinet building and the presidential administration.

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Our View

Pirate football season comes to an end

The Pirates concluded a tumultuous football season with a 52-14 blowout loss to NC State in Charlotte this weekend.

The less than perfect ending summarized a program in turmoil over the past several seasons – a far cry from the rich tradition of Purple and Gold dominance in the early 1990s.

Personnel, from the practice squad all the way up in the highest ranks of athletic administration, have been reshuffled and former Head Coach John Thompson and his staff have been cast aside.

Thompson will take the brunt of the criticism for the Pirates' failure, but the blame falls on more than his shoulders.

As one of the finest and down to earth people our staff has ever met, Thompson gave the ECU faithful everything he had to offer, but in the end it wasn't enough for new Athletic Director Terry Holland and administration.

Arguments about whether or not Thompson was given enough time to turn a rocky program around will surface from time to time, but hopefully not for too long. ECU needs to look toward the future – one that is bright without the negativity that still surrounds not only the team, but the Pirate nation as well.

Students on campus can constantly be heard berating the student athletes that represent them on Saturday, attendance has been steadily declining and neighboring ACC rivals are wallowing in ECU's misery.

Many Pirate athletic teams have found success, both recently and traditionally, but it all takes a backseat to Pirate football. A successful football team draws fans and of course, money, something the Pirates will have to shell out to a third coach in the past four seasons.

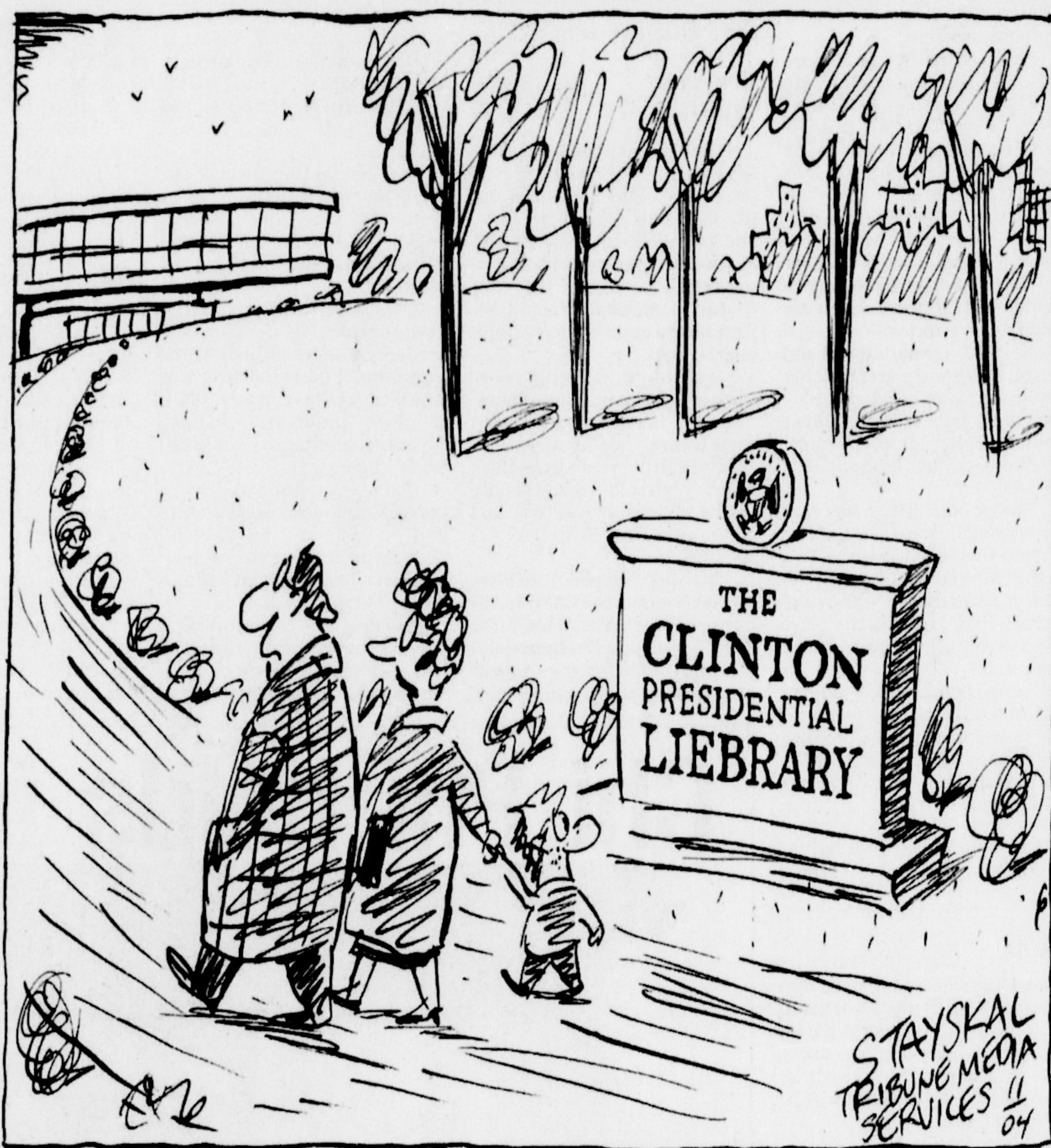
With all the names swirling concerning Thompson's replacement, one special person will be chosen to lead not only a team, but the entire university. Hopefully that man will combine his football expertise with the upstanding attitude and charisma that Thompson so richly blessed ECU with in his brief stint as a Pirate.

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Opinion Columnist

Thanksgiving in New York City

It's a small world after all

RACHEL LANDEN
STAFF WRITER

I'm in love – seriously. But I'm not about to make one of those tacky public declarations of my affections for someone. Besides, this isn't about one person – it's about a place full of millions of people. It's New York City, and I have fallen hard.

I should preface this by saying that I spent my Thanksgiving break in a somewhat nontraditional fashion. My family graciously agreed to allow me to skip the usual festivities in favor of a trip to New York. I still managed to get my dose of turkey and trimmings, eating dinner at a restaurant not much larger than my own apartment bedroom – it wasn't home, but it sure was cozy and comforting.

I saw the standard sights and, thanks to a friend, also visited some places off the beaten path for a typical tourist. Even with little sense of an internal compass and the tendency to get turned around while standing still, this small-town southern girl didn't feel lost in New York – after a day or so, part of me even felt right at home.

Maybe it was because home was never, in fact, that far away. On the subway, I met a family from Asheville, I passed two people from my hometown while hurrying through Times Square, and at Radio City Music Hall, I ran into a friend and fellow ECU student. And



with cell phone use as prevalent as it is today, my family was never more than a phone call away, which probably leaves my parents wondering why they didn't hear from me more often.

Anyway, as the song goes (over and over and over again), it's a small world after all. I won't quote any more lines from the song, as I know from experience that it can be a rather annoying earworm. However, it just seems so applicable, maybe especially so in a metropolitan area like New York City where every continent, possibly every country, is represented.

I may have been even more keenly aware of this since I spent most of my time with a group of international exchange students studying at ECU. In fact, as a comic at a club quipped, "You're like your own meeting of the UN."

they scoffed at the idea of women's suffrage as well?

Moving on to Mr. Mizelle's condescending "life lesson" to Kalajian, stating that he would one day grow out of his idealism. I am honestly appalled. Hopefully, Kalajian and others like him are not weak enough to allow their ideals to corrode as they grow older. And since when is realism synonymous with conservatism? I submit to Mr. Mizelle, and others that believe a conservative is a realist that you are blind. Conservatism can be defined as the inclination, especially in politics, to maintain the existing or traditional order. What, pray tell, is realistic about having a rigid frame of mind? Change is not only necessary, but also imminent, and it is realistic to believe that change will happen, and to prepare for it. It seems that Mr. Mizelle also suggests that conservatives are more in touch with responsibility. However, I submit to him, and other readers, that it is in fact irresponsible to follow the beliefs of others blindly instead of thinking for yourself. Freethinking and idealism are the only hope for a nation that is consumed by fear – fear of change and those that question. My advice is to

In a way, we were. Different people with different backgrounds, experiences and cultures had joined together for a common purpose. True, we weren't trying to solve the world's problems – it may have appeared that we were actually just trying to escape them.

But it seems to me that when we can put aside our differences in order to talk, laugh, understand and appreciate one another, then maybe we have done something just as monumental as a group of foreign diplomats. Instead of sending our ambassadors to Geneva, perhaps we should buy them a round of drinks and tell them to take the day off. Maybe they wouldn't know what to do about weapons of mass destruction or the Middle East, but I have a suspicion they might learn to speak a similar language.

It's when we take the time to value those things that separate us that we might just recognize there is more that connects us. I think that is one of the things I loved about New York City. Everyone is dissimilar, unique and original, but it's OK. Diversity is expected, even extolled at times.

It's a small world, and we have to learn to live alongside each of our neighbors, whether it be the guy or girl down the street, across the country or on the other side of this (may I repeat it?) small world. Even though it isn't Thanksgiving anymore, I still must say that I'm thankful. I'm no longer in the city, but there are parts of it here, little pieces of that world everywhere. And for that, I am grateful.

think for yourself, never settle for less than what we as a nation deserve and to quote Maggie Kuhn, "speak your mind, even if your voice shakes."

Nikki Jones
ECU theater arts sophomore

Dear Editor,

Our ECU family has had three difficult years. We had a chancellor to resign, an athletic director to resign, three state senators redistricted so we would not have representation locally, an opportunity to join the Atlantic Coast Conference and now losing our second football coach. We must now gather our thoughts and see what each one of us could have done to prevent these situations from occurring.

Now on the positive side, we have the second most important event in the last fifty years. The most important would be the School of Medicine and the second would be the funding for the heart center. Thanks to all the team players that made this event possible. I challenge each of you to do your part to support the university by attending events and supporting its supporters.

Tony Moore
North Carolina senator

Pirate Rants

The next couple of years are starting to look great for women in power. First, Condeleeza Rice gets promoted and you know we'll be seeing lots of Hilary Clinton in 2008.

In this era of music without substance, I was delighted with the recent release of Pearl Jam's Greatest Hits. If you like profound lyrics and incredible talent, definitely buy it. It beats the hell out of listening to Ashlee Simpson.

How about we give our football team and coach Thompson the respect and dignity they deserve? These guys worked their butts off every single day and did what they could with what they had. So, why fire coach with two games left? That's no respect at all!

