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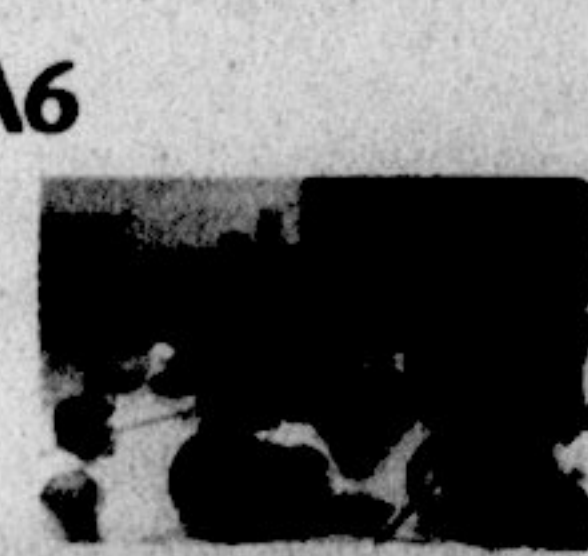
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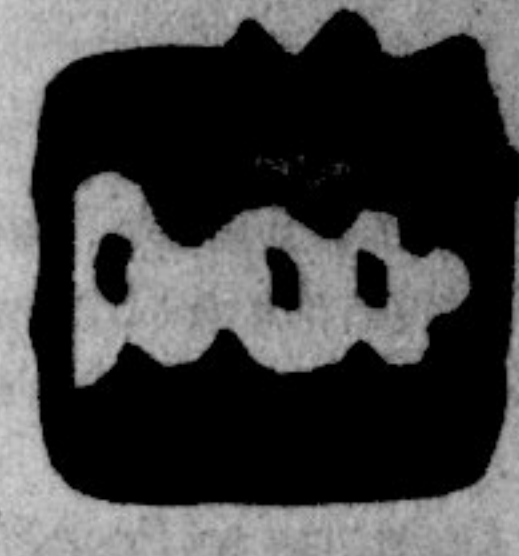
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NEWSBRIEFS

Election Day

Today is Election Day. If you are eligible to vote and have not voted already done so, then head to the polls.

Medicine and theatre

Medical students will give a free reader's theatre performance about the relationships between physicians and patients. The performance is based on a short story by Dr. Richard Seizer and will begin at 12:30 p.m. today in the Maple Room at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

In search of Caswell

An ECU archaeology team plans to open two unmarked burial crypts in an historic but overgrown Kinston cemetery in hopes of finding the grave site of Richard Caswell, the state's first elected governor. Caswell, who governed for six terms between 1777 and 1788, died in 1789.

His Kinston burial site is not known. The archaeologists gave uncovered two crypts in a cemetery near the historic Bentley Vernon Hall property and plan to excavate the burials Wednesday, Nov. 8. Contact Dr. Charles Ewen of the ECU department of anthropology at 328-1071 or the ECU Archaeology Laboratory at 328-6905.

Blood drive

The Red Cross will collect blood from ECU donors beginning at noon Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Mendenhall Student Center.

Concert

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Scott Carter, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8 in Wright Auditorium. The concert is free and the public is invited.

Recital

Jonathan Wacker of the School of Music will direct the Percussion Ensemble in a recital beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9 in the A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall.

Symphony

The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 in Wright Auditorium. Ticket information is available by calling 328-1244.

ECU Football

The ECU Pirates will host the University of Houston Cougars for their final home game of the season. The Conference USA match-up starts at noon Saturday, Nov. 11 in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.

Foodservice Meeting

The ECU Student Foodservice Advisory Committee will be having a meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Sweetheart's at Todd Dining Hall. Students will get to meet the food service management team and enjoy a free catered dinner. RSVP requested by Nov. 12 by calling 328-2470.

ONLINE SURVEY

Should Richard Alston have been suspended?

Vote online at www.theeastcarolinian.com

Will you vote on the upcoming bond referendum?

26% Yes

73% No

Alston suspended from rest of season

ECU back-up quarterback faces counterfeit, drug charges

Melyssa Ojeda
EDITOR IN CHIEF

ECU back-up quarterback Richard Alston was charged with obtaining property by false pretense, misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia Friday.

According to police reports, Alston, 19, attempted to pay for a \$9 meal with a \$100 counterfeit bill at the Burger King drive-thru on 10th Street and Greenville Boulevard at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2.

The clerk, James Price, realized the bill was counterfeit and rejected it. Alston then handed Price a \$20 bill and proceeded to leave the area without receiving his change, at which time Price notified the Greenville Police Department (GPD) and gave a description of Alston's vehicle and license plate number.

Officers investigated until a search warrant could be issued for Alston's arrest.

At approximately 5:51 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, officers arrested Alston after finding marijuana and drug paraphernalia

inside his apartment.

According to a report from *The Daily Reflector*, officers seized some computer equipment as well. Police reports from the GPD said otherwise.

"No computer equipment was noted in the police report," said Melissa Bartlett, of media relations at the GPD.

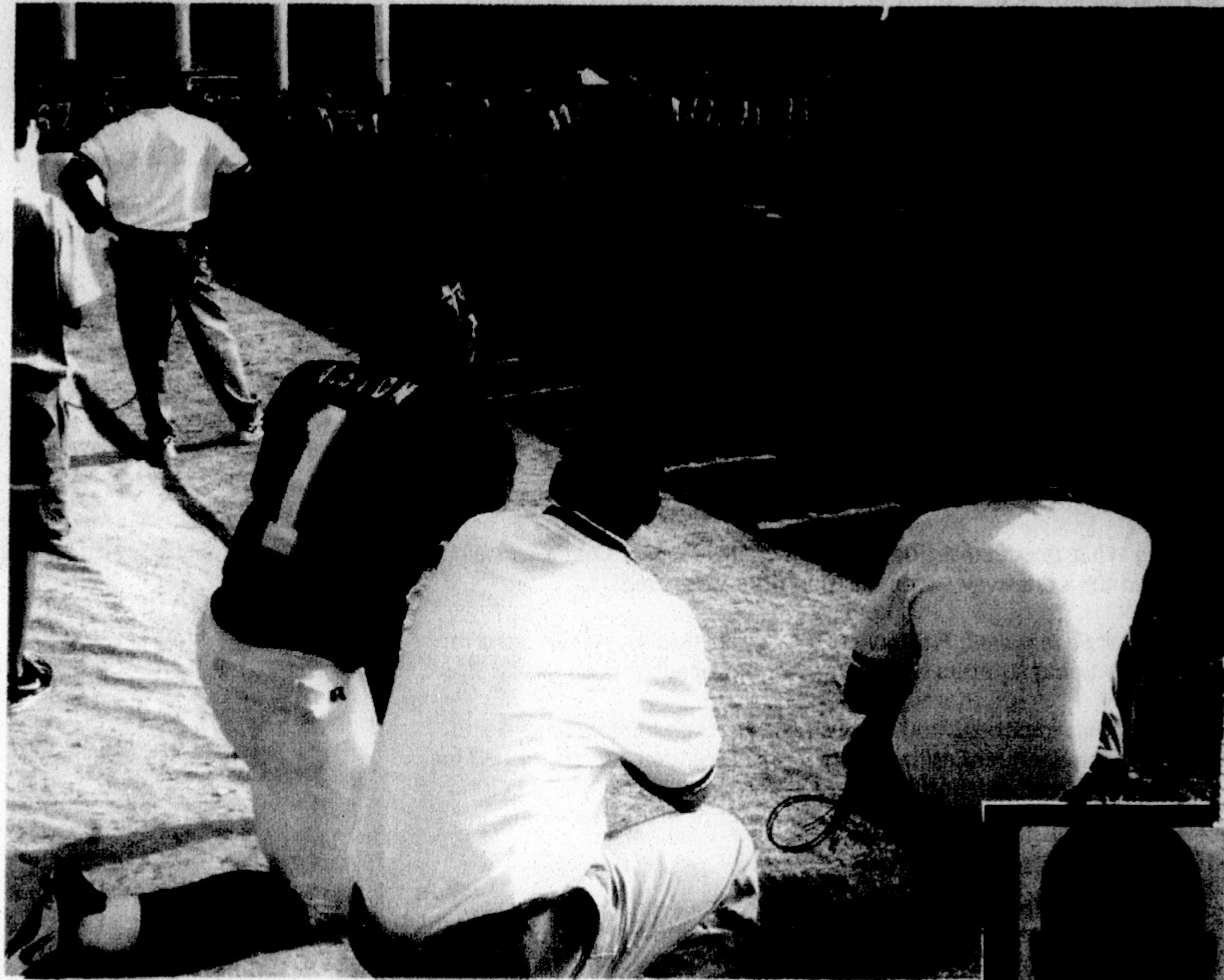
Alston, a sophomore, has been officially suspended from playing football.

"The decision has been made to suspend Richard indefinitely from this football team," said Athletics Director Mike Hamrick at a press conference Monday. "His future with this program will depend upon the outcome of his legal situation."

Hamrick and football Head Coach Steve Logan would not comment further on the incident, but Hamrick said he hoped Alston would continue attending classes at the university.

"We're in Richard's corner, we're gonna try and provide him with as much help and support as we can, but until he gets his situation resolved he will not play football for ECU, however, our hope is that he will continue to practice with the team and he will continue to be a student at ECU."

If Alston, an accounting major, is convicted of counterfeiting, a federal offense, the prospects for his success in the field of accounting look slim.



Sophomore back-up quarterback Richard Alston (1) was recruited by the Pirates in the spring of 1998. His recent arrest has resulted in an indefinite suspension by the ECU athletic department. The Pirates will take on Houston in their last home game of the season at 12 p.m. this Saturday. (top photo by John Stowe; right photo from media relations)

According to Dr. Douglas Schneider, an associate professor of accounting and CPA, an individual convicted of a federal offense would probably have great difficulty working as an accountant.

"There's no question that your career in accounting and other financial areas would be

adversely affected," Schneider said.

Alston has served as backup for junior, starting quarterback David Garrard for two seasons and has played in every game so far this season. He graduated from Warren County High School in 1998 and was recruited by ECU that same year.

Another incident involving a counterfeit bill occurred on Thursday, Nov. 2. At approximately 11:45 p.m., an ECU staff member reported to ECU police that a black male had passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at the Galley dining area in Jones Residence Hall on College Hill Drive.

The ECU Police Department was unavailable for comment regarding this incident at press time.

Alston declined comment for this story.

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

Golden Key International Honor Society to induct 4 year old

Scholars unite to raise needed funds for abused child

Nancy Kuck
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Golden Key International Honor Society will host an induction for new members at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14 in Wright Auditorium. One special inductee will be David Cody Rinehart, a 4-year-old boy who is the victim of child abuse.

On April 12, 1997, 15-month-old David was taken to Duke University Medical Center after being subjected to 10 days of child abuse by his mother Robin Noffsinger and her boyfriend, David Tripp Jr.

David's injuries, which included a fractured arm, skull, spine, leg and ribs, puncture wounds, chemical blinding to the eyes, multiple bruises and severe burns to various body parts, left him in a coma for a couple of months.

Medical personnel stated that the skull fracture David suffered was the equivalent to being thrown against a hard object at 50-60 miles per hour.

"This is the worst case of child abuse in my remembrance," said

Ronald Hewett, Brunswick County Sheriff. "The investigation had to be conducted in a slow, methodical and accurate manner to assure that our case is solid and fair to everyone concerned."

Noffsinger and Tripp were sentenced to prison under a Class E felony. Noffsinger faces a maximum punishment of 185 months in jail where Tripp faces charges of up to 93 months.

"This is the most traumatic abuse in North Carolina history," said State Sen. Hamilton.

David's case alone instigated passage of N.C. Senate Bill 252, which is titled, "An act to provide that child abuse causing extreme debilitating injury is a Class C felony."

The bill was introduced by Hamilton and unofficially called the "Cody Rinehart Bill." It was passed on July 20, 1999 and was put into effect in December 1999.

A Class C felony will extend a prison sentence for anyone guilty of child abuse from the regular Class E felony of 15-74 months to a Class C felony of 44-210 months.

At 4 years of age, David is left with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, seizure disorder, cortical blindness, diencephalic storms, gastroesophageal reflux, reactive airways

disease and remains on multiple medications and tube feedings.

In February 1998, Lori Stuart, an alumna of ECU, met David at a child care facility. After meeting with social workers, she began the process of adopting David. In May 2000, the adoption was finalized. David moved in with Stuart where he continues to receive medical care.

Stuart approached the Golden Key International Honor Society with the idea of a fundraiser for David in lieu of his medical costs. In response to this request, Golden Key decided to adopt David indirectly to increase the quality of his care.

