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Flood recovery effort

GIFT (Greenville Interfaith Fellowship Team) and the United Methodist Recovery Team are seeking volunteers to help with half day and full day re-building projects. Put a team together or just bring yourself and help finish the restoration of a flood-damaged home.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed. Meet at the Old Nichols Building at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 to receive your assignments. Projects range from installing storm doors or windows, painting, clean up, building an access ramp. Call Marcy Romary at 355-1082 by Oct. 11 to sign up.

Library friends

The Friends of Joyner Library annual banquet will begin with a reception at the home of Chancellor Eakin from 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. tonight. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Room of Mendenhall Student Center. Dorothy Spruill Redford, author of "Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage," will be the guest speaker. The deadline for tickets was Sept. 25. Contact Cari Lovins at 328-4090 for more information.

Playhouse

"Gypsy," one of Broadway's most popular musicals, opens at 8 p.m. tonight in McGinnis Theatre. The show is based on the memoirs of the legendary stripper Gypsy Rose Lee and runs through Oct. 10 with nightly performances at 8 p.m. except for a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Public tickets are \$13-\$15 and are available at the McGinnis Theatre Box Office and by calling 328-6829.

Maritime history

The annual conference of the North Carolina Maritime History Council opens at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 6 in Mendenhall Student Center. The program includes presentations about 18th and 19th century ships and sailors. At 11:30 a.m., William Dudley will discuss the recovery of the submarine CSS H.L. Hunley that sank near Charleston during the Civil War. The afternoon program starts at 2 p.m. at the Estuarium in Washington, N.C. The conference charges a registration fee. Contact Paul Fontenoy of the NC Maritime Museum in Beaufort at 728-7317.

Art exhibit

Faculty artists from each of the 16 UNC campuses will exhibit examples from their work in sculpture Friday, Oct. 6 at ECU's Gray Gallery (Jenkins Fine Arts Center) through Oct. 25. A lecture by artist Bruce Beasley and a reception for the opening of the "Sculpture 2000" exhibition beginning at 5 p.m. in the gallery.

ONLINE SURVEY

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Teacher shortage on the rise in N.C.

School of Education offers students alternative certification

Nancy Kuck
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The recent shortage of teachers in North Carolina has led the state's school systems to hire students who, through accelerated lateral entry programs, have earned college degrees but do not have teaching licenses.

"We have a great need for teachers here in North Carolina," said Dr. Parmalee Hawk, director of teacher education. "ECU has a variety of accelerated programs that help students with a degree to acquire licensure to teach."

ECU's accelerated programs include Project ACT, a year-long program that includes a five-week summer session followed by monthly seminars; N.C. Teach, a program that models Project ACT; and MAT, a program that offers a master of arts in teaching and enables students to take courses to gain competency in teaching.

"Even with my education classes, my experience in student teaching is still challenging," said Ragan Taylor, a senior in middle grades education. "I can only imagine how challenging it must be for other people without the proper education classes."

More than 12 percent of all newly hired teachers enter United States classrooms without any training, according to the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. Teachers without the proper training are more likely to leave creating a revolving door, even in the worst performing school.

"I see the need for an alternative certification because we need the teachers," said Leigh Corbin, first year teacher in middle grades history education.

Corbin graduated from ECU in May with a degree in exercise sports science. This degree allows her to teach physical education. She is currently assigned at Greene County Middle School as a history education teacher. Although she has a license to teach physical education, she is required to take courses to get an add-on license enabling her to teach history.

To help pay for the courses, the N.C. Model Teacher Education Consortium allocates up to \$500 a course and six credits a year until a teacher finishes his or her degree. This is in accordance with the school that an individual teaches in, and one must continue courses to be rehired each year at the school.

"It is disheartening and frustrating to know that you went through all the hoops and holes to get a degree in education and [that] you are making as much as someone else who has just taken a few classes and never went the whole nine yards," Corbin said. "The one good thing I have to say is at least that person is trying and has been to college and got a degree in something."

According to the 1998 statistics from the National Center for Education, the student to teacher ratio in



Ragan Taylor, senior in middle grades education, is currently an intern with Green County Middle School. This semester she is teaching language arts. (photo by Nancy Kuck)

the United States is 15:8. This means that the total student population of 1,254,821 is relative to the total teaching population of 79,351. The demand for smaller classes means a number of districts will have to expand their staff beyond their current numbers.

"I have not filled an application nor sent out a resume yet and I have already gotten two job opportunities within the state, which means that there is a huge need for teachers," Taylor said.

The department of education predicts that the nation will need more than 1 million new teachers by 2010, nearly half the current 2.6 million teachers in elementary and secondary schools.

For more information on acquiring a certificate to teach through lateral entry, please contact the Office of Teacher Education at 328-6272.

This writer can be contacted at news@tec.ecu.edu.

Universities urged to increase meningitis awareness

Freshmen, residence hall students at-risk

Laura Benedict
HEAD COPY EDITOR

Recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) have spurred university health officials around the country to educate students about meningitis and the vaccine that can help prevent campus outbreaks.

Meningitis is a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection that affects the human tissue surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

There are many different types of meningitis.

Two of the most common are viral and bacterial meningitis. Viral usually is not life-threatening, occurs in late summer

and early fall and cannot be treated with antibiotics. Bacterial is rarer and can cause permanent damage or fatality. It can also occur throughout the year and requires immediate treatment with antibiotics.

"Generally, bacterial meningitis is a much more serious illness ... it has a very rapid onset and can result in death within 12-24 hours," said Dr. Paul Cook, a professor at the ECU School of Medicine's Division of Infectious Disease.

According to the American College Health Association (ACHA), college students as a group are more at risk for contract-



Student Health Services now offers meningitis vaccinations for a fee of \$65. (photo by Matt Vick)

ing meningococcal (bacterial) meningitis over any other group of individuals.

"Persons living within close contact with carriers are at a greater risk," Cook said. "Persons in close quarters includes people such as [those in] boot

camp who are routinely immunized and college freshmen in dormitories."

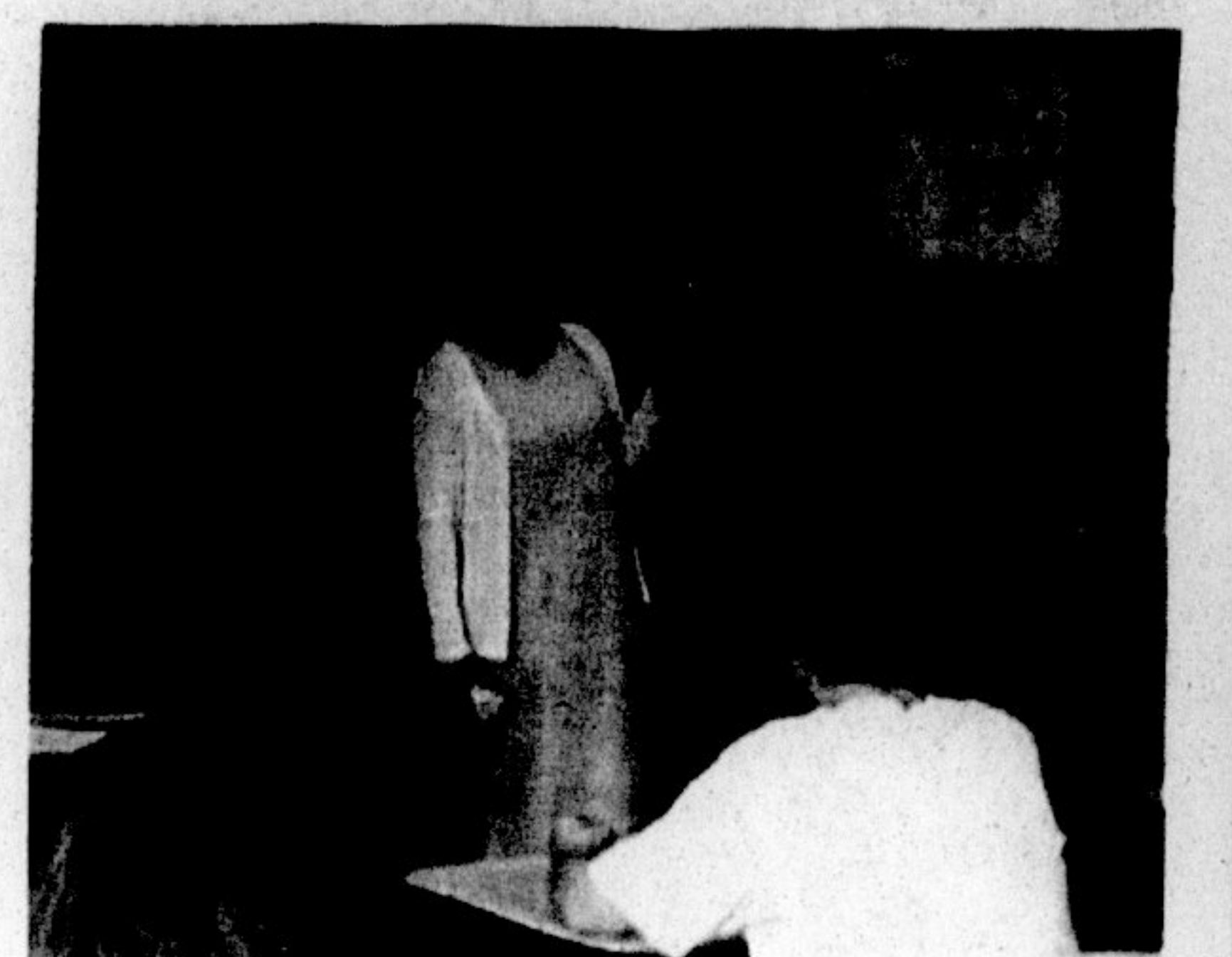
Meningococcal bacteria is spread through air droplets and through direct contact with a person who is a carrier of the disease. Direct contact includes sharing a cigarette or drinking glass, or through intimate contact such as kissing.

Symptoms for the bacterial meningitis can occur in anyone over the age of two. These symptoms include a high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting and lethargy, and may resemble the flu. They may develop over several hours, or take one to two days.

Anyone who experiences these symptoms is urged to see a doctor immediately.

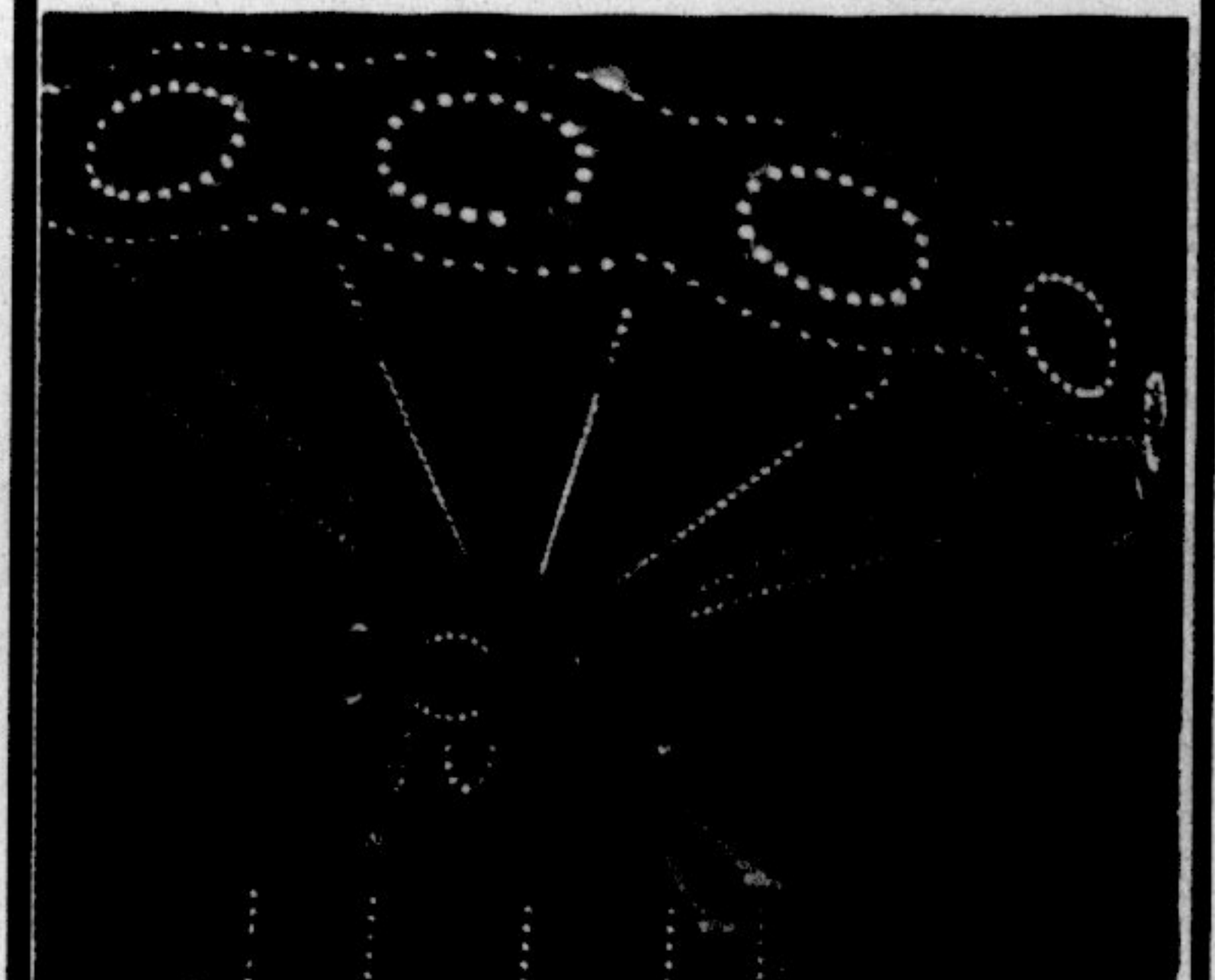
During the 1990s, the number of outbreaks of

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Here, Taylor's eighth grade class listens to her lecture. (photo by Nancy Kuck)

Fair Weather



The 81st Annual Pitt County Fair is expected to attract about 85,000 people this year. The fair offers 35 midway rides, 65 concessions and an elephant walk. Last year's fair was postponed due to the effects of Hurricane Floyd. ECU and PCC students who show their college ID will be admitted at a discount price. (photo by Desiree Lansford)

See Section 2 for more details.

