



# MARTIN LUTHER REMEMBERED

## MLK honored in candlelight vigil

Students, faculty gather to remember civil rights hero

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An estimated 80-100 ECU students, faculty and Greenville residents participated in a candlelight vigil and march down College Hill to commemorate Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

People tolerated freezing temperatures to hear speakers quote some of King's most favored speeches as well as hear the ECU Gospel Choir Praise Team serenade the crowd with messages of hope and love.

The march began at Belk Residence Hall and carried forth down College Hill to Fletcher Music Hall.

The event started two years ago and is an ongoing project. Alpha Phi Alpha, a national African American founded fraternity which King was a member of, helped direct the event.

Montique Warren, president of Alpha Phi Alpha and co-chairman of the program, said the program was intended to bring students of all backgrounds together and not forget where we come from, but where we must go.

"I hope they gained something useful about MLK, I hope they view the student body differently seeing the different faces and people out there," said Warren.

"We can work together and do something good on ECU's campus and that can be carried out each day."

Dorthea Taylor, graduate student studying sacred music, choral conducting and vocal performance, led in the vocal part of the march.

Taylor led the march participants with a series of "freedom songs," songs that began as negro spiritual songs, used to illustrate the struggles during the civil

rights movement.

Taylor said she appreciated the vigil and entire program as it paid tribute to MLK and his views. She said racial issues still exist in our present society.

"We're still not exactly where we could be ... looking at the world in general, racism still exists and we still have much farther to go," said Taylor.

Taylor said she observed incidents in which African Americans had been handcuffed downtown for loitering when there were many people doing the same thing. She said it wasn't just any African American males, it was the ones who looked the same being the ones with the doo rags and sports jerseys.

"That just simply opened my eyes as to where we are," said Taylor.

Alpha Phi Alpha, in collaboration with Ledonia Wright Cultural Center, Black Student Union, the Diversity Awareness Committee, NAACP and the Student Volunteer Service-Center organized the march.

Warren said things worked out according to plan and there was a good turnout. He said he would have liked for there to have been a more diverse crowd but he was happy people showed up despite the cold weather. This was his third year organizing the event along with Alpha Phi Alpha.

Alpha Phi Alpha took a few moments during the beginning of the ceremony to recall King's most memorable speeches and events. Several Alpha Phi Alpha members recited quotations.

The evening was capped by a musical tribute to King by African American song artist Darryl Taylor. Taylor's performance included works he sang written by Paul Laurence Dunbar and Langston Hughes.

The theme of the event was *E. Pluribus Unum in Our Beloved Community.*

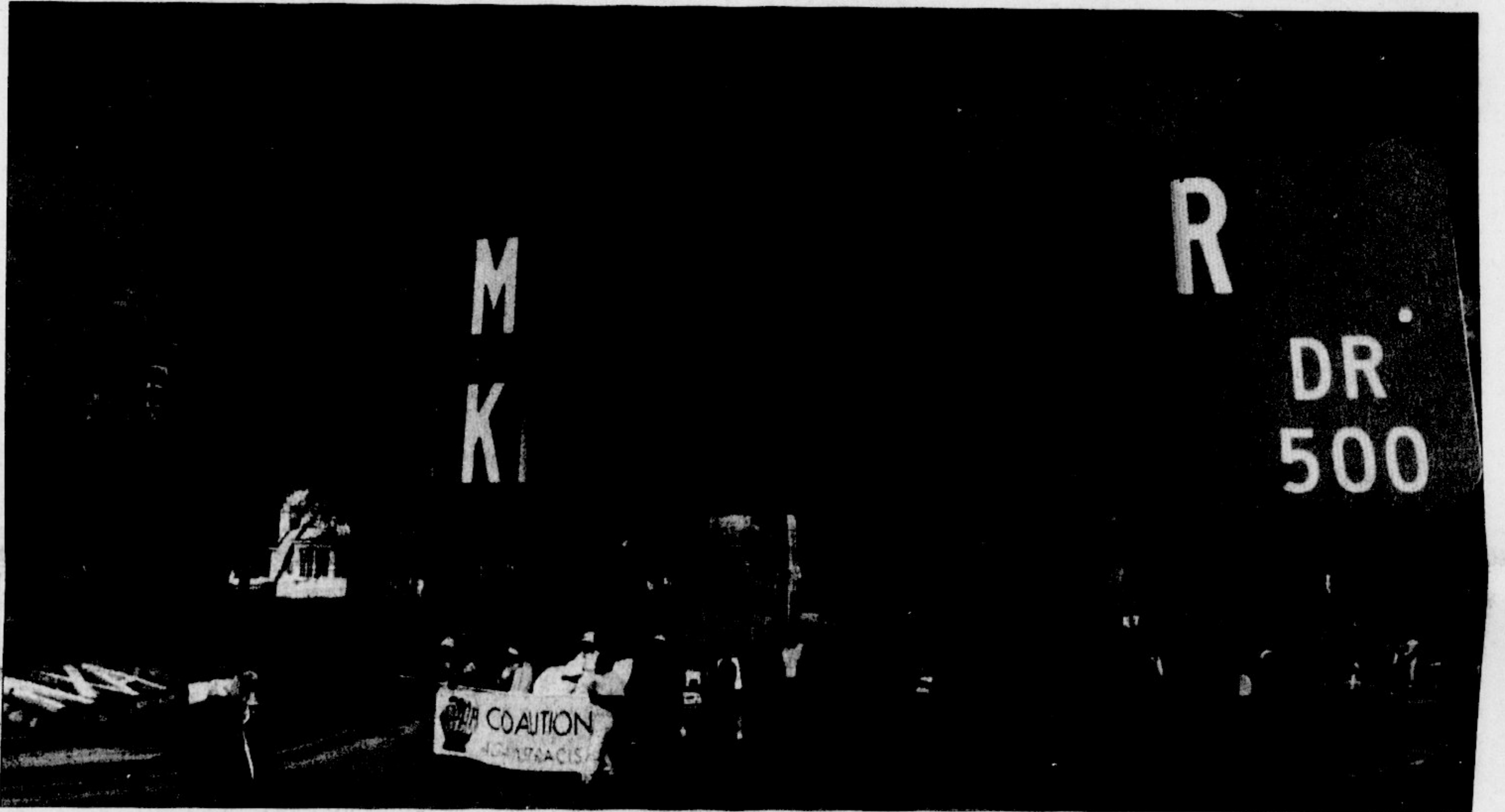
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Darryl Taylor gave a musical performance in honor of MLK.



Students watch as speakers talk about King's message and legacy during the candlelight vigil and march from the top of College Hill Drive.



Members of the Greenville community walk back to the park during their annual march on MLK Day to the courthouse.

## ECU professor dedicates nearly a decade to studying names of streets named after Martin Luther King Jr.

Process faces numerous obstacles

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In the United States there are an estimated 730 streets named after Martin Luther King Jr. to honor and remember the deceased civil rights leader.

There are streets to honor King in large cities such as Washington, DC and smaller towns such as New Bern and Greenville, but how these streets come to be named is a complicated and sometimes contentious process.

Derek Alderman, a professor in the geography department, has devoted approximately a decade toward studying the naming of roads after King. He said the battles to have a street named after the civil rights leader are often a fierce point of contention within cities and communities.

"King's name tends to be located in neighborhoods highly populated by African Americans," said Alderman.

"African Americans really struggle to get roads named for King that reach outside the black community."

Alderman said the difficulty in getting the streets named comes from a mixture

of factors, such as resistance from whites who sometimes do not have the same reverence for King and therefore lack the same strong desire to honor him.

"King is a very prominent, well-respected historical figure, but not everyone identifies with him the same way," Alderman said. "Research has shown that African Americans identify with King fully and whites not so much."

Opposition from business owners, who feel that changing the name of the street they are located on would hurt their profits, also proves to be a major obstacle.

Alderman said anytime a business changes its address, there are costs that come with changing letterheads, envelopes and invoices among other things. These changes can be a significant expense to businesses and therefore play a major role in owners not wanting to change

their street's name.

However, Alderman said many cities have tried to work with these business owners to relieve any concerns or cost issues.

New Bern renamed Clarendon Boulevard to Dr. M.L. King Jr. Boulevard in 2000. The move was met with opposition from some business owners and the city gave them a year to make the necessary adjustments and the street is currently commercially thriving.

Greenville renamed West Fifth Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in 1999, but residents and business owners resisted the attempt to change the entire street instead of just a portion.

The process of getting a road renamed requires petitioners to go before a local government and ask for the honor to be bestowed.

After this, government officials decide which street

should bear the name, which often leads to heated debates concerning the location or how much of the chosen road should be renamed.

Alderman said while it may seem silly to make such a fuss over naming a road, for African Americans it's a major part of their history. Streets have played a major role in the civil rights movement from the Montgomery bus boycott and the freedom riders to countless marches.

Alderman said he developed an interest in roads named after King after driving on a rural highway in Georgia when he saw a street bearing King's name and wondered to himself how that came to be.

"I come from a history background ... I'm really interested in how people use their landscape to remember the past," Alderman said.

The ECU Geography Club, who are working with Alderman, are in the final stages of completing a brochure. They hope to distribute thousands of copies during black history month. The brochure will give a detailed account on the history and politics behind naming roads after King.

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## ECU students volunteer Monday in honor of holiday

More than 100 students work throughout city

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More than 100 ECU students gathered Monday morning and dispersed throughout Greenville to perform volunteer work at various local organizations for the MLK Day Challenge.

Jason Denius, director of the ECU Student Volunteer Service Center, said when you read Martin Luther King Jr.'s quotes, you can see how service can bring people together from all walks of life regardless of a person's color, ethnic background or beliefs.

"Service to meet a common community problem or address a common community issue is a way to bring people together," said Denius.

"The motto of ECU is 'to serve' and I think ECU students exemplify that motto."

Places that students worked included homes of the disabled and elderly, the Boys and Girls Club, the Ronald McDonald House and the American Cancer Society.

Denius said this day of service coincides with both the volunteer center and Martin Luther King Day as it brings people together with the community and it is all in honor of MLK.

"He [King] thought service was so very important, he used

that to bring people together in his day and I think we're just continuing that and honoring his legacy," Denius said.

"I can't think of a better way to honor King than to do service in his name and I hope and think he would be proud of us."

David Dennard, member of the history department and member of the MLK observance committee, said there was an effort to increase the number of students to get involved.

"Dr. King was all about service and was also motivated by what John Kennedy said to a student, when he said 'it's not what your country can do for you it's what you can do for your country,'" said Dennard.

"If you see problems in your country take the initiative to try and correct those problems."

He said the foundation of the Civil Rights Movement is to provide service and the ECU volunteer center wanted to facilitate this movement in passing this touch to students at ECU. The service and high participation says something wonderful about ECU students and clearly illustrates that ECU students are working toward changing the world and getting involved to make things better.

"This will say to the world that we are still concerned with the legacy that King and other civil rights activists started in the 1960s," Dennard said.

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## Campus News

ECU Ambassadors application deadline is Jan. 26.

### AA meeting

AA meetings are open to all students Wednesdays at noon in 14 Mendenhall and will be held to discuss alcohol-related issues. Call 760-500-8918 for more information.

### Honor fraternity meeting

Phi Sigma Pi National Co-ed Honor Fraternity will be holding a follow-up meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. in 221 Mendenhall for both those who attended or missed the informational meeting on Tuesday. All majors are welcome to attend, but students must have a 3.2 GPA. For more information, contact Loren Trull at slt1002@mail.ecu.edu.

### Gamma Beta Phi meeting

Members of Gamma Beta Phi will meet for the first time this semester Wednesday, Jan. 19 in 1031 Bate at 5:30 p.m.

### Speech and Hearing screenings

Speech and hearing screenings for the spring semester will be held Jan. 24, Jan. 25 or Jan. 26 from 5-6 p.m. at the clinic in Belk Annex, near the intersection of Charles Boulevard and the 264 by-pass. Sign-in begins at 4:45 p.m. at the west entrance of the clinic and ends at 5:45 p.m. Screenings are done on a first-come-first-serve basis and no calls are accepted. Make-up sessions are held each Friday morning and there is a \$20 fee. For a make-up session appointment, call 328-4405.

### Faculty Recital

The school of music will be hosting a faculty recital at A.J. Fletcher Music Hall Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 328-6851.

### Physicians Shadowing Program

Students still have a chance to participate in a five-week session to shadow in areas of medicine with the Primary Care Physicians Shadowing Program. Approximately 20 students will participate in the program. Students must have at least a 3.3 GPA and be a sophomore or junior. For details contact Karen Floyd at 328-2645 or floydka@mail.ecu.edu.

### Commuter Breakfast

Student Professional Development is hosting the Good Morning Commuter Breakfast Jan. 20 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the lower level in MSC. Bruce Maxwell, associate director of Student Professional Development, will be available to talk about career services provided by SPD.

