

Holtz hired as new head coach

Former USC coordinator gets five-year deal

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It took ECU Athletic Director Terry Holland just seven days after the football season ended to find the Pirates' new Head Coach Louis "Skip" Holtz.

Chancellor Steve Ballard opened the press conference Friday afternoon with comments about the high performance of ECU's distance education and the quality ECU offers to everyone in and out of state. He then introduced Holland, who went into why ECU selected Holtz to lead the gridiron Pirates in the years to come.

Among Holland's reasons were Holtz's experience as a head coach at the University of Connecticut, the fact he has not only coached but played football, his experience with the University of South Carolina and Notre Dame and he also believes Holtz is a great family man and a "high quality individual."

A beaming and visibly anxious Holtz took the podium while his wife, Jennifer, and three children (Trey, Chad and Hailey) beamed back at him from press row.

"My wife and my eighth grade football coach are both here and they told me to slow down," said Holtz half-jokingly.

"I tend to get a little bit excited when I get to the podium. It is an honor to stand here before you as the head football coach at ECU. I need to thank an awful lot of people. But first, for the opportunity to Dr. Ballard, Mr. Holland and Nick Floyd and the people I have had the opportunity to be around and get to know on my visit here. I just can't say enough positive things about the leadership and the direction of this university. As I have said before you look at a lot of different places and it's not so much where you work but it's who you're working with. That is what makes ECU special right now."

Holtz also commented on the passion of the fans. He said the aspect that drew him to ECU the most was the people who surround the university and its athletic programs.

"The place [ECU] itself is buildings, but what makes ECU special is the people," Holtz said.

"The people that are here in this room, the

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Holtz compiled 34 wins when he was the head coach for the Connecticut Huskies from 1994-1998. He is ECU's 19th all-time head coach.



The neighborhood relations facilitator helps students in off campus neighborhoods like the one pictured above.

New position improves community relations

Actions taken this semester for students

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A new position, entitled Student Neighborhood Relations Facilitator held by Michelle Lieberman, is seeing positive results as more than 89 actions were taken this semester to deal with various issues relating to student neighborhoods outside of ECU.

The position, working in conjunction with the Center of Off Campus Living, was added to campus this semester to serve as a liaison between ECU and the surrounding neighborhoods and help students combat unethical landlords.

The 89 actions taken by Lieberman include letters written, houses visited and e-mails sent in an effort to improve relations between ECU and the surrounding communities.

Lieberman said her position is valuable because citizens living in areas near ECU would often have problems with stu-

dents being too noisy or messy and would go straight to the police or the City of Greenville to resolve the matter which can lead to a fine for the students if they are found breaking a city ordinance.

Now these citizens can contact Lieberman who will write a letter, or in some cases pay a visit to the residence, to alert them that their behavior is angering their neighbors and try to find a way to peacefully resolve the situation.

"I think I've saved a bunch of students some tickets," said Lieberman.

Lieberman said the response she has received from students has been very positive and most simply were unaware of the problems they were causing in their neighborhoods.

"It's been very successful," Lieberman said.

"I've only had to go back to one house."

Lieberman said the best way for students to get along with their neighbors is to simply get

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Chancellor's Leadership Conference benefits student leaders

Martin educates students on leadership skills

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Joe Martin, a national award-winning speaker, spoke on leadership for student leaders at the first event of the Chancellor's Leadership Conference on Friday.

Martin began by reading an inspirational poem he wrote entitled "So Tired." He then asked the student leaders questions relating to issues commonly encountered by people in leadership positions.

Martin shared a lesson with the audience he learned from his mother. He said people are always complaining about what they do not have when they should be thanking God for what you do have.

Martin said there are three types of leaders including those who are always fired up, those who had the fire but are losing it and the group you wish you could fire.

"I want to rekindle that fire," said Martin.

Martin then discussed the purpose of life.

"We are all brought here to this earth to be used," Martin said. He said otherwise, people would be useless.

Martin illustrated his philosophy for life with a hand-drawn chief representing a person.

unique gift or talent. He said they could do one of four things with your handkerchief. They can use it as a blindfold, like a bandit who tries to rob their organizations without giving anything in return or they can wear it like a bib. Those who wear their bibs are those ready to be served.

"If every one in your student organization decided to use their gifts in this manner, then your entire organization is going starve because no one eats unless someone serves first," Martin said.

The fourth leader students can choose to be a busboy. He said this is the option to serve others.

"[This leader] realizes the size of his or her tip is based on the quality of service that her or she delivers to others in the organization," Martin said.

Martin concluded with another poem entitled "Not Like Most."

Shavaughn Mayse, sophomore physiology major, said she thought Martin was an inspiring motivational speaker.

"I think he is truly living out his calling," said Mayse.

She said she thinks he reached everybody and that is what a motivational speaker is supposed to do and she wants to branch out in her position and just be comfortable in a complacent state.

"Now I feel more motivated to do what comes next," Mayse said.

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Chancellor Ballard talks with students during his "Fireside Chat" at leadership conference last weekend.

Ballard gives suggestions to successful leadership

ALICIA WILLIAMS
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The third annual Chancellor's Leadership Conference held Dec. 3-4 included motivational speaking, workshops and a "Fireside Chat" with Chancellor Ballard for student leaders.

On Dec. 4, Motivational Speaker Joe Martin spoke to those in attendance first and referred to himself as an irrational speaker because he irritates people in a good way. He said learning does not take place until you make students uncomfortable.

Martin began by reading a poem about himself and the struggles of his life. He said he is not a success story, but a survivor story.

"It doesn't matter where you start, but where you decide to finish," said Martin.

Martin presented to students three ways they can take control of their lives. The first of these tactics is to "get real."

"We suffer from split personality ... we have the visible self and the real self. We need to learn how to be the real us," Martin said.

He said the second step

is for students to get better by working on themselves and lastly, get control. Martin showed the audience how to do this by telling them to make a list of all the things that make them happy and doing one of those things when feeling upset.

After Martin spoke, the student leaders were dismissed to various sessions. For the first session, students chose from workshops such as "Stress Management," "Improve Your Leadership Abilities" and "Effectiveness through the True Colors Personality Typing System." During the second session, student leaders had a choice from "Mixed Drinks: Where Leadership Meets Alcohol," "Keep Dry During a Brainstorm," "Student Neighborhood Relations" and "Dining Etiquette for Dummies."

During the lunch, students got the chance to ask Chancellor Ballard questions before his "Fireside Chat."

"I am blown away by the great leadership in this room," said Ballard.

Ballard spoke to the students on his view of leadership from his own experiences.

"Never think you found the secret to leadership," Ballard said.

He said successful leaders get

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Controversial author comes to ECU to discuss men on the 'down low'

Audience receives an education on HIV/AIDS

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J.L. King, a controversial author and HIV/AIDS prevention expert, spoke to ECU students at World AIDS Day on behalf of Pitt County AIDS Service Organization, Inc. and the Student Health Services.

The controversy surrounding King is his book, *On The Down Low: A Journey Into the Lives of 'Straight' Black Men That Sleep With Men*.

King said when it comes to AIDS awareness programs, there are two kinds of people.

"People who want to be educated, help themselves and their community ... [and] people who remind me of people who drive by car accidents. They drive real slow but don't do anything to help the victims," said King.

His book concerns the fact that the men who are "on the down low," meaning they sleep with men despite being married and put their wives and family at risk.

King said the HIV virus is 100 percent preventable, but without education, people can become a statistic.

He said not all African American men are "on the down low" and not just African American men live that way. He said anyone is susceptible to contracting HIV/AIDS and it's important to get tested.

"The epidemic is growing, so we need to educate the younger generation. Children at the age of 10 are becoming diagnosed with HIV/AIDS," King said.

The event ended with a question-and-answer session featuring King, John Morrow, director of the Pitt County Health Department, David Alderidge, HIV advocate from Pitt County and Dr. Craig Simpson, physician at ECU Student Health Services.

One audience member asked how to deal with a person who was stubborn and didn't want to be tested.

King said two of his friends were living "on the down low" and refused to get tested or tell their wives of the second lives they lived. He took the two friends to a funeral of a lady who had died from AIDS that her husband, who had lived "on the down low," refused to tell her. King showed his friends the pain her children were going through and indicated their father had died a year before, unable to see the pain he put his family in.

"Sometimes you have to bring a face to AIDS to get across to people who are hard-headed," King said.

Dr. Simpson said the Student Health Services offers confidential HIV/AIDS testing for free and for

ECU students who are concerned they may be at risk. Dr. Morrow said HIV testing cannot be done without consent.

The panel said once a person has publicly declared they are HIV positive, the most important thing the community can do is support the person.

Alderidge, who is HIV positive, spoke about how his wife stood by him, despite his test results and how thankful he was to have her. He spoke about how it was the community's responsibility to ask questions and make effort for change.

"This is our government, our church, our schools. It starts with us. Why isn't the government taking care of us? It takes you, it take me to change things," said Alderidge. Many students felt a difference walking away from the forum.

"I thought the event was very informative and very successful," said senior Jessica Grimes.

"I learned AIDS has no color, religion, gender or name. Nobody is exempt and everybody is at risk. I will definitely be more conscious of who I trust and call my friend. I hope others can see that AIDS is not a joke, it is an epidemic."

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KING

Correction

Author Jerry Shinn will conduct a book signing for the book *LOONIS! Celebrating a Lyrical Life* at Barnes & Noble Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The author will give a short speech and ECU musicians David Hursh and Angela Davis will perform several of McGlohon's compositions. The book provides a humorous look at the life of a remarkable North Carolinian from the dusty fields of Ayden, NC to concert halls in Paris.

Campus News

Down East Holiday Show

The Pitt County College Foundation will hold this unique style of shopping for the holidays with everything you would need to make it complete. The event will take place at the Greenville Convention Center Dec. 7. Call 321-4287 for more information.

Open Mic Night

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 Emurge. Call 439-0700 for details.

Gift Wrapping

Do you have problems with wrapping gifts? Do your presents look like they have been run over by a truck? Members of the Gamma Beta Phi honor society will be wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble on Greenville Boulevard Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Donations are gladly accepted.

Alcoholics Anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous meeting will be offered in room 14 MSC 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.

Band Concert

ECU's Symphonic Band will perform Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. in the Wright Auditorium. Call 328-6851 for details.

Festival of Trees

The Family Support Network of eastern North Carolina is hosting the Ninth Annual Festival of Trees 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 Dec. 2 and Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. There will also be a preview party 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.

Vagina Monologue Auditions

Auditions for the Vagina Monologues will be Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in 2021 Bate. Come be a part of this amazing and inspirational performance and no experience is necessary. Roles are available for women of all ages, ethnicities and background. Production will be Feb. 11 - 13. For more information write to ECUVMONOS@hotmail.com.

Free Math Tutoring

Take advantage of free tutoring in math, Mondays from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. For more information call 328-6495.

UNC in Washington

Junior and senior students have a chance to participate in the UNC in Washington Program. ECU is one of 14 UNC institutions offering this opportunity to live, learn and earn in the nation's capital. Selected students will enroll in 12-15 hours, including an internship and the Washington Experience Seminar. Summer 2005 applications should be submitted by Dec. 8. For more information visit ecu.edu/aa/unc-washington.

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News Briefs

Local

Insanity ruling brings end to tragic case of baby drowning

ASHEVILLE, NC - A woman who blamed postpartum depression when she drowned her six-month-old son has been committed to the state mental hospital by a judge who accepted her plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. Yvonne Chapman, 33, will be entitled to a hearing every six months. If she can prove she is either mentally well or poses no threat to others, she will be released from Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh.

The ruling Friday culminates a tragic case that began when Chapman began suffering from depression after the birth of her first son, Eli. On Sept. 15, 2003, she called an emergency operator and said she had drowned the baby so he didn't "have to grow up in this mean world." She was charged with first-degree murder.

"I was able to forgive her within a couple of hours after it happened," Chapman's husband, Daniel, said at Friday's hearing. "I couldn't forget everything we've been through." In NC, a judge can hold a hearing to determine if a defendant was insane at the time of the crime, if prosecutors agree.

Man to plead guilty in case that jailed wrong man

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - A man accused of killing a newspaper copy editor in 1984, a crime that sent another man to prison for 18 years, will plead guilty, his attorney said Friday. Under the plea agreement, Willard E. Brown, 44, will plead guilty to the murder, rape and kidnapping of Deborah Sykes. The charges will be consolidated to one life sentence and

allow Brown to avoid the possibility of a death sentence.

