

Phi Beta Sigma, IFC make historical Union

Xi Nu Chapter becomes first black fraternity to join IFC at ECU

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Members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) cast a history-making vote last

Tuesday, making Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (PBS) the first historically black fraternity to become a member of the IFC on ECU's campus.

President of the Xi Nu Chapter of PBS and ECU's National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), Christa Rey, told IFC the fraternity's quest to join IFC began about two months ago when he attended an NPHC convention in Mobile, Ala.

"At the convention, I heard our national executive director, Dr. Lawrence Miller, speaking on how PBS is in the process of trying to join IFC nationally," Rey said, adding that nationally, IFC is known as NIC. "This gave me the idea of establishing

our chapter as a member at ECU. I saw it as a step toward furthering our national efforts."

Dean of Students Ronald Speier is ECU's fraternity adviser and co-adviser to NPHC. Speier said PBS's induction into the IFC is a wonderful opportunity to show unity on campus.

"It's an opportunity to foster joint efforts in philanthropic, leadership and intramural activities," Speier said. "Even though PBS and the other fraternities on the council have different internal policies as far as recruitment and some other practices go, their overall goals are similar, and they should work well together." Rey agreed,



Christa Rey
NPHC President

communicate that

adding that PBS's membership in the IFC will break the stigma of white Greek letter organizations being different and separate from black Greeks.

"Our mission statements are worded differently," Rey said, "but we're all doing basically the same thing. Hopefully, all of this will

not discriminate. Unity is what we stand for."

Speier said the IFC's acceptance of their newest member shows a lot of great potential on behalf of ECU's Greek community and that it demonstrates how student leaders can work together to achieve a common good.

"It's proof that groups can work together out of their own will, as opposed to being forced to join [positive organizations]," Speier said, expressing hopes that last Tuesday's events will encourage another historically black fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc., to be the next to join NPHC.

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Award-winning geologist to speak at fall commencement

Graduation ceremony scheduled for Dec. 13

AMANDA BRIGGS
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Another class of students moves forward, followed by the words of Dr. Stanley Riggs, ECU's own faculty member.

Riggs, an award-winning geologist, has been chosen to deliver the address at the fall commencement on Dec. 13.

"I feel overwhelmed. I have heard that there (will be) maybe close to 25,000 people at the commencement. I have never spoken

to a group this size. I am a small time person; I feel honored to be asked," Riggs said.

Riggs has received the O. Max Gardner award from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in 1983, and was also the first recipient of the lifetime honor of Distinguished Professors of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1994.

"It is nice to be recognized by your colleagues for your work. It makes you humble to think you have been given such a tremendous honor," Riggs said.

Riggs has received more than 60 grants valued at \$5.7 million from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, The National Science Foundation

and other state wide agencies. He has also been the author of 50 journal articles, 32 book chapters and 13 books.

"Obtaining grants is a lot of hard work. First you have to submit a competitive proposal. This includes months of major man work and ground hours. All the work is

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Departmental graduations not held for all degrees

Chemistry department holding first ceremony in spring

AMBER TATUM
STAFF WRITER

To graduate or not to graduate... That is the question some students may ask.

After all the hard work put into getting a degree, some students then have to wonder if they will have a proper graduation ceremony. Departments such as English, chemistry, nursing and psychology are having a departmental graduation while others like history and physics are not.

"We usually do not have a special ceremony for our students. Those that have received an award get them at our last seminar," said Dr. Muntaz A. Dinno, chairman of the physics department. Chemistry's policies have changed with the help of some input from students who were concerned that they were not

getting proper recognition. "We all voiced our opinions on the fact that we were not having a formal graduation within our department," said Haven Height, chemistry major.

All of the current officers of the American Chemical Society/Student Affiliates are graduating in May.

"We have the largest graduating class in many, many years," Height said. The first formal graduation will be in the spring.

English includes their professors in the ceremonies as well.

"A lot of professors get to hood the students," said Angel Savage, assistant to the chairman of English. "English gives their students a sense of individual identification that is more appreciated and (it makes) the students feel more recognized. The response is overwhelming."

The history department will not be holding a special ceremony, but there will be a reception in honor of the graduates.

To Protect & To Serve



Patrol Officer Tim Daugherty weighs marijuana that was confiscated from a room in Scott Hall. Officers were made aware of the situation by a phone call indicating a strong odor.

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Patrol Officer Brandon Peebles calls in a drivers license number after pulling a car over for a seat belt violation.

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Walking the Off-beat

"Bats use to go into Tyler Dormitory regularly and every summer, we would have to chase bats up there on the upper floors of Tyler Dorm."

-LT. W.R. Reichstein

"A few weeks ago, we had a call in a residence hall with a report of a five-foot snake that had wrapped around a pole, or the banister on the third floor and on the second floor we found a snake that was roughly 12 in long. It was a harmless corn snake that probably escaped from someone's room."

-Jeffrey Rous

"There was a fire in Aycock Hall. We (officers) evacuated the building. Six of us went to the hospital for smoke inhalation."

-Brandon Peebles

During a recent ride along with ECU police officers, TEC found that campus police officers respond to anything that occurs on campus or any university-owned property and are one of the only campus police departments in North Carolina to have their own 911 system.

"If you're in a dorm or a classroom and you hit 911, it goes to our department, it doesn't go to Greenville," said Patrol Officer Brandon Peebles.

Peebles, at 21 years old, is the youngest officer in the department. He went through a six month police academy, Basic Law Enforcement Training, and was then able to work anywhere in North Carolina as a law enforcement officer. However, the training does not stop there.

"Once you finish the police academy and you get here working, like I am, you're always going to in-service training, (DUI detection, officer survival, legal updates, etc.), they are constantly sending us to schools," said Peebles.

Some of the officers are still taking classes at ECU. As state employees, they get one free class a semester. The officers are also able to work around their schedule by using a hour break to go to class if needed.

"Our chief really emphasizes us finishing school, she really likes for people to have a four year degree," Peebles said.

The students in the dorm are the ECU officer's main concern.

"We try to have at least two people on each section in case something happens," said Peebles.

There are four shifts with 8-9 people on each shift. The officers change shifts as the students change semesters.

"It gives you a chance to take classes during the day," Peebles said.

The shifts are twelve hours long, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The ECU Police Department has jurisdiction to any ECU property and adjacent streets.

"If an offense occurs in our jurisdiction and they go over to 1st street, we can still take action on them over there. It just has to occur in our jurisdiction."

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UNC-Charlotte hopes to start Information Technology School next fall

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The University of North Carolina at Charlotte wants to start a new school of information technology next fall to meet the rising demands of experts in the field. The school's board of trustees Friday approved the proposal, which also needs the OK of the UNC Board of Governors. The new school would begin offering a doctor of philosophy degree in information technology next fall and later would add courses for undergraduates.

Wachovia completes acquisition of Brazilian bank

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) — Wachovia Corp. has completed its acquisition of a Brazilian bank engaged primarily in corporate trade finance. Wachovia announced earlier this year it would buy a majority stake of Banco Ferrugges do Atlantico-Brasil S.A., with \$80 million in assets. It had been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Banco Ferrugges do Atlantico S.A. in Portugal. The bank has been renamed Banco Wachovia S.A., Wachovia said Friday.

Former President Bush celebrates completion of Nursing Home

BROOKPORT, N.Y. (AP) — Former President George Bush snipped a ribbon to mark the completion of a 120-bed nursing home. The Belkirk Care Center in Brookport, 18 miles west of Rochester, opens Jan. 15. It replaces a neighboring 87-bed nursing home. In 1994, former first lady Barbara Bush helped the Lakeside Foundation celebrate the conclusion of a \$1.7 million fundraising campaign for the new nursing home, about 20 miles west of Rochester.

Judge says blacks needed in jury pool

LEBANON, Tenn. (AP) — The Wilson County jury pool is being expanded under a judge's order to include blacks. Criminal Court Judge J.O. Bond ordered the new pool in delaying the trial of murder defendant Michael Cofer of Watertown. Cofer, 21, who is black, asked that the 150-member jury pool be dismissed because it included no blacks.

Protesters block polling stations in Russia's Far East

MOSCOW (AP) — Protesters blocked some polling stations Sunday in the Far Eastern port city of Vladivostok, angry that an energy crisis has left them without heat and hot water. Police dispersed the protesters, who prevented people from entering the stations to vote in elections for the regional legislature, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

People smugglers clash with Turkish Troops; refugee killed

AYYACIK, Turkey (AP) — An Iraqi refugee trying to sneak into Greece was killed Sunday when his smugglers clashed with Turkish troops who tried to stop them, Anatolia news agency reported.

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Rey said IFC President Chris Arline was very helpful in making the union possible. Arline was not available for comment before press time. Phi Beta Sigma's Xi Nu Chapter currently has 25 active members and is the largest black fraternity on campus.

This semester, their primary concern has been promoting AIDS awareness and supporting such groups as Habitat for Humanity, Rey said.

In the spring, the fraternity's focus will turn to providing educational programs on such common community problems as domestic violence.

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Dr. Stanley Riggs

competitive, it is no different than a track meet. If you want to get ahead you have to beat out the other runners; you have to be at the top of the ball game. You must have the best ideas and presentation. The proposals are peer reviewed. You can either get the funding or you can go down in flames," Riggs said.

Presently, Dr. Riggs' work consists of research studying the recent changes in sea level.

The research on sea level is being funded by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Transportation. They are interested in this research because they are trying to build bridges to withstand erosion. This process is very high energy," Riggs said.

The ceremony will be held at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and will begin at 10 a.m.

"My success is partly because of excellent students. We have a high quality of students here at ECU, I could not have done anything without their contribution," Riggs said.

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On the ride along with Peebles, he responded to a call at approximately 11:10 pm for a possible usage of marijuana in Scott Hall. Peebles joined Patrol Officer Tim Daughterty at the scene and they were accompanied by the coordinator of the dorm. They must first stand outside the room to see if there is a unique odor and if there is, the officers can search the room.

"They turned it over to us when we asked them where it was, so it was cut and dry pretty much," Peebles said.

The students received a state citation and a campus appearance ticket.

"A lot of the time, they get worse punishment through the campus judicial system than the court here in Greenville," Peebles said.

The marijuana was taken back to the ECU police department where Officer Daughterty completed the paperwork.

"What I have to do is weigh it for the reports," Daughterty said.

A report is then sent to the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI). The drugs weighed 7.7 grams.

Peebles pulled a car on College Hill because the driver was not wearing a seat belt. He wrote the driver a ticket which would cost the student \$40.

"We write it (the ticket) out and enter it into a computer just for our own records, which takes about 10 minutes," Peebles said.

The ECU police constantly monitor Greenville police channels.

"We have a mutual aid agreement with Greenville Police Department. Say, if we see something going on in Danny's parking lot, that's not really our jurisdiction, all we have to do is let them know about it and if they want us to intervene we will and the same with them," Peebles said.

Global Classroom to participate in exchange

New program provides distance degrees

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STAFF WRITER

Thanks to the Internet and a new partnership with the National Defense University, ECU will be creating a tighter-knit world of information and classroom exchanges. Both schools have

agreed to a joint mission to share research and development with classrooms all over the globe.

NDU chose ECU for their exchange program because of our work with distance projects," said Barry DuWall, head of the School of Industry and Technology's Global Classroom. "We did a project where we provided master's degrees to Black and Decker employees over the Internet. It expanded from working in two states to 18 in no time."

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chat room with other students in the exchange program. A student can also take a picture of what they are working on and download it so others can review it and give their opinions or results.

"Sharing of research and collaboration among faculty and students is the biggest benefit," DuVall said.

"One of the great things about this program is that you can go to UCLA and get your undergrad. Then you can go from undergrad to getting your master's, all on the Internet," DuVall said.

ECU is among a select few by comparison.

"NDU is a quality university," DuVall said. "They have made agreements with only two other universities, Syracuse and University of Maryland. They are located in Springfield, Va., just outside of D.C. The students are mainly made up of upper level military officers and other businessmen in the D.C. area. Most of those involved in the NDU program prefer to come to ECU but they can still connect on-line and do it that way."

These new students are expected to be admitted in the fall of 1998.

"This degree is a graduate degree," DuVall said. "A Master's of Science with a concentration in Digital Communications. It's an integration of computer applications and communication technology. There are 12 classes you can take at the master's level for this degree."

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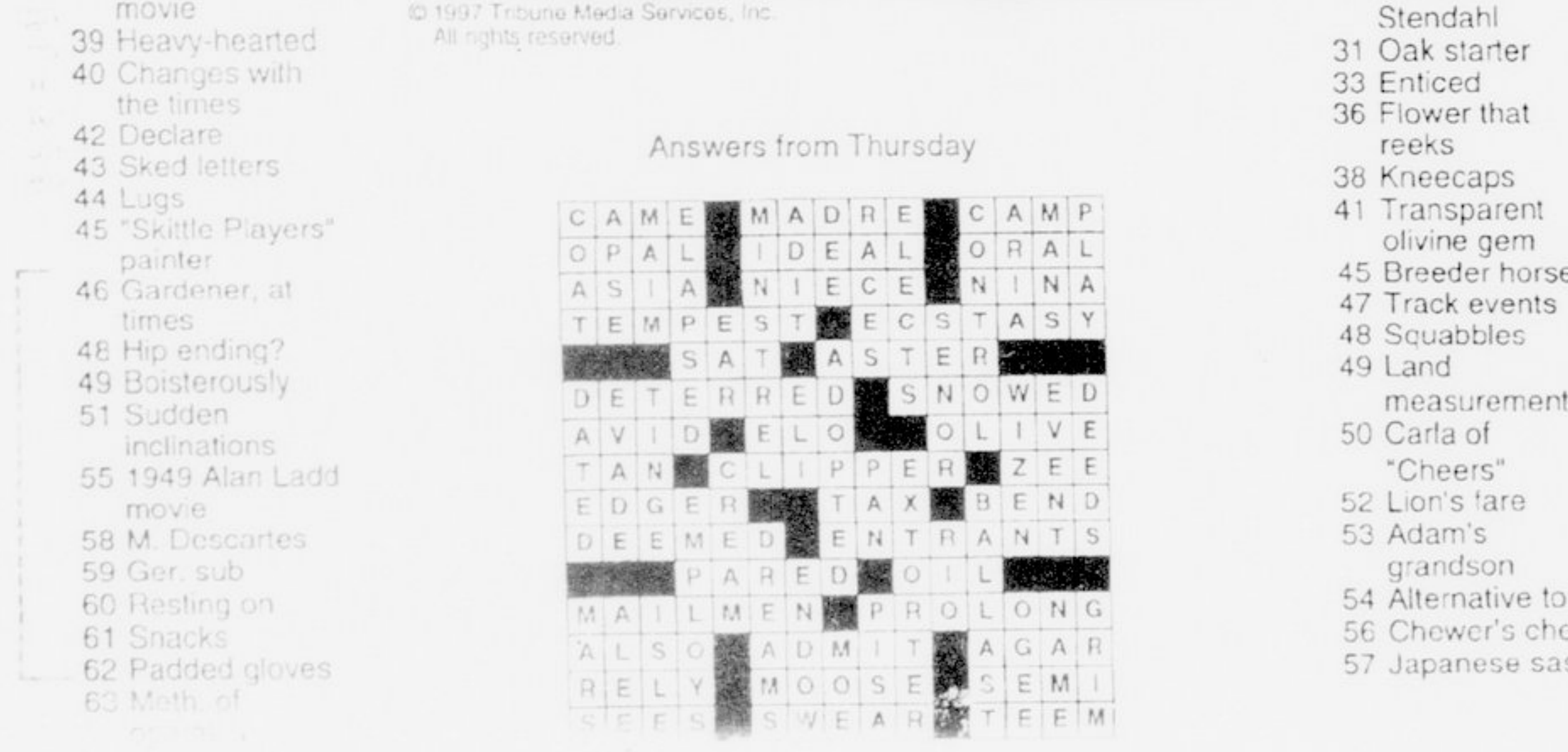
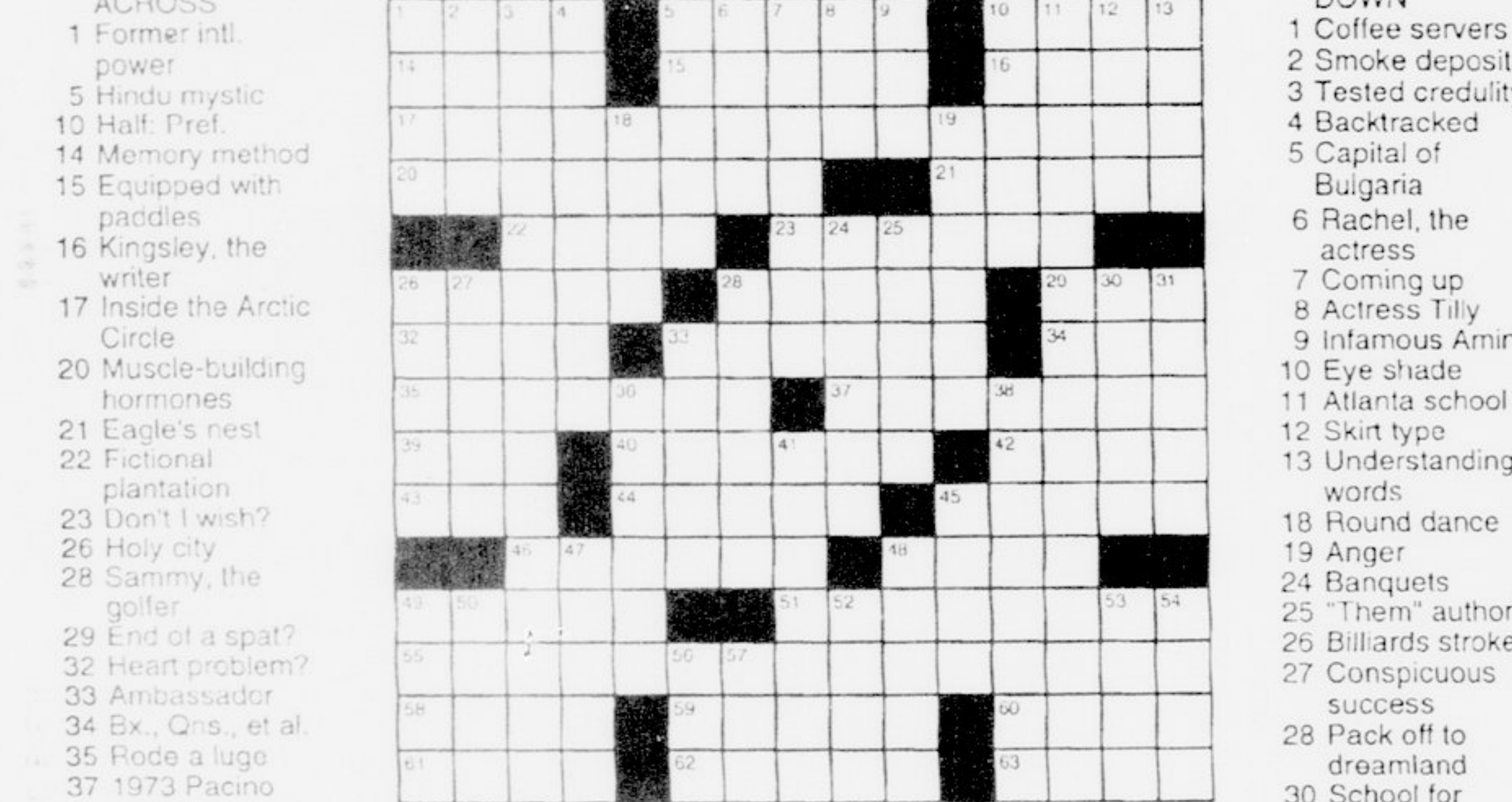
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The History and Physics departments have declined to provide departmental graduations for their students this year. After spending four or more years pursuing an education, it'd be nice to know that somebody cared. For the first time in history, a secondary education is not something that only a few select people pursue. Rather, over the past 30 years, university education has become a standard rite of passage for mainstream America.