### Great Decisions 2005

Beginning Jan. 22, ECU will sponsor the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program. The event includes a series of lectures held every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the New Rivers West Auditorium for eight consecutive weeks. Topics will range from the Middle East and Russia to Intelligence Reform and Overseas Job Outsourcing. Attending costs \$49 for all eight programs, which includes the textbook. Full-time students and teachers can attend for free and purchase the book for \$15. They can also earn teacher renewal credits or continuing education units for attendance.

### True Colors

True Colors is a two-hour workshop that is a fun, informative communication system. It is based on the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator and the work of David Keirsey and is a research-based approach to understanding human behavior and motivation. There is no charge, but only the first 50 people to sign up will be admitted. The event will be offered Jan. 25 from 2-4 p.m. and Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. To sign up, contact Paula Kennedy-Dudley by Friday, Jan. 21 at 328-6824.

Want your event printed in TEC? Please send your announcement along with the date, time, location and contact information to assistantnewseditor@theeastcarolinian.com.

## News Briefs

### Local

#### NC couple sought in taking kids from foster home

BOONE, NC - Two young children and the parents who allegedly kidnapped them at gunpoint from their foster home this weekend remained at large after shaking police in the mountains along the Tennessee border, authorities said.

An Amber Alert was issued Saturday in western NC and east Tennessee after the abduction of Breanna Genevieve Chambers, 11 months old, and her brother, James Paul Chambers, 2. Authorities say their father, James Lee Canter, 28, brandished a gun when he and their mother, Alisha Chambers, 18, took the children from a foster home in the Valle Crucis area. Neither the couple nor the children had been found as of Tuesday morning. Watauga County Sheriff Mark Shook did not immediately return a call about the case Tuesday morning. The couple was seen just over the state line, in Johnson County, Tenn., on Saturday. All Tennessee authorities found their cream-colored Mercury Cougar containing a rifle and a handgun matching the description given by the children's foster parents, Shook said.

Given the weather in the mountains - the temperature barely rose into the teens during the day Monday - Watauga County authorities doubt the family is on foot and hiding.

"We strongly believe somebody's helping them: family, associates," Maj. Paula Townsend told The Charlotte Observer.

"Somebody had to have picked them up." The sheriff's office has been looking for Canter since March 6, when authorities raided the couple's home in a remote northern corner of Watauga County and discovered a methamphetamine lab.

#### NC woman stabbed 100 times, husband charged

BURLINGTON, NC - A woman who was killed less than two weeks after she sought to set aside a domestic

violence protective order against her husband was stabbed more than 100 times and beaten with a blunt object, an autopsy found.

On the request to withdraw the domestic violence protective order, Tracy Michelle Sellars wrote that she believed her husband was not a threat to her or their child, a 10-week-old son. The autopsy indicated Sellars, 32, died in November from a combination of stab wounds and blunt force wounds. The sheriff's department seized a hammer from her home that deputies believe was used as a weapon. Some of the stab wounds are in sets, and their shapes indicate that Sellars was stabbed with a pair of scissors, the autopsy found. Two pieces of metal blades were embedded in Sellars' skull.

Her husband, John Willie Sellars, 37, has been indicted on a first-degree murder charge. Relatives said the Sellarses had a volatile relationship for the entire two years they were together. They had been married just over a year when Tracy Sellars was killed.

John Sellars is on probation for assaulting his wife and was under a court order to stay away from her. On Oct. 20, he was charged with second-degree kidnapping, assault on a female, misdemeanor child abuse and interfering with emergency communications.

### National

#### Massive search ends for Utah avalanche

PARK CITY, Utah - After four days of searching a 16-acre debris field, rescue crews ended their large-scale probe for victims of last week's powerful avalanche. Summit County Sheriff Dave Edmunds said chances were good that the avalanche near Park City, about 20 miles east of Salt Lake City, trapped only one person.

Monday was the last day searchers would gather in large numbers. A limited search will continue, but bigger groups won't scale the mountain again unless authorities

receive a credible tip that someone is missing.

"Right now, we believe that we have taken the one sole victim out of there," Edmunds said. "There's been four solid days and there's just no reason to believe that there's more victims out there."

Eyewitness accounts of Friday's slide initially led authorities to believe that as many as five people may have been caught in a debris field up to 30 feet deep in spots.

Police have cleared all but three names from a list of potential victims, "but it's very probable they are not involved," Edmunds said. "Some of these individuals have not contacted family for months."

The body of one man, Shane Maixner, 27, of Sandpoint, Idaho, was recovered Sunday with the help of trained dogs and rescuers sensed that the discovery of other clothing items meant more victims were nearby. Edmunds pulled back from that Monday, saying it's common during rescue efforts to find incidental items unrelated to a search.

The snow slide occurred in an out-of-bounds area near The Canyons resort that had been marked with skull and crossbones warning signs because of the avalanche danger.

#### Bush says he has a big second-term agenda

WASHINGTON - As President Bush prepares to take office for a second term this week, he says he's worried that people "kind of write me off" before he can get things done. Bush said Monday he has "a big agenda in mind," which includes his campaign promises to overhaul Social Security and the legal liability system; improve the tax code, school standards and the budget process; and make health care accessible to more Americans.

He acknowledges that four years isn't a lot of time to get it all done but says he hopes Republicans and Democrats can unite now that all of his campaigns are behind him. "The good news is I'm not running again, so maybe politics won't creep in quite as fast," he told CBS News during

a round of network interviews Monday afternoon. "We got to get moving and get some things done before - before people kind of write me off." Bush said unity across party lines would be the most important message in his inaugural address Thursday. "I have a responsibility to try to unite this country to achieve big things for all Americans," Bush told ABC News. "I will say that in my inaugural address. I'm looking forward to the challenge." Before the president delivers his State of the Union address, Iraqis will hold the first elections for their new government, but turnout is expected to be limited by the threat of violence at the polls. Bush said the elections are proving to be "a little bumpy," but the fact that they are being held at all is a success. "The fact that there's a vote is fantastic," Bush told NBC News.

### International

#### Video shows eight Chinese laborers held hostage

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Insurgents released a video Tuesday showing eight Chinese workers held hostage by gunmen who claim the men are employed by a construction company working with U.S. troops, in the latest abduction of foreigners in Iraq. China's government confirmed the kidnappings, and the official Xinhua News Agency said diplomats were "making all efforts to rescue the eight hostages."

The eight construction workers from China's southern Fujian province went missing last week while traveling to Jordan, Xinhua said.

In the video, delivered to various news organizations, the eight men appear in front of a small mud brick building and display their passports for the camera. The men are flanked by two gunmen with headscarves wrapped around their faces.

In a handwritten note delivered with the tape, an insurgent group calling it the al-Numan Brigades said it abducted the men as they were on their way out of the country.

"After interrogation, we found that they are working for a Chinese construction

company that is working inside American sites in Iraq," the note said. The note indicated the group might release the hostages because China did not participate in the war.

"The movement decided to free these Chinese soon on condition that they will not go back to their work with the occupation forces. And we hope the Chinese company will not deal with these forces," the message said.

#### Archbishop kidnapped in northern Iraq is freed

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) - A Catholic archbishop kidnapped in northern Iraq was freed Tuesday after one day in captivity and said his abductors did not intend to target the church.

No ransom was paid to win the release of Archbishop Basile Georges Casmooussa, 66, of the Syrian Catholic Church, a branch of the Roman Catholic Church, the church said. Casmooussa, an Iraqi, lives in the northern city of Mosul. "I'm happy to have returned to the bishop's office," Casmooussa told Vatican Radio. "I can say that I wasn't mistreated."

"I think that my kidnapping was a coincidence. It doesn't seem to me that they wanted to strike at the church per se."

The Vatican, which branded the kidnapping a "despicable terrorist act," said a \$200,000 ransom was demanded. Potris Moshi, an assistant to Casmooussa, said it had not been paid.

"He has been freed and he is on his way home without paying any ransom," Moshi said Tuesday when announcing the archbishop's release. Pope John Paul II, who had prayed for Casmooussa's release, was informed immediately of the release, said papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

"He changed his prayer to one of thanks," Navarro-Valls said.

He added that the Vatican viewed the kidnapping as part of the general climate of violence in Iraq. He said the archbishop was well loved in the community.

# ECU surgeon performs robotic surgery online

## Procedure repairs mitral valve

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A surgeon from ECU performed live online surgery Tuesday to repair a mitral valve with the assistance of robotic technology.

W. Randolph Chitwood, senior associate chancellor at the Brody School of Medicine and chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, performed the surgery online, making the procedure accessible to doctors around the world.

The procedure was moderated by another ECU surgeon, Wiley Nifong, who answered e-mailed questions from other surgeons watching the procedure. Surgeon, Richard Cook, assisted Chitwood in the procedure.

"We believe that this type of medical education, especially surgery, is really the future as it gives

the learner true interaction with the procedure or operation and the operator," said Chitwood.

The heart has four valves and the mitral is one of the main two of these valves.

Chitwood said mitral valves can leak for a variety of reasons, such as heart attack or infection, but the most common type is when cords in the valve rupture from degeneration.

"In the past, mitral valve replacements were the standard of care, prior to 1980 or so ... we've learned how to repair the valves so now the patient doesn't have to take blood thinners and preserves their own valve," Chitwood said.

"The mitral valve is particularly amenable to repair."

The robotic technology being used is known as the Da Vinci Surgical System, which was developed in California in the late 1990s.

ECU surgeons were the first to perform a complete mitral valve repair surgery in May 2000 using the Da Vinci Surgical System, after which the device underwent

FDA testing and was cleared to be a safe and efficient device able to be used by other surgeons.

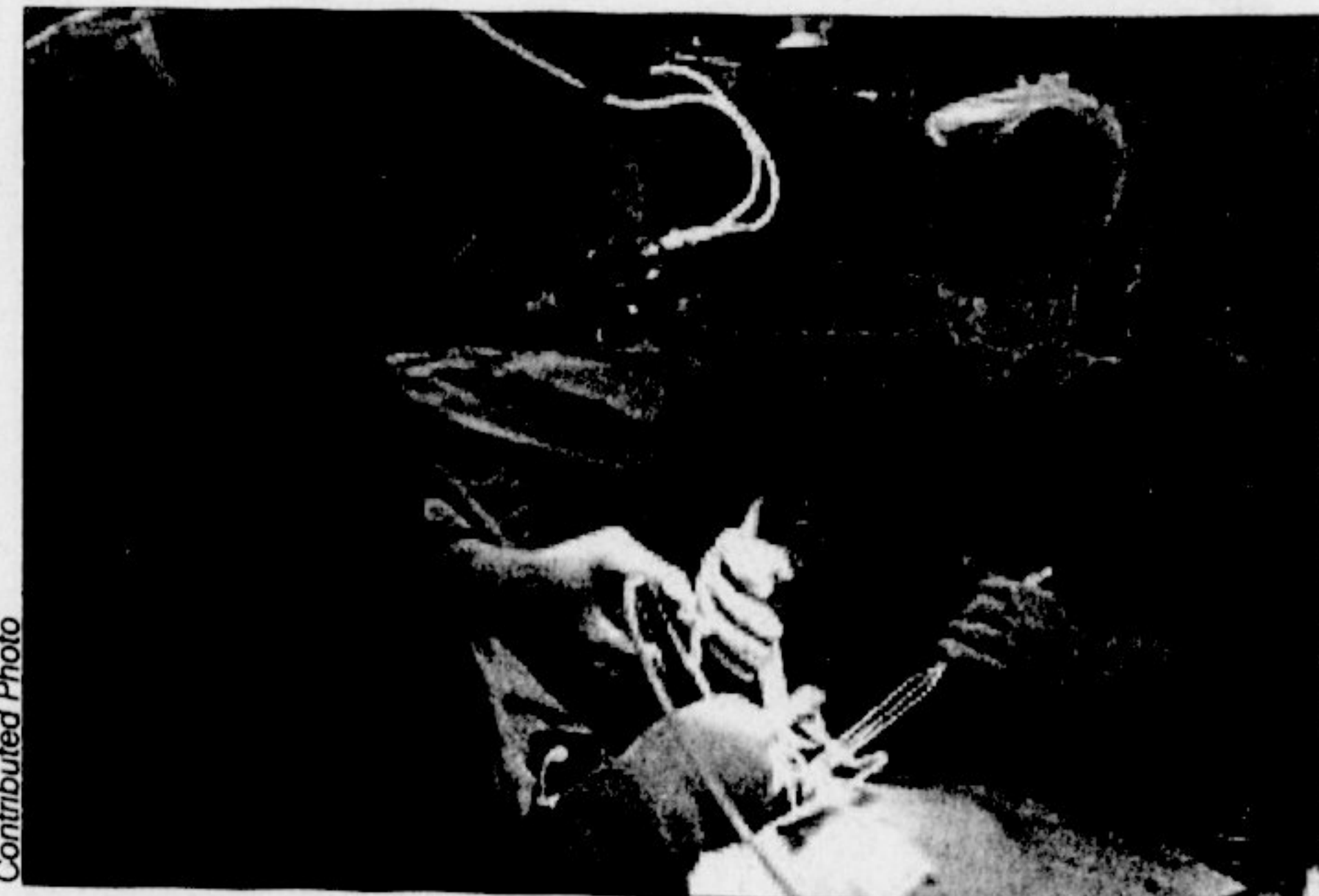
Chitwood said the main benefit of the robotic assistance is the ability to be at a distance outside the chest and do what is known as telemanipulation.

