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Study cites ECU high in minority grads

Schools are positive models in lessening gap

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Both ECU and Elizabeth City State University were cited for having higher graduation rates of minority and low-income students when compared to peer institutions, according to A Matter of Degrees: Improving Graduation Rates in Four-Year Colleges and Universities, a report from the Education Trust.

Kevin Carey, author of the report, provides a number of statistics and percentages dealing with graduation rates of different groups in colleges across America.

Carey describes America as a large, prosperous, free nation that has thrived and excelled in many areas including education. America has been one of the most highly educated nations and has been steadily investing in educational institutes across the nation.

This increase in education is still with us, as the number of students entering two or four-year educational institutes has risen from less than one half in 1975 to nearly two thirds in 2001, with the largest increases in females and minority groups.

While an increased number of students of all groups are attending college, we are faced with a problem that has become prevalent among universities across the nation. A steady and consistent gap exists across the majority of American colleges in the graduation rates between white and minority students. The report stated nationwide statistics indicating 67 percent of white students graduated within six years, compared to 46 percent in blacks and 47 percent Latino students. The study also indicates 7 percent of all lower income students get a BA by age 26, as opposed to 60 percent of upper-income students.

A major factor Carey indicated in the study is the differences in the K-12 scholastic



Rosina interim assistant for global academic initiatives speaks at an awards ceremony for minority students in association with the Ledonia Wright Cultural Center.

period between these two groups. Lower income and minority students commonly attend schools that have insufficient resources and staff and have lower expectations of their students when compared to higher income white students. This difference sets the framework for the students' academic performance in later years. Even the more academically gifted students who attend inadequate scholastic systems are not challenged enough in this period to prepare them for college.

ECU and ECSU were each cited in Carey's study as having high graduation rates among minority groups.

Carey cites ECU as having an overall graduation rate of 54 percent, compared to ECU's peer institutions at 41 percent. The graduation rate of ECU's African American student population is 60 percent, almost double ECU's peer institutions, who graduate only 32 percent. According to the study, ECU African American students have had a higher graduation rate than the white students consistently for the last four years.

ECSU was cited in Carey's report as having high graduation rates. The overall graduation rate of ECSU is 53 percent in the study, while African American students also have a 60 percent graduation rate.

The report stated ECSU and ECU as being differently structured institutions. ECU was described as a competitive doctoral degree granting institution with a 16 percent minority population, while ECSU is classified as a "less competitive" historically black institution with a 75 percent African American population.

Lathan Turner, director of Ledonia Wright Cultural Affairs, said ECU has improved on this percentage, yet we still need to strive for further improvement.

"It is important to look at the value of what got us to this point and from an accountability standpoint, we need to revisit and/or restructure the opportunities that were available then such that we are able to continue with improvement," said Turner.

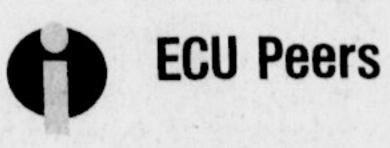
While the graduation rate percentages have not changed, ECU must continue to strive to maintain and eventually exceed this high number. It is important for academic and non-academic experiences to offer services to

motivate and retain students. A recent example of that is the academic honors program, which recognizes students who have a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA. This event recognized nearly 200 students.

Turner said ECU has to maintain the types of services that brought it the recognition in "A Matter of Degrees" as the report challenges the universities recognized to maintain these successful graduation rates.

The economy is offering so many challenges to students staying in college, including tuition increase and the lack of financia aid. This creates the common student obligation of holding a job while in school in order to pay for the demanded expenses.

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ECU peers include 85 moderately selective public institutions (2002 SAT Composite 990 - 1044 or ACT Composite 21.0 - 22.4)

ECU offers new doctorate program

in physical therapy

Six-Year Graduation Rates by Race for 1996 & 1997 Cohorts

Program meets growing needs

KRISTIN DAY ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

ECU has adopted a new three-year doctor of physical therapy program which will meet the growing educational demands for those entering into the field.

Walter Jenkins, associate professor and associate chair for the Department of Physical Therapy, said the need for this program is not due to the number of physical therapy students, but rather the amount of information they will be responsible for.

"Physical therapists' responsibilities have been expanding for some time," said Jenkins.

"Doctoral programs in physical therapy are designed to increase the student's knowledge prior to graduation."

The university has been in the process of implementing this new program for about three and a half or four years. The UNC Office of the President, Graduate Deans Committee is the group of people through the UNC system that meets to review programs.

"The Graduate Deans Committee is comprised of graduate deans from all of the universities in the UNC system. The UNC Board of Governors is a group of appointed individuals who serve the public. Both the Graduate Deans and the Board of Governors are charged with advising the UNC President regarding new academic programs." Jen-

kins said. There are other universities who have similar programs, but ECU's is the only one of its

kind. "We're the first state school in NC to have an entry-level doctorate in physical therapy," Jenkins said.

"Chapel Hill is implementing a transitional doctorate in physistudents have completed their

master's in physical therapy." At ECU, students enter this program after they receive their bachelor's degree and are scheduled to finish in three years.

"Students enrolled in the DPT program take classes on campus and then go into clinical settings to work with professional physical therapists," Jenkins said.

Students must attend 32 weeks of clinical education where they work with people who practice physical therapy. Jenkins said there are areas where they can do this in virtually every state, but the majority of ECU students stay in NC.

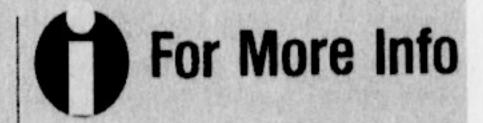
The first semester for this program will start in May, but the department is taking applications now. They will stop taking applications in early January, but Jenkins said he expects a good number of people to apply.

The department also created a pre-physical therapy club that meets once a semester. Undergraduates can learn more about the program at these meetings.

Jenkins said he thinks the future of physical therapy and the university will be improved by this program.

"What I see for the future is clinicians who are very wellprepared upon graduation from our program and an increase in our research potential," Jenkins said.

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To join or get more information about the pre-physical therapy club at ECU, e-mail William Jenkins at jenkinsw@mail.ecu. edu.

Campus safety improving

ECU police urge student assistance

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Campus police has stepped up its patrol and safety on ECU's campus, yet the issue of campus safety remains despite various security updates and new ways of reporting crimes.

Many students still wonder why robberies and assaults continue to occur when ECU has a police force on campus that is supposed to operate all day, every day.

Janel Drake, crime preven-

tion is a group effort that cannot be handled without the help of the students.

"Unfortunately, there's only 50 - 55 of us [police] and only six to eight on the street at a time," said Drake.

"There's 18,000 - 20,000 students that see things we don't even see. All it takes is a phone call and you don't have to tell us your name. We have an anony-

mous Web site. We just want the information." Drake said some of the most

common incidents occurring on campus this semester include numerous larcenies, particularly bicycle larcenies early in the semester. In addition, there have been a lot of alcohol and

of reports about damaged property including vehicle breaking and entering.

Drake said when a crime is committed, the police need to be the first ones notified. "Don't call your best friends,

mother [or] father and then call us four or five hours later. If it's something like an assault, people are usually long gone," Drake said.

Drake said no matter how insignificant a crime may be, it still needs to be reported.

"They still need to call us because it could have happened to somebody else earlier or later in the night and we're missing that one little piece and you

tion officer with the ECU Police Blue lights are placed at see SAFETY page A2 drug violations and a number cal therapy, which is after the Department, said crime prevenvarious locations on campus for student protection. Construction continues on West End Dining Hall

Facility projected to open next semester

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The \$13 million West End Dining Hall project, originally scheduled to be opened by the beginning of the spring semester, has experienced several delays, moving the probable completion date.

Gina Shoemaker, project manager for the West End Dining Hall, said the project is nearing completion, despite the various delays. Air conditioning and water have been completed and the floors are in the process of being stained. The roof still needs additional work however.

"It's all coming together, it's just not coming together as quickly as we'd like," said Shoemaker.

The construction of the

building was originally set for completion by Sept. 27, but the current schedule shows a project completion date of Dec. 22. Additional time would still be necessary before the building could open to stock the facility with food and train the new

"The contractor has had various delays and as of right now ... the current schedule shows a completion date by Dec. 22," Shoemaker said.

Shoemaker said it has not been indicated the cause of the various contractor delays.

While some of the delays can be attributed to the contractor, ECU and inclement weather are also responsible for a portion of the delays.

"This kind of thing is typical on almost every project," Shoemaker said.

"Every kind of project that is outside, there are commonly delays associated with weather,

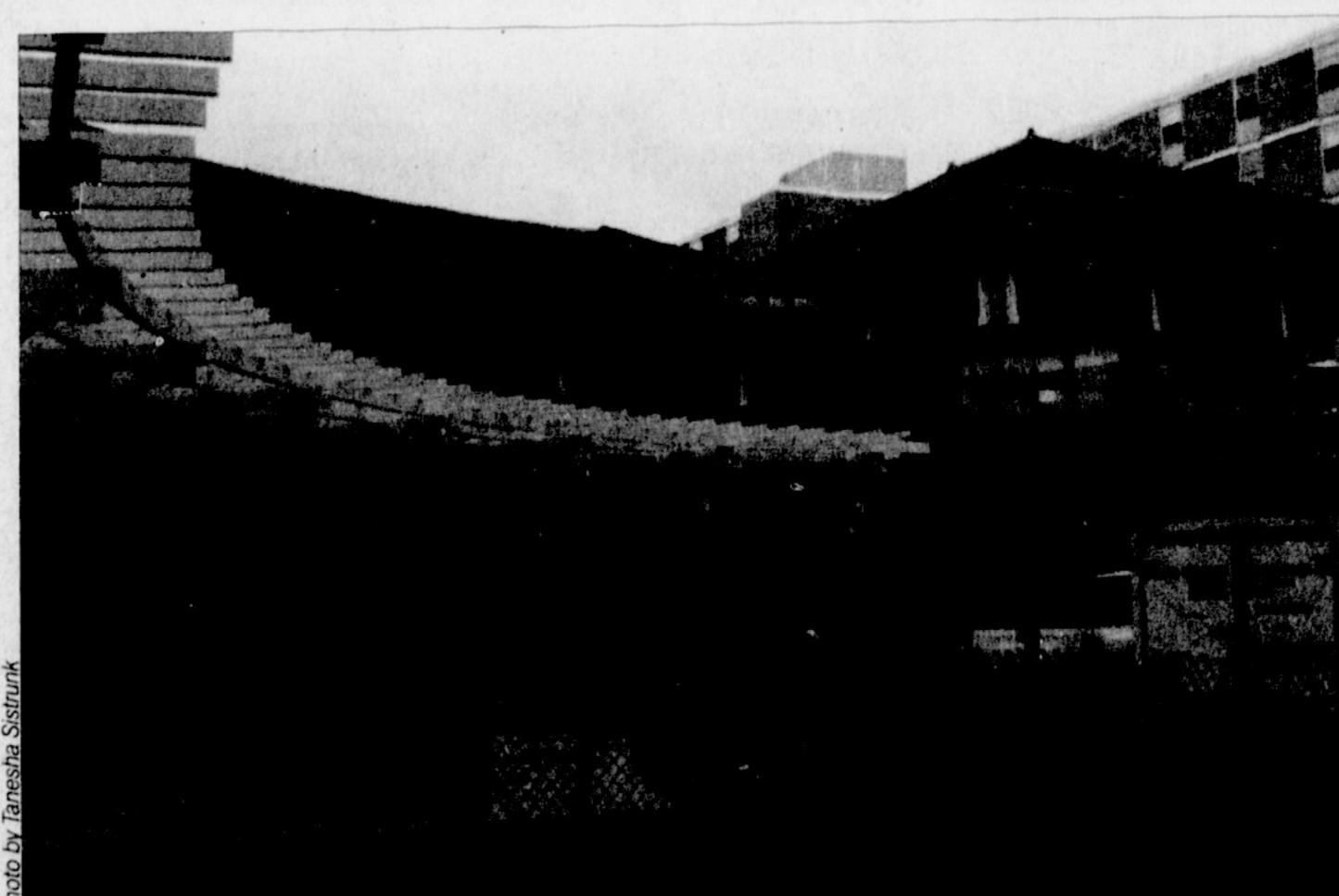
especially larger projects such

The West End Dining hall, once completed, will offer students a different style of dining hall than the current campus dining halls.