SGA Notes

Yesterday's SGA Legislature Conference, with its theme of "Representing you the Student," was a huge success!

Almost every member of the SGA Legislature was in attendance, including the SGA Executive Council and leaders of the judicial branch. Dr. James Smith, executive assistant to the chancellor, spoke on behalf of Chancellor Richard Eakin and the ECU administration.

"We must keep sight of the common good ... and find a way to influence change," Fakin said.

"SGA is dedicated to improving academic, social and cultural environments ... each student must be engaged ... it is up to you [the legislator] to get other students involved," said Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for Student Life.

Manny Amaro, associate vice chancellor for Student Experiences, gave the legislature six

challenges for this year. The most noted of these is that there was going to be a change in the administration of ECU, and therefore the legislature should make decisions to show that it is a viable group and should be respected.



Michael C. Aho
SGA CHIEF OF STAFF

Frank Salamon, associate vice chancellor for Student Services, noted that there are only three letters in 'you,' but here at ECU, he sees 18,000 letters in the word. Both Manny and Frank agreed that students should remain students first, have fun and then legislate.

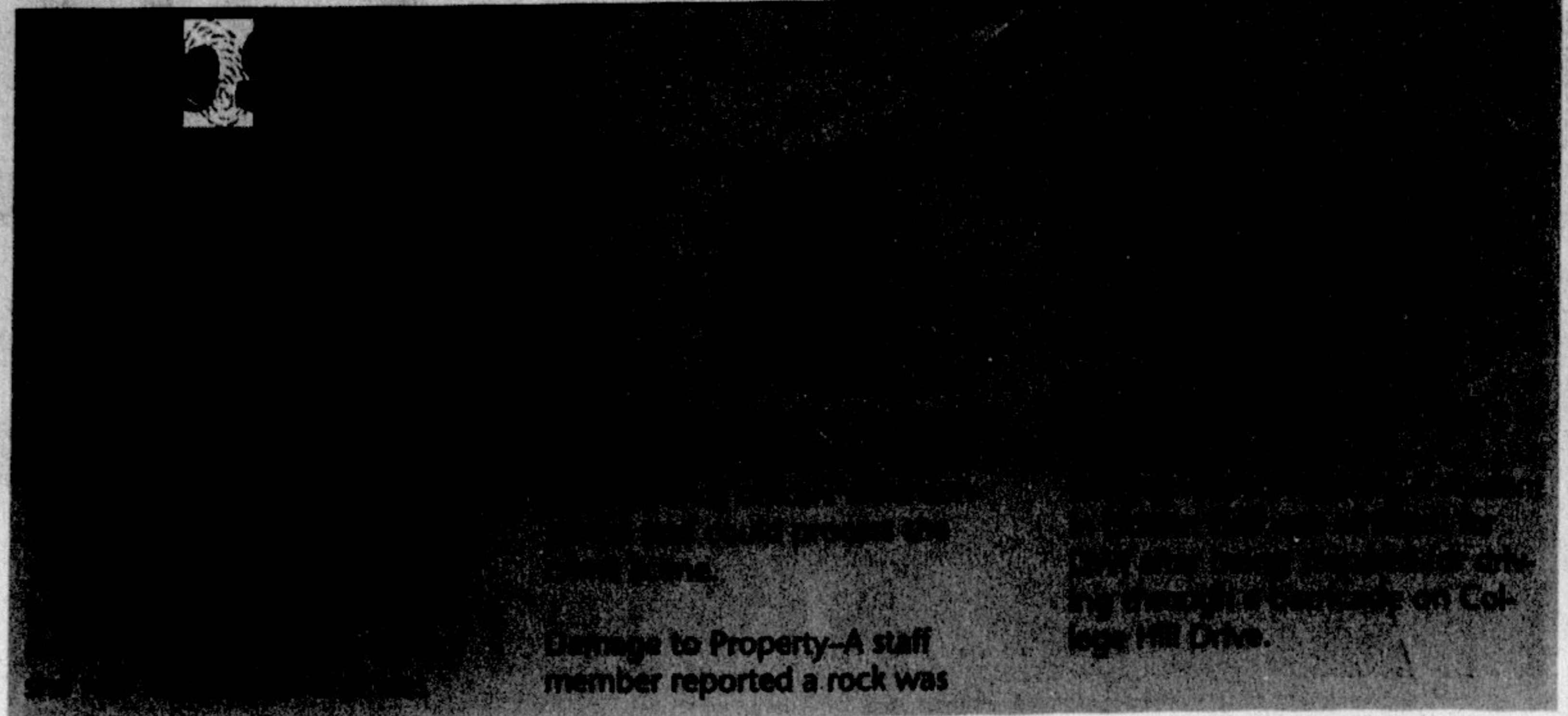
Dr. Phebe Kerr, associate vice chancellor for Student Success, spoke about her new position at ECU and the departmental changes

within the former Dean of Students office. Her point is that legislators should be ethical and responsible with their power.

Mary Lou Antieau, director of Student Conflict Resolution/honor Board adviser; Robert Nicks, attorney general; and Don Leffew II, advocate for the accused student, taught the legislature the ECU judicial process, as it is unique for a university atmosphere.

Thanks to all of the above individuals for their help and especially to Laura Sweet, assistant vice chancellor for Student Success/Greek Life, for her informative training session on parliamentary procedure.

Congratulations to Scott Respass who was elected to serve a second term as Speaker of the House. The next legislature meeting is at 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 in Room 221 of Mendenhall Student Center.



Across Other Campuses

Drunk students steamroll into campus

MACOMB, IL(TMS)—Two Western Illinois University students and a visiting friend were recently

arrested after they allegedly stole a steamroller and caused damage to area around their residence hall.

The students, Jason Dion, and Cory Lehman, both 19, along with Jesse Medel, 20, of St. Charles, Ill., were arrested and charged Sept. 17 with criminal damage to government property and illegal

consumption of alcohol by minors. The three were each given a \$1,000 bail by a judge. After a night of drinking the trio allegedly took the steamroller from a nearby construction site and drove over a tree and damaged the concrete drive around their residence hall.

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Robert Fitzgerald, director of WIU's Office of Public Safety. Though the charge of damage to government property is a felony, because WIU is a state-supported school, the charges were dropped to misdemeanors, according to the Western Courier.

It is not known if the construction company that owns the steamroller will press charges. Neither Dion or Lehman would comment on the incident.

Clinton touts drop in student loan default rate

WASHINGTON(U-WIRE)—Somewhere between Psychology 101 and a college degree, students are becoming more financially responsible. The national default rate on student loans is at an all-time low of 6.9 percent, President Bill Clinton announced Monday.

Students defaulted about 22.4 percent of student loans in 1992. University of Missouri senior Robin Levy graduates in December and said that she plans on paying her loans back before they are due.

"I'm not planning on defaulting," Levy said. "In the financial

aid exit session they sat us down and said, 'In nine months you'll owe this much for five years.' I was thinking, 'OK, that's not a problem.'" Levy said she thinks the decrease in defaults is because of a high rate of consumer

"Everybody is getting jobs right out of school," Levy said. "They have the cash to pay their loans back. The drop might look good on paper, however about one-half of the 1.9 percentage-point decrease from last year is due to a wording change. A 1998 law was implemented that raised the default standard from 180 days to 270 days without payment.

"The trick was how to figure out how to get more people to go to college and do a better job of collecting on the student loans," Clinton said at a press conference with Education Secretary Richard Riley. "And get people to be more responsible in discharging their student loans."

The 6.9 percent default rate includes statistics on students who began repaying their loans during fiscal year 1998 and defaulted before the end of fiscal year 1999.

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meningitis at colleges and universities in the United States has risen.

Some states now require the vaccination for meningitis for all freshmen entering colleges and universities. Maryland colleges and universities must now comply with this law after observing one student die at Towson State University every year for at least the last three years. In addition to the deaths, other students have shown signs of infection.

Officials at the Student Health Center (SHC) at ECU could not give an exact date for the last student to be treated for meningococcal bacteria when asked.

"I am aware of one case treated by Student Health within the last 10 years," said Ester Langley, a staff nurse at SHC.

One staff member at SHC who wished to remain anonymous said that the [meningococcal bacteria] case involved a freshman football player. Another SHC staff member,

who was a student at the time, recalls hearing about an ECU football player who was infected with meningococcal over three years ago.

At this point in time ECU, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, whose last case of meningitis was treated by the campus health center in March of 1998, do not require the meningitis vaccination for new students.

"There are no recorded cases of meningitis on campus in the last 16 years," said Jerry Barker, director of the student health center at NC State.

Barker said that the NCSU student health center is promoting education and vaccinations for the flu and meningitis by sending letters to the parents of students. The university contracted company, Vaccex, will be on campus to conduct immunizations on Oct. 31.

ECU's SHC provides vaccination for meningococcal disease upon request. According to Cook, students should remember that, as with any vaccine, vaccination against meningitis may not protect 100 percent of all susceptible individuals.

"It's a safe vaccine ... it covers most common strains," Cook said.

The vaccine can protect for several years but is not a life-long immunization.

An appointment must be made to speak with a health care provider about the vaccination and other information. A second appointment is then set for one to two weeks later; this allows time for the vaccine to be shipped to SHC. The vaccine will be administered during the second visit. Anyone interested in receiving the meningococcal vaccination or information should contact SHC at 328-6317.

This writer can be contacted at copyed@tec.ecu.edu.

Early Symptoms of Meningitis

- High fever
- Rash
- Vomiting
- Severe headache
- Neck stiffness
- Lethargy
- Nausea
- Sensitivity to light

How is Meningitis Transmitted?

•Meningococcal bacteria is transmitted through air droplets and direct contact with persons already infected with the disease.

•Direct contact also occurs with shared items, such as cigarettes or drinking glasses, or through intimate contact such as kissing.

Meningitis Affects the Brain and Spinal Cord

It causes the membrane around these to get inflamed.

Meningitis can result in:

- Brain damage
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- Death

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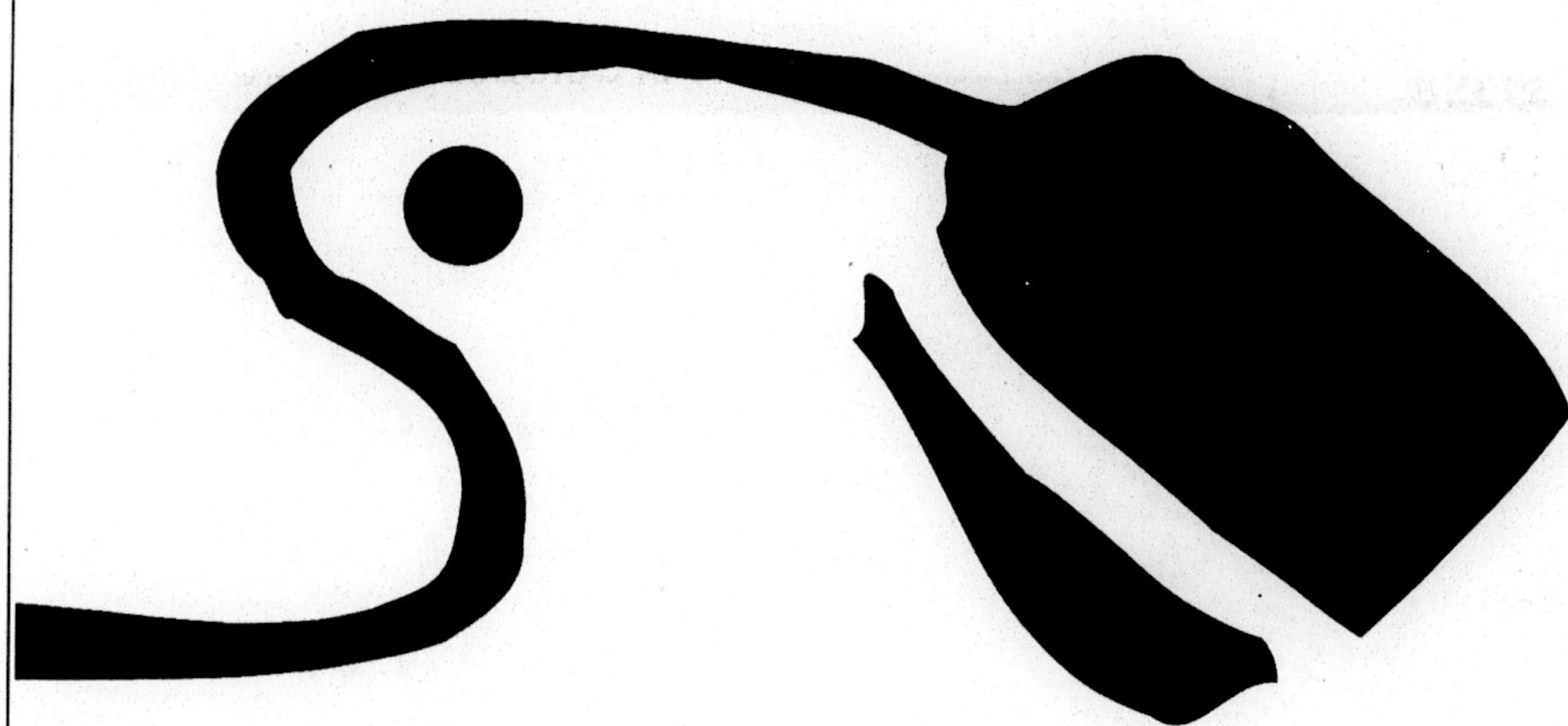
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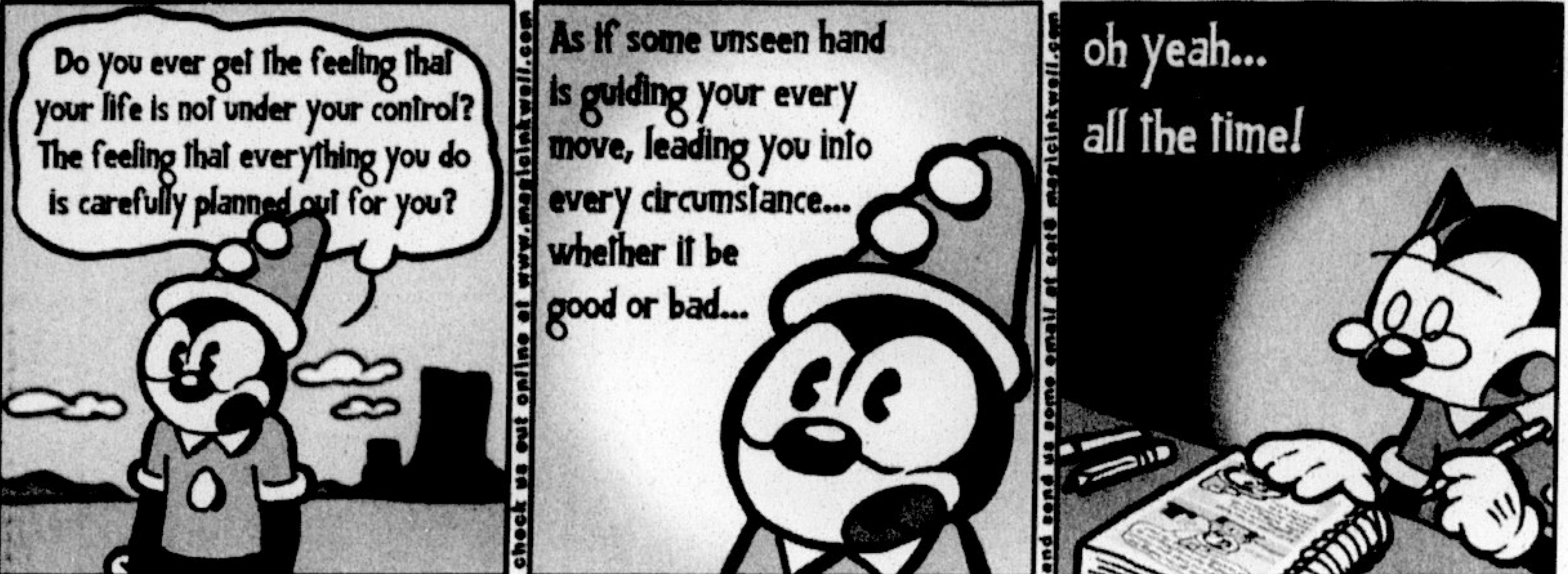
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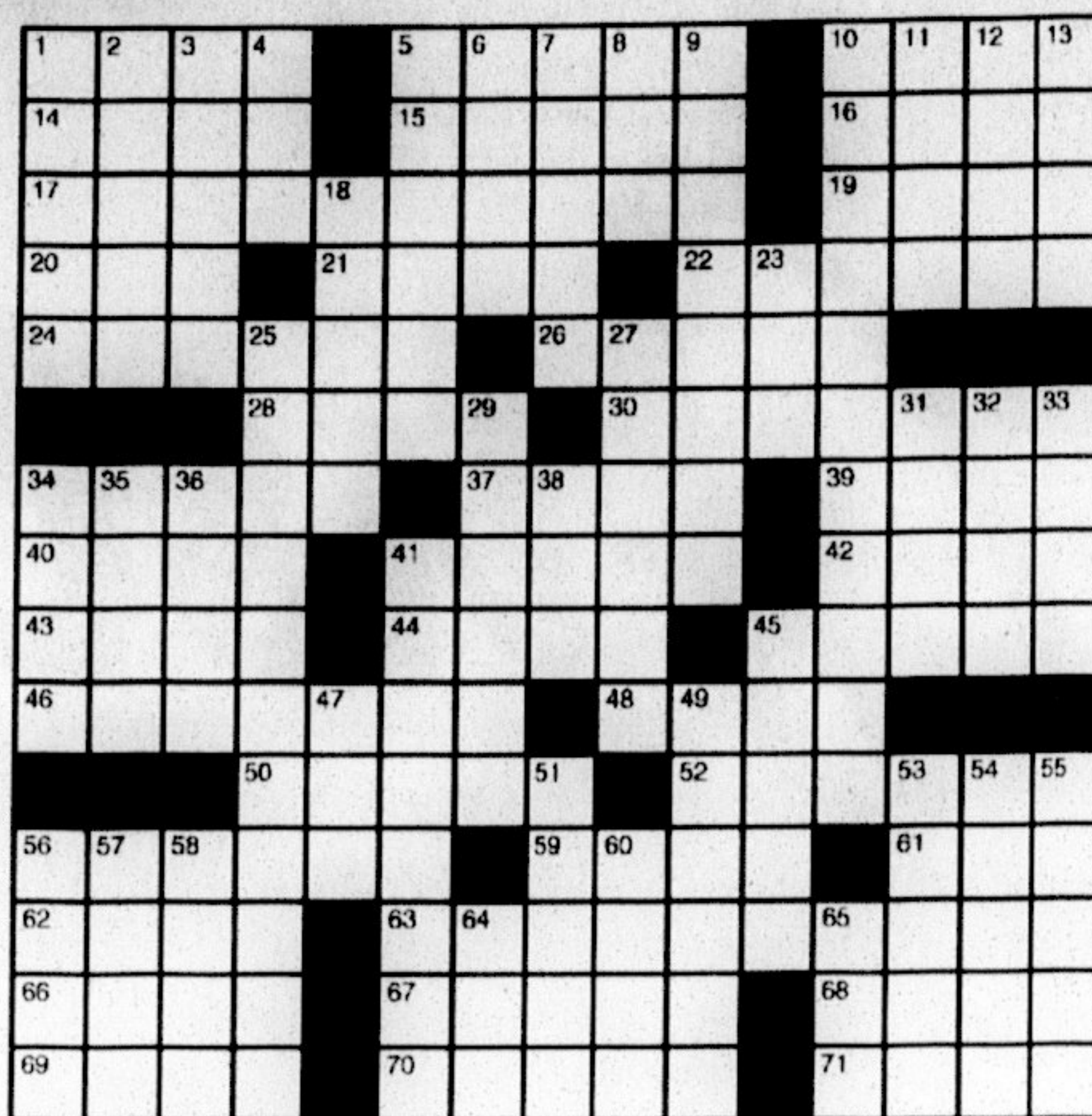


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Schedule of Events

Wednesday Oct. 11th
•Banner Completion
11-1 @ MSC Brickyard
•Homecoming Reception
7 p.m. MSC Great Room

Thursday Oct. 12th
•Skit Completion
7 p.m. Hendrix Theater

Friday Oct. 13th
•Fall on the Mall 4-8 p.m.
•PIRATEFEST 8 p.m.
•Fireworks 9 p.m.
All Events on MSC Brickyard

Saturday Oct. 14th
•Parade 9:30 a.m.
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OUR VIEW

Education is a vital part of our future. Throughout our lives, we go to school, we go to college and then we enter the real world. What did we get out of our education? We got the knowledge to pass on to others. Our degrees are a representation of our competences in that area of study. With our competences, we strive to educate others who are not familiar with the subjects that we may know so well.

So how does it feel when you work towards an education degree, complete it, receive a license and then someone waltzes in with a degree in something other than education and makes just as much money and has as much prestige as you? Not to good does it?

Does it matter that you worked so hard through those courses, maintained at least a 2.5 to stay in the upper class course, take several examinations, work through an internship while someone else just got a degree, decided to receive a certificate through lateral entry and is teaching, making money and going through a couple classes while you had to spend four years of your life going to school before you even got to teach?

In reality, it should not matter. No one should look down on people who strive to take the lateral entry program. They should praise them. Yes, they do not have the appropriate training that is instilled in a student majoring in education; however, their heart is in the same place. Their goal is to teach our future and that is the most important issue that we need to address.

Being a teacher is very challenging and for those that take on the challenge of educating others, they should be commended. We really should not focus on who has an education degree and who does not; we should focus on who is qualified.

Qualifications do not mean, "I took a class in this course, that course and that other course." Qualifications should be defined as compassion, consideration and the ability to teach others. There are tons of teachers that can teach a course by reading out of a book but the question is, can they really teach?

For all those that are out there to educate our future, TEC commends you. You are someone who is going to make a difference in another person's life. You are going to give them the knowledge that they will be applied in many future works. You will not only make a difference, you may be that student's hero. We need to look at our future generations. They are going to be the ones who will one day take control of our society and we have to give them the proper training and education so they can one day have the world in their hands and make a difference just like we are doing today

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Paul Smalera

IN MY OPINION

Give thought a chance

The GW Hatchet (George Washington U.) WASHINGTON—Ever wonder why events like the Olympics seem good from afar, but once they happen, they seem far from good?

For instance, these Olympics were supposed to be great—the Aussie games from Down Under and any other catchphrase or story of human drama that NBC can ram down our throats. By now we were all supposed to be rushing to Outback Steakhouse, playing 'Stralian rules football with boomerangs and calling our professors "mate." Thankfully, things did not exactly turn out that way.

This sort of fiasco just proves that for all the hype that goes along with almost everything these days—from net startups to TRL bands, from TV shows to action films—the quality has to go in before the people will buy into the hype. Except for the throngs of teenage girls that are hyped on Britney McSimpson and 'N Sync.

I'm quite proud of the intense skepticism the American public has

displayed as of late. Until a short time ago, crap packaged properly could leave a Hollywood studio with a \$100 million payday. Lately, packaged crap has been yielding nothing but a bunch of movie executives desperately flinging their movies around like gorillas in the primate house. I am relieved by this development.

I wonder how it feels to spend massive amounts of money on projects like movies, or the Olympics, and see them fail so spectacularly in the public eye. Perhaps one could liken the experience to an epiphany, or a catharsis. Somehow, I'm sure that losing \$100 million involves having a vision of God or a moment of clarity at least once or twice. Of course, these days the networks, studios and record companies are all a lot like the government—throwing money at the problem to say that at least they did something.

There's this overwhelming notion of late that just doing something will help make a problem go away. This is true on an indi-

vidual level, but also in society. For instance, an acquaintance said to me, "I screwed up on the first test, so I sat in the library all day yesterday."

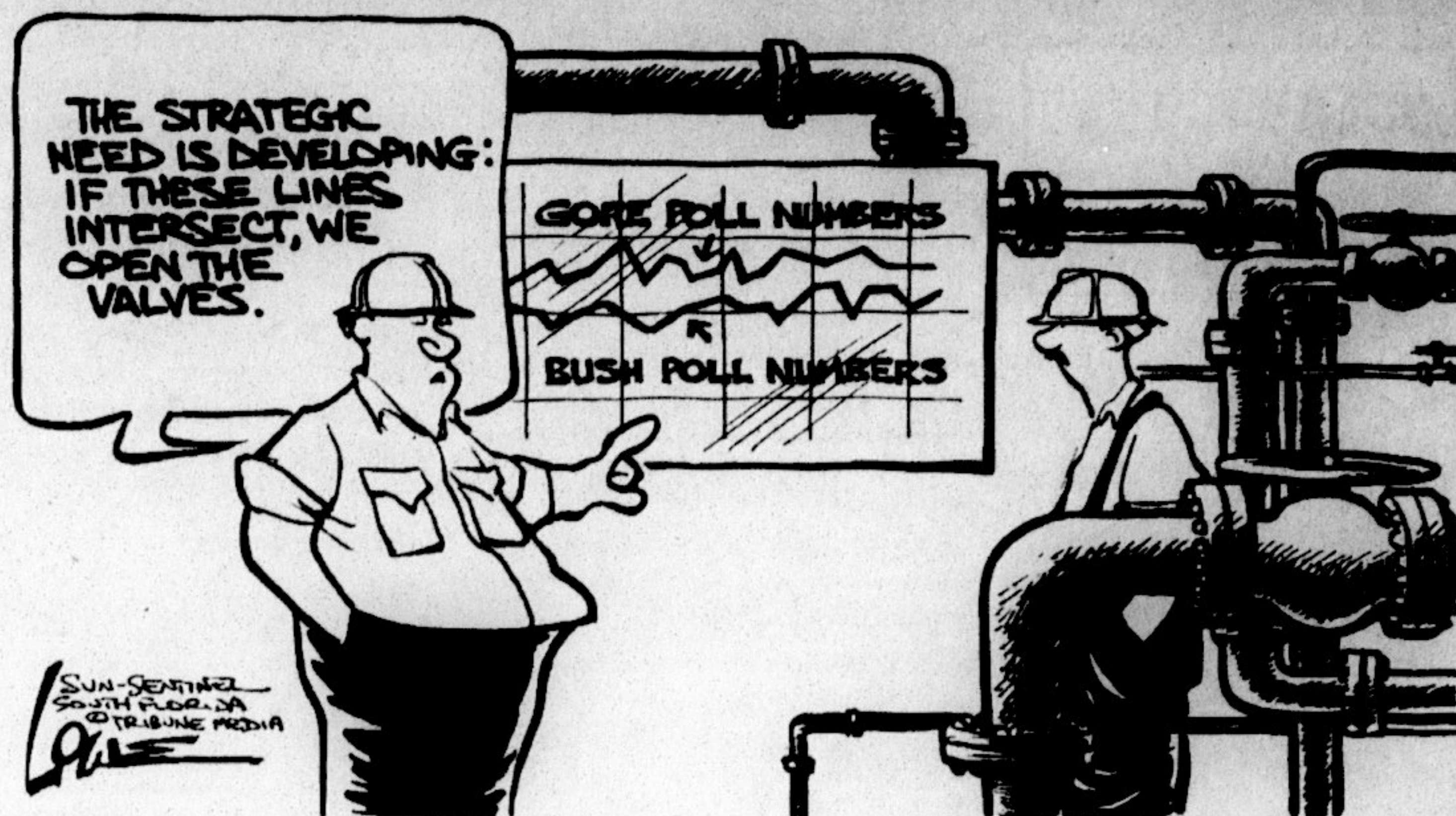
Somehow it did not occur to this person to describe their time in the library as studying—probably because a good deal of time was spent on smoking breaks, cell phone diversions and just plain sleeping.

Come winter, I will not be transported to mountain bliss. I will be several hundred dollars away from my favorite activities, but a job, combined with a will to save some money for the future, is all I need. I guess I could max out the credit card, but I don't want to pay for a snowboarding trip for the next three years. Nor do I want to sit at home because I needed to blow my wad on booze and cab fare. Making mistakes in life is a given, but learning from those mistakes seems to be a quality that eludes so many of us.

while imprisoned. American citizens are being tortured in Czeck prisons right now after a similar protest of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Prague on Sept. 26. Please check out www.indymedia.org for details on the protests in Philadelphia and Prague.