"If you take a stitch with your hand, the same stitch is recreated inside the chest with a needle and a needle holder or a knife or a pair of scissors," Chitwood said.

"To this end we can make these instruments tiny, with a high level of manipulability without any human tremor, therefore making you ambidextrous and able to access areas that were humanly impossible in the past."

The robotic technology also allows the surgeon to use the eyes of the system instead of relying solely on his own vision, thereby making the surgery a much more efficient procedure.

Chitwood said patients benefit from robotically assisted surgery because it allows the surgery to be a minimally invasive



Dr. Chitwood broadcasts heart surgery over the Internet.

operation, plus the patients have less blood loss, spend less time on the ventilator and have a quicker time of recovery.

The broadcast of the mitral valve surgery will be performed by the Eastern Carolina Cardiovascular Institute, which is an association of Pitt County Memo-

rial Hospital and ECU.

Chitwood said there are about 30 teams taught by ECU surgeons that are employing robotic technology to assist with surgery.

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## Greeks recruit new members

IFC  
Inter Fraternity Council rush is taking place through Friday of this week. People interested can visit each organization's specified rush location to participate. For more information, contact Rush Chairman Chris Childers at 378-5617.

NPHC  
National Pan Hellenic Council is holding a recruitment meeting this evening at 8 p.m. in the Mendenhall social rooms. All nine organizations will have tables and booths set up to provide additional information to prospective members. For more information contact Arriell Coples at 328-4707 or 347-3569.

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Representatives from complexes around Greenville came to the fair to show features of their apartments.

## Off-campus living holds apartment fair

Students say event was helpful

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The ECU Center for Off-campus Living sponsored an apartment fair Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Mendenhall Great Rooms.

Paula Kennedy-Dudley, director of adult and commuter student services, coordinated the fair.

"The main goal of this apartment fair is to allow students living on and off campus to shop for housing that is offered within the Greenville community and on the ECU campus," said Dudley.

"We just want to help students find a good fit with their housing choices. Hopefully we can aid students in securing a clean and safe place to live."

Dudley said there was an excellent number of apartment complexes, considering this was their first-annual event.

Approximately 25 booths were set up around the Great Room, all representing the various apartment complexes. The displays used bright colors, attractive posters and free giveaways to attract students to their tables. Free gifts included pizza, candy, T-shirts and booklets.

Cox Communications also provided a DVD player to be raffled off to those who entered the drawing.

A new database registry developed by ECU and the

center for off-campus living made its debut at the fair.

Dan Radez who works with the division of student life said a Web site will allow students and apartment groups to access and advertise information about available housing in the area.

"We hope that in about six months, most of the apartments around Greenville will have joined the site and those seeking housing will have all the needed information in one easy to access Web site," said Radez.

Students who attended had a positive opinion of the event.

Jason Sterling, an undecided freshman, said he liked the idea of an apartment fair.

"It's hard to find the information on each individual apartment group, so it is definitely easier to come and have it all together," said Sterling.

Marcus Green, freshman math education major, said the event was very helpful.

"Trying to find information through the Internet and classifieds is OK, but extremely time consuming," said Green.

"I think this event would be beneficial for years to come."

Mary Louise Antieau, director of the center for off-campus living, said they have considered holding the apartment fair for many years.

"We are glad that it finally came together successfully and we hope that it will be appreciated and next year bring in an even greater turnout," said Antieau.

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## Crime Scene

1/12/05  
10:03 p.m.  
Possession of drugs/paraphernalia  
Subject(s) found in Scott Hall with one glass water bong, one glass smoking pipe and a plastic bag with marijuana.

1/13/05  
8:54 a.m.  
Breaking and entering, larceny from motor vehicle

Unknown person(s) stole items from a vehicle parked in the gravel lot on the south side of Belk Hall. Among the items stolen were an Alpine CD player, 150 CDs, a flat-screen television, an X Box game system and 5 X Box games.

2:50 p.m.  
Trespassing  
Person found trespassing at a Ficklen Drive parking lot after being banned.

3 p.m.  
Larceny  
Unknown person(s) took a Proxima projector from 1326 Jenkins Art.

1/15/05  
1:12 a.m.  
Trespassing

A non-student was found on the sixth floor of Fletcher Hall passed out in the hallway.

3 a.m.  
Simple Assault-Physical  
A white female student reported being struck by another person at the Aycock west side parking lot.

1/16/05  
3 a.m.  
Drug violations, trespassing  
Persons were found possessing marijuana and trespassing in White Hall. Two 19-year-old white males were later arrested for trespassing and one 18-year-old white male was arrested for the drug violations.

4:27 a.m.  
Possession/concealment  
Person(s) found in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia and concealing a knife in Tyler Hall.

9:10 p.m.  
Giving false information to an LEO  
A 25-year-old black male was arrested for providing false information to a law enforcement officer at Fletcher Hall. The 170-pound man was armed with a personal weapon.

## Weekly Crime Tip

Even if you live in a residence hall, you can still be banned from other dorms. These ban tickets should be taken seriously because you can be arrested for second degree trespassing, which is a misdemeanor. If charged, remember it will be on your record permanently.

## Volunteering from page A1

"Peace, justice, equality, humanity and doing something to make the world a better place will make the world a safer place."

Carrie Anderson, graduate student in accounting, participated in card making for the children's hospital in Greenville.

She said she is excited about the event and is proud to bring her sorority sisters out to help.

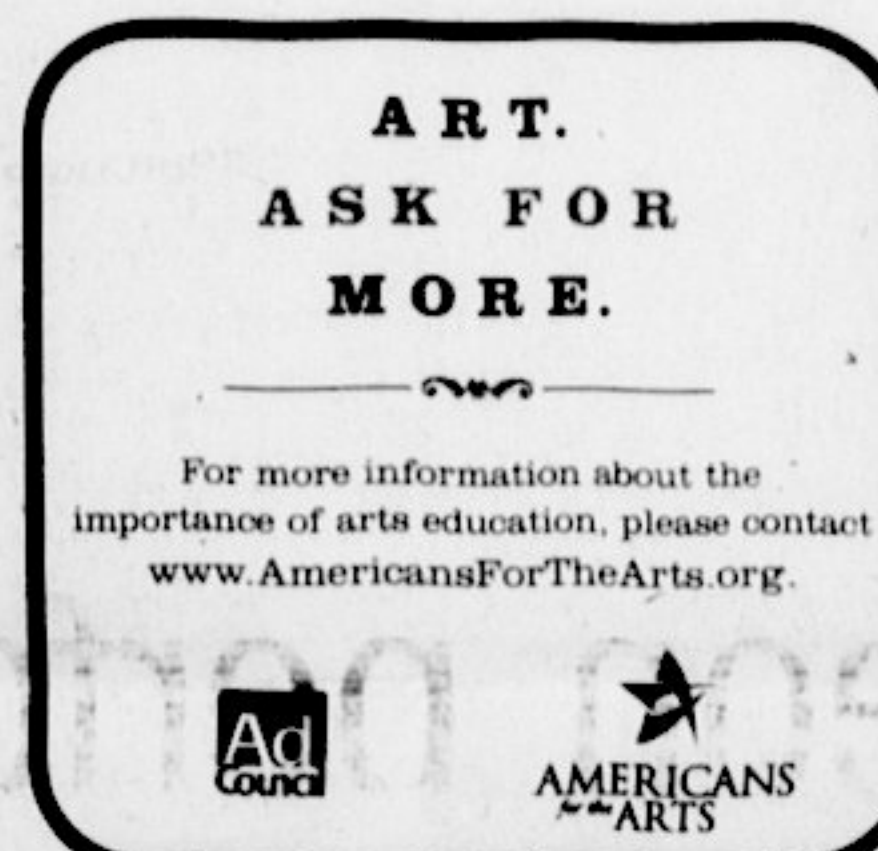
"I think it's really great that

students as a whole are coming together ... and are coming out to celebrate the day and volunteer," said Anderson.

Kelly Parker, junior elementary education major, worked helping an elderly woman clean her house.

"I'm excited in having a chance to help," said Parker.

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## Our View

### New additions mean change for Pirate athletics

With the completion of the new baseball stadium just weeks away, the dedicated fans that comprise the Pirate Nation are beaming with pride.

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TEC believes the additions of new Athletic Director Terry Holland and new football Head Coach Skip Holtz have our ship steered toward open water, void of the many hidden dangers below the surface of the murky waters that is college athletics.

The question is, "what next?" No doubt Holland has many ideas swirling through that experienced and successful brain of his, but what will come to the forefront?

Williams Arena at Mingos Coliseum has an atmosphere like no other, but could use some minor improvements.

More than a handful of other sports deserve more recognition, money and better facilities. The successes of track and field and the swimming and diving squads go largely unnoticed.

Make no mistake about it, football is the major breadwinner for the Pirates and should be the focus. However, with many universities departing Conference USA next season and the incoming teams far from exceptional, ECU should contend for a conference championship in nearly every sport. That future success will lead to a constant monetary flow from all directions.

TEC believes getting snubbed by other conferences in past years will prove to be a blessing in disguise for ECU. Next time around, the Pirates will be more than ready.

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## Opinion Columnist

### Procrastination hits close to home

Writer's block leads to laundry

RACHEL LANDEN  
STAFF WRITER

It's amazing what one will do when one decides to procrastinate. Actually, I should probably rephrase that. It's amazing what one will do when one does procrastinate. You see, I know that in my case, I didn't really mean to delay — it just sort of happened.

I have a deadline and yet, simultaneously, writer's block. As Alanis Morissette might have sung in the mid 1990s, "Isn't it ironic ... don'tcha think?" Problem is, I was doing little thinking myself at a time when that's all I needed to be doing ... that and writing.

So, while I should have been writing my weekly column, that's when I found myself doing anything but. I watched some of the Golden Globes, which I realize isn't anything odd or unusual but it was admittedly distracting. A three-hour television event is enough to ruin even those of us with the best intentions.

But I didn't just sit around watching TV. I made use of my time, although not in order to do the one thing at the top of my list. Instead, I prepared, cooked,



refrigerated and froze meals for the week or more ahead. I felt like some sort of deranged Martha Stewart, not to be redundant.

While in the kitchen, I inevitably noticed that we needed more clean dishtowels. Thus, I decided to do laundry. My roommates will soon be able to thank me for the fresh towels in the kitchen drawer.

And my abs can thank me for the brief workout they got. Doing anything to avoid the mental work at hand, I chose to replace my column with crunches.

I kept thinking that some sort of inspiration would hit me — I would have one of those eureka moments when a light bulb would appear over my head

and approximately 600 words would spill out of me and into my computer. Unfortunately, it didn't happen like that. I guess it never does, except in cartoons, and I can't remember Bugs Bunny ever having to deal with a deadline.

Finally, somewhere between crunches and cleaning, I realized that I had an obligation to fulfill, a deadline fast approaching and a nagging sense of responsibility that wouldn't go away. I sat down at my computer and stared at a blank document long enough to eventually give way to typing.

Sometimes that's just what we have to do when we have a task that we must complete. Maybe we won't write or type or even compose our thoughts, but we'll resolve ourselves to the work at hand and somehow plod through. Then we can finish what we promised to ourselves and others we would do. I know — I did it, eventually.

Even the most compulsive and committed of us can find ourselves dreading and delaying to the point that everything else gets done and yet nothing is accomplished in that one area where we need to focus our attention. I can certainly vouch for that today.

And, on that note, I need to move those dishtowels from the washer to the dryer. At least that's almost done.

## In My Opinion

### Talk radio revolution is bearing fruit

(KRT) — When I was younger, I dreamed of someday being a radio talk show host. I distinctly recall the evening in 1993 when, at the age of 8, I turned on the Kirby Wilbur show on Seattle's "Hot Talk" 570 KVI. Talk radio thereafter became a sort of second classroom for me, a weighty counterbalance to the moral neutrality and civic illiteracy of my public school.

I count among my teachers Mr. Wilbur, Rush Limbaugh, Michael Medved, John Carlson, Michael Reagan, Floyd Brown and others who came over the airwaves at various times during my growing-up years. Rush calls his program the Limbaugh Institute for Advanced Conservative Studies, and this student of talk radio has school spirit. I've never known a time when there wasn't conservative talk radio.

Talk radio grows larger in bandwidth, talent and influence as time goes on. When Rush first came on the national airwaves in 1988, his Seattle affiliate was an Oldies station. Today, the burgeoning demand that has developed around the Rush Limbaugh Show has brought two conservative radio stations into prime competition in the Seattle market. Twenty million Americans listen to Rush on over 600 stations every week. According to the American Radio News Audience Survey, 30 percent of Americans who listen to radio news can be classified as light or heavy listeners to news through talk radio stations.

