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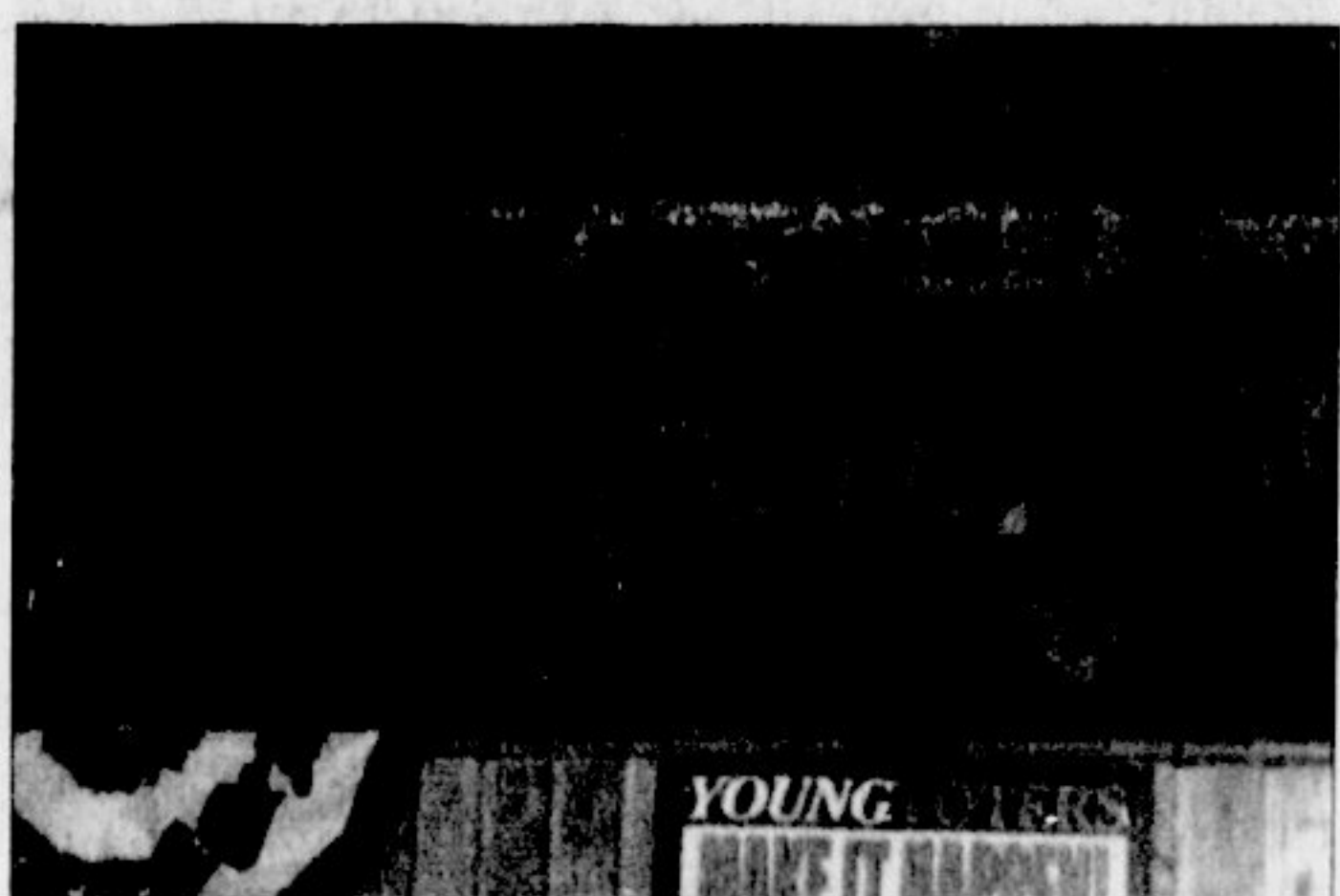
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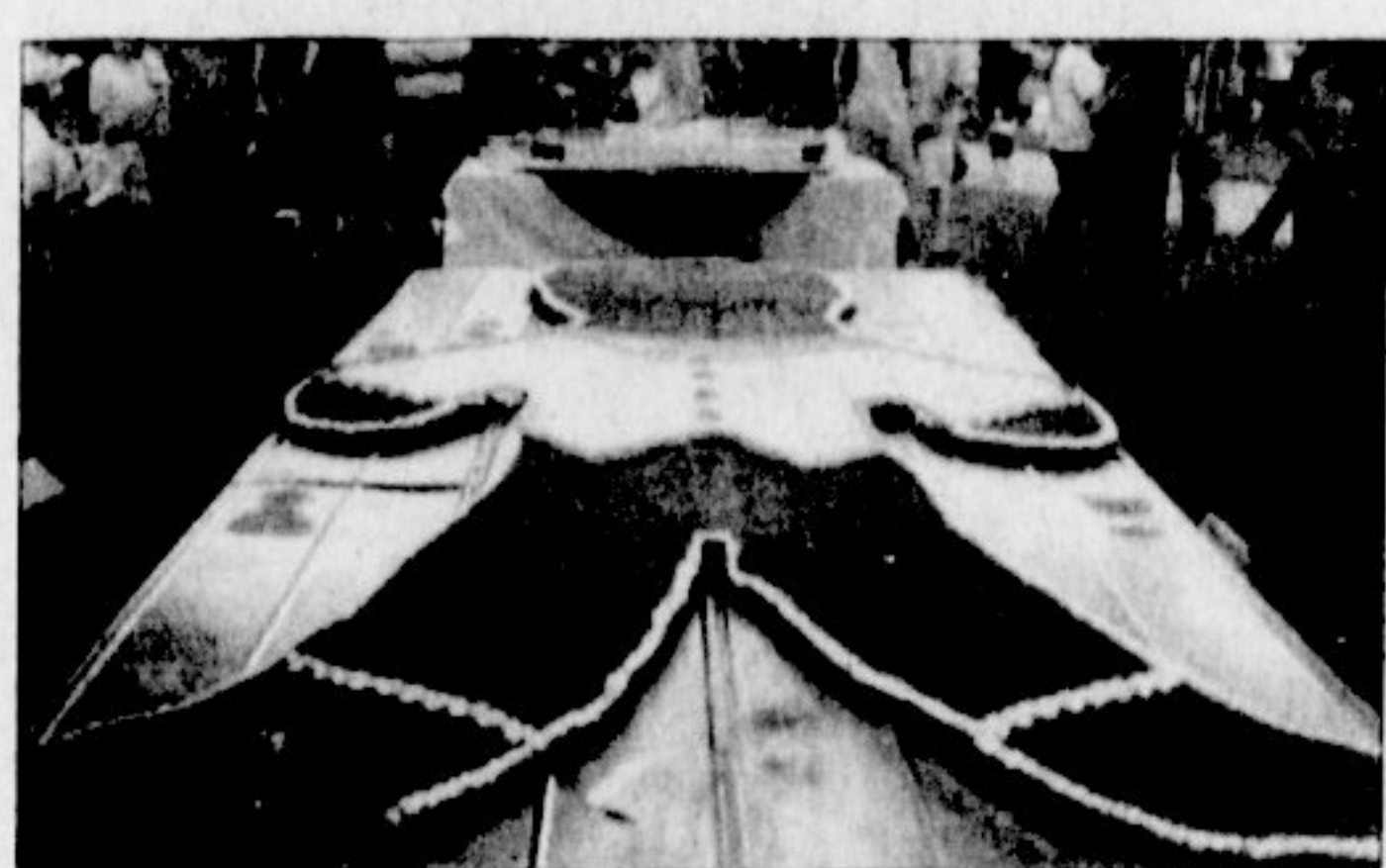
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DECEMBER: JOHN EDWARDS COMES TO GREENVILLE

John Edwards, former NC senator and vice presidential candidate greets an ECU student at his "Thank You Tar Heels" tour.

# Year in Review

## Local events

### February 2004 Worldwide flu epidemic reaches ECU

ECU Student Health Center administered 1,250 flu vaccinations to combat the year's flu season. A substantially higher number of ECU students were diagnosed with the flu.

### March 2004 Steve Ballard assumes chancellor position

After a several-month-long nation wide search, Ballard is named ECU's chancellor, succeeding William Shelton who served as interim chancellor after William Muse's resignation.

### July 2004 1860 Alaskan shipwreck identified by ECU researchers

A team of five ECU researchers discover the *Kad'yak*, a 132-foot tradeship used by the Russian-American Company that sunk in 1860 when it hit a rock. This discovery marks the oldest-discovered Alaskan shipwreck.

### August 2004 ECU signs alliance with Uruguayan institute

North Carolina Agromedicine Institute of ECU creates an exchange program with BIO Uruguay, a Uruguayan research institute that allows students, professors and researchers worldwide to participate in studies.

### September 2004 Kerry, Edwards, Heinz tour visits ECU

ECU's College Democrat chapter sponsored a rally featuring John Kerry's daughters, Vanessa and Alexandra, his stepson Andre, and John Edwards' daughter Cate at Hendrix Theater.

### Thomas W. Rivers building completed

The ECU community celebrated the completion of the Thomas W. Rivers building expansion Sept. 11 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. UNC System President Molly Corbette Broad and the UNC Board of Governors Vice Chairman J. Craig Souza were in attendance and congratulated ECU leaders on their latest achievement.

### ECU launches new digital library

The North Carolina Collection and Systems Department developed the North Carolina History and Fictional Digital Library providing access to digitalized sources pertaining to 29 counties in eastern North Carolina.

### October 2004 ECU sets Guinness world record

ECU marked a day in history as Aramark Dining Services of ECU, with the help of various other sponsors, built the world's largest gingerbread man, weighing in at more than a ton. This is the first Guinness record set in ECU and Greenville history.

### November 2004 'Down East Heart Walk' a success

The annual Heart Walk attracted hundreds of participants from the ECU and Greenville community. The event rose thousands of dollars for the American Heart Association to further research of heart disease and stroke.

### December 2004 Holtz accepts head coach position

Louis "Skip" Holtz was introduced as ECU's new head football coach at a press conference Friday, Dec. 3, just more than three weeks following John Thompson's resignation. Holtz compiled 34 wins when he was the head coach for the Connecticut huskies from 1994 - 1998.

What do you think was the most memorable news event of 2004?



**BRYAN BRADSHAW**  
SENIOR DOUBLE CHEM AND PSYCHOLOGY

"The presidential election. That's all you heard about for six months."



**CHRISTIN LEWIS**  
SENIOR EXERCISE SPORTS SCIENCE

"The war in Iraq because the war and so many related things have affected us. My husband is a marine - it's kind of my world. He's going back in January and he was there when it started."



**LAKISHA THOMAS**  
JUNIOR INFORMATION AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

"Scott Peterson being found guilty."



**MATT JORDAN**  
JUNIOR ACCOUNTING

"The election. Our president shouldn't be in office."



**PATRICK ARTIS**  
JUNIOR INFORMATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

"Bush winning the election."



**SHELLY KEEPER**  
FRESH RECREATION AND LEISURE MANAGEMENT

"Hiring of Skip Holtz because it's a good hiring. We have a great leader, Terry Holland. He is assembling a great staff to work under him."



## Campus News

### Graduation

Congratulations to everyone who will graduate this weekend. Best wishes for wherever you go next. ECU will miss you.

### 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 Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Farmville parade. Have breakfast with Santa at First Christian Church before the parade. Call 753-4670 for more information.

### The Nutcracker

The Nutcracker ballet will be performed at Wright Auditorium Dec. 17 and Dec. 18. Performances will be at 7 p.m. with a 2 p.m. matinee Saturday. Guest performers will come from The San Francisco Ballet, the American Ballet Theatre and other highly regarded dance troupers. For more information, call 1-800-ECU-ARTS.

### 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.

### Give and go

"Give and go" boxes are currently inside residence halls for you to donate clothing, non-perishable foods and small appliances/electronics you no longer need. Donate these items for the less fortunate in celebration of the giving season. Contact the ECU Volunteer Center at 328-2735 for more information or to schedule a pick up of large items.

### 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, drop them in the drop boxes located at the student store, the College Hill trailer, Mendenhall trailer and Speight trailer. The books will be going to African school children in need. For more information, contact Jessica Grimes at 560-4035.

### Relaxation and Oxygen Bar

From 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Dec. 9, the SU Spectrum Committee will host a relaxation and oxygen bar in MSC just in case you missed it Wednesday or would like to come back for more. Students can enjoy aromatherapy or a massage free.

### Salsa Dance

The Folk Arts Society of Greenville and ECU Folk and Country Dancers will host a salsa dance in the Willis Building on Dec. 17. The dancing lesson will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the dance starts at 8 p.m. Call 752-7350 for details.

### Club Baseball

Club Baseball has begun looking for ball players. If interested, the last preseason workout is Friday at 4 p.m. at the bottom of College Hill. Tryouts will be Jan. 12 - 14 at a later specified time and location. For details, visit [ecu.edu/org/clubbbaseball](http://ecu.edu/org/clubbbaseball).

### Vagina Monologue Auditions

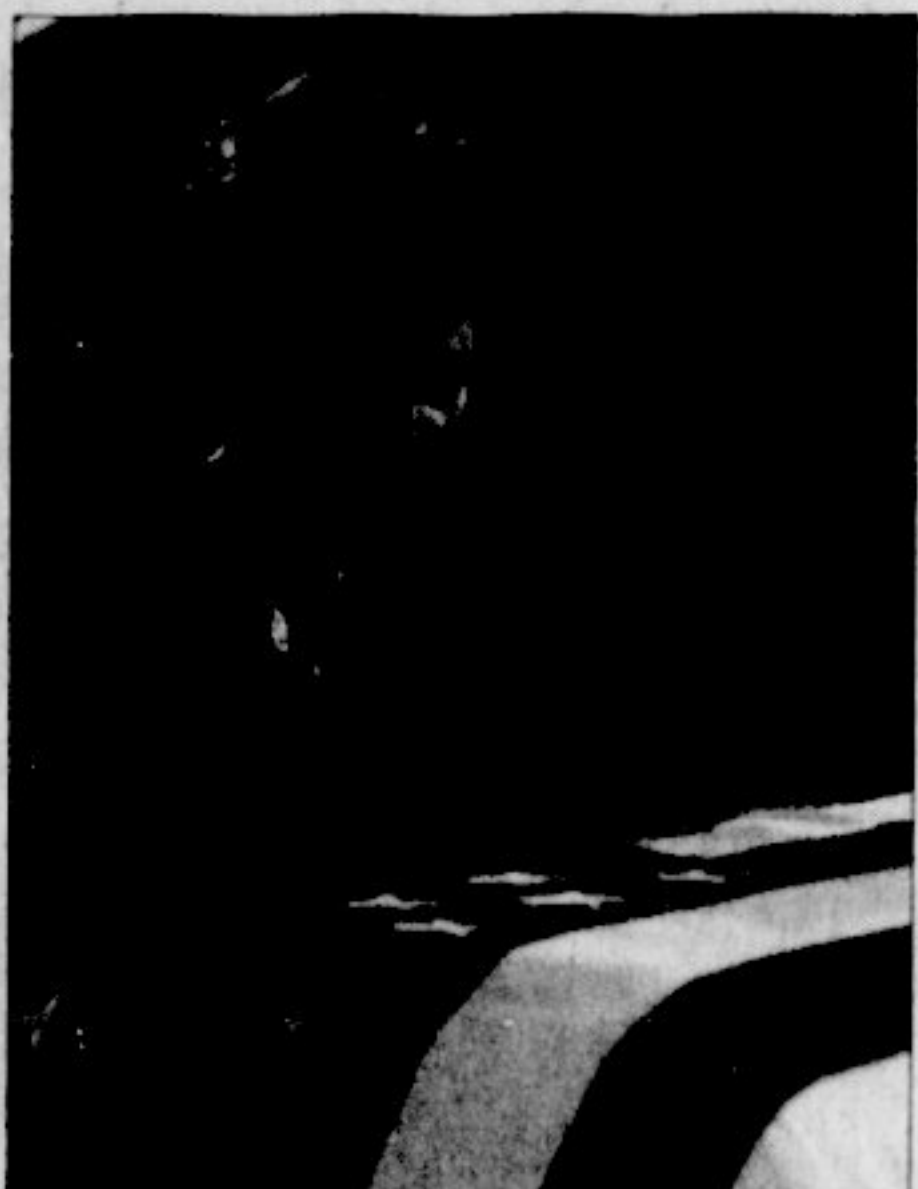
Auditions for the Vagina Monologues will be Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in 2021 Bate. Come be a part of this amazing and inspirational performance. No experience is necessary. Roles are available for women of all ages, ethnicity and backgrounds. Production will be Feb. 11 - 13. For more information, write to [ECUVMONOS@hotmail.com](mailto:ECUVMONOS@hotmail.com).



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## National events

### January 2004 Michael Jackson arraigned for child molestation

Performer Michael Jackson was arraigned Jan. 16 for sexual molestation charges in Santa Maria, Calif. The charge came after a documentary that led investigators to question the relationship between Jackson and the boys who stayed at Neverland Ranch. This was the second time Jackson was accused of molesting a young boy.

### February 2004 Superbowl half-time incident sparks controversy

Entertainers Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake cause an uproar throughout the nation during their performance at Superbowl XXXVIII in Houston, Texas when Jackson experienced a "wardrobe malfunction" that left her breast exposed.

### May 2004 Pictures show prisoner abuse

Photos were released showing American troops forcing Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib to pose in photos. Some photos showed soldiers with naked prisoners piled on top of one another.

### June 2004 Former President Reagan dies

Former First Lady Nancy Reagan pauses in front of her husband's casket on Capitol Hill.

### July 2004 Martha Stewart sentenced

Martha Stewart, flanked by U.S. Marshals, exits a Manhattan federal court in New York City. Stewart was sentenced to five months in prison and five months of home confinement for lying about a stock sale.

### September 2004 Ivan ravages Florida

This photo released by NASA shows a view of Hurricane Ivan on Sept. 11 from the International Space Station as it spread through the Caribbean. The hurricane caused much destruction along the Florida coast.

### October 2004 Presidential candidates meet for second debate

President Bush, left, and Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry shake hands at the end of their second presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis. Bush was elected for his second term in November.