Yet, as more students attend universities, less and less importance is placed on the successful completion of such an endeavor. Where once great ceremony and reverence was given to such an occasion, now it's simply a "get 'em in, get 'em out" routine performed robotically each semester.

The completion of a university education is for everyone a turning point, a nexus in life, the end of one kind of cultural existence and the beginning of a new one. In other cultures, this change carries great cultural weight. Some Native American peoples embark on a "vision quest." The Jewish people celebrate the Bar Mitzvah. What do we do here at ECU? "Will the Department of English please rise?"

Rather than celebrating this great moment in the lives of the graduates, we've managed to turn it into yet another nameless, faceless assembly-line factory-made, as-seen-on-TV, synthetic experience. Way to go. Perhaps when it's time for our children to attend ECU, we can just plug them into the computer and download the information from the Virtual Pirate Web Site into their brains. Then we can program their "primary function" into them and double-click on "start." Then we can give them a virtual graduation.

Granted, the size of an average graduating class is somewhat large (2100 people) and the logistics of carrying out a meaningful ceremony for that many students are tricky, which is what the departmental graduations are supposed to be for. In the departmental graduation, there is an opportunity for an intimate and meaningful recognition of individual achievement. When a department declines to provide this for its students, that department denies the opportunity for something more than a "stand up, OK, clap, OK, sit down now" experience.

ECU students work for years to complete their degrees. They pay thousands of dollars so that they can jump through departmental and administrative hoops. For as long as they are here, their lives are an intrinsic part of the university. After all that effort and time, some personal recognition isn't too much to ask for.

OPINION Columnist

Jeff BERGMAN

Don't let me guess; let me test



Essays are more practical for the life-after-college experience. Talk to your friends who have graduated... Give me an essay. Test my ability to use the knowledge I have and answer a why question.

Facts are good to know. Knowing the Magna Carta was signed in 1215 is a nice tidbit of knowledge. Interpretation of the importance of that fact is more relevant.

I can pick up an encyclopedia and tell you when Lewis and Clark headed West, what year the Vietnam Conflict started or even when the Bay of Pigs happened. When playing a rousing game of

Trivial Pursuit these morsels of information come in handy. However, telling you why the Vietnam Conflict was started, and the consequences of the events surrounding the event is more important.

Now, to the point of this column; I hate multiple choice tests, with a passion. As the final exams are handed out, I find myself filling out the usual crap on these blue bubble sheets.

Facts, figures, dates — if you know them, great; more power to you. Give me a couple of minutes on the Internet, in the library or with an encyclopedia and I can tell when Sputnik was launched. Facts, simple straight forward facts, are what multiple choice tests contain.

A day or maybe a week after studying for a multiple guess test, do you remember what you were studying? If you are like me, probably not. But if you were studying for an essay test, the knowledge, generally, sticks.

Essays are more practical for the life-after-college experience. Talk to your friends who have graduated. Does their boss come up to them and say, "Johnson, we need you to look at these 30 questions, and fill in these little bubbles that will tell us

what to do on the new paradigm shift (or other such buzz words)? Or rather, does the boss say, "Johnson, give me an analysis of the underlying structure movement and I need it an hour ago."

In some instances, multiple choice tests are preferable to essays. I can understand if a professor has a class of a hundred students in intro to psychology. In a situation with lots of students and a beginner's class, yes, filling out the tedious bubbles is a good choice.

I have had 3000 level classes, with less than 20 students, and still we are given multiple choice tests. I have filled in more bubbles at this university than Wilt Chamberlain had women.

I do not mean to second guess professors, but somebody has to and it might as well be me. Give me an essay. Test my ability to use the knowledge I have and answer a why question. For the love of God, please do not ask me to name dates. I would rather explain why whatever happened is significant. The essay shows greater applicable knowledge than a simple multiple choice test.

And on a personal note, everybody have a nice and safe holiday. Oh, yeah do not drink too much egg nog, it contains milk.

LETTER to the Editor

Finish what you start before moving on

I am writing in response to TEC article "Joyner Library construction project on schedule, slated for summer." For the past four years that I have been at ECU, students have waited and waited for construction projects to be completed. Todd Dining Hall, the Student Recreation Center, the upper deck on Ficklen Stadium and now, the new library are all projects that not only went past their due dates, but have inconvenienced students and made our campus parking situation a total disaster.

All last summer the upper deck on the football stadium was supposedly "on schedule" for completion for the home opener

against Wake Forest. Of course, due to an "unexpected problem" it was not finished and will not be until next year. Why is it that we start numerous construction projects around campus when others are still underway? Why is it that we are told crews of workers are working around the clock, yet we rarely see more than 10 workers on any site during the daytime?

For us to believe that the library will be completed by mid-summer is outrageous. Not for one minute will I believe that the new library will be completed before the year 1999. I am sure the new library will be beautiful when it is completed, but we must think about the students

who need to study in it now. We need to start one project, finish it and then move on to the next. It is time to get serious about how our university looks now and not ten years down the road. If not, this university that is trying hard to move away from its party school image will simply become referred to as "Hard Hat University." I hope that when I return to ECU for homecoming in ten years that the football field is not converted into a temporary parking lot during the off-season.

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OPINION Columnist

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Sentimentality good over holidays



I could be the harbinger of pessimism, decrying materialism and greed, calling for religious reverence and respect for the "real" reason for Christmas, but I won't.

There is no replacing family and friends. Much like an aged Bordeaux, relationships only become better with time. I was up in Raleigh (my hometown) a week ago playing golf with two friends with whom I grew up. We have known each other 20 years, lived on the same block together as kids, went to the same high school; one of them came to ECU, the other went to N.C. State. It is remarkable how well you get to know one another over such a period of time.

It is also very hard to relate this bond to others. It is the kind of thing that unless you have experienced it, it is hard to appreciate.

Reciprocally knowing what makes each other tick and the awareness of this amiable knowledge is something rarely actualized in life. Knowing each others' strengths and weaknesses but transcending the frivolities that too often hamper meaningful friendships is perfection of human bliss.

I am not one normally prone to sentimental excursions, but yesterday was my parents' thirty-fifth anniversary...35 years. I can hardly make it through a semester without dropping a class, let alone 35 years living with another person. It is hard to fathom how well they must know each other, the experiences they have shared.

I suppose I am writing this because deep in my heart I admire what they have accomplished. I look at their lives together and wonder if I can find such commitment in my own life. I hope I can.

It is also December, the official month of national sentimentality, which climaxes with Christmas and resolves itself in New Years. As an opinion columnist, I could be the

harbinger of pessimism, decrying materialism and greed, calling for religious reverence and respect for the "real" reason for Christmas, but I won't.

The way I figure it is that everybody has their own situations to deal with; who am I to say materialism is wrong or religious reverence right?

I can only say that I am looking forward to the break, to going home, to watching my mom and dad get on each others' nerves and then witnessing their inimitable way of making up, to my annoying my mom and dad with my youthful presumptions then telling them how much I love them at like 11:38 one night, to long distance phone calls with my girlfriend in New York, to nephews and nieces that excite at the sound of the name Santa Claus (their eyes as wide as crystalline windows), to my brother and new sister-in-law (more nephews and nieces? We'll have to see.), to all the love, camaraderie, packed shopping malls, turkey dinners, crowded bars, neighbors' sparkling houses, materialistic gifts, weird aunts and uncles — to it all...I am truly looking forward to it all. I wish everyone the very best. Merry Christmas and peace to all.

LETTER to the Editor

Cooper's research shoddy, prof says

Keith Cooper's opinion column (25 Nov. 1997) is a classic example of a good cause having a bad advocate. Race relations must be improved, but to advocate such a worthy cause with such shoddy historical references calls into question the message of its author and fellow historians.

Mr. Cooper states George Washington's life was saved by a black at the Battle of Cowpens. Even as opinion, this statement cannot be allowed to stand. People are entitled to their own opinion, but in a university allowing free exchange of knowledge, wrongs must be pointed out for correction. I

am shocked that he passes on his own opinion as fact and claims a sister institution caught him such rubbish. No University of North Carolina historian, or any American historian, Afro-American or not, would claim Washington was at the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina on 17 January 1781.

The incident did not happen because of geography. On 9 January and 2 February 1781, Washington was with the main army in New Windsor, New York. Given the transportation systems of the day, it was practically impossible for him to be in South Carolina on the 17th and return to New York by 2

February. This fantastic error does not reflect well on Mr. Cooper's assimilation of knowledge and can only lead me to consider his other facts as equally erroneous. If he would like to discuss the painting he apparently used as source material, I am prepared to give him the lesson in artistic accuracy and historiography that he apparently never got at Chapel Hill.

Lawrence Babits
Associate Professor
Maritime History and Nautical Archaeology

LETTER to the Editor

Paid advertisement just "scare tactics"

I would like to thank The East Carolinian for the delicately worded "informative" anti-abortion supplement (note sarcasm) in the Thursday, Dec. 4 paper.

I'll pose one question regarding this literature: Did this journalistic endeavor just happen to slip into the folds of a university newspaper, missing its final destination (perhaps a church bulletin)? I can't possibly fathom that in a university environment, based upon encouraging the acquisition of knowledge (i.e. not indoctrinated morals) free thought and alternate views, that we're still relying on "scare tactics" to dissuade women

from making unbiased, informed choices about how to treat their bodies.

As everyone as the right to acquire information and formulate opinions about the circle of issues surrounding abortion, this "packet" made quite a statement of what ECU's school paper stands for: an unquestioning acceptance of the insidious mind set that women just really need to be kept in their place after all. Give them an education and send them back to their homes. Yet now, in contemporary society, make sure they struggle with child, job and quite often, no partner. Good job in helping expand the

minds of the future.

Heather Golden
Graduate Student
Geography

Editor's note: The insert in question was clearly labeled as a paid advertisement from the Human Life Alliance of Minnesota Education Fund, Inc. In keeping with journalistic tradition of free speech, the editor-in-chief felt it important not to censor advertisements regardless of the popularity, or lack thereof, of the content.

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Marguerite Dumas, French author, 1984