But I never truly appreciated the importance of talk radio in American political culture until Rush Limbaugh read one of my columns on his program

last March. "This op-ed here by Mr. Zeiger is just an example of the kind of thinking that's going on out there in young people's minds and hearts," he said, "because they're just as frustrated as you are. They're mature beyond their years and they're just as frustrated as you are this stuff is happening, but they look at it: all this stuff has been tried isn't working. They want to fix it, not just talking about it. So there's reason to be optimistic is the point."

Indeed, it is an optimistic time to be a patriot. There are plenty of reasons to be pessimistic too — there always are, and quite literally the world is dying — but pessimism has a funny way of becoming self-fulfilling. We ought to be optimistic about the future of this country, not because everything is going the right way, but because we have the right ideals. We should have such confidence in the strength of our ideals, such faith that they will endure, and such trust in our God, that we never hesitate to partake when a feast of hope is presented before us.

And I am convinced, having grown up on talk radio, that Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, Dennis Prager, Laura Ingraham, Larry Elder, G. Gordon Liddy and all of the others have played a significant part in the battle of ideas in our time. It is largely due to their presence on the AM dials of the big cities and small towns of America that many of the most important advances have been made in the popular revival of conservative ideas. It is because of Rush Limbaugh in particular, that as he said, "there's reason to be optimistic."

Simpson is quite pessimistic about the fact that young people are tuning into talk radio. At a post-election National Press Club forum, as transcribed by David Wilmouth of the Media Research Center, Ms. Simpson erupted, "The children are saying, 'Well, I hear Rush Limbaugh,' and I said, 'That's not the news.' And they go, 'But he's talking about news things.' Okay, that's really scary when I hear them say that they think they're getting the news; they can't make the separation between the New York Times and ABC News and NPR and the talk shows Hannity and Colmes or Bill O'Reilly. It's all the same to them. That's all news; 'Entertainment Tonight,' it's all news. So it's been a very frightening thing to me. I am scared. I am going to admit to you that I'm scared."

While Ms. Simpson is scared, let us take heart that the talk radio revolution is bearing fruit.

Young conservatives are on the move, thanks to motivation from our teachers on the air. Rush says that conservatism is advancing among young Americans because "they've grown up this way. They've had it around them, which is new."

Conservatism is cool these days. Combined with the Internet, FOX News, and vibrant conservative print publications, talk radio has the potential not only to shape public opinion, but to mobilize public action for a generation of young conservatives.

Finally, parents should never underestimate the power of talk radio in the hearing of their kids. It just might save the country.

## Pirate Rant

ECU students should be the people who do the halftime challenges during ECU basketball games. They have little children do it to reduce the probability of someone actually winning.

What is up with the sushi they are serving in the Wright Place now? Sushi isn't sushi if it is fully cooked. Also, you only get three choices. The old sushi was way better.

Thank you TEC for recognizing the ECU swimming and diving team. Those athletes work just as hard as the football and basketball teams and yet they get no praise, even when they are number one in the nation. This is what should be plastered across the athletics Web page, not more basketball losses and donation news.

Why do people use umbrellas when the wind is blowing 15 mph? An umbrella won't do you good.

Attention Greenville drivers, they made turning lanes for a reason. I suggest using them.

People, did you forget that it's January? Those of you who decided to wear shorts and flip flops last week, please don't spread your germs to everyone by not covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough. Don't be mad at us because we remembered it was January.

Why is it that women who have read *He's Just Not That Into You* always say, "nothing in this book pertains to me." It must pertain to you, because your dumb a-- bought the book.

Renovated and ready for business? Are all the final details for the completion of Flanagan simply going to be ignored?

Pre-tests are pointless. They are a waste of class time when we actually could be learning something rather than demonstrating that we obviously don't know anything about a subject we have never been taught.

Rain, snow and sleet do not mean stop. They are just a reminder to drive a bit more carefully. If everyone stops, there will be a million more accidents. Just calm down and if you are really that scared, don't drive.

Again, someone explain the shorts, hoodie, beanie and flip-flops. Get with it people. If it is cold enough to wear a hoodie and beanie, don't you think you should cover your legs and feet?

The one time I remembered to bring my umbrella, does it matter? No, because the wind kept blowing it inside out anyway. And it didn't help that getting to my car required a 20-minute hike out to Ash Street. I guess it doesn't matter because by the time you read this it will be 80 degrees and sunny once again.

What happened to our basketball team? All my hopes are left to the baseball team. Don't let me down guys.

I think the cheerleaders for basketball could stand to be a little more enthusiastic. Where did they learn to cheer, a funeral?

Memo to Conference USA: I suggest you guys clean house in your officiating department. I could have sworn I was in fairy tale land last Wednesday night — apparently you guys had the three blind mice at the Cincinnati-ECU matchup. Thanks.

Why do people always have to walk really slow in front of you like they have all day? Or why do tall people never look down and walk all over you? I'm short, but I've got places to go too people.

With today's youth and all it's problems, is sterilization really so bad?

Just because you are pledging a fraternity, it doesn't mean that you have to forget about all the little people.

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3. State of Fear  
4. The Da Vinci Code Illustrated Edition  
5. Night Fall

## Horoscope

**Aries:** Take on the world. It means you'll get ahead. Believe in your school. Believe in your ability to learn what you need.

**Taurus:** Long-term goals will go through. Lead to hefty pay. Nebulous promises. Everything down to earth.

**Gemini:** Put in the work. What you promote will become more difficult. You'll become a professional. Work this way, baby.

**Cancer:** You and some others do not. Guide the team. It's down, and all hands on deck.

**Leo:** The learned leader. Into a leadership role. Also get into a new field. That's part of your growth.

**Virgo:** Lovin' good investments. Back what you love. Make plans for a very comfortable and won't be boring.

**Libra:** It's O.K. your saving. Get an item that's for years. Quality over time.

**Scorpio:** The is almost over. Next several weeks. Make some investments about your health and your financier.

**Sagittarius:** Money made. Be up and running. Worked out so you get attention to other things.

**Capricorn:** Consultations. New projects. Win a relationship. Build success. Last.

**Aquarius:** The hero. You'll come through. Which includes pride in your accomplishments.

**Pisces:** Just when you settle down, you else to change. And less of that, worked out just

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## Horoscopes:

**Aries:** Take on a challenge, even if it means you'll have to go back to school. Believe in your own ability to learn what you'll need to know.

**Taurus:** Long-distance contacts will go through now, and could lead to hefty profits. Don't fall for nebulous promises, though. Get everything down in writing.

**Gemini:** Put in the extra effort, do what you promised you'd do. The more difficult it is, the stronger you'll become. It doesn't always work this way, but this time, it does.

**Cancer:** You have experience and some worries the others do not share. Use them to guide the team effort, not to slow it down, and all prosper.

**Leo:** The skills you've learned lead you naturally into a leadership position. You'll also get into a new circle of friends. That's part of your reward.

**Virgo:** Loving is a very good investment. You'll get back what you give, and more. Make plans for a solid, secure and very comfortable life. Together, it won't be boring.

**Libra:** It's OK to dip into your savings account to get an item that's going to last you for years. Quality pays for itself over time.

**Scorpio:** The study phase is almost over. For the next several weeks you'll get to make some interesting decisions about your home. Consult a financier.

**Sagittarius:** Don't delay, the money machine should be up and running. Get the bugs worked out so you can turn your attention to other things.

**Capricorn:** Your private consultations lead to fascinating new projects. Working together binds a relationship in a marvelous manner. Build something that will last.

**Aquarius:** The hard part's almost over. You'll come in to your reward, which includes a new sense of pride in your own recent accomplishments. Keep at it.

**Pisces:** Just when you're ready to settle down, you find something else to change. A little more of this and less of that, and you'll have it worked out just right.

# Carins remembers Valvano with 'V & Me'

Author holds book signing tonight

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With the college basketball season well underway and March Madness in the near future, it's hard to forget some of the NCAA's legendary basketball coaches. It has been 22 years since NC State coach Jim Valvano led his Wolfpack to a win over Houston for the national title and one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history.

James Thomas Anthony Valvano served 10 seasons as head coach for NC State and within his tenure won ACC Coach of the Year twice and sent his Wolfpack to eight NCAA tournaments, in

addition to the aforementioned national title. He also spent time as a commentator on ABC and ESPN. Valvano ended his coaching career with a 346-212 record, winning 61 percent of his games.

Coach Valvano was a motivator, never wasting a minute of his life. He once said, "There are 86,400 seconds in a day. It's up to you to decide what to do with them."

In mid 1992 Valvano was faced with an opponent he was not able to conquer. He was diagnosed with Metastatic Adenocarcinoma, a form of cancer that begins in the cells lining internal organs then spreads to other parts of the body. He was given less than a year to live.

With an unavoidable death

staring him in the face, Valvano never gave up. He spent his last 10 months as a motivational speaker, spreading awareness about cancer. He knew that he couldn't be saved, but he wanted to help future generations.

On March 4, 1993, Valvano was given the Arthur Ashe Courage Award by ESPN. In his acceptance speech he said, "Cancer can take away all my physical ability. It cannot touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart and it cannot touch my soul, and those three things are going to carry on forever."

In his book, *V & Me: Everybody's Favorite Jim Valvano Story*, Bob Carins gathers a collection of stories told by Valvano's family, friends, fellow coaches, players, secretaries and agents.

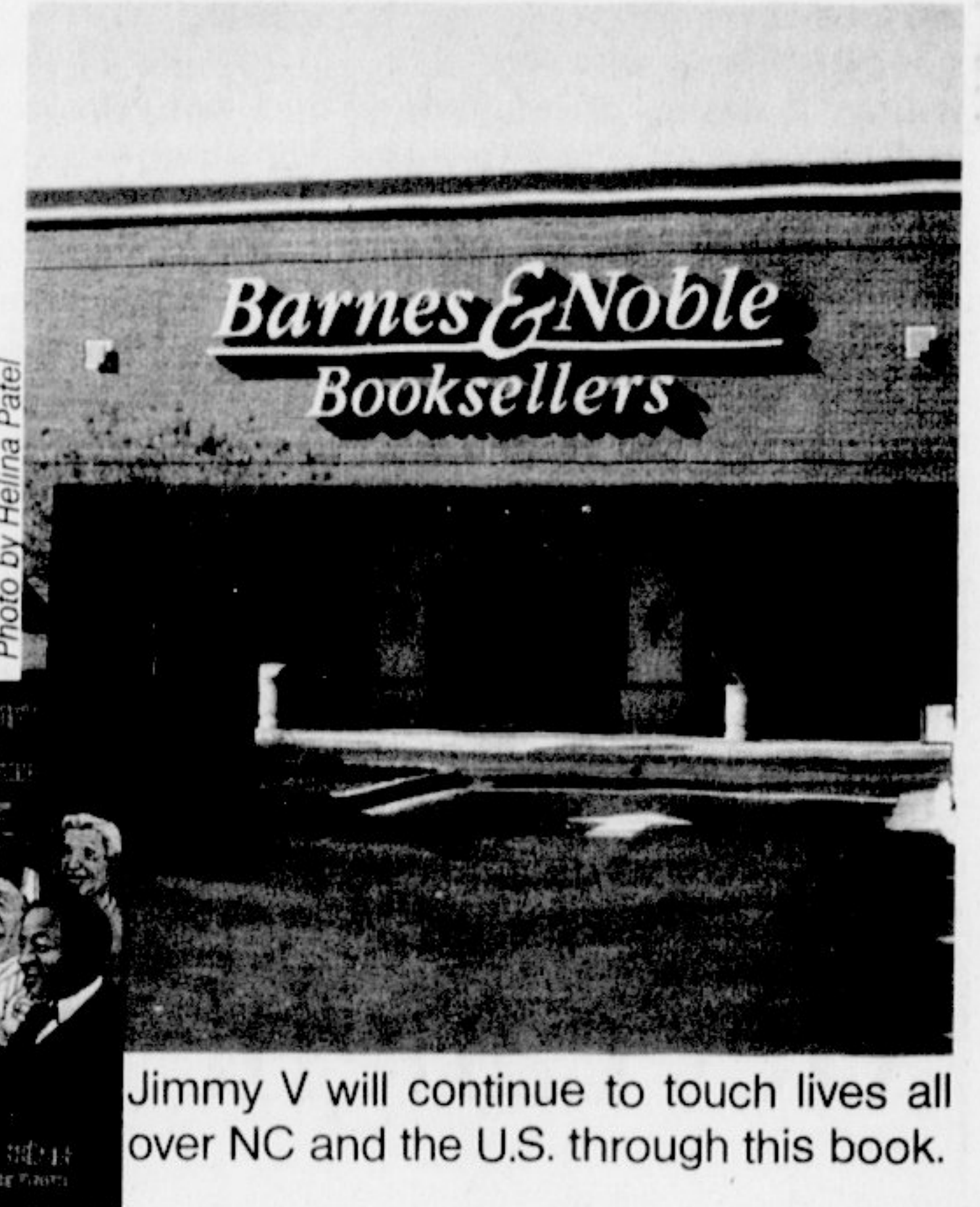


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Jimmy V will continue to touch lives all over NC and the U.S. through this book.