He will also plead guilty to common-law robbery, a less severe charge than armed robbery, and receive a sentence of 10 years, to be served in addition to the life sentence.

A 10-year-old state law abolished parole in such murder cases. Brown will be eligible for parole under sentencing laws in place at the time of Sykes' murder.

He will face a minimum of 21 years and three months in prison under those guidelines.

Pete Clary, Forsyth County's chief public defender, said Brown will enter his guilty plea Dec. 16 in Forsyth Superior Court. He said Brown would like to speak at the hearing.

Brown is charged with first-degree murder, first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping and armed robbery in the attack on Sykes in downtown Winston-Salem.

National

Jackson gives DNA sample to authorities

LOS OLIVOS, Calif. - Michael Jackson voluntarily gave a DNA sample to authorities, returning to his Neverland Ranch estate a day after he left during a search by sheriff's deputies, a source close to the case said Sunday. When sheriff's deputies arrived with search warrants Friday, his lawyer instructed him to leave and take his children with him, the source told The Associated Press.

Jackson's attorney, Thomas Mesereau, flew by helicopter from Los Angeles to Jackson's ranch in Los Olivos, 100 miles northwest, when he heard the search warrant had been served, said the source, who spoke

on condition of anonymity.

On Saturday, when the deputies returned, they asked for a DNA sample and Jackson returned by car to the estate and supplied the sample voluntarily, the source said.

Authorities had never before asked for a DNA sample, the source said. A cotton swab was used to collect the sample from Jackson's mouth.

It was not immediately clear how authorities planned to use the DNA in Jackson's child molestation case.

Also while at Jackson's ranch, sheriff's investigators measured rooms, trying to establish the sight lines from one room to another, the source said.

Abstinence-only programs should get federal review

WASHINGTON - Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Sunday that the government should review federally funded sexual abstinence programs, under fire from Democrats who say they contain false and misleading medical information.

The "abstinence-only" programs, which get \$170 million from Congress this year, teach children and teens the benefits of abstaining from sex until marriage. By law, they are not allowed to discuss any benefits of birth control or condoms in preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

A report last week by Rep. Henry Waxman found 11 of the 13 most widely used programs contain misinformation. He said they underestimate the effectiveness of condoms in preventing pregnancy and the spread of disease, exaggerate the prevalence of emotional and physical distress following abortion, blur science and religion or get fundamental scientific facts wrong.

Asked about these findings, Frist, a doctor who often calls on his medical expertise, did not directly address the issues raised. He said the programs should be reviewed.

"Of course they should be reviewed," Frist said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program. "That's in part our responsibility to make sure that all of these programs are reviewed."

He touted the benefits of a more comprehensive approach backed by President Bush in the global

World

Attackers strike at U.S. consulate in Jiddah

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia - Attackers using a car struck the heavily guarded U.S. consulate with explosives and machine guns on Monday, injuring several people but no Americans. After a gun battle inside, one attacker was killed, two were arrested and two others were surrounded, Saudi security officials said.

Saudi security forces also said they believed four of the attackers had seized an unknown number of hostages inside the building amid the fighting. Area residents spoke of seeing Saudi forces enter the consulate shortly before a fierce gun battle was heard inside. A short time later, the gunfire stopped.

In Riyadh, the U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Carol Kalin said two local staff members were injured, but all American staff were safe.

"We have accounted for all Americans on the compound in Jiddah and none of them are being held hostage," Kalin said. "We have a local work force that was on duty and we are still in the process of accounting for [them]." Saudi security officials said two

security guards at the gate of consulate were wounded, one of them seriously, after the attackers opened fire on them before entering the mission. It was not clear if those were the two consulate employees mentioned by Kalin.

Police to stop placing explosives in passenger luggage

PARIS - French police on Sunday ended their practice of hiding plastic explosives in air passengers' luggage to train bomb-sniffing dogs after one such bag got lost, possibly ending up on a flight out of Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport. The luggage that police used Friday for the exercise has not turned up yet. Three flights that arrived in Los Angeles and New York were searched, but the luggage in question was not found.

No passenger has contacted French authorities to report discovering a bag with nearly 5 ounces of explosives tucked into his or her suitcase.

Police say there was no chance the explosives could go off since they were not connected to detonators. Still, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin was critical of the mistake.

"The fight against terrorism and insecurity is a priority for the government," a statement by his office said. "But [Raffarin] made clear his concern in the face of the way the training for explosives searches was conducted at Roissy Charles de Gaulle."

Raffarin said the procedure was "susceptible to making the relevant passenger run a risk in the eyes of foreign authorities when arriving in the destination country." Police soon after announced they had ordered a stop.

Volunteerism high among ECU students



Thousands of students spent time volunteering for various organizations.

More than 8,000 students volunteer this semester

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More than 8,000 students this semester have participated in some form of volunteer work to help organizations in need.

Jason Denius, director of ECU's Volunteer Center said there are about 125 programs which students can donate their time to. Reports show about one-third of the student population has volunteered and that number is rising.

"We are among the highest in the nation," said Denius.

"There are certainly universities that have a higher number

than us, however they ... have more students than us ... we are really doing well."

Denius said volunteering students give back to the university they represent as well as the community.

"Students who volunteer really show the university's motto to serve well and our students being involved in the community shows they are well rounded students as well as very talented," Denius said.

He said there are a number of students who work with the volunteer center who have heavy course loads and have other part time or full time jobs, but are still able to find time to volunteer.

"That is very impressive," Denius said.

There are a number of different programs and organizations

that students are able to volunteer for such as working with children, the elderly, homeless or needy. Finding a way to help is not a problem.

"We have a lot of students who go into the public schools and tutor kids ... the kids fall in love with the ECU students and think they are just the coolest folks around," Denius said.

"That is certainly a very popular area and a big need we have and need more students to do that."

With the upcoming holidays, the Salvation Army and elderly homes have an extra high demand for volunteers and seek ECU's help in recruiting some.

"Many of the elderly residents don't have many visitors. For students to come and visit them and exchange stories is very important to them," Denius said.

Denius said becoming a volunteer through campus programs can show a student's desire to help others and reflect their personal beliefs of putting others first. Becoming a volunteer has personal benefits because it teaches numerous life values relevant to a future career and successful life.

"Employers want an employee they can trust, is caring and also someone who can handle a lot of things, like multi-tasking," Denius said.

"Interacting with others is very important these days and volunteering helps to better your people skills."

Becoming a volunteer is a straightforward process that takes

less than 10 minutes. Students can go to the volunteer center at 110-A Christenbury Gymnasium and fill out an application. Then they can choose from a list of organizations or suggest their own where they wish to volunteer.

"No matter what your interest is, your passion or even your major, we will find you an opportunity that you can connect with and we are very proud of that," Denius said.

Brandy Sherrer, freshman communication major, has volunteered her time through various events this semester such as visiting the Cypress Glen Retirement Community and collecting food for victims of the hurricanes in Florida. She said she believes volunteering her time does not only benefit the organization she is helping, but it's also self-fulfilling to help others.

Denius said he has personally experienced the self-fulfillment that comes with volunteering.

"It would be hard to name all the ways volunteerism comes back to help you. I am a living example. I have been a lifelong volunteer and it has meant more to me than anything," Denius said.

With this semester closing and the holidays in a few weeks, the ECU Volunteer and Service-Learning Center can really use students' help to have a successful season.

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people to trust them and they have at least five people that are behind them.

Ballard also suggested reading materials on leadership such as the *Harvard Business Review* and the book *The Art of Leadership*.

Ballard said teamwork is a major aspect of being a good leader. He said it does not matter how good a person is with personal skills, but it is important if people are good as a team.


During the question portion of the presentation, one student asked why students with academic scholarships have to keep their grades better than athletes on scholarship.

Ballard said athletes have high graduation rates and they have to miss more class than other students. He said they have hired a new coach that will raise the standard for this.

After Ballard spoke, leaders went to their last session. This session had students with different leadership positions sectioned off to discuss issues of concern.

Student leaders gathered back together and told each other what they learned from the conference. Many students said they learned a great deal about being better leaders and the conference was a success.

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to know them.

"I've found that the best solution to these problems is when the student knocks on their neighbors' doors and meet them," Lieberman said.

Francine Rees, a citizen who resides in a neighborhood near ECU said Lieberman has dealt with a few houses in her neighborhood that were causing problems and has made an immediate impact.

"She is about the best thing to happen to Greenville in a long time," said Rees.

"She helped us achieve the quiet neighborhood we once had," Lieberman has also dealt with

eight students who had concerns with their landlords and was able to offer them assistance by educating them as to the terms of their rental lease or by referring them to an attorney.

In one case, Lieberman was able to help students who were charged twice for one service after their residence changed landlords. The students were unlawfully overcharged more than \$100 by their new landlord for maintenance that was already paid to the former landlord and were able to recover their money due to the help of Lieberman.

Jessica Karan, senior reha-

ilitation services major, said she contacted Lieberman over a dispute with her landlord and was referred to a lawyer held on retainer by ECU that helped her get out of her lease and find a new residence.

"She was really very helpful," said Karan.

Lieberman said she has enjoyed her new position and was very happy with how well received she has been.

"People seem to be very receptive to my position," Lieberman said.

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people that support us financially, the Pirate Nation that is out there every Saturday supporting this program and the people that are running it such as Dr. Ballard, Mr. Holland and Nick Floyd. That's what makes ECU special. The thing that has impressed me the most is having the opportunity to get around so many of those people when I was here."

Holtz has had a successful run with coaching thus far. He started his career with Florida State in 1987 as a graduate assistant coach before he moved up the ranks as a wide receiver

coach at Colorado State in 1989. From 1990-1993, Holtz spent time at Notre Dame as the Irish's wide receivers coach and offensive coordinator where he coached two of the nation's most successful offensive units in 1992 and 1993. He then moved onto Connecticut for his first head-coaching job and led the program to unprecedented success in his five years there. Under Holtz, UCONN finished in the NCAA Division I-AA top 25 four times and compiled a school record 10 wins in 1998.

Holtz received a five-year

contract from ECU and his base salary will be \$150,000 per year. In addition to his base salary, Holtz will also receive a guaranteed \$240,000 for the first year in exchange for his participation in television, radio and Internet programs. This guarantee will increase by \$25,000 in each of the following years in Holtz's contract.

He will also receive an additional \$25,000 if the team participates in a BCS bowl or a conference championship game.

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Our View

Major League Baseball in midst of biggest scandal

What in the hell is going on with sports lately? In the last few weeks, we've seen brawls in basketball and college football, an NHL lockout, an athlete telling us that \$14.6 million won't put food on the table, Ricky Williams becoming an apparent hippie nomad and steroid whispers turning into shouts in Major League Baseball.

Jason and Jeremy Giambi admitted using steroids in their testimony to the grand jury. A report from the *San Francisco Chronicle* came out Thursday night that Barry Bonds unknowingly used "the clear" and "the cream" in 2003, drugs he obtained from trainer Greg Anderson. Also, Victor Conte admitted he gave Anderson both the designer steroids and Conte also claims he gave Marion Jones illegal steroids and she injected herself right in front of him.

Excluding Jones, baseball is in the midst of the biggest scandal it has ever seen, including the Black Sox and Pete Rose. How much of a shame is it that the Red Sox finally broke the curse in what may be the same season that one of baseball's greats and the game itself is devastatingly tarnished?

Who's to blame? Plenty. Who do we put a lot of blame on? Donald Fehr.

This guy is the head honcho of the MLB Players Association. Players have publicly voiced they want a more stringent drug testing policy than the pitiful excuse for one they have in place right now. Commissioner Bud Selig pushed for it before this past year's all star break and it didn't happen. Why?

Fehr and the leadership in the MLBPA won't let it happen, that's why. And for that, this man should be condemned for the rest of his miserable existence.

If the MLBPA doesn't allow the front office of baseball to scrap this testing policy and tighten the screws on a shiny new one, the MLB will be rank with cheating and won't last much longer as America's pastime.

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Opinion Columnist

Lawmakers are out of control with sin taxes

Blame this idiocy on 'Enlightened Ones'

TONY MCKEE
STAFF WRITER

Once again, Looney Land is abuzz with titillation, speculation and anticipation.

For those who may not know, Looney Land is where the supercilious, punctilious, self aggrandizing, holier-than-thou Enlightened Ones live, looking down on the unwashed masses from their gilded towers.

