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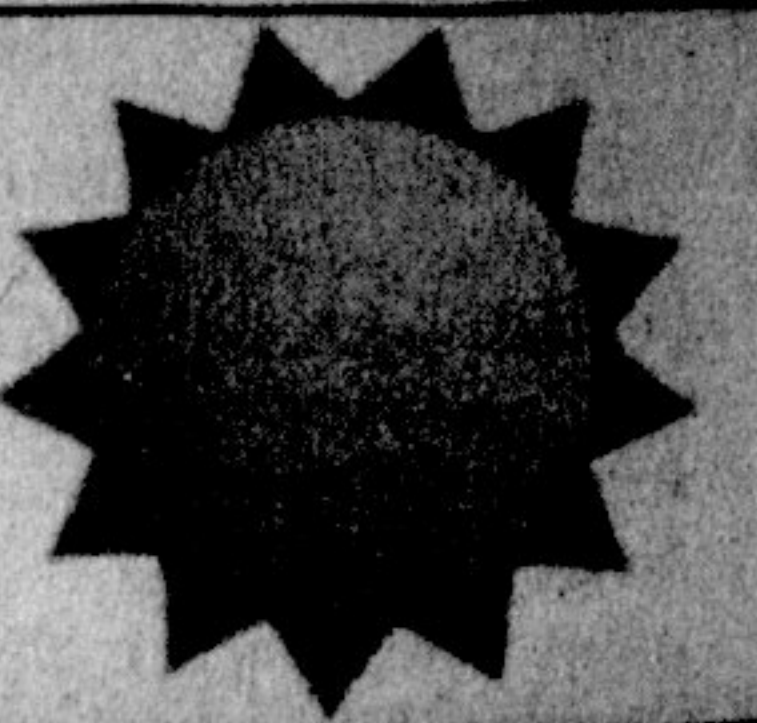


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TODAY'S WEATHER

Showers, high of 81°
and a low of 55°



THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

42 days to go until Graduation

NEWS BRIEFS

Parking fine increase

Effective immediately: Unauthorized parking in a handicap parking space on campus will cost violators a minimum of \$100. N.C. House Bill 143 increased the fines statewide and the university is coming into compliance with this act. State law now mandates that the penalty for this infraction is to be "at least \$100 but not more than \$250." ECU also tows illegally parked vehicles from handicapped parking spaces, which carries additional fees. This information was provided by ECU Parking and Transportation Services.

Barefoot battle

The Annual Barefoot Battle of the Bands is scheduled for the Mendenhall Brickyard at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.

Baseball

Virginia Commonwealth visits ECU for three games starting at 7 p.m. Friday, April 7. The Pirates will continue to play at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and again at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 9. All games will take place at Harrington Field.

Writers series

Novelist Leslie Marmon Silko will be the last speaker in the Writers Reading Series. She will meet the public at 3 p.m. today in Mendenhall Student Center and will read from and autograph her books at 7 p.m. tonight in the MSC Great Room. Silko is considered one of the country's top Native-American writers. Her books include: "Laguna Woman," "Ceremony," "The Delicacy and Strength of Lace," "Almanac of the Dead," "Yellow Woman and a Beauty of the Spirit" and the recently published "Garden of the Dunes." Contact Julie Fay of the department of English at 328-6578.

Recital

Jeffrey Bair, a member of the School of Music faculty, will perform on the saxophone at 8 p.m. tonight in the A.J. Fletcher Music Center Recital Hall. The public is invited.

Pediatrics

The School of Medicine will provide information on children's health issues Friday, April 7 at its Pediatrics Day Program that will be held at the Ramada Plaza. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Contact the department of pediatrics at 816-2540 or 816-5208.

Concert postponed

The concert "That's Amore: A Recital of Love Songs," scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 9 in the School of Music, has been postponed until April 25.

Family fare

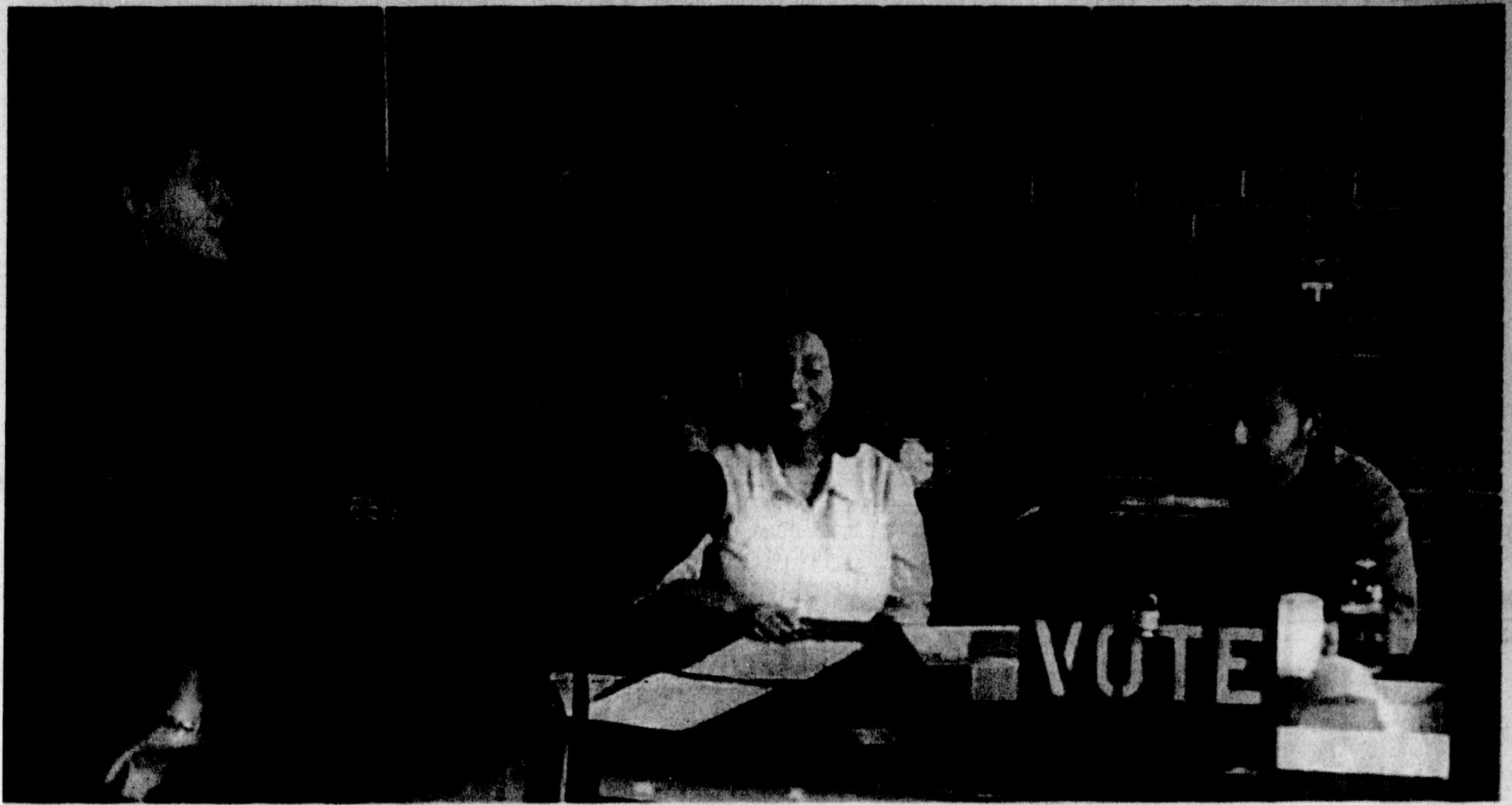
The Family Fare Series will feature the musical adventures of "Huck and Tom and the Mighty Mississippi" in Wright Auditorium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for youth. They are available at the Central Ticket Office in Mendenhall Student Center and at the door. Call 328-4788 or 1-800-ECU-ARTS for more info.

ONLINE SURVEY

Vote online at tec.ecu.edu
Do you think it makes a difference if you vote in the SGA elections?

Results of last week's question:
Did you find your adviser to be knowledgeable and helpful during registration?

52% Yes 48% No



Juniors Melissa Catanzarite and Christian Winchell drop by the polls and are assisted in filling out their ballots on Wednesday in Mendenhall Student Center. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

Polls close, election results in

- Election Results**
- Brent Queen**
PRESIDENT
 - Damon Stafford**
VICE PRESIDENT
 - Sarah Evans**
SECRETARY
 - Sadie Cox**
TREASURER

Orr's ticket to appeal decision

Terra Steinbeiser
NEWS EDITOR

After weeks of planning and campaigning, the executive officers of the Student Government Association have been chosen by the student body.

After the Todd Dining Hall, Mendenhall Student Center, Joyner Library and Wright Place polls closed at 7 p.m. last night, the ballot boxes were taken by election officials to be tallied. After approximately three hours,

the results were released. "It's really intense having everyone waiting around like that," said Luke Reynolds, a supporter of presidential candidate Mike Orr, who was disqualified from the race.

Brent Queen lead the race for student body president with a total of 644 votes. Presidential

candidates Marcus Frederick earned 212 votes, and Michael Aho trailed with 169 votes. Damon Stafford ran uncontested for vice president and acquired 948 votes. Sadie Cox earned 713 votes for the office of treasurer, beating out Christopher Williams

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Student shot, killed in yard

Possible suspects under questioning

Angela Hame
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Early yesterday morning, ECU junior and management major Reggie Neil Harris was gunned down by two black males in the front yard of 115 North Jarvis Street.

Reasons for the killing are currently unknown.

According to Melissa Bartlett of Police Public Affairs at the Greenville Police Department (GPD), witnesses said Harris was visiting friends and left around 1 a.m. when

he was then approached by two black males who shot and killed him.

According to Lieutenant Joe Bartlett of the GPD the incident was reported around 1:15 a.m. and the case is now under full investigation.

Bartlett said presently the GPD is conducting interviews with witnesses and possible suspects.

"Currently no one in is custody," Bartlett said.

According to Bartlett, it is estimated four rounds were shot from the firearm. Information as to what type of firearm was used could not be released for investigation purposes. Bartlett did not have information as to where on his body Harris was shot.

Laura Sweet, the assistant dean of Student Life, met with the GPD yesterday afternoon to discuss the case and the next necessary procedures.

"We are alerting the campus of the happenings," Sweet said. "I am contacting student witnesses and offering them support and access to counseling if wanted."

According to Leslie Craigle, director of marketing for Business Services, any student with additional information involving the murder is urged to call the GPD at 329-4315 or Crime Stoppers at 758-7777.

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SOM seeks to reduce medical errors

Quality improvement classes required

Martina Clyburn
STAFF WRITER

In response to a recent medical report that estimates nearly 44,000 people in the United States die every year as a result of medical errors, ECU's Brody School of Medicine (BSOM) has begun a series of quality improvement classes for fourth-year medical students.

The Institute of Medicine's report, titled "To Err is Human," explains how the health care sys-

tem in the United States has a built-in defect rate that other industries do not. It states, "We do not know the outcome of these statistics, just that the errors have been observed."

The BSOM has developed the Quality Improvement Program (QIP) to try to improve the essence of health care.

"The Quality Improvement Program is more than safety," said Dr. Ann Jobe, senior associate dean for the BSOM. "It is also made to improve clinical outcomes, ensure satisfaction and refine customer service."

The classes that make up the

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ECU hosts women's teleconference

Talk broadcasted to campuses nationwide

Angela Hame
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last week approximately 40 citizens of eastern North Carolina attended a teleconference via satellite entitled "Women's Lives, Women's Voices, Women's Solutions. Shaping the National Agenda for Women in Higher Education."

ECU Status of Women sponsored the teleconference, which was held in the Edwin W. Monroe Conference Center near Pitt County Memorial Hospital and was open to all faculty, students and staff.

According to Dr. Vivian Mott, co-chair for Status of Women and professor of education, the purpose of the teleconference was to bring together women interested in higher education to identify the challenges of today

and help with the problems amidst them.

Part of the teleconference was down linked via satellite from Minnesota to 200 campuses around the country.

The main aspect of the conference was Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, former president of Spelman College in Atlanta and now a distinguished professor at Georgia's Emory University. Mott said Cole was a keynote speaker and very inspiring.

According to Mott, panel discussions followed Cole's speech. She said panels consisted of national women's leaders, ECU women leaders and caucus groups.

The main issues discussed were equity in classrooms, promotions and tenures, the women-friendly workplace and the functions of networking.

"The event was excellent,"

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Residents protest expansion plan



The furor over ECU's proposed future expansion rages on, as residents in the downtown area surrounding the campus protest the future destruction and loss of their homes. Pictured, a yard placard expresses the sentiment. (photo by Emily Richardson)

CRIME SCENE ACROSS OTHER CAMPUSES

April 4
Harassing Behavior—A student was issued a campus appearance ticket (CAT) for pointing a laser into another student's room in Aycock residence hall as a means of harassment. The subject is also an associate with others currently under investigation for harassment to this same individual.

April 5
Damage to Property—An officer heard what sounded like breaking glass from the vicinity of Aycock residence hall. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the stairwell windows were broken out. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Assault on a Female; Communicating Threats—During the investigation of a harassing phone calls incident previously reported, it was found that the caller had been assaulted by the victim's boyfriend at an earlier date. The incidents are pursuant to past and present situations involving the three subjects. Prosecution was declined by all.

N. C. State University—Officials with the Whatcom County, Washington, Sheriff's Office (WCSCO) performed an organized search and rescue operation over the weekend in a continuing effort to locate 23-year-old Leah Roberts, a former North Carolina State senior who has been missing since she left town for Spring Break on March 9.

Roberts, a Spanish and anthropology major who was scheduled to graduate in May, dropped out of NCSU just weeks before her disappearance. On March 18, her wrecked sport utility vehicle was found abandoned on a logging road in Whatcom County, according to the WCSCO Missing Person Report.

"The vehicle was found totaled and rolled in a wooded area of the highway [near Canyon Creek]," said Whatcom County Sheriff Tom McCarthy. "After determining that the vehicle was abandoned, we started a missing persons investigation," he said.

The reason for Roberts' presence in Washington is unclear at this point. According to WCSCO Detective Mark Joseph, her vehicle was found near Mt. Baker, which Joseph believed Roberts was interested in visiting.

On March 13, Roberts' friends

and family reported her to the Raleigh Police Department (RPD) as missing from her residence because she had not made contact with them as she had in the past, said RPD captain Mike Longmire.

Although the case is still classified as a missing-person investigation in Whatcom County, Roberts is no longer considered missing from Raleigh, due to the discovery of her wrecked Jeep Cherokee in Whatcom County and accounts from witnesses who claimed to have seen her in the area prior to the discovery of her vehicle.

University of South Alabama—On March 14, the University of South Alabama officially became the first university in the state to offer a new degree in e-commerce. Along with three other schools in the nation, USA now has a degree that combines both business and computer science that allows interested students to pursue a career in Internet commerce.

The undergraduate degree, which was rapidly approved by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, places USA at "the cutting edge of the business world," according to Dr. Mohan Menon, director of the e-commerce pro-

gram. "Our Mitchell College of Business is focused on preparing our students for the rapidly changing world," said President Moulton. "We're very current with this curriculum. We're the first in the state and one of the firsts in the nation."

Already, the Mitchell College of Business has received an \$86,700 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation to help with the e-commerce program. The money will build an electronic commerce computer laboratory already under construction.

The e-commerce degree has an emphasis on both technology and business application. Students will take classes in the college of business and the school of computer and information sciences.

"We are looking forward to this collaboration and only the most exciting things can happen," said David Feinstein, dean of the School of Computer and Information Sciences.

At present, 12 students are taking the specialized courses required for an e-commerce degree. Catherine Ussery, a junior at USA, may be the first student to graduate with an e-commerce degree in the nation.

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The classes that make up the program are based on material that has been taught previously, but they are part of a separate and more detailed curriculum.

"There are three required classes," said Nancy Verzier, director of the QIP. "They are quality management, risk management and compliance."

Verzier explained how health care was measured in the past.

"If something went wrong we'd look for the culprit and fire that person," Verzier said. "But often times we'd realize that it was not the people that were the problem, but it was the process."

Jobe said that in the quality improvement classes, concrete principals and concepts for preventing errors are taught. The goal is that

incidences of errors of this nature will be reduced drastically.

"The medical profession is now beginning to analyze its system and process by considering the environment and culture to improve its means," Jobe said.

The QIP is currently designed for fourth-year medical students who are preparing to enter into their occupation.

"The goal is to raise awareness for students that they are part of the system, and they can help change the system," Jobe said.

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back. We received many insightful solutions for womens' issues and many ideas which will make it back to the classrooms."

Dr. Elizabeth Layman, co-chair for status of women/chair of health information management and associate professor of allied health said the event was highly successful and productive.

"We had a very dynamic group of participants," Layman said.

Venetia D. Waters, student chair for Status of Women and a graduate student agreed that the event was successful.

"I truly believe in women's issues and the appreciation of being a woman with integrity- an excel-

lent spirit and a vision," Waters said.

The event lasted three days and was catered by Sheila's Catering. It cost \$75 for faculty and staff and \$25 for students.

Members of Status of Women include Mott and Layman. There are also graduate student members including Waters, Amanda Kreger, Nita Boyce and Steven Stroud.

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N.C. aims to shield big tobacco producers

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—North Carolina, the nation's No. 1 tobacco producer, will convene a special legislative session next week in the latest attempt by a state to shield cigarette makers from the crippling effects of a possible \$300 billion verdict in Florida.

The special protection rangles anti-tobacco forces and troubles some constitutional law scholars.

But proponents, including the governor, say it is an economic necessity in North Carolina, where tobacco generates nearly \$1 billion for farmers and where 114,000 people are employed in tobacco-related jobs.

The session is scheduled for Wednesday.

Under Florida law, a company appealing a damage award must post a cash bond equal to the verdict while it appeals. In tobacco country, the fear is that a Florida jury now hearing a class-action case involving 500,000 sick smokers will come back with

a ruinous verdict of perhaps \$300 billion in punitive damages.

Already, Virginia, Kentucky and Georgia have quickly approved laws limiting the bond cigarette companies would have to post. Virginia and Georgia approved a \$25 million limit; Kentucky set it at \$100 million.

North Carolina is considering a \$25 million cap.

Gov. Jim Hunt, a Democrat, said that the measure is needed not just to preserve the tobacco industry but to ensure that states continue to get their annual payments from the \$246 billion settlement nationwide settlement with the tobacco industry.

"It's clearly unconstitutional," countered Richard Daynard, a Northeastern University law professor and director of a group that encourages lawsuits against tobacco companies.

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who had 298 votes. Sarah Evans, who ran uncontested, won the office of secretary with a total of 951 votes.

Write-in votes in the form of stickers bearing their names were not counted for Orr, Eric Gabriel, Liane Bailey and Whitney Bishop. The ticket had been disqualified the day before the elections by Elections Committee Chairman, Robert Kaltenschnee for posting campaign posters in unassigned areas in residence halls and classrooms.

When the results of the election were released, Kaltenschnee would not comment about the disqualification other than to say that it was at his discretion.

The candidates were informed that they can appeal the decision in writing within the next 24 hours to Bill Clutter, director of University Unions for review. A review board will determine if the election was fair.

"We are going to appeal," said Whitney Bishop, who ran for secretary on Orr's ticket. "We'll have to have a meeting to decide what exactly to do, but we are going to."

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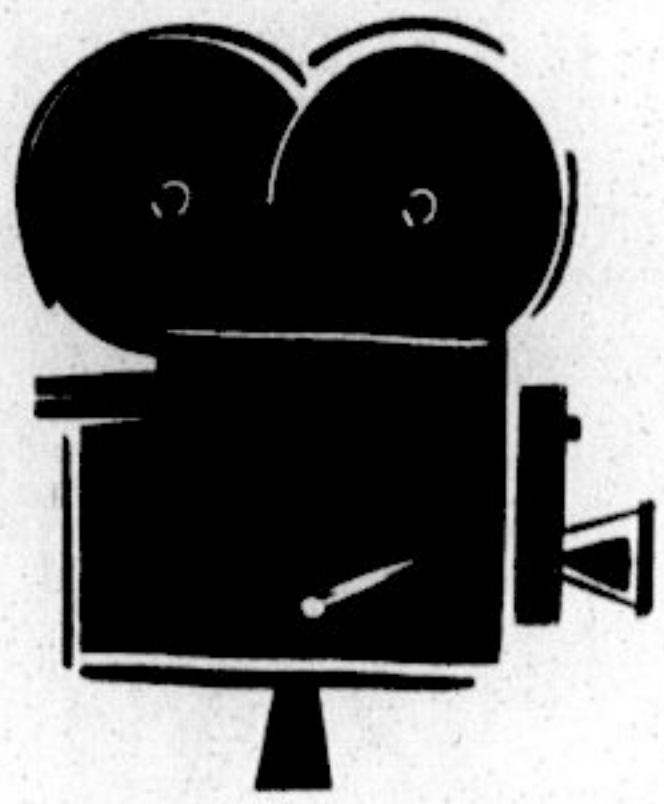


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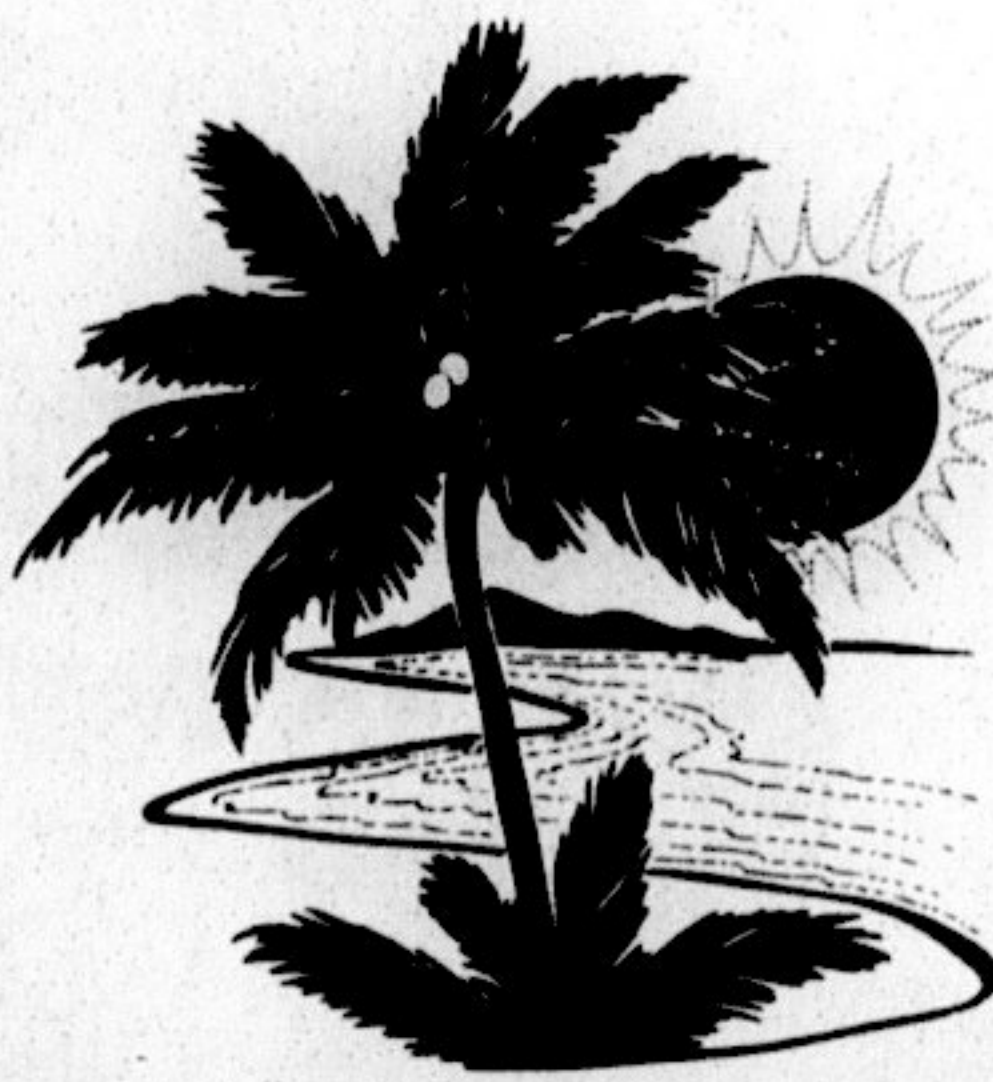
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Playboy search offensive, degrading

Leigh Murphy
OPINION WRITER

I want to tell you about one of the greatest and most interesting experiences I have had in my life. I have only lived for 22 years, but for the most part, my life has been filled with trials and tribulations, as well as schemes and intrigues. Nevertheless, I want to not only acknowledge those that helped me to initiate this experience but tell those of you that are ignorant about such experiences what it was like.

I know Playboy has recently had negative press here in Greenville. Many people are talking about the degradation of women and how improper Playboy really is, but I want to attack that opinion with one of my own.

The women of Playboy are looked at in many different ways. Whether it is with sexual adoration or for pure entertainment those women stand for the true meaning of womanly. What better way can a woman show her level of femininity beside presenting the anatomy that makes her just that?

We, as humans, hide under clothing because they give us a false sense of security and self-confidence. The Playboy Playmates take a stand against that ideal and make you realize that the human body is a beautiful gift that we have all been blessed with.

For me, the experience was incredible. I realized, as well as the photographer, David Rams, that I do not fit the typical Playmate stereotype, but that didn't stop us from having a good time and participating in the photo shoot.

We were called on an individual basis into a room to put on our swimsuit and have a few Polaroids taken. It was at that time that David was able to get into our persona and see what we were capable of and how photogenic each girl could be. Once the pictures were taken we said our good-byes and headed on our way. There was nothing degrading or even slightly sketchy about the entire experience.

I really do not understand why anyone has tried to debate Playboy or their purposes here in Greenville. If you don't want to participate, don't; and if you disagree, then fine, but do not try to ruin a good adventure for everyone.

Both David and Eden made the experience very rewarding, and extremely exciting. So I hope that those of you who continue to live in a world where you believe that nudity and sexuality are bad will realize that it is another form of art and expression.

And to all of the girls that went to the shoot, I wish you the best of luck and congratulations to those that will have the opportunity to represent our university.

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OUR VIEW

Yesterday the Student Government Association had their annual election of executive officers. All day long dueling factions in red and yellow T-shirts offered slips of paper to passers-by and hounded them for votes. One group will be elected and another will be thwarted and most likely the lives of most ECU students will remain unaffected.

Recent stories of strife within the office of SGA, along with SGA President Cliff Webster's "State of the Student Government Address" that appeared in TEC's last edition have painted the SGA as a bit out-of-touch with the student body.

The SGA successfully made itself look ridiculous when the conflict between Webster and presidential candidate Michael Orr was made public. The situation portrayed the SGA as petty elitists each with their own agenda.

In Webster's address he states that "We refuse to allow anyone to harm or deter the image that we have wholeheartedly worked for."

Webster's statement seems to forget the students that the SGA is paid to represent.

He describes being a member of the SGA Executive Council as "more than \$400 dollars a month, a nice office space, new furniture, socials and cocktails."

If the image of the SGA is in peril, this assertion certainly does not help matters.

Webster also states that the SGA "will continue to play an integral role in student life."

While the ideas behind these statements are good, we question just how accurate they are. The fact remains that the SGA operates in anonymity, and participation in the group is still somewhat exclusive.

For the SGA to truly become an integral part in student life, displays like those of the past few weeks cannot continue.

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OPINION COLUMN

AIDS is serious, but what about other diseases?

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OPINION WRITER

When it comes to looking at the health of the world, wherever I look I am confronted by some symbolism to stop AIDS. Last week a candle light vigil was held in Milwaukee to remember and support its victims. At every award show you see mindless, wealthy actors wearing red AIDS ribbons. Every other Time magazine has an article about the disease and any new discoveries that may lead to a cure. A cure is great, sure, but what I want to know is why AIDS is the end-all-be-all of diseases to fight? Why does it get all the press? Why is AIDS so popular when there are so many diseases in the world that are more horrible and kill far more people, yet they get no press at all?

The only reason that AIDS is on everyone's mind is because Hollywood has glamorized the fight against it as a means to get publicity and make the brainless actors and actresses feel noble; like they did some good. And Americans frighten easily (because most are too ignorant to read up on the things they are scared of) and follow whatever Hollywood tells them to. Now every college student and bored housewife is on some committee planning marches, protests, meetings, pamphlets and so on. But what about the quieter diseases, the more manageable ones? Why is it that everyone wants to work on the most popular problems and leave the the lesser-known ones to continue killing? Everyone wants to save the world, but no one wants to help mom do the dishes.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that in 1999, 2.5 million people died from AIDS throughout the world. So go out and get a red ribbon you say? What about diarrheal diseases from contaminated drinking water? It kills 2.8 million people a year; 2.4 million of those are children under the age of five. So where are the brown ribbons? Where are the candle light vigils for the little kids dying from drinking plain 'ol tap water. Just remember: Drinking water is done much more routinely than having sex. We spend about \$2 billion a year trying to stop AIDS, yet the WHO says it would only cost about \$500,000 to stop all diarrheal in Bangladesh sim-

ply by supplying them with rehydration tablets (essentially Gatorade in tablet form). Millions would be saved. Where's the fund-raiser for that?

What about pneumonia? It killed 4.1 million people last year. What about cerebrovascular disease? It killed 4 million last year. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: 3 million. Tuberculosis: 3 million. And the list goes on. Every year about 50 million people on this planet die, and about 25 million of these came from diseases that are, compared to AIDS, easily preventable. So we practically ignore the ones we can prevent, but we go nuts for the one that kills less and is much further from a cure. Yeah, that makes sense.

Heart disease is the biggest killer on the planet killing some 4.3 million people a year. So where are the protests demanding the government spend money to get fat, lazy, overeating slob off the couch? Where are the candle light remembrances at McDonald's for all the fallen victims of clogged arteries. Where are the protests in front of Golden Corral trying to keep those fat, disgusting heifers from having a fourth helping?

America spends about 33 cents a person to help stop AIDS. That is pitiful to say the least. With a country as powerful as ours you would think we would take AIDS more seriously and really push for a cure, no matter what. But, no, we don't. Conservatives won't go near concepts that may do some good, like giving away free needles to drug addicts so they won't have to share them. No one wants to legalize and license prostitution so we can put some check on the route of transmission. No one wants to allow the legalization of any experimental medical treatment that seems reasonable to the people who want it. Nobody wants those things because everyone wants to stop AIDS as long as they and their morals are not personally inconvenienced.

About 50,000 people die in the Americas every year from AIDS and people go insane. Millions of people—children—die needlessly and we do and say nothing. Where is their guilt? Where is their candlelight prayer? Where is their money? We should be ashamed. We really have our priorities out of wack. Think about that.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Who knows what the future holds?

Dear Editor,

Let me tell you people it was all for a small price. As my roommate and I were thumbing through Tuesday's edition of The East Carolinian, we came across a disturbing advertisement, as I am sure most females did on campus ... "Playboy" is coming to ECU! Hold on a let me rearrange my plans on that day to rush over there for an interview with my measurements in hand. I don't think so! Were females supposed to be excited? Then how ironic it was to see Playboy's ad adjacent to "do you have an STD?"

I do not care that Playboy is coming to Greenville. What concerns me is that they are coming to ECU, placed an ad in our student newspaper, and someone within the university said it was basically fine for Playboy to come here for a small fee. This is a place for education not the "privilege" to pose nude for a major magazine with ECU written under your name. What does this say about the school?

I would hate for parents of incoming freshmen to receive Tuesday's issue and see this. I know that this university, or any university that would print such an ad, would not be where I would want to send my child for their quality education.

I am sure the opinion is mutual for most females and some males, but most males probably fell out of their chairs with excitement. Some probably saw neon lights flashing around the headline of the ad. I will say that in defense of the guys, there was one male that I talked to who stated, "It makes our school look trashy!"

Is this how ECU sees women? I'd much rather pose for a magazine because of the intelligence I have gathered here at ECU and not because of my nude body. But then again I forgot—"Many girls posing for Playboy go on to become doctors, lawyers, scientists, professors, business and government professionals, wives, and moms. Who knows what the future will hold for you?"

I am quite sure if this ad had been printed in a non-college newspaper, the list of prestigious occupations, within the ad, would have not been printed. I am very offended at Playboy's attempt to encourage young college girls to pose for their magazine. I think that it is a disgrace to our university and I hope that other "women" are out there on our so-called educational and academic campus are in support of me.

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Christina Rodrigues
Green Hall

OPINION COLUMN

Some friendly advice for visiting Marines

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OPINION COLUMNIST

It's Friday night, and you are walking downtown with your girlfriend. A big Ford truck with huge tires, a Confederate flag and a bed full of skinny short-haired cretins, yelling obscenities about your girlfriend's anatomy cruises by. You explain to her that the Marines are in town again.

Now don't get me wrong, I have been in the Army National Guard for four-and-a-half years, and I have gone downtown with friends of mine who are in the Army, Air Force and the Navy, but they are always normal. It seems that other servicemen lack the abrasive disposition that I see in most Marines. Everything that I am saying I have seen at least once, and often several times in my experience at ECU.

A week or two ago, we were having a little get together at a friend's house, and some Marines showed up. No, excuse me, A LOT of Marines showed up (uninvited, of course). We eventually invited them in to have a beer, and when the keg ran out, they began yelling. Loudly. So loudly, that the cops showed up. Then they all took off.

I ended up going downtown, and somebody drug me to the (infernal) Sports Pad. Guess what, there they were. They, along with 1,000 others clad in NASCAR and WWF Nitro shirts. I love to

watch these guys try to dance. They always try dancing with the hottest girl in the club. She usually walks away from him, and he tries following her around. This usually happens until she leaves or talks to the bouncer, who tells him to leave her alone.

It's always obvious which head they're using to make their decisions. You can always tell what they want from women, because they usually try to make out with the girl within the first 30 seconds of dancing. Hey, time's limited when you're on shore leave.

And the best thing is when there are also a bunch of Army soldiers in the bar. When I went to the Pad about a year ago, the Marines started a fight with the Army guys, saying that they were better. HELLO? Last time I checked, we were on the same side. The same thing happened during Halloween last year. Then when the cops showed up, they give some sob story about how their Gunny Sergeant will kill them if they get in trouble.

To you Marines, my advice is for you to calm down. This is a college town, with college ladies. Take a little tip from your Army brothers. If you can't control yourself or your libido in a social situation, stay home.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

The Rec is for everyone, not just fitness majors

Dear Editor,

I was appalled by the recent letter to the editor from Allison Turnbag regarding the use of the Student Recreation Center (SRC). I believe that the SRC is for ALL students, not just "those that have a clue what they are doing." Exercise can reduce stress and make you feel better. Who are you to say that those exercising are crowding the gym? When the SRC is crowded, get over it! Instead of being in college maybe you should go back to elementary school and learn how to share.

Before thinking that those of us that don't know everything there is to know about exercise should bow down before you, maybe you should

think about changing your schedule. Come earlier or consider doing your routine at home instead. It is sad how demeaning Turnbag is toward people exercising. Being a fitness major I would think she would rejoice in the fact that many people are being active, even if for a short time. So maybe they're not as dedicated to a routine. This does not mean they should never try or are idiots for trying. Turnbag, the next time you are on the stair climbing machine, maybe you should consider climbing off the high pedestal you have put yourself on.

Anna Asbell

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Nominees for the Darwin Award

NOMINEE #1—San Jose Mercury News: An unidentified man, using a shotgun like a club to break a former girlfriend's windshield, accidentally shot himself to death when the gun discharged, blowing a hole in his gut.

NOMINEE #2—Kalamazoo Gazette: James Burns, 34, of Alamo, Mich., was killed in March as he was trying to repair what police described as a "farm-type truck." Burns got a friend to drive the truck on a highway while Burns hung underneath so that he could ascertain the source of a troubling noise. Burns' clothes caught on something, however, and the other man found Burns "wrapped in the drive shaft."

NOMINEE #3—Reuters, Mississauga, Ontario: Man slips and falls 23 stories to his death. A man cleaning a bird feeder on the balcony of his condominium apartment, in this Toronto suburb, slipped and fell 23 stories to his death, police said Monday. Stefan Macko, 55, was standing on a wheeled chair Sunday when the accident occurred, said Inspector D'Arcy Honer of the Peel regional police. "It appears the chair moved and he went over the balcony," Honer said. "It's one of those freak accidents. No foul play is suspected."

NOMINEE #4—Hickory Daily Record: Ken Charles Barger, 47, accidentally shot himself to death in December in Newton, N.C., when, awakening to the sound of a ringing telephone beside his bed, he reached for the phone but grabbed instead a Smith Wesson .38 Special, which discharged when he drew it to his ear.

NOMINEE #5—UPI, Toronto: Police said a lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a downtown Toronto skyscraper crashed through a pane with his shoulder and plunged 24 floors to his death. A police spokesman said Garry Hoy, 39, fell into the courtyard of the Toronto Dominion Bank Tower early Friday evening as he was explaining the strength of the building's windows to visiting law students. Hoy previously had conducted demonstrations of window strength according to police reports. Peter Lauwers, managing partner of the firm Holden Day Wilson, told the Toronto Sun newspaper that Hoy was "one of the best and brightest" members of the 200-man association.

NOMINEE #6—AP—Cairo, Egypt: Six people drowned Monday while trying to rescue a chicken that had fallen into a well in southern Egypt. An 18-year-old farmer was the first to descend into the 60-foot well. He drowned, apparently after an undercurrent in the water pulled him down, police said. His sister and two brothers, none of whom could swim well, went in one by one to help him, but also drowned. Two elderly farmers then came to help, but they apparently were pulled by the same undercurrent. The bodies of the six were later pulled out of the well in the village of Nazlat Imara, 240 miles south of Cairo. The chicken was also pulled out. It survived.

NOMINEE #7—Bloomberg News Service: A terrible diet and room with no ventilation are being blamed for the death of a man who was killed by his own gas. There was no mark on his body but autopsy showed large amounts of methane gas in his system. His diet had consisted primarily of beans and cabbage (and a couple of other things). It was just the right combination of foods. It appears that the man died in his sleep from breathing from the poisonous cloud that was hanging over his bed. Had he been outside or had his windows been opened, it wouldn't have been fatal, but the man was shut up in his near airtight bedroom. He was "... a big man with a huge capacity for creating [this deadly gas]." Three of the rescuers got sick and one was hospitalized.

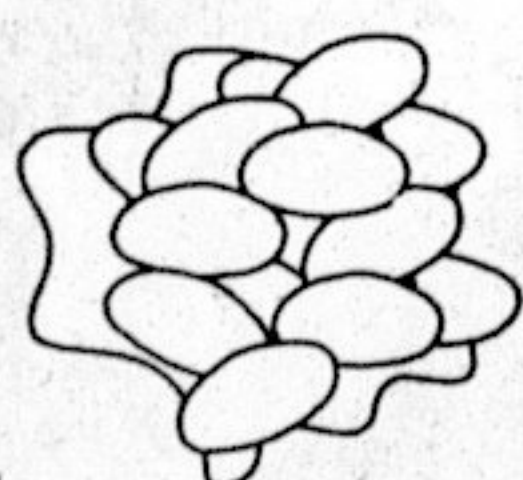
NOMINEE #8—San Jose Mercury News: A 24-year-old salesman from Hialeah, Fla., was killed near Lantana, Fla., in March when his car smashed into a pole in the median strip of Interstate 95 in the middle of the afternoon. Police said that the man was traveling at 80 MPH and, judging by the sales manual that was found open and clutched to his chest, had been busy reading.



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Jarvis Hall: for leaders only

Mixed emotions accompany plans for chosen applicants

Maura Buck
FEATURES ASSISTANT EDITOR

Renovations in excess of \$5.95 million have been dominating Central Campus' Jarvis Hall since December 1998. This lavish new residence hall, expected to be complete in April 2000, will house 150 student leaders, all selected through an application process.

Jarvis Hall has been the first for many things as a residence hall since its construction. It was the first dormitory on campus, as well as the location for many of the first classes offered at East Carolina Teacher's Training School in 1907. Beginning in Fall 2000, it will be the first leadership residence hall on campus.

With benefits such as air conditioning, a social lounge and even a fireplace, many students feel that the concept of being accepted, and rejected, for a particular living space is unjust. "I really don't think that it's fair," said senior Jessie Kirk. "I have been on campus for three years and feel that I deserve the same opportunities as any other resident."

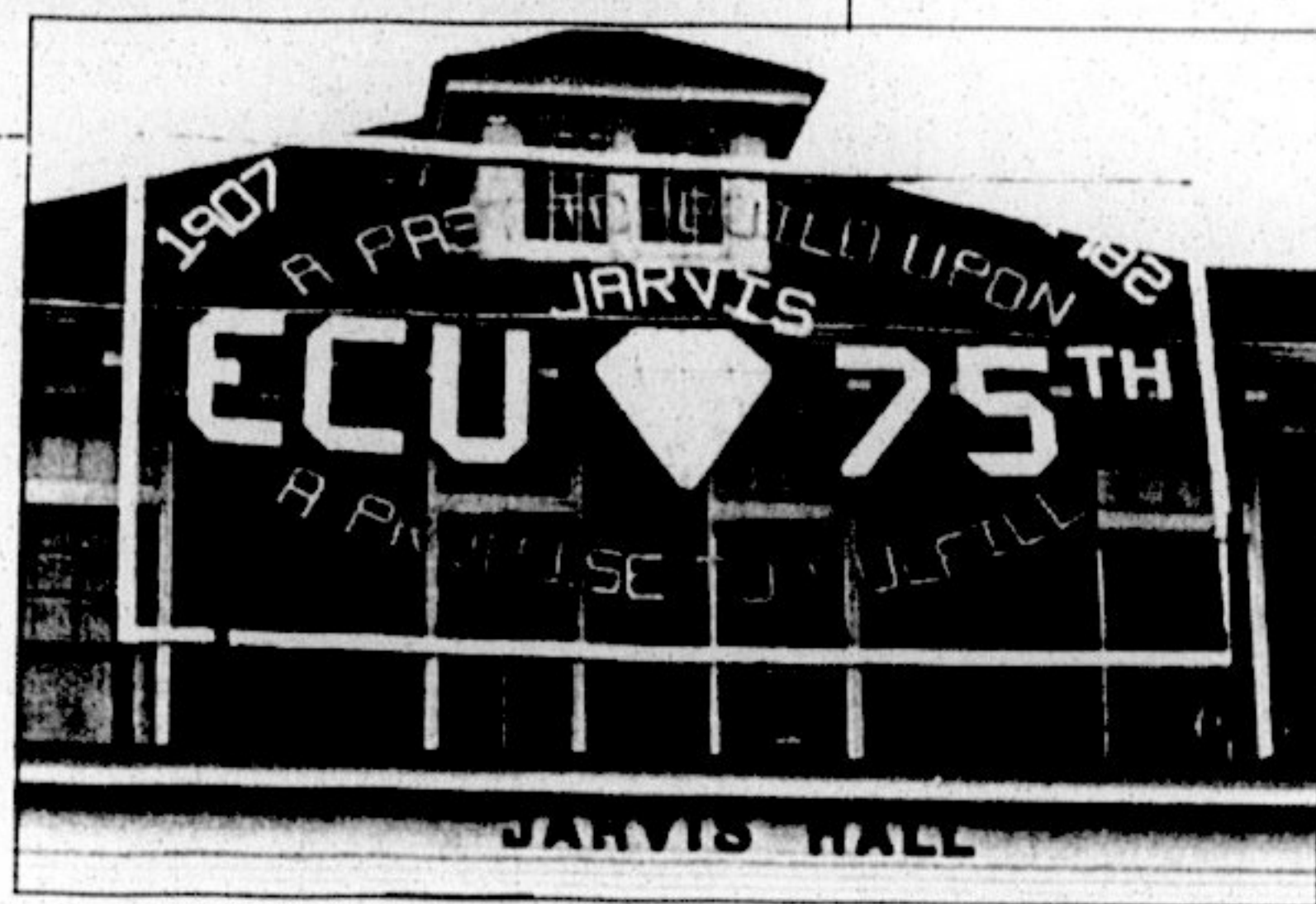
According to Jim Sturm, director of student leadership, ECU modeled the program from the University of Virginia.

"We used UVA as a model for our program," said Sturm. "There too, it was designed in specific for programming leadership."



Above: Jarvis in its mid-constructed state. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

Left and below: Past photographs of Jarvis Hall show the renovations and changes that it has gone through in its many years as one of the oldest buildings on campus. (photos courtesy of ECU Special Collections)



University Housing Services is looking for people with specific characteristics to house in the newly renovated building in Fall 2000.

"We are looking for students interested in fostering leadership skills, those students that make a significant impact on campus through their readiness to serve the ECU community," said Sturm.

Students applied in early January and recently learned if they were accepted or rejected, a decision made by a committee consisting of housing staff and various members of student leadership development staff.

"After watching the progression of construction, I was really impressed with the outward appearance," said sophomore Bridget Cox. "I love the location and the opportunity to live in a residence hall while developing my leadership skills, it's really exciting."

Holly Carraway, a freshman, plans on living in Jarvis next year because of the new opportunity it offers her with respect to exposing her to an atmosphere of leadership.

"I have heard really great things about Jarvis and I look forward to living in a leadership dorm rather than an honors dorm," said Carraway. "It's a new and interesting opportunity that will expose me

to new people and different situations."

One of the purposes of housing a number of leaders under the same roof is so the residents can more easily interact with other selected leaders. Hopefully this experience will enhance the leadership skills of those whom it was intended for, but still, the students who were left out are unsure.

In order to decide who could live in this residence hall, some students must be set apart as leaders. Defining leadership, a trait not always apparent in a high school student or in a person who has little opportunity for leadership, is a difficult task. Marcy Huntley, a freshman living on campus, feels that the process of determining what a leader was and who deserved to live in the hall was disappointing.

"I don't feel that someone can label a leader," said Huntley. Raising my hand in class, participating, liking being here—that's leadership as well."

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Racquetball athletes passionate while playing

Constantly booked courts limit game time

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STAFF WRITER

If you've tried to reserve a racquetball court at the rec center lately then you've probably noticed how almost impossible it seems to get a court any time after 5:00 p.m. There is a growing racquetball obsession at ECU.

"During the evening, our prime time, it's steady use," said Nancy Mize, director of Recreational Services. According to rec center employees, making reservations is a big deal to students.

"People make reservations the day before for the following night because everyone wants to play then," said Jason Floyd who works at the front desk of the rec center. "It's a good time for the students because they are out of class and work."

Students cite many reasons for visiting the racquetball courts during this time.

"I like to go in the afternoon because it's less crowded," said James Laxton, a freshman at ECU and a regular racquetball player.

Since it is so busy and hard to get a reservation, the rec center must implement rules to help the flow of the players.



Casey Charles, freshman, pulls back and prepares his stance for a serve in a one-man game at the Student Recreation Center. (photo by Emily Richardson)

"When they make a reservation they have 10 minutes to show up," Floyd said. "After that, it's open to anybody and they lose their reservation."

Racquetball is not a hard sport to learn or play, according to the regulars at the courts. All it takes is a bit of coordination and endurance. They say that racquetball is a great sport for taking out aggression and relieving stress.

"Anybody can do it," said a regular racquetball player Brett Olson.

The competition on the court can be intense between players, and the rivalry is evident in the number of black eyes and bruised tushes on the players.

"Competition is usually healthy," said Nancy Mize, another racquetball player.

The games can last anywhere from 15 minutes up to an hour. The rules of the game are kept fairly simple, which makes it easy to play.

"It's kind of like volleyball," said Brett Olson, racquetball lover. "It goes back and forth and you usually play to 15 points, or until you're too tired to play."

A variety of people come and play every day. They play it for all sorts of reasons including the fitness benefits. According to players, it's a great workout, not only for the twice-a-month exerciser but also for the competitive athlete in his "off" season. Tennis players especially find it easier to play racquetball than tennis in the winter.

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Racquetball Rules

Scoring

The same way as in volleyball. Only the server can score points.

The server scores one point for winning a rally. The receiver gets a "side-out" for winning a rally and serves the next rally. The first person to 15 points wins the game.

Serving

The server must begin the service motion in the service zone. The server drops the ball, allowing one bounce before hitting it toward the front wall. The serve must hit the front wall, may hit one side wall, and must land on the ground between the service zone and the back wall.

Any of the following will result in a "double fault" or loss of serve:

- The server swings and misses the ball.
- The served ball does not hit the front wall first.
- The served ball hits the server on the way back.
- Two consecutive single faults.

Any of the following will result in a "single fault:"

- The served ball hits the front wall and then the ceiling.
- The served ball hits the front wall and then the back wall before touching the ground.
- The served ball hits the front wall and then the

ground before passing the service zone.

-The served ball hits the front wall and then two side walls before the ground.

Rallying

Players alternate hits. The player who is hitting the ball must do so before it bounces twice on the ground. If a player hits the other player with the ball, the rally is replayed. If a player touches the ball while it is the other player's turn to hit, the first player loses the rally.

Safety

Always wear racquetball goggles when playing.

One shot at glory



ECU student works towards his physical fitness goals with determination, athleticism, and little modesty. (photo by Emily Richardson)

FEATURES

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Spring cleaning
has its purpose

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Spring cleaning isn't just that time of year when your mother used to punish you with a multitude of chores. Cleaning during the spring has a logical explanation, and it's better than because your mom said so. Why is it that people clean in the spring and not the winter? It makes more sense to clean during warmer, but not smoldering, weather. Most of the world shuts in during the winter, and in the more confined spaces, germs and bacteria have a chance to multiply.

When there is no circulating air in any environment, it causes leth-

argy. It's dark and dreary, and no one feels like doing much of anything during the winter months. By the time spring rolls around, a house is a breeding house of pathogens that need to be aired out and eliminated. The opportunity for sun exposure exists, which creates vitamin D and fresh air motivates people, and many times, they want to bring their energy and fresh feeling into their home.

Spring is the perfect time to clean because the weather is warmer and you are able to remove large items from the house for cleaning.

Most people recall the ritual of spring cleaning as torture, a time where your mother made you do a bunch of housework for no ap-

parent reason.

"When I was younger my mother used to make my brother and I clean the house from top to bottom," said Jennifer Lane, junior. "We hated every minute of it and vowed that when we grew up we would never clean."

Well, we never took it that far, but to this day I don't do spring cleaning. My dorm room is clean enough with our personal battle against the ants."

Others are lucky enough to not have those bitter memories.

"I spent my life between two different households and I milked it for all it was worth," said senior Drew McFadden. "When one mother

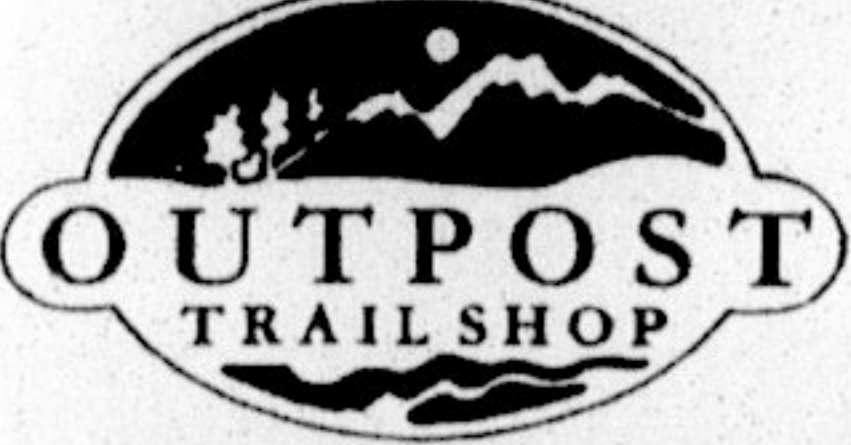
would try to get me to help out with the spring cleaning I'd tell her that I already cleaned the other mother's house. That lie never really worked for me, since they were friends, but I still never had to do a great deal of spring cleaning."

Spring cleaning could also be a metaphor, of sorts, for the awakening that occurs after a long winter indoors. Cleaning out the physical cobwebs as well as the mental ones. It can actually be a therapeutic act for some people, enabling them to get ready for an active summer.

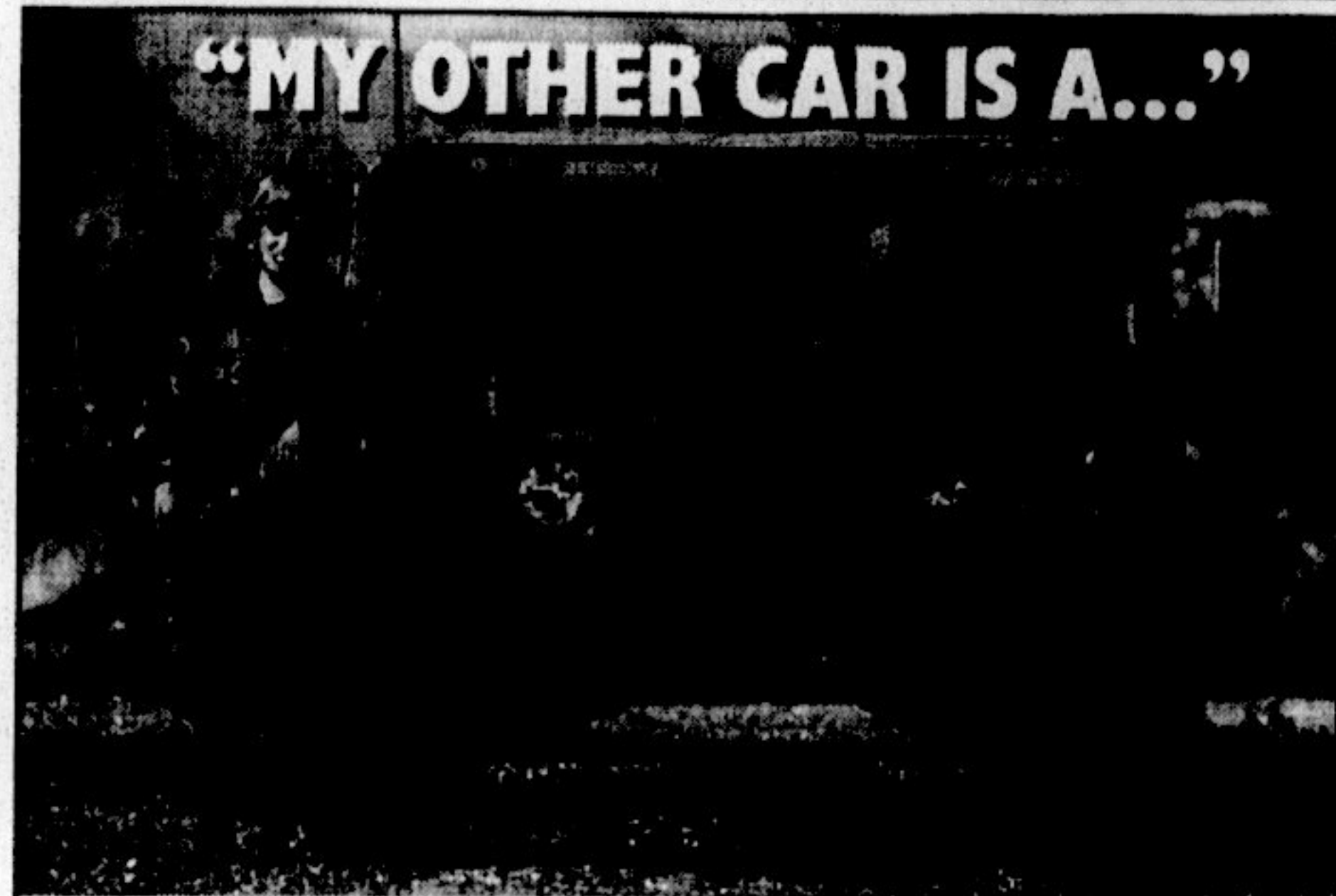
Either effect, spring cleaning has the same result. It helps you to get rid of the winter and welcome in the summer, all in a shiny, clean atmosphere.

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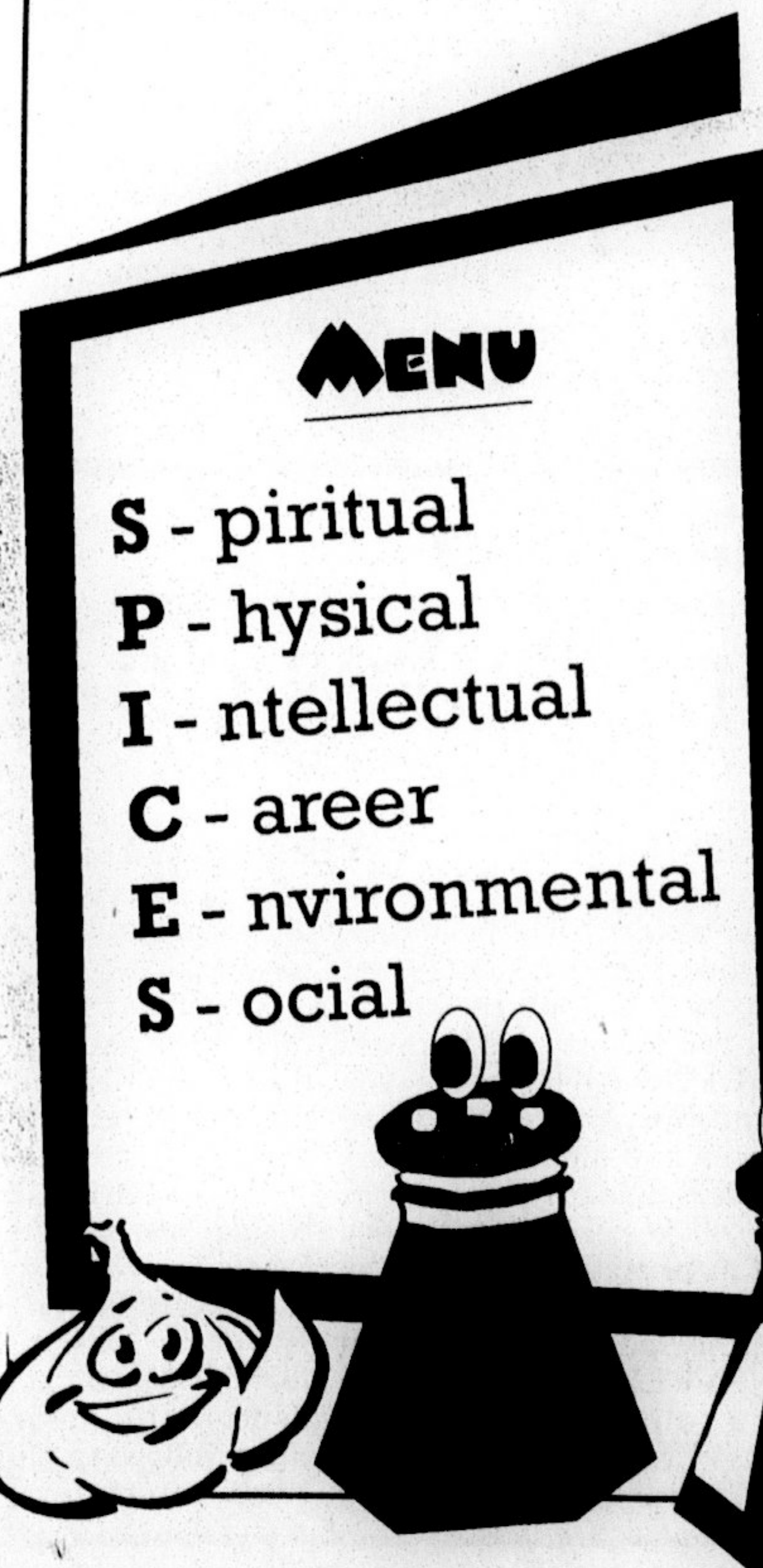
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SPORTS BRIEFS

WITN-7 to televise ECU baseball

UNC-W game time moved to noon

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first time in the history of the ECU baseball program, the team's games will be televised across eastern North

Carolina. WITN-7 will televise the Pirate's April 18 home game against North Carolina and their May 13 contest against CAA foe UNC-Wilmington. This will mark the second and third times this season that the Pirates have played on TV. Their road victory over Clemson was televised on Fox Sports Net South.

"Any time you are on television, it is exciting," said shortstop Lee Delfino. "It makes it seem like there is just a little more on the line and, even though you always try to play your best, it makes you want to play your best even more."

"I think that being able to have a couple games on television locally will give the program even more recognition in eastern North Carolina," said Head Coach Keith LeClair. "It is definitely a positive for our program and [being put on television]

really says a lot about the direction that this program is heading in. The exposure it will give us will only be positive."

Last season the North Carolina game drew a near-record crowd to Harrington Field. 2,810 Pirate fans packed the stadium to see the Pirate's 8-6 win over the Heels.

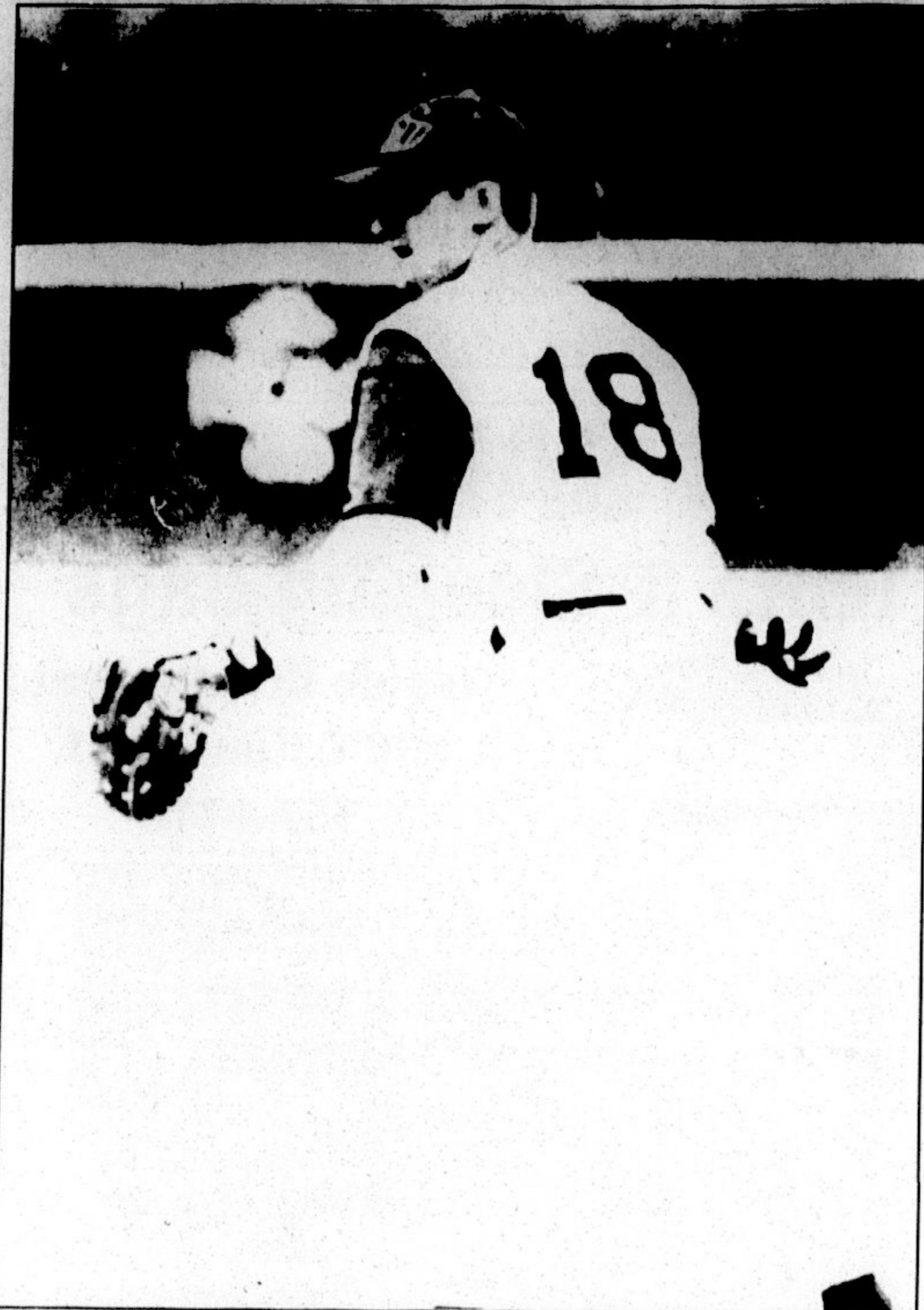
"Playing against North Carolina is a big game any time and being on television will only make it bigger," Delfino said. "It will make it kind of like when we played Clemson. The adrenaline will be pumping more than ever and it will be exciting for everyone involved."

To fit the television schedule the game time of the UNC-W home game will be moved to noon.

"With these games being on television, in a sense it shows that people are starting to respect the program more," Delfino said. "You can see football and basketball on television around here a lot but not baseball, so I think people are starting to take our program and what we are trying to accomplish a lot more seriously now."

The "Voice of the Pirates," Jeff Charles will provide play-by-play for the broadcast while WITN's Brad Zaruba will do color commentary.

"I think it's going to give the program great exposure," Charles said. "This coverage



ECU's Chad Tracy mans first base against James Madison. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

will be seen throughout the eastern part of the state. We've seen this in football over the past six or seven years. We've seen the influ-

ence from television."

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Cleaves leads Spartans to victory

Monday night Mateen Cleaves realized why he passed up professional basketball to play his final year at Michigan State University.

Cleaves, the Final Four's most outstanding player, rolled his ankle early in the second half and had to go to the locker room to have it taped. He had helped the Spartans build the 11-point halftime lead by scoring 13 points, including going three-for-three from three-point range.

Despite the poor ratings CBS received during this game, it was a game that will be remembered. The first time Michigan State won the national championship 21 years ago will be remembered for the Magic Johnson-Larry Bird match-up. This one will be remembered because of Cleaves.

After the game he did need the help of crutches to stand or his dad to hold the championship trophy, but one of the nets was wrapped around his neck and tears were rolling down his cheeks.

Young leaning toward returning

Quarterback Steve Young is on his honeymoon, but he may have left his football heart in San Francisco.

Leigh Steinberg, Young's agent, told "the San Francisco Chronicle" that Young is interested in returning to the 49ers for his 16th pro season.

Following a concussion Young suffered in the third game last season which put him out for the rest of the campaign, the 39-year-old, two-time NFL MVP has been medically cleared to return to the field.

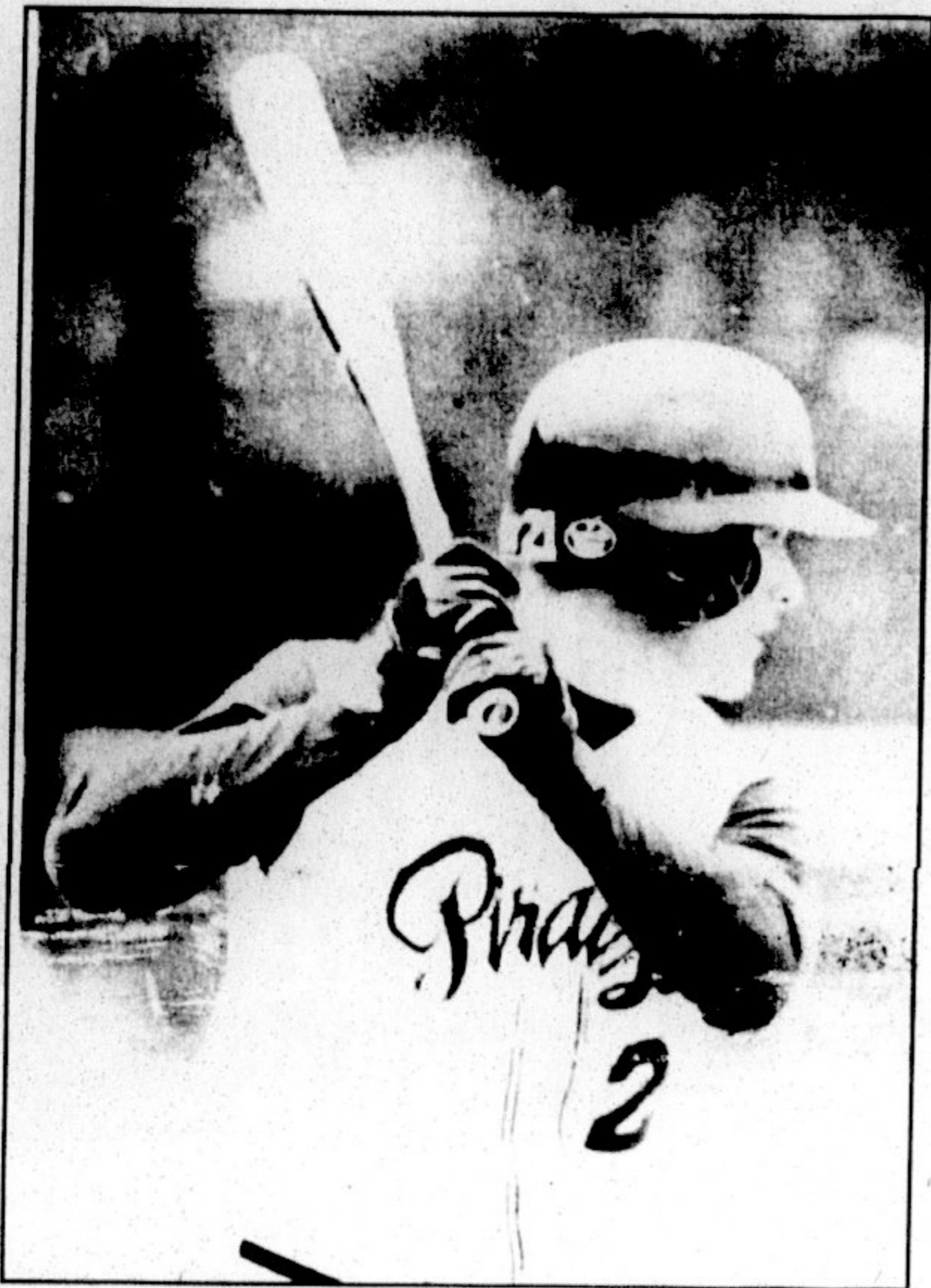
"He'd been focused on other areas in his life, and he's now gone through a thought process," Steinberg said. "Given that he's been given a clean bill of health, he's leaning toward coming back and playing several more years."

Georgia Tech to name Hewitt coach

Siena coach Paul Hewitt is the new basketball coach at Georgia Tech, succeeding Bobby Cremins, The Associated Press said Wednesday. The official announcement will come Thursday.

Hewitt's contract at Siena runs through the 2002-03 season, but includes a buyout provision that will allow him to take this new job. He will be the first black basketball coach at GT.

Cremins resigned after 19 years as Georgia Tech's coach. He guided the school to 10 NCAA appearances, including the Final Four in 1990. He announced Feb. 18 that he will not return to the Yellow Jackets' program, saying that it needed a new direction. He accepted \$1.5 million to buy out the final three years of his contract.



ECU's Lee Delfino stands in against James Madison. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

Pirates travel to site of nationals

4x400 teams heads to Texas Relays

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

This weekend, ECU will send its best track athletes to a pair of prestigious meets with a post-season atmosphere to compete against the nation's elite.

At the Texas Relays, ECU's 4x400-meter relay team will test their speed against the best 4x400 teams in the country. Meanwhile, in Durham, dozens of Pirate athletes will take part in a competitive meet at Duke, and try to earn a chance to run there again in nearly two months at the 2000 NCAA



ECU's Lauren Chadwick (photo by Garrett McMillan)

Championships.

The Texas Relays will pit ECU against teams such as Texas, Texas A&M, Florida, Baylor, Texas Christian and Arizona State. The meet is an invitational meet for only the nation's top programs.

"It's an honor to be invited," said Bill Carson, the head men's track coach.

However, the Pirates do not look to merely show up. A good showing at the meet can ensure a bid to the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

"It's going to be tremendous," Carson said. "If we get fifth, we'll probably qualify. That's how fast that thing will be."

Last weekend at the Raleigh Relays, the Pirates had to deal with injuries to members of their 4x400 squad. This week, Carson is pleased with their recovery.

"We ran a little dinged up last week," Carson said. "But so far this week they've looked very good."

While the 4x400 relay team heads to Texas, many more track athletes will take the short trip to Durham for the Duke Invitational.

One event that has garnered much attention from the Pirate coaches is the distance medley relay. The team of Stu Will, Brian Beil, Justin England and Frankie Green or Terry Speller, will have their sights set on breaking the school record in the event.

"Our goal is to go under our school record," said Head Cross Country Coach Len Klepack, .



ECU's Ayana Coleman will head to the Duke Invitational in Durham. (photo by Garrett McMillan)

"They're capable of doing that."

Head Coach Matt Munson takes his squad to Durham hoping to give them a taste of what they could be a part of in late May, when the NCAA Outdoor Championships are

held in Durham.

"I think we have some people who could qualify," Munson said. "I hate to name names because I don't want to put any extra pressure on anyone, but we have a handful of

athletes who can legitimately qualify. What we're trying to do is raise the level of expectations."

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OPINION COLUMN

Departures do not decimate college hoops

Stephen Schramm
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Another college basketball season ends and the annual parade of underclassmen opt for the NBA and its riches. While the departure of players like Eric Barkley and DerMarr Johnson will deprive college hoops of some of its stars of tomorrow, the future of the game is not all doom and gloom.

For those who feel that early defections have depleted the college game's future, they need only look at its present to see that the game is doing just fine.

Monday night the Spartans of Michigan State won the NCAA Championship. The team was led by a pair of seniors. Mateen Cleaves and Morris Peterson paced the Spartans to their 89-76 victory over Florida. The

two passed up fortunes in the NBA and instead stayed in school and got their championship. Cleaves and Peterson were just two of the seniors that made the 1999-00 season so special.

Cincinnati's senior center, Kenyon Martin was the nation's best player and received the coveted Nasmith Award. The Bearcats' title hopes fell with Martin when he broke his leg in the Conference-USA tournament.

Duke's Chris Carrawell won his fourth ACC regular season title and helped lead the Blue Devils to a No. 1 seed and an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. Carrawell also provided one of the season's most unforgettable moments with his celebration with Duke students on the floor of Cameron Indoor Stadium following Duke's win over arch rival, North Carolina.

Speaking of the Tarheels, their senior leader, Ed Cota helped lead them to an unexpected trip to the Final Four.

Tulsa senior Eric Coley led the Golden Hurricanes to their best start ever and an appearance in the Elite Eight.

A pair of seniors in the Big Ten sent their teams to the NCAA's Indiana's A.J. Guyton and Purdue's Brian Cardinal sparked their teams to strong finishes in college basketball's toughest conference this season.

While much of the focus in past years in college basketball is on those who left too soon, the story of this season was written by those who stayed.



Cincinnati's Kenyon Martin won the 2000 Nasmith Award. (file photo)

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Lakers match victory record with win over Suns

PHOENIX (AP)—Robert Horry made four big plays in the final 1:30, sending the Los Angeles Lakers to a 84-83 win over Phoenix and into the history books with their 10th victory in a row.

The Lakers became the third team in NBA history to have three winning streaks in a season of 10 games or more. Los Angeles had 16- and 19-game streaks earlier in the season.

Milwaukee did it (20, 16, 10) in 1970-71, and Philadelphia had streaks of 12, 10 and 10 wins in 1980-81.

The Suns had a chance to win it, but Cliff Robinson missed a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left. The rebound was batted around, bounced high in the air and wound up in the hands of Shaquille O'Neal as the buzzer sounded.

O'Neal had 32 points, but only one in the fourth quarter when he sat out 5 1/2 minutes with five fouls.

A free throw by O'Neal tied the game at 80 with 1:32 to play. He missed the second shot, but Horry tipped it back out to O'Neal.

Twenty-two seconds later, Horry was

fouled and made both free throws for an 82-80 lead. He also hit a 20-footer with 33 seconds to play, giving the Lakers the points they needed to survive a 3-pointer by Robinson with 22 seconds left.

Horry had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Penny Hardaway had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Suns, Robinson scored 20 and Kevin Johnson, making his home debut after two years away from his former team, scored 14 points on 6-of-7 shooting.

The Suns led 72-71 after a basket by Robinson 2:37 into the fourth quarter, but Rick Fox brought the Lakers from behind with two baskets and two free throws, and the Lakers led 77-72 with 5:36 to play.

Phoenix regained the lead for the last time, 80-79, on two free throws by Hardaway with 1:49 to play.

O'Neal carried the Lakers through a sluggish first half, scoring 23 points on a variety of jump hooks and turnarounds to lift them to a 40-39 halftime lead af-

ter Phoenix led most of the way.

Then Los Angeles switched tactics. Ron Harper had three baskets in the first 4:36 of the third quarter as the Lakers opened a 12-point lead, 57-45.

The Suns answered with a 13-0 run to regain the lead at 58-57, with Hardaway scoring seven points and Johnson four.

But Derek Fisher hit a 3-pointer with 3:21 to go, O'Neal scored four points and Harper hit a baseline jumper for a 66-58 Los Angeles lead with 1:56 to play in the third.

Notes: The Lakers have a four-game win streak in Phoenix and have won 16 of the last 19 meetings in the series. ... Kobe Bryant of the Lakers and the Suns' Jason Kidd, the West's starting backcourt at the 2000 All-Star Game, could not suit up. Kidd broke his ankle March 22, and Bryant was suspended for fighting with Chris Childs of New York on Sunday. ... Johnson, who played 18 minutes against Minnesota in his first game back, entered the game with 3:05 left in the first quarter and received a standing ovation. He played 26 minutes.

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Racing pioneer Lee Petty dies

GREENSBORO N.C. (AP)—Lee Petty, a stock car pioneer and the patriarch of a racing dynasty, died Monday at 86.

He had surgery for a stomach aneurysm several weeks ago and died at Moses Cone Hospital. An official with Petty Enterprises confirmed the death.

Petty was the father of Winston Cup great Richard Petty, grandfather of Kyle Petty and great-grandfather of Adam Petty, who made his Winston Cup debut this past weekend in Texas.

Lee Petty was a three-time champion on what has become the Winston Cup circuit and won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959. "There wasn't any better driver than Lee Petty in his day,"

said Junior Johnson, another early stock car star. "There might have been more colorful drivers, but when it came down to winning the race, he had as much as anyone I've ever seen."

Petty was one of the first stars in stock car racing's formative years. He began his career with an eight-race schedule in 1949 and went on to score 55 career wins, becoming a three-time Grand National champion.

Richard Petty started racing under his father's tutelage in 1958 and eventually surpassed his father's Grand National championships.

When Richard Petty appeared to have won his first race at a North Carolina dirt track in 1959, it was his father whom he beat to the finish line. The elder Petty protested loudly and smiled when race officials took the victory away from his son.

"I would have protested even if it was my mother," Lee Petty said.

Petty's best season was 1959, when he captured the inaugural Daytona 500, beating Johnny Beauchamp in a photo finish that wasn't decided for three days.

His 55 career wins placed him seventh on the list of winningest drivers in NASCAR Winston Cup history. His son Richard ranks first with 200 wins.

Petty was a fiercely competitive driver who took a business-like approach to racing when the sport was a lot rougher than it is now.

"We never had anything vicious on the track," Johnson said. "If he could get in a hole, he got in it. ... When the race was over, he hooked up and went home."

Petty's career took a serious setback on Feb. 24, 1961 during a 100-mile qualifying race at Daytona, when he tangled with Beauchamp and their cars hurtled over a guard rail and soared more than 100 feet before crashing in the parking lot.

Petty was left with a punctured lung and broken leg. He came back occasionally during the next three years, starting six races, before retiring from driving in 1964 to devote more time to the mechanics side of racing.

Petty, a master mechanic, was voted Mechanic of the Year in 1950 and most popular driver in 1953 and 1954.

"I've always felt the man who works the hardest gets the most out of it," he once said.

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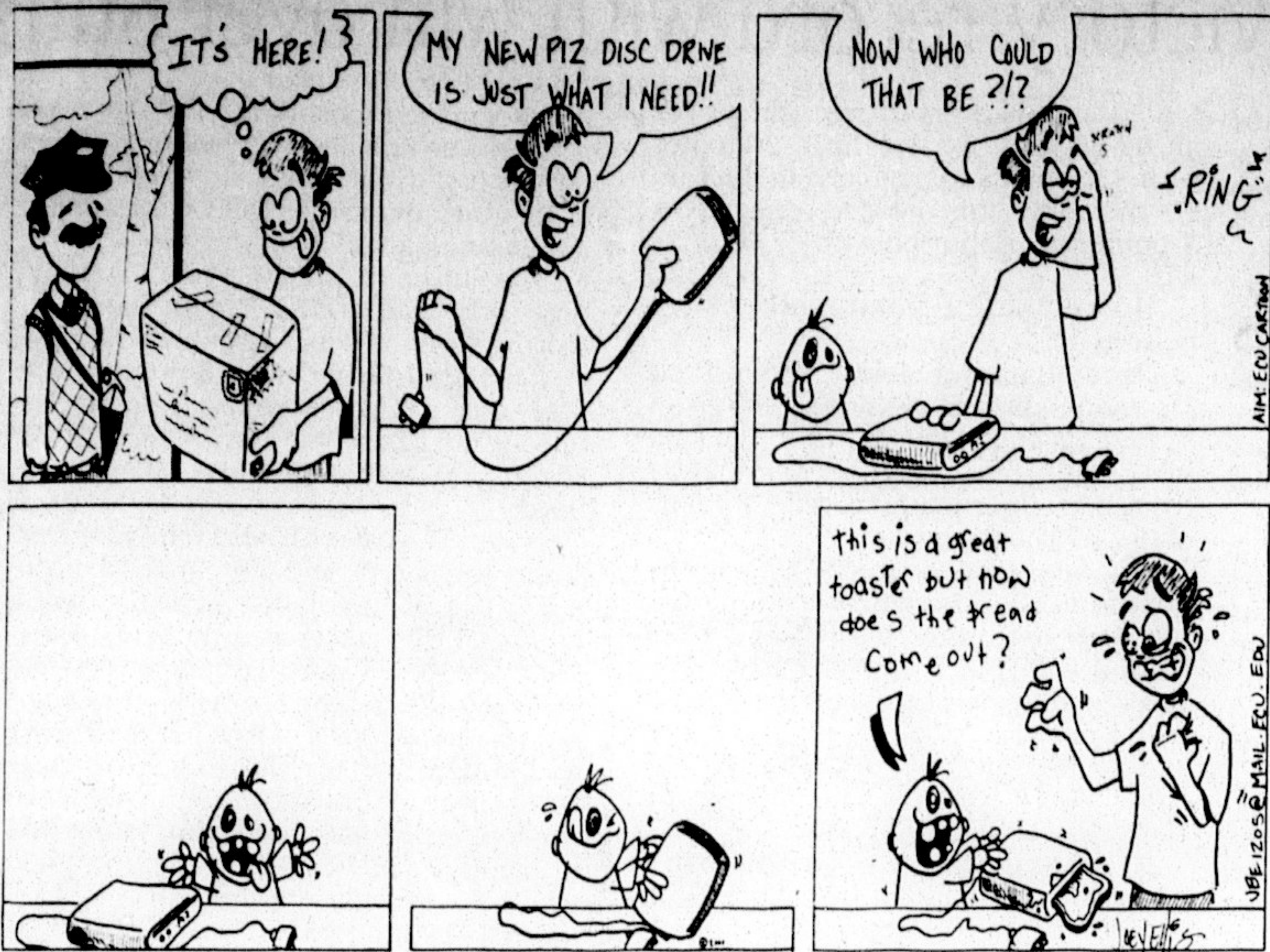
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ZETA TAU Alpha would like to congratulate Pi Delta on becoming Kappa Delta. Good luck with everything- we know you worked hard to get there.

ALPHA DELTA Pi would like to thank Phi Tau for a great band party last week!

KAPPA SIG, Phi Tau and Zeta- we had an awesome time at the social Saturday! Love, the sisters of Pi Delta.

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ZTA WOULD like to thank Kappa Delta, Phi Kappa Tau, and Kappa Sigma for the four way mixer this weekend.

SIGMA ALPHA Epsilon, thanks for the Hawaiian social Saturday night. Our new sisters had an awesome initiation night thanks to you guys! Love Alpha Phi.

BROTHERS OF Sigma Pi congratulate and commend, I.F.C. President, Brian Keiser on his hard work and determination. We welcome Tau class. Keep up the high spirits and enthusiasm.

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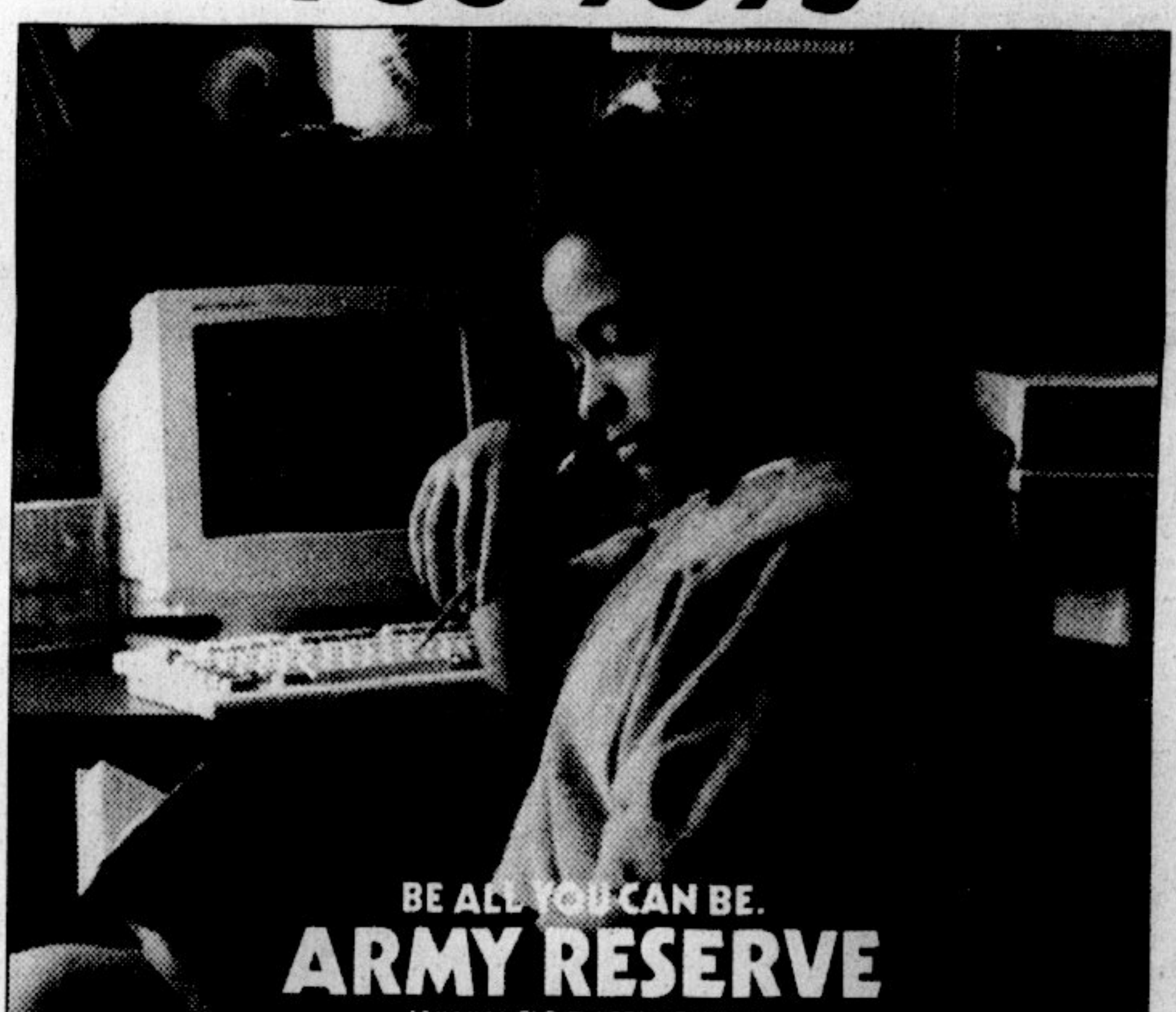
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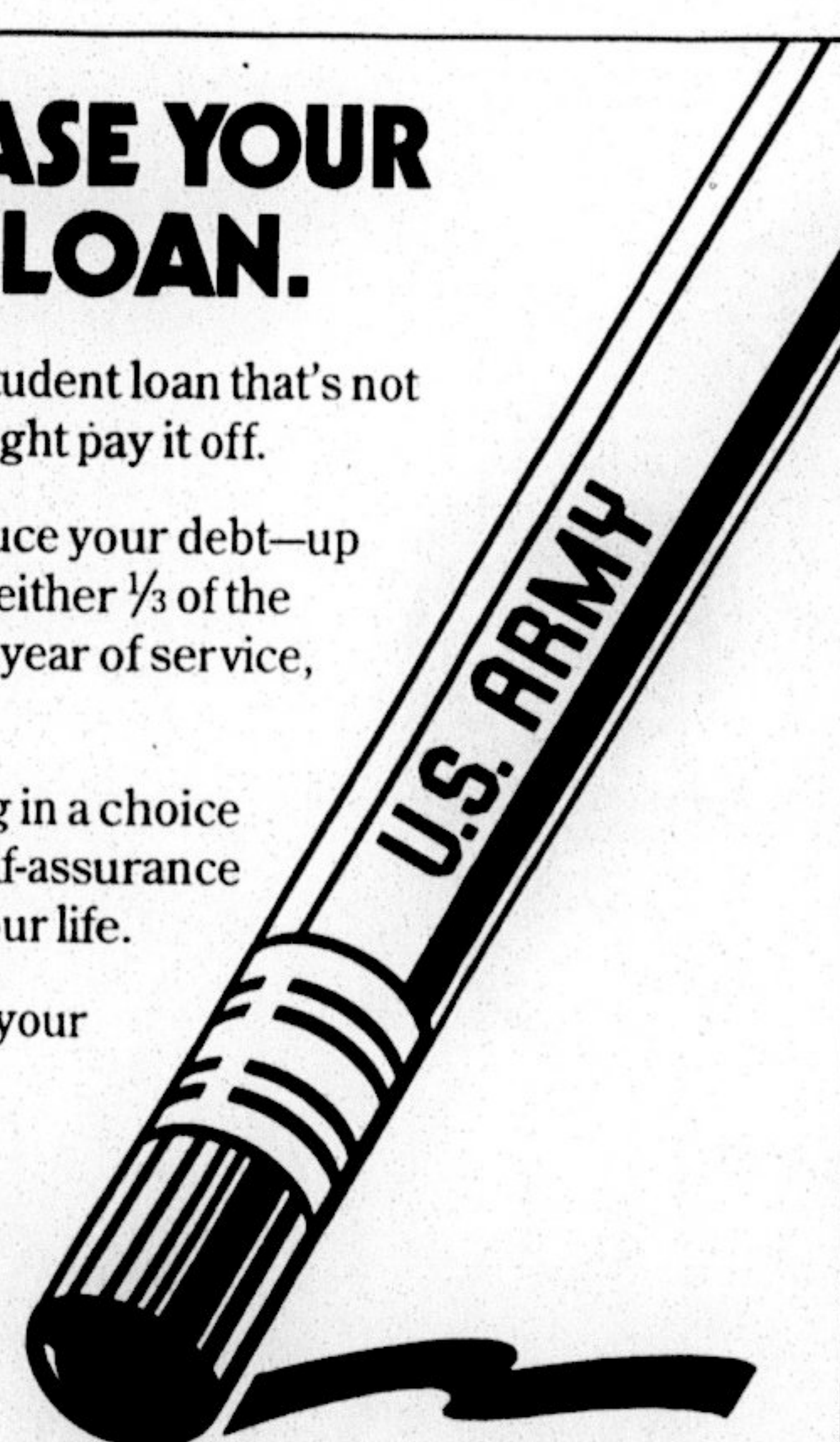
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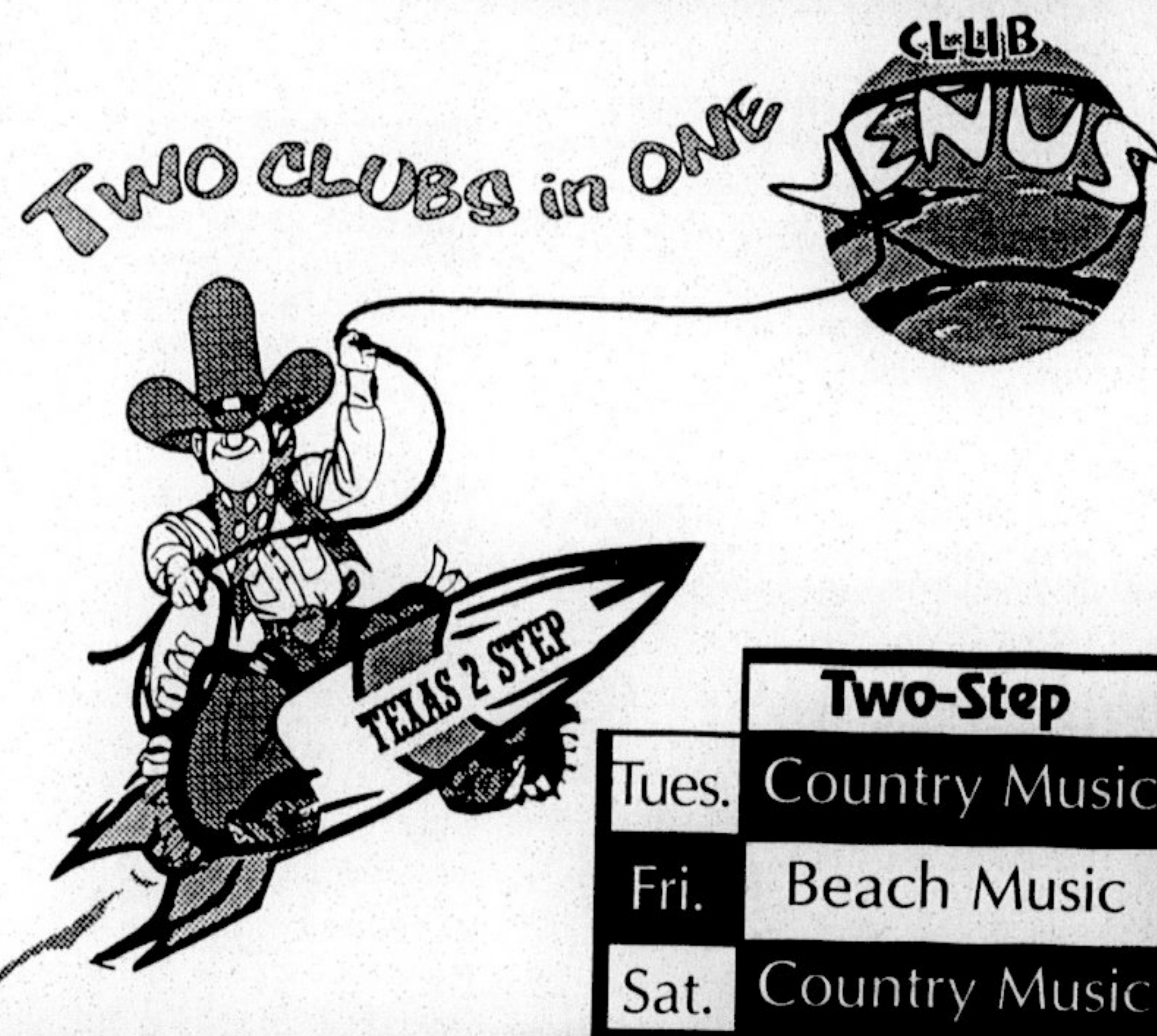
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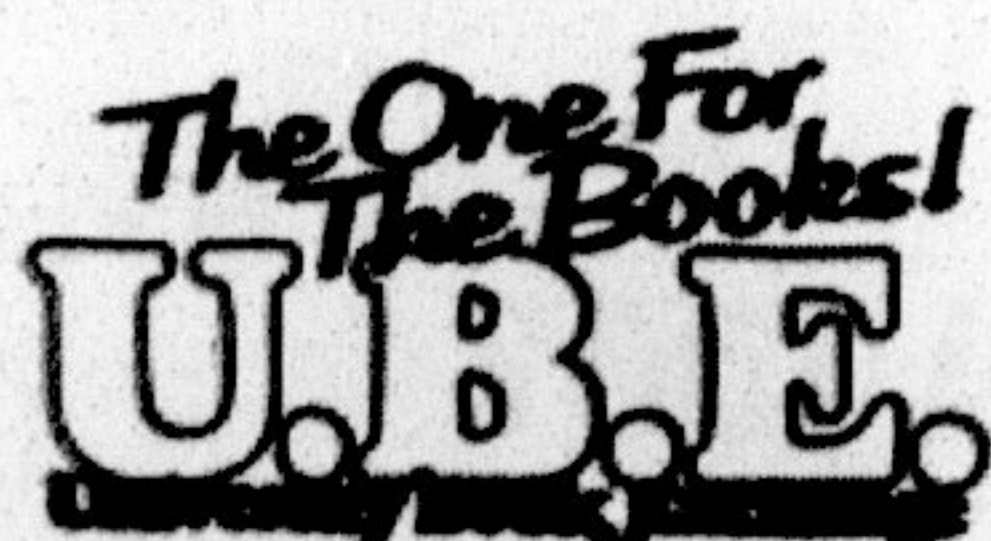
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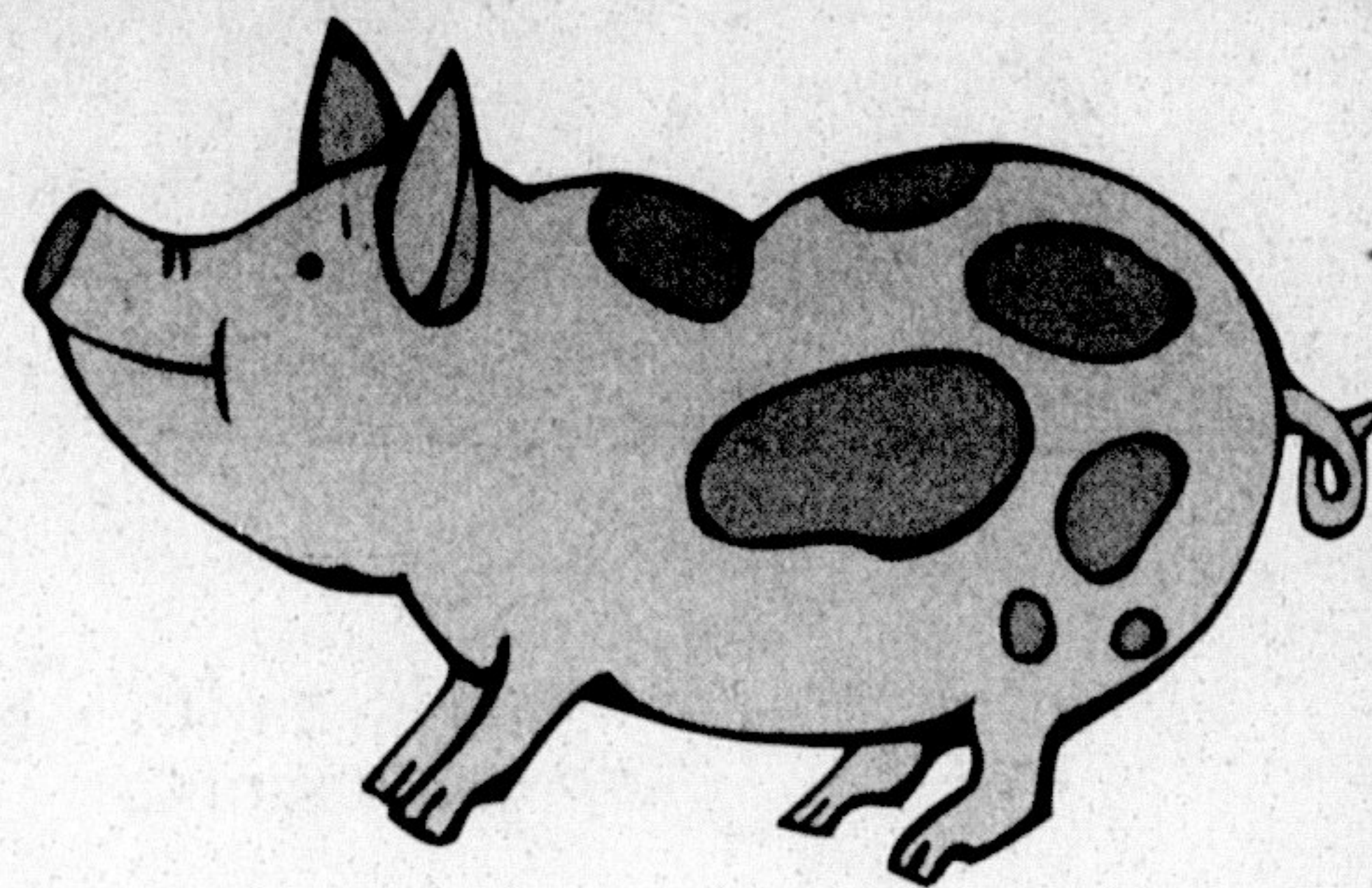
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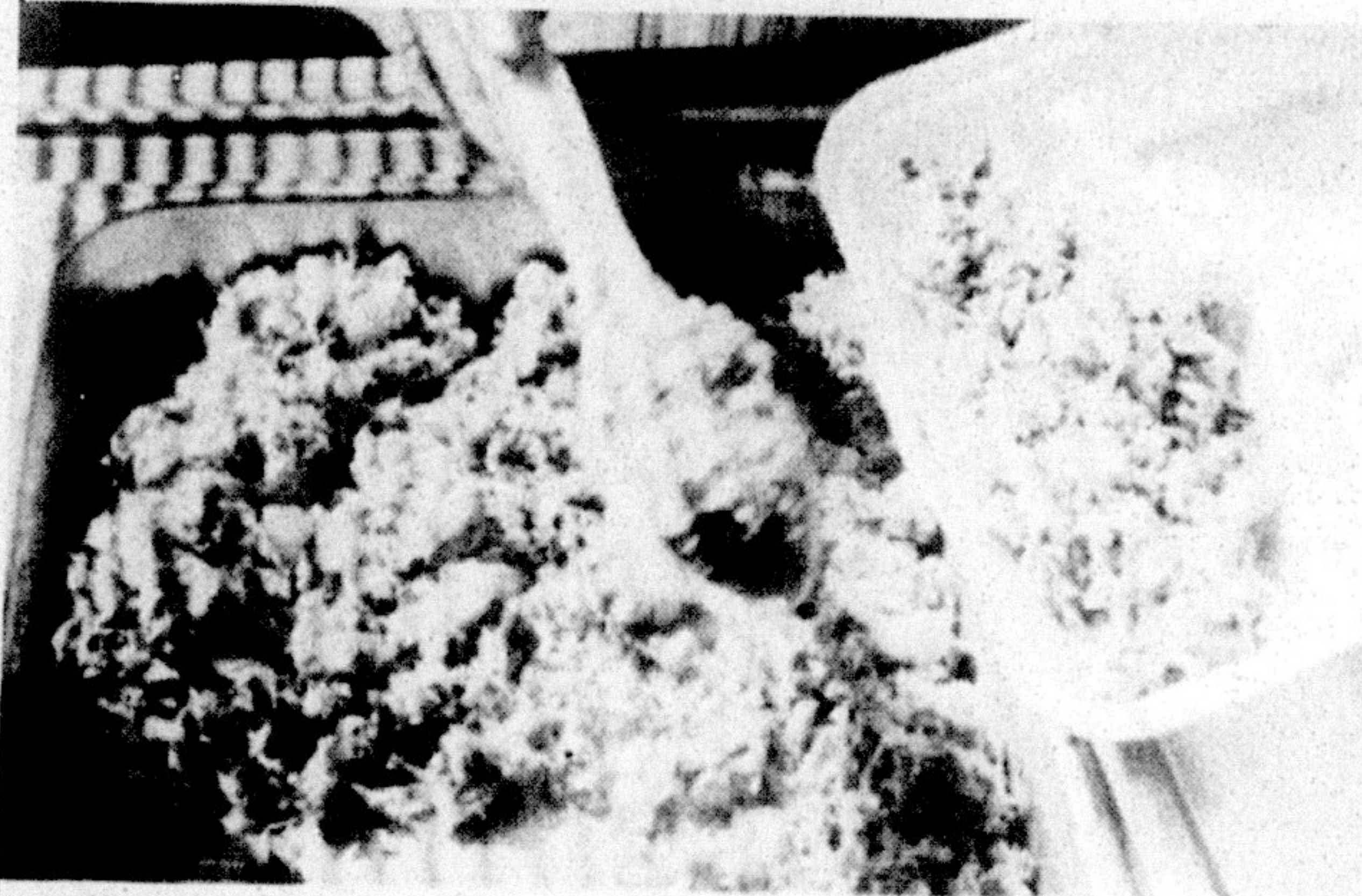
PICKIN' THE PIG

Kenny Smith
Staff Writer



Having spent the majority of my life in rural North Carolina, I've been to my share of outdoor barbecues. We always spend the night waiting for one thing, the pig. And when that baked beast emerged from it's heated home, we feast.

What is it about this basted animal that attracts people of all ages: the sides dishes, the beer or the iced tea with more sugar in it than ice? But it isn't one of those things that attracts people, it's the



Barbeque, ready to eat. (photo by Kenny Smith)

actual barbecue, the stuff that takes hours to cook and only 10 minutes to eat. People enjoy barbecue everywhere: from Pamlico County to the Pacific Ocean and from New York to New Bern. Nationwide conventions are held to showcase a pit master's finest stuff and to allow for the exchange of trade secrets. Every weekend, somewhere in this country, one of these events occurs.

Barbecues have their roots in the natives of the West Indies. When the Spanish arrived there they saw the locals cooking meat and fish over a pit of coals on a framework, which the Spanish named barbacoa. Barbacoa crossed the Ocean to North America quickly; pork was introduced to the colonies in 1540.

Commercial barbecue joints didn't start popping up until much later, but they started right here in North Carolina. Over in Lexington, N.C., a couple of guys had the idea to cook a couple of pigs over pits in the town square one Saturday in order to sell the meat for a small profit. Tents soon popped up, and before you knew it the two were cooking daily. Now, there is one barbecue joint for every 1,000 in Lexington.

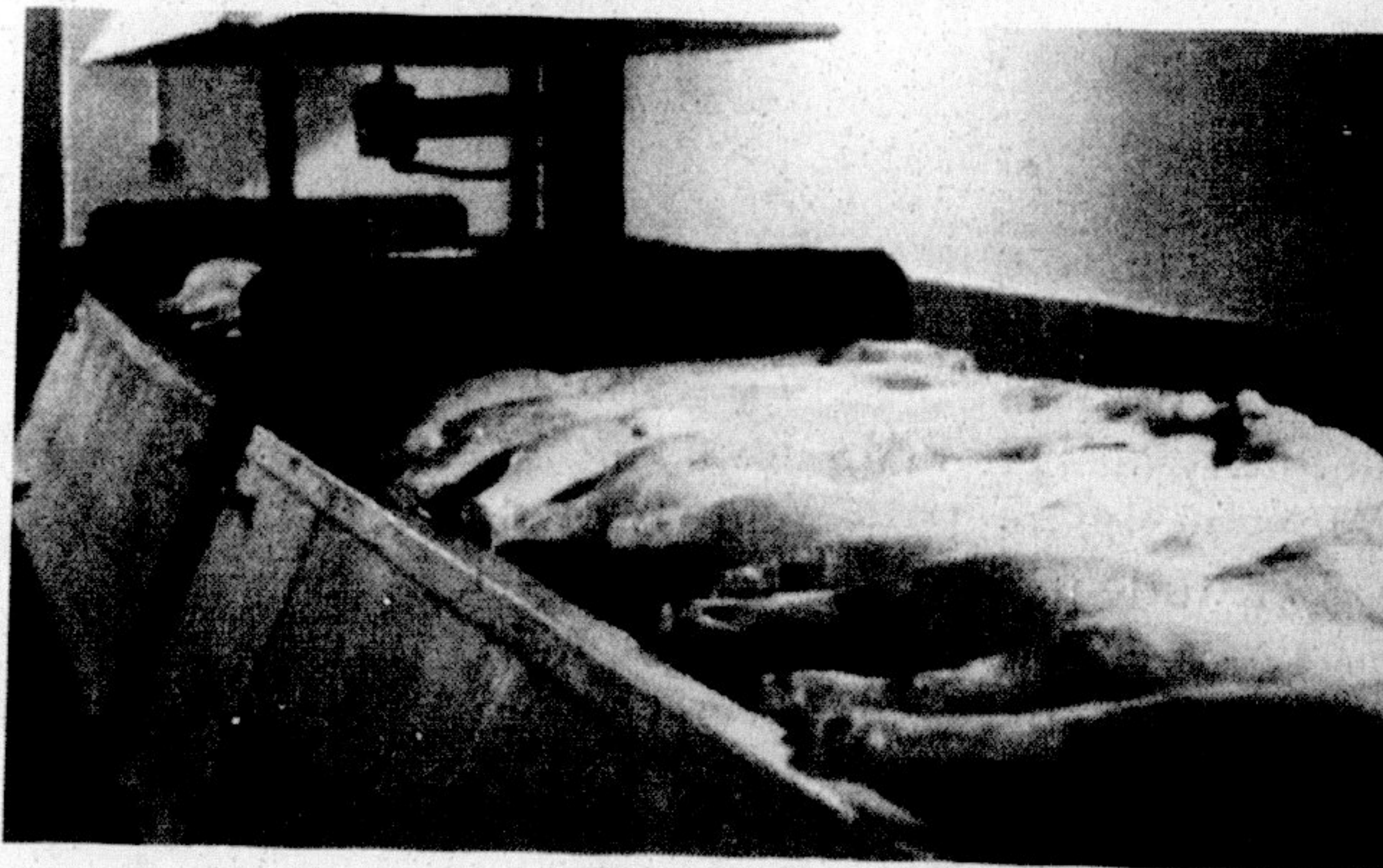
There are as many types of barbecue as there are smokers on campus. Just about any meat you can think of can be barbecued; chicken, beef, turkey, you name it. When you think of a North Carolina barbecue, it's always pork that comes to mind.

There are just as many different types of sauces and family recipes (that have been handed down by someone's pappy's pappy). Whether the sauce uses the peppers, or whether it's vinegar based or ketchup based, they all have one thing in common: the cooking time.

"The state will tell you that the sauce is the most important thing," said English professor Alex Albright, a self-proclaimed expert on the local barbecue scene. "They want you to believe that. But the cooking temperature, if kept basically constant, that is the more important."

The actual cooking of the meat, whether it be a whole pig or just its shoulder, takes at least 10 hours. Cooking time depends on how much meat you have; the standard North Carolina pulled pork barbecue uses hogs under 100 pounds and takes at least 15 hours to cook; so it's going to be an all day event.

First you dig a pit, not really deep but not too shallow either. Place the wood in the pit and set the wood on fire. If you're using charcoal briquets for a 100 pound hog you would need 60 pounds of briquets. Burn the wood until only coals remain.



Pigs. (photo by Kenny Smith)

Make sure the heat is evenly distributed so the hog is cooked throughout. Put the pig on a spit and rotate it over the heat. After the hog is finished cooking, you can peel the skin off and remove the meat from the carcass. That's the good stuff. Put it in the sauce and you're ready to go.

Of course there are countless barbecue places around so you can always find some good food; this is North Carolina after all. There's even one coming up in Greenville; the Purple and Gold Pigskin Pigout is just around the corner. But nothing will replace that old-fashioned pig-pickin'. Enjoy the barbecue.

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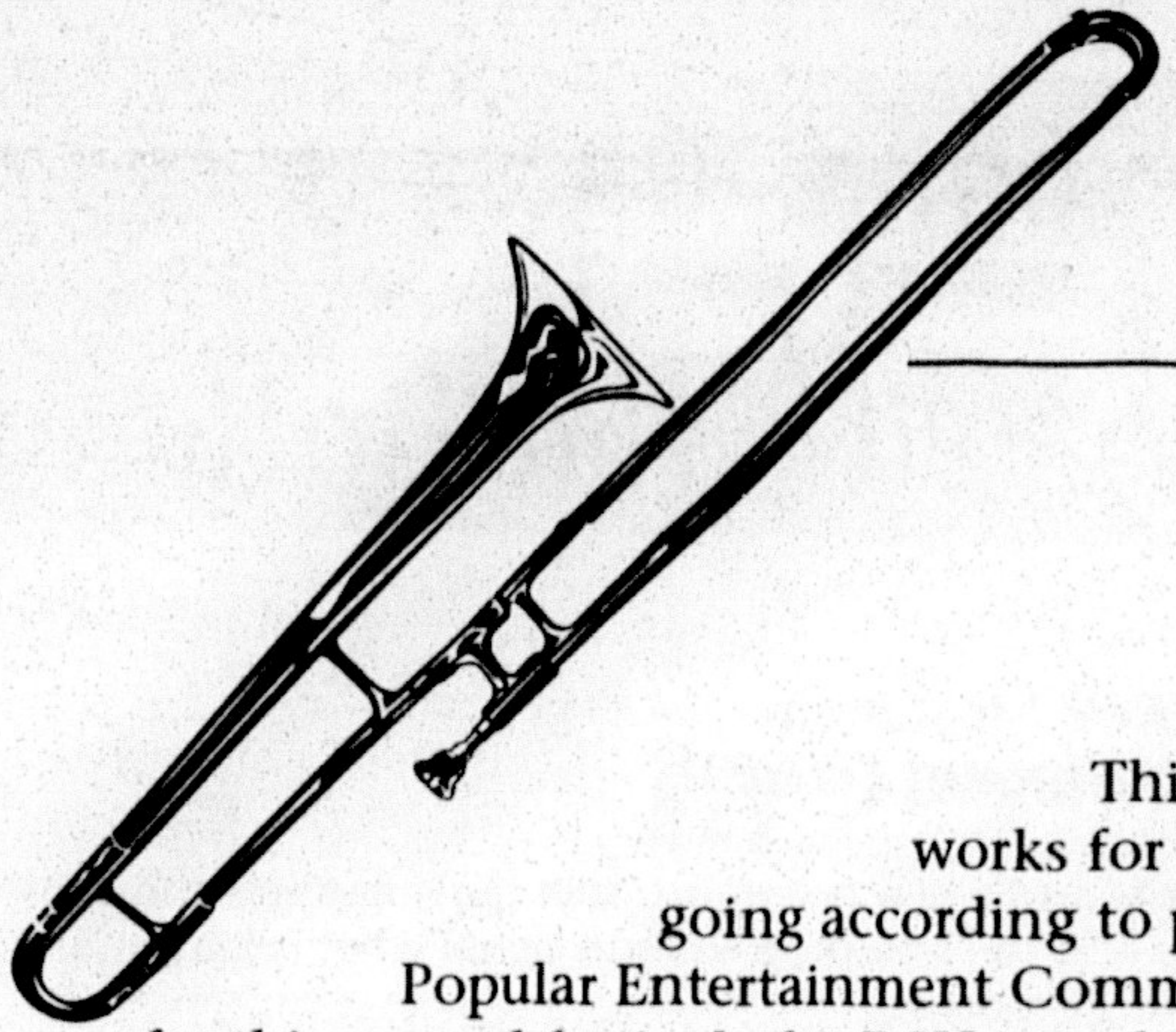
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FH Ace Reporter

This year's ECU Jazz Festival is in the works for late April, but not everything is going according to plan. Due to the Student Union Popular Entertainment Committee's decision to cut all funding for this annual festival, the ECU jazz department is foraging for money at the last minute and harboring some serious money management questions for the Student Union.

Patrick Edwards, chair of the committee, said the Student Union could no longer justify spending money on the Jazz Festival.

"We always lose money on it, more money than we can afford to lose," he said.

After losing about \$25,000 on Emerald City Jazz Festivals I and II over the past two years, high officials in the Student Union, including Stephen Gray, Patrick Edwards and J. Marshall, decided to drop Jazz Festival funding from this year's budget. The student-run Popular Entertainment Committee agreed with the decision even though budget sheets show that the losses had been decreasing over time.

year	tickets sold	total expenses	gross revenue	net subsidy
1998	2,411	\$38,785.82	\$16,798.00	\$21,987.82
1999	1,145	\$9,779.03	\$6,704.00	\$3,075.03

Gray cited a lack of student participation in the festivals as one reason for withdrawing financial support from the festival.

"The majority of patrons that went last year were not students," Gray said.

According to 1998's Emerald City Jazz Festival sales record, a total of 135 students paid to see performances by the internationally known Nicholas Payton and Spyro Gyro. By contrast, 355 students retained tickets to a free show featuring pianist Benny Goodman and the ECU Jazz Ensemble. That year, the Student Union spent over \$4,000 in advertising, and \$24,000 on artist and agent fees but still lost over \$20,000 on concerts that were largely attended by people who had received complimentary tickets as promotions.

"We thought that with names such as [Payton, Green and Spyro Gyro], we could bring in students," said Gray, who cited disappointing ticket sales for George Clinton as fresher proof that students simply won't pay to see big shows.

But Carroll Dashiell, Jr., director of jazz studies at ECU's School of Music, said he thinks the entire matter was handled inappropriately from the start. A lack of student attendance is only a symptom of what he sees as a greater problem in how the Student Union does business.

"We've had a jazz festival since I've been here, 11 years," said Dashiell. "We have funded festivals for as little as \$300."

1998's festival was the first to receive funding from the Student Union.

"This is the year that we spent an enormous amount of money, and I was against doing it," Dashiell said. "We spent money in situations where we didn't need to, particularly where artists are concerned."

Dashiell felt that he could have used his personal contacts to save the Student Union money when booking the performers, but he was not consulted. As if to prove the point, he has already saved \$4,000 in artist fees for this year's festival.

"They did give money in the beginning," said ECU's first jazz studies major,

Camille Youssef. "There wasn't enough thought put into what would work. They didn't consult [Dashiell] on what would work."

Dashiell also blames a lack of effective planning on the Student Union's part.

"We started planning for the Jazz Fest that year, with that enormous amount of money, in January," he said.

Mitch Butler, Dashiell's graduate assistant, criticized the Student Union's advertising scheme, which saturated ECU's campus with posters and ads while leaving other colleges and jazz fans as close as Raleigh uninformed.

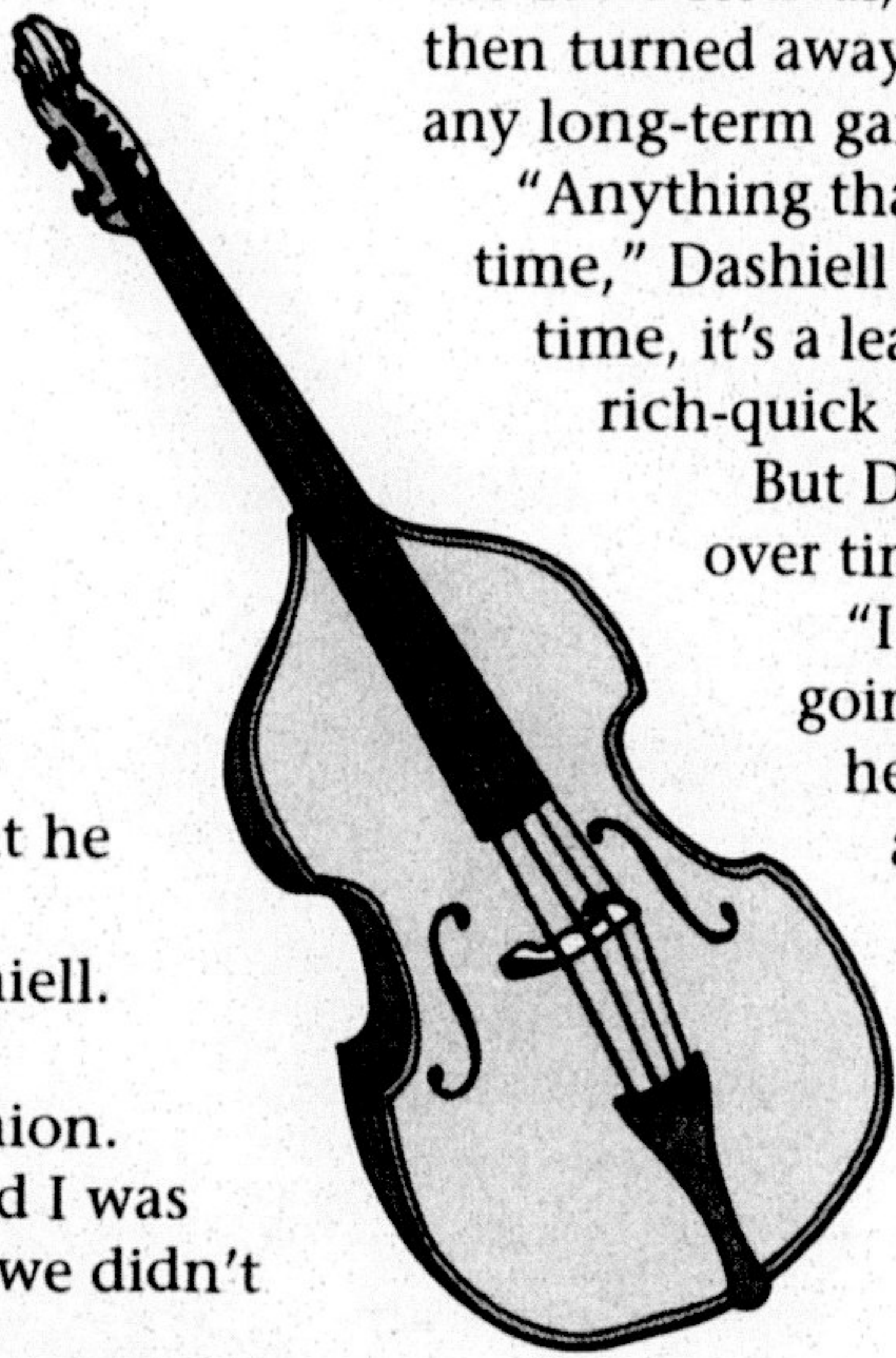
"If students aren't turning out for these events and your goal is to make money, you have to find another vehicle," Butler said. "In other words, advertise to the citizens of Greenville. I asked people up in the triangle area. I didn't see any advertising up there. If you can have a performing arts series and sell the house out all the time, how can you not produce a jazz festival with the likes of Spyro Gyro, Nicholas Payton and the Yellow Jackets, and still lose money?"

Butler and Dashiell said they feel abandoned by the Student Union, which first lavished \$38,000 on the 1998 festival, gave a reasonable \$9,000 in 1999, then turned away from the project completely before any long-term gains could be made.

"Anything that's new, you have to give it a little time," Dashiell said. "If you go overboard the first time, it's a learning experience. It's not a get-rich-quick fix."

But Dashiell's real beef with the Union is over time, not money.

"I was misled to believe that we were going to have funding all year long," he said. "When I called to inquire about the figure I had, I was informed that the student board did not allocate any money this year. That all happened in mid-February ... For me to be told in February was not the best way to handle it."



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CD profit to help flood victims



The photo on the cover of "The Hurricane Floyd Relief Project." (photo courtesy of WRAL)

Emily Little
Fountainhead Editor

MP3.com has joined in the relief effort for Hurricane Floyd victims. In conjunction with OnlineMusicWorld.com, it has produced a CD, aptly titled "The Hurricane Floyd Relief Project." Its proceeds will go to help victims of the flooding in eastern North Carolina.

The CD is a mixture of relatively unknown bands, a few of them from North Carolina, who were willing to forgo half of their royalties to help in the rebuilding effort. Some of the names include Dispatch, Beston, Armadillo Man and Psycho Pomp. The CD is available only through MP3.com for \$8 each plus shipping.

The idea came from OnlineMusicWorld.com, a Web site based in Durham, N.C. that serves as a source of information for those interested in producing or listening to online music. It lists Web sites with legal MP3 databases, reviews of music-related sites and commentaries on the state of online music. The site officially launched this month.

The CD is a combination of songs from different genres, appealing to many different audiences. It contains some hip-hop tunes, a soft ballad, poppy rock songs and a little bit of country. All of these are decent songs within their respective genres, but their combined presence makes the CD less likely to sell to the standard music lover who prefers one type to another.

However, the project wasn't designed with that in mind. It is more like a sampler of work that has potential in the music industry, and has had a certain level of success in the MP3 world. The upswing is that there's a song on this CD for every occasion.

Of course the most significant thing about this product is that its proceeds will help the victims of Hurricane Floyd. For anyone who never had a chance to do something to help the community during the crisis, here is a late opportunity to give a little, and get a taste of some good new artists in the process.

For more information on "The Hurricane Floyd Relief Project," or to purchase a copy, visit MP3.com or OnlineMusicWorld.com.

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The sun will come out... and so will the bathers

Patrick McMahon
Entertainment Editor

Spring marks the beginning of a new year and a new beginning after the dreariness and depression of winter. The sun's glorious brightness and the returning warmth signal what is long awaited by many a college student, namely sunbathing students.

The guys are around campus in board shorts and big muscles playing volleyball and frisbee golf and they play almost every day behind Scott Hall, and the girls are stretched out on their blankets and towels basking in the sun.

Students seem to like the open grassy area downtown behind the old amphitheater and often



Melanie Lovin and Whitney Jones take advantage of the sun. (photo by Kenny Smith)

congregate there. Activities range from the ever-present flying frisbee to the rare baseball tossing, while women enjoying baking themselves in those ever-popular UV rays.

Other popular areas around campus are the open areas behind the art building and the sand volleyball pit behind Scott Hall. Belk Hall women seem to prefer the sorry excuse for a courtyard they possess while others take the open-air route and come together at the bottom of College Hill.

Sunbathing is not just for the residence hall dwellers. On any particular day you can find people at the Tar River-polluted Town Commons off 1st Street. Personally, after seeing the wrath of hog-poop infested water flood the area after that ass named Floyd came through, I wouldn't walk on that grass with boots on, let alone barefooted. To each their own, I guess.

Georgetown Apartment residents have the best spot in town. They have the benefit of living right downtown and having an unobstructed angle of the sun. The sloping hill that leads to the street is usually dotted with the bikini-clad ladies that we have come to know and love.

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Now it's Dashiell's responsibility to fund and plan the festival in a month and a half.

According to Butler, annual performances at the University of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina-Wilmington festivals have been canceled so that the jazz ensemble can perform at other venues to raise money for the ECU festival.

"We're doing some school concerts for young kids, playing for colleges," Butler said. "Playing is good, and a lot of the younger members of the band are playing more than I used to ... It's good for camaraderie."

Although this year's festival budget is hand-to-mouth, Dashiell is optimistic that the jazz studies department will make good on all promises, like it always has.

"We have had all of our contracts signed, and all of our artists have shown up," he said.

Not a bad track record for a man who cares more for Basie than business.

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CD's, Records and Tapes

UPCOMING ALBUM RELEASES

APRIL 11: DA BRAT, PAT MCGEE BAND, MOE, NO DOUBT, RZA, SLEATER KINNEY

APRIL 18: BUILT TO SPILL, GROOVIE GHOULIES, GUS GUS, KISS, MAKERS, NIGHTMARES ON WAX, ELLIOTT SMITH

APRIL 25: BIG TYMERS, IAN BROWN, JENNYANYKIND, MYA, NEIL YOUNG

MAY 2: CYPRESS HILL, MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES, WEEN

MAY 9: BEENIE MAN, JEFF BUCKLEY, CALEXICO, NICK CAVE, HANSON, JAYHAWKS, KILLAH PRIEST, LOOPER

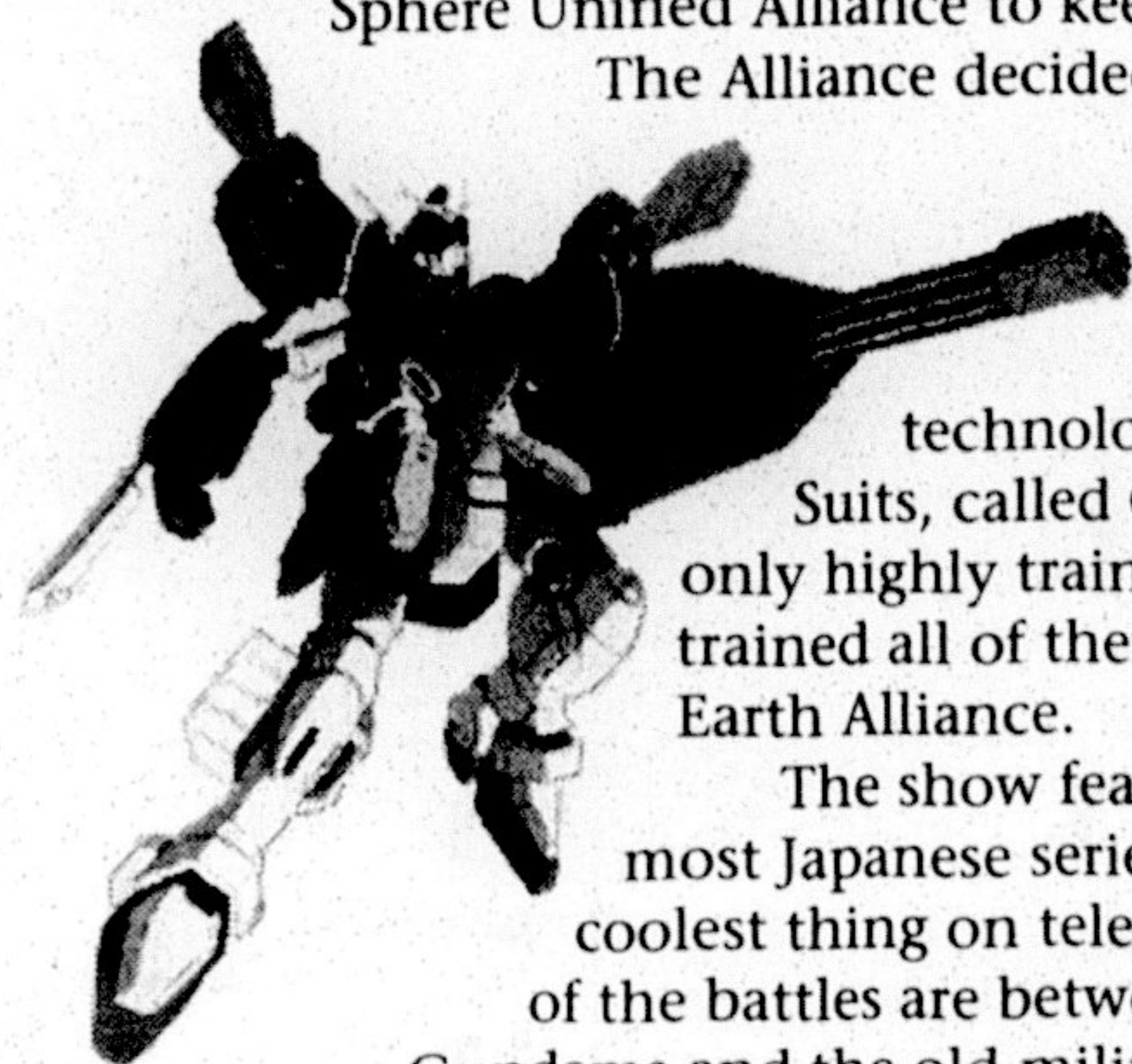
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Old anime for a new audience

Lawrence Armstrong
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"Gundam Wing" first airing about two or three weeks ago on Cartoon Network. Finally, a Gundam series is available here in the States. The "Gundam Wing" series aired on Japanese television about five years ago, but most viewers probably won't know they are getting something that old. And it was definitely worth the wait if they do know.

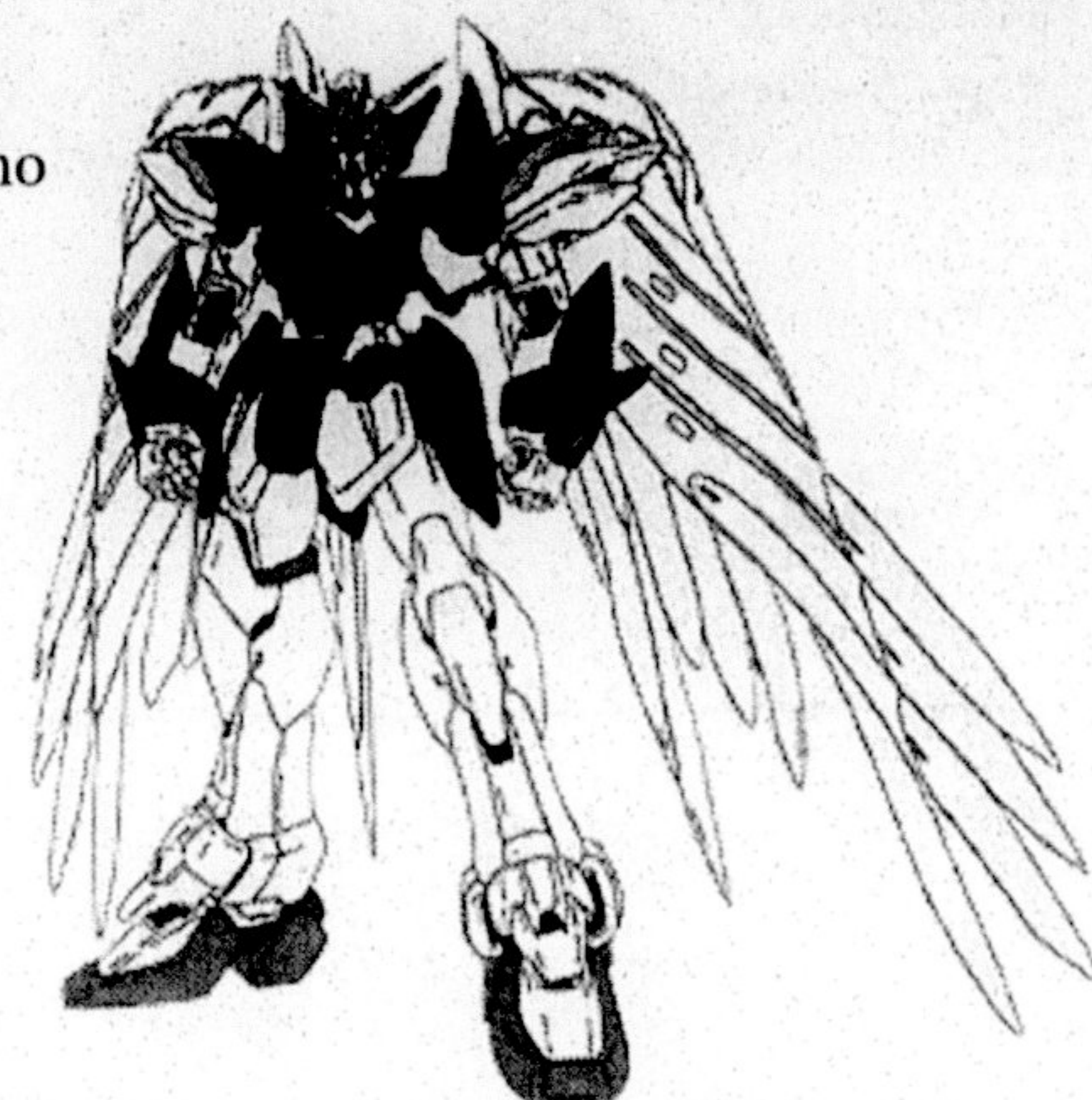
For those not familiar with the Gundam storyline, here are the basics: Gundam is set in the future after space has been colonized. Earth's government established an Earth Sphere Unified Alliance to keep the peace on Earth and in the space colonies.



The Alliance decided to take control of all the outlying space colonies by attacking them with huge robot fighting machines called Mobile Suits. The colonies, however, didn't take this lightly. With the help of the scientists that developed Mobile Suit technology, the colonies created five new super Mobile Suits, called Gundams. Due to their advanced technology, only highly trained pilots can control them; five children have trained all of their lives to prepare themselves for attacking the Earth Alliance.

The show features the usual high quality animation for which most Japanese series are known. The Gundam robots are the coolest thing on television except for Beast Wars Transformers. Most of the battles are between these shiny, white and blue advanced Gundams and the old military drab, green Earth army Mobile suits, with the Gundams cutting a swath of destruction in every direction and winning. One of the most shocking scenes was when the Gundams were in a hostage-type situation and were

forced to surrender. One of the pilots, who was probably in his early to mid-teens, decided, instead, to pull the plug on his self destruct, crumbling his Gundam in a huge explosion. Then it showed him flying away from the explosion and hitting the ground, dead.



It's a little heavy for a "cartoon," but most Japanese animation is. "Gundam Wing" is the newest addition to the Toonami line-up, which comes on from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. on Cartoon Network Monday through Friday, making all four Toonami shows Japanese animation. With its awesome, Transformer-looking Gundams and attention to story, character, and quality, it is the best of the bunch.

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CLASSIC
"Joni Mitchell," Joni Mitchell

Returning with another wistful disc full of heartfelt songs is the history-defying Joni Mitchell. She returns with a disc that is sure to delight many of her hardcore fans, but completely dumbfound today's music audience. Ranging from the breezy ballad to the uh, windy ballad, this disc is chock-full of what you would expect from Joni with no real surprises. I usually like the heavier stuff, so as you can imagine Joni was a real ball-breaker to listen to the entire way through. Nice music but just not for me.



METAL
"Spit," Kittie

Ah, this is more like it. Breaking out with their first disc of pure aggression, these four teenage girls kick more ass than the LAPD. They bust right out of the gate with the title track which gets the blood flowing in regions that normally aren't used as often as you would like. No, I'm not talking about there, I'm talking about your brain, stupid. Lyrically challenging and strong, they break out of the 'we're girls so we can't rock' mold that Courtney Love and that Imbruglia chick have

dug for themselves. "Brackish" is the true standout with an unreal chorus and hardcore guitar. A definite winner.



SPOKEN WORD
"long story short," Sekou Sundiata

Believe it or not, I am a big spoken word fan, so when this disc dropped on my desk, I was setting myself up to be disappointed. Luckily, however, I was pleasantly surprised. Mixing African rhythms with reggae and damn fine poetry, Sundiata blends many genres of music with his marvelous poetry to create a sound that is truly music to the ears. Each piece follows into the next, creating a sense of completion to the album that is rarely found in spoken word. A pleasant surprise.



RAP
"The Opposite of H2O," Drag On

Personally, I hated this disk, but over Spring Break I had the opportunity to see Drag On perform live and changed my mind somewhat. Always with that famous Ruff Ryder flare, Drag On emphasizes what needs to be emphasized, but sometimes gets caught up in the rap trap of having tighter beats than lyrics. Borrow the disc or check out some of the songs on Napster before buying to make sure this is what you really want. An average effort that could have been tightened in the studio with a little more work.



Patrick's selections for must have music of the week:

- "13 Songs," Fugazi
- "Super Hits," Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson
- "Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars," Killa Army
- "I Testament," Capleton
- Bob Marley box set
- "Sublime," Sublime
- "Gift of Game," Crazy Town
- "Royal Highness," Kottonmouth Kings

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THINGS TO DO IN GREENVILLE

(WHEN YOU'RE STUCK)

THE PERCOLATOR

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This one is for all those lazy people sitting around with nothing to do but who want desperately to get out of the house. My original plan of going canoeing this week fell through, so in my continuing effort to make your lives better I had to come up with some way to have fun at the last minute. Enter The Percolator, the perfect place to hop off to when you just want to get out of the house.

In case you've never been to 'The Perk' (first of all you should really get out more), it's located downtown across from that great public parking lot where you park every time you go to CD Alley or Cubbies. They have shows there on random nights—poetry readings and acoustic shows, the standard hippie stuff. They rotate the art on the walls to reflect the latest pieces by local students, the tables and chairs are old and rickety, and until the recently imposed "no smoking" rules, the place was one big cloud of nicotine. In other words, it's your basic coffee house.



My friend Emily and I (yes, smarty pants, we have the same name) met there the other night for a little chill time and some coffee. Actually, neither of us drank coffee because she had no money and, even though I think it may smell good, that stuff is the most repulsive liquid you could ever force on your taste buds.

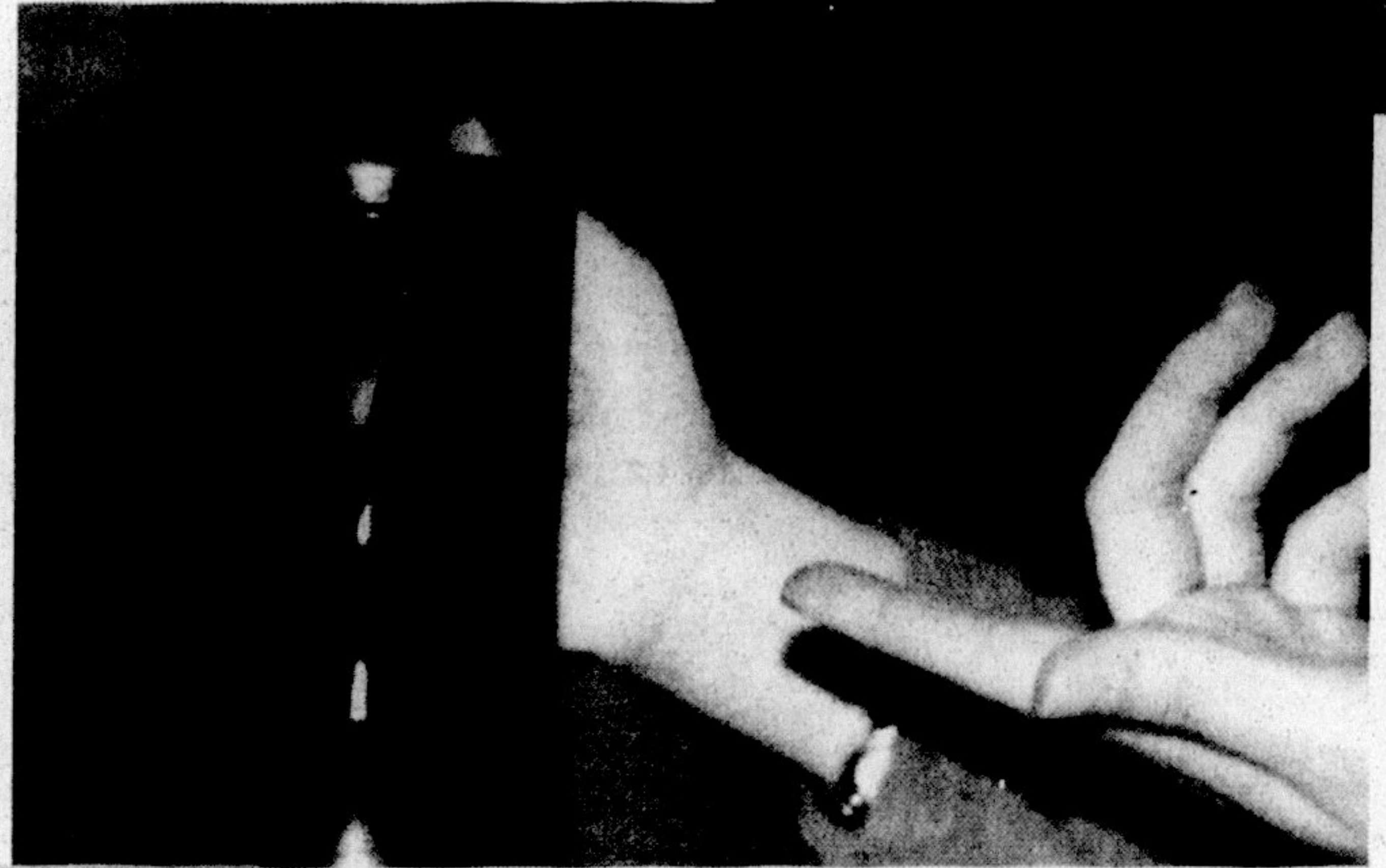
("What!" you scream, downing your third cup this hour as you jump up and down on your desk with shaky hands and bulging eyes, raving like a lunatic at me for not liking coffee.)

Instead, I ordered a hot chocolate with a shot of caramel and whipped cream—a drink they call the "Holy Brown Cow" at Cup A Joe in Raleigh (where, incidentally, it costs 40¢ less). That's how I found out they now make caramel flavored whipped cream. Who knew?

Anyway, I discovered to my great pleasure that The Percolator has vastly improved its ability to fix this drink since the last time I went there. I drank it all the way down while the other Emily nursed her water bottle and asked me about last week's episode of "Friends."

The funny thing was how the employees saw us taking pictures and kept looking at us like we might suddenly come out of our skin and zap them all with

our Byglor 37 ray guns, but they never actually confronted us with the issue. I guess they've seen so many weirdoes come and go through that place, they just figured we had some warped motivation to



(top) Finally we can breathe, thanks to this little sign.

(middle) This hot chocolate, a.k.a. the Holy Brown Cow, is my beverage of choice. But you can't see it because most of it is in my belly.

(bottom) Emily and Emily, deep in conversation about Ross and Rachel.

record our coffee shop experience for posterity. And that reminds me: There are a lot of weirdoes there. I mean really weird. I mean walking over to your table and asking you if you'll still be the minister of defense in their

presidential cabinet after you're married kind of weird.

Interspersed with all those odd human beings are philosophers, observers and people doing homework. The best part of those people: They can't smoke inside anymore. They all huddle outside in a sad little mass, sharing their cigarette war stories. (Before you go off on how unfair it is that I hate smokers, let's get something straight. I hate smokers.)

The other Emily went outside with them for a little while to stand in the rain and pollute her lungs. I stayed inside and drank my brown cow and waited for the girl two tables over to give me the evil eye for talking while she was doing her homework. I wasn't talking to myself, mind you (I only do that when no one else is around). I mean she was mad at me for talking earlier, even though we were not in the library.

They take Visa and Mastercard too. So you can read my column in the provided TECs, you can drink your nasty coffee, you can chill out and listen to the music and talk about politics or what happened on "Friends" last week. Because at the Percolator, they take it with sugar, but they don't take American Express.

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A shortage of ladies plagued the "Musical Ladies," but all was not lost.

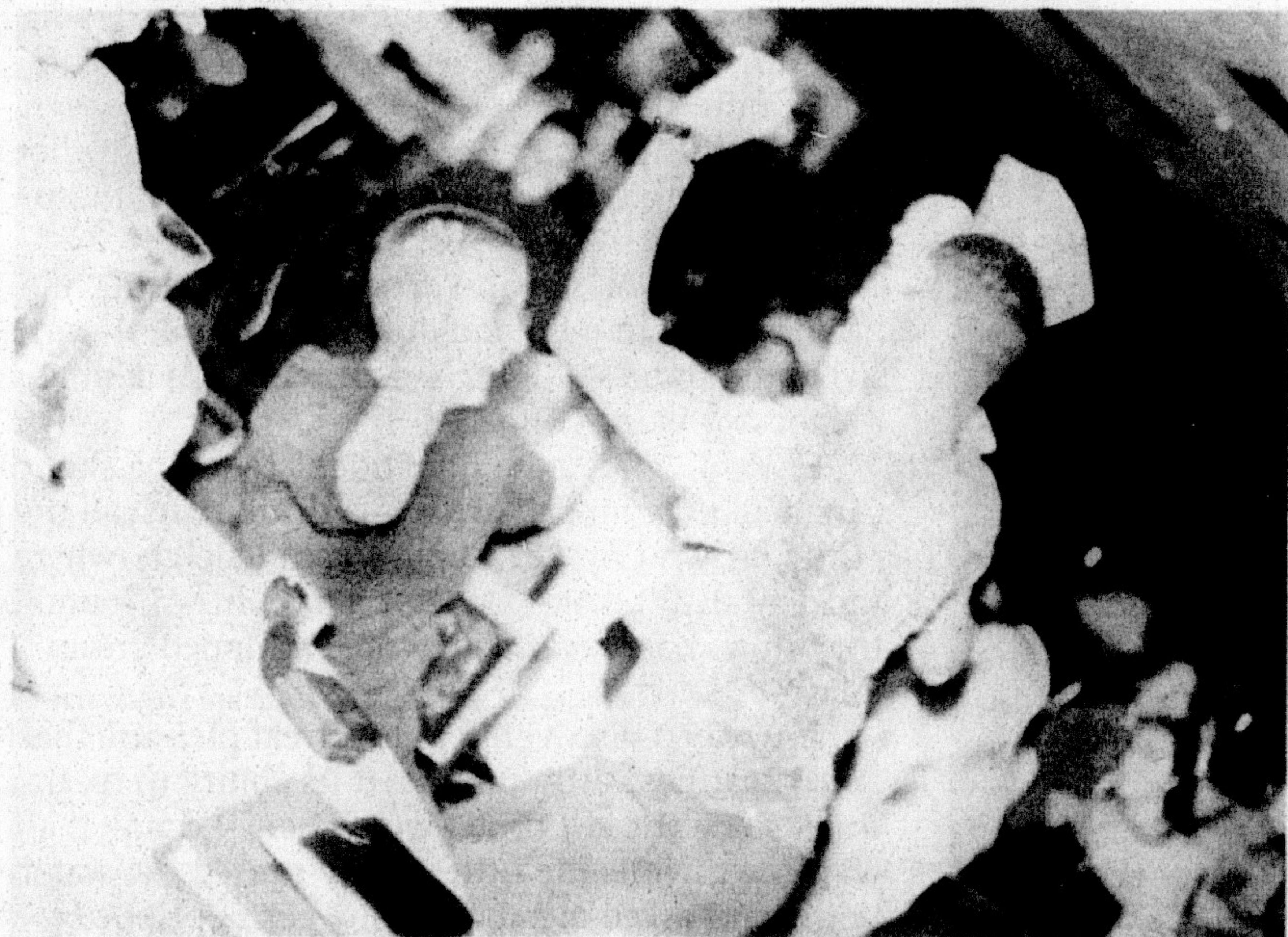


The "Musical Ladies" did some singing. Then some dancing. And then they sang some more. Mmmm, they certainly are musical!

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As this guy watches a performance by the "Musical Ladies," he realizes he left his roommate locked in the bathroom.



This person was under attack by an agitated "Musical Lady".