"The concept is marche cooking, meaning much of the cooking will be done in front of the people out in the open rather than in a back kitchen.

It will offer a variety of options including Chinese, Mongolian, salad bar, rotisserie, soups, breads, pizza oven and a fried chicken and burgers option. There will also be a Subway incorporated within the campus store as part of the new project.

The project is geared to help alleviate some of the heavy crowds in Mendenhall and will give ECU a chance to change the dining options that currently exist. It will seat 600



see DINING page A2 Several delays have moved the opening date of the new dining hall to the Spring semester.

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Campus News

Book Drive

Zeta Phi Beta sorority will be having a book drive Dec. 7 - 16. Members ask that if UBE or the student store does not buy back all your books, to drop them in the drop boxes located at the Student Store, the College Hill trailer, Mendenhall trailer and Speight trailer. These books will be going to provide books for African school children in need. For more information, contact Jessica Grimes at 560-4035 or jng1016 mail.ecu.edu.

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.

Club Baseball

Club Baseball has begun looking for talented and dedicated baseball players. If interested, preseason workouts will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p.m. at the bottom of College Hill until try-outs. Tryouts will be Jan. 12 - 14 at a later specified time and location. For details, visit www.ecu.edu/org/ clubbaseball.

Vagina Monologue Auditions

Auditions for the Vagina Monologues will be Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11, 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.

Christmas Parades

The Winterville Christmas parade will be Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Call 756-6038 for further details. The Farmville Christmas parade will be Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. The Farmville parade is hosted by the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce. Have breakfast with Santa at First Christian Church before the parade. Call 753-4670 for more information.

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.

Ballroom Dancing

The U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association will host a dance at the Willis Building on First and Reade Streets from 7:30 p.m. - 11 p.m. Dec. 25. Begin the evening with free Samba and Merengue lessons followed by dancing and refreshments. Call 321-3809 for details.

A Greek Summer

Give yourself Italy, Greece and the Greek islands in the 2005 summer season. Students will receive 6 s.h. credit and funding is available. Attendants will visit various European locations. Write to mercerc mail.ecu.edu for details.

News Briefs

Local

Bob Barker gives \$1

million to Duke for animal law DURHAM, NC - Game show host Bob Barker, a longtime proponent of animal welfare, has donated \$1 million to Duke Law School to endow a program to teach animal rights law, the school announced Monday.

The Bob Barker Endowment Fund for the Study of Animal Rights Law will support education in animal rights law, including opportunities for students to earn course credit on cases involving compliance with state animal cruelty laws and other forms of animal rights advocacy.

It is similar to funds Barker has established in the past few years at law schools including those at Harvard, Stanford, Columbia and UCLA.

"Animals need all the protection we can give them," Barker said in a news release from Duke.

"We intend to train a growing number of law students in this area of the law in the hope that they will ultimately lead a national effort to make it illegal to brutalize and exploit these

helpless creatures." Duke Law Professor William A. Reppy Jr., who already teaches a course in the area, will lead development of more programs in the area of animal rights law. One of his ideas is to develop a clinic in which students will work with volunteer lawyers who handle animal rights cases in the state.

Parents pull students from

school due to violence rumors HIGH POINT, NC - Parents removed about 200 students from T. Wingate Andrews High School on Monday after threats of violence circulated through the student body.

The day passed withou violent incident.

"It was just as quiet as can be," Principal John Wittmann Jr. said after school ended Monday. "There were no disruptions today whatsoever except parents coming to check students out."

Andrews has about 1,200 students According to the rumors, students from North Carolina A&T State University planned to retaliate against Andrews students who had attacked

them at a dance this weekend. Wittmann said.

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The fight at the dance involved students from the two other public high schools in High Point, Wittmann said. No one at Andrews appeared to have participated, he said.

The incident is the latest in a series of problems at Andrews High School. Last week, High Point police added a second school resource officer to Andrews and stepped up patrols outside following a series of fights in which an assistant principal was injured and two police officers assaulted.

At least 10 students were charged with misdemeanors stemming from disturbances last week. High Point police did not call for additional security Monday.

National

Friends, family say Peterson was wrongly convicted

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - Jurors made a mistake when they convicted Scott Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife, friends and family members testified Monday as they described Peterson as a loving, gentle person. 'I do not believe that Scott is guilty of this crime. I don't believe that he could have done this," said Sandra Bertram, who has known the Peterson family for 30 years and worked at a golf course with Scott Peterson when he was a teenager.

The testimony came on the fifth day of the penalty phase in Peterson's trial, now in its seventh month. The same jurors who convicted him now must decide whether he should receive the death penalty or be sentenced to life in prison without parole in the killings of Laci Peterson and her child.

Robert Latham, the brother of Peterson's mother, Jackie, spoke of a nephew who was a nice and "very respectable" boy and "always greeted everybody with a smile."

"I don't believe he's guilty," said another uncle, John Latham. "I would not like to see him die. It would tear our family apart."

Jurors showed no expression, and some looked away or toward the ground as John Latham spoke.

The jury already has heard that Peterson was captain of his high

school golf team. Defense witnesses

have testified that he sang to seniors on Sundays, distributed food and clothes in Tijuana and that he was a best friend and loving son. The panel also has been told all about his father's life, growing up poor in Minnesota.

Hearing starts for war resister in Canada

TORONTO - An American soldier who fled to Canada after refusing to participate in the Iraq war told immigration officials Monday he would have been taking part in war crimes if he had been deployed with his unit.

Jeremy Hinzman, 26, fled from Fort Bragg, NC, in January and now lives in Toronto with his 31-year-old wife, Nga Nguyen, and 2-year-old son, Liam. All three are seeking refugee status in Canada.

Appearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board on Monday, he claimed the war in Iraq was illegal and he would be persecuted if forced to return to the United States.

Hinzman said during his hearing that he voluntarily enlisted for a fouryear term in 2000 to experience "the essence" of the army.

"I figured I needed some focus and direction," Hinzman said at the start of the three-day hearing, adding that he ultimately wanted to study law, medicine or become a teacher.

Immigration and Refugee Board officials have said that Hinzman needs to distinguish between persecution and prosecution, the latter of which he would definitely face if he goes back to the United

A member of the second Battalion of the 504th Brigade Parachute Infantry Regiment, Hinzman could face charges as a deserter if sent home and face up to five years in prison.

Hinzman was serving in Afghanistan when his application to be a conscientious objector was denied. He had said he wanted to fulfill his service obligation but not to participate in combat.

Brian Goodman, a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board who is chairing the hearing, has ruled that Hinzman cannot admit evidence that the American war in Iraq was illegal. Hinzman argues American soldiers are guilty of war crimes and

that forcing him to fight in Iraq could have made him a war criminal.

International

Ukraine's lawmakers reach compromise on reforms

KIEV, Ukraine - Ukraine's opposition and pro-government lawmakers tentatively agreed on a compromise Monday to ensure a fair vote during the rerun later this month of the fraud-ridden presidential runoff and gradually shift some powers from the presidency to parliament.

Ukraine's outgoing president, Leonid Kuchma, and Russian President Vladimir Putin said they would abide by the results of the new election, removing major question marks surrounding the Dec. 26 rematch. The vote was ordered by the Supreme Court, which last week struck down the election commission decision that Kremlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych won the Nov. 21 runoff.

"Of course we will ... accept the will of any nation in the former Soviet space, and will work with any elected leader," Putin said during a state visit to Turkey.

Yanukovych emerged from seclusion and declared he was confident of victory. Kuchma had supported Yanukovych in the runoff against Western-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko but has distanced himself from the prime minister over the past two weeks as protesters swarmed the capital. Stepan Havrysh, a senior pro-

government lawmaker, said all factions in the parliament's coordination committee agreed to back the compromise to amend election laws and the constitution when it comes to a vote Tuesday.

As part of the deal, Kuchma may also fire Yanukovych from his prime minister's post, Havrysh said. Kuchma was quoted by The New York Times as saying that if he were Yanukovych, he would not run in the Dec. 26 vote.

As European leaders mediated talks in Kiev, Putin warned against foreign interference in the new ballot and suggested the opposition was seeking power at any price. He left open how Russia - which considers this nation of 48 million people part

of its sphere of influence - would deal with a Yushchenko government.

Powell assails

Russia on troop deployments SOFIA, Bulgaria - Secretary of State Colin Powell rejected on Tuesday Russian charges the West is engaging in political manipulation to expand its influence in Ukraine and other former

Soviet republics. He also challenged Russia to take steps to withdraw its military forces from two former Soviet republics and expressed concern over restrictions in Russia on press freedom and the rule of law.

Powell addressed a meeting of the 55-nation Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe after hearing Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov insinuate that the OSCE has used election monitors to fulfill political ambitions in Ukraine and elsewhere.

"We must avoid the ever more deleterious practice of double standards in evaluating electoral processes," Lavrov said. "We mustn't allow the OSCE monitoring to be turned into a political instrument. In the absence of any objective criteria, monitoring of election processes becomes and instrument of political manipulation and a factor for destabilization in a whole range of issues."

Lavrov's comments suggested he believes the West is interested in a power grab in Ukraine, where a recent presidential runoff election was derided by OSCE monitors as fraudulent.

Powell rejected Russian suggestions that the OSCE has "double standards" and is concentrating its efforts in the former Soviet republics for political reasons.

"I categorically disagree," Powell said, adding that the OSCE is simply abiding by well-established principles in support of fundamental freedoms, democracy and the rule

Mutual suspicions between Russia and the West, particularly the United States, have heightened recently in the wake of the Nov. 21 runoff election in Ukraine, a former Soviet republic that shares a border with Russia to the east and former Soviet bloc countries to the

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION MUSEUM SUPPORT CENTER



James Blalock, Alice Anderson, Barry DuVall and David White with ECU's Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing stand in front of the Smithsonian during their trip to Washington, D.C.

ECU wireless technology underway

Project may go to the Smithsonian

KRISTIN DAY

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The ECU Center for Wireless and Mobile Computing has worked with its partners to create new developments in wireless technology that could bring their work to a project with the Smithsonian called The Encyclopedia of Life.

The EOL is organized by the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of Natural History.

Anthony Gutierrez, chief of the molecular biology laboratory at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventative Medicine, said the EOL would be the largest scientific undertaking ever attempted by anyone. He said it will include scientists representing various disciplines in a worldwide effort from thousands of museums,

universities and governments. "The goal of the EOL is to inventory life on Earth ... the inventory document will be in digital format, which is now

being standardized as a webpage for each species, ... which can be used to introduce to everyone and educate everyone, about each and every species on Earth," said Gutierrez. Alice Anderson, assistant pro-

sciences, said they went to Washington, D.C. recently to discuss the idea. "We had a meeting with the Smithsonian staff who are

fessor of environmental health

interested in this digital pictorial catalog of living things," said Anderson. This project will implement a freely accessible system contain-

ing more than one million species pages that would be used for educational, economic and scientific purposes. The job for ECU's center is to bring their wireless technology that is already in use to the EOL.

"The pictures we're going to use [in our database] were also something they were interested in," Anderson said.

James Blalock, research associate at the center, said these pictures are 3D models they produced earlier this year from shots taken with Anderson's microscope.

"What we did was take pictures of a mosquito from all 360 degrees ... [then] we cut out the background," said Blalock. "The University Media out," Drake said.

Center [and] Ryan Kittleson put them together and built these 3D models." Kittleson, a student at ECU,

took half a year to work on the model. He said he got the chance to work on the mosquito project through his student job at the University Multimedia Center.

"Here, we use multimedia to help professors teach and present materials," said Kittleson. "To create the mosquito in

3D makes it versatile enough to use in a variety of ways - video, print, web, animations and virtual reality." Anderson said Kittleson's

model is "incredible and realistic." She said it is a base model that shows every single feature of a mosquito down to the scales on the wings. The model will cover many different species of mosquitoes in the future.