More than 250 stories highlight not only coach Valvano's career, but readers are given insight into every aspect of his life, ranging from his national title win to his courageous fight with cancer. Storytellers include Dick Vitale, John Wooden, Mike Krzyzewski, Pam Valvano and John Saunders among many others.

Bob Carins will be at Barnes and Noble tonight, Jan. 19 at

7 p.m. signing and discussing his book. This event is free and open to the public. A portion of the profits will be donated to The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

For more information on Valvano, visit jimmyv.org.

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# 'Stardom' resembles other reality shows

UPN's new 'dramality' series is 'American Idol' on steroids

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As it turns out, America is still yearning for more reality television. You would have thought that shows like "Star Search," "American Idol" and "Showtime at the Apollo" would have fed the craving we all secretly possess to watch "raw" talent compete week in and week out for a chance at fame, the "good life," or whatever else you want to call it.

UPN has now come up with what they like to call the newest "dramality series," entitled, "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott." This new reality show falls right in line with the many other star-search type sagas.

To be picked to compete in this new program, thousands across America lined up on city streets, waited patiently and went through a rigorous audition process—sound familiar? We thought so too. This show is basically "American Idol" on steroids. The only difference here is that "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott," not only features singers, but a diverse group of songwriters, musicians and rappers. Each live together, just like "American Idol," however, for these "kids," their home is not a swank L.A. mansion. These contestants reside in a beat-up, graffiti-painted tour bus. Missy Elliott, the co-executive producer, put them in such a "humble abode" because she thinks this type of living arrangement will give them a true sense of what life on the road for a beginner really feels like. Elliott said that when you first



Though the new series is proving to be a big hit for UPN, with "American Idol" starting again soon, "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott" may get a little bit rocky for the contestants.

start out you're happy to even be in a van, much less a tour bus of any kind.

Each of the 13 contestants who travel on their "less than perfect" home, range in age from 19-29 years old. All have left behind their careers, families, spouses and schools to take a chance at landing a recording contract with Elliott's own label, release a single and win a \$100,000.

When first arriving, the hopefuls were given the "star treatment," staying in lavish hotels as well as attending celebrity parties hosted in their favor. However, the party would not last long. They not only received the shock of where they would be living while on the road, but also found that each stop their tour bus would make would actually be a chance to compete and show off their talents in front of a panel

of judges. Each contestant has a sound and style that is unique from the rest, and after the shock of their first "challenge," they quickly realize they must always keep up their "A" game to be prepared for the next time their bus will make a stop.

There are only three judges who will be critiquing the performances of the contestants—yes another "shocking" similarity to "American Idol."

The three judges are Mona Scott, the co-creator and executive producer of "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott." Scott is known as the president of Violator Management. She has worked with names such as Busta Rhymes, 50 Cent, Capone N'Noreaga, Mobb Deep, Tweet and of course, Elliott.

The second judge is Dallas

Austin. Austin is a Grammy award-winning producer, who recently completed work with Janet Jackson, is working with Gwen Stefani and has worked with Tricky, Usher, Duran Duran, Monica and Boyz II Men.

Lastly, Teena Marie the famous Grammy nominated artist who is known for her 23 original albums will also judge. Marie started out as an actress but was signed by Motown in 1975.

It is apparent this show is certainly not lacking credible and multitiered judges who will be the deciding factor in this competition.

"The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliott" premiered Wednesday, Jan. 5 and will be shown on UPN in their 8 p.m. time slot.

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# Metallica offers an all-access look at what it takes to be a lasting band



Band collaboration is key

'Some Kind of Monster' documents Metallica with many conflicts

JESSICA CRESON SENIOR WRITER

What was initially just a documentary of a band recording an album became a look deep into each member, what they are dealing with during this time and insight to the creative process of music.

"Even if heavy metal music isn't your scene, you should be utterly transfixed by this fly on the wall documentary," said David Stratton, who wrote a review on *Some Kind of Monster*

for ABC's "At the Movies" Web site.

*Some Kind of Monster* shows many sides to what is involved in being a band, especially one of their age and standards over a span of three years. James Hetfield, the lead singer and guitarist, Lars Ulrich, the drummer, Kirk Hammet, backup singer and guitarist and finally the fill in bassist is Bob Rock who is also the band's producer.

"Trying to whittle down over 1600 hours of footage into a feature-length movie was an often heartbreaking task," said Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky, the filmmakers.

"We are thrilled that as part of the extensive special features on this 2-disc set, we were able to resurrect some of our favorite scenes that were so difficult to leave on the cutting room floor."

out for being "out of control" and harmful to the band.

For those out there that are not really Metallica fans don't be turned off yet. This documentary is not centered on Metallica's music, rather the ups and downs of life in a popular band.

"It is scene to scene intensity," said Henne. Mustine came back for an interview in *Some Kind of Monster* and reflects on how he wished he would have changed some of his habits so he could have been in the band. Staying focused and doing the best for the band and its members seems to be a high priority for Metallica.

This is so important that the documentary shows how much a counselor or "performance enhancing coach," Phil Towle, that costs \$40,000 per month is really worth it during tour or the making of an album.

The infamous Napster controversy is even touched on during the film. Lars Ulrich, the

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## FYI

### 'Some Kind of Monster' Honors and Awards:

- Nominated Best Documentary from Online Film Critics Society
- Nominated Best Documentary of 2004 by the Broadcast Film Critics Association
- Associated Press' Top Ten films of the year
- Washington, DC Critics Association best Documentary Award

### 'Some Kind of Monster' DVD:

- Comes out Jan. 25
- Includes 40 additional scenes
- Interviews with band members
- Highlights from festivals and premieres
- Two audio commentaries
- Two trailers
- A music video

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drummer, was one the major people who went against Napster and took action.

"I thought it was very compelling. It was an accurate and in-depth look to the band. [It shows the viewer a] first hand view of what the band started off as and have progressed to today," Henne said.

The main point of the movie is to show the struggles that the band and its members go through, and then how they always find a way to overcome set backs. At one point the lead singer, Hetfield, had a drinking problem and had to spend nine months in a rehab facility. The results were both good and bad. It was good for Hetfield, yet bad for the band's schedule.

The therapy sessions are what lead Hetfield to enter the rehab center.

"I'm not a huge fan of Metallica, but I do own a few of their CD's and I think *Some Kind of Monster* looks like a really interesting movie. Once I saw the previews, I knew that I was going to see it," said Nate Dykes, freshman business management major.

One of the major things Metallica was doing during the filming of the documentary was looking for a new bassist. Their latest bass player, Jason Newsted, quit due to several reasons including Metallica's strict policy not allowing him to experiment with other bands.

