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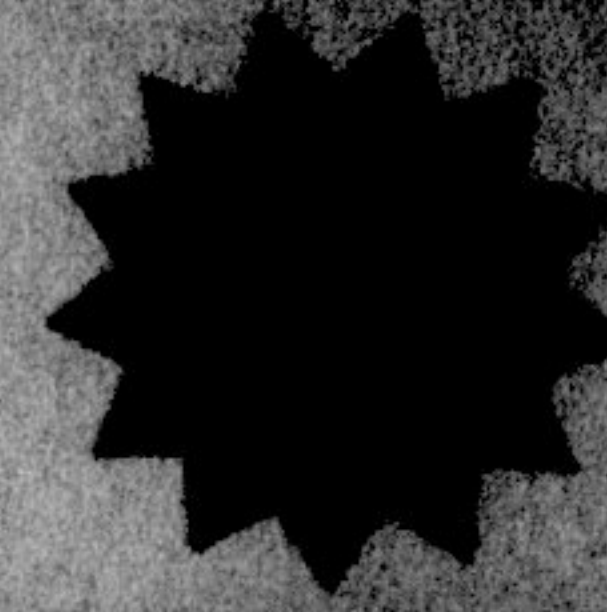
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Senior guard rallies women's b-ball team to victory



**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Sunny, high of 53 and a low of 35



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1999

30 days to go until 2000

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Mobile-Alabama Bowl Information**

For those fans who plan to attend the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 22, the following hotel information may be useful. Bowl tickets will go on sale from 9-4 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the ticket office for \$45. The team will be headquartered in the Adam's Mark (334-438-4000), while the band and alumni headquarters will be the Admiral Semmes (334-405-5944). Tickets to events connected with the bowl can be purchased through the bowl office at 334-635-0011.

The HealthSouth Fellowship of Christian Athletes Breakfast (tickets \$12) on Dec. 21 at the Clarion Hotel will feature Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer as a guest speaker. The GMAC Mayor's Luncheon (tickets \$30) on Dec. 21 at the Mobile Convention Center will feature Pete Rose as the guest speaker. The Greer's Mardi Gras Party on Dec. 21 at the Mobile Convention Center will be open to bowl game ticket holders.

**Sports**

The women's basketball team will play UNC-Charlotte at 7 p.m. Saturday in Williams Arena at Minges Coliseum.

**Art Sale**

The School of Art will hold its annual holiday sale today through Saturday at the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The sale will run from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. today and Friday, and from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. Jewelry, ceramics, sculptures, paintings, weaving, hand-dyed silks and prints will be sold.

**Fine Arts Presentations**

The combined jazz ensembles of the School of Music will perform at 8 p.m. Friday in Wright Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

A recital featuring flutist Christine Gustafson and guitarist Elliot Frank, scheduled for 8 p.m. tonight at the School of Music, has been canceled.

**Parking Lot Closed**

Visitors of Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) will be asked to park in an employee lot, across Moye Boulevard from the hospital, from Nov. 29-Dec. 5 while the main visitor parking lot undergoes maintenance. Signs and parking staff will help direct visitors to the designated parking lot, and employee parking will be moved to other lots to make room for visitor parking. Hospital officials thank visitors for their cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience this maintenance may cause.

**Noteworthy Events**

The Biomechanics Laboratory Lecture Series will feature an address by Dr. Thomas S. Buchanan, director of the Center for Biomedical Engineering Research at the University of Delaware. Buchanan's address is entitled "Neural Control of Limb Muscles: A Biomechanical Perspective." His address is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday in Rooms 142 and 143 in Minges Coliseum.

**ONLINE SURVEY**

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The results of last week's question:

Do you know someone infected with HIV?  
29% YES 69% NO

## World AIDS Day brought to light



A crowd of 100 gathered to observe the 12th Annual World AIDS Day by holding a candlelight vigil. (photo by Emily Richardson)

**Candlelight vigil held in honor of AIDS victims**

Angela Harné  
STAFF WRITER

Hope for a cure continues. Yesterday was the twelfth annual World AIDS Day. In honor of the day, ECU, along with Pitt County AIDS Service Organization (PICASO), ECU Student Health Services, the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Project Outreach and Down East Pride held a candlelight vigil last night.

The vigil began at 6 p.m. in front of Joyner Library and was open to staff, students and the community.

Participants gathered near the Joyner clock holding candles.

Barry Elmore, director of education services for PICASO, started the candle lighting. The group of 100 participants lit candles and began their walk at Joyner and continued along the mall, past Umstead and Slay Halls, down Tenth Street and up College Hill, where they converged at the final destination, Todd Dining Hall.

Participants embraced the experience. "We are hoping to achieve awareness," said Angela Carpenter of the Pitt County Chapter of the American Red Cross. "There is no cure ... our weapon is protection."

"This is a great opportunity to create awareness of AIDS," said Heather Zophy of Student Health Services. "This day gives us a reason to be aware, but I think we need to be aware and educated

all year."

Candles lit during the service served a symbolic purpose.

"Our candles serve as a remembrance for those who have died from AIDS," Elmore said. "They also stand as a hope for the future."

"Like all candle vigils our burning flames will set us apart from the norm," said Aaron Lucier, assistant coordinator of technology for University Housing Services.

At Todd, refreshments were served. Entertainment was provided by the ECU Gospel Choir. The first few panels of the Pitt County AIDS Quilt were on display at Todd, compliments of the Greenville Quilters Guild.

According to the N.C. Bureau of Vital Statistics, Pitt County has over 140 residents who have died as a result of AIDS since 1991.

The theme of this year's World AIDS Day is "AIDS—End the Silence: Listen, Learn, Live!" The theme is to promote communication with those who are directly and indirectly affected by HIV/AIDS.

The day aims to increase awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It also hopes to stimulate the development of new programs for young people, to minimize their vulnerability to HIV and reduce the stigma and discrimination surrounding the epidemic.

According to PICASO, 33.4 million men, women and children world-wide were estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS. If trends continue, by the millennium, 40 million adults will be infected with HIV. Approx-

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## State begins audit of NCSU camp

**Auditor alerted to possible misuse of funds**

Terra Steinbeiser  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Following a tip from a hotline call, State Auditor Ralph Campbell began an investigation of the misuse of state funds by the Mitchell 4-H Camp run by the Cooperative Extension Service at NCSU.

The Mitchell 4-H Camp is located on 32 acres near the town of Swansboro and is associated with NCSU through the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCCES). The NCCCES focuses on 20 major programs statewide, with an emphasis on agriculture, forestry and protection of the environment. One of these such programs is the 4-H (Heart, Head, Hands and Health) Club, whose mission, according to their webpage, is to aid youth and adults in becoming competent members of society.

In April of this year, allegations were made concerning the employees at the camp. Some of the allegations included that the camp director used camp funds to pay for personal expenses, cashed camp checks but failed to deposit the money, that camp employees performed personal services for the director and were reimbursed with camp funds and that the camp administrative assistant falsified her time records.

"Upon completion of our investigation, we identified \$17,467.99 in expenditures and activities by former and current camp employees to be questionable in nature," Campbell said.

The names of the camp director, extension specialist, administrative assistant and other camp employees have not been released for legal reasons, and therefore were not able to be reached for comment.

According to the state auditor's report, it was found that the former camp director used camp/state money to pay for personal auto repairs, gas, as well as personal cellular and long distance services.

Also, the administrative assistant falsified her time sheets by putting her hours on her husband's time sheets so as not to risk losing her disability payments. The NCSU extension specialist was aware of this and actually aided the administrative assistant in circumventing the payroll process.

Campbell made recommendations to NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox concerning the recovery of lost funds.

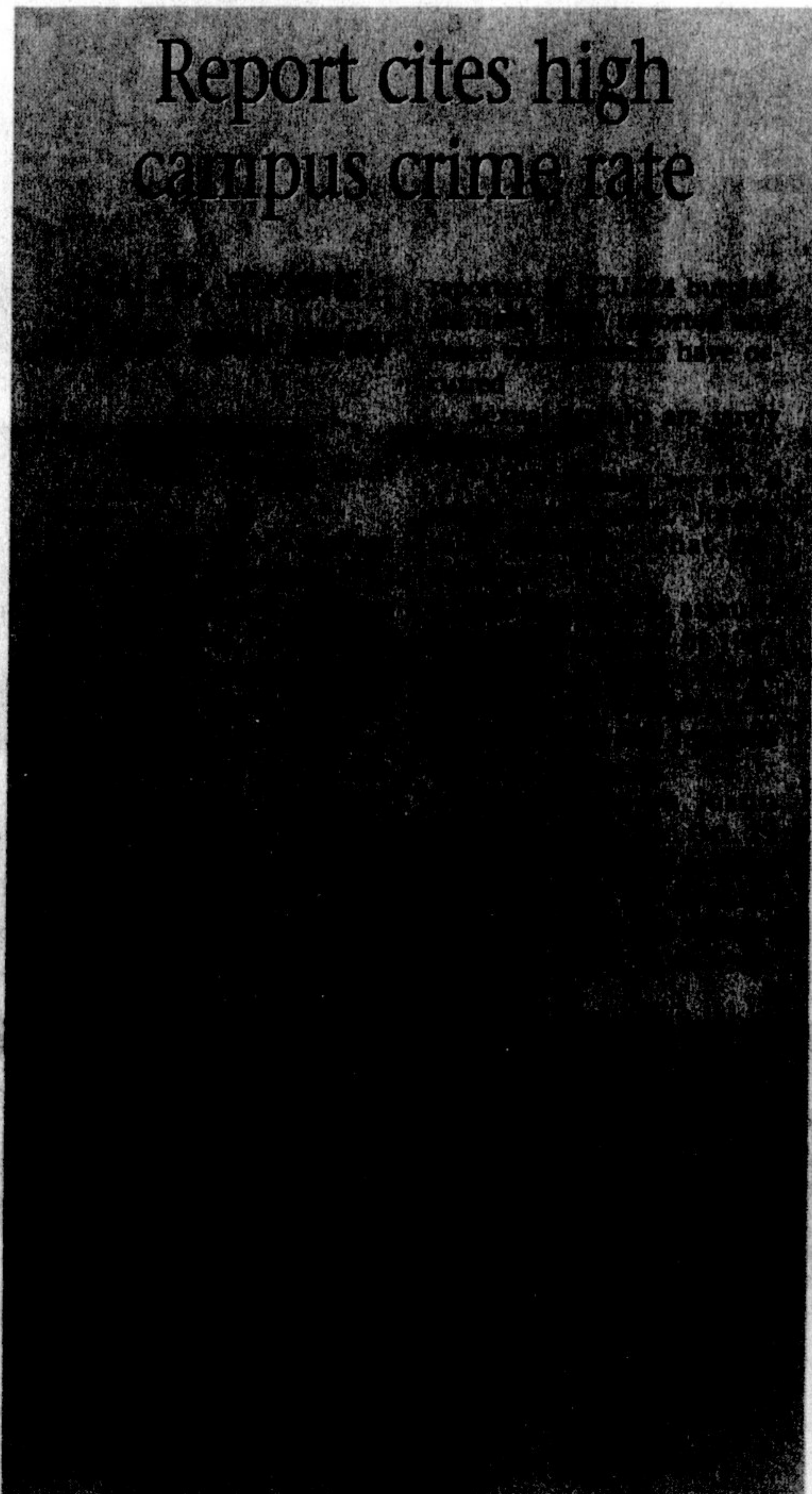
In a letter to Campbell, Fox assured him that the university was taking such measures.

"NC State University has initiated appropriate action to address this recommendation," Fox said. "Further corrective actions have been initiated to address the handling of funds, documentation for expenditures and personal matters."

The auditor's report is now being reviewed by public officials, including Governor Jim Hunt, Molly Broad, president of the UNC System and members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

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## Report cites high campus crime rate



## Sonic 'cicles



The drop in temperature was evident by the Percussive Water Wall's frozen waterfalls in the Sonic Plaza last evening. Continued declines on the thermometer are expected, with nightly lows expected to reach freezing. (photo by Emily Richardson)



Congressman Walter Jones gave a presentation to the Society for Advanced Management (SAM) on Tuesday in the General Classroom Building. (photo by Emily Richardson)

## Congressman Walter Jones speaks on national issues

Jones highlights Capitol Hill's actions on military, budget, foreign policy

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Society for Advancement Management (SAM) invited Congressman Walter Jones to discuss issues concerning the world and NC.

This past Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in GCB 1400 Jones shared his views and opinions on relevant issues dealing with the world.

According to Wendy Morrill, member of SAM, this is the second time Jones has come to speak to their group.

"We are looking for answers," Morrill said. "Dealing with social security, flood relief and community issues. Personally I want to know what congress is planning on doing to help with aftermath of the flood and where all the money is going."

Jones was delighted to be at ECU.

"This is my second time here," Jones said. "I am delighted to talk to such an active group. I love to talk to young college students. I believe all should be heard and I am here to listen."

Jones covered issues dealing with a balanced budget, education, military, Medicare, social security and welfare reform.

He claimed the nation is in debt.

"We are in debt and it needs to be reduced," Jones said. "I believe that we need to live within a balanced budget. This is the first party since 1969 to achieve this goal."

Jones believes that education is a state and local issue.

"I am a State Rights Congressman," Jones said. "Therefore I believe that education issues should be given to each individual state, giving the people the rights within their state."

Congressman Jones said that he has no military background, but that he has served on the ARMS Services for the past five years.

"I feel we are fortunate," Jones said. "We have men and women in uniform who are willing to fight for our nation. We live in a very unsafe world. We have terrorists, cyberspace warfare ... we need a strong military. By 2000 the main issue will be whether or not the US should 'Police the World.' I don't think that it is necessary, but I do believe that our NC bases are safe despite actions in Panama."

Jones feels that in the near future the U.S. may be challenged.

"I think that our prime threat is China," Jones said. "They are the top supplier of technology advancement which could destroy us. North Korea is also a threat due to their unstable government along with Iraq and Iran due to their chemical warfare. And then there is always the threat of terrorists."

Jones believes that the millennium needs to be focused on foreign policy and our tax system.

"We need to get more involved with other parts of the world," Jones said. "We need a simple and fair tax system. I didn't go to Washington to become part of the problem. I went to find solutions for tax problems. Debate has begun on how we are going to change the system for the people."

Medicare, social security and welfare were also discussed.

"I am very concerned about Medicare," Jones said. "I think that by 2007 it might be insolvent. Congress needs to get working now and not later. We need Medicare in the future."

"I also feel that we need an alternative program for social security for those that are under 35. At the moment Congress is in the process of discussing a new retirement system. Welfare is another big issue."

"Over the past presidency welfare has dropped 60%. Child support is up 25% and we no longer support addicts, alcoholics or prisoners with welfare. That alone has saved tax payers \$9.3 billion."

Farmers and fishermen of NC are being protected.

"The NC republican and democratic parties are working together as a team," Jones said. "By February money will be coming for our commercial fishermen through direct grants. I feel our farmers also need direct payments. I am definitely pushing for support of our farmers and fishermen."

Congressman Jones wants students to be aware.

"Please vote and be educated on candidates," Jones said. "We need to face our problems of today and start finding solutions."

"He was a great speaker," said senior Jeremy Hoegemann. "He covered a lot of broad topics that I am interested in, especially for the next election."

"This was very informative," said senior Katie Geniesse. "Jones was very straight forward."

"I was very excited about hearing Jones' speech," said Chairman of College Republicans for ECU, Jason Thuringer. "I have helped with his campaigns and he has done a lot for Eastern NC. I'm very interested in hearing about events in Washington, DC."

"All the events that take place in DC affect us and I believe that we should all be involved. I am always interested in finding new members for College Republicans. Please call me if you wish to join at 353-2834."

SAM is a group on campus which focuses on helping management majors better understand the world of business.

According to SAM President Jennifer Holleman, the group takes plant tours, attends international conferences and has regular guest speakers.

Jones has a bachelor degree in science and is a very active NC Congressman of the republican conservative party. He has lead the fight against oil drilling on the NC coast. Jones continuously works to improve the water quality of NC and protect the wetlands. He has been presented the Senior Friendly Award and Friend of the Farmer Award.

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## AIDS from page 1

ately 590,000 children under 15 and more than 2.5 million 15-24-year-olds. In the US, 688,200 people have been reportedly infected with HIV/AIDS as of 1998.

PiCASA claims World AIDS Day linked communities throughout the US last night when the White House dimmed its lights. The demonstration signifies the commitment to the fight against the global epidemic of AIDS and will give tribute to people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as to those who have died from the disease.

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## CRIME from page 1

"I heard that ECU had a high crime rate," said freshman Jodi Kaufmann. "The only crime I've heard about was the recent assault. There are police everywhere and I feel safe."

According to Lt. Angela Carmon of UNC Crime Prevention, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill educates people on their campus on crime through regular communication with staff and students.

"We have your usual minimal theft," Carmon said. "We stress personal safety as every individual's responsibility. Like if you have a lock, it's no good if you don't use it. Our shuttles, emergency call boxes and visible officers are also helpful in promoting safety."

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## CRIME SCENE

Nov. 26

**Alcohol Violations**—A non-student was issued a state citation for underage possession of malt beverage. One non-student and one student were issued state citations for selling alcohol to a minor. The student was also cited for selling alcohol without a permit.

Nov. 28

**Damage to Personal Property**—A student was issued a campus appearance ticket after breaking two to three plates at Todd Dining Hall after being dissatisfied with her meal.

**Alleged Rape**—Parents reported that their daughter was raped at an off-campus location. They were referred to the Greenville Police Department.

**Larceny**—A non-student and a student reported that an unknown person(s) stole two books and a calculator from their desk on the third floor of Joyner Library. The victims had gone to bathroom during

the time of the incident.

Nov. 29

**Larceny**—A staff member reported that a microwave was stolen from the housekeepers' closet in Aycock Hall.

**Larceny**—A student reported that an amount of money was stolen from her wallet in Aycock Hall.

**Larceny**—A student reported that his bike was stolen from the rack northwest of the Brewster Building.

**Larceny**—A student reported that a camera and tape recorder were stolen from her room in Belk Hall.

Nov. 30

**Larceny**—A student reported that his secured bike was stolen from the rack south of Jones Hall.

## Warnings forwarded by ECU PD

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•If you get an e-mail titled "Win A Holiday," do not open it. Delete it immediately. Microsoft announced that it is a malicious virus that will erase your hard drive. At this time there is no known remedy.

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It is a self-replicating virus, and once the message is read it will automatically forward itself to anyone whose e-mail address is present in your box.

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# Opinion surveys allow students voice in education

## Course evaluations distributed this week

Maura Buck  
STAFF WRITER

Student surveys will be distributed this week in classrooms to evaluate the educational experience of students at the university. These surveys consist of both a multiple-choice section and a short answer section that attempt to judge students' perceptions of their professors.

The surveys are used for faculty self-development and administrative review, in addition to playing important roles in matters of promotion, tenure and salary decisions.

Debra Anderson, professor of foreign language and literature, suggests that students take the time to complete the survey.

"If for no other reason, students should complete the survey to voice their opinions about an important aspect of their university experience," Anderson said.

Throughout the week, professors will be handing out the optional surveys and then leave their classrooms to create a non-threatening environment to encourage completion of the forms.

"It's much more appealing if you know that what

you are saying will not be counted against you, especially during finals," said freshman Lisa Stoltenberg.

In some classes, the surveys will be distributed online.

Eugene Ryan, a philosophy professor, is distributing his survey forms online in two of his classes. He feels that by using the online survey, "sloppiness" in collection can be eliminated.

"The mechanics of the surveys using paper forms leaves a lot to be desired," Ryan said. "The data floats around in sealed and unsealed envelopes, from one hand to another, with no one supervising the process until it finally comes to rest in the office that compiles the data. It is frightening to think that such questionable data would ever be used to make personal decisions that would impact the whole professional life of a faculty member."

According to Moriah Hampton, a graduate assistant professor in the English department, the questions cover basic principles concerning the helpfulness of the teacher, as well as the class structure, teaching style and the selection of textbooks. She also feels the student-teacher relationship should not be one-sided. She believes that students should be able to critique their learning experience.

However, Hampton stated that it would be more useful to base the questions around her personal needs rather than simply generalizing.

"If students don't like my choice of textbook, I need

to know specifically what about the textbook wasn't useful, so I can order accordingly next semester," Hampton said.

Some professors believe students do not take advantage of the free-response portion of the survey.

"Many students answer only the multiple-choice answers, but the written-in ones are probably most helpful," said Charles Garrison, professor of sociology.

Although sophomore Darius Chisholm fills out both sections of the evaluation, he feels that, in some ways, it is a waste of time.

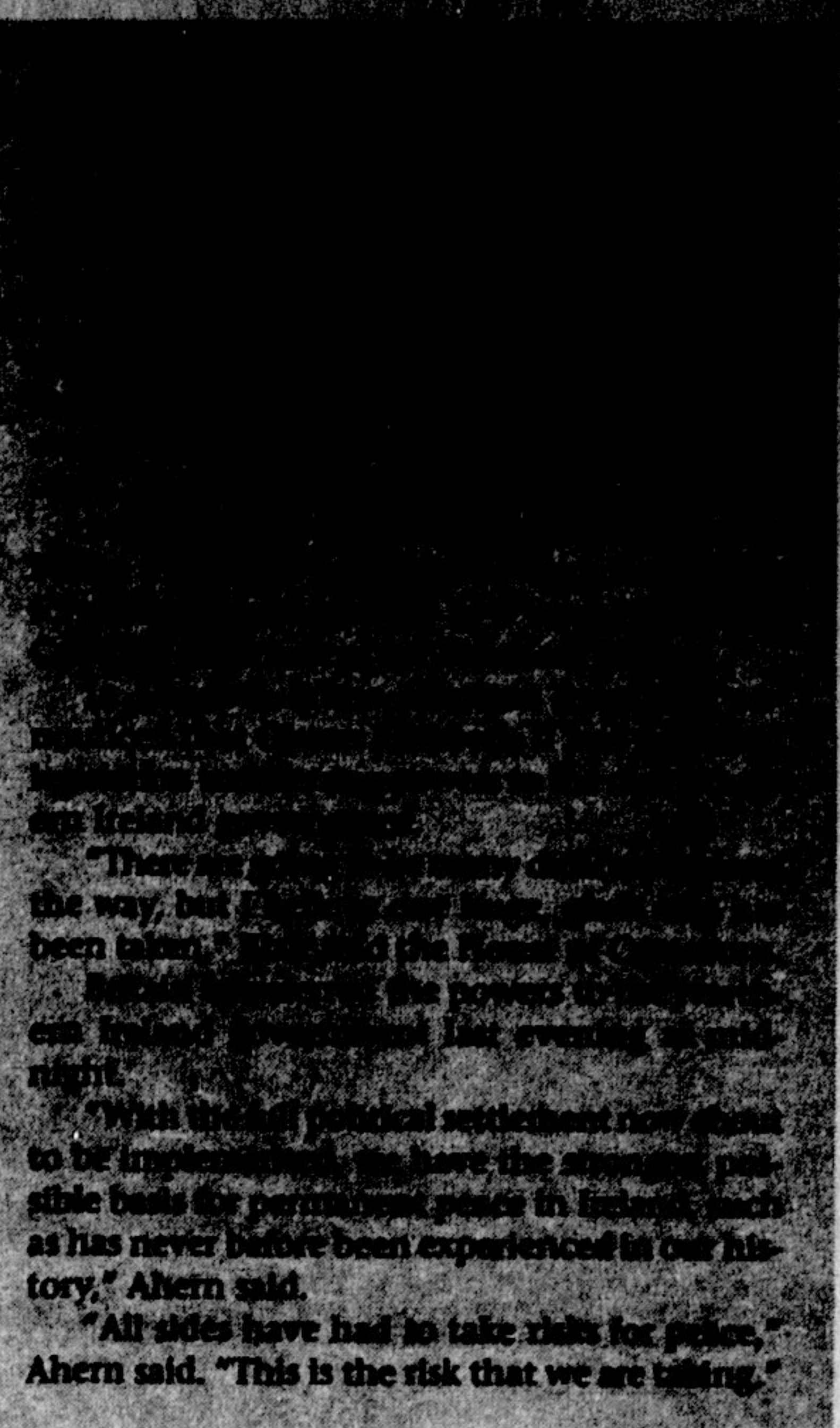
"They ask for your opinion and then as far as I can see, they don't use it," Chisholm said.

Freshman Brad Winston thinks it is a good idea to participate.

"If the students are being honest, I think that it's a great way to express their feelings," he said. "If a certain professor is flunking three-fourths of a class, the students can at least provide paper documentation of the problem."

"It is a much easier way to voice your opinion instead of going to a dean to talk about it," said freshman Katie Evans. "It's anonymous and the professors don't have any way of tracking you down."

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## SGA NOTES

SGA President Cliff Webster announced that SGA is looking into getting T-shirts for the spring. They will cost \$6 and will be available to representatives.

According to Webster, the monthly Association of Student Governments meeting will be held this weekend.

Chris Loney, employee of ECU Marketing, discussed the Mobile Alabama Bowl which will take place Dec. 22.

Loney said that bowl tickets will go on sale Dec. 9 at the ticket office from 9-4 p.m. for \$45 which includes the game and pre-game Mardi Gras party on Dec. 21. Local hotels are offering discounts for the football game.

Webster congratulated SGA on last week's student fees meeting.

Representative Michael Orr announced that the SGA supports ODK Honors Society's flood relief program "T's and Tales", which is

supplying Pattillo Elementary School with T-shirts and books.

Webster announced that the SGA is sending four delegates to the African-American Conference held in Mississippi, which ECU attended last year.

SGA granted the delegates \$1,500 for travel expenses.

According to Na'im Akbar, member of the culture sensitivity program, ECU has been asked to share their ideas on diversity to national colleges. Race relations and cultural sensitivity will be discussed.

Justin Mullarkey, Art Gordon, Lauren Selim and Kesley Simpson were screened into the SGA.

SGA Secretary Jessica Dowdy announced that the SGA holiday party will be held Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. at BW-3's.

Webster said that Monday will be the last meeting of the semester.

## WTO conference presses on despite protests

SEATTLE (AP)—Stunned by violent street protests resulting in scores of arrests, delegates to a 135-nation trade gathering insisted they would push ahead today with efforts to launch a new round of talks. President Clinton pledged to work for a "broader consensus" to meet the protesters' concerns.

After touring a state-of-the-art port facility for processing Washington state apples, Clinton told an audience of farmers that he welcomed the thousands of protesters who had come to Seattle to peacefully voice their concerns about how the World Trade Organization operates.

"For those who came here to break windows or hurt small businesses or stop people from going to meetings ... I condemn them," Clinton said.

Clinton gave a strong defense of the objectives of the WTO meetings

this week to launch a new round of global trade negotiations.

He said that tearing down global trade barriers erected against American farm products, manufactured goods and service companies would make sure that the U.S. economy remained strong and prosperous in the 21st century.

"We have to continue to open markets ... but we can't do any of that unless there is a broader consensus on trade," Clinton said.

Clinton's motorcade to the Seattle port traveled through a trashed downtown where officials were stepping up arrests of protesters to regain control of the streets after imposing an overnight curfew.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke ordered as many as 200 members of the National Guard and 300 state troopers to the city, where they will serve as backup to police who battled rampaging protesters with

tear gas and pepper spray Tuesday.

Today, city officials declared a no-protest zone for nearly all of the city's downtown core, about 50 city blocks, acknowledging they were caught unaware by the magnitude of the disturbance.

"Clearly, in hindsight, the approach we used yesterday did not work and we're going to have to take a different approach today," said Assistant Police Chief Ed Joiner in a news conference.

Police, who arrested 68 people Tuesday, moved in swiftly this morning to break up pockets of demonstrators and arrested about 250 of them, bringing in transit buses to take them away. Most of the protesters were nonviolent, going limp as police tried to pick them up.

"This conference will be a success. The issues are far too important to be ignored," said Mike

Moore, director general of the World Trade Organization.

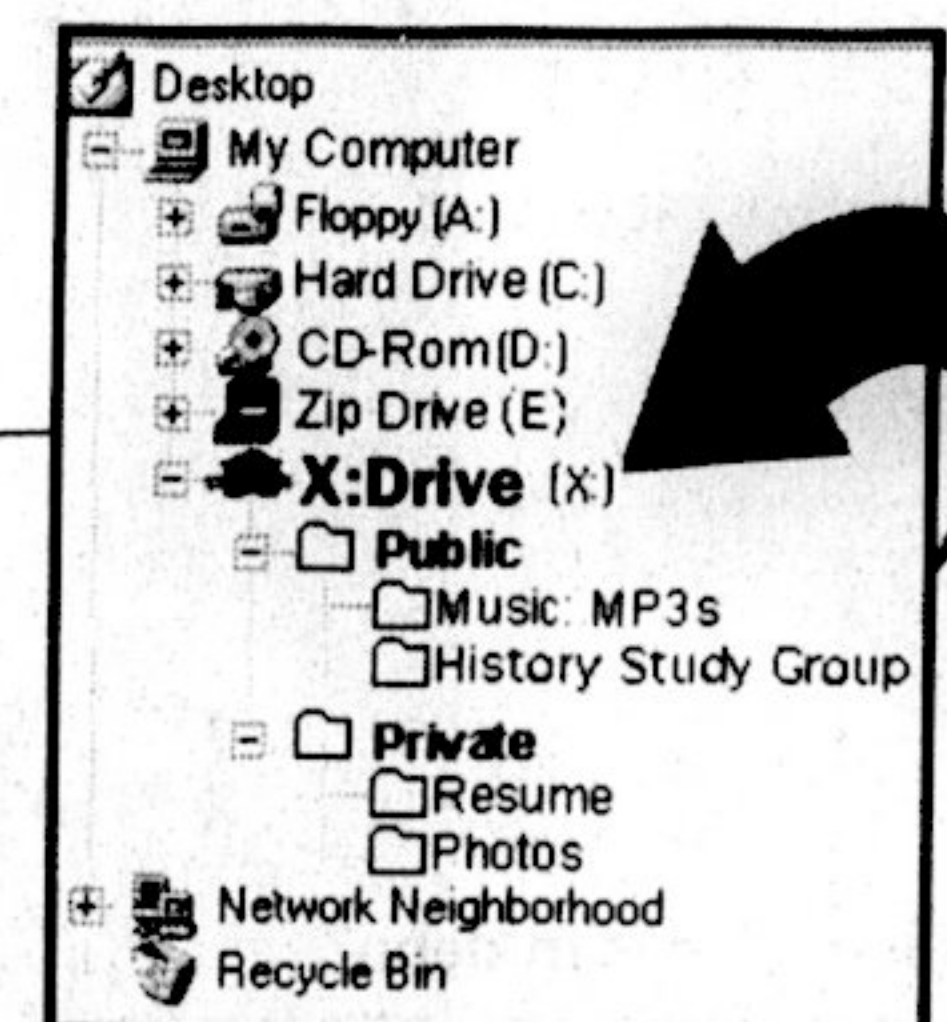
Police chief Norm Stamper told a news conference: "The downtown area needs to be and will in fact be made safe today for everyone."

"I think we've secured the town," said Mayor Paul Schell, interviewed on NBC's "Today."

"[Guard troops] will be used primarily for backup," Schell said. "They are not armed. I don't want armed personnel in the streets. I think that might even be more provocative."

WTO delegates long had expected protests, but nothing like the storm that hit Seattle when at least 40,000 activists took to the streets on the day the conference was to open. Some 5,000 protesters confronted police, with a handful launching an assault on the downtown business area.

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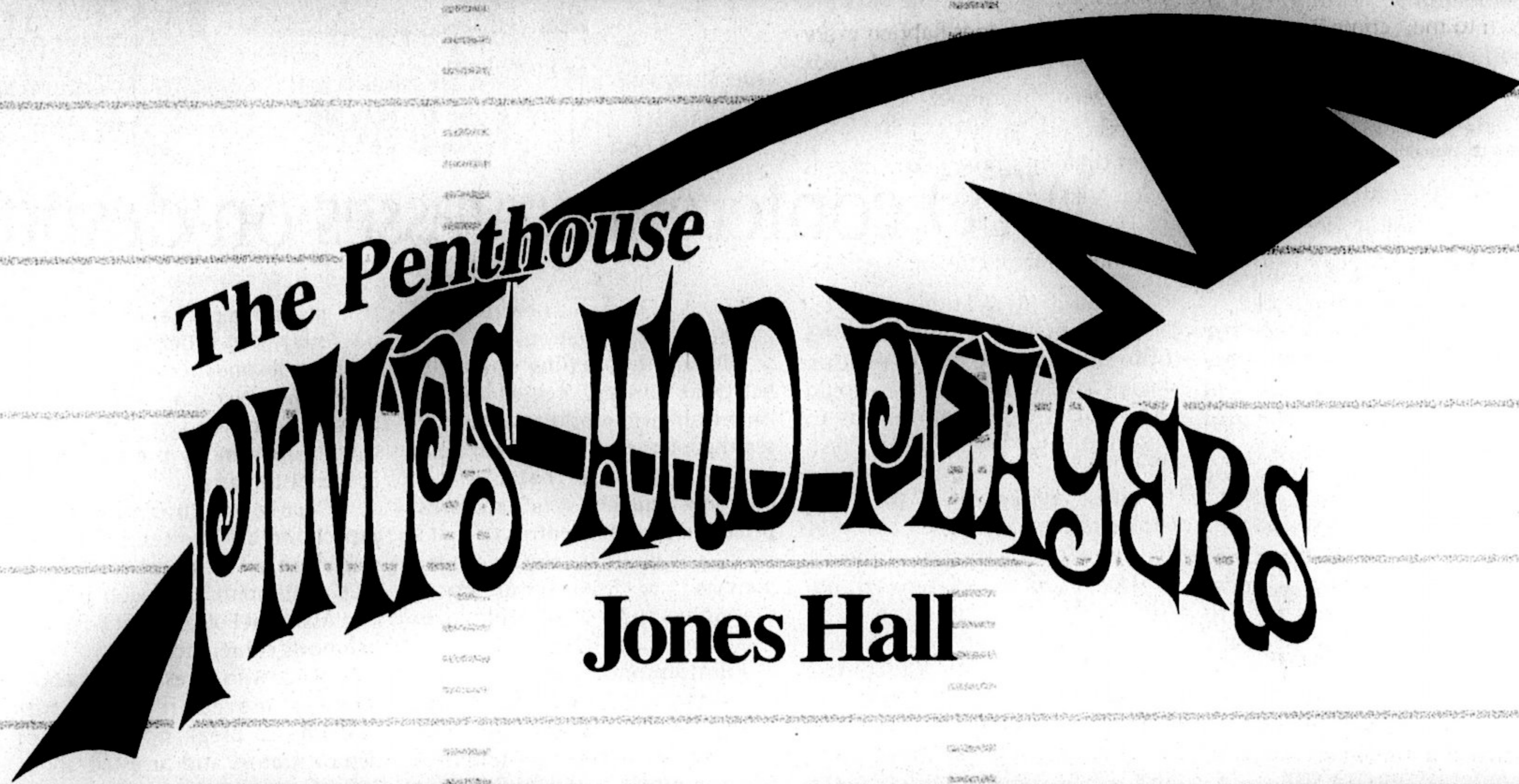
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## OUR VIEW

Many students consider our campus to be their home away from home. We don't want to worry about someone coming into our haven and disrupting it; whether it be through vandalism, theft or usually the greatest concern, assault. But as much as everyone would like to believe "it won't happen to me," crime is an occurrence that can, and does happen every day right here in Greenville.

If we needed a wake-up call about the level of the danger in this area, it has arrived. The College Community Crimecheck gave ECU a risk rating of nine on a scale of one to 10 in a recent Uniform Crime Report. Ten is the most dangerous ranking. Although Sgt. Mike Jordan of the ECU Police department said he doesn't believe that our crime rates are anywhere near that high, it's still something our community should take into consideration.

Each year statistics for such crimes as assault, burglary, theft and sex offenses are listed. Although many of the statistics have fluctuated over the years, it can be reassuring to know that some of the most violent crimes have gone down. For example, in 1993 there were 11 reports of aggravated assault; in 1998, there were only five.

The university does take great measures in ensuring our safety. Our campus police department consists of 45 certified police officers, auxiliary officers, approximately 25 student patrol officers, a total of eight telecommunications officers, three full-time support service personnel and up to 15 library guards. In 1998 it was one of eight law enforcement agencies in NC to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence in Community Oriented Policing.

However, students must also take a part in ensuring their own safety by practicing the measures that have been taught to us over the years. If the crime rates aren't truly as high as the report states, it isn't to say that it could never be so. And if it is, students must be more aware of their surroundings and protect themselves in hopes that a criminal does not find his next victim an easy mark.



## OPINION COLUMN

### Americans want know-nothing president

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Since he began running for the office of president, Governor George W. Bush has not been particularly clear on where he stands on certain issues. And Bush seems to test the waters before deciding which direction he is going to take. In fact, one gets the feeling after following his campaign that he is running for president just for the heck of it. It seems as if he knows he is popular, and he is going to follow the popular view on issues in order to get votes.

According to every poll to date, unless he makes a catastrophic mistake in the mean time, Bush will be our next president. It's a shame, too, because there are so many really good candidates out there with punctuated ideas and plans, namely Steve Forbes.

Forbes is a true Washington outsider, but is very knowledgeable when it comes to the economy and being a leader. He also has clear-cut answers for any question on any topic, with no doubt of where he would take America if elected.

With candidates who are obviously much better and more reasonably motivated than Bush, what on earth is America's problem? Why are we choosing a follower instead of a leader? And after the whole Clinton-Lewinsky debacle, why would we want to replace him with someone so similar in approach—someone who bases his every next move on polls and advisors rather than what is in his/her heart?

Under President Clinton and the Republican-led Congress, America is doing just fine. Sure, we have our share of problems to work out. But compared to other

countries and our past, America is on top. We are especially going through a prosperous economic period. And economic prosperity leads to benefits in other areas.

Unemployment has gone down and will probably continue to do so. The good economy will eventually lead to a rise of the minimum wage. The stock market is also enjoying this period. And we can also be confident that social security will indeed be secure for at least the foreseeable future. So, with everything going so well, America is not really in dyer need of a candidate who wants to make big changes in our government—even if those changes sound good. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. So this time Americans want someone who will keep on rolling with the status quo, someone who looks and sounds like a President, who is generally good and who will not cause big and controversial chaos in Washington.

After last year's Zippergate, apparently anything goes as far as immorality is concerned. Cocaine use doesn't matter. In fact, to a lot of people our age, it's probably a plus (but then, most of you don't vote anyway) ... but that's another story.

It's rather like choosing a car: you can have the Geo Metro—not the most attractive or roomy car in the world, but it's a wise choice for your wallet (Steve Forbes). There's the Jaguar, which looks good and is comfortable, but expensive—but hey, you can afford to splurge (George W. Bush). Oh, then there's the hearse—the car for stiff (Al Gore). In the end, anything is better than Al Gore.

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## OPINION COLUMN

### No need to stress over exams

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OPINION WRITER

With final exams creeping up on us like a stalker, ready to pounce and rape our brains, you can almost feel the tension around campus. Students are getting zits, getting no sleep, getting frustrated and most of all—getting drunk. You would think the student body just found out that the Ebola virus was discovered in the dining hall. But it is not that serious, it's just final exams. Students are panicking like there is no tomorrow and I just don't see why. People should not be scared of finals, if you have been keeping up with your work all semester long. For those of you who have not, then you're hosed.

For weeks now I have told students that I tutored and classes I have taught that final exams are the easiest tests of the entire year. Students look at me like I just french-kissed their grandmother, but it's true. At what other time in your college semester are you allowed to take a test full of material that you have already seen before? That is all a final exam is: a compilation of all the tests that you have already taken. It should be a cake walk. That is, if you did well all semester long.

But if you didn't study much, barely passed the tests, got drunk the night before big tests, then you deserve to crumble under the pressure; it's your own fault. But if you did well all semester, and balanced your drinking and partying with adequate study time, then preparing for finals should be just a review session and cause you little or no stress.

If there were topics that you had trouble with during the semester, then you should have gotten help with them and knocked it out. But if you are just hopeless in that subject and cannot, no matter what, get the concept down, then it is survival of the fittest and

maybe you should choose another major. Let the class die, and move on to what you are good at. That way you can relax about the final, take the F with dignity, and then go out drinking.

Students are always complaining to me about their classes and how they don't get the concept and how they screwed up the quiz or test. So I ask them if they went to their professor. They say their prof. is never there. Did you ask him for an appointment? No they say. Did you ask another professor? Nope. Did you read the book? nope. Did you try another book? Nope. Did you go to the help centers? Nope. Did you ask your friends for a study group? Nope. Did you talk to a counselor? Nope. Well guess what, stupid, you deserve your grade and I hope you fail miserably.

Maybe an "F" is just the wake up call you need to realize that you are lazy and ignorant. The professor teaches you your class about three hours a week. Ninety percent of the learning you receive is on your own time. You need to wake up and realize that not all professors spoon feed you and you may need to think for yourself for a change. They tend to pay for that unique feature out there in real world (unless you work for the government).

So work hard people, make sure you are in the major that is right for you, and learn that when you have mastered the subject, you can then go out and raise hell and party all you want. You won't forget the stuff in one night, believe me. You will do fine. And when the final comes around, you will beat it like a rented mule and you will feel great about. And for all you lazy, ignorant, slack-jawed students who refuse to suck it up and work, I hope you drown in F's and you better get my order straight when I come to your drive-thru in 10 years.

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## OPINION COLUMN

### Microsoft decision does not consider consumer

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Microsoft is considered the most valuable, and perhaps, the most powerful corporation in the world. In the tradition of all great things, Microsoft's clout is now slowly coming to an end. Judge Jackson, in *US vs. Microsoft*, ruled that Microsoft is indeed a monopoly, abuses its power by thwarting and manipulating competition and therefore poses a threat to consumers' welfare and interest.

This decision, of course, made the Justice Department and many others (not to mention Microsoft's competitors) extremely exuberant since they see Microsoft as a ghastly monopoly whose current existence violates American economic principles. While there are legitimate arguments on both sides, in this case, the government's incessant need to knock down a thriving business is taking precedent over a common sense evaluation of Microsoft and its role in technology and the economy. Basically, justice has not been served in this recent decision

against Microsoft.

Laws like the Sherman Antitrust Act, along with similar acts, are designed to "bust" trusts (which are also referred to as monopolies) that manipulate consumers and distort markets. Standard Oil, IBM and AT&T are all examples of companies that were regulated under the ideology that one entity should not dominate or monopolize an industry, good or service.

Microsoft owns 90 percent of the PC operating systems market. So, Microsoft definitely possesses a large corner of the market to say the least. However, being a monopoly is not a crime in and of itself, but it does subject the company to governmental regulation and that is where the debate essentially lies.

The real crime depends on whether Microsoft abuses its power and therefore harms both the market and the consumer. Microsoft officials admit they have a large share of the market but reasonably asserts that they are not preventing entrance into and competition within the market. Furthermore, they feel that they have been accommodating governmental wishes (through bundling software) and it

is not their fault if they are thriving because they do what they do the best. Besides, isn't that the nature of the American economic design?

It seems that the government, in this particular case involving Microsoft, is less interested in protecting the consumer and more interested in gaining the ability to wield power over the leading innovator of information technology. To accomplish this, the Justice Department, et al. are depicting Microsoft as some dangerous monster. This portrayal is ridiculous and should not be entertained.

The extent of Microsoft's wrongdoing and its punishment has not yet been determined. Whatever the extent, now, the government has its hand in the affair. This is just an attempt to meddle in private industry. No matter how dangerous dominating companies like Microsoft are portrayed to be—the government handling this trust problem, much less information technology as we know it, is entirely more frightening and more damaging to the consumer and to any market.

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## OPINION COLUMN

### Holidays test this writer's patience

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Well, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is well rested for the exam blast that is right around the corner. My Thanksgiving sucked. First off, my father decided he wouldn't speak to me for a couple of days (even through Thanksgiving dinner) because of my eyebrow ring.

I have four earrings but does that bother him? Nooooooo. But since I got my EYEBROW pierced he went ballistic. After that whole showdown, I decided not to show him my tattoos, figuring that he

could probably do without the further trauma. So just to appease my parents and to ensure that they would continue to pay for my education, I took the eyebrow ring out. Yeah! Everybody do the happy dance! Damned parents. Just kidding, I'd do anything for them.

Thanksgiving further sucked really, really bad because of another reason. I'm gonna get serious for a sec folks, so pay attention. A student here at ECU who was also from my hometown decided to kill himself over the holiday. It came as a shock to the entire community. No one except for a select few knew about the pain this kid felt inside, and his friends were mainly shut out of it.

If you or anyone you know is contemplating sui-

cide, it is NOT the answer. If it is pain you want to get away from then realize that all you are doing is causing more pain to those around you. If you want a way out, just hop in your car and drive until it runs out of gas and just settle down there.

There is a wonderful counseling center here on campus and numerous hotlines that are available 24 hours a day that are there just for you. USE THEM.

The week just got better when me and my friends played paper rock scissors to find who would be the designated driver for the weekend. Just take a guess as to who lost. Yep, I stayed sober the entire break while out partying three nights with my friends. It wasn't that bad, at least I could keep an eye on them and make

sure they stayed ok.

All in all, it was one of the worst Thanksgivings ever but hopefully this upcoming week will treat me better. I'm sorry I have to mention this, for all the complaining I did previously about my dad, he truly is a great man and he is going up for a HUGE promotion this week so everyone say a little prayer for him (regardless of how you feel about me) so that he gets it. He worked his butt off to get where he is today and he really deserves the position.

Everyone have a safe weekend and I'll see you again next Thursday.

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# Costume design requires more than imagination

## "Macbeth" costumes under construction

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A man puts hours and hours of work behind each play, but he is never seen or recognized during the course of the performances. Costume design is an integral part of every theatre production.

Jeff Phipps, of the ECU department of theatre and dance, is the designer of every costume that goes into every production here at ECU. For Phipps, the art of costume design has been a profession and a passion for the past 20 years.

"I worked professionally for 20 years and at the University of Miami and the University of Texas," Phipps said.

Phipps, in conjunction with the department of theatre and dance, is beginning to prepare for the long hours needed to put on this spring's production of "Macbeth." The amount of costumes that they already have imitating the style of the period in which this play is set determines the amount of new ones that will have to be made.

"Costume designers are the original recyclers," Phipps said.

The number of costumes needed for a production also depends on the number of people in the cast and the number of costume changes for each part. There are 32 actors and actresses in the "Macbeth" cast, and for main characters like Lady Macbeth, several costume changes are necessary.

According to Phipps, the amount of time that costume designers must spend preparing for each production also depends on the amount of detail that is put into each one.

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Jeffery Phipps uses gouache paint and Japanese rice paper to design the costumes for upcoming Macbeth production. (photo by Emily Richardson)

**Maya Angelou**  
Born in St. Louis, Miss. in 1928, this author, poet and entertainer spent most of her childhood living with her grandmother in rural Arkansas. Angelou is best known for her portrayals of strong African-American women. Her writing themes stress courage, perseverance, self-acceptance and realization of one's full potential. In her works she frequently presents strong female role models. Her most prominent writing includes her series of autobiographical books, beginning with "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." The series continues with "Gather Together in My Name," "Singin' and Swingin'," "Gettin' Merry Like Christmas," "The Heart of a Woman" and "All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes."



**Sylvia Plath**  
This poet is known for incorporating savage imagery and themes of self-destruction in her work. Born in Boston, Mass. in 1932, Plath was educated at Smith College and at the University of Cambridge, where she was a Fulbright scholar. Her first book of poetry, "The Colossus," revealed her meticulously crafted, intensely personal style.



**Kate Chopin**  
This writer is well-known for her depictions of culture in New Orleans and of women's struggles for freedom. Chopin was born in St. Louis, Miss. in 1850. She later married Oscar Chopin, a Creole cotton trader, and moved with him to New Orleans. After a business failure, the family moved to a plantation near Cloutierville, La. where her husband died in 1882. Two years later Chopin returned to St. Louis with her six children, where she maintained a literary salon and began her writing career.



**Emily Elizabeth Dickinson**  
Dickinson is categorized as America's best-known female poet and one of the most prominent authors in American literature. Born in Amherst, Mass., Dickinson was the middle child of a prominent lawyer and one-term U.S. congressional representative, Edward Dickinson and his wife, Emily Norcross Dickinson. During her lifetime, she published only 10 of her nearly 2,000 poems in newspapers, Civil War journals and a poetry anthology. The first volume of poems, edited by Thomas Wentworth Higginson and Mabel Loomis Todd, was published in 1890, after Dickinson's death.



**Anne Rice**  
Born in 1941, this writer is known for her best-selling novels about the supernatural. Rice was born Howard Allen O'Brien in New Orleans, and in her youth changed her first name to Anne. In Rice's first novel, "Interview with the Vampire," introduced the reader to vampire history and culture. The book is the first in a series of several other vampire books that together make up the "Vampire Chronicles." The series is noted for its sympathetic portrayal of vampires as romantic individuals who live outside mainstream society.



**Alice Walker**  
This writer focuses her writings to portray the lives of poor, oppressed African-American women in the early 1900s. She wrote most of her first volume of poetry during a single week in 1964; it was published in 1968 as "Once." She won the American Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for her best-known novel, "The Color Purple," which was praised for its strong characterizations and clear, musical quality of its informal language.

# Winter WEIGHT GAIN strikes during holiday season

## People suffer from fat traps, sedentary behavior

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On average, people gain 10 pounds during the winter. The food and fun during the holiday season are two reasons why winter weight gain hits the majority of Americans.

There is more to weight gain in the winter than a voluntary change in the types of foods that are eaten and the exercise that a person does. Sunnex, a company that manufactures low-intensity lamps for bright light therapy, believes that there is a chemical change that contributes to seasonal weight gain.

"In fall and winter, the signal to the area of the brain that registers a signal of satiety is suppressed in the evening," according to sunnex.com. "In this manner, nature encourages mammals to continue to eat and gain weight."

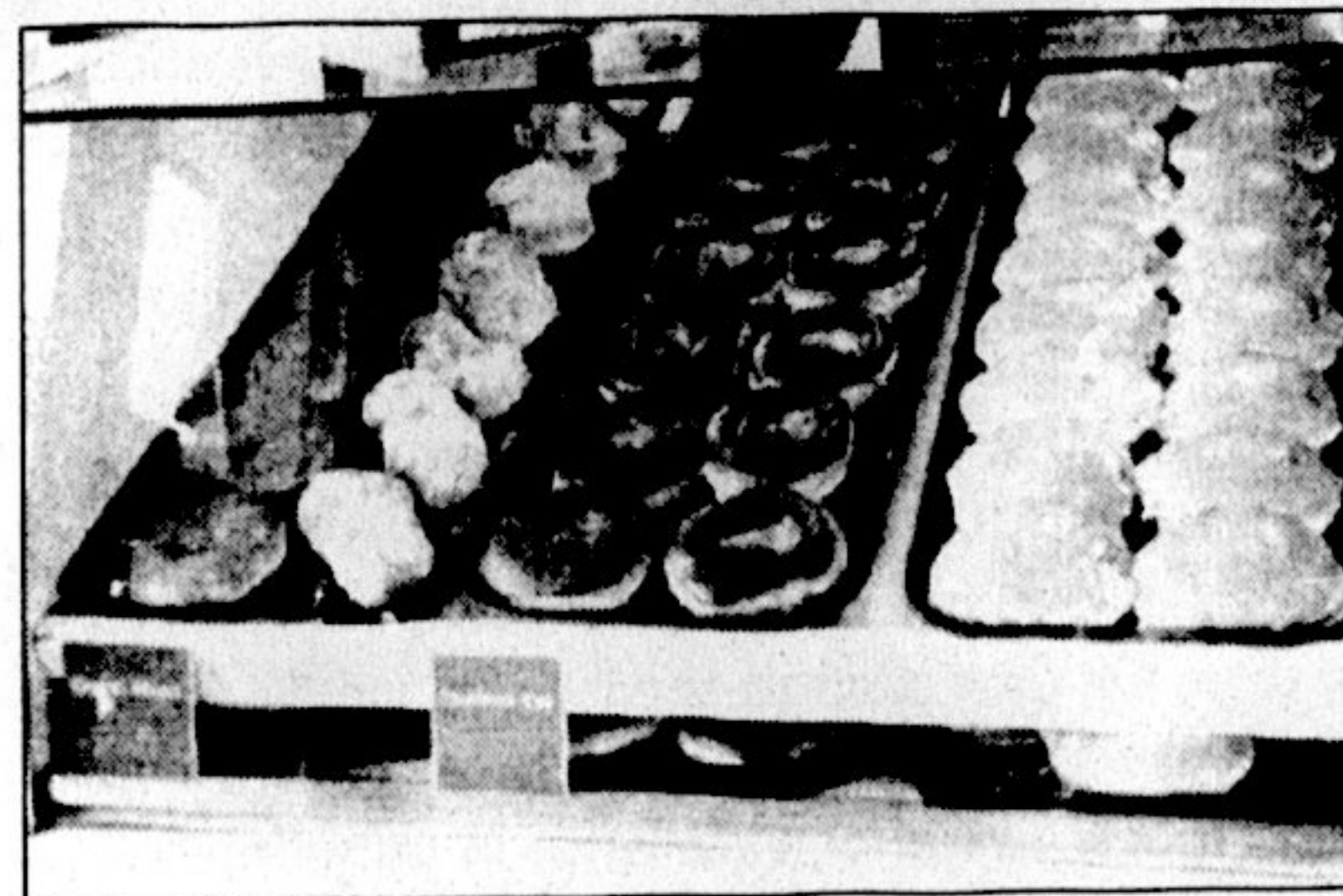
In the evening, when people often have the most access to snacks, their bodies do not signal that they are full. This is a survival technique that has been instilled in the body of all mammals, which now causes weight gain that is no longer necessary to survive cold weather and food scarcity.

The food that people choose to eat, no matter what the time of day, also contributes to weight gain.

"People have less access to fruits and vegetables during the winter, and they tend to eat food that contains more calories," said Sylvia Escott-Stump, dietetics programs director at ECU.

There are also more social gatherings during the holiday season, and people can overeat because of social pressure. In order to avoid this trap, it is best to either circle the table looking for something low in calories or to try a small amount of everything.

"If you sample some of everything, the hostess will not be offended," Escott-Stump said. Typical holiday foods carry a lot of calories that



Krispy Kreme doughnuts are warm and sweet, but they are also full of fat and calories. (Photo by Patrick Raulet)



Junior Renee Engstrom utilizes the abdominal machine at the Rec Center to burn extra holiday pounds. (photo by Patrick Raulet)

people do not usually consume during the year. For example, one-half cup of eggnog contains between 500-600 calories, depending on how rich it was made to taste.

"More people drink socially during the holidays as well, and alcohol intake is a source of calories that many people forget," Escott-Stump said.

If a person was to consume an extra glass of eggnog a day, they would gain one pound every week during the holiday season. A pound of fat is the equivalent of 3,500 calories. If a person gained 17 pounds during the holiday season, it would take four to five months to lose it and keep it off.

"It is healthy to lose between half-a-pound and a pound per week," Escott-Stump said. "If you lose more than this on a fast diet or by depriving yourself of food, it will come back."

The best way to lose any extra pounds is through a combination of exercise and healthy eating. Exercise raises the metabolic rate in a person's body, this rate determines how many calories a person burns doing a certain activity.

"As we age, the metabolic rate slows per decade," Escott-Stump said. "This makes it more difficult for a person to lose weight."

According to Escott-Stump, the traditional college student has a high metabolism because they are still young. Weight gain can still happen because their eating habits typically change over the holidays. When they go home, they are around a lot of food that they don't have access to at school.

"Usually I gain weight during the holiday season," said Abby Lindsay, freshman. "I eat all my parent's food, and I am not used to eating that much."

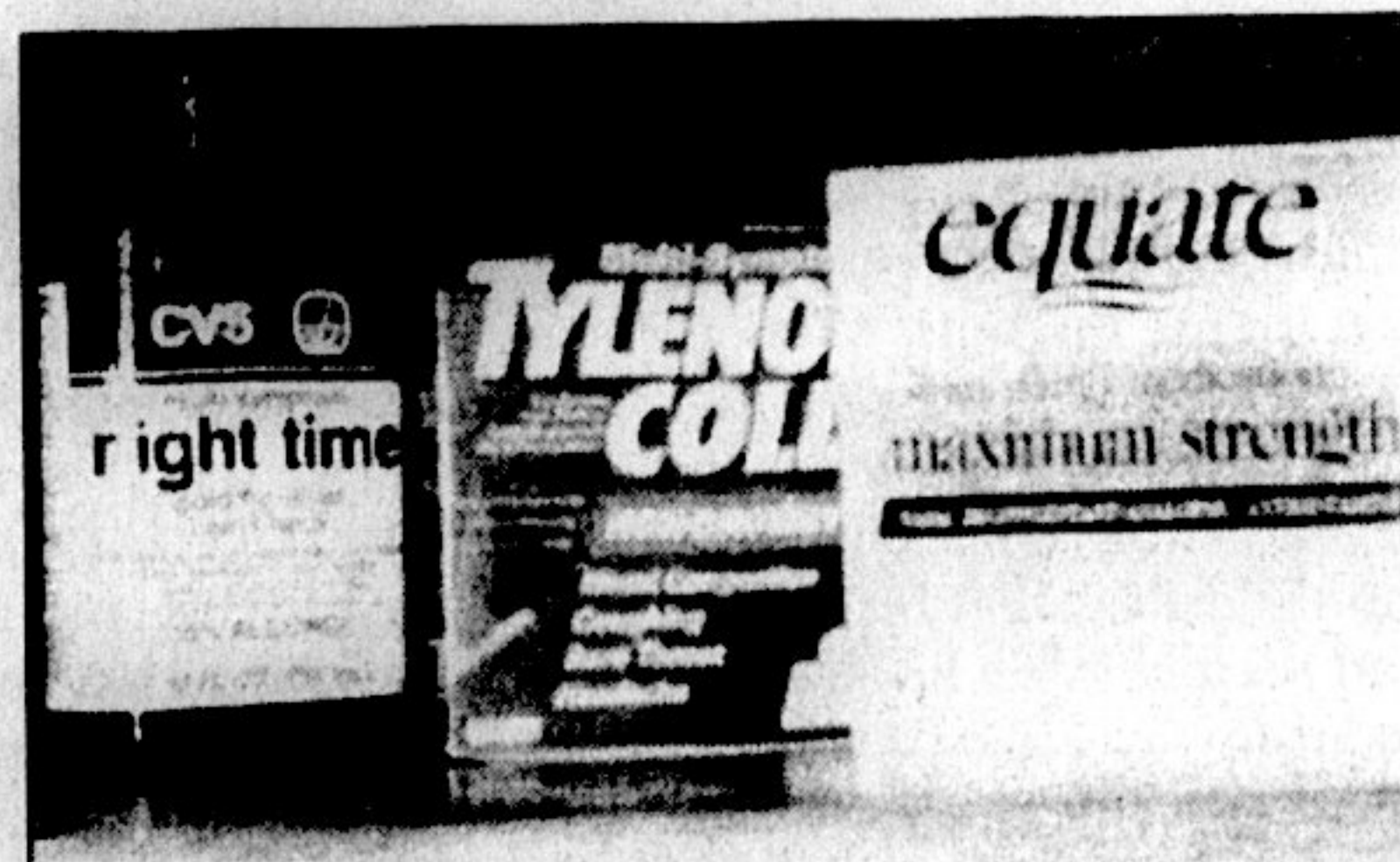
Although all of those treats and holiday drinks may taste good while the season lasts, once it is over, it could take at least three or four months to lose the 10 pounds you gained. If you do overindulge this holiday season or have any questions about weight loss or gain, contact Sylvia Escott-Stump at 328-1352. Dietitians are available to assist you.

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# Volunteers needed for drug testing

## Clinicalstudies.com connects researchers, subjects

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Before testing, the drugs people take everyday could have had horrendous side effects. (Photo by Patrick Raulet)

A student can earn up to \$3,000 in one weekend by agreeing to be a test subject for medical research. Clinicalstudies.com connects researchers and potential subjects via the Internet.

The Internet web page was started in May, and since then, 800 people have registered to be research subjects. Fifty percent of the people who registered are college students.

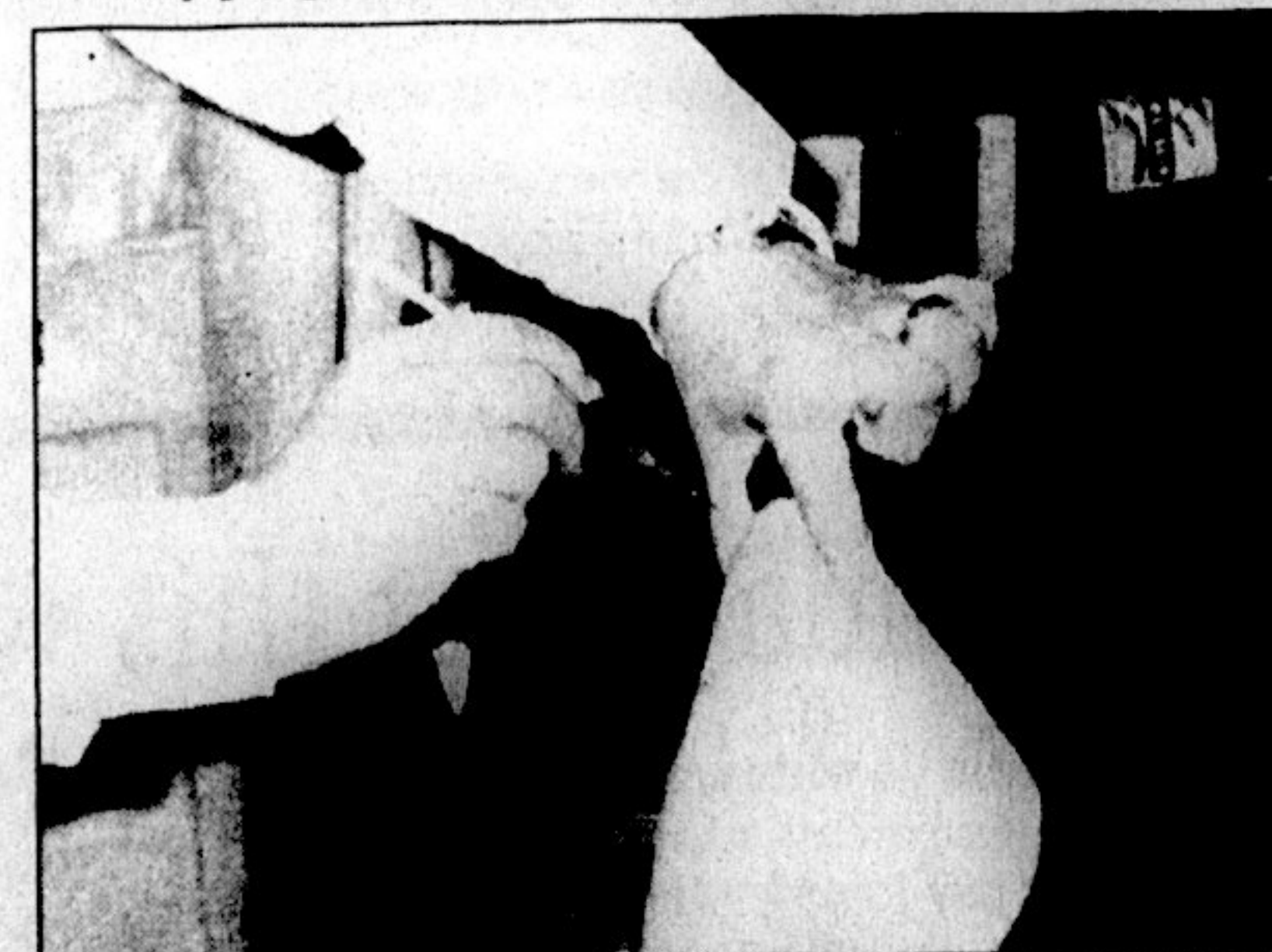
Clinical study relates to the avenue of medical research conducted with patients to determine the validity of new experimental treatments. The studies are designed to develop a working hypothesis about benefits of certain drugs. The studies are set up to compare these drugs against a control group which receives a placebo in place of the actual drug.

Information available on clinicalstudies.com points to concerns relating to the benefits of the specific studies and the qualifications for participation in

them. Persons who are selected to participate are carefully screened to ensure the validity of the tests and the safety of the patients.

"In order to reduce the number of variables that must be considered when evaluating test results, most studies seek to enroll patients with similar characteristics," said Denise Tomczak, director and creator of clinicalstudies.com. "Therefore, each study requires patients with specific traits, such as illness or state of health, ethnic background, medication history, gender, etc. If you fit the characteristics for a particular study, you may be eligible to participate."

Some studies, such as those testing to see if a medicine is safe for human consumption, look for young healthy people, such as college students. All of the drugs



The medicine injected into this student has been tested on other students. (photo by Patrick Raulet)

have been tested on animals before they are given to people, and the test subjects are also given a list of known and possible side effects.

"Phase I testing, which does not test a drug against a disease, but for safety, pays the most money of all of the studies," Tomczak said. "It pays up to \$3,000 per weekend."

A different type of testing is when the drug is tested

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# DINING CRITIQUE

## Courtyard Tavern serves up delicious dishes

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Students dine at Courtyard Tavern in style. (photo by Emily Richardson)

"You want to go where people go; people are all the same. You want to go where everybody knows your name." This tune from "Cheers" fills my head every time I think of what I consider to be Greenville's best kept secret: The Courtyard Tavern.

I've passed it many times while heading over to the local Big K, but it wasn't until recently that I decided to stop in and was immediately hooked. With its warm atmosphere complemented by rich earth tones, the immediate feeling of being welcomed was evident. I felt as if I were walking into a holiday TV special without the roaring fire and the chestnuts roasting on an open fire song playing softly in the background. After a long day at work or school, this is definitely the place I would recommend for a chance to come in and unwind.

The service was incredible because I was immediately greeted with a genuine smile and seated at the nearest available booth. The booth I was sitting in was

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Lisa Devita, shop manager for costume design, said she enjoys her job, but she also realizes that there are limitations for any costume designer. Although she would recommend the field to anyone with artistic talent and aspirations, there is a catch.

"You can't just be a dreamer," Devita said, "You have to also have technical skills as well because there is a lot of hands on action."

Aubrey Harpman, senior, started working with costume design as part of her work-study program and then decided to change her major into this field.

"I hope to do this professionally some day in New York, California, London or some big city," Harpman said.

Costume design is a competitive field that demands both creativity and technical expertise. At ECU, any student can begin to develop their interests and skills in costume design with the department of theatre arts. For more information, contact Jeff Phipps in the theatre arts department.

Macbeth costumes already designed, they are just waiting for the hands that will make them to bring them to life. (Photo by Emily Richardson)

"It depends on whether we have to do dying and fabric modification (applying airbrushed design) and the elaborateness of the costume," Phipps said.

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for its efficiency in fighting a certain illness. In order to participate in these studies, a person must have the particular ailment.

"The patient will be evaluated by a doctor to determine whether traditional [current] methods will be effective in combating their illness," said Anderson, health information manager for the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. "If it is then determined that the clinical study would be of benefit to them and all requirements are met, they will sign the informed consent form, and the study will begin."

These programs use several different methods to procure test subjects for the studies. Newspaper articles, radio broadcasts and fliers in local neighborhoods have all been used as methods to locate willing participants.

"The more traditional forms have been effective enough, but they are very expensive compared to the Internet," Tomczak said.

The Clinical Research Institute gives several reasons that one would participate in a clinical study. Patients often resort to experimental drugs when normal methods of treatment fail. Patients often receive the medicine in the study free of charge. Certain studies will include medical treatment for the problems being studied outside of the medicine being tested, and a few offer monetary benefits. Everyone who participates has their own reasons for choosing to do so.

"It depends on the possible side effects if I would do it or not," said senior Kate Tomlinson. "The money is appealing, but it's not like I'd do it if it had some crazy side effects."

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definitely not meant for the vertically challenged, but it was comfortable nonetheless.

The Courtyard Tavern offer a variety of appetizers to start the evening out, such as its ever-popular mozzarella sticks and onion bloom. For those who are a little more daring and willing to taste something different, I recommend the artichoke dip, as well as the Jamaican chicken skewers which had a Caribbean taste, seasoned to a tee.

For such a laid-back restaurant, entree selections such as the bourbon salmon grill, filet mignon del mar and margarita swordfish were quite sophisticated. I had the Parmesan chicken grill, a juicy grilled chicken breast topped with a rich Italian sauce, provolone and Parmesan cheese, served on top of fettuccine noodles. I was very impressed with the hearty portion size they brought me. The leftovers made for a delicious lunch the next day.

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**Snowman patiently awaits his season to shine**



The Christmas shopping season officially began the day after Thanksgiving. Advent, the beginning of the Christian Christmas preparation, begins Sunday, December 5. This little snowman begins his holiday season as soon as someone grabs him off the shelf to take him home. (photo by Patrick Raulet)

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### 7-year-old to compete in national Oreo stacking competition

COLCHESTER, Ill. (AP)—Seven-year-old Nathaniel Keithley has a good reason for getting into the Oreo cookies: He's got to practice. Nathaniel leaves Sunday for the national Oreo stacking competition at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., where he will have one shot at stacking the most cookies in 30 seconds to earn a national title. But with a wobbly dining room table and a little brother who likes to eat the cookies, practicing can be a challenge. Nathaniel's mother, Teri Haffner, said her son qualified by stacking

34 cookies in 30 seconds at a Nabisco Co. booth at a K-mart store. She later found out from Nabisco that the world record is 30. If he wins the national title, the second-grader would win a \$20,000 savings bond and a walk-on role on the television show "Honey I Shrunk the Kids"—plus a year's supply of Oreos, Haffner said. Nathaniel said his friends made up a new nickname for him. "They're calling me 'Oreo Boy' on the bus," he said. "A lot of people are also wondering if I'll get sick of Oreo (cookies). The answer is 'no.'"

### Escaped python winds up under Hammond man's car

HAMMOND, La. (AP)—Police had to contend with a hissing, writhing 6-foot Burmese python after a 9-year-old boy found it in a driveway, lying under the family car. "My son came in the house and said there was a snake under the car," said John Wilkinson. "I thought he meant an itty bitty thing. Imagine my surprise." Wilkinson called police, who had him put his car in neutral and push it up the concrete driveway. The snake stayed calm until Sgt. Charlie Pittman, wearing gardening

gloves, grabbed it at the base of the neck while Officer Matt Savona held the tail. Then it hissed, writhed and bared its teeth. They had started to lower the snake into a garbage can when animal control officers arrived with a pillowcase. The snake was not poisonous and would probably not have hurt a person, animal control officer Lani Loyd said. However, a small pet might have made a meal for the python. David Holloway, a 20-year-old

college student who lives several blocks from Wilkinson, had a happy reunion with the python, named Kamikaze, Loyd said. A few days earlier, the snake had slithered out of a cage that Holloway forgot to latch. "When we let her out of the sack and she saw him, she was pretty happy," Loyd said. "Believe it or not, they can recognize their owners."

### Japanese pick instant noodles as food of the century

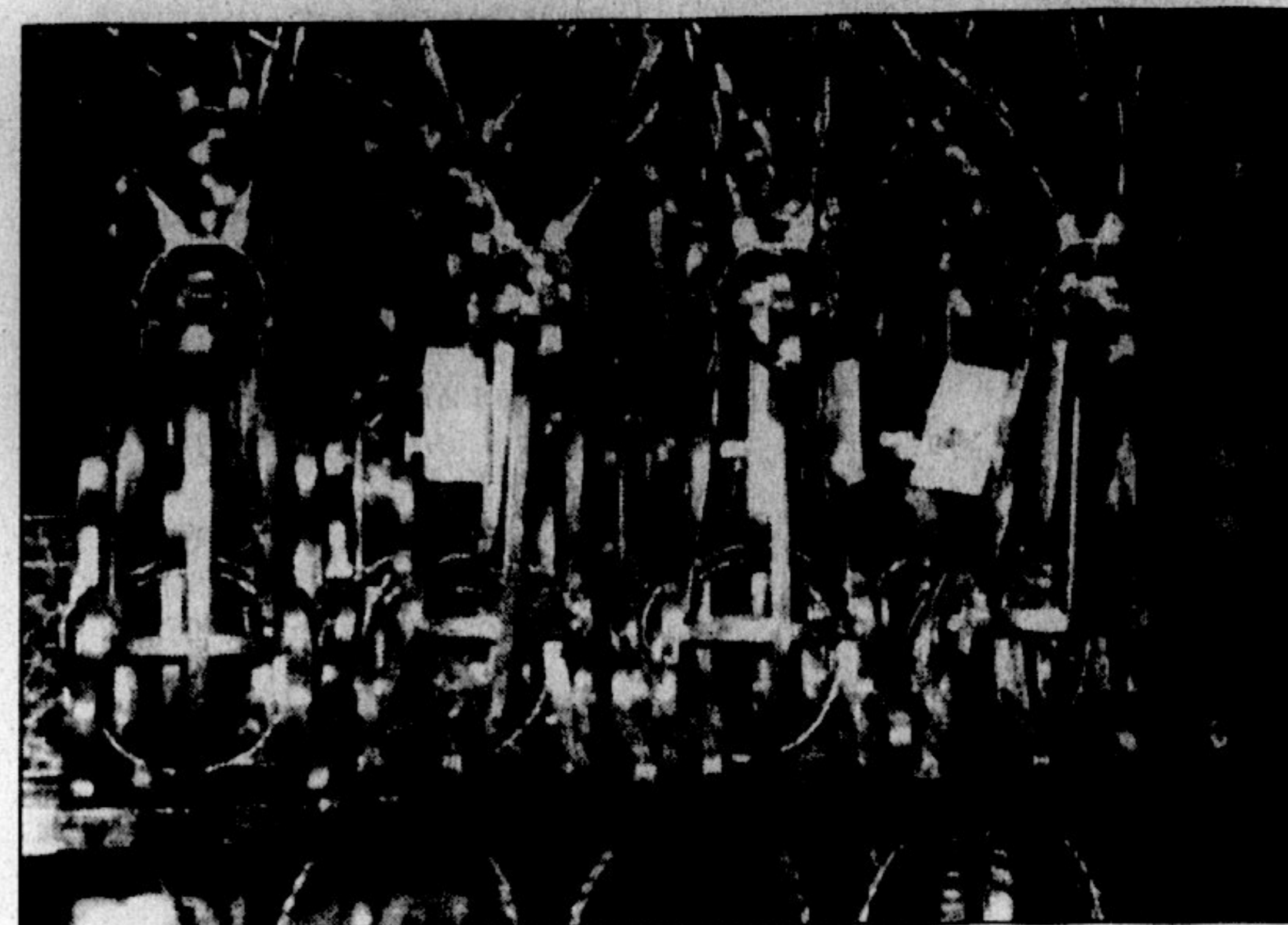
TOKYO (AP)—For Japanese, the food of the century is far from gourmet—instant noodles, hamburgers, curry and packaged lunches from convenience stores, according to a new survey. The survey, by Japan Management Association Research Institute, a Tokyo think-tank, asked 1,493 people between the ages of 16 and 69 to pick three food items that represent the century. The top choice was instant noodles, picked by 79 percent of respondents, followed by hamburgers at 34 percent and prepackaged heat-

and-eat curry at 28 percent. Other picks were packaged lunches sold at the omnipresent convenience stores, with 6 percent, and sushi and colas, each with 3 percent. "Instant noodles are one of the few foods that originated in Japan and have spread throughout the world. People are proud of that," said Fumiaki Kato, one of the researchers who carried out the survey in September and October. It was released Wednesday. The average Japanese eats more than 40 packs of instant noodles a year. There are about 720 different flavors and types on the market, an industry group says. They were invented in 1958 by Momofuku Ando, founder of Nissin Food Products Co.

"Everyone from the emperor to high-school kids eats instant noodles," Hiroshi Yamaya, spokesman for the Japan Association of Instant Food Manufacturers, said Thursday. Asked to describe the eating habits of Japanese in the 20th century, 63 percent of respondents said "instant food," 43 percent replied "fast food" and 30 percent said "Western-style" food.

"We could say that the 20th century is a period that places a lot of emphasis on convenience in food," Kato said.

### Miniature reindeer line up in preparation for Christmas



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### Man gets 90 days of probation for barking at police dog

ERIE, Pa. (AP)—You've heard about the boy who cried wolf. What about the man who barked?

Jeffrey Williams, 25, of Erie was sentenced Thursday to 90 days of probation for a conviction related to the harassment of police dogs who were inside a car.

On June 5, Williams was riding his bicycle in Erie when he came upon dogs that were inside parked police cruisers.

He "looked into the windows of each vehicle and made barking noises at the dogs inside, causing them to go into a barking frenzy," police alleged.

Patrolman Lester Fetterman told Williams to stop.

"He ignored me, and from about a foot away from my cruiser window, he looked in and barked at my dog, getting the same reaction," Fetterman said.

Williams told the officer he could do whatever he wanted to in his neighborhood.

Also Thursday, Judge William Cunningham sentenced Williams to 30 days of probation for marijuana possession.

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SPORTS BRIEFS



**Bears' Miller to miss rest of regular season**

Chicago Bear's starting quarterback, Jim Miller, has been suspended for the team final four regular season game after testing positive for the use of steroids violating the NFL. An NFL spokesperson has said the Miller violated the leagues policy on anabolic steroids and related substances. The substance Miller was using was not identified. A Bears' representative said that the team would not comment until a Wednesday afternoon conference. Miller is the third NFL drug suspension in the last two weeks. Others NFL players were New York Giants rookie safety Lyle West and New York Jets tackle Jason Ferguson.

**SEC refs suspended for fumble call**

The crew that officiated the Georgia-Georgia Tech game has been suspended by the Southeastern Conference after they missed a crucial last minute call in Saturday's game. The seven man crew was rated the best in the SEC but they ruled Jasper Sanks fumble at the one yard line wrong. Television replays show that the ball popped out after Sanks hit the ground. The score was tied 48-48 when the ball was awarded to Tech, taking away the chance for a Georgia fieldgoal. The Yellow Jackets went on to win 51-48 in overtime. It has been ruled that the team will not officiate the ACC title game between Florida and Alabama. Many officials involved will also lose their post season assignments. The SEC has not yet commented if the officials could be fired.

**Rockets face up to six weeks without Olajuwon**

Houston Rocket's starting center Hakeem Olajuwon did not have a groin strain but a hernia that will require surgery. After further examination Tuesday an inguinal hernia was revealed which will bench Olajuwon for the next 4-6 weeks. At first he was expected to miss 3-4 weeks due to the groin strain but now will miss 4-6. A Rocket's spokesperson said Olajuwon will have surgery Wednesday to be performed by team physician Dr. Walter Lowe. "I think that almost all of his symptoms are coming from the hernia," Lowe said.



**Man U wins World Cup thriller**

Manchester United beats Palmeiras of Brazil 1-0 at the Tokyo National Stadium Tuesday to become the first British club to win the World Club Cup. United skipper Roy Keane scored a goal in the 35th minute to give Man U the lead. Keane lead his team to their fourth major honor of the year winning the European Cup, the English League Championship and the F. A. Cup last season.

Home game attendance wanes



50,092 fans packed Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium for the Pirates home game against N.C. State (above), while fan support for other sports dwindles. (photo by Emily Richardson)

**Lack of fan support disappoints teams**

Tiffany Waters  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes empty seats can be louder than the roar of a crowd. "I'm sad that there is not more support for our own teams," said sophomore spectator Cynthia Laney. "I don't understand why people don't support other teams like they do football." Football can probably be considered the most dominant sport at ECU, but according to some students, it's not the only one that deserves respect and fan support. "Yeah, I think there should be more people at all the games," said sophomore spectator John Lowe. Yes, football finished very well this year and accepted a bowl bid but they are one of many teams that have excelled this year. The women's soccer team had its best season ever, going 11-5-1, set-

ting a new school record for the most season wins. The Lady Pirates also set the record for most shutouts with five straight in mid-season plays.

With great accomplishments like these, you would think the stands would be packed full of proud Pirates, yet they're not.

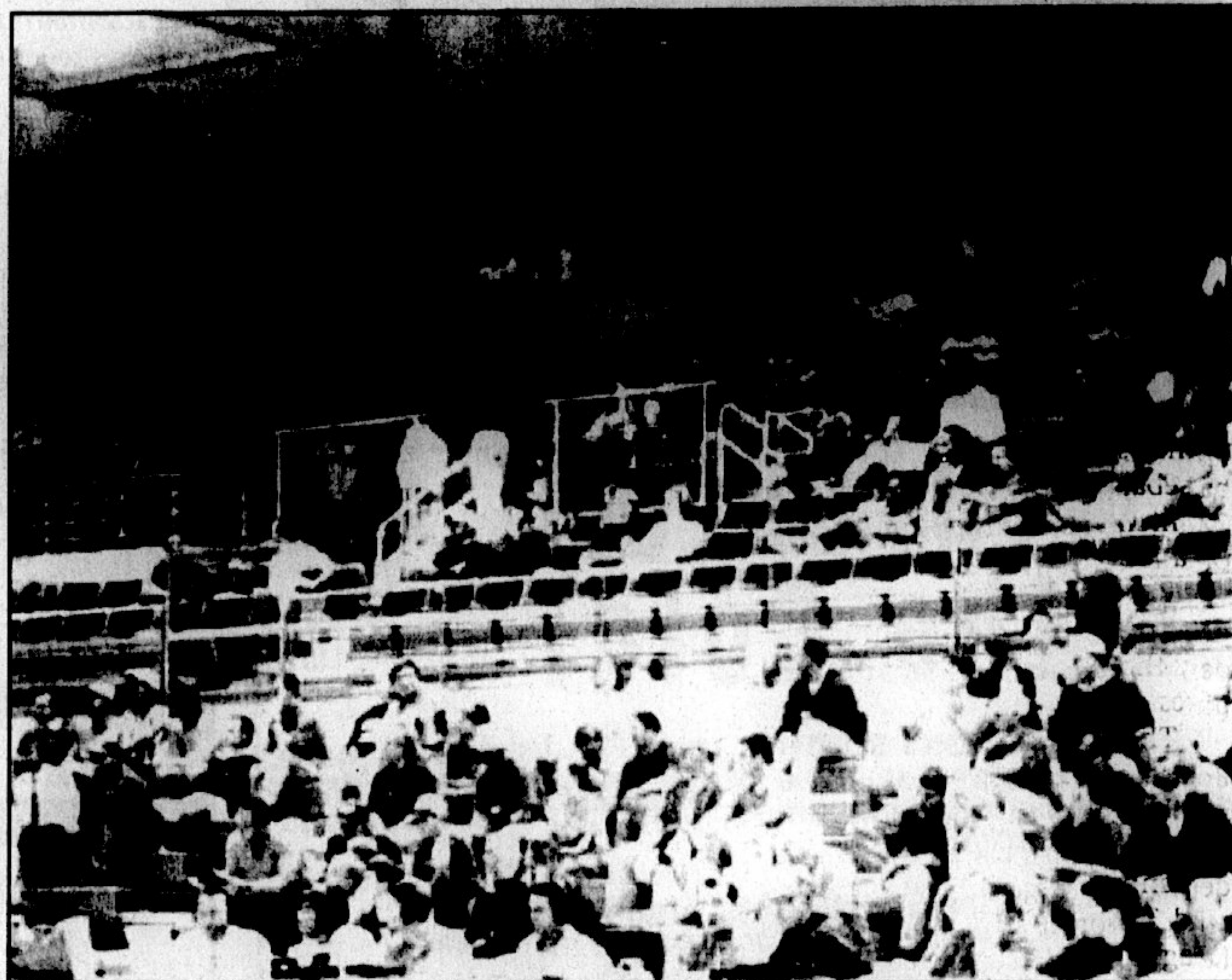
"Fans are apathetic," said women's basketball Head Coach Dee Gibson. "I feel that if you want to have a winning team, support them anyways."

Women's basketball is another sport at ECU that has lackluster fan support. The team has had a few losing seasons but showed promise last year with a winning season and having two players named to the CAA second team.

Men's soccer has also shown vast improvement over the years, but the number of fans in the stands is dwindling.

ECU students and staff are allotted free tickets to most non-revenue sports.

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Empty seats are common at home basketball games. (photo by Emily Richardson)

ECU Facility Capacities

| Facility              | Capacity         |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium | Football 50,000  |
| Williams Arena        | Ice Hockey 7,500 |
| Williams Arena        | Volleyball 7,500 |
| Harrington Field      | Baseball 2,000   |
| Bunting Field         | Soccer 500       |
| ECU Softball Field    | Softball 500     |

Source: ECU Media Relations

Game attendance

| Sport                | Total Season Attendance | Average Per Game |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Women's Soccer       | 65                      |                  |
| 7 home games         |                         |                  |
| Men's Soccer         | 724                     | 120.67           |
| 8 home games         |                         |                  |
| 9 away games         | 1,497                   | 166.33           |
| Football             | 200,495                 | 40,099           |
| 5 home games         |                         |                  |
| 4 away games         | 151,650                 | 37,912.5         |
| 2 neutral site games | 93,760                  | 46,880           |

Veney leads Lady Pirates to victory

Senior guard aims to be among CAA elite

Tiffany Waters  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior guard Waynetta Veney is the perfect example of leadership and excellence on and off the court.

"I think that she really rededicated herself this summer," said Head Coach Dee Gibson. "She lost like 28 pounds, and she has really refocused herself."

Veney, a 5-10 guard from Hampton, Va. begins her second season at ECU after transferring from the College of Charleston.

"I think as a person she really matured and changed a lot, and I think that's for the better," Gibson said. "It's only going to make her a better person and a better player."

She is the lady Pirates' leading scorer with an average of 13.7 points per game.

"I think I know the game of basketball, and I do a great job of reading it," Veney said.

"I think I have a long ways to go and that there is always room for improvement."

Veney also lead the Pirate team with 106 assists in the 1998-99 season. "She is one of our leaders this year, and I think that she is doing a good job so far," Gibson said. "She's playing well and we're real pleased with her effort so far."

Veney was ranked fifth last year in CAA scoring with an average of 14.2 points per game.

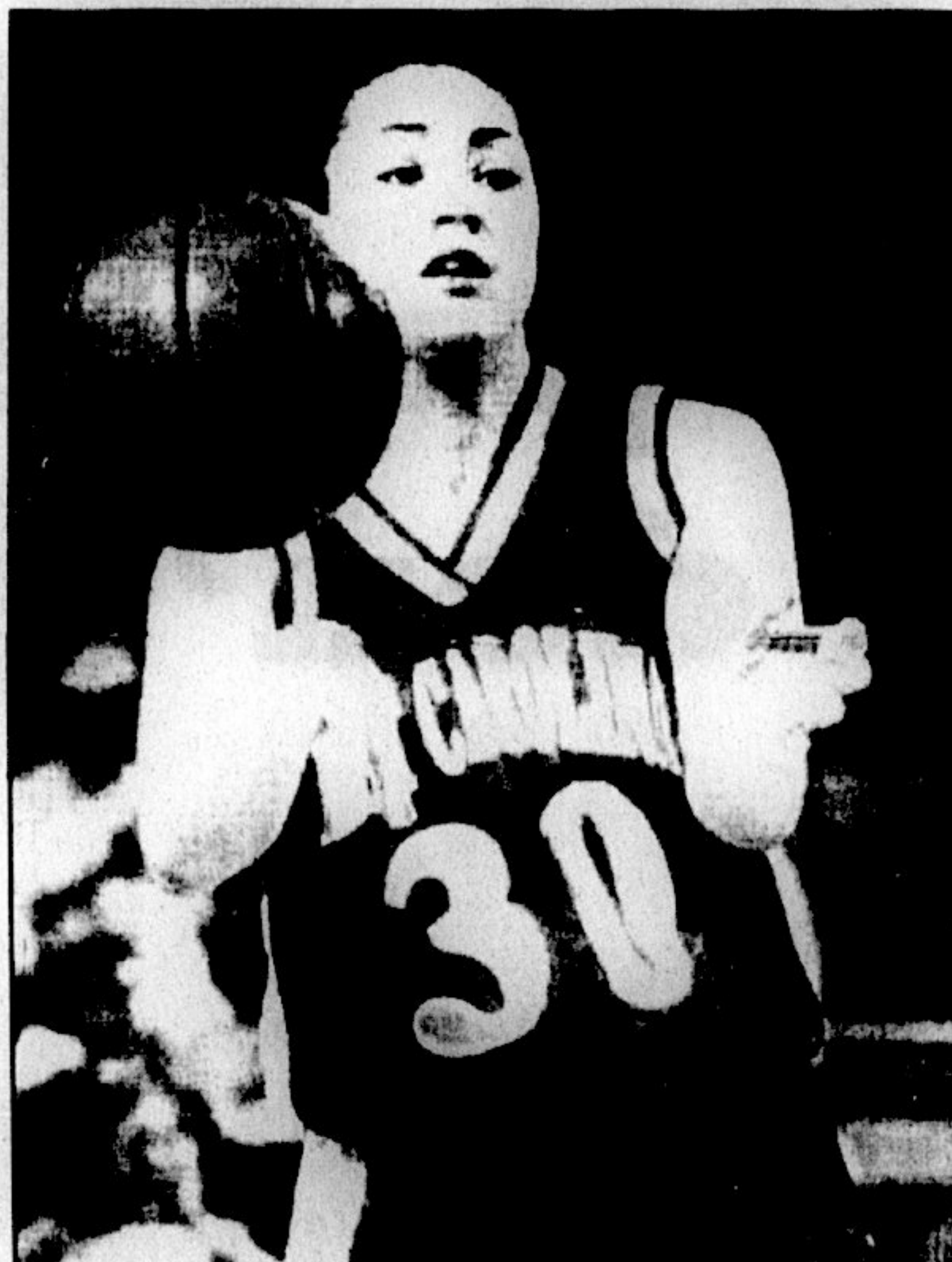
"She is pretty unstoppable off the dribble," Gibson said. "That was one of her trademarks last year."

Veney was also CAA's third overall assist leader with 125 total and 4.46 average per game. Veney finished fourth in free throw percentage making 118 of 151 with a .775 season average.

"She shot the most free throws of anybody on our team," Gibson said. "That's because she can really take the ball to the basket well."

In 1998 Veney was named the CAA Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 30.

"She's getting better defensively," Gibson said. "Last year we couldn't get her to help anybody else, but now she's helping. But her on-ball defense isn't very good, so we've got to get a happy medium."



Veney returns for her senior season and will assume a leadership role on the Lady Pirates squad. (courtesy of ECU Media Relations)

Veney is off to a great start this year as well. "I want to win for my team and myself that's my main goal," Veney said. "I think if we're all successful then all of the individual things [records] will fall into place."

Veney is currently ranked fifth in scoring with an average of 21 points per game and is tied for fifth in assists with an average of four per game.

"She really gets the team pumped up when she plays," said senior forward Danielle Melvin. "She has great court vision and is great off the dribble."

Teammate Rosalyn Canady and Veney are tied for first in 3-point field goal percentage.

"Her shot off the dribble is really her best asset," Melvin said. "She's really leading the team now, too."

Veney is majoring in communications and hopes to be coach or cover collegiate basketball after college.

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Club sports season complete  
Teams returned to competition despite hurricane, flood interruptions

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SENIOR WRITER

As the semester comes to an end, many student activities are wrapping up for the holiday break.

ECU club teams are a few of the activities that are finishing their semester long seasons before returning after the break for spring semester competition.

Although some clubs missed events due to Hurricane Floyd, they were able to return to competition and complete their seasons.

"They [club sports] did very well considering we had to deal with the hurricane and the flood," said Gray Hodges, recreational coordinator. "But after it, we did great."

Many teams had stand-out finishes in competition and also hosted a number of tournaments this season.

The ECU swim club traveled to Elon two times this year and hosted the annual Pirate Invitational at Minges pool.

"We had some fast times this year," said Michelle Nepton, swim club president. "We set some new team records as well."

The swim club ended the season when they traveled to Elon College for the East Coast Swim Championships where the men's team placed second and the women's fourth in a field of 10 teams.

Ultimate frisbee traveled to the Sectional Championships where they faced a mix of collegiate and club teams. Out of the 14 men's teams and eight women's teams at the competition, ECU placed fifth but failed to qualify for regional championships.

The ultimate frisbee team will conclude their season this weekend when the Ultimate Helios women's team hosts eight other teams and the Irates men's team hosts 18 men's teams at Blount Fields beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The rugby team played in seven matches, finishing 5-4, this season then went to the state tournament in Fayetteville where the team finished third.

"We had a lot of new guys this year and started out on the rough side," said Frank Snyder, rugby team president. "We finished third in the tournament, though, so that's something good for us."

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# Rose takes first steps toward reinstatement

## ATTENDANCE

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NEW YORK (AP)—For years, Pete Rose has been complaining that he couldn't plead his case to baseball. Now one of his lawyers will get a chance.

Roger Makley, who has represented Rose since early in baseball's gambling investigation a decade ago, will meet in Dec. or Jan. with baseball's top lawyer, Bob DuPuy. Rose termed it the start of a dialogue to end his lifetime ban from the sport.

"The last 10 years have been hell for me," Rose said Tuesday. "I survived because I'm a survivor."

Following an investigation of his gambling, baseball's career hits leader agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989.

While Rose was hopeful the meeting with DuPuy is the first step on the road to reinstatement, commissioner Bud Selig played down

the development.

"Mr. Rose's attorney has written me a letter," Selig said at an owners meeting in Irving, Texas. "I read it very thoughtfully, very carefully, and turned it over to Mr. DuPuy. There's nothing more involved right now than that, nor should there be any more read into it."

DuPuy described the meeting more as of a courtesy in which he would listen to what Rose's side had to say and pass it along to Selig.

"About 10 days ago, they asked to meet with commissioner Selig and myself. Bud asked me to meet with them," DuPuy said. "We're always amenable to discussing matters with people."

Rose twice said that baseball approached him about a meeting, a claim denied by DuPuy and Selig spokesman Rich Levin. Rose's business manager, Warren Greene, said

he has been dealing with DuPuy on a "daily basis," but DuPuy said he had spoken with Greene just once.

DuPuy said Selig would not be part of the meeting and that he would update Selig, who has said many times that he has seen no new evidence that would cause him to alter the ban.

"After we meet with them and see what they've got, he'll make a determination and we'll see from there," DuPuy said, adding that Selig did not set any timetable.

The 58-year-old Rose has been in the headlines repeatedly in recent weeks. First, he was among the 25 players elected to baseball's All-Century team. Then he received the largest ovation among the All-Century players introduced before Game 2 of the World Series at Atlanta's Turner Field.

"That's like outdoing God in

heaven," Rose said. He also got a surge of support from the public after NBC reporter Jim Gray questioned him sharply about gambling immediately after the on-field ceremony.

Rose said his side wrote to baseball two years ago and again five months ago to ask for a meeting, but received no response, another claim Levin denied. The latest letter was sent about 10 days ago, a few weeks after the Atlanta ceremony, and Rose said DuPuy answered within 24 hours.

"I don't know if that had anything to do with his responding to our letter," Rose said, referring to the ovation. "I had to think so."

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and still hasn't received a formal response from Selig. While the agreement he signed made no formal finding,

then-commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti said he concluded Rose bet on the Cincinnati Reds while managing the team.

While baseball's rules allowed Rose to apply to reinstatement after one year, he waited eight. He didn't want to apply while Fay Vincent was commissioner because Vincent headed the Rose investigation as deputy to Giamatti and hired John Dowd, who compiled the report on Rose's gambling.

Rose said his lawyers would attack the evidence gathered by Dowd, who said he obtained betting slips in Rose's handwriting and with his fingerprints, along with corroborating telephone records.

"If you believe his handwriting expert, why not believe mine?" Rose said. "If you believe his gambling expert, why not believe mine? Hold your breath and give my people a chance to speak."

"We were successful last year and we have an opportunity to be more successful this year," said senior women's basketball forward Danielle Melvin. "I think we just have to get the community and the student body more involved."

"We need to increase the awareness of women's basketball," Melvin said. "I think our marketing and sport information people are doing a great job this year."

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# Umpires form new union; Phillips ousted

NEW YORK (AP)—Richie Phillips' 21-year reign as head of baseball's umpires is over. Just like 22 members of his union, he's out of a job.

In a landslide vote, major league umpires formed a new union Tuesday that includes dissident AL umpires on its board.

The National Labor Relations Board announced the results of a mail ballot, with 57 umpires voting for the Major League Umpires Independent Organizing Committee and 33 voting to retain the Major League Umpires Association. One vote was voided because an umpire, whom the NLRB did not identify, signed his name to the secret ballot.

"Today is a statement by all umpires that it's time for a change," said AL umpire John Hirschbeck, who helped lead the dissidents who

overthrew Phillips. "We want a union that is run by umpires and advised by attorneys."

Under federal law, a majority determined the result of the election. Dan Silverman, director of the NLRB's New York region, will certify the election as official unless an objection is filed by Dec. 7.

Phillips was in New York, but didn't go to the NLRB for the vote count and was not available for comment, according to his staff in Philadelphia. His side was represented by NL umpire Jerry Crawford, the union president, and lawyer Pat Campbell.

"The other union won. I'm upset," said Crawford, who added that it was likely Phillips' union would file objections.

Joel Smith, a lawyer for the dissidents, said the law allows objections to be filed by a party claiming there was illegal conduct that af-



Richie Phillips was ousted as head of the Major League Umpires Association. (AP photo)

ected the outcome. Silverman would determine whether to reject the objection or call a hearing before one of his aides.

Hirschbeck said that if Phillips had attended, he would have told him it's time to move on, thanked him for what he'd done for the umpires in their careers, and told him that major league umpires need to move in a new direction.

When the umpires splintered into factions in July, Phillips had the support of approximately 41 of the then 68 umpires. At least six of those umpires defected, more of the 25 newly hired umpires supported Phillips' union.

In the weeks leading up to the election, most AL umpires appeared to support the dissidents, who were organized by Hirschbeck, Joe Brinkman and Dave Phillips—who is not related to Richie Phillips. The dissidents accused

Phillips of being autocratic and responsive only to the union board, which is heavily influenced by senior NL umpires.

Most NL umpires backed Richie Phillips and Crawford. Crawford sat with his elbows on the table Tuesday, clasping his hands, fidgeting, as the votes were counted.

Brinkman said it would take about one year for a new union to gain support of all umpires.

"I think they'll come back," Brinkman said. "It's just a matter of time. It's a healing process."

Phillips and Crawford hoped to force owners into an early start to negotiations for a new labor contract when they launched their mass resignation strategy July 14. But when many AL umpires either refused to resign or quickly withdrew the resignations, the union cracked.

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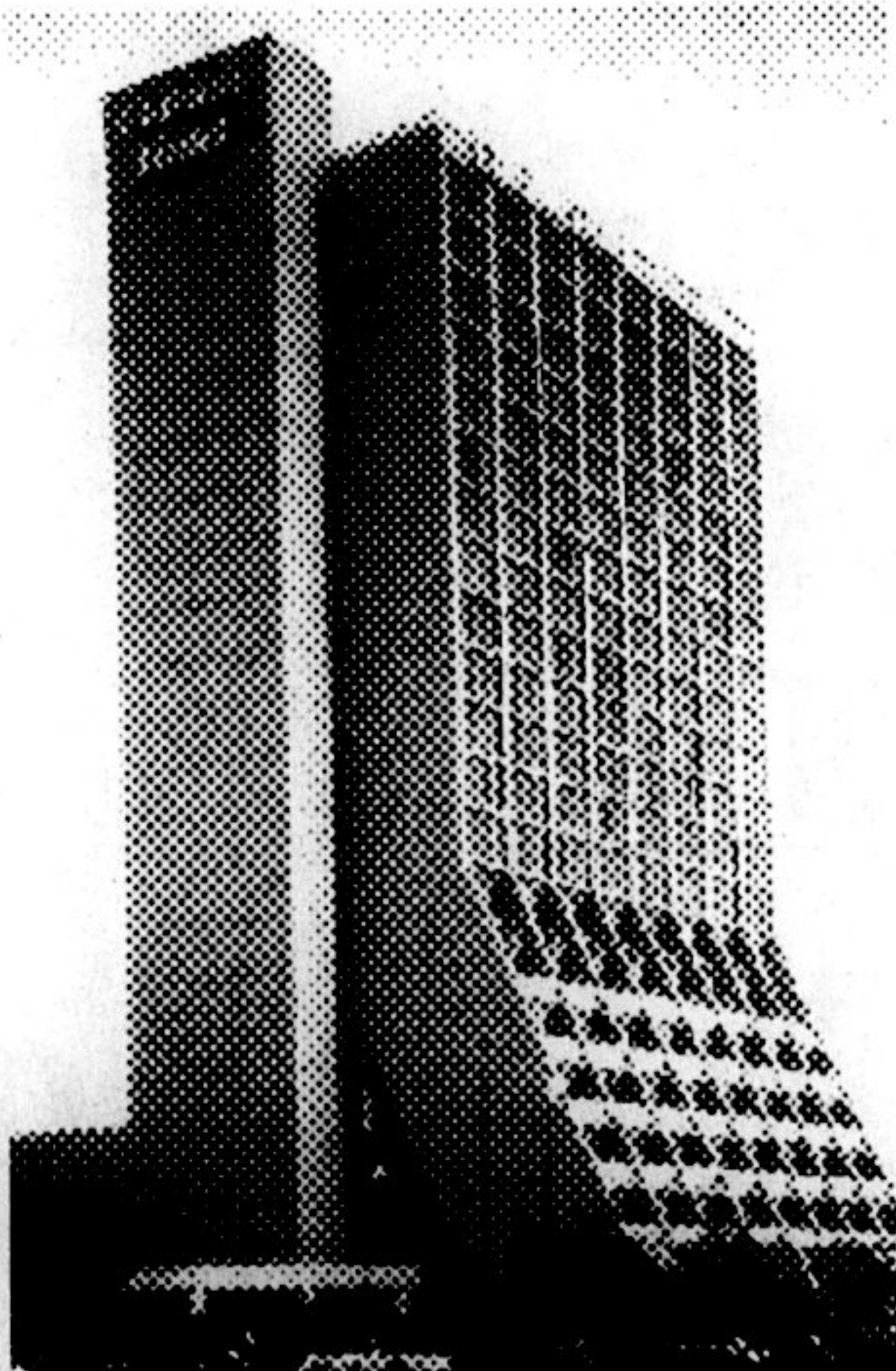
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# Saban agrees to coach at LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Nick Saban has a list of things to do—hire a new staff, start recruiting, win a national championship.

The new LSU coach will have to do exactly that to convince disgruntled fans he's worth the \$1.2 million a year he'll be paid to turn things around for the Tigers.

"I think of guys that play hard. I think of relentless competitors. I think of great defense," Saban said. "I think of a lot of good things and I can promise you that it will be our goal an objective here at LSU to have that kind of a football team, that kind of a football program. I think we should always be in the Top 25, and that's certainly our first goal."

That was welcome news at a school that just finished 3-8, its second straight losing season. The Tigers won just one conference game.

"I think he will make an immediate impact," athletic director Joe Dean said. "I think he's a guy our team and fans can rally around. He's got a reputation that will attract a lot of young players."

LSU lured Saban away from bowl-bound Michigan State on Tuesday with a five-year contract that will make him one of the top-

paid coaches in the country, along with Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Steve Spurrier of Florida and Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee.

Saban earned \$697,330 a year at Michigan State. His contract at LSU calls for a base salary of \$250,000, with the balance coming in radio, TV and Internet appearances, plus other pay.

"Security is always something that's important to you and to your family," Saban said. "But it's not the reason I came here."

Saban succeeds Gerry DiNardo at football-mad LSU. After three winning seasons, DiNardo was fired with a game left when his teams fell to 4-7 and 3-8 the last two years.

"I liked the challenge of this football program," Saban said. "I think there is great tradition. I think the Southeastern Conference is a very competitive, outstanding football conference. There's a challenge to being part of that conference that kind of intrigued me."

A former NFL assistant, Saban guided No. 10 Michigan State to second place in the Big Ten. The Spartans are headed to the Florida Citrus Bowl, their first Jan. 1 game since the 1989 Gator Bowl.

Michigan State's associate head coach, Bobby Williams, was chosen

Tuesday as interim head coach and will lead the Spartans at the Citrus Bowl.

Saban, with tears in his eyes and his voice shaking, recalled speaking to his Michigan State players earlier in the day—an event he called the hardest thing he'd ever done professionally.

"I like college football because when I talked to my team today, the effect that you have on some of the players, their lives, means something," Saban said.

LSU is redesigning its stadium, raising its capacity to 91,700, making it the fourth-largest on-campus arena in the nation.

At LSU, Saban will run the state's top college football program. At Michigan State, he always stood in the shadow of the University of Michigan. "At Michigan State we were never No. 1," Saban said. "That was always Michigan. It was always UM or that. If I'd gone to Ohio it would have been Ohio State, Indiana it's Purdue, Chicago it's every other school in the Big 10, in the East it's Penn State. Wherever you go you're looking at someone else when you're recruiting, trying to catch up, trying to convince someone you're up there."

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The men's lacrosse team hosted a tournament in early November that brought the University of Maryland, the University of Virginia and Calvert College to Greenville. Maryland won the tournament over Virginia while ECU fell to Calvert in the consolation game.

The Tae Kwon Do club traveled to Polytech University in Pomona, California for the National Collegiate Championships where John Manson returned with a bronze medal.

Other club teams that hosted games at ECU include the men's soccer club who fell to NC State 4-1 while the women's volleyball team held a four team tournament.

This season also marked the inaugural year for the bowling, roller hockey, and women's field hockey clubs. Bowling traveled to Atlanta for an invitational in which they placed 18th out of 28 teams.

The roller hockey club placed third in their first ever tournament.

Club teams are open to all students and faculty. Anyone interested in joining a club team can get information from the Student Recreational Center or by contacting Gray Hodges at 328-6387. You can also visit the rec center's web site at [www.reserve.ecu.edu](http://www.reserve.ecu.edu).

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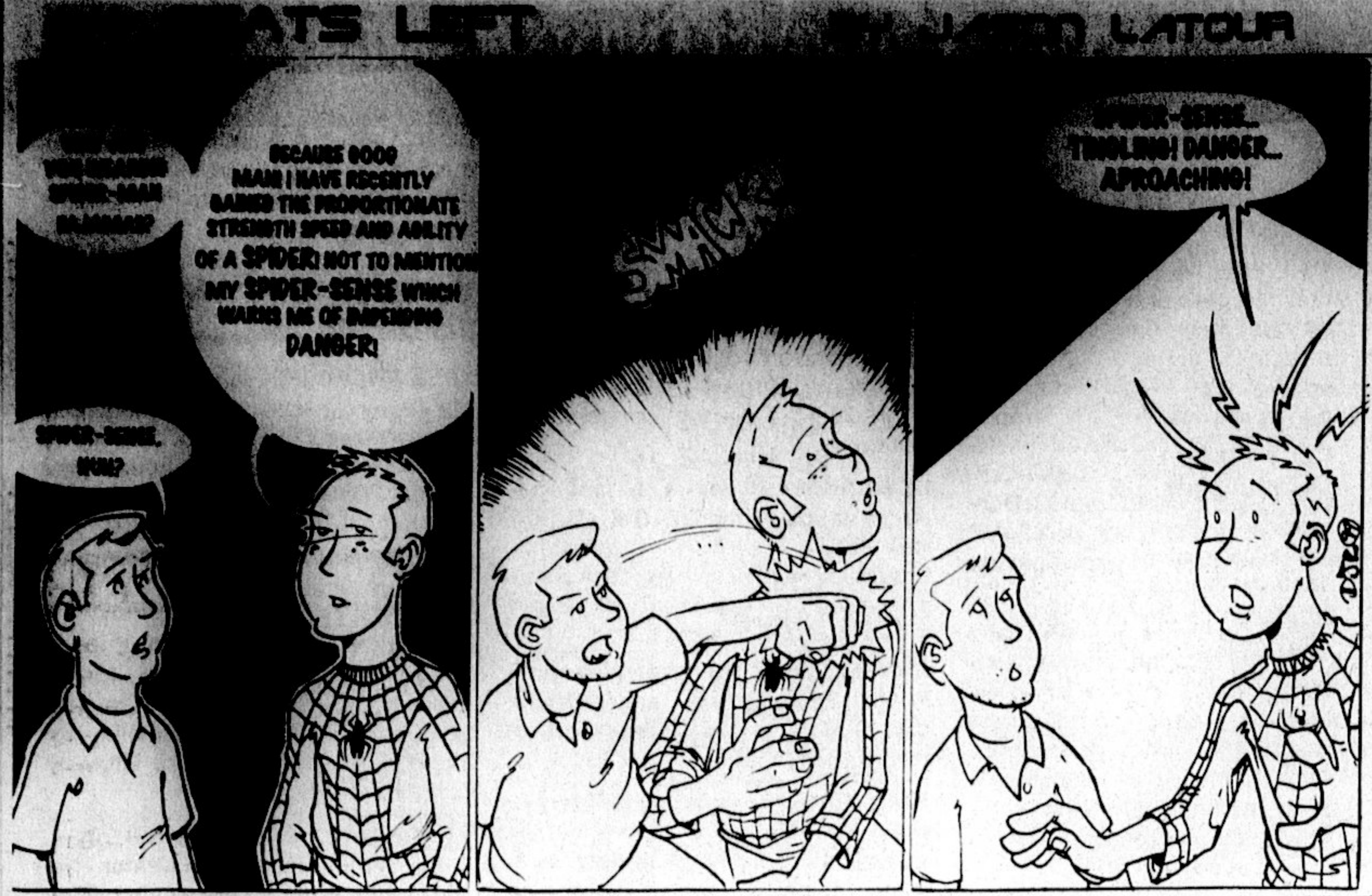
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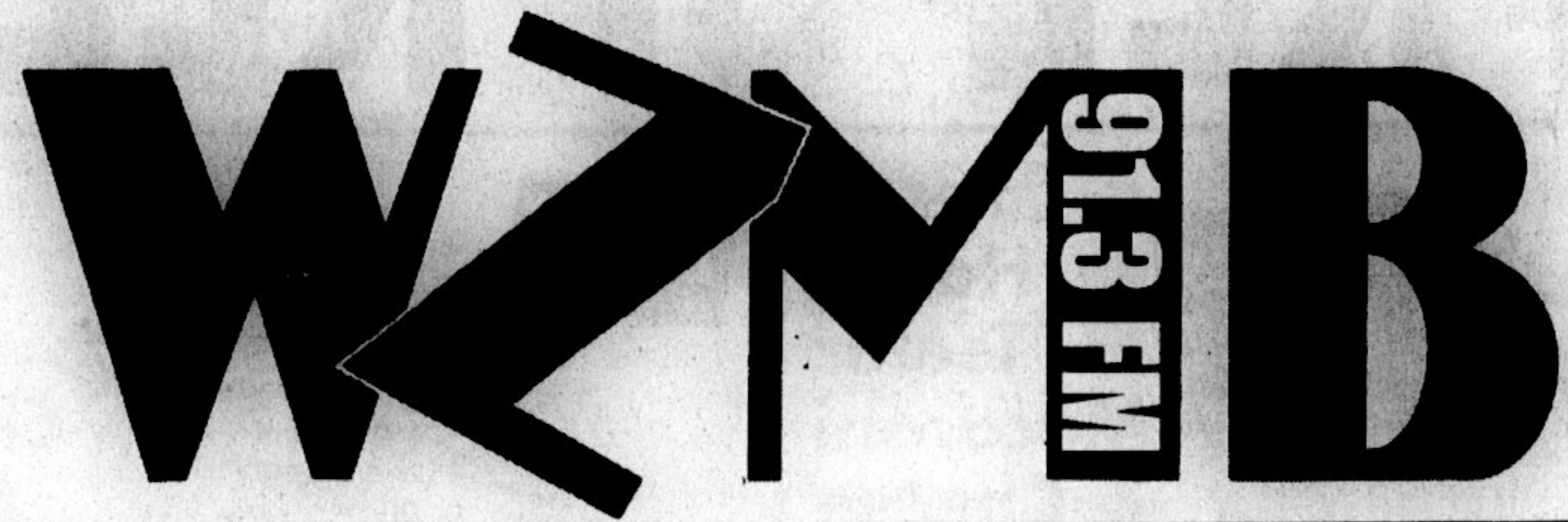


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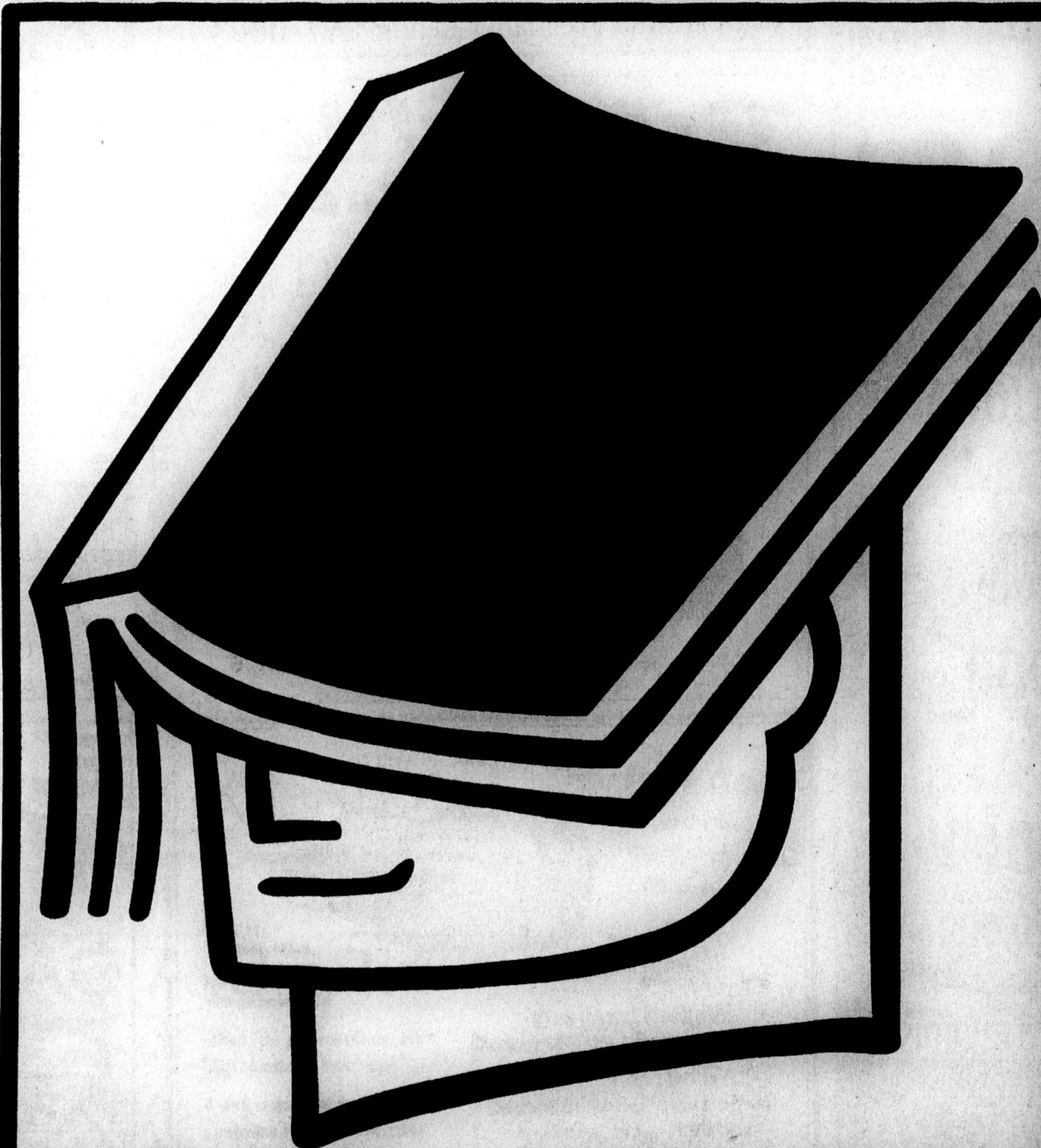
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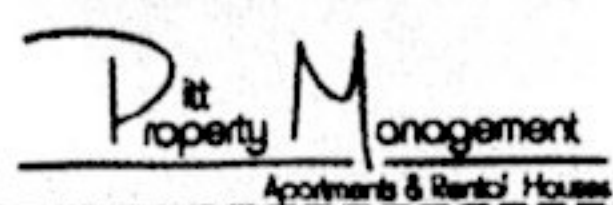
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**GREEK PERSONALS**

**ZETA TAU** Alpha congratulates Cara Smith on her lead role in McBeth we love you!

**ALPHA DELTA** Pi would like to thank Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Tau, and Pi Kappa Alpha for the three on three social.

**CONGRATULATIONS MARYBETH** Petteway on your scholarship! We all are so proud. Love your Alpha Xi Delta sisters!

**GAMMA SIGMA** Sigma welcomes the new sisters: Kim Barbour, Kelly Boyette, Tracy Carr, Jennifer Chavers, Andrea Collins, Lindsay Dishman, Lucia Gambino, Kristie Hiso, Leslie Jeter, Alyson Morguert, Ashley Misenheimer, Erin Mitchell, Samatha Moms, Bobbie Noms, Dana Peelle, Casey Pritchard, Kimberly Powell, Sunisha Shavers, Yolanda Stancil, Brooke Willis, Megan Woolheater, and Sheri Worters. Love the sisters.

**ALPHA XI** Delta congratulates Lauren Carrier on being chosen to be Sigma Pi's sweetheart. We love you!

**THANKS FOR** the Diva party Lauren. We had a great time. Love your Alpha Xi Delta pledge sistas!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** our newly initiated members of Sigma Sigma Sigma: Olivia Anderson, Julianne Arnold, Becky Blancher, Melissa Fox, Jessica Godbey, Beth Hall, Carrye Hieronymus, Meade Holland, Rebekah Huffman, Lee Hughes, Lauren Lefebure, Krystal Loren, Lindsay Rice, Heather Ryan, Adrienne Smith, Devon Talbott, Jenny Turnbull, and Amy Weaver.

**SAGE HUNIHAN,** Congratulations for earning the Kappa Alpha Order rose! Love your Sigma sisters!

**SIGMA SIGMA** Sigma congratulates our ECU football team on a wonderful season!

**KAPPA SIGMA** we had a blast at the tailgate for the State game. Love Alpha Delta Pi.

**THE SISTERS** of Alpha Xi Delta would like to congratulate Meredith Galloway on her performance in the Music Man and Erin Wright for her performance in the dance show.

**ALPHA XI** Delta congratulates it's newest initiates: Jennifer Bickeh, Lauren Britt, Ashley Creech, Betsy Desprez, Katy Edwards, Jessi Givens, Lily Haddix, Holly Houman, Stephanie McCoy, Jessica Novack, Sarah Roy, Nicole Pallia, Megan Sherrif, Maureen Smith, Lori Hewitt, Dana Williams! We love you and are so proud to call you our sisters!

**ZETA TAU** Alpha wants to congratulate Delta Chi on their Game Ball Run and thank you for the awesome time after the state game!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our new sisters on your game against Alpha Delta Pi. Love Sigma sisters.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL** Practice will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11am-12:30pm at the Student recreation Center. Anyone interested in playing is welcome. For more information please call 328-6387.

**EXAM JAM '99.** Tonight at 8:00pm in the Student Recreation Center. Do you need a break before exams? Well, come relieve some stress because it will be a night of games, prizes, food, and fun and it's all FREE! For more information please call 328-6387.

**GAMMA BETA** Phi Society will meet Thursday, December 2nd at 5pm in Mendenhall Social Rm. http://www.ecu.edu/org/gbp/

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN** Church celebrates its first service at 1104 North Memorial Dr. since Hurricane Floyd! Sunday, December 5, 8:30am, 11:00 am & 6:00pm.

**GOLDEN KEY** will meet on Monday Dec. 6th at 5:30 in Mendenhall 244. We will have subs and pizzas. E-mail ecug@hotmail.com to reserve your food. Questions? Call Amy at 493-0158.

**EXAM JAM '99,** Dec. 2 at 8pm in the Student Recreation Center. Do you need a break before exams? Well, mark this date on your calendars because it will be a night of games, prizes, food, and fun and it's all FREE! For more information call 328-6387.

**HOLIDAYS IN** motion, Dec. 7 from 5:30-6:30pm. You are invited to the Holiday Party of the Year! This court-side workout features multi-impact dance moves set to tunes of the season guaranteed to get you in shape for the holidays. Join us for lots of spirit as we celebrate in a big way with great music, fresh moves, and lots of party favors and it's absolutely free! For more information please call 328-6387.

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**COPING WITH** Grief and Loss: This group is designed to provide support to students who have experienced the death of a loved one. Meeting every Monday at 3:30. If you are interested, please call The Center for Counseling and Student Development at 328-6661.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN** Church Disaster Relief Day. Saturday, December 11 at Community Christian Gym: 2009 Pictolus Highway from 9am to 12 noon. We are giving away bedding, clothes, shoes, and coats. For more information please call 752-5683.

**FREE AEROBICS,** Dec. 6- Dec. 17 at the Student Recreation Center for all members. Check out the posted class schedule for the most current group fitness information. Some classes may fill to capacity so get here early and try us out. For more information call 328-6387.

**TEST ANXIETY:** The Center for Counseling and Student Development is offering the following workshop on December 6, 11:00. If you are interested in this program, contact the center at 328-6661.

**PILOT MOUNTAIN** Dec.4. Spend a day on the rocks at our closest climbing area. Expect a day of great climbing at Pilot Mountain State Park. Pilot offers great diversity fro beginners as well as advanced climbers. Come join Adventure Programs for the last climbing trip of the year. Cost is \$30/mem-\$40/non-mem. Registration deadline is Nov. 23, 5pm.

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