"The Little David Fund" was started and sponsored by Golden Key. The organization has raised \$3,199 thus far through various donations and fundraisers.

"We are trying to raise money financially because that is where we are lacking," said Chris Hill, president of Golden Key. "He's got a lot of love in that house. The only thing he is lacking is additional financial help."

The society current has approximately 600 active members. Next week's induction will admit over 250 new mem-

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Armed robbery occurs near campus

Three suspects apprehended

Lex Wilson
STAFF WRITER

ECU student Danielle A. Vena of Monroe, N.C. was robbed at gunpoint on Friday, Nov. 3.

Vena was walking near the intersection of Jarvis and 5th streets around 12:10 a.m. when three male suspects approached her, Deveres O. Mosley, 18, Kelce

Nicholson, 19 and Kori A. Nicholson, 20, all of Grimesland, N.C.

With a gun visible, the men demanded the bag Vena was carrying which contained approximately \$500 of school supplies.

The three suspects were apprehended by the Greenville Police Department (GPD) at 3:28 a.m. at the intersection of Dickinson Avenue and Starhill Farm Road. No drugs or alcohol were involved in the incident. The victim was uninjured.

Mosley, Kelce Nicholson and Kori Nicholson

are charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, a felony act.

The three suspects were detained on a \$50,000 bond each, but have since posted bond and been released.

The vehicle the three individuals were driving, a 1988 Chevy Astrovan, was impounded when Officer Denzel of the GPD made the arrest. Vena had no connection to the three suspects that robbed her.

A 'Chili' Season



The Great Annual Lunchtime Chili Bowl Sale is currently underway at the Jenkins Fine Arts Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today until tomorrow. The chili bowls that are handmade by ECU student potters are on sale for \$8 each. The event is sponsored by the ECU Ceramics Guild to raise money for a student to attend the National Ceramic Conference to be held next March. For more information contact Charles Chamberlain at the ECU School of Art at 328-1301. (photo by Kerry Smith)

Crime Scene

Nov. 2

Auto Collision—Two students were involved in an auto collision on Ficklen Drive. One student was operating a transit bus when it collided with the other student's vehicle. No one was injured in the accident.

Damage to Property—A non-student was arrested after damaging a side mirror and breaking the passenger side window, of a staff member's vehicle, with a hammer. The vehicle was parked east Jones Hall.

Uttering Counterfeit Currency—A staff member reported a black male had passed a counterfeit \$100 bill at the Galley in Jones Hall.

Nov. 3

Armed Robbery—A student reported 3 black males stole a tool bag from her at gunpoint at the corner of 5th and Jarvis streets. The Greenville Police Department (GPD) later apprehended the suspects.

Failure to Appear—A student was arrested based a warrant from Wake County on a failure to appear in court charge.

Damage to Property—A student reported the radio antenna on her vehicle had been bent while parked north of the Student Recreation Center.

Expired Registration—A non-student was issued a state citation for displaying an expired registration after being stopped at Reade Circle.

Larceny—A student reported his secured bike was stolen from the rack northwest of Scott Hall.

Larceny—A student reported the radio antenna was stolen from her vehicle while it was parked south of Jones Hall.

Nov. 4

Driving While Impaired—A non-student was arrested for DWI after being stopped for a one-way street violation on Reade Street.

Driving While Impaired; Provisional DWI—A non-student was arrested for DWI after being stopped for driving without headlights on Reade Street.

Driving While Impaired; Provisional DWI; Possession of Marijuana—A student was arrested for DWI and provisional DWI after being stopped for a one-way street violation between Garrett and Fletcher Halls. During the search incident to arrest, a small amount of marijuana was found on his person.

Domestic Dispute—A student was issued a campus appearance ticket (CAT) and banned from Greene Hall for being under the influence of alcohol and harassing an unknown female in the Brewster Building and Greene Hall. It was reported that he was chasing a female and verbally harassing her. Officers were unable to locate the female and no report was made regarding such incident.

Expired Registration; No Operator's License—A non-student was issued a state citation for the referenced charges.

Harassing Phone Calls—A student reported receiving two phone calls from an unknown male that were sexual in nature, but not threatening.

Larceny—A staff member reported an unknown person entered a unlocked women's locker room in Minges Coliseum and stole several items belonging to the Athletics Department and two students. A possible suspect was reported.

Expired Registration—A non-student was issued a state citation for displaying an expired registration.

Resist, Obstruct and Delay; Using Another's Driver's License—A non-student was arrested based on a warrant for an incident that occurred on Oct. 13 in the Substation Lot where he was issued a state citation for underage possession of alcohol, but used another person's driver's license. He was issued a state citation and a trespass warning for using another's driver's license.

Financial Card Fraud—A student in Greene Hall reported her check card number had been used to visit pornographic Web sites from the computer in her room.

Auto Accident—A non-student's vehicle collided with a parked vehicle parked on Chamberlain-Pigford Court. The collision caused the parked vehicle to strike the adjacent parked vehicle. There were no injuries.

Candidates, young voters can't seem to find common ground

WASHINGTON (TMS)—Evan Rabinowitz, a 20-year-old college junior from California, has figured out the politics of special interests: If you show up at the voting booth, your issues get heard.

It's no wonder, he said, that the presidential candidates are talking about Medicare and Social Security and issues that affect the elderly.

"Those are the people that vote," Rabinowitz said.

Therein lies the dilemma for younger voters. They don't tend to vote because Al Gore and George W. Bush don't talk about their issues; the candidates don't talk about their issues because they don't tend to vote.

Political experts expect that voting by America's 18- to 24-year-olds will drop to an all-time low this presidential election—the result of apathy, cynicism and a disenchantment with national politics.

"They don't see anything in either candidate that will make a major change in their lives," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a nonpartisan organization that studies national voting patterns.

Julia Cohen, executive director of Youth Vote 2000, a grassroots voting drive for Americans under 30 years old, calls it a "mutual cycle

of neglect."

It's not for lack of trying.

Gore's daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, heads up Gorennet—a grassroots program directed toward young voters.

George P. Bush, George W.'s nephew and son of Florida's Gov. Jeb Bush, is spearheading the Republican campaign to raise youth interest. Both campaigns have elaborate Web sites, a popular medium among young people. And colleges across the country have student groups conducting get-out-the-vote campaigns.

Yet, for all that, many potential first-time voters find the candidates lacking.

For example, Youth Vote 2000 conducted a focus group of 18- to 24-year-olds during the third presidential debate Oct. 17 and found that most participants concluded that the candidates blew their chances to engage young people.

When asked by a college professor in the audience about apathy among younger voters and their belief that they were being ignored, Gore replied by discussing the importance of campaign finance reform and Bush talked about his desire to end the bitter partisanship in Washington.

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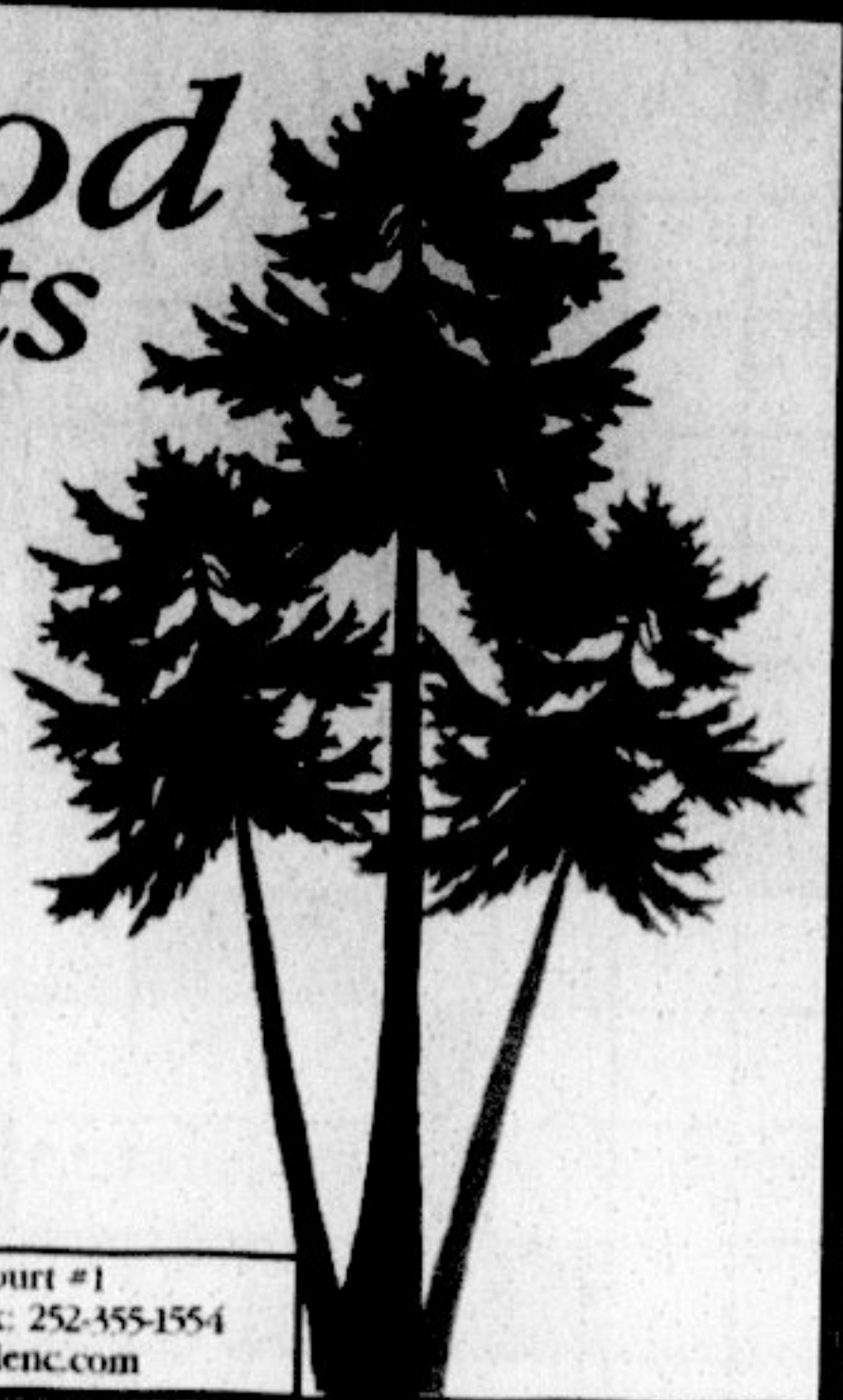
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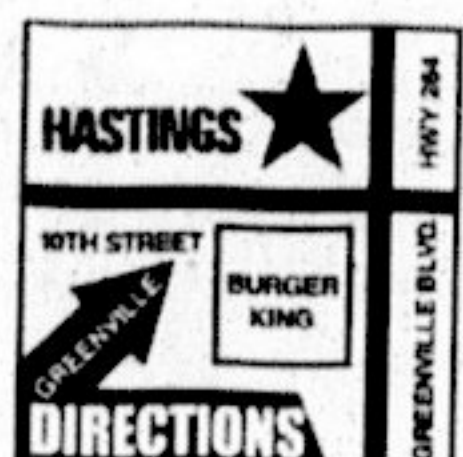
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Campus Crusade founder diagnosed with terminal disease

Knight Ridder (TMS)—Bill Bright, a businessman-turned-evangelist who founded Campus Crusade for Christ 49 years ago and built it into a major, worldwide ministry based in Orlando, has a terminal lung ailment and prostate cancer.

Bright, 79, was definitively diagnosed last week with the lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis, a Campus Crusade spokesman said earlier this week. The condition is an incurable buildup of scar tissue in the lungs that stops them from doing their job of transferring oxygen to the blood.

The average life expectancy after a diagnosis of pulmonary fibrosis is three to five years, said James Woelbern, Campus Crusade spokesman. Woelbern would not provide a prognosis for Bright.

After a preliminary diagnosis, Bright recently underwent three days of extensive tests at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., one of

the world's largest medical centers, with expertise in a wide range of conditions. After the evaluation, Bright received the confirmed diagnosis last week from his doctor, Woelbern said.

Bright has been aware for the past four years of the prostate cancer, also potentially lethal but usually slow-moving. He has been treated for the cancer but has not made the condition known publicly.

Woelbern said doctors think Bright developed pulmonary fibrosis during the prostate cancer treatment, but that the cause of the lung ailment is unknown.

In August, Bright announced he intended to step down as president of Campus Crusade on Aug. 1, 2001, and turn over the reins to Steve Douglass, a 30-year veteran of the organization.