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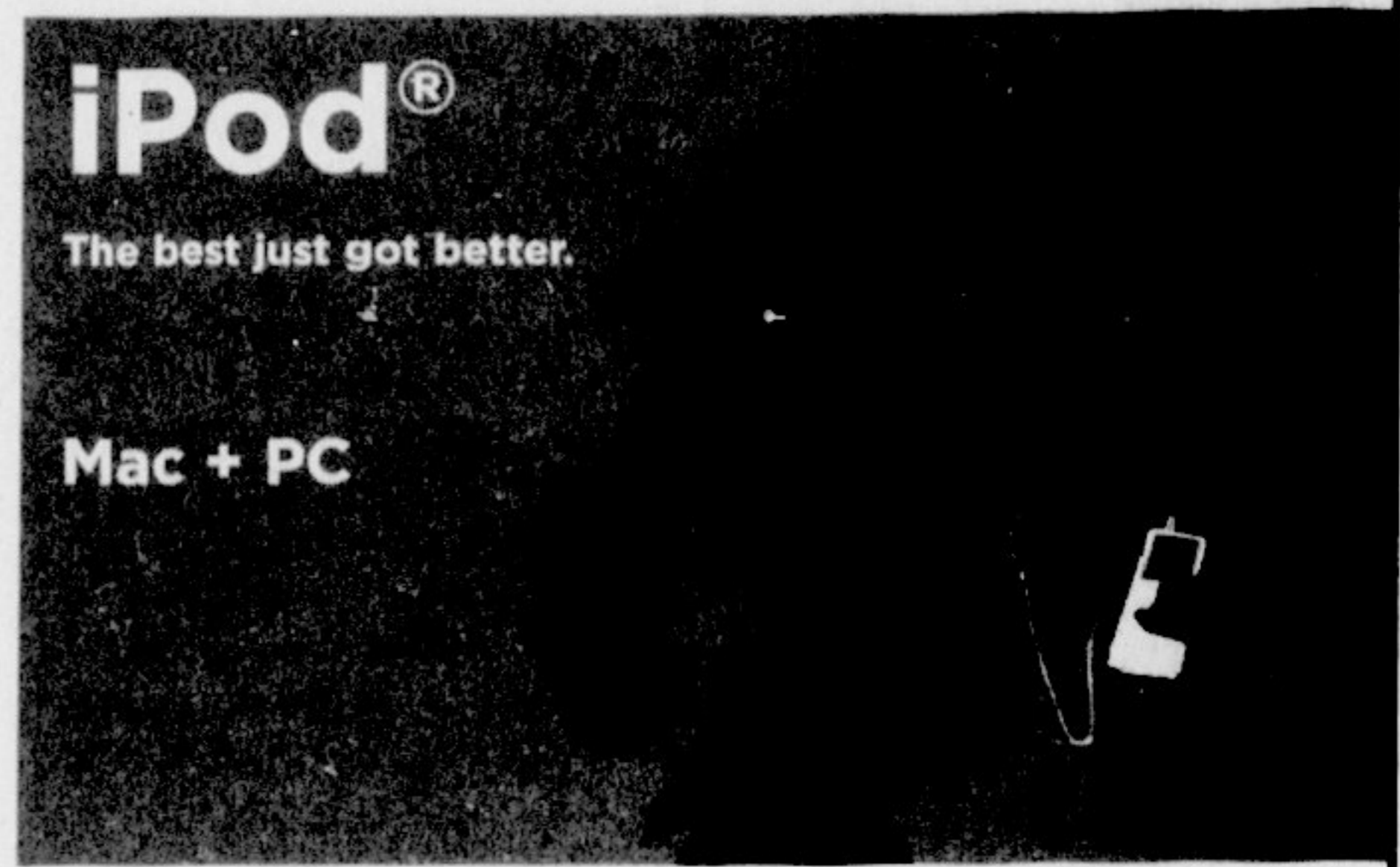
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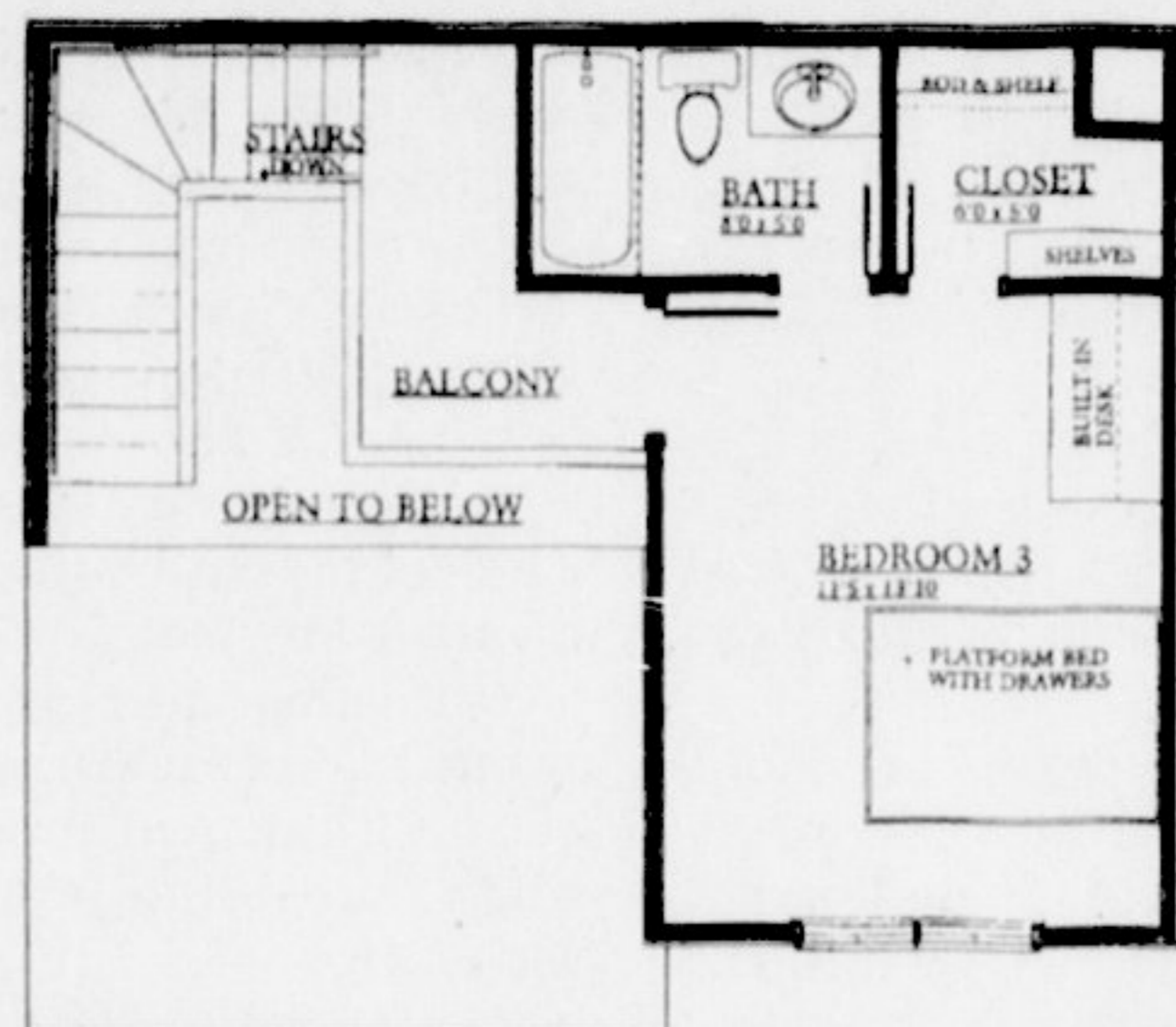
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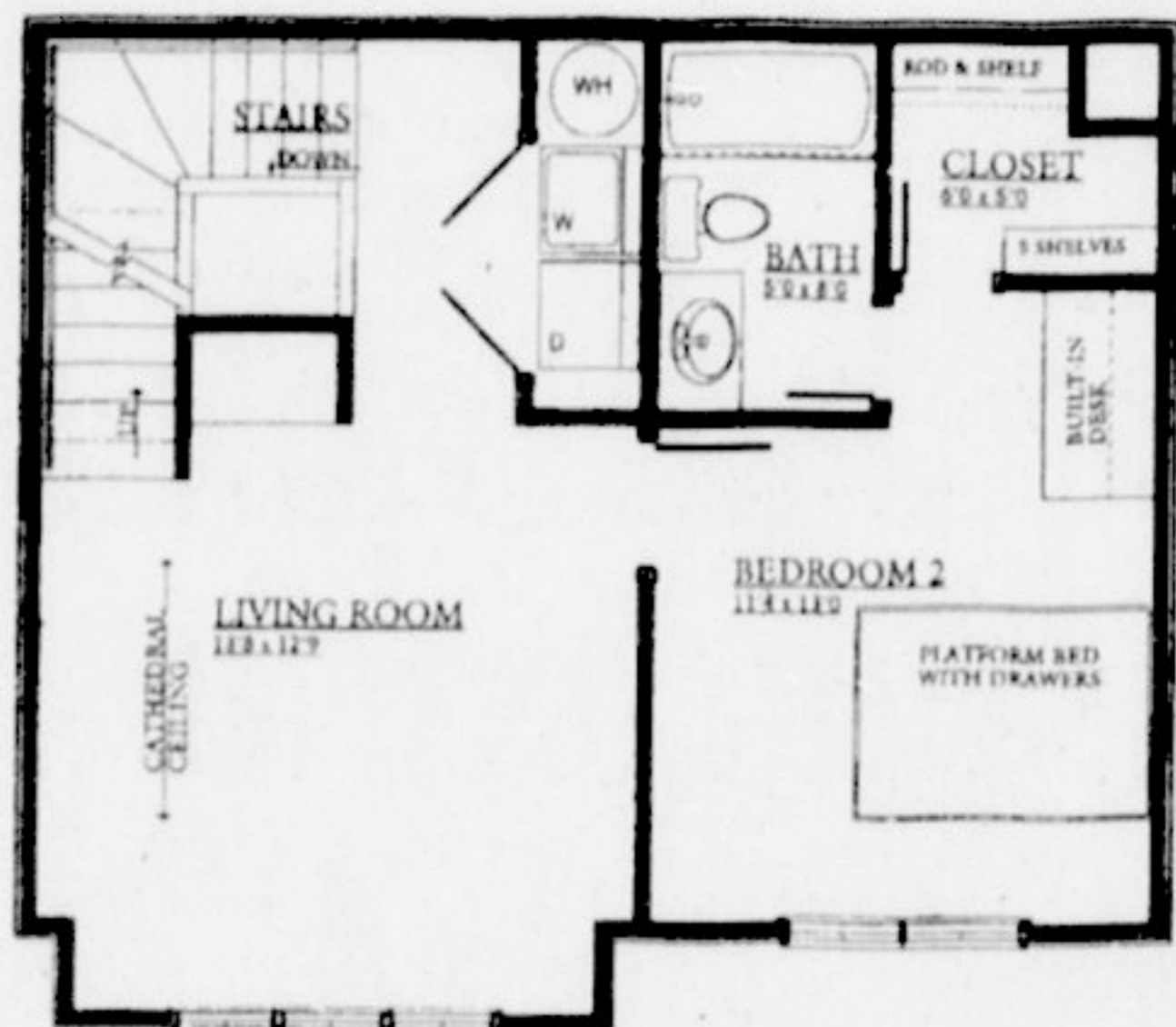
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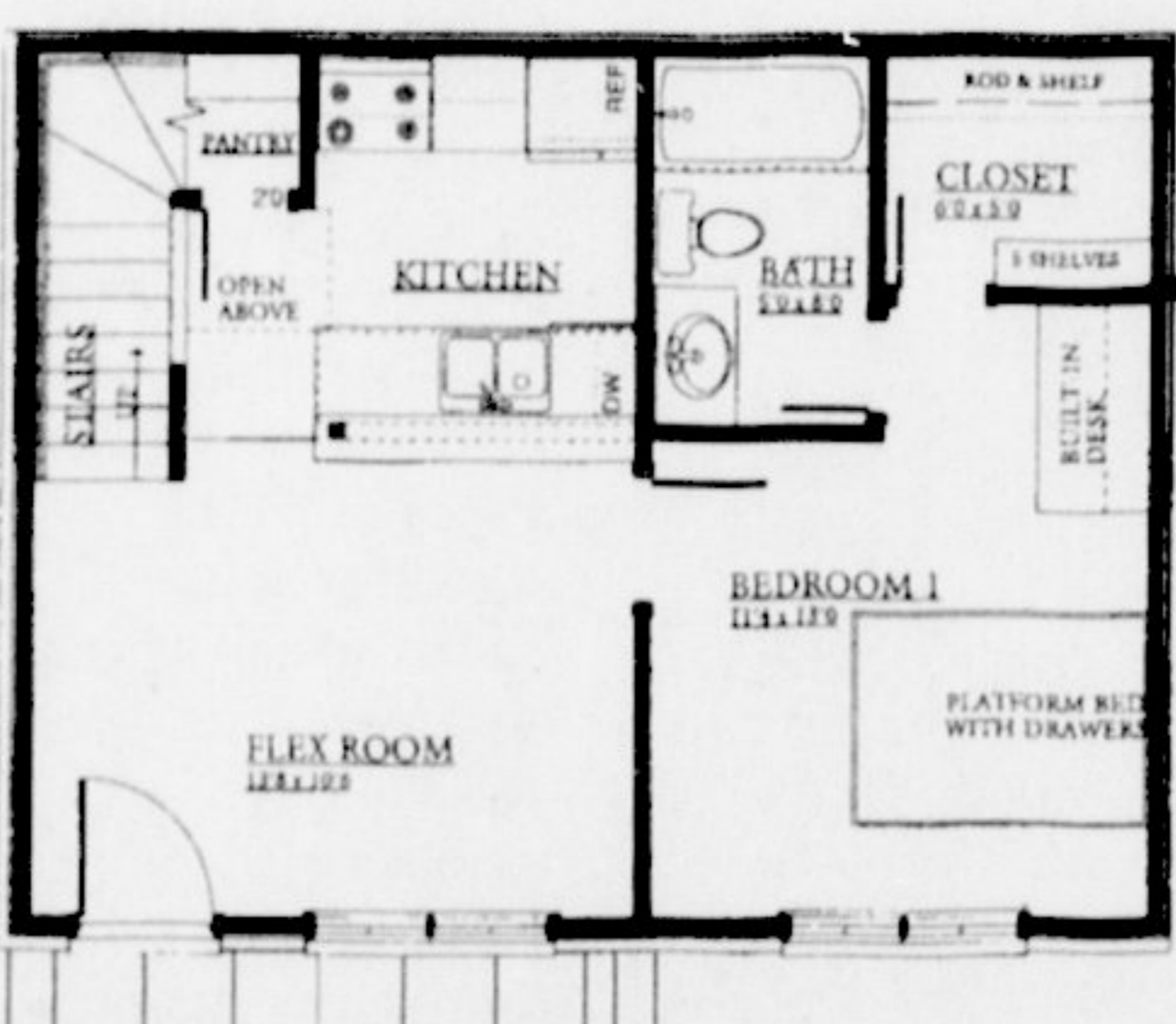
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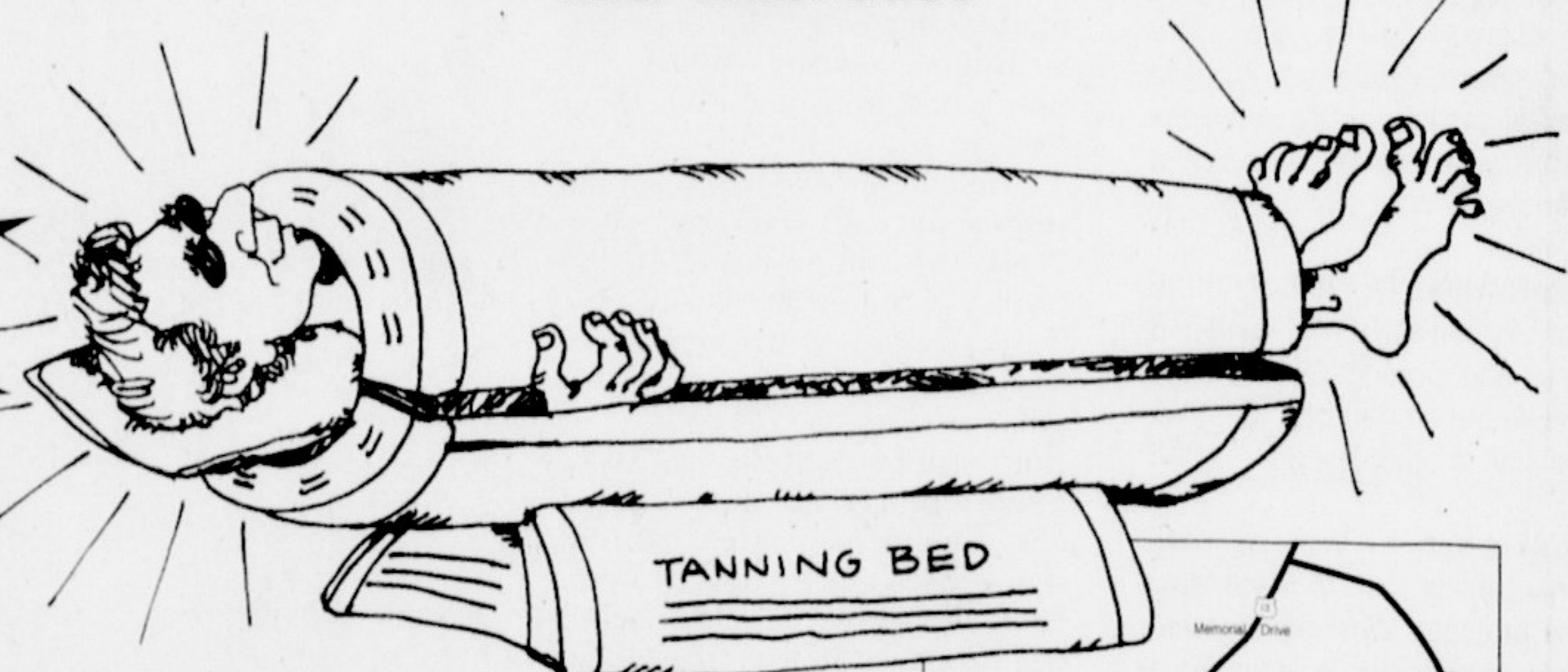
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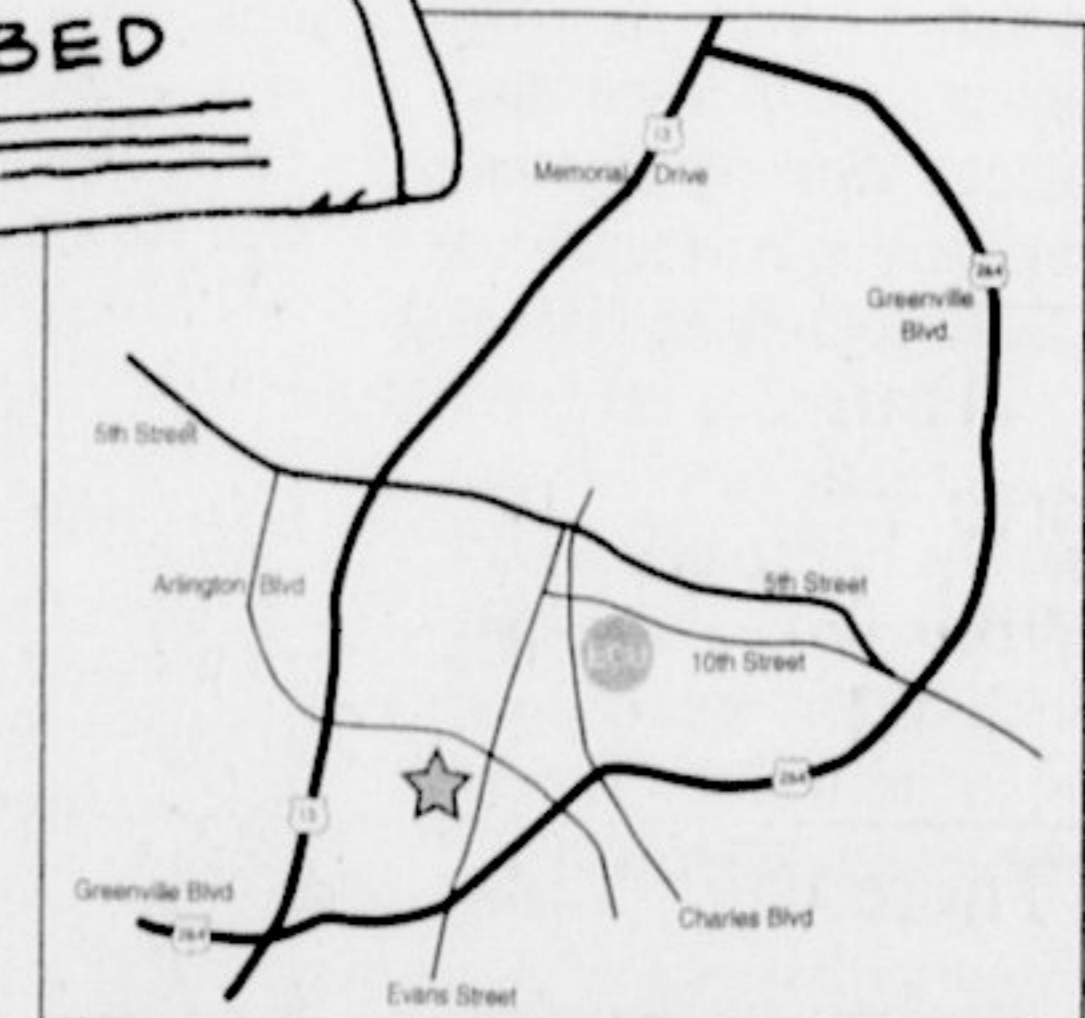
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Tournament winners will be awarded trophies and the opportunity to represent ECU at regional competitions to be held at Virginia Tech University which is located in Blacksburg, VA the weekend of February 18-20, 2005. All expenses for the trip will be paid by Mendenhall Student Center.