What are you wearing ECU? Honestly, your fashion is the most horrid ensemble. You need to realize that black and navy is all wrong ... only the military can marginally get away with this. Not to mention dirty platform white flip-flops in the middle of November ... let alone after Labor Day. Please, do not wear horizontal stripes. They make you look hefty, like the trash bag. Let's be classy, not trashy, Greenville. Do yourself a favor.

There is nothing wrong with being a metrosexual, as long as you don't go to the extreme.

Instead of writing a list of gifts that I really would like for Christmas this year, I think I am going to just ask for tacky stuff that doesn't fit. At least that way I know I'll get what I asked for.

At the press conference announcing Thompson's resignation, you would have thought, based on the compliments given by Steve Ballard and Terry Holland, that they were offering Thompson a contract extension. The students, alumni, fans and supporters of ECU athletics deserve to know why such an enthusiastic and seemingly hard-working coach was let go after just two seasons. If ECU football was a divided house before, what is it going to be now?

Why did they fire John Thompson? It wasn't his fault – it's the players.

If you live in an apartment complex, don't pull into it blaring your car radio. It gets on people's nerves to have their walls shaking at three in the morning. Despite what you may think, nobody thinks it's sexy and nobody overestimates your penis size (or breast size or whatever) because of it. It just makes you look like a loud annoying jerk.

I am sick and tired of being made to feel stupid. After four years of my major, I think I know a bit about it, and just because I cannot answer your stupid questions does not mean that I am stupid. Please stop trying to make me feel that way.

I would like to rant for a few moments ... rant, rant, rant. I'm glad I got that off my chest. Thanks for reading.

I am tired of all these people ranting about how ECU students think they are the fashion police. We are not fashion police – we are concerned. When you wear that mini skirt and snow boots when it is 30 or 40 degrees outside, you could get sick. In turn, getting the person next to you in class sick, which is probably me. So instead of trying to be "trendy," put some clothes on and save us all a visit to the doctor.

Everywhere I go on campus I still here people talking crap about Republicans or those who voted for George Bush. Hello, the election is over and the people have spoken and they choose Bush, so shut up already!

Thank you, Peter Kalajian, for your article on Kate Italiano. Your words were kind and from the heart. May God be with her, her family and friends. She is in my prayers.

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Announcements:

World AIDS day is Wednesday, Dec. 1. There will be a presentation at Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center at 7 p.m. Student Health is partnering with PICASO to bring J.L. King, the author of *Men on the Down Low* to ECU.

Names in the News:

There was some trepidation and sadness this Turkey Day as beloved "American Idol" winner and recording artist Ruben Studdard continued to languish in a hospital bed in Birmingham, Ala. He was there all week. The stated reason is the catch-all musician/actor excuse: "exhaustion." The star has had to cancel some concert dates because of his condition but they're to be rescheduled as soon as Ruben gets well. Meanwhile, some wags are wagging that the "real" reason for Rube's troubles may be the made-for-TV special diet he was trying, a low-carb, low-cal job that was being chronicled by syndicated celebrity show "Extra." Apparently, Rube lost 12 of his 449 pounds, but then gave it up. He told *People* magazine: "I didn't have time to go in every day to meet with a nurse like the diet required."

Eminem is still on top. For the second week, the rapper's record is number one on the Billboard charts, having sold a total of 1.5 million copies.

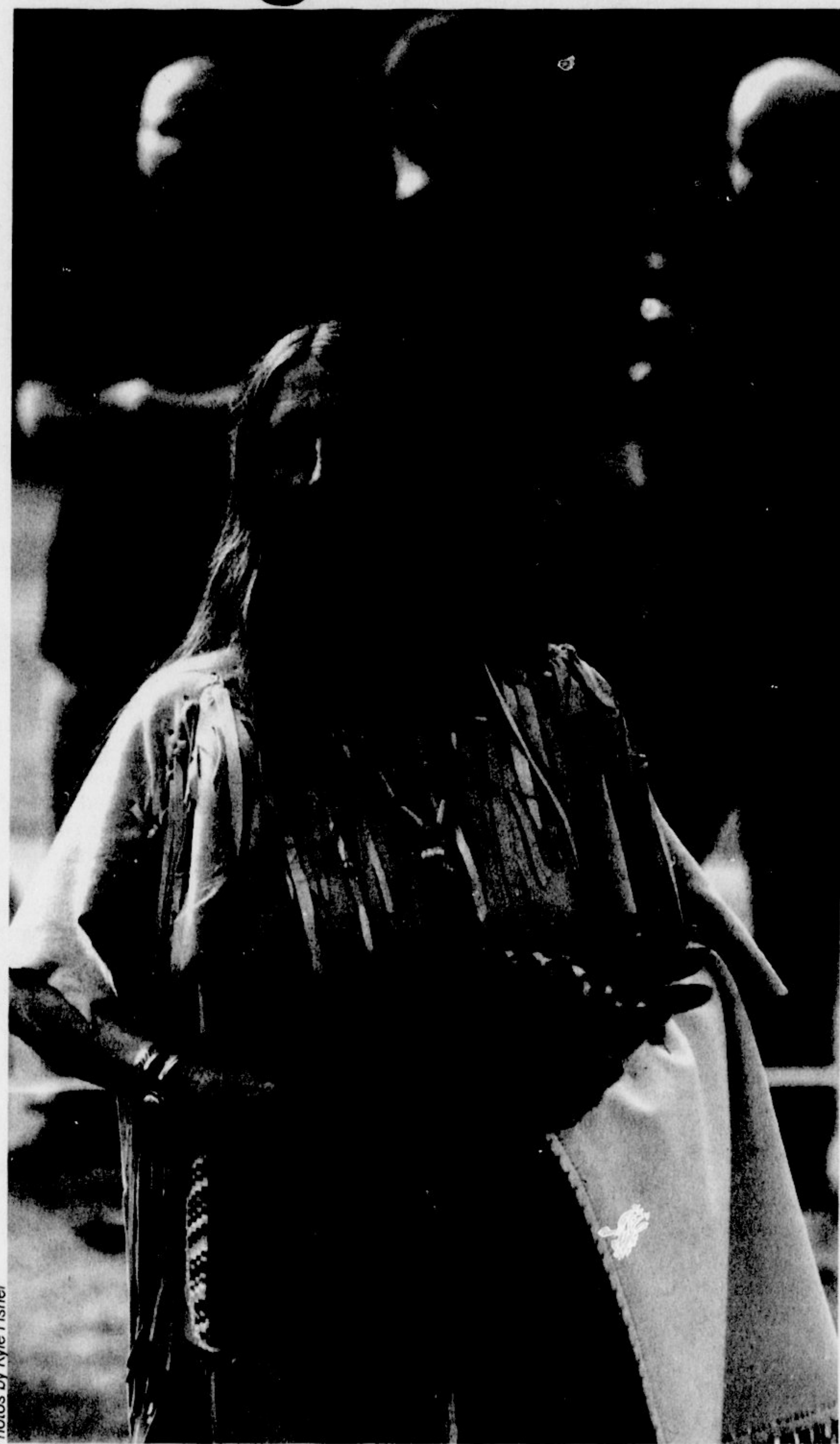
More bad tidings in the Jackson family: Jermaine Jackson has filed for divorce from his wife of nine years, Alejandra. No reason given, though the folks at TVGuide.com jokingly speculate the split has something to do with the far-out names the couple have inflicted on their kids: Jaafar and Jermajesty.

Amid rumors of a plot to kidnap Prince Harry and reports he had been ditching his bodyguards to go drinking, the 20-year-old royal returned Friday to Britain from Argentina, where he had been working at a polo-pony ranch during his "gap year" before entering Sandhurst Military Academy in January. The ginger-haired, high-spirited second son of Prince Charles made no comment to reporters when he arrived at Heathrow Airport two days after gunfire was heard at the ranch outside Buenos Aires. Citing an Argentine newspaper, the *Times of London* reported that police fired into the air after detectives suspected kidnappers were near the ranch. Local authorities blamed the shots on poachers, but a tabloid told a darker tale of a plot to kidnap the prince during one of his frequent visits to a bar near the ranch. The local media had reported the rowdy prince was getting drunk and causing problems, and police had complained to the British Embassy.

Titanic director James Cameron has spent much of the last seven years underwater making Imax documentaries about diving to the wreckage of the Titanic and other explorations. But the director of the first two *Terminators* is about to return to his first love, science fiction. Cameron is coming up for air to make *Battle Angel*, set in the 26th century. "It's based on a series of graphic novels done by a Japanese artist called Kishiro," Cameron, 50, told *The Associated Press*. He would not discuss casting, but said the film would include real and computer-generated actors.

Who cares if it once was the world's most popular TV series, running for 12 years and watched by a billion viewers in 140 countries? So what if it made international stars of David Hasselhoff and Pamela Anderson? "Baywatch" has been named the worst U.S. television import into Britain. Others in the shame-on-America lineup announced this week in London by *Broadcast* magazine include "The Anna Nicole Show," "The Jerry Springer Show" and "The Dukes of Hazzard." The mag polled about 20 TV program-buyers, who also named their choices for most influential American shows, topped by "The Simpsons," including "24," "Star Trek" and "I Love Lucy."

ECU gets native with Pow Wow



Photos by Kyle Fisher



The Native American Pow Wow occurs twice each school year in the Mendenhall Student Center Brick Yard. There were tribal dances, native music and discussion of Native American culture. Exotic animals and attire were presented to students. The next Pow Wow will be held in spring of 2005.

ECU alumnus comes to book signing

First holiday performance in more than 10 years



LOONIS MCGLOHON

Loonis McGlohon of North Carolina writes biography

JESSICA CRESO
SENIOR WRITER

Loonis McGlohon was born in Ayden, NC during the years of the depression, which heavily affected his character, values, art and education.

A former student of East Carolina Teachers College, now called ECU, is making an appearance at Greenville's Barnes and Noble. Loonis McGlohon will be signing copies of his biography and greeting customers.

McGlohon is an award winner in many different areas, such as music, community service, documentaries and broadcasting, all requiring great talent. He has earned two George Foster Peabody Awards as well as a Grammy Nomination. In October, he was also awarded with North Carolina Broadcasters Hall of Fame in Asheville at the Grove Park Inn.

After college at ECTC, where he earned a business degree, McGlohon tried to support his family and wife by composing and playing the piano. He was not able to make ends meet doing this, so he used his degree to get a job at Southern Railway.