### Bin laden remains a threat

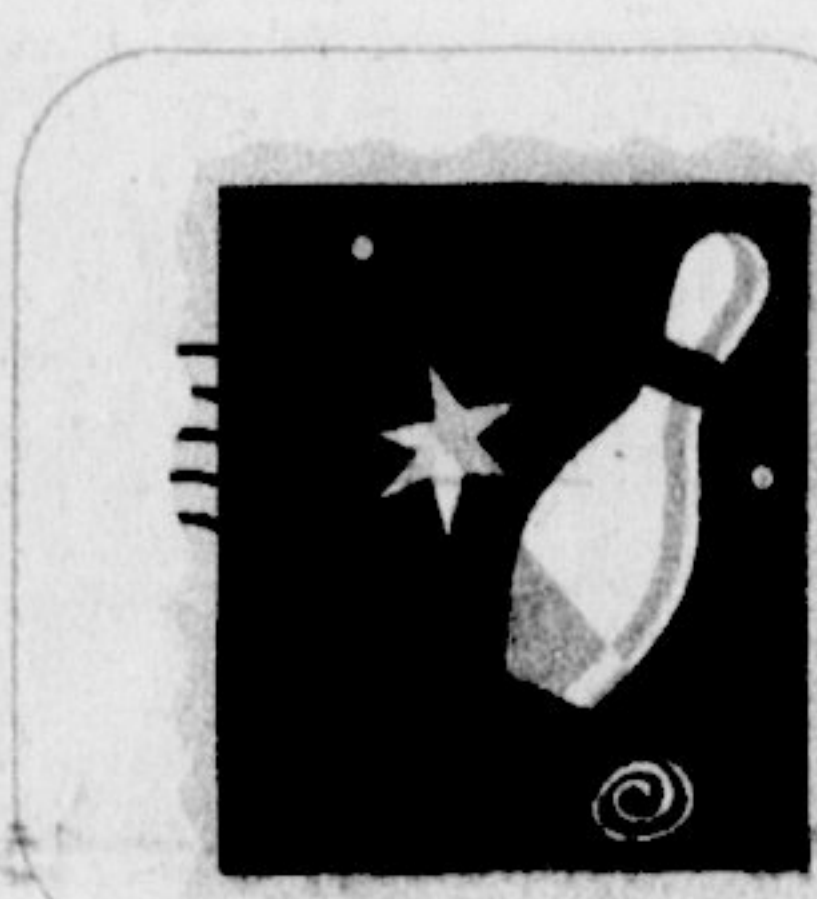
Osama bin Laden speaks in this image received from an undated video on Oct. 29 by Arab television station Al-Jazeera. This is one of several videos released of bin Laden throughout the year.

### November 2004 Jury convicts Scott Peterson

Scott Peterson listens intently at the beginning of the defense closing arguments in Redwood City, Calif. Peterson was convicted on Nov. 12 of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and the child she carried.

### Bush picks Rice to replace Powell

As one of several cabinet changes, President Bush named Condoleezza Rice his new secretary of state after Colin Powell submitted his resignation.



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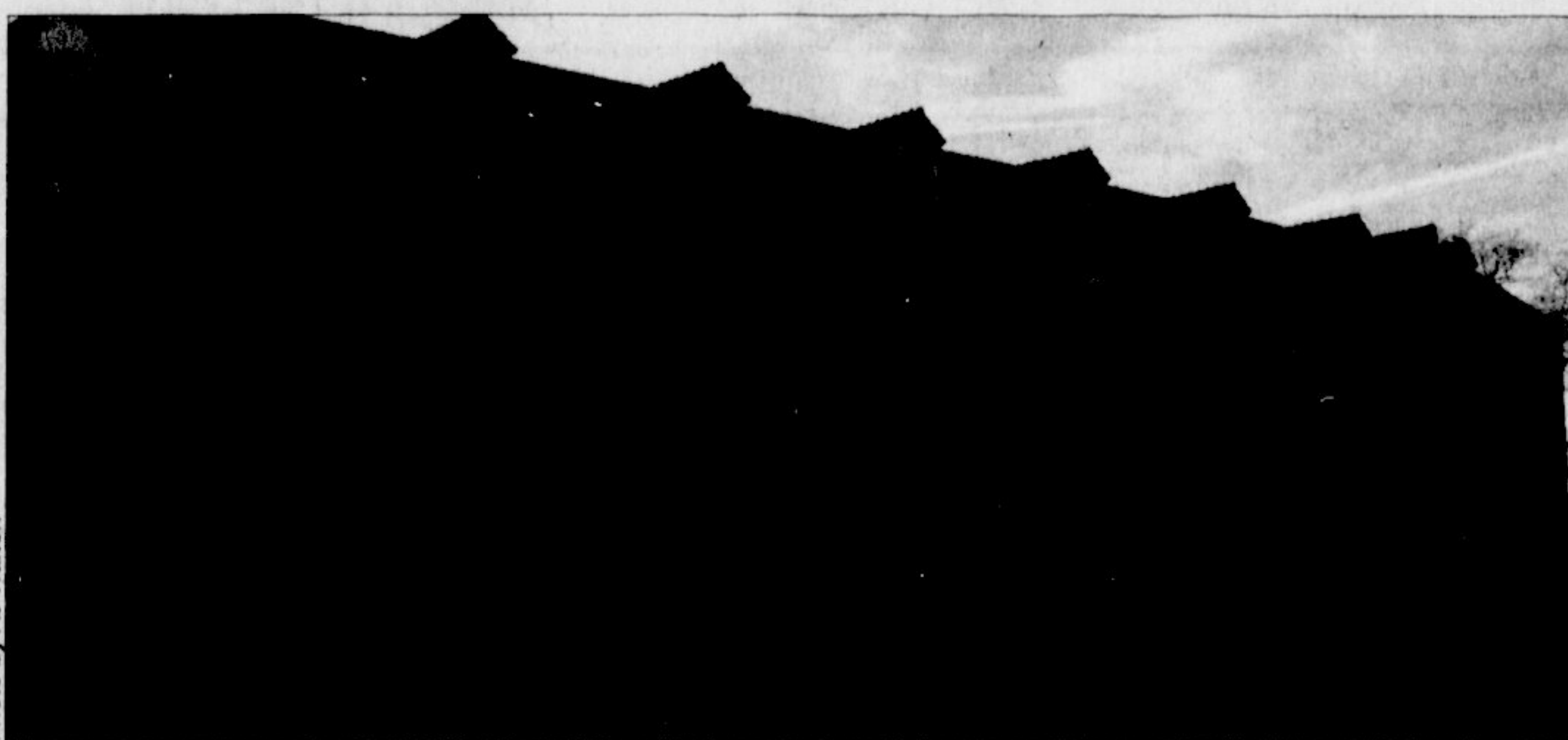
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## Renovation of Flanagan building complete



The renovation of Flanagan is now complete, after construction began in February 2004.

### Building scheduled for opening in January

MICHAEL HARRINGTON  
STAFF WRITER

The renovation of the Flanagan building has been completed and with the consent of state building inspectors, the building is opening Jan. 7 for the first day of the spring semester.

Improvements in the building include a new exhaust system like the one in the new Science and Technology building, improved

energy efficient windows and updated laboratories and offices.

Renovation of the building began in February 2004 after Hudson Bros. won the bid for the contract in November 2003. Demolition of the building began in 2002.

Steve Atkinson, project manager of ECU's Facilities Engineering and Architectural Services, said the most daunting task during renovation of the building was installing new equipment for the updated labs and working through the concrete pillars.

He said the difficulty will

pay off when the new building is completed.

"It has everything from before and more," said Atkinson.

Flanagan will be used by a variety of different departments including geology, coastal resources management, anthropology and archaeology. It will also be the temporary home of the financial aid services because of a new renovation project of the Old Cafeteria Complex, which will begin in the near future.

With the geology department moving into Flanagan, it will retain some of its history

since it was used primarily as a science building throughout its history before the renovation of the building.

The total cost of the project was \$13.9 million, which came from bond revenue.

Included in the cost of the project were the expenses of demolition, design, new equipment and furniture.

Atkinson is currently in the process of moving the offices of a variety of different departments.

"I'm getting together a moving package of all the departments that are going into the new building," Atkinson said.

Once this step is completed, Atkinson said a bidding process will take place between moving companies to determine who will be moving all the furniture and equipment into the building.

The design of the building was drawn up by a partnership of BJLES and BJAC, the engineering work was done by Newcombe Boyd and the civil work was done by Kimley-Horn.

The Flanagan building is located in between the Bate building and the Student Health Services building.

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Friday, Dec. 10  
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Saturday, Dec. 11  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 13 - Thursday, Dec. 16  
8:00 am to 7:00 pm

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Singles Divisions)



#### 9-Ball

Mon January 24, 6:00 p.m.  
MSC Billiards Center  
(Men & Women's  
Singles Divisions)



#### Spades

Fri. January 21, 6:00 p.m.  
MSC Social Room



#### Bowling

Thurs. January 27, 6:00 p.m.  
Outer Limitz Bowling Center  
(Men & Women's  
Singles Divisions)



#### Chess

Sat. January 22 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
MSC Social Room

Tournament winners will be awarded trophies and the opportunity to represent ECU at regional competitions to be held at Virginia Tech University which is located in Blacksburg, VA the weekend of February 18-20, 2005.

All expenses for the trip will be paid by Mendenhall Student Center.

There is a \$2.00 registration fee for each tournament. Registration forms are available at the MSC, Billiards Center & Outer Limitz Bowling Center located on the ground floor of Mendenhall Student Center. Call the Recreations Program Office at 328-4738 for more information.

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## Our View

### 'TEC' congratulates seniors

It is amazing that yet another year is coming to an end and some students will soon be packing their bags to head home while others will simply be taking a much-needed break.

Regardless, some things always remain the same. An entire segment of the current student population will no longer be considered students at ECU, but forever known as alumni.

TEC would like to take the opportunity to congratulate those graduating seniors who have contributed to this university in one way or another.

We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and may the education that you received here guide you through your career path as well as life.

To think ... the university has changed so much this past year. A new athletic director was hired, Head Coach John Thompson was forced to resign and Skip Holtz was hired to take his place. Construction littered the campus, bringing renovations and a better ECU to Greenville.

As German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once said, "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger." Although the future of the ECU community is unsure, we do believe that past blunders will only help to make our university a stronger, more reputable environment.

Over the past year, TEC has also experienced many changes. We have worked hard to bring you the most relevant and timely news possible. Our campus coverage has increased along with the quality of our work. Just as the university continues to change and grow, so does our paper.

However, the quality of a student newspaper is only as good as the students deem it to be. Whenever you read something that makes you upset or helps you relate, we encourage you to voice your opinion to us, whether it be through a pirate rant, a letter to the editor or through an employment application at TEC.

Yes, it has been an amazing year. So much has changed and yet we have come back to a common place - commencement. Congratulations, graduates.

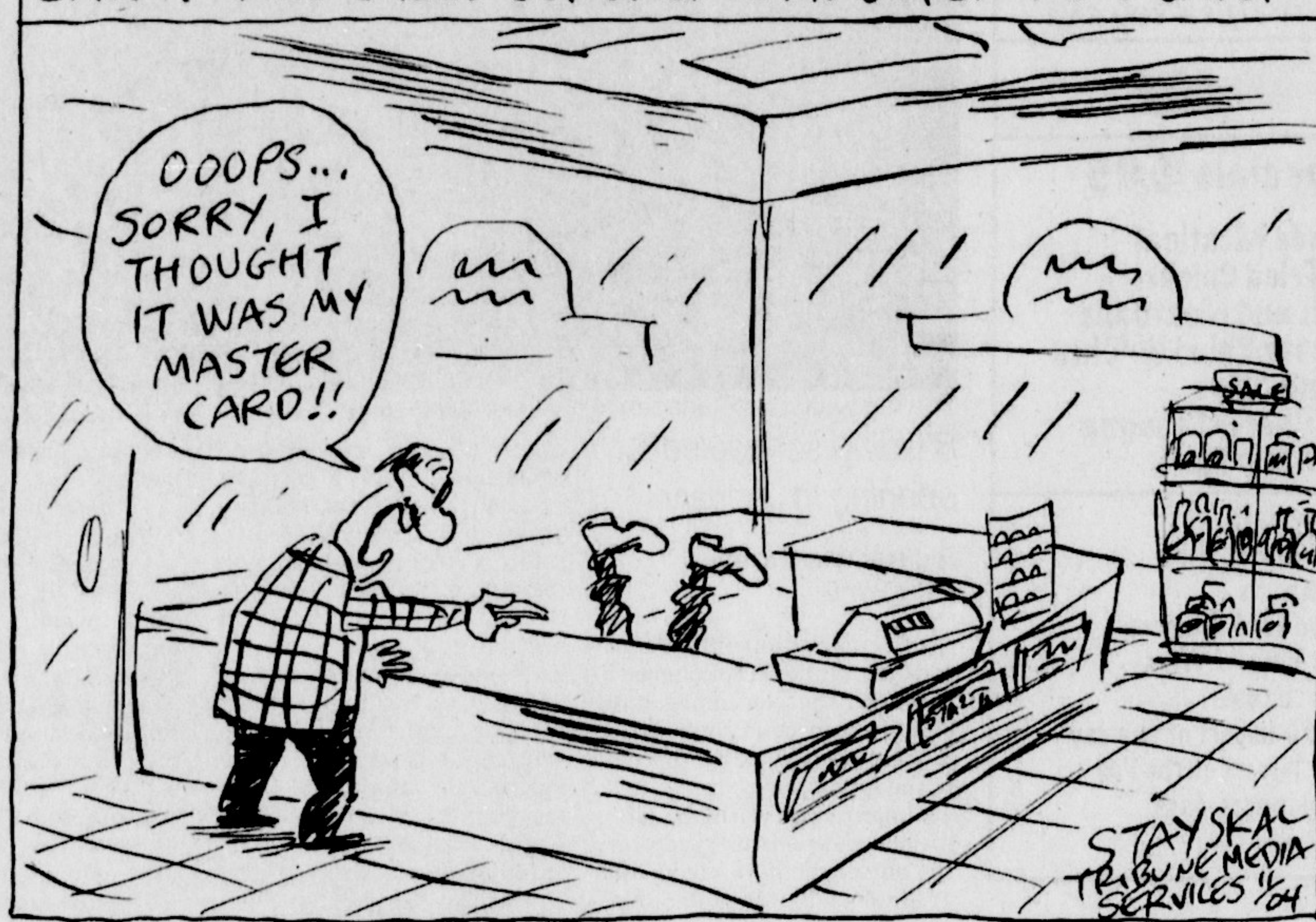
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## Opinion Columnist

### Christmas cannot come fast enough

Let us return to the true meaning of the season

PETER KALAJIAN  
STAFF WRITER

Something happened to me the other day, and I was very curious to conclude whether the problem was with me, or if some of my fellow academia had experienced the same phenomenon. The incident itself was small and innocuous, something that could easily have been overlooked, but I was so mind-numbingly bored with my studies at that particular moment that I noticed it, quite distinctly.

I was sitting in the library, struggling mightily to maintain focus on what I was doing and I looked at my watch, something I do so often at this point in my life I should be able to tell the time internally. Right then, it happened. Now, this may sound strange, even unbelievable, but the minute hand on my watch actually went backward. It was as if time was passing so slowly that just to taunt me, time momentarily reversed. I have no idea if it even happened, but it is a phenomenon which has plagued me ever since I was in school and could look forward to one, shining, glorious moment: Christmas Day. After the little mix-up with the time, I sealed myself to calmly complete my assigned tasks and move myself that much closer to Dec. 25, at approximately 10 a.m. in the morning.

Christmas is a fascinating holiday, from every angle. A day of holiness for Christians around the world, a day of cigar smoking and money counting for corporate executives and pine tree farmers around the country and generally a day of good cheer for everyone. But there are some serious concerns.

My lovely girlfriend, who is about to make this Christmas one of my happiest ever, recently told me something I



found both alarming and highly understandable. She hates Christmas. My response was instinctive, "The hell you say, my love," but she was completely serious.

Some people associate the holidays with family gatherings, that black sheep, uncle who somehow keeps getting invited to dinner and always drinks too much eggnog or your obnoxious cousins you are only subjected to once a year. Others, with the joy of giving and that good old Christmas feeling. But there is a large portion of this nation who thinks of Christmas in different terms. To these people, Christmas can be a time of great depression, cold weather and bad traffic. Christmas has become such an ingrained part of pop culture that the emphasis has been, for some time, commerce and money. Businesses all over this nation salivate at the very mention of the words, "Christmas season," not because they can't wait to get home from the office and spend time with their kids, but because they are fantasizing about how much money they will be able to pocket from the American public.

I am not a religious person, quite the contrary, but I certainly recognize the significance of the holiday for those people who do consider themselves Christians. I would love to see one of two possible events take place - either we refocus the whole idea of Christmas away from useless gifts and expensive

bobbles and toward some level of human compassion, or the entire country should worship the Christian God like there is no tomorrow. Those were the original ideas, and that is what we need to get back to.

Now, I have no intention, today or any day, of worshipping along Christian lines, nor do I imagine it would be possible to gather the entire nation for one day of prayer, so regrettably, I must reject "worship the Christian God like there is no tomorrow" on its very face.

That leaves us only one option. Let us, as a people, return to what Christmas should be. If you happen to walk past a homeless person this holiday season, no matter what your Republican instincts may tell you, leave them a dollar or give them some food.

Instead of buying gifts for everyone, paint them a portrait or write them a poem (no, you do not have to be a poet to choose this option). Do something that says, "I love you and am thinking about you all the time," instead of, "man, that line at Circuit City was really long and this gift was extremely expensive."

Say "Merry Christmas" to frazzled shop keepers and apologize if you bump into someone. Your contributions may help all of those people out there who hate Christmas come to their senses. Make them forget about the unpleasantness that can accompany the holidays and remember the joy. With that, you have made a difference. For myself, I wish just one thing this Christmas season. You may want that expensive DVD player or new Playstation game, but me, I require but one small morsel: Peace on Earth and good will toward men. It may be a bit lofty, but with your help, I think we can pull it off, together. All other considerations aside, being with "mi Vida" and not being in school can never be a bad thing. Merry Christmas.

## In My Opinion

### Raising minimum wage would be morally right to do

KRT — The minimum wage victories in Florida and Nevada are a political neon sign blinking brightly at Democrats.

Although these two states favored President Bush on Nov. 2, voters overwhelmingly approved ballot measures to raise the minimum wage by one dollar in both states - to \$6.15 an hour.

In Florida, even though Bush beat Sen. John Kerry by 381,000 votes, voters favored the minimum-wage increase by 3.1 million votes - a 71 percent to 29 percent margin.

In Nevada, Bush narrowly beat Kerry by 21,500 votes, but citizens backed the wage boost by 293,328 votes - a 68 percent to 32 percent margin.

Many middle-class voters supported the wage boost.

What's more, the measures won in every county in both states. For example, in conservative Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in the Florida Panhandle, where military bases and retired military veterans dominate the political culture, more than two-thirds of voters favored the wage boost.

Surprisingly, Kerry, who supported raising the federal minimum wage to \$7 an hour, ignored the issue during his campaign in Florida, which could have helped him gain more votes.

It is imperative that Democrats start a nationwide debate that frames economic justice as a moral issue. Not only would this be the right thing to

do, it could also be a winning electoral issue. This could help Democrats beat vulnerable Republicans in key Senate and congressional races in 2006.

By doing so, they might not only increase turnout among the urban poor but also reach some of the church-going white Protestants who live barely above the poverty line but give their votes to Republicans.

Let's put the president and his congressional allies, who gave the richest Americans a huge tax break, in the position of explaining how a nurse's aide with two kids can raise a family on \$5.15 per hour or why a worker in a poultry plant doesn't deserve a wage boost.

The conventional wisdom says that Bush won a second term by defending the moral values derived from traditional religious teachings. But many major religious denominations support raising the minimum wage. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops says that Catholic social teaching regards work as a reflection of our human dignity, and that poverty wages are an affront to individual self-respect.

Congress, which has given itself a cost-of-living pay raise for the last five years in a row, has allowed the federal minimum wage to lose its purchasing power. Minimum-wage workers today are worse off now than they have been in decades. The last increase in the fed-

eral minimum wage (to \$5.15) was in 1997. That figure is the equivalent to a full-time salary of \$10,700 a year.

At its peak in 1968, the minimum wage was worth the equivalent of more than \$7 an hour today. That was also the last year that the minimum wage was above the nation's poverty line.

If the federal minimum wage were increased to just \$7 an hour, at least 7.4 million workers would receive a wage boost.

If the minimum wage were pegged at \$9.50, which is the federal poverty standard, millions more would be lifted out of poverty.