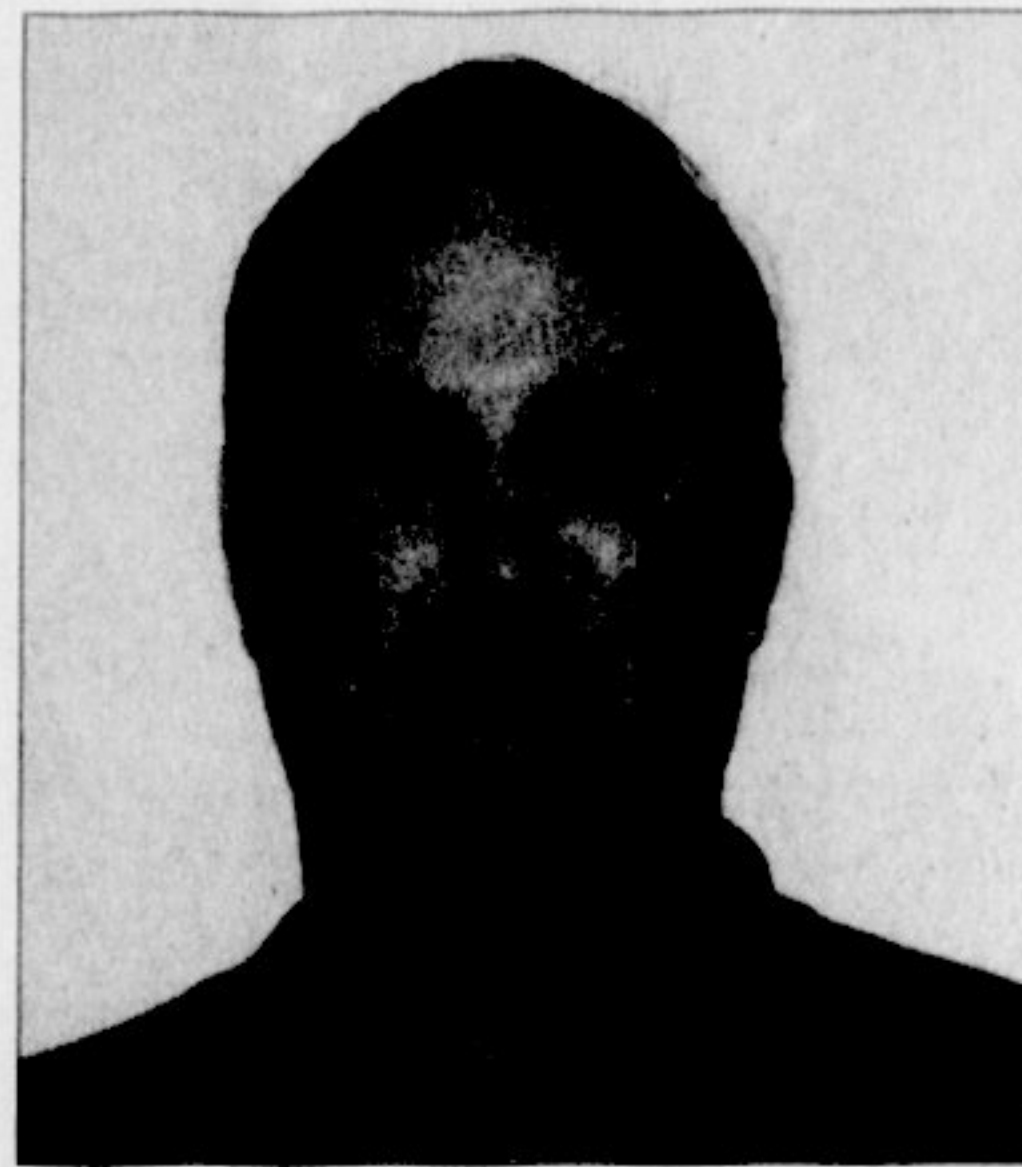
This is the realm of the "Thought Police," Political Correctness and the subject of today's column, the "Lifestyle Police."

You know the Lifestyle Police. They are the ones who tell us that smoking, drinking, eating, soccer, dodge ball, breathing, sex (or abstinence from) and any other action they consider "vices" are bad for you, society and whatever else they can think up so you need to stop doing it. They also brought us the ludicrous idea of the "sin tax."

A sin tax is nothing more than a money grab by the Enlightened One's foisted upon certain segments of the population to force a change in someone else's lifestyle. It also allows the people who support such nonsense to impose their own beliefs and morals on other people and feel morally superior to everyone else by showing how much they "care."

You see, a sin tax is always for the good of the other person, segment of society or some other higher cause, and to not support it means that you are a selfish, uncaring heathen. What is even better for the Enlightened Ones is that sin taxes only target the actions of certain groups. If you are not in the targeted group, why should you care if they have to pay more for their "vices?"

How many non-smokers complained when the price of cigarettes and other tobacco products doubled or tripled as a result of the "tobacco



settlement?" How many complained when legislatures all over the country started increasing the taxes on tobacco products to supposedly recoup medical costs related to smoking?

Want to know what your silence has helped reap?

Since the successful imposition of sin taxes on tobacco products, the Enlightened Ones and their faithful followers have attempted, and are still attempting, to impose similar taxes on alcoholic beverages, fast food, sodas, potato chips and other such horrible threats to society.

No problem, right? After all, the Enlightened Ones are only concerned about the health of the drunk, fat, sugar and salt gulping slobs who are too ignorant to take care of themselves. If the extra money charged doesn't force them to quit their evil ways, why, it can be used to pay for the extra medical costs these inconsiderate people force society to pay when they become obese or sick. That's noble and understandable, so why bother objecting, especially if you aren't directly affected?

How about we carry this attitude to its next logical (for some) step, shall we?

Everyone knows that eating red meat is not healthful. We should heavily tax meat products. Not only will that help pay the medical costs of sick meat eaters, no longer would poor animals be "needlessly" slaughtered to sate the appetites of carnivores. Ladies

and gentlemen, let me introduce The Meat Tax.

Let's double or triple the price for skateboards, rollerblades/skates and mountain bikes. People who ride them tend to have more accidents and cost more in medical bills than normal. The Klutz Tax.

Let's increase the price of all automobiles that don't get 40 miles per gallon in the city. This will reduce dependency on foreign oil (and the number of SUV's in the campus parking lots). The Why Utilize ANWR Tax.

Senior citizens would be charged for being callous enough to live beyond a certain age as determined by the Enlightened Ones. Reduce the costs of keeping them alive. They would either pay the tax or go to government approved "Assisted Dying" sites and quit burdening society. The Extended Living Tax.

Students who drop out of school or don't complete college would have to pay a hefty yearly tax. It is well known that "under educated" people are less healthy and use more resources than graduates. The tax would vary depending on the level of education. The Moron Tax.

People who watch more TV than they should and do not exercise the prescribed number of hours (as determined by you know who) each week, would be taxed accordingly. The Couch Potato Tax.

Parents who have the audacity to give birth to children that are mentally or physically disabled would pay a prohibitive tax. Society should not be burdened with or have to help care for their genetic mistakes. The Clean Genes Tax.

Think I'm joking? Maybe. Twenty years ago though a sin tax would have been considered implausible and wildly imaginative.

But hey, why should you care? You probably eat right, have a healthful lifestyle and even though those will make you live longer, things like the Extended Living Tax are just a figment of my wild imagination.

Right?

Pirate Rants

This is for those of you that are whiners - suck it up, get it together and keep it to your damn self.

To the person who wrote a rant last week complaining about other people using this section to complain - news flash, that's what this is all about, wise guy.

There was a great article in *TEC* about utilities and how to keep the costs down. Now if only that information could be embedded in every "cold" roommate on the planet, we would all be doing great. Eighty degrees is too hot for an apartment or dorm, whether it's summer or winter.

I think that every professor should be required to exempt you from their final exam if you have an A average in their class at the end of the semester.

What is up with Snoop Dogg's new song "Drop It Like It's Hot?" Anybody can make that "click" sound with their tongue while video game music plays in the background, Snoop. That track needs to be dropped like it's hot ... from the airwaves.

Thank you, student book stores in Greenville. Because of you, I've finally decided what I'm going to do with my life. I'm opening a college book store and robbing college kids blind by selling them books marked up 300 percent.

If you have fleece around your neck, then you need more than a thong between your toes. Sandals in winter are no good people.

Do people sigh very loudly when you raise your hand in class? Do you make some kind of comment at least two times during every class you attend? Then this rant is for you - legitimate questions and genuinely funny comments are the only two acceptable reasons to speak during class. Professors have office hours for people like you who want to tell personal opinions and stories and ask questions that are completely unnecessary to the lecture at hand.

If you are waiting for your document to print in a computer lab on campus, don't crowd around the printer. Believe it or not, printers do not print any quicker no matter how much we stare at it, willing our pages to be spooled. This is unlike other appliances like the toaster, for example, which will toast bread faster if you stare at it.

Way to go, *TEC*! You seem to be the only entity left at ECU who cares about and actively roots for the Pirates. Go Pirates!

In Major League Baseball, steroids are OK. In any other professional sports league you would be suspended before you knew what happened if you were found to be taking steroids. What does baseball do? They talk about how they can't do anything about it, and they do nothing.

Am I the only one that thinks something about our new coach isn't right? Terry Holland said he would search high and low, far and wide to bring us the best possible coach. How can he search so hard, interview candidates and select one only one week after the season ends? Either the list had two names on it, or John Thompson was forced out with his replacement already selected. If the latter is the case, Holland needs to apologize not only to Thompson, but to the rest of the Pirate Nation for deceiving us like that. Something isn't right about this whole situation.

Toboggans are hats you wear when you're cold and if you don't think so, go back up north where you came from.

Is it just me, or did someone else catch the gross misspelling of the word "exacerbate" in the "Edwards visits Greenville" article in last week's *TEC*? How about running spell check next time?

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In My Opinion

America can tap its reserves without harming environment

(KRT) — It will be several decades at least before alternative fuel vehicles and the infrastructure needed to fuel them will be developed enough to satisfy America's transportation needs. Additionally, oil is a critical component of plastics, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, lubricants and construction materials.

This means that Americans will need oil well into this century. Unfortunately, the United States uses more oil than it can produce, making it dependent on supplies from politically unstable parts of the world. While America will never have complete energy independence, Congress should remove obstacles to domestic production both to reduce energy prices and so that, in times of crisis, America's prosperity is not held hostage to hostile foreign powers.

By all accounts, America's remaining large deposits of oil lie under public lands and offshore. Regrettably, these areas have been placed off-limits to oil production due to environmental concerns.

For 24 years, for example, Congress has wrestled with the question of whether to open a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, less than half of 1 percent, to oil and gas exploration and development.

Environmental lobbyists, opposed to oil production on public lands, claim that the oil in ANWR equals only a six-month supply. This is true, however, only

if one imagines that the United States stopped using oil from any other source - no imports, no domestic production, nothing else - which is unrealistic.

To put the matter in proper perspective, the Energy Information Agency estimates that ANWR contains between 6 billion and 16 billion barrels of oil.

By comparison, the United States imports 7 million barrels of oil per day. If only 6 billion barrels of oil were recovered in ANWR, in a time of emergency, the United States could cut all imports of foreign oil for two years with little or no effect on our economy. Or, put another way, ANWR could deliver enough oil to the United States to free us from Saudi Arabian oil for more than 20 years.

And, contrary to environmentalists' claims, there is no reason for thinking that oil production and environmental quality are incompatible.

You don't have to take my word for it. Caribou herds have expanded in and around Prudhoe Bay and other wildlife have flourished as well, apparently unaffected by the relatively primitive (by today's standards) oil and gas development in the area.

And environmental groups including the Nature Conservancy and the Audubon Society allow oil drilling on some of their most unique properties. They would hardly allow this if oil and gas production were harmful to their

environmentally sensitive preserves. As with the rest of the economy, technology has improved in the oil patch.

Environmentalists' objections to drilling on public lands aren't really about protecting pristine places at all. Rather, it is about restricting Americans' energy choices.

Otherwise, how can one explain their legal efforts to stop the federal government from accessing oil in the National Petroleum Reserve - an area set aside in 1923 specifically for oil production.

Environmentalists have long argued that oil exploration in ANWR was not needed because the NPR was nearby, yet when the Bush administration proposed opening new areas in the NPR to development in January 2004, environmental groups sued to stop exploration.

The United States has more than a 100 million acres of designated or de facto wilderness and roadless areas - not to mention millions of acres protected as national parks. All of this land is off-limit to energy production.