This virtual reality aspect of the project was also used in a

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Turner said since the report was written, ECU has kept up with the high graduation rates. The 60 percent graduation rate of African American students who began school in 1996 graduated, yet ECU is still trying to improve on those numbers through the variety of services.

Turner said he attributes several academic services offered by ECU, one of which includes the new advising center put in place this year to help guide students through college and keep retention and graduation rates high.

"Academic advising has taken on a life of its own and seems to be working well because we hear students refer to how successful it's been," Turner said.

He said with the expected increases in student enrollment at ECU it is now time to revisit all of the statistical data about success in higher education to

then mobilize all of the different people who are necessary within the university to come up with the necessary strategy so we continue to be on the forefront of academic services for undergraduate students.

Turner said ECU cannot afford to overlook the fact that the university has a diverse student population and has to look at the demographics of the students who come to the university and how well prepared they are to be successful in college. This information needs to be considered when finding the best solution to this issue.

"Once all of that information is factored into our strategic plan, [we can] continue to offer high quality academic services to the students," Turner said.

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could've seen something or heard something that would help us

Drake said compared to security on other campuses, she believes ECU is holding its own. "I think it's about the same

if not better. All 16 of the public universities have about the same [amount of security]," Drake said. "Most of the other campuses have the same problems. They

have robberies, larcenies and those [types of crimes]." Byron Miller, junior business administration major, said he is glad about the new security

improvements on campus, but thinks things could still be better. "I think there could be some improvement," said Miller.

Miller thinks there is room for even more security on campus, such as more lights for dark areas where students walk daily.

"I think it's pretty safe, but if my girlfriend was out at night, I would want to know where she was," Miller said.

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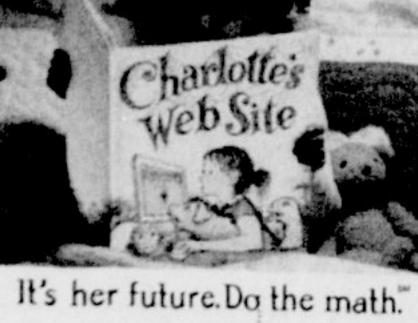
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people, twice the number of Mendenhall. This will keep up with the enrollment increase and the new dining options other universities are also beginning to incorporate.

The senior class of last year purchased a clock that is going to be added to the plaza outside the new West End Dining hall. ECU is in the process of purchasing a base for the clock and other necessary components required to run the clock.

Benches will weave through trees that will be planted.

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new project at ECU called RAVE CAVE, a multimedia projection system that began this month. A visitor wears special glasses in order to see the 3D image and when he tilts his head, the model of the mosquito rotates so he can see a vertical image. There is also a joystick, which the visitor uses to turn the mosquito.

"You've got a little game pad you can move the mosquito with and it responds like a joystick on a game so you can move it around," Anderson said.

Blalock said the 3D image is so real you feel like you can touch it.

Gutierrez said a new spin-off of this technology is a program called Dasher, which Scott Idem, assistive technology consultant, will present at the upcoming mobile technology fair in Greenville.

Idem said Dasher provides an alternative to inputting text

into computers and is designed for people who have limited mobility in their hands or are paralyzed from the neck down.

"Because of the way it works, you only have to move the mouse cursor a small amount to choose letters," said Idem.

"It is much different than using a keyboard but it can be almost as fast. Normally, you use the mouse with this program to select letters and words but the idea is to use it along with a device in the mouth."

Wireless technology at ECU was first designed to identify and track mosquitoes that could carry diseases in order to fight West Nile virus, malaria and other diseases.

The equipment includes a handheld device that contains maps, coordinates, two-way communication and distance and temperature measurements. They also have wearable computers

with monitor screens on the headset and a microphone for voice recognition technology or they can use the touch screen tablet

that is attached to their waist.

The center has created a database that allows the researcher to clearly identify the type of mosquito they have caught by matching the specimen with detailed pictures. Once the researcher finds a match, he puts his coordinates, the date, the time and the number of mosquitoes into the database through the Internet. If there is an abnormal number of mosquitoes that could cause disease in the area, the situation is looked into more closely.

Anderson said external sources allow funding for these projects, but a specific source has not yet been found. Some research has been hindered because they need state funding and federal funding that has

not been available.

"It's hard not to move as fast as we want to go," Anderson said.

There has not been an immediate need for research locally because the West Nile virus is concentrated on the west coast this year. They are still doing experiments with their equipment and trying to fix any problems.

Although testing one mosquito does not determine the case of the population, Anderson said the potential of a disease or risk is the important part.

They are also currently developing a Web site anyone will be able to access. This Web site will make useful information including maps that show populations and habitats of mosquitoes.

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award and the Highest Academic

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Alpha Xi Delta, the Outstanding

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NPC holds awards ceremony

Greeks recognized for achievements

MICHAEL HARRINGTON STAFF WRITER

The National Panhellenic Conference held a scholarship banquet Monday at the Rock Springs Center, where multiple undergraduate sorority members were presented with achievement awards and the new 2005 NPC officers were announced.

The conference opened with a moment of silence in recognition of a long and hard year of work by the NPC led by conference member Aundrea Gardinier.

The opening remarks were followed by an improvised speech from Ion Outterbridge, director of Greek Life at ECU, who touched on all the NPC had been through during the year and stated goals for the future.

Outterbridge said this year was one of the best from a recruiting standpoint, but also one filled with many obstacles.

"This past year for the Panhellenic Conference has been an exciting year and a challenging year," said Outterbridge.

a variety of goals and future

initiatives to the attendees of

Outterbridge presented

NPC awarded individuals and organizations for their achievements this past semester.

the conference. This year, the NPC is going to implement a new software package that will store all of the recruitment data for rush, a hectic period of time for the NPC where their new members are chosen.

Outterbridge said he wanted all members of the conference to uphold the standards and values of the NPC and to respect and understand the importance of their respective housemothers. He also challenged returning members to look into the past of their sororities.

"Look up your individual organizations and look

Following Outterbridge's speech, awards were given for a variety of accomplishments in the Greek community.

into the history of them and

Notable individual award

why they were founded," Outterbridge said.

winners were Gardinier, who won the Greek Woman of the Year award for her dedication to the NPC and her exemplary service, Jackie Lambertson, the 2004 NPC president who won the Greek Woman of the Year award for her outstanding leadership and Meredith Anderson, who received the Most Outstanding Recruitment

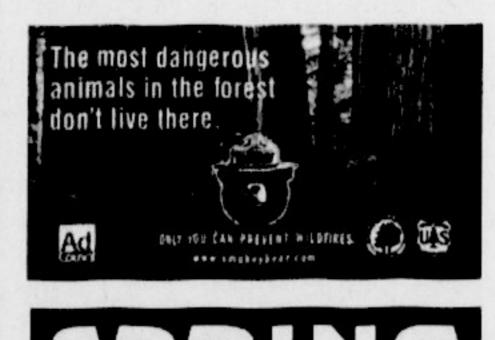


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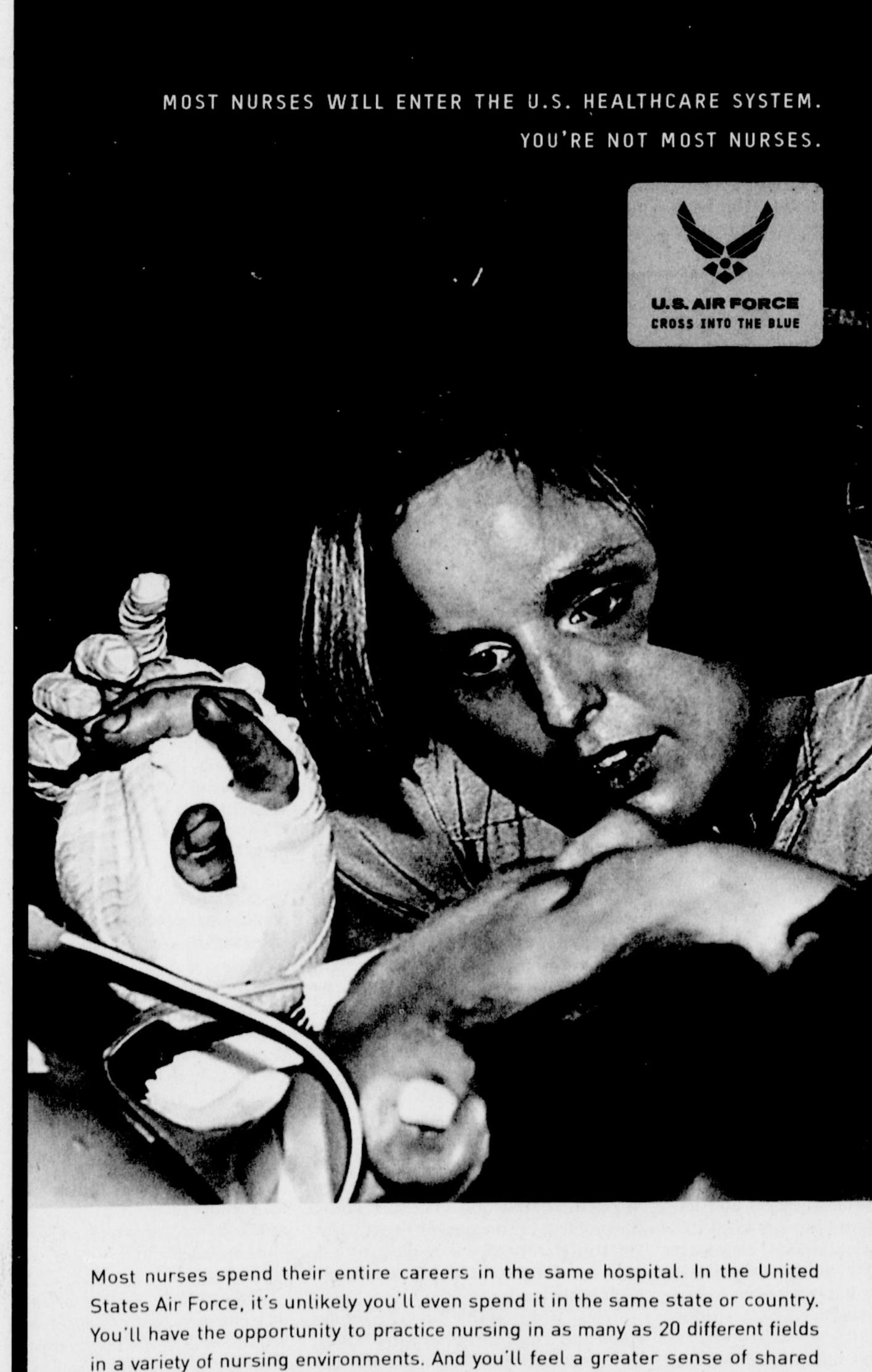




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Our View

War on Terrorism: Who is the real bad guy?

As we get closer and closer to marking America's second year in Iraq, the world can reflect on all the things that have happened in the last years and decide who is at fault. After everything that has happened, who is the real bad guy?

If we decide to mark the beginning of this battle with the Middle East some time around Desert Storm, or if we choose to believe there were weapons of mass destruction, the obvious enemy is Saddam Hussein. Now that he is out of the picture, he's harmless.

Recently, insurgents in Iraq seem to be the real enemy. From the time they hung and burned American soldiers for all the world to see, to just a few weeks ago when Margaret Hassan, CARE International director was found disemboweled. Every day we worry about our friends overseas because car bombs are exploding every other minute, it seems clear these people are truly monsters.

But what about us, the United States? How can anyone forget Abu Ghraib, where American soldiers were accused of piling naked Iraqi soldiers on top of each other while they took pictures? At this moment, American forces are under investigation for possibly killing unarmed people in a Mosque. A man held his little girl on the news the other day, cried and claimed the Americans had killed her.

So could the monsters be our soldiers, military leaders or even our president? Who is the bad guy?

Most of us could never say, because most of us here at ECU have never experienced anything close to war. No one else but those who have fought understands the things that go through your mind when you are told to fight for your life because the other guy is your enemy and he will kill you. Though there will never be an excuse for killing those who did not put themselves in the line of fire, how can we put anyone at fault who was told to kill?