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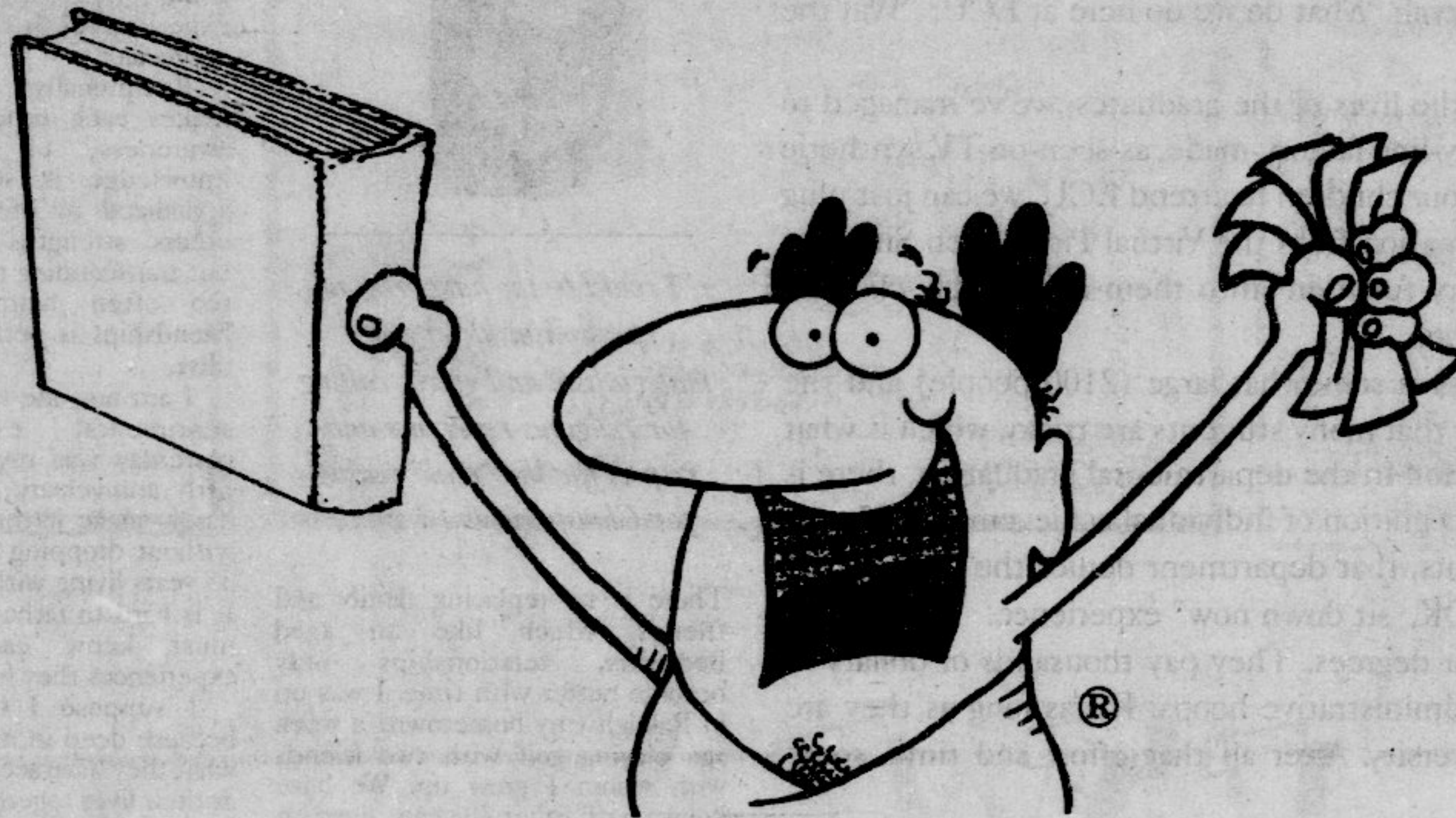
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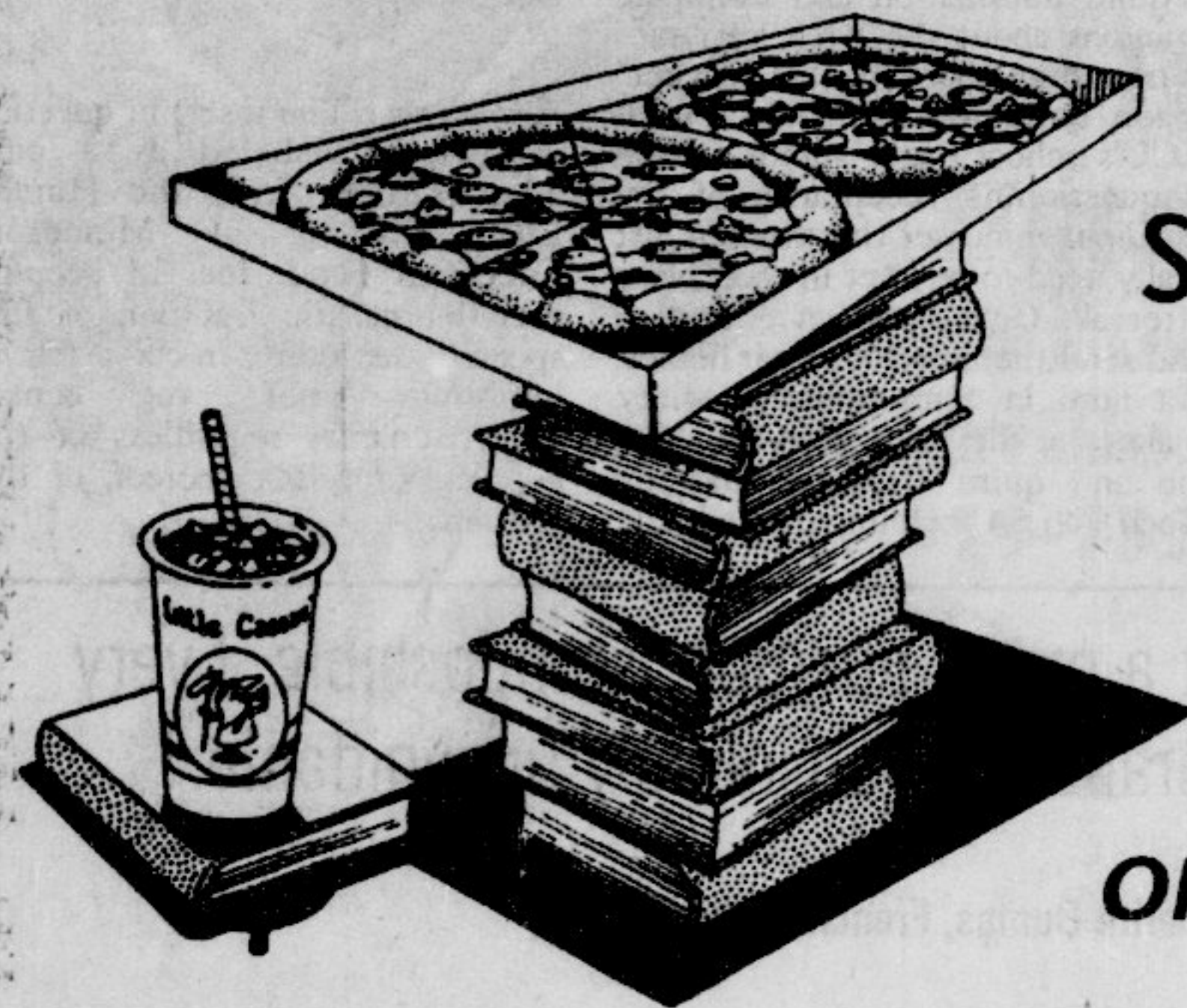
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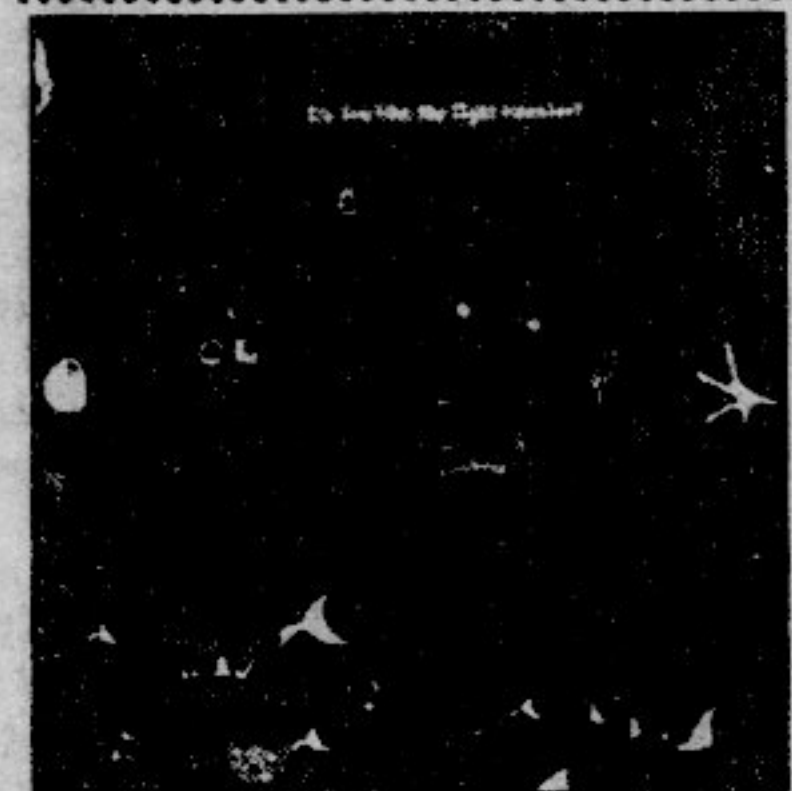
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CD review



Moloko
Do You Like My Tight Sweater
 7 1/2 OUT OF 10

NICK WINSTEAD
 STAFF WRITER

Remember Saturday morning cartoons? Remember all the weird sounds and funny voices the characters used to make? Now imagine those sounds and voices put to music. Moloko's debut CD *Do You Like My Tight Sweater* blows along like a romp through the depths of toonland. This group's effort puts emphasis on strong, funky bass and techno oriented sound effects, giving the listener the feeling of being in the midst of a hyper dance club, or a Warner Brothers cartoon. Out of the seventeen songs on this album, there are a few notable standouts.

The first song on the album, "Fun for Me", is a great mix of swanky vocals accompanied by thumping bass backbeats. This track has a very edgy, crisp use of onomatopoeia, using word phrases like tick-tock, bow-wow and ra-a-tat-tat very effectively. The sounds of these words add to the accented vocals of the unidentified lead singer. The song progresses on and turns into a sort of techno-rap with the bass increasing to breakneck speed. "Day for Night" is another notable track on this album. This song just rolls along merrily and can clearly be identified as a throwback to the mid 1980s through the way the instruments and sounds are used. As seamy as that might sound, the effect is pleasant, trying in those sounds with techno sound effects and soft vocal melodies. One of the major strengths of this album is its ability to be extremely versatile in its styles and sounds and still come off as fresh and imaginative.

"Killa Bunnies" is a track that deserves a lot of recognition just for the creative effort that went into it. This song is a shock to hear at first because it is so different from the rest of the album; vocally and sound wise. The freakish vocals creep you out at first. Just imagine someone singing into a tin can and you will understand. The instrumentation and sounds in this song sound a lot like some of Bjork's work in her album *Post*. Good, strong bass and drum rhythms add to the powerful vocals of this bizarre but strong song. This song's menacing quality fits in nicely despite being a contrast to the rest of the CD.

Cartoonish sound effects mix nicely with strong vocals on the "I Can't Help Myself". The lyrics almost seem like a freestyle rap/poetry reading with hypnotic beats from a bongo drum in the background. The song builds to a rapid pace as the beats and bass get faster and more frantic. It will take you back to the days of psychedelic music and combine that feeling with cutting-edge beats and lyrics. Think of it as being at a rave surrounded by Disney animation.

Moloko delivers a solid album on its first try. The CD emphasizes interesting, off-the-wall sounds and sound mixes that give the album an overall good quality. Their album comes across as an experiment in trying to combine animation and mind boggling sound effects with good vocal tracks and super bass quality. One shortcoming of this CD is that the strong transitions between songs that were prominent in the early part of the album disappear in the latter half. Another small problem is the length of the songs. A couple of songs are over seven minutes and quite a few are at least five and a half. That can wear on the ears after awhile. Overall Moloko gives a fun, frisky album that will carry them forward to continue their blossoming career in music. As Porly Pk would say, "That's all folks".

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50 Years at ECU

An ECU tradition comes to a close

MICCAH SMITH
 STAFF WRITER

This December, 50 years of one family's East Carolina tradition will come to an end with the graduation of Erik Jorgenson, third generation ECU affiliate and second generation alumnus.

"It's good to be a part of it... hopefully it's not the end," Erik said about the deep sense of belonging his family feels towards the university and of his own contribution to the family tradition in which both his father and mother also participated by graduating from ECU.

This is one tradition with which you may be unfamiliar, although his family has been linked to the campus since 1947, back when ECU was ECTC (East Carolina Teachers' College).

This was the year Erik's grandfather, Dr. Nephi Jorgenson, accepted a job as health and physical education director

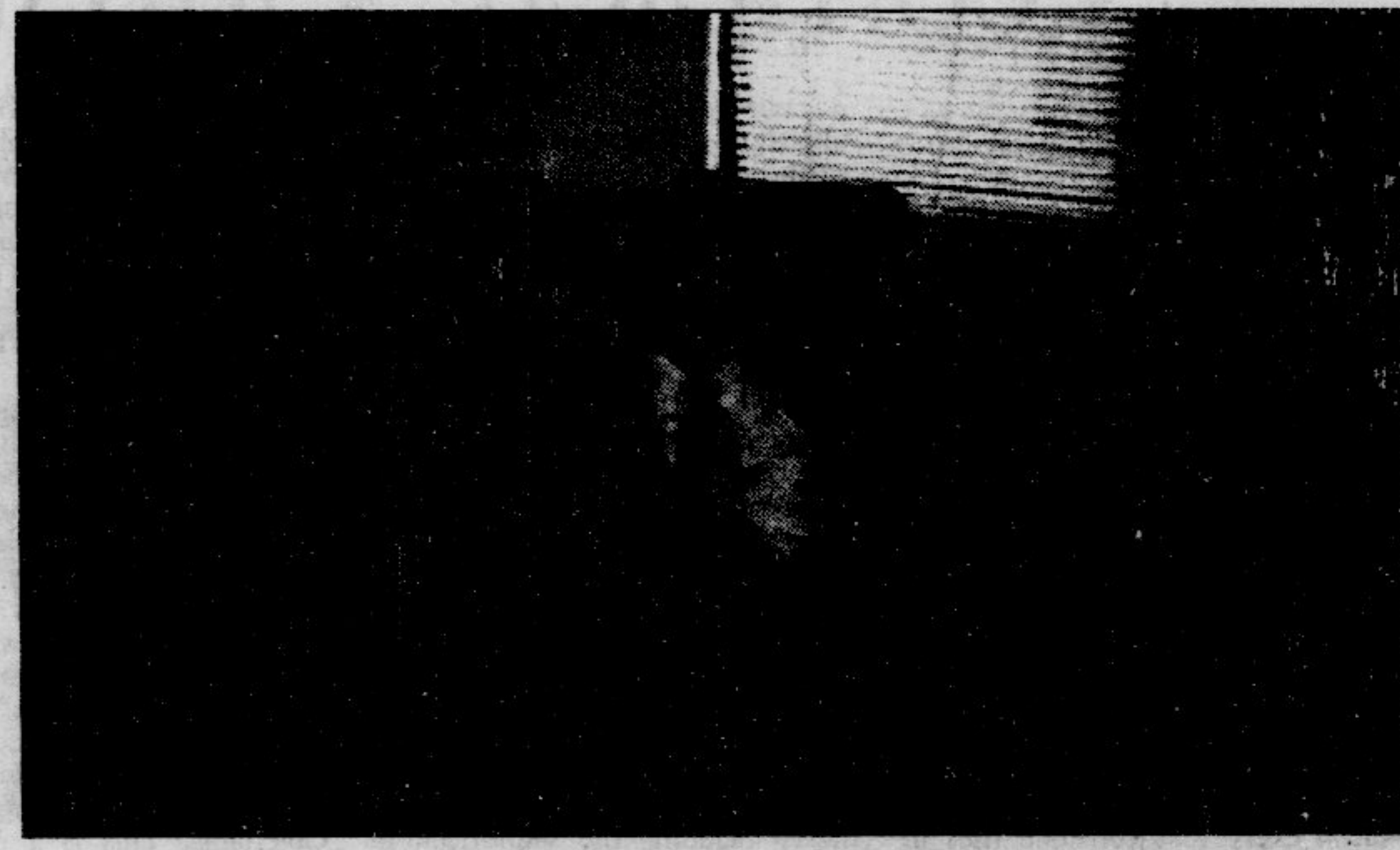
of the growing university at the age of 41.

Nephi's father immigrated from Denmark and settled with his family in Ohio in 1904. Nephi, the first Jorgenson to be born in America, attended Utah State and went on to the University of Oregon for a masters degree. He received his Ph.D. from Iowa State.

Dr. Jorgenson held the position of ECU's first athletic director. After serving as both professor and chairman of the health and physical education departments for 23 years, he relinquished his chairman position but retained that of professor until 1976, when he retired.

Under his directorship, physical education majors were given the freedom to pursue a more direct and comprehensive field of education, and the quality of physical education teachers, coaches and driving instructors graduating from ECU was improved.

In 1974, Jorgenson was inducted into the ECU Sports Hall of Fame and a room in Minges Coliseum was named after him.



Erik Jorgenson relaxes with his dog (top) and tries his graduation gown on for size (bottom).
 PHOTOS COURTESY OF ERIK JORGENSEN

The Jorgenson family lived with Nephi in campus housing for a number of years. Erik's grandmother, a 1930 graduate, was also active in campus life at this time. Lynn Jorgenson, Erik's father, remembers living where thousands of students now trample the ground every day.

"All us kids grew up living on campus where... the Mendenhall Student Center is," he recalled, referring to a time in the distant past when our campus was smaller and a lot less cluttered.

Erik will be Nephi's 4th grandchild to graduate from ECU. A biology major and a member of Air Force ROTC who plans to begin pilot training in August, Erik says he did not

choose ECU out of any sense of obligation; the school happened to be convenient and close to home.

After 50 years of involvement with and contributions to our university, the Jorgenson family is very proud of their heritage, excited to share in ECU's history and hopeful that they will be able to continue their involvement with our university in the future.



Erik is preceded by three of Nephi's other grandchildren who also graduated from ECU.

- Larry Jorgenson, Jr. in '92
- James Jorgenson in '94
- Jill Jorgenson in '95

Of Nephi Jorgenson's seven children, four have graduated from ECU.

- Larry Jorgenson in '61
- Lynn Jorgenson in '62
- Lane Jorgenson in '67
- Eva Jorgenson in '83

ramblin on



This is not a rant. The goal: to write complete sentences and hopefully to make some sort of point. Just another ass with an opinion...

Singles going steady

ANDY TURNER
 LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I like good songs. Songs that stick with me. Songs that still sound good the 513th time I hear them. Songs that'll make those other damn voices in my head go away. Ahhhh.

I like fast songs, slow songs, sad songs, happy songs, fightin' songs, lovin' songs, drinkin' songs, protest songs, cheese songs, cheesy songs, songs about guys in Ohio who have cheese toast fetishes and songs that make no sense at all despite having numerous references to cheese and cheesiness.

Overly long songs aren't my cup of Junior Mints. Two to four minutes long is about right. "Jam" bands bore me. I'd rather be kicked for 15 minutes than listen to a drum solo of the same length. Maybe I just have a short attention span, but I can't get into songs that are as long as an episode of *What's Happening?* Give me a good song that begins and ends before a spotlight changes and I'm perfectly content.

So, what I offer below are songs that came out in 1997 (new or reissues) that I thought were good. The list is, by no means, exhaustive. I'm sure there are a bunch of songs I heard and liked and forgot. It's not a "Top Singles of 1997" list. It's a "Good Songs From '97" list.



COUNTDOWNS

Remembered When I Wrote This' list. Not in any order:

"Bulldozers and Dirt," Drive by Trucks: To my knowledge, this Athens, GA band hasn't released an album yet. This song comes from a seven-inch on Soul Dump Records. Lead singer Patterson Hood (perfect alternating name) gets me in the gut with just one line: "Can't get the red stains out of my socks/Can't get you off of my mind."