However, Woelbern said Bright's health was not a factor in that

decision.

Bright and his wife, Vonette, founded Campus Crusade as a small ministry to college students at the University of California Los Angeles in 1951.

Today, Campus Crusade maintains its college activities on campuses worldwide, including more than 800 schools in the United States.

Campus Crusade has expanded its work into other missions, including a family missionary effort and the "Jesus" film, which has been translated into 620 languages.

The group has more than 22,000 full-time staff members in 186 countries.

That includes about 900 employees at its \$45 million headquarters on 275 acres in the Lake Hart area of Orlando.

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bers, making the organization's ECU chapter the largest in the Southeast region.

"During the induction, we hope to raise money that evening," Hill said. "With the media there, we hope it will reach the additional public," Hill said. "We encourage everyone to come."

The fundraiser will help cover some expensive items that are necessary for David's habilitation. These items include a \$1,800 positioning stroller, a \$1,463 vestibular swing frame with net and seat, a \$2,761 stander and a \$263 feeder seat with wedge.

"David has got a lifetime membership," Hill said. "We will try to look after him as long as he needs us."

Phony AIDS letters sent to dozens

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Dozens of people were sent phony, official-looking letters telling them they are infected with the AIDS virus.

Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton's name and the City Hall address appear as the sender on the envelopes, but it is unclear who sent them or why.

About two dozen people sent their letters to her or called for an explanation.

Belton turned the letters over to federal investigators.

"This is really a vicious kind of mail fraud," said Ann Freeman, a spokeswoman for the mayor.

The letters refer to recipients as patients with HIV and tell them to contact the news media.

The envelopes had Florida postmarks and also show return addresses on the back for a Target store in Coral Springs, Fla., and Target Corp. headquarters in Minneapolis. A Target spokeswoman said the company wasn't involved and is investigating.

Diplomats ask Bush, parole officials to spare convict

HOUSTON (AP)—Three European diplomats on Saturday joined Mexico in appeals to Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas parole board to halt the execution of a native of Mexico convicted of a 1989 rape and murder.

Miguel Flores, 31, faces execution Nov. 9 for abducting, raping and fatally stabbing college student Angela Tyson with a pocket knife.

Flores came within days of being executed in 1995, when he received a stay of execution from a federal judge. The U.S. Supreme Court in 1994 declined to hear his case.

The French and Swedish ambassadors to the United States and the head of the European Union's Delegation of the European Commission sent a letter requesting the stay of execution to Bush and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, the French consulate in Houston

said Saturday.

Flores would have had a fair trial if Texas authorities had allowed him to contact Mexican officials given the "inherent disadvantages facing a detained foreign national," said the letter, which cited provisions of international law under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

The letter also asked Bush to direct the Board of Pardons and Paroles to investigate Flores' case further and was signed by French ambassador Francois Bujon de l'Estang, Swedish ambassador Jan Eliasson and Gunter Burghardt, head of the European Commission delegation.

Mexican consuls based in Texas met last month with state officials, seeking to halt the execution. The Mexican officials also have filed a protest with the U.S. State Depart-

ment.

Under Texas law, the governor can only issue a one-time, 30-day reprieve or act on a recommendation of the parole board to grant a stay, commute a sentence or issue a pardon.

The Texas Attorney General's office has said that there is no precedent for granting Flores relief based on the Vienna Convention.

Last year, Joseph Stanley Faulder of Canada was executed in Texas despite his attorneys' claims that his conviction was tainted because he was never told he could seek help from Canadian authorities after his arrest. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright was among those who got involved on Faulder's behalf.