Whether you feel this war was necessary or not, whether you feel safer now that Hussein is out of power and al-Qaeda officials are being captured every day or not, war has been going on since before civilization. Until the whole world learns to settle their differences another way, all of us are the bad guy.

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Holidays frustrate, annoy as I get older

'Bah humbug' sometimes easier than 'God bless'

RACHEL LANDEN STAFF WRITER

The semester is nearly over, exams are almost here and the holidays are just around the corner.

In fact, haven't they been close for weeks now? I think I must have still been wearing flip-flops and using my car's air-conditioning about the time when I first saw Christmas decorations in the stores.

The holiday season just gets longer with each passing year. It seems that by the time the fireworks of the fourth of July have gone out, Santa figures and snowmen are already moving in and taking over shelf space in local retailers.

It sounds like a child's fantasy - three, four, even six months devoted to Christmas, rather than a single day or even just the month of December. But I have to admit that as I get older, the commercialism of it all at times annoys and frustrates me more than the spirit of the season delights me.

Traffic is terrible, people are pushy and just making a "quick" trip to the store can be a hazard to both your physical and mental health. It's those stressful moments this time of year - when another shopper swipes your falls on the same night – that it is easy



to let out your inner Scrooge.

"Bah humbug" becomes easier than "God bless us, everyone," and we quickly forget what all the fuss is about. Those are precisely the times when we need just a bit of holiday cheer to help us get through what should be a joyful season and not a stressful one.

At the ripe old age of 20, I've already gotten caught up in my daily work and assignments, sometimes to the exclusion of everything else. There's no time for carols or cards or cookies when I've got an exam every day next week. December passes by without me and I don't even notice where the days have gone.

"Buy Christmas presents" is on my to-do list and I look at the note with more anxiety than excitement. It's easy to abandon the childlike wonder that once poured from me as soon as I saw Santa in the shopping mall or a nativparking space or every holiday event ity scene on a church lawn. After all, I think I have more important things to deal with.

That's when I need my own Ghost of Christmas Past to remind me what I am missing out on - the fond memories from previous Decembers that maybe I can't recreate but can at least remember. That's when the calm, collected person I usually try to be, waxes sentimental about the holiday traditions I used to have and the ones I'm missing out on now.

Those are the times when I think about the stockings hanging from the mantel, sugar cookies baking in the oven, Christmas music playing on the stereo and me holding the scotch tape as my mom wraps presents.

They're the times when I remember drinking hot apple cider, watching Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, putting my ornaments on the Christmas tree and rehearsing my lines for the school play.

And even though those days have passed, the magic of this season and holiday allow me to relive them ever so slightly. That's what gets me through the stressful shopping trips, projects, exams and even feelings of homesickness that creep up this time of year.

I think back on the good old days and I reassure myself that at the end of this semester is something just as good. It will be a merry Christmas for me once the last answer is bubbled in, my car is packed and I am home with my family in the same place where I have shared many happy holidays before. I hope the same holds true for each of you.

Pirate Rants

Just once, I want to walk into Wright Place and enjoy my sandwich without being walked up to by someone with a flyer. No, I will not vote for you. No, I will not go to your party this weekend. No, I will not buy brownies for your sorority. No, I will not hop in your kayak.

An article in Wednesday's paper stated that office space for the increasing number of faculty was becoming an issue. If this is the case, why are they raising tuition to increase their salaries? It doesn't sound like anyone is complaining enough about their pay to leave.

Can't I get a day off? Stop calling me – it's my f---ing birthday! Figure the problem out yourself.

How do you expect to keep a job in the real world if you can't remember the simple things the job requires. People, get it together before you graduate. There are no second chances in the real world.

No one likes a lazy person. If you are not going to do your work, just admit it. Don't blame it on technology over and over, especially when the technology checks out just fine.

Learning new course material on the last day of class for the final exam is cutting it too close. We, the students, get punished because a professor can't pace himself. Not only are we not prepared for the final but we also haven't learned everything we are expected to know for the following course.

When you live in an apartment building, please be respectful of your neighbors. The walls are thin and all your giggling, singing, slamming doors and drawers, moving furniture, etc. disturbs us.

Come on people, group projects are for groups – not one or two people who work hard to get good grades while people who are going to graduate and only need the class for their minor slack off. What a great work habit for the real world.

I am sick and tired of everyone complaining about group projects. On a real job, people are not always going to pull their own weight. Get over it already.

Do not ask me for a cigarette if you forgot your pack. Don't ask me for a lighter either.

If your professor is in the middle of a lecture and the entire classroom is silent, do not rip your piece of paper all the way out of your spiral binder and crumple it up. CRUMPLE, CRUMPLE, CRUMPLE! It's loud and distracting - darn you crumplers!

For the past two days, there have been little kids on the bus ride home and I have no idea why. I think ECU should establish a policy to have kids on the bus every day during the exam period in order to entertain and relieve students from stress.

Isn't it so funny when people who talk really loud whisper only when they say "sex" or "drunk?"

How can people still support Barry Bonds, let alone baseball as a whole? What other professional sports league allows their players to take illegal performanceenhancing drugs? These guys are supposed to be role models? It's good to see they're setting a great example.

Just about every night I am bombarded by pot smoke. Don't you know we have a zero tolerance policy?

In the beginning of the year, students taking biology were required to buy transmitters used to answer questions during class. We have yet to use them and they cost \$30. Will the university con next semester's students in doing the same?

Tony McKee: You didn't have to explain yourself in your last article. We already knew you were close-minded and self-righteous.

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As ECU students and Student Pirate Club members, we are truly disappointed and embarrassed with the decision made by our Chancellor and Athletic Director to terminate coach Thompson's contract. We are so thankful to coach Thompson for the dedication and enthusiasm that he has shown during his term as head coach, which was tragically cut short. We would like to apologize for the faculty members who have not shown coach Thompson the 110 percent support that he has consistently shown our team and fans.

As Holland mentioned in his statement, "the last three years plus have been ones of turmoil for ECU athletics." Coach Thompson and his staff literally inherited a "house divided." By acknowledging the difficulties presented to coach Thompson upon his arrival, it is baffling that the same man would spear head the attempt to have our coach terminated prematurely, before he had a chance to prove himself to the Pirate Nation. As many avid football fans know, generally speaking, it takes about three to four years for a program to rebuild under new management. This period of time allows the new coach to recruit players that are built for his style of coaching and overall program. By not allowing coach Thompson an adequate time frame for his coaching philosophy to take root, athletic decision makers are falling far short of their proposed 110 percent support of coach Thompson and his team.

It is extremely difficult to gauge the enthusiasm level of a team, but as avid Pirate fans we have had the privilege of witnessing two drastically different coaches and their effect on the players' morale. Although coach Logan was once able to lead the Pirates to victory, he spent his last few seasons as a coach who seemed unaffected by wins or losses and it showed through

a lack of overall team enthusiasm. Coach Thompson, on the other hand, has been seen rushing the field with the players and defending our team against every miscall by the referees. He has a way of feeding the team and the fans with his energy and emotion. We recognize his dedication and he recognized ours after our first victory this season over Tulane.

No matter what the future holds for the Pirate Nation, rest assured that Pirate fans will ALWAYS support their team, 120 percent, as we have since the beginning of ECU athletics.

We wish coach Thompson and his staff the best. Thank you for all that you have done for the Pirate Nation. Sincerely,

Michael Dudley, ECU senior political science major, and Samantha Blake, ECU Graduate Instructional Technology MAEd Program

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an article written earlier by Tony McKee commenting on Arafat's passing away [Nov. 17's "Media 'remembers' Yasser Arafat"].

Let me start by making it very clear that I am not a big fan of President Yasser Arafat. However, I just could not stand the sick and absolutely wrong notions Mr. McKee tried to sell in his article by labeling Mr. Arafat as a terrorist. It would have been really nice if he stuck to his suggestion and left the issue of judging Mr. Arafat to Palestinians, history and God. Elsewhere in his article, Mr. McKee desperately complained why it has not been widely reported that Arafat was a terrorist. Well Mr. McKee, it seems that you have to complain more but guess what? You will never get to see such a thing happening but in your dreams and states of wishful thinking. The readily available charge of terrorism is not applicable this time. Since he founded the Palestinian liberation movement back in

mid 1960s and up until his death, Mr. Arafat has been consistently viewed as a fighter for freedom in the time of war and a peacemaker in the time of peace - a role for which he was awarded the Noble Peace Prize.

In order not to get dragged into an

endless argument about how to define terrorism, please allow me to refer the reader to the presidential-like funeral ceremonies held to Mr. Arafat in Paris, where he was hospitalized, as well as in Cairo where many of the world's top representatives bid farewell to him to show how baseless Mr. McKee's claims are. As far as how the Palestinian people judge Mr. Arafat, it is important to know that Arafat's popularity peaked in the past three years - a period he spent as a virtual prisoner in his compound. I hope that Mr. McKee will not come up with a new judgment labeling all Palestinians to be terrorists.

Finally, Mr. McKee claimed in his opinion that "Israel shocked everyone by agreeing to give Arafat 90 percent of what he claimed to want." Either Mr. McKee does not know enough about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, a situation with which he needs to educate himself more before standing to write, or he does know but for whatever reason he wanted to mislead the reader by telling half the truth. Let me just point out that the offer made by Israel ignored two main cornerstones for solving this conflict, east Jerusalem to be the capital of Palestine State and a fair solution to the problem of the roughly five million Palestinian refugees, including myself, who are deprived from returning to their homeland.

Final word: While I totally understand and support the running war on terrorism, it does really make me sick that some people are taking advantage of this war to issue charges of terrorism in all directions, a thing which I believe to be a kind of ideological terrorism.

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Horoscopes:

Aries: Once you and your partner have figured out what you think you need, go shopping together. You'll save by pooling your resources. Go after the best quality.

Taurus: Once the job's done and the mess is cleaned up, let your partner or mate take control. It'll be fun to let somebody else make decisions for a while.

Gemini: Go ahead and make the commitment that is obviously required. The next step requires a lot of work and you'll need the support of a partner.

Cancer: The nice thing about doing a messy task is how good you feel afterwards. Don't let this moment go unacknowledged. Throw a private celebration.

Loo: You have a pretty good sense of design and color now, so decorate. The next few days will be good for household projects, big and small.

Virgo: Save enough to get yourself some new tools and equipment. The more you improve your skills, the quicker you'll make the money

Ubra: Give up the point you were trying to make, you can finish some other time. Right now, it's more important to see that the job is done, quickly and right.

Scorple: You're becoming better organized and it will soon by easy to make decisions and follow through on them. This will speed things up considerably.

Sagittarius: Discuss finances with your group or committee and take care. They might come up with a way for you to finance their latest project. Don't be too generous, you still need to pay the rent.

Capricorn: Decision-making gets much easier for everyone tomorrow. This lifts a burden you've been carrying but you'll lose a chance to take charge. Act quickly now.

Aquarius: Don't spend all day on the phone, even if you're talking to a foreign client. You don't want your costs to be higher than the sales you're bringing in and neither does your boss.

Pisces: Plan to get out tonight or tomorrow, you need a change of pace. Visit somebody you love a lot and haven't seen for a while. You'll be re-energized.

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Will movie 'Christmas with the Kranks' be great hit or major flop?

ASHLEY WHEDBEE STAFF WRITER

I'm quite fond of Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis, so I expected this movie to be pretty good. But now I'm not too sure.

Christmas with the Kranks addresses themes of family, community and humanity with its comedic drive and holiday values. It is a comedic film about a family who has faithfully celebrated Christmas their entire lives but has a change of plans for this holiday. Since their daughter Blair (Julie Gonzalo) is in Peru for the holidays, Luther (Tim Allen) and Nora (Jamie Lee Curtis) Krank decide to change up their routine and spend Christmas basking in the Caribbean sun. This doesn't go over very well with the neighbors and when Luther refuses to put his illuminated Frosty the Snowman on his rooftop, the battle begins between the Kranks and the neighbors. However, it doesn't last long – Blair calls to announce to her parents she's coming home after all. This means the Kranks have less than 24 hours to get themselves and all the families on their street back in proper Christmas spirit.