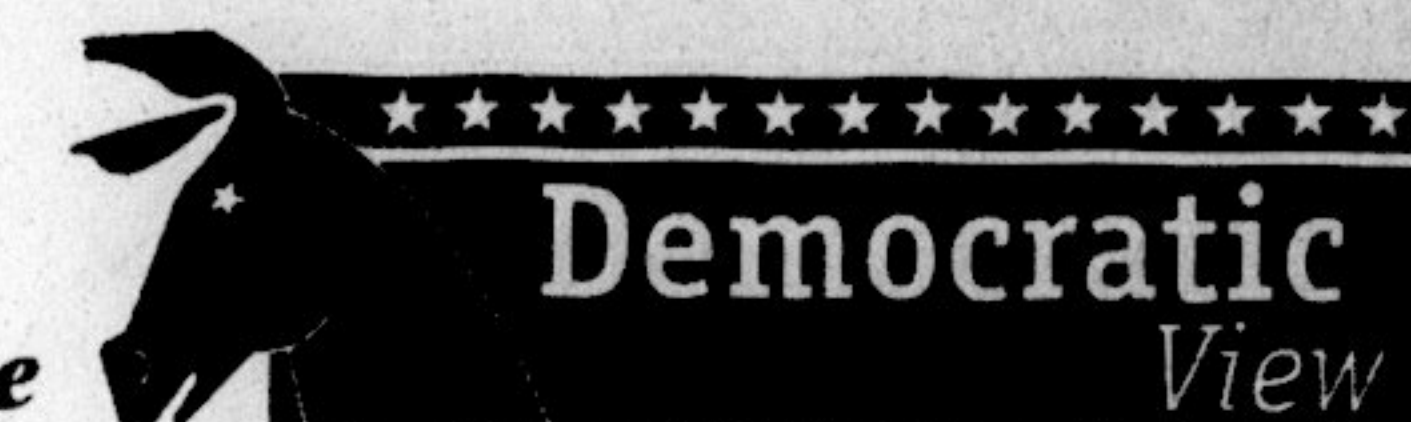
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COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

IN MY OPINION



Issue: Crime

Our country now enjoys an era of peace and prosperity that is unprecedented in our history. Never before has the economy been so good, and never before have so many Americans been afforded countless opportunities. But there are still those who cannot enjoy these good times due to crime and violence.

Vice President Al Gore realizes that much needs to be done so all citizens can live free of fear from harm.

It is impossible to address the issue of crime without talking about guns. There is good news in this area: Gun crimes have decreased by 35 percent since the Clinton-Gore administration took office. But more needs to be done. Guns are an important issue in this part of the state, and there are many who believe that "guns don't kill people. People kill people."

But this makes me think back to the Columbine tragedy: What would have happened if those two boys had brought in baseball bats to their school instead of guns? What if they had to physically beat up their classmates instead of mowing them down one-by-one with semi-automatic guns? Some students may have been injured and died, but it was the guns that ended the lives of too many promising young people.

One thing we can do to take the guns out of the hands of children and criminals is to close the loophole that exempts gun shows from the Brady Law. Gore cast the tie-breaking vote in the U.S. Senate to close this loophole. The vice

president has said that this vote was one of the most important ones he has ever made in his lifetime of public service.

Additionally, Gore has proposed a plan to require every person who buys a handgun to get a photo ID license by taking a safety test and background check. If we license people to drive cars, it makes sense to license people with deadly weapons.

The National Rifle Association's Web page complains "ordinary, decent people would become instant criminals if they flunked the test or failed to apply. Their guns would become contraband." Doesn't that sound horrible? But wait, isn't it criminal for you to drive a car without a license? And what is more dangerous, someone who can't get a car out of a driveway or someone who doesn't know whether the gun safety is on or off?

As vice president, Gore helped to enact the Brady Bill, which has stopped more than 500,000 felons, fugitives and stalkers from buying guns. Gore proposes that if he is entrusted with the presidency, he will support a bill to ban concealed weapons from churches, synagogues, mosques and other houses of worship. These places should be havens from the threat of gun violence.

Gore also fought to enact the 1994 Crime Bill, which included a provision taking 19 types of dangerous assault weapons off the street. This law also increased penalties for interstate gun trafficking, for using semiautomatic weapons in violent

or drug trafficking offenses and for making false statements when purchasing guns from federally licensed dealers. In addition, the law authorized the federal death penalty for murders committed with a gun during a federal drug or violent crime. Gore does support the death penalty.

The Clinton-Gore Administration has helped place 100,000 new police officers on the streets. As president, Gore hopes to build upon that by adding 50,000 community police officers to the nation. Community police officers would become familiar with citizens in neighborhoods and would get to know their families and their concerns, which is the best policing of all.

In addition, Gore urges Congress to pass the Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA), that would expand the definition of hate crimes to include those of gender, sexual orientation and disability and allow for the prosecution of those crimes under federal law.

There have been too many crimes against minorities, gays and lesbians in the last few years; those criminals must be punished. Gore will also end the practice of racial profiling, thereby enabling all Americans to drive their cars without the fear of being stopped and searched by the police because of their skin color.

For more information on Gore and the Democratic Party, log on to <http://www.democrats.org/>.

Steven Kleinschmit
OPINION COLUMNIST

IN MY OPINION



Issue: Crime

During an election year, everybody starts talking tough about the issues, especially in the Gore/Lieberman camp. The Democrats talk tough about crime. And why shouldn't they? Why would Gore be against anything during an election year?

What I really dislike about the whole Democratic outlook on crime is that instead of believing in enforcing in the laws, they just want to make more laws to restrict the freedom of the American citizens. Republicans believe that there are enough laws. Our focus is that we should help law enforcement enforce our laws as a means of crime prevention and control.

Think of your typical day. You probably have already broken at least one or two laws already. Maybe you jaywalked across the street or illegally parked your car. We have so many laws put on us now that most of the time, we don't even know if we are breaking one.

I guess the Democrats believe if you make everything illegal,

then crime will just disappear. It's ridiculous to think like this. People are inherently different, and we should all understand that. Some people achieve wealth by working hard and getting an education.

Some people would rather rob a bank or shoot somebody for their wallet. And what should we tell the average family man ... that we won't allow you to have a gun to protect yourself and your family from all the idiots out there? That we think guns are bad things, and no matter what the Constitution says, we are going to take them away from you, the law abiding citizen?

Democrats are idealists. They believe that in a perfect world, we can all gaze into little crystal balls and dance around with flowers in our hair. Crime wouldn't exist and people would always agree.

Republicans are realists. Instead of thinking that our world is a big Utopian society, we see it like it is, a dangerous place where many people are just out for a quick buck.

While I will concede that the Democrats have done some good things in the past couple of years, it generally comes at the expense of personal freedoms.

Another thing I think is ridiculous is Gore's "hate crime" legislation. This is nothing but Gore trying to push a social agenda during an election year. Hate crimes are supposed to be characterized as crimes that are motivated by racial, ethnic or other prejudices.

To me, a crime is fundamentally still the same crime, no matter what the motivation is. I really have never heard of any "equal opportunity" or "affirmative action" murderers out there, and I believe essentially every crime is motivated by hate in some way. It just seems common sense that almost any crime could be construed as a "hate crime"

Hey Al, let's take it a step further and make it a crime for simply not liking someone with a different opinion. Hey, we really didn't need that pesky Bill of Rights anyway. Right Al?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ECU student arrested in Philadelphia

Dear Editor,

Six people from Greenville attended the Aug. 1 Republican National Convention Protest in Philadelphia as an affinity group with a cluster of 30 other people from North Carolina. Of those 30, only 10 avoided arrest.

A student from ECU was arrested while asking police if she could assist an injured protester because she was a medic. The Philadelphia Police Department promised not to

arrest medics wearing red crosses like her. She was denied food and water and was not allowed to make her phone call or speak to a lawyer for several days. She was held for two weeks before we could locate her and bail her out. The highest bail from North Carolina was \$500,000.

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WHO: ALL GREEK women. What: Bible study to search for practical "LifeSkills." When: 9:30pm Wednesdays in October. Where: Alpha delta Pi house. Q's? call Amy 752-9982.

ZETA TAU Alpha flag football and volleyball teams good luck in the playoffs! Love the sisters and new members of ZTA.

ALPHA OMICRON Pi would like to congratulate Cole Taylor and Missy Bennett on their new student government offices.

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to thank Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, & Chi Phi for a great time at our socials this past week! Until next time...

SIGMA SIGMA Sigma supports the Panhellenic Blood drive on October 11.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA Godbey on winning your tennis tournament. Love, the sisters and new members of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

THE Pi Pledge class would like to thank Ashley and all other Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters for a job well done with Pledge Olympics. Thanks.

WAY TO go Sigma on making the playoffs in flag football. Love the sisters and new members of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

THANK YOU Bobbie, Brooke, Heather, and Kim for the delicious spaghetti dinner and to all Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters for supporting the Pi pledge class.

GREEK PERSONALS

LAMBDA CHI Alpha, thanks so much for showing our new members a great time at Pref Night! can't wait until next year! Love the Alpha Delta Pi sisters.

OPENING NIGHT- Good luck and break a leg in Gypsy. Cara Smith, we love you, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha!

CONGRATULATIONS MEREDITH on your Sigma Alpha Epsilon lavalier. Love the sisters and new members of Zeta Tau Alpha.

SIGMA PI, Saturday's game was a splash! Next time we'll make the jello! Thanks for inviting us! Love the sisters and new members of Alpha Delta Pi.

ALPHA XI Delta, thanks for the spectacular time at last Thursday's social. We look forward to doing it again. The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

SIGMA NU. Thank you for the awesome time last Friday dancing the night away. Can't wait to do it again. The sisters of Chi Omega.

PHI KAPPA Tal. Thank you so much for showing our new members a wonderful time at Pref Night! They loved the flowers and can't wait to party again. The sisters of Chi Omega.

THANKS DELTA Zeta for the wonderful spaghetti dinner. Love the sisters and new members of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

OTHER

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SOCCER PREVIEW/REGISTRATION MEETING, Oct. 9 at 5pm in MSC Multi-Purpose Room. This meeting is for anyone interested in participating in or getting information about Intramural Soccer at ECU. For more information please call 328-6387.

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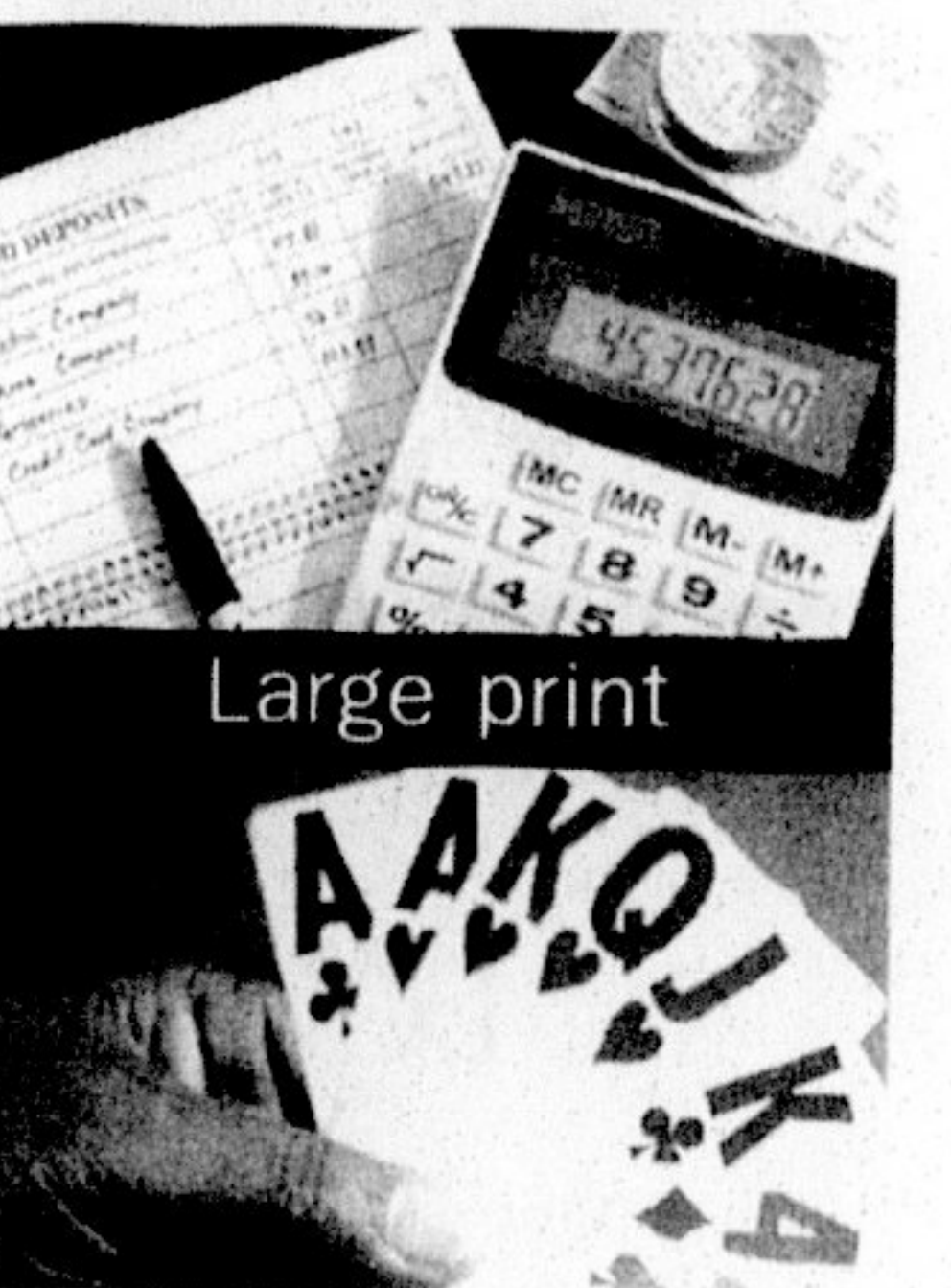
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HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday: You and a roommate may quarrel this month, but the overall outcome is good. Make your opinion known, but in a non-brutal way.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Everybody has an opinion about how you should run your life. A little of that goes a long way. Instead of telling them to shove it, be gracious.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Going out seems like a good idea, but it's not. If chores could interfere with an excursion, let them. You'll do better closer to home.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Something you and a sweetheart are planning needs work. The way it's set up now is too expensive. Go over your budget with a critical eye.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Something isn't going well for your mate or partner. Or, perhaps a household project of yours has gone awry. Provide comfort and nurturing food.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your latest scheme may not work. Try it on a small scale before you take it public. Romance will go best if you let your sweetheart take the lead.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Does a loved one want something special? Are you tempted to splurge and get it? Do you have a steady income? If not, go for the good job first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You and a roommate might clash. Work out a compromise instead. Give in on a point you don't care much about, and you'll win more than you lose.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Better double-check the latest gossip before you pass it on. You wouldn't want to look foolish because of somebody else's error.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Something that looks like a good deal may be the opposite. Read the fine print before you sign anything. It won't hurt to wait a little, either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