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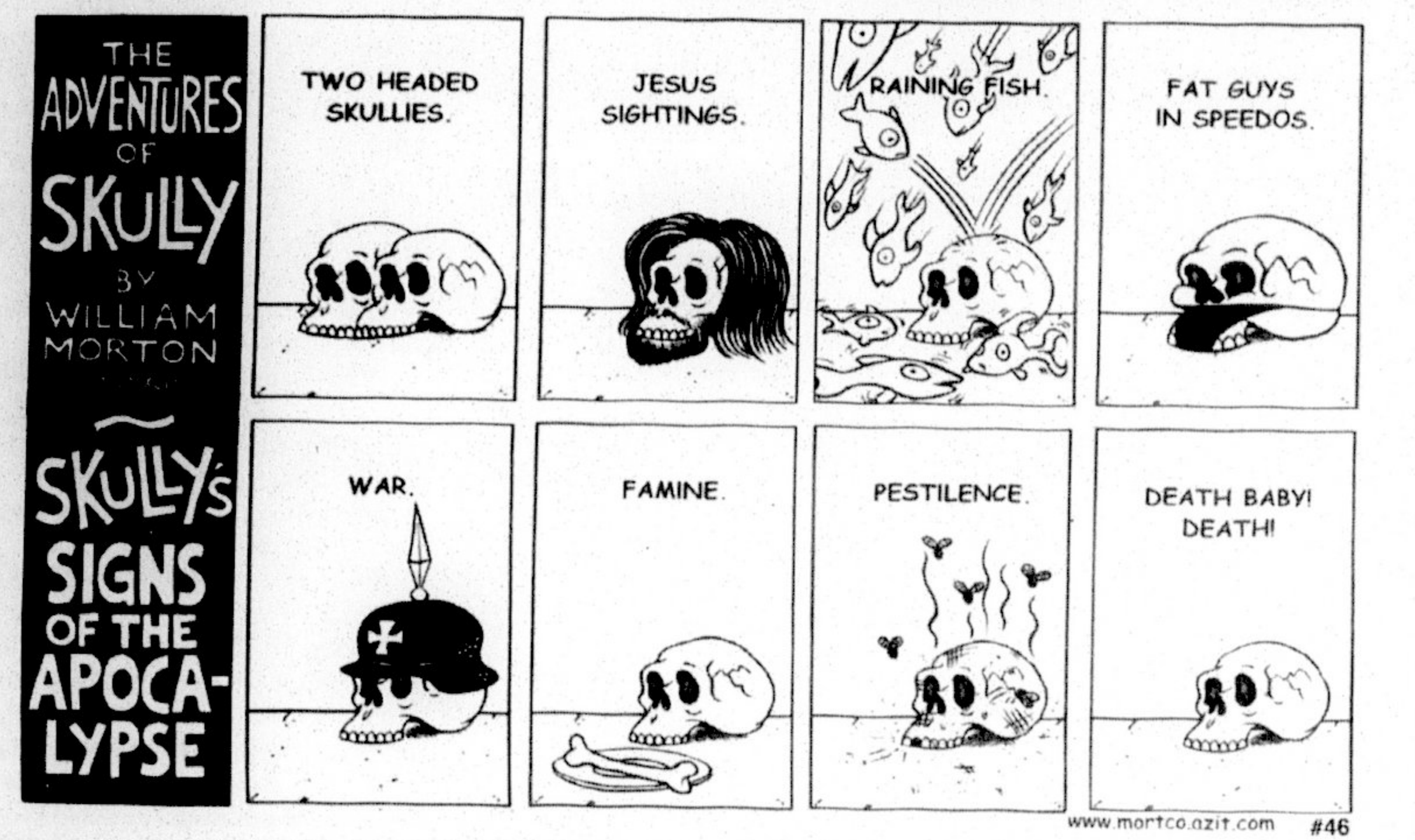
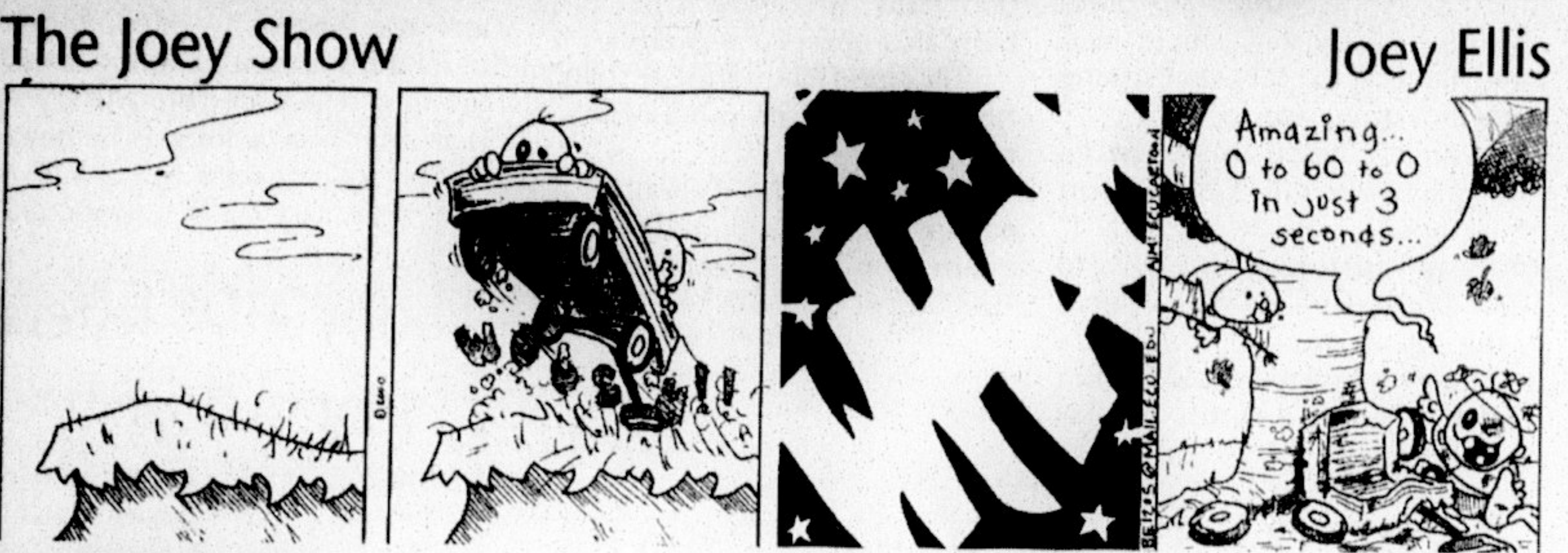
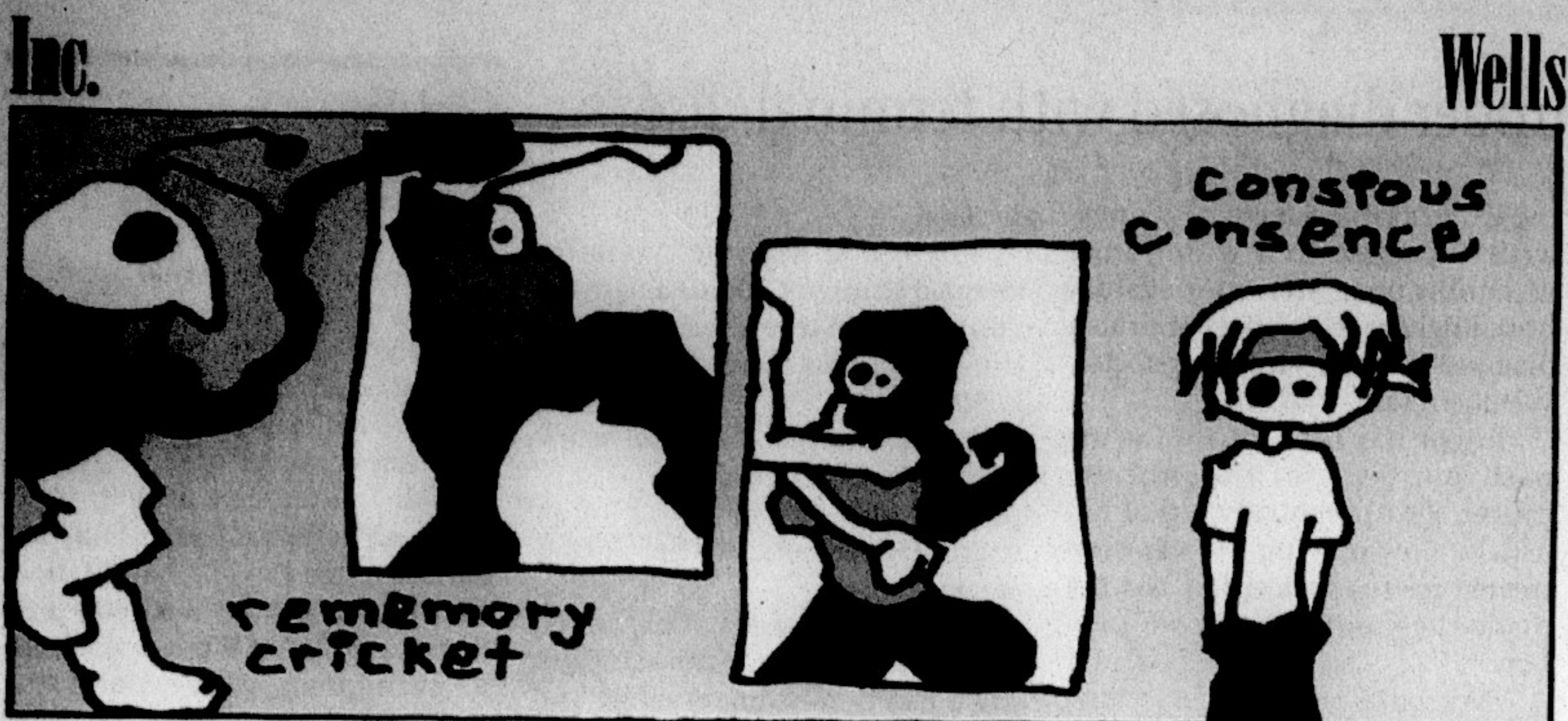
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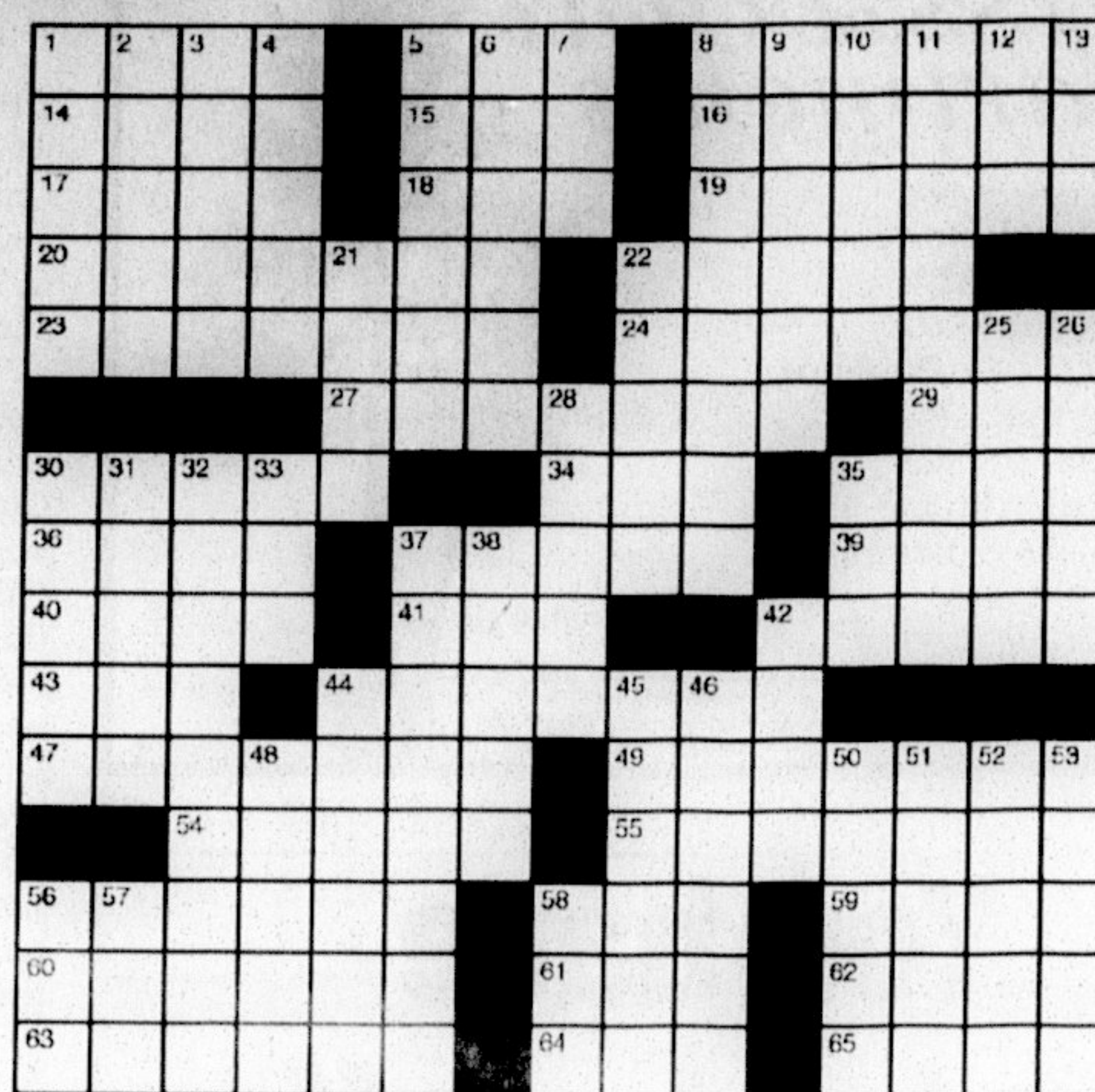
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 - 14 Petrocelli of baseball
 - 15 Afternoon affair
 - 16 Canadian capital
 - 17 Division word
 - 18 Decompose
 - 19 Difficult to deal with
 - 20 Self-gratifying spree
 - 22 Belonging to thee
 - 23 Abandon
 - 24 Withdraws
 - 27 Stretching muscles
 - 29 Yale student
 - 30 Fence openings
 - 34 Everything
 - 35 Wicked
 - 36 Prophetic sign
 - 37 Verily
 - 39 Actress Moreno
 - 40 Trick
 - 41 Broadway success
 - 42 Stares at
 - 43 Winter hours in NYC
 - 44 Oil's partner?
 - 47 Nautically nauseated
 - 49 Enthusiastic applause
 - 54 Ridicules
 - 55 Suppress
 - 56 Fifth or Madison
 - 58 Numbers pro
 - 59 Heart problem?
 - 60 Renter
 - 61 Favorite
 - 62 Took to court
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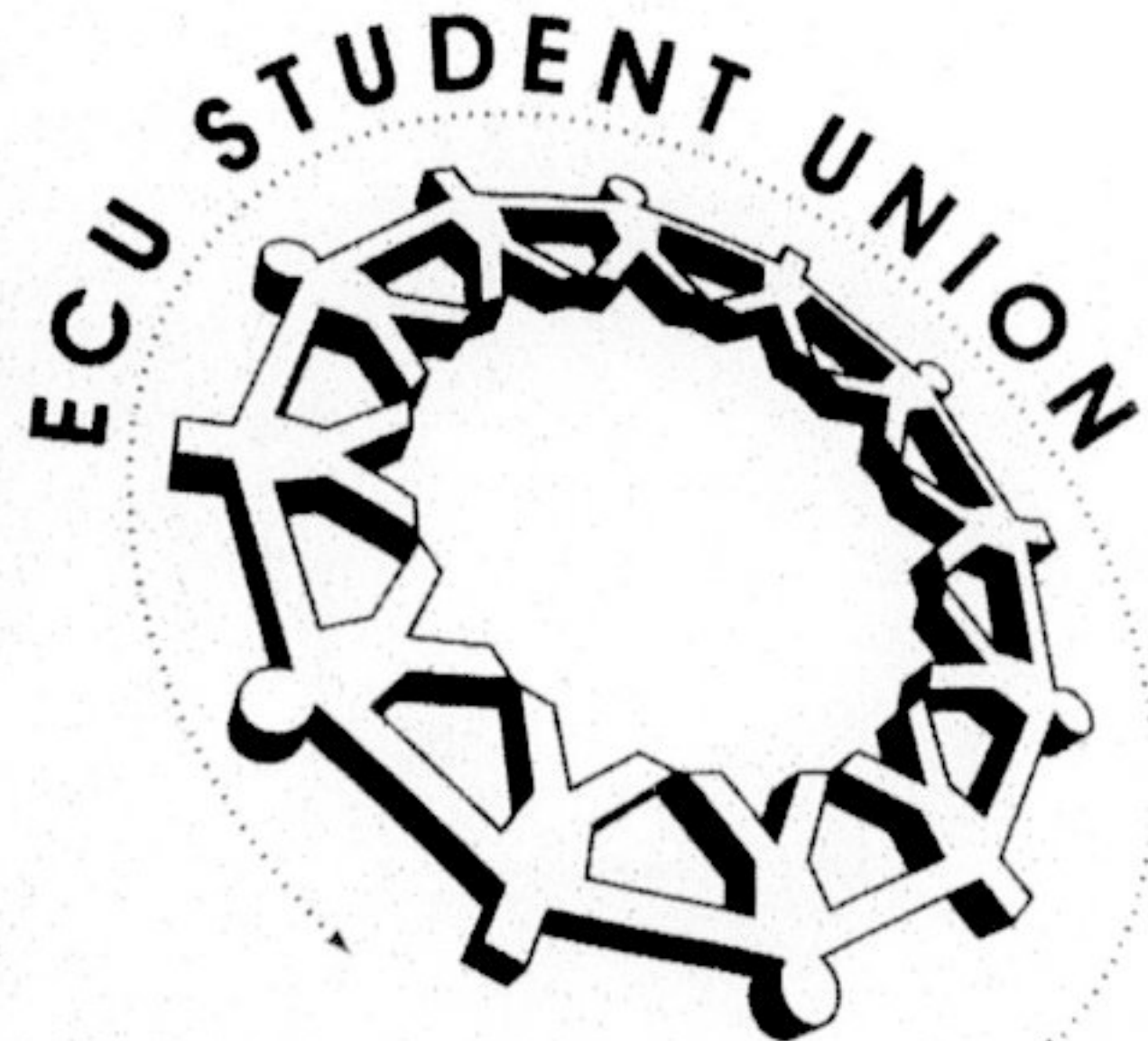
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 - 8 Maternal
 - 9 Moral principles
 - 10 Make amends
 - 11 Recklessly bold person
 - 12 Possess
 - 13 Manner
 - 21 Squealers
 - 22 Cave dweller of folklore
 - 25 Type size
 - 26 George Eliot novel, "Marnie"
 - 28 Pan-fry
 - 30 Albert and Tipper
 - 31 Entertain
 - 32 Will's partner?
 - 33 Opposite of WSW
 - 35 Work unit
 - 37 Dense growths of underbrush
 - 38 Ice-skating arenas
 - 42 Spoken
 - 44 Llama's kin
 - 45 Spiritual music
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Blockbuster Movie

11/9-11/12: **What Lies Beneath** (Rated PG-13)
In this supernatural thriller, Norman and Claire (Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer) find their idyllic existence unraveling when a deceased graduate begins appearing to Claire, pleading for her help. As a result, Claire finds that she must investigate the mystery behind the student's demise and uncovers the small college town's dark secrets.

Mercury Cinema

11/8-11/12: **Time Code** (Rated R)
Low-budget movie director Cecil B. Demented (Stephen Dorff) and his gang of underground filmmakers (known as the Sprocket Holes) force glam Hollywood actress Honey Whitlock (Melanie Griffith) at gunpoint to star in his latest low-budget film. Demented transforms Whitlock into a "guerrilla film making terrorist" and together they spread their message. Down with bad Cinema!