On the remaining parcels of the public's lands, except where energy production would necessarily be incompatible with unique characteristics some of them may contain or with the specific purpose for which they were established, environmentally sensitive exploration should at least be an option.

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Announcements:

Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. there will be a Symphonic Band concert in Wright Auditorium lead by Christopher Knighten. For more information, call 328-6851.

The Winterville Annual Christmas Parade will be held in Downtown Winterville on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. This annual holiday event is sponsored by the Town of Winterville and will feature a down home feel. For more information, call 756-6038.

The Annual Farmville Christmas Parade will be held in Downtown Farmville on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce. Patrons will have the opportunity to have breakfast with Santa at First Christian Church at 201 South Main St. before the big Christmas Parade. For more information, call 753-4670.

Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. there will be a Salsa Dance in the Willis Building. This event is sponsored by Folk Arts Society of Greenville and the ECU Folk and Country Dancers. There will be a dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. and the dance will start at 8 p.m. For more information, call 752-7350.

The Nutcracker Ballet, sponsored by the Dance Arts Theatre will be held Friday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. This show will feature guest performers for the principal roles from the San Francisco Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and other highly regarded dance troupes. The show will be performed in Wright Auditorium. For more information call 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. the Kiss Christmas Comedy Jam four will be held at the Greenville Convention Center. This event, which is sponsored by Kiss FM 102, will feature the best of BET with TP Hearn, Hope Flood, Redbone, Jay Lamont and Darren DS Sanders. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show time. General admission is \$20 and VIP advance tickets are \$30. Tickets are available at all ABC Phones locations and on-line at KISS102.com. For other information, call 321-7671.

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will be sponsoring Ballroom Dancing on Christmas from 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. at the Willis Building. The evening will begin with free Samba and Merengue lessons followed by dancing and refreshments. For more information, call 321-3809.

Names in the News:

A drifter who repeatedly demanded to pray with *The Passion of the Christ* director Mel Gibson has been ordered to stand trial in Los Angeles on charges of stalking.

Zack Sinclair, 34, was arrested in October after arriving unannounced at Gibson's Malibu, Calif. home saying he wanted to pray with him and turning up at a chapel where Gibson attends Mass on Sundays. In court papers, Gibson said the man also sent him numerous "alarming, harassing and annoying" letters insisting they should pray together.

John Malkovich will play the lead in a movie about the life of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. Malkovich's friend Raoul Ruiz will direct when shooting begins next month in Vienna, Austria. Ruiz also wrote the screenplay about the famous art nouveau painter, whose masterpieces include "The Kiss".

Claiming their teenage daughter was drugged and sexually abused at a party in the Malibu home of Nick Nolte, the girl's parents have sued the actor and several others who were at the party. One defendant, Nicholas Woodring, was convicted in March of having sex with the girl, then 15. Nolte, who was not on the property when the incident occurred, "was at the time, and still remains, concerned for the young lady's well-being," said his publicist, Arnold Robinson.

Dance theatre presents classic Christmas ballet

Proceeds to benefit

LISA TUMBARELLO
SENIOR WRITER

With every holiday season that rolls around, you are sure to find oodles of holiday shoppers, festive parties with family and friends and magical moments performed by the talents of sugarplums, snowflakes and toy soldiers - it's *The Nutcracker* season of course. Dance Arts Theatre in conjunction with the Eastern Symphony Orchestra will entertain audiences this holiday season with their dazzling rendition of their annual *Nutcracker* ballet performance.

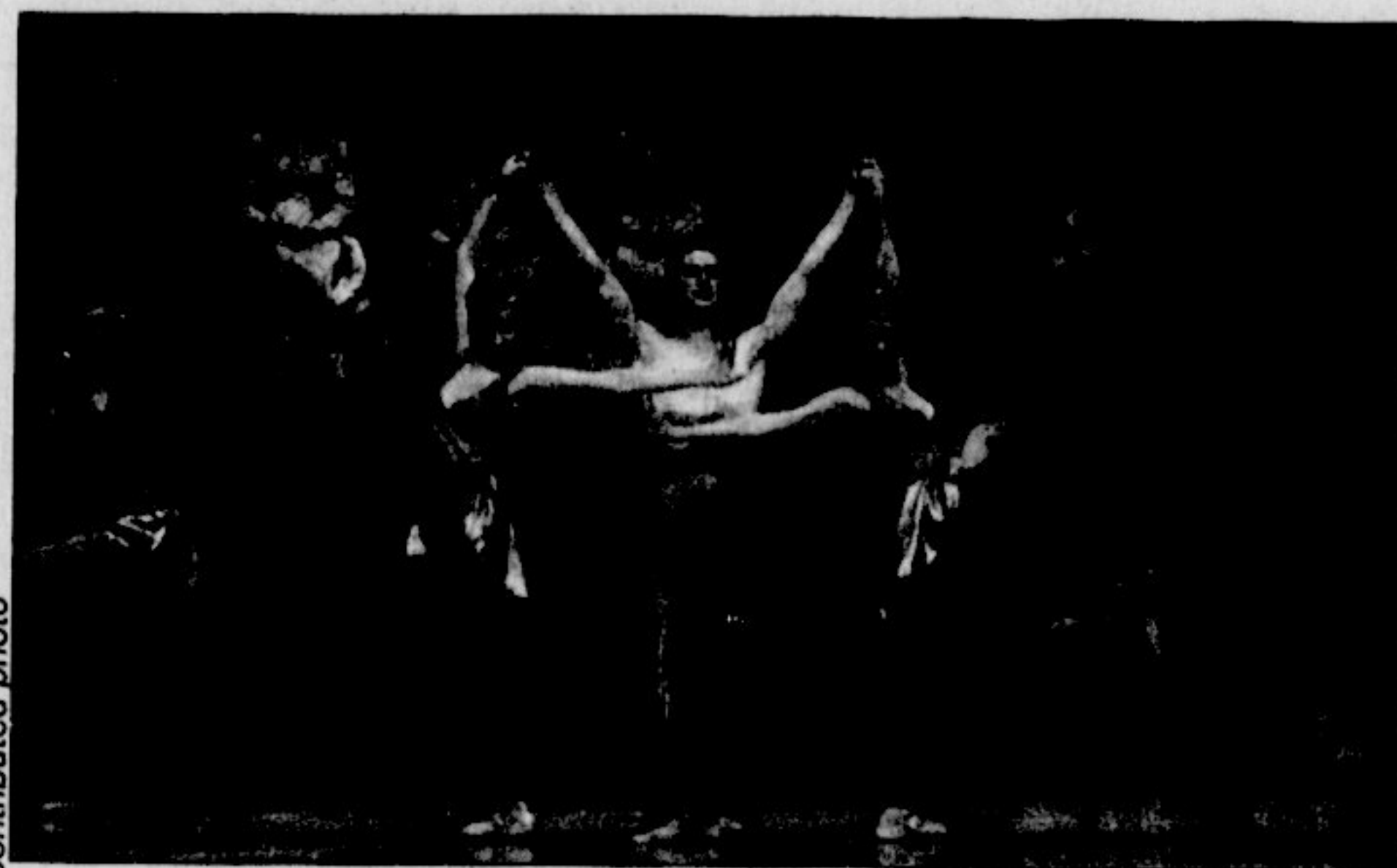
The North Carolina Academy of Dance Arts is the official school of Dance Arts Theatre under the artistic direction of Sherryl Tipton. Located in Greenville, Dance Arts Theatre was founded in 1985 as a non-profit dance organization.

Dance Arts Theatre has performed *The Nutcracker* every other year since 1983 until 1995. Since 1995, the performance has become an annual show and will continue to please audiences for many years to come.

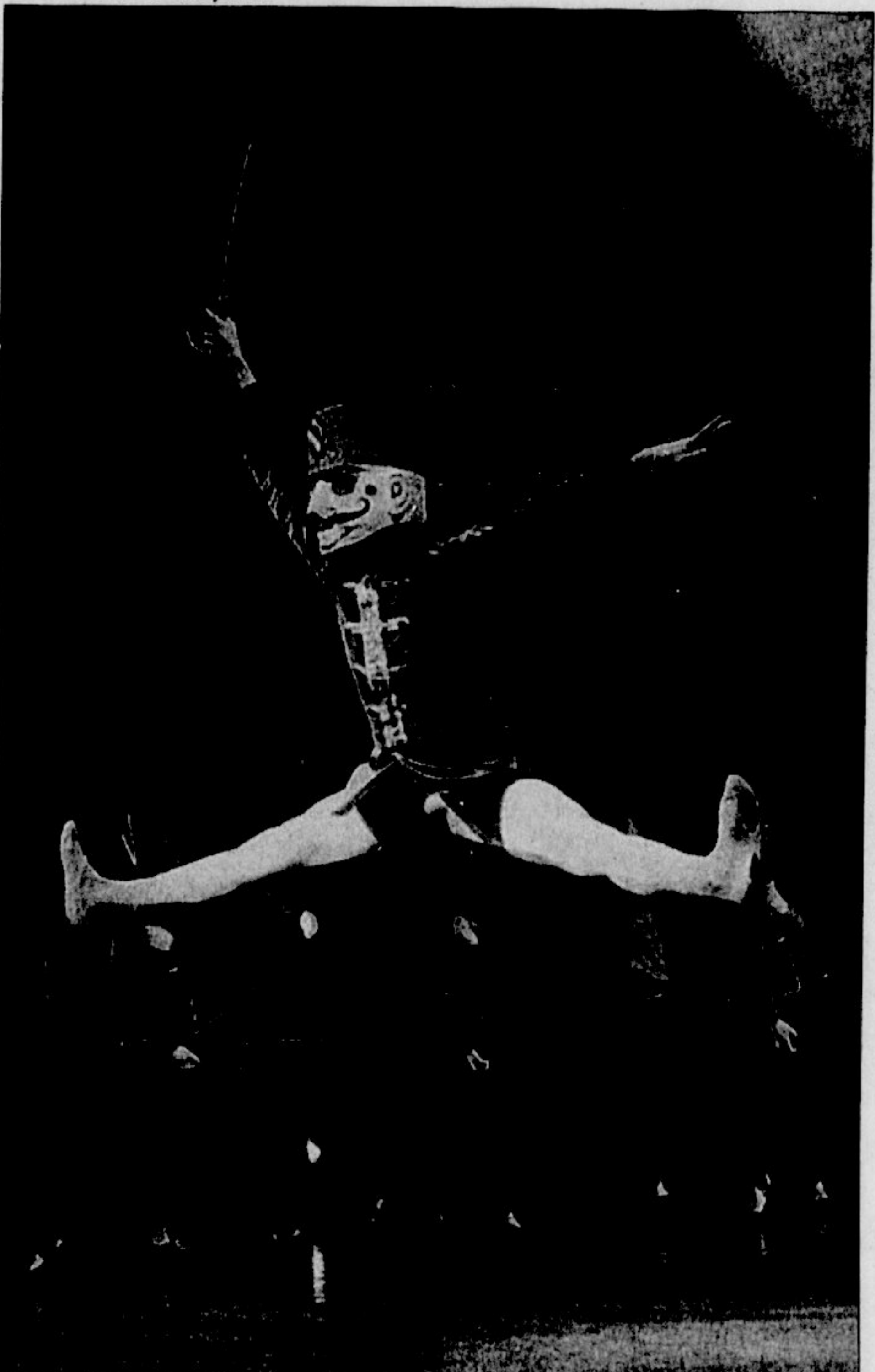
Dance Arts Theatre joined up with the Eastern Symphony Orchestra in 1986 and enjoyed their sounds in all their previous *Nutcracker* performances. The dancers and orchestra will also be joined by the Greenville Choral Society who will sing during the "Waltz of the Snowflakes."

In addition to providing a spectacular performance, Dance Arts Theatre will be donating all net proceeds to the University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina's Children's Hospital, a division of the Children's Miracle Network. In previous years, the company has donated to several charitable organizations including the Pitt County Arts Council and victims of Hurricane Floyd.

Sunday's matinee performance will be performed for the children of the hospital and their families. The performance allows



All proceeds from *The Nutcracker* will be donated to University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina's Children's Hospital



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the children to experience all of the joy and excitement that radiates from *The Nutcracker* performance. It's a great opportunity for Dance Arts Theatre to give them something special to remember.

"It's children working for children," said Tipton. "When you get to see the look on their faces it makes it all worth while."