During the early years of television, McGlohon worked for Charlotte's WBTV in broadcasting. The station gave him a chance to return to his first love, jazz, for a show called "Noc-turne." He had a very successful career at this station as a producer and later a director of special

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Quartet to perform variety of holiday music at ECU.



Turtle Island String Quartet's "Festival of Lights"

AMANDA WINAR
STAFF WRITER

Internationally renowned classical chamber group, the Turtle Island String Quartet, is coming to Wright Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 4 at 8 p.m., as the first holiday performance of the S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series in more than 10 years.

The concert will showcase traditional holiday songs from a range of different cultures including India's Diwali and Chanukah. This is why the performance is called "The Festival of Lights."

Carol Woodruff, Cultural Outreach Director, said she was excited to book the Turtle Island String Quartet because they would bring a holiday program that emphasized cultural diversity.

"We easily could have booked a traditional "Christmas" event, but we didn't want to go the commercial route," said Woodruff.

Woodruff mentioned the Turtle Island String Quartet integrated different traditional holidays into their concert program, mainly because the quartet members all come from different cultural backgrounds.

The quartet, made up of violinists David Balakrishnan and Evan Price, violist Mads Tolling and cellist Mark Summer, will be playing select holiday Scottish reels, English carols and Vince Guaraldi's music from *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, along with the Chanukah and Diwali selections.

The Turtle Island String Quartet was founded in 1985 by David Balakrishnan, and has become a highly esteemed group in the chamber music mainstream. They have toured throughout the United States, stopping in places like the Kennedy Center and the Library of Congress and are internationally recognized in Europe.

In 2003, the quartet was nominated for Best Instrumental Arrangement, and have been

on labels like Chandos, Koch and Telarc, TV and radio credits like the "Today Show," and even been featured in *People* and *Newsweek*.

Woodruff said she wanted the Turtle Island String Quartet to come to ECU because she heard great things about the group, and they were highly respected in the musical community.

"Their artistry is excellent and their music is cutting edge," Woodruff said.

The quartet blends together genres of music such as jazz, bebop, swing, bluegrass, funk, R&B, new age, rock, hip-hop, classical Indian strains and bossa nova, among other styles to create a truly original sound. The quartet is known for improvising during live sets, but will perform selections like "Chanukah, Oh Chanukah," "Winter in Cairo," "Christmastime Is Here" and "Christmas Day I'Da Mornin'."

As a special holiday bonus, the Greenville Choral Society will make a guest appearance at the close of the performance. Comprised of nearly 200 singers, the Greenville Choral Society is a local, audition-based group with four separate choirs. They will be singing holiday classics like "Christmastime is Here," "Oh Tannenbahn" and "Silent Night."

There are six S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series events remaining in the 2004-2005 season, including the upcoming Opera Verdi Europa's production of "Asida" and a performance by the Prague Symphony. To obtain more information or tickets for this event or any other S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, contact the Central Ticket Office at 328-4788, or visit the ECU Arts Web site at ecuarts.com.

Advanced tickets for this event are now available at the Central Ticket Office, costing \$10 for ECU students, \$12 for youth, \$22 for ECU faculty and staff and \$24 for the public or any tickets purchased at the door.

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'Alaska, Inside Passage' takes viewers to places that are certain to warm soul



Moose are just one of the types of animals people will get to see in *Alaska, Inside Passage*.

Film allows viewers to travel without leaving

JASON A. FREEMAN
STAFF WRITER

While not as far as the epic treks of Alexander the Great or Genghis Khan, or as revolutionary as the Lewis and Clark expedition, the trip John Holod and Jodie Ginter take from the state of Washington to Alaska has two things those legendary travelers could not have dreamed of, an RV and a video camera.

Holod, an award winning filmmaker, has produced documentaries and travelogues about such divergent places as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Baja and Cuba. His first such film was a documentary he filmed from the back of his father's motorcycle on a trip to the 1964 World's Fair in New York when he was 11 years old.

In his latest film he documents a 1,500 mile journey from Bellingham, Wash. just north of Seattle, to Skagway, Alaska, the northernmost point of the state.

Along the way Holod and Ginter saw killer whales off Vancouver Island and experienced the beauty of the British Columbia Coast in Canada. Upon arrival in Alaska, the two kayak in Ketchikan, which is just north of the famed "Inside Passage." Out of Ketchikan visitors will be able to view the 3,570 miles of the Misty Fjords National monu-

ment from the river up.

Other stops along the way include Wrangell, a port town where visitors can see Black and Brown bears living together and chasing salmon in the Anan Bear Observatory, Juneau (the capital of Alaska) a place to whale watch and glimpse a glacier in the middle of town, Sitka, a town heavily influenced by Alaska's first and second human residents, the Native Americans and Russians, Haines, home of the largest flock of bald eagles in the world and Petersburg, a commercial fishing town that is the home of a variety of native groups and Tracy Arm, a town where people "calve" glaciers (you'll have to come to find out about that one).

The trip was mainly taken via RV, but was also filmed from boats and a helicopter. Ginter, the film's co-producer and Holod's companion on the trip will be at the screening of the film and is willing to entertain any questions after the film is shown.

Carol Woodruff, ECU's Director of Cultural Outreach, has organized the event and will be there to assist the public.

"If you have interest in travel or if you're interested in the outdoors - I think the film answers a lot of questions," said Woodruff. "I think most people are curious about the world and places they've never been."

Alaska, Inside Passage is part of the 2004-2005 Travel-Adventure Series.

It will be shown at Mendenhall in Hendrix Theater on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. The movie is free for students with a OneCard. For non-students, individual tickets cost only \$10 and for groups who want to see the film the cost is \$9 per ticket.

Other upcoming films in the series are *In Search of Shangri-La*, a film by Buddy Hatton about a trip through China that is being shown on Sunday, Jan. 30. *Hawaii*, a film by Frank Klicar that tours the "Five Islands" will play on Sunday, March 6. Lastly, *In Search of the Albino*, a film by Tom Sterling that follows a seven-year trek looking for rare albino animals throughout North America will be shown on Sunday, April 3. All the movies will show at 3 p.m.

Parking for the event will be provided at the Carol Belk (Allied Health) Building at the corner of Greenville Boulevard and Charles Boulevard. From there patrons will be able to take a shuttle to and from Mendenhall. The buses can be boarded at a covered bus stop at the parking lot.

Tickets can be purchased at the central ticket office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. The ticket office can be reached by calling 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS. Information can also be found on ecuarts.com.

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'Ruminations on College Life' hits stores

(KRT) — I have no idea how to do laundry. No, no, not like I have some idea but just don't know how much fabric softener to use, I mean I have no idea how to do laundry. I just had this vision that there would be some cute chick in the laundry room every time I went there who would show me how to do it. Dreams die hard, but I have no underwear.

Campus is really a communist society. I own nothing, it all belongs to the university. I have no money, it's all my parents. My meals are served in little square portions at one brick building only during certain hours of the day. Is this college or the Soviet Union?

I love the concept of the dining hall. Because before you get to campus for the first time and you're deciding which meal plan to sign up for, older kids will always say

the same thing: "The food is terrible but it's more of a social thing for freshmen." So we know going in that the food sucks. It's like we're saying, "Hey mom, I'm going away to college but I don't really know anyone. So, could you throw me a few thousand dollars? It's for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and some friends."

Are you good with names? I forget them as soon as I hear them. Might as well not tell me at all. I have no idea what anyone's names are except my own, the kids I went to high school with, and that one hot girl who I have never spoken to but stalk from afar.

My friend Dan, like me, has no idea how to do laundry. One day, he's out of underwear, the girl down the hall won't do it for him anymore and he's desperate. So he decides to give it a try. He

goes down to the laundry room in the basement of the dorm and tries to figure it out. He puts his clothes in the machine, puts the detergent in, puts some quarters in, but the thing is not working. He tries everything but it's just not happening. Completely bewildered, he sees a little red help button right next to the machine and presses it. Unfortunately, it was the emergency alarm.

Sirens in the dorm start blaring, red lights are flashing everywhere, cops are on the scene in minutes and my friend has to sneak back to his room amid all this chaos wearing only a towel. He never did his own laundry again.

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McGlohon from page A5

projects section. This is where he remained until retirement, which was 10 years ago.

McGlohon is responsible for many outreach incentives for the community, as well as making documentaries mainly concerning civil rights. This earned him two honorary doctor's degree of letters from UNC-Chapel Hill and Winthrop University.

Despite his broadcasting success, he is known nationwide for his musical accomplishments. McGlohon has recorded with Tony Bennett, performed with Benny Goodman and has songs recorded by Frank Sinatra.

"[Go] to a school that has a strong music program, but it doesn't have to be a music con-

servatory," said McGlohon.

"I wish every young musician could train at ECU. You come into contact with so many people from varied backgrounds and who have interests in many different areas."

He has performed all over the world including New York, Hollywood, Rome, London, Madrid and Tokyo.

In 1983, McGlohon and long time friend from broadcasting, Charles Kuralt, wrote a song called "North Carolina is My Home" for Gov. Jim Hunt for North Carolina's 400th birthday.

This song was performed at ECU in the Wright Auditorium with the Symphony Orchestra in 1987.

His advice for young musicians first and foremost is:

"Number one is to not bend to peer pressure. Go ahead and explore the kind of music that you like, even if it's not in the popular mainstream. There, you will find your peers."

McGlohon was diagnosed with large-cell lymphoma cancer three years ago and in November he was given radiation therapy after unsuccessful chemotherapy treatment.

"You know what? I'm not too concerned about it," McGlohon said.

"I am fortunate to have a team of wonderful doctors, who are also wonderful human beings, and I'm confident that I couldn't have received better care anywhere."

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Members of Western Washington University's College Republicans express themselves.

For some young conservatives, college starting to look right

(KRT) — Three years ago, on the heels of 9/11, Army brat David Donovan, product of a conservative military household, came to the University of Washington campus as a freshman.

"It hadn't been four weeks, and people were already protesting," he says. He saw tables where students proclaimed themselves Socialists; he'd thought that was something people called you as an insult.

He told himself: "I have to find people who think like me."

That's what led him to UW's College Republicans and ultimately to Right Turn, the conservative, student-run monthly magazine the UW senior edits. Its mission: to combat what he calls mainstream media's left-wing bias and to show conservative students they're not alone.

Nationwide, conservative student groups are on the rise, most prominently the College Republicans.

Political activism among young voters has grown in the past year, partly due to the recent election. But leaders say the rise of conservative student groups in particular is the result of more young people seeking alternate voices in traditionally liberal environments.