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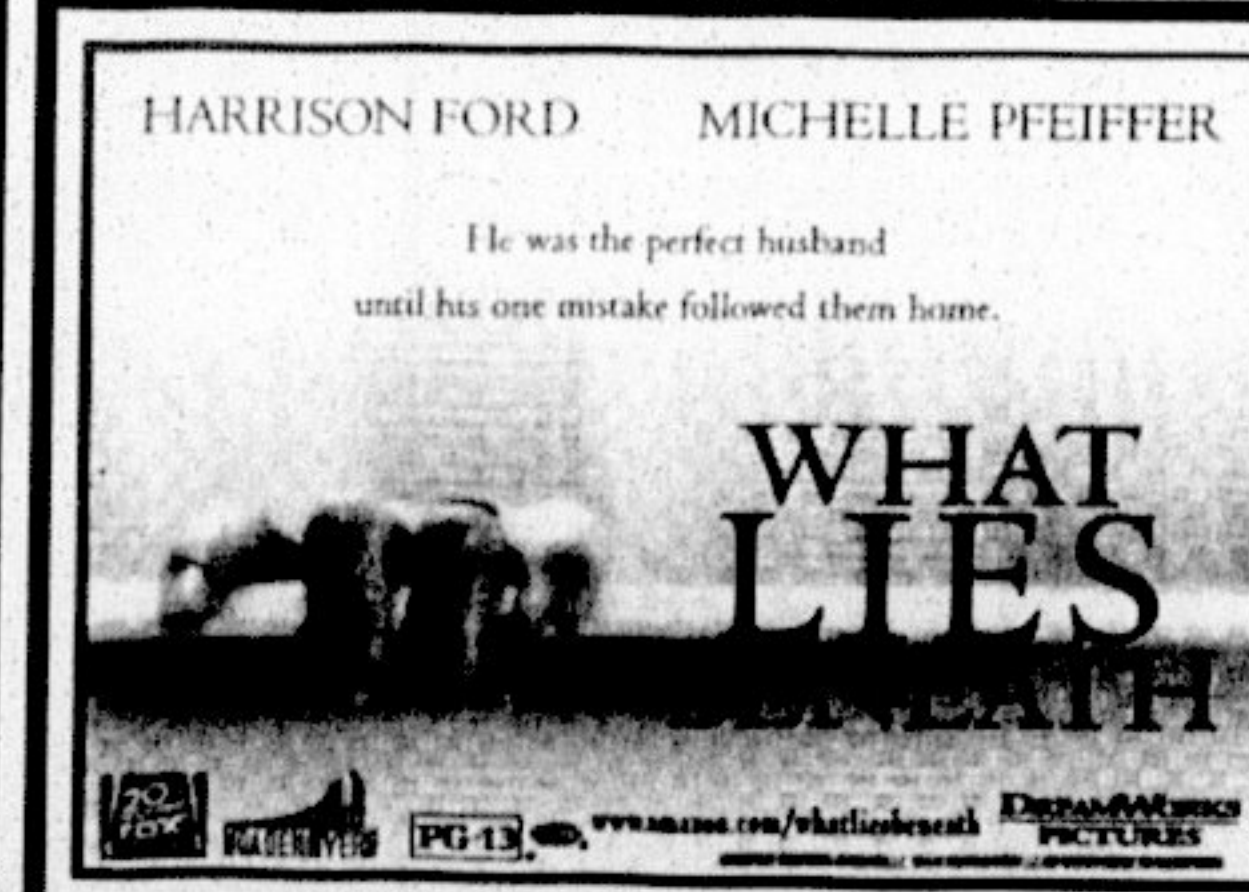
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OUR VIEW

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ECU backup quarterback, Richard Alston was arrested late last week after he attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 bill at a local Burger King. The sophomore then left the scene and was tracked down at his apartment where police found drug paraphernalia.

Acting quickly, the athletic department suspended Alston indefinitely pending the outcome of the investigation.

Earlier this year, Pennsylvania State University quarterback Rashard Casey was accused of the racially motivated beating of an off-duty police officer. He was allowed to continue to play. However, in Casey's case, he was cleared of the charges.

Three years ago, a group of players at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill were involved in an altercation in downtown Chapel Hill. The group played all season.

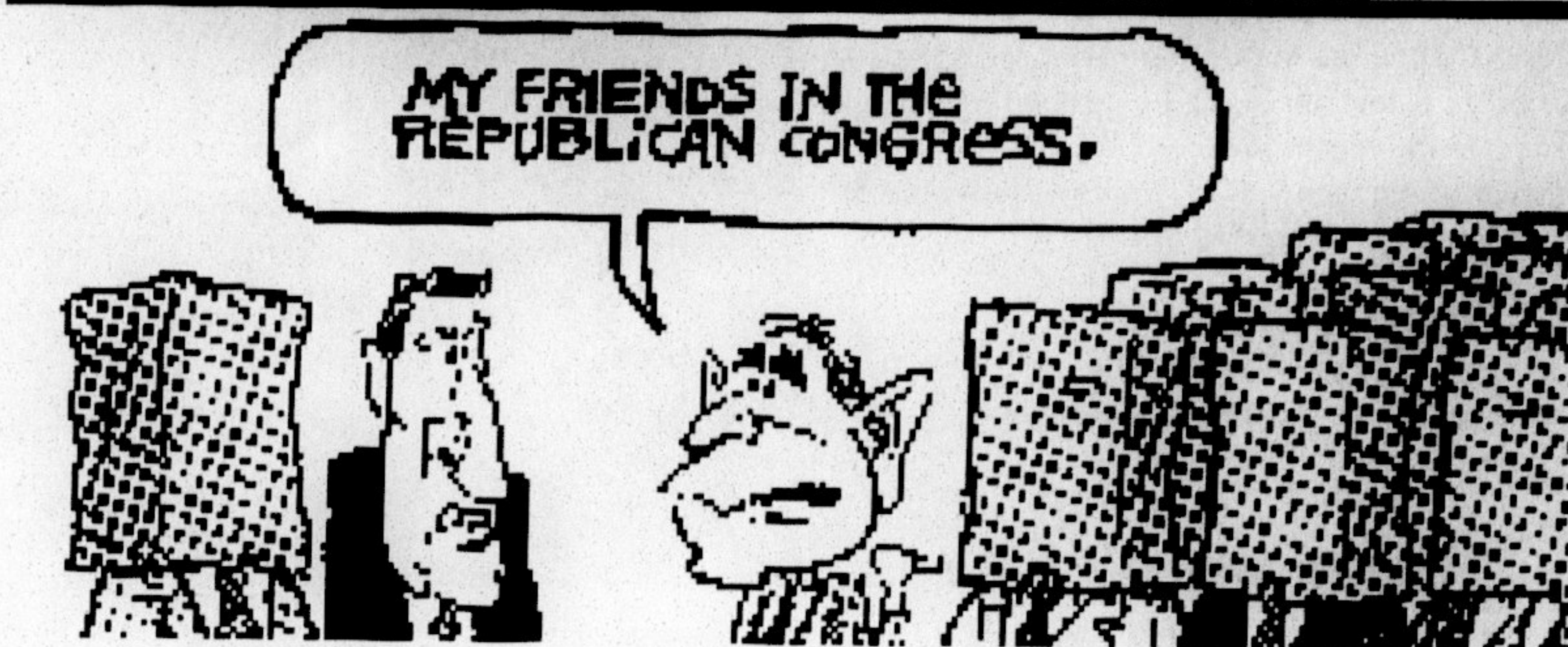
Just last year, UNC-CH basketball player Ed Cota was implicated in an altercation in Chapel Hill on Halloween. Cota too continued to play.

Former Connecticut Huskies point guard Khalid El-Amin was stopped two years ago with marijuana in his car. He was also allowed to play.

Earlier this season rumors circulated that during a high school game at Florida Field in Gainesville, Fla. both locker rooms were hit by thieves who took jewelry and other valuables from the players' bags during the game. One name that came up was that of Jabar Gaffney, a UF wide receiver. The school did not look into the matter and Gaffney played that week, catching the winning touchdown against Tennessee.

The phenomena does not stop in the pros. Former Nebraska runningback Lawrence Phillips was charged with beating his girlfriend. That did not stop the Rams from making him their first round pick. Runningback Cecil Collins was kicked out of two universities for illegal behavior but was drafted in the first round of by the Miami Dolphins.

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Faisal Lodhi

IN MY OPINION

Vice president makes reasonable promises

The two candidates with their different opinions have made it clear that they will help all Americans and the other candidate will only hurt them.

Well, last week we analyzed Gov. George W. Bush. Now, let's take a closer look at the Vice-President. You may have already voted by the time you read this, but this might make you wonder if you made the right decision.

Al Gore is representing most of the American population, whether they know it or not. Unless you are in the top 1 percent wealthiest and you want to get most of your taxes back, Al Gore will benefit you the most. He wants to give tax breaks to those who need it and deserve it the most.

He wants to save social security and Medicare for those who are going to need it, while Bush, who doesn't have much concern for those who are going to need it, is putting them in jeopardy. Granted that a social security check is not much, it is how some senior citizens are getting by and we need to save it for those who will need it in the future.

In this country, whether you are rich or poor, you should still be able to live a decent and respectful life.

Gore is also going to protect the

surplus rather than give it away to the richest in this country. If you look at the Reagan and Bush administrations, they did nothing but accumulate the largest debt this country has ever seen. It is apparent that the republicans are not very good at basic math and economics.

Even with this huge debt, the Clinton administration helped Americans to see one of the most prosperous times in our history while accumulating the largest surplus we have ever seen. If Bush is allowed to step into office, then the projected surplus is going to decrease drastically.

Gore is also a man who makes reasonable promises. Bush, on the other hand, has promised the wealthy in this country a trillion dollars in tax cuts while promising the same money to the senior citizens; which promise do you think he will break? Gore has made promises that are not only good for the country but they are reasonable and responsible.

When it comes to the environment, Bush doesn't have much to say. The reason being that those who pay for his campaign don't want any environmental laws interfering with their businesses.

This only means the air we breathe, the water we drink and the

food we eat are going to become more contaminated and our health conditions are going to fall.

Global warming is going to become a serious problem in the future and our dependence on oil is going to be prolonged.

Gore wants to do something about the big corporations polluting our air. He wants to find new energy supplies that are friendly to our environment, our economy and at the same time will take our dependence off of big oil.

When it comes to foreign policy, Bush doesn't have a clue, whereas Gore knows more than enough. This is a big factor when it comes to dealing with our enemies and our allies. It is very important to keep peace in the Middle East.

President Clinton has worked so hard and yet conditions continue to decline in the Middle East. What do you think will happen if Bush becomes president? Are we going to repeat something like Desert Storm, which will only make our economic conditions here worse?

It's your vote, remember this when you are looking at that ballot.

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

Nicolle Johnson

IN MY OPINION

A Whopper of a mistake

Last week, an ECU football player got caught making what can only be called a very bad play. Police arrested quarterback Richard Alston when he tried to pass off a counterfeit \$100 bill at a local Burger King.

I think we all know that wasn't exactly the best idea in world. In fact, it was just plain stupid. Burger King is known for sometimes double-checking \$20 bills, so it stands to reason that they'd do it for a \$100. I mean, it seems pretty obvious that most of their customers probably don't hand over big bills like that for a Whopper. Wouldn't most people try to pass it off at a small gas station, or some place at least rumored to have slack security?

Then again, I've heard that Alston actually printed it up himself. So, I guess that to somebody who thinks they can pass off a homemade bill, it may not be quite so obvious. But who knows—maybe the poor guy was just too hungry to think straight.

And, as if Alston's little purchasing problem wasn't enough, there's

more. Following an investigation, the police were also able to pin drug charges on him.

Now, we've all seen professional athletes jailed or suspended indefinitely for the exactly the same sort of thing. And we know that we should only risk as much as we're willing to lose. You know, "don't do the crime if you can't do the time."

So, whatever joy he got from selling or using drugs, along with the counterfeiting, apparently meant more to him than football. And I'm sure his teammates appreciate his "Pirate Pride" just as much as the rest of us do.

What is truly sad is that his future is on the line. Alston was majoring in accounting—and counterfeiting is a federal offense. Which means that if he is convicted, odds are he will never become a Certified Public Accountant. Just think about it. If you were looking for someone to handle your books, would you pick the guy with that on his record?

So, what happens now? As I understand it, Head Coach Steve

Logan says the matter will be "handled internally." What does that mean? Will he be suspended for the rest of the season? Will he lose whatever scholarships or privileges he might have?

Perhaps the better question is this: Why? Why isn't the court going to decide the entire matter? For that matter, how much say will ECU authorities have? If you or I walked into a Burger King with a counterfeit \$20 or even a fake \$5, who would bail us out? Just because we're not "somebody," we'd be on our own.

We could pretty much kiss the rest of our semester, and possibly entire college career, good-bye, right then and there.

But will that be the case for this football player? I just hope that what happens far too often doesn't happen here. You know, when the "who" outweighs the "what," and the star finds that he's holding a "get out of jail free" card.

If that happens, I'll want to know where was I when they handed those out.

Adam Shiver

IN MY OPINION

Like it or not, Bush's DUI changes things

Central Florida Future (TMS Campus)—With Election Day right around the corner, it has come out that George W. Bush received a DUI in 1976.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious matter. It is something that no one should ever do. It unwillingly puts other people's lives at risk. Do we really want or need a president that is willing to do something such as this?

I know many people have driven intoxicated. I have even done so. And that was one of the most stupid decisions I have ever made in my entire life. I am certainly not proclaiming that I am perfect, but without a doubt, I don't think that our president should be someone who would commit such a crime.

I feel that another issue at hand here is that Bush waited until either the media or his competitors uncovered this issue, before he made a decision to discuss it with the public.

"I'll be the first to say that what I did was wrong, and I've corrected that. I think the people of America will understand that," said Bush in a hurried press conference Nov. 2.

The people of America would be more likely to understand if Bush had fessed up and let everyone know about this matter much earlier.

Bush's DUI occurred 24 years ago. Bush stated though that he had quit drinking only 14 years ago. That is a 10-year gap from the time of his DUI until he quit. Was a DUI not enough to stop him from drinking? Would the stresses

of the presidency drive Bush back to drinking?