"Shady Lane," Pavement: Nice little ditty from *Brighten the Corners*, "Shady Lane" is the indie rock love song of the year. Such nice boys those Pavementers.

"Love Her So," Countdowns: Fast blast from these fellas who put a hurtin' on a Muddy Waters song.

"Don't Tell Me," Buddy Miller: *Poison Love* is one of the best albums of '97. Emmylou Harris sings back up.

"Burn in Hell," Junior Kimbrough: OK, so this one is longer than two to four minutes. But Junior Kimbrough can do whatever the hell he wants.

"If I Was King," The Backsliders: It's hard to pick a best song from *Throvin' Rocks At the Moon*. Every song on the album is good. This Raleigh band should rule the world. That's the only fair reward for music this good.

"Runway Thin," Josie Kreuzer: Sure she's a looker, but can she howl? Bet your square ass she can. Josie hiccups and growls her way through this choo-choo rockability number.

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moviereview

Alien Resurrection a lifeless hybrid

6 OUT OF 10

DALE WILLIAMSON
 SENIOR WRITER

History is filled with great ideas that were never developed to their fullest potential. The great thinkers who fall into the "close but no cigar" category include scientists (blame misused government funding for any scientific shortcomings), engineers (blame corporate interference for the sluggish progress towards a healthier, more cost-efficient transportation system), and, of course, filmmakers (blame money-hungry studio execs for lackluster narratives that

carnage created by these aliens. The last time we spent quality time with Ripley and her alien companions (in the intriguing but ultimately disappointing *Alien 3*), Ripley killed herself because she discovered that her body had been impregnated with an alien queen. Hurling herself and her alien baby into a huge vat of molten lava, Ripley transformed from a tough, kick-ass warrior into a Christ figure who sacrifices herself for the good of humankind. Thus concluded the *Alien* series.

Or so we thought.

Knowing Hollywood's way of thinking, a fourth film was inevitable. However, Joss Whedon's script puts a rather unique spin on the series by bringing Ripley back not in a sily "we thought she was dead but she really wasn't" manner but, instead, in the form of a genetic clone. As it turns out, 200 years after Ripley's death, the scientific community has finally, after many failures, successfully cloned Ripley. Why? Not because they really like Ripley and miss her keen sense of humor, that's for sure. No, they want the alien queen inside her body so they can study it, let it grow, and let it reproduce. Who knows what great products can result from this alien race once humans are able to domesticate it and turn it into some sort of complacent cow?

But wait. Something unexpected has occurred in Ripley. Amazingly enough, the human clone of Ripley not only has memories of her former self but also memories of the alien race. The resurrected Ripley is now not simply human but a human/alien hybrid that carries the genes of both races. Along with mixed memories, Ripley also possesses the alien's superior strength and agility. Ripley has now transformed from Christ into Superwoman.

All of this plot summary adds up to my point — the filmmakers have got themselves some incredible material to work with. Add in a superior



Sigourney Weaver lets Calgan take her away in *Alien Resurrection*.
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seem more repetitive than original).

The newest example of a great idea ultimately falling short of all it has to offer can be found in the film *Alien Resurrection*, the fourth installment in the hugely popular *Alien* series.

Those new to the lovely world of *Alien* will more than likely be confused by many aspects of the latest chapter because it picks up (sort of) where the third chapter ended. In a nutshell, our heroine, Ripley (played the always powerful Sigourney Weaver), has a nightmarish history of dealing with a deadly alien race unlike any that humans have ever conceived of before. No matter where she goes, she always finds herself smack in the middle of all the

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A complete Christmas in the CD changer

JOHN DAVIS
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Nobody knows for sure what the Baby Jesus was thinking when he was lying in that manger, or what was on St. Nicholas's mind as he cast those gold-filled stockings through an open window, but it's safe to say that they didn't have Elvis' Christmas songs. Hanson's new Christmas album or the many horrible remakes of Nat King Cole's "The Christmas Song" dancing in their heads.

Every year, record companies harvest our hard-earned Christmas bonuses with flimsy marketing scams such as John Teah Christmas albums, the New Kids' Christmas album or the Kenny G winter collection. Pretty much every year, someone tries to redo Handel's *Messiah* as modern music and some charity organization

releases a CD filled with cheap-o rock sensations covering the Phil Spector catalog.

Filling the CD changer with Christmas music that isn't filled with smart and commercial savvy can be quite a task. Fortunately there are about five good ones out there, which is just about enough for those with the standard five-disc changers. These are the Christmas CDs that have made it back into the changer of yours truly year in and year out for the course of one standard ECU college career (which is about six years.)

At Charlie Brown Christmas — The Vince Guaraldi Trio. Back in the '60s when Peanuts was still a worthy comic strip, CBS released several Charlie Brown TV specials. The jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi was responsible for the very cool soundtrack to all of these, including the soundtrack to the Christmas special. In the late '80s, Fantasy Records released that

soundtrack on CD. Guaraldi's trio, featuring Monty Budwig on bass and Colin Bailey on drums, was a smooth, tight trio and their versions of seven standards are superb and sparkling. The best tracks on this disc are their originals though, such as "Skating and "Linus and Lucy." This album is definitely a classic.

Ella ticks you a swinging Christmas — Ella Fitzgerald. Also on the jazz tip, also recorded in the sixties and re-released in the eighties, this swing album is sizzling and fun. Featuring 12 twentieth-century Christmas tunes, this album is prime Ella material. One of the best moments on this album is the Count Basie tune "Good Morning Blues." This is a great disc for parties and for sipping egg nog with your loved one.

The Bells of Dublin — The Chieftains. This is a more recent album, but it's already earned a place among the highest of the high.

Especially with all of the hype of pop new-age Celtic music in the past five years, it's nice to find some traditional Celtic Christmas tunes. While *Remember the Christmas* looks as a possibility on some dark horizon, there is a remedy to such over marketing and that is the Chieftains, who have made a career out of recording old Celtic tunes for posterity. Like many Chieftains albums, this disc is littered with guest stars such as Elvis Costello, Nanci Griffith, Jackson Browne and Rickie Lee Jones. Spiced like some good Christmas cider, this disc is filled with reels, jigs and the dark spirituality that is standard for Celtic Catholicism.

The Darkest Night of the Year — Over the Rhine. Most people don't actually have Christmas like the Griswolds. Christmas tends to be a quiet, solemn holiday at times, especially for those who focus on the

Christian aspect of the holiday. This Ohio sextet have brought this quiet, hallowed quality out in their album, which features some very passionate renditions of traditional carols, as well as some powerful original compositions. Guitarist Ric Hordinski composed two brilliant and dark instrumentals that sounds like a meeting of Hendrix and the Edge. Especially beautiful is the haunting "Mary's Waltz." This disc can only be bought through the mail, though. Write Over the Rhine at PO Box 2572 Cincinnati Ohio, 45201 or e-mail them at OTRhine@aol.com.

Christmas — Michael W. Smith. Ok, ok, so Michael W. Smith is the King of Christian cheese-pop. That's part of what makes this CD such a treat. Smith, while being a pretty lousy pop musician, is a whiz with traditional music, especially hymns. Filled mostly with originals, this disc carries a wonderfully reverent flavor

with it that is actually fresh and inspiring. The string arrangements are gorgeous and the lyrics (not written by Smith) are actually above average. Smith uses Boys' Choirs, orchestras and modern pop elements in a way that makes one wish he'd gone into hymn writing rather than pop music. But they didn't have the Myers-Briggs test back then, which is too bad. As it is, this album is no doubt going to be regarded as his finest work (mostly because of how cheesy his other music is...).

Holiday-oriented music can be a drag. Just remember that Yanni hasn't made a Christmas CD yet. Remember that Puff Daddy hasn't found a way to remix the dead voice of George Frederick Handel yet. Remember that you don't have to spend your cash on stocking coal. Instead, take the advice of a friendly music critic and buy some quality this year. And have a merry Christmas.

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Ramblin On

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"Wheel of Fortune," Kay Starr: This song won't stop spinning in my head. It's from one of the best movies of the year, *L.A. Confidential*.

"Ride that Train," The Oblivians: The Memphis trio teamed up with the legendary organist Mr. Quintron for this gospel-influenced stomper.

"Song of 27," Richard Buckner: Buckner put on a great show earlier this year with Son Volt at the Cat's Cradle. He plays the lumberjack blues. "Song of 27" is about as sad as it gets.

"I Can't Get No Satisfaction," Guitar Wolf: Guitar Wolf almost gives this Rolling Stones cover as much energy as Otis Redding gave it.

Almost.

"Fuck this Town," Robbie Fulks: "Fuck this Town" perfectly captures many alternarwangers attitudes towards Nashville. That country ain't country.

"Homelessexual," Grandpa Boy: It's not secret that Grandpa Boy is Paul Westerburg. This side project offered him the chance to do something his solo albums apparently didn't have fun.

"16 Days," Whiskeytown: Too bad half the band is gone now. It will be interesting to see how things work out.

"I am a Tree," Guided by Voices: A long one from the band with the shortest songs. It's impossible not to like this song. Some sort of drug comes out of the speaker along with "I am a Tree." You can't escape it.

"Guilty," 6 String Drag: *High Hat*

was another near-perfect release in 1997. Kenny Ruby and the rest of the Drags actually made it to the Emerald City this year, putting on a great show at Peasant's.

"Lawdy Lawdy," Bantam Rooster: These two tough and tough Michigan cats put out the rawest record of the year, *Deal Me In*.

"Hillbilly Wolf," The Revelators: The Revelators are dangerous. Don't mess with them. I'm warning you.

"Product of Dysfunction," 5 Chinese Brothers: This song had the best line of the year: "My girl's like a wading pool, she's shallow and full of piss."

"Let Me Be Your Fool," Two Dollar Pistols: Yeah, it's depressing, but it feels so good.

"Like a Bad Girl Should," The Cramps: You'll never get rid of The Cramps, period.

Aliens

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visual director like Jean-Pierre Jeunet (whose masterful French sci-fi treat, *City of Lost Children*, is a must-see), dazzling special effects that include CGI-created aliens, a cast packed with solid professionals like Winona Ryder (whose character has a deep secret herself) and Ron Perlman, and you've got yourself one helluva movie.

Or so you'd think. Unfortunately, *Alien Resurrection*, with a few exceptions, comes off as a lifeless rehash of things we've already seen before. Fans of the series expect two things in their *Alien* movies: horror and, to a certain extent, action. The new film has both those elements, but even that

feels lacking, especially when compared to the first two films.

But most depressing of all is the fact that the filmmakers are reluctant to sink their teeth into the great material they've set up. Ripley is a hybrid with superhuman strength, yet Ripley never really does anything extraordinary. She is almost more of an observer and commentator than an actual participant in the on-screen horror.

Also, because Ripley is an alien hybrid, she has conflicting emotions concerning humans and the aliens. However, she kills an alien simply because it, as Ripley puts it, got in her way. When Ripley does something that you truly love suffering, you have a gut instinct to put a gun to its head and end its misery. As much as it breaks my heart, I think it's time we pull the trigger on our alien friends and move on with our lives. We will always have the memories.

than our heroes trying to get back to their ship so they can escape. Keeping in mind that Ripley is a hybrid and that she does have a connection to the alien race, it doesn't take a genius to come up with a more involving obstacle for our heroes.

When viewed in individual parts, *Alien Resurrection* does have its charm. But taken as a whole, the film is one missed opportunity after another. Despite my criticisms of the series, I do acknowledge the *Alien* films as some of the most unique, daring and influential science fiction/horror movies ever made. However, when you see something that you truly love suffering, you have a gut instinct to put a gun to its head and end its misery. As much as it breaks my heart, I think it's time we pull the trigger on our alien friends and move on with our lives. We will always have the memories.

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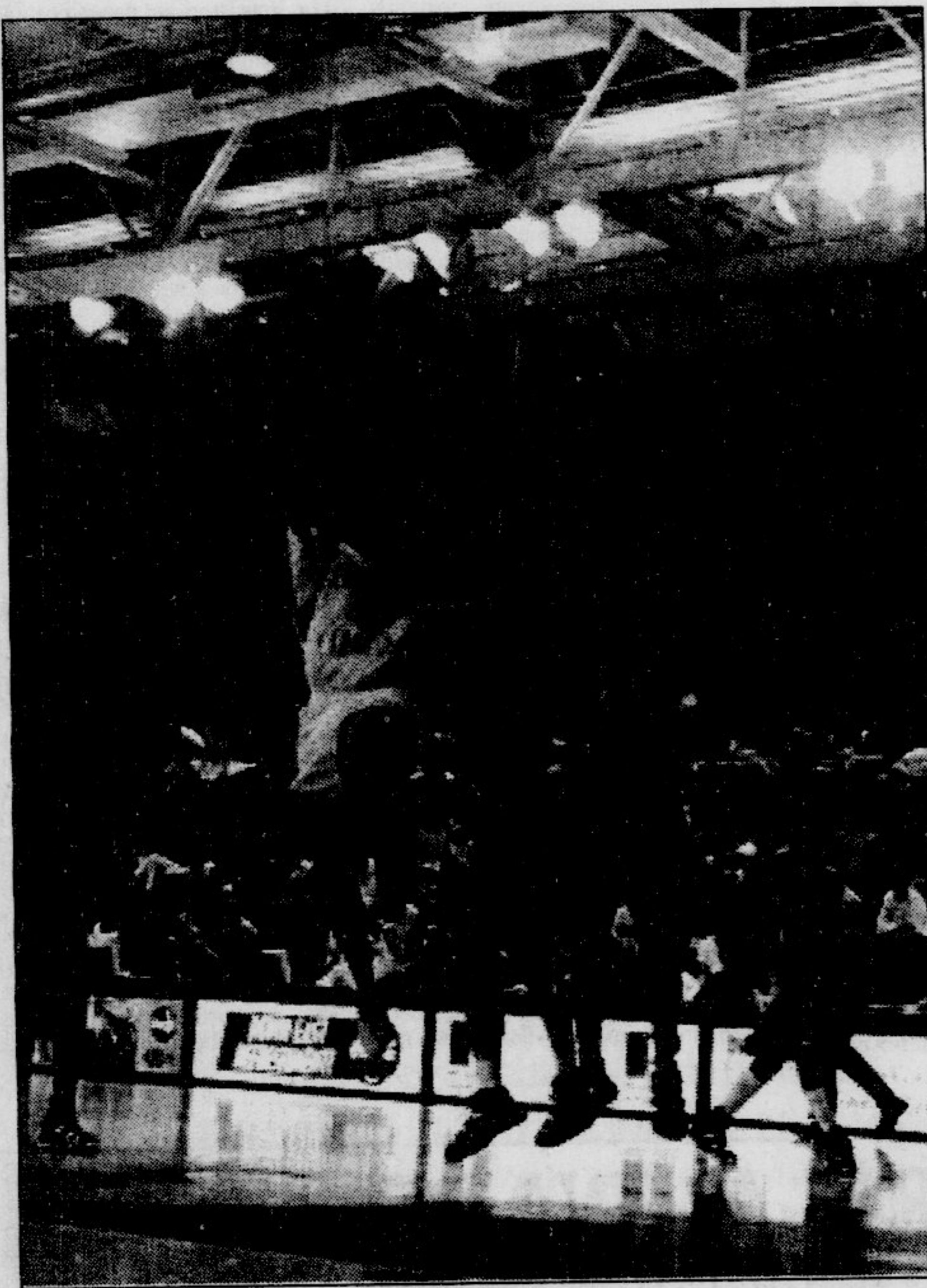


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Men's basketball team coasts to victory



Othello Meadows goes in and up for the ball during Saturday's victory over Campbell. PHOTO BY ADAM WALFORD

Pirates defeat Campbell in Saturday match up

AMANDA ROSS
SPORTS EDITOR

After ECU got over the hump of the first few minutes of Saturday's game with Campbell, they coasted to a 74-62 win over the Camels.

The Camels jumped out to the quick lead but with 15:12 left in the first half, Dink Peters made a lay up to put ECU up for good until the end of the game.

ECU shot 48 percent in the first half, and 35 percent from three point range. Othello Meadows led the Pirates with 11 points in the first half, followed by Raphael Edwards with 10 points.

Sophomore Garrett Blackwelder poured on the points in the second half with 11 to finish with 16 points to lead the team.

Blackwelder had an extra incentive to play well because the head coach of Campbell, Billy Lee, is Blackwelder's uncle.

"It gives me a little more incentive to win, I guess you could say," Blackwelder said. "I treat it like any other game, Campbell's a great team."

Blackwelder's 16 points was a career high for him, and he said it felt good to keep draining the shots.

"It feels good any time you score points," Blackwelder said. "When you win it feels good."