"We thought we needed something to counter what some of the professors were saying in class and what students were advocating," says senior Scott Phillips, vice president of Seattle University's College Republicans group.

This fall, the Arlington, Va.-based Leadership Institute, which guides young conservatives toward journalism and public policy, set out to double the number of independent, right-leaning student groups nationwide. Before the campaign, the 25-year-old organization counted 218 such groups as of Oct. 22, it claimed 374, most on separate campuses.

Conservative viewpoints, the institute's Jim Eltringham says, have long been ignored or misconstrued by campus publications. "The current genera-

tion has said, 'We're not going to complain about the media; we're going to be the media,'" he says.

In addition to providing campaign-related support, College Republicans hold support-our-troops rallies and hold debates with Young Democrats or other left-leaning groups.

"I like to think we're talking to young people who may not have formed their views and convincing them our views are right," says UW College Republicans president Nick Dayton.

With inspiration from books including Dinesh D'Souza's "Letters to a Young Conservative," their activism has become more edgy and controversial.

Some sponsor conservative films, fabricate cemetery scenes to protest abortion or offer "professor-watch lists" naming those thought to treat classrooms as political bully pulpits.

To protest race-based admissions policies, UW's conservatives last year held an "affirmative-action bake sale," with discounted pastries available only to students of color.

Right Turn, with 10 staff members and 400 donor/subscribers got off the ground in 1999 with help from the Leadership Institute, which provides startup funds for fledgling conservative groups and publications. In this month's issue, Donovan's editor's note says the rise of Fox News "inspires hope that perhaps the network news outlets may one day begin moving back toward objectivity." Other articles, written with a conservative eye, address Social Security, education spending and the war on terrorism.

Whether favoring lower taxes, traditional marriage or Bush's war on terrorism, conservative students say they've felt isolated before finding the refuge of others who think like they do. If support comes from faculty, they say, it's often in whispers: We're here, but we're not really here.

In class discussions, "you feel ganged up on," recalls former UW student — and Right Turn

co-founder — Anton Bird. But it's not just fellow students they have to contend with, conservative students say, it's professors.

After the U.S. invasion of Iraq, UW political-science major Donovan says, one instructor began the class by showing left-wing political cartoons to the 150-plus students in her lecture hall. Donovan says he sat with some friends — eventually dubbed "Conservative Row" by classmates — who often raised their hands to challenge what they saw as the instructor's liberalism.

UW College Republicans president Dayton, a regularly contributing columnist to the UW Daily last year, says that after writing an editorial supporting traditional marriage, he was confronted by an angry reader who then followed and loudly taunted him for an hour. Other groups describe upended information tables, members followed home as a form of intimidation and swear words directed at campaign signs in dorm windows.

At Seattle University, senior Phillips says that when he watched the third Bush-Kerry debate at Seattle University's student center, he was surprised to hear students openly mocking the president. "Maybe they thought everybody was like-minded," he says.

Fellow Seattle U student Alicia Kephart paints a picture of "closet conservatism" on campus, and at a recent campus street fair, some student passers-by were surprised the College Republicans exist.

In all, 28 students joined the group's mailing list — compared with 10 last year — including spiky-haired senior Dean Rololazo, browsing the fair. His friends give him a hard time. "They're like, 'You're gonna ruin the country.' That's what they hear in the media. I don't think George Bush would have led the country this way if there wasn't a reason."

Though he admired Bill Clinton's presidency, he says, "The Democrats have been too liberal. Some of our morals are diminishing."

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2	Oklahoma	11-0	.9611
3	Auburn	11-0	.9342
4	California	9-1	.8431
5	Texas	10-1	.8418
6	Utah	11-0	.8224
7	Georgia	9-2	.6948
8	Boise St.	11-0	.6510
9	Louisville	9-1	.6379
10	Miami (FL)	8-2	.6342

AP Top 25

Rank	School	Record	Prev
1	USC	11-0	1
2	Oklahoma	11-0	2
3	Auburn	11-0	3
4	California	9-1	4
5	Utah	11-0	5
6	Texas	10-1	6
7	Louisville	9-1	7
8	Georgia	9-2	8
9	Miami (FL)	8-2	9
10	Virginia Tech	9-2	11
11	Boise State	11-0	10
12	Iowa	9-2	12
13	LSU	9-2	14
14	Michigan	9-2	13
15	Tennessee	9-2	15
16	Florida State	8-3	19
17	Wisconsin	9-2	20
18	Virginia	8-3	16
19	Pittsburgh	7-3	NR
20	Florida	7-4	25
21	Arizona State	8-3	18
22	Texas A&M	7-4	22
23	Boston College	8-3	17
24	Texas Tech	7-4	NR
25	Ohio State	7-4	NR

Others Receiving Votes: West Virginia 113, Toledo 63, Purdue 49, Colorado 43, Fresno State 33, Memphis 32, Oklahoma State 30, Navy 23, Miami (OHIO) 16, UTEP 12, Syracuse 11, Clemson 8, Alabama 7, New Mexico 5, Bowling Green 4, Northern Illinois 3.

Coach's 25

Rank	School	Record	Prev
1	USC	11-0	1
2	Oklahoma	11-0	2
3	Auburn	11-0	3
4	California	9-1	4
5	Texas	10-1	5
6	Utah	11-0	6
7	Georgia	9-2	7
8	Louisville	9-1	8
9	Miami (FL)	8-2	9
10	Boise State	11-0	10
11	Virginia Tech	9-2	11
12	LSU	9-2	12
13	Michigan	9-2	13
14	Iowa	9-2	14
15	Tennessee	9-2	15
16	Florida State	8-3	17
17	Wisconsin	9-2	18
18	Virginia	8-3	16
19	Florida	7-4	NR
20	Texas Tech	7-4	NR
21	Pittsburgh	7-3	NR
22	Ohio State	7-4	NR
23	Arizona State	8-3	20
24	West Virginia	8-3	21
25	Texas A&M	7-4	22

Others Receiving Votes: Boston College 131, Colorado 75, Fresno State 73, Northern Illinois 64, Memphis 59, Oklahoma State 52, Purdue 44, UTEP 27, Bowling Green 25, Navy 22, Miami (OHIO) 5, Toledo 2, North Texas 2, Alabama 1, Syracuse 1, New Mexico 1, Iowa State 1.

BCS Explained

Team percentages are derived by dividing a team's actual voting points by a maximum 1625 possible points in the AP Poll and 1525 possible points in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

Six computer rankings calculated in inverse points order (25 for .1, 24 for .2, etc.) are used to determine the overall computer component. The best and worst ranking for each team is dropped, and the remaining four are added and divided by 100 (the maximum possible points) to produce a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin and Peter Wolfe. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength in its formula.

The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Associated Press, USA Today/ESPN Coaches and Computer polls.

Wolfpack devours ECU, 52-14

Thompson, seniors experience final game

ERIC GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

As the final whistle sounded in Bank of America Stadium on Saturday afternoon to conclude ECU's embarrassing loss to archrival NC State, it started to rain. Then, it started to down-pour. It was the only fitting conclusion for a disappointing season that ended with a 52-14 massacre by the Wolfpack.

The Wolfpack (5-6) pillaged and plundered ECU (2-9) of their dignity and pride in a game that packed very little luster compared to years past.

"We got steamrolled by a very good team," said departing Head Coach John Thompson at the post-game press conference.

"When things go bad, they go bad."

Things went bad from the very beginning when the Wolfpack took their first offensive possession down the field on 11 plays for 87 yards. Junior Jay Davis found Brian Clark wide open down the middle of the field for a 26-yard touchdown.

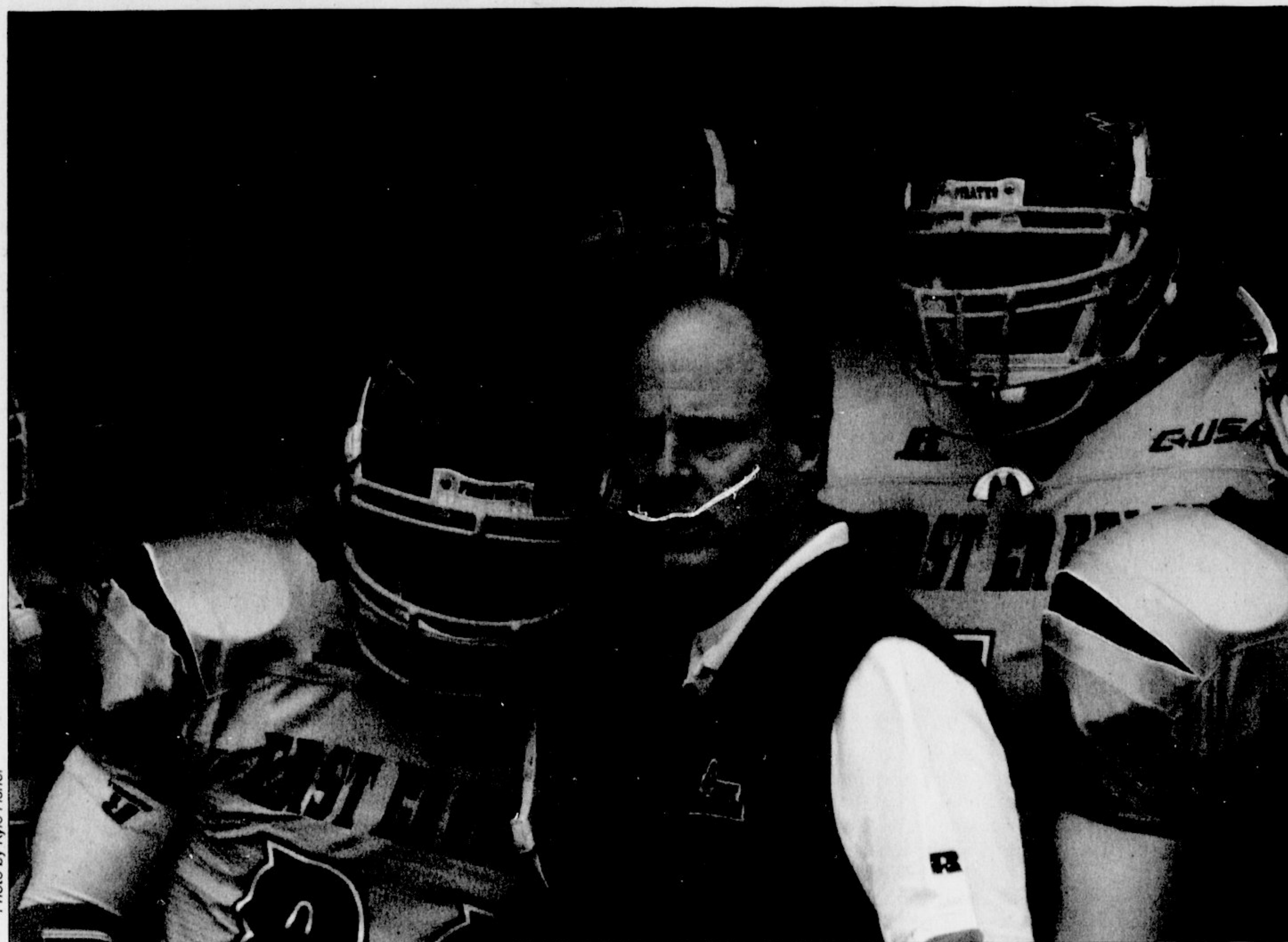
"We had some confusion in our coverage," said sophomore cornerback Erode Jean.