I understand that no one is absolutely perfect. I however want the most perfect person as our country's leader. I want the man or woman who is going to be up front and honest with me.

I want the person who shows longevity in a relationship, good business sense. Most importantly, I want someone with good morals and ethics in charge of running our country.

This, along with the issue of Bush's possible use of cocaine, is going to be a huge deciding factor for many people.

Al Gore has said that he has no intention of mentioning Bush's DUI in upcoming speeches. This is a true sign of how to conduct yourself in this type of situation.

Vinny Setala

IN MY OPINION

On the eve of history

Centralia (U-WIRE)—Today is the day. Quite possibly the most important day of the new millennium, and certainly the most historically significant of this century.

Yes, folks, you know what I'm talking about. Nov. 7, 2000. The day that we can all finally quit listening to all these politicians saying any and every outlandish thing their speech writers can dream up to convince us that only they have the secret to saving America.

And I must admit, I am ecstatically relieved. Now I can get back to the really important stuff like trying to figure out how to get enough money to qualify for one of those tax-breaks for the wealthy they keep talking about.

Although I did find the various "negative campaigning" ads mildly amusing, I was mostly insulted. It could be just me, but do these people think that we are so collectively stupid that we would actually believe anything these scoundrels have to say?

Now let me see, I have a chance to get into an office where I can make an obscene amount of money doing absolutely nothing with no accountability for my actions, where the worst thing that could happen is that I am "retired" with another obscene amount of money.

What would I do to get in a position like this? Probably the

same things all these politicians are doing. Which is to say and do anything and everything no matter how remotely unconnected to the truth that may be.

To think that those scoundrels actually believe that those of us who live in the real world of mortgages, payments, gas prices and the necessity to eat do not realize what they're up to, really chaps my posterior.

Maybe it's just a male mid-life crisis sort of thing, or just a skepticism based on a lifetime of watching more and more of our hard-earned money being used to give us less and less freedom to use it, but I find that I don't really care who is elected. I don't think there is a bit of difference in any of them.

Will I vote? Yep. At least then I will be able to bitch and moan in an honorable fashion. There is nothing more embarrassing than getting into an impassioned, informed bitching session on the erosion of our personal freedoms when the moron who still thinks the government is out for our best interests asks, "Did you vote?" Oh, yeah. That will put a damper on conversation, all right.

Who am I going to vote for? Now that is an interesting question. From what I hear, for the first time, the presidency could be decided by a single vote. So I'm holding out to the last possible second, in the hopes that MY vote is the hinge.

Ah... I tremble just to think about it. With all that is at stake, can you imagine what that one hinge vote would be worth?

And would I shamelessly offer that vote to the highest bidder? Well of course I would, in a heartbeat! But take heart, dear readers, lest I be held in even lower esteem than those of you who know me already hold me, I can assure you such a vote would be exorbitantly expensive. I may be easy, but I'm not cheap!

Unfortunately, the odds on the election hinging upon my vote are pretty slim. It's a possibility, sure, but more than likely the odds are similar to the odds of my ever winning the Publishers Clearinghouse Sweepstakes.

I always enter that too. Cynical and skeptical as I may be, I am always the optimist. There is a slim chance that things will turn out better than I think they will, though I seriously doubt it.

At least I can rest assured that when I turn on the TV all I will have to deal with are the usual ads that try to convince me I will be handsome, charming, rich and irresistible if I buy whatever they happen to be selling between every play of whatever football game I can find.

Who knows, maybe I'll even win the sweepstakes! But I doubt it.

Adapted Sports Day held at SRC



Participant's at the 4th Annual Adapted Sports Day gather to hear a motivational speech by William Brady. Brady is an accomplished paralympian and now an avid hand cyclist. (photo by Maura Buck)

Hey! It's him!

Dexter Mathis, convicted of receiving the ill-gotten proceeds of a bank robbery and sentenced to 20 months in a federal prison in Atlanta, managed to convince Pierre Carlton to go to jail in his place.

Carlton did Mathis' time, but, with only 50 days left to go, he escaped.

Authorities, unaware that Carlton was substituting for Mathis, went to Mathis' home to see if any family members had heard from him.

Mathis answered the door.

He must now do the 20 months plus whatever he gets for fleeing to avoid incarceration.

Home sweet home

A Sacramento sheriff's deputy was sent to seize a home—in the posh gated community of Rancho Murieta—of a couple going through a divorce.

He changed all the locks, and posted a sign that the house was now "the property of the United States government."

Alas, he seized the wrong house.

The rightful owner discovered this sad fact when he went home and couldn't get in.

It took him seven hours to find out what the story was, find a locksmith and get inside his own house.

He was very angry.

The authorities have apologized profusely.

We're pretty sure it was you, sonny

A young nitwit and some of his friends had a night of fun in a secluded neighborhood in Sacramento, Calif., swilling down brewskies and blasting mailboxes with his brand-new pump shotgun, then fleeing into the night.

When police arrived, they found empty beer cans, spent shotgun shells—and a receipt for the weapon bearing the nitwit's name and address.

The cops went to his home where they found a street sign—stolen from the crime scene by the vandals—hanging on his wall. He was arrested.

Atta boy, get the dummy

Bill Jones was training his 65-pound Labrador retriever to rescue a drowning victim, tossing a dummy into a lake in Bossier City, La.

After the animal retrieved the dummy a few times, an 8-foot alligator crawled out and ate the dog.

City Council member David Jones was not surprised.

"We don't live in Kansas," he said.

Biased, I?

A female juror in Sicily, hearing a case against the local Mafia, has been having a secret romance with another mafioso who is on the run from police.

She failed to mention this to officials who found out about it after the trial was well under way.

Her boyfriend fled police custody after being sentenced to life plus eight years for murder and extortion.

The 34-year-old woman says he is her "soul mate," but she admits he has had "a few problems with the law."

Wheelchair users learn new athletic opportunities

Maura Buck
FEATURES EDITOR

The Fourth Annual Adapted Sports Day for athletes in wheelchairs was held Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Student Recreation Center (SRC) to celebrate their ability to participate in athletics despite physical challenges. People from all around the Southeast gathered together to learn and develop skills from state-wide professionals, ECU faculty and guest presenter William Brady, all made possible through a grant from the Recreation Access Project.

"I was hit by a car as a college student at NC State and in the blink of an eye, I could no longer walk," said William Brady, motivational speaker at the event. "To me, it was like starting my life over at 20 years old. I was essentially like a baby."

Brady, a member of three Paralympic USA Track and Field Teams, is a Charlotte, N.C. native who traveled to ECU to share his knowledge and experience with attendees. Currently Brady serves as a coach for the Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation's Youth Track and Field team. He visited ECU to speak to the audience on his personal plight as a wheelchair user as well as to demonstrate his newest athletic outlet, hand cycling.

"I came because I think that we as a society should see and support these people more than we do. Hopefully, I serve as an inspiration to them."

Anna Castillo

Senior, criminal justice major

"We decided that one of our goals would be to bring someone in who is incredibly active," said Terri Edwards, coordinator for Adapted Recreation at ECU. "We want to inform people of a host of activities, particularly new activities, to motivate them in their everyday lives."

A number of workshops were held to introduce the people who attended to events that they can not experience on a regular basis. Everything from kayaking and snorkeling, to wall climbing and martial arts were offered to those interested.

"I just get to do a bunch of fun stuff that I don't normally get to do when I participate in something like this," said sophomore Mark Janka, therapeutic recreation major.

Senior Anna Castillo, another student who attended, was injured in a car accident in June which left her reliant on a wheelchair until last week.

"I have been physically challenged so I can identify with both short and long-term disabilities," said Castillo, a criminal justice major. "I came because I think that we as a society should see and support these people more than we do. Hopefully, I serve as an inspiration to them."

Non-traditional Student Week celebrates the atypical

Event sponsors various activities

Maura Buck
FEATURES EDITOR

This week marks the first annual Non-traditional Student Week in ECU history. The event, brought about by the Association for Non-Traditional Students, is now nationally recognizing non-traditional students at universities across America and celebrating their presence.

According to Michele Myers, director of Adult and Commuter Student Services, there are approximately 4,200 non-traditional students presently attending ECU.

Formally, non-traditional students were classified as being over 24 years old however Myers feels that any student that hasn't followed the typical pattern of going directly from high school to college could be classified as non-traditional.

"I would call a single mom at 20 years old non-traditional," Myers said. "I feel that any student starting college in an abnormal fashion could be categorized as non-traditional." One of the purposes

of the week is to make those students feel apart of the ECU community. As a result, there are a number of activities planned for the week to get those students involved on campus.

Tonight and Thursday, Nov. 9 there will be discussions on financial planning as well as managing schoolwork and family.

In addition, there will be coupon offers and raffles at information tables set up 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today in front of the Wright Plaza and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 8 at the Cro-

atan. There will also be free blood pressure screening throughout the week at Student Health Services. "Non-traditional students have more life roles than do most students," Myers said. "They are not simply students, they are students as well as parents, employees and in many cases involved within their communities. These many factors, in many cases produce stress as well as difficulty managing time."

"I think that I have a much different perspective than that of a younger person."

Margie Boyd
Senior

Senior Margie Boyd, a business major, feels like her collegiate experience is vastly different than that of traditional students.

"My experience is different in a lot of ways," Boyd said. "I think that I have a much different perspective than that of a younger person. This is not fun to me like it is to younger students. I am in school because I want to be."

Senior Christine Lowenstein, feels very much the same way.

"I first attended college right out of high school and I really wasn't ready," Lowenstein said. "I think that it's too soon, after completing 13 years elementary and high school, to embark on a collegiate career. I am here now, not because my parents want me to be, but because I want to be."

Myers feels that this week is a good start to honoring those students, however the Office of Adult and Commuter Student Services has just begun.

"We are simply scratching the surface

with this type of event," Myers said. "We plan on building and improving upon what we are beginning."

Myers feels that there are a lot of student stereotypes that need to be broken down. She feels that instead of picking out differences, students need to start interacting with them more.

"If students would take the time to talk to those non-traditional students, they would find that they can learn a great deal from them," Myers said.

Boyd said that she is excited that the Office of Adult and Commuter Student Services is hosting a week in their honor. She feels that it's a great resource for non-traditional students where they can learn where to get help in a setting that would allow them to feel comfortable. "We are apart of student life," Myers said. "Our job is to make a connection for those students. We want them to know that we are here for them."

For more information or to offer suggestions for future events contact Michele Myers at 328-6881 or e-mail her at myersm@mail.ecu.edu.

ECU, unlike any other school in the University of North Carolina system, hosts a year-long program for wheelchair users. The program, known as ARISE (Adapted Recreation and Intramural Sports Enrichment), makes possible similar events throughout the year to enrich the lives of student wheelchair users as they attend ECU.

"ARISE is a big part of why I decided to come to ECU," Janka said.

According to Todd King, director of marketing for SRC, the event is in place to try to provide wheelchair users an opportunity to find new outlets and succeed as they adapt to the changes in their lives.

"These are adults who have never had a chance to experience these things," Edwards said. "To many, it's the first time that they are introduced to venues such using hand brakes on a bike, something able people do without a second thought."

Edwards feels that although activities such as this are not uncommon across the country, it gives ECU great exposure.

"Though legally, all schools must meet accessibility requirements, few schools offer programs such as ARISE," Edwards said. "We try to act as a model to encourage other schools to implement similar programs."

Anyone with questions about the ARISE program should contact Terri Edwards at 328-6387.

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Tafelmusik's sounds invade ECU



Tafelmusik will perform at the Wright Auditorium in November. (file photo)

Canadian period orchestra visits Wright Auditorium

Earline White
FEATURES WRITER

As part of the 2000-01 S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series, one of the world's premier period orchestras, Tafelmusik, will perform at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 in Wright Auditorium.

This concert promises to treat audiences to the transparency, vitality and richness of sound that have been garnering acclaim around the world.

"Working here in the School of Music, I've heard a lot about the group," said Beth Fuller of the ECU School of Music. "It's going to be a great program."

The concert will include Telemann's "Overture in D Major with a Tragicomic Suite", Bach's "Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, after BWV 1060," Handel's "Concerto grosso" and Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068" for an evening of baroque music performed on baroque instruments.