Head Coach Joe Dooley was pleased with Blackwelder's performance and joked that he hopes he has more uncles on the other bench.

"He's done a very good job of working everyday in practice; he's playing a lot more minutes this year than he did last year," Dooley said. "Every game you can see him continue to grow and develop and he just did a super job tonight."

"Hopefully he has a bunch more uncles," Dooley said.

The Pirate's defense shutdown the Camels who only shot 37

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Total Field Goal %	.485 (16-33)	.500 (16-32)
Free throw %	.000 (0-5)	.600 (3-5)

Who's Hot?	Points	Rebounds	Minutes
Garrett Blackwelder	16	4	31
Othello Meadows	13	5	31
Dink Peters	13	10	29
Raphael Edwards	10	8	22

This Saturday (December 13) the men's basketball team will host Georgia, ranked 25th in the USA Today Coaches poll, in Minges Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. The game will be televised on Fox Sports South and everyone is encouraged to come fill the stands and support your Pirates as they play on national television.

Ross' Reasons

Amanda Ross
A Senior
Communications major
graduating on Friday she
hopes in one day to be a
television sportscaster.
This is her farewell
column in her career
as sports editor.

It's been a fun ride as sports editor

I can't believe it's over. Three and a half years of college and two and a half years as sports editor will end this Friday when I graduate. It's a tradition that when editors leave they write their farewell column, so here it goes.

Little did I know back in 1995 all the opportunities I would be given as sports editor of *The East Carolinian*. Traveling with the football team, getting to know the players and coaches, and just watching ECU athletics really take off in the past couple of years, has been extremely enjoyable.

The ride has had its downfalls at times, as with any job, but I can honestly say I wouldn't change anything I have done during my reign as sports editor. In my opinion, and I guess I'm a little biased, I tend to believe the sports page is very informative and has gotten better the past couple of years.

Looking back I think what I am most grateful for is the friendships I have made with the players, coaches and athletic administrators over the years. I believe these are friendships I will always have and will always cherish.

But I can't leave out all the experiences right here at the office. I'll

never forget all the long production nights, the lengthy meetings, and, of course, our unofficial office parties (those were definitely memorable). Seeing the paper come out every Tuesday and Thursday made my job rewarding.

The people here are some of the hardest working people I have ever seen. Everybody gives 110 percent to our publication. I will always have a special place in my heart for everybody I have worked with, and I will look back at my experience with nothing but positive words.

I thought leaving wouldn't be so hard to do, but now that I am finishing up on Friday, I realize how weird it will be not to be working for the paper. This has been such a huge part of my life that it will be awkward not to come in on Mondays and Wednesdays and put the sports section together.

But as they say, all good things must come to an end, and now my time is over. It's been a blast and I would like to thank everyone who made it possible for me to do my job, including you, the reader.

It's hard to say good-bye after such a long time, but I know I must. So this is my farewell. Good-bye and thank you; it's been fun.

Club sports offer students varied activities

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Teams wind down fall campaigns

STEPHEN SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

ECU's club teams span the spectrum of collegiate club sports. From the two-time national champion Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club to Underwater Hockey, ECU's club sports offerings are as varied as they are successful.

Martial arts clubs make up one quarter of the ECU club sports offerings. They range from Tai Chi Chuan, used for meditation, to Goju Shorin, used solely for self defense. The teams spent the fall competing in tournaments and holding demos. The Iashinyu club traveled to the prestigious AOKA Nationals. While the Tae Kwon Do club went to the Collegiate National Tae Kwon Do Championships in Kansas City where they won five medals. All four martial arts clubs are currently planning the second annual ECU Martial Arts Invitational slated for late April.

Another club looking to host its own tournament is the Swimming club. This fall they competed in tournaments at the University of North Florida and Chapel Hill, where they took second.

Not all clubs spent the fall competing. The Water skiing club will begin competition in the South Atlantic League this spring. Meanwhile, they have expanded to include wakeboarding and purchased a slalom course.

"We've got people really excited," club member Ryan Ballard said. "The membership is the highest since I've been here."

The Men's Volleyball club spent their autumn holding clinics for high school kids and practicing for their upcoming spring season. However, the Women's Volleyball club went undefeated. They won tournaments at William and Mary and right here in Greenville. Their perfect fall season qualified them for the nationals in Austin, Texas.

Clubs such as Volleyball, who have varsity siblings, do not play as much for recognition as they do for the enjoyment of their sport.

"We have a lot of fun. We don't have to stop playing after high school," club member Terry Simmons said.

In addition to martial arts and traditional sports, ECU has clubs for kayaking, disc golf, underwater hockey and a crew club scheduled to start this spring.

Most of ECU's club teams toil in anonymity. This seeming invisibility can be caused by being overshadowed by a varsity counterpart or the relative obscurity of their sport. However there are certain teams whose success and popularity have made them the transcendent club sports.

The Men's and Women's Ultimate Frisbee teams played their fall seasons in leagues with both collegiate and independent teams. The women's team posted strong showings in tournaments in Savannah and Wilmington.

"We have a lot of new girls who are really interested and who want to get into it," said club member Lindsay Kokony.

The men's team performed well at sectionals and regionals. They also placed third in the North Carolina State Tournament. The team is looking to return to the national finals in the spring.

"It's very competitive in the spring," club member

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Swim teams head south for holiday training

Men and women pack up for trip to Florida

SCOTT ROSE
STAFF WRITER

Both the women's and men's swim teams are off to another great start. The women's team sit atop the CAA at 6-0 and the men's team is 5-1. Both teams are in great position to finish off the season with outstanding records. Head Coach Rick Kobe is hoping for both his teams to win the remainder of their meets.

Last year the women's team finished the season with an 8-2 mark while the men's finished up with a 9-1 record. This year's goal for both teams will be the conference title at the end of the year. For the past three years the women's team has dominated the CAA conference with three consecutive titles, while the men's last title came in 1989.

Earning the conference title this year won't be easy, with strong teams like UNC Wilmington and James Madison on the women's side and for the men, they will have to meet the challenge of a high-powered James Madison team and an outstanding Old Dominion team. It will take a total team effort

at the end of the season for both teams to win.

So, to prepare these teams for the final stretch of the season they will take their annual Christmas trip down to the sunny and warm state of Florida. From December 30 to the 9th of January, they will be training with just about every Division I, II, and III school in the country.

They will be using the facilities at North County Pools in North Palm Beach. Their schedule down there will not be one of rest and relaxation, as they will be heading down to Florida to push themselves to the brink of exhaustion and then a little bit further to attain their goals.

Swimming from 9-12 in the morning and again from 4-6 in the evening these Pirates will cover up to 14,000 meters a day. Though the purpose of this trip is to be training for the remainder of the season it is so much more. Coach Kobe's concentration will mainly be focused on two things.

"Great conditioning and to become closer as a team," Kobe said.

Coming together as a team is a very important part of any championship caliber team. So much is emphasized on pure talent these days that a lot of people overlook the importance of teamwork. That is where this trip comes into play. It just isn't for training and shaving a few seconds

off one's best time, but rather to create bonds that will go a lot further than the physical training. The ability to know one's teammates or to motivate one's teammate at the right time is often neglected. It is these little things that separate a champion from a run-of-the-mill swimmer.

Both the men's and women's teams' strengths are their depth in all events. It is this depth that will put these teams into that championship position.

Both these teams, however, will rely heavily on their senior leadership to point them in the right direction.

Led by Kim Field, Amanda Atkinson, and Sandra Austin, the women's team is looking to earn their fourth title in as many years. Pat Kesler, Brandon Tilly, Jim Broughal, Mike Donovan, and Lee Hutchens will lead the men's team in to the season ending conference championships.

Right now the teams goals are simple — beat their personal best times in every event and their final goal will take care of itself, that is a championship for both the men's and women's team.

Kobe is trying for that dual championship this season and has good reason to be optimistic.

"Both these teams are stronger and a lot closer than last years teams," Kobe said. "We could be stronger in one or two more events."



The swim teams will head to Florida shortly for their holiday training. PHOTO BY JONATHAN GREEN

As we all know there is always room for improvement on any outstanding team.

So after the regular season is finished and as the Pirates prepare for the conference tournament they will look back on the trip to Florida and recall all the hard work they put in. Along with all the hours of swimming lap after lap, all the fun they had down there making new friendships and strengthening others, only focused on their one goal of winning the CAA as a team.

SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Swim teams down ACC foe, Duke

The ECU men's and women's swimming and diving team picked up another victory Saturday as both teams downed Duke in the Pirates last dual meet before Christmas break. On the women's side, ECU easily outdistanced the Blue Devils 143-92, while the men defeated Duke 139-103. On the season, the women's team is now 7-0 while the men's team improved to 6-1.

After a slow start, the men's squad picked up the pace in the middle events, running to a 104-45 lead through eight events before holding on for the victory. ECU was paced by senior Jim Broughal, who won the 100 free in 48.21 while also placing second in the 200 free (1:46.18) behind teammate Lee Hutchens (1:45.21). Broughal also helped the Pirates open the meet on the right note, swimming the third leg of the winning 400 medley relay (3:34.06).

Also grabbing victories for the men were Matt Jabs (21.78) in the free, Brandon Tilly (1:57.64) in the 200 IM, Richard Chen (1:57.22) in the 200 fly, and freshman Jacob Hartsell (1:57.31) in the 200 back. Diver Ryan Baldwin also put in a solid performance for ECU, winning both the 1- and 3-meter diving events with scores of 231.68 and 244.20 respectively.

On the women's side, ECU came out fast and never let up as it built a 50-point lead through nine events. Topping the list for the Pirates was sophomore Hollie Butler, who claimed the top spot in both the 100 free (54.16) and 200 free (1:56.55) while also anchoring the winning 400 medley relay team (4:03.99).

Along with Butler, Allison Holland pitched in with a winning performance in the 200 back in a time of 2:09.41 after placing fourth in the 50 free (25.76). Other Pirate winners Saturday included Kim Field (2:13.57) in the 200 IM and freshman Samantha Perry (2:24.59) in the 200 breast, which tied her team best time this season. Like Baldwin on the men's side, Casey Dodge won both of the diving events for the ECU women, taking the top spot on the 1-m with a score of 238.88 and the 3-m with 246.53 points.

"We swam okay (Saturday), not great but good enough to win," said head coach Rick Kobe. "Duke was ready for us but we still found a way to win. Lately we have been working hard and not taking a rest which shows in the times a little. But we had some good performances, especially from Broughal and Holland. Holland's swim in the 200 back was awesome and Broughal won the 100 free from the outside lane, which is incredible. So we have some good things going on right now."

The Pirates will start the final stretch of the dual meet season Jan. 17, when it travels to take on CAA foe Richmond.

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Falcons Quarterback to stand trial on drunken driving charge

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Atlanta Falcons backup quarterback Jim Miller was ordered to stand trial on a drunken driving charge stemming from an accident outside one of the city's most heavily traveled tunnels.

Miller, a former Pittsburgh Steeler, did not appear at a pretrial conference Friday before Common Pleas Judge John Zottola. He was in California with the Falcons, but his attorney agreed to the trial date of April 27.

Miller was arrested early on June 6 after state police found his vehicle blocking lanes at Squirrel Hill Tunnel.

Miller said he had consumed three beers at a country club

earlier in the evening, according to a criminal complaint prepared by State Trooper John Feher Jr. Feher reported Miller smelled strongly of alcohol and became "indignant and uncooperative" about taking a sobriety test.

A blood test performed later indicated Miller's blood-alcohol content was 0.26 percent. A driver is considered intoxicated in Pennsylvania if his blood-alcohol content exceeds 0.10 percent.

Jazz expects Stockton to rejoin lineup this week

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—All-star point guard John Stockton is expected to rejoin the lineup of the Utah Jazz Monday following an eight-week layoff due to knee surgery, according to news reports.

The Deseret News, citing unnamed sources within the Jazz

organization, reported Sunday that Stockton's return would come a week earlier than the team's most optimistic estimates of even a few days ago.

"The Jazz aren't commenting publicly, the newspaper reported, partly because it will have to cut a player to make room for Stockton. Most likely it will be rookie point guard Troy Hudson, who has been played sparingly in eight games."

At the time of the surgery, doctors predicted Stockton would return in eight to 12 weeks. Monday's game against Indiana would mark eight weeks to the day.

Stockton apparently injured his left knee during the summer break. He underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair loose and torn cartilage Oct. 13.