Tim Allen, who is probably best known for his role in the television series "Home Improvement," made his first film appearance in 1994 starring in another holiday film, The Santa Clause. This earned Allen his second People's Choice Award. When he was approached with Christmas with the Kranks, Allen had no trouble deciding to participate in the project.

The other leading actor, Jamie Lee Curtis, has demonstrated a great deal of versatility in her past films, which stretch across a variety of genres. These films include True Lies, Trading Places, Halloween and Freaky Friday.

Other notable actors in the film include Dan Aykroyd and Cheech Marin.

So what's the problem? The story line certainly sounds good, the previews look entertaining and the actors are very well known, but this comedy, based on John Grisham's best-selling novel Skipping Christmas, isn't getting the best of reviews. Angel Cohn from TV Guide's Movie Guide feels that one reason for this is because the characters were over-exaggerated.

"Director Joe Roth misses an opportunity for true satire by making the neighbors such insanely overthe-top caricatures that the Kranks seem paragons of normality and perspective," said Cohn.

Even after watching the trailer for the movie, I still think it may have some potential. I found myself amused at a few of the punch lines. It doesn't seem to be lacking in plot, script or character, so what does seem to be the problem?

The Daily Collegian's Tami Munn's review of this movie lists many reasons why it seems to be lacking something needed to meet the criteria of a top-quality film.

"At the beginning of the film, Curtis and Allen

lack the chemistry a couple with a college-aged daughter should have. The characters have been together many years and they should know each other's quirks, but Curtis and Allen fail to let the jokes happen smoothly and it seems like their exchanges are forced," said Munn, adding, "the book doesn't translate well into film."

But those involved in the film understandably don't feel the same as its critics.

Executive producer Charles Newirth believes the film sends out a positive message during the hurry and hustle of the holiday season. "This film sends out a clear message that Christmas is not about buying gifts and trees. It's about family,

community and those special moments in life that we

OK, so I haven't seen the movie, which means I can't give my opinion or say whether it's a hit or a flop. But, what I can do is recommend that you decide for yourself. After all, it has to at least help you get in the holiday spirit. As for me, I think I'll save a few bucks and

remember long after," said Newirth.

Christmas with the Kranks opened Nov. 28 and is rated PG for brief

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'Neil Young Forever' great for holiday gift

Artist releases greatest hits of three decades

LAURA KEELING SENIOR WRITER

Neil Young is one of the most influential artists in rock music. His unique sound offers listening pleasures for those young and old. That is why Young is able to create a greatest hits CD that is easy to put in the stereo, yet very difficult to take out.

As I listened to the CD, it became the background music for my week. It was as if I was in a movie and Neil Young created the entire sound track. I found myself in a 'Neil Young state-of-mind.' Every song has a deep message that speaks the language of truth, peace and finding what you

have always dreamed of having. In one of his most successful songs, "Heart of Gold," Young creates an incredible metaphor for searching for his true love. He sings, "Keep me searching for a heart of gold ... I've been a miner for a heart

Young has led an incredible life. For the past 30 years, he has been living his dream. He has also had many ups and downs. Young's first influence was a ukulele given to him by his father. Quickly the guitar and banjo became much more important than school and he dropped out. Though she wasn't thrilled, his mom helped him get gigs locally and supported him when he got together with his first band, Neil Young and the Squires. The band split up after a

couple of years and Young began singing solo part time and with another band called The Mynah Birds. The Mynah Birds' front man was none other than Rick James himself. Around the year 1969, Young agreed to play with David Crosby, Steven Stills and Graham Nash (Crosby, Stills and Nash) at some of their gigs and the biggest one was the first ever Woodstock. He has created hit after hit and a huge following. He plays music that speaks to the people. Included on this CD are "Down by the River," "Cowgirl in the Sand" and "Cinnamon Girl" from 1969s Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere. Other famous songs include "Harvest Moon," "Rockin' in the Free World," "Old Man" and "Heart of Gold." The CD also comes with a DVD that allows you to see videos, com-

mentary and lyrics. "One of the most important

jobs of any musician is to provide quality sound to the people ... Quality has taken a hit in recent years but it's starting to come back, thanks to DVD-Stereo," said Young in a press release. I encourage anyone who enjoys music to pick this one up

and give it a listen. The variety and eclectioness of Young's music is both soothing for the soul and easy to listen to. Not only do the lyrics explain complicated concepts of life, but the guitar sings its own song as well. Each comes together to form a masterpiece of a mastermind singer composer and songwriter named Neil Young.

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Christmas' is classic

Christmas musical sure to please all audiences

JOANNA WALDHOUR STAFF WRITER

White Christmas is a heartwarming tale about two talented song - and - dance men.

The film opens during World War II and introduces audiences to the army captain Bob Wallace (Bing Crosby) and Private Phil Davis (Danny Kaye). They are both putting on a show for Christmas Eve. A bombing raid interferes soward the end of the show, and Davis actually saves Wallace's life. They become good friends and after the war, they team up to become one of the most successful song - and dance duos.

One day, after five years, they drop by in Florida to check out two singing sisters as a favor to an old army buddy. They are immediately attracted to the sisters - Betty (Rosemary Clooney) and Judy Haynes (Vera Ellen). All four wind up going to Vermont for the Christmas break, hoping to enjoy the snow at ski resort.

When they arrive, they find out there is no snow and the inn is deserted. But, to their surprise, their old general from the army, General Waverly (Dean Jagger) is the owner of the disastrous ski resort. The four of them come up with a scheme by putting on a show to help the general from

going into financial ruin. Great classic holiday film. It is very sentimental and predictable, but a great movie to watch for the Christmas holidays nonetheless. Films like this are not made anymore, so it is a pleasure to enjoy this lighthearted and simple fable with wonderful songs, including "White Christmas." Worth watching.

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Bah! Humbug! Scrooge endures on TV We can't help loving that (KRT) — If you ask Kelsey

Grammer, the latest to reincarnate Ebenezer Scrooge, which actor gave the best Scrooge performance, he'll give you a surprising response - the animated Mr. Magoo. The "Frasier" star so scrunches his eyes as Scrooge early in A Christmas Carol that you might think he was mimicking the cartoon figure. But Grammer says that wasn't his intent.

"That was an active attempt

to show how shortsighted he (Scrooge) is," Grammer says. "It's hard to imagine somebody as out of touch as that guy."

Or somebody so pathetic who just keeps bowling over the Charles Dickens introduced

Scrooge in 1843, and variations on the miser have spread through popular culture, from Cruella De Vil to J.R. Ewing. Hungry actors keep coming back to the juicy

original, and producers never lose interest in the titanic tightwad. NBC unveiled an \$18 million

musical of A Christmas Carol with Grammer last Sunday night (it will be rebroadcast at 9 p.m. EST Christmas Eve). Other versions will decorate the schedule in coming weeks. Dickens' tale will receive a continuation this week in The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge, which lets the misanthrope sue the ghosts.

meanie. "Aren't we all Scrooge?" asks

film historian Jeanine Basinger. "He's a protagonist who's an antagonist we can identify with. We can all be cheap, angry, feel unwanted and unloved and think about taking it out on those around us." After all the cruelty and

regret, A Christmas Carol supsee SCROOGE page A6

The Rapture of Canaan presents prolific poetry

Strictly religious verses can be found in book

JOANNA WALDHOUR STAFF WRITER

Claimed to be "truly rapturous. Reynolds's poetic gifts are uncommonly powerful," states. The New York Times Review.

This book is a powerful story as seen from the perspective of a young teenage girl named Ninah. She is beginning a journey of emotional and spiritual growth. Her grandfather Herman is founder of the isolated Pente-

costal community and preacher of the Church of Fire and Brimstone and God's Almighty Baptizing Wind. He is very strict, nearly all pleasure is forbidden and the community is under close scrutiny. Ninah lives within this very strict religious community and constantly questions her spirituality at any chance she gets. Her life is focused on severe discipline, prayer and penance.

What makes her life bearable is her grandmother, who Ninah loves because she is a strong character. Her grandmother also tells Ninah stories. Her brother,

James is her praying partner. They secretly both fall in love with each other. Ninah tries not to think of the sinful thoughts she has of James by putting shells in her shoes and nettles in her bed to remind herself of Jesus's pain. It does not work. Eventually, though, Ninah becomes pregnant. The consequences become tragic and transforming.

The community finds out about the pregnancy. As punishment, she is forced into isolation until her baby is born. Her pregnancy shakes the very foundations of the community - mostly

was from Jesus and she begins to have a strong will of her own. Great development of char-

because Ninah claims her baby

acterization in the protagonist. The writer somehow makes readers feel sympathetic toward the people in the story, even though they are very strict and very complex.

Weaving in and out with fresh religious symbolism throughout the book. The Rapture of Canaan is thought provoking and a very compelling story.

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Natalie Portman strips for Closer, yet maintains mystery

(KRT) - In Mike Nichols' relationship drama Closer, Natalie Portman - whose poise and talent often make her seem older than her years - has finally come into her own as an adult actress.

Based on the award-winning play by Patrick Marber, Closer revolves around the lives of four strangers who meet, love, betray and ultimately ruin each other while seeking intimacy. Despite playing a stripper in the film, the 23-year-old Star Wars prequel actress insists that she doesn't feel fully mature.

"I don't really feel like an adult yet myself, so I don't really think I can play adults. I think it's always a proportion, adult to

child within you, and even when you're 85 you're still going to have that proportion," explains Portman. "It changes with mood and with time. It's an arbitrary distinction between adult and

Director Nichols, who previously worked with Portman for a stage production of The Seagull, specifically wanted this curious mix of youth and sophistication for the role of Alice. "I wanted to start with a beautiful young girl, so adorable that Audrey Hepburn would worry ... And then (later in the film) Natalie comes back and she's increased," says Nichols.

Alice changes over the course of several years in the film, begin-

ning as a charismatic pixie-like waif who captures the attention of obituaries journalist Dan, played by Jude Law. After experiencing a bitter betrayai, she inevitably becomes wiser and jaded, yet still keeps an intriguing untouchable aura about her. Marber, who adapted his play for the screen, also sees this quality in Portman.

"She's extremely clever. She's got some secret about her as truly intelligent young women always do," gushes Marber. "She's enigmatic. She's absolutely in the now and she's real. She's quite a one."

Portman maintains her mystery when it comes to nudity as well. For the strip club scene, she agreed to let the film roll

while she bared herself, but later decided against using the twosecond shot of her closing her top.

Nichols, who describes the film as "not about showing anything," agreed to the cut, a decision that must have pleased Marber, who deliberately kept all of his characters clothed, albeit scantily at times, for the stage version.

"It's very important to me that there's no nudity in the play because it's all about words and the words we use," he explains. o "I wanted the audience to always feel like they'd seen all this sex, but they haven't seen a damn thing, if that makes any sense



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plies a catharsis that never loses its power. That's the genius of Dickens in creating Scrooge.

"There's a man who has led a life virtually devoid of sentiment," says film historian David Thomson. "Grant him Christmas and that epiphany and it all can come back. It allows every one of us to hope whatever mistakes we've made, we're still in touch with that pure feeling."

When it comes to Ebenezer himself, pure hamminess is required. An actor has to be willing to put the showmanship in "Bah! Humbug."

In our season of Scrooge, we think back to the miser who touched us most.

"The one that stands out more than any other is Alastair Sim," says Robert Osborne, host of Turner Classic Movies. Sim gives a vigorous performance in 'songs from it." the black-and-white 1951 version.

"It was done in England," Osborne says. "It's got a grittiness to it. He was a despicable, mean old guy."

Stage actor Philip Nolen talks fondly of Albert Finney's performance in the 1970 movie musical Scrooge. Nolen plays the skinflint in "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge," a production of the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival.

"Finney is one of my favorite English actors," Nolen says. "There is some of that performance in what I'm doing. I can only emulate what I've seen go before. An actor is at a loss if

they try to do a new and completely different Hamlet. I'm at the mercy of a long and glorious performance tradition."