Also, *The Nutcracker* is a great ballet for youngsters. It will hold their attention and they will be very entertained, said Tipton.

This year's performance comes to life with the extraordinary abilities of local and nationally recognized dance talent. Open auditions, which were held back in October, decided the appropriate parts for the 104 performers involved in this years show. A majority of the performers are members of the NC Academy of Dance Arts studio, however, several nationally recognized guest artists and ECU theatre students are lending their talents to the holiday performance as well.

A majority of this years' guest performers reside with the world-class Joffrey Ballet in New York City. Raul Peinado, Flavia Garcia and Kyle Coffman are gracing the stage with their captivating professional talents. Peinado is dancing the parts of Nutcracker Prince and Cavalier. Garcia will be dancing as the famous Sugar Plum Fairy and Coffman will be performing as the Harlequin Doll and Spanish. Freelance dancer, Thomas Bell is also providing his talents to perform as Sylberhaus, Snow King and Arabian. Bell has appeared in several previous performances with the Dance Arts Theatre.

Of course, all of the magic that happens on stage could not be possible without many helping hands. Most costuming is constructed, fitted and altered on-site. The sets and backdrops are tweaked a bit each year, but for the most part remain the same. Three backdrop curtains transform the stage from Clara's

house, to the land of snow and finally journey the audience into the land of sweets.

Funding for Dance Arts Theatre is, "made possible through contributions of individuals, businesses and ticket sales," Tipton said.

All donations are tax deductible.

"*The Nutcracker* is one of the most magical ballets anyone will ever see," Tipton said.

"It's one that fathers and brothers will enjoy, it's easy to understand, you enjoy wonderful music and it's representative of the Christmas holiday."

Tipton is a graduate of the ECU Department of Dance. After studying at ECU, she moved to New York to continue her studies. She later decided to pursue teaching dance and moved with her husband to eastern North Carolina.

The NCADA facility was built in 1981 and enlarged in 1996. The 6,000 square-foot facility houses four state-of-the-art studios with "floating" floors and Bose surround-sound stereo systems. Dance classes encompass all areas of dance and accommodate everyone from pre-school to pre-professional and adult.

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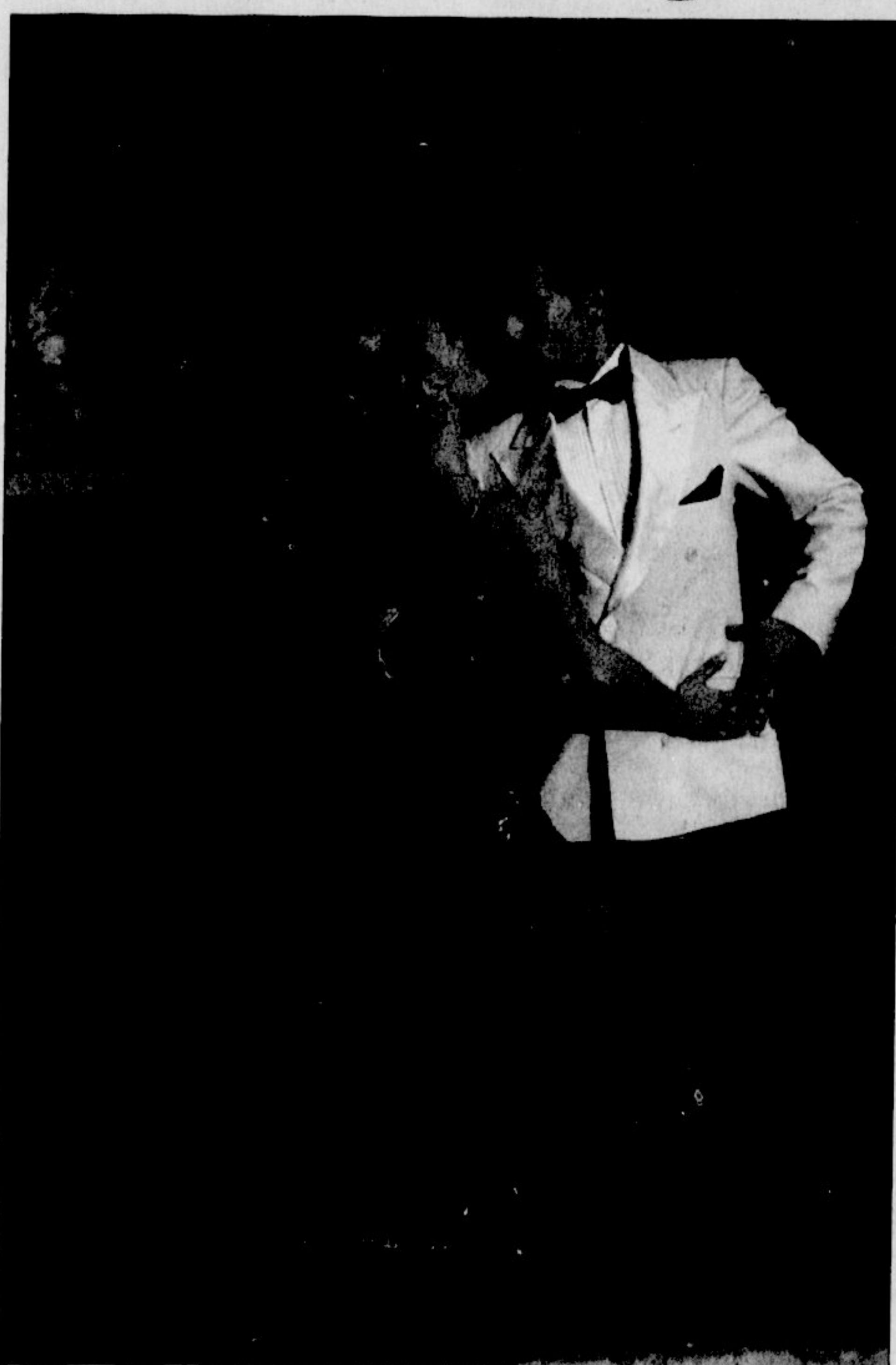
What: *The Nutcracker Ballet*
Who: Dance Arts Theatre accompanied by the Eastern Symphony Orchestra

When: Friday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: Wright Auditorium
Tickets: \$26.50 Adults, \$22.50 Students

* All net proceeds benefit the University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina's Children's Hospitals

Something fun to do this holiday season



Ballroom dancing allows individuals a chance to learn a new skill.

Ballroom dancing sure fire way to bring style to your holiday this year

JOANNA WALDHOUR
STAFF WRITER

Poets have written about it, artists have painted it, musicians have sung about it and people of all ages and sizes still do it. For hundreds of years, dancing has been used as a means of expression, art, telling a story, entertainment, sport, for fun and much more.

Whether a person favors the sensual dance of the tango or the up-beat movements of swing, ballroom dancing is a great sport and social dance virtually made

for everyone.

Dance teacher Armando Aseneta, owner of the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Hilton Head, SC, describes ballroom dancing as a social dance, meaning it's a couples dance. Partners share the dances together.

"The partners are as one and ballroom dancing can be enjoyable for the man that leads and the woman that follows," said Aseneta.

As a student from a dance school in Raleigh-Durham, Aseneta explains that ballroom dancing has a variety of dances that have different techniques, rhythms, origins and histories.

"There are two different groups of ballroom dancing:

smooth and rhythm. The smooth type consists of the Viennese Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango and the Waltz. The rhythm type consists of Cha-cha, Rumba, Mambo, Bolero, Paso Doble and Swing," Aseneta said.

There are also different dances such as the Merengue, Shag or west coast swing. Ballroom dancing is seen as something that is constantly changing and evolving as different movements are added and new dance patterns created.

"Nowadays, people wear informal attire. People dance in clothing and shoes that are comfortable. Usually, the men wear soft suede on the bottom of their shoes and the women wear a heel. It makes for easier flexibility and movements as they dance," Aseneta said.

"If the couple were competing in a sports championship, then they would wear formal attire and shoes according to the rules of the competition."

The positive aspect of ballroom dancing is an enhanced appreciation for the music and the dance patterns. It's great physically as a healthy exercise and mentally as a stress reliever and gaining self-confidence.

Also, there is always the fact people can meet and make new friends. There is no denying people have fun and a great time learning. Dance must be felt, must be experienced in order to fully enjoy the benefits of ballroom dancing.

Ballroom, defined as a room where balls are held, usually as formal engagements and big affairs. Ballrooms were important social functions several hundred years ago to establish class, to discuss politics and to elevate one's own social standing, especially when it became popular during the 16th and 17th centuries in Western Europe. At certain points in time, ballrooms were usually for the upper class society of England, Germany or America, and the slaves that watched their masters through

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Salsa dances are a great way to make new friends on campus.

Salsa Dance adds spice to life

Warm up your winter with some hot flavor

DANIELLE WIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

Salsa, used as a phrase to describe up-tempo Latin music, was established by Cuban song composer Ignacio Pinerio, writer of the song, "Echale Salsita."

It was used by Latinos on the West Coast to describe a danceable type of music, also known to be zoo-ka in New York.

It is the important sauce necessary for satisfying the most demanding of musical tastes.

Above all, it is a great way for students to enjoy their last days here and spice up their holiday.

The Latin explosion has hit ECU and in case you have not heard the news, this is your chance to check out one of the many opportunities ECU has to offer. Stressed from those finals? Come join the ECU Folk and Country dancers on Friday, Dec. 17, as well as the third Friday of every month.

According to the ECU Folk and Country Web site, "The ECU Folk & Country Dancers promote the preservation of historical and modern folk dance forms among students and the community by sponsoring contra, salsa, swing dances and concerts."

The ECU Folk and Country Dancers and the Folk Arts Society of Greenville co-sponsors salsa dances for both students and people of the community to learn the salsa and merengue dances and have a great time applying those moves on the dance floor.

"Group beginner lessons are offered before each dance. There are many people there willing to help beginners with the basics and with new moves throughout the night. There is no reason to be intimidated by other dancers. People who seem like good dancers were once beginners too," said Leanne Smith, president of ECU

Folk and Country Dancers and English graduate student.

The lessons are taught by instructors, Procopio and Heidi Serrano and DJ Ramon Serrano plays nothing but the latest in merengue, salsa and classic bachata and cumbia music.

Beginners' salsa/merengue lessons are held before the dance at 7:30 p.m. and the actual dance starts at 8:30 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m. No previous dance experience is needed, you will not be there alone.

"We had 200 people at our November salsa dance. A small crowd is about 70. Some people leave early, and some come later," Smith said.

People show up alone or in groups, but in the end you leave with a little salsa experience and a great chance to meet new people from ECU and the Greenville community.

Admission is \$3 for students with an ID, \$5 for Folk Arts Society of Greenville members and \$8 for general public collected at the door. Dances are held at the Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade Street.

If you are wondering what to wear, "People wear everything from jeans, t-shirts, dresses, skirts and heels, so wear whatever is comfortable to you."

The pictures on our Web site can also give a good idea of what people usually wear," Smith said.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity, come and bring friends. Remember this event is offered once a month, so take advantage of this chance to learn something that is both fun and rewarding.

If you would like any other information about the Folk and Country for contra, salsa, and swing dance, and concert schedules, as well as fun photos, browse their Web site at geocities.com/ecufolkandcountrydancers/.

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ECU Symphonic Band wants to engage public in performance



Everyone is invited to hear an assortment of great compositions

JASON A. FREEMAN
STAFF WRITER

The ECU Symphonic Band will be having their third performance of the semester

Dec. 7 at Wright Auditorium. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. and is free for all who want to attend.

Christopher Knighten, director of the ECU Marching Pirates, will be conducting the concert and has chosen several works that run the gamut from old and familiar to the new and untested.

"The symphonic band plays a variety of literature from Renaissance to Modern Music," says Knighten.

The band will be playing five pieces. "Canzona" is a piece by Giovanni Gabrieli, a Venetian composer who lived at the turn of the 16th and 17th centuries.

"Resting in the Peace of His Arms" is a piece by John Gibson, one of Ireland's leading composers. "Molly on the Shore" is the first of two pieces by Percy Grainger. This piece has a busy pace. The Sussex Mummers' "Christmas Carol" is the second piece by Grainger and has a more long drawn out pace. Percy Grainger was an Australian-born composer who lived during the 20th century, studied

in Germany and settled in the United States. Finally, the piece "Don't You See?" was a piece written in 2001 by Donald Grainger. The piece is based on three African-American spirituals.