"We checked [the match-up zone] on one side but not on the back side, and the guy was wide open."

On the ensuing possession, things went from bad to worse when quarterback James Pinkney tweaked his right knee. The starter for every game this season was injured when a NC State defender dove at his legs on an incomplete pass on third down.

"James Pinkney gave us a lot of things to build on all year long," Thompson said.

"He is a true warrior."



John Thompson took ECU into battle for his last game as the Pirates' head coach against NC State last Saturday.

After the teams traded possession, ECU tied the game at 7-7 when junior linebacker Chris Moore forced a fumble by Davis and then recovered it in the end zone. The last time the Pirates recovered a fumble in the end zone was when former cornerback, now turned sideline reporter, Kevin Monroe notched one against South Carolina more than five years ago.

The Pirate Nation had very little to cheer about after the first quarter ended on Moore's touch-

down other than the Pirates' new jerseys.

ECU came out in gold jerseys for the first time ever. The Pirates honored some of the alumni who have supported the program over the years who proposed the idea. The decision had been made before the season started.

NC State's John Deraney kicked a 31-yard field goal on a 10-play drive to put NC State up for good 10-7.

The floodgates started to open when punter Ryan Dough-

tery had his punt blocked for a touchdown for the second time this season. Miguel Scott was credited with the block and recovery.

"Right before the half, when they get the blocked punt, that was a huge play," Thompson said about being down 17-7 at the half.

NC State started a barrage of scoring in the third-quarter on a controversial call. It appeared that Wolfpack tight-end John Ritcher was tackled at the ECU two-yard

line before he extended the ball into the end zone. However, the sideline referee called Ritcher's catch a touchdown, much to the dismay of Thompson.

Thompson threw his headset onto the field in an uncharacteristic display trying to protest the call. The lame-duck coach had an almost out of body experience in yelling at the sideline judge.

"He deserved it. I felt like

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Pirates get back on winning track, down Crusaders 77-50

ECU uses strong second half to surge past Belmont Abbey

TRENT WYNNE
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a tough loss on the road to in-state foe Gardner-Webb last Tuesday, the ECU Men's Basketball Team came into Sunday's contest with Belmont Abbey looking to right their wrongs and jump back into the win column after opening the season with two consecutive triumphs. Three double-doubles later, the Pirates would come away victorious, 77-50.

Moussa Badiane was one of the Pirates collecting a double dip on the afternoon, grabbing 10 rebounds to go along with his career-high 26 points and six blocks.

"Moussa did a great job and almost had a triple-double," said Head Coach Bill Herrion in an interview with SID.

"I just told the kids in the locker room after the game that I think we have to establish a little bit more of an inside identity."

Corey Rouse's 15 point, 11 rebound performance helped add to the Pirates' "inside identity" coach Herrion spoke of after the game.

"I like the way Corey is playing," Herrion said.

"I think we are getting a lot out of him. He keeps getting better every game. He has had two consecutive double-doubles and is being very active on the glass."

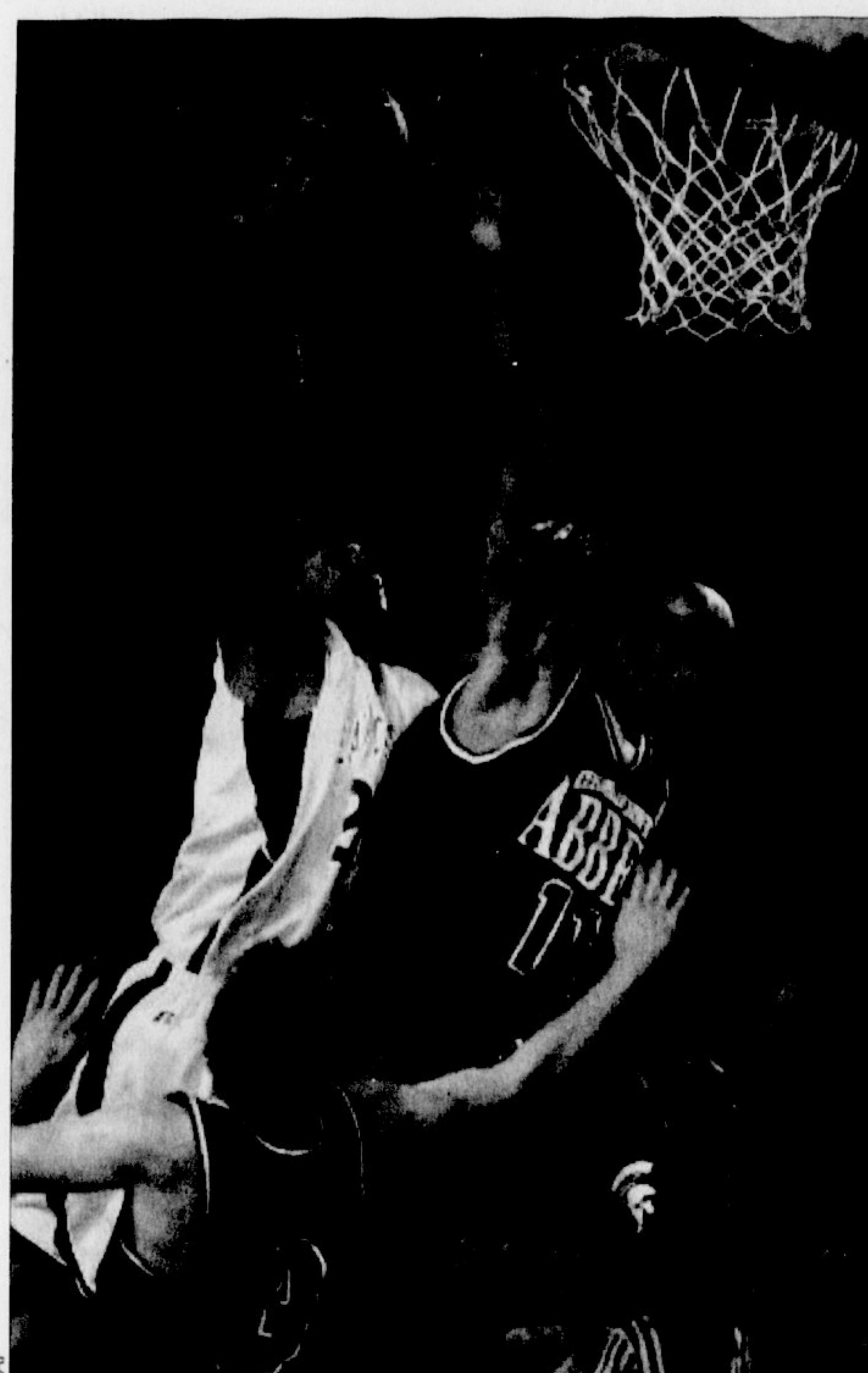
The Pirates got yet another strong output from sophomore guard Mike Cook, as he came up just one rebound shy of grabbing a triple-double. Cook scored 11 while dishing out 12 assists and boarding nine rebounds.

"When Mike Cook has the ball in his hands a lot of good things happen with our basketball team," Herrion said in an interview with SID.

ECU started off a little sluggish against the Division II Crusaders and only carried a five-point lead into the locker room at halftime, 35-30.

"The first half we did not run a good offense," Herrion said.

"I think we had a lot of guys



Tom Hammonds rises over Belmont Abbey's Steve Williams during the Pirates' home win Sunday afternoon.

just holding onto the basketball too much."

The Pirates found their touch in the second half, shooting a blazing 64.3 percent from the field and outscoring the Crusaders 40-20 in the last 20 minutes of play.

"I thought the second half was better," Herrion said.

"We started reversing the ball in our transition, started screening better, and the floor started opening up a little bit and we got a lot more offensive opportunities."

ECU also turned up the defensive pressure from its last two contests, holding Belmont Abbey to just 26.7 percent shooting on the day.

"I think that we needed to get back to playing basketball the way that we have played here the last five years; the way

people know how we play and that's on the defensive end of the floor," Herrion said.

"We didn't play well defensively at Gardner-Webb this past Tuesday. We came back and really tried to pay a lot of attention to the defensive end. I thought position wise, we were much better tonight."

Belmont Abbey (1-1) was paced by Rafael Moreira who stuck to the theme on the day and notched a double-double of his own with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

The Pirates welcome the very experienced Toledo Rockets into town tomorrow night in Williams Arena, Mingos Coliseum. Tip-off is slated for 7 p.m.

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Jackson is leading ECU in points this season with 38.

Lady Pirates fall to CSF, 65-57

(SID) — A second half 13-5 run by the ECU Women's Basketball Team was not enough to help the Lady Pirates as they dropped the consolation game to Cal State Fullerton 65-57 Saturday afternoon at the 2004 Four Points LAX Turkey Shootout inside Firestone Fieldhouse.

ECU (1-3) closed the gap on the Titans with 6:32 remaining in the game behind consecutive baskets from Jennifer Jackson and the frontcourt play by Shanita Sutton and Soraya Hellaby. The Titans (1-3) went on a 9-2 run capped off by Charlee Underwood's three-pointer and put the Titans back up 59-50 at the 3:29 mark.

Sutton finished the game with 14 points and set a career-high with 11 rebounds and took

home all-tournament honors.

Once again, ECU was able to get within striking distance as they got within four, 61-57, but Cal State's Underwood finished off a three-point play with 33 seconds left to seal the victory, 65-57. ECU jumped out to an early 6-0 lead in the first period behind a pair of Keisha Anthony baskets and was able to extend its lead to 10 points, 25-15 on a Jackson eight-foot jumper with 7:22 remaining.