That tradition goes back to Dickens, who loved to read and perform A Christmas Carol. Patrick Stewart enacted the story energetically in a one-man stage show. Roger Daltrey, Tony Randall and Hal Linden were among the Scrooges at Madison Square Garden in a splashy musical that has been adapted into the new Grammer film.

Grammer cherishes Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol, a 1962 production with Jim Backus supplying the animated character's

"It was at a time in my life I was very young, so it made the greatest impression," Grammer says. "I can still sing most of the

Among television versions, the most fondly remembered Scrooge is probably George C. Scott in the sumptuous Christmas Carol from 1984. Scott excelled at the character's regret.

In other versions, the small screen has taken way-out liberties. Jack Palance played Scrooge as a saloon owner in the 1998 Western Ebenezer. Susan Lucci was department store CEO Elizabeth Scrooge in Ebbie, a 1995 Lifetime movie.

A few other feminine "Scrooges" have graced the television screen - Cicely Tyson took the title role in "Ms. Scrooge" from 1997, and Vanessa Williams

played a dastardly pop singer in A

Diva's Christmas Carol from 2000. "It's quite actor-proof," Osborne says of Scrooge. "It's like The Nutcracker. You can see Baryshnikov or amateurs. We're quite forgiving at Christmas."

At the start, it's all about the money for Scrooge. He changes, but his greed never loses fascination in money-mad America.

"If you think of him as the rich man who has lost everything, it's an interesting type in a capitalist culture," says Thomson, author of The New Biographical Dictionary of Film.

"We have this very mixed feeling about great wealth," he adds. "I think we're very confused about it. A lot of our great characters are people who have been shilled by their own great

Thomson finds Scrooge-like figures in the title characters of Citizen Kane and The Godfather.

Lionel Barrymore played a Scrooge as miserly Mr. Potter in It's a Wonderful Life. A leg injury had kept the actor from doing the actual Scrooge in the glossy 1938 Christmas Carol and Reginald Owen stepped in. Hard-hearted businessmen, from J.R. Ewing of "Dallas" to Donald Trump of "The Apprentice," have been good for television bottom lines. So networks keep returning to Scrooge, the granddaddy of them all.

Robert Halmi Sr. produced a TV version of A Christmas Carol five years ago with Patrick Stew-

art. That didn't stop Halmi from lavishing his attention on NBC's new musical.

"I think this somehow captures what Dickens meant, and it's remarkable it's a musical and still captures the richest part of the story," Halmi says. "You see this suffering in this man who just discovered all his life was wasted. He's just begging for a second chance. This thing never

came across in other movies." Fans of other versions will disagree. But Halmi's chutzpah reflects the way newer versions often build on Dickens.

In the A&E film Karroll's Christmas, premiering Dec. 14, the ghosts mistakenly visit a greeting-card writer (Tom Everett Scott) rather than his terrible, Scrooge-like neighbor (Wallace Shawn).

In the play The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge, playwright Mark Brown lets the reformed miser sue Marley and the ghosts a year after Dickens' story ended. Scrooge says he resents being kidnapped and made to feel guilty.

"What I tried to do with this script is take one message of Dickens, keep Christmas in your heart, but try to take it a step further," Brown says. "It's a yearround thing to be caring and generous and not just at Christmas."

Even so, there's no escaping that Scrooge flourishes at the holidays. In his many incarnations, he lets fans relive their Christmas past and look to the future.

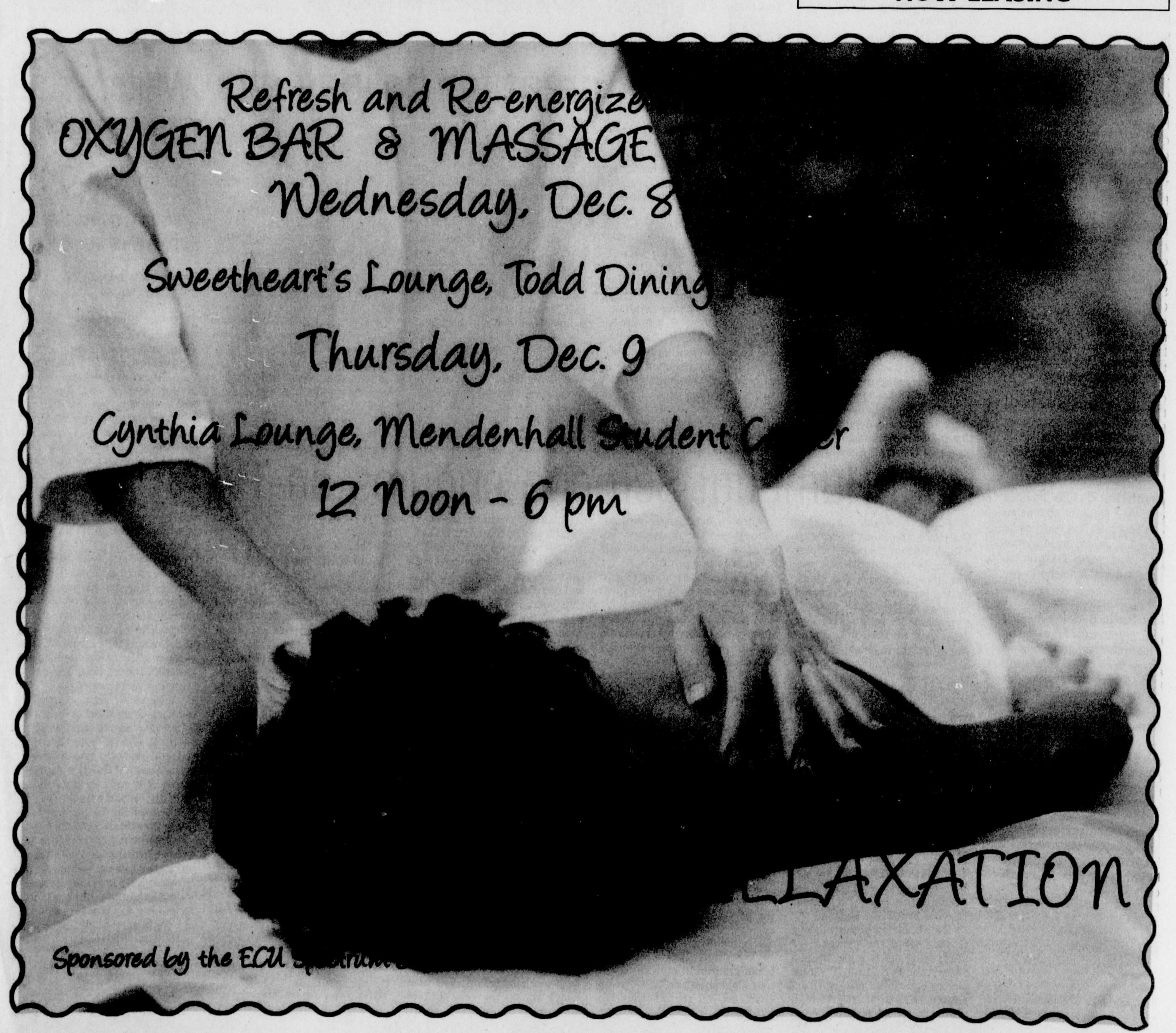


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Sports Briefs

Thompson hired Donnie Thompson has been named assistant head coach and defensive line coach at ECU according to an announcement

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Coach Skip Holtz Tuesday.

Henry Bibby was fired as Southern California's basketball coach Monday, just four games into his ninth season. The Trojans, beset by some player dissension, are 2-2. Athletic director Mike Garrett said he realized the timing was unusual, but cited the Trojans' losing record in recent seasons. Assistant Jim Saia was appointed interim coach for the rest of the season. Rick Majerus is among the candidates to replace Bibby. Majerus is the longtime Utah coach who resigned midway through last season because of health concerns. Bibby had an overall record of 131-111. His 1997, 2001 and 2002 teams made it to the NCAA tournament, including a final eight appearance in 2001. Bibby is a former NBA player and the father of Sacramento Kings guard Mike Bibby.

Tigers OF steals belt

Detroit Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe was arrested for allegedly stealing a \$29.99 belt from a department store, a records clerk at Charlotte County jail said Tuesday. Monroe wrapped the belt around his waist and tried to leave the store without paying Friday, according to the arrest report. He posted \$500 bond and was released from county jail that day. Monroe is scheduled to face arraignment Dec. 15 on a second-degree misdemeanor charge of petit theft. He hlf .293 with 18 home runs and 72 RBI in 128 games for the Tigers last season, when he earned \$335,000. Tigers spokesman Brian Britten said Tuesday the team would not comment.

Illinois hires Zook

Illinois is turning to Ron Zook to reinvigorate its struggling football program. The school scheduled an afternoon news conference to introduce the former Florida coach, said Kent Brown, the university's sports information director. Zook and athletic director Ron Guenther talked last Tuesday but Illinois could not name a new coach until a two-week waiting period to meet equal employment opportunity guidelines passed. The deadline was 5 p.m. Monday. Florida fired Zook on Oct. 25, two days after the Gators lost at Mississippi State, satisfying a growing groundswell for his ouster that began two years earlier - after he replaced Steve Spurrier. But Zook coached the Gators for the rest of the season and led them to a 3-1 record in their final four games and an invitation to the Peach Bowl. In his two seasons at Florida, he went 23-14 with impressive victories over eventual national champion LSU last season and an upset of Florida State on Nov. 20, the Gators' first win in Tallahassee since 1986. Zook has 26 years of coaching experience, including six years in the NFL as an assistant for the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers and New Orleans Saints, where he was defensive coordinator for two seasons. At Illinois, Zook will replace Ron Turner, who was fired Nov. 22 - two days after finishing his third straight losing season. Turner's teams won only five Big Ten games after winning the conference championship in 2001 and going to the Sugar Bowl. Illinois won only once in 2003 and lost 14 consecutive Big Ten games between Nov. 23, 2003, and a 26-22 win over Indiana on Nov. 6. Two of the Illini's four wins in the past two seasons have been against Division I-AA opponents, Illinois State and Florida A&M.

Former Rockets star acquitted

Basketball Hall of Famer Calvin Murphy was acquitted Monday of charges he sexually abused five of his 10 daughters more than a decade ago. As soon as the verdict was read, Murphy shook hands with his attorney and wiped away tears. Murphy, 56, had long denied the allegations, saying they were based on resentment and a dispute over money.

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Rouse continues to improve

When JaPhet McNeil dribbled down the court C/ 040 The Full Court

ROBERT LEONARD Toledo, I was STAFF WRITER

and threw the ball up from 10 feet behind the three-point line last Wednesday in the game against a little con-

fused. "What in the world is he doing?" I thought to myself. Corey Rouse provided the answer.

He came off of a back door screen and caught JaPhet's pass about a foot and a half over the rim and threw it down with authority.

McNeil threw that pass a lot last season when Derek Wiley was a Pirate. The alley-oop play would be done just once a game, and always to Wiley. With Wiley gone, I thought that play took a leave of absence from Herrion's playbook.

Corey was not done dunking against Toledo after the alley-oop either. With 18 points and the Pirates down one, Rouse had the ball in hand. He beat his defender off the dribble, drove down the baseline and put the Pirates up a point with a two handed slam.

Rouse would also hit a clutch free throw for his career high 21st point and sealed the game for the Pirates.

Corey has quickly become what this team has needed - a third scorer. Mike Cook and Moussa have received all the attention this year on the offensive end of the floor. Sometimes, a team's third, fourth or even worse defender on the court has been guarding Corey.

And why wouldn't they? Corey has always struggled from the free throw line and with a

midrange jump shot.

But the Corey Rouse on the court this season is different from the Corey Rouse of last season. He has scored in double figures in five of the six games this season, averaging 11.3 points on the season.

The most impressive stat is his shooting percentage so far. In the Toledo game, he was 9-11 from the floor. Against Belmont Abbey, he only missed once on eight attempts.