The Symphonic Band is made up of 70 instrumentalists whose talent were selected based on their proficiency in playing woodwind, percussion or brass instruments. While most of the players are music majors, talented individuals from other departments are welcome.

"It should be really exciting. It's a good culmination of everything we've worked on," says Dorothy Glick, a sophomore music education major.

Preparation for the concert has taken place in earnest. The symphonic band practices four days a week and are ready to play the classical pieces. For more call Christopher Knighten at 328-6982.

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New fusion classes are shaking up the fitness menu

KRT — In the old school of health-club exercise, cardiovascular conditioning, strength training and flexibility are like restaurant entrees you have to order separately, one at a time. But the new school of fitness says combination platters are hot.

Pilates with yoga. Indoor cycling and weight training. Cardio kickboxing plus tai chi.

It works for music and gourmet cuisine, so why not fitness?

These new fusion classes are shaking up the fitness menu across the country and especially in Southern California, a hotbed for fitness trends.

Blending classes was a natural evolution, given the wider range of class formats available now compared with six years ago, said Pat Ryan, vice president of IDEA, an international association of fitness professionals.

"The teachers love this stuff," she said.

"It gives them a chance to go out and explore. They say, 'I'm tired of my usual step class, let me add something to it.' And they're innately gifted on how to fuse different formats."

There are many good reasons to take fusion classes, said Todd Durkin, a spokesman on group exercise for IDEA.

"If you have only an hour for exercise, this allows you to sample from the smorgasbord."

These classes enable people to work on more components of fitness, instead of targeting one or two, Durkin said.

We can cross-train without having to eke out another block of time in our busy lives, Ryan added.

In the process, our exercise program becomes well-rounded and we can become more fit, she said. And the break from routine may even help reduce our risk of injuries from repetitive motions.

The classes are gaining acceptance because exercisers are becoming more open-minded about what they can do in an hour, said Donna Meyer, corporate director for group exercise at 24-Hour Fitness.

The traditional one-hour workout typically focused just on one component of fitness: cardiovascular conditioning or strength or flexibility.

Now, exercisers can spend half an hour on cardio and the other half on flexibility or strength without feeling like they're not getting enough of one or the other.

Or they might take a class that combines two complementary formats. The chain offers, among others, PiYo, a class that seamlessly meshes Pilates mat movements with yoga asanas.

The classes not only offer longtime exercisers a way to add variety to their workout program,

but also an opportunity to try formats they might have not tried before, Meyer said.

Until three months ago, Sam Nam, 35, went to 24-Hour Fitness in Irvine, Calif., only for strength training. But a friend suggested that he take "Shift n' Lift."

This class starts with half an hour of studio cycling, followed by about 20 minutes of strength training with barbells and 10 minutes of abs work. Nam tried the class and became hooked on it.

He now takes the class three times a week. Although he never intended to lose weight, he said he dropped 10 pounds as a result of taking the class.

"It's been a transformation," Nam said. As he has become more proficient in the class, he has begun to think about the importance of fitness beyond the aesthetic benefits.

"I'm looking at a new direction for my workouts and long-term goals such as living a healthy life and feeling great each day."

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the windows tried to mimic the dances. As the years passed by, those dances created by the slaves evolved to become the dances many people still use today.

For those that are curious, the word "ball" derives from Latin "Balare" meaning "to dance." It is not to be confused with "ball," a round object used for games, which derives from the Old Norse word "boll" meaning "to inflate."

Greenville has a ballroom dance chapter from the U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association - USABDA. Anyone interested in attending a social chapter dance should go to the Willis Building where lessons

are held every fourth Saturday per month. Lessons will be taught for one hour followed by a social dance. Because it is Christmas on the fourth Saturday, lessons will, instead be held on Saturday, Dec. 18. Dawn Clark, teacher of ECU's School of Theatre and Dance will teach Merengue and Salsa.

Having 10 years of dance experience in jazz, ballet, modern and lyrical dance and having spent three years competing, music education major and freshman, Alison Williams, describes dancing as a natural emotion for her.

"I hear music and feel the rhythms inside myself. I have this natural reaction to dance.

I hear the melodies and it just makes me want to move to it," said Williams.

When asked what ballroom dances she would like to learn from the lessons at Willis Building, her response was, "Swing dance and salsa. Swing dance, because it looks fun, upbeat and peppy. Salsa, because it looks challenging and sexy. There is also magic electricity when dancing in a large group. Everything just clicks and it feels so good to move in sync with the music. You walk away feeling really energized and feeling great."

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Sec. 9-4.22. Words and terms defined.

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For purposes of this definition the term "persons related by blood, adoption or marriage" shall constitute the following:

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- Siblings.
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(2) Marriage relations.

- Spouse.
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(3) Adoption.

- As provided by law.
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(5) One (1) family (3) above) and up to two (2) related individuals (i.e. room renting).

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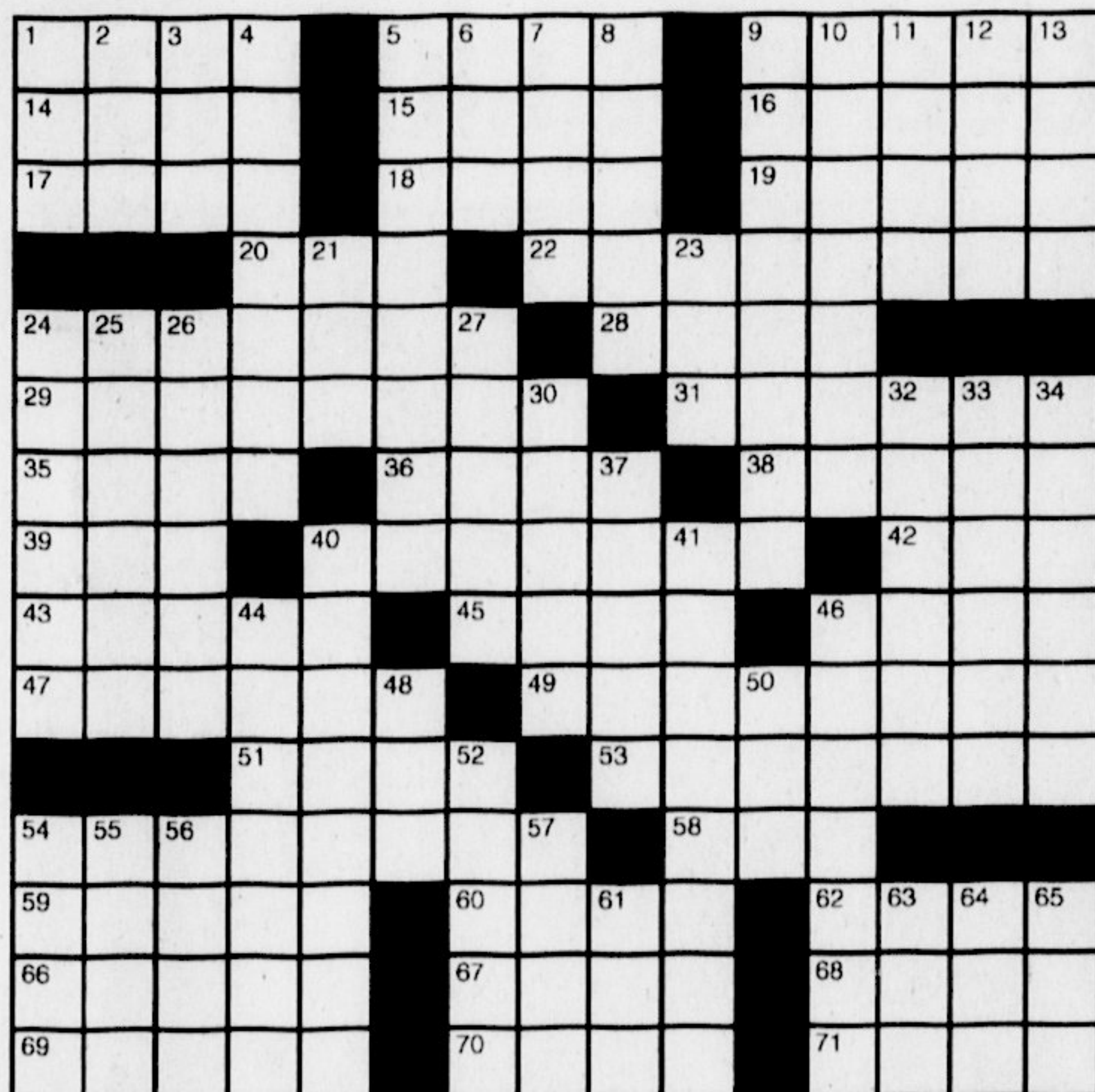
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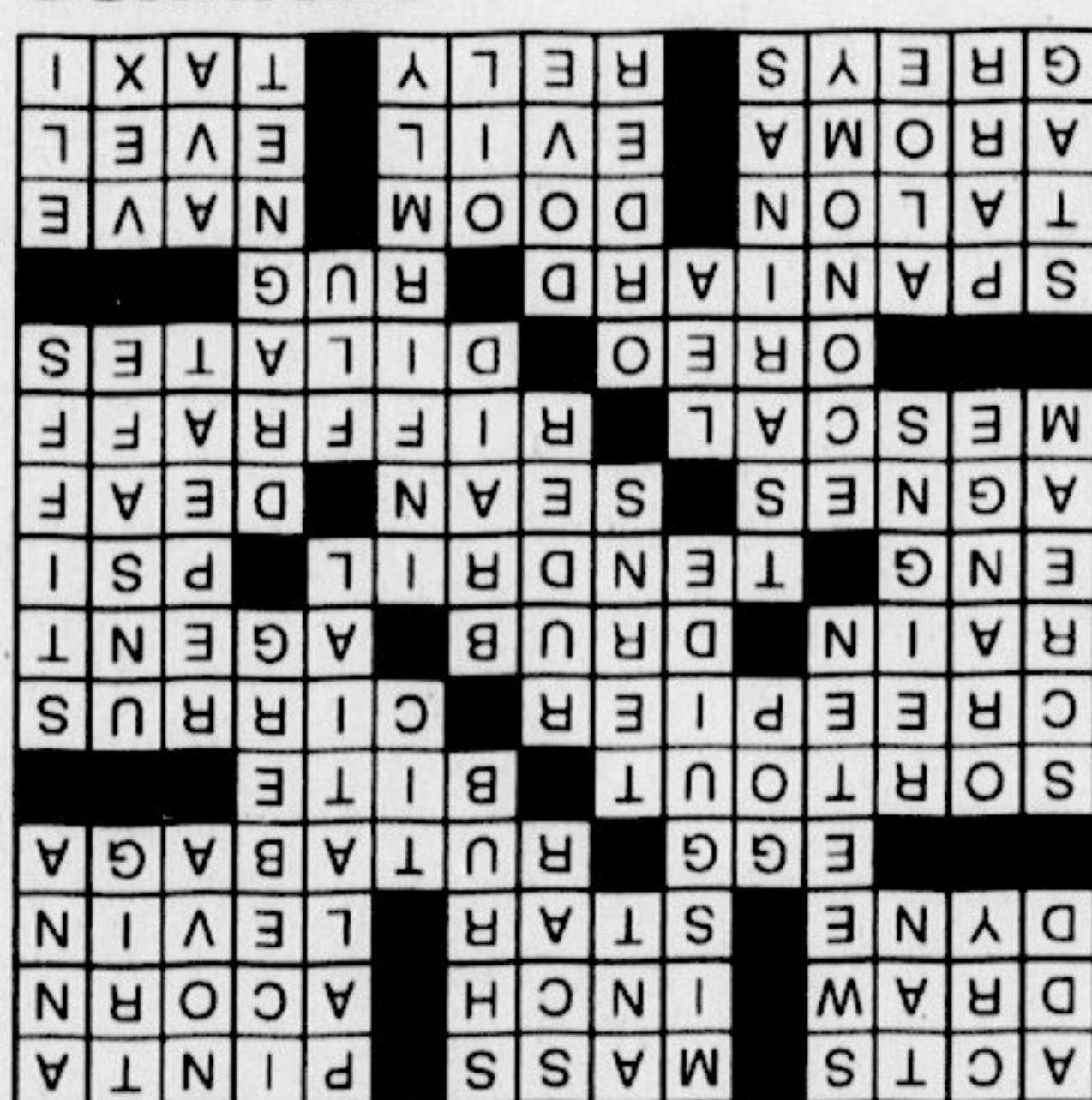
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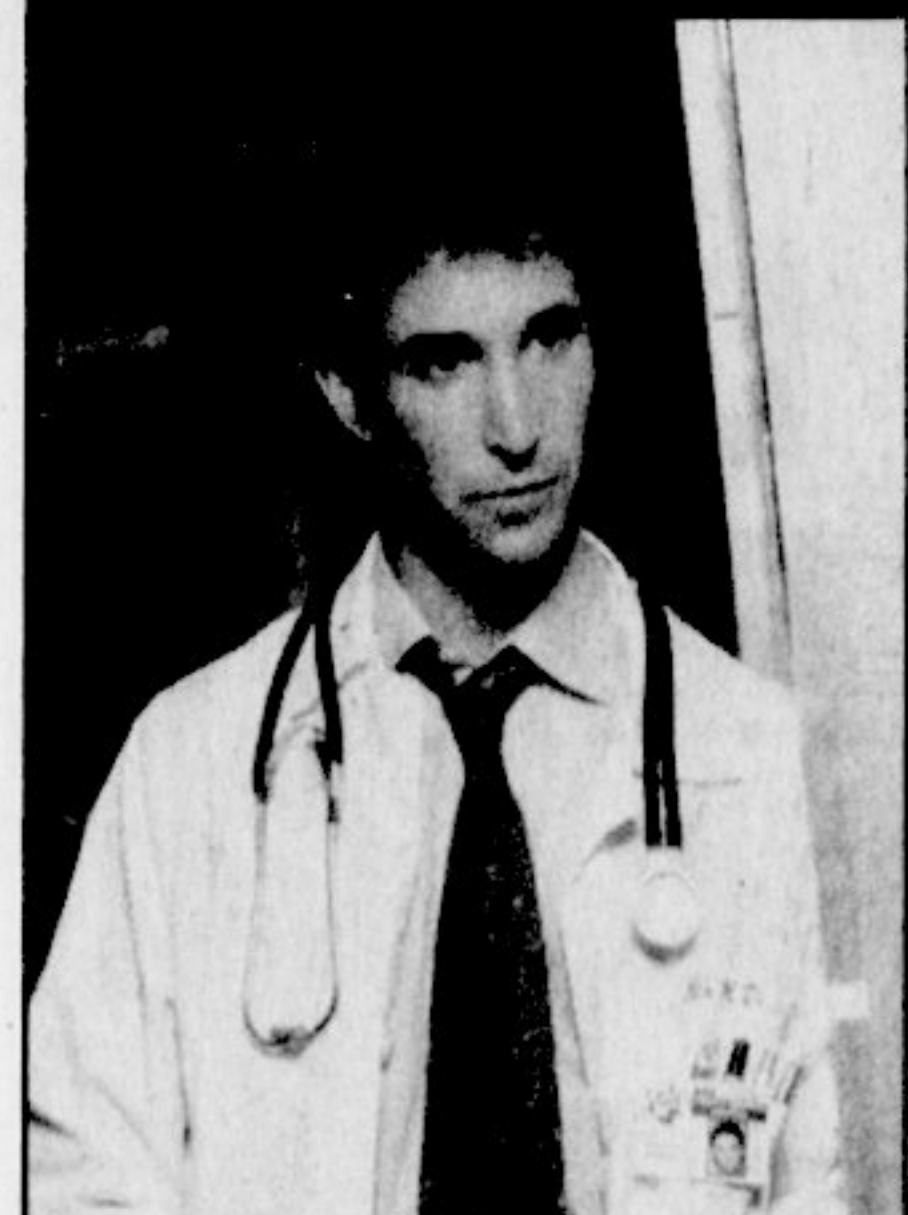
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Quick Hitters