"Tafelmusik is the finest group of its type," said Carol Woodruff, marketing director for S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series. "One

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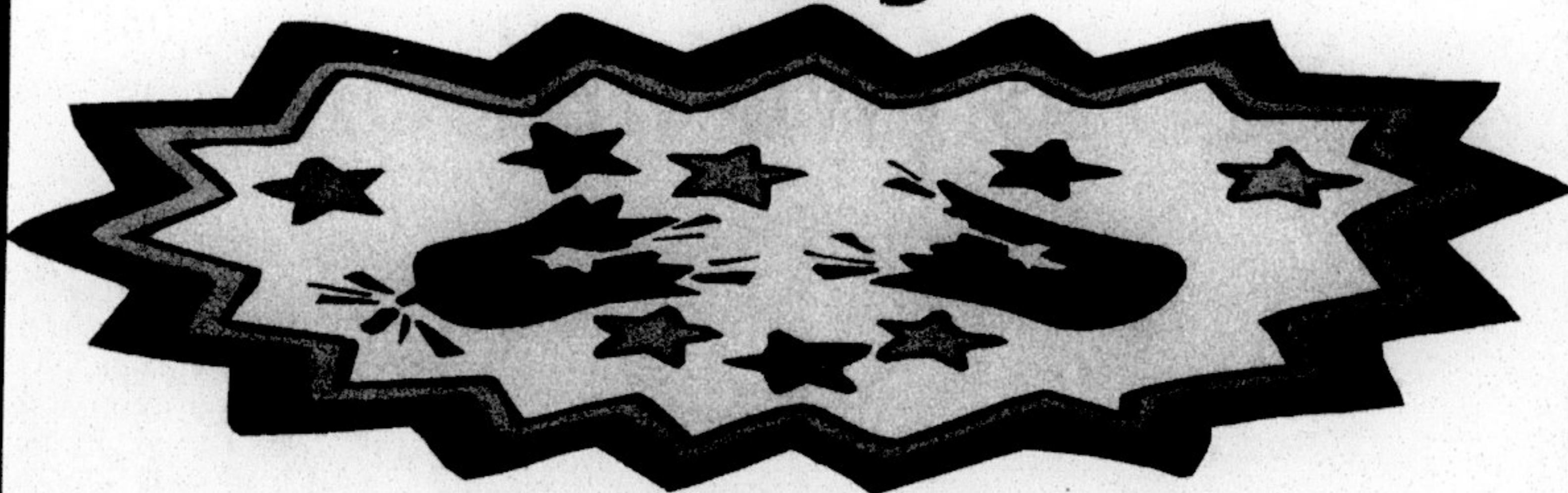
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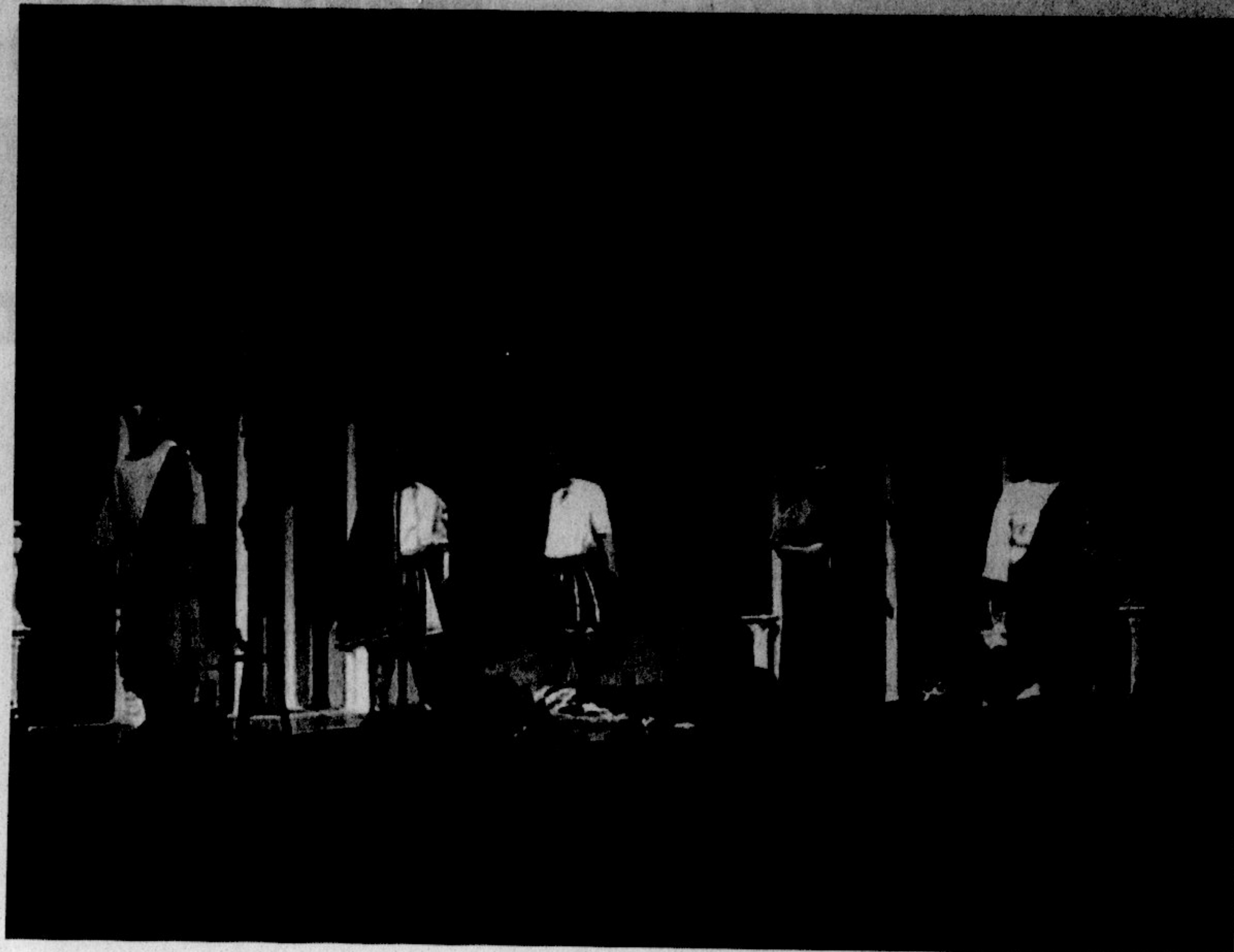
Student Appreciation Day



In Front of ECU STUDENT HEALTH
Wednesday, November 8
10:00am - 2:00pm

Fill out a quick survey telling us how we can serve you better, and we'll give you free stuff for your time!!!

Student Opera Performed



The "Rape of Lucretia" was performed on Friday, Nov. 3 in A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall by students of the ECU School of Music. (photo by Laura Kowalski)

Tafelmusik from 6

of the goals of the Performing Arts Series is to bring world-class artists like this one to ECU.

In Canada, Tafelmusik has received five Juno Awards for "Best Classical Album," and in 1996 Tafelmusik received Germany's highest recording accolade when they were awarded the ECHO Klassik "Best Orchestra of the Year." Other achievements by Tafelmusik include *Absolute Sound's* "Record of the Year," *CD Review's* "Disc of the Month" and the "Critics' Choice" in *BBC Magazine*.

"Tafelmusik is much more than a group of musicians," said Tom Manoff, a broadcaster for National Public Radio. "Each player is an artist of the highest order. This new release from Tafelmusik is so joyous, so brilliant that I'm also not embarrassed to proclaim it the finest recording of 'The Water Music' that I've ever heard."

Tafelmusik, meaning "table music", was founded in 1979, and has been under the leadership of Music Director Jeanne Lamon since 1981. They have achieved international stature during Lamon's tenure and have performed over 50 concerts a year at their home in Toronto while touring extensively around the world.

"The Tafelmusik orchestra has built, in its special field, a reputation as solid as those of the New York or Berlin philharmonics," said Joseph McClellan, reporter, *Washington Post*.

Tafelmusik, Canada's renowned Baroque Orchestra, based in Toronto, has 18 permanent members and many additional members who join in when varied instrumentation is needed. All of the members are specialists in historical performance practice.

"Tafelmusik continues to

impress as perhaps the world's finest period band," said *Classic CD*.

The S. Rudolph Alexander Performing Arts Series is now in its 39th season. In addition to this concert, five season events and one added attraction remain in the 2000-01 season, including Scholars of London, Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra, Porgy and Bess, Brazilian Guitar Quartet, Garth Fagan Dance and the Loonis McGlohon Trio, as the added attraction.

Tickets to see Tafelmusik are \$10 for ECU students and \$17 for faculty and staff, and can be purchased at the Central Ticket Office. For further information, call 328-4788 or go online at www.ecu.edu/mendenhall/ecuarts.html.

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Aggressive young team builds for future

Men's basketball enters season with promise; lose first exhibition

Scott Lange
STAFF WRITER

The 2000-01 men's basketball team is preparing for their last season in the CAA. The team, which will move to Conference USA next season, will look to improve from last year's 10-18 record.

Two starters will return from last year's squad. Junior forward Kenyatta Brown averaged 6.7 points and 3.7 rebounds per game for the team last season. He emerged as one of the more productive players as the season went on last year.

Junior Brandon Hawkins is the team's top returning scorer. Hawkins scored in double figures 13 times last season.

This year's team will be a very young team that will need some work. With the loss of some key players from last season the team is welcoming six newcomers to the program. The newcomers joining the team will be looked up to early for contributions. The team is building for the future, which has second year coach Bill Herrion excited.

"Our coaching staff is extremely pleased with the progress we have been making," Herrion said. "I am pleased with where we are at this particular point now."

"The freshmen are learning very well both offensively and defensively," Hawkins said. "We all just have to come together and get some wins."

Last year's squad used the size advantage to find points inside. This year with the size gone, the team will look to score from the perimeter and in transition.

"Everyone on our team can run this year," said Morrissey. "We have guys this year who have the ability to run the floor and score points."

One area that has impressed Herrion is the team's physical ability.

"I am very impressed with the returning players from last season," Herrion said. "The new kids in the program, in particular the freshmen, are all advanced physically."

However, the Pirates do have some concerns about the team. Depth and lack of experience in the front court could be their biggest problem. The loss of several big men for rebounding and an inside game could be key. The only player who has returned from the front court this year is senior forward Winston Sharpe.

The new style of play could be entertaining for the fans. They will definitely be scoring more points this year. Staying healthy though could be the key to how far the team goes.

Last Sunday, the Pirates showed off their new transition style offense against Club Ventspils of Latvia from Lithuania. The team lost 119-87.

The Pirates kept it close in the first half. The team was able to get the opening tip and race out to a quick 7-2 lead.

Junior guard Brandon Hawkins had the hot hand early on nailing three 3-pointers in the first five minutes of the game. The team was able to build a 19-11 lead before Club Ventspils cut the lead to 30-29. The lead changed several times as the game went on, but Club Ventspils was able to come up with some transition points to take a five point lead at 52-47 to end the half.

Club Ventspils picked it up a notch as the second half began. They cruised to a quick 8-0 run to start the half and never looked back from there.

Club Ventspils shot a blistering 62.9 percent from the field and had a thirty-four point lead at one point. The Pirates struggled in the second half shooting only 36.2 percent for the game. The team was outscored 67-40 in the second half.

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PIRATES FALL 119-89 AGAINST CLUB VENTSPILS



Senior swingman, Winston Sharpe represents one of the few inside players that the 2000-01 ECU team returns. Sharpe, a Durham native, will be called upon to lead the young team. Head Coach Bill Herrion welcomes three freshmen and two transfers to the squad this season. (file photo)

PIRATE KENYATTA BROWN, #3

Position: Junior forward

Height: 6'4"

Weight: 180 lbs.

Year: Junior

Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y.



PIRATE BRANDON HAWKINS #23

Position: Junior guard

Height: 6'2"

Weight: 180 lbs.

Year: Junior

Hometown: Morganton, N.C.



IN MY OPINION

I call B. 'C.' S.

Stephen Schramm
SPORTS EDITOR

Okay please explain this to me, if team A beats team B, then invariably, team A is better. It's quite simple really, isn't it?

Saturday, Miami beat the No. 2 team in the country, the previously unbeaten Virginia Tech, soundly.

Earlier in the year, the Hurricanes defeated Florida State. The only blemish on Miami's season is a September loss to No. 6 Washington.

So, in the new Bowl Championship Series Rankings, Miami should be sitting second behind Oklahoma, right?

Nope, they are third behind Florida State, the team that they beat earlier this year. Unreal.

Since it's inception, the BCS has been a target for critics in favor of play-offs.

The system is a combination of polls, computer ranking systems and other variables, combined in a complicated math problem that supposedly holds the answer college football's national championship dilemma.

Each year the BCS critics hope for the system to spit out a ridiculous scenario that will show the BCS for the flawed system that it is.

Thus far they have been unsuccessful as every year college football has had a true national championship and champion. This year if both FSU and Miami win their last few games and the Hurricanes are on the outside looking in come the Orange Bowl, the critics will have their scenario.