There is a \$2.00 registration fee for each tournament. Registration forms are available at the MSC, Billiards Center & Outer Limitz Bowling Center located on the ground floor of Mendenhall Student Center. Call the Recreations Program Office at 328-4738 for more information.

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that he would be giving Gantos \$10,000 he was speechless. Without questioning the danger or personal risk Gantos packed his things and immediately began the exciting adventure that he had been longing for. Sailing on the yacht was an adventure in itself for Gantos. Everyday he would write in his journal. He kept a very detailed record of his thoughts about Rik, and how much he couldn't wait to get his money and get out of the situation he was in. With Gantos being completely clueless about the drug world he quickly began to fall into bad hands. His fate was only in the hands of Rik, in whom he solely depended on for direction and orders.

Nevertheless, Gantos and everyone else involved got busted. They discovered the cops had been following them since day one. There was no backing

out - Gantos had been caught and was about to pay for his senseless crime. Gantos' dream to be a writer was so big and strong that it clouded his better judgment and he now felt as if he would never get to live his dream. Gantos was sentenced to six years in prison. Ironic as it may be, prison is where Gantos finally got to pursue his writing career. He definitely had something to write about and had many years to do nothing but write. Only one problem, the prison would not allow him to keep a journal. Gantos made his way around this rule by recording his thoughts in the margins of *The Brothers Karamozov*, a book he got from the prison's small library. The ending of the story is left for you to find out along with all the personal details and unwise decisions Gantos made throughout his life, but especially about his views

on important issues and how he sees others.

*Hole in my Life* is a book that every aspiring author should read. It confronts the period of struggles and resentment of one young man's life. This story tumbles from one crazed moment to the next as Gantos creatively pieces his adventure together. Although Gantos' experience in prison shaped him as a man, it did not define his character.

After being caught Gantos made every attempt to create a distance between himself and the criminal life. This life-changing story moves a young man from wanting to write, to becoming a writer and ultimately using his passion for writing to overcome the worst experience of his life.

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## Simple Plan still not getting any

Band takes new album on international tour

LAURA KEELING  
SENIOR WRITER



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In some way shape or form, the band Simple Plan has been heard by many and made an impact in the punk rock world. Their new album, *Still Not Getting Any...* was released Oct. 26, 2004. Since then the band has been on tour in the United States and is getting ready to launch an international tour. They will be traveling to Mexico, Thailand, Spain, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.

The band has had notable success with their current album internationally as well as right here in the United States. It has gone platinum in Australia, Canada and Indonesia, and gold in the United States, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore.

Currently, *Simple Plan* has been working on their newest music video for one of the recordings on the new album, *Shut up*. The video premiered just this week on MTV's TRL in the weekly premiere video spot.

With their alternative sound, "still not getting any" doesn't describe their careers now.

Most might recognize the top single on the album, "Welcome to My Life." This single has currently gone gold in the United States and continues to climb the charts. The band is hoping their second single, "Shut up," will do just as well if not better.

The CD is a very interesting mix between hard rock, alternative, punk and surprisingly some slower songs. There are many uplifting songs and then some that get emotional. The lyrics tell many stories and prove that the band really put a lot into making this particular album.

Simple Plan began playing in Montreal, Canada. In 2002 they got their big break when releasing the album, *No Pads, No*

*Helmets, Just Balls*. At this time, they sold over 2 million records. The band openly admits on their Web site that this was a "pop-punk" record.

"I think on the first record we just wanted to write a pure pop-punk record, and on this one we didn't care - we just wanted to write good songs," said drummer Chuck Comeau in an interview on Simple Plan's Web site, simpleplan.com.

"As an artist, why limit yourself to just doing certain things? It's like being a painter - do you decide to only use seven or eight colors, or blend the colors together and make the most beautiful painting possible?" said Pierre Bouvier in the same interview on the band's official Web site.

Band members include Bouvier, vocalist, Chuck Comeau, drummer, David Desrosiers, bassist and Sebastian Lefebvre and Jeff Stincó, guitarists. Together these guys have received a lot of recognition and will continue to be successful in the future. Judging from their international success, the fan base for this band is enormous and will not be backing down any time soon.

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# Aggressive coaching pays off in NFL

(AP) — Herman Edwards' mantra isn't complicated: "You play to win the game."

Adhering to that is not so simple.

As Edwards and Marty Schottenheimer proved this postseason and as a myriad of coaches prove every season, hurting their teams' chances of getting to the playoffs backing off is a bad idea in pro football.

The Jets are to be lauded for a remarkable January run that should have put them in the AFC championship game. They are out of the playoffs largely because they lack the aggressive approach of champions.

Edwards and offensive coordinator Paul Hackett didn't learn from what doomed San Diego the previous week against the Jets. Schottenheimer got conservative in overtime, playing for a field goal. His rookie kicker missed, and the Jets won soon after by aggressively attacking a fading Chargers defense before getting a short kick to win.

A week later, the Jets were in position to stun the Steelers. Once they got into field goal range, with plenty of time on the clock, Edwards and Hackett chose to play for the kick instead of pushing for first downs and, perhaps, a touchdown.

When will coaches learn it's unwise to plan for a field goal? If they have to settle for a 3-pointer, fine. But take some shots, don't just run the ball meekly into the line, then ask a kicker to hit from 40 or more yards, outdoors, on a messy field, under playoff pressure.

Particularly a kicker such as the Chargers' Nick Kaeding, in his first NFL season, or the Jets' Doug Brien, who is a veteran but doesn't have a strong history of making game-winners.



Herman Edwards and his Jets were a field goal away from the AFC Championship game.

"We have information that no one else has when you're in situations in the football game," Edwards said, defending his choice. "You go on your ability, the percentage of this is what can happen, and that's what you've got to weigh it on. When it doesn't work, you get criticized. That's OK. Because every coach in the league gets criticized when it doesn't work."

Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher showed why he is one of the league's most astute coaches and has held his job longer than any other current coach in the win over the Jets. After Brien's misses, when the Steelers got the ball in overtime, they kept attacking. While the Jets ran screens or running plays, the Steelers threw downfield. They trusted their personnel, and they were looking for a touchdown or, at worst, a

chip-shot field goal. And they got it. Afterward, Cowher said he would have made the same decision as Edwards.

"I trusted the player," Edwards said. "He missed the field goal. I can live with that. I'll make some more decisions that people say, 'Why did you do that?' You know what? Because I'm the head coach, and I get to make the decision."

The really good ones always avoid the temptation to coach not to lose, and they generally win. Their game preparation is based on highlighting what their team can do well to win comfortably, not on keeping things close and hoping big plays come their way.

Andy Reid and Bill Belichick were perfect examples of that last weekend, a major reason the Eagles and Patriots won and are favored in this weekend's title games.

Reid wanted a healthy roster for the postseason. After Philadelphia clinched home-field advantage for the NFC playoffs, he was willing to rest his starters and lose twice to ensure having the strongest lineup for the most critical games.

But when the Eagles returned from nearly a month's layoff from topflight competition, they came back assertively. Their offense, even without Terrell Owens, went right after the Vikings. The defense blitzed frequently, what

the Eagles do best, even though Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper usually handles such pressure well.

Belichick, meanwhile, again showed his coaching prowess against Indianapolis and NFL MVP Peyton Manning.

Even though both starting cornerbacks and All-Pro tackle Richard Seymour were sidelined, New England's defense never let up. Belichick and coordinator Romeo Crennel devised schemes that were applied perfectly by a deep unit of nearly interchangeable parts.

Manning, winless against Belichick, looked as uncertain as Chad Pennington and Drew Bledsoe do twice a year against the Patriots.

"It is a lot of the same song as last year, unfortunately," Manning said. "It is me versus, you know, the Patriots. But I never played that way or felt that way."

The fourth remaining coach in the playoffs, Atlanta's Jim Mora, hardly has the track record of Belichick, Cowher and Reid. He does, however, have an understanding of what it takes to compete on the highest level: aggression.

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"I sprained my ankle pretty bad during the first half and I couldn't play the rest of the game," said Jackson after the game.

"I know that it was hard on the team because we are already short on guards."

ECU did have a bright spot to come away with as Viola Cooper continued her stellar play, leading the Lady Pirates in scoring with 12 points and was a perfect three for three from the free throw line.

Marquette played host against ECU and made quick work of the Lady Pirates.

It was as though ECU had never left DePaul, or at least that's how the team must have felt during the first half as Marquette opened a double-digit lead by halftime.

The second half didn't show

any improvement and Marquette cruised to a 76-51 victory. Cooper led the way in scoring for ECU once again with 13 points and five rebounds while Jackson had her worst night so far this season as she shot an abysmal 14 percent from the field.

"We took ourselves out of the game because we got down on ourselves and we stopped playing our style of basketball," Jackson said.

"They (Marquette) were more aggressive and they played with more intensity than we did," said Coach Baldwin-Tener.

The Lady Pirates stay on the road and in conference play as they travel to Charlotte on Sunday.

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who it was.

After finding the money, the men drove back to the house, but the owner wasn't there. At the end of their work day, they drove their own cars back to the lake house.