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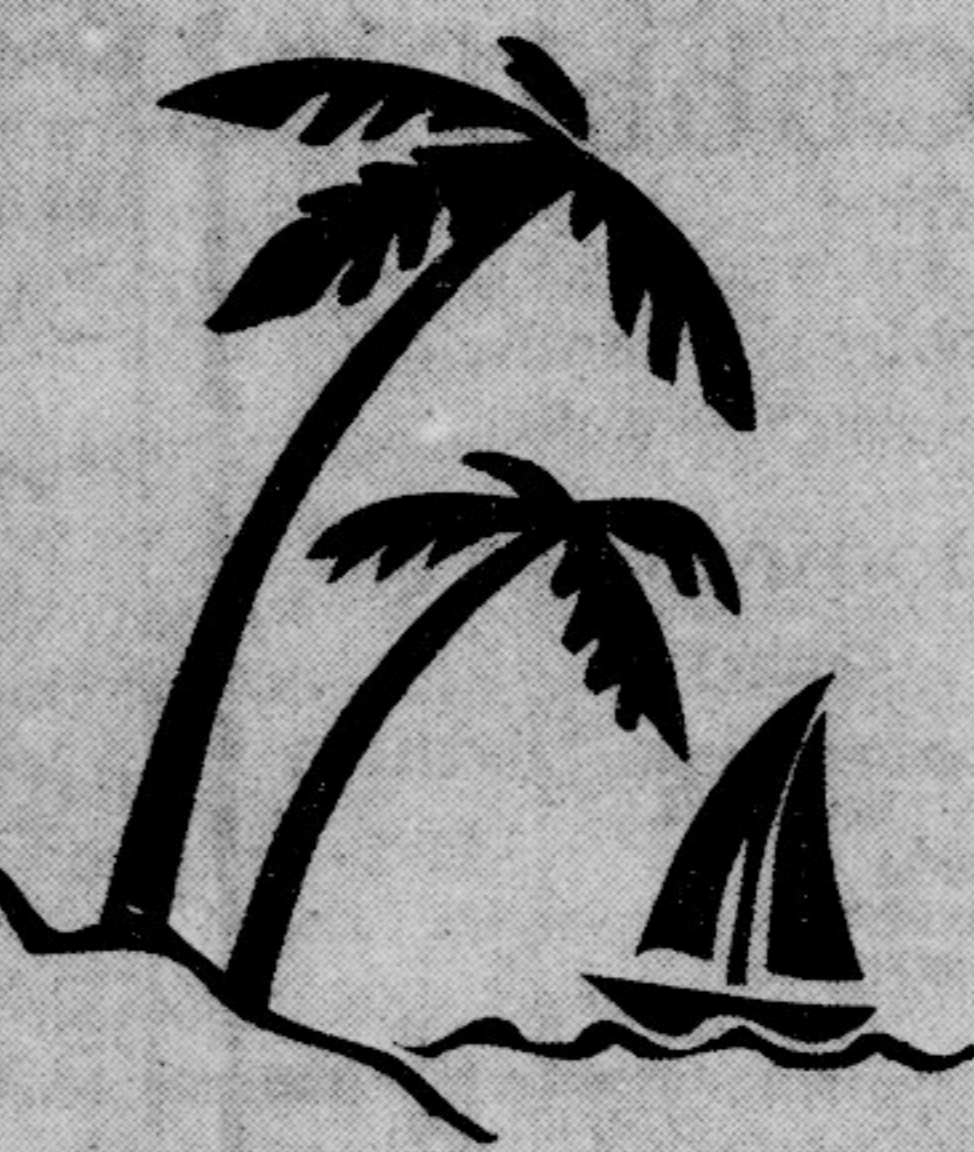
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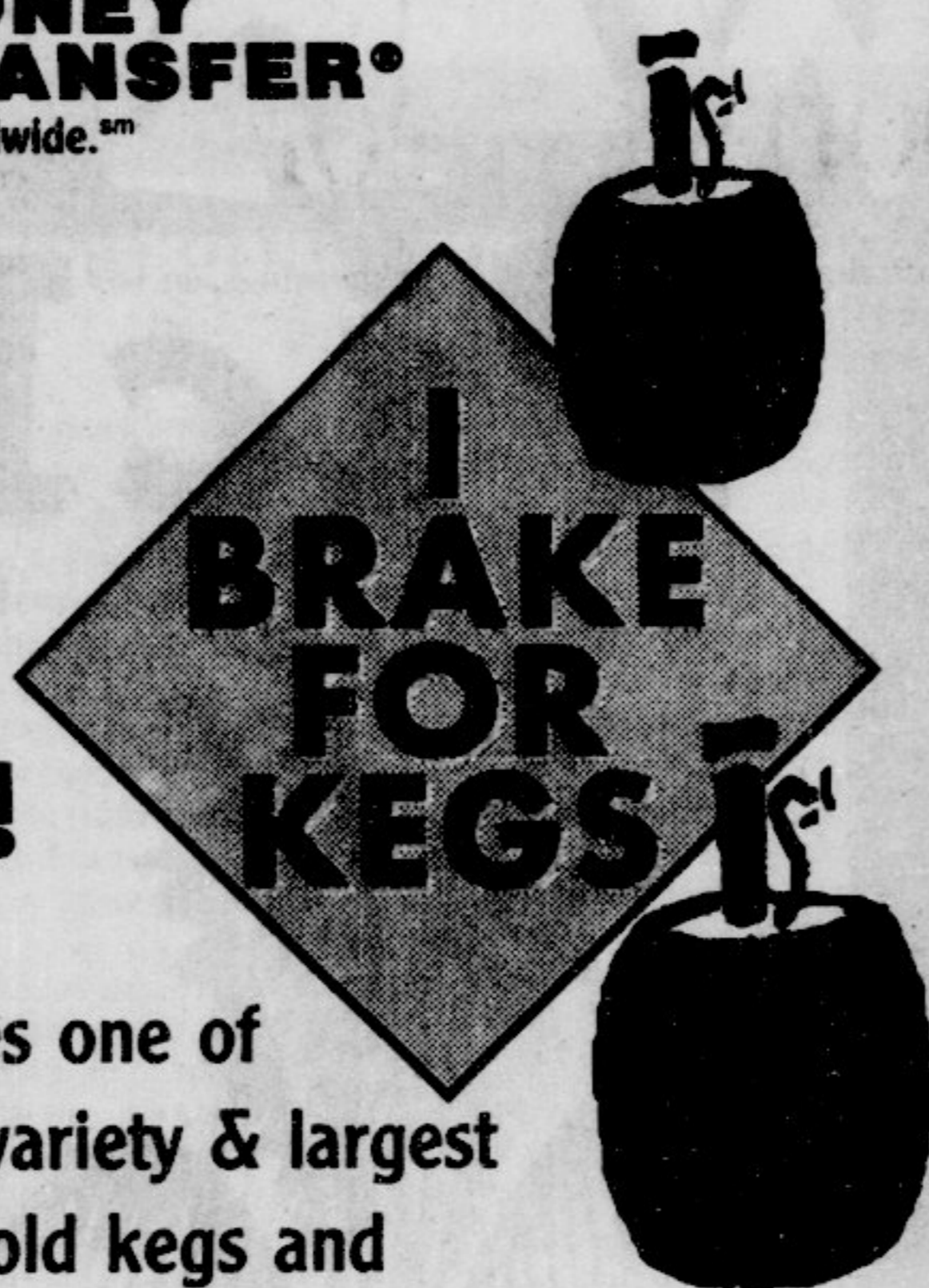
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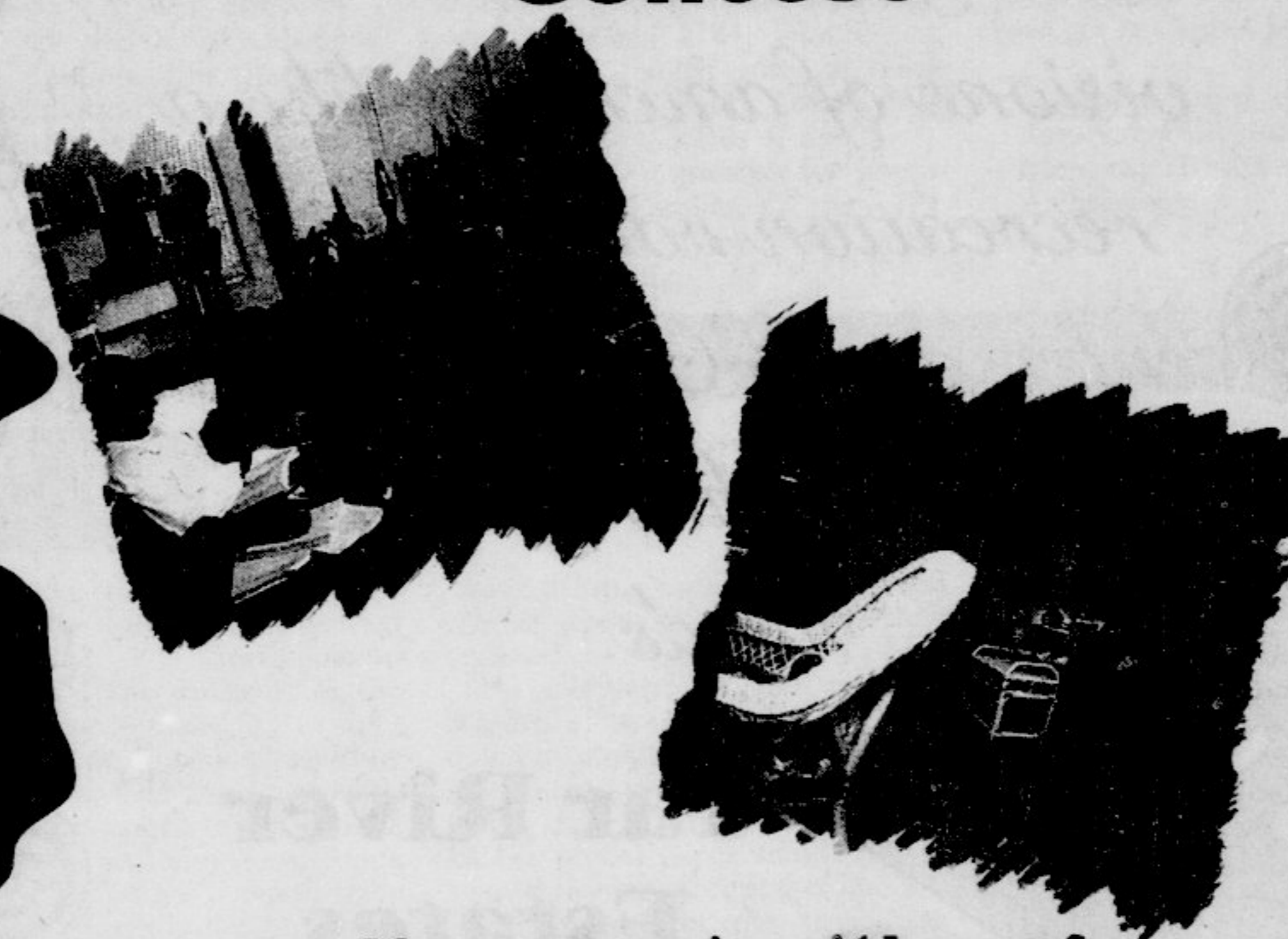
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Basketball

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percent for the game, while ECU shot 49 percent.

"What we were mostly concerned with was not letting them stay on offense forever," Meadows said. "We wanted to make them work for everything they got."

Down low, Dooley felt his big men Edwards and Peters did a

good job under the baskets. "Both of those guys did a nice job establishing themselves in there," Dooley said. "You look at Raphael—he had three assists, he did a nice job of kicking the ball back out of the post. They have Dink down for one assist, but the

way he got the ball moving was very important." The Pirates next home game is this Saturday against 25th ranked Georgia. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m. and will be televised on Fox Sports South.

Club Sports

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Josh Poucher said. The Lacrosse club finished their season 3-2-1. Last month they hosted the Thanksgiving

Classic. Hosting a tournament is a big step for ECU lacrosse. "Lacrosse is not real popular down here," club member John Provost said. "It was good for our program."

Probably the most well known club sport at ECU is Rugby. The club's popularity is evident in the fact that it is the only club with its

own website. This fall the club's teams finished a combined 6-4. This kept alive an impressive streak of twenty-one straight semesters with a winning record.

"We play in the spring for the national championship. That's our main goal," said team captain Matt Oathout. Club sports occupy a realm free

of the pressures and obligations of varsity athletics, but with the competition and camaraderie intact.

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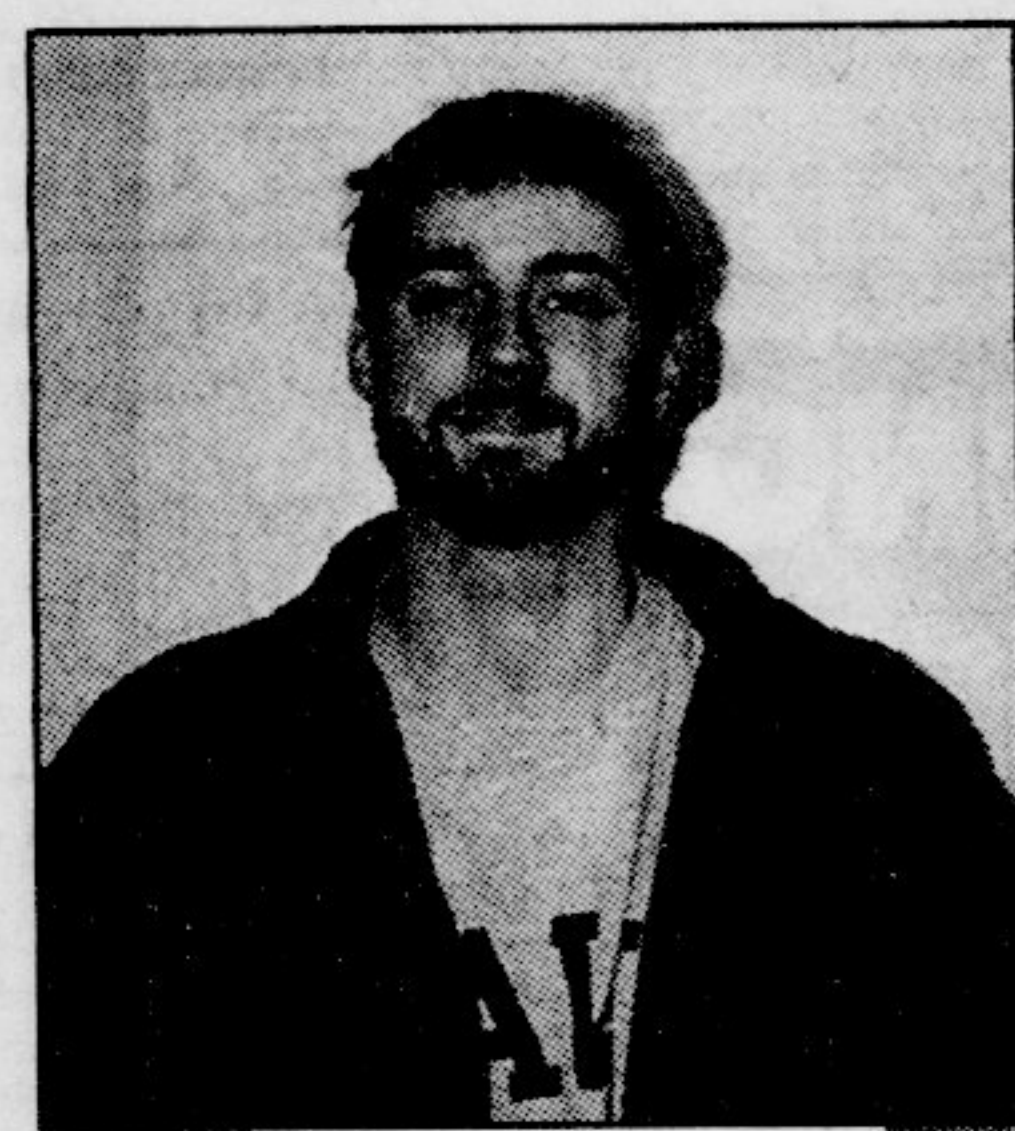
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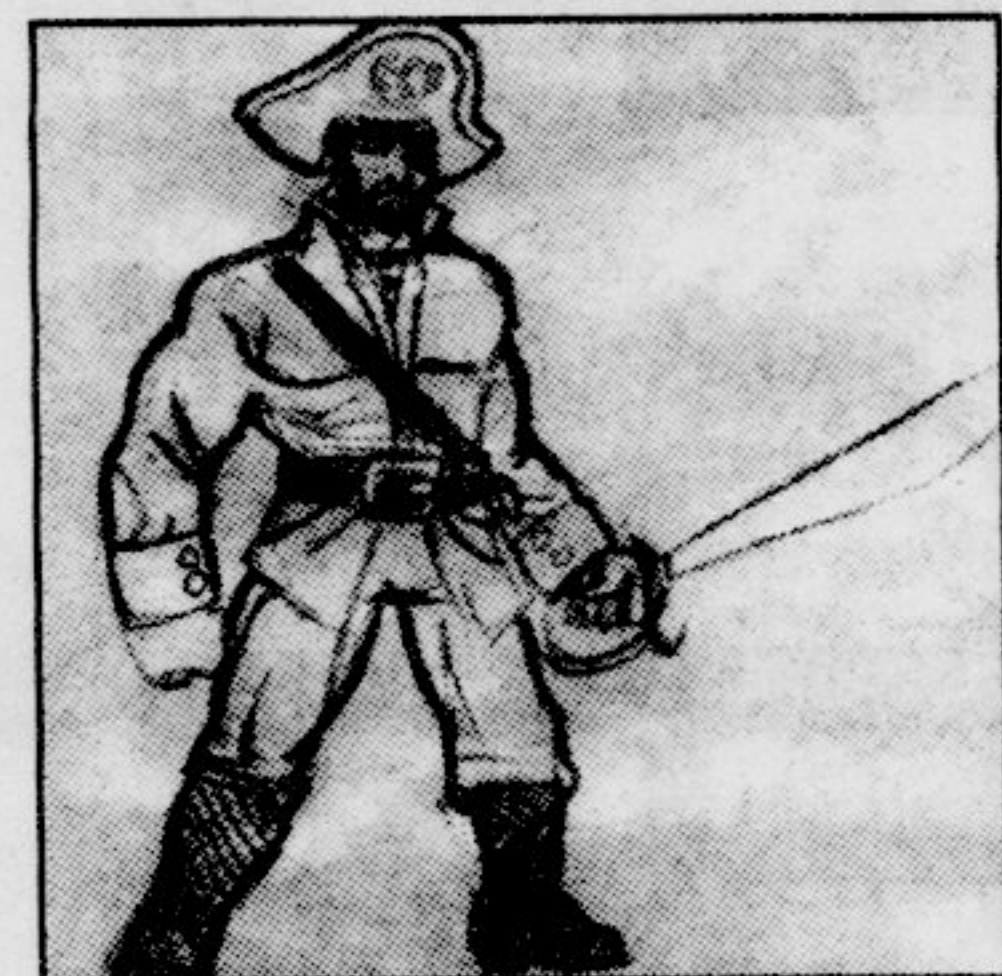