It also will change the heart of this reporter.

Anyone who knows me knows that I am a purist with a capital "P." I'm against the designated hitter, graphite racquets and the catcher-cam. I have argued like a pigskin Patrick Henry about the virtues of the bowl system. Much of the fun of college football is in the pageantry. It's "dotting the 'i'" at Ohio State, it's Howard's Rock and Touchdown Jesus.

Just as important as those is the slew of Weedeater Bowl that fill our televisions come the Holiday season.

All that aside, if Miami doesn't make it into the national championship game and Florida State does then ... the hell with it, let's go to a playoff.

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'Noles win Bowl II

Somebody forgot to tell Florida State Head Coach Bobby Bowden that you are not supposed to beat your kids ... bad.

In what was the Seminoles second meeting with the Tommy Bowden-led Clemson Tigers, Florida State made the point that they too should be in the running for the national title with a 54-7 romp.



FSU quarterback Chris Weinke threw for 521 yards in the blowout win that saw the Seminoles pile on 771 yards of total offense.

The drubbing was a departure from the 17-14 win the FSU eked out last season at Death Valley.

Hurricanes over Hokies

The Miami Hurricanes staked their claim as one of the nations' top teams Saturday with a 41-21 win over Virginia Tech.

Thanks to two touchdowns from Santana Moss, the Hurricanes easily routed the Hokies, who were without their offensive dynamo.

Virginia Tech quarterback, Michael Vick did not practice all week due to an ankle sprain. While he did play for a few series, the sophomore was ineffective.

The loss snapped the Hokies 19-game regular season winning streak.

Ross steps down

Detroit Lions head coach, Bobby Ross announced his resignation following the team's 23-8 loss to Miami on Sunday.

Former Michigan head coach Gary Moeller will take over for Ross as coach of the 5-4 Lions.

Ross began coaching the Lions after 1996. He guided the San Diego Chargers to a Super Bowl berth in 1995 and Georgia Tech to a national title in 1990.

Ross was 27-30 as head coach of the Lions.



Burton wins in Phoenix

Jeff Burton took home the checkered flag at the Checker Auto Parts/Dura Lube 500 at Phoenix International Raceway Sunday.

Burton was in seventh place following a restart on lap 253. By lap 292 he had moved up to second. Following another restart with 11 laps to go, he overtook Rusty Wallace to move into first.

Bobby Labonte still leads in the Winston Cup Points Race, which will be decided in two weeks.



Volleyball team drops two at home

George Mason, American top Pirates in Minges

Ryan Downey
SENIOR WRITER

The ECU volleyball team picked up its first two home losses of the season against George Mason in a Friday night contest and the conference powerhouse American on Saturday.

The team had previously been unbeatable at home, storming to a 6-0 record and vanquishing all conference foes, controlling the games from start to finish.

"It was a rough weekend!" said Head Coach Colleen Farrell. "We played two very good teams and didn't execute. When you beat a team 15-4 in one game last night and today yet loose the other games, then we're just not executing."

American, 23-4 overall and 9-2 on the road was not intimidated by the Pirates as they jumped out to an early lead in game one and held on in a 15-9 win. The second game was a 15-5 loss for the Pirates who later rebounded with a one sided 15-4 win in game three. Game four looked more like the first two,

"We had a few bad runs where they would score and we wouldn't. That caused us to start playing tentatively."

Lucinda Mason
Outside hitter

with American again jumping out to an early lead and holding on winning 15-5, sending the Pirates to 6-4 in the conference but still six games over .500 at 16-10 overall. The Pirates are guaranteed a winning record in what has been a turn around season for the program.

"We came in not doubting our ability," said senior outside hitter Lucinda Mason. "We had a few bad runs where they would score and we wouldn't. That caused us to start playing tentatively."

The players are left to regroup themselves on the road where they will play their next three games before finishing the season at home against Virginia Tech. The Pirates will be taking a swing through Virginia facing William & Mary and Virginia Commonwealth, then ending their road games at NC State. The players are determined to stay focused on finishing out the season strong.



This weekend's losses mark the first by the Pirates this season in Minges Coliseum. (file photo)

"We just need to forget this weekend, learn from it and move on," said senior Cinta Claro. "I would say William & Mary is our biggest challenge on the road."

The Pirates will play their final home game at 7 p.m. Nov. 18.

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Panthers shock Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Minus their two biggest stars, the St. Louis Rams were just another team.

Steve Beuerlein threw two touchdown passes and Joe Nedney made four field goals, including a 46-yarder with 40 seconds remaining, in the Carolina Panthers' 27-24 upset of the Super Bowl champions Sunday night.

The Rams were without Marshall Faulk, whose right knee locked up on him during pre-game warmups after it was drained earlier in the day. Faulk, who was to undergo arthroscopic surgery early Monday, joined Kurt Warner on the sidelines.

Team doctors estimated that Faulk, who leads the NFL with 1,326 yards rushing and receiving, will be out 2-3 weeks. That probably also is the timetable for Warner, who has already missed two games with a broken little finger on his throwing hand.

"I didn't know he was going to be out until they announced the starting lineups," offensive tackle Orlando Pace said of Faulk. "But we can't feel sorry for ourselves."

Trent Green was 29-for-42 for 428 yards and two touchdowns and Faulk's backup, Justin Watson, scored on a 3-yard run for the Rams. But Watson finished with just 12 yards on 12 carries, Green had trouble finishing drives and kicker Pete Stoyanovich, subbing for injured Jeff Wilkins, missed from 37 yards in the third quarter.

First-round pick Trung Canidate, drafted as Faulk's backup, was active for the first time in seven games after recovering from a sprained foot, but did not play. Martz, who said last week that it was time for Canidate to get on the field, gave no explanation.

The Panthers (4-5) handed the Rams (7-2) their second loss in three games and ended their 15-game winning streak in the Trans World Dome. They also ended the Rams' 12-game winning streak against NFC West opponents and St. Louis' NFL-record streak of 14 straight games with 30 or more points. The Rams' division lead is down to one game over New Orleans.

"We really feel like we accomplished something," Beuerlein said. "We've laid a lot of eggs this year, and the bottom line for us now is we've done something good."

Rams' Faulk has knee surgery

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Marshall Faulk had knee surgery Monday, and the team said the Rams' star running back is expected to be out three weeks.

The operation removed loose cartilage from Faulk's right knee, an injury that forced one of the NFL's best runners to miss Sunday night's loss to the Carolina Panthers.

Teammate D'Marco Farr, a defensive tackle, was out a month after a similar operation.

Faulk has been playing with a sore knee most of the season. An MRI on Oct. 30 revealed torn scar tissue and an enlarged bruise in addition to the loose cartilage.

Faulk practiced Friday and went out for warmups after having the knee drained earlier Sunday, but the knee began to

lock. "He could feel the cartilage getting hung up in there," Martz said. "Really, there was nothing else to do."

Justin Watson stepped in place of Faulk, who entering Sunday led the NFL with 1,326 yards from scrimmage. Faulk did not play Sunday. He suited up for the first half but was wearing sweats after halftime.

Watson scored on a 3-yard run in the third quarter but finished with 12 yards on 12 carries.

The loss of Faulk comes as the Rams are still without last season's NFL and Super Bowl MVP, quarterback Kurt Warner. Warner will be out another two to four weeks with a broken pinky on his throwing hand. He was hurt during a 54-34 loss to Kansas City on Oct. 22.

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"We were aggressive in the first half but we missed some open shots," said Herrion. "They put pressure on us at every spot."

"We have a lot of young guys and they played well for us tonight," said Herrion. "When games get tough, however, you have to have that leader on the team and we have yet to find a leader to settle us down."

The Pirates were led by freshman center Gabriel Mikulus who had 17 points and a game high nine rebounds. Jimmy Bishop and Winston Sharpe each had 14 points a piece.

The team will have one more exhibition game against the California All-Stars this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Minges Coliseum. The team will begin their season next weekend by playing in the Marist tournament in upstate New York. The Pirates will then have their first home game Nov. 22 against Robert Morris.

GMs wait out offseason movement

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP)—Four players hold the key to this offseason's movement in baseball.

Until Alex Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez, Mike Hampton and Mike Mussina decide where they will play next year, everyone else's plans will be on hold.

"There's a lot of shopping and a lot of talking, but not a lot of action yet," Boston general manager Dan Duquette said Sunday, echoing the sentiment of many of his colleagues at the GM meetings.

There are at least a dozen teams in the running for the big four free agents, including the Red Sox, who are targeting Mussina. Those teams are unwilling to spend money or fill holes with lesser players until they know where they stand in the big sweepstakes.

"Until the free-agent market plays itself out, you won't see much movement on trades," said Mets general manager Steve Phillips, who could be involved with all four superstars. "Most trade discussions are held in conjunction or secondary to the free-agent market."

The Mets have already made offers to free-agent pitchers Rick Reed and Turk Wendell, and could resolve their contracts before they are free to negotiate with other teams beginning Saturday.

That's the first day teams other than Seattle can talk money with Rodriguez, the head of this year's free-agent class.

A-Rod is one of the top offensive players in the game at the mostly defensive position of shortstop. At 25, he has most of his career ahead of him.

Agent Scott Boras has prepared a 50-page document detailing the qualities of his client, who hit .316 with 41 homers and 132 RBIs this season.

"When it comes to power hitters, the sluggers, the guys who can drive in 120 RBIs, MVP-type players, in this certain timeframe between 27 and 35, the longer the owners wait to lock them in, the better for the player," said Boras, who will probably make Rodriguez baseball's highest-paid player.

"Patience is a virtue for the slugger. Patience is a virtue for the club's standpoint."

Boras, who cut off negotiations with Seattle before the season, also clarified remarks from Rodriguez that he won't sign with the Yankees, who already have his buddy, Derek Jeter, at shortstop.

"We think it was maybe a misunderstanding or something. He was talking about playing them in the American League championship series," Boras said. "I spent five days with him on the subject. He's

hasn't dismissed any team."

Cleveland GM John Hart, one of the other major players this week, arrived Sunday and immediately huddled with his assistants as the Indians mull over a counterproposal to Ramirez's \$200 million, 10-year request. They expect to respond to Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, by Tuesday.

Cleveland also is pursuing a fallback plan that could include signing a starting pitcher and a lesser outfielder to make up for Ramirez's .351 average, 38 homers and 122 RBIs in only 439 at-bats.

The Indians are interested in pitchers like Mussina, Denny Neagle and Darren Dreifort, as well as outfielder Ellis Burks.

"This is a good place to lay the groundwork," Cleveland assistant general manager Mark Shapiro said.

The Yankees, who will be a leading contender in the Ramirez sweepstakes, decided they want to keep their current right fielder, Paul O'Neill.

The Yankees appeared willing to let O'Neill go as he struggled down the stretch because of age and injuries. But a .474 batting average in the World Series apparently changed GM Brian Cashman's mind and it looks likely that O'Neill will sign a one-year deal.

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GREEK PERSONALS

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ALPHA DELTA Pi, Friday night in the Tiki Bar was a blast! Maybe our next will be even better. The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

DELTA SIGMA Phi, thank you for the recent social. As usual, it was wonderful. The ladies of Kappa Delta

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to thank our semi-formal dates. We had a great tie at the Bridge Port Marina in New Bern. Love, Zeta Tau Alpha!

ALPHA XI Delta, Saturday's tailgate was great. Although the game wasn't the best one to be at, it was fun! The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

KAPPA DELTA thanks its ladies for their participation during the volleyball tournament, and congratulates them on the championship.

ZETA TAU Alpha, last Thursday night was a blast! We look forward to another one! The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ALPHA DELTA Pi would like to thank Lambda Chi Alpha for the social at Corrigan's on Thursday! Hope you guys had fun, too!

LAMBDA CHI Alpha, thanks for the tailgate last weekend. We had a wonderful time and cannot wait to hang out again. The sisters of Chi Omega

THANK YOU, ladies of Alpha Xi Delta for another memorable evening. We always anticipate our next event. The brothers of Theta Chi

PHI KAPPA Psi, Kappa Delta thanks you for the great social last Thursday. We had a blast and look forward to the next one

ZETA TAU Alpha would like to thank the following fraternities for an awesome time at our past socials. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Theta Chi, Chi Phi and Delta Sigma.

GREAT GAME, Chi Omega! A big thank you to the rugby team for your support. Love, the sisters and new members of Zeta Tau Alpha

ALPHA DELTA Pi would like to thank Theta Chi for the great social! Let's get together again soon.

SIGMA ALPHA Epsilon, thanks for the social Thursday night; we had a blast. Love, Gamma Sigma Delta.

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