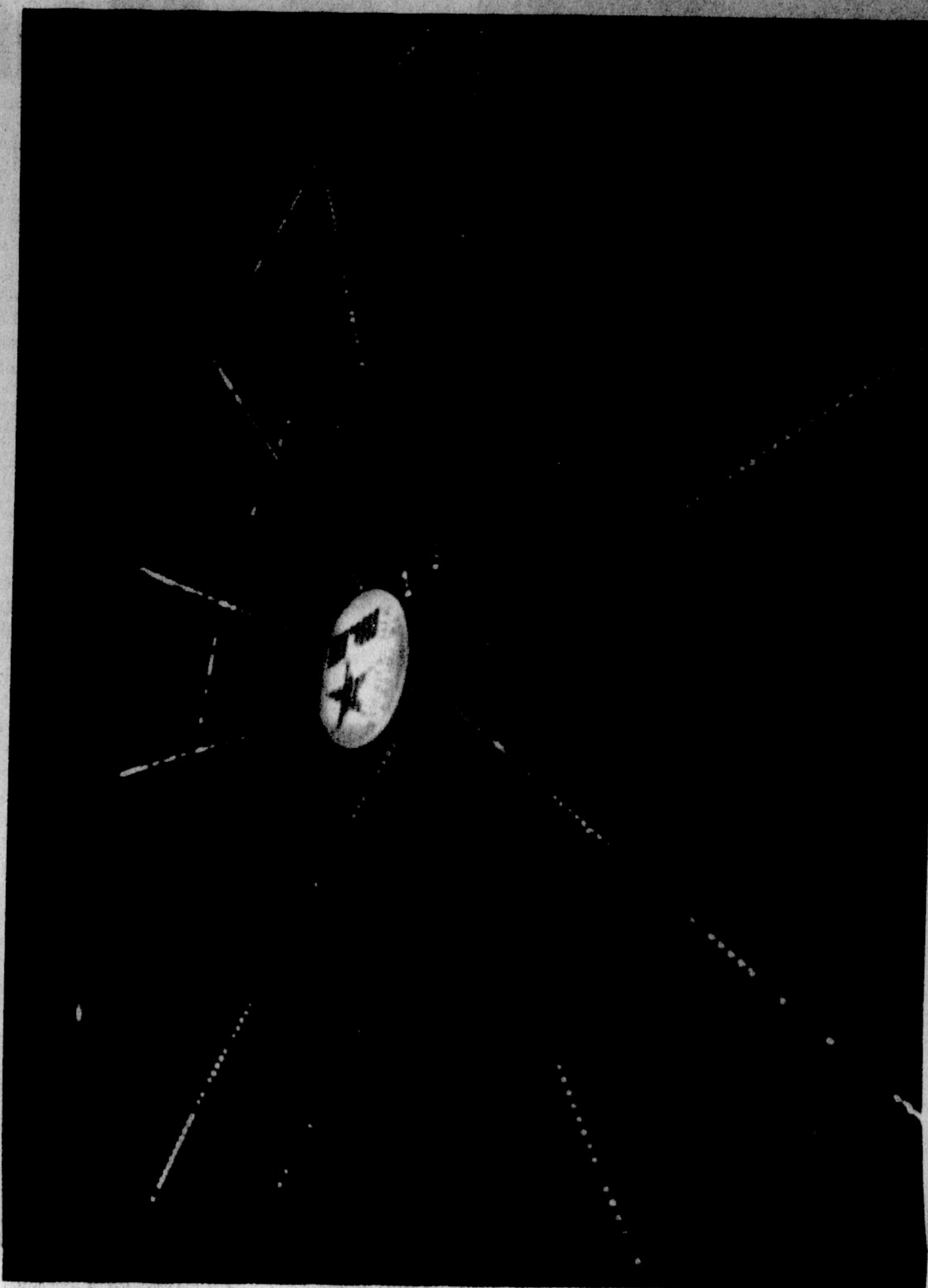
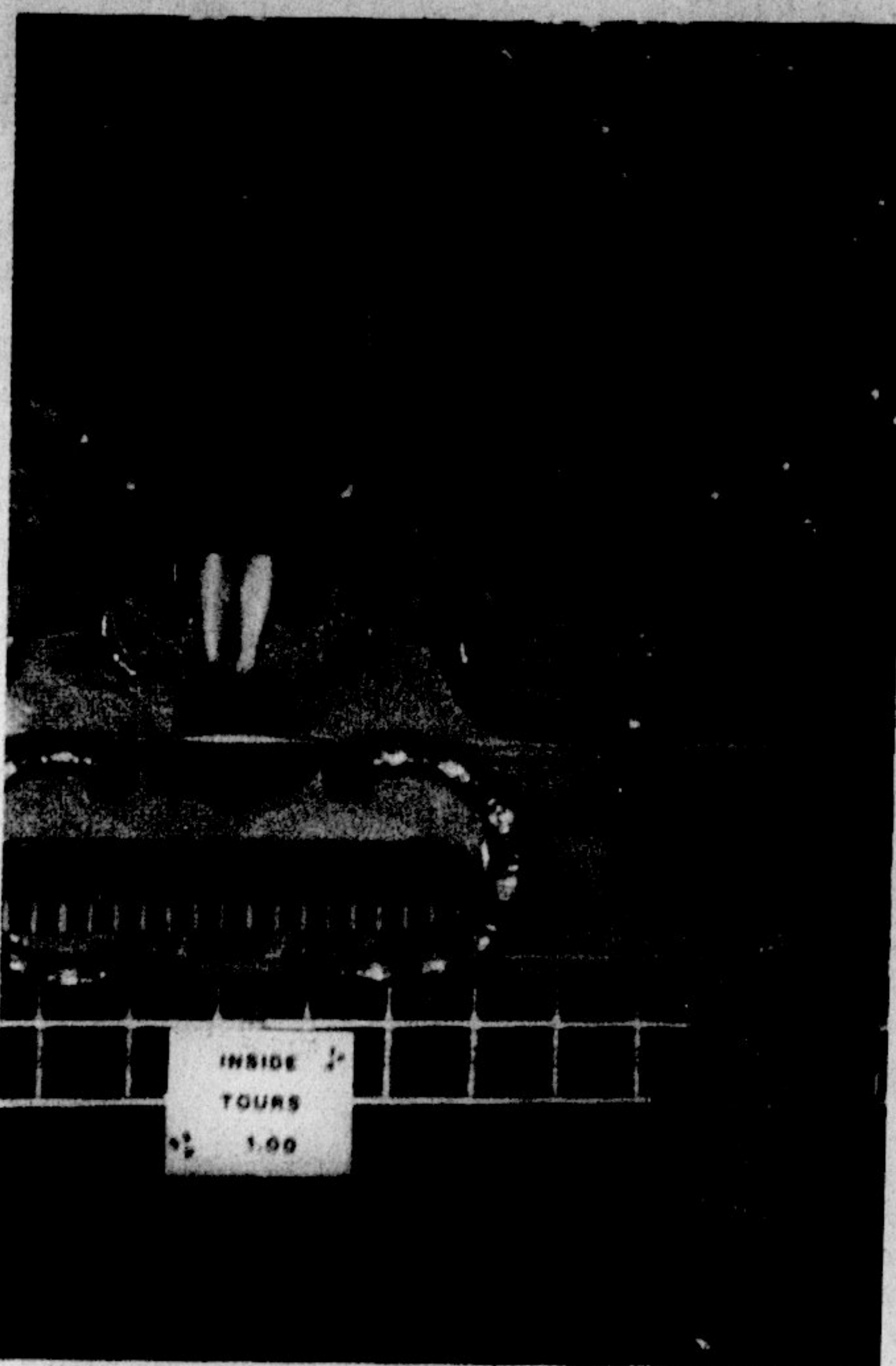
You and your friends know you're right, but take care. An older person may be wrong, but if he or she outranks you, be diplomatic. Keep talking and listening.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Hold off on travel for a day or so; you'll avoid some hassles. Think about something a quiet woman said, and you'll be prepared for a confrontation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

You're a generous person, and your contributions are appreciated. Don't overdo it. You need to look out for yourself, too!



Fair Weather



The 81st Annual Pitt County Fair, owned and organized by the American Legion, is expected to attract about 85,000 people this year from all over the eastern part of North Carolina.

Louis May, (above left) the manager and secretary of the fair, is fully confident that college students will find the fair of great interest.

"They'll see things out here they can't see anywhere else!" May said. "Where in Greenville can you see racing skunks? Where in Greenville can you see elephants and monster trucks?"

May also says this year's fair, which offers 35 midway rides, 65 concessions and an elephant walk,

is going to be the biggest and best fair the county has ever seen. Last year's fair was postponed due to the effects of Hurricane Floyd.

According to May, a strong fair is one that includes great food, great livestock and great rides.

"Show me a fair without animals, and I'll show you a w-e-a-k, weak fair. You measure a fair not by how big it is, but by how strong it is."

All ECU and Pitt Community College students with a school ID and children 12 and under will be admitted for \$2. Others must pay \$5. The price of midway tickets ranges from \$2-\$3.50; an \$11 pass for all rides all day is also available.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000

"Handicapped Children's Day"

ECU and Pitt Community College students admitted for \$2 with student ID
Option Day: Wrist bands are on sale for \$11 inside gate or buy individual ride tickets.
Gates open: 3 p.m.
Midway opens: 4 p.m.

Elephant encounter (Free): Three shows daily
Drag Race Stinkers (Free): Five shows daily

Friday, Oct. 6, 2000

"Pre-Schoolers Day"

Gates open: 3 p.m.
Midway opens; 4 p.m.
Elephant encounter (Free): Three shows daily
Drag Race Stinkers (Free): Five shows daily
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Two shows tonight--Grandstand

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"What was the last play you saw?"



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"Phantom of the Opera' in New York City."



Demetria Clark
Freshman

"Miss Saigon' in New York City."



Scott Jones
Sophomore

"I haven't seen one before, but I'm going to see 'Gypsy' at ECU."



Lauren Callaghan
Sophomore

"I can't remember the name of it, but it was a one-man show at Mendenhall about Albert Einstein."



Lashaunda King
Junior

"I've Come to Far.' I was actually in it. It was performed at Mendenhall."



Erin Lanier
Freshman

"Romeo and Juliet' in Charlotte."



Krystal Lynch
Graduate Student

"Sound of Music' in Raleigh."



School of Hospitality Management shines



Fall luncheon series to begin Oct. 5

STUDENTS LEARN TO PLAN MASSIVE MEALS WITH STYLE

Maura Buck
FEATURES EDITOR

The Hospitality Management Fall Luncheon Series will begin Oct. 5. Its focus will be to teach students how to produce a lunch based on the standards of excellence set by the hospitality industry.

"From the students' perspective, the purpose [of the luncheon series] is to plan, organize, direct, stamp, control and deliver a three course luncheon for 50 customers and to do so on time and under budget," said Dr. Jim Chandler, assistant professor of Hospitality and Management.

In order to achieve this, students spend hundreds of hours planning and practicing all the functions needed to aid in making each luncheon go as smoothly as possible. According to Chandler, a luncheon has never been canceled due to lack of preparation on the student's part and never will be. He feels his function is to keep the students from doing things that they are not capable of doing.

"The great thing about that course is that it teaches you things that you will never forget," said Chassity Hill, a graduate student who took the course within her undergraduate nutrition core curriculum.

"I've learned to serve a balanced meal and apply all of the knowledge that I have learned along the way," Hill said.

Chandler is proud of the direction that the course has taken.

"This is [really] not even a course," Chandler said. "It has become an entity."

We love the students and they know it and in turn help us both in the present and future."

Many students feel that the hands-on experience is the best teaching method.

"This course has been very rewarding," said Alex Cheek, a graduate student who also took the course in his undergraduate studies. "Because it's very hands-on, it teaches real-world management where you are serving clientele."

The School of Hospitality and Management has experienced vast growth since Chandler arrived three years ago.

"Enrollment has grown nearly 100 percent since I've been here," Chandler said. "One enormous advantage to our students, though, is that we're big, we're growing, but we will never allow ourselves to get so large that we don't know every student's



As part of the luncheon series, students devote hundreds of hours planning and preparing meals to serve their patrons. The series has proven to be enormously popular with the faculty and students of ECU. (file photo)

name." Also, Chandler believes that the faculty is consistent of practitioners rather than professors who have never worked in the industry.

The program has a history of excellence and is internationally recognized for the talented students that come out of the program, with interns all over the United States and the world.

"We have a 100 percent placement rate," Chandler said. "There are actually more jobs than there are students to fill them."

Chandler, as well as a number of the students, attribute the success rate to connections that the school has with owners of major establishments, such as Red Lobster, Hyatt and Marriott Hotels.

Travis Peterson is one student reaping the benefits of the schools connections. Peterson will graduate in December and immediately begin work at the Hyatt Hotel in Tampa, Fla. in their corporate training program.

"I think my success can be attributed [in part] to the experience that I gained here under Aramark as well as the fact that these professors brought these job opportunities to me," Peterson said. "It's really turned my life around."

Chandler also credits the universities partnership with Aramark to the success of his students.

"We have a dedicated facility here, unlike many other universities," Chandler said. "By the time they leave this lab, they will have the equivalent of a year's worth of on-the-job training."

To attain information on the Fall Luncheon Series, contact Russ Stamp at 328-1471. Although most of the luncheons have already sold out, there may still be a few seats open for select luncheons.

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"Gypsy" heads to McGinnis Theatre

Song, dance chronicle
Gypsy Rose Lee's life

Earline White
FEATURES WRITER

"Gypsy," a Laurents-Styne-Sondheim Musical will be performed at McGinnis Theatre. The show begins at 8 p.m. on Oct. 5-7, at 2 p.m. on Oct. 8 and at 8 p.m. on Oct. 9-10. Tickets are \$10/\$8 for students and can be picked up at the McGinnis Theatre Box Office.