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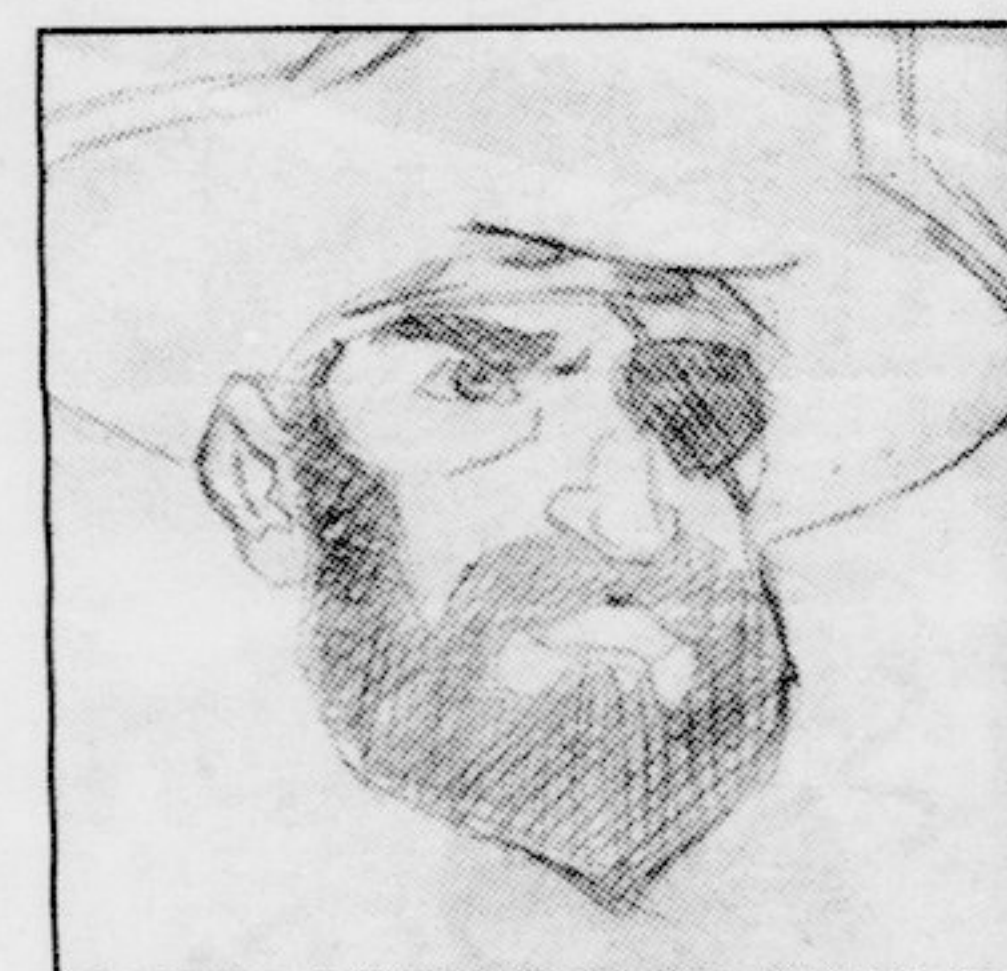
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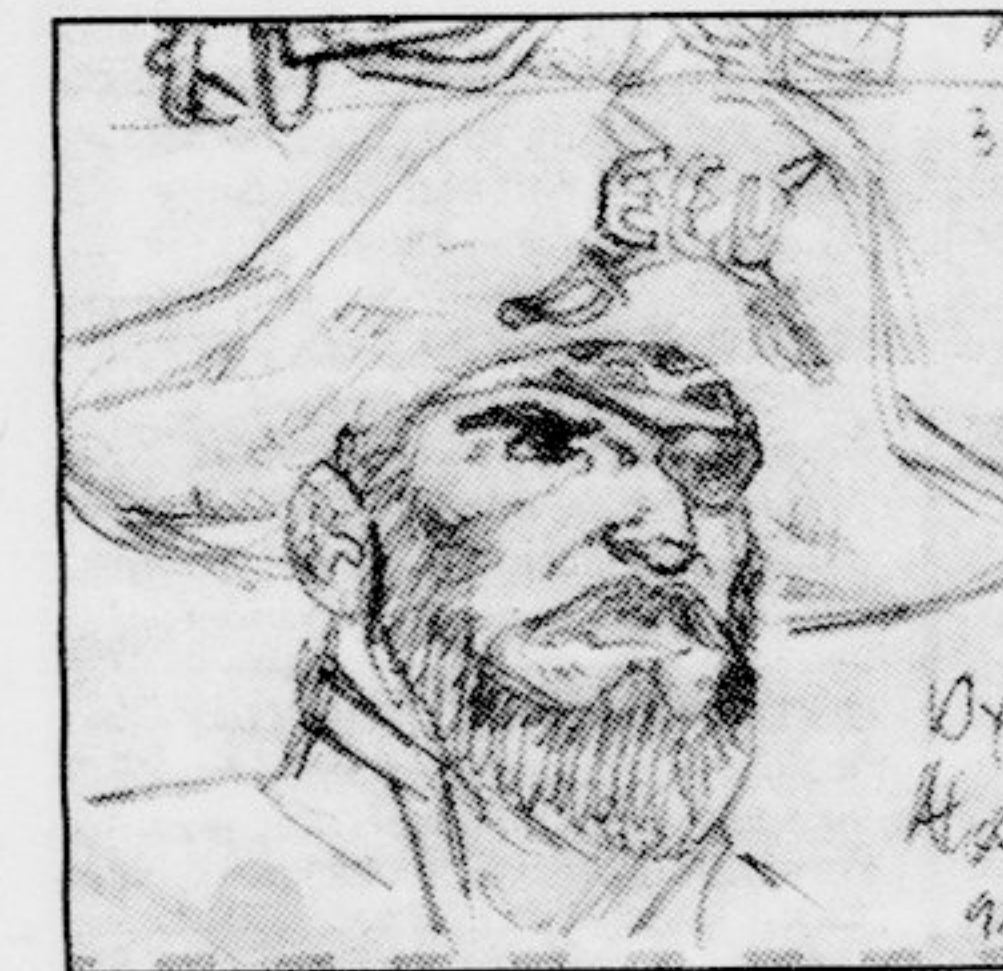
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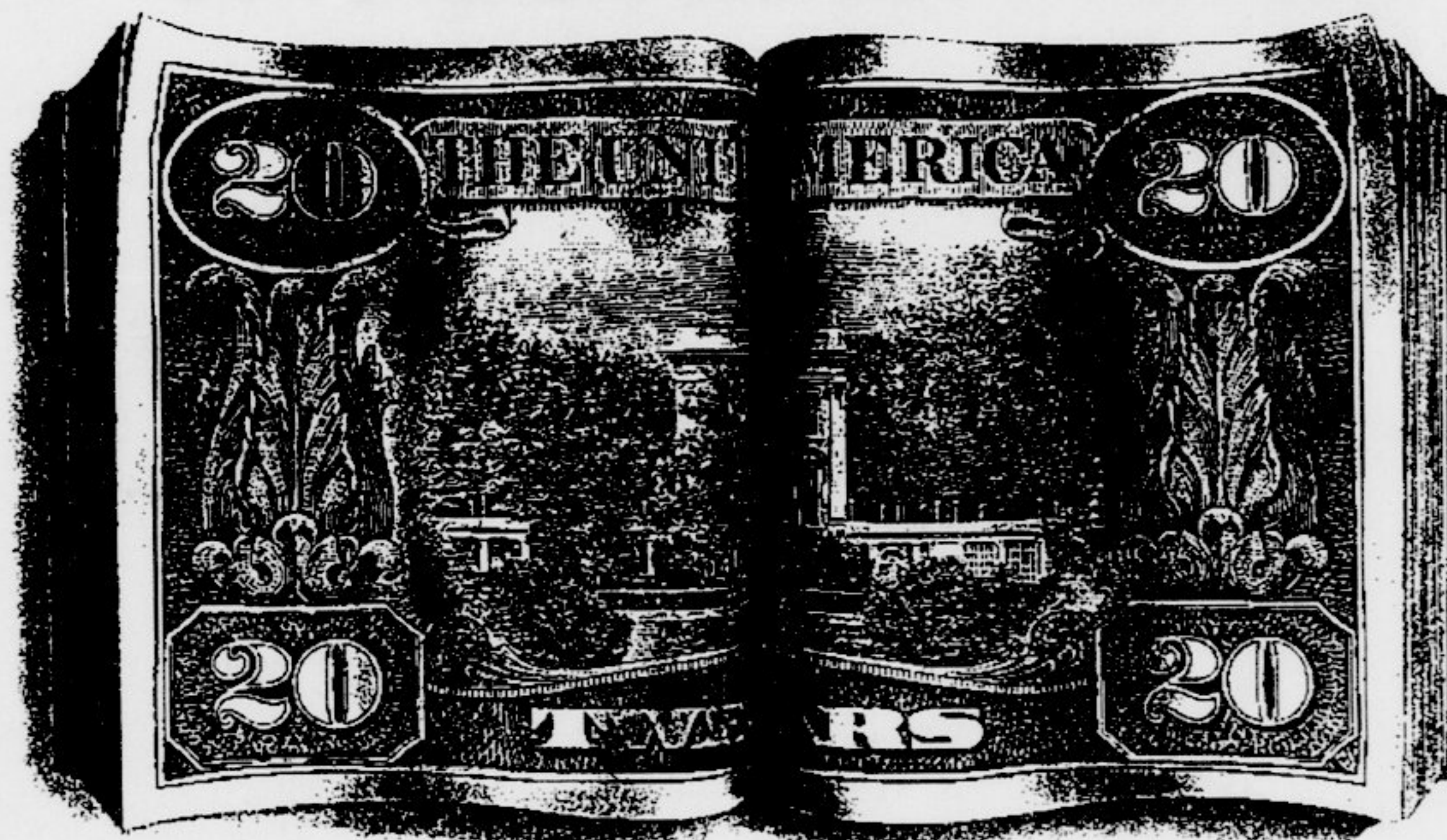
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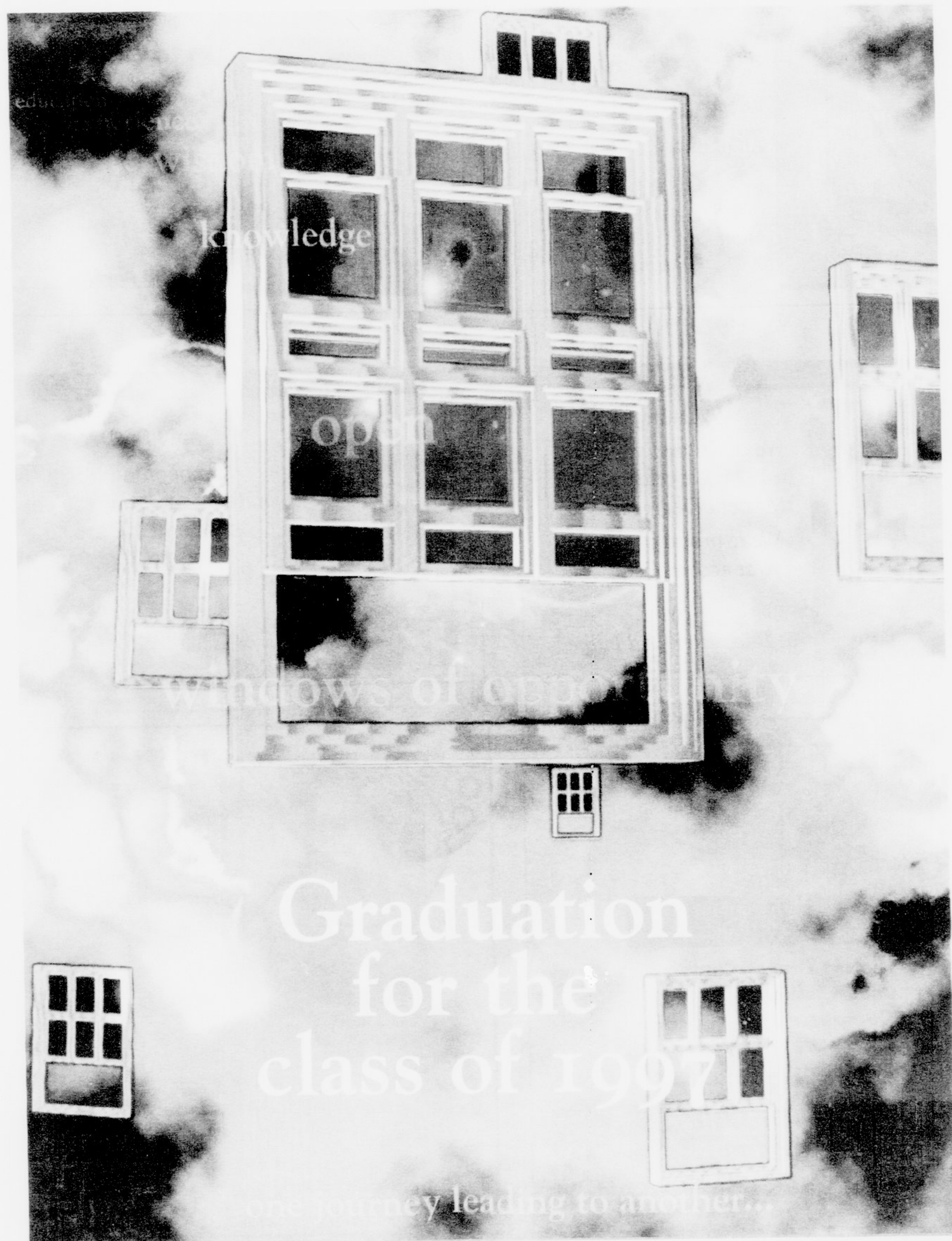
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Geology professor to address graduates

Amy L. Royster
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During this year's graduation address, a noted Geology professor plans to challenge 2100 graduates to be better caretakers of the Earth than their predecessors.

Dr. Stanley Riggs, this year's commencement speaker, has been teaching geology courses including Oceanography, Marine Geology and Coastal Processes at ECU for thirty one years. Riggs, who received his MA from Dartmouth in 1962 and his Phd from the University of Montana in 1967, said the commencement speaker at his graduation made a lasting impression.

"Alan Shepard had just come back from space and I was very impressed with what he had to say about the Earth," Riggs said. Riggs hopes to similarly inspire members of this year's graduating class by incorporating his research concerning the relationship between humans and the Earth into an important message. However, he concedes that finding the exact words for an occasion like this is never easy.

"This is an opportunity to say something meaningful," Riggs said. "It will be on the human relationship to the Earth and what everyone's inheriting."

Riggs, who received the College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor Award in 1994, has published his research on this continent and abroad.

"I do a lot of research on the climatic system and the global system of the world's oceans," Riggs said. "When asked which area of research was most meaningful Riggs said he was proud of all of it, but especially of his most recent research dealing with the relationship of climatic sea level changes to the evolutionary history of the coastal system."

"I'm very much involved with the interaction of that with humans," Riggs said. "Human civilization isn't very flexible. We sit down on a mobile barrier island and think we can put houses and everything else out there and then get upset when a storm comes."

Citing recent fish kills, population explosions and global warming, Riggs said humans have not done a good job caring for the Earth during the relatively short time we have been here. December graduates are the next generation of caretakers who, Riggs says, must accept a tremendous challenge in order to see global improvements.