Heading into the half, the Titans were able to hold the Pirates scoreless in the last five minutes and too the lead into intermission, 34-27.

The Pirates will be back in action on Wednesday, Dec. 1 when they travel to Savannah State. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

No.	Name	FG-FGA	Reb.	Pts.	A
33	Jennifer Jackson	3-10	2	10	1
21	Keisha Anthony	4-12	6	10	2
42	Shanita Sutton	6-12	11	14	0
55	Soraya Hellaby	2-4	3	4	2
03	Viola Cooper	1-5	2	5	5
34	Samantha Pankey	1-3	1	2	1
04	Tamekia Powell	1-2	2	2	2

Football from page A7



Darnell Blackman stiff-arms Pierre Parker in the Wolfpacks' 52-14 victory over the Pirates in the final game of the season.

our guys needed somebody to stand up for them. I disagreed with it. I'm sure it was the right call and I'm sure I was wrong for seeing it the wrong way," Thompson said in a comical sarcastic way.

On the ensuing possession, NC State defensive end Mario Williams caused back-up quarterback Desmond Robinson to be intercepted by Wolfpack cornerback Dovonte Edwards.

"We put Desmond in a tough situation. We didn't block them all day long in the running game, passing game. They intercepted us and crushed us," Thompson said.

Robinson, the starter just a season ago, was inept, finishing 7-of-23 for 62 yards and two interceptions. He also ironically finished as ECU's top receiver catching two balls, one his own, for 35 yards.

"I'm always one play away from playing," said Robinson.

"I had to go in and try and help the team. [NC State] made plays and we didn't."

ECU achieved only four first downs in the second half, two of which came on a late drive. Senior Marvin Townes scored his rushing first touchdown of the season on a two-yard run.

ECU's inside kick was returned 48 yards untouched by Tramain Hall to conclude the scoring barrage.

Davis accounted for 227 yards on 18-of-31 passing including three passing touchdowns and one rushing score.

The NC State defense was credited with eight tackles for loss and three sacks. The Wolfpack held ECU to only 110 yards total offense and will probably finish the season as the nation's top defense.

"They are definitely the best," said sophomore wide-out Kevin Roach about the Wolfpack defense.

"They are big, fast and very disciplined, they showed it today."

"Wow," Thompson said about NC State's defense.

"I think a whole lot of them are going to be playing on Sunday. A lot of our guys on the offensive line are out of position. The mismatch was obvious."

Thompson's team was often mismatched, which led to his forced resignation less than two weeks ago. The loss dropped his two-year record to 3-20.

"It was a sad day for us," Thompson said.

"We didn't get the job done. I didn't get the job done today or in two years. We didn't make enough plays today or in two years."

"It was different," said Moore about knowing that Thompson would no longer be his coach.

"We tried to turn a negative into a positive by playing harder. It hurts to see coach Thompson and his staff leave, but maybe it was time for a change."

"I want to leave here with it being better," Thompson said.

It's hard to believe a program is on the upswing when just five years ago the Pirates reached their peak when they manhandled NC State 23-6 inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

"When I got here, it was a divided program. I hope everybody unites behind whoever comes in here. This program can't survive with everybody going in different directions," Thompson said.

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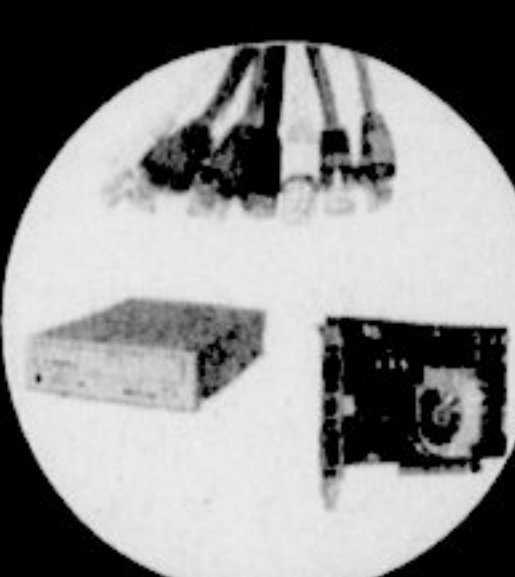
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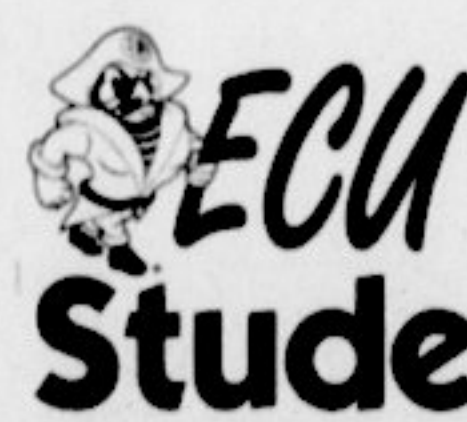


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BCS system remains flawed

KRT — Somewhere there's a Bill Gates, a Michael Dell, a Craig McCaw, a true pioneer who can focus all his outside-the-box imagination on college football, and somehow determine the first true national champion.

Or we could just take the leading teams in the BCS standings and have them play each other for four weekends.

Your drooling great-uncle could do it. Your dachshund could do it. There might even be a university president who can do it.

Hey, even we can do it. First, let's establish the premise that there aren't 16 Division I-A teams who deserve a shot at the championship. We know this because Arizona State was 16th last week, before it lost to an Arizona team that couldn't move the ball down a ski slope.

But there are probably more than eight teams, most years, who should get their shot. Virginia Tech was 14th last weekend but beat Virginia on Saturday and will win the ACC outright if it wins at Miami on Saturday. Even if it doesn't, it will share the championship of the nation's best league.

So let's settle on 12 teams. That way we can give Nos. 1 through 4 a first-round bye. Certainly USC, Auburn, Oklahoma and Cal deserve such an advantage.

We can begin the playoff on Dec. 18-19. Virtually all the universities are on Christmas break by then. The quarterfinals can be staged Dec. 26, the day after Christmas, and then the semis can be on New Year's Day.

Play the championship on Jan. 8. Watch the NFL ratings shrivel to C-Span levels by comparison. Are you worried about the fans being asked to travel four consecutive weekends? Don't worry. Most of the first- and second-round games will be at campus sites. Again, the edge goes to those who earned it during the regular season.

Are you worried about the Rest Of The Bowls? To be sure, they aren't faring so well under the current system, in which they go trolling for the Wyomings and the UABs. If they want to play their silly games with the left-over teams and if they can find a network that is so desperate for programming, let them.

Here's how the format would work in 2004, using last week's BCS poll:

FIRST ROUND

Michigan (12) at Texas (5): Longhorns win, 34-13. Coach Mack Brown petitions for admission to NFL.

Iowa (12) at Utah (6): Undeclared Utes win a tight one, 23-21, and coach Urban Meyer reveals the advice in the letters he used to write Bear Bryant and Amos Alonzo Stagg.

Boise State (7) at Louisville (10): On the road, the Broncos pull a 30-23 upset. "Once we adjusted to the green turf, we were fine," coach Dan Hawkins says.

Miami (9) at Georgia (8): Bulldogs beat the Hurricanes, 17-13, after pep rally at which Zell Miller says Miami "couldn't beat the French."

SECOND ROUND

Georgia at USC (1): Trojans fall behind 28-0, make some of those crucial "halftime adjustments," win 52-28.

Boise State at Oklahoma (2): Sooners triumph, 47-10, and ASPCA protests on behalf of overworked ponies pulling the "Sooner Schooner" after each touchdown.

Utah at Auburn (3): Urban Meyer's innovative single-file formation confuses Tigers, leads Utah to 34-30 upset.

Texas at Cal (4): Aaron Rodgers' four touchdown passes lead Cal to 31-13 victory over Longhorns. "That's a relief - now we can go back to the Holiday Bowl," Brown says.

SEMIFINALS(HOUSTON)
USC 15, Cal 14: Although Rodgers completes his first 30 passes, Ryan Killeen's five 50-yard field goals rescue Trojans, who are outgained 504 to 112 but still win.

Utah 47, Oklahoma 33: Coin toss is interrupted by full brawl between Utes and Sooners, arguing over which coach invented football.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (ATLANTA)

USC 40, Utah 14: Mike Patterson tackles quarterback, fullback and wide receiver simultaneously on first play, setting the tone. Another key play is USC's fake punt with 30 seconds left.

FOOTNOTES

Meyer is named coach at Florida and agrees to take charge of NASA during bye weeks.

UCLA celebrates Insight Bowl victory over Notre Dame, which is also its first victory over a



Jason Campbell and the Auburn Tigers may miss out on a national title bid even if they finish the season 12-0.

bowl-eligible team.

Coaches petition the NCAA convention for 120 scholarships, mandatory off-season conditioning programs and titanium shafts for all recruits.

Escort services close their doors all over Boulder, Colo., in order to watch Buffaloes' heroic 65-7 loss to Oklahoma in Big 12 championship.

Pulitzer Committee is authorized by attorney general's office to arrest any sports writer or ESPN anchor who continues to refer to South Carolina's Steve Spurrier as "The Ol' Ball Coach."

Norm Chow, USC's offensive coordinator, takes Utah job and says he'll begin recruiting as soon as somebody pries Pete Carroll's hands off his foot.

Joe Paterno begins to take the hint when CBS unveils new "CSI:

Chocolate Thunder changed face of game

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This is where Harry Truman celebrated his victory in the 1948 presidential election. Everybody played music here, all the stars, Billie Holiday, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, the Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin and, of course, Anita Bryant (with 500 pro-gay people outside demonstrating).

Still, when the curtain finally falls on Municipal Auditorium — and let's hope that day is not for many, many years, I believe there will be one event, and one alone, to put on the tombstone.

Municipal Auditorium
Born: December 1, 1935.

It was here that, on November 13, 1979, a man who called himself Chocolate Thunder dunked a basketball so hard, he smashed a backboard. The games people played in America were never quite the same.

To prove a point, I just walked over to the television and turned on ESPN's "SportsCenter" and watched for six minutes. Six lousy minutes. Here is what I saw:

Two: Kay Jewelers commercials.

One: Teaser promising highlights from Hubie Brown's resignation press conference (oh goodie!).

One: SportsCenter anchor I'd never heard of before.

Nine: Dunks.