The largest group of beneficiaries would be children, whose parents would have more money for rent, food, clothing and other basic necessities.

Business leaders claim that raising the minimum wage will destroy jobs and hurt small businesses. But the evidence - based on studies of the effects of past increases in the federal and state minimum-wage levels - shows otherwise.

In fact, many employers would actually gain by absorbing the increase through decreased absenteeism, lower recruiting and training costs, higher productivity and increased worker morale.

And because the working poor spend most of what they earn, every penny of a potential minimum-wage increase would go back into the economy, increasing consumer demand.

## Pirate Rants

Why do so many Pirates have to rant about alcohol? Nobody likes to hire an alcoholic, so choose wisely - graduation isn't that far off.

Airlines need to get more organized during the holidays. Either that, or they need to make some bigger airplanes for those busy times. The tremendous back up of flight delays is not satisfactory.

I see a lot of faculty members having end-of-semester parties in faculty lounges. Hey, we pay your salaries, bring us some delicious treats.

How many times can one female fix her ponytail in a 45-minute class? Endless. What is the point of this obsessive-compulsive behavior of taking the rubber band off, putting it on, fixing your bangs, taking the rubber band off, putting it on, fixing the bangs again? It drives me crazy especially when I sit behind you and your dander falls all over my desk.

For the love of God, stop volunteering to bring green bean casserole to the departmental holiday parties. The mess is nasty. Undercooked beans, dumped on canned fried onions, and dripping in cream of mushroom soup. Just stop.

It seems every time my study group and I are looking for a group study room in Joyner, half of the rooms are occupied by only one person. You don't need a whole room to yourself - be respectful. And to make things worse, I've seen people sleeping in study room many times. It is a "Group Study Room" and is intended for groups who are awake.

Thank you TEC, for keeping up the sexist attitudes in today's society. I'm talking about the column in Dec. 7 issue asking students whether we think Skip Holtz is a good fit for our university. You only asked male students for their opinion. What? Are lady Pirates not allowed to have an opinion on the coaching staff, or sports for that matter? While I know most of us don't care, others of us really do. And by the way, I think Skip Holtz will do an excellent job. Go Pirates

This rant is in reference to the person who had something to say about those of us who are still wearing sandals. I'll talk to you like I talk to the first graders I am interning with. Is it hurting you? I think not, so get over it. I happen to like open-toe shoes and enjoy showing off my manicured toes. So if I choose to do this when it is cold outside, then it will be my feet freezing, not yours.

Today we salute you, stressed out college student during exam week. As you sit in your lonely cubicle in the library, doped up on Starbucks and Adderall, you think to yourself, "am I ever going to need to know this stuff in life?" The distractions are tempting, and you have suddenly diagnosed yourself with ADD, along with advanced schizophrenia with involuntary narcissistic rage. I'm sure by now you know exactly what everyone is doing because you have checked your buddy list 800 times. Christmas break is just days away, and your Prozac prescription will be in tomorrow. So crack open an ice cold Bud Light after that last exam, because for most of us, Christmas will be spent in rehab.

If you want to complain about the shortcomings of TEC, go and get an application and work there yourself.

School is almost over and I've almost finished exams, for once, there is absolutely nothing to rant about - life is good.

To the ranter who told me to go back up north: I'm from further south than this state (Georgia) and it's a beanie, NOT a toboggan.

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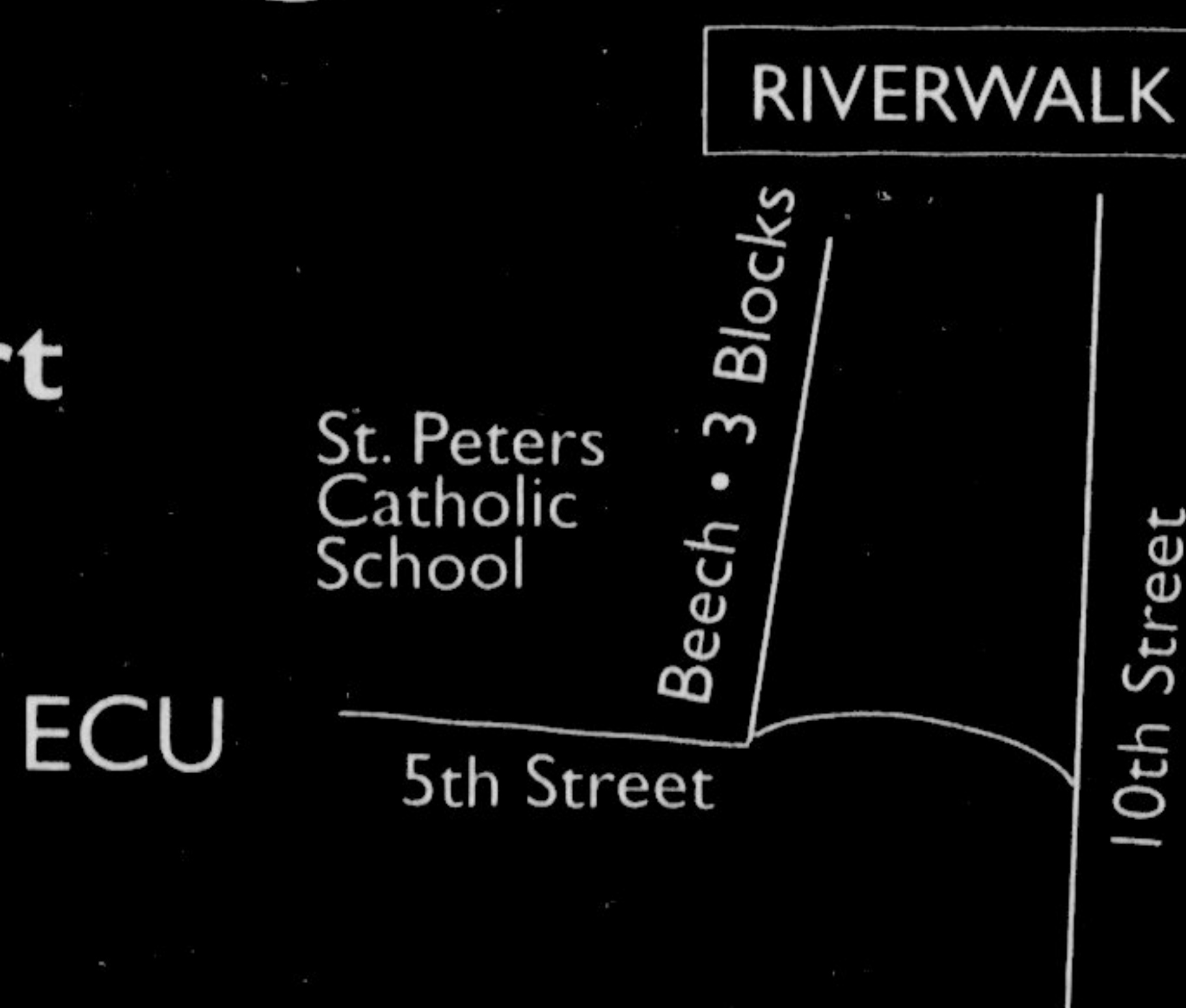
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### Announcements

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### Weekly Recipes

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 1 cup dry-roasted  
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Directions:  
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Grilled Chocolate Burritos

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## Announcements:

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

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

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

Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. the Kiss Christmas Comedy Jam 4 will be held at the Greenville Convention Center. This event, which is sponsored by Kiss FM 102, will feature the best of BET with TP Hearn, Hope Flood, Redbone, Jay Lamont and Darren DS Sanders. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show time. General admission is \$20 and VIP advance tickets are \$30. Tickets are available at all ABC Phones locations and online at KISS102.com. For other information, call 321-7671.

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

## Weekly Recipe:

Calypso Popcorn

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 4 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup dry-roasted peanuts
- 1/2 cup mixed dried fruit bits

Directions:

1. Cook and stir butter or margarine, curry powder, ginger, cumin, allspice and red pepper in a small saucepan until butter or margarine melts. Cook and stir 1 minute more.
2. Combine popcorn, peanuts, and dried fruit bits in a large mixing bowl. Drizzle butter or margarine mixture over popcorn mixture, tossing gently to coat evenly. Makes 5-1/2 cups.

Grilled Chocolate-Raspberry Burritos

Ingredients:

- 4 8- to 9-inch flour tortillas
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons sugar

1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Directions:

1. Stack the tortillas and wrap in a piece of foil - grill over medium-low heat about 5 minutes or until warm and pliable, turning packet once. [Or, wrap the tortilla stack in microwave-safe paper towels instead of foil - microwave on 100 percent power (high) for 20 to 40 seconds or until tortillas are warm and pliable.]
2. Sprinkle 1/4 cup each of the chocolate pieces and the raspberries in the center of each tortilla - fold in sides and roll up. Brush burritos with half of the melted butter. Grill burritos on the rack of an uncovered grill directly over medium-low heat about 3 minutes or until the tortillas begin to show grill marks and the chocolate is melted, turning once. Transfer to a serving platter. Brush tortillas with remaining melted butter. In a small bowl combine the sugar and cinnamon - sprinkle over the burritos. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

# Stars take unusual approach in naming children



*Strange name game epidemic hits Hollywood this year*

**KYLE BILLINGS**  
STAFF WRITER

Actors have always been known for their ability to create and innovate certain characters that capture focus and attention. A trend among Hollywood's elite unveils the apparent transition from the stage to the choosing of a baby name. These names certainly do attract focus and discussion. Recently, one of the most beloved actresses of our time, Julia Roberts, with hubby Danny Moder, celebrated the birth of twins Phinnaeus Walter and Hazel Patricia. Actors David Arquette and Courtney Cox

made waves after naming their daughter Coco Riley. Pamela Remond Satran, co-author of eight baby-naming books, told *USA Today* that, "Like Madonna or Oprah, there is a feeling in that community that to have a singular name is to be a star." The Moders and the Arquettes are not alone in the strange and unusual baby name department.

The unique and unusual names are highly fashionable these days, with most celebrities often opting for something that stands out. Will Ferrell and wife Viveca Paulin go "old school" in naming their son Magnus. Other names include: Piper Maru (Gillian Anderson and Clyde Klotz), Indiana August (Casey Affleck and Summer Phoenix), Enzo (Patricia Arquette and Paul Rossi), Ireland (Kim Basinger and

Alec Baldwin), Sonora Rose and Calico Dashiell (Alice Cooper and Sheryl), Lily-Rose Melody (Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis). The strangest name award undoubtedly belongs to Mia Farrow for a lifetime of oddities, whose children's names include the boys: Isaiah, Gabriel Wilk, Matthew Phineas, Sascha Villiers, Fletcher, Satchel (Seamus), and Moses Amadeus. Her girls bear (in the truest sense of the word) the names Keili-Shea, Tam, Dylan, Soon-Yi, Lark Song and Summer Song. These creative, and apparently trendsetting, compilations are the product of both former husbands Andre Previn and Woody Anderson imaginations.

Twins were apparently a trend for celebrities this year, and they

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## Top 10 Grossing Films in US\*

1. *Shrek 2* - DreamWorks \$441\*\*
2. *Spider-Man 2* - Sony \$373
3. *The Passion of the Christ* - Newmarket \$370
4. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* - Warner Bros. \$249
5. *The Incredibles* - Buena Vista \$214
6. *The Day After Tomorrow* - Fox \$186
7. *The Bourne Supremacy* - Universal \$175
8. *Shark Tale* - DreamWorks \$158
9. *I, Robot* - Fox \$144
10. *Troy* - Warner Bros. \$133

\* As of press time \*\* Million

## 2004 big-screen dominated by sequels

*Hottest movies of 2004, giant blockbusters, star-studded sequels*

**LISA TUMBARELLO**  
SENIOR WRITER

Not every movie that hit the big screen this year was a sequel, but they sure managed to infest the box office anyway. 2004 cinema was a year of hard criticism, high grosses and big surprises from small movies.

First and foremost was the take over of summer sequels. Four of the top 10 grossing movies for 2004 are sequels. *Shrek 2* and *Spider-Man 2* respectively rank first and second on the top 10 list. Other sequels, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *The Bourne Supremacy* also ranked in the top 10 for 2004.

*Shrek 2* was this year's heavy hitter grossing \$441 million in the United States alone. People all over the world just couldn't get enough of the donkey-toting-big-green ogre - perhaps that's why it grossed over \$849 million at box offices around the world. DreamWorks hit a home run in 2001 with their release of *Shrek* which ranked third at box offices across the United States.

*Spider-Man 2*, produced by Sony, was able to hold its own among deranged octopus machines and giving up the power of the web production. Although not able to outshine its predecessor *Spider-Man*, *Spider-Man 2* was still able to fly high at the box office grossing \$373 million in the United States and \$772 million at box offices around the world.

Harry Potter was able to do a bit of magic at the box office yet again. J.K. Rowling's imaginative children's tale of wizardry experiences was back in its third installment on the big screen. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* ranked fourth on the top 10 list and managed to rake in \$249 million at United States box offices and over \$786 million worldwide.

*The Bourne Supremacy*, our final sequel gracing the top 10 list, brought audiences back to the heart-racing-action-packed life of Jason Bourne,

former assassin. This second installment of thrills grossed over \$175 million at United States box offices.

Although these sequels are not some of the top grossing movies of 2004, *The Whole Ten Yards*, *Kill Bill: Vol. 2*, *Chronicles of Riddick* and *Bridget Jones Diary 2: The Edge of Reason*, they all equally contributed to the sequel craze of 2004.

In addition to all the second servings of cinema this year, movie goers plates were also packed full of heaping side dishes of blockbuster favorites. Drama, animation and action blockbusters topped the charts this year.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the year was the unexpected success of director Mel Gibson's controversial portrayal of the crucifixion of Christ in, *The Passion of the Christ*.

Mounds of negative publicity fueled the public's curiosity about all the hype. America's response made *The Passion of the Christ* the third most grossing movie of 2004. In the United States, *Passion* took in \$370 million and grossed nearly \$605 million worldwide.

Another controversial film of 2004 includes *Fahrenheit 9/11*. Michael Moore was back to his usual antics this time taking aim at the Bush Administration and the war in Iraq. The documentary drew audiences from both sides of the spectrum.

This year's Memorial Day weekend action-thriller blockbuster, *The Day After Tomorrow*, was jam-packed with world-ending natural disaster fun. Those that managed to survive the earth shattering storms contributed to the \$196 million that the movie earned at United States box offices.

The recently released Disney-Pixar film, *The Incredibles* has already soared at the box office. Disney-Pixar has been responsible for other box-office-busting pictures such as *Toy Story*, *Toy Story 2*, *A Bug's Life*, *Monsters Inc.* and last year mega-hit, *Finding Nemo*. So far this year, *The Incredibles* is ranked fifth on the top 10-grossing list having already taken in over \$214 million in the United States. Since the movie is still in release at box-offices across the country, it's likely it will surpass

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## Greatest hits, greatest misses of year

*Rock albums soared in year for of ups, downs*

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With many artists lacking originality, time or band members, 2004 proved to be the year of the *Greatest Hits* collections. Bands such as Creed, 311, Pearl Jam, Korn, Marilyn Manson and Everclear have all released albums of the sort in the last 12 months and many of these are still grazing the top of the rock charts at the year's end. This was also the time where the quantity of albums sold didn't necessarily equal musical quality.

Let us begin with U2's latest release *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*. U2 is a legendary rock band that has always been familiar with the top spot on the music charts. Their 2000 release *All That You Can't Leave Behind* was one of the band's greatest achievements, earning them a Grammy, but their new release shows no such greatness. Although once again at the number one spot on Billboard's charts, selling over 840,000 copies in the first week of sales, Bono doesn't exactly show musical genius through the album's first single, "Vertigo." With lyrics that go "Uno, dos, tres, catorce," which

translates to "One, two, three, fourteen," in English for those who are not familiar with Spanish, followed by Bono saying the word "yeah" about ten times in a row, this wouldn't exactly qualify as outstanding songwriting.

On a higher note, pop-punk rockers Green Day made a much welcomed return to the music scene with their release *American Idiot*. Although this is their most politically charged recording to date (even more so than their previous release, *Warning*), Green Day still has the same in-your-face style that has placed them at the top of the punk rock world for over a decade. This self-proclaimed "polished punk opera" is a creative mix of varying tempo changes, unique melodies, and contains a general theme preaching that people should learn to think for themselves.

Other musical highs came from Goth legends, The Cure and emo-punk rockers, Taking Back Sunday. The Cure's self-titled release showed that Robert Smith is still as passionate about music as he was over 20 years ago. Although their single "The End of the World" is arguably one of the worst songs on the album, they delivered with "Lost," "Labyrinth" and the bouncy "(I Don't Know What's Going On)." Taking Back Sunday's

sophomore release *Where You Want to Be* is an impressive follow-up to their 2002 album, *Tell All Your Friends*. After singer-guitarist John Nolan and bassist Shaun Cooper left the band, many feared the end of TBS altogether. With the addition of Fred Mascherino and Matt Rubano, their more mature musical style is a perfect match for front-man Adam Lazzara. The first single off the album, "A Decade Under the Influence" was instantly a fan favorite as it became frequently seen on MTV's after school show "Total Request Live." Lazzara has once again put his soul on the line for all to see, and although this record does have its share of ups and downs, this shows a successful new beginning for the New York rockers.

In 2004, more TRL familiar pop-punk bands Sum 41, Simple Plan, Good Charlotte and New Found Glory released new albums as well.

What will 2005 have in store for rock fans? Look for new releases from hardcore/emo band Finch, the quirky Presidents of the United States of America, Weezer, The Get Up Kids, Beck, plus many more.

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## Good enough for TV, but is it good enough for you?

*Fall television shows*

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This year's fall line up was almost just like any other: New reality shows, new game shows to be syndicated on PaxTV and FX when finished, new shows wanting to be reality shows but are scripted, and of course the occasional perverted adult cartoon put on Network TV.

Most of these shows are always mediocre at best, yet a lot of them tend to make it to a second or third season, some of them don't even make it through the first season. Sometimes it's the network's fault for putting a great show on at the wrong time, causing cancellations.

There are always, as well, some shows that are pretty good and have some sort of potential to succeed. While "Friends" is no longer showing new episodes, its NBC spin-off, "Joey," featuring Matt LeBlanc, is carrying on the "Friends" tradition.

When "Friends" ended, "Joey" ended up taking its timeslot, Thursdays at 8 p.m., only to receive the same fan base in ratings.

The vague premise of the show: Joey goes to Hollywood after his original show ends, to pursue an acting career while meeting up with his sister and her 20-year old son. All of these elements leave the show open to many possibilities.

So what action show can possibly be so great and not feature sex-crazed fat-guy police officers?

Better yet, show graphic depictions explaining why the dead guy actually killed his neighbor next door. Wait there is one, ABC's "Lost."

Apparently, this show has uninjured, demographically perfect stars that crash land their airliner on a deserted island and go all sci-fi by avoiding a people-eating monster, then go all issue-based by adding minorities prejudging other minorities. Then just when the clichéd plot gets so intense, there's a plot twist. And the bad guy just so obviously happens to be the handsome, scruffy-looking chain smoker.

In the reality show department, animation, the proper term for cartoons not for kids, spoofs tend to take the reign over this ever-growing genre of Primetime

TV. And who would have thought that "Blind Date" would evolve into "Joe Millionaire" and "The Bachelor."

Comedy Central's "Drawn Together" makes fun of other shows so badly, that critics unanimously gave the show terrible reviews, as did its viewers. Yet, something compels us every week to want to know what happened in last-week's episode.