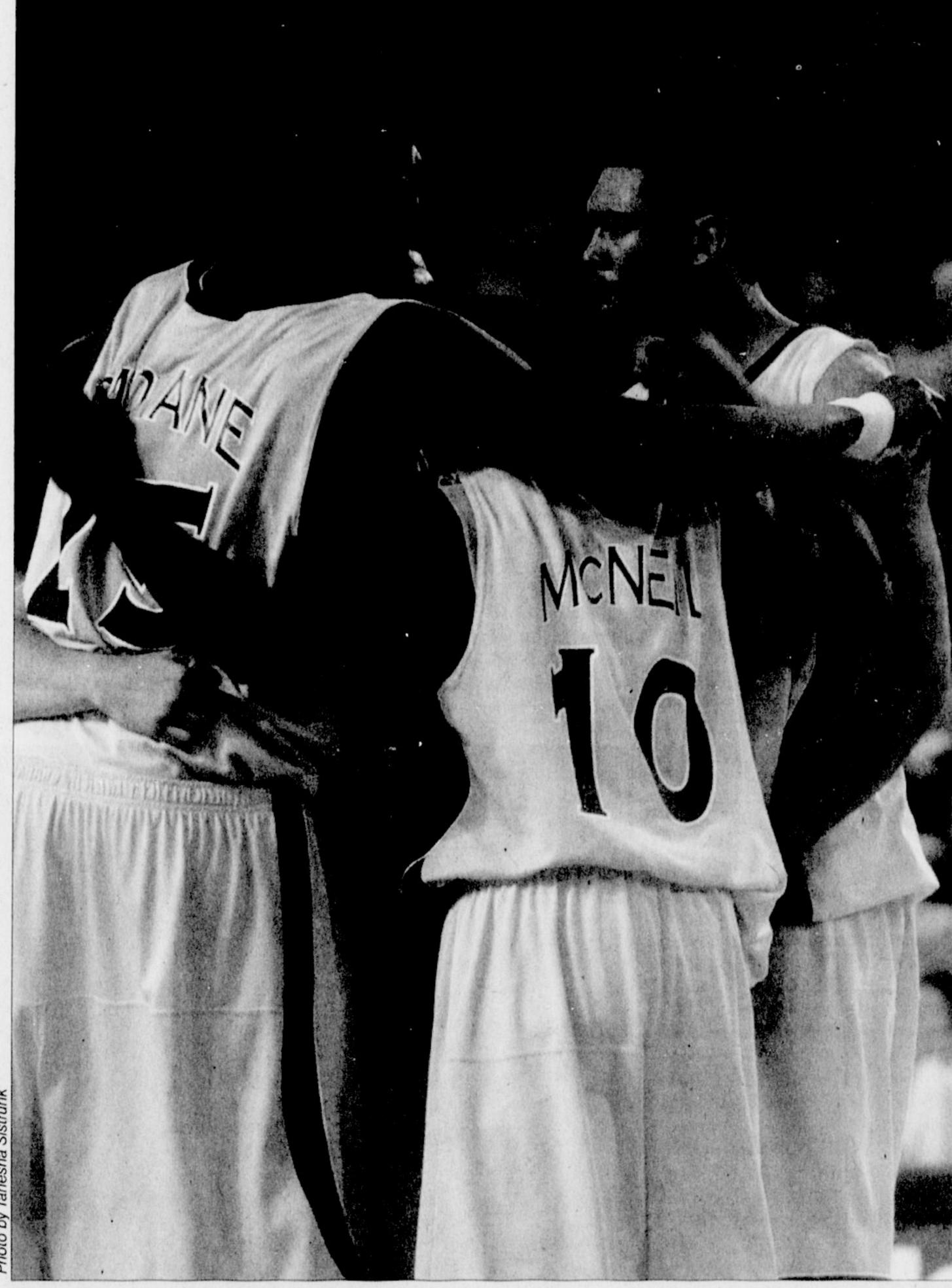
Corey has started rebounding the ball as well. He pulled down nine against Toledo and 11 against Belmont Abbey and Gardner Webb. Both of the doubledigit rebounding performances came with double-digit scoring. These were the second and third double- doubles of his career, and I think he will have more before the season is over.

While I am still not overly impressed with Corey from the line, he is improving. His 3-7 effort against Toledo is still not good by any means, but he was able to hit the free throw when it counted and when his team needed it the most.

If Corey continues to play like he has the last couple of weeks, this team will be well off. I said early in the season he was the key guy who needed to step up for the Pirates and he is doing just that. I really love it when Moussa and Mike have the ball, because they are such great scorers and good free throw shooters but if Corey can become a dominant third option and pull down the rebounds like he has been, this team will be scary

I thought Corey needed to fill ≥ Wiley's role this season, and he has done it so far. He is scoring, rebounding and playing hard. Oh yea, he's doing that alley-oop play pretty well too.

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Rouse has been an instrumental part in ECU's recent wins over Belmont-Abbey and Toledo.

BCS ruins college football once again



Cal junior quarterback Aaron Rodgers stares into space as he speaks with the media about missing out on the Rose Bowl.

True champion may never be crowned under current system

OPINION ROBERT LEONARD

STAFF WRITER

Technically, BCS stands for Bowl Championship Series.

The BCS is a computer system that comes up with a crazy decimal number that is supposed to determine who plays in the national championship game. This is the seventh season the BCS has been used. In four of those years, including this year, there has been a controversy over the two teams playing for that national championship. This leads me to one conclusion - BCS stands for just about everything BUT Bowl Champion-

ship Series. At first, I thought the Bowl Controversy System was a great idea. With three teams that should have a shot at the national title this season, at least two of them are going to be able to play.

Under the old system where conference champions went to the same bowl every season, Auburn, Oklahoma nor USC would be able to play one another for a shot at the title. Auburn would be battling Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl, USC would play Michigan in the Rose and Oklahoma would probably take on Pitt. Everyone would be saying, "Why can't two of those teams play each

With the Blundering Championship Sham, they get this opportunity. But that doesn't mean it's the answer.

Despite how much sense it makes and how much everyone wants it, a playoff will never happen in NCAA football without shortening the season. What I propose is tweak the way the computer works. The system of scoring as of now is just a Big Convoluted Situation.

The first thing that needs to be changed is the automatic bids. Conference champions should not receive an automatic bid into a BCS game unless every conference champion gets a BCS bid. Face it, in NCAA football,

big conferences succeed. There is no way Pittsburgh is worthy of a BCS bid. Boise State has one of the top offenses in the country and went undefeated. Pitt goes 8-3 in a Miami and Virginia Tech-less Big East and they go to the Fiesta Bowl?

I guess it just goes to show that big colleges succeed also since 12-0 Boise State gets to play in the Liberty Bowl. Michigan wins the Big 10 with an unimpressive 9-2 mark and they get a bid to the Rose Bowl. Instead, Cal should be there. They had one loss and it was to undefeated

The next thing to go should be the scoring margin. If one team beats another team by 20 points, even if that win was 70-50, according to the computers, that is a more impressive win than beating the same team 19-0. The BCS is offensive-minded and plays to teams with Boys who Can Score. Defense is not rewarded at all.

Also, a team may by more inclined to run the score up

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C-USA: Charlotte Preview

BRENT WYNNE SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This is it. The last dance, so to speak. The Conference USA as we know it will be completely overturned after this season with the departure of basketball powers Cincinnati, Louisville, Marquette and Depaul. Who's going to stake their claim to arguably a conference title that won't mean quite the same thing after the 2004-2005 season?

Why not Charlotte? Coming off of a 21-9 season, including a share of the C-USA regular season title and a NCAA tournament appearance, the 49ers return four key starters and are poised to make another run at

a title and postseason play. Head Coach Bobby Lutz, widely respected by some of the nation's greatest coaches, enters his seventh season in Charlotte. In his first six seasons, Lutz's 49ers made five postseason trips, including four to the NCAA tourney and three 20-win seasons. His clubs won three conference titles

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Curtis Withers is fourth on the team in total scoring so far this year with 60 points.

Blue Demons looking to replace offensive void

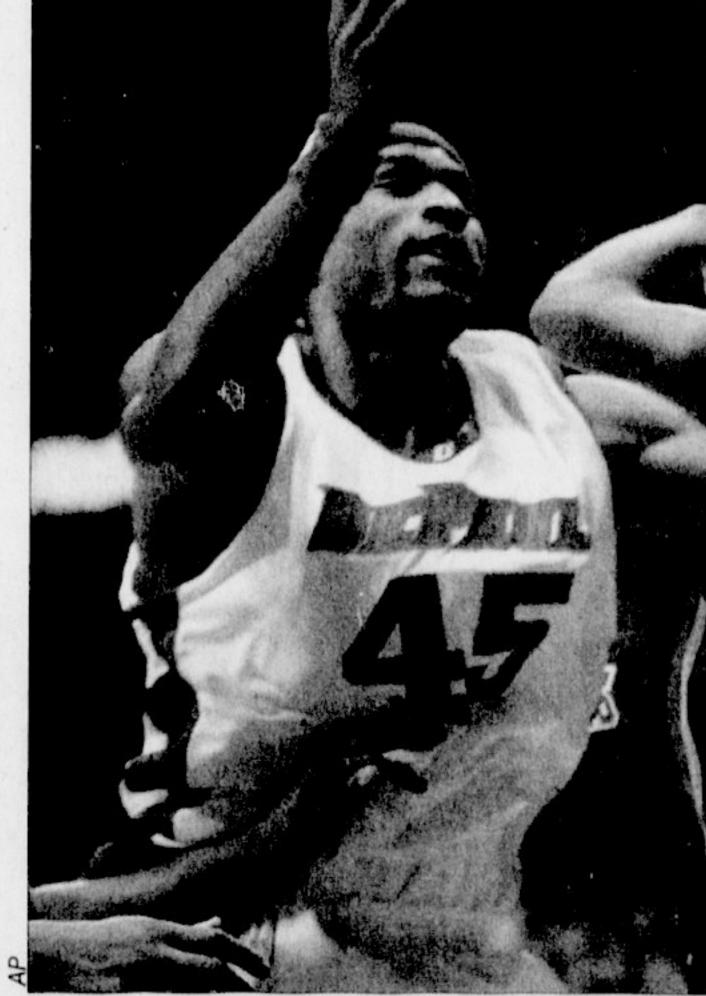
DePaul off to rocky start without Holland, Brown

TRENT WYNNE STAFF WRITER

There are not many ways a coach can look at a season and declare it a success unless his team comes out the victors after all is said and done.

However, Depaul Blue Demon Head Coach Dave Leitao may have coached a team last season that could be considered an exception. Although Depaul lost in the second round of the NCAA tournament, their defeat came at the hands of the eventual champion, the Connecticut Huskies. The Blue Demons are looking to improve upon last year's successes and make a run deep into March.

The task may seem tougher, however, as the Demons lost key starters Delonte Holland and &



Quemont Greer finished with 20 points in DePaul's victory over IUPUI this past Monday.

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during that span which consisted of two tournament titles and a regular season championship.

Lutz will have the privilege of coaching arguably his most athletic team since his hiring in the late 1990s. The anchor of the team will be forward Curtis Withers, considered by most to be one of the conference's elite performers. The devastatingly quick and agile Withers is averaging 15.0 points per game this season to go along with 5.5 rebounds per game. His ability to shoot the three-ball will keep defenders from slacking on him when he hovers around the perimeter in some of Charlotte's high post sets. The junior has knocked down five triples in eight attempts this season. If he can continue to take smart outside shots, as well as use his ox-like strength to muscle opponents, Withers will draw plenty of attention from guards on double teams, allowing

senior Brendan Plavich to get open. Plavich, not known for his ability to create off the dribble, will count on Withers to play stellar to draw extra attention. Besides getting open looks on double teams, "Plav" will move without the ball just as good as anyone in the nation to get his shots. In five contests, he has already made 24 treys and his percentage is gleaming at 49 percent. The sharpshooter

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has made only one other field goal that wasn't a three-pointer. His 15.4 points per game is tops on a team that has shown

tremendous balance thus far. The potent offense gets even better with Eddie Basden. The senior swing forward is averaging 14.5 points per game and is 46.2 percent from behind the arc. The crafty Basden has picked up his game on the defensive side of the ball, already collecting 22 steals in five games. Maybe a slight surprise, the guard/forward is leading the team in rebounds with 7.2 per contest. An unexpected lift like this could propel the 49ers to victory in close contests, i.e. Corey Rouse's board against Toledo.