Of course, this can't surprise you. This time of year, the show might as well be called Dunk-Center. We are inundated with dunks, swamped with dunks,

you've got dunks on TV and dunks on video games, dunks all through the holidays, through the dark winter days of January, past Valentine's Day, through March Madness, through the everlasting NBA playoffs, we get nothing but rim-ramming and slam-bamming and jim-jamming, flushes, stuffs, reverse-jams, 360-slams, rim-rattling, bone-shattering, dipsee-doo-dunkaroos, baby.

How did we get here? Shoot, not so long ago it was still called "the stuff shot" and was no bigger than the layup. How did the dunk get so big? It's a popular question, especially after the Olympics when it seemed like the rest of the world knew how to play basketball, you know, bounce passes, bank shots, pick and rolls, all that stuff while Americans seemed incapable of making a shot that wasn't slammed through the basket. How did the dunk take over our lives?

Well, there are many theories. The dunk goes way back to the days before even Vince Carter. Many credit Connie Hawkins as the man who popularized the dunk almost 40 years ago. Not long after that, Julius Erving took the dunk to an art form, Michael Jordan then took the dunk to a rapt audience of sneaker buyers. Five-foot-seven Spud Webb won the NBA slam-dunk contest. The University of Houston team of 1983 dunked so much, they were known as "Phi Slama Jama." Woody Harrelson lost all his money trying to prove he could dunk (there was easy money).

Still, in my mind, the revolution began on an ordinary November Tuesday evening in Kansas City. There were 9,130 people in the stands that night, though if you go around town you could probably find 25,000 who say they were there. The Philadelphia 76ers were playing the Kansas City Kings. And 38 seconds into the second half, Philadelphia center Darryl Dawkins leaned in, jumped, and powered the ball down as hard as he could. Half his arm went in the basket. The backboard shattered. A thousand little pieces of glass poured down on Dawkins and Kansas City's Bill Robinson.

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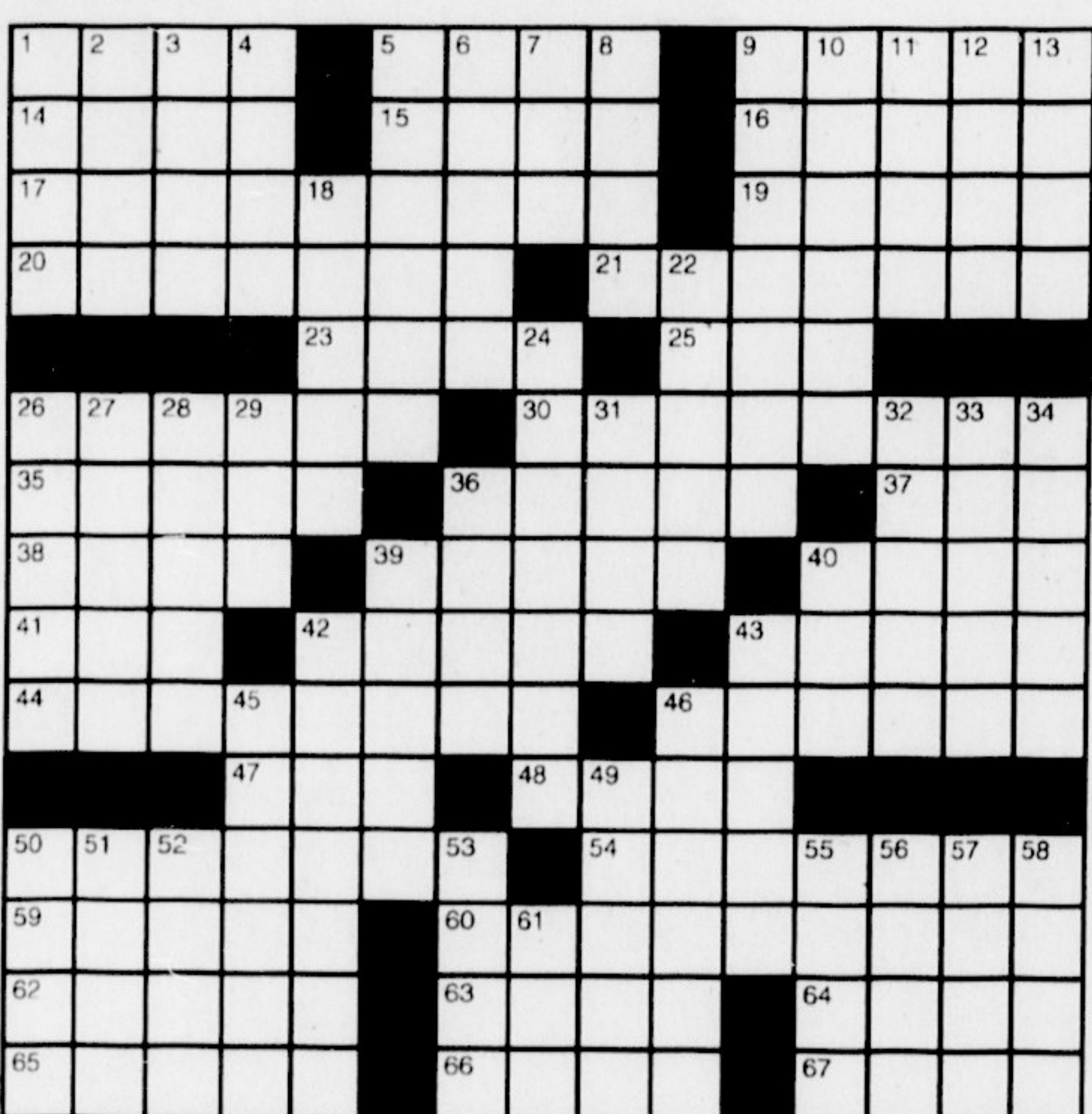
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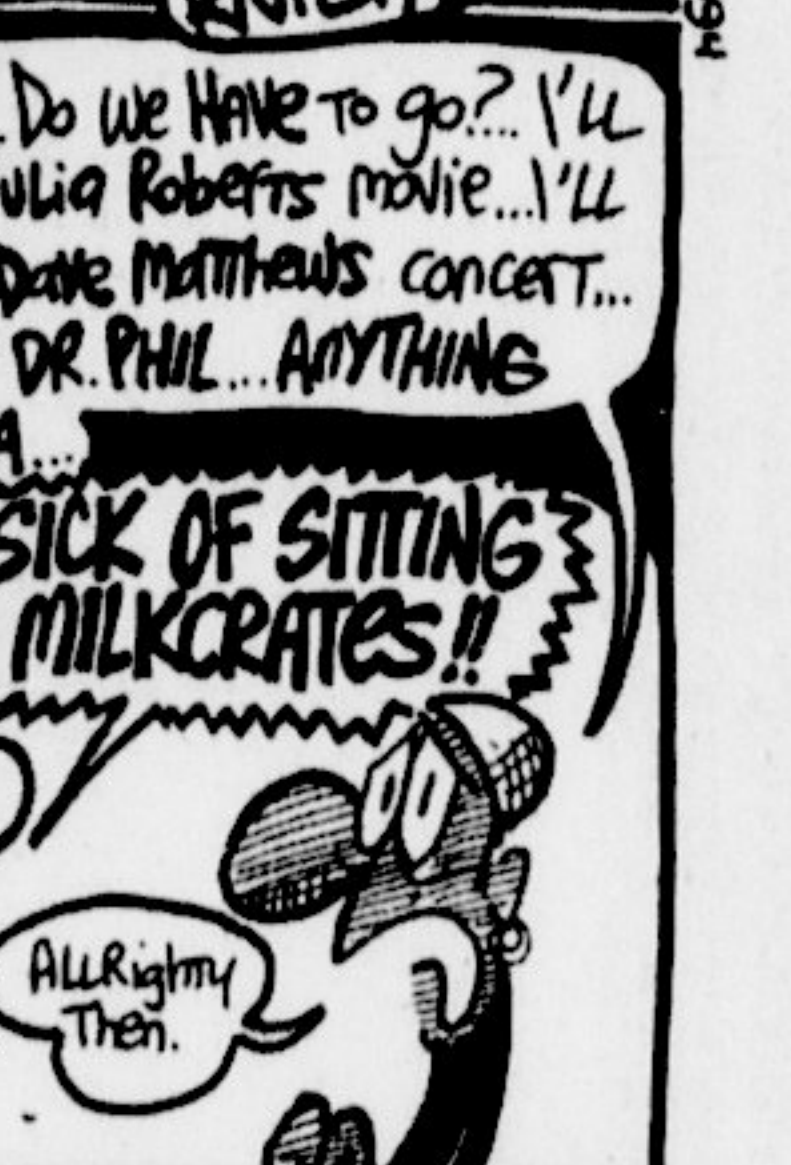
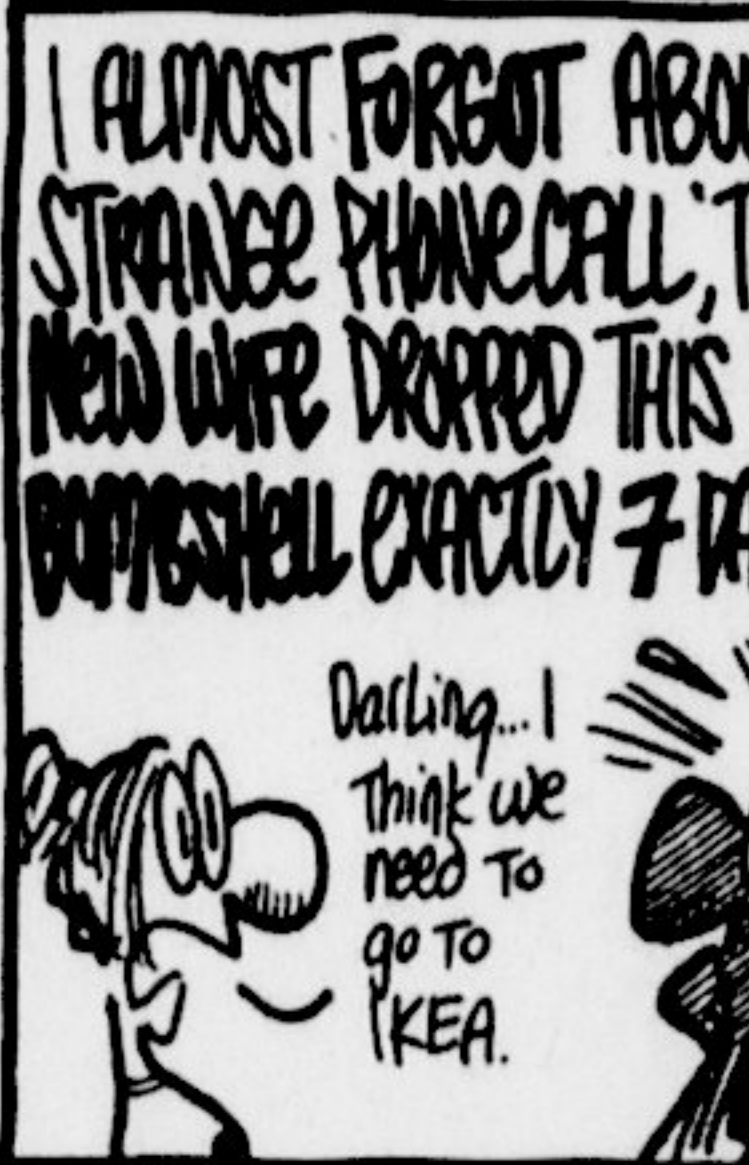
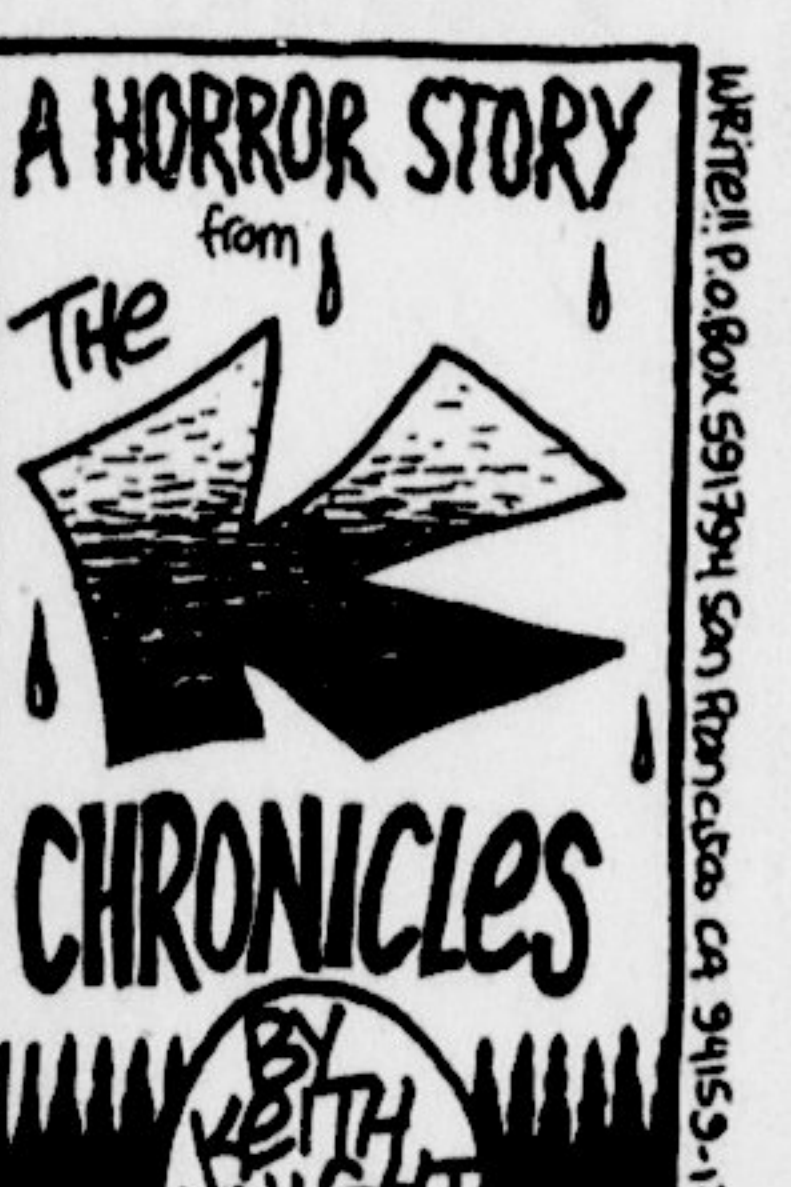
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- Long, heroic narrative
 - Important times
 - Speech defect
 - Thin strip of wood
 - Distant and cool
 - State-sponsored gambling
 - Pierre's friend
 - Cozy retreat
 - Steadfast
 - Ask for help
 - Not up yet
 - Genuine
 - Scottish Gaelic
 - Jewish spiritual leader
 - Swimmers' platforms
 - Praise
 - Cut wool
 - Cleave in two
 - Photographer Adams
 - Fluffy scarf
 - Little white lies
 - Cyclist Armstrong
 - Landlord
 - View again
 - Japanese wrestling
 - Static
 - Mischievous elf
 - Astronomer of Alexandria
 - Vacant
 - Even though
 - Theater paths
 - Air again
 - Hind part
 - Wrinkly fruit
 - Ill-mannered child
 - Act as an usher
 - Last bio
 - Pleasant
 - Angers
 - Annexes
 - Gone by