Definitely controversial, overly absurd and definitely funny when watched around the right group of people, this show definitely can go both ways of being cancelled or making it to a second season.

If Hollywood is to make something totally new and original instead of an old subject with a new concept, they had best get

on the ball. Lackluster new shows seem to have been losing a loyal network audience with repetitive shows they have already seen.

If these shows continue to bring in the ratings and the money, this country will definitely have lost its sense of creativity on Primetime television.

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# R&B music entering new era

New artists bring their own muses to music

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While R&B seems to be indelibly linked to hip-hop in the charts as well as the minds of mainstream music fans, there have been some notable R&B hits that can stand up on their own. 2004 has been a year when new artists have ventured into uncharted territory and old favorites have reinvented themselves. R&B has become a force alongside pop and rap and is riding on the shoulders of some

talented singers.

Usher made his *Confessions* this year and dominated the charts for the past 37 weeks holding steady in the top 10. Destiny's Child reconstituted and reinvented themselves with their new album *Destiny Fulfilled*. The veteran group is making its way, this time with the help of hip-hop artists.

"American Idol" has, surprisingly, profoundly affected the R&B charts. The introduction of both Ruben Studdard with his album *I Need an Angel* and this year's winner Fantasia with her album *Free Yourself* has made the show a potential stop for many up and coming R&B vocalists.

Alicia Keys continued to be a shining star in the world of R&B and music in general with her sophomore album *Diary of Alicia Keys*. Her latest video for the single "Karma" shows how she has become a worldwide phenomenon. Possibly her talent can elevate R&B music to the artistry and appreciation reserved for other more "established" genres.

The inclusion of Ray Charles' new album *Genius Love Company* and many of his own works on the soundtrack from the movie *Ray* on R&B/Hip-Hop charts seems a bit odd, but the quality of the music begs it to be included somewhere so if R&B

is the category then these have to be two of the premiere R&B works of 2004.

New artists blazing trails include Akon, who's new album *Trouble* attempts to mix hip-hop experiences with melodic R&B. Akon's first single "Locked Up", featuring rapper Styles P made a statement that was heard for several weeks. John Legend introduced himself alongside Kanye West and Slum Village on the track "Selfish." His debut album *Get Lifted* looks like it may be another unique spot in a cookie-cutter world.

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refused to fail in the name giving process. Creativity abounds in the names of other twin babies borne to celebrities, including Kian and Kaiis to Geena Davis and Reza Jarrahy - Hudson and Julitta to Marcia Gay Harden and Thaddeus Scheel - finally Stella and Ava born to parents Peri Gilpin and Christian Vincent.

Not all celebrities have followed in suit, the outliers being Jamie Lee Curtis and her husband actor and director Christopher Guest.

Being the true residents of Hollywood they are, they decided to stand out, make a statement, and name their son and daughter Thomas and Annie respectively.

Yet while these celebrity

names may seem strange, outdated, or just a little quirky, a baby name was created that no adjective could do justice. Phinnaeus, Hazel, Piper or Coco couldn't top ... Apple.

The fruit now shares its name with the daughter of actress Gwyneth Paltrow and Coldplay front man Chris Martin.

Again Satran comments on the names, "They [Phinnaeus and Hazel] have this sort of antiquated, off-beat, quirky kind of feeling that is genuinely cool. Apple feels to me like it's trying too hard to be cool."

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*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* in the number four spot with \$249 million.

There were also several noteworthy films that did not grace the top 10 list.

Comedy had a big year with hilarious releases of *Mean Girls*, *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, *Anchorman*, and *Along Came Polly*.

The upcoming holiday season will feature the comic releases of *SpongeBob Squarepants Movie*, *Fat Albert* and *Meet the Fockers*. All are likely to huge favorites this holiday season.

On the smaller screen this season there were big

cinematic hits that often get overlooked. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, *Saved*, *Garden State* and *The Notebook* all provided exceptional cinema, but could not manage to make a big impact at the box office.

Then with movies such as *Ocean's 12*, *The Aviator*, *Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Finding Neverland* still to come this winter, no one in the top 10 is safe. Oscar talk is a buzz for several films still to be released this year.

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## Sox Slay Bambino



Boston finally reverses the curse

ROBERT LEONARD  
STAFF WRITER

Normally when I play poker with the boys, the TV is just on — no one really pays attention to it. But on Oct. 27 at 11:14 p.m. of this year, the Cards weren't being dealt — they were getting beat. Everyone at the table turned to watch a moment that will be replayed over and over in every Boston fan's mind. And this time, it won't be a ground ball dribbling through Bill Buckner's legs.

Instead, it was Keith Foulke who fittingly fielded a ground ball and threw Edger Renteria out at first to close out one of the most memorable playoff runs in sports history.

Not only was this the last play of the 2004 World Series, but also it ended the famous "curse of the Bambino." Finally, after 86 years, the Boston Red Sox were world champs again. The magical moment took place in homes across the country, especially in New York.

It must have been hard for New York fans to watch the game that night but their pain was small in comparison to Red Sox maniacs. The Yankees had dominated the Sox for the first three games of the ALCS and much the past 86 years.

The "Curse of the Bambino" started when Babe Ruth was traded from the Red Sox to the Yankees in 1918. The two bitter rivals would be linked by this single trade for what seemed an eternity.

After losing the 2003 World Series, the Yankees were determined to get back on top of the baseball world. They signed ace Kevin Brown. They picked up Gary Sheffield from free agency. After it looked like Alex Rodriguez was going to the Red Sox, the Yankees made the trade for him.

Everything was going the way of the Yankees. Their batting order looked like the American League All-Star Team, and it almost was. Every night, pitchers from around the league would have to face the likes of A-Rod, Derek Jeter, Gary Sheffield, Bernie Williams, Jason Giambi, Hideki Matsui and Jorge Posada — one after the other. Over and over.

It looked like the curse would continue to the 87th year after the Yankees grabbed A-Rod. But the Red Sox had something up their sleeves. In a trade with the Diamondbacks, the Red Sox were able to get Cy Young winner Curt Schilling. While the Sox never admitted it, everyone knew he was brought in to pitch against the Yankees in the ALCS.

Just as everyone expected, the Yankees won the AL East and the Red Sox grabbed the wild card spot. After both teams won their opening series, the match-up was set.

We all know what happened the last time these two teams met in the playoffs. Pedro Martinez and Don Zimmer had a fight that only Ron Artest could be proud of and Aaron Boone hit a shot in the seventh game to extend the seemingly eternal curse.

After the Yankees defeated Schilling, Pedro and Cy Young winner Derek Lowe in three straight games, everyone gave up hope. Everyone but the Red Sox that is.

They kept the series alive in game four. Then they extended it to a sixth game. Then they became the first team ever to force a game seven after being down 3-0. Game Seven was a chance for the Red Sox to make history in baseball by being the first team ever to win a series

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## 'Interim University' no longer

Ballard, Holland instill new pride in Pirate athletic programs

ERIC GILMORE  
STAFF WRITER

During the last year or so, many of supporters and outsiders of ECU preferred the name "Interim University." I can't blame them. ECU's most notable interims were the Chancellor (Bill Shelton), Athletic Director (Nick Floyd), and even the Director of Media Relations (Jody Jones).

When Steve Ballard was hired as the chancellor in the middle of the last academic school year, he set a plan to change "Interim University" into an institution that has foundation. After the foundation would be built, Ballard understood that ECU has to be able to compete with other universities on a national level.

Immediately when Ballard came aboard at ECU, he set publicly an agenda that would take place during his first 100 days in office. Under Randolph Chitwood's vision of a new Heart Center, on the agenda was finding the right person for athletic director.

Previous to Ballard's arrival on campus, a search committee of selected personnel had narrowed through numerous candidates. The original search committee listed personality traits and visions for what a top-flight athletic director should have.

Many of those traits were very similar to Dave Hart, Jr., a visionary athletic director for ECU now at Florida State. Hart helped to secure a national television package for then-independently affiliated ECU, an unheard of marketing move at that time. Hart spent 12 years at ECU, from 1983 to 1995, and brought the



Holland and Holtz will work together in the coming years in order to put ECU football back on the national radar.

program to new heights.

In conjunction with Ballard's arrival to campus, Ballard was ready to announce Hart's son Rick to the athletic director post. Rick Hart, only 31-years-old at the time had little experience and was serving as an assistant AD at Oklahoma. Ballard's near announcement created a huge upheaval, forcing the incoming chancellor to think twice.

To Ballard's credit, he listened to the pulse of the Pirate Nation. He then, created a seven-member task force to confer with himself

for the new hire. Ironically, one of the illustrious members was now ex-head football coach John Thompson. Ballard upset with the lack of star power among the candidates pooled by the task force, hired Chuck Neinas as a consultant. Neinas is highly respected and a consultant is commonplace in AD hires. However, Ballard alienated some members of the original search committee and task force for ignoring their efforts.

Well, until Terry Holland was named to the post. The Pirate

Nation finally found a captain for a ship that had been lost at sea for years. Holland, a classy individual with years of experience and endless connections was signed to a five-year deal which would serve as a last hurrah for the legendary basketball coach's career.

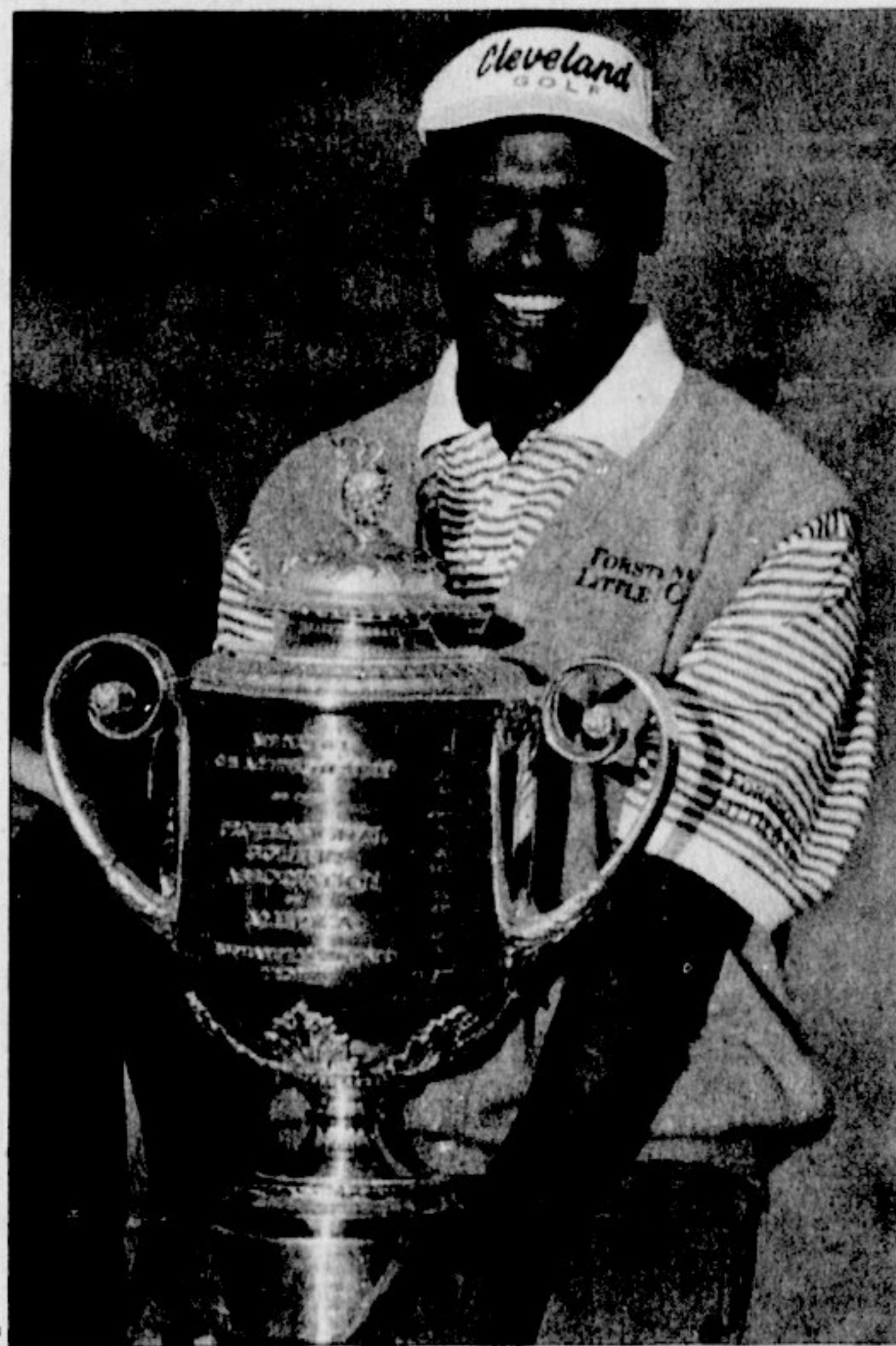
Holland came on board officially Oct. 1, awkwardly in the middle of the football season. The ex-Clinton native saw ECU lose repeatedly and the seats become emptier and emptier over the course of the season.

Holland understood the athletic department's budget depends on the success of the football team. Holland's goal of achieving a better conference situation was hindered by ECU's 3-20 record during the two past seasons.

Holland made a tough and controversial decision to the direction of ECU football on Nov. 16. He and Ballard forced second-year coach Thompson to resign. The message was purely business, a matter of wins and

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## Woods gives up number one to Vijay



Singh



Woods

Tiger struggles to find identity on course after relinquishing lead

TRENT WYNNE  
STAFF WRITER

Fame is nice. Fame gets you money, women and if you just so happen to be an athlete, your name in video games. Thousands of professional and college athletes around the country participate in these video games, especially the ones that dawn their number or have their name tattooed on the jersey.

Some athletes are even lucky enough to get their own video game, like Tiger Woods himself. With almost all his abilities completely maxed out in the game, Tiger and Sunday Tiger were both designed to be the best. I mean, he deserves it. The man is the number one golfer in the world, right?

Until Labor Day weekend of this year, Woods held the coveted number one for a record 264 consecutive weeks. In that weekend, Vijay Singh fired a 16 under par for the tourney, three strokes better than Woods, but more importantly, he locked up the number one spot, a first by any other player than Tiger since 1999.

"It feels great. I can't wait to celebrate," said Singh in an interview with the BBC.

Singh's 2004 performance included nine total tour wins highlighted by his triumph in a playoff at the PGA Championship against Chris DiMarco and Justin Leonard. Singh also became the first golfer in history to earn more than \$10 million in one calendar year as well.

It would take a historic season like the one Singh had this year to overtake Tiger, but Woods was not so down at the thought of falling to number two in the entire world.

"I've had a good run," said Woods.

"But being number two isn't too bad, is it?"

Apparently however, Woods isn't so satisfied with being number two after all. Woods real life slump has caromed over into his virtual life and has forced Tiger to make one of the toughest decisions he has ever had to make: giving up playing as himself. Tiger was previously unbeaten in the 2004 version of the game as he unlocked "Super Tiger" within the first two weeks of playing it. Eventually though, Tiger became fed up with Virtual Tiger after he fired a 74 at Bethpage Black, a course Woods says he can shoot three to four under par in real life.

"My buddy Cooter shot 26-under and there I was, with Super Tiger in his Sunday Red shirt, firing a 74. I almost threw the controller through the TV screen," Woods said in an interview with sportsgoons.com.

Tiger had enough and decided to make the switch. So who would he choose?

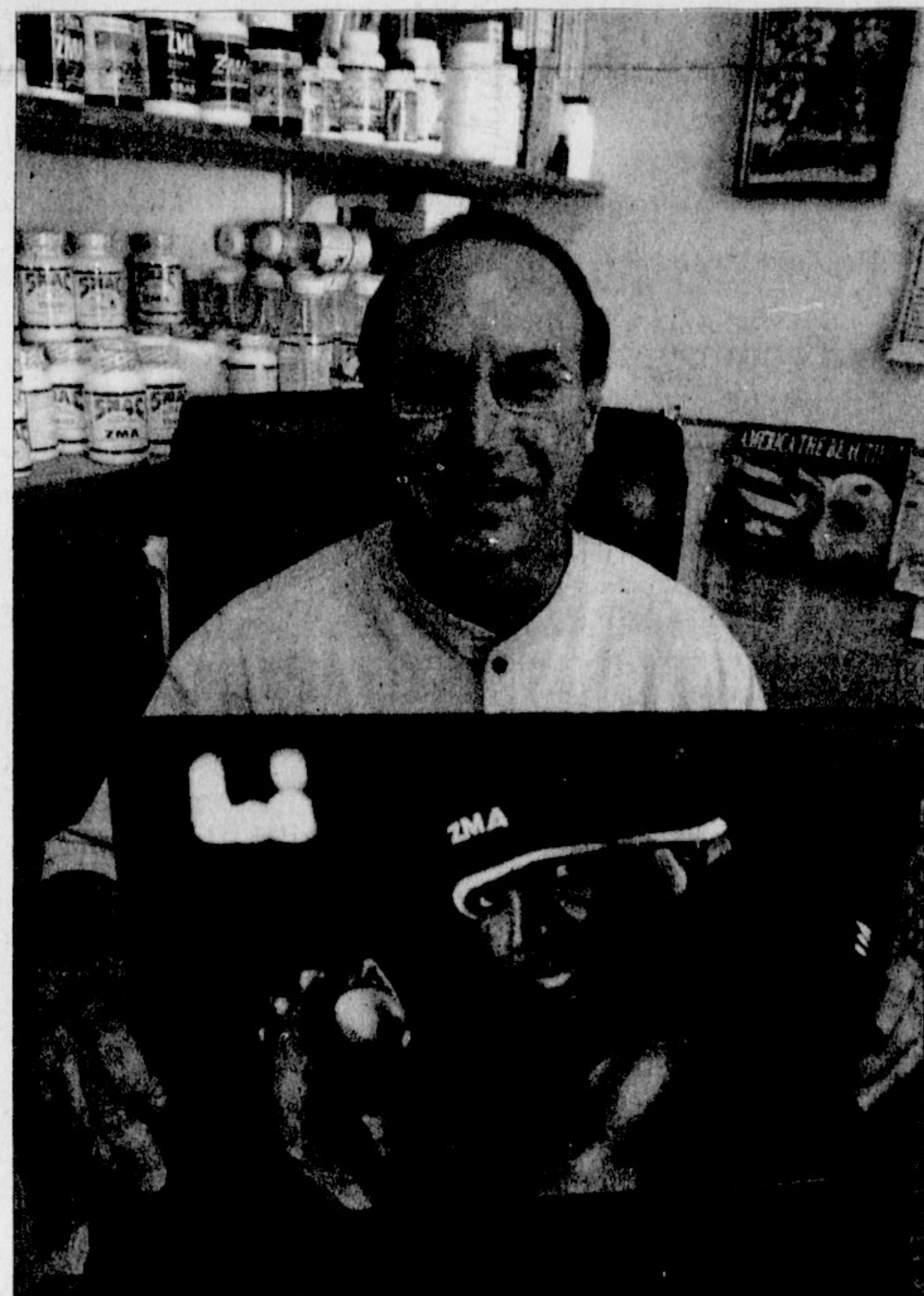
"Last Saturday night (Summer 2004) we came home from the bar, and before we could even get out of his Buick, Tiger starts yelling 'I get to be Vijay! I get to be Vijay!' said friend Curtis Strange.