It just keeps getting better

for the 49ers when you bring up point guard Mitchell Baldwin. The junior was expected to be in a battle for his job with freshman Leemire Goldwire, but has quickly hushed talks of that with his outstanding play in the young season. Baldwin is averaging 13ppg and is rebounding well for his position at 4.2 per contest. The afore mentioned Goldwire, the only significant freshman signee, is getting about 16 minutes a game and has made the most of his opportunities by averaging 7.4 points per game and shooting 56.3 percent from the land of plenty.

Named to the all-conference freshman team a year ago, sophomore star Martin Iti decided it was time to make the jump to the NBA. Luckily for his teammates and coach Lutz, that decision proved to be a false alarm as Iti opted to return for likely his last season as a niner. The choice so far has been a smart one. His numbers are up from a year ago 6.0 points per game to 8.6 points per game, 4.7rpg to 6.0

rpg and he is on pace to pass 35

blocks, his mark last season.

Charlotte's sixth man will be forward E.J. Drayton. The 6-foot, 8-inch junior is averaging 9.8ppg and 4.6rpg. Possibly the most surprising statistic for Drayton is his free throw percentage of 79.2, which looks perfect compared to nearly the rest of the team's marks. Only point guard Mitchell Baldwin (82.1 percent) is shooting at a better clip from the line.

If there is an achilles heel on this Charlotte team, it is most definitely going to be their subpar free throw shooting. The team is getting to the line often, but is only converting 60 percent of the time. It's already cost them one game this year, possibly a loss that could cripple their seeding come tourney time. Against a great Alabama team, the niners were an atrocious 23-38 from the free throw line, while the

Crimson Tide were a cool 18-22. Charlotte lost the game in triple overtime, 102-101.

Losses like that, due to something as fundamental as free throw shooting, will not be acceptable down the stretch. A team with this much talent needs to find a way to use the line as a means of burying opponents.

It would be a shame to see Charlotte's season ended abruptly in the postseason by another joke of a performance at the charity stripe. For now, we'll leave that to Lutz, but as most fans and coaches of college basketball know, free throw shooting is much harder to coach than anything else in the game.

Predictions, predictions. I think this team is really talented. They will definitely be one of the hardest teams in the conference and maybe the nation to matchup with. With that said, I think if the Niners can fix the free throw problem we talked about, I really see this team competing in the conference and making a run in the NCAA. I will go with a third place finish in the conference, behind Louisville and Memphis, and I like Charlotte to surprise people on the national scene with a run to the sweet 16.

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Andre Brown, who combined to score nearly half of the team's offensive output.

Picked to finished sixth this year in Conference USA, Depaul has had a rocky start to their season thus far, dropping two out of six games. The losses came at the hands of Bradley University, a virtual unknown, and Northern Illinois. No, not the team that gives everyone fits in the NCAA tournament each year. That would be Southern Illinois.

Depaul's only convincing win on the season thus far came against IUPUI as the Blue Demons rolled to an 88-67 victory. It took strong second half surges for the Blue Demons to finally put away Bowling Green State, Eastern Illinois and Dayton.

Depaul will have to try and find a way to replace the likes of Holland and Brown and the man that might be just right for the job is Diener number two, Drake. Diener averaged 12.6 points on last year's campaign but will see more scoring opportunities as his role will dramatically increase if the Blue Demon's hope to have a shot of getting back to the tourney.

The specialty of the pesky guard comes from behind the arc, where he shot an even 50 percent in conference play last season. Diener needs just 33 three-point baskets to become the school's all-time leader in three-point field goals.

Power forward for the Blue Demons, Quemont Greer, will also have to step up his performances from last season, averaging the same as Diener,

12.6 points per game. Greer's strengths are in the paint, where his was a beast on the boards last season, grabbing 119 rebounds during the conference schedule.

Although Depaul defended well throughout the 2003-2004 season, they also had a bad case of the turnover bug, coughing the ball up more times than their opponents in conference play. With the lack of offensive depth, the Blue Demons will have to cut down on turnovers and turn up the defensive pressure even more if they hope to have a slight chance at compet-

One of the Blue Demons defensive specialist is sophomore guard Sammy Mejia.

Mejia was second on the team in steals behind Holland, ripping 32.

Also, Mejia's ability to lead the Blue Demons took flight last season as he became just one of four players in Depaul history to dish out at least 100 assists as a freshman.

In order for Depaul to have another successful campaign, the Blue Demons will have to be more aggressive on the offensive end in the absence of Holland and Brown, while at the same time being cautious of turning the ball over too much, something that haunted them in their losses last season.

Diener, Greer and Mejia will be the go-to guys for the Blue Demons on both ends, as they try to get back to the NCAA tourney for the second straight season.

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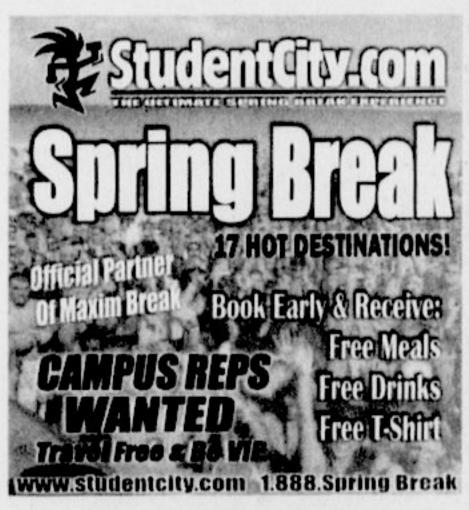
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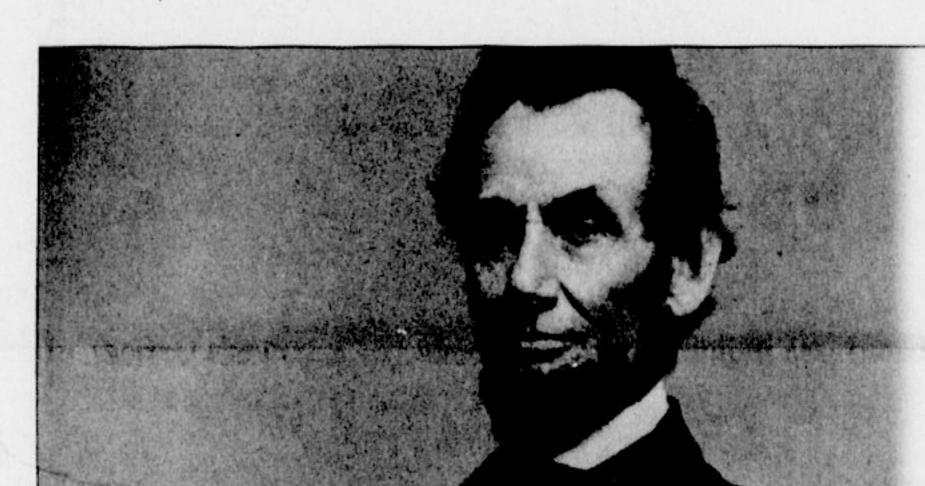
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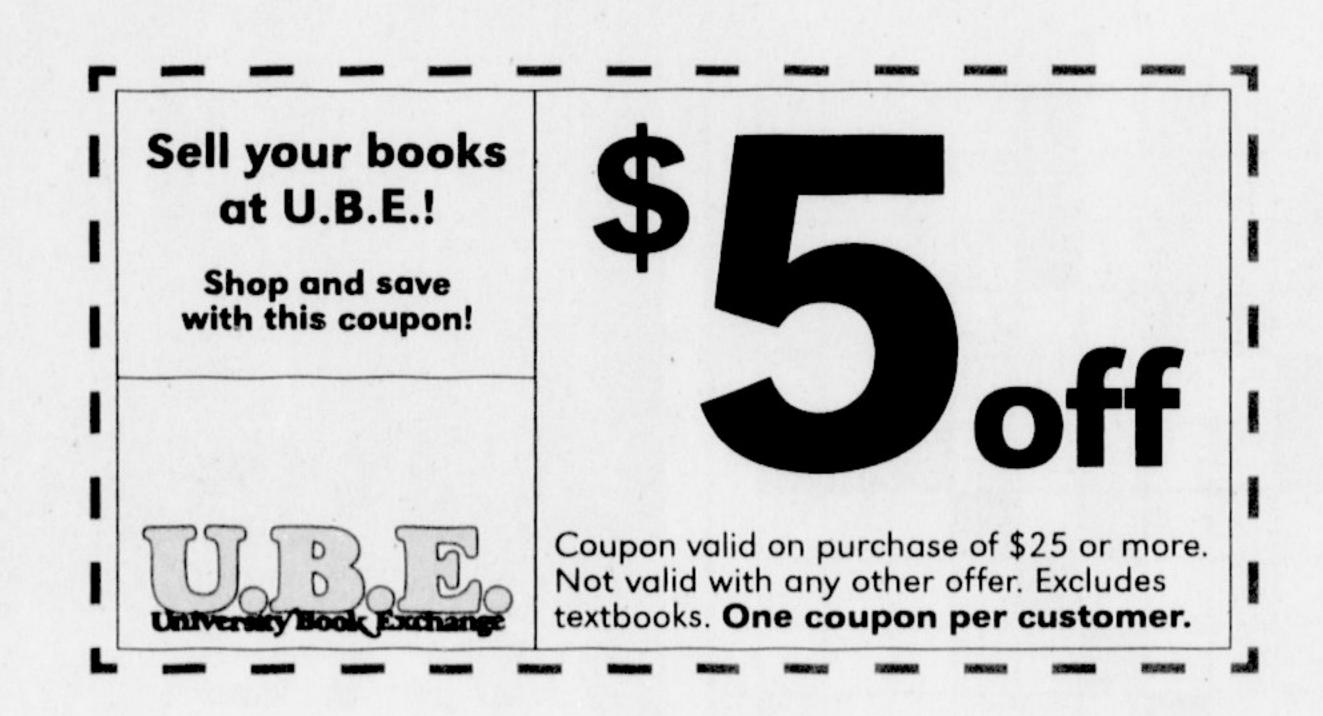
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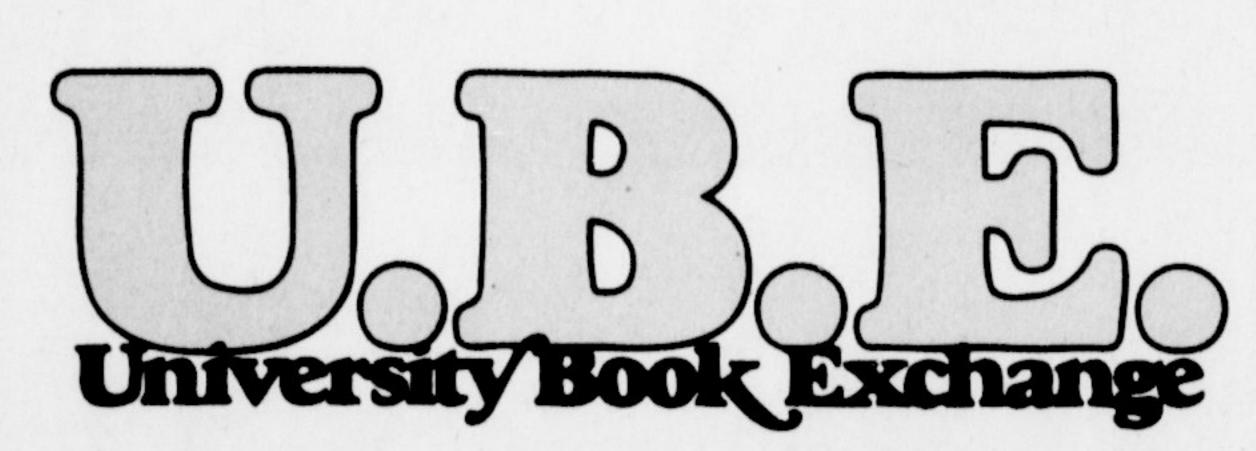
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