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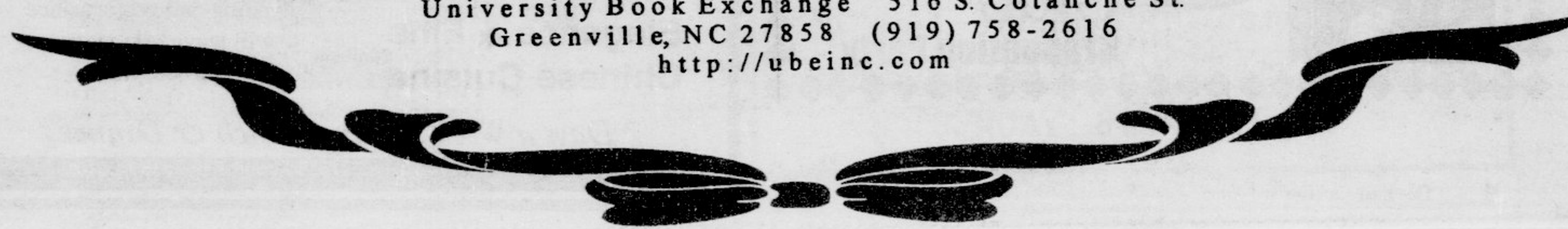
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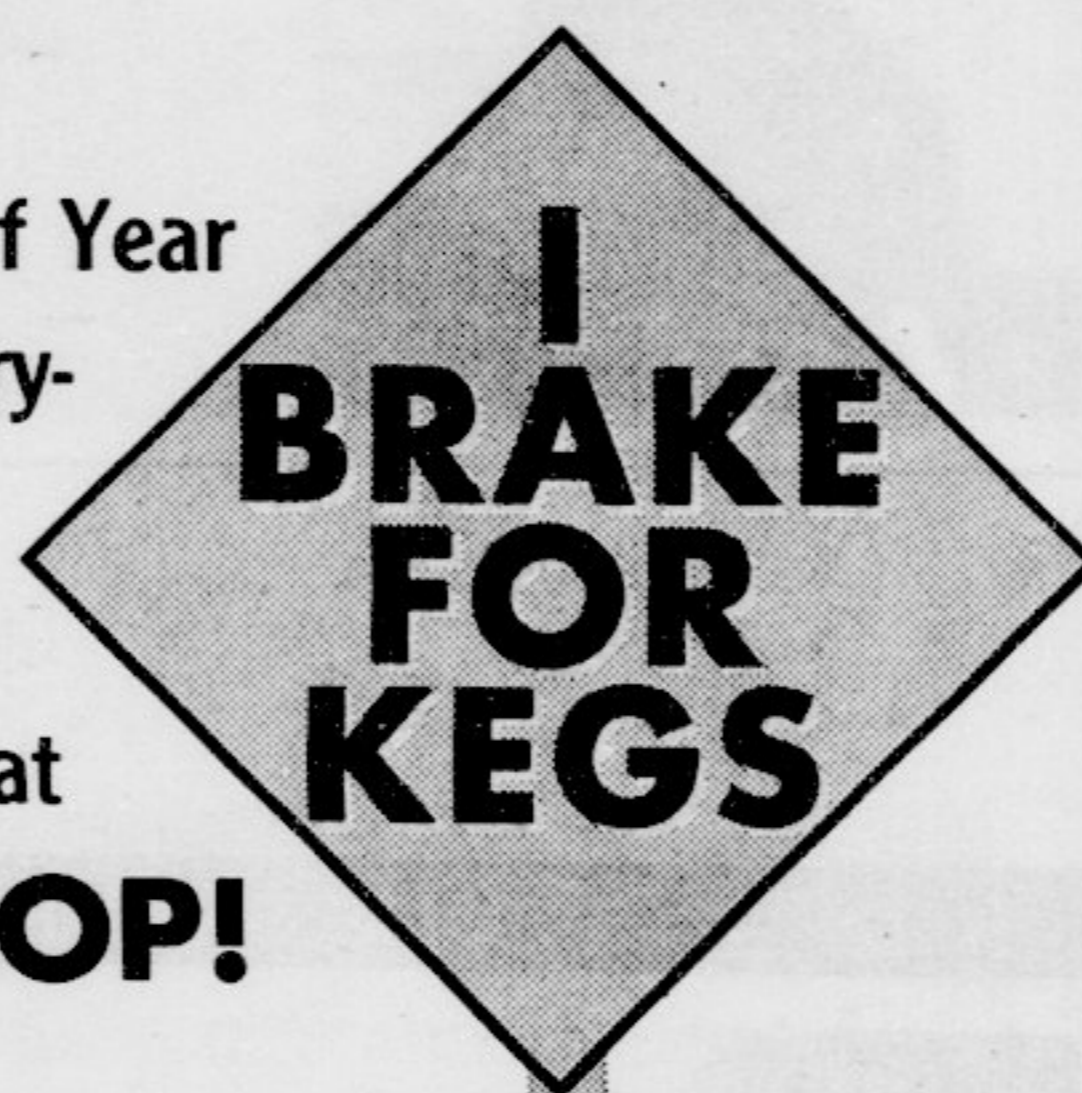
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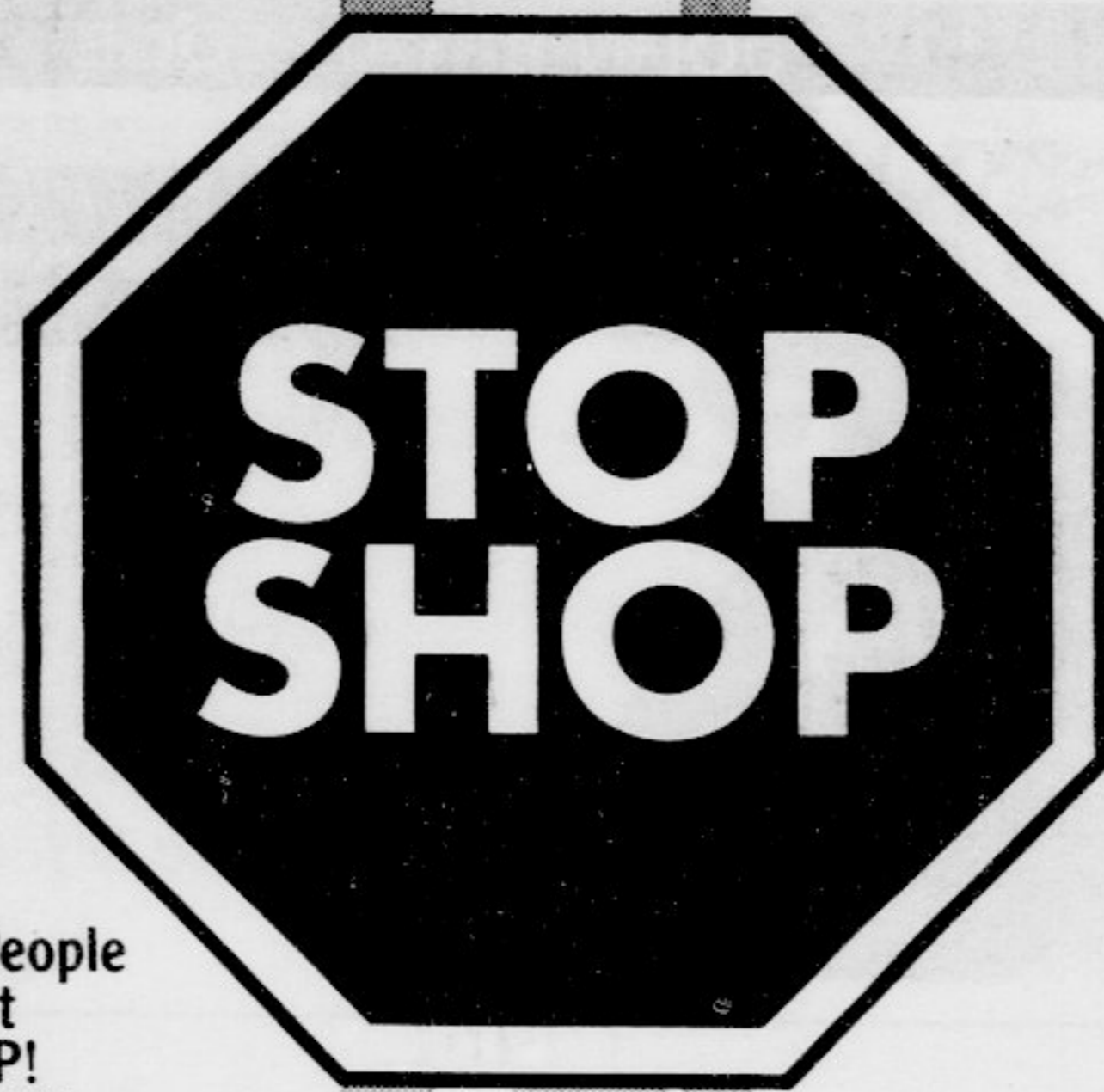
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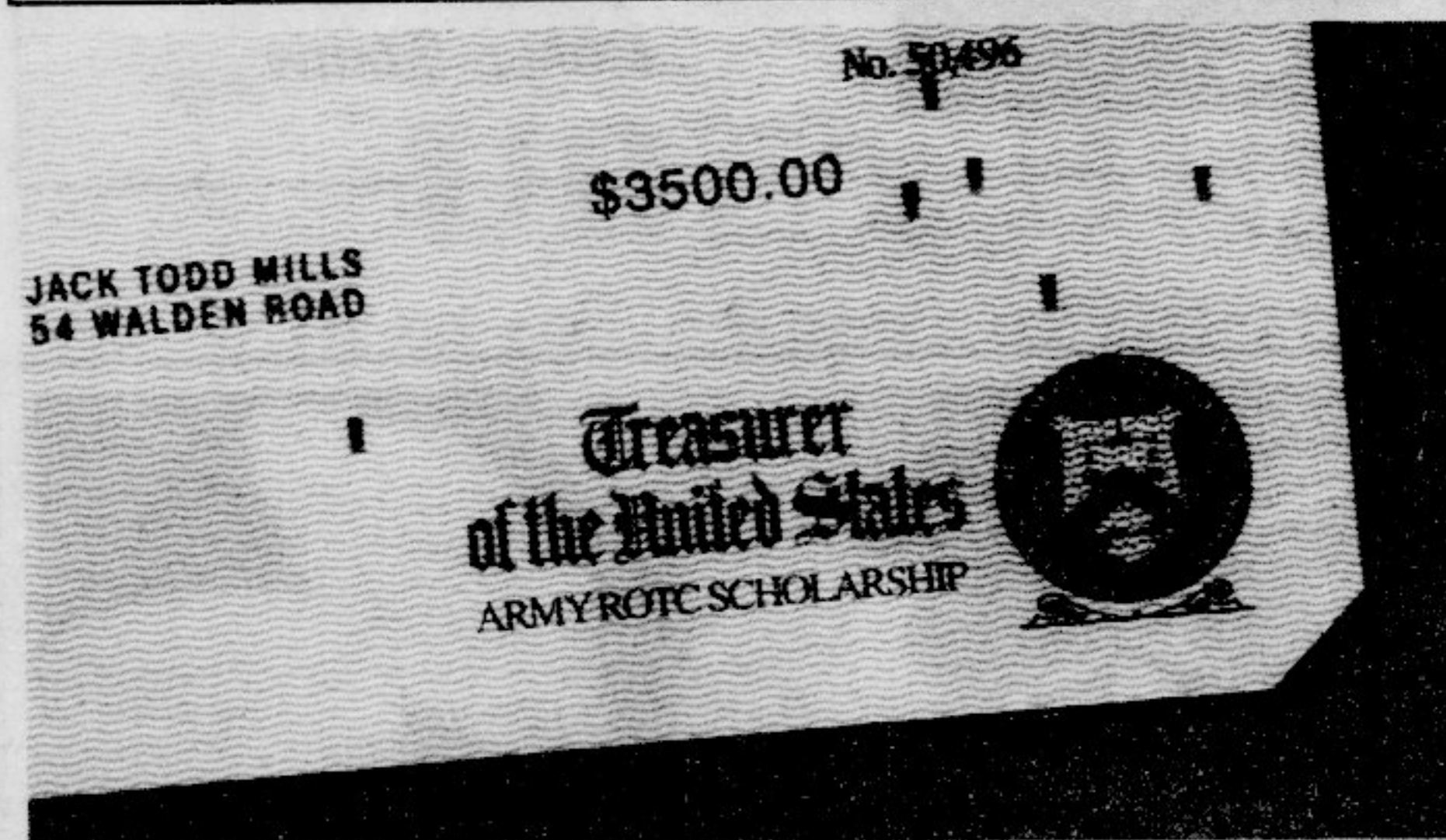
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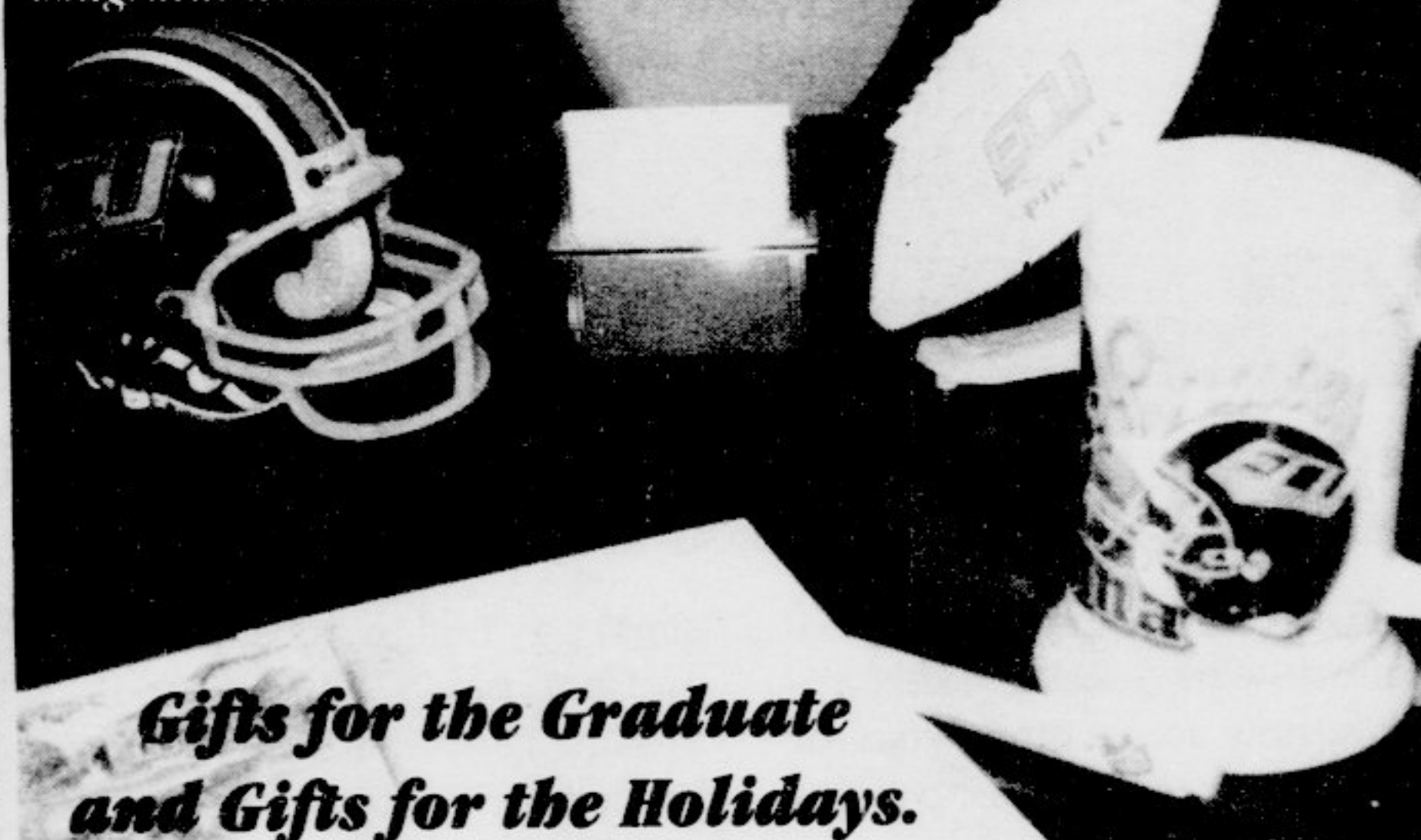
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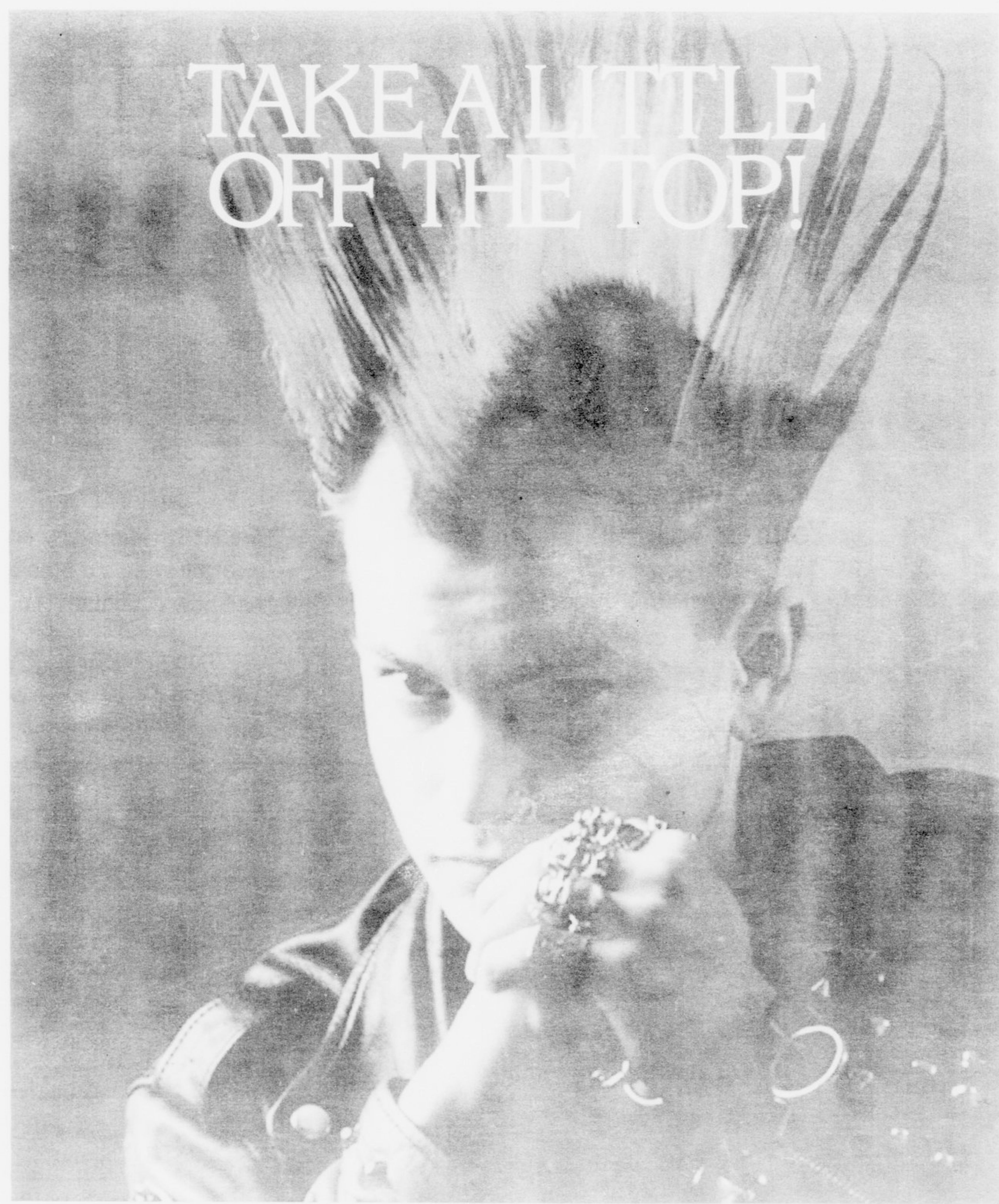
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