"Some of us wanted to be Vijay too, but Tiger got to the controller first. It's kind of uncomfortable. None of us want to play as Tiger either because of how much he sucks right now. Super Tiger's iron play is simply atrocious. But one of us ends up being him because we feel bad for the guy."

Woods' virtual performances have picked up since he made the change to Singh, claiming the Vijay is more accurate off the tees, hits more greens in regulation, putts better and has a consistent demeanor, never too high or too low.

"Plus, he wears one of those old-school grandma visors that make him look like he's all retro or something," Woods said.

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Victor Conte, founder and president of BALCO, holds a photo of Bonds with the letters ZMA, a drug that Conte makes.

## Bonds captures MVP under cloud of suspicion

Testimony leaks, says Bonds juiced

BRENT WYNNE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Was there ever a doubt? For the fourth time in many years and the seventh time overall, Barry Bonds was named the National League MVP, capturing 24 of 32 first place votes, solidifying himself as one of the greatest players of all time.

The 40-year-old Bonds won the balloting in a landslide, with a comfortable 96-point victory against Adrian Beltre, who had a career season, enough for six first place votes. Bonds' 407-point total was 160 more of third place finisher Albert Pujols, who had 247 points and a first place vote.

In becoming the oldest player to ever win the award, Bonds season statistics resemble num-

bers of a 28-year-old in his prime. Bonds led the NL in hitting (.362), on-base percentage (.609), slugging (.812) and times reached base (376). He was second in runs with 129 and although he only had 373 at-bats, he still managed fourth in home runs with 45.

Bonds completely obliterated the major league record for walks by drawing 232, 100 more than anyone else in baseball. He also set a record for intentional passes with 120, which is 52 more than the old record.

Bonds' number of walks is so gaudy, that if you were to completely forget all of his hits from this past season, he would still have a higher on-base percentage than that of Florida Marlin outfielder Juan Pierre, who led the league in hits.

In September, Bonds eclipsed the 700 home run mark and finished with a total of 703. Bonds

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Back in his real life endeavors, when he is not playing as Vijay, Woods has started to slowly but surely break out of his slump, something that became evident in last month's Dunlop Phoenix Tournament as Tiger won his first stroke play event of the 2004 season.

Even more important, Woods thinks recently he has had an epiphany about his revamped golf swing.

"I was here at Big Canyon in California before the tournament," Woods said in an interview with pgatour.com.

"I hit two shots that I felt that's what Hank (Haney) has been trying to get me to do

this entire time. It was easy to replicate after that."

Woods had a similar encounter back in 1999 when Butch Harmon was his coach at the time. He was on the range in Isleworth during the month of May when he hit a shot where "everything clicked." Woods dropped the club, picked up his cell phone and called Harmon.

"Butchy," Woods said. "I got it."

Tiger went on to have one of the most dominant stretches in the history of golf winning eight tournaments that year and nine in 2000, including three out of the four major championships.

So what can the average fan of

golf expect from Tiger in 2005? Woods may not fire any 26 under pars in a round, maybe not even in a tournament.

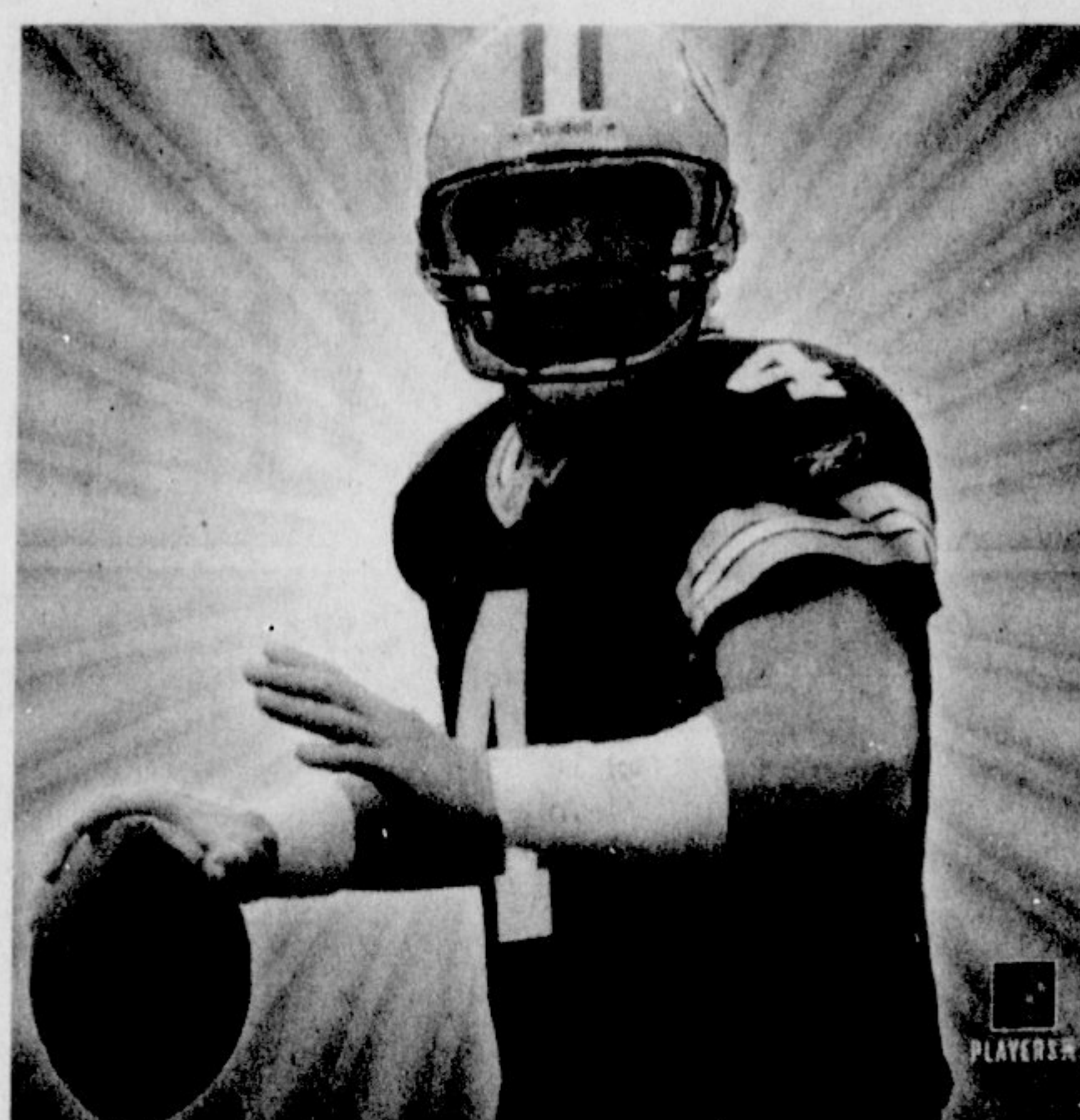
However, Tiger, with his uncanny ability to step up to challenges, will not back down from the one that Vijay has presented to him in this past season. Woods will return to dominance next year, winning two out of four majors and regaining his title as the number one player in the world.

Oh, by the way, he is planning on switching back to playing as himself on his video game ... eventually.

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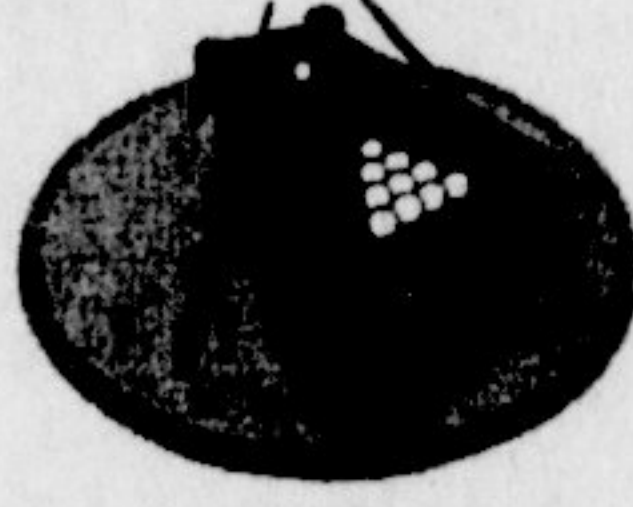
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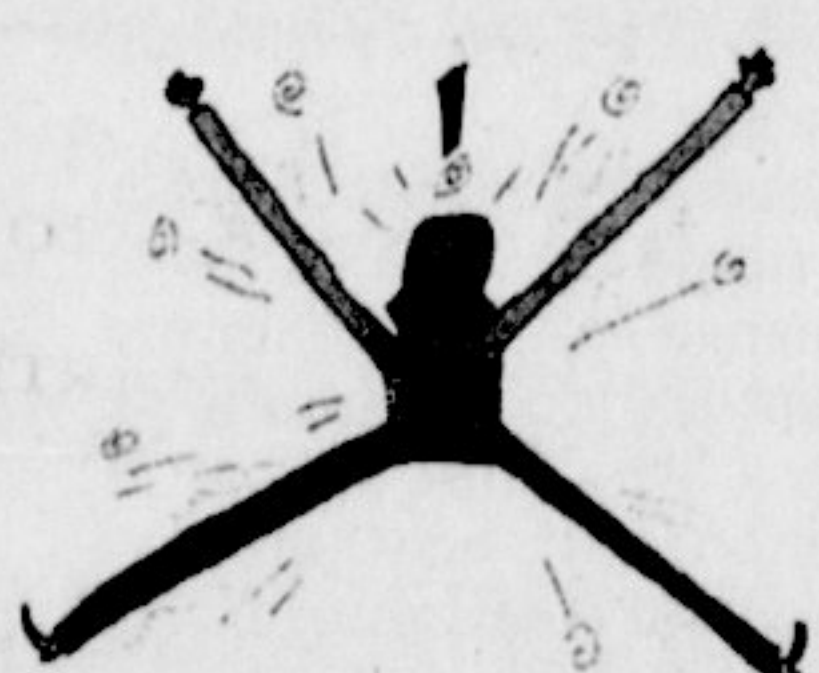
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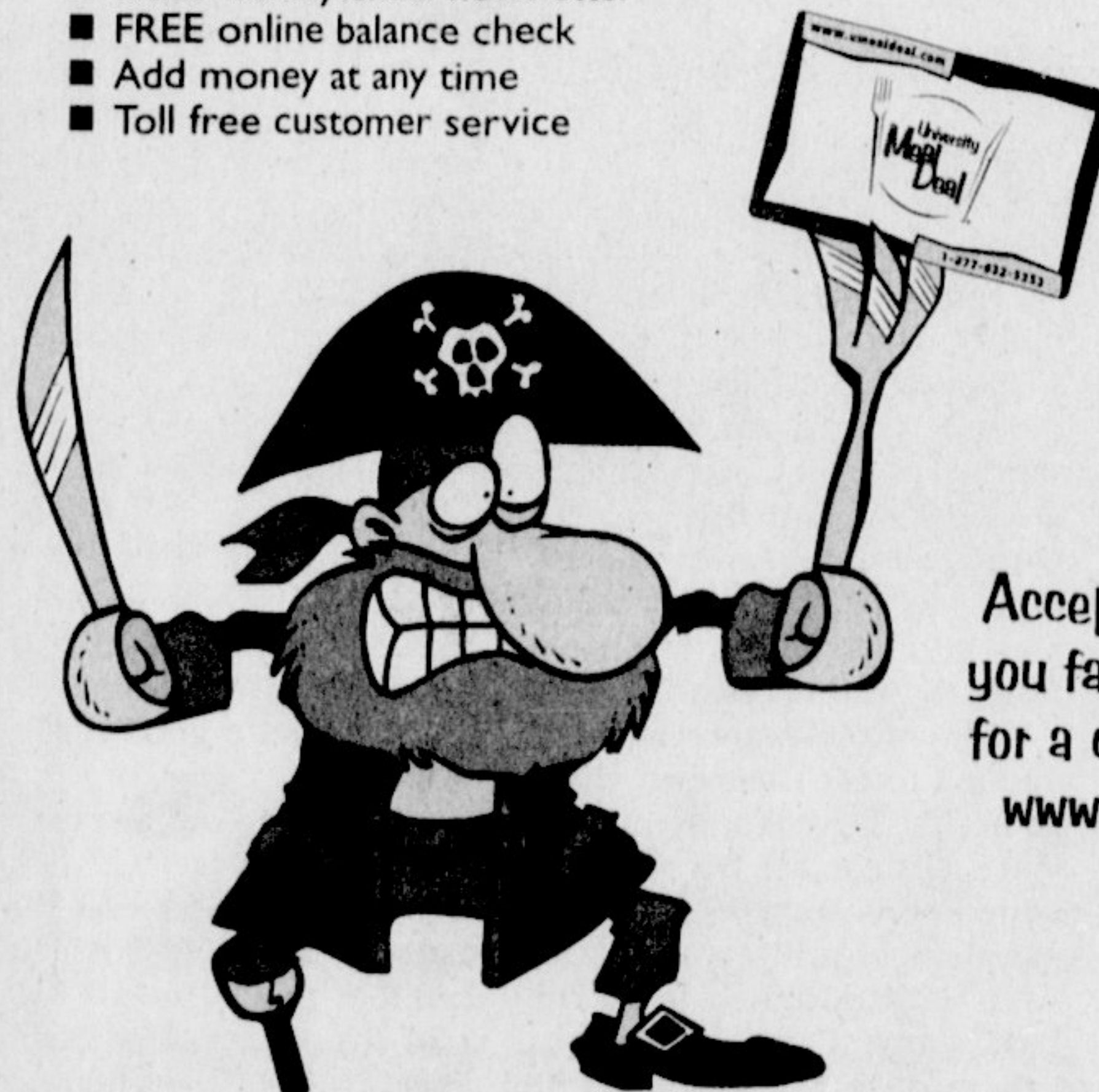
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losses, which Holland stated in a later press conference.

With ECU at a crossroads, Holland was forced to act quickly in hiring a new coach. With 13 other institutions changing coaches, the six-foot, six-inch gentle giant needed to find a coach that would instill character and a winning attitude into the program. An incorrect hire would splinter the ECU faithful even more and could serve as a final blow to a seemingly depressed fan base.

Enter Skip Holtz. Hired less than a week after the season ended, Holtz appears to be the hire Thompson wasn't. Both have similar personality traits, but different visions as to how to achieve their goals. Holtz has been into the fire before as a head coach, unlike his predecessor. Holtz's staff that he is currently assembling is one that will be top notch. In less than a week at the helm, Holtz understands the foundation the ECU football team was founded on. The son a legend wants to find players that are willing to play for the name on the front of the jersey rather than just receive a scholarship and playing time.

Holtz's team is full of experience and needs maturity. If Holtz and his staff can find the chip on the shoulder attitude of the mid-to-late-1990s, he can re-establish the prestige of ECU football.

After all, that's the goal that Ballard and Holland both have in mind. If the dominoes fall in place, a new conference could be calling.

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after being down 3-0, but more importantly, a chance to get back to the series.

Schilling was given the ball for game seven. Nine months earlier the Red Sox signed him for this one moment, a chance to beat those dreaded Yankees.

Schilling was magical as the Sox won the game 8-3.

History had been made, but without the championship, history had not been changed yet.

Immediately, everyone's focus turned to the 1986 World Series. A ground ball hit a pebble and went under the legs of first base-

man Bill Buckner in game six of the 1986 series. The error cost the Sox the title that year, as they would lose game seven as well.

But that would not be the case this time. The Red Sox met the Cardinals in one of the worst World Series' I have ever seen, baseball wise. The American League champs dominated the Cardinals in four straight games, winning the world championship on a simple ground ball.

It's almost ironic that a ground ball ended it. A simple ground ball out would have won the title for the Sox in 86. It was

fitting that almost the same play occurred to reverse the curse.

The curse of the Bambino is now only a memory. Baseball fans will forever remember the 2004 World Series - not for the amazing home run hit in the 7th game to win it, but for the sighs of relief the entire nation felt that cold October night. It was felt everywhere - from Boston, to poker tables across the nation, and yes, even in the Bronx.

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is expected to make a legitimate run at Hank Aaron's all-time home run record of 755 by the end of next season.

The Giants outfielder has finished in the top five of the MVP voting in 12 of the last 15 seasons, a mark that will likely never again be surpassed.

With that said, are we witnessing greatness or just cheating at its highest level?

There may have never been a doubt about Bonds' MVP status, but doubt certainly creeps in among the minds of many when the issue of steroids arises.

The super slugger was publicly accused last month of knowingly using anabolic steroids, an accusation Bonds vehemently is denying. The San Francisco Chronicle reports Bonds told a federal grand jury he didn't know he was using substances that were found to contain steroids.

In the transcripts that included Bonds' testimony, the MVP told the grand jury last December he used clear and cream substances for arthritis that were given to him by his personal strength trainer

during the 2003 season. Bonds went on to say he was informed the substances were flaxseed oil and a rubbing balm for the aching areas.

The substances were supplied by none other than BALCO, which is the lab that has become infamous over the past few months due to their involvement in steroid cases ranging from Marion Jones to Bill Romanowski to Jason Giambi.

Rachel Vizcarra, Bonds' publicist for the past 15 years and who has worked extensively in the entertainment public relations realm, said in an interview with The New York Times, "Barry will be Barry."

"There is no reason for him to change and he won't change," said Vizcarra.

"Not everyone is going to be a golden retriever puppy - and even though I see that golden retriever puppy in him - it's very rare that he lets people see that side. Either you can handle the personality or you can't. Take it or leave it."

What does that mean? To some it may mean that even if Barry is in the wrong, he may never admit it. To me, it is just Barry. He's always

represented himself with the chip on the shoulder attitude and, wrong or right, he will continue to be himself.

So barring a confession from Bonds, we, the fans will be left with nothing but a mere accusation that will ultimately tarnish baseball's greatest record and a player's illustrious career.

I personally think that an accusation should do none of this, but human instinct relies on the media, whether they be credible or not, for their day-to-day "truthful" information, so the old saying of "innocent until proven guilty," likely won't hold true in this case.

For the sake of argument, what if Bonds took the steroids and knew what he was doing was illegal? For one, his dignity as a person would be non-existent and the game of baseball, still trying to heal the wounds from the Pete Rose scandal, would be sent into another downward spiral of calamity and dishonest.

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The girls of ZTA would like to thank Lisa Howard, Margaret Titchener, Kacie Thomas, Erin Bullock, Dondra Summers, Natalie Blackwelder, Emily Bell, Amanda Phillips and Katherine Nix for all their hard work this past year on Executive Council. Congratulations to the new Executive Council: Margaret Titchener, Jenny McCarvill, Heather Ezzell, Melissa Phelps, Shauna Peil, Emily Bell, Andrea Price and Claire Horton. We love you all!

Kappa Delta would like to congratulate our new council members. We're sure you girls will do a terrific job! Thanks old council for all the hard work you put in this past year!

Sigma Sigma Sigma once again welcomes the newest edition to Gamma Beta! Seniors, we will miss you, K. Souza, Meg, Maureen, Michelle, and Lindsay. Greenville won't be the same without your crazy ways! With great love and support we wish all the graduates a prosperous and happy future! We are sisters for more than college and will always be here for you, good luck!

Congratulations to Christina Luhm and Leanne Jenkins on graduation. We are going to miss you. Love- Zeta Tau Alpha

The ladies of ZTA would like to wish all ECU students good luck on final exams. Have a Merry Christmas and 2 Happy New Year! Love- Zeta Tau Alpha

Kappa Delta would like to congratulate our graduating seniors Adrian, Varussa, MC, Lauren, Kristin, and Andrea. We love you, and will miss you greatly!