"Gypsy" came about because there was the right makeup of people to do it," said Robert Caprio, director of the play. "Janice Vertucci Schreiber plays Rose, Gypsy's indomitable and tempestuous mother, alongside Elizabeth Lucas who plays Louise-Rose's role was originated by Ethel Merman in 1959. Chris Hill is our male lead, Herbie."

"I have been working with the scene designer since Aug. 1," Caprio said. "There is always a lot of coordination and collaboration involved in pulling off a play of this caliber. The story begins in Seattle and moves to the desert, is on the road, in hotels and everywhere in between. There is a total of 17 scenes so it is a big production. The props, stage and lighting crews have been very dedicated. It all usually works out well."

The Broadway musical is based on the memoirs of legendary strip tease artist Gypsy Rose Lee. It is about a bullying, ruthless stage mother who drives her two daughters into show business and keeps their noses to the grindstone until one of them becomes a star. The song and dance chronicle blows through a series of American cities on the heels of the childhood vaudeville routines performed by Gypsy (then called Louise) and her younger sister, June, throughout



Janice Vertucci Schreiber (left) stars as Momma Rose, and Elizabeth Lucas, who plays Gypsy will wow audiences Thursday. (file photo)

the '20s and '30s. Gypsy was seen as an ugly duckling in her stage mothers' eyes, and was forced to play a newsboy while June soaked up the spotlight.

When June flees her mother's domination, Louise is seen as worthy of her mother's attention. Through the world of burlesque is Gypsy able to attain the stardom and adoration once sought by her mother, to the horror of Herbie, Rose's friend and the girls agent.

Gypsy quickly earns the title, Queen of Burlesque. Known for her witty banter and seductive style, she becomes quite the socialite, starring on stage and screen, writing several novels, plays and articles, and even hosting her own talk show.

"I want to do justice to this very demanding role," said Janice Vertucci Schreiber, who plays Rose. "Rose's role is grueling because of the singing and



Health and wellness:
Alcohol



CCSD promotes "Don't Get Smashed"

Alcohol Awareness
Week begins Oct. 16

Jason Cox
STAFF WRITER

"Abuse of alcohol ultimately gets in the way of students getting the education they deserve and are offered here."

Beth Credle
Health Education and Promotion, SHC

Alcohol Awareness Week will be Oct. 16-18 on ECU's campus. The theme this year is "Don't Get Smashed" and various games, events and activities have been planned.

This year's festivities have been put together by members of IMPACT, a committee consistent of various organizations on campus who take an active interest in alcohol awareness.

Randy Haveson will be speaking at 8 p.m. Oct. 16 at Hendrix Theater. Numerous games and contests will be held in front of the Student Recreation Center on Oct. 17. Students can win CD's, T-shirts and other prizes by playing games and taking the time to heighten their awareness of alcohol and its effect on students.

While some students drink legally and responsibly, binge drinking and excessive consumption occurring.

"ECU is pretty much equal right now compared with other campuses and their drinking statistics," said Bob Peterson, the campus counselor.

"We have been here for four years and we've seen a lot of alcohol abuse."

"Such drinking

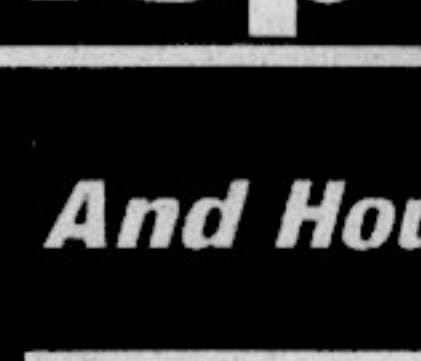
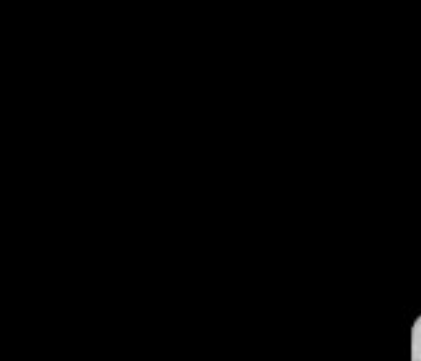
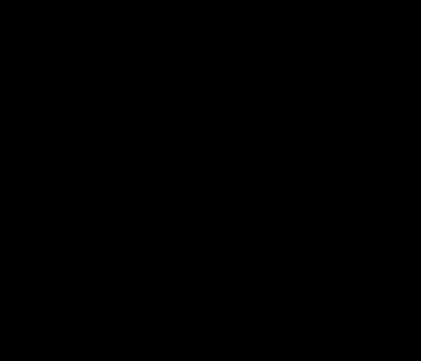
to coma or death," Mophet said.

"In my health class freshman year, we discussed binge drinking," said junior Brian Watson. "My professor told us the definition of binge drinking was drinking four or more beers in one sitting. I remember the guy next to me asking if it was binge drinking if you drank four beers, got up and then sat somewhere else to drink the next beer," Watson said.

Students who consume large amounts of alcohol are at risk, according to Beth Credle, director of health education and promotion at the Student Health Center.

"We like to tell students that alcohol, when not taken in moderation, can be dangerous physically, socially as well as mentally," Credle said. "Students who drink heavily are more likely to drop out, as well as engaged in reckless acts and sexual assault."

"A student who consumes alcohol may be at risk for physical and mental health problems. Students should



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WWF fans ready to pack political arena

(TMS)—During a recent appearance on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," Paul Levesque, known more famously as World Wrestling Federation superstar Triple H, described WWF fans as "like Trekkies, but not nerds."

Phillip Macy, 18, doesn't disagree one bit. Sporting a bright orange Tazz T-shirt, a pair of the Rock's sunglasses, and two tickets for the live event set to roll in about 12 hours, Macy is the quintessential WWF superfan, a Trekkie with muscles.

"I'm pretty much into anything [the WWF] is selling," says Macy, who cut out of work in hopes of spotting some of his favorite

wrestlers as they pulled in to the arena's parking lot. "Anything." Well, almost anything.

"Except that whole voting thing," he adds. "That seems kind of pointless to me, although it's a nice effort I guess."

Macy is speaking of the WWF's brisk but calculated entrance into the political arena, a move that took basically everyone by surprise. Wrestlers commanded the floor at both conventions this summer, and if you thought you saw the Rock on MSNBC, you weren't having delusions.

Additionally, and perhaps most importantly, the WWF has converted more than 100,000 fans into

registered voters through live events and its Web site, wwfvote.com. And the federation issued a challenge in August to both Vice President Al Gore and Gov. George W. Bush, requesting their presence for a televised debate in the middle of the ring, of course.

Unfortunately, while no one can deny the numbers, the candidates can do their best to brush them off. And that, according to a recent announcement by WWF superstar Mick Foley, is exactly what they're doing.

"We're feeling a little bit ignored," he told the capacity

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characterization. It requires a lot of vocal rest. I want to meet these challenges. I am loving every minute of it."

"Gypsy" features many songs such as "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," and "You Gotta Have a Gimmick." It was adapted to the stage by the same lyrical team that wrote "West Side Story." Jule Styne, composer of "Funny Girl," supplied the score for "Gypsy," which ran a record 22 months on Broadway from 1959-61.

"I am really excited to play opposite Janice," said Chris Hill, who plays Herbie. "Janice is a great

professor (in the theater department) and a high caliber actor. Herbie has great scenes and a great dramatic role. He is just a regular guy, sometimes he's afraid of the dark and he wants to be loved. The only difficulty I've with this role is hitting low G during one of the songs. But I can hit it now, no problem."

"I think everyone should come to see the play because it is inspirational," Hill said. "There are some little kids acting in it who act, sing and dance, and they are really good at it. I think everyone who attends will be pleased."

"We have attempted to turn the

Messick Theater into a backstage," Caprio said. "Because the play is a sort of play within a play, we wanted to involve the audience as much as possible. I think everyone will enjoy the production. It is popular with audiences. There is a good story behind it, and it is a lot of fun."

Tickets are also available through the ECU Box Office at 328-6829.

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Credle said. "Abuse of alcohol ultimately gets in the way of students getting the education they deserve and are offered here."

"I have calmed down quite a bit since my freshman year," said junior Mike Auman. "I remember the many wild nights, in addition to a few nights I don't remember so well."

Like many students, Auman engaged in partying

and alcohol consumption but since has found a balance between partying and studying.

According to Credle, being away from home for the first time and experimentation is probably the most common reason given as to why a student chooses to drink once in college.

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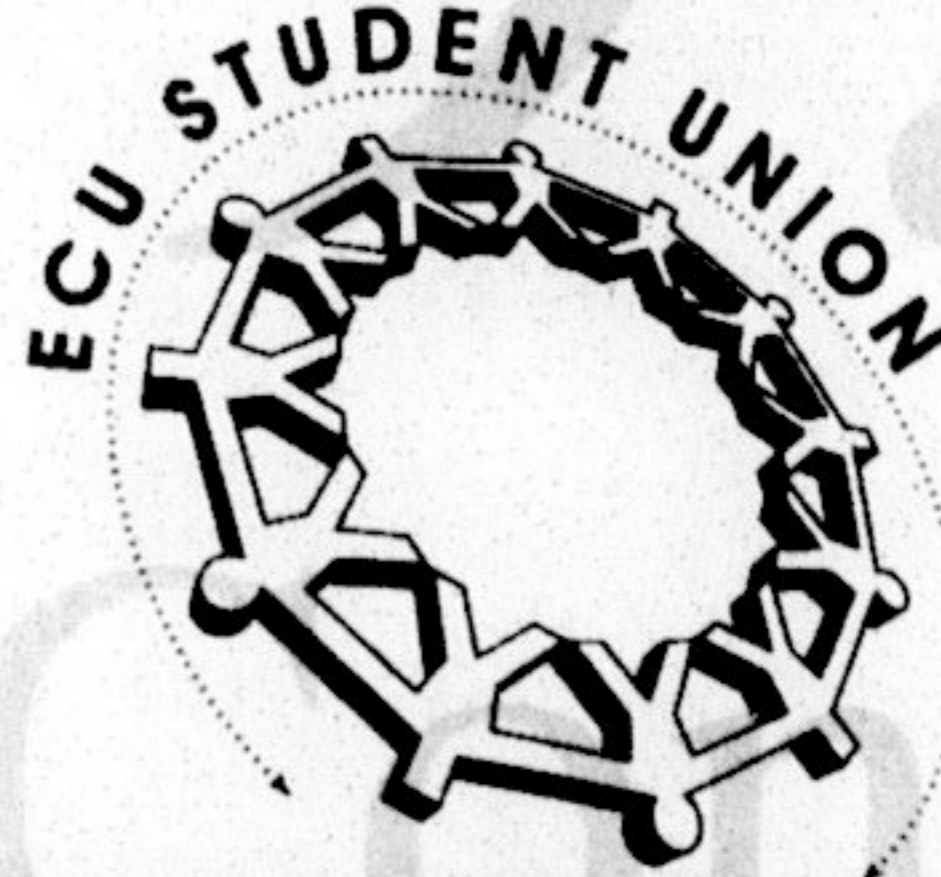
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It had to happen—Virtual U. sports a team

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP)—This being Kentucky, it had to happen. Kentucky Virtual University, the state's electronic portal to a higher education without lecture halls, dorms or bad cafeteria food, has a sports franchise.

There are already t-shirts from the KVVU Athletic Department and there will be a logo after its selection by an online poll of KVVU students.

The next thing you know, the KVVU @vengers will want state funding for a football stadium. Or at least get investigated by the NCAA.

Actually, the @vengers are a huge success. They started the season 2-0 and have already generated interest and enthusiasm among the far-flung Virtual U. students and staff.

"We're just trying to have a little bit of fun and raise the awareness of distance learning opportunities," said Sue Patrick, director of marketing for Kentucky Virtual University.

Virtual U. is one of the success stories in higher education, even if little known among the general public. It was one of the creations of the 1997 overhaul of public higher education. During its first class offerings in the fall of 1999, there were 235 students.

This semester, there are 2,354 students taking 3,096 classes. Final figures are not available for this term, but last spring students came from 117 counties, 18 states and seven foreign countries.

All of them are real college courses that count toward degrees or certificates and are taught by real professors. It's just that instead of sitting at an uncomfortable desk for 50 minutes three times a week, a student might be sitting in front of a computer screen at 1:30 a.m. after getting off work

on the late shift.

It probably works so well because Kentuckians are so place bound. While there are eight real universities and dozens of technical and community colleges, plus assorted extension and satellite campuses, a lot of people in Kentucky just don't like to have to go far. It's sort of the same reason there are 120 county seats.

The @vengers help create a sense of sharing and community among the "online learners," Patrick said.

The idea was hatched in early 1999 when a publication facetiously suggested that if Virtual U. wanted to be really accepted in Kentucky, it needed a mascot and probably a basketball team.

Mary Beth Susman, @venger coach—all five-foot nothing of her—head cheerleader and chief executive officer of Kentucky Virtual University, grabbed the idea of a mascot and ran with it.

here are five other "real" teams in the league—virtual learning institutions at Michigan, New Hampshire, Old Dominion, Texas and Magellan. Some chose boring, traditional names, such as ODU adopting Monarchs, which is the name for its real teams. Michigan went with MegaRams; Texas is MegaHertz. None has the panache of KVVU @vengers.

To fill out the league, six other schools were invented, including the Faber College Otters—motto, "Knowledge is Good,"—a product of that pinnacle of American cinematic achievement, Animal House.

The computer simulation games are played every Saturday and game reports are compiled and sent to the Virtual U. students. A Web site keeps track of the league, complete with statistics. There will be a full 11-game schedule then a Virtual Bowl to crown the league champion.



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crowd and a television audience of millions during a recent taping of "Raw is War," the federation's live Monday night telecast.

So maybe Al and George W. aren't listening. But how about the fans?

"I think a lot of us are inspired to vote because of this," says Lauren Melby, a fan for more than 10 years. "It's almost like the wrestlers are out there saying, 'Hey, we're on your side.'"

Melby, 22, says she plans to reg-

ister through the WWF's program, adding that while she's unsure as to whether she'll actually go out and vote on Nov. 7, registering alone is quite an achievement.

"People sometimes say that anyone who isn't registered to vote is stupid," she says. "But it's not like I can't read or something. I was just too disinterested to care. I almost still am, actually, but this way I can at least have the option to change my mind."

With only a handful of tapings

left until Election Day, the "Smack-down Challenge" may not come to fruition. But while some fans would like to see the two candidates lock it up on live TV, the effort is what fans find most endearing.