Quotes from Friday's Press Conference



Head Coach Lou "Skip" Holtz

"The more I was here and the more I had the opportunity to meet people and see what this place was all about the more my attitude with Mr. Holland became, 'what do I need to do to become the next head football coach here at ECU?' This is the place I want to be and I am excited about being here and I am buying into the entire program."

"I have waited six years for this day. I have waited six years to stand up here and have the opportunity to be a head football coach again. I can't tell you how excited I am and how committed I am to turning this program back around and into what it has been and what it will be again, a team that is going to contend for a championship and be back in the top 20 year in and year out."

"The decisions we make now until the fall when we can get on the football field are going to predicate whether or not we are going to succeed or fail. I promise you, you will have every ounce of energy, soul, and life that I have in order to put this program back where it belongs and that's at a championship level."

Athletic Director Terry Holland



"Coaching football at the Division I-A level is a pretty harsh job today as you can see from what's happening around the country. Only high quality people can get the job done at the highest level."

*Photos by Kyle Fisher

Holtz hire is great move for ECU

Coach brings new attitude to Pirates

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SPORTS EDITOR

Remember when you were a kid on Christmas Day? You'd get up at the ugliest hour possible just to get a peek at the mound of presents under the tree, giddy with excitement and ready to wake your groggy parents. Skip Holtz showed up at Harvey Hall in the Murphy Center Friday afternoon with that same beaming smile.

And I have to admit, it's infectious.

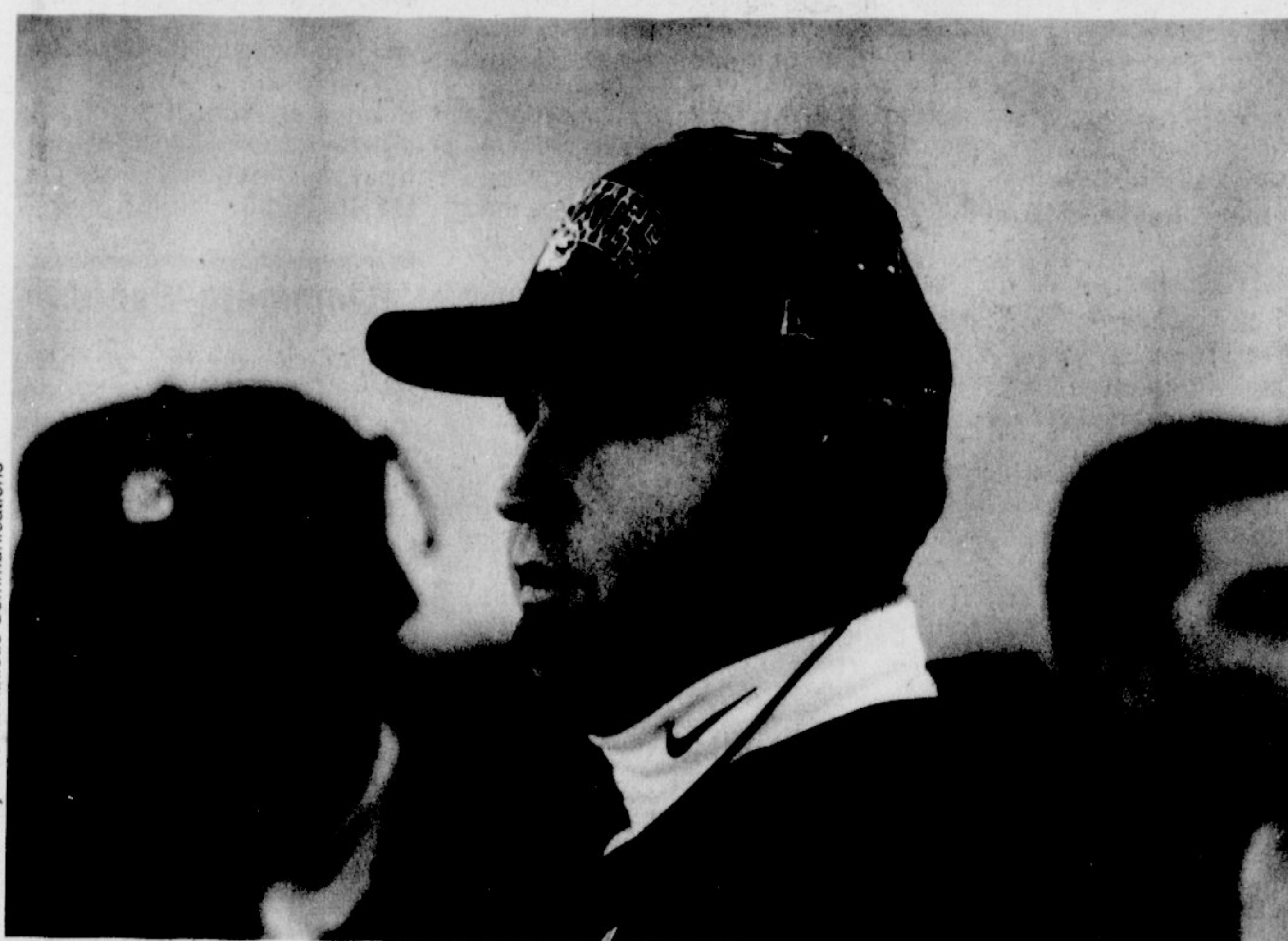
When I first heard Terry Holland had made the move to hire Holtz Thursday afternoon, I have to say, I was less than pleased. However, after a little bit of research and listening to Holtz at the press conference, it was easy to change my view on things.

Holtz was impressive Friday, displaying eloquence, a charming smile and honesty, and answered every single question willingly and thoroughly. It's clear this is a guy who can take over a program in shambles and rebuild it from the ground up.

It also doesn't hurt that he's done that once already.

Holtz was the head coach for the University of Connecticut from 1994 to 1998 and led a formerly horrendous program to four top 25 seasons and one 10-win season in his last year with the Huskies—the most in school history. The team also went to the quarterfinals of the NCAA I-AA playoffs that year and ranked 11th nationally in scoring offense, putting up almost 36 points per game.

It's no secret that offense is Holtz's forte either, considering he has been an offensive assistant in every coaching job he's had with exception to the UCONN spot and now ECU.



Holtz spent five years coaching the UCONN Huskies before moving on to South Carolina.

When Holtz held the offensive coordinator position for Notre Dame from 1992-1993, the team played phenomenally on the offensive side of the ball. In 1992, they ranked third nationally in total offense, averaging more than 470 yards per game en route to a win in the Cotton Bowl against Texas A&M, 24-21. In 1993, despite losing All-Americans Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks, the Irish finished ninth in scoring offense and won yet another Cotton Bowl, this time in blowout fashion against the same A&M Aggies squad, 28-3.

On paper, Holtz may be the most highly touted head coach ever to come to ECU. However, his performance off the field isn't too shabby either.

Holtz helped fund-raising efforts send more than 1,000 underprivileged area children

to recreational and educational camps during the summer four consecutive years as an honorary chairman for Camp Courant in Hartford. He also served on the Board of Trustees for two years with the American Diabetes Association. In addition to his positions with those groups, Holtz won the National Football Foundation Man-of-the-Year award in 1996.

However, eclipsing all of these accomplishments is the fact that Holtz completely disregarded his career path for family in 1999.

Holtz left his successful UCONN program to coach with his legendary father Lou at the University of South Carolina in order to be close to his sickly mother Beth. Doctors ended up removing glands they believed were cancerous, and Beth made a full recovery.

Holtz has shown he can lead

programs to success, no matter the state the team may be in at the time. He is a guy who asked the question "why not?" rather than "why?"

The Huskies made the move to Division I-A football and went into the Big East in 2002 and are in a bowl game this year, largely due to Holtz's ability to recruit and make a name for the program. He has also been to a total of eight bowl games with three successful programs (Notre Dame, Florida State and South Carolina).

Holtz will have a disadvantage in recruiting when he starts at ECU this week. He has just two months to sift through the graduating high school players before training starts and the recruitment period ends. But his strong character and refreshing honesty will hit a home run with athletes and parents

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The Number of wins Notre Dame collected while Skip Holtz held the offensive coordinator position for the Irish.

08

The amount of bowls Holtz has appeared in, including two straight Cotton Bowl appearances with the Irish.

30

Holtz's age when he received his first head coaching job with the Connecticut Huskies

36

The amount of points the UCONN Huskies averaged per game in the 1998 season under Holtz.

Let's not skip-to-my-Lou just yet



Holtz coached at South Carolina as an offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach with his father for six years.

Coaching hire seems all-too familiar

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At the press conference where Terry Holland announced Skip Holtz ECU's 19th football coach Friday afternoon, it seemed a bit familiar. A feeling of déjà vu came over me, almost like the same press conference that happened two years ago.

Coaches Thompson and now Holtz had the same gleam in their eyes in taking their first Division I-A head coaching position. A gleam that showed their enthusiasm but also their naivety toward the monumental situation. "My wife and eighth grade football coach are here," said the 40-year-old Holtz.

"They both told me to slow down because I have a habit of getting excited when I get to the podium."

Both spoke of winning championships, not defining a timetable, but ensuring listeners they will win at ECU. Both won over the administration during their interviews, and both have graceful wives and several small children.

Initially, when Holtz was leaked as a major candidate, the pulse of the ECU faithful was lukewarm at best. Callers on radio stations voiced their opinion hoping Holland could secure a big name that would help to unite the splintered Pirate Nation.

Then ECU fans began to look at Holtz's bio and rationalized the decision. Maybe this could be a good fit. He won at then-Division I-AA Connecticut where he compiled a 34-23 record. Wow, he was offensive coordinator at Notre Dame for two years.

Step away from the honeymoon between the new coach and the ECU administration and fan base for a second.

Holtz was jobless when he

contacted ECU. Sure he would have found a job, but he was not retained by Steve Spurrier, a long-time friend of his father's.

He spent last season at South Carolina as the quarterback's coach. However, USC's weakness the past two seasons has been at the quarterback position. The leading statistical quarterback, Syvelle Newton, hoisted just six touchdowns and six interceptions this past season. Senior Dondrial Pinkins and sophomore Newton only threw for more than 200 yards in only three of USC's 11 games in a run-oriented offense.

Holtz had spent the past five seasons as offensive coordinator before he and his father had a feud over the offensive style. During the second and third season at the helm, the younger Holtz developed Phil Petty into a machine that helped USC to win the most games ever over a two-year span.

After Petty's graduation, USC has been unable to find a drop-back passer to complement Holtz's spread offense scheme. Luckily for Holtz, James Pinkney appears to fit that mold.

Holtz will be undoubtedly judged on wins and losses just like all of his predecessors. Holland spoke about a bottom-line business in his press conference a week ago. He explained that despite how nice a coach is or how many players he graduates, the business aspect will judge him by his win-loss record.

Will Holtz fair better than Thompson? Probably. Holtz's team only loses five players off the two-deep depth chart, four of which were starters. He inherits a team full of experience and in desperate need of an attitude change.

People that could help extend a change in the mental attitude the fastest could be Holtz's staff. The position coaches are vastly

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Is Skip Holtz the right guy for ECU football and why?

SAN DEEP GOTTIPAMULA
BUSINESS SENIOR

"Yea, I think he's the right guy. I'm pretty sure he will be better than the previous coaches. I'm just hoping for it."

JONATHAN LAWSON
BIOLOGY GRADUATE

"I know he's not going to do any better than Thompson if he doesn't get five years to let his players come through."

BRANDON WALKER
RECREATION THERAPY SOPHOMORE

"I think he's the right choice. He seems to have a level head and a good strategy to turn the team around and make a good impact."

DAN BARA
MUSIC PROFESSOR

"I think he comes from a great family of coaches and it will get the program a lot of attention. If the community can rally around him, it's great for the program."

AL LETRARCOIS
HISTORY SOPHOMORE

"I think it's a good hire. Everyone seems to know the Holtz name and that will help with recruiting and ticket sales."

BASIL ABDEL JAWAD
COMPUTER SCIENCE SENIOR

"I don't like it at all because he didn't do well at where he was. I don't like the way he interacts with players either."

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everywhere. Also, his new policy to stay in the eastern North Carolina region and stop flooding Florida will bring in the same kind of homebred talent the Pirates possessed in the 1990s.

It also doesn't hurt that Holtz's background comes on offense — by far the best side of the ball for the Pirates. Junior quarterback James Pinkney will be learning his fourth offensive scheme since his junior year in high school — not an easy task. However, with Holtz at his side, learning whatever system is put in place this season should prove to be easier than previous seasons for ECU's third-year signal-caller.

Though Skip Holtz maybe wasn't a bigger name than Ron Zook or Tyrone Willingham out on the coaching market this past week or two, he was the right pick for ECU.

He hasn't named anyone, but Holtz has already said he will bring back some "ECU flavor" to the gridiron Pirates coaching staff. That is a big positive for this team as it will do two things: 1) It will instill the same toughness and winning attitude the program carried in the 1990s and 2) it will unite the fan base.

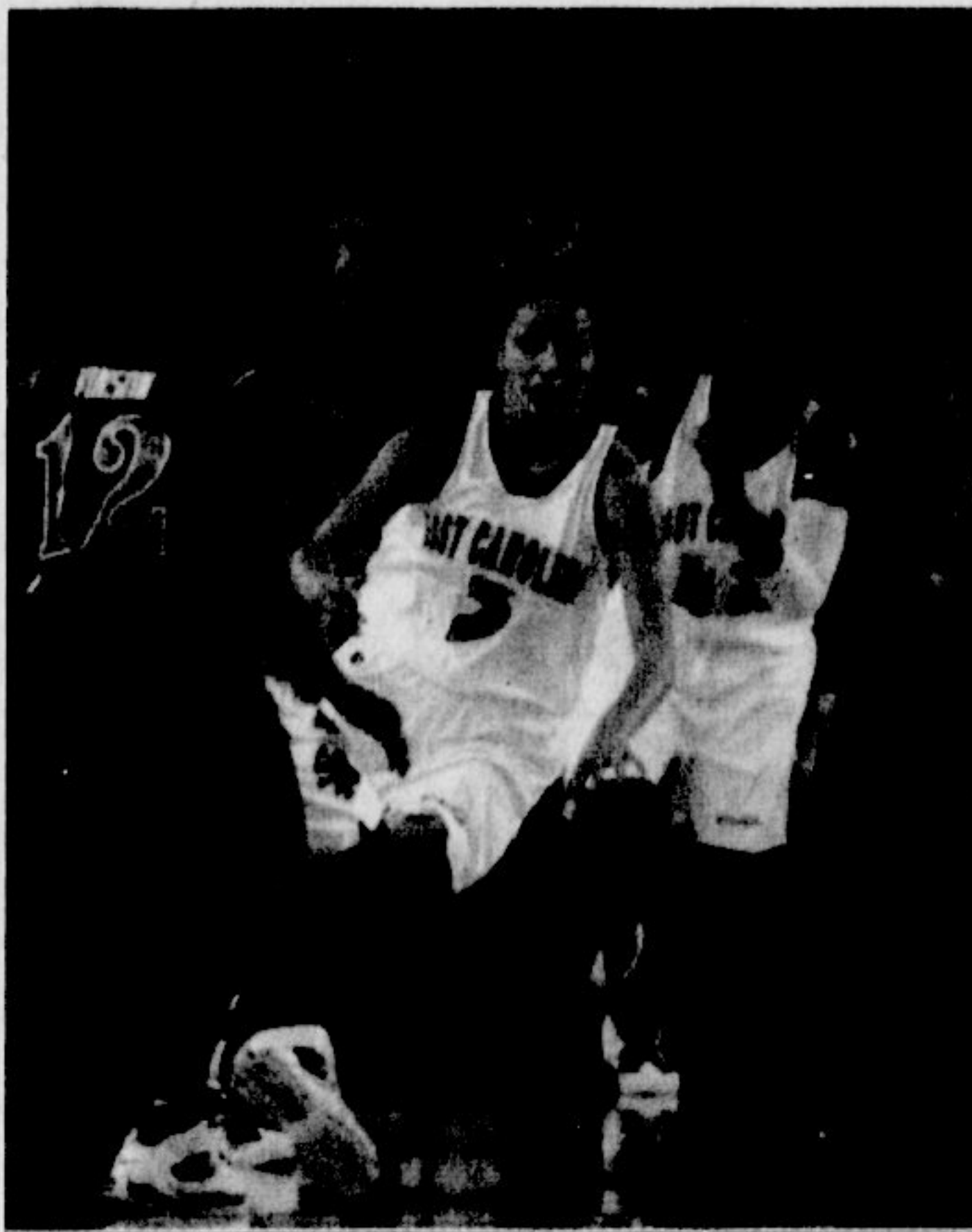
What more could the Pirate Nation ask for than former Pirates Steve Shankweiler, Larry Shannon and George Koonce coaching ECU?

Well, maybe about six wins and perhaps a bowl game. With Holtz at the helm, however, that just might be possible.

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Lady Pirates split Invitational

Jennifer Jackson (left) and Viola Cooper (right) led the way for ECU in the tournament.

**Jennifer Jackson has career-high 34 points**

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The Lady Pirates competed in their annual Lady Pirate Invitational this past weekend, beating Stephen F. Austin and then losing to nationally ranked Baylor University in the championship game.

The women broke their four-game losing streak in their first game against Stephen F. Austin with an 83-77 victory Saturday afternoon. Senior guard Jennifer Jackson led the Lady Pirates with a career-high 34 points.

ECU led for most of the game and several players finally

showed they had the ability to step their game up. Viola Cooper, Shanita Sutton, Keisha Anthony and Jackson contributed greatly as they collectively scored 73 of ECU's points. Latoya Horton also grabbed a career-high 13 rebounds.

ECU out-rebounded their opponent for the fourth time this season and shot an astounding 53 percent from the floor.

"This was a good win for us today," said coach Baldwin-Tener.

"We came out and played hard and fortunately it paid off for us."

Baylor University was next on the list but made quick work of ECU as they pounded the Lady Pirates, 80-59.

This game proved to be the exact opposite of the previous, as ECU shot just 37 percent from the floor and committed 21 turnovers.

Cooper led ECU in scoring with 13 points and Samantha Pankey netted a career-high 12. Emily Neimann was all but unstoppable during the game as she scored a game-high 18 points. Neimann was also named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Jackson was the only Lady Pirate named to the All-Tournament team. The Lady Pirates return to action Sunday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m. against Wake Forest.

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important to a player's development and continuity between the staff is a must. Holland also saved a significant sum of money to spend on Holtz's assistants.

Coach Steve Shankweiler has almost been rumored to be on his way to coach the offensive line. Shankweiler has a son on the team, Kort, and is familiar with the territory, as he has served two previous times at ECU. His coaching philosophy combined with incumbent running backs coach Jerry McManus has been lethal for opposing defenses over the years.

Other position coaches are just as important. Thompson's staff was patch-worked together and never really found their niche among each other. Holtz needs to hire people with experience more than ever.

In Holtz's defense, he said many of the right things in his questioning session. He already understands the ECU program better than Thompson did.

"As far as the recruiting strategy, ECU has made a living in eastern North Carolina. We need to draw a circle around the state of North Carolina and say this is where it needs to start. We will start in Greenville and work out," Holtz said.

Thompson's philosophy of recruiting Florida players did not sit well with the Pirate Nation. If Holtz continues to understand this easy concept, he will get players that are hungry to win.

"This is a hidden jewel."

The more we can get people to Greenville to see what ECU has to offer, I think the more people will walk away with the same impression that Mr. Holland and myself had with our first visit here," Holtz said.

Hopefully, Holtz's plan and words will ring truer than the former coach.

"I promise you will have every ounce of energy, soul and life that I have in order to put this program back where it belongs and that's at a championship level," Holtz said.

Let's just hope he's right and we haven't heard this same speech two years ago.

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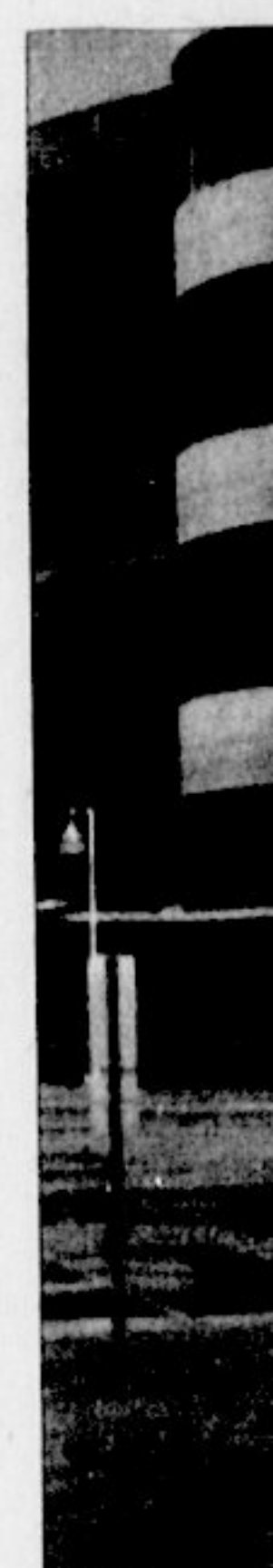
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