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Section 9-4.21 Words and terms defined:

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For purposes of this definition the term "person" related to blood, adoption or marriage shall include the following:

### (1) Blood relations.

- a. Parents (including grandparents).
- b. Sons and daughters.
- c. Siblings.
- d. Uncle and aunt (including great uncle and aunt).
- e. Nephew and niece (including great nephew and niece).
- f. Grandson, grandchild, great-grandson, and great-grandchild.

### (2) Marriage relations.

- a. Spouse.
- b. Step relations (mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister).
- c. Half relation (brother, sister).
- d. In-laws (mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister).

### (3) Adoption.

- a. Adopted child.
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Legally, the individual or combination of persons living in a dwelling unit under this definition are:

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- c. Two (2) or more individuals related by blood, adoption, marriage, or family, or
- d. One (1) family (C) above and up to two (2) unrelated individuals (i.e. room renting), or
- e. One (1) family (C) above and up to two (2) related individuals (i.e. room renting).

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Goal of family and owner occupant.

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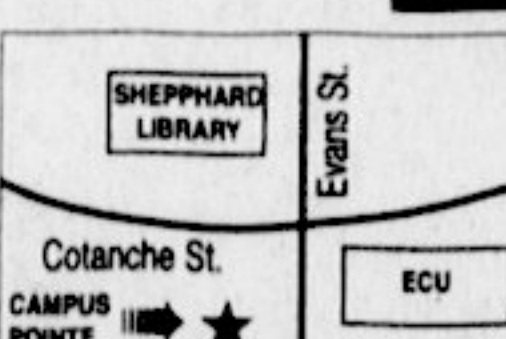
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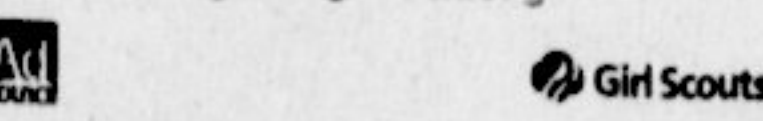


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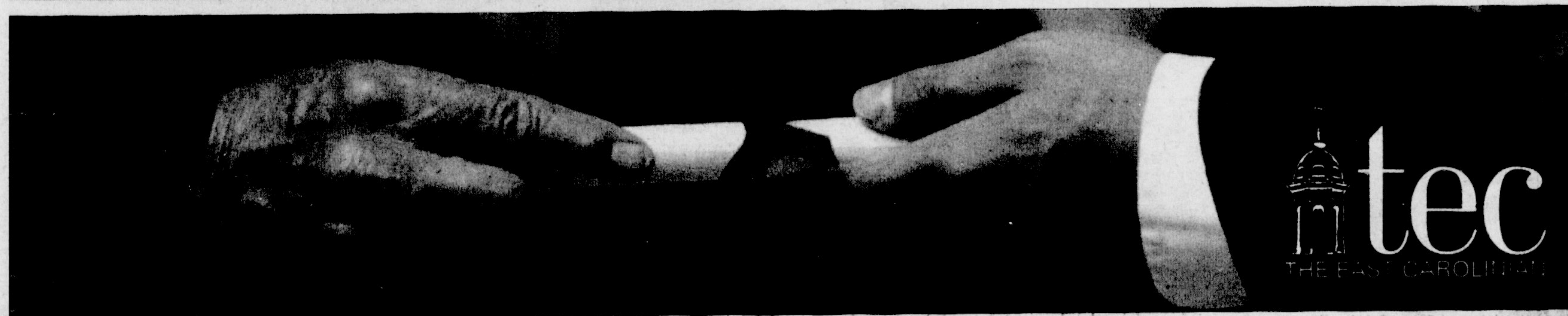
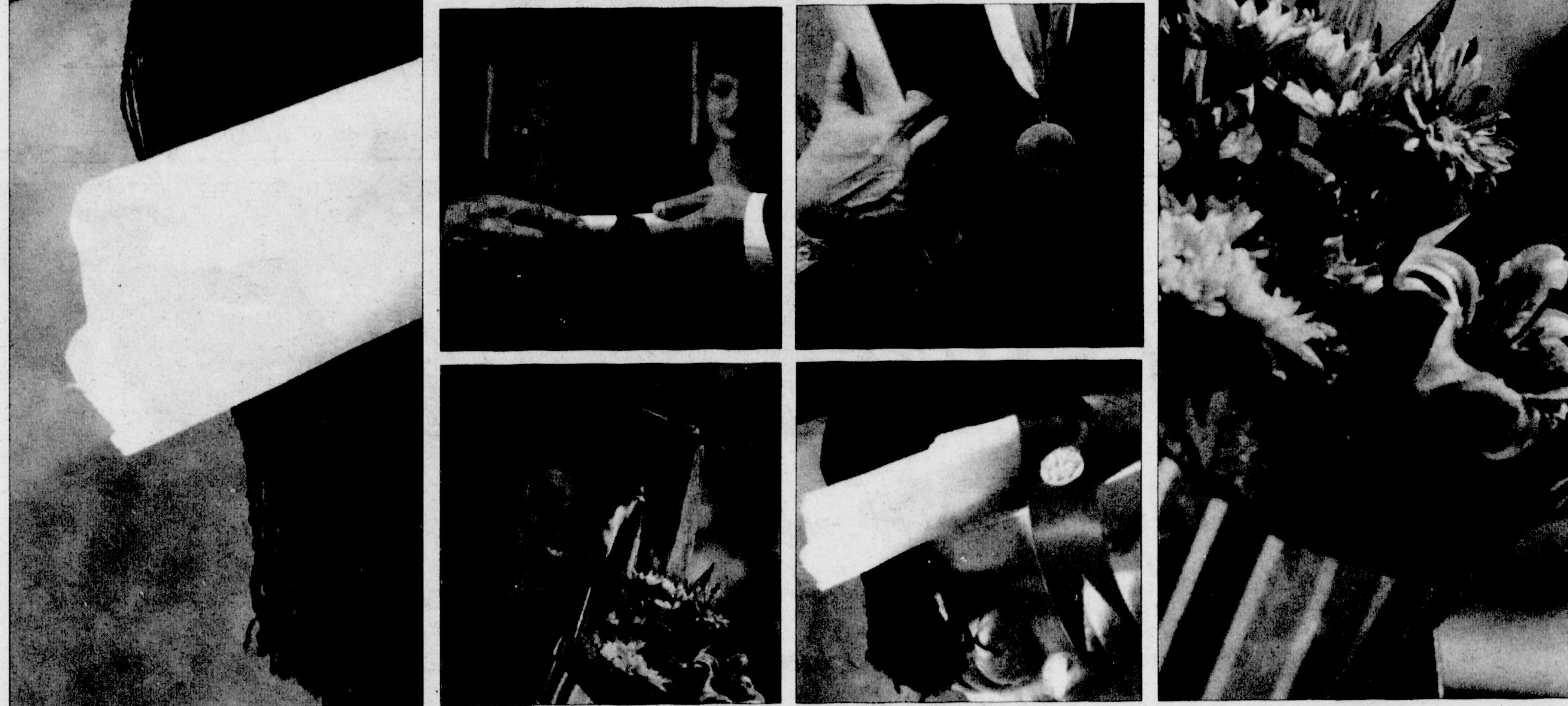
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# ECU prepares for fall commencement

*Each department creates a unique ceremony*

**KRISTIN DAY**

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"This year, because commencement is during exams, we expect a good turnout because everybody's on campus," Johnston said.

Johnston said students need to reserve a seat using OneStop at least a week before graduation and if there are any problems trying to sign up through the Internet,

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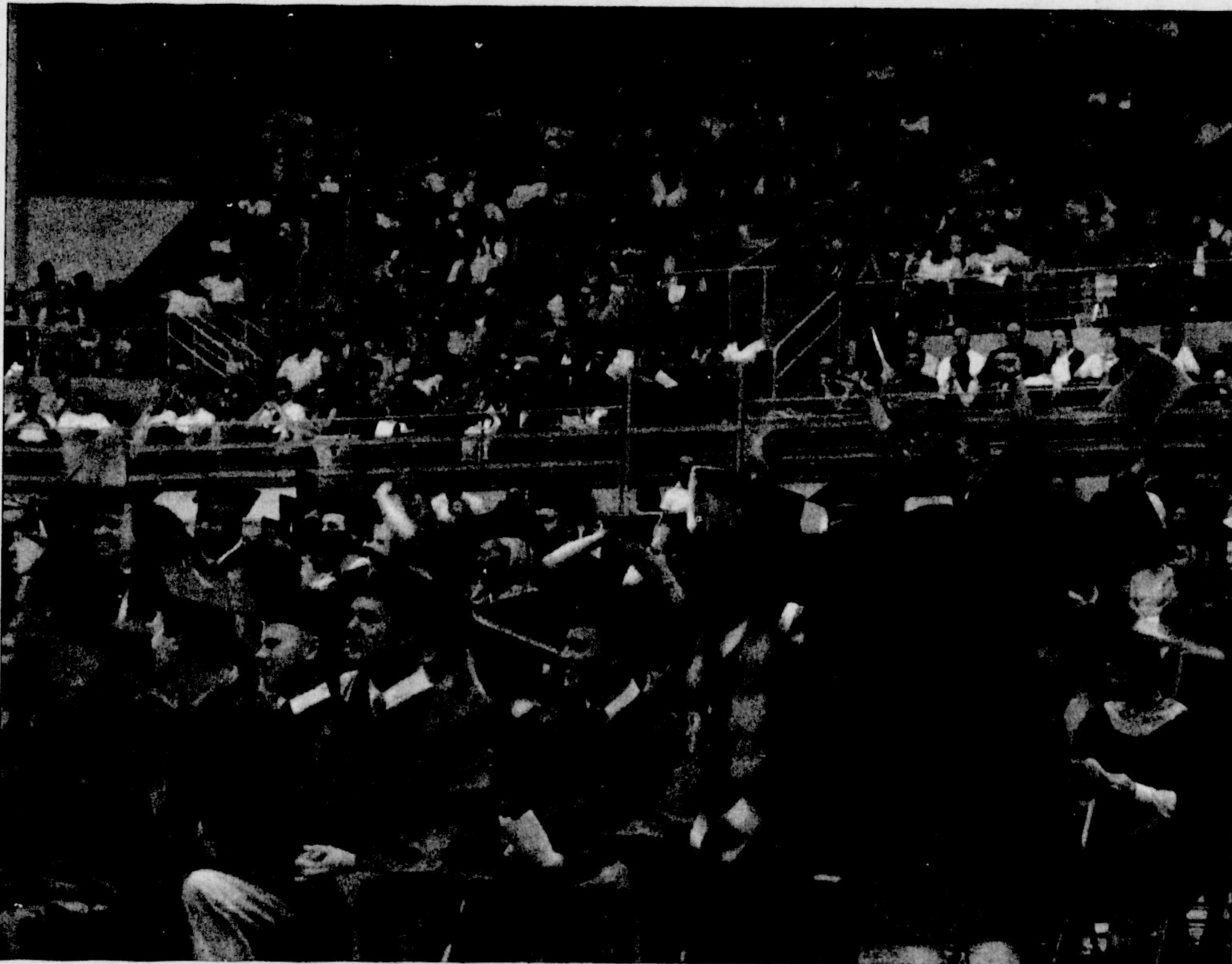


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Nearly 2,000 students are eligible to graduate in the ceremony at William's Arena at Minges Coliseum.

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# How to become an ECU alumni



The ECU Alumni Association boasts more than 108,000 members.

## Membership in association brings benefits

**DANIELLE WIGGINS**  
STAFF WRITER

Although a graduate must leave behind the label of an ECU student upon receiving a diploma, one may still maintain a strong affiliation with the university by joining the ECU Alumni Association. The nonprofit organization, originally established in 1912, is a great way to stay in touch with the school and former students.

The ECU Alumni Association was developed to reunite ECU graduates and keep them informed and involved in activities happening at ECU. Alumni often donate money and help raise funds to support ECU.

The association even sponsors special events during the year including Holiday in the Big Apple, the ECU Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic, alumni tailgates, holiday socials and class reunions. Alumni chapters in various locations also offer a range of annual events designed to bring ECU alumni together.

"This program offers a number of benefits to members of the ECU Alumni Association. They attend various activities we have going on for the alumni. They are able

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to reconnect through e-mail," said Denise Walsh, assistant director for alumni communication.

"We also offer programs where alumni who have moved to different locations join alumni chapters in different areas throughout the United States. It brings the alumni a contact for events that are offered."

Anyone who has attended ECU for two semesters may receive general membership in the alumni association. Those who donate to the organization are considered active members. You may even qualify for membership if you transferred to another school.

Over the years, the ECU Alumni Association continues to grow. There are currently 108,000 members, including actresses Sandra Bullock and Beth Grant, Pulitzer-Prize winner Rick Atkinson, World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. Chairman Vince McMahon and professional football player, Jeff Blake.

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students can call their office.

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

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

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

Ann Bogey, director of professional programs at the college of business, said their ceremony will also be Dec. 10 in Williams Arena. She said students will wear caps and gowns and proceed into the arena to "Pomp and Circumstance."

"We will have a welcome from the dean followed by very short speeches by the president of the Graduate Business Association, the student vice-president of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, the College of Business Alumni Society and the president of the Commerce Club," said Bogey.

Bogey said students will be

individually recognized in the ceremony by walking across the stage to receive a congratulatory letter from the dean and be hooded.

Vivian Covington, director of the office of teacher education, said the college of education will have its ceremony at Minges Coliseum Dec. 10.

Yokima Cureton, director of communication for the college of education, said they will have live music provided by Jermaine Johnson and Angela Davis who are both from ECU. They are expecting about 300 graduates and will host many speakers including Dean Sheerer and Lindsey Waller from Teaching Fellows.

"The featured speaker will be Tom Williams, superintendent of Greenville County Schools," said Cureton.

Deirdre Ingram, senior merchandising major, said she is attending the big ceremony because it would be a good experience to be there with everybody and she is going to the small ceremony because it is more personalized.

"Because they recognize you by name... [and] you're there with the people you went to class with," said Ingram.

Graduation candidates who are attending the university event

## Graduation

Students are encouraged to sign up for graduation ahead of time. Go to OneStop, click on "Tools" and then "Commencement Reservation." Students and guests attending events at Williams Arena should park at Ficklen Stadium and in the Minges lots while parking for events at Mendenhall Student Center, Wright Auditorium, McGinnis Theater, Bate and Brewster will be at Allied Health.

For more information, go to [www.ecu.edu/commencement](http://www.ecu.edu/commencement). The Web site has important information for students and families who are attending recognition ceremonies and more essential parking information.

The university commencement will be Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. at William's Arena at Minges Coliseum.

must arrive no later than 9:15 a.m. to assure seating. Check-in will be at Gate 1 at Minges Coliseum. For more information, look at ECU's commencement Web site.

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**AMIE LEIGH FIELDS**

Congratulations Amie! Just keep doing what you do best and follow your dreams! We are so proud!