"I will admit that they [the WWF] have a lot of guts for doing this," says Macy. "They showed us that they respect us, even if the candidates do not. And they really did get some results. I'm still skeptical, but if they keep talking after the election ends, I'll listen."

HOW DO I KNOW WHETHER I'M A DEMOCRAT OR A REPUBLICAN?

An Open Letter to the Students of East Carolina University

A young man who is a close friend of our family was recently heard asking this question. Our daughter's answer: "Decide which issues are most important to you, and then vote for the party that more closely supports your position."

With 26.5 million 18-24 year-olds living in the United States, you are in a position to play a major role in this year's election. The presidential race is a close one in North Carolina and Your vote can make a difference. Our family has pooled its resources to place this letter in The East Carolinian because we are concerned about the outcome of the election this November and we recognize the powerful voting block you represent. The next President of the United States will make decisions that directly affect your life. He will also appoint at least three Supreme Court Justices who will interpret our laws for the next 30 to 40 years!

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- vehemently opposes gay rights, affirmative action, and hate crime prevention laws; and
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We strongly urge you to vote for Al Gore on November 7th! If you have not yet registered to vote

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SPORTS BRIEF

Playoffs open

The first night of the major league baseball playoffs saw perennial favorites take a hit in their best-of-five series.

In the first game of their series, the Oakland A's notched a 5-3 win over the two-time defending World Series champion New York Yankees. Gil Heredia had a strong outing to earn the win while New York's Roger Clemens took the loss.

In the other American League series, the Seattle Mariners got a clutch home run from Edgar Martinez to claim the first game of their series with the Chicago White Sox, 7-4. Jose Mesa picked up the win for the Mariners in relief.

The next game in their series is Today at 4 p.m. In Tuesday's lone national league matchup, the Atlanta Braves suffered a wild loss to the equally wild Rick Ankeil and the St. Louis Cardinals, 7-5. The two teams will square off again Today.

The San Francisco Giants hosted the New York Mets yesterday. The result were not available by the deadline.

More managers get ax

After being the Arizona Diamondbacks only manager, **Buck Showalter** was fired after five season Tuesday.

Last season Showalter led Arizona to a 100-62 record and an NL West title. This season, the Diamondbacks stumbled going 85-77 and finishing third in the division.

Fellow NL West skipper, Davey Johnson has also reportedly been canned. Johnson led the L.A. Dodgers to an 86-76 record and a second place finish in the NL West.

Johnson is regarded as one of the best baseball minds in the game after stints with the Reds, Orioles and Mets.

Panthers lose coordinator, kicker

Carolina Panthers offensive coordinator, Bill Musgrave resigned Wednesday after the Panthers offense sputtered in their first four games. The 1-3 Panthers have scored only 78 points this season, 38 of those points came in one game against the 49ers.

Meanwhile, place kicker Richie Cunningham was released by the Panthers after going 5-7 on field goals.

Late in Sunday's loss to the Dallas Cowboys, the Panthers faced a crucial fourth-and-one. Showing a lack of confidence in Cunningham's ability to hit the 47-yard field goal that the team was in position for, the Panthers opted to go for it. Musgrave's offense failed to convert the attempt, giving the Cowboys the ball and ultimately the win.

Sendek gets extension

After four seasons at the helm of the N.C. State basketball squad and four trips to the NIT, Herb Sendek was rewarded with a two year contract extension. Sendek has gone 73-58 in his four seasons in Raleigh and has not taken the Wolfpack to the NCAA Tournament.

ECU prepares for trip to Memphis

Tiger rushing game should test Pirate defense

Saturday Oct. 7, 2 p.m., Fox Sports Net

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been six weeks since the official beginning of the 2000 football season and ECU has yet to have a "real" away game.

Since the Pirates thumped Duke 38-0 in front of a mostly purple-clad Wallace-Wade Stadium crowd, the Pirates have not had to venture outside of Greenville to play a game.

"Really all of our games felt like they were home games," said junior defensive tackle Bernard Williams. Saturday's game at Memphis will be the first foray into a hostile environment for the Pirates.

"Anytime you go into someone else's home, you're the underdog," said senior center Sherwin Lacewell. "No matter what the papers say or what the press says."

What the press and the ECU coaches are saying about the Pirates' opponent, Memphis, is that the Tigers are no pushovers.

"The people who don't understand football won't understand how good these people are," ECU Head Coach Steve Logan said. "The football fan knows that these guys can beat anybody on their schedule. They beat Tennessee a couple of years ago. Last year Tennessee beat them 17-16. They were 5-6 football team last year that started the season 3-1."

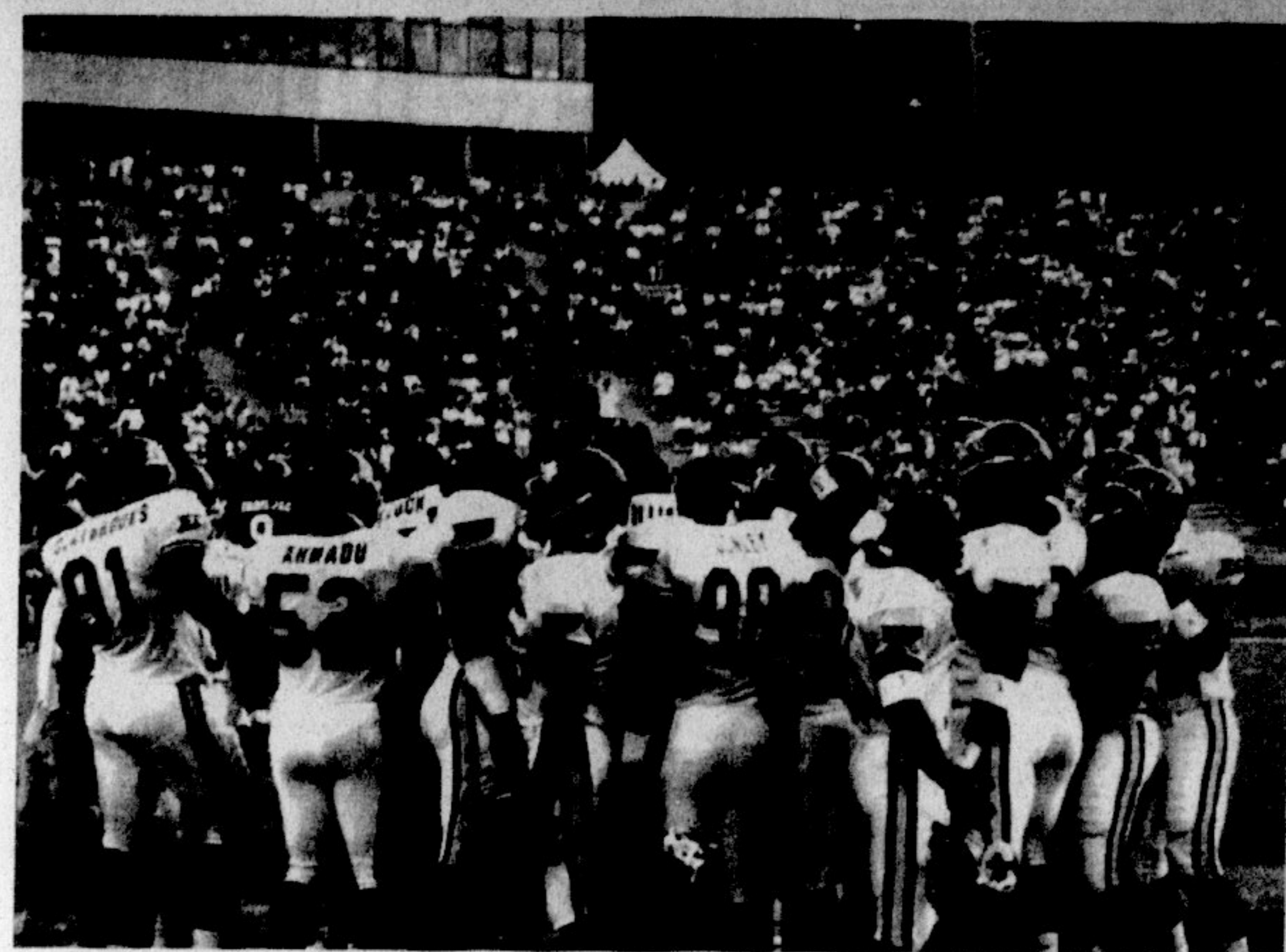
"As with a lot of teams in Conference USA they're not really traditionally big name teams," Lacewell said. "But they're up and coming. Memphis is definitely one of those teams. They pose a real threat to anybody they play."

At 3-2 this season, the Tigers have relied on a strong rushing attack.

"They've got a real good running game," Logan said. "They do a real good job pushing the ball straight

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Sherwin Lacewell
Senior Center, ECU Football



Above: ECU's only road game of the season was the season opener at Duke. (file photo)

ahead. That's one of those things we've shown some vulnerability at. Its going to be a test for us."

"As far as the run, they are very good running the ball," Williams said. "They've got two very good running backs back there and a great offensive line. We've got to prepare for those guys."

On defense the Tigers are anchored by Kamal Shakir, a senior middle linebacker and a preseason All-Conference selection. The unit also features four returning starters in the secondary and should pose a stiff challenge to the ECU offense.

"They pose some very special problems," Lacewell said. "They have the seventh ranked defense in the

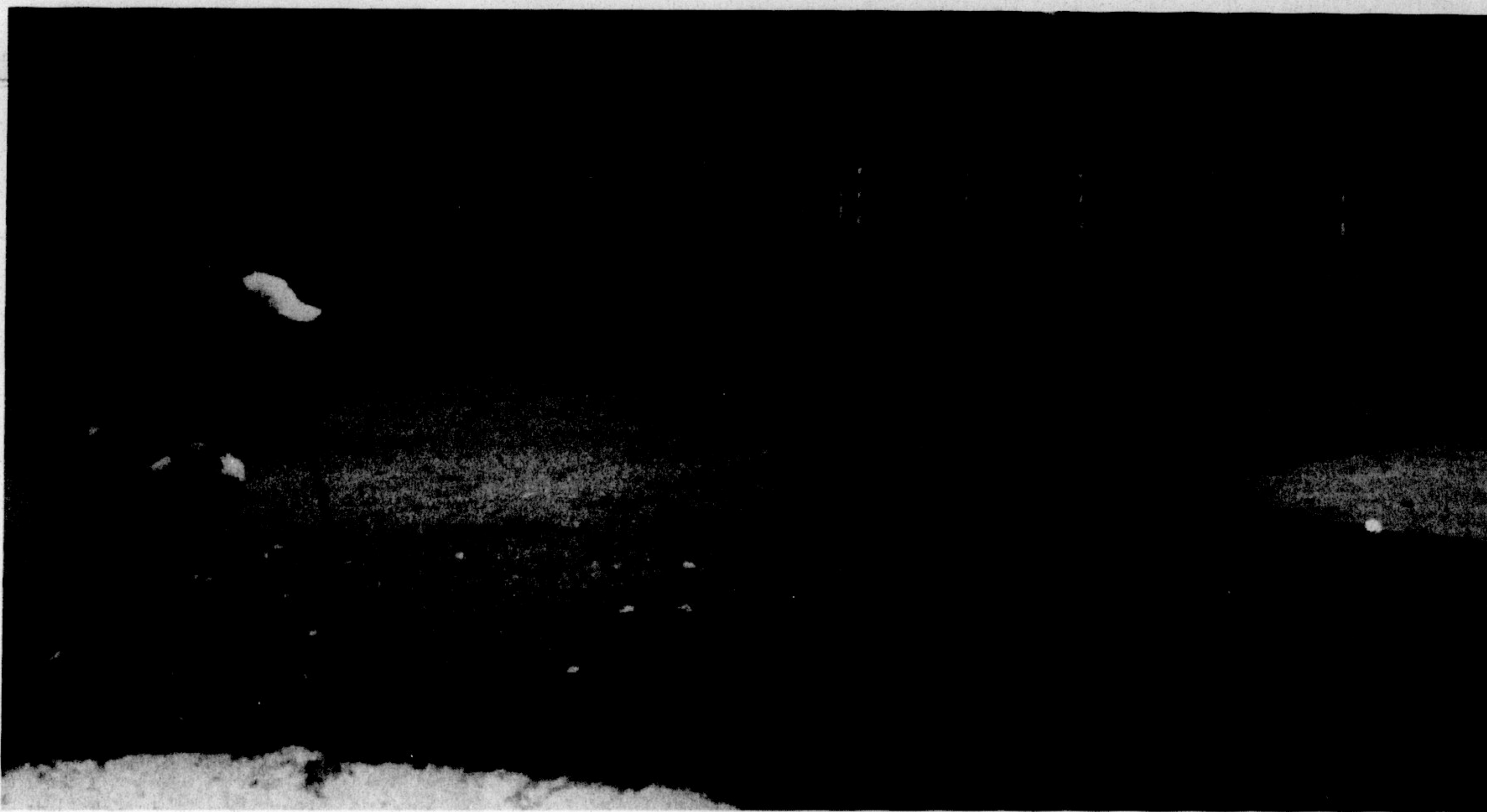
nation, so it's going to be a tough challenge. We've got to focus on techniques and coming off the ball and being a lot more physical than we have been to do anything against Memphis."

The Pirates are coming off a bye week and should head into the Memphis game with ample preparation.

"We had some real meaningful practices during the off week," Lacewell said. "So I think that's going to help us."

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Women's golf team victorious



In their first season, the Pirates won their first tournament this weekend at the Greenville Country Club. (photo by Kenny Smith)

Pirates host and win first tournament

Kyle Barnes
STAFF WRITER

The ECU women's golf team captured their first ever tournament victory and placed two pirate golfers among the top ten overall in the first home tournament of the season. The ECU team finished the tournament with a two-day stroke total of 618, topping the Weber State team by two strokes.

Ashley Leonard was the key player in the Pirate win, finishing in a tie for second place. On Monday, Leonard shot two-over-par 73 and put herself in a good position leading into the final round. Tuesday's heat and humidity would somewhat take its toll on the ECU freshman and Leonard ended the day with a final round 74 and cumulative total of 147.

"I'm happy with the way I finished, but I know it could have been a lot better," Leonard said. "I caught a few bad breaks on the back nine but can't complain with a second place finish in the tournament and first on the team."

"Playing well in the first two tournaments gave us some confidence and now we know that we can perform with all the players and not worry too much about being a young team,"

Krasny said.