Chancellor's Leadership Conference



"Acquiring the Pieces of the Leadership Puzzle"

When: December 3rd and 4th

Deadline to sign-up: November 30th

Where: Mendenhall Student Center

For Who: Student Executive Board Members

Cost: **FREE!**

Includes: Leadership development, personal development,
and campus workshops

Interact with Chancellor Ballard!

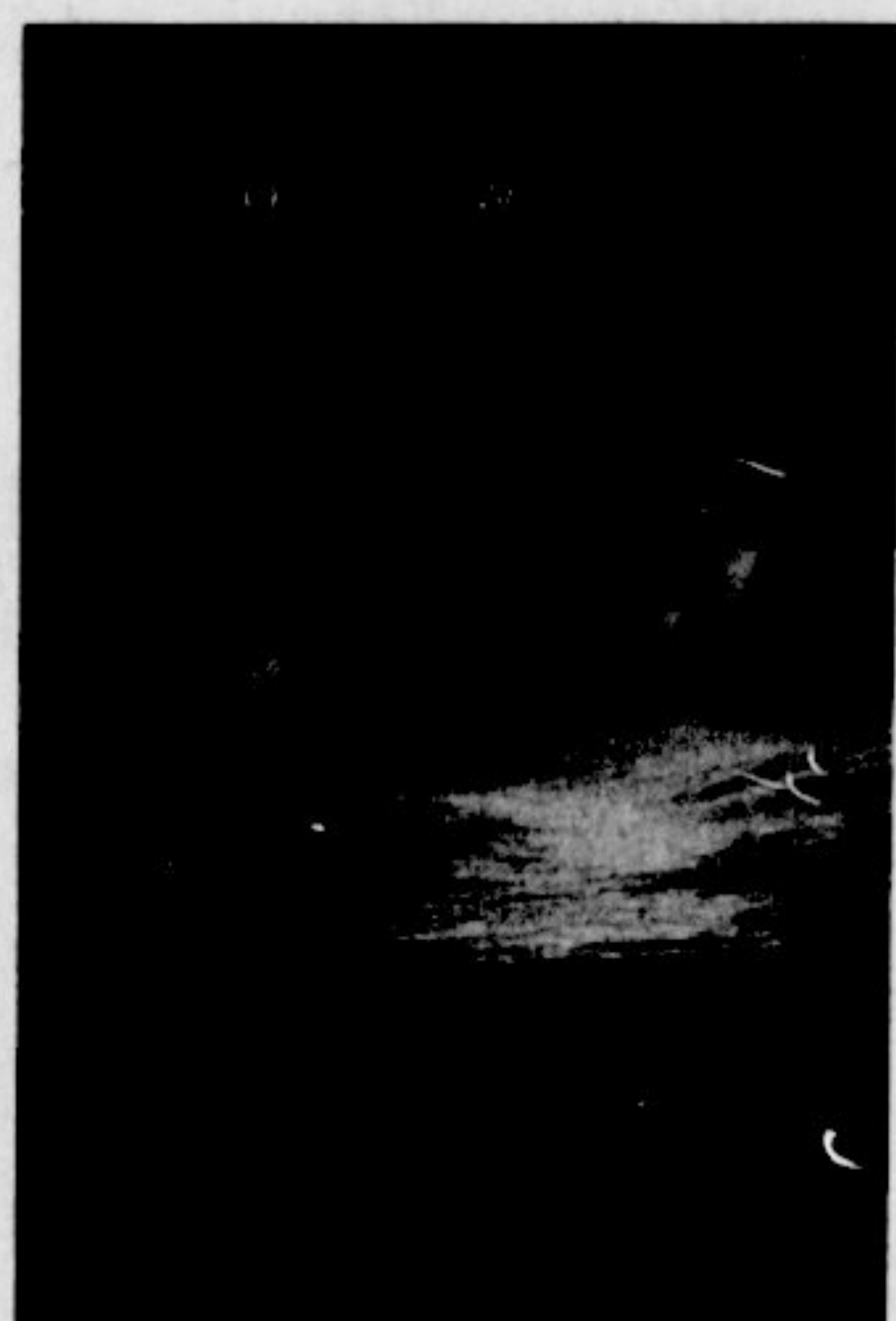
Key Note Speaker:

Dr. Joe Martin, Motivational Speaker and author

For more information go to:

www.ecu.edu/studentleadership

THIS WEEK AT STUDENT UNION



← Open Water

Thurs. 9:30PM
Fri. Midnight
Sat. 9:30PM
Sun. 7PM

Collateral→

Wed. 9:30PM
Thurs. 7PM
Fri. 9:30PM
Sat. 7PM & Midnight



Nov.30- Cultural BINGO 9:30 @ Mendenhall Dining Hall *Cash, Prizes, FREE FOOD!!!*

Dec.3- Comedy Cabaret featuring Eric Nieves 8PM in the MSC Great Rooms; Refreshments will be provided; student tickets are free:
2 per ECU ID; tickets available @ the Central Ticket Office @ MSC \$5 general admission

Dec.4- "Rockin' Around the Pirate Underground" Music Fest featuring Damn Good, Supercomp, The Brand

WorldFest

Join us for a Multicultural Winter Holiday Celebration.
Free Food & Entertainment in the Mendenhall Student Center.
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For more info call 328-6004

COMEDY CABARET FEATURING: ERIC NIEVES

Friday, December 3 @ 8PM in the MSC Great Rooms;
Refreshments will be provided;
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