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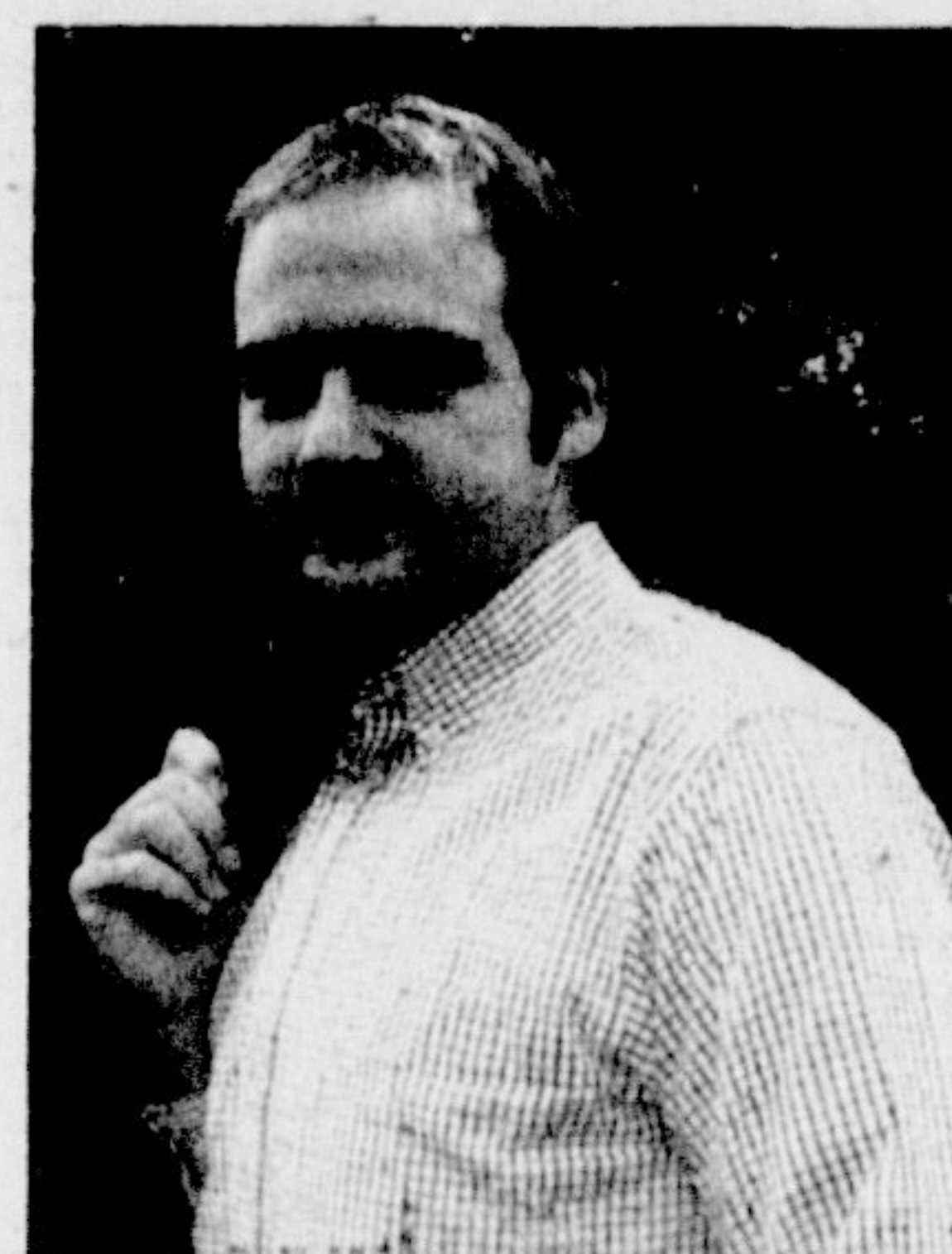
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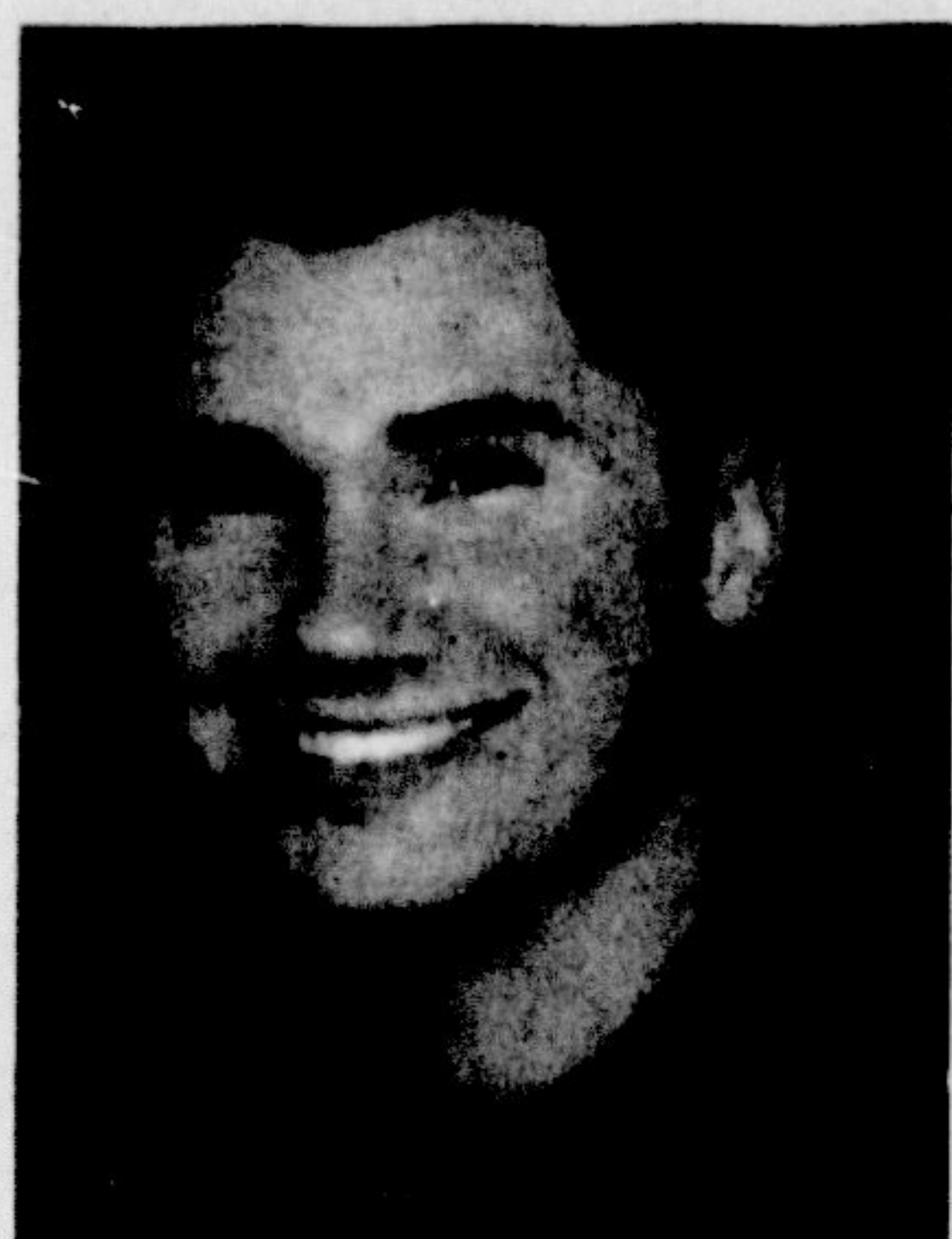
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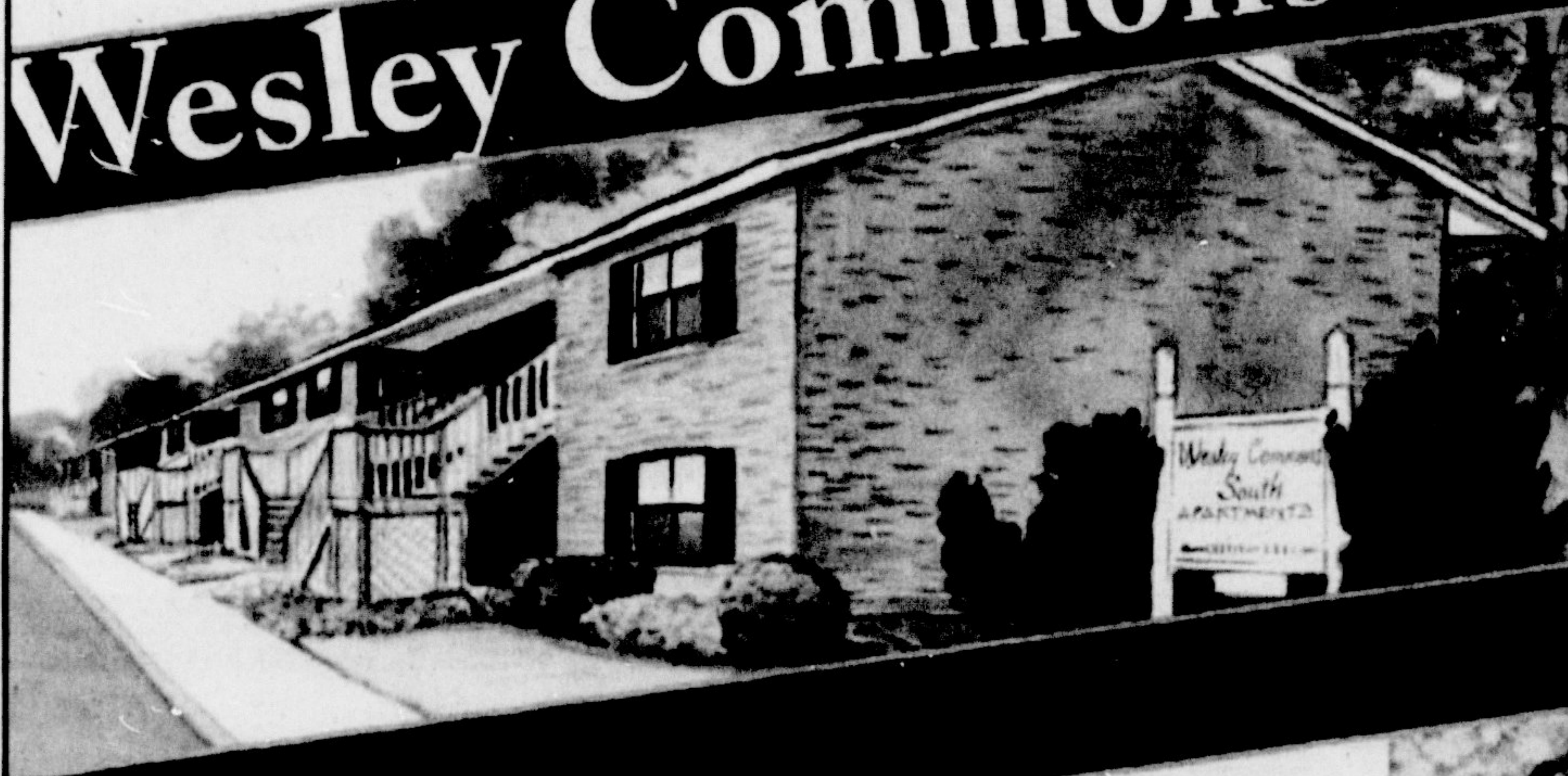
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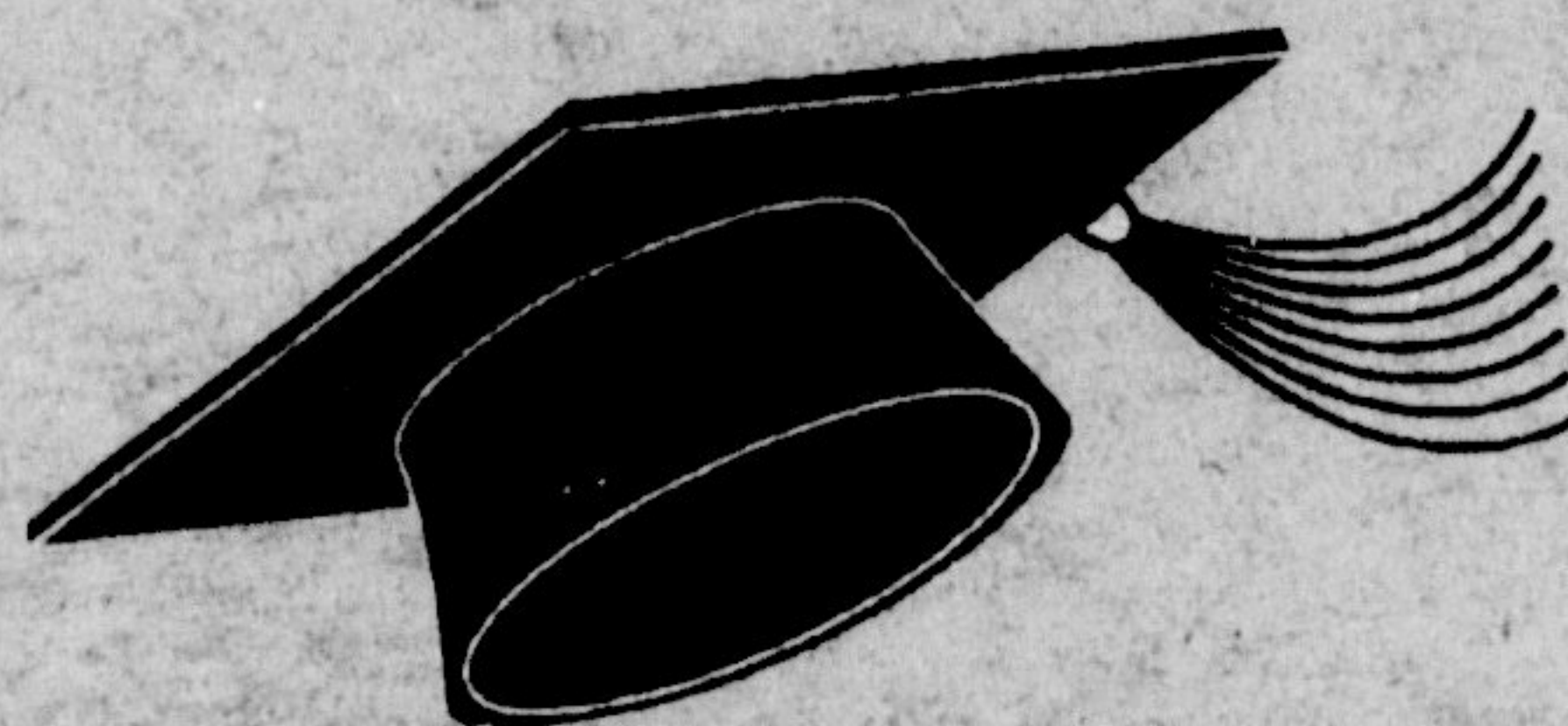
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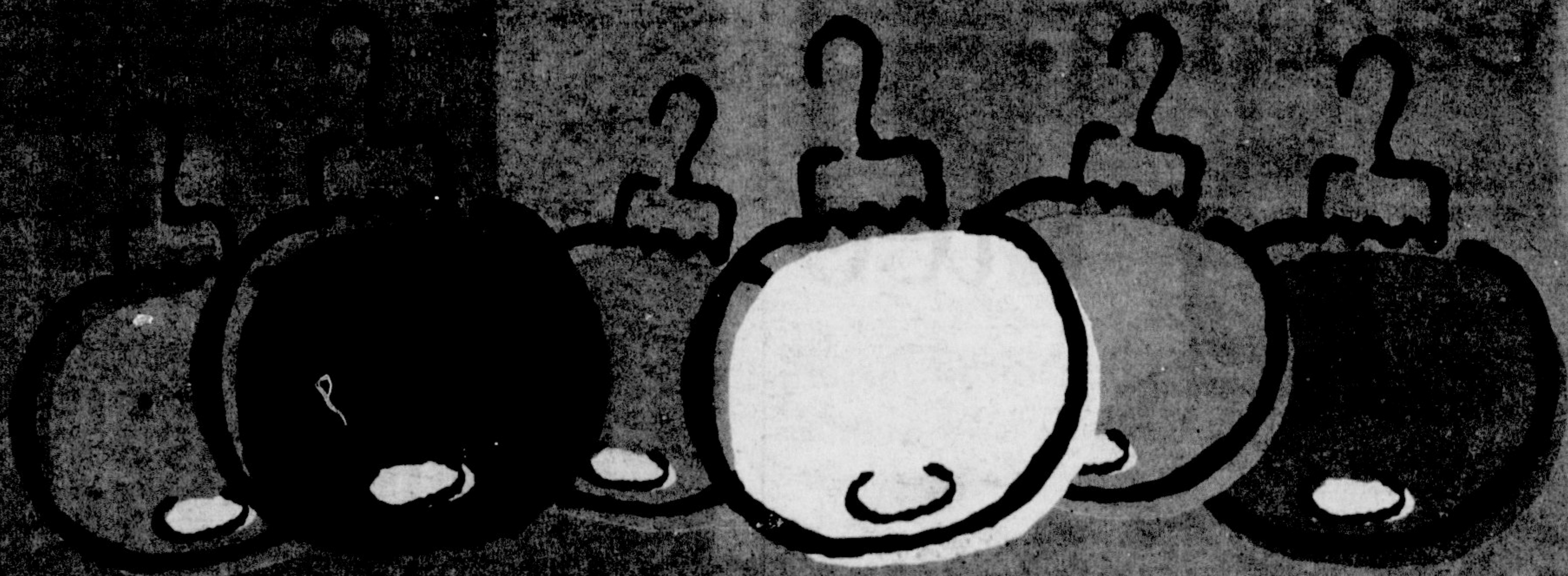
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Those four or so years as an undergraduate in college are the perfect time to build a résumé. Having experience in your intended job field makes a big difference when competing in the working world. An internship can really set you apart when applying for a job.

"Students need to learn how to network. Making connections with people is important," said Suzanne Martin, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs at ECU.

"As cliché as it may sound, it's not what you know, it's who you know. Knowing people who work in your desired job field may open many doors for students when interviewing for a position, receiving the job or trying to move up the business ladder."

Martin, who has more than 20 years of experience in higher education and student professional development, has helped many graduates receive jobs in their major.

"We want students to be successful," Martin said.

The Office of Student Professional Development offers services for both current students and alumni. Whether you are an undergraduate trying to make decisions about an academic major, a junior looking for a summer internship or a senior wanting to meet with job recruiters, Student Professional Development is there to help.

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help bridge the gap between graduating and making career decisions," Martin said.

There are a variety of ways people can search for jobs on their own. Thanks to the Internet, searching for jobs is now quicker and easier than ever. A little time and a few clicks can land an interview for students with good résumés and experience. Web sites like Monster.com, HotJobs.com and Worktree.com can help in locating jobs in a desired geographic area, major and salary range.

Job fairs are also great opportunities for students to connect with potential employers. In the spring, ECU will host six job fairs.

Whether you attend such an event, spruce up your résumé or contact someone in your field of interest, now is the time to get serious about the job search. ECU and Student Professional Development will help you every step of the way to ensure your degree doesn't go to waste.

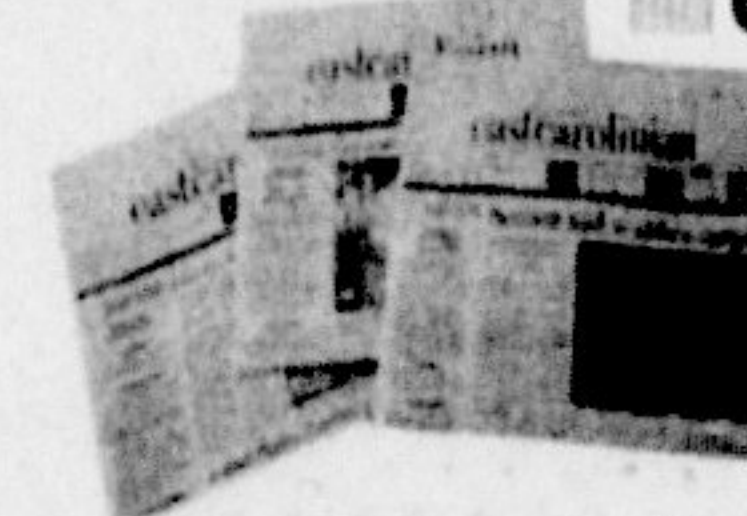
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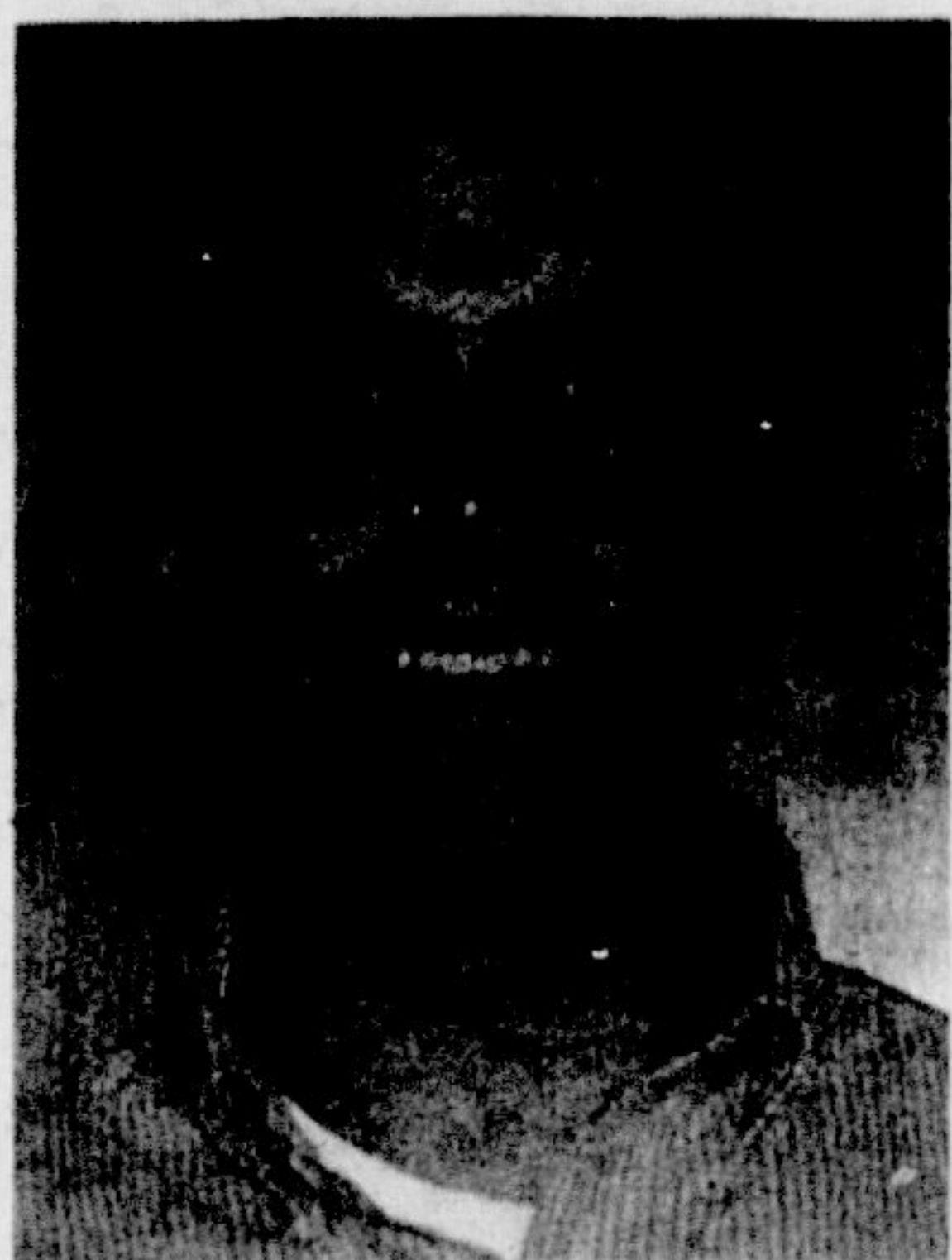


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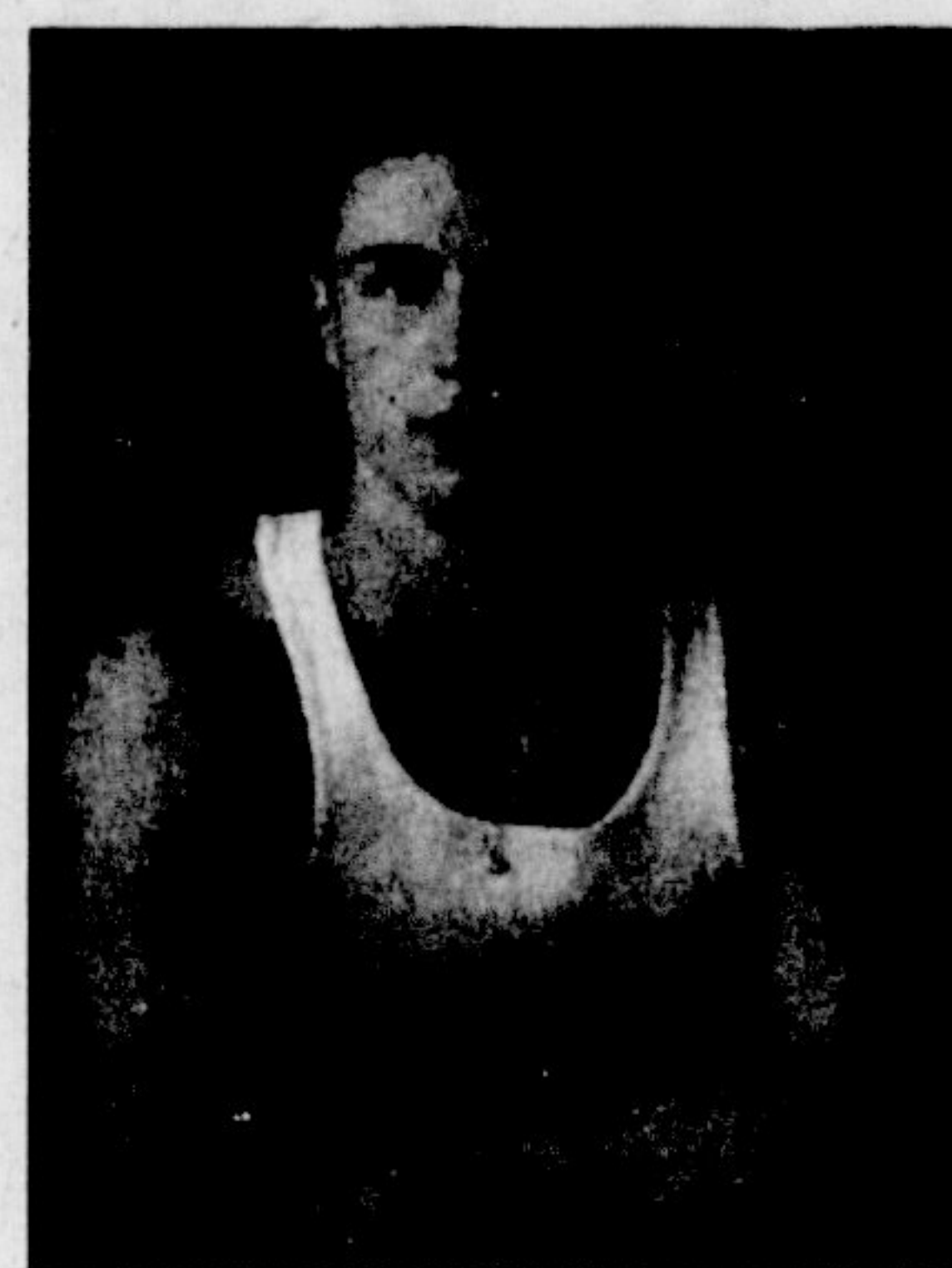


**KELVIN STROUPE**

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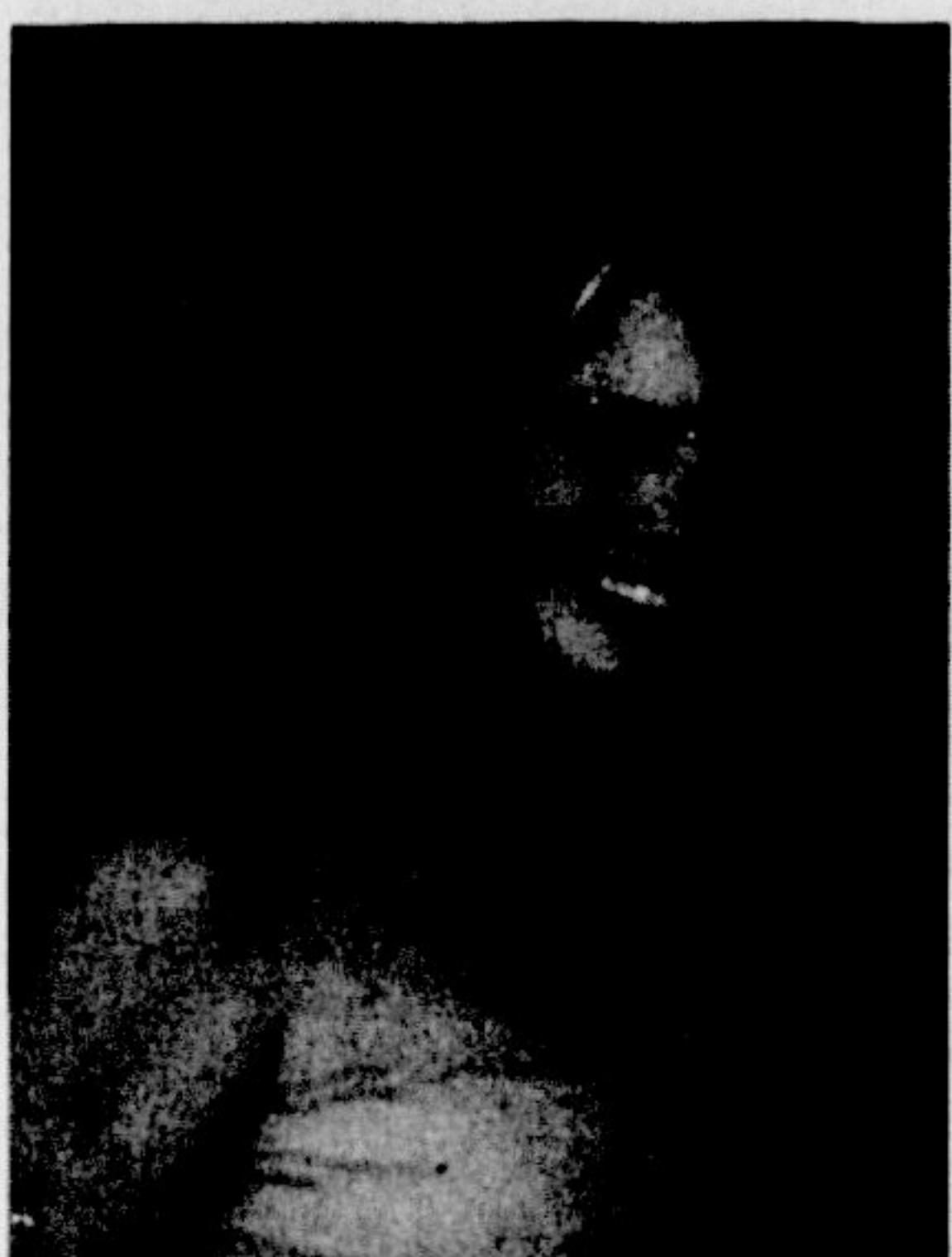
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**JASON RICKEY BECK**

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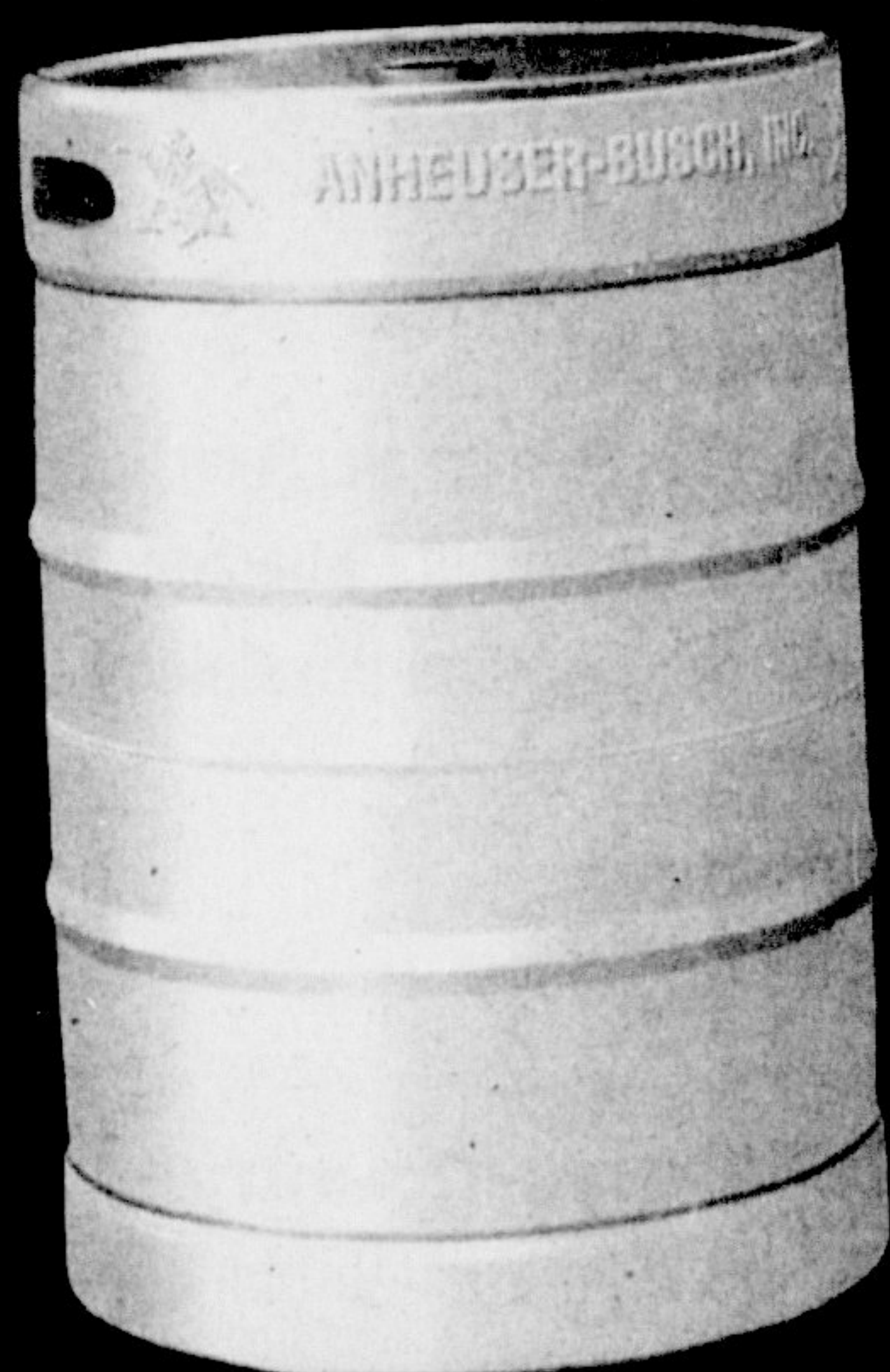
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# ECU bids goodbye to athletes

*Twenty athletes graduate*

**JOHN BREAM**  
SENIOR WRITER

ECU can proudly boast it has perennially been among the nation's leading division one programs in rate of graduation for its athletes. In fact, last year, Louisville was the only other school in Conference USA to crack the top 25. The time has come again to bid farewell to many of our student athletes as they trade in their purple and gold uniforms for a college degree and begin their pursuit of a career.

The football team will graduate two seniors – Desmond Robinson and Marvin Townes. Robinson, a native of Rock Hill, SC, began his career as the back-up quarterback behind Paul Troth. Robinson acquired the starting job his junior year, completing more than 66 percent of his passes and throwing for more than 140 yards per game during a turbulent 1-11 season.

Townes was the shining star of the 2003 ECU football team. During that season, Townes recorded the 12th 1,000 yard rushing season in ECU history, amassing 1,128 yards, which was the third most in C-USA. In addition, Townes was named to the All-Conference USA second team and received C-USA's Offensive Player of the Week Award for his career-best 184 yard rushing performance against Army in ECU's lone 2003 victory.

The ECU baseball team will also graduate two star performers. John Poppert was routinely the starting catcher for the 2003 Pirate squad that advanced to within two wins of the College World Series. That season, Poppert started 29 games for the Pirates and recorded a .218 average with nine doubles and two home runs.

Ryan Jones has started 53 games for the Pirates in center field during each of the last two seasons. Last season, the Gibsonia, Pa. native hit .264 with 10 doubles, four home runs and 31 RBIs. He also ranked second on the team in runs scored. In Jones' sophomore season, he was named to the All C-USA tournament team, driving in three of ECU's four runs in the championship game against Houston.

The women's soccer team graduates three seniors this fall, including All C-USA second team member, Penny Perrott. Perrott recorded five goals and five assists in the 2003 Lady Pirates' soccer campaign. In addition, Perrott was named to the NCSA/Adidas All-South region second team. Also



Photo by Kyle Fisher

Football players Marvin Townes and Desmond Robinson are among 20 athletes graduating in December's commencement exercises.

graduating from the Lady Pirates soccer team are Cristin Bowman and Cristina Rivera.

The softball team graduates one of its most consistent 2004 performers, Lacassa Hill. Hill transferred to ECU prior to the 2003 season and took over the starting job in center field. Last season, Hill helped pace the Pirates with a .281 batting average, 12 doubles and 24 RBIs. In addition, she led the Pirates in stolen bases, never getting thrown out in 54 attempts.

Other outstanding graduates this fall include Alyssa Hayes of women's golf, Brian Deutsch, Joseph Ellington and Michael Logan from the men's soccer team, Cliff Skudin of men's swimming, Westley Ricci and Jeffrey Whittle-Walls from the men's track/cross-country team and Nicole Marchewka of women's track/cross-country.

The ECU student community is thankful for all of the student athletes who challenged themselves by balancing classes, practice, games and a demanding travel schedule. We salute the commitment and dedication of these athletes who have helped ECU make the transfer to C-USA and we wish all of our graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

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## Graduates

### Baseball

Ryan Jones – BSBA Management  
John Poppert – BSBA Management

### Football

Marvin Townes – BS Communication  
Desmond Robinson – BS Communication

### Men's Golf

Carl Andren – BSBA Marketing  
Jeff Crowe – BS Communication  
Jason Harris – BSBA Management

### Women's Golf

Alyssa Hayes – BA Political Science

### Softball

Danyele Hill – BS Elementary Education  
Lacassa Hill – BSBA Finance

### Men's Soccer

Brian Deutsch – BSBA Marketing  
Joseph Ellington – BS Communication  
Michael Logan – BSBA Marketing

### Women's Soccer

Cristin Bowman – BA Exercise and Sport Science  
Penny Perrott – BS Hospitality Management  
Cristina Rivera – BS Exercise Physiology

### Men's Swimming

Cliff Skudin – BS Sociology

### Men's Track/Cross-Country

Westley Ricci – BS Construction Management  
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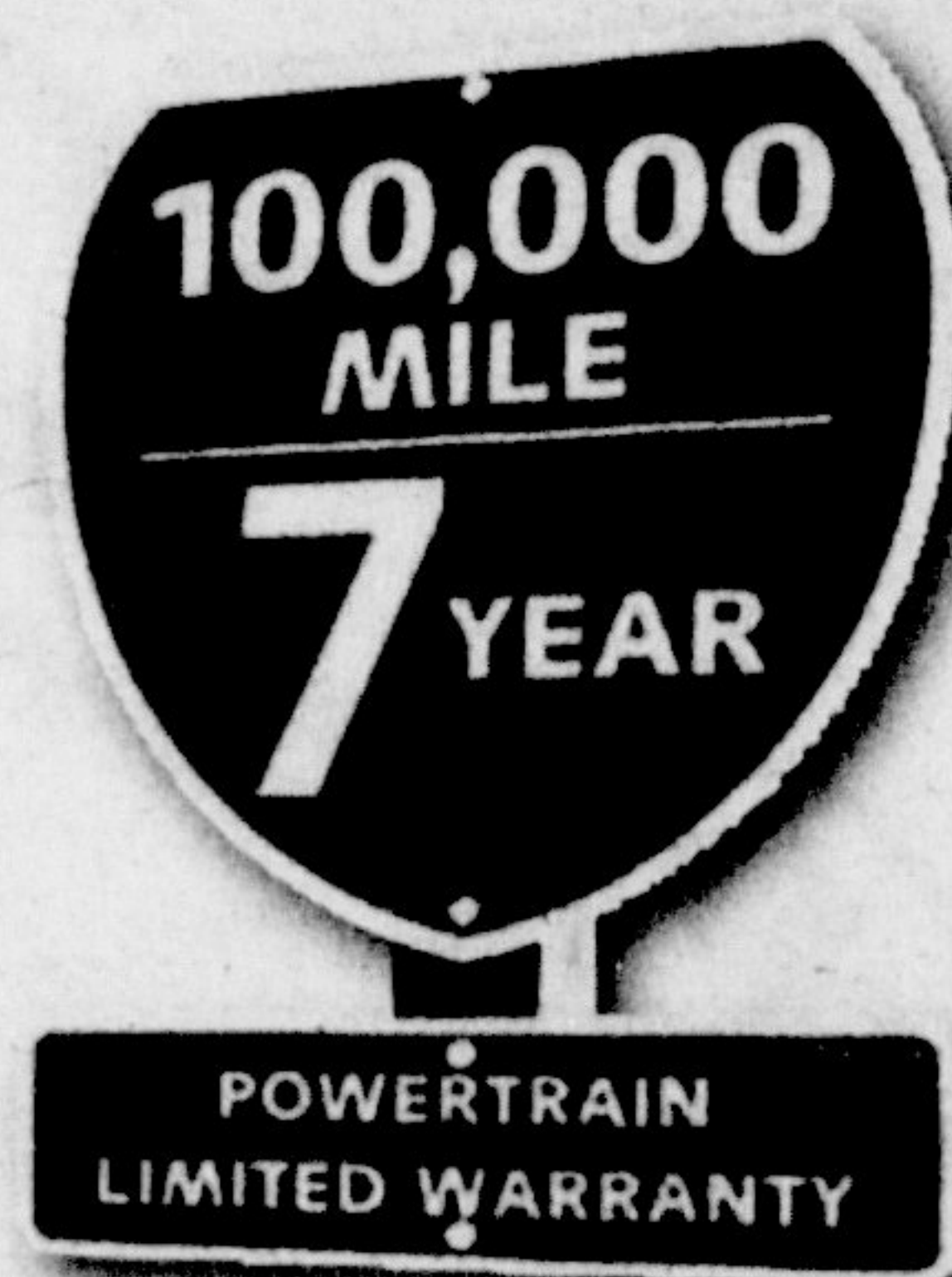


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