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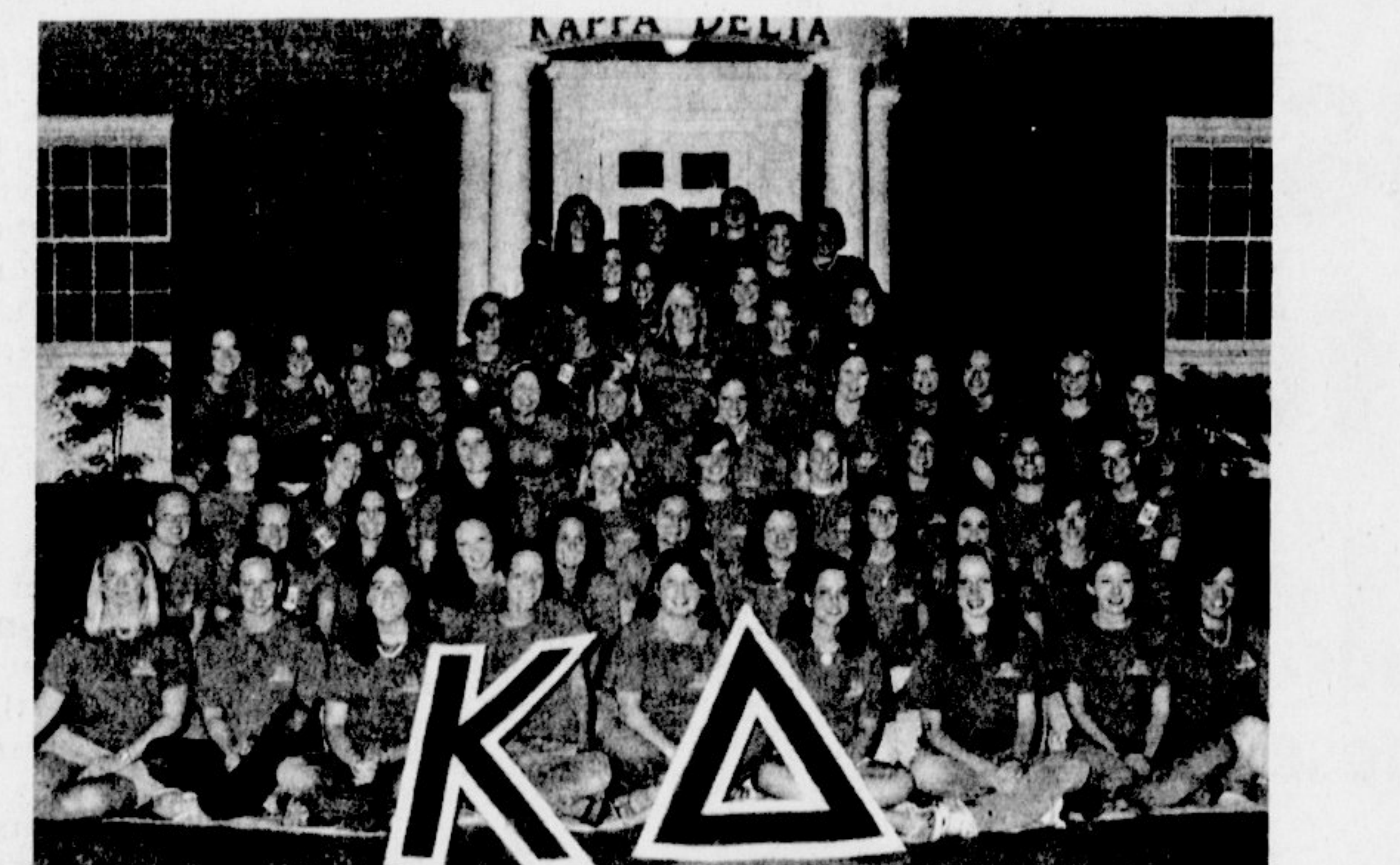
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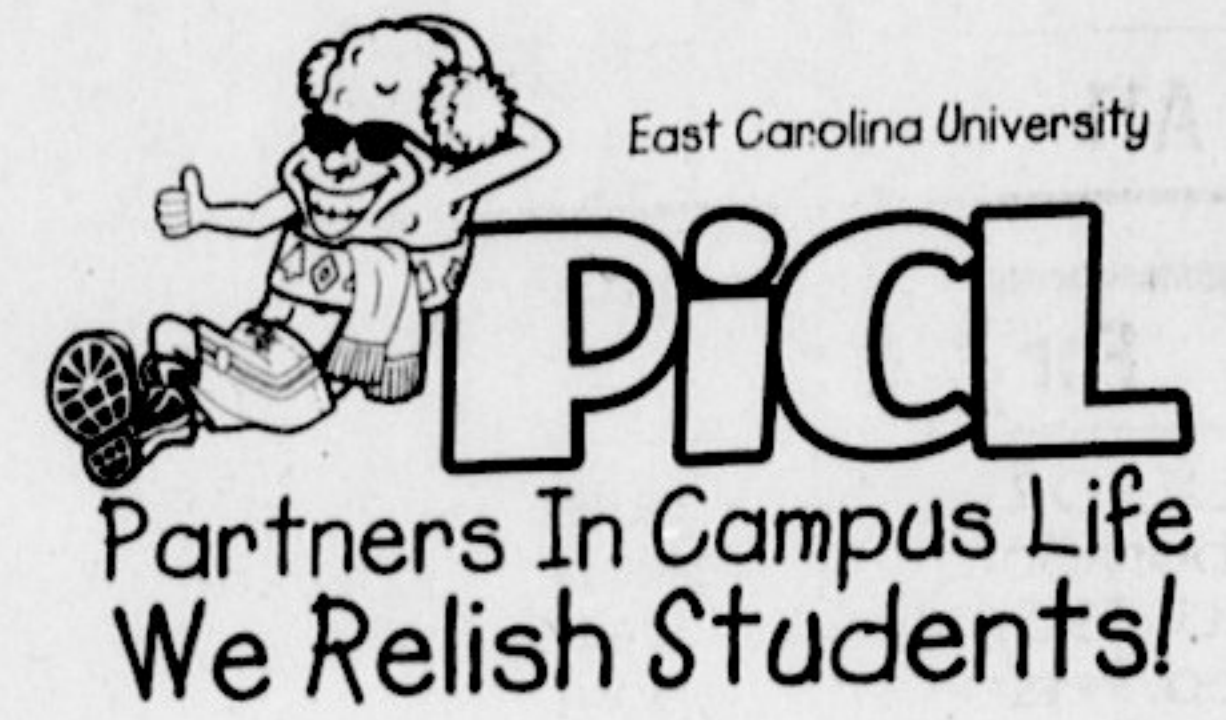
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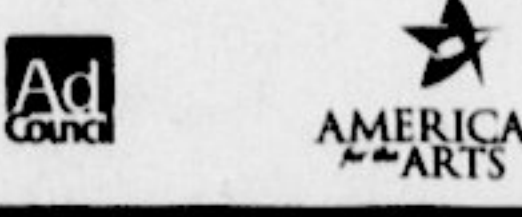
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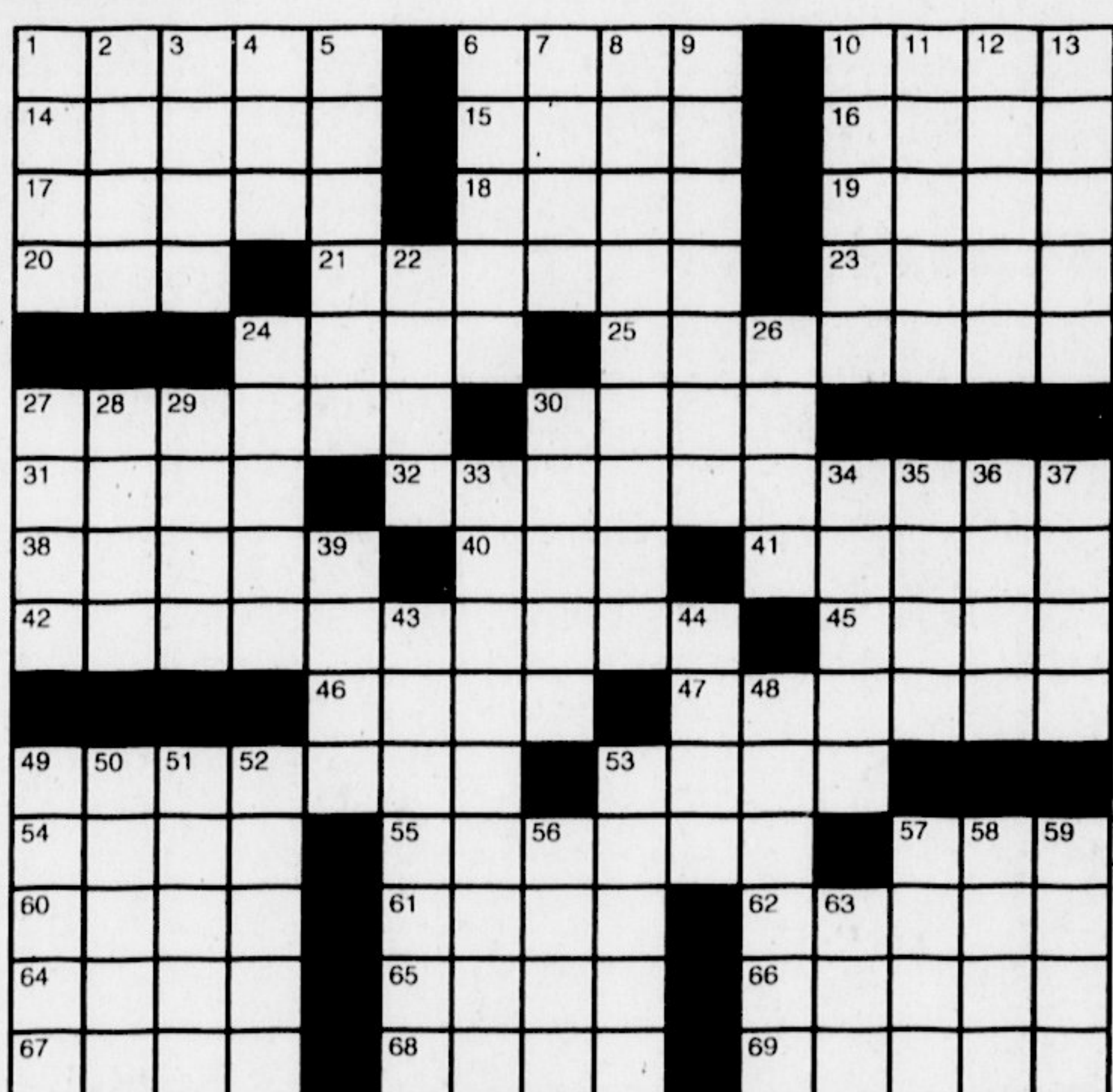
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- ACROSS
- Military muddle
  - Winners' takes
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  - Continental cash
  - Scary monster
  - Not quite closed
  - Au revoir!
  - Patron saint of Norway
  - Actress Olin
  - Afternoon affair
  - Ebb
  - Read quickly
  - Jacob's first wife
  - Hit-or-miss
  - Removes fleeces
  - Patella's place
  - Drying oven
  - Exercise devices
  - Runs in neutral
  - Cured meat
  - Nose into
  - Child's toy weapon
  - Buffalo's lake
  - Concludes
  - Add on
  - Bowl over
  - Violent public disorder
  - Storage building
  - Acquiescence
  - Cushion
  - Pepsi or Coke
  - Iranian currency
  - Going solo
  - Pub drinks
  - Take the plunge
  - Savor
  - Talk wildly
  - State of irritation
  - Earth tone
- DOWN
- Do an usher's job
  - Naked
  - Met highlight
  - Opponent
  - Loan shark
  - Family dog
  - Gawk at
  - Corporate ID
  - Cut off
  - Chip dip
  - Bail out
  - Veranda
  - Former French currency unit
  - River of NYC
  - Highway divisions
  - Radiation units
  - Quick hop
  - Go underground
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  - "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
  - Zimbabwean, once
  - Awkward wisdom
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  - Mets' park
  - Ahead
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  - Edible tuber
  - Academy Award
  - One of the strings
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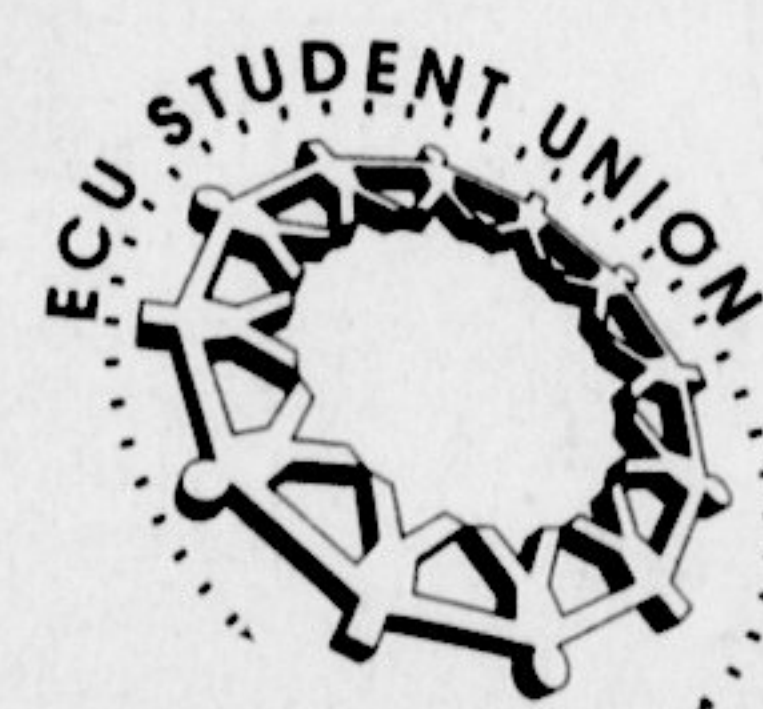
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