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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000

36 days to go until Spring Break

NEWS BRIEFS

Basketball

At 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, the Pirates will play James Madison University in William's Arena at Minges Coliseum.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, the Lady Pirates will play James Madison University in William's Arena at Minges Coliseum and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, will take on American University.

Real Estate

The School of Business' real estate appraisal class originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 4, has been canceled. For more information, contact The School of Business Professional Programs at 328-6377.

Wind and Jazz

Concerts

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, in Wright Auditorium, the ECU Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble will perform. The concert is free and open to the public.

District Honors Band

The Eastern District Honors Band is coming to ECU. A public performance by the band is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 5, in Wright Auditorium. Contact: The School of Music, 328-6851.

Music Faculty

Charles and Joanne Bath, School of Music faculty, will give a recital on the piano and violin at 3 p.m., on Sunday, Feb. 6, in the Recital Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

Art Expo

The Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center will host "Synergy: Art Expo Explosion and Night of Jazz" featuring work by ECU art students, a jazz flautist and lecturer Galen Abdur-Razzaq on Friday, Feb. 4.

Lecture

The History of Jazz lecture will take place from 2 p.m.-3 p.m. in Room 244 of Mendenhall Student Center.

Art Expo

The jazz performance art expo and poetry open-mic will take place at 6 p.m. in the Bloxton House. Light refreshments will be served. To display your artwork or for more information, call 328-1680.

Anniversary

The School of Nursing will celebrate its 40 year anniversary with a reception from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, at Sweetheart's in Todd Dining Hall.

Students say discrimination still problem

Club owners refuse to comment

Angela Harne
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Despite the efforts of university and city officials to open lines of communication about alleged discrimination against African-Americans at downtown clubs, many students say they do

not feel steps have been taken to remedy the situation.

Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor of Student Life, reported in late January that he had received 12 reports from students complaining that clubs were employing unfair admittance policies.

Moore said he grew concerned after the vast amount of reports stated basically the same type of concern—racial discrimination.

Moore and City Manager Rob Kimble set a up meeting with the bar association and city officials to discuss the allegations. Moore said the meeting went well and that the downtown club owners assured him that issue would be investigated and addressed in a timely fashion.

Moore said he has not received any formal discrimination reports since the Jan. 20 issue of The East Carolinian, but he did

comment that a student came by his office while he was out and left a written remark stating that "there is definitely a problem downtown."

According to Moore, due to content contained in the Jan. 20 TEC article about discrimination downtown, the owner of Pantana Bob's, Bennett LaPrade, contacted him with concerns. Pantana Bob's was named in the reports as the club most likely to

discriminate against African-Americans.

"He [PB's owner] told me that he was not aware of the problems occurring," Moore said. "And that he would do anything to solve the problem." Moore said that he feels continued communication will help reach a resolution.

However, when TEC con-

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Religious leader speaks about tolerance



Imam W. Deen Mohammed, leader 2.5 million Muslim-Americans, gave a speech entitled "Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity: Living Together in the New Millennium" yesterday in Wright Auditorium. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

IBM, Microsoft donate computers

Flood victims to receive laptops

T. L. Register
STAFF WRITER

Microsoft, IBM and the ECU Workstation Support Group have combined efforts to give computers to those students who lost theirs in the flood.

IBM first contacted ECU after the devastation of Hurricane Floyd and the subsequent flood. After approximately three months of preparation, the laptops are ready for distribution.

"It took longer than we would have preferred," said Ernest Marshburn, director of Strategic Initiatives for Computing and Information Systems. "IBM approached us and offered some laptops they had in storage for distribution to help re-engage students in the learning

process who had lost everything during the flood."

Microsoft agreed to donate the licenses for the software to the computers. These two contributions allowed the ECU Workstation Support Group to combine the donations and bring the laptops to near current standards.

The laptops are IBM Thinkpads with a minimum hard drive of 800 MB with 24 MB of RAM and a 486 processor. The software supplied by Microsoft is Windows 98 with Microsoft Office 97. The total estimated worth of both donations is \$22,000. Of this amount, approximately \$14,000 was used for the licenses of the software and \$8,000 for the IBM Thinkpads.

The first of these computers was given away this past Tuesday to Dustin Morris by Judy Wainwright, a member of the team that helped get the laptops ready for distribution.

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New drug offers relief for asthma sufferers

Medication removes allergen antibody

Carolyn Herold
STAFF WRITER

A new form of relief is on the way for asthma sufferers.

An article in the December, 1999 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, co-written by Dr. James Metzger from ECU, features this new drug.

This new treatment, called Anti-IgE, aims to provide a side-effect free method of treatment, and to reduce or eliminate the need for oral or inhaled corticosteroids.

"It's designed for people who have moderate-to-severe chronic asthma," Metzger said.

The medication, which is administered by injection, has been shown to alleviate symptoms in people who suffer from asthma due to allergic reactions.

"It's a lot like an allergy shot," Metzger said. "It reduces the levels of antibody so it can't re-

spond when it encounters the antigens."

These antigens are produced by allergic reactions which can be triggered by pollen, animal dander, mold, dust mites, insect bites, food allergies and hay fever, among other things.

"The important thing about this medicine is that it is the first type to remove the allergic antibody from the body," Metzger said.

IgE (Immunoglobulin E) is an antibody within the immune system that causes allergic reactions by attaching to certain body cells. At the time of an allergic asthma attack, the levels of IgE in the blood are highly elevated.

Anti-IgE binds with IgE and removes it from circulation, thereby eliminating many allergic symptoms, such as tightness in the chest, wheezing, coughing and swelling of the air passages in the lungs.

In a 1998 study, 300 individuals, some from ECU, with asthma were given Anti-IgE intravenously weekly for a total of 20

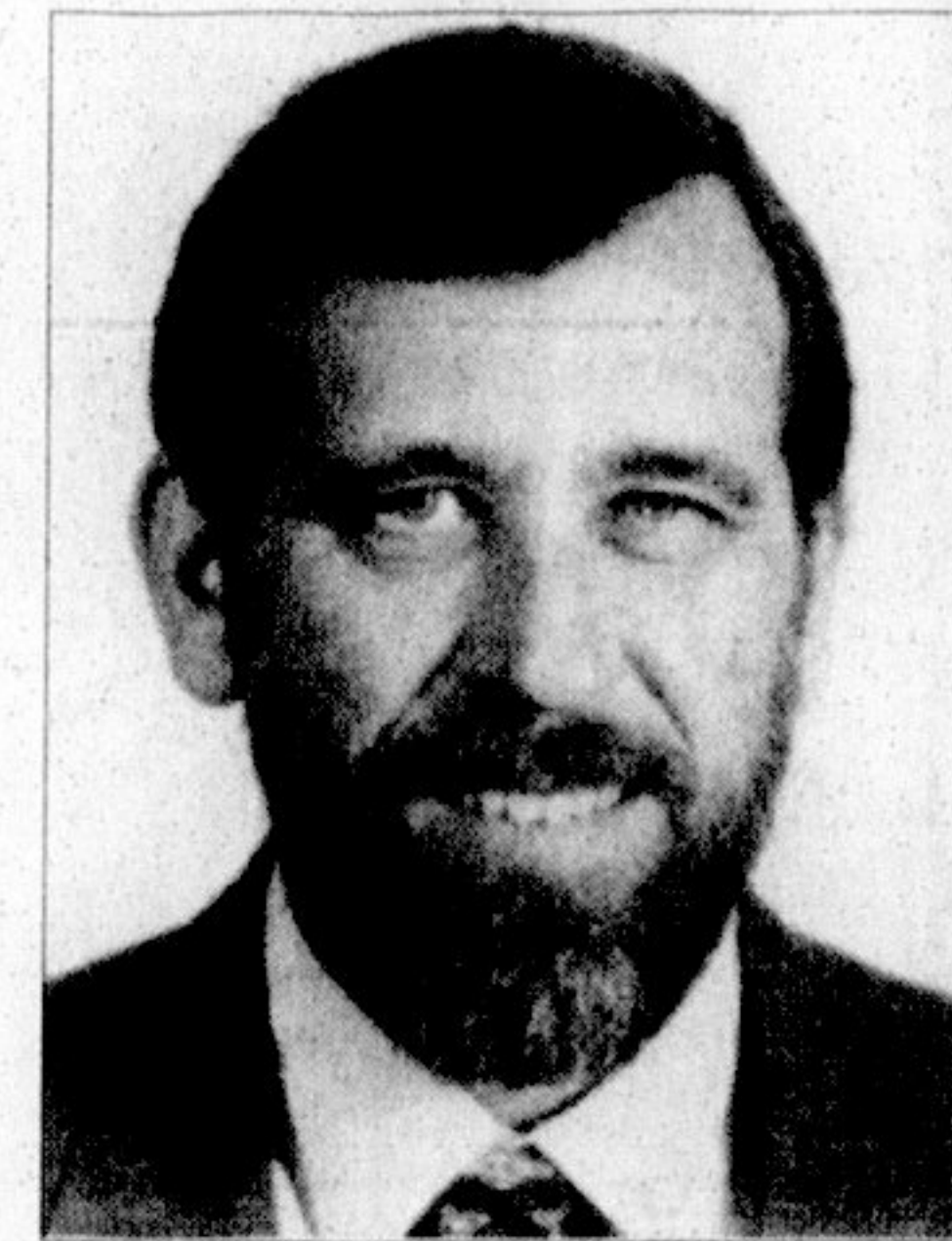
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weeks. In patients given the drug, the IgE level was reduced by more than 95 percent. In the group receiving a high dosage of the drug, allergic reaction symptoms were reduced by 42 percent. Those receiving lower doses had a 40 percent improvement.

All patients used inhaled and/or oral corticosteroids to control their asthma. Thirty-three percent of patients in the large dosage group and 43 percent in the low dosage group were able to eliminate their usage of the steroid.

This new drug will be widely used as asthma, and asthma related deaths are on the rise. More than 15 million people suffer from this disease.



Dr. James Metzger co-wrote an article about Anti-IgE, published in the 1999 edition of the New England Journal of Medicine. (file photo)

In eastern North Carolina, asthma and allergies are particularly hard to manage because of the high humidity and warm temperatures, which make an optimal breeding ground for molds, mildews and other allergens.

This writer can be contacted at cherold@studentmedia.ecu.edu.

About Asthma

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ACS and ALA to train student volunteers

Josette LaChance
STAFF WRITER

The American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association and ECU have teamed up in an effort to reduce nicotine use on campus.

The "Tobacco and EC... Does it Affect U?" program was started with a \$10,000

grant from the American Cancer Society. The money will be used to fund Fresh Start, one element of the "Tobacco and EC... Does it Affect U?" program.

Founders of the Fresh Start program would like to see a 25 percent decrease in nicotine use by students and involvement by at least 10 percent of 249 organizations at ECU.

Fresh Start is taking a new approach to help students stop smoking and using other tobacco products. The American Cancer Society and the American Lung

Association will train 25 student volunteers to teach approximately 10 classes of smokers how to quit smoking. Volunteers will be trained in counseling skills, especially in the areas of dealing with stress and cravings.

The directors of the program plan to encourage smokers to attend the classes by offering scholarships and free prizes which have been paid for by money from the grant. In addition to this, the Fresh Start program will offer support groups at the medical school.

recruitment and support for the program who they think are smoking.

These activities are part of the Fresh Start program, which is a student organization that is dedicated to the success of the program.

For more information about the program, call Dr. Metzger at 328-6377 or the program at 328-6377.

Bob Morphet, a counselor at the Center for Counseling and Student Development, the only qualifications volunteers need is a willingness to be trained and to work. A training session for volunteers will take place from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, in Joyner Library. For more information about the program, call Dr. Metzger at 328-6377 or the program at 328-6377.

ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

VIRGINIA TECH—Spring Break travel scams can bring the best vacation plans to a grinding halt. As students prepare for trips to such places as Jamaica, Cancun or Florida, they should be careful to avoid deals which sound too good to be true.

Many Virginia Tech students have their own horror stories about Spring Break adventures.

"We were flying out of Raleigh to Cancun last year," said Kim Ascue, senior human nutrition, foods and exercise. "We arrived two hours before our flight to find out that our vouchers were wrong and our flight didn't leave till 7 p.m."

Problems can arise at any time during travel. Many people seem to have difficulty with their flight plans.

"When we tried to check in they wouldn't let us on the plane because the company hadn't paid for our seats and now the plane was full," Ascue said.

"After being given the run around from [a travel company] they arranged a flight for us from Newark, so we flew to Newark and left at 3 a.m. for Cancun," she said.

Hotel reservations can also become difficult if not made properly or confirmed.

"We were told that since we had such a large group that the hotel wouldn't bump us but since they were overlooked, they did," Ascue said.

"Since we arrived a day later than expected we were supposed to get an extra night but the hotel told us we had to check out early and then they only gave us 30 minutes," Ascue said. She said her group continued to have travel problems on the way back from their week in the sun.

"We caught our 3 a.m. Saturday morning flight back to Newark," Ascue said, "but we could not get through to the company to find out how we were going to get back to Raleigh to our cars."

PENN STATE—On Groundhog Day the most hearty of partygoers were already gathered at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney—including a Pennsylvania State University bunch.

After a party from 9-11 p.m. Tuesday at The Rathskeller All-American, about 90 ardent groundhog fans boarded two buses and were on their merry way.

Bill Medland, day supervisor of the bar, hoped the alcohol from the party would keep the travelers warm until the groundhog emerged at around 7 a.m. that nippy February morning.

Drinking at the event is illegal, so the group must choose between finding other ways to amuse themselves while there or stealthily circumventing the law.

"It's not necessarily a drinking event," Medland said. "We will, of course, be obeying all laws."

Hypothetically, though, if someone on the trip were to get a little, well, thirsty, Medland wouldn't be too worked up.

"I think if they have a small flask or something, just to stay warm, there won't be any trouble," he said.

"The police are going to be looking for someone drinking out of a keg, being stupid and acting drunk," Medland said.

The Punxsutawney police declined to comment on any security measures that were being taken.

A board member of the Punxsutawney Chamber of Commerce said there would be no tolerance for alcohol or drugs, and there would be a significant number of police to take care of any problems that might arise among the expected crowd of 12,000 to 15,000.

He said in past years it's been mostly the younger crowd that disobeys rules.

Of course, the scheduled activities may just be so entertaining that anyone in the crowd scheming to drink will abandon those plans in favor of more wholesome fun.

Ambassador to China calls for human rights

BEIJING (AP)—Badgered by Beijing for seeking its censure before the U.N. Human Rights Commission, the United States said Tuesday it wants a wide-ranging dialogue on human rights with China, not just occasional prison releases.

Speaking to U.S. business executives, U.S. Ambassador Joseph Prueher said Washington was pleased with China's release last week of Song Yongyi, a librarian at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania who had been detained in Beijing since August.

"I think it's important that human rights discussions with China not be a series of spikes, of individuals, but rather a broader dialogue where we get more philosophically in tune," the ambassador said in a talk to the American Chamber of

Commerce-China.

"A secure, stable and prosperous China is what's in the interests of the United States," Prueher said.

A secure country, he added, means having an economy that can sustain its population, a military capable of defense and a system of government that inspires confidence and whose leaders are not "clinging to power all the time."

The United States has announced it will bring a resolution calling for censure of China for human rights abuses when the U.N. Human Rights Commission holds its annual meeting in Geneva in March.

China broke off human rights talks with the United States in anger over the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade in May

during the war in Kosovo. Vice Foreign Minister Wang Guangya said the "anti-China resolution" the United States plans to offer in Geneva would make restoring bilateral talks on human rights impossible, state media said Monday.

Prueher also said the United States should support China's changes from rule by individuals to rule of law, from a planned economy to an open market and from a closed society to a "world player."

Some of the ways it is trying to do this is by backing China's entry into the World Trade Organization and working on better military relations to prevent miscalculations, the ambassador said.

DA says office faced several obstacles in Internet slaying case

LENOIR, N.C. (AP)—Prosecutors struck a plea bargain with a dead woman's accused killer in part because they worried jurors wouldn't grasp technical evidence linking the Maryland woman with a man she met on the Internet.

Robert Glass pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and other charges last week, three years after he was charged with first-degree murder.

Prosecutors said Glass and Lopatka met in a sex-oriented Internet chat room. Authorities believed the messages between them described how Glass

planned to sexually torture and kill Lopatka, 35, of Hampstead, Md. Her body was found buried near Glass' mobile home in 1996.

Prosecutors were challenged to make sense of potential evidence stored on the computers of Glass and Lopatka.

"Neither my attorneys nor the defense attorneys are what you call whiz-bangs at the computer," David Flaherty, Caldwell County District Attorney said. "We never had anything like this before."

Prosecutors struggled with how they could prove that e-mail transmissions on Glass' computer came from Glass. Investigators called on

specialists from the FBI, North Carolina's State Bureau of Investigation and the Maryland State Police.

Glass agreed to kill Lopatka in the online chats, but their correspondence also discussed many other sexual fantasies that never happened, Flaherty said.

"The defense was going to argue this was two people talking crazy," Flaherty said. "Both sides had good arguments."

In addition, the jury would have been drawn from a county that fondly remembers Glass' father, who helped start the local Ruritan club.

CRIME SCENE

Jan. 31

Larceny—A staff member reported that a large amount of money was stolen from a safe at the Wright Place.

Damage to Property—A staff member reported that the front radio antenna of a state vehicle was bent.

Larceny—A staff member reported that a student had money stolen from his wallet in Joyner Library. The wallet was left at the window of the security office and given to a cashier who placed it in the safe. Staff reported that the safe is not locked during the day.

Auto Accident—A non-student reported that she was involved in a one car accident on College Hill Drive near 14th Street. She struck a basketball pole east of Belk Hall.

Feb. 1

Harassing Phone Calls—A student in Greene Hall reported that she had received 12 phone calls in the past four days where the caller was silent and then hung up.

Larceny, Breaking & Entering of a Motor Vehicle—A student reported that his cell phone and its car adapter were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked south of Jones Hall.

Damage to Property—A student reported that the right door of her vehicle was damaged while parked. The victim was unable to identify where and when the incident occurred.

Communicating Threats—A staff member reported that a threatening letter had been left on his vehicle while it was parked east of the Flanagan Building. A possible suspect has been named.



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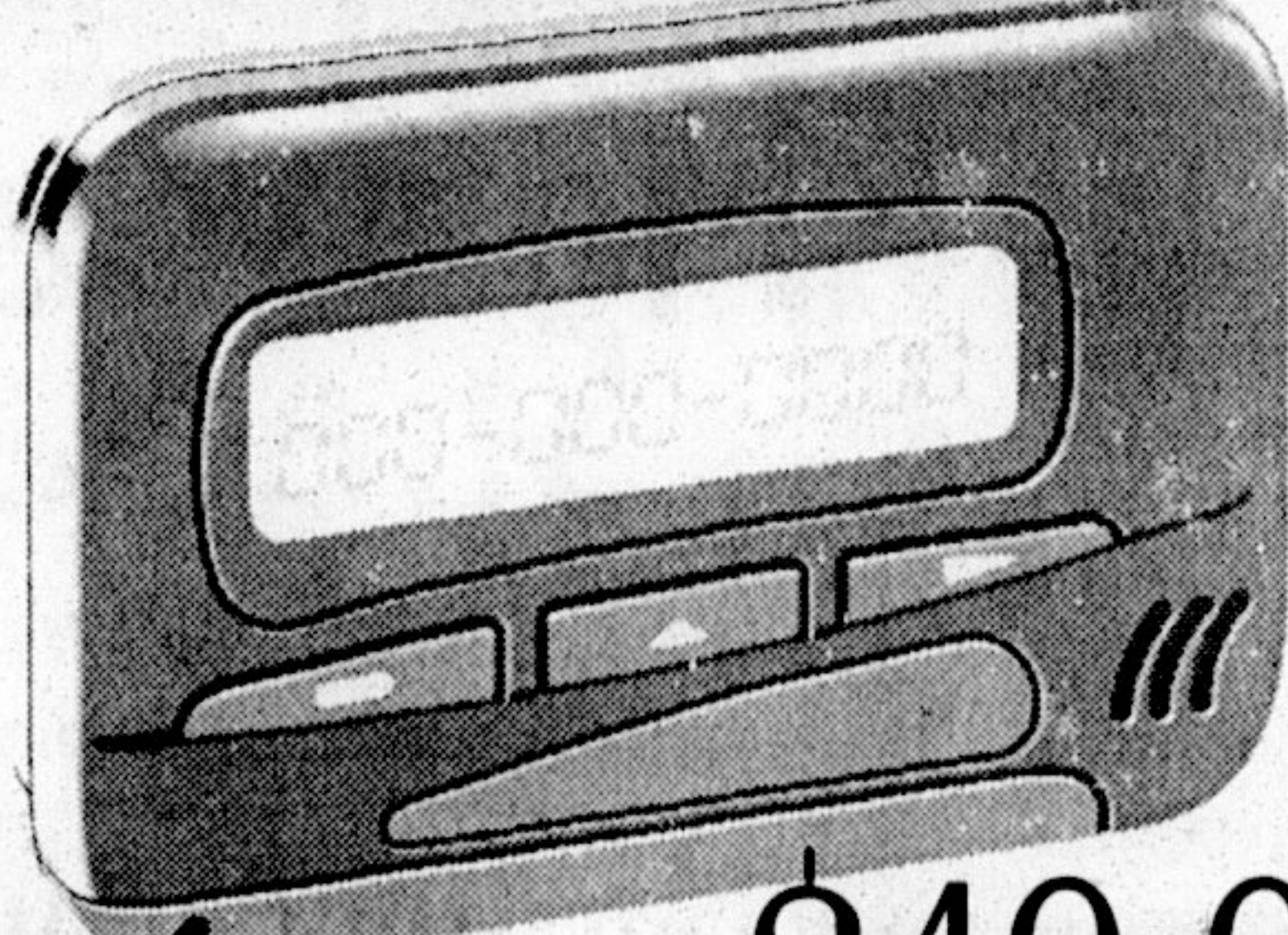
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Warmer weather to help recovery from snow, ice

RALEIGH (AP)—Road crews and utilities hoped warmer weather would help them finish opening roads and restoring power across central North Carolina, smacked by two winter storms in a week.

One person was killed during Sunday's ice and rain storm.

"We're waiting for Mother Nature to take her gift back," said Jeff Winstead, state highway patrol Sgt.

President Clinton on Monday issued a federal disaster declaration for NC, freeing federal agencies to help communities in 31 counties cope with the cost of digging out from the white blanket of snow.

Rain that fell Sunday helped melt some of the record snowfall from a week ago, but the water froze overnight and made roads slick Monday morning. By midday, however, melting sent streams of water across high-

ways.

Winstead said motorists should exercise caution because low temperatures in the 20s at night will refreeze the water and turn passable roads into icy ribbons.

Students stayed at home or went to school late for the fifth consecutive school day across most of the Piedmont. Delayed starts for businesses meant unusual late-morning gridlock in the Raleigh-Durham area along the Interstate 40 corridor.

Main roads were clear but many side streets and secondary roads throughout the area from South Carolina to Virginia remained difficult to navigate.

Some of Sunday's rain froze on trees and power lines, knocking out service to 112,000 customers. By late Monday night, electric utilities were trying to get the

remaining 12,000 customers restored to service.

Duke Power Co. had the most outages; Carolina Power & Light reported a few hundred scattered customers without electricity. Power outages spread from Union and Mecklenburg counties through Rowan, Davidson, Stanly, Montgomery, Randolph, Guilford, and Chatham to Alamance and Person counties.

Neal McCray Frady, 59, of Lexington, an employee of Energy United, was struck by a car Sunday night and killed as he stood in a road inspecting power lines. The accident happened south of Lexington, according to the state Highway Patrol.

Conditions could have been worse, but were moderated by temperatures that stayed at or slightly above freezing, said National Weather Service forecaster Mike Moneyppenny.

Had the ice storm developed, Moneyppenny said, there would have been an inch of ice on trees, power lines and roads.

"It was another one that was extremely close to being horrible," Moneyppenny said. "We were cold, but we had so much warm air coming in aloft that we basically had just rain."

The forecast called for more snow Monday on the west side of the state's northern mountains, but Moneyppenny said that precipitation would stay in the mountains. In the central counties where snow depths hit records last week, melting should accelerate Tuesday with warmer temperatures into the 40s and possibly 50s by the end of the week.

"We're looking for a lot of relief before anything else happens," Moneyppenny said.

Presidential candidates greet primary day with intense final push at dawn

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP)—In a highly competitive primary, presidential candidates were heading to factory gates and polling places Tuesday as unpredictable New Hampshire voters made their choices in the first state primary of the 2000 campaign.

As the organizational muscle swung into play, the fiery rhetoric of the past few days was muted a bit, and some contenders clearly were happier than others.

"Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your deceased friends," said an upbeat Republican Sen. John McCain, jokingly. "We have to get our vote out."

"This is one of the most exhilarating moments of my political career," said Republican rival, Texas

Gov. George W. Bush. "It's all downhill from here, I'm optimistic."

New Hampshire voters traditionally show up in heavy numbers for the first-in-the-nation primary, and there was little reason to believe that would change. Forecasters predicted only light and scattered snow showers—hardly enough to affect turnout in this small northeastern state.

In the earliest voting Tuesday, voters in the tiny northern towns of Dixville Notch and Hart's Location gave Bradley and McCain the early lead in voting at midnight. Bradley had 13 votes and Al Gore five in the Democratic race. McCain had 19 to Bush's 17 votes.

Though there are only about 700,000 registered voters in New

Hampshire, which otherwise rarely captures the media spotlight, it has special significance during presidential election campaigns.

Candidates with good showings here can convince voters and potential donors across the country that their campaigns are viable. In the primary, voters choose who they think is their party's best candidate for next fall's presidential election. The primaries determine allotments of delegates for each candidate who will choose the party's presidential nominee at national conventions this summer.

While Bush may have been optimistic, none of the candidates were taking anything for granted as they planned to open the pre-

dawn darkness.

Polls showed competitive races on both sides of the partisan aisle.

Vice President Al Gore, "campaigning full blast every minute of every hour," even planned a 3 a.m. rally Wednesday in New York City.

Democratic rival Bill Bradley was headed to a factory gate Tuesday in search of support and was closing his campaign with a noisy round of voter turnout rallies.

The fight between Gore and Bradley heated up over the weekend, but it softened Monday as both rivals focused on energizing their backers.

"I hope you will feel if you cast that vote that you're part of something new and fresh that is part of a new beginning," Bradley said.

Gun dealers to Branch Davidians say lives ruined

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Karen Kilpatrick has nightmares and sees faces of children dying in the fire that destroyed the Branch Davidians' complex near Waco, Texas, in 1993.

Henry S. McMahon Jr. sometimes imagines the faces, too. He often thinks about David Koresh, the Branch Davidian leader who died along with about 80 of his followers.

Kilpatrick and McMahon, who now live in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, were the gun dealers who sold 223 weapons to Koresh and his followers in the months before the disastrous raid by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms nearly seven years ago.

The two say the ATF irreparably damaged their reputations in the gun trade and terrorized them in the days immediately following the raid, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Sunday. They allege they are now dogged by questions about their involvement with Koresh. And they say they have been unable to hold steady jobs since.

They live on Social Security disability payments in a small apartment in Bonners Ferry, an Idaho panhandle town 2,193 located a 30-minute drive from the Canadian border.

ATF chief spokesman Jeff Roehm told the newspaper the allegations have been investigated and discounted.

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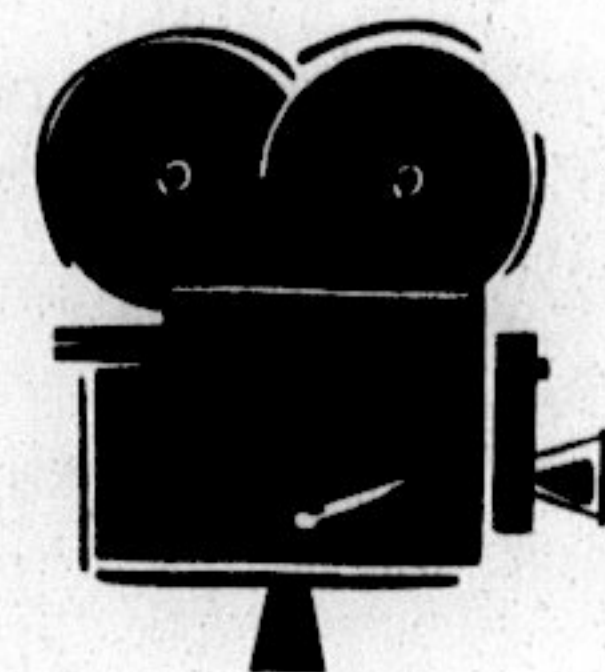
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...To Get the Picture

FEBRUARY 5 - MARCH 5 IN THE GALLERY
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...To Jam with a Live Band

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...To Relate About Relationships

FEBRUARY 8 AT 8 P.M. IN HENDRIX THEATRE
The Politics of Love - Relationships & Race As the twentieth century draws to a close, some students still find themselves struggling with racial issues they have inherited from their parents. *Relationships and Race* untangles the complex, yet simple issue of interracial romance. Filmmaker Ed Burley will equip and inspire students to address issues of race on campus and in society. Present your valid ECU One Card at the Central Ticket Office to receive up to two free tickets.



...To Spread the Word

FEBRUARY 9 AT 4 P.M. IN THE PIRATE UNDERGROUND
The Word on the Streets: Learn the best ways to get the word out around campus to promote your events and programs. Find out what works and discuss techniques to bring in a crowd with a campus pro.

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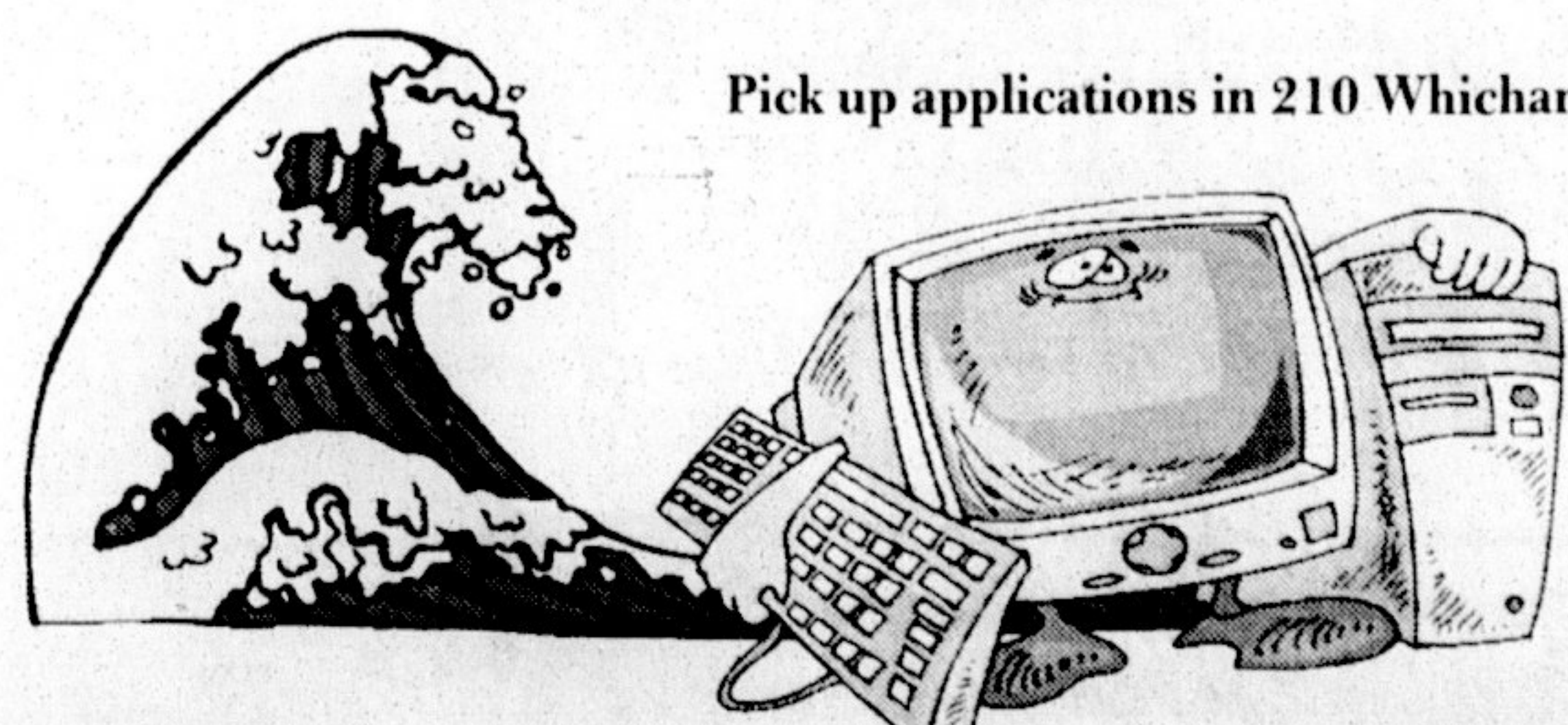
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Evacuation ordered after derailed train spews possibly toxic smoke

BETHEL, N.C. (AP)- Authorities evacuated a wide area Tuesday after a CSX freight train carrying phosphoric acid and other chemicals derailed and caught fire, spewing a plume of acid, black smoke.

Ten cars from the 30-car train left the track and tumbled into Grindle Creek about 10:45 a.m., five miles east of this Pitt County community, said Pitt County spokesman Arlen Holt. At least four cars caught fire, he said.

No injuries were reported, but the potentially toxic dense smoke from the burning wreckage compelled officials to evacuate the sparsely populated area around the crash site.

"We've got a 10-mile area

blocked off in Pitt and Martin counties," Holt said, adding that the evacuation order may stand through the night.

Holt said authorities were waiting for CSX officials to reach the site before deciding whether to put out the fire and pump out the hazardous chemicals or let it burn itself out.

He didn't know how many people were forced to leave the area. A shelter was set up at the Stokes Elementary School gymnasium.

"You can see the cloud from here. It has a dark tint to it," said Art Rouse, principal at North Pitt High School, about a mile west of the site.

Winds were blowing the cloud

away from the school and students were not evacuated.

The train was hauling ethylene glycol, a chemical found in antifreeze, as well as phosphoric acid, terephthalic acid and dichloropropene, said Tom Ditt, a spokesman for the state emergency management office.

Phosphoric acid vapor burns skin on contact and lungs if inhaled, while antifreeze is toxic if swallowed, said John Meredith, emergency room physician and director of disaster services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Ditt said the state dispatched air and water quality experts and its regional response team from Williamston to aid Pitt County au-

thorities.

Where the train originated and its destination were not immediately known. CSX officials at the railroad's headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., had no information immediately.

The accident occurred in a wetlands area. Runoff from the cars spilled into Grindle Creek, according to Tom Harris, a Pitt County forest ranger.

Pitt County sheriff's deputies set up road blocks to the south and west of the site along N.C. 11 and N.C. 903 leading to the Martin County line.

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tacted LaPrade, he declined comment. Mark Saieed, owner of The Cellar and the Sports Pad also refused to talk about the allegations.

Despite the fact that many students say nothing has changed, Moore said he remains confident that a compromise will be reached. "I believe that while working together we will be able to resolve the combating," Moore said. "It is my hope and desire that things will work out between the bar association and students."

But to some students, going downtown is still an uncomfortable challenge.

"Even though I have good time downtown I just don't feel like dealing with the harassment," said student Justin Pender. "I mean, they

play hip-hop music, but have a problem with the hip-hop culture. For instance, my home boy couldn't get into Sharky's because he had on cargo pants and the bouncer told him that they were wind pants."

Jewel Taylor, a freshman, said downtown has changed a lot since her sister, now a senior, started attending ECU.

"I feel that's [discrimination] why the clubs are losing so much business," Taylor said. "I stopped going. Due to the discrimination, many black students have stopped going too ... it used to not be that bad."

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Morris, who is a senior at ECU, was pleased with the laptop and the help he has received from ECU since the flood.

"I think this is a great idea to help people out," Morris said. "But it shouldn't have to take something like this [flood] in order to get companies and the government to help out people."

Krys Smith, associate vice chancellor for the Division of Student Life, said that students can apply to receive one of the remaining free laptops by picking up an application in Whichard 210. Students must have documentation of the computer they lost during the flood and are not eligible if they received compensation from FEMA. IBM donated 94 laptops and they are being dis-

tributed on a first come, first serve basis.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Smith said. "It's another excellent example of how people have reached out to help the community."

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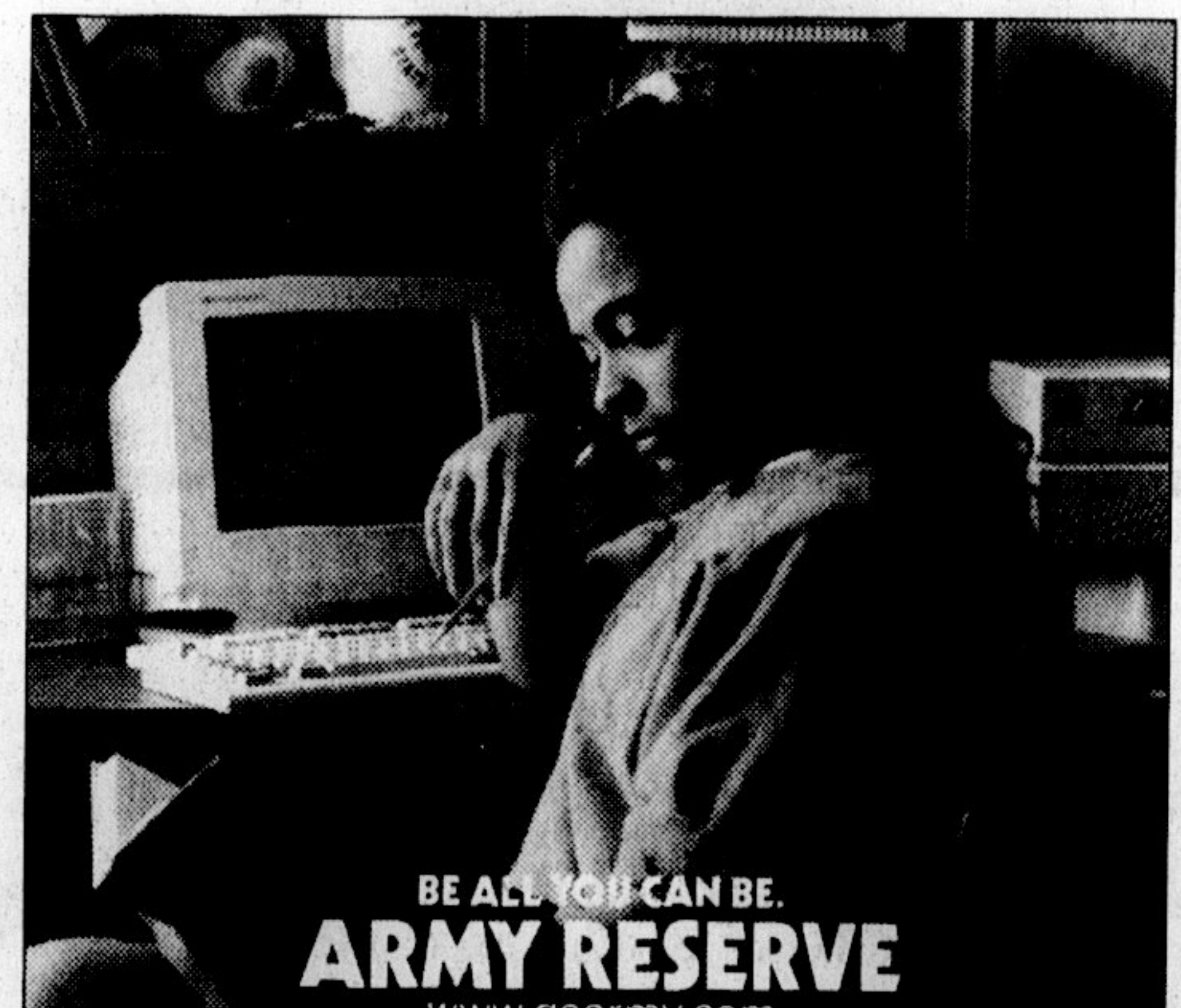
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OUR VIEW

When snowball fights at a university turn into malicious wars that can injure and damage property, one seriously questions the maturity level of our fellow students.

These past weeks have been a fluke in eastern North Carolina's weather patterns, and everyone has been out partying in the snow. Now, almost everyone who attends ECU understands that snow is merely a form of precipitation, but somehow, it has caused mass hysteria among students.

Why is there a need to damage property with snowballs? We all threw them, but some people took it a step too far by packing them hard enough to break windows or give someone a black eye.

We will all miss the snow, but not the problems that it caused. Just because a couple of flurries stick to the ground, it is no reason to go on a rampage, destroying everything in your path. Hopefully the 3 a.m. wake-up calls, blaring music and mattress sledding have come to an end.

Snow is just snow folks, and even though it doesn't happen very often in Greenville, there is no reason to go crazy. Have fun, by all means, have fun, but be intelligent about it. Even a 5 year old knows when enough is enough.

OPINION COLUMN

University inclement weather policy ridiculous

Dear Editor,

My letter is to the ones that decide on when and if school closes. It's 9 a.m. (Wednesday, Jan. 26) and all ECU students are getting ready to battle the morning by getting ready to go to school. After listening to the news, we all realized we were the only students that were in school today. We begin our day by trying to get out of our driveways. This task was not easy at all for this day. The ice was thick on most of our apartment parking lots, making leaving a very hazardous task.

After battling with our parking lots, we try to find a park. Finding a park is already hard enough, but today it was even harder. If the trucks had not already pushed snow in our parks, the roads were layered with ice.

It's 9:45 a.m., and a "safe" park is finally found on Elm Street. Then when we get out of our cars, guess? Yes, more ice to battle. Do school officials not realize

how serious one can get hurt by trying to walk on ice? Evidently not.

Many students found themselves going to Student Health from falls on the hazardous ice. Then by the time we get to class, guess what? Class has been canceled! So, we go to the library to wait for our next class and work on an assignment. Guess what? It is closed. Let's review this situation. Parks are even harder to come by. The sidewalks are layered in ice. Teachers did not make it to school. The library is closed. So, why did we have class at all?

While all the other schools in Pitt County today were thinking about their student's safety, what was ECU thinking about? Nothing but, "Hey they can make it to class, Greenville Boulevard is clear." Listen up people! We as a majority of ECU students have to walk to school. Think next time! THINK!!!!

Matthew Mayo

OPINION COLUMN

Ignorance is not bliss

Chris Sachs
OPINION COLUMNIST

Since becoming a graduate student I have had the opportunity to listen to my students and hear what they have to say about classes and the school itself, and by far the news is pretty good. But there has been a recurrent theme that I have noticed and that is the whining about what courses are chosen as "needed" for a degree by the administration. Students express that they should not have to subject themselves to the torture of taking classes they feel they will never use and are not related to their major.

Well, there is a word that describes that mentality and that word is IGNORANCE. The word contains what it means, "to ignore." I am getting tired of this small-minded mentality that has done major damage to this country and to the way we go about our daily lives. Since WWII we have become the most powerful nation in the world and we have gotten so lazy we are slowly dumbing ourselves down because we can afford to do so. Who needs to know how to read when we can blow up the world? So what do I do about these morons? I ignore them.

Well not really — I make fun of them. I love dumb people and the things they do, what they say, and how they think. It provides me with no end of fodder for my column and they make me laugh. When someone tells me that it is not fair that they should have to take English classes because they're an accounting major, I smile. I snicker when the students cry, "Why should I have to take chemistry if I am a dance major?" and "what good is Anthropology when I am a math major?"

You dummies!! Why do you think the school systems force you to take classes outside your major? Because if you only took classes that pertained to your major schools would be cranking out narrow-minded degree zombies that are only capable of communicat-

ing with people in that field. Don't you all understand that you must be a well-rounded individual if you are going to be able to melt into this melting pot of a society we have!

If you don't learn anything about many things, you will be a boring conversationalist, never taken seriously, seen as an idiot and embarrass yourself and your kids. That's right: your kids. What are you going to tell your kids when you can't help them with their homework? "Sorry, Sally, daddy is a salesman, not a mathematician. Go ask your mom." And what about poor Billy's science project? "Sorry, champ, I am a bond broker, I don't know about volcanoes. Go ask your mom."

This is especially prevalent when it comes to foreign languages — no one wants to learn one. Why? You really want to go your whole life knowing only one language? How boring is that! Don't any of you want to travel anywhere? You have to remember people: only five percent of this planet lives in America. It is a big world out there — check it out.

Everyone, you need to see the trees for the forest. You need to see the big picture. Getting an education is not all about getting a job; an education makes you who you are as a human being. There is a whole world of knowledge out there and if you choose to only look at the piece of it that will provide for financial security and career advancement, then you are in for a long life filled with "I don't know's." And saying that phrase all the time builds a mountain of evidence for people to label you as a loser. And who wants that?

Now, I don't expect you to try to become masters of all trades because no one knows everything, and no one even knows everything about one thing. But you should try to read many varied things, ask questions, be curious about everything. It makes a difference. So go forth and learn, and if you must ignore something, ignore those out there that are ignorant.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Should have left well enough alone

Dear Editor,

Normally I would never take the time to write to a paper and discuss the articles, but this one I couldn't pass up.

This is in response to Leigh Murphy's opinion column which ran on Jan. 27. Talk about the pot calling the kettle black! Ms. Murphy complained about her bus ride to school and the gossip she had to endure en route.

I understand her distaste for the story at hand, but I find it appalling that she would actually go to the effort to relay that story. And not just to one person, but to the entire population who reads the paper. In my opinion, that makes her just as bad, if not worse than the original source of the gossip.

Furthermore, I find it incredibly annoying that from now on I will constantly be wondering who has nothing better going on, that they would have to resort to listening in on my conversations and perhaps, report-

ing it in future additions of TEC.

I have no problems discussing things that are of interest to me on the bus. Sometimes that is the only time I have to see some of my friends. I don't think she should feel free to take advantage of that situation.

Finally, I believe that Murphy probably just fueled the fire of the story she retold. The people involved, who she claimed were friends, now have a whole other mess to deal with because she took it upon herself to play the messenger. The truth would have come out on its own, she didn't need to report it in the paper.

In regards to future stories in TEC, I enjoy reading about which trustee made the most recent racist remark, the sex-crazed campus squirrels and the breakdown of candidates running for president in 2000. However, I do not enjoy reading recycled gossip—I got enough of my own real life gossip to get me through the day.

Lisa Stokes

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get in, sit down, hold on and shut up

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the young lady (not intended to be derogatory) who decided to berate ECU Transit for their shortcomings.

Let me give you a little first-hand knowledge as a bus driver. First, I will address a very obvious oversight by this lady. She stated that she waited for Purple at 5:15 p.m. on a Friday afternoon at Mendenhall. She waited for 45 minutes and then learned the bus was at the garage. Since she said she has been a faithful bus-rider for so many years, then why didn't she already know that the Purple line shuts down at 5 p.m. on Fridays?

Another issue was the chronic tardiness of the Purple route at certain times of the day. Let me answer that one. Ever since the floodwaters of Hurricane Floyd destroyed a large portion of the Tar River apartment complex, many of those occupants have moved to the newly built Pirate's Cove complex.

This has lightened the passenger load of the Brown route, but has put an additional strain on the Purple route. Many mornings we have to run two buses on Purple just to accommodate everyone. Some mornings a second bus is not available, so the driver of Purple has to unload at Christenbury and then make a second trip down to 10th Street to pick up the overflow.

This would explain why the bus is sometimes 10-15 minutes late. As far as the 30-degree weather is concerned, I can't do anything about that because, surprise, it's WINTER.

Our gentlelady also had the idea of using money from parking tickets to fund more bus purchases.

Again, we have a mix-up of facts. Parking and Transportation, the people who write those tickets, is a division of Business Services. ECU Transit, on the other hand, is a student organization run by SGA.

We couldn't use that money even if we wanted to. Transit works on a tight budget. We have just enough money to cover expenses such as payroll, maintenance and repairs, with a little left over for new vehicles and equipment.

But with the price of a new bus in the neighborhood of \$130,000, and the fact that they take several months to build when ordered, getting new vehicles is not that easy. The buses we do have are driven between 10-12 hours-a-day under very hard conditions. Breakdowns are inevitable and sometimes buses are being repaired for a few days, sometimes longer.

The higher powers of ECU are trying to get us more funds, but that will take time. Until that time, this lady and other riders will just have to put up with the inconveniences. If you don't want to, then just move into a dorm and walk everywhere.

But if you do continue to ride the bus then cut us some slack. We are just like other students. We have classes, exams, papers and bills to pay. We go through a lot of training and take on huge legal responsibilities to be able to drive.

So the next time the bus is late, try to understand what the drivers of ECU Transit have to deal with, and keep your complaints to yourself.

Jason Boldue
Senior, ECU Transit bus driver

OPINION COLUMN

No, Pat, no!

Mark Larado
OPINION WRITER

Sunday, by the cheers of the majority of people around this country, John Rocker received what he so rightfully earned—a one month suspension from baseball and a nice little fine of \$20,000.

But not everyone agrees with this decision. For instance Pat Buchanan's campaign issued a statement yesterday about this incident.

"Thomas Jefferson and the other drafters of the Bill of Rights would all shudder at the thought: A 25-year-old baseball player has been handed a serious suspension because of some crude remark he made," Buchanan's campaign statement said.

"We read that some NBA players have sired children in virtually every major city, and this year alone, two NFL players were arrested for murder. Somehow none of this seems to disturb the cultural arbitrators. They were looking for a guy like John Rocker to jump—to pull out of the line and shoot as an example to others."

Other than the fact that it's a softer toilet paper than that found in Aycock, Buchanan's statement,

does make a valid point: Buchanan's campaign members live in a box!

If you didn't already know, the Bill of Rights, especially the First Amendment, doesn't carry diddly-squat's weight in most major organization's. This means that you really can't say absolutely anything you want at companies like IBM because they reserve the right to suspend or fire you. The company can't have you arrested for what you say.

I'm not sure why Buchanan runs for president. Doesn't he know that a majority of the people in America hate him? He has run for the presidential nomination for past 8 years and lost every time. Why doesn't he get the picture and just quit?

He is a man who is about 50 years too late. Back then, he could get away with everything that he has said. All he needed was a hood to be elected to any seat in Alabama.

With Pat's constant political foul-ups, it just makes that state senator from Illinois's political fund-raising scheme of raffling off a .50 caliber sniper rifle, look like he was having a bake sale.

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Crystal Cay is easily identifiable on the Nassau skyline by its space-age design and is one of the world's finest examples of an underwater park where nobody gets wet. The park was built around an existing reef, and visitors can explore a huge array of exhibits both above and below the surface.

Daytona Beach
Daytona Beach Boardwalk offers exciting arcades, tasty snacks, a wide variety of souvenirs, go-kart rides, games of skill and the "Salute to Speed" exhibits. For a real thrill ride, check out the "Skycoaster" and the human sling shot. The Skycoaster at the Boardwalk Amusement Area in Daytona Beach gives you a free-fall effect second to none.



Fresh and saltwater diving and snorkeling are in abundance in the waters off Daytona Beach. In addition to popular rock-ledge reef systems like Party Grounds and East Eleven, the area has a number of shipwrecks. The most famous, the Liberty Ship, is a freighter that was loaded with jeeps and other war materials. The area is also "home" to the wrecks of two TB-M torpedo bombers that crashed in area waters during World War II.

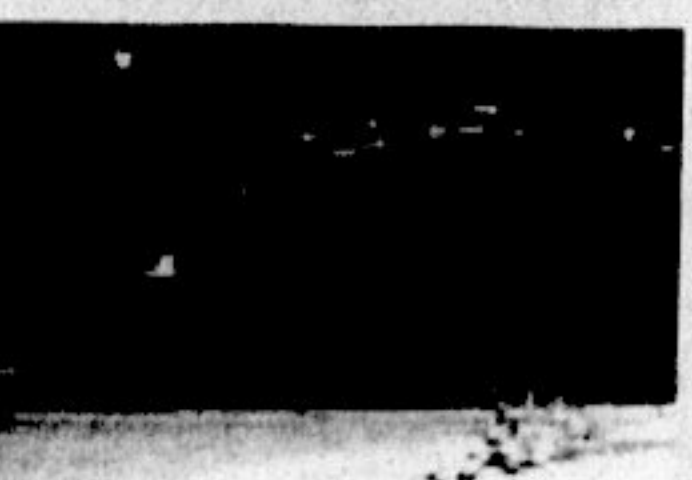
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Museum of Man in the Sea—Owned by the Institute of Diving and managed by the Panama City Marine Institute, this one of a kind museum houses relics from the first days of scuba diving and underwater exploration as well as treasures recovered from shipwrecks. Historical displays trace man's fascination with the underwater world dating back to 1500. Divers are shown involved in marine life sciences, underwater exploration, marine salvage and construction, oceanography and underwater archaeology. Exhibits include artifacts from the Atocha as well as from the fleet that sank off Ft. Pierce in 1715.

Shell Island—Part of St. Andrews State Recreation Area, the island is accessible only by boat. This natural island of wind-swept dunes is worth a daily excursion if you're interested in swimming, sunbathing and just generally getting away from it all. Shuttle boats leave every hour to take you to this unspoiled island. While you are on Shell Island be sure to treasure hunt on Spanish Shanty Point. Legend has it that pirates hoarded their treasure there.

Negril, Jamaica
Until recently, Negril was considered to be Jamaica's best kept secret. Nestled in the western corner of the island, Negril is an oasis for those seeking an escape from the pressures of modern living. The talc-textured seven mile beach was noted by several travel magazines as one of the top three beaches in the world. Negril also plays host to beautiful, 50-foot jagged coral cliffs where people congregate for reggae shows with stars like Ziggy Marley, Third World and Steel Pulse. This is where MTV chose to headquarter their Spring Break program in 1998.



Whether it be the world famous sunsets or an all-night reggae jam under the stars, Negril has something to offer for everyone. Jamaica Carnival—The island's biggest cultural celebration, Jamaica Carnival takes place at Easter time in Kingston, Ocho Rios and Montego Bay and includes flamboyantly costumed groups which parade and dance in the streets. Soca parties, reggae and calypso bands, kiddies' parade and more. The carnival includes top performers from Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and elsewhere in the Caribbean.

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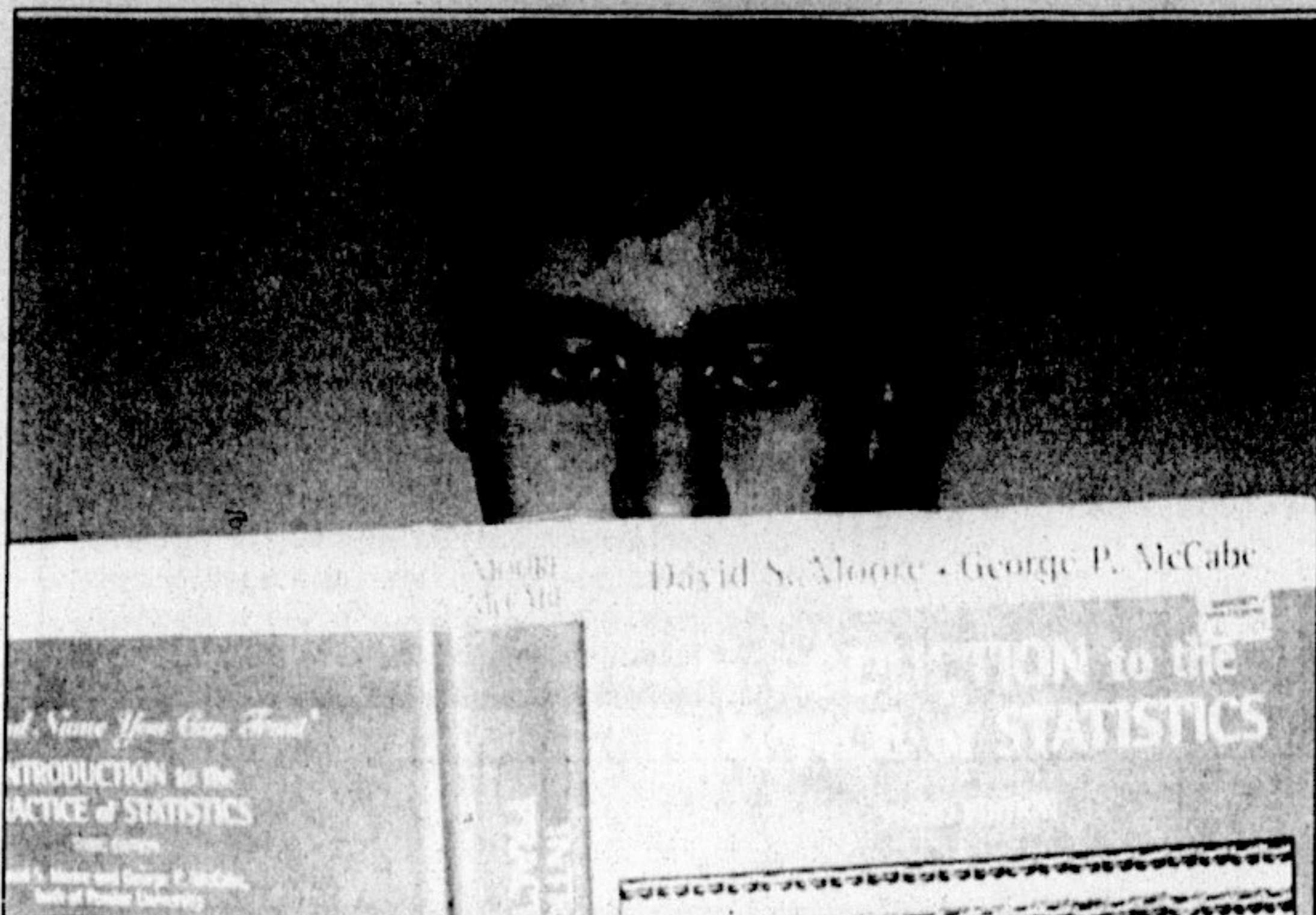
Jennifer Brown
STAFF WRITER

For most people, this is a very simple sentence. For 23 percent of the American population, that sentence just looks like a jumble of words. Illiteracy is a problem that most people do not even consider, but for some it is a constant struggle.

Twenty-three percent of Americans are at Level One, which means they are functionally illiterate. Another 25 percent are just above level one. In Pitt County, the numbers are a little higher. Twenty-five percent of adults are at Level One and 26.5 percent are just barely literate.

According to the Literacy Volunteers of America, adults [who read at Level One] cannot read well enough to help children with homework, get a promotion at work, read a complete set of instructions, pass a written driver's license test, log onto a computer, read the label on a prescription bottle or even fill out a job application.

The Pitt County Chapter of Literacy Volunteers of America are doing their part to decrease these num-



Aaron Sheib, sophomore, reads easily through a statistics book aided by skills he learned as a child. (photo by Emily Richardson)

bers. Sharon Schlichting is the program coordinator for this program. She helps train and interview tutors and schedules appointments.

"The main goal of this program is to teach adults in Pitt County to read or improve reading," Schlichting said. "The volunteer tutors have to complete a twelve

hour workshop in which they learn how to work with the adults. The students are given a placement test and then the tutors and students are matched up by schedules, interests and proximity.

"The age of the tutors and students range from about twenty to senior citizens. You have to be at least eighteen to volunteer."

Jane Mazzie has been a volunteer tutor since February of 1992. She is originally from New Jersey, and she said there she didn't notice the illiteracy problem. The elevated rate of illiteracy in Pitt county makes the problem more apparent.

"I was working at *The Daily Reflector* and I realized that when a lot of people came in they would hand me pieces of paper and couldn't read it to me or couldn't fill anything out," Mazzie said. "I decided to get involved."

"I've tutored five students so far all levels. We set

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Awake at the crack of dawn

DJs air seamless radio shows

Nina M. Dry
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

It's four o'clock in the morning. Some students are reveling in the fact that they have at least three more hours of uninterrupted sleep before their 8 a.m. class; others are just crawling into bed after an interesting evening on the town. For Roxy Malone, 4 a.m. is the start of a new day in her career as a disc jockey.

Malone, a former radio personality for 93.3 WERO and a fourth-year ECU student, stumbled upon an interesting job that turned into a career option.

"Last summer I was looking for a job that would be fun, and I thought I would be pretty good at radio," Malone said.

Malone applied with 93.3 in hopes of getting a position as a DJ.



G.W. Barker fills the air waves with his personal music mix. (photo by Emily Richardson)

When she approached the program director, she told Malone that her strong, confident voice would sound good on the air and she was hired for the weekend broadcast.

"I would sit in and watch the DJs do a show two days a week and then I would run a pre-recorded show on the weekends from 7 to 11 p.m.," Malone said.

After her third day of training she went on the air live.

According to Malone, her job included making sure that all the music was lined up, monitoring all of the volume levels, loading the correct ads during the breaks, running the Emergency Alert System and following the log of music scheduled for the day.

"If we get a request for another song, then we have to switch a song out of log that is in the same category," Malone said.

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Stress contorts students' perception of reality

Frustration inhibits normal functioning

Susan Wright
FEATURES EDITOR

Some students live on the edge constantly. Stress is a motivator for some; for others it can have debilitating effects.

The amount of stress that is present in a person's life is partially predetermined by their personality type. There are two main types or personalities; type A and type B. The type A personality is more prone to stress attacks and anxiety problems. Typically, they are the perfectionists who overcommit themselves. Nothing is ever good enough for them, and they constantly demand more of themselves.

"People with type A personalities are more prone to heart disease," said Beth Cradle, interim director of health education.

Type B personalities are more laid-back and relaxed; typically stress rolls off their shoulders. They are often in lower stress jobs, and their lives run slower and smoother. If you have a type B personality, stress is probably not a factor in your life.

"Stress affects a person not only physically, but mentally as well," Cradle said.

Someone who is under continual stress can easily become sick, have problems with concentration, and have relationship problems. Stress can also cause sleeplessness and a constant feeling of anxiety. Ulcers are a side effect of stress, but the physical manifestations are only a part of the problem.

Students, although they do not typically have full time jobs, can suffer from the effects of stress depending on extracurricular activities and course loads. Some students choose part time stress inducing occupations, such as working at the student newspaper.

Working at a newspaper with constant deadlines is a stressful job, according to Emily Little, editor of the Fountainhead.

"Yes, I believe that I have one of the highest stress jobs in the university," Little said. "We're the only ones here until 2 a.m. making 5 cents an hour."

"I play with my kitty cat to relieve stress."

Another method of relieving stress is through spirituality.

"Spirituality can be a beneficial coping strategy," said Al Smith, assistant director for the center of counseling and student development. "Prayer can be looked at as a coping mechanism. It helps people become calm and more relaxed. The effects of prayer depend on one's point of view."



Kat Fowler, senior, smokes to relieve stress. (photo by Emily Richardson)

Stress Relief

- *Make a plan of action and attack the stressor
- *Exercise
- *Schedule your time more effectively
- *Eat a variety of healthy foods
- *Take care of your body physically
- *Meditation
- *Prayer

There are several ways to relieve stress. If you live a high anxiety lifestyle it is important to find some way of relieving your stress. Stress can be detrimental to both the body and mind.

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Ask Marjorie

Dear Marjorie,
A truly incredible guy who I met at a club called me the other night, but I wasn't home. He left a message on my voice-mail, so I called him back. Unfortunately, I got his voice-mail. He still hasn't called me back and it has been a week. Should I call him?
—Clueless in Cotten

Dear Clueless,
No, you cannot call him back unless you want him to think that you are desperate and have nothing better to do. Didn't you read *The Rules*? It is imperative that he call you back. If he does, you have gained a man who will diligently call you back when he is supposed to and revere you as the goddess you are. If you call him back, you will send him the message that you are willing to crawl to get to him. Is it really worth it? I doubt it.

If you are in a committed relationship, however, call return is acceptable and necessary. By this time, you have determined that the man is worth your time and attention, and with any luck, he knows how special you are and treats you thus. Remember, the clock swings both ways in a relationship. You both have to work to stay together.

Dear Marjorie,
I was dancing downtown the other night with my friends, and this guy came up behind me and started dancing. At first this was cool, but after a couple of minutes it felt as if there was a pencil growing from his pocket and poking me in the back. What's up with that?
—Wondering in White

Dear Wondering,
Girl, if it was a pencil, don't even worry about him. Move on to bigger and better things—like at least a roll of quarters.

Dear Marjorie,
I just found out this guy that I have a crush on may be gay. Is there any way I can get him to swing the other way?
—Floundering in Fleming

Dear Floundering,
From past experience, you can't get somebody to swing the other way, no matter how sexy you are or how hot he is. Sexuality is not a matter of preference; many times, it is a part of who you are. Unfortunately, there are some hotties out there who choose men over women every time. You just have to move on and find one of those hotties who are attracted to you.

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individual goals of what they want to learn. We reevaluate this every six months and set new goals."

The time each student spends with a tutor varies greatly. The [students] start at many different levels as well. Situations such as job changes, pregnancy and other family crises can take students out of their regular tutorial schedules. Some may have to miss weeks or months at a time. Mazzie, like other

volunteers, said she just likes to help people better themselves.

"I get a great feeling of accomplishment at helping someone," Mazzie said.

According to Schlichting, the center currently has 175 tutors and had 270 students for the 1998-99 year.

The tutors spend approximately an hour preparing for each session, which lasts at least an hour and a

half once a week. The materials used in the sessions depend on the student. Some people need to read job applications, so various applications are available for use. Other materials such as newspapers, notes from a child's homework and a workbook series of basic phonics are available for the tutors to check out for each session. The center also has a selection of general reading for adults at different levels.

As an efficient reader you are able to breeze through newspapers and applications without even thinking of the hard work that went into learning to decipher the simplest words. If you don't read fluently, the world is a jumble of letters like hkwochegt.

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After about a month, Malone was offered a position on the morning show from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. At first, the schedule worked out well, but once school started it became more hectic.

"It was a very exhausting schedule," Malone said. "As the work load got harder I just got worn out."

ECU has its own station which gives students the opportunity to try their hand at radio.

"We have about 45 to 50 employees—25 to 30 who are DJs," said Bob Smith, WZMB general manager. "It's great experience for those involved in performance-oriented

majors who want to gain more of an understanding of radio."

Many people assume that to become involved with WZMB, one must have aspirations to become a DJ. In reality, the experience is open to all students.

According to Smith, approximately half of the DJs at WZMB are broadcast communications majors while the other half are from other fields such as business, marketing and English.

Senior Ryan Kennemur recently began working with WZMB, which is something he always wanted to do.

"I wanted to bring forth underground music to an unsuspecting population, and hopefully be entertaining as a disk jockey at the same time," Kennemur said.

By gaining experience, many doors open up once one gets out into the real world.

Stacy Hickman was the general manager of WZMB from 1987-88 and now works with the Fox Washington Bureau in D.C.

"I know the experience I've gained I will carry on past graduation," Smith said.

Smith started with WZMB in the spring of '97 as a sportscaster and

moved up the ranks. According to Smith, it helps for those who want to get involved in radio to get started when they are still freshmen.

"You start out at the bottom of the totem pole and work your way up," Smith said.

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Family of six under psychiatric watch after talking about leaving earth

CORONA, Calif. (AP)—A family of six was transported to a Riverside County hospital after police found them sitting in their living room with their belongings piled in the center, telling neighbors they planned to leave the Earth at midnight.

Police were called to an apartment on Via De Luna on Friday at about 5:50 p.m. to investigate possible cult activity after a neighbor walked by and saw the family and

thought they needed medical help, said Police Sgt. John Rasso.

"One of the neighbors was concerned," he said. "She saw them all sitting in the living room floor. ... There was a big pile of trash and personal belongings in the center of the room."

The neighbor told police the family had made doomsday predictions, believing the end of the world was coming with the millennium, Rasso said.

Police got a key to the apartment and entered the residence after the family refused to open the door or answer questions from officers, Rasso said.

The father, 38-year-old Charles Brown, awoke from a trance-like state after police shone powerful flashlights in the room, Rasso said.

"They said they would leave this Earth at midnight and as soon as God took them, their goods that were piled up would catch on fire,"

Rasso said.

No drugs, weapons or flammable devices were found, Rasso said. No one was injured but the family was hospitalized for psychiatric evaluation, he said.

"All of them were adamant about the dad being God. When he talked, he said he was God and he was taking his family from this Earth," Rasso said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS



Wesley charged in Phills accident

Charlotte Hornets guard David Wesley has been charged in the car accident that claimed the life of teammate Bobby Phills. Wesley and Phills were racing when Phills lost control of his car and slammed into oncoming traffic.

Mecklenburg County Assistant District Attorney, Anne Tompkins, announced that Wesley will be charged with reckless driving and speed competition. Both charges are misdemeanors. If convicted, Wesley could face up to 60 days in jail.

Wesley was driving with a suspended license when the accident occurred.



Gailey hired by Dolphins

Former Dallas Cowboy Head Coach Chan Gailey was hired this week to become the new offensive coordinator for the Miami Dolphins. Gailey joins former Cowboys assistant Dave Wannstedt on the staff in Miami. Wannstedt took over for another former Cowboy head man, Jimmy Johnson, who retired last month.

"It's going to take a lot of study and a lot of work," Wannstedt said. "Everybody will start from scratch."



Heels, Devils tangle tonight

Duke will take their top five ranking into Chapel Hill tonight to renew college basketball's grand rivalry. The Tar Heels are unranked but have surged to two straight wins. The Blue Devils have not lost since December and currently sit atop the ACC. Duke has not lost a conference game yet this year and they have not lost to Carolina since January 1998.

Forsberg will miss NHL All-Star game

Colorado's Peter Forsberg will miss Sunday's NHL All-Star game with a mild concussion. Forsberg, who missed much of the early season recovering from shoulder surgery, has scored 10 goals and 25 assists for 35 points in 28 games. Forsberg suffered a concussion when he was checked into the boards in the second period of Tuesday's 2-1 victory over Vancouver.

Melvin leads Lady Pirates by example

Senior provides much needed experience

Matthew Geraghty
STAFF WRITER

This year's Lady Pirate basketball team is loaded with experienced talent. Danielle Melvin is one such player.

Melvin, the Lady Pirates' forward from Roseboro, N.C. has helped lead the team through the ups and downs of the young season.

The Lady Pirates have begun the first half of the season behind the 6'0" senior forward. Danielle, the CAA's top rebounder last year and Pirates' second leading scorer, has

opened up this season in similar fashion. Melvin has lead the team in scoring 11 times this season, scoring 20 points or better on six different occasions. Meanwhile, she has also lead the team in rebounding on 10 occasions.

Against American on Friday, Jan. 23, Danielle had a double-double scoring 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. She followed up this performance with a 28-point night against the Patriots.

"The team is great, but we could do a lot better," Melvin said. "There have been some great wins along with some bad losses."

Ever the true team player, Danielle exhibits her unselfishness by acknowledging her teammates and their efforts.

"I'm excited, because players like

Tamilla Murray, Millette Green and Sancha Cargill have really stepped it up," Melvin said.

Junior guard Jennifer Moretz describes Melvin.

"[Danielle is] a team leader that goes far beyond the basketball court," Moretz said.

"Danielle has a lot of confidence, and we will look for big things from her this season," head coach Dee Gibson said.

Danielle responded when asked about the schedule for this season.

"I think it is a great schedule, with a number of challenging games," Melvin said.

However, she did note that she would have liked to play NC State one last time.

Some of Danielle's off court interests include reading and writing



Roseboro's Danielle Melvin has scored more than 20 points six times this season. (file photo)

Danielle Melvin

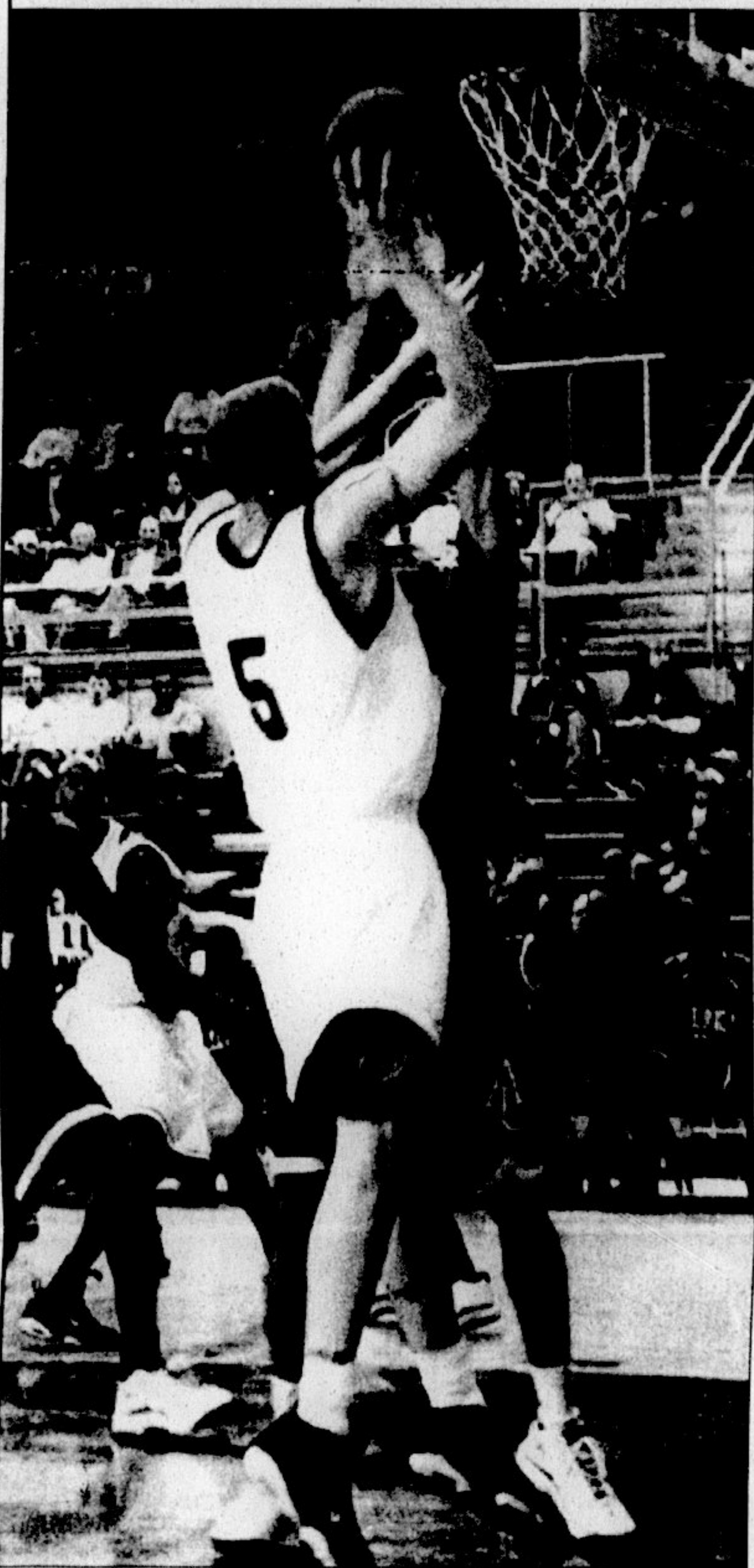
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Career Highs: 38 points against Richmond, 2 games with 15 rebounds, 3 blocks against Richmond, 4 games with 4 assists, 4 steals against Elon

poetry. After graduation Danielle looks forward to going to medical school and possibly to the WNBA, where her older sister, Chastity, plays for the Cleveland Rockers.

The Lady Pirates' next game is against American at 2 p.m. on Feb. 6 in Minges Coliseum.

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Pirates edge Eagles, 62-59



ECU defeated American 62-59, Monday night in Minges Coliseum. Sophomore Brendan Hawkins paced the Pirates with 15 points and four three-pointers in the second half. In addition to leading the team in scoring, Hawkins also hit the two free throws that put ECU on top for good. (photos by Garrett McMillan)

Pirate Notes

Stephen Schram
SPORTS EDITOR

Pirates announce signees

Wednesday was National Letter-of-Intent Day, the day when high school football prospects sign to play for a school and recruiting ends. ECU had received 13 letters when this went to press.

- Derrick Collier—WR, 6'1", 190, Albany, Ga. (Albany HS/Georgia Military College)
- Terrance Copper—WR, 6'1", 192, Washington, N.C. (Washington HS)
- Dexter Davis—WR, 5'10", 162, Jacksonville, Fla. (Georgia Military College/Edward White HS)
- Charlie Dempsey—L, 6'4", 275, Jacksonville, N.C. (Southwest Onslow HS)
- Wes Herlocker—WR-P, 6'3", 190, New London, N.C. (North Stanley HS)
- Vonta Leach—LB, 6'2", 240, Rowland, N.C. (South Robeson HS)
- Greg Lefever—LB, 6'1", 246, Ocean City, N.J. (Garden City (N.J.) Community College)
- Hagen Mason—OL, 6'2", 300, Tallahassee, Fla. (Lincoln HS)
- Brandon Ranier—DB, 6'1", 175, Laurinburg, N.C. (Scotland HS)
- Desmond Robinson—QB, 5'11", 180, Rock Hill, S.C. (Rock Hill HS)
- Mark Strickland—LB, 6'2", 225, Wilson, N.C. (Butler County, Kan. CC/Hunt HS)
- Clifford Timpson—DB, 5'10", 175, Durham, N.C. (Southern Durham HS)
- Donald Whitehead—CB/QB, 5'10", 175, Leggett, N.C. (North Edgecomb HS)

Five players leave team

Five football players announced last week that they will not be returning to the team. Bobby Weaver, who started five games at quarterback in 1998, played sparingly at H-back and safety this year. His 1998 season was cut short following a pair of leg injuries. Weaver would have one season of eligibility left.

Offensive lineman Anthony Nobles and safety Chris Satterfield are both slated to graduate in May. They will both not return for a fourth campaign next fall. Nobles, from Randleman, N.C., did not see much action as a Pirate.

Satterfield saw much playing time after injuries forced him into a starting spot at safety. Satterfield was third on the team in tackles.

Also leaving the program are defensive back Erik Hines and tight end Elliot Hartgrove. Both are leaving for personal reasons.

Staff adds new coach

ECU announced last week that former Army assistant Tony Oden will join the Pirate coaching staff. Oden, an Ohio native, will work with the wide receivers. He has previous assistant coaching experience at Boston College and Millersville University.

Oden was a two-time all-conference linebacker at Baldwin-Wallace College.

Track teams head north for meets

Pirates rack up wins in Delaware, NYC

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

The ECU men's and women's track teams headed into the frozen Northeast for a pair of split squad meets this weekend.

Both teams sent half the squad to the Jasper Relays in New York City and the other half to the Delaware Invitational.

The Lady Pirates had a fine weekend. They scored nine first-place finishes and six ECAC quali-

fying marks at the two meets.

"Overall we did very, very well," said sophomore Toni Kilgore.

In Delaware, the women's squad dominated. The Lady Pirates finished first in the pole vault, long jump, triple jump, 60 meter high hurdles, shot put, weight throw, 800 meters, 4x800 meter relay and 60 meters.

"Overall we felt that this was a good meet for a young team," said Len Klepack, assistant track coach. "We really thought that the team did very well. This could quite possibly be the most balanced team in the history of East Carolina women's track."

Kilgore earned two of the victories, in the long jump and triple jump. In winning the triple jump, Kilgore also qualified for the ECAC. However, she was not thrilled with her effort.

"I did terrible. I qualified, but I wasn't pleased," Kilgore said.

Kilgore was followed by a duo of Pirates in the long jump, as ECU took the top three spaces. Leana Anding and Marshari Williams finished second and third respectively.

In addition to the third place finish, Williams added a victory in the 60 meter high hurdles.

In the field events, a pair of freshmen broke school records en route to high finishes. In her first collegiate meet, Colleen McGinn broke the school record in the high jump, clearing 5'6 1/2", and qualified for the ECAC. Fellow freshman, Becky Post broke her own school record in the pole vault and also qualified for the ECAC with a vault of 10' 4".

The Pirates throwers also put on a strong performance, grabbing two first place finishes. Junior Crystal Frye won the shot put with a throw of 45' 4 1/4". Frye was joined by Margaret Clayton who notched a first place finish in the weight throw with a personal best toss of 52' 7". Frye finished in third place in the weight throw.

In the 800 meters, freshman Kay Livick won with a time of 2:18.17. In the 4x800 meter relay, the team of Livick, Abby Hayes, Lauren Chadwick and Fran Lattie also

ECU first-place finishers Delaware Invitational

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Becky Post	pole vault	1st	10' 4"
Toni Kilgore	triple jump	1st	38' 11"
Toni Kilgore	long jump	1st	17' 11 3/4"
Marshari Williams	60 meter hurdles	1st	9.24
Crystal Frye	shot put	1st	45' 4 1/4"
Margaret Clayton	weight throw	1st	52' 7 1/4"
Kay Livick	800 meters	1st	2:18.17
4x800 meter team relay		1st	9:40.37
Demiko Picott	60 meters	1st	7.92
MEN			
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SPORTS

Dick Vermeil retires as Rams coach

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Dick Vermeil's retirement plans don't center around sitting in a rocking chair all day surrounded by his grandkids. "I'd like to try to get a job in television again and finish out a couple years in broadcasting," Vermeil said Tuesday after announcing he is leaving the St. Louis Rams. "Carol's not real excited about that."

Vermeil and his wife celebrated their 44th anniversary two days before the Rams beat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 in the Super Bowl, and during the buildup, much was made of Carol Vermeil's statement that her husband has nothing to prove. But Vermeil said he and his wife only had a couple of 20-minute conversations on retirement—one Monday and the other Tuesday morning.

Vermeil got out because he realized it's impossible to top a Super Bowl victory as an exit. "I think the time is right," Vermeil said in an emotional farewell. "Very few people in this profession get this opportunity."

Carol Vermeil, who attended the news conference, did not contradict her husband.

"It was his decision," she said. "There's a time for everything. But the worst thing is overstaying your time, isn't it?"

The decision elevates offensive coordinator Mike Martz to coach. The Rams signed Martz, who directed the NFL's top-rated offense (33 points a game), to a two-year contract in January that assured he

would inherit Vermeil's job. Martz, scheduled to undergo surgery today for a neck problem, didn't attend the news conference. A Rams spokesman said Martz would postpone surgery and hold a news conference.

Vermeil's voice broke often and tears flowed freely at Tuesday's news conference, attended by several players, assistant coaches and personnel director Charley Arney. Team president John Shaw introduced Vermeil, referring to him as "Champ."

"I don't have the ability to verbalize how I feel," he said. "I'm so appreciative of what my coaching staff has done. And these players, these guys are unbelievable."

Vermeil's quick decision had a lot to do with emotion. He didn't want to be involved with the free agency period that starts Feb. 11, so he leaves with two years to go on a five-year, \$9 million contract.

"I don't want to participate in that," Vermeil said. "I don't want to cut the squad. These are my guys."

Rams players just wanted the best for the coach who made it a point to get to know all of them.



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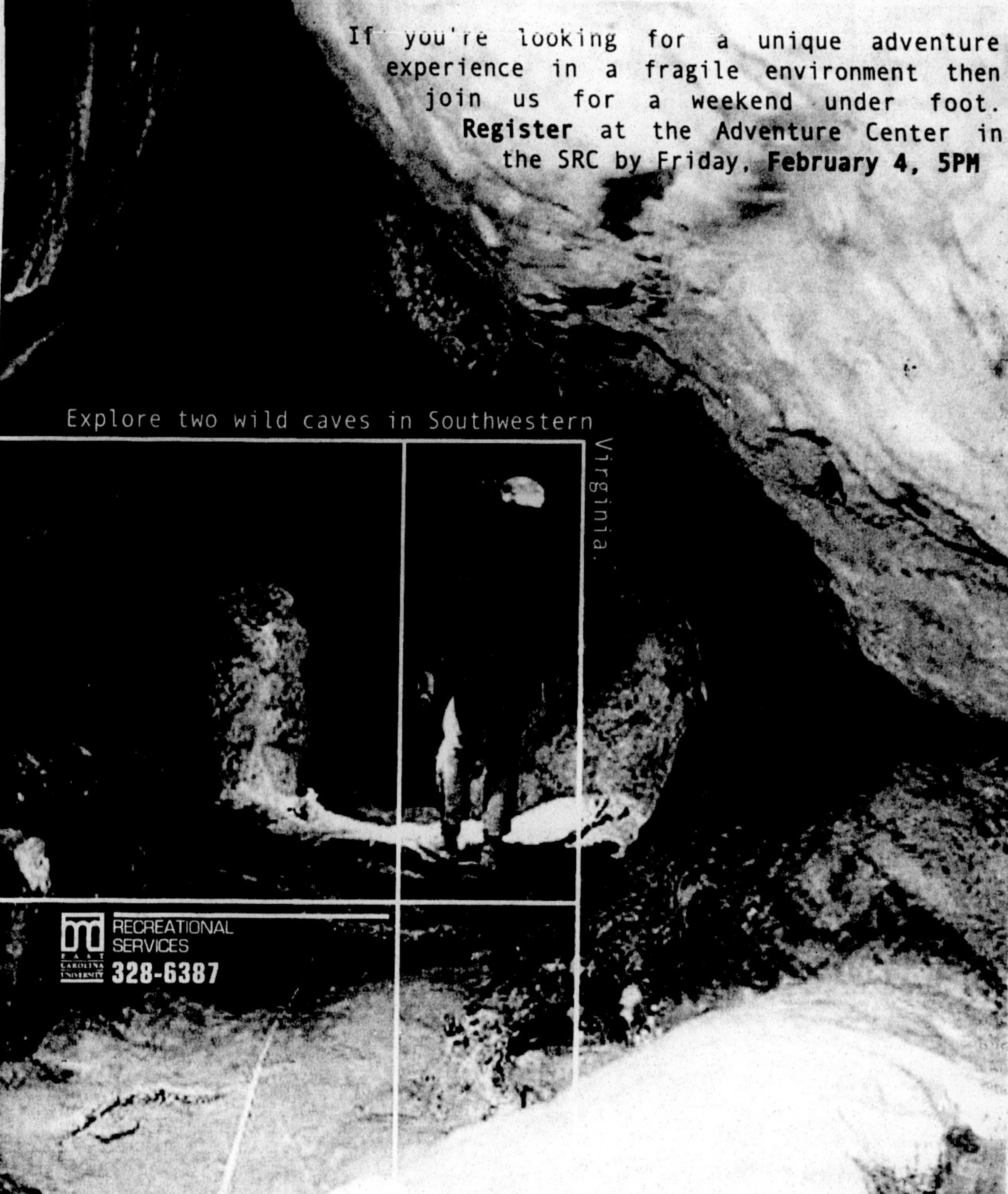
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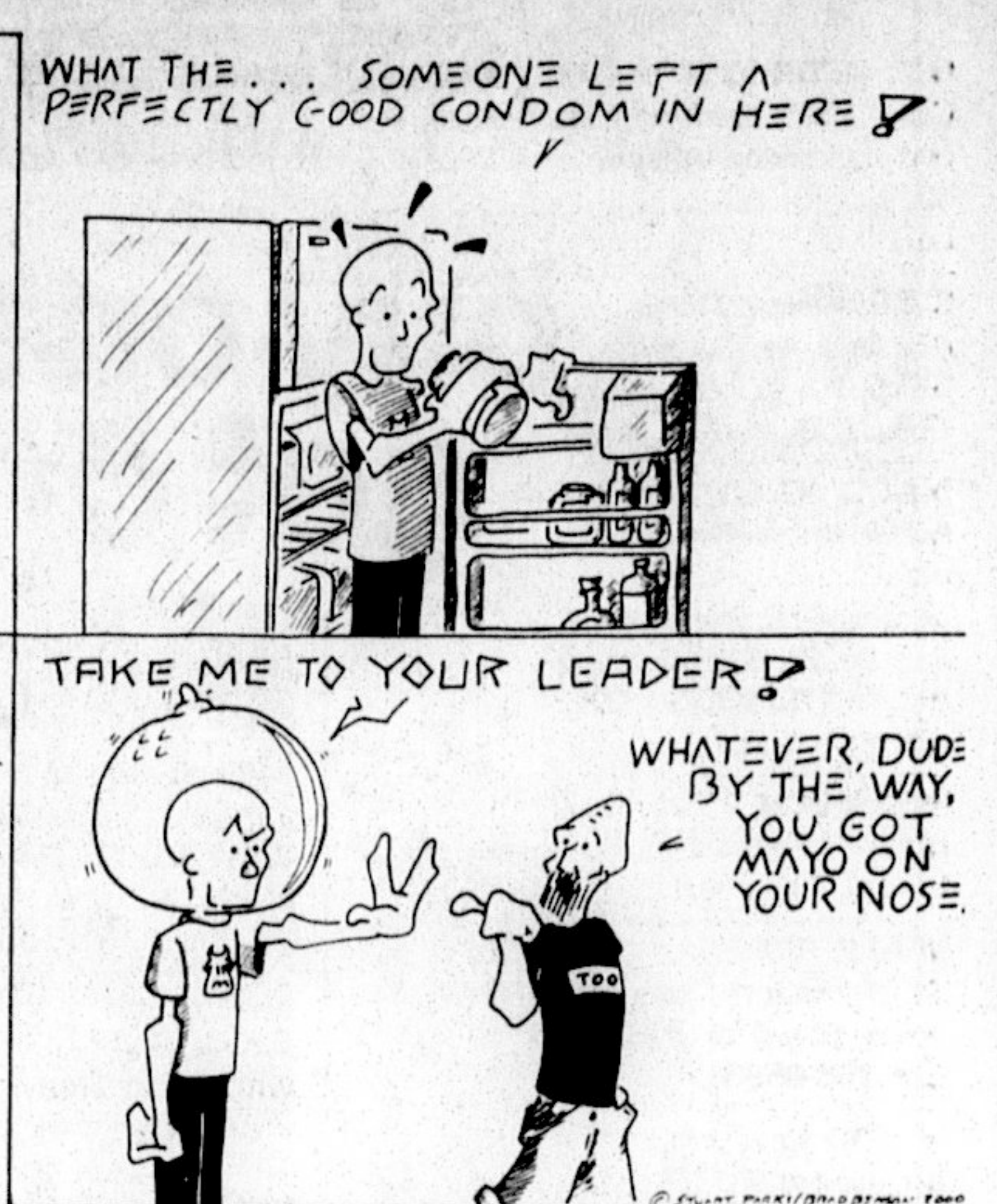
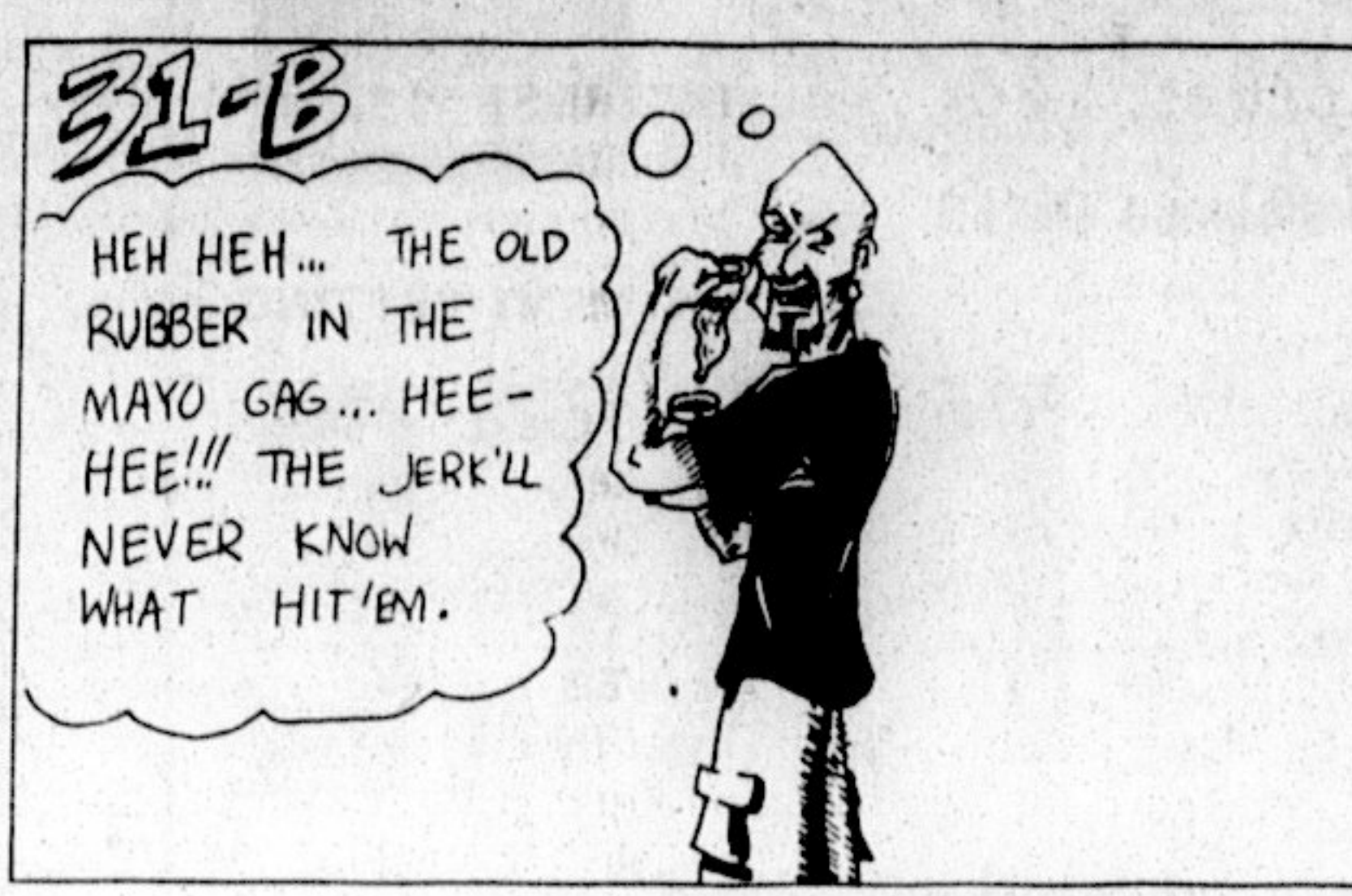
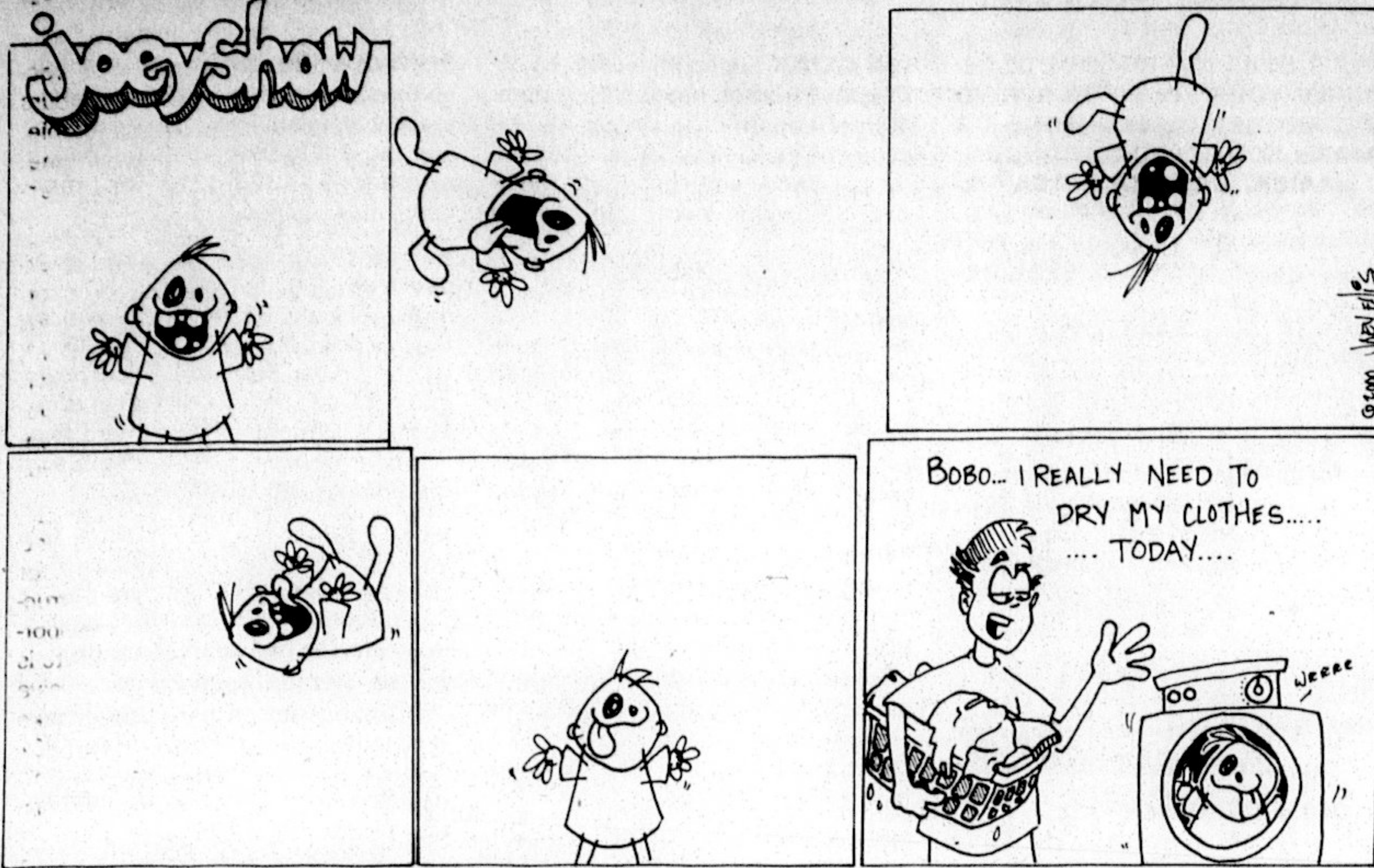
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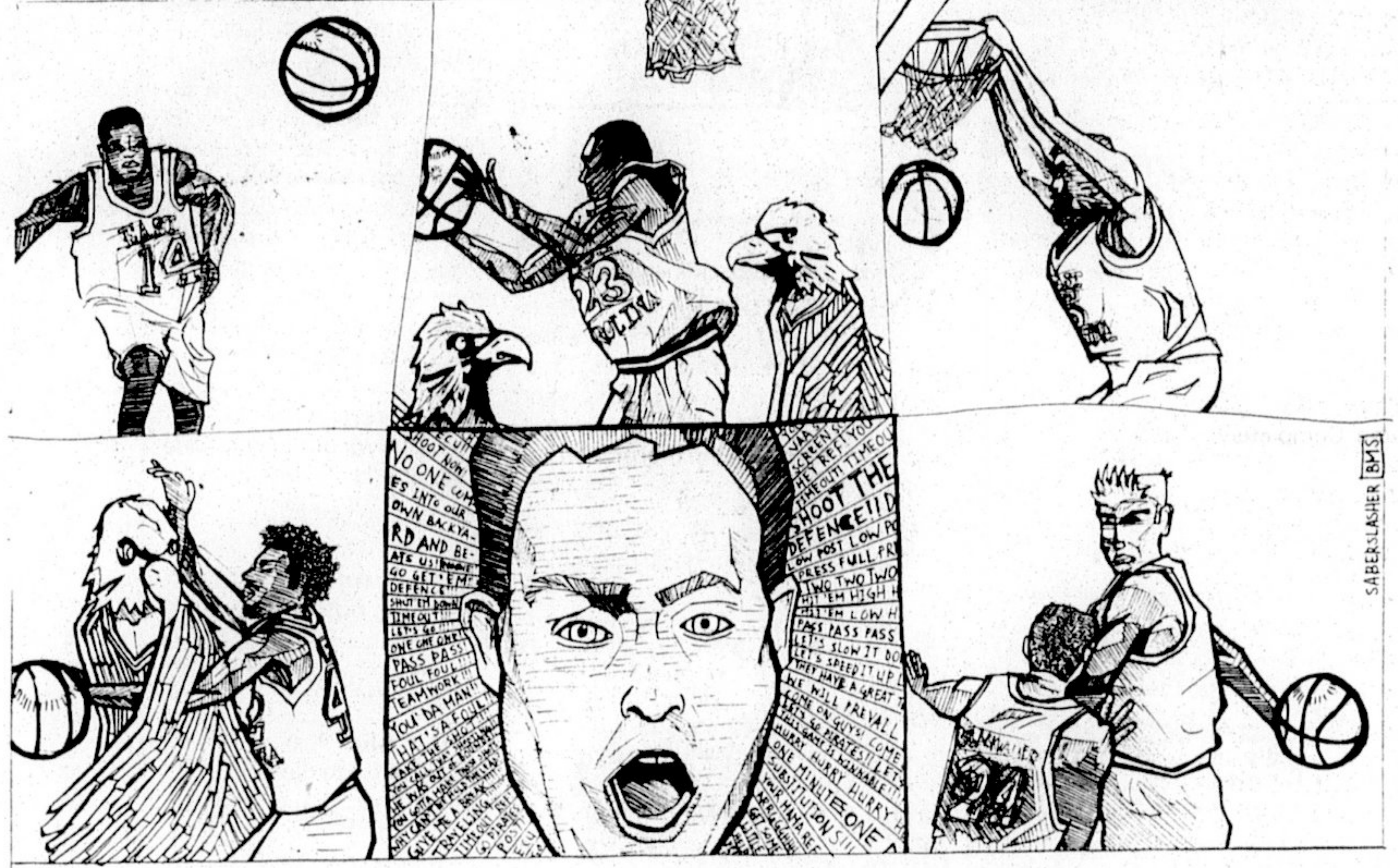
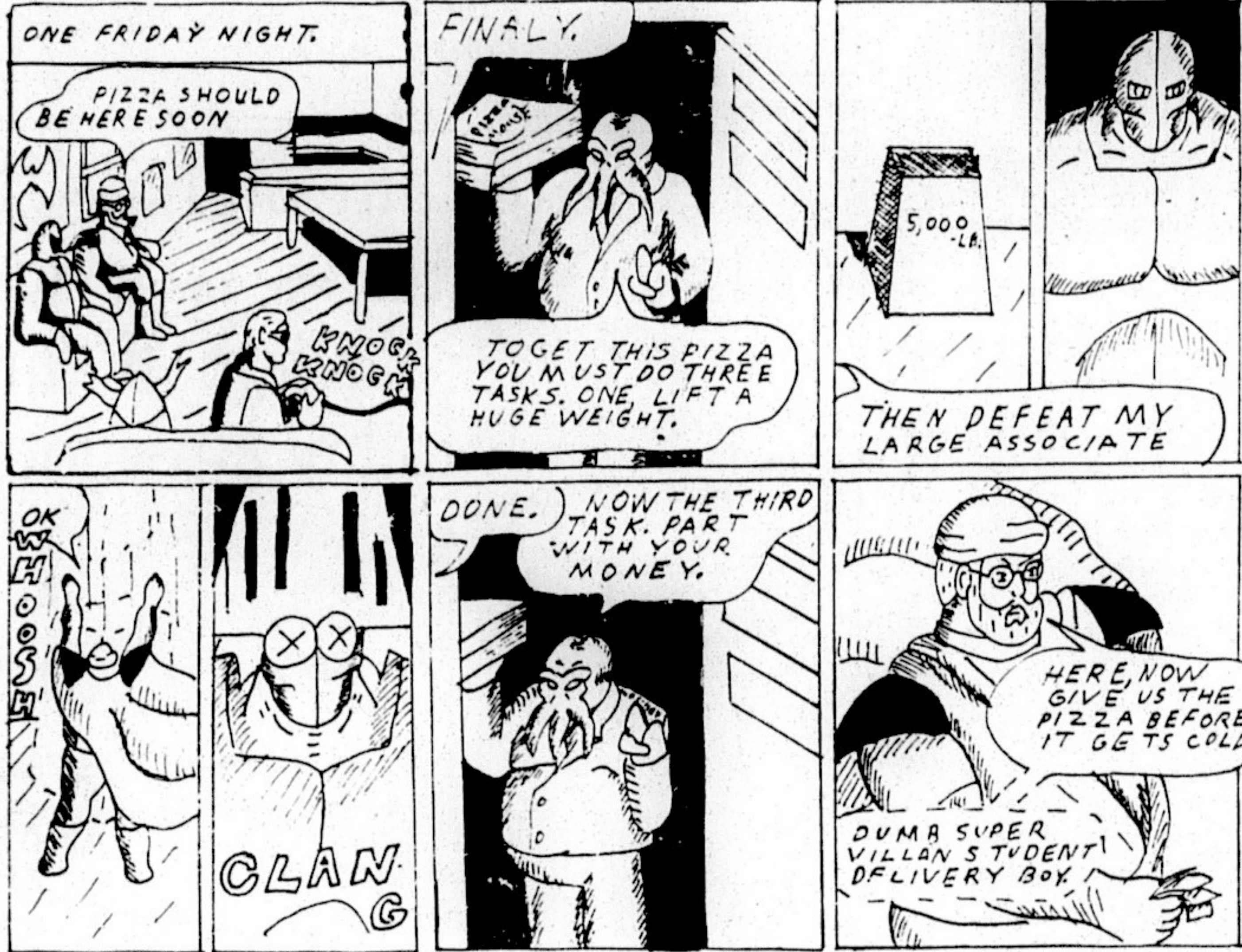


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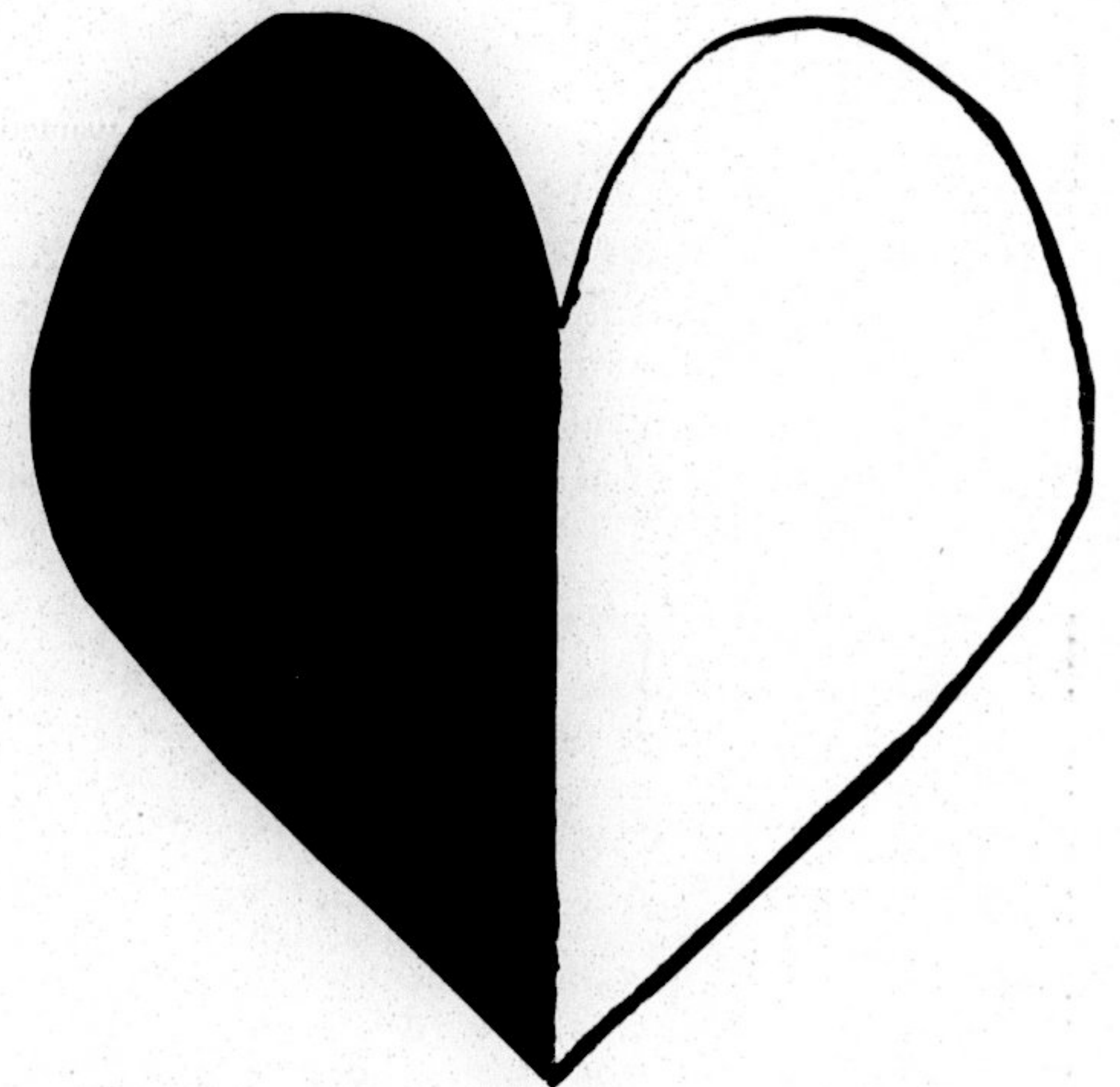
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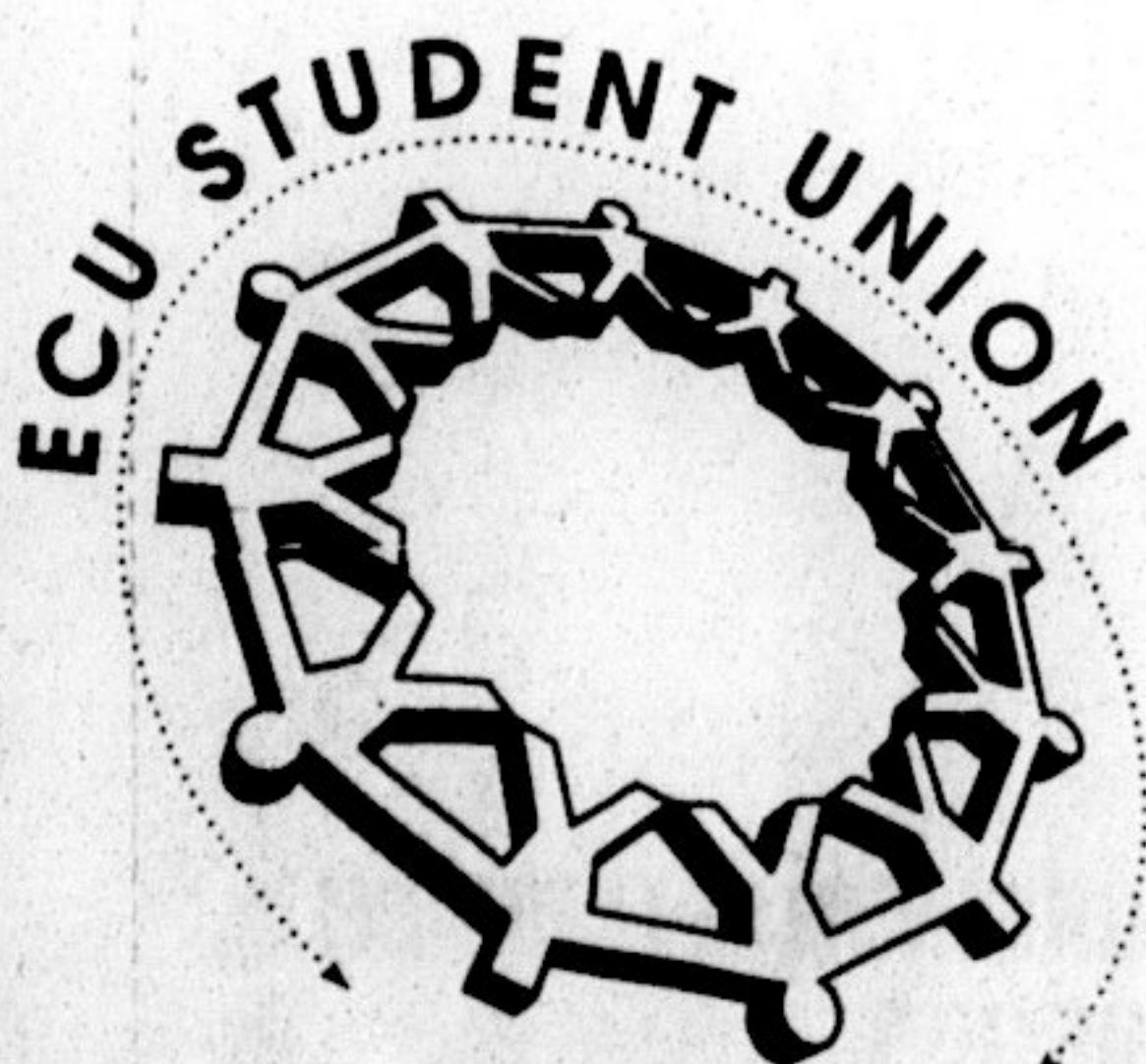
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GREEK PERSONALS

TO THE brothers of Lambda Chi, thank you for a great time Saturday night. Congratulations on a great Spring rush. Love the sisters of Delta Zeta.

TAU KAPPA Epsilon we would like to congratulate all of your new members. Hope we showed them a good time Saturday night. Best of luck. Love Alpha Phi.

CONGRATULATIONS ALPHA Xi Delta on 40 years of sisterhood!

DELTA CHI you danced, you sang, you showed us a great time, and you won our hearts! Thank you for a great night. Love the sisters and new members of Zeta Tau Alpha.

LADY MACBETH we are so proud of you. We can't wait to see you opening night Cara! Love the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha.

DELTA ZETA would like to thank Sig Ep for the awesome social Friday night. Lets do it again soon!

THE SISTERS of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to welcome their new member class- Myra Barnes, Amanda Cook, Elizabeth Creech, Jessica Francis, Holly Lewis, Kristen Oldham, Amanda Pendergrass, Abby Owen, Patty Shaughnessy, Amberly Turlington, Jamaa, Rachael Waszkiewicz and Ashley Wilhite. We love you!

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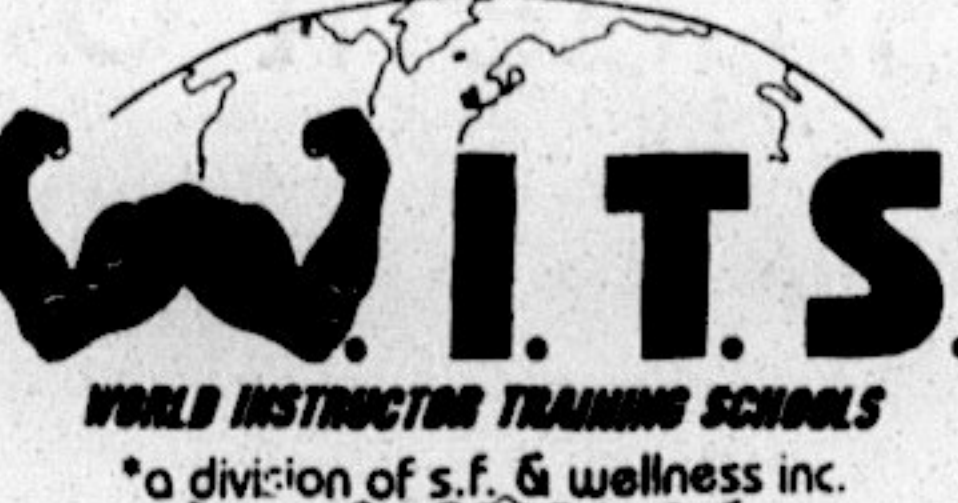
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HANGING OUT AT BACK DOOR

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How many sweaty, smoke-breathing, keyed-up misfits can you fit into one room? You can get a pretty good idea if you drop by Back Door, a combination of skate park, shop and underground music scene on the corner of 5th and Cotanche streets.

The Back Door crowd, which sometimes starts trickling in for 9 p.m. shows at about 10:30, seems to hover somewhere between lethargy and manic activity. On warm nights, people shuffle in and out of the skate park's sole wooden door to smoke cigarettes and kick gravel in the parking lots, hands in pockets, shoulders slumped.

When it's cold out, everybody waits around inside for the bands to set up their equipment inside the unheated, ugly room, whose graffiti-covered walls are now coated in drab paint. An antique pressed tin ceiling looks down on battered skate ramps, a swimming pool-shaped bowl for doing stunts and a narrow flight of blue wooden stairs leading up to the second floor.

On a Friday night in January, girls whose hair and clothes compete for negative attention huddle on the stairs, run up on the ramps and attach stickers to a bare wall that seems designated for that purpose.

Guys from different punk bands lug piece after piece of equipment into the room from their cars outside, setting up for a show that will draw an unusually small crowd. The whole scene is bathed in chilly fluorescent light, and people shift around on the steps, waiting for something to happen. They've been here for an hour, at least.

After a few false starts, a band called Charlie Brown Gets a Valentine roars furiously into life, generating an almost tangible cloud of sound which saturates the relatively small space. The vocals are smothered under that blanket of noise. But neither bad acoustics nor biting cold can keep kids away from the place where they feel welcome, a freaky home full of siblings who have put their indelible mark on the ugliest room in Greenville.

ECU junior Kellie Gates waits outside in the cold to get into a show, roughing it like

everyone else. Asked if there was anything she didn't like about Back Door, she said she'd like "some heat!"

music equipment and stickers for sale in a second-story shop overlooking downtown. Under that shop, on ground-level, is an indoor skate park,

Buchanan, whose offer to paint the wall for free was approved by Paul Wojciechowski, the owner of Back Door.

"It's going to take a while, but I

been here for a little over three years," said Billy Rabon, who works in the store and sets up the concerts.

"Originally they would do shows upstairs, but it'd be maybe only a dozen kids at the most," Rabon said. "Then they started doing shows downstairs, but it was very seldom. Then about a year ago, I took over the shows on a regular basis, and we've gone from having one show every couple of months to having three to four shows every week."

Rabon books bands with a discerning eye, and is open to almost any kind of performance, including poetry readings, that he feels fits into Back Door's underground persona.

"We've had [bands] come from Italy, Germany, Sweden; we've had bands from 48 of the 50 states in the continent, and it's all word-of-mouth. We don't do any advertising," Rabon said.

It's no mistake that only crude fliers posted in odd corners downtown inform readers of concerts at Back Door. Fans and bands alike feel this is the best way to keep the music sincere and free of the materialistic tendencies from which independent music, especially punk, strives to disassociate itself.

"We don't do major label shows," Rabon said. "We have turned away bands because of who their label was." Rabon has turned down offers from bands signed to the Epitaph label.

"In my opinion, Epitaph was a major label," he said. "The kids have created what we have downstairs, and I feel I owe it to the kids who stick by that. I'd rather have 10 no-name bands than one big name."

So far, Back Door has prospered from the fan loyalty inspired by Rabon's devotion to indie music. In fact, so many of the concerts pack in an uncomfortably full house that a change of location is already in the works.

"We're looking to go to a bigger building," Rabon said. "It's just reached a point to where there are so many kids at each one of the shows that we need to move on. We're looking to grow downstairs and then branch out into another part of Greenville."

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A decorated wall hides a skater's treasures. (photos by Miccah Smith)

can see it's going to be real big," Buchanan said.

The mural's impromptu creativity expresses Back Door's casual magnetism toward all things artistic, laid-back and cheap.

"I really like the Back Door," Buchanan said. "It seems like the people who make things

go to Back Door. I like that people come together there."

Several nights a week, fans gather in Back Door's indoor skate park for the love of loud music: hip-hop, punk and hardcore, churned out by an increasing number of bands as the venue's underground notoriety grows by word of mouth around the country.

"The skate shop upstairs has been here for five years, and the park downstairs has

She reflected for a moment. "I can live without it, though."

Undiscovered by the vast majority of downtown-loving ECU students, Back Door is a gathering place for a growing loyal crowd of local and out-of-town students, many of whom are high-schoolers.

By day, skaters crowd the back parking lot and sidewalk facing Cotanche Street, where Back Door offers wheels, shoes,

also popular during the day.

A half-finished mural done in optimistic yellow paint by ECU School of Art graduate Brian Buchanan embellishes the wall facing Cotanche Street. Buchanan is recovering from a back injury which prevents him from continuing the mural now, but he hopes to begin again soon.

"That was a huge wall and I've always wanted to do a mural anyway," Buchanan said.

Who really does Bond better?

Emily Little
FH Editor

He is a cunning creature with a license to kill and a constant libido. Women throw themselves in front of bullets for just one of his kisses. Villains respect him, civilians applaud him, and even Her Majesty's Secret Service could not function without him.

Five actors have attempted to define Ian Fleming's James Bond 007: Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan. The character has spurred a casual debate surrounding the true nature of the character, a man who plays the cold-hearted killer but finds relief in the arms of "all those willing women."

So who is Agent 007, really?

The annual TBS "Fifteen Days of 007" marathon provided an excellent opportunity for me to answer this question. I sat through every single one of the 20 James Bond films, even renting the Pierce Brosnans and seeing "The World is Not Enough" in the theater. I came up with a list of categories that define the character of 007, and rated each actor on a scale of one to 10.

I tried not to fault them for rotten screenplays like "Live and Let Die," just as I tried not to give too much credit to the actor for really good screenplays, like "Diamonds Are Forever" (I must admit I am slightly prejudiced against George Lazenby because "On

Her Majesty's Secret Service" gave James Bond a character setback he could never quite recover from.)

Let me explain how I came to my conclusions.

Looks

James Bond is just about the sexiest man alive. He has a look that would send shivers up the spine of any mortal woman. For that, Sean Connery gets credit.

But Bond also has a certain dignified appearance, a charmed intensity that only Pierce Brosnan possesses. Timothy Dalton would have it, but that cleft in his chin is just too much. Smushy-faced Roger Moore and droopy-jawed George Lazenby aren't even worth discussing.

Action Hero Qualities

Although Moore's stunt double rules a pair of skis, he just doesn't strike me as a man who likes to dirty his hands by getting in a fight. He spends most of his time turning tail

and running from danger.

Dalton, on the other hand, has no qualms about shoving some random guy into a drawer full of meal worms or sliding down a ski slope on a cello. Brosnan, although not so tested in hand-to-hand

combat, is the master of moving vehicles: The tank in St. Petersburg from "Goldeneye" and the motorcycle and remote-controlled car sequences from "Tomorrow Never Dies" are some of the best action scenes in any James Bond flick.

Lazenby would be cool, but the action scenes are so sped up it

looks like a psychedelic Charlie Chaplin film, making it difficult to tell exactly what he is doing. Connery, on the other hand, actually beats a guy up

with a telephone receiver in "Thunderball." It doesn't get any cooler than that.

Britishness

Agent 007 does do it all for queen and country, after all. Connery is Scottish and Lazenby, although he does impersonate a stuffy Englishman, is Australian, so they lose out on this one. Dalton and Brosnan get points just for being British, although once again Dalton gets punished a point for that cleft in his chin. But this category is Roger Moore all over. He loves tea and has a gift for understatement, and that is what England is all about.

Ability With the Ladies

We all know James Bond is a slut. When Connery walks into a room, women catapult themselves at his body. When Moore walks into a room, he talks women into catapulting themselves at his body. Brosnan is just plain irresistible, although not so much a brutal womanizer. Timothy Dalton, however, does not get laid until an hour and 15 minutes into "License to Kill," and is practically monogamous in "The Living Daylights."

It's a shame, really, because despite the cleft in his chin, Dalton has a lot of sex appeal. Although Lazenby does get two women in one night, he does it by pretending to be a homosexual, and all too well for a man who has never before held an acting job. He is just too mooney-eyed.

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007 Scores (on a scale of 1-10)

Looks
Connery: 7
Lazenby: 5
Moore: 5
Dalton: 9
Brosnan: 10

Action Hero Qualities
Connery: 10
Lazenby: 6
Moore: 7
Dalton: 10
Brosnan: 8

Britishness
Connery: 5
Lazenby: 5
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Brosnan: 7

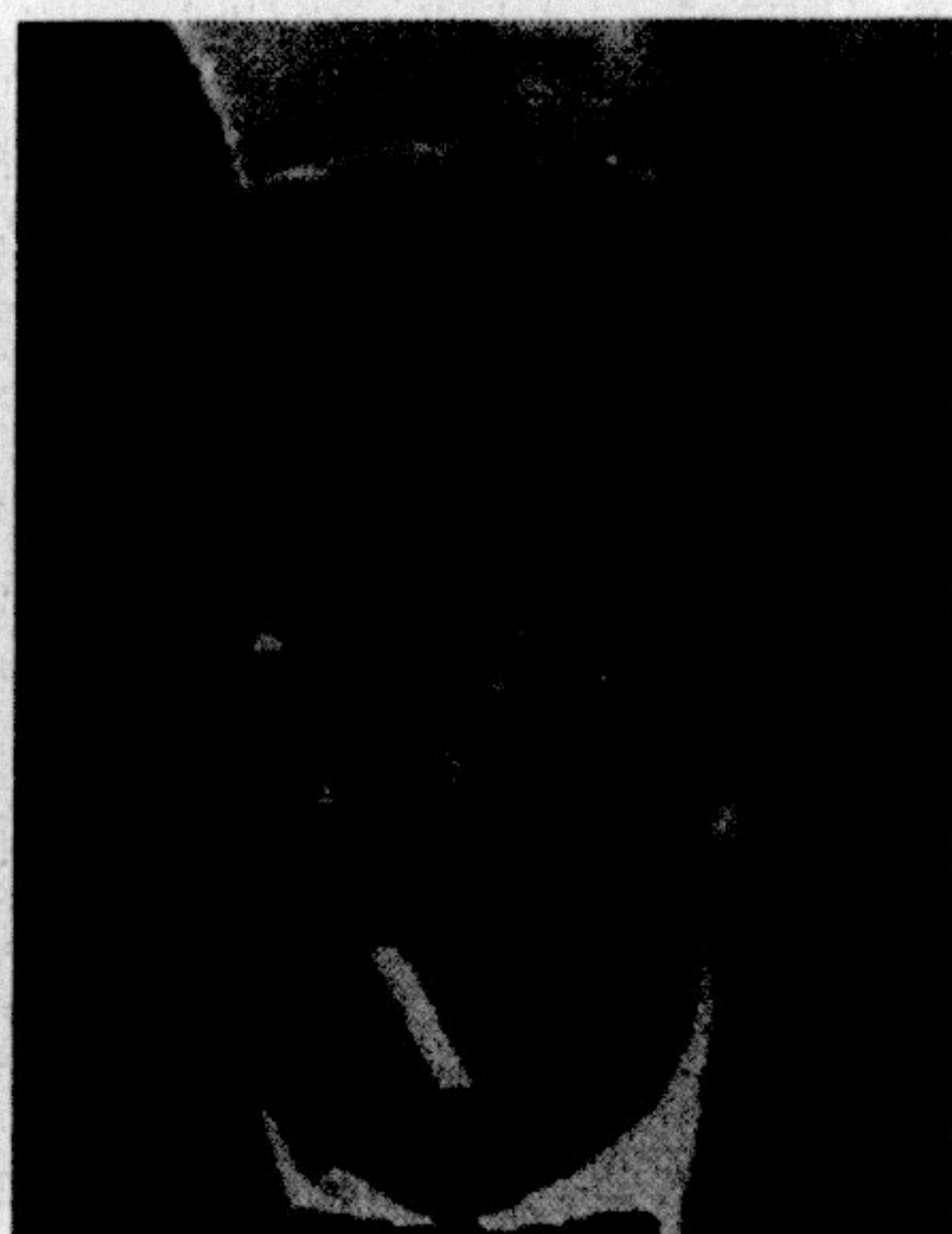
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Dalton: 6
Brosnan: 8

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Connery: 10
Lazenby: 5
Moore: 10
Dalton: 7
Brosnan: 9

Total (out of 70)
Connery: 59, Lazenby: 50,
Moore: 50, Dalton: 48,
Brosnan: 58



Sean Connery

Dr. no, 1962
From russia with love, 1963
Goldfinger, 1964
Thunderball, 1965
You only live twice, 1967
Diamonds are forever, 1971
Never say never again, 1983



George Lazenby

On her majesty's secret service, 1969



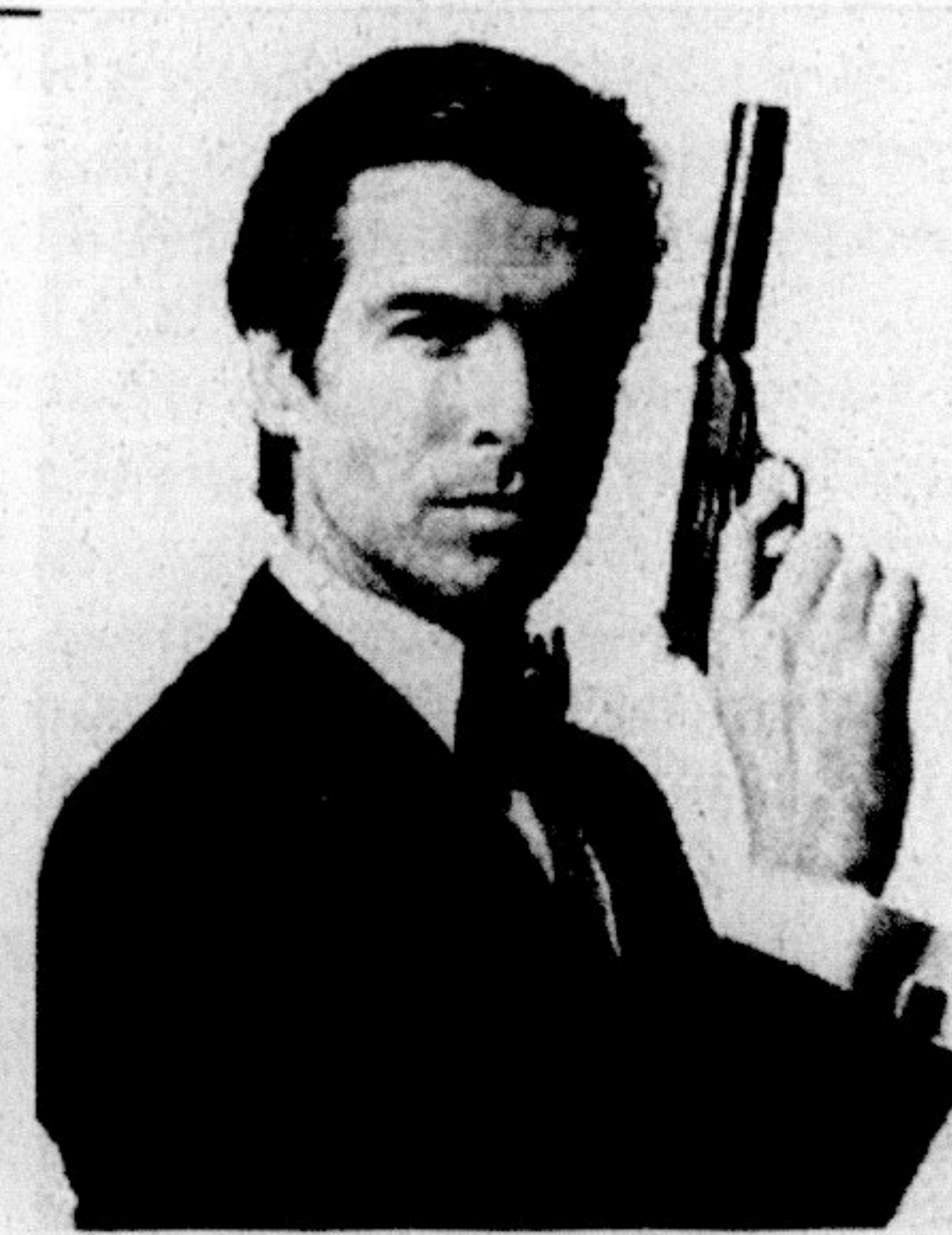
Roger Moore

Live and let die, 1973
The man with the golden gun, 1974
The spy who loved me, 1977
Moonraker, 1979
For your eyes only, 1981
Octopussy, 1983
A view to a kill, 1985



Timothy Dalton

The living daylights, 1987
Licence to kill, 1989



Pierce Brosnan

Goldeneye, 1995
Tomorrow never dies, 1997
The world is not enough, 1999

What I did on my spring break

Shannon Meek
Staff Writer

Let's face it: Most of us have the common Spring Break syndrome. You know the one, where you end up in a place like Myrtle Beach sucking in your gut, slathering yourself with coconut oil, drinking warm beer from a can with sand stuck to the bottom. It's the same dull thing every year.

Last year I went a different way. My friend in Miami, Laura Sharkey, told me we were going on a cruise.

The ship was from the Royal Caribbean and called Enchantment of the Seas. I watched it from the port in Miami near the other ship and to me it seemed just as big as the Titanic, and just as fatal.

The first thing I noticed was the pseudo-tropical feel, waiters passing out pina colodas, and the steel drums from the Jamaican band. The ground moved beneath us and we waved to a Carnival cruise ship plowing through the water. Spring Break had begun.

The best thing about a cruise, besides at night when you look out and the wind blows through your hair and the sky seems to be one endless dark sea, is the people you meet. Most of the staff is foreign, so you get a variety of accents and stories. And you meet people from everywhere. Then there was the night club on the top deck, called the Viking Lounge, where Laura and I danced until our feet ached.

The first stop was Cozumel, Mexico, and I must admit, it was disappointing. It was so commercialized. Fat tourists with red lipstick, funky shirts and straw hats came in and out of buildings with small Mexican treasures. The buildings looked like Taco Bell restaurants, all of them, little stucco houses.

We went into a small, genuine Mexican shop where I bought a small onyx, butterfly-shaped wind chimes and haggled down the price of a silver necklace. After getting our small trinkets in Mexico, which I proudly paid for with money I won from the slot machines in the Casino on board, Laura and I went to Carlos 'N' Charlie's—a must if you are ever in Cozumel.

The bar has these little round plastic tables and margaritas that you could literally bob in. I made friends with the waiter, Juan Kancab. He spoke English, gave us free beer and laughed at our antics. In Carlos 'N' Charlie's, Laura started a tequila line where five big Mexicans stood on chairs and poured tequila down our throats, and the whole bar danced. I even won our waiter's pink bandana, my favorite souvenir.

Although I loved Carlos 'N' Charlie's, I longed for some ethnicity that I wouldn't get until I traveled to Jamaica.

When Laura and I went to Jamaica, we haggled, then took a cab to The Jamaican Grande Hotel in Rio. This hotel is absolutely exquisite with its own private beach, a pool crafted with waterfalls and women who will braid your hair and put shiny beads on the ends. In Jamaica, the cab drivers are crazy and weave in and out of the roads.

The people are so laid back in Jamaica. I simply fell in love with the big sunny atmosphere and the tropical trees. The beaches are so white, and the water clear as glass.

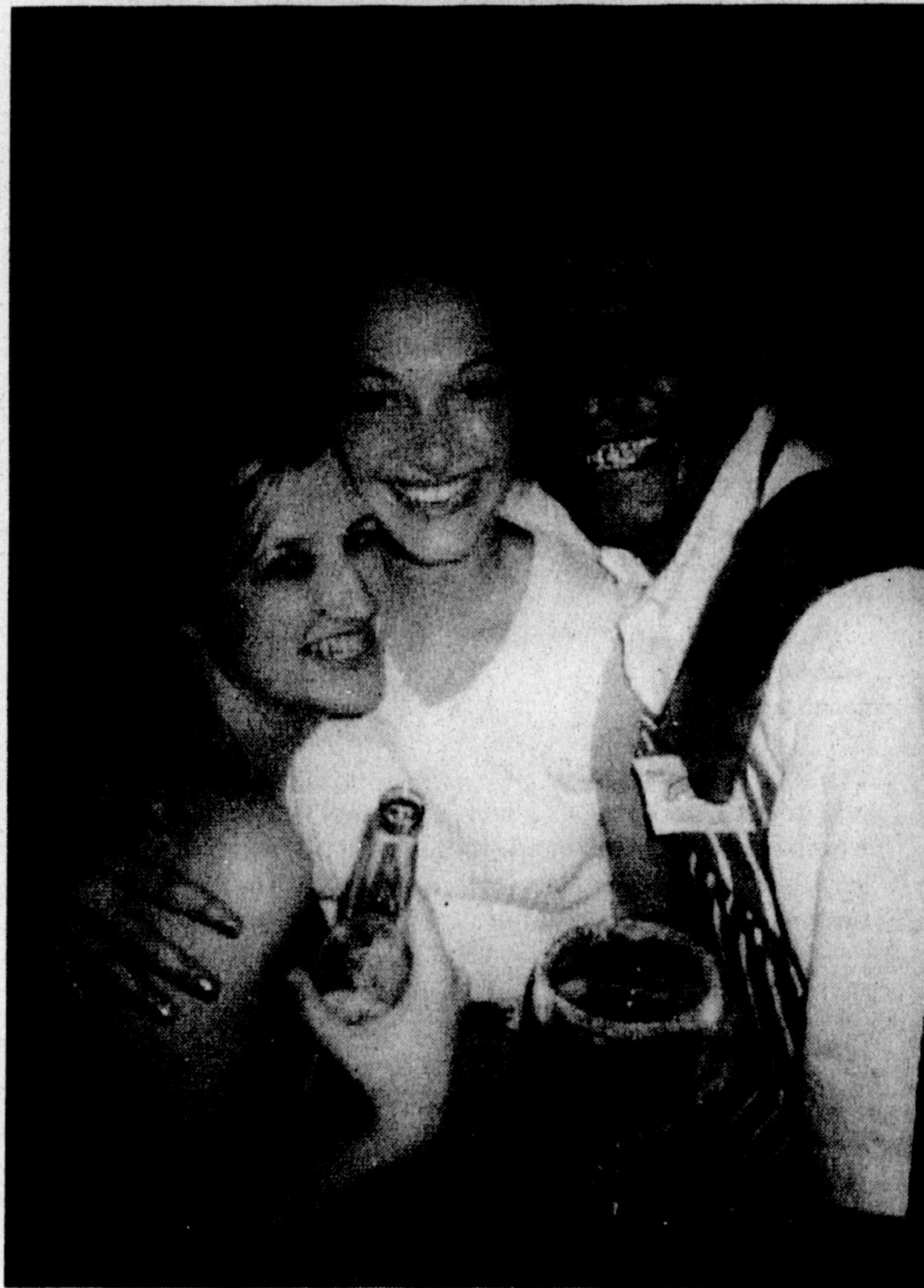
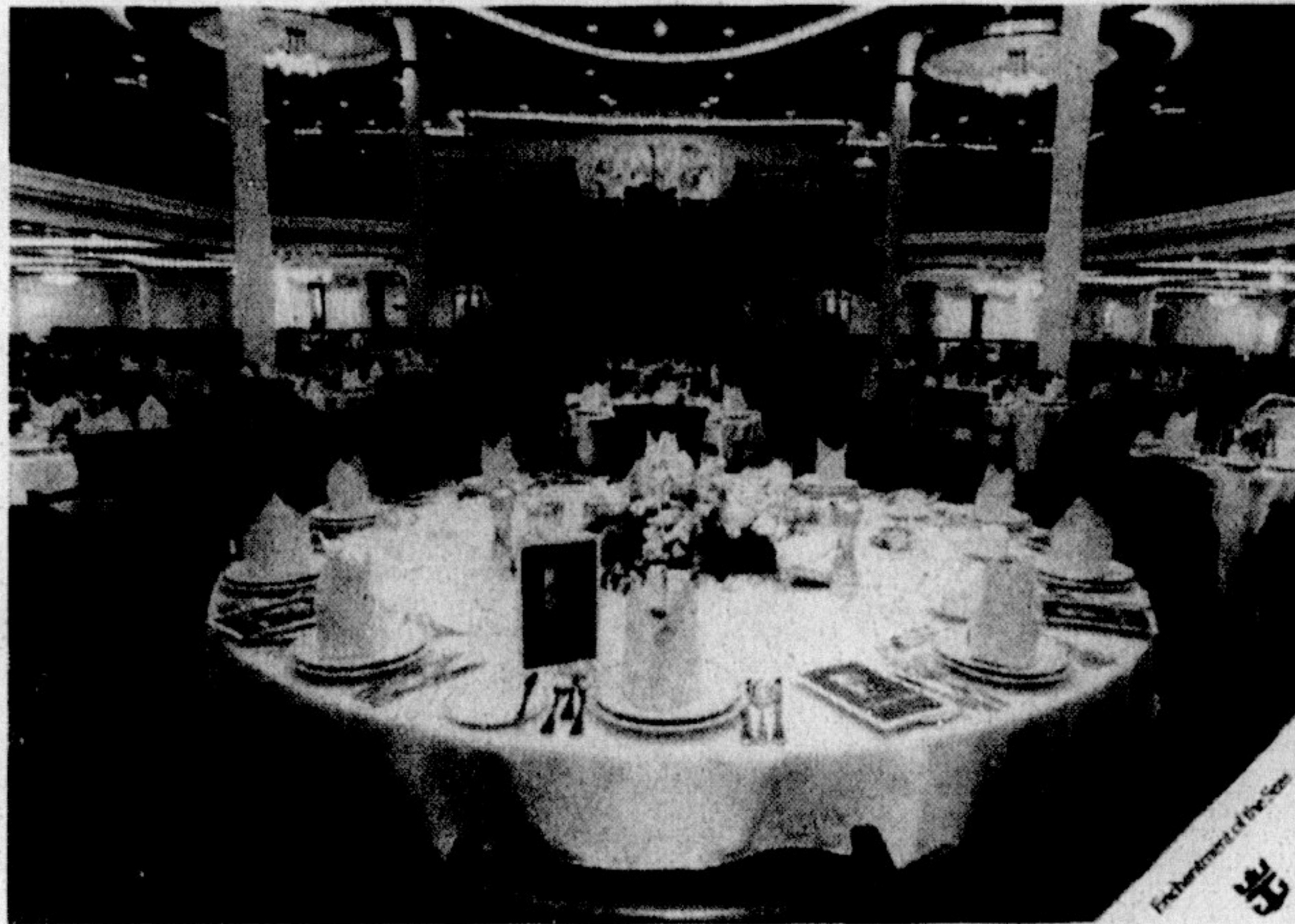
The cruise line offers different activities you can sign up for in these various locations, like snorkeling or riding horseback on the beach. Laura and I decided to go on our own. Not only did it save money, but it also gave us a chance to explore and see the things we wanted to for ourselves.

I ended my day in Jamaica by sitting in the hot tub with the exotic man-made waterfall and had the waiter bring me rum runners.

The ports are not the only good part of the cruise. There are these shows, with comedians and dancers, and art auctions. My favorite part of the ship was the champagne bar, where musicians would play the piano and the violin and these woman would sing. They would also have planned parties, like a toga party or a New Year's Eve party.

The last night of the cruise, my heart was heavy. As Laura and I sat on the deck, we said goodbye to the dark sea before we rushed out in the morning, leaving forever The Enchantment Of The Seas.

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Top - The ship's dining room, sans Leonardo.

Bottom - Shannon and Laura share a moment with Juan at Carlos 'N' Charlie's in Cozumel, Mexico. (file photos)

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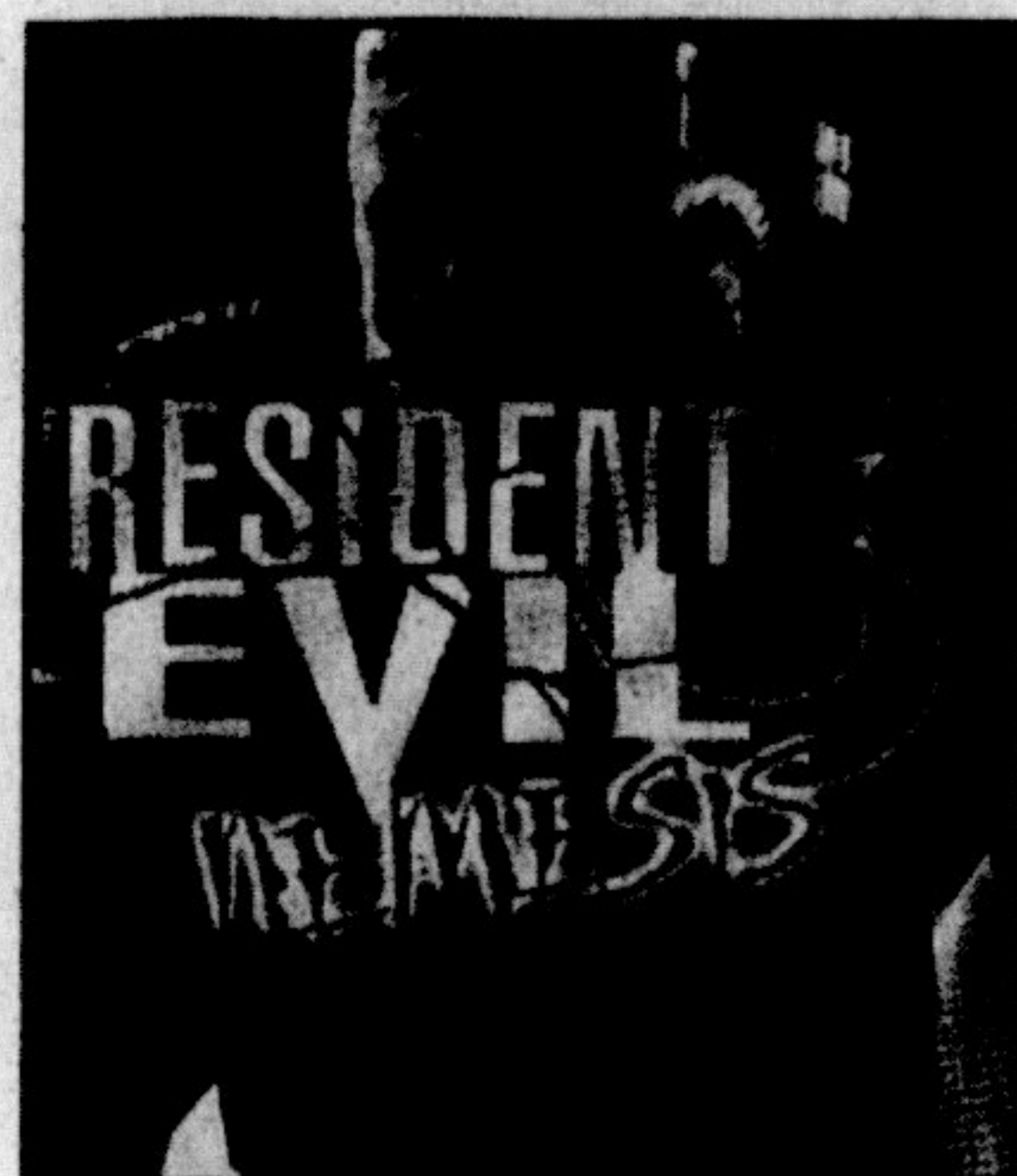
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I would like to give special thanks to Joe, who I will never see again, but who said I was beautiful at the Sports Pad Friday night.

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RESIDENT EVIL 3: NEMESIS

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Like most games developed by Capcom, "Resident Evil 3" is one of the best in its class. In fact, Capcom invented this class of game: survival horror.

You begin the game playing the character Jill Valentine, a 5-foot-4 inch, 108-pound, 23-year-old babe who knows how to handle firearms and specializes in disarming explosives. She is a member of S.T.A.R.S., a special task force created by Raccoon City Police Department. She uses her strong will and good judgment to survive. At times, you will have to take control of the secondary character, Carlos Oliveira. He appears every now and then to assist Jill. He's a U.B.C.S. soldier who specializes in heavy firearms, security and mission backup.

The game is made up of basically two elements—solving simple puzzles, such as guessing lock combinations and finding hidden items, and shooting things. For shooting, you need guns and ammunition.

Some helpful items, such as the grenade launcher can be obtained by finding out how to unlock certain doors. Ammunition can be made by picking up different types of gunpowder. You can combine these and use a "reloading tool" to create all kinds of cool ammo, including handgun bullets to wicked flame rounds for your grenade launcher.



Some other play mechanics, besides mixing ammo, include the ability to dodge and a quick 180-degree turn for retreating, which you will need. A new feature called "live selection" allows you to make a decision at critical points in the game. The choice you make will determine the direction the game will take. Since there are several possible outcomes, this increases the replay value. You can also push objects, climb stairs and shoot barrels of oil, making a mess of your opponents.

The graphics in the game feature beautifully-rendered backgrounds and clean, textured polygon characters. The control is responsive and the game play is realistic, right down to the depleted ammo rounds hitting the ground as you empty your assault rifle into the hoard of encroaching zombies.

But beware, one creature, which jumps out when you least expect it, seems to be resistant to any weapon. Emptying a grenade launcher into him is useless. Your only chance is to run until you lose him. This creature is a huge zombie who can only say, "stars."

If you like adventure games or RPGs mixed with gun-slinging, zombie-splattering action, "Resident Evil 3" is as strong a buy as Red Hat is on the stock market.

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Jill Valentine and Carlos Oliveira save the world from its third Zombie attack. (photos courtesy of capcom)

cd review

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On a scale of 1 to 5 Patrickheads

Rock/Hip-Hop
(Bizkit style)

Crazy Town—*The Gift of Game*

Finally, finally, finally. After all of the Limp Bizkit- and Kid Rock-infested garbage spewing forth from MTV, someone from the rock/hip-hop category actually breaks out with something unique and truly outstanding. Comparing this disk to Bizkit's "Significant Other" is like comparing Mozart to Lou Bega. It is just that good. Songs like "Lollipop Porno" and "Think Fast" truly shine on a disk that is littered with standout hits that come together to form one extremely large conglomeration of sound.

Definitely a must-have for any music fan.



Rap/Hip-Hop

DMX— ... *And Then There Was X*

The third album in a string of platinum megasellers, this one tends to lean to more of the same instead of reinvigorating what DMX had previously produced. I felt the CD was at times repetitive compared to earlier works but some tracks did shine through the uneasiness, most notably "Here We Go Again" and "What These B****s Want." While sure to please any rabid DMX fan, the disk leaves something to be desired for someone who isn't all about DMX. Oh, for some funny listening, check out the lyrics to the songs—he does nothing but blast none other than Cash Money Records.



Metal

dope—self-titled

NO, GOD NO! Please never put me through the torture of listening to this band ever again! DO NOT BUY THIS DISK! Every song sounds exactly the same as the next. Nothing is different but the subject matter of the songs and how it is delivered. The drums are the same and the guitar riffs are never-ending. The singer has no vocal talent whatsoever and has no business singing alone in his car, much less on a disk. He is pure poop. Big smelly poop. This band reminds me of a zebra. Once you've seen one, you've seen em' all and ya can stop going back to the frickin' zoo. This disk smells like that really ugly fat kid with acne in middle school that didn't wear deodorant and sweated all the time.



Techno/Urban/Jungle

Aphrodite—self-titled

From the club scene specific comes the Lord of the Dance himself, Aphrodite. Riding the success of his remix album (featuring classic rap tracks remixed to electronica), Aphrodite returns with a tremendous album. Somewhat shunned by his colleagues for making good club music instead of heavy, complex, and "mathematical" sound, he has been called the Puff Daddy of electronica. The album is long enough and flowing enough that it fits perfectly for those late-night tin-foil on the walls raves at your Player's Club apartment (you know who you are).

The disk is a steady continuation of sound, chopped apart into pieces so the album would have singular tracks. Good sound, great party music. Definitely need to check this one out.



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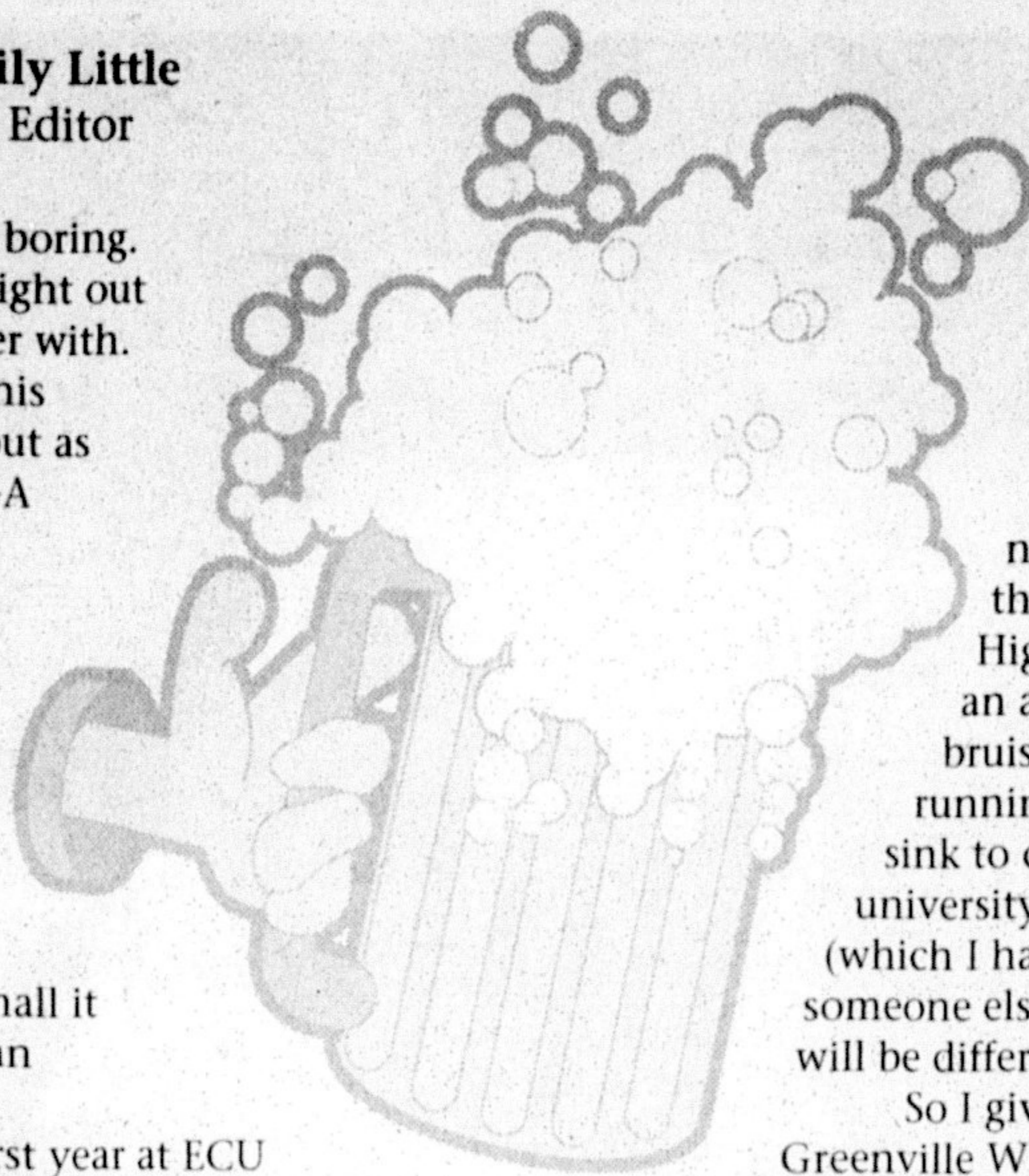
THINGS TO DO IN GREENVILLE WHEN YOU'RE SOBER

Emily Little
FH Editor

Greenville is boring. Let's just put that right out there and get it over with. Without alcohol, this place would be about as exciting as the LPGA Senior Open in space, if they showed it on the NASA channel. They call us a party school, but really we're just trying to escape the reality that we live in a town so small it doesn't even have an overpass.

I spent my first year at ECU getting drunk three nights a week and wandering down to the Cellar in my best slutz-gear, dodging greasy boys and pretending to enjoy hearing "Mickey" every single night while cigarette smoke clobbered my lungs and speakers did their best to destroy my delicate eardrums. Sound familiar?

Fun as it may seem, that does get old after a while. So I have set out on a mission to find something else—anything else—to do. There has to be something to do in Greenville that doesn't give you that please-don't make-me-go-



to-Perkins-again-I-can't-stand-greasy-food-after-leaving-last-night's-dinner-in-the-bathtub feeling in the morning.

It may not necessarily be better than shotgunning Miller High Life and pounding an actual purple and gold bruise into your arm from running to the dorm room sink to donate a meal to the university plumbing system (which I have done, although in someone else's dorm room), but it will be different.

So I give you "Things to do in Greenville When You're Sober," a handy guide to entertainment on those nights when you just can't stand the sight of another beer. If the words, "Let's go downtown! It's Mug Night! Yay!" make you sigh uncontrollably and slump against the wall, then listen up. I will seek out new adventures and let you know which ones are worthwhile.

This week, I was too bored to come up with anything.

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BOND from page 3

Believability

No one is the perfect James Bond, but Connery defined him and Brosnan has molded him. The other three just aren't cold, womanizing, quick-witted killers.

Cool Under Pressure

Moore laughs at everything, although he's never really in any trouble he didn't get himself into. Nonetheless, he is always calm, even when he's staring straight down the barrel of a gun. Pierce Brosnan is just cool in any situation. My favorite is the way he wags his gun at Xenia in "Goldeneye," saying, "No, no, no!" like he's reprimanding a child. Dalton and Lazenby freak out a little, although that's partly the director's fault in both cases. Connery, however, needs no explanation. I mean, come on, he's Sean Connery. Of course he's cool.

Quip Delivery

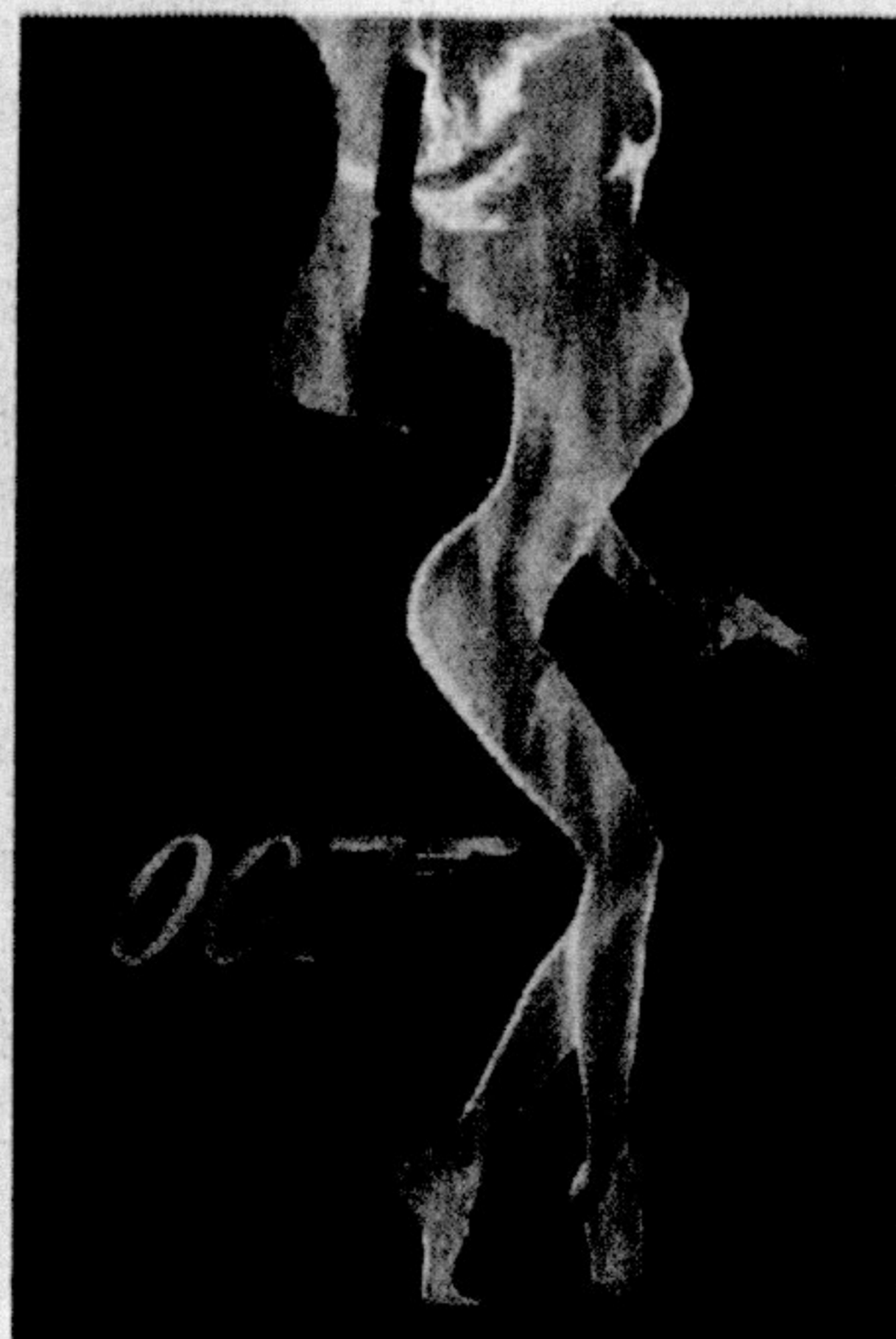
The writers take such care to produce these great one-liners, but James Bond is the one who has to make it come off right. Dalton fails miserably because he's so into being a serious actor that he resents these comic moments. He mumbles the lines like they really bug him to say.

Meanwhile, Lazenby sounds like he's talking to himself, which makes him sound like a dorky James Bond, and that's something we all want to avoid. Brosnan sounds just slightly too angry when he jokes.

But Connery and Moore always have perfect delivery. They both have that raised-eyebrow quality that makes you chuckle instead of groaning at the pun. Despite that, my favorite is George Lazenby's quote in the intro to "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," when the girl drives off and he loses the bad guys who almost beat him up and he says, "This never happened to that other fella." He means Sean Connery, of course.

So as a result of diligent investigation and hours of explosions and shark tanks and big metal teeth, I concluded that Sean Connery is, after all, the best Agent 007. But it was a close race, and Pierce Brosnan is not yet finished with James Bond. If the next film is as good as "The World is Not Enough," (which, incidentally, is the Bond family motto, as seen on the coat of arms in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service"), then I may just have to change my ruling.

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Another strange trip

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Even stacked up against 30 years of Grateful Dead experiences, drummer Mickey Hart must concede that this has been one incredible day.

"That was strange!" he says, exhaling deeply, a sheepish smile crossing a face that at this moment could be mistaken for that of a graduate student who has just been put through his oral boards by a particularly ferocious faculty.

In Hart's case, it's not school but television that has drained him. He has just finished plugging his new book, "Spirit Into Sound: The Magic of Music," on the "Roseanne" show.

"I hope that doesn't show in San Francisco," he blurts out more to himself than to anyone else in the limousine that is returning him to his Hollywood hotel room. He is worried about what the folks back home will think.

On the show, Roseanne, true to talk-show fashion, badgered Hart into acknowledging that among other things he had sex with Janis Joplin in the 1960s, hung out with Jimi Hendrix and took a whole lot of drugs.

But she also lavishly praised his new book, telling him that among the rock music groups she has idolized over the years, the Grateful Dead stand front and center. He's appreciative of her support and admiration. But then there was all of that other stuff.

"First of all you don't talk about certain things," he says. "I don't talk about making love to Janis. It was just a moment in time. I never forget it. But I don't tell the story."

As for the Dead's once gargantuan—and now legendary—drug habits, he acknowledges that he resents the continued harping on the subject.

"I don't even smoke pot anymore," he says somewhat defensively. "The strongest thing I take these days is a cup of coffee—maybe two—in the morning."

"I did use it, it's part of my history," he says of LSD.

"It's really hard to explain it in a sound bite. And then the young kids get the idea that, you know, it's like you're an advocate for it. And I don't want to be an advocate for any kind of powerful drug."

But yes, Hart says, everyone in the band did drugs in the early days. As he looks back on it now, he believes if they hadn't, they might not have produced the ethereal, freeform music that seems to be standing the test of time.

Yet another critically praised Grateful Dead album has just hit the stores. This one, a five-CD collection, is both a retrospective of the group that disbanded after guitarist Jerry Garcia's death in 1995 and also a collection of all new music; none of the tracks has been released on any other album.

But that's all part of the past now for Hart, who is married and the father of grown children, as well as a firm believer in the healing power of music. It was that belief, he says, that led him to become an author. "Spirit Into Sound," his third book this decade, follows "Planet Drum" and "Drumming on the Edge of Magic."

In the first two, he sought to trace the creation of rhythmic sound from the beginning of time and to show music's ability to change people.

His new book examines many of those same issues, but it lets other people do most of the talking, collecting quotations from perhaps the most eclectic group of thinkers assembled on the subject. Everyone from Garcia to Woody Guthrie to Igor Stravinsky to the Ayatollah Khomeini gets a say.

At 56, his face has become deeply creased by decades of hard living, and his once-dark hair is now salt-and-pepper. But he remains his youthful, peripatetic self, and he scoffs at the suggestion that he might consider slowing down.

"Desperate man," he says, laughing again, as he explains his penchant for nonstop work.

"I'm desperate for that feeling," he continues. "I love that feeling of that moment of creation. So I'll do anything for it. I'll even come to L.A. to do book signings. Or go to Maine or New York on tour."

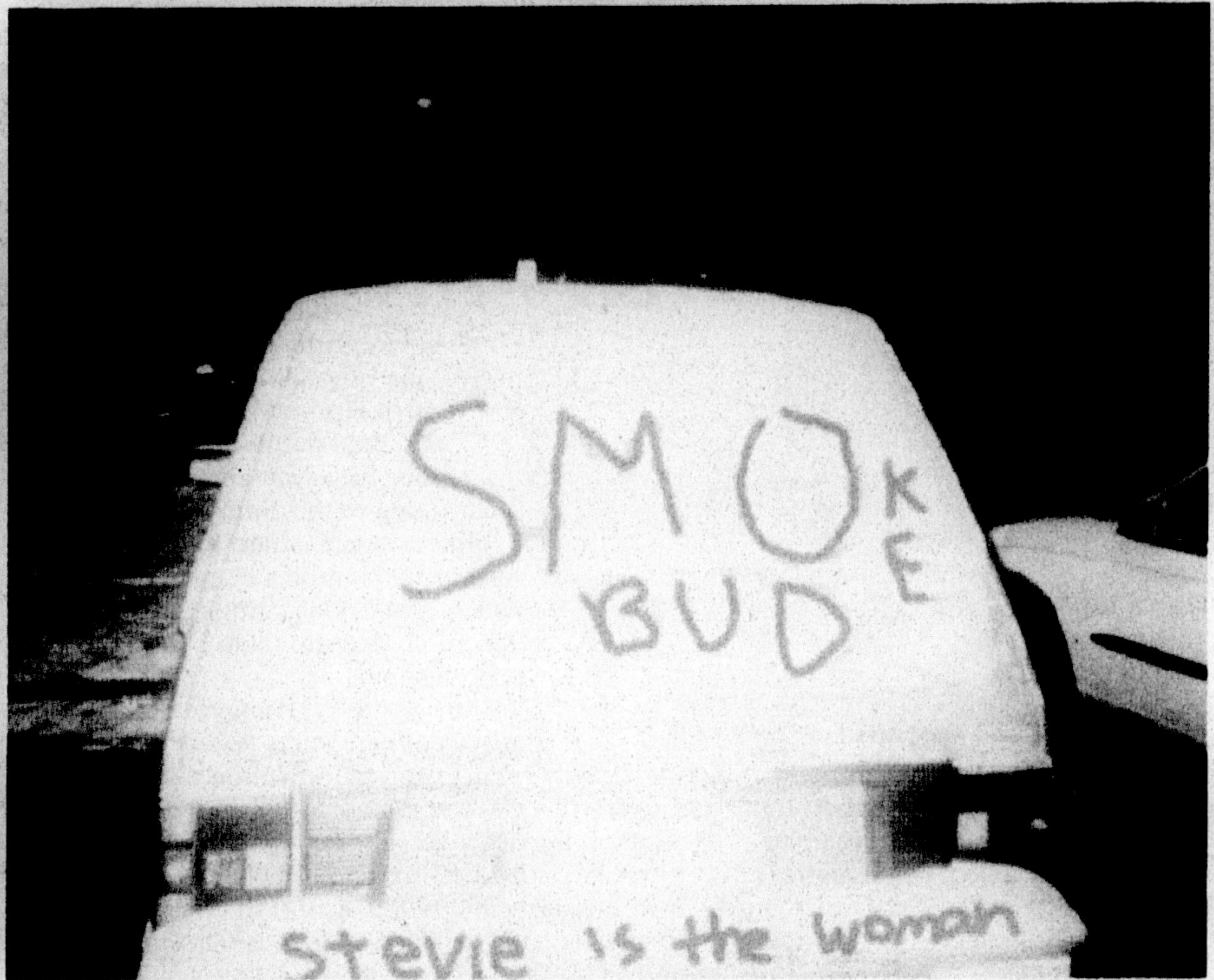
Or ... go on the "Roseanne" show and talk about Janis and those halcyon days of rock 'n' roll.

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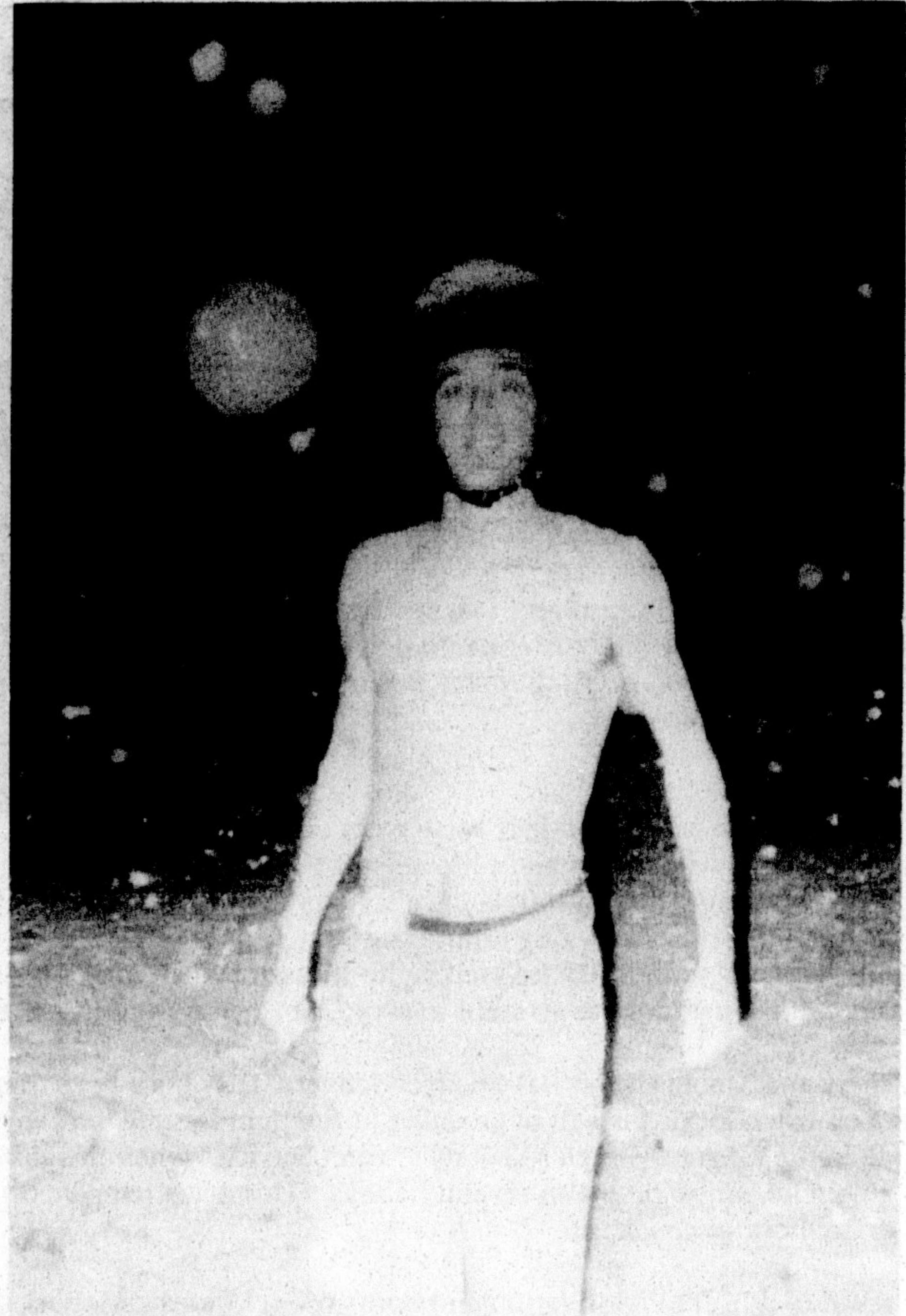
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