Jessica Krasny
Freshman, ECU Golf

Freshman Jessica Krasny also placed in the top ten making it her third consecutive top ten finish this season. Krasny shot 79 in the first round of the tournament, but on Tuesday bettered her game by four strokes turning in a 75. Her two-day total of 153 landed Krasny in a five way tie for eighth.

"Playing well in the first two tournaments gave us some confidence and now we know that we can perform with all the players and not worry too much about being a young team," Krasny said. "I am actually kind of disappointed in the way that I played, but I hung in there and I am proud of the way I fought."

Alyssa Hayes and Mai Sugiyama also contributed to ECU's win by turning in final totals of 160 and finishing in a tie for 31st.



The women's golf team is in its first season. (photo Kenny Smith)

"Coming into this week we knew we could win, that's what we wanted, and I think it showed. Our team competes with a lot of heart and excitement, and really wants to win every match they play in," Coach Sally Hammel said.

ECU will play next on Oct. 9-10 in Charleston, S.C.

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Senior co-captain assumes leadership role

Sandhoff spurs young team to fast start

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Entering this season, the buzzword surrounding ECU's women's soccer team was youth. With 10 freshmen and only four seniors, the team looked as if it was going to take some knocks early.

However, at 7-4-2, it has not happened. The Pirates' solid start is due in large part to inspired play by the freshmen and effective leadership by the seniors, especially team co-captain Kim Sandhoff.

"She's just a phenomenal player," said head coach Rob Donnenwirth. "She is able to beat teams in so many ways. When the team is in a situation where they are on their heels defensively, she is able to help pick it up.

Coming into this season, Sandhoff sat atop the ECU career lists for goals, assists and points. She held



Kim Sandhoff (right) high-fives freshman Mindy Nixon after practice. (photo by John Stowe)

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Pirate swimmers prepare for purple and gold meet

Scrimmage to give coaches chance for analysis

Ryan Downey
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU Men's and Women's swim teams are gearing up for another big season. Unfortunately, the team like all others at ECU, excluding the football team, has been kicked out of the CAA. This means while they will swim against CAA teams in the regular season, they will not be allowed to score in the conference championship meet. That hasn't dampened the spirits of Head Coach Rick Kobe or the team, as they plan to compete in the much larger and faster Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet.

This year's team has a lot of speed and talent on both the men's and women's conference cham-

pion teams. Everybody is ready for the season to start.

"Our team this year is a good mix of young and old. Our goals this year are the same as every year, to go undefeated in our dual meets, and win the conference," said Kobe. Both the men's and women's teams have the potential to be the best ever. We have a lot of depth, we have a lot of fast kids with a lot of potential."

Last week, the team held their annual pentathlon practice where the whole team competes in time trials in the individual events. The team set seven pentathlon records. This gives fodder for great expectations from both the coaching staff and the athletes themselves as the season approaches.

The freshmen class has created a buzz within the program that has not been heard for years. A lot is expected out of this young group.

"Their class is twice the size of the class I came in with. I think each year we bring in faster kids," said Harris

This season, the team will be gearing up for the ECAC championship meet. The NCAC is a large conglomeration of teams from conferences all over the east coast. The member schools compete against each other in a meet that features up to 40 teams. ECU has a history with the meet but has not competed in it for the last few years due to scheduling conflicts with the CAA championship meet.

"This is a big time tournament and on paper, we should be one of the top three teams with a chance to win both meets if we stay healthy," said coach Kobe.

Conference or no conference, both the men and women are ready to start competing against someone besides themselves.

"We're still swimming against the same schools. The ECAC is a bigger event, but we're not worried about going into it. I think we will be ready for it," said Julie Palmer, captain of the diving team. "I'm

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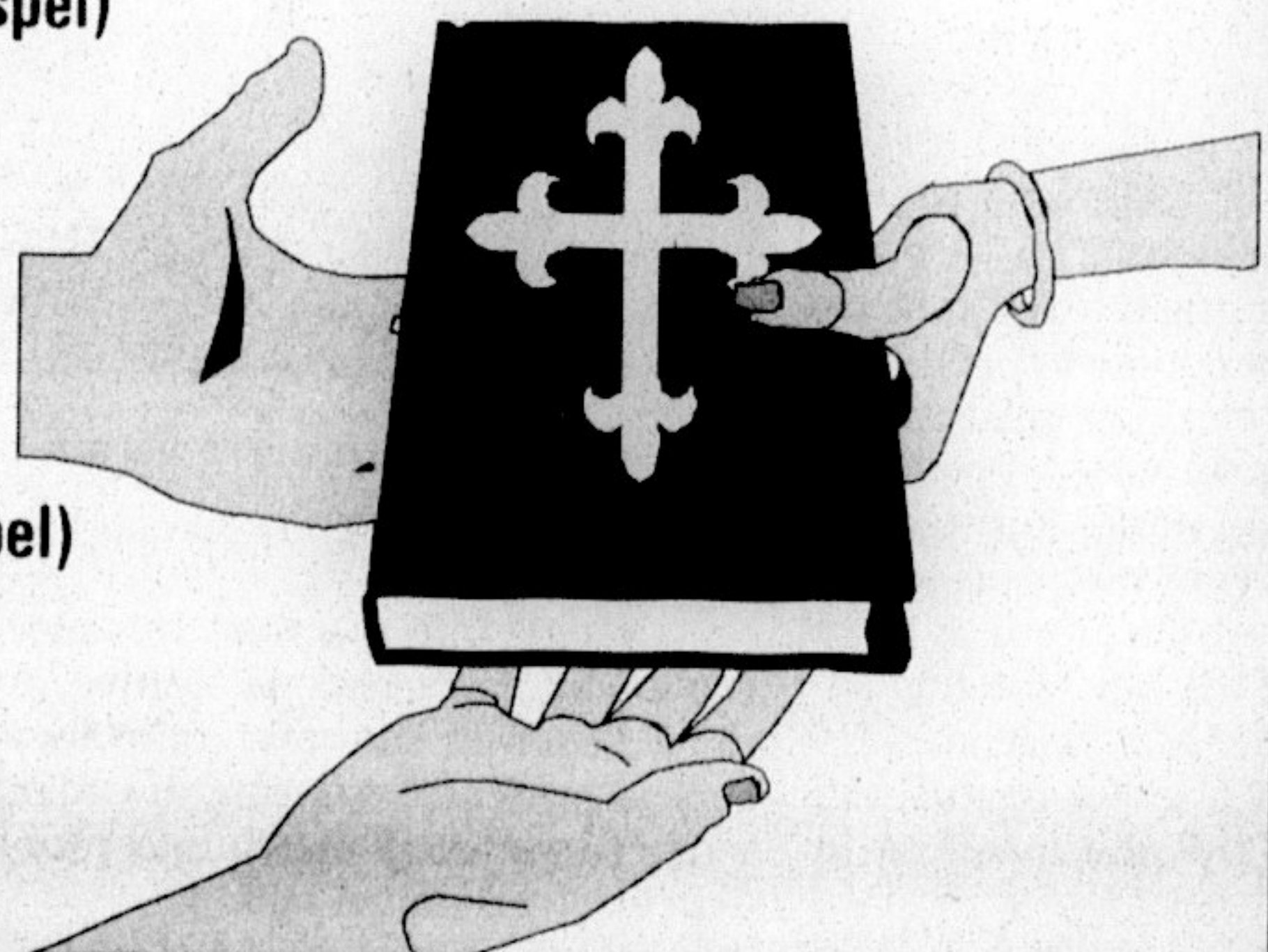
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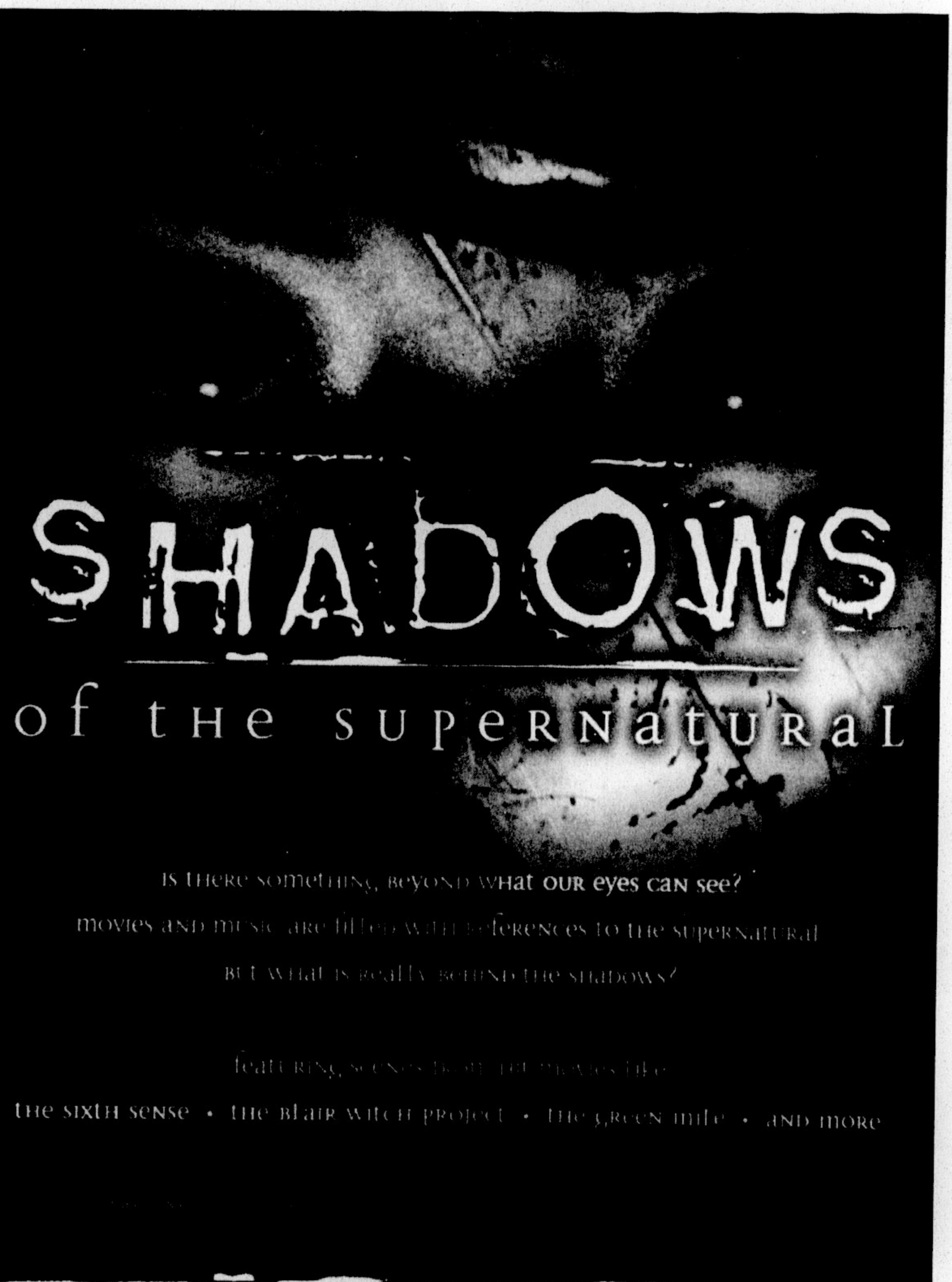


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the single season records for most goals and most points in school history.

Since coming to ECU four years ago, Sandhoff, a Hawaii native, has played in 51 of ECU's 52 games.

"She is able to score goals in so many ways and ditch the ball when she is double and triple-teamed, as has been the case sometimes this year," Donnenwirth said.

All this has combined to make her an effective team leader.

"Last year we had eight seniors and this year we only have four," Sandhoff said. "I think this year everyone on the team is stepping it up including our freshmen. We played the whole spring together, so we kind of knew early on that we need to step it up."

Sandhoff leads the team with 11 assists, 19 points and four goals.

In addition to her numbers, she has served as a mentor to the younger players on the squad.

"She definitely picks all of us up and picks our spirits up when we're losing," freshman Mandy Nixon said. "She's definitely a big leader on the field."

"Kim will tell it like it is," Donnenwirth said. "She will tell the team when they need to pick it up."

Four years ago, then Head Coach, Neil Roberts, recruited Sandhoff. Two years into her ECU career, Roberts left and Donnenwirth became head coach.

"They definitely have different coaching styles," Sandhoff said. "But both of them are excellent coaches. I've gotten to know (Donnenwirth) this summer and I respect him so much."

"She's definitely the most creative player that has played here, she's the most creative player who has ever played for me," Donnenwirth said. "Next year, we're losing four players, which may not sound like a lot compared to last year when we lost seven, but there's no replacing Kim. There's no replacing such a dynamic player."

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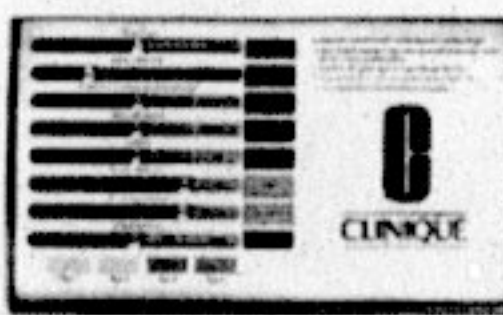
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just expecting all of us to qualify for ECAC and possibly the NCAAs. We need to keep learning dives and do well," said Palmer.

The men are also ready to get back into the action as they have brought in new recruits that will assist to their depth in many events.

"I feel very confident in the ability of our swim team. The team has gained a lot of talent in every event. The back stroke will be our strongest event being that we brought in four new guys after having only two on the back stroke last year. The new guys will make it better," said Matt Watson men's co-captain.

Though the important thing about the season is winning as many meets as possible, there is one meet that the team looks forward to every year, UNC Wilmington. This meet will fall at the end of the season, for possibly the last

time.

"I definitely can't wait for our last meet against Wilmington. I think the rivalry that they have put on us will elevate our competitive spirit and we will be able to come out victorious at the end," said Ralf Lang men's co-captain.

The Pirates Have a full team scrimmage coming up on October 12 as a tune up to get them ready for the regular season. The season promises to be an exciting one with the coaching staff watching closely at how the team performs.

"We base everything on how many varsity records we set. We want to recruit kids who will make the NCAA standards, win individual conference events and make the Olympic trials in Olympic years